

# It's official: Cramer lives in Hoboken

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HOBOKEN—City Council President Walter S. Cramer has been cleared of charges that he consistently has misrepresented himself as a city resident but officially resides in Freehold, the Hudson County superintendent of elections announced yesterday.

Superintendent Joseph T. Brady said a Board of Elections inquiry has concluded the charges, leveled by a city resident who is challenging Cramer for the Second Ward council seat, are unfounded.

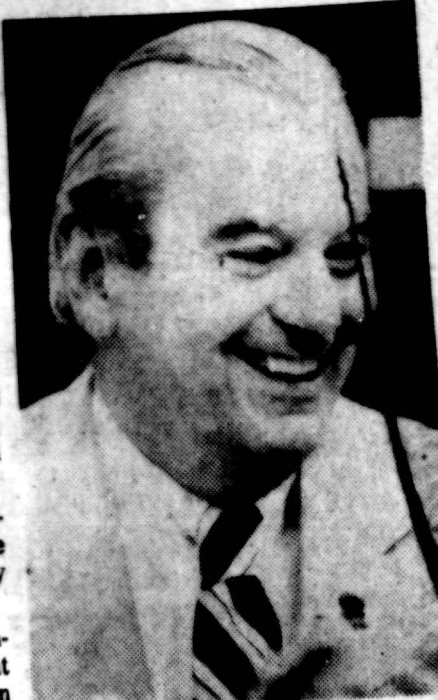
"Cramer has been found, by everything we have reviewed, to be living at 819 Hudson St.," Brady said.

Thomas Vesetti, in a formal complaint filed in August, charged that Cramer's official residence was in Freehold. He accused the councilman of using the 819 Hudson St. address only as a means of qualifying to vote in city elections and to hold city office.

Cramer criticized Vesetti yesterday as having filed the complaint to generate "cheap publicity" for himself in hope of gaining the council seat.

Brady had ordered Cramer to sign an affidavit prior to voting in the Nov. 4 elections last year, swearing he is an official city resident. Cramer followed Brady's orders, but slammed the board investigation as the "work of enemies of (Hoboken Mayor Steve) Cappiello's administration."

Brady said that while Cramer does have a home in Freehold, the inquiry determined the Hudson Street address is the councilman's domicile, or official residence. Brady said Cramer spends most of



Walter S. Cramer  
Cleared of Vesetti's charge

his time at his city residence. "From what we can tell, Walter spends quite a bit of time at 819 Hudson St. Cramer has no problem with his voting," Brady said.

"Mr. Brady concluded what I told him from the beginning — that I live at 819 Hudson St. Mr. Vesetti and no one else could prove anything to the contrary," Cramer said.

"It was an unfortunate thing," Cramer said. If it had been proved that Cramer's official residence was anything other than the address he listed in the affidavit, the councilman could have faced false swearing charges.

In addition, Cramer, who is an attorney, could have faced possible disbarment.

## The Way of the Cross



JESUS' CLIMB to Calvary is re-enacted by members of Our Lady of Charity Church in Hoboken yesterday as part of its traditional observance of Good Friday.

## 436 take a chance at lottery

The "50-50" lottery has gotten off to a rousing start in Hoboken, according to officials of the city's Police Athletic League.

A total of \$436 worth of tickets at \$1 each was sold at a kick-off rally for the lottery at the city's PATH station, according to Public Safety Director James Giordano, who is director of the PAL.

Another 3,000 tickets were distributed to stores and businesses in the city and will be sold until the drawing on May 4. The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal.

Although the tickets tell the buyer the funds raised will go towards the purchase of recreation equipment, Giordano said the PAL will first have to retire a debt of about \$6,000 that it ran up in buying equipment over the past several years.

Giordano said the league hopes to raise about \$10,000 in all from the lottery. However, he said the league's directors will

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Roberta Luszczyk purchases a Hoboken lottery ticket from Mayor Steve Cappiello and Councilman Anthony Romano, rear center and Councilman Walter Cramer, right.

## Traffic lights slated

The Hoboken Parking Authority announced Saturday that it will install traffic signs near the St. Anne's School to avert existing traffic problems in the area.

According to Executive Director Joseph Hottendorf, the signs will be installed by the beginning of the September school semester. The authority also announced it will improve traffic signals near St. Mary Hospital to aid in speedier ambulance service to and from the hospital.

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still have to meet to discuss long-range fundraising efforts.

"The funds raised by the lottery will be a help to us in the short-term sense, but once the paperwork has cleared we will have to sit down and figure out our finances for the future."

The tickets were plentiful yesterday at City Hall where several other city directors were selling them to employees. The lottery came about after a suggestion by city council members to run a city-wide lottery to support groups that have lost public funding this year.

Money collected for the lottery will be split evenly between the winner and the PAL.

## Captains' hearing blasted

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HOBOKEN—Charging that a disciplinary hearing for five fire captains is a "kangaroo court," union President Ben Bergin threatened to boycott the next session of the hearing scheduled for April 11.

Bergin, whose union represents the five captains facing disciplinary action for refusing last summer to send firefighters into a building suspected of being an arson target, yesterday lashed out at the city's refusal to allow two defense witnesses to testify at the captains' hearing.

Public Safety Director James W. Giordano yesterday retracted a previous statement that he would allow one New York City fire marshal and a retired

Newark marshal to testify on behalf of the captains when the hearing is resumed April 11. Giordano made his statement to The Dispatch Wednesday following an adjournment of the hearing.

Giordano, who is the arbiter in the disciplinary hearing, yesterday confirmed that the two marshals will not be allowed to testify.

"There may have been a communication problem," Giordano said. The reason for barring the witnesses was discussed in the closed hearing and could not be released to the public, Giordano said.

"My bottom line here is that this is nothing but a rotten, out-and-out sham of a farce. It's un-American," said Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers' Union.

"We will not show up to any kangaroo court again until we are given due process. We are going to come out swinging. This is lopsided, all lies," Bergin said.

A final decision on whether to let the five captains will appear at the hearing would be made by union attorney David Solomon, Bergin said.

The captains' hearing was adjourned Wednesday after Giordano heard prosecution testimony from Fire Chief James Houn and two deputy chiefs.

The five men have been charged with insubordination and face possible dismissal from the force for refusing Aug. 3 to order their men to search a building at 715 Clinton St.

## Hoboken lottery a hit

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HOBOKEN—Amid a flurry of activity and hype worthy of a scaled-down Cecil B. DeMille production, the Hoboken Lottery was unveiled yesterday morning in a ceremony complete with a host of local officials, gravelly-voiced barkers and a marching band.

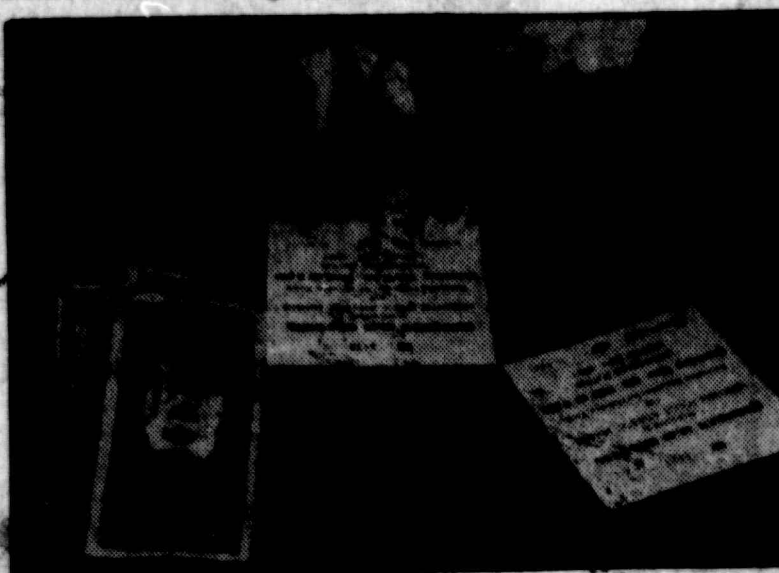
Nearly 500 \$1 tickets were sold during the one-hour kickoff ceremony staged near the Hoboken PATH station at Hudson Place. Mayor Steve Cappiello purchased the first ticket and then dropped it into an oversized envelope to be mailed to President Reagan, whose economic

policies officials insist provided the inspiration for the program in the first place.

The 8 a.m. ceremony was staged to coincide with the peak of the morning rush hour and to ensure maximum media coverage. Tickets will continue to be sold throughout the city leading up to a drawing early next month.

The Hoboken Lottery, actually a monthly 50-50 raffle program by which the city hopes to finance certain city programs without resorting to tax revenues, is a controversial one since it narrowly skirts state regulations prohibiting a municipality from operating a game of chance.

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Rush-hour commuters step up for a piece of Hoboken's 50-50 action yesterday at the PATH station. Left, a woman signs up and puts her money down for some tickets.



Photos by Chuck Zucchi

## Ambulance corps gives '82 summary

The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps was very busy in 1982. In response to a citizen's query about some statistics, the corps decided to make public its annual report.

According to president Robert Davison, the corps answered a total of 5,020 last year. Simple division will convert that figure into an average of 16 calls per day.

"Of those 5,020 calls, 2,721 were of an emergency nature and 1,170 were calls for transportation," he said.

"Fire standbys amounted to 63, while 189 were auto accidents and 108 were maternity calls," he continued. "We had 106 for mutual aid, which was divided by 62 to Weehawken and 44 to Union City."

Davison added that the corps had 36 D.O.A.s (dead on arrival) and a large number of miscellaneous calls — 627 to be exact.

Membership now stands at 58 senior members who maintain around-the-clock service to the community.

The corps will celebrate its 12th anniversary with a fund raiser dance Saturday at the campus center of Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. Doors open at 9 p.m., and music will be provided by the Sea Side Nights. The proceeds of the dance, which is one of the corps' main sources of revenue, will help maintain its three vehicles and headquarters building.

The public is welcome to attend. Tickets, priced at \$5, are available at the corps headquarters, 707 Clinton St., or at the door the night of the dance.

## Cappiello will meet clergy on homeless

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has scheduled a meeting for April 13 with representatives of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition to discuss the future of a shelter for homeless persons being operated by the coalition.

The meeting was called just before a deadline of April 15 set by the coalition for running the shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St. On April 15, the coalition will make a decision whether to continue the shelter during the spring and summer months.

The shelter, which provides overnight accommodations for between 25 and 30 homeless persons per night, has been run since March 10 by the coalition. They began the shelter after failing to receive cooperation from city officials.

Cappiello and other city officials have said they have tried to find a proper site to house a shelter, but have not yet been able to find one. Coalition leaders have charged the city has not really tried to find a site.

## Missing woman found in Hoboken

Hoboken police say they have located a woman described as "extremely vulnerable" who wandered away from a shelter in New York City more than a week ago.

The young woman, 30-year-old Florence Ryse, was spotted by a Hoboken resident at a local restaurant. Her description had appeared earlier in New York area newspapers.

Social workers for Ryse, who

is six months pregnant, said they considered her to be "extremely vulnerable" to sexual attacks. She had been living on the streets before finding the West Side Cluster Center for Homeless Woman on West 30th St. 14 months ago and is reportedly receiving counseling there.

Robin Burdulis of the Cluster Center made arrangements with Hoboken police to pick up the young woman.

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The lottery, which is said to be the first of its kind in the nation, is being "sponsored" by the City Council and operated by local agencies licensed to hold games of chance.

The council has brushed aside suggestions that the lottery might be inappropriate, insisting it is merely a practical answer to Reagan's directive that local governments assume a greater responsibility for their finances and not rely on federal assistance.

"Fifty-fifty. You can't go wrong. One buck. Get your summer vacations here," yelled the barkers, some of them City Council members, to commuters as they streamed into the PATH station.

The enticing vision of a vacation in a warm place apparently worked as dozens of commuters at a time crowded the lottery booths, signing their names and laying down a dollar before running off to catch their train.

"Make it big for a dollar," the barkers continued.

More than 5,000 raffle tickets are currently being circulated throughout the city, and officials hope to split a \$20,000 pot with a winner in a drawing to be held in early May.

The Hoboken High School Band blared its way down Hudson Street led by a police escort and a band of officials, including Cappiello, City Council President Walter Cramer and Public Safety Director James W. Giordano, who heads the Police Athletic League, which will purchase athletic equipment with its share of the pot.

Construction workers gawked from the second-story windows of the old American Hotel and television camera crews hustled through the early morning crowd as the band struck up the "Theme from Rocky" — dubbed the unofficial anthem of the city by Councilman Thomas Kennedy.

"They said Rocky couldn't do it. They said Hoboken couldn't do it. But we did it," said Kennedy, the leader of a pack of extremely animated barkers working feverishly to herd the bleary-eyed commuters toward the raffle booths.

"One dollar gets you on television," added one member of Kennedy's crew.

A steady stream of commuters filed by, some looking amused by the noisy proceeding that was interrupting their daily routine; others looked bewildered, while others tried their best not to look at all, instead making a beeline for the PATH entrance.

"Don't give your money to the Port Authority, give it to Hoboken," Cramer chided those who slipped by without leaving a dollar or more.

Apparently taking a cue from the morning's hyped-up atmosphere, one commuter, when asked why he had taken a chance in the lottery, responded with a cheery "I love Hoboken" before dashing off for the ride under the Hudson River.

Reagan's complimentary raffle ticket is expected to arrive at 1000 Pennsylvania Ave. this morning, but city officials would not say how they think the White House will respond to the barb from Hoboken.

## Hoboken tax jump of 5% is predicted

By BILL GYVES  
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HOBOKEN—A \$20.5-million city budget, which would raise city taxes 5 percent and require a continued municipal hiring freeze throughout the year, is expected to be introduced to the City Council in two weeks.

The 1983 budget, which represents a \$700,000-increase from last year's budget, will effectively hike the tax rate — already the second highest in the state — approximately \$7.50 to \$154.83 for every \$1,000 of assessed property, according to city Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

The \$20,556,101 budget is scheduled to be formally introduced at the April 20 City Council meeting. The budget then faces a council vote planned for May 6 — four days before the City Council election.

But a final vote could be postponed until after the May 10 election if the council moves to revise the budget and defer voting to a later meeting. Any increase in the city's tax rate is expected to be a sensitive

issue in the election, in which six of the council's nine incumbents face re-election battles.

Chius said the 1983 budget has been drafted in anticipation of receiving \$1.13 million the state owes the city in replacement revenues covering local railroad property currently by the state. That state allocation, however, has not yet been approved by the state legislature, Chius said.

"I feel confident but not sure we will get the \$1.13 million," Chius said. Without the state money, the tax rate would have to be raised an additional \$3.50 to meet the current budget, Chius said.

Chius said the budget will not allow for any hiring by the city for at least another year. The city met its 1982 budget after laying off 58 municipal employees at a savings of about \$1.3 million.

"Budgets are never good because of Reaganomics. The revenue just isn't there," Chius said. The city has lost more than \$5 million in federal aid since President Reagan's economic policies took effect in 1981, Chius said.



## Chance 4/2/83

Never underestimate the value of chance.

Look at all those who regularly play the lotteries, state-sponsored or the more illegal "numbers". Everyone who buys a lottery ticket does so in the hope that he or she is latching on to the lucky number.

That's what Hoboken is banking on with its new 50/50 lottery which got off to a modest start the other day.

The city couldn't sponsor the lottery because that would violate state law, so the Police Athletic League is carrying the ball. The state isn't saying anything at the moment, but if the Hoboken venture is successful, don't be surprised to see a statewide version of the 50/50 club.

Come to think of it, what a jackpot that would be!

And, while we're about it, consider the value of chance in the changing status of Jersey City. Suddenly the UDAG grants are beginning to flow. And, suddenly, big companies are coming from Manhattan to Jersey City.

It's not entirely due to chance, just as it's not entirely due to the charm and executive ability of Mayor Gerald McCann.

McCann is doing what his predecessors did, but the added ingredient is the increase in local taxes in Manhattan and the slight defrosting of the economy.

Looking for breathing space, the businessman in Manhattan finds himself crowded by ever-increasing taxes. He looks across the river and sees what Governor Kean described the other day as "a low tax state" so he comes on over.

In the past, New York has managed to adjust onerous business taxes when business gets restless. Now that a few businesses are moving here, New York may sweeten its deal across the river.

We're sure McCann and Steve Cappiello and the other Hudson mayors will continue to seek grants and woo business. But who can blame them if they keep their fingers crossed?

## Duroy top choice in county clerk race

Edwin Duroy, a Hoboken school administrator, has emerged as a leading candidate for county clerk on the Democratic primary slate headed by former Jersey City Mayor Thomas F.X. Smith, candidate for county executive.

The position of county clerk is the only one unfilled on the Smith ticket.

"Nothing has been finalized," said Smith. "His name is one of those that has been discussed."

However, Duroy has the support of Jersey City Councilman Benjamin Lopez, who has been a strongly advocating an Hispanic candidate on the slate.

Duroy, who heads the bilingual program in Hoboken

public schools, was unavailable for comment.

"The county clerk candidate should be someone who is articulate," said Lopez. "Edwin Duroy would be ideal for the job."

Lopez said he has discussed Duroy's candidacy with Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, a leader of the Democratic faction which supports Smith. Retiring County Clerk James Quinn of Hoboken is a Cappiello ally.

The other slate in the primary, headed by County Executive Edward Clark, has not picked a candidate for county clerk. In fact, it has not yet announced most of its candidates for county office and the state legislature.

## Hoboken will extend Saturday meter area

The Hoboken Parking Authority will expand its Saturday meter parking enforcement program to include the Washington Street shopping area as well as the area near the city's PATH station.

The authority has been hiring a worker on Saturdays since the beginning of the year to supplement police enforcement on meter parking near the PATH station. Joseph Hottendorf, director of the authority, said the authority will hire a second worker on Saturday to patrol Washington Street checking meters.

Since hiring the worker on Saturdays, Hottendorf said the authority has been collecting between \$300 and \$450 from the meters near the station. Prior to that, he said the authority collected only about \$50 on the average.

Besides providing additional revenues, the increased enforcement has meant a greater turnover in cars parking at the spaces, Hottendorf said.

## Hoboken considers deal on shipyard tax

Hoboken officials are considering whether to accept a negotiated out-of-court settlement with the Bethlehem Steel Co. that would mean a yearly loss of about \$350,000 in taxes or continue fighting the company's tax appeal.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said he has referred the settlement, worked out by special tax attorney Herbert H. Fine, to the law department.

The settlement covers the assessment for the shipyards on the northern end of the waterfront. Bethlehem attorneys argue that the assessment is, too high and have appealed its taxes for 1981 and 1982.

The shipyard's assessment is \$6.4 million. Bethlehem officials argue it should be close to \$1.5 million, price they received when

they sold their Hudson County holdings to Braswell Shipyards of Charleston, S.C.

If this figure is accepted in the state tax courts (where the appeal is being argued) Fine said it would "in practical effect wipe out our assessment."

Fine's settlement would reduce the assessment to \$4 million. He said this would mean the city would have to pay Bethlehem \$685,000 in taxes collected for 1981 and 1982.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the settlement would mean the city would lose about \$350,000 in revenues yearly. He said the \$685,000 is already being held in reserve because of the appeal.

If the settlement is not accepted, Fine said the case is scheduled to be heard this month.

## Council won't review fire hearing

By BILL GYVES  
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HOBOKEN—City Council President Walter Cramer yesterday rejected a request that a council committee review the "unethical tactics" of the public safety director in the disciplinary hearing of five fire captains charged with insubordination.

Cramer rejected union President William Bergin's request, stating that such a review could illegally interfere with a closed judicial hearing still in progress. Bergin asked the public safety committee to meet with him and Public Safety Director James W. Giordano to review what he termed Giordano's "unethical" decision not to let two defense witnesses testify on behalf of the captains.

Giordano is the hearing officer in the disciplinary proceedings for the five captains who refused July 31 to order their men into a building suspected of being an arson target. The captains could be dismissed from the force if found guilty

of insubordination.

"I'd like to hear what you have to say. However, I don't think the City Council should have anything to do with this matter. We couldn't in any way interfere" with a current disciplinary hearing, Cramer said yesterday at the council meeting.

Giordano, who ruled last week that the two defense witnesses, a New York fire marshal and a retired Newark marshal, would not be permitted to testify when the hearing resumes Monday, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

"I anticipated what I got. I'm just trying all

the avenues that are open to the men. It was an appeal in the hope that the hearings wouldn't get any worse," said Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers' Union, which represents the five captains.

Bergin, who last week threatened that he along with the captains would boycott Monday's hearing, said yesterday that they would attend. The union, however, will appeal any unfavorable decision made by Giordano, Bergin said.

## Hoboken lottery a \$3G hit

HOBOKEN—The Hoboken Lottery got its swelled beyond the \$5,000 mark one week after it was officially kicked off by the City Council and Mayor Steve Cappiello.

James W. Giordano, director of Public Safety and head of the city Police Athletic League, the organization that is officially operating the lottery, said yesterday that the demand for the \$1 tickets has been greater than anticipated.

The lottery, actually a 50-50 raffle, is designed

to generate funds to support city services and program that otherwise would have to be funded under the city budget.

The sole winner takes home half the pot and the remaining proceeds will be earmarked for a predetermined city expense—in this case, the purchase of athletic equipment.

The initial drawing is scheduled for May 4 at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal.

## School bus 'accident' hones disaster drill

Ed Weir had to be taken by ambulance to St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken after suffering cuts and bruises in a school bus accident yesterday morning. Five minutes after arriving he was standing up and enjoying coffee with hospital workers.

Carlos Ruiz suffered much worse injuries in the same accident. He suffered spinal cord damage and a skull fracture. But there he was right after arriving, enjoying coffee with Ed.

Both were among nine hospital volunteers playing victims in a disaster drill yesterday coordinated by the hospital with the city's fire department and volunteer ambulance squad.

The drill's scenario had the victims riding in a school bus that collided with a concrete wall near Fourth and River Streets. Both firetrucks and ambulances arrived within minutes of the supposed crash, working to put out imaginary fires and pulling out the play-victims.

"The drill was a good one," Gloria Sperber, a hospital administrator, said. It was the first drill held by the hospital since July.

"I'm very satisfied with the work by all involved," Nuala Fitzpatrick, the training officer for the squad, said. About 12 members of the squad took part in the drill under the coordination

of its captain, Albert Palumbo.

The drill was especially difficult because the victims had to be taken off the school bus. This meant that the emergency personnel had to be able to maneuver within the narrow aisles and seats to move the victims out, while treating them for their injuries.

While members of the fire department, under the direction of Deputy Chief Raymond Sheehan and Captain Anthony Mosca, and the ambulance squad carried out their duties they were checked by hospital officers. Charles Smith, the civil defense coordinator for Hoboken, also looked on during the drill.

## Officials tour Boys Club home

It's been steady all the way for renovation work at the Jefferson Street Recreation Center in Hoboken.

Herbert Oppenheimer, the architect for the \$1.2 million renovation, said work has been proceeding smoothly and should be finished by June. The building will eventually house the Hoboken chapter of the Boy's Club and Head Start classrooms for pre-school children.

Oppenheimer led council members and officials on tour of the building yesterday—the first since the renovation work began in September. As he walked he told the audience how the building had been designed to provide services for up to 200 boys and girls per day.

The greatest innovation is the "Middle Room" a long hall on the building's second floor that was

built on what was once the roof of the building's gymnasium. The area will eventually be used as a small theater and rec room for senior members of the Boy's Club.

Meanwhile, the gym floor has been lowered two feet as workers had to build new supports, Oppenheimer said. One advantage of this is that it will allow boys to put an arc on their basketball jumpshots, Oppenheimer said. Formerly, the gym's ceiling was too low and forced the players to shoot without an arc, he said.

To Walter Cramer, the center's rebirth stirred up nostalgic memories. He said the center, which was built in 1941, was the last project his grandfather, John Whelan a general contractor, built before he died. He said he remembered going into the center as a boy.



Hoboken officials tour the inside of the Jefferson Recreation Center which is undergoing massive renovations to accommodate the Boys Club when it opens in 1984.

## Film studio start set

Hoboken Stages, an \$8 million film and television studio complex planned for the Erie-Lackawanna railroad terminal in Hoboken, is now scheduled to be started in June. The project, which will cover over 100,000 square feet in the terminal, was first announced in August, but difficulties in obtaining financing has kept it from opening, according to Thomas Aherm, the city's planning and economic development director.

## Firemen show support while captains testify

Five Hoboken fire captains, charged with insubordination in August, finally got the chance to tell their side during hearings yesterday.

Meanwhile, more than 60 firemen and superiors from Hoboken and neighboring communities turned out to picket City Hall yesterday in support of the five captains.

All five of the captains—Eugene Failla, Gerard Peterson, Robert Moore, John Lisa and Michael Waldich—testified at the hearings, presided over by Public Safety Director James Giordano.

William Bergin, president of the Hoboken Fire Officers Association, and city firefighter Michael Peluso testified on behalf of the captains.

After the 3½ hour hearing, Bergin said he felt the union's attorney, David Solomon, prepared a solid defense on behalf of the captains. Giordano reserved decision on the charges and will report on it within the next few weeks.

"We said everything we had to say," Bergin said. "There should be no doubt that the men's action were justified."

The captains were charged on Aug. 3 with disobeying a direct

order from Deputy Chief Raymond Sheehan to inspect buildings in the city targeted as possible arson sites by the city's Arson Alert program. The captains refused, explaining they were not properly trained to handle dangerous situations that could arise, especially should the men have encountered an armed arsonist in the buildings.

They have received support from the city's Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association, which represents the city's firefighters and the city's Police Benevolent Association. Off-duty members of the FMBA marched with other firefighters in the demonstration yesterday.

The demonstration began at about 9:30 a.m. and lasted until noon. The marchers walked in a circle in front of the building in silence, holding placards in support of the captains and denouncing the charges against them.

Two marchers carried a mock coffin with a firefighter's helmet on top of it and carrying the sign "Justice is Dead." Besides Hoboken, firefighters from Jersey City, Bayonne, Union City, North Bergen, Weehawken, and Hackensack were represented in the demonstrations.

## Too risky, chief says

## Police want batons

By BILL GYVES  
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HOBOKEN—Most officers in the police department can't say enough about an odd-shaped, 24-inch police baton they believe is superior to the conventional night stick now issued.

But Police Chief George Crimmins doesn't like the PR-24 baton and has refused to grant the officers' request that the department's stock of night sticks be replaced—at the officers' expense—with a full line of PR-24s.

It's been that way since the officers first presented Crimmins with the proposal four years ago. He has said the weapon is too dangerous to be used by the officers.

"I'm just not satisfied with it. I don't want to go into it; that's my prerogative," Crimmins said yesterday.

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The major difference between the PR-24 and the night stick is a five-inch handle bolted near the bottom of the 24-inch plastic baton that, according to its proponents, gives an officer a wide variety of offensive and defensive options unavailable with the conventional baton.

The virtues of the PR-24, or "The Prosecutor," as some call it, were discussed yesterday morning at a City Hall equipment demonstration sponsored by the Hoboken PBA. Crimmins was absent from the presentation, attended by Mayor Steve Cappiello and Public Safety Director James W. Giordano and officials of other communities.

"The PR-24 is far superior to the old bludgeon-type night stick," said Patrolman George Belhumer of the Dumont Police Depart-

ment. Belhumer, a licensed PR-24 instructor, led the demonstration by simulating defensive and offensive techniques against an "enraged attacker"—Hoboken Sgt. Symion Cumberbatch, who is also certified to use the PR-24.

At least 25 members of the department currently own a PR-24, which is certified as a lethal weapon. Fifteen of them are certified to use the instrument. But they cannot take the PR-24s on duty until Crimmins gives his approval.

An officer armed with a night stick does not have the options available with a PR-24 and will react on instinct to a threatening situation, most commonly with a blow to his attacker's head. The PR-24 is used almost exclusively to jab or swing at the attacker's mid-section, Belhumer said.

## Russo charges conflict

## Cemelli asked to quit post

By BILL GYVES  
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HOBOKEN—City Council candidate Anthony Russo yesterday demanded that incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli temporarily vacate his post as deputy county clerk, charging a "probable conflict of interest" will result if Cemelli continues to hold office while campaigning for re-election.

Russo, one of the city's harshest critics of Mayor Steve Cappiello's administration, is battling Cemelli for the seat in the 3rd Ward—Cappiello's home base.

Russo charged that Cemelli would have an "unfair advantage" in the campaign because of access to absentee ballots and campaign contribution reports filed with Hudson County Clerk James F. Quinn.

"In my mind, it is intimidating for him (Cemelli) to be in that position," Russo said, demanding Cemelli take a leave of absence until after the May 10 election.

Cemelli said he would not discuss Russo's demand, outlined in a letter he received yesterday, until he discussed the matter with his attorney.

"I don't know whether he (Russo) knows what he's talking about," Cemelli said yesterday of Russo. "The first feeling I have is that I'm legally right" in retaining the county post while running for Hoboken office.

The Russo-Cemelli campaign is expected to be one of the fiercest election battles, with a strong Cappiello supporter being pitted against a vocal

supporter of Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

"I'll be running against Sal Cemelli, but really I'll be going against Stevie," Russo said in announcing his candidacy three weeks ago.

Russo said he would wait a "few days" for Cemelli's response to his demand before taking legal action to attempt to have the councilman removed from the county post. Russo said the legal action would be handled by the law firm of Keane, Brady and Hanlon of Jersey City.



## Site owner wants vote on center

By BILL GYVES  
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HOBOKEN—An attorney representing the owner of the site proposed for a Pathmark shopping center is expected to ask a Hudson County Superior Court Judge to force an immediate City Council vote on the project that has been under consideration for nearly three years.

Seymour Heller, principal owner of the defunct Hoboken-Shore Railroad property at 15th and Washington streets, said yesterday that attorney Tom Durkin will appear before Judge John Dowden on Thursday to seek an order requiring the council to say why it delayed a vote on the project last month.

Heller has accused unnamed city political leaders of delaying the project for their personal gain. The City Council voted a month ago to table a zoning law amendment clearing the way for construction of the proposed 30,000-square-foot shopping center.

The council referred the amendment to the planning board, which moved one week later to postpone its review of the amendment until tomorrow.

"The political powers that be do not want a supermarket there," Heller said two weeks ago, referring to the proposed Pathmark which is expected to generate 240 jobs and \$150,000 in taxes.

A joint meeting of the planning board and City Council

is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon, at which time the board will either decide to further review the amendment or release it to the council for a vote.

Heller said he will automatically appeal a negative vote to the court.

Proponents of the shopping center have accused city officials of scheming to keep the five-acre site vacant for several years, after which they will purchase the property. The proponents have also accused the council of plotting to stall a vote on the controversial project until after the May 10 City Council election.

In tabling the amendment last month, the council cited what it claims are potential legal snags in the wording of the amendment.

## Shelter for homeless forced to close

By James Kopchais

The Hoboken Clergy Coalition will close its shelter for homeless persons after Sunday night—38 days after it first opened its doors.

The coalition voted yesterday to close the shelter until October because of problems it had been encountering in obtaining volunteers to man the shelter during the overnight hours it is open. Also, the coalition members said they will be

meeting tonight at 9 with persons in the shelter to discuss the opening of a soup kitchen at the site during the spring and summer.

Although he agreed the shelter should be closed on Sunday, the Rev. George Ligos, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, stressed that he did not consider the shelter a failure.

"I think that we've performed a major service just by opening up the shelter. I think we've laid the foundations for a well-planned shelter in the

future. It is not a failure. It has made a major statement in this city," Ligos said.

The coalition made its decision after meeting with the city's mayor, Steve Cappiello, on Tuesday afternoon. As in the past, Cappiello said he would continue to explore all possibilities for opening a city-run shelter. However, the Rev. Geoffrey Curtis, chairman of the coalition, said the coalition should make plans to open

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## Cappiello tells voters Jersey City plans Hoboken takeover

Is Hoboken facing an invasion from the south? You might get that impression from reading a campaign missive from Mayor Steve Cappiello to voters in the Third Ward.

The letter from Cappiello urges residents to attend tonight's reception for Councilman Sal Cemelli.

"Your presence at this reception is especially important for this election since our opposition emanates from the City Hall in Jersey City," declared Cappiello. "This election is a test to see if Jersey City can control the Third Ward councilman as their first step to take over Hoboken."

The Hoboken mayor is referring to Anthony Russo, the Cemelli foe who is an ally of Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

Russo said last night Cappiello's accusations are a "smokescreen" to cover Cemelli's failure to face the election issues at a public forum. He said

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the shelter again in October without expecting any help from the city.

"The city administration has not offered us any help of substance since we opened the shelter and I don't think we should proceed with any expectations of help from the city at any time in the future," Curtis said.

The decision came over the

objections of the Rev. Joseph Mahurter and April Seidenzahl, coordinator of "In Jesus Name", a service organization, who asked that the shelter remain open for another month until warmer weather appeared.

However, Sister Norberta, of St. Joseph's Church, who is one of the main coordinators of the shelter, asked that the shelter be closed on Sunday because of the strain it was taking on the

volunteers.

The shelter has been run solely by the coalition since March 10, providing overnight accommodations and a light meal between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St., for homeless men and women.

The shelter has been servicing about 35 persons a night, according to Sister Norberta. However, the hours the shelter

operates makes it difficult to have persons volunteer.

Several of the clergy said it was impossible for them to find volunteers because of the hours. "Many persons work during the day and it's difficult for them to stay up all night at the shelter," Rev. Curtis said. "The devotion is there, but we just can't ask them to do it."

## Video parlor neighbors may sue to oust games

Its owner claims he's being wrongly blamed, but storeowners on Washington Street in Hoboken are still considering action against a Hoboken fast-food restaurant that has installed video machines.

Several storeowners located near the Pac 'n Snack Restaurant at 531 Washington St., said they have already complained to city licensing officer Leo Serrano and the council's public safety committee against the video machines, which they said have brought undesirable types of children into the neighborhood.

If no action is taken by the city, the storeowners may file suit to have the machines removed, according to Patricia Narciso, one of the storeowners.

However, Anthony Grassi, owner of Pac 'n Snack, said his business has been unfairly blamed for the area's problems.

"It just is natural that anything happening in the area is going to be blamed some way on me," he said.

"I've been running a family-oriented business. The kids who come into the shop often are accompanied by their parents. On the whole they are good kids," Grassi said.

Grassi said most of the children using the machines are regular customers and are known to him and the other adult supervisors in the restaurant.

As a promotion, Grassi has been rewarding children who obtain A and B grades on their periodic report cards since the restaurant opened three weeks ago. "This actually encourages the kids to work on the school assignments so that they can get the good grades to play the machines."

Grassi gives children two tokens for free games for each A and B. He also maintains a card file of children containing their home telephone numbers. With this file, Grassi said he is able to contact the parents of any child who has been causing a disturbance at the shop.

Mrs. Narciso said that since the shop opened she and other shopowners have experienced vandalism and disturbances

caused by the large groups of children drawn to the machines.

"They're just kids after all and they just aren't being controlled when they leave that place," she said. Her own shop, Town and Country Antiques, located two stores south of the restaurant, has seen youngsters bounce basketballs off its windows and "pan-handling out in front of it for quarters to play the video machines," she said.

"We're all local people. Many of us live right over our stores," she said. "There's no reason we should be subjected to all this."

Serrano said he has been receiving complaints about the shop, but said that it does have a proper certificate of occupancy as a restaurant and does have the right to apply for and put up the machines. At present, the council's public safety committee has been holding public hearings, chaired by Councilwoman Helen Macri, on video machines throughout the city.

The public comments at the hearings will be used to help the committee draft a new city ordinance amendment regulating the video games.



THE THERMOMETER in front of Hoboken City Hall shows yesterday that the city is one-third of the way to its goal of selling 50-50 tickets to benefit the Police Athletic League.

## Final curtain will ring down on Hoboken theater company

The Renaissance Theater Company is getting ready to bring down the curtain on its five seasons in Hoboken.

Valerie D'Antonio, the company's managing director, said that its scheduled production of Ayn Rand's "Night of January 16th" slated for the weekends of May 13 and 20 would be the company's farewell. She said that the RTC will be taking an indefinite intermission, hopefully, with the idea of gearing up sometime in the future — and still in Hoboken — to evolving into a full-fledged Equity-affiliated professional theater group.

Besides seeking acceptance by Equity, the actors' union, the RTC survivors will look to "staff up professionally on the business

side as well," added Ms. D'Antonio.

The RTC has been performing in a 500-seat auditorium at Fifth and Hudson streets made available on a rent-free basis by Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.

But the company pays for insurance, security and other services provided by Stevens, notes Ms. D'Antonio.

Then there are additional expenses for costumes, lights, transportation, printing of programs and other items, she said. So far this season, the RTC has accumulated a bit less than \$5,000 in debts which will be paid off through several fund-raisers, she said.

In its current and last season, the RTC sought and obtained a grant from the Hudson County

Office of Culture and Heritage to finance a "student matinee" program.

But the RTC, operating as a not-for-profit group, has pretty much depended on revenues from ticket sales and donations from the Hoboken business community to survive during its five-year tenure.

Ms. D'Antonio, who guides the RTC along with artistic director Ann Ciccolella, concedes that in the future "we'll have to look at all funding sources," including possibly government grants for the arts.

Most of the more than 20 productions RTC has offered in its brief history — "everything from Greek tragedy to Pinter," says Ms. D'Antonio — could be classified as classical theater but she said that the RTC's future could see original works or children's theater along with classical/contemporary.

When the RTC does resume operations, Ms. D'Antonio insists: "We will be in Hoboken. Our audience is here and we are here."

## Hoboken lottery prize at \$7,000

With only one week remaining in Hoboken's 50-50 lottery, officials say they have passed the \$14,000 mark in tickets sold which means a \$7,000 prize to the winner.

The lottery, which is being run on a city-wide basis to help the city's Police Athletic League, has been operating for about a month. The prize drawing will be held May 4 at 5 p.m. at the city's Erie-Lackawanna Terminal.

Originally, Public Safety Director James Giordano, who is helping to organize the lottery as director of the PAL, said the league hoped to earn \$10,000 from the lottery. With a week left, he said that goal may still be possible.

Under the 50-50 format, the winning contestant would share the revenues collected from the sale of tickets evenly with the PAL. Tickets are sold daily at the terminal as well as stores throughout the city.

## Block unit has plans for money

Residents of Hoboken's First Ward will get a chance to vote tomorrow on what they want to do with a \$25,000 windfall coming to the First Ward Block Association.

The association is scheduled to vote at its regular monthly meeting tomorrow on the money, which it expects to receive from the sale of property it controls at 210 Second St. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at 200 Garden St., according to Tom Newman, president of the association.

Newman said the association has already received eight different proposals from members as to what to do with the money. Each of the proposals would have to be started and run by volunteers, although money would be provided out of the total \$25,000 windfall, Newman said.

Among the proposals being considered for funding are: maintaining trees and shrubbery in the ward; repairing sidewalks; instituting a neighborhood clean-up; buying and installing flower boxes, starting a neighborhood block watch; buying and installing fire extinguishers for certain buildings; creating "corner gardens," and providing scholarships for neighborhood students.

Newman said the money should be enough to fund several of the proposals. Each proposal will have to be started by the person proposing it, he said.

The apartment building at 210 Second St., had been obtained by the association at no cost with the intention to rehabilitate it through federal housing funds. However, those funds have dried up, Newman said, and the association has decided to sell the building to private developers.

Newman said the association has already received several sealed bids on the property and will sell it by the end of spring. He said each of the bids carried a minimum \$25,000 bid.

## THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

### Legislative logjam finally broken

New York's and New Jersey's Assembly speakers were able yesterday to resolve a five-month stalemate that had blocked plans the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey made to begin a \$500 million development of the Hoboken waterfront.

New Jersey Assembly Speaker Alan Karcher announced he reached a compromise agreement with his New York counterpart, Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, concerning a series of amendments which has bottled up legislation authorizing the Port Authority to begin the development.

The agency is seeking authority through the legislation to prepare waterfront sites in both states for private developers to construct residential, commercial and recreational facilities. In

New York, the city and the Port Authority are working on plans to develop a 70-acre site in the Long Island City area of Queens which is directly across from the United Nations on the East River.

For both the Hoboken and Queens projects, the agency envisions \$100 million for site development with private developers investing the remaining \$400 million.

The Hoboken project calls for construction of a marina, a hotel, apartment towers and commercial office space. At least 4,500 jobs are expected to be generated in construction and another 10,000 permanent jobs created by the project.

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The impasse developed over the contents of the enabling legislation, which must be passed by both states as identically worded bills before the Port Authority can proceed. Last year, both houses of the New Jersey Legislature and the New York Senate passed like-worded bills, but the measure died short of approval by the New York Assembly.

Fink and two other assemblymen tried in vain to have a series of amendments added to the bill, but were unable to persuade the New York Senate to agree. The New York legislature then adjourned, which effectively killed the bill.

According to Karcher, Fink agreed yesterday to move the original unamended bill in the New York Assembly. The amendments would be added to companion bills in both states, he said.

One of the amendments would limit the Port Authority to developing two waterfront projects in each state. To begin any additional projects, the authority would have to go back to both legislatures for approval.

The second amendment would establish a process for joint legislative oversight of the projects. Legislation incorporating the proposal is being drafted in New York, according to Karcher, who said identical legislation will be moved in Trenton.

## Hoboken won't lay teachers off

The Hoboken Board of Education last night voted down 3-2 a resolution to lay off approximately 15 non-tenured teachers.

The resolution, which was supported by board president Otto Hottendorf and member James Monaco, would have dismissed the teachers at the conclusion of the current school year on June 30.

"The board felt that the reduction wasn't required at this time," Hottendorf said. "The reason was that we don't know what the City Council will do with our budget and we don't know what our resources will be. So the board felt it would be better not to take a gamble."

Steve Block, a board member opposed to the layoffs, said "The City Council is currently playing politics because they won't pass the budget un-

til after the election, so the board doesn't know what to do. Some of them (council members) wanted to hold the teachers hostage to meet the needs of the City Council."

Block said waiting to act on the budget until after the May 10 municipal election poses a problem in that teachers must be given proper notice of layoffs by the law's required April 30 deadline.

"What we need is for the state to pass a law that would prompt the City Council to act in the proper amount of time," Block added. "Here we are in May and they're still playing games."

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"We don't prepare the budget," City Council President Walter Cramer responded. "The mayor and the directors prepare the budget, and we have not received that budget yet. Steve's running for office (The City Council), and that's why he's making those statements which have no validity. But I'm not knocking him."

In other business, at the request of Cramer, the school board adopted a resolution allowing it to establish an estimated \$400,000 scholarship trust fund for college-bound Hoboken High School students through an anonymous donation.

The trust fund would enable Hoboken High School graduates

to attend colleges and universities, Cramer said. "I'm not talking about Harvard or Yale," he added, "but local schools."

The resolution calls for the appointment of two committees: a scholarship committee, composed of the high school principal, superintendent of schools and member of the board, which would distribute the awards; and a finance committee, composed of the business manager, auditor and a board member, which would invest the money.

"I really think it is wonderful," Hottendorf said. "This would enable many school children in the school system to go to college."



## Dr. John F. Lewis Jr., 60, head of pediatrics at St. Mary

John F. Lewis Jr., M.D., 60, of Loch Arbour, director of the pediatrics service at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken, died Monday at New York University Medical Center in New York.

Dr. Lewis lived most of his life in Hoboken where he also practiced medicine for more than 30 years. He was a graduate of New York University and received his M.D. from the New York University School of Medicine in 1946. He served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps and then interned at St. Mary and served as a resident in pediatrics there.

Dr. Lewis was a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and served on the executive board of the New Jersey Academy of Pediatrics. He became an associate medical director at Meadowview Hospital in Secaucus last year. He was also a staff physician in the geriatrics department at B.S. Pollak Hospital in Jersey City.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret June (nee Murphy); four daughters: Joan Mary Taylor, Margo Delaney, Frances Kline and Marian Lewis; two sons, John F. III and James M.; and six grandchildren. His father, the late John F. Lewis Sr., served as Hudson County Freeholder Director from 1954 to 1963.



John F. Lewis M.D. Practiced in Hoboken

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

## Hoboken fears 'disaster' with loss of rail funds

By James Kopcham

A cut of about \$365,000 in state funding in lieu of railroad taxes for Hoboken could be disastrous, causing the city's tax rate, already the highest in the state, to jump at least another \$12 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

"It would be a disaster," City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said. "There'd be no way to make it up except by raising taxes."

Chius said the full effect of the cuts would mean a loss of about \$1.3 million in revenue that the city would have to make up. He explained that this included \$365,000 in the aid scheduled in last year's budget and an equal value that could not be anticipated this year.

The city currently has a tax rate of \$147.33 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Although the budget

for this year has not been completed, Chius said that officials had been estimating an 8 percent tax rise besides the railroad funding.

The funding is given by the state to recompense communities that lose tax revenues from railroad properties taken over by the state.

The cuts are part of the state's 1984 \$6.8 million budget being proposed by Gov. Thomas Kean. Assemblyman Robert Janiszewski of Jersey City, vice-chairman of the Assembly's Joint Appropriation Committee, said he is preparing resolutions designed to restore parts of the estimated \$28 million in funding cuts that affect Hudson County.

"Let's hope that Janiszewski, with his influence, can give some help to Hudson," Mayor Steve Cappiello said.

## Waterfront plan needs more work

A public hearing scheduled this month on the planned \$300 million waterfront development on Hoboken's Port Authority piers has been put off until next month while committees do more research.

The Hoboken Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee had hoped to present its findings publicly to the mayor and council this month, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri, a committee member. However, he said, at their last meeting on April 14 the members decided more research would be needed.

The committee had broken down into five subcommittees reviewing different aspects of the project, including traffic and en-

vironmental impact as well as its effect on the city's infrastructure.

Ranieri, who heads the subcommittee on the infrastructure, said the work still needed could keep the committee working for another "30 or 40 days." He said he expected the reports by the end of May.

The project, proposed by the regional Port Authority, had been in limbo until this week when the assembly speakers, Alan Karner of New Jersey and Stanley Fink of New York, said they had reached an agreement that would clear the way for legislation in both states permitting the Port Authority to become actively involved in the project.

## Soup kitchen replaces shelter

The Hoboken Clergy Coalition has started a soup kitchen at the site of its former shelter for the homeless for the spring and summer months.

The new kitchen, located at St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St., will be run for the next two to three weeks on a trial basis, according to Sister Norberta, one of its coordinators. The coordinators decided to continue the kitchen after meeting on Thursday.

The shelter officially closed on Sunday night after operating for over a month, providing a light meal and overnight accommodations for the homeless.

The coalition had decided to close the shelter because of difficulties it had in finding volunteers to staff it nightly. The coalition had been trying to find help by the city administration to open a permanent shelter.

Although the shelter had been a controversy in the city, coalition members said many people supported it. The shelter's kitchen has already received food donations from several people, Sister Norberta said.

Should the soup kitchen continue, it will last until October when the coalition plans to resume operating a shelter.

## Cappiello is probing cash surplus

By BARBARA DEZURE Staff Writer

Hudson County Board of Freeholders Chairman Steve Cappiello is investigating what he says is an unnecessary \$2.5 million cash surplus in the proposed 1983 Hudson County budget.

Cappiello, who led the freeholders in rejecting the budget last week, said he

asked the business administrator for Hoboken, Edward Chius, to look into the extra money and whether the cuts in the budget will make a significant difference.

"It is something that is there that we (the freeholders) didn't know about," said Cappiello, who is mayor of Hoboken. No hearings have been scheduled on the proposed budget.

Hudson County Budget Director William

F. Pearl confirmed yesterday that there is a surplus, but said he does not feel it is large enough to make a difference when cut. "I cannot believe that Cappiello just discovered this," he said.

He also said the proposed cash surplus for the 1983 is actually \$2.1 million. "If I don't leave a surplus in the budget and we don't generate the amount of revenue anticipated, we will have a deficit."

Pearl said that while eliminating the surplus could reduce the amount of money to be raised by taxation in this year's budget, that money might have to raise the next year.

On Thursday, the board of freeholders rejected the proposed \$134 million budget. The board has promised to soon hold another hearing on the budget.

## Pathmark project in doubt

By BILL GYVES Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city planning board yesterday indicated that it will recommend the City Council reject a zoning law amendment that would clear the way for proposed construction of a controversial Pathmark supermarket.

The board, however, postponed a formal vote until Tuesday to allow the recommendation to be forwarded to the City Council, arguing that any formal action taken at yesterday's special session could have violated the state Sunshine Law.

It could not be determined yesterday when the matter will appear before the City Council for a final vote, although the next session of the council is scheduled for Wednesday.

The attorney representing the owner of the proposed Pathmark site, which has been under consideration for three years, is scheduled to appear before Hudson County Superior Court Judge James Dowden seeking a court order forcing the City Council to take an immediate vote on the amendment.

Seymour Heller, principal owner of the five-acre Hoboken-Shore Railroad site at 15 and Washington streets, has accused city officials of attempting to further delay the project for their personal gain. The original site plan application for the proposed supermarket was filed with the planning board July 28, 1980.

The City Council was scheduled to take a final vote on the amendment allowing for the construction of retail centers in an area of the city currently zoned solely for industrial use on March 16. Citing what it claims are potential legal snags in the wording, the council tabled the amendment.

The council then referred the amendment to the planning board for review. The planning board, however, voted one week later to postpone that review until yesterday's special session.

The planning board argued yesterday that the council should reject the proposed amendment, since allowing retail centers in the current industrial zone could seriously disrupt the city's master plan.

The master plan, adopted by the council in 1979, calls for the northeastern portion of the city to be targeted for a potential industrial park site to generate taxables in order in an effort to offset the boom in residential development in the city during the last decade. Residential development generates a much smaller portion of taxables than industrial or commercial development.

The board indicated that a future use for the zone could involve a small scale industrial park to complement Hart's Mountain Industry's plans to develop a commercial complex along the nearby Weehawken waterfront.

The proposed Pathmark, if approved, is expected to generate nearly 240 jobs and \$150,000-a-year in taxes. In addition, the developers are

## The planning board has postponed a vote on an amendment to the city's zoning law on the issue

not seeking a tax abatement and are expected to assume \$200,000 owed the city in back taxes.

Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, who attended yesterday's meeting, charged that the proposed Pathmark would be a "short-term solution" to the city's financial difficulties. The five-acre plot, he said, could be better utilized for a "greater long-term solution."

Another leading objection to the amendment was that it could clear the way for a flood of retail stores in the area, which the board claimed could destroy existing businesses in the city.

Planning Board Counsel George Pappas advised the board that it would violate state law if it formally voted to forward its recommendation to the council. The violation would have stemmed from the fact that the public notice of the special session failed to advertise that formal action might be taken, Pappas said.

## Supermarket's chances fade

Chances for the construction of a Pathmark supermarket on land in northern Hoboken faded last night after the planning board voted to recommend to the City Council not to make changes in the zoning law needed before work on the store could begin.

By a vote of 6-to-0 with one abstention, the planning board voted to send a four-page letter to the City Council that states the "proposed amendment permitting retail businesses or services in the I-1 district is totally inconsistent with the Master Plan and should not be adopted."

The matter now goes to the City Council and may be on the agenda for tonight's meeting. The Hoboken Manufacturers

Association has been trying for nearly three years to persuade the city to give it permission to construct the supermarket.

The association's application for a variance was rejected by the Board of Adjustment in August. The decision has been appealed in Superior Court. The Board of Adjustment turned down the application, citing traffic problems that would have been created by the shopping center.

The amendments were referred to the planning board in March because of what were termed uncertainties in the legal language.

The site of the proposed shopping center is the old Hoboken

shore railroad site at 15th and Washington streets.

"If we passed these amendments, it would open the door for

motels and all sorts of other commercial developments in that area," said one planning board member.

## Cappiello's figures don't add up for Clark

Hudson County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. disagrees with Freeholder Chairman Steve Cappiello's statement that the amount to be raised by property taxes in the proposed 1983 county budget could be cut by \$1.2 million. He warned that using more from the surplus would produce "a political budget" leading to higher taxes in later years.

Clark said Cappiello's philosophy was "buy now and pay later."

He explained \$11.7 million of the surplus funds were put into this year's budget, leaving only \$2.1 million, plus \$942,000 in various grant funds, in surplus. He said the county would need special permission from the state to use the \$942,000.

Cappiello, supporting former Jersey City Mayor Thomas F. X. Smith, Clark's opponent in the Democratic primary, claimed that as mayor

of Hoboken, he had his business administrator, Edwin Chius, look over the county budget. He claimed Chius found large cash reserves.

Cappiello, among freeholders who voted last week to reject the budget, said the proposed \$3.2 million to be raised by taxes is "excessive."

Clark, in warning about dipping too much into the surplus funds, declared "a dangerous situation is developing" in reference to interest rates of those funds.

While most people are glad to see rates go down, he explained, the county is getting less return on its money, having lost some \$1.7 million in interest last year due to the drop in the rates.

He noted that Hoboken's tax rate in 1982 was \$147 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. "What will be (Cappiello's) do this year?" Clark asked.

## Hoboken given \$400,000 for scholarship fund

By BILL GYVES Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A city resident has established a \$400,000 scholarship trust fund with the board of education to be used to finance the college education of at least 10 Hoboken High School graduates each year.

The woman, who donated the money on the condition that her name be withheld, agreed to transfer more than \$400,000 into a school board trust fund to be used solely for aiding graduates of the city's school system. The money has been placed in a testamentary trust as part of her will.

"Nobody's ever done anything like this before here or anywhere in the area that I know of,"

said Walter S. Cramer, the school board business manager and City Council president.

Cramer said the woman contacted him six weeks ago through his private law practice and requested that he investigate the feasibility of establishing the trust fund. The woman recently moved to Hoboken and is not a graduate of the city's school system.

The school board, at its meeting Tuesday night, established two committees to handle the \$400,000 windfall. A finance committee has been established to oversee the investment, and an educational committee was formed to screen and select scholarship applicants.

## Pinter Hotel arson hasn't been solved

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The Pinter blaze was considered the worst of all. Starting in a hallway, the blaze spread so rapidly that the stairs were useless. The lucky ones escaped through a rear fire escape. Those not-so-lucky perished from smoke and flames.

Witnesses said mothers were forced to drop children from the upper floors to neighbors waiting below. Several children died in falling.

The fire started at about 3 a.m. and was burning out of control when fire companies arrived. Later, witnesses would say the firemen took too long to arrive.

The firehouse was two blocks away.

The hotel had been fined one day earlier for failing to install an electronic remote smoke detector system. Fire officials said several of the battery-operated smoke alarms apparently did not work to alert the tenants.

The building had been up for sale for two years prior to the fire. However, after finishing their investigation, the city ordered the building leveled because of the health hazard.

Now, only an empty lot stands on 14th Street.

## Firebomb at Hoboken building followed two bombing threats

By James Kopcham

Hoboken arson detectives are investigating two bomb threats received last month at the Arbat Plaza building in connection with the discovery of a firebomb in an alley behind the building.

Sgt. James Behrens said yesterday the four-story building had been the target of bomb threats during last month's strike against New Jersey Transit. New Jersey Transit operated a small office in the building, located at 5 Marineview Plaza, when the threats were received, but has since moved to Newark.

"Right now, we are looking for clues anywhere they might be," Behrens said. He and his partner, Sgt. John Howe, are awaiting tests on the device by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms which confiscated the bomb on Monday.

The bomb, which Howe described as sophisticated, consisted of battery packs bolted to two four-foot pieces of wood and connected by wires to a rotor timer and a main activating switch. The device was set to ignite a gallon can of enamel reducer but misfired, setting off only a small blaze that was easily extinguished by guards. No injuries were reported and damage was described as light.

Police found the device behind the offices of the Southeast Securities Co., a stock brokerage firm, in an alleyway that separates offices at the Arbat building and the Hoboken Cinema.

Behrens said the firebomb was placed there sometime between midnight and 6 a.m., when it was discovered. He said the building has been placed on a 24-hour arson watch.

## Mugging victim has party

Hilda O'Brien of Hoboken, who came out second best in a fight with a mugger Thursday, marked a close encounter of a more welcome kind yesterday as medical staff and relatives helped mark her 82nd birthday at St. Mary Hospital.

Cafeteria worker at the Hoboken hospital prepared a

birthday cake for Mrs. O'Brien and a grandson, Peter Gallagher, visiting from Ohio, presented her with another cake. And nephew Joseph Kennedy sent flowers.

Mrs. O'Brien was brought to St. Mary after struggling with a man later identified by police as Ivan Serrano, 22, of Hoboken, who

police said tried to grab her purse in a supermarket parking lot at Sixth and Clinton streets on Thursday afternoon.

Police said that Serrano hit Mrs. O'Brien in the face, shattering her false teeth and fracturing her nose. Mrs. O'Brien broke her left arm in falling to the pavement. She was reported in stable

condition yesterday. A supermarket guard was credited with helping detain Serrano for police.

Serrano, 22, of Hoboken, awaits Hudson County Grand Jury action after appearing before Judge Edward F. Zampella. Serrano was remanded to the county jail without bail.

## Hoboken braces for election runoffs

Although the municipal council election isn't until May 10, Hoboken City Clerk Anthony Amoroso is starting his preparation for run-off elections in June.

That's because in the six elections held in the city since 1971, four required run-offs.

And with council seats up in each of the city's six wards, the odds are good that at least two and as many as four wards may need run-offs to choose the win-

ner. Under Hoboken election law, the winning candidate in a municipal election must gather at least 50 percent of the votes to win outright. If not, a run-off is called between the top two vote-getters.

In two wards, the First and Fifth, only two candidates are running and will not need a run-off, except in the unlikely event of a tie.

However, in the Second Ward, where Council President Walter Cramer is facing five challengers, and in the Sixth Ward where Councilman Nunzio Malfetti faces three other challengers, run-offs are expected.

The other two wards have three candidates running and they could wind up in run-offs. However, political observers in the city have said the possibility

of this is less than the Second and Sixth Wards.

Ironically, the possibility of so many run-offs comes immediately after the defeat of a referendum in November that would have abolished run-offs in the city. That referendum was defeated by a 2-to-1 vote, despite arguments by its supporters that abolishing the run-offs would save the city money.



## Hoboken fire captain wears many hats, and they all fit

By James Kopchansky 8/24/83

There's a television commercial for a fire insurance company in which an announcer wears several different types of hats to show the different occupations the company insures.

That announcer is not Hoboken Fire Captain Eugene Failla, Jr., although it may as well be.

Besides his regular fire helmet, Failla also wears an officer's cap with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, where he recently was named a candidate for an ensign's commission.

Atop these two types of hats Failla can also add an educator's capboard that he earned with his master's degree in education from Jersey City State College.

And with these hats, he can add a bandleader's hat. As a young pianist, Failla was considered promising enough to win music scholarships from several New York academies. He now leads his own part-time band and is called on from time to time to direct high school and community musical stage productions.

Failla is one of five fire captains being charged with refusing to obey an order to inspect several buildings identified as arson targets last summer. Like the other captains, Failla has maintained that the inspections constituted a risk beyond what the captains and firefighters



Eugene Failla Jr.  
Wears 4 hats

were prepared for. As a result, he said he refused the order because of concern for the firemen's safety.

"It's ironic that I should be charged with this type of charge," Failla said. "I've always been working for the public's benefit in almost everything I do."

"As a kid I was always trying to find out who I was and what I was meant to do," Failla said. "Now, I don't think I'll ever know

the answer until the very end, but I find what I'm doing now to be very self-satisfying."

It was in the Navy where Failla learned the value of education while serving between 1961 and 1967, dropping out of high school to join. "I didn't leave school because I was doing poorly; I just wanted to get out and see the world. You could say I was a headstrong kid."

"But the Navy did straighten me out."

What it did teach was the value of education, he said. Between serving stints about aircraft carriers off the coast of Vietnam, Failla earned his high school equivalency diploma. After leaving the navy, he joined the city's fire department and enrolled at Jersey City State.

Two years ago, he joined the Coast Guard reserve, in which he serves on weekends and during two weeks during the summer. For a time, Failla also taught classes part-time at Holy Rosary Academy in Union City.

At present, Failla said he has little leisure time, but he's not complaining. "The things I do more than satisfy me. I could never by the type of person that could sit around doing nothing."

Besides his duties as fire captain and coast guard officer, Failla said he teaches piano part-time along with his part-time director and bandleader's work. "It's hectic, but I love it."

## Hoboken will increase its charges for sewage 8/24/83

Sewage rates in Hoboken will be going up as city officials plan to improve the city's sewage system. How much, though, will depend on how many improvements the city council feels is necessary.

"We've been postponing major work to our sewers for over 40 years, most recently because we were relying on the HCUA (Hudson County Utilities Authority)," Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator said. "The question is where do we go from here."

Hough estimates to do necessary short-term improvements to the city's sewer lines and treatment plant have been put at between \$3-and-\$4 million. These short-term improvements include replacing a wooden line along First Street from Hudson Street to Willow Avenue and upgrading the processing system at the plant.

Also, Chius said the city will have to make long-range plans to arrange for secondary sewage treatment. The city has been relying on the county authority's regional plan for secondary treatment, but delays by the authority

has left it up the city again to provide the treatment, Chius said.

Hoboken charges a graduated-scale rate based on the amount of water used by the customer. This amount varies between \$5.70 and \$6 per \$1,000 cubic feet of water used with heavier users receiving the lower rate.

Since the rates are tied in with water consumption, Chius said the city has seen the revenues collected drop with the drop in water consumption started by a statewide drought two years ago. Meanwhile, sewerage costs have steadily increased, he said.

Weehawken and Union City pay the city to treat their sewage under terms of a contract signed in the 1950s. Chius said their sewage contributes to about 20 percent of the overall cost of treatment to the city.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, head of the council's water and sewerage committee, and other city officials have been pressing to have the rates increased for the two cities, because they are too low compared to the amount of money spent on processing it.

Any improvements to the system would have to be funded through a bond issue passed by the city council, Chius said. Ranieri has been trying to arrange a meeting on sewage, but the council has been delaying.

Chius said the rate would be affected depending on how much the council decides will be needed for improvements. Barring any federal or state grants, revenues collected for sewage would have to be used to pay off the bonds, he said.

To pay off the bonds, Chius said the present rate system would most likely be scrapped in favor of a provisional rate schedule. This eventually, would be changed into a "user-charge" system in which the customer would be charged for the amount and quality of sewage he placed into the system.

The "users-charge" rate system has already been mandated for use by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, Chius said. To collect on this type of system would require both a meter and an inspector to evaluate the sewage being discharged by the user.

## Hoboken wins bid for parade 4/28/83 HD

HOBOKEN—The city has finally succeeded in its bid to host the New Jersey Hispanic-American Day Parade.

According to Eli H. Burgos, a spokesman for the parade directors, Hoboken narrowly edged out Paterson in the committee's voting to be the host city.

Burgos said one of the reasons Hoboken won the election was that it is in a better financial situation than Paterson. He added, however, that Paterson is the likely candidate to host the parade next.

Hoboken was also selected because it was never selected before. There has been a strong effort by Hispanics to get it there — they've been "trying for years to get it," Burgos said, adding that Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto has expressed strong interest in having his city host the parade.

The parade is scheduled for Sunday Oct. 2. The route has not been determined.

## Bomb explodes in Hoboken alley 4/26/83

### No injuries as device misfires

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A firebomb placed in an alley behind a four-story building at Arbat Plaza exploded early yesterday morning but apparently misfired upon detonation, causing no serious damage or injuries, police said.

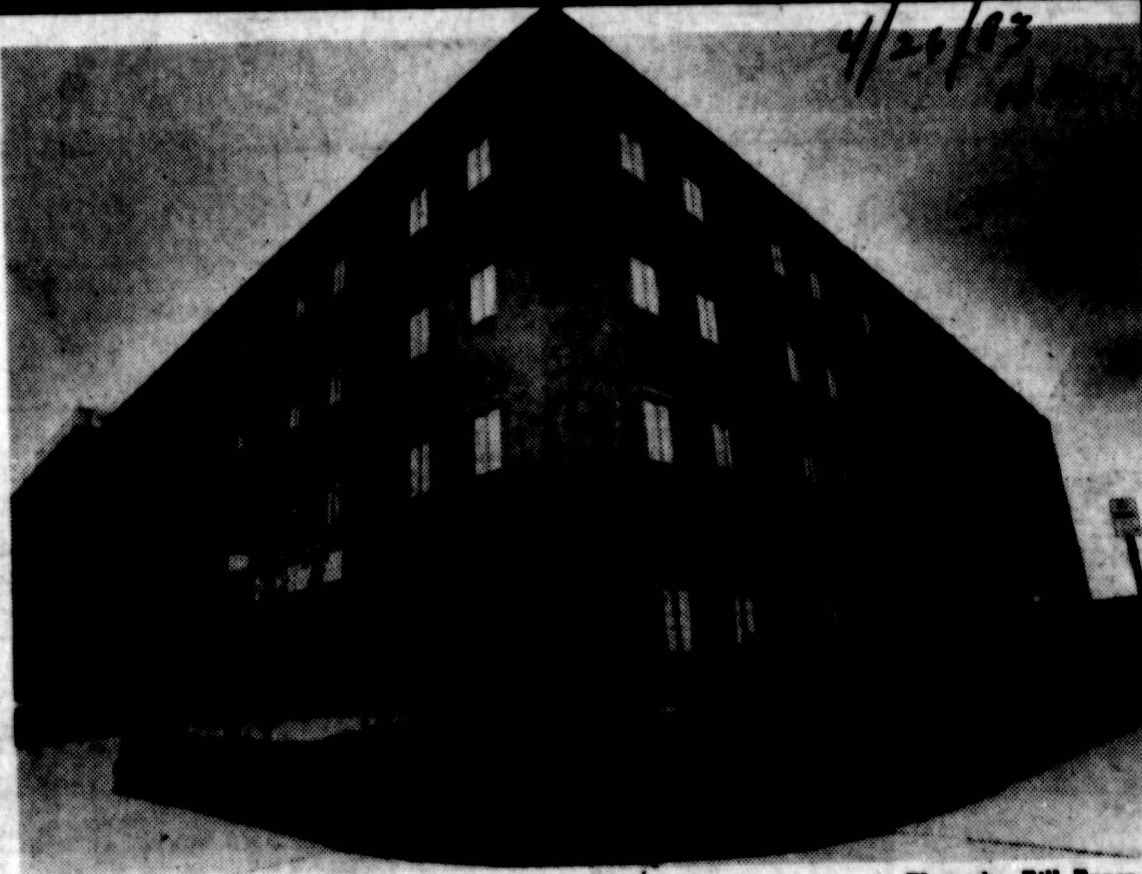
The remains of the incendiary device, which exploded in an alley behind Arbat Plaza at 5 Marine View Plaza, were transferred to the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington D.C., for examination, according to Sgt. John Howe of the city arson squad.

The device was placed on the north exterior wall of the building sometime between midnight and 6 a.m., when it was discovered by a maintenance employee, police said. It detonated but failed to create much of a fire, Howe said.

Howe would not speculate on the motive behind the bombing attempt. He also would not comment on the sophistication of the device or why authorities believe the bomb apparently misfired.

Sources, however, said the device was fairly sophisticated and equipped with an automatic timer.

The four-story Arbat Plaza building is comprised of business offices, with a movie theater on the ground floor.



A FIREBOMB was detonated in an alley behind 5 Marine View Plaza in Hoboken yesterday. The device misfired and the fire did not spread.

## Hoboken seeks court OK to rent pistol range 8/24/83

Hoboken may be going to court within two weeks to get permission to use a pistol range owned by a police department sergeant to conduct state pistol qualifying tests.

Thomas Calligy, the city's assistant attorney, said he is waiting for an answer from the state Division of Local Government on the Hudson County Pistol Range, located at 812 Madison St.

The range had been used for many years by city police to take the tests, which are required by the state once a year. However, the range is now owned by Sgt. Carl Fass of the department, and city officials have delayed giving the contract to the range because of fears of a conflict of interest. The city has investigated

other ranges in Bayonne, Jersey City, and Ridgewood, but have been refused by the owners of the ranges. It has also advertised for bids twice, but each time Fass's range was the only bidder.

"It's been over 18 months since the men took the test," Thomas Meehan, president of the city's Police Benevolent Association, said. "If one of the men should shoot someone, this could cause a lot of problems in the courts."

Calligy said he would wait for another two weeks before filing a brief with the Superior Court asking it to waive the possible conflict of interest and allow the city to award the contract to Fass's range.

## Stevens makes pupils compute 4/21/83 HD

By LESLIE MANTRONE  
Special to The Dispatch

HOBOKEN—When administrators at Stevens Tech started a program last fall requiring some freshmen to purchase personal computers, some feared that the campus would turn into a Pac Man haven.

Happily, this fear was never realized. In fact, the year has gone so smoothly that the school is requiring next fall's freshman class of 500 students to purchase personal computers, a more sophisticated model than used this year. The new Digital computer these students must buy will cost \$1,500 in addition to tuition and other charges.

This year, of a freshman class of 406, only the approximately 60 students majoring in science systems planning and management were required to purchase a \$740 Atari computer for their classwork.

Dr. Roger Pinkham, head of the mathematics department, who taught those students in an introductory computer course, said, "Some of them were digging for the first half of the course. They had never really written what I consider serious programs."

Because the level of familiarity with computers varied so radically among the students, particularly for the first semester, Pinkham said, "I really had to coach them."

"By and large we're very pleased with the first year of the program," said Dr. Edward Friedman, dean of the college. Friedman was so interested in the program that he volunteered to act as an assistant to Pinkham.

Pinkham said that because of the



STEVENS Tech students work at computer terminals.

new curriculum based around the use of the computer, students "did a lot of things they wouldn't have done otherwise." He added that there was "far less playing of games that anyone thought."

Although freshman Phil McKinstry was unaware when he decided to go to Stevens that he had to purchase an Atari computer, he said, "I feel lucky because I wanted a computer."

Science systems planning and management majors were the only students in the college's three divisions who were under the new computer-based curriculum. Because of this, the SPAM students could only use the computer for one class. In each of their other classes, there were students from the other divisions who had not been required to have their own computers.

McKinstry said some of his SPAM colleagues resented that they had to spend additional money for a computer for only one course. This problem will be alleviated next year when students from the school's two other divisions — science and engineering — purchase their own computers.

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A \$300 start-up contribution came from Councilmembers Walter Cramer, Anthony Romano, Sal Cernelli and Mary Francese.

Kennedy said there may be a "sizeable" contribution to the fund in the near future. "The response has been great and getting better," Kennedy said.

The fund has received pledges from the Jaycees that the profits from 10 of the "wheels of chances" at their annual carnival, May 4-to-8, will be given to the fund.

On May 6, three basketball games will be played at Hoboken High School to benefit the fund. The first game is the Police Athletic League team vs. an All-Star team from throughout the city. The second game will have the Oldimers taking on a combined police and firemen squad. The third game will see a Youngtimers team going against another police and firemen squad.

On May 7, a car wash will be held at Seventh and Madison streets for the fund. Chairmen for this event are Paul John Taglieri and Tom Kennedy Jr.

Other events being planned, according to Kennedy, are cake sales and canister drives undertaken by senior citizens and the city's Boy and Cub Scouts.

Kennedy said anyone wishing to contribute may send checks to the "Cuppy Fund," Box M1016, Hoboken, N.J. 07030.

## Boy with rare disease finds host of friends 8/24/83

By James Kopchansky

Several civic and service groups are uniting in Hoboken to raise funds for a popular 11-year-old boy suffering from a rare bone disease in his legs.

Christopher "Cuppy" Spina will require a major operation by the end of this year to correct a birth defect known as achondroplasia. The disease, which affects one birth out of every 30,000, stunts the growth of cartilage in his legs, severely affecting bone development.

Councilman Thomas Kennedy, who is co-chairing the fundraising, said the boy's upper body has been growing normally while his legs remain stunted. As a result, he said the legs are gradually growing more and more bow-legged, causing pain and discomfort to Cuppy.

A Maryland specialist has agreed to perform the operation to correct the problem, Kennedy said, but the cost of the operation has been estimated at about \$35,000.

"When I heard about the problem, I knew I had to get involved," Kennedy said. Kennedy formed the fund with Patricia Pope, coordinator of special education for the city schools, and Nicholas Goldsack, vice-president of the Washington Savings Bank and president of the city's Jaycees.

Kennedy and Mrs. Pope chair the fund while Goldsack serves as treasurer. Kennedy estimated they have collected nearly \$700 in the first two weeks they've run the fund.

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## 'Cuppy' finds many friends 8/24/83



# EPA flunks Hoboken waste plant

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Referring to a finding that part of the treatment tank "was not in operation (and) filled with grit," Haack said: "I told him it ... broke. He never would have known."

Haack also said the inspectors visited the plant the day after a rainfall, which generally damages the plant's antiquated structure. Haack said heavy rainfall can cause overloading of some of the plant's treatment devices, causing them to stop functioning.

The report found that Hoboken continues to discharge more pollutants into the Hudson River than allowed, but Haack said this situation will continue until the municipality gets funds to upgrade the plant.

Information about water quality at the West New York plant could not be obtained, according to the report, because federal inspectors were told to get it from Stanley Peterson, the plant superintendent.

Peterson was not available during the inspection, according to the report. But inspectors noted that devices in the plant's two tanks that help separate solid from the liquid components of sewage were "out of order." The tanks were thus "overloaded," and some solid components were entering the river, the report stated.

Since the inspection, however, state environmental officials have monitored repairs of the devices. On April 4, Peterson informed the EPA that repairs to one of the tanks were complete, according to the report.

The West New York plant has been hailed by state and federal environmental officials, because of its sludge removal process in which solid components are removed. Peterson has said some of the plant's problems are due to its being about 30 years old others are due to vandals hurling debris from the nearby cliffs onto the plant. This debris has damaged some of the tanks' equipment, Peterson said.

The report said North Bergen is behind on making scheduled improvements to its plant. The EPA said Jersey City needs to make more improvements to its plant.

## Report inconclusive on WNY's treatment

By LISA Y. RUBIN  
Staff Writer

A federal inspection to determine whether seven waste-water treatment plants in Hudson County are meeting anti-pollution standards has found Hoboken's plant "unacceptable."

The inspection report, released yesterday, is inconclusive on the West New York plant, according to a spokesman for the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Four other plants, two each in Jersey City and North Bergen, were rated with "conditional acceptance," while Secaucus' plant was rated as acceptable, according to the report.

New legal action to force Hoboken to set aside part of its budget for fixing its plant is now "an option," said EPA spokesman Richard Cahill.

Whether this option will apply to West New York will be determined when the plant is reinspected later, Cahill said.

He stressed, however, that local and state officials have informed the EPA that corrective maintenance measures have been adopted at both plants since the inspections were conducted earlier this year. No legal action is being contemplated against the other municipalities whose plants were inspected, Cahill said.

Roy Haack, superintendent of Hoboken's sewage treatment plant, called the report's findings "asinine," and said: "If they came today, they wouldn't find it" as they did on Feb. 3. Haack added that one of the federal inspectors had acknowledged to him that he had just been transferred from EPA's air pollution unit as part of an agency shakeup.

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## Election board probes Hoboken ballot threat

A probe of threats to absentee voters in Hoboken's Third Ward election and the circulation of a fake letter that the "State Election Law Enforcement Commission is establishing an absentee ballot fraud task force" is being conducted by Joseph T. Brady, Hudson County elections superintendent and registration commissioner.

Brady, who would not reveal the persons or groups he is probing, warned he will turn his findings over to Prosecutor Harold J. Ruvoldt Jr.

He is checking reports that some voters have received threats that they should tear up their absentee ballots if they don't want the FBI to investigate them.

He said at least 15 people got a letter from "The State Election Enforcement Commission" which has been denounced as a forgery by Scott A. Weiner, its executive director, whose "signature" appears on it.

Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, a follower of Mayor Steve Capriello, is opposed in the ward race by Anthony Russo, an

independent leaning toward Mayor Gerald McCann. There are several other things wrong with the letter, Brady explained.

It says the commission is forming an absentee ballot fraud task force to closely monitor the May 10 election (in the Third Ward). Actually, Brady noted the real State Election Law Enforcement Commission is only concerned with campaign financing and expenditures.

The letter, bearing a SELEC letterhead, quotes a state law (19:75-16) warns of penalties for any fraud in absentee ballot voting. "That election law, Title 19, goes only to 57, not 75," Brady further explained.

The only correct thing about the letter, he related, was that it advises persons with questions or problems, to call his office, 795-6555.

Brady said he has taken some statements from ill and elderly persons allegedly threatened concerning absentee ballots.

In another development, approximately 35 Democratic district election board workers in

West New York and 9 in Hoboken were removed by the two Democratic members of the Hudson County Board of Elections, who replaced them with new district board members in time for the May 10 municipal workers.

Richard Cullen, board clerk, confirmed that the changes were made under a state election law under which board workers may be removed by county election board workers of the same party with or without cause.

Some political sources noted such changes can be made, no matter how long the persons have served on their district election boards, under county board discretionary powers.

They added that it could be due to the periodic review by the county board of workers' performance or the fact the workers may be backing the "wrong" political faction.

## Arsonist who killed 13 at Pinter Hotel still at large 1 year later

By James Kopchak

A full year has passed and still Hoboken investigators are no closer to solving the deadly arson fire at the Pinter's Hotel.

The blaze, which killed 13 women and children, has been labeled suspicious from the time it started the morning of April 30 in the second-story hallway of the four-story hotel at 151 14th St. Sgt. James Behrens, of the city's arson squad, said investigators have never been able to pinpoint a definite motive nor find a suspect.

"We've repeatedly received tips and reports about the fire, but when we tried to check them out, none of the people involved would talk to us.

They were all scared that the arsonist would come back," Behrens said. "You can't get very far in an investigation if no one cooperates."

The fire has marked the end of a horrible seven months during which the city earned the unofficial title "Arson Capital of America." A series of arsons, which started in early October when two young boys died in a suspicious fire at 67 Park Ave., killed 28 persons and left hundreds homeless during this period.

News of the fire reverberated about the city and the metropolitan area. The county prosecutor's office and the federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigators joined Hoboken police in investigating. Mayor Steve Capriello

formed an arson task force to find ways of preventing such fires in the future.

Meanwhile, several civic groups joined to protest the conditions in the city that they said fostered the arsons. The main factor, they said, was the steep increase in demand for apartments that tempted landlords to burn their buildings in order to evict tenants and renovate them into condominiums.

Recently, the federal investigators dropped their probe, explaining that like Behrens they had no luck in extracting information from witnesses.

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Hoboken's sewage treatment plant, which has failed a federal inspection.

## Builders may foot sewerage bill

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A proposal for up to \$60 million to upgrade the city's deteriorated sewerage treatment plant, calling for waterfront developers to assume a major portion of the expense, is expected to be presented to city officials by an advisory group in early May.

The project would require developers of the Hoboken and Weehawken waterfronts to underwrite a substantial portion of the million improvement project, expected to cost between \$55 million and \$80 million. The proposal stipulates

that the developers commit themselves to the improvement project before starting their projects.

The proposal does not contain a formula for determining how much developers would have to pay.

The proposal implies that a developer who fails to commit himself to the project could be severed from the sewerage system, a move that could cripple development since the city's sewerage plant provides the sole means of sewage treatment for Hoboken, Union City and Weehawken. Union City has no waterfront, so it

is not involved in the proposal.

The project, outlined recently by City Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, comes on the heels of an announcement Tuesday that the Hoboken plant has failed a federal Environmental Protection Agency inspection.

The inspection report found the Hoboken plant's anti-pollution standards "unacceptable," stating that the city's plant continues to pump more pollutants into the Hudson River than allowed under federal regulations.

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## Hoboken has become a new center of culture

By James Kopchak

Culture-seekers no longer have any right to turn up their noses at Hoboken.

Once the butt of endless jokes about the number of its saloons and unsavory characters, Hoboken has seen its reputation enhanced over the past several years by a dedicated group of artists, musicians, and cultural enthusiasts who have applied their energies to making the city a virtual center for the arts.

So great is the transformation that members of the Hoboken Cultural Council have

begun serious efforts to put a Hoboken Cultural Center on its waterfront.

For music lovers, the city now boasts the Hoboken Chamber Orchestra, a 40-member ensemble which gave a six-performance series at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Hudson Street. Although barely two years old, the orchestra's concerts have been well-attended.

Meanwhile, the city has played host to classical soloists on a regular basis. The most recent soloist has been pianist David Blair, who has been giving five concerts between December

and May and the Church of the Holy Innocents, Sixth Street and Willow Avenue.

The city's pubs and restaurants also feature folk and jazz masters regularly.

Alongside music has been the proliferation of small art and photography galleries in the city.

And though it's still not Broadway, Hoboken's resident theater companies have earned considerable respect for their productions in recent years.

On the Stevens Institute of

Technology campus, the Dance Theater Company performed both modern and al works on a regular basis.

The Hoboken Civic recently won acclaim for performance of J.B. Priestley's "Dangerous Corner."

The Clam Broth House, at Newark St., features two comedy revues on an alternating basis on weekends. The plays, the "99-cent Special" and the "50-cent Special," feature comic skits on modern topics.

## Prosecutor probing Hoboken pier parking

The Hudson County Prosecutor's office is investigating complaints against a Hoboken pier parking lot operated during the recent fall strike.

James Farina, Hoboken director of recreation, said he answered questions yesterday on the operation of the parking lot that stood on Pier C of the city's Port Authority piers. Farina had organized the lot to raise funds for the city's Little League and other recreational activities.

The probe stems from the complaint of ad-

ministration critic Thomas Vezzetti, who said the lot was opened without proper authorization. Farina said yesterday that everything was in order.

Terrence Hull of the prosecutor's office would not comment on the situation, explaining it is under investigation.

The lot, which provided commuters all day parking at \$5 a car, raised about \$20,000 for the

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An EPA spokesman said Tuesday that legal action to force the city to set aside a portion of its budget to upgrade the plant is "an option."

In outlining the proposal, drafted by the mayor's waterfront advisory committee, Ranieri described the pending revitalization of the waterfront as a "golden opportunity" for the city to upgrade the quality of its sewage treatment at minimal cost to taxpayers.

The Hoboken plant has a \$1.5 million annual operating cost. Under a 1958 contract, Union City and Weehawken pay \$40,000 and \$20,000, respectively, for sewage treatment, with the rest of the cost assumed by Hoboken.

The present contract runs until 1993. City officials fear that with major development projects proposed for the Weehawken waterfront by Hartz Mountain Industries and the Romulus Corp., the city will be forced to bear an even greater financial burden to operate the system. "At the time (1969)

the contract was a relatively good deal for the city. The problem was that no one had the foresight to build in escalating costs. It's out of proportion, out of balance," Ranieri said.

"We're subsidizing these two communities, but the contract would be difficult if not impossible to break. We now have a rather inefficient, antiquated plant that just limps along. But with the projected waterfront development in our city and Weehawken, we find an opportunity to resolve the problem within the scope of the financial possibilities of these communities," Ranieri said.

The project calls for the Hudson County Utilities Authority to act as a "funnel agency" to coordinate federal and state aid grant applications and funding from developers.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which has proposed a \$400 million Hoboken waterfront project, has already committed itself to providing \$150 million in "seed money" to improve the

city's infrastructure. The proposal calls for a similar commitment from developers as well, Ranieri said.

"Nobody is going any place without treating the sewage problem directly," Ranieri said.

Romulus spokesman Alan Marcus said yesterday the developer would agree to meeting with city officials to discuss the region's sewerage problems, but he declined comment on the proposal.

"We are very well aware of the sewerage shortcomings, and we would be eager to participate in reaching a solution. But we would have to be involved in the (decision making) process," Marcus said.

Weehawken Mayor Stanley D. Iacono also expressed conditional support for the proposal. Hartz Mountain officials could not be reached for comment.

The sewerage project calls for the installation of a bio-disc system at the present plant. The bio-disc system would

provide the city's plant with secondary treatment capacity for the first time.

The plant has only primary treatment potential and, at best, can screen only 35 percent of the pollutants contained in the 7 million gallons of waste water pumped through the plant daily.

The bio-disc system is a treatment phase in which large plastic discs, onto which biological growth is cultivated, are submerged into waste water that has already undergone primary treatment. The biological growth on the discs, comprised largely of bacteria, digests and eliminates waste from the water.

This treatment method is designed to eliminate 90 percent of wastes from water.

"I'm very optimistic. The developers need the sewerage system, and unless each community is willing to pitch in, (that development) is not going to happen. We must band together to solve our mutual problem. I see this proposal as a solution, the only solution and a very viable solution," Ranieri said.

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Little League Farina said most of the money would be used to refurbish the field and build a concession stand there.

In his complaints, Vezzetti said the lot did not have a proper system of overseeing the revenues collected. Farina said that for most of the time the lot used tickets to count the number of cars and that all funds were accounted for.



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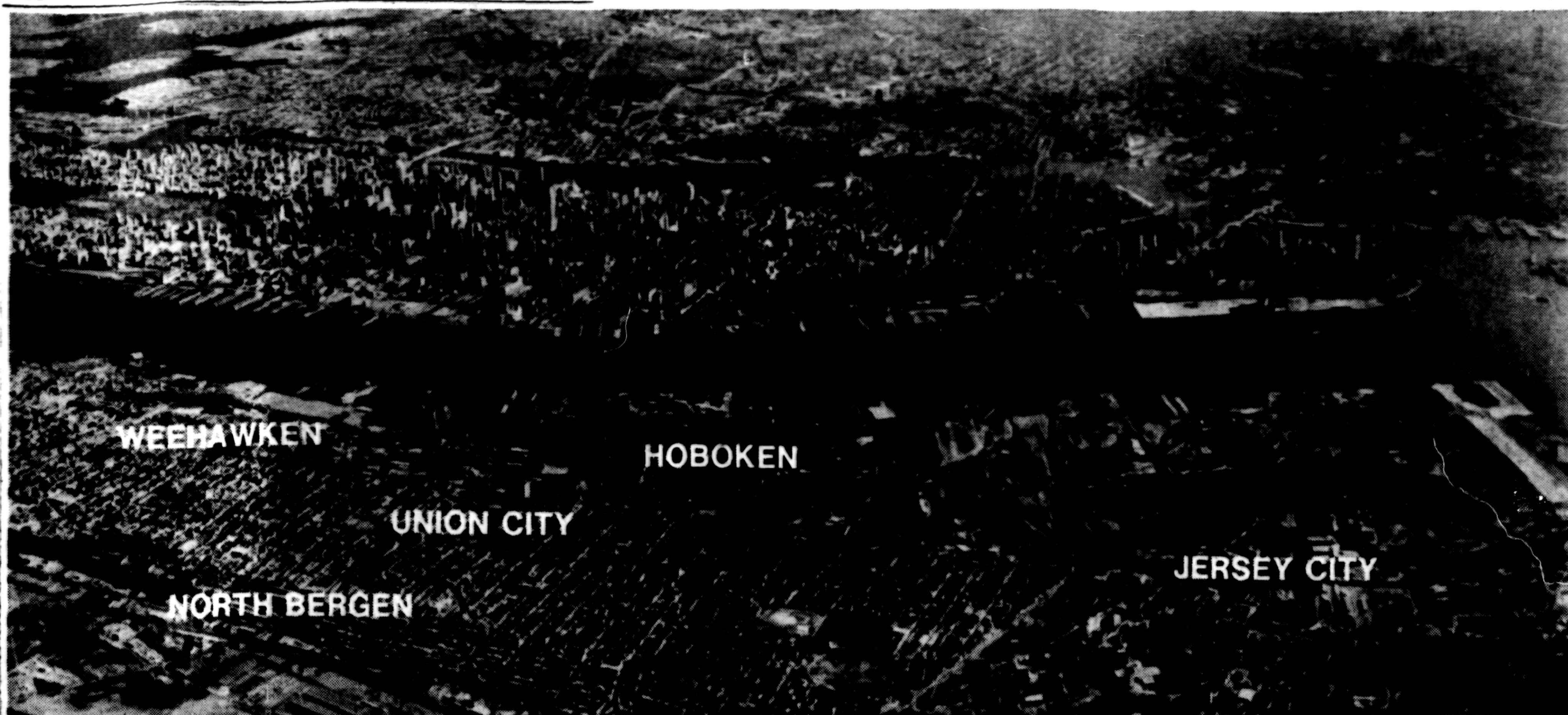


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## All systems go for the waterfront

From developers to public officials, the prediction is similar: the economic potential of the Hudson County waterfront is going to be tapped substantially, and fairly soon.

The various waterfront developments in the works include New Port City, Caven Point and Harborside Terminal in Jersey City; the Port Authority waterfront project in Hoboken; Hartz Mountain Industries in Weehawken; Romulus Corp. in Weehawken and West New York; and Roc Harbor Inc. in North Bergen.

The Waterfront Vocations Expo '83 will be held in North Bergen Monday and Tuesday in anticipation of that economic development and the jobs in back-office operations, retail stores and hotels that economic development is expected to produce.

Hudson County Planning Director Lawrence Campagna is very optimistic that major economic projects on the waterfront will become reality in a few years, even though in earlier decades ambitious goals for the waterfront did not produce much significant economic achievement.

"It looks very good," Campagna said, "particularly for Jersey City and Hoboken. With so many projects on the board, it looks as if Jersey City will see some significant development over the next five to 10 years."

Why did ambitious plans of the 1970s and earlier for economic development of the waterfront fail to materialize?

"There's a planning axiom," Campagna said, "that says nothing gets developed before its time."

The factors dampening the earlier waterfront development plans may have ranged from national recessions to energy price increases, Campagna said.

"Now it appears," Campagna said, "that the climate for this kind of activity, for whatever reason, is ready."

The development may alter the county in many ways. While Hudson has generally been leading the state in getting into a recession and trailing it in getting out of it, the new development should be a hedge against recession, Campagna said.

And the housing that will be part of the new development may bring in thousands of new residents, many of them childless white collar workers, accentuating a trend away from the traditional perception of Hudson County essentially as a place for blue-collar workers.

The vocations expo at the North Hudson center of the Hudson County Area Vocational-

Technical Schools is designed to prepare now for the changes in the kinds of jobs available that the waterfront development is expected to produce.

Developers in Jersey City have projected that waterfront developments in that city alone eventually may produce more than 50,000 jobs.

The biggest Jersey City development is anticipated to be the New Port City project by the Glimcher Co., Lefrak Organization and Melvin Simon Associates. It is designed to produce a 500-room hotel, a million square foot regional shopping center and big residential and office space developments.

While that project is in the works on the city's northern waterfront, Harborside Corp. is undertaking a major renovation and expansion not far away at Harborside Terminal, and expects the number of jobs there to grow from a figure of 1,000 a year ago to from 15,000 to 20,00 eventually.

Bankers Trust has already signed a contract to relocate 600 to 700 jobs at Harborside from New York, and expects to eventually add another 600 to 700 jobs there.

Harborside officials expect most of the new jobs there to be back office jobs, many of them calling for medium-level skills in such areas as computer operation and word processing.

Farther south, at Caven Point, American

Cities Corp. is planning to get moving fairly quickly on a project that will include a hotel, 700 residential units and 400,000 square feet of office space.

In Hoboken, the Port Authority has been planning and hopes to play a key role in financing a \$500 million waterfront project that could produce between 2,500 and 4,500 permanent jobs.

The plans announced last year call for 670 residential units, 10 to 20 retail convenience stores, 20 to 40 specialty stores, more than one million square feet of office space, a 400-room hotel, a marina and 15,000 square feet of restaurant space.

In North Hudson, Roc Harbor Inc. is seeking to start residential developments on the North Bergen waterfront; Hartz Mountain Industries is planning developments of the old Seaboard property in Weehawken and Romulus Corp. is planning a mixed-use development for a large stretch of the Weehawken and West New York waterfront.

Bayonne officials are hoping the Navy chooses the Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal as the homeport of a Surface Action Group. The BMOT is one of a few contenders for the designation, which could produce thousands of spinoff civilian jobs.

## Hoboken may need more money for cellar work

Although the city's Community Development Agency has scheduled the use of approximately \$300,000 towards the improvement of Washington Street in Hoboken, officials there must first determine how big the problem really is.

Following a meeting Wednesday night between CDA officials and the council's committee overseeing the agency, CDA Director Fred Bado said the money was there to perform the work. However, he said that studies would first have to be conducted along the entire length of the street to determine the scope of the needed work.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who attended the meeting, said the amount of work needed may well exceed the money being earmarked by CDA for the street. As a result, the work that will be done may have to be scaled-down from earlier expectations.

The program was initiated after an accident last week in which a 71-year-old woman fell through the sidewalk above an old vault on Third and Washington. To prevent this type of accident from occurring again, Ranieri said the program would help fill and strengthen the vaults and coal chutes along the street and repair the sidewalk on areas that need it.

## Cliffside resident wins Hoboken's \$7G lottery prize

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Michael Edelberg's number came up yesterday, and the Cliffside Park resident has \$7,501 waiting for him after his ticket number 1066 was selected from among 14,102 others in the first drawing of the Hoboken Lottery.

Edelberg's number was pulled in a hectic ceremony held at the start of the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal's evening commuter crush. The hyped-up ceremony caught the attention of nearly everyone except a few hundred commuters who had to weave their way through the Hoboken High School Marching Band, a battery of television camera crews and other curious onlookers to reach their trains.

The other half of the \$14,102 pot will go to the Hoboken Police Athletic League, which operated the program, to purchase athletic equipment for city youth sports programs.

"It was good, but I'm sorry someone from Hoboken couldn't win," said Mayor Steve Cappelletto.

Edelberg, who was not at the drawing, could not be reached for comment last night.

The Hoboken Lottery, actually a 50-50 program, was proposed by the City Council in February as a practical means of meeting President Reagan's desire that local governments assume a greater responsibility for their finances and not rely on federal assistance.

The program is a controversial one since it narrowly avoids violating state laws prohibiting municipalities from operating a game of chance.

Cappelletto said that officials from at least a dozen municipalities throughout the state recently contacted him expressing interest in instituting a similar program.

Two Paterson city councilmen attending yesterday's drawing said they believe their city will soon begin a similar program.

The concept is admirable. It's people helping people, instead of taxes finding projects," Paterson Councilman at-Large Ken Hayden said.

The Hoboken High School Band blared its way into the terminal 15 minutes prior to the 5 p.m. drawing, as dozens of commuters lined the lottery booth in front of Track 3 in a last-minute flurry of chance taking.

As the clock ticked within a few minutes to zero hour, Councilman Thomas Kennedy, who acted as the program's most inspired booster since its inception, egged on the chance-takers.

"Win it all. Get a payed vacation here. Be the lucky winner," Kennedy said.



HOBOKEN MAYOR Steve Cappelletto, left, and James Giordano, director of public safety, hold the winning ticket in the city's 50-50 contest yesterday.

**'It was good, but I'm sorry someone from Hoboken couldn't win'**

— Mayor Steve Cappelletto

Fists filled with dollar bills were waving frantically over the table as the clock ticked up to the 5 o'clock deadline, but the money was not refused. At 5:02, the winner was announced.

But all that could be heard over the band's rendition of Rocky's Theme and the engine of the 5:02 to Montclair was that the winner was from Bergen.

"From Bergen? Is his name Hanley? Is it Hanley?" asked one man frantically.

But it wasn't, and as Edelberg's name and ticket number were posted the crowd began to fade. By 5:10 and with the lottery crowd dispersed, the terminal had returned to its normally hectic pace.

## Hoboken gets a lift

### Tax appeal by Maxwell House off

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The managers of the huge Maxwell House coffee plant, the city's largest taxpayer, have dropped a \$1-million tax assessment appeal in the state Tax Court, the city tax assessor confirmed yesterday.

Maxwell House officials last week withdrew the appeal in which they were seeking an estimated \$1-million reduction in the city's \$5.1-million assessment on the waterfront plant, officials said.

The appeal, if successful, would have resulted in a substantial tax increase for city residents already faced with one of the state's highest tax rates — \$147 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, city officials said.

"It could have been disastrous," said city Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte.

Maxwell House Plant Operations Manager Daniel Kelley could not be reached for comment yesterday.

City officials, surprised at the development, said the withdrawal was an indication that Maxwell House has no plan to transfer the plant's operations.

The Maxwell House plant, one of the largest coffee factories in the world, reportedly has been suffering financially from a slump in coffee consumption and changes in its products. Rumors that the plant would be closed and sold to real estate developers were fueled in February when 200 plant employees were laid off.

"This is consistent with what Maxwell has been doing all along. They don't intend to leave Hoboken," Cappelletto said of the withdrawal.

If Maxwell House officials were considering selling the plant and its waterfront property, city officials said, they would have continued fighting the assessment. A reduced assessment would have been used by Maxwell House as a selling point in negotiations with prospective buyers, city officials said.

The plant pays \$736,000 in taxes to the city annually, Monte said.

"This is a sign that the flood of tax appeals has reached its crest," said Councilman Robert A. Ranieri.

Maxwell House, a subsidiary of the General



Photo by Bill Boyer

The Maxwell House coffee plant in Hoboken.

Foods Corp., filed its appeal with the Tax Court in August, bypassing the Hudson County Board of Taxation because of the size of the appeal.

The withdrawal follows an out-of-court tax settlement between the city and the Bethlehem Steel Corp., the former owner of the Hoboken Shipyard City and Bethlehem officials agreed last month to a \$4-million assessment on the property following a battle that began when Bethlehem appealed its assessment to the county tax board in 1981.

The city argued before the county tax board that the shipyard was worth \$6.2 million, while Bethlehem argued the property was worth only \$2 million. Both the city and Bethlehem appealed to the Tax Court when the county board ruled in favor of a \$5-million assessment.

The \$4-million agreement was reached before the court made its decision.

**City says coffee company will stay**



# The county African Queen berths as waterfront eatery

By James Kopchans

The first S.S. African Queen, star of the movie of the same name, rode the backwaters of central Africa, docking at ports in the midst of the great jungles. Its namesake, the new S.S. African Queen, rode the Hudson River yesterday to dock in Hoboken in the midst of the great urban jungle known as the New York metropolitan area.

However, all similarities stop there, because this new African Queen is a 161-foot converted Coast Guard cutter that will serve as a riverfront restaurant for over 200 diners. The old African Queen barely had room for Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart.

The new ship docked yesterday at the city's Newark Street pier amidst fireworks, tugboat horns, and fire sirens. An official preview of the ship will be held Saturday night and is expected to open for public dining at the end of June.

This African Queen will be permanently moored to the Newark Street pier, offering its diners a full view of the New York skyline while serving a

menu made up mostly of seafood and Italian dishes.

"It's really like three restaurants in one," George Costa, of Ho-Ho-Kus, the principal owner said during a tour of the ship yesterday. "There's an outdoor patio cafe on the upper deck, a main dining hall below it, and a lounge offering light meals below the main room."

The restaurant is still working on renting parking space from either the city's municipal garages or private parking lots.

The ship's designer, Arthur McCarthy Jr., has Bogart motifs run throughout the three dining areas. The top deck cafe has been titled "Rick's Cafe" from the movie "Casablanca" and will feature small jazz bands and light dining until the early hours of the morning.

The main room is called "Kathleen's" after McCarthy's wife. It features a black baby grand piano at its center and will feature gourmet dishes prepared under the supervision of Peter Dinallo, formerly head chef at the Archer's Restaurant in Fort Lee.

The bottom lounge is "Humphrey's" and features a

"Purple Parrot" room with a working waterfall.

This marks the third different use for the ship since it was first commissioned as the S.S. Erie Queen, in 1922. Its first duty was as an icebreaker on the Great Lakes. Later it was converted into a ferryboat and renamed the S.S. Great Lakes.

Then, in the early 1950s it was to have been converted into a restaurant by Carl Evers, according to Arthur McCarthy Jr., one of the minority owners and the designer of the ship's interiors. However, Evers could not raise the money and as a result the ship was berthed in City Island, N.Y., until 1982.

At that time it was bought by McCarthy and his father and converted at the cost of \$2.5 million.

It was Costa who bought the principal shares of the restaurant, who decided to move the restaurant from Staten Island, where the McCartys had moored it, to Hoboken.

"The arrival of the African Queen is the initial step in the development of the city's waterfront," Mayor Steve Cappiello said. "We have the prime waterfront in the harbor."



The new S.S. African Queen is aided by a tugboat as it prepares to dock at the Newark Street pier in Hoboken yesterday.

Photo by Wally Hennis

## Hoboken approves Pathmark center

By BILL GYVES

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A resolution permitting construction of a proposed Pathmark shopping center was narrowly approved yesterday by the City Council, despite four last-minute attempts to delay final action on the project that has been under consideration for three years.

By a vote of 5-4, the council approved a zoning law amendment allowing construction of large retail buildings in a section of the city now principally zoned for light industrial use.

The Pathmark shopping center has been proposed for a vacant five-acre site in the northern portion of the city at 14th and Washington streets, just off the city's valuable waterfront.

Despite City Council approval, however, the project is expected to face a series of additional delays including a possible mayoral veto and a string of pending legal actions.

In addition, Mayor Steve Cappiello has con-

firmed that the city is considering an option of foreclosing on the five-acre site, on which four years of back taxes are owed. If the city forecloses on the property, the site would be taken from the previous owners and put up for sale to the highest bidder.

"I won a round. The tide is turning," said Seymour Heller, principal owner of the property targeted for the Pathmark.

Heller has accused city officials of delaying approval of the project for the personal gain. He has not publicly detailed that accusation, however.

Heller said he expects to be issued a building permit within 10 days, but added that as a result of the expected delays he does not foresee construction beginning soon.

Supporters of the proposed Pathmark have argued the city cannot afford to reject the proposal, which its backers say will generate 240 jobs and about \$150,000 in annual tax revenue.

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## Hoboken Post Office open house celebrates golden anniversary

Hoboken residents are invited to take part in "Postal Appreciation Day," being staged tomorrow between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Main Post Office, 89 River Street.

The day's activities will feature a unique ceremony at 10:15 a.m., when the 50th anniversary of the building's inaugural flag raising will be commemorated. It was on Jan. 28, 1933 that the Post Office was dedicated and

opened for business, thus replacing the facility that had stood on the site since 1893.

The occasion is special because the little girl who raised the first flag over the new building has been located and will again assist with the ceremony.

That five-year-old tyke, named Fern, was the daughter of then Assistant Post-

master Michael Burgo. She is now known as Mrs. Richard Fox of New Milford.

It was through the efforts of Postmaster Sam Tridette that Fern was located and subsequently accepted his invitation to turn back the clock.

Throughout the day residents are welcome to come to the Post Office for an informative tour of the facility's postal operations.

## Cappiello hopes budget will be OKd next week

Hudson County freeholder chairman Steve Cappiello says he hopes that the freeholders can act to adopt the proposed \$134 million county budget by next week. Of that total, some \$78.7 million must be raised by taxation, up from \$73.5 million last year.

Cappiello made that prediction at yesterday's freeholder work session on the budget — a session marked by bickering between the chairman and Bayonne Freeholder Samuel D. Kaye over a budget analysis prepared by Charles Schimenti, counsel to the freeholders.

Cappiello, meanwhile, said he favored taking \$1 million out of the \$11.7 million surplus account to offset the amount of taxes to be raised by the municipalities toward their share of the county budget.

County executive Edward F. Clark Jr., who didn't attend the work session, said that "in such a situation, the options of increasing taxes or reducing appropriations is what you're left with in future years."

However, Clark said he couldn't recommend any other strategy. "The original budget we presented to the freeholders is representative of existing conditions and of what we're able to do to maintain operations," he said.

In related developments, the freeholders learned that:

- There is money provided in the proposed budget to allow the county to hire between seven and 10 new county policemen during 1983, according to county comptroller William Pearl, and Clark said that, "We would be appointing some of them. I want to go over that with the chief and

John Cali (public safety director)."

- The county has directed Weehawken to either make a lump sum payment of \$513,884 representing delinquent taxes owed to the county for 1981 and 1982 by Aug. 15 of to make quarterly payments on Aug. 15 and Nov. 15, 1983, and Feb. 15 and May 15, 1984. Secaucus has asked the county for permission to undertake a similar payment arrangement for \$303,007.42 in back taxes from Erie-Lackawanna railroad properties but no decision has yet been made on that.

- Kay objected to Cappiello's proposal to withdraw money from surplus. "With interest rates as they are, we should be leaving in as much surplus as possible," he said.

- Kaye also took exception to Schimenti quizzing Pearl about budget figures. "You're a lawyer — that's your field of expertise," Kaye snapped at Schimenti. "If you want to get an accountant to analyze the budget, I have no problem with that," he added.

- In his analysis, a breakdown of salary totals for various county departments, Schimenti attempts to show that Pearl has overprojected 1983 budget needs by at least \$1 million, even figuring in certain percentile for pay raises.

But Pearl said that Schimenti's figures were misleading because they didn't always reflect actual expenditures, taking into account all revenue sources and total appropriations, made for each of the departments analyzed.

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Cappiello and other officials have countered that the site can be put to a more profitable use, one connected with plans to construct an industrial park in the northern section of the city.

Cappiello is not expected to reach a decision on whether to veto the council's decision until after the City Council election Tuesday. The council presently does not have the necessary six votes to override a veto and, sources say, Cappiello is waiting to see if the election will alter that balance to ensure his veto is not defeated.

During an hour-long debate on the zoning law amendment, four separate attempts to delay final action were

introduced before the City Council finally approved the resolution.

Councilwoman Helen Macri suggested that the amendment be further reviewed by planning board attorney George Pappas. City Council President Walter S. Cramer, however, rejected Macri's proposal.

Moments later, Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, an opponent of the project, called for a vote to override Cramer's rejection. The motion was seconded by Macri, but defeated by a margin of 5-4.

A third attempt to delay action on the resolution was forwarded by attorney James V. Segreto, who represents the Hoboken Improvement Housing Corp. Segreto argued that a council vote would

be a violation of the state land use law.

Cramer overruled Segreto's argument after consulting with the law department. Segreto, who has also filed a suit charging that the City Council violated the Open Public Meetings Act in reviewing the amendment in March, said yesterday he expects the matter to reach Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City within a month.

Ranieri then attempted to have the resolution tabled, a motion that was defeated. The council then voted in favor of the resolution, with Cramer entering the ninth and deciding vote that broke a 4-4 deadlock.

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## Consumers get a fighting chance

Hoboken has had a city consumer affairs office for a longer period of continuous service than any other municipality in the county, yet it's apparently underutilized.

The office, which is staffed by director Audrey Borg and her assistant Hilda Luciano, handles between 300 and 400 cases a year. Yet, this amount only amounts to a low percentage of the complaints that could be filed, according to Mrs. Borg, a 1976 Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement.

"New Jersey has some of the

strongest consumer laws in the nation and people should take advantage of it," Mrs. Borg said. "For a number of reasons, many people refuse to complain when services go wrong, instead choosing to chalk the whole thing up to experience."

The most frequently-cited reason is the amount of time required to rectify the situation, Mrs. Borg said. Another is that some people are just afraid to make waves, she said.

"If I find a person that has been ripped off by a company, I'll fight like hell for their rights,"

she explained. In all, she has been able to settle about 95 percent of her cases favorably for the complainant.

"Most companies will set up some system of refunding money or repairing items," Mrs. Borg said. "It's worth more to them in public relations in the long run to do so."

She said the larger companies are the easiest to settle difficulties. The small shops, in which the customer usually deals with the owner on a one-to-one basis, are among the most difficult to settle consumer com-

plaints with, she explained.

The greatest offenders are measured by the number of complaints received are auto mechanics and mail order businesses, she said.

## Cemelli takes vacation

Hoboken Third Ward Councilman Sal Cemelli has taken a vacation from his job as deputy to County Clerk James Quinn, but he said he did so without any pressures. Cemelli's opponent in the city's May 10 council elections, Anthony Russo, has tried to have Cemelli leave the office until after the election because of a possible conflict of interest in his duties. However, Cemelli said he had planned to take the vacation, which started on Friday, to give him time to finish his campaign before the election.

## Stevens to unveil computer

A new computer that will be required by all freshmen entering Stevens Institute of Technology will be given a grand unveiling tomorrow at the Hoboken school from noon to 4 p.m. Members of the school staff will demonstrate the microcomputer, DEC PC 325, that will be used. Stevens was the first engineering school in the country to require students to purchase personal computers for their schoolwork.

## Block accuses councilman foe of 'smear' campaign

By BILL GYVES

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—City Council candidate Steve Block yesterday accused his opponent of purposely avoiding issues and waging what he termed a smear campaign against him in their head-to-head battle for the 5th Ward council seat. The election is May 10.

Block accused Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. of orchestrating a series of unfounded personal attacks out of "desperation."

Wilson denied Block's accusations, arguing in turn that it was Block who is expressing desperation by making the allegations.

"I don't know what he's talking about. It's utterly, utterly ridiculous. I guess he's getting a little desperate," Wilson said.

The 5th Ward campaign is one of only two ward contests featuring head-to-head battles between the incumbent and a lone challenger. Both Block and Wilson have billed themselves as the truly independent candidate, and have accused the other of being connected with Mayor Steve Cappiello's political organization. Cappiello has not endorsed either candidate.

"I think they're running scared. I'm certainly not in a position to claim victory, but when I announced my candidacy last fall, everyone thought I had no chance," Block said.

The Block-Wilson battle is believed by seasoned observers to be one of the closest contests in an election that will fill six City Council seats.

Block accused Wilson of spreading several rumors throughout Hoboken that he only recently moved to the city from New York; that he is the "candidate of the rich"; and that he is politically aligned with Cappiello. Block said last night that he and his wife moved from Newark to Hoboken in 1978.

Rather than trying to deal with the issues, they're trying to assassinate my character. And people tend to think that, where there's smoke, there's fire," Block said.

Block admitted that the rumors, regardless of their

origin, could be damaging to his campaign efforts.

"Sure I'm scared. I'm nervous as hell," he said.

The candidate insisted that he has been active in promoting the needs of the city's middle and lower-income residents, and insisted that although Cappiello appointed him to the board of education in 1978, the appointment followed the release of his highly critical report on the city's school system.

"I feel quite confident the mayor respects me. I've said what I felt and always told him to his face. But on the other hand, what I stand for is diametrically opposed to what (Cappiello) stands for. So I'm sure he feels hostile to what I represent," said Block, who is an educator.

## Pathmark action due this week

By BILL GYVES 5/2/83  
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HOBOKEN—The City Council is scheduled to take final action this week on an amendment to the zoning ordinance that could clear the way for construction of a proposed Pathmark shopping center that has been in the public eye for nearly three years.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr., a leading supporter of the project who said he will introduce the amendment at the council meeting Wednesday, yesterday said a majority of the governing body has shifted to favor the proposal.

Wilson said he expects City Council President Walter S. Cramer and Councilmen Thomas Kennedy, Nunzio Malfetti, and Salvatore Cemelli to join him in approving the amendment, which would allow construction of large retail buildings in a portion of the city presently zoned primarily for light-industrial use.

But Mayor Steve Cappiello confirmed Friday that he is considering the option of vetoing City Council approval of the project — an option that the mayor has not used in more than two years.

Cappiello and other city officials have opposed the Pathmark project on the grounds that it will interfere with plans to develop an industrial park in the northeastern section of the city. See PATHMARK, Page 6

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The Pathmark has been proposed for a five-acre parcel of land at 15th and Washington streets in the northern section of the city just off the Hoboken waterfront.

The planning board has recommended that the City Council reject the amendment, contending that the introduction of retail businesses in the northern section of the city is "totally inconsistent" with the 1979 master plan.

Backers of the project, however, insist the city cannot afford to reject a proposal that its supporters say will generate 240 jobs and approximately \$150,000 in tax revenue each year.

Seymour Heller, the principal owner of the property targeted for the shopping center, has accused city officials of delaying the project for their personal gain. He has not elaborated publicly on the charge.

The amendment is scheduled to be discussed at the council caucus today, Wilson said.

The City Council's vote on the proposal is considered to be a politically sensitive one in light of next week's election in which six of the council's nine members are running. The incumbents are — besides Wilson — Kramer, Kennedy, Cemelli, Malfetti and Mary Francone. All except Francone were elected to the council. She was appointed to succeed her husband, Louis, who retired from the council earlier this year.

A final vote on the proposal could cap nearly three years of postponements for the project, which first caught the public eye when an application was filed with the planning board on July 28, 1980.

But, sources said, the City Council's vote on the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance could signal another round of delays if Cappiello vetoes the decision. The council would have to muster six, instead of five, favorable votes to override the mayor's veto.

In addition, Heller is considered likely to sue the city if the council rejects the amendments. Several aspects of the issue have already been presented to Hudson County Superior Court Judge James H. Dowden. If the case is brought before Dowden, as many as two dozen city officials are expected to be subpoenaed to testify concerning the long delay involved in approving the Pathmark application, sources said.

## Arsonist

Hoboken residents have a right to be fearful.

The arson fiend who was responsible for the deadly blaze at the Pinter's Hotel a year ago is still at large.

That this criminal has not been brought to justice is not due to any failure to investigate.

Both Hoboken's arson squad and federal investigators launched an all-out search for the person responsible for the hotel fire that killed 13 women and children.

But neither investigation has come close to solving the terrible crime. And recently, the federal investigators have given up the case.

The same obstacle has plagued both federal investigators and Hoboken police.

Lack of cooperation from the public has stood in the way of progress on the case, say both sets of investigators.

When Hoboken police tried to check out leads and tips, none of the people involved would talk, according to Sgt. James Behrens of the city's arson squad.

"They were all scared that the arsonist would come back," Behrens said.

If the public refuses to cooperate with the continuing investigation by Hoboken police, these fears might come true.

The only way to protect the community against this arsonist is to help the police put the fiend behind bars.



# Vote on Hoboken plan put off

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

A final vote on the proposed \$500-million Hoboken waterfront revitalization project was tabled last night by a New York Assembly committee after panel members raised several last-minute objections to the bill.

The Assembly's Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions postponed until Tuesday a vote on the legislation that authorizes the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with the proposed Hoboken project, according to Rita Gordon.

an aide to Assemblyman G. Oliver Koppell, D-The Bronx, who chairs the committee.

Gordon had said Monday a committee vote on the legislation, which contains two amendments to the version of the bill passed last year by the New Jersey Legislature and the New York state Senate, was certain.

"People have raised questions. We want to clarify (the legislation) before we move it," Gordon said last night. She said Koppell's committee will take final action on the legislation next week.

The legislation will be considered by the full

Assembly if it clears Koppell's committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The bill could face an Assembly floor vote within three weeks, according to sources.

New York Assembly approval of the legislation is considered the final hurdle for the \$500-million Hoboken project. The legislation would also authorize the Port Authority to undertake a similar project in the New York City borough of Queens.

The legislation requires the approval of the New York and New Jersey legislatures because the authority is a bistate agency.

The two amendments to the legislation actually have been included in separate bills that will, if approved by the Assembly, be introduced in the New Jersey Legislature and New York Senate, Gordon said.

The first amendment restricts the Port Authority to two development projects in each state, although the second project cannot begin until the first project in each state is "well under way," Gordon said.

The second amendment requires that the Port Authority submit to the New York and New Jersey legislatures a progress report on its projects beginning in April of 1985, she said.

## Hispanic parade in Hoboken

After trying for years to get the nod, Hoboken will finally be able to play host to the New Jersey Hispanic-American Day parade on Oct. 2. Eli H. Burgos, a spokesman for the parade, said a combined effort by the city's Hispanics and its administration helped it win the nomination from the parade's board of directors. The city barely beat out Paterson for the parade. Although the date has been set, no other arrangements have been determined, nor has a route been chosen for the parade.

## Hoboken council sued on vote

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A lawsuit charging the City Council violated the state's Open Public Meetings Act in reviewing a zoning law amendment threatens to further delay a final decision on a Pathmark shopping center.

The Hoboken Improvement Housing Corp., in a suit filed last week in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City, charges that the council violated the act, also known as the sunshine law, when it introduced the amendment at two meetings in March. The suit charges that the violation stems from the council's failure to advertise when a final vote on the project would be taken.

The suit contends the council should

be required to re-introduce the amendment, a process that could delay final action on the proposed Pathmark center for at least two months. The project was proposed three years ago.

Attorney James V. Segreto, representing the HIHC, said yesterday that the council has been notified of the suit and has been given the chance to re-introduce the ordinance without legal action.

But City Council President Walter S. Cramer said yesterday that final action will be taken on the amendment tomorrow. If approved, the amendment could clear the way for construction of the shopping center on five acres of land at 15th and Washington streets.

Called the Pathmark amendment, the

proposed changes in the zoning ordinance would allow large retail buildings to be constructed in a northern portion of the city zoned for light industrial use.

Segreto declined to identify the members of HIHC, but he said two members own two large pieces of property in the city. The corporation opposes the proposed shopping center because it would complicate the area's traffic problem and interfere with plans to develop an industrial park in that portion of the city, Segreto said.

Mayor Steve Cappiello opposes the project and has indicated he might veto the amendment if the City Council approves it. Council supporters of the project say the amendment will be approved tomorrow.

## Hoboken votes probed

## Ballot abuse charged

By BARBARA DEMICK  
Staff Writer

The Hudson County superintendent of elections is investigating complaints of absentee ballot abuses in Hoboken, where six City Council seats are up for grabs in Tuesday's municipal election.

Superintendent Joseph T. Brady said he had received about 26 complaints from Hoboken. In contrast, North Bergen and West New York, which also have elections Tuesday, have "been pretty quiet so far," he said.

Most of the complaints, Brady said, have been of people voting by absentee ballot who should be able to go to the polls on their own and may not be entitled to the ballots.

However, some charges have been more serious. One Hoboken resident, who was visiting the Board of Elections office in Jersey City yesterday, told Brady she had already voted by absentee ballot but that a number of campaigners were coming to her house and telling her to vote again. Brady

said he has sent investigators to the woman's home and has verified some of her complaints.

He was unsure whether the matter will be turned over to Hudson County Prosecutor Harold J. Ruvalcaba Jr. "When I conclude my investigation, if I feel it warrants further investigation, I will turn it over," Brady said.

Brady would not comment on from which ward the complaints came, but said they were not all from the same ward.

The office is still investigating an allegedly phony letter sent to voters in Hoboken's 3rd Ward in which incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli is being challenged by Anthony Russo, a foe of Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The letter, which is purported to be from Scott Weiner, director of the state Election Law Enforcement Commission, warns voters to beware of absentee ballot fraud. But Weiner has said he did not send the letter and that it is a forgery.

Brady said that investigation has not been completed.

## Hoboken residents fear revival of burlesque acts

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Several angry residents have called City Hall in the last two days, concerned that Hoboken is slated for a revival of burlesque revues, Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday.

The callers, mostly elderly women, apparently were responding to an article in The Dispatch Monday about

a nightclub scheduled to be opened next month by former Hudson Theater burlesque queen Joan Torino, Cappiello said.

The mayor said he assured the callers that the nightclub, Red Heads, would not include stripping—a fact Torino made clear in the article. Cappiello said she will abide by laws forbidding striptease acts.

"I've instructed (the state division of Alcoholic

Beverage Control) to be ever alert that there is no immoral or exotic dancing with the establishment," Cappiello said.

Torino said she plans to revive the fun and spirit of the glory days of the Hudson Theater, Union City's nationally famous burlesque theater. But Torino said she will abide by laws forbidding striptease acts.

"Oh, tell the ladies not to be alarmed," Torino said

last night. "It's so ridiculous. I didn't get the place for stripping. I got it to have a nice, classy place and to have nice entertainment. It's not a porn place, and it never will be."

"They still snicker at the word burlesque. You can put the TV on and see people practically nude. We went through the explosion of the 60s, and yet they still go crazy when they hear you were in burlesque 30 years ago," she said.

## 4 incumbents retain Hoboken council seats

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Four of six incumbent City Council members involved in yesterday's election retained their seats, with one other defeated and another slated for a runoff election with one of the local administration's most outspoken critics.

In the 6th Ward, Councilman Nunzio Malfetti was narrowly defeated in his bid for a third City Council term. Challengers Pat Pasculli and Arcangelo Valente, who received 662 and 538 votes, respectively, to Malfetti's 534, will battle each other in a runoff election June 14. Albert La Book, another challenger, received 229 votes.

City Council President Walter S. Cramer, who represents the city's 2nd Ward, was unable to secure more than half of the ward's votes and will face Thomas Vezzetti, one of his most persistent critics, in a runoff election.

In the 2nd Ward contest, Cramer received 721 votes, Vezzetti 433, Michael

### June 14 runoff slated for 2nd and 6th wards

Shaeffer 153, Ruben E. Rivera 159, Margaret Burke 143 and James A. Roarty 127.

In the 1st Ward battle, incumbent Anthony H. Romano easily defeated challenger Patrick J. Caulfield to secure a fifth term on the City Council. Romano received 1,017 votes to Caulfield's 653.

In the 3rd Ward contest, the most heated of the six campaigns, incumbent Salvatore Cemelli narrowly edged challenger Anthony Russo by only 163 votes and was elected to his third full council term. Cemelli secured 1,262 votes to Russo's 1,099 and John R. Spano's 127.

City Councilwoman Mary Francone, who was appointed to the council two

months ago to fill out her husband's term, easily defeated two challengers. Her husband, Louis, had a record 28 consecutive years on the City Council. Francone received 967 votes, Florence Amato 631, and Michael DeLanzo 112.

The 5th Ward incumbent, E. Norman Wilson Jr., defeated challenger Steve Block to win his second City Council term. Wilson received 1,262 votes to his opponent's 718.

The winners in yesterday's election will begin their four-year terms on July 1.

The terms of Mayor Steve Cappiello and the city's three at-large council members expire in 1985.

The winners in yesterday's election were selected from a field of 21 candidates, one of the largest in recent history. In what was regarded as one of the quietest elections of the last decade, the questions of whether the city's tax rate will continue to rise and what effect the projected development of the local waterfront will have on the city's residents were major issues.



Walter S. Cramer



Salvatore Cemelli

## HOBOKEN ELECTION WIN DIMS MCCANN'S POWER

Hoboken incumbents captured four of the six city council seats in Tuesday's ward election with a runoff slated for the other two chairs.

The voting results are seen as a clear-cut victory by the administration of Mayor Steve Cappiello and the support of the residents against the interloping forces of Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

McCann had also threatened to use his influence in West New York where the incumbents solidly thrashed all opposition in Tuesday's contest.

Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti lost his bid for a third term going down to defeat at the hands of challengers Pat Pasculli and Angelo Valente.

Malfetti registered 524 votes against Pasculli's 662 and Valente's 538. Albert La Book, another entrant in the race, gathered in 229 votes.

In the other runoff contest, City Council President Walter S. Cramer, Second Ward representative, will face Thomas Vezzetti, a long-time critic of the administration.

Cramer came out on top with 721 votes while Vezzetti was second with 433. Others in the contest were Michael Shaeffer, who received 153; Ruben Rivera, 159; Margaret Burke, 143 and James Roarty, 127.

Here's how the others made out: First Ward, incumbent Anthony H. Romano beat challenger Patrick J.

Caulfield to secure a fifth term. Romano received 1,017 votes to Caulfield's 653.

Third Ward, incumbent Salvatore Cemelli edged challenger Anthony Russo by 163 votes and was elected to his third full council term. Cemelli secured 1,262 votes to Russo's 1,099 and John R. Spano's 127.

Fourth Ward, City Councilwoman Mary Francone defeated two challengers. Francone received 967 votes, Florence Amato 631 and Michael DeLanzo 112.

Fifth Ward, incumbent E. Norman Wilson Jr., defeated challenger Steve Block to win his second City Council term. Wilson received 1,262 votes to his opponent's 718.

## Pathmark ready to build if city gives green light

Now that the Hoboken City Council has cleared the way, officials representing the Pathmark supermarket chain say they will put a new supermarket into the city "as soon as possible."

Robert Wonderly, vice president of public affairs for Pathmark's parent group Supermarkets General, said the chain was ready to construct a supermarket on the northern end of Washington Street and would begin once all details are cleared.

The site, at 15th and Washington streets, has stirred a controversy in the city and is one of the major issues in today's municipal elections.

On May 4, the City Council voted, 5-to-4, to amend the zoning code to allow the supermarket to be built on what is zoned as an industrial area.

However, Mayor Steve Cappiello may veto the amendment by Saturday. The mayor said he still must review the minutes of the meeting and all other details before deciding. Should he veto, it would take at least six votes of the council to overturn it.

Seymour Heller, president of

Hoboken Manufacturers Association, owners of the land, said Wonderly's words could only put additional pressure on Cappiello's decision.

"Now we will know that if he vetoes the amendment, he will be vetoing the people," Heller said.

Heller had been trying for nearly three years to obtain a variance to build the supermarket. His efforts appeared stalled in August when the city's board of adjustment turned down the variance and the council learned it could not hear an appeal of the decision by Heller.

Throughout his efforts, Heller has maintained he had a contract with Pathmark to develop the site. However, city officials had doubted this because of the proximity of another Pathmark, located at 43rd Street and Park Avenue in Weehawken.

Wonderly said yesterday that Pathmark had all intentions of going into Hoboken even with the Weehawken store. "We had planned both stores at the same time and we had taken into account that they would be close to each other. This does not change our decision."

## Housing agency imposes freeze

By James Kopchans

With three applicants for every apartment, officials of the Hoboken Housing Authority have put a freeze on all housing applications until they can reorganize their waiting list.

Housing Authority Director Dominick Gallo said the office won't accept any more housing applications for at least the next two months while he and his staff try to update all information on applicants already on file.

The authority's board of commissioners, presided over by the Chairman Andrew Scherer, voted last month to impose the freeze because the number of applications was adding to Gallo's problems in untangling the waiting list.

Gallo estimated that about 4,000 applicants are on the waiting list for apartments in the city's five housing complexes. The authority controls 1,353 units, Gallo said, and all of them are what he characterized as "solidly" occupied.

"Since January, I don't think there have been more than five or six vacancies in all the projects," Gallo said. "The people are staying here because there's just no

place to go outside."

Since being named director in June, Gallo said one of the areas he said he considered a priority was the waiting list, much of it resembled a maze of outdated information and forms.

"It's turned into a much larger job than I ever anticipated," Gallo said. Over the last few months his office has hired two former federal housing officers, Madeline Scott and Carmen Irizarry as private consultants to get the list in order.

In June, the board is to advertise for bids on a computer system to handle the waiting list and other information in authority offices.

"We've still got several months to go, but once we get it into order then we'll be able to automatically know who is next in line for specific types of apartments when they become available," he said.

However, Gallo admitted that the sheer size of the number of applicants will mean that many of those applying will have almost no chance of getting space in the project.

"That doesn't matter. We still have to keep the list," he said.

## Post Office marks 'Appreciation Day'

More than 2,000 people turned out 50 years ago when the U.S. Postal Service opened its new main office on River Road in Hoboken.

Yesterday, about 75 people, including school children, attended ceremonies honoring the building's 50th anniversary. The ceremonies, hosted by Hoboken Postmaster Sam Tridante, were part of an overall "Postal Appreciation Day" in the city.

To help link yesterday with the past, Tridante invited back Mrs. Fern Fox, who as a 5-year-old had been the first to raise the American flag over the new building. Mrs. Fox recreated the flag raising at the ceremonies.

"I can remember it was very exciting," said Mrs. Fox, who is a housewife married to a civil engineer, Richard Fox, in New Milford. "There were bands and banners and they had erected a grandstand for all the dignitaries."

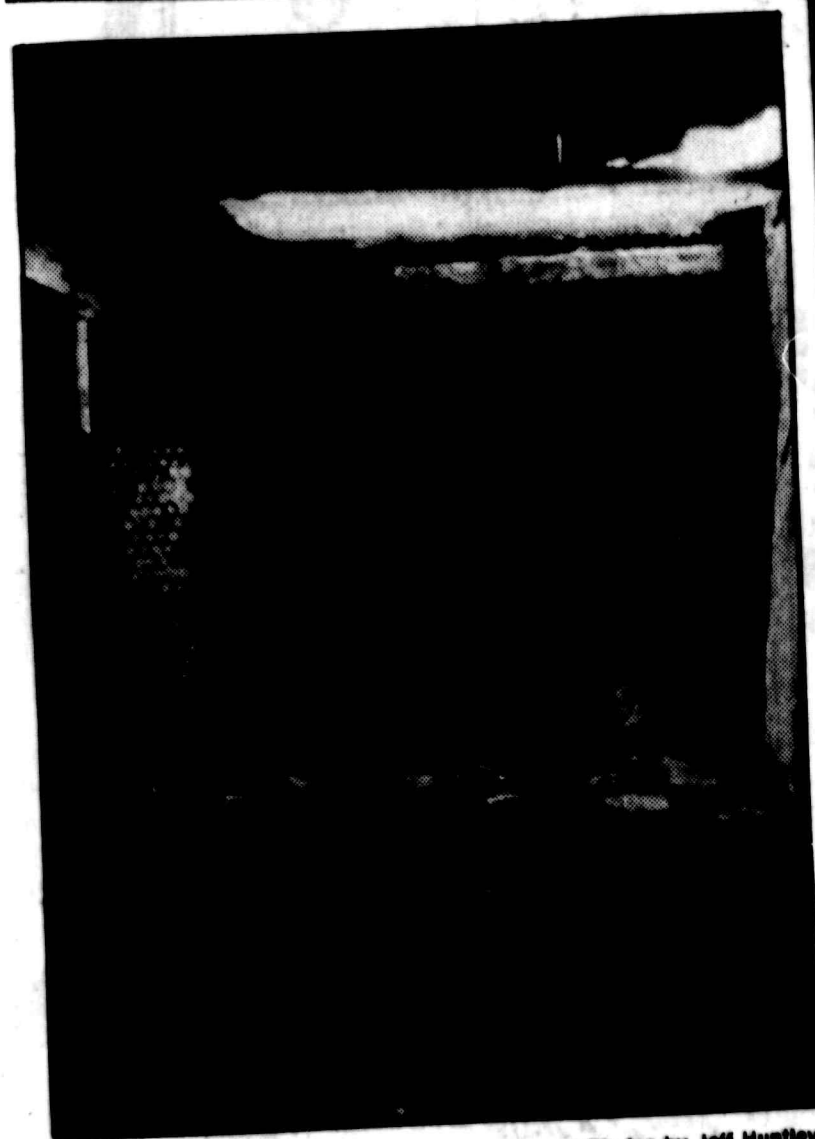
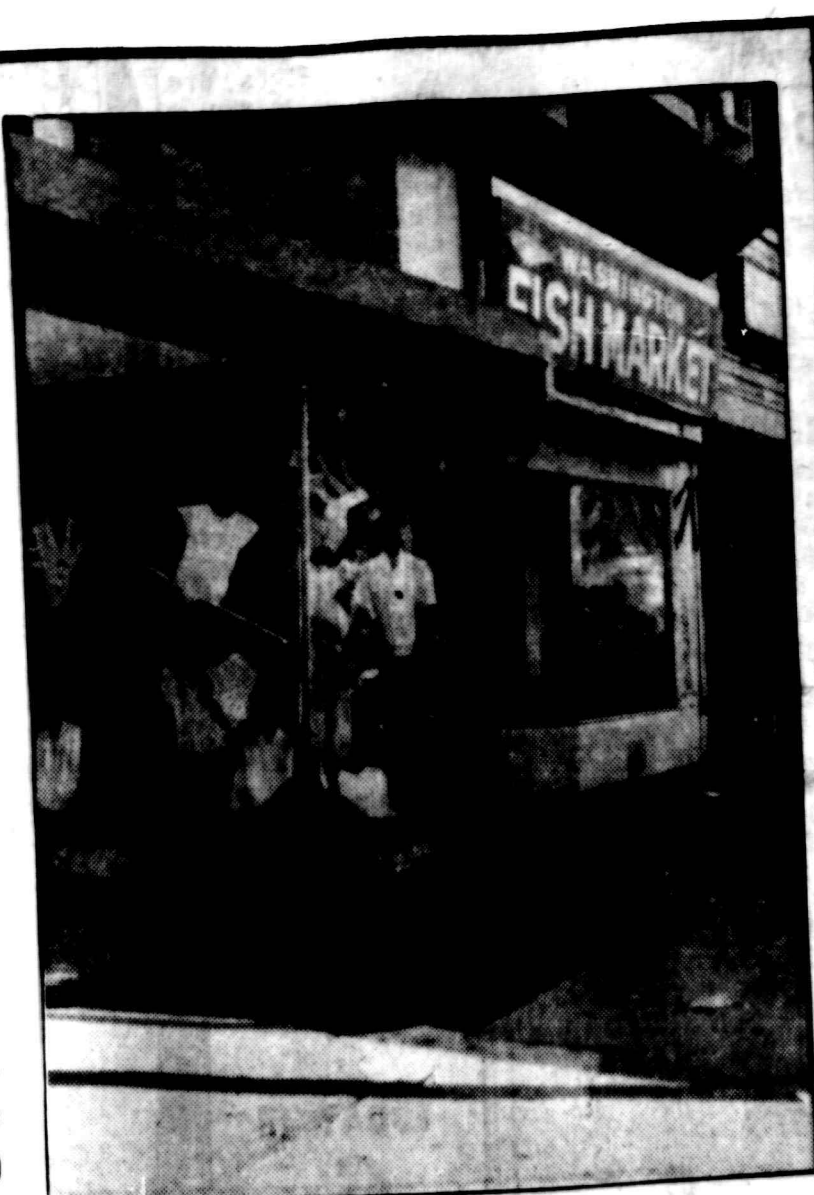
The dignitaries at that opening included then-Gov. A. Harry Moore, State Senator Robert Kean, and Congressmen Archibald E. O'Connell and John J. Eagen. The grand marshal for the parade then was Captain Philip Barry, Hoboken's only surviving veteran of the Civil War.

At yesterday's ceremonies, representatives from the city and its veterans groups were present as well as postal officials. Following the ceremony, Tridante conducted a tour of postal operations in the building.



## The bottom dropped out!

The sidewalk in front of the Jean Scene clothing store at 300 Washington St., Hoboken, top, collapsed yesterday afternoon, dropping a 71-year-old woman some 15 feet into a cellar, below, where she was buried beneath nearly 200 pounds of concrete and dirt. — Story on Page 36.



Photos by Jeff Huntley

## The bottom dropped out

By James Kopchans and Lawrence Babich

An elderly Hoboken woman was injured when a sidewalk caved in and rubble buried her beneath nearly 200 pounds of concrete yesterday afternoon, police reported.

Secundina Montoto, 71, was walking along Washington Street when the sidewalk gave way in front of the Jean Scene clothing store, dropping her some 15 feet into the cellar below, police said.

Luigi DiBiase, an employee of the Washington Fish Market next to the clothing store, also fell into the cellar as he tried to help.

"I went out and I saw the woman down at the bottom," DiBiase said. "Then the sidewalk gave way some more and I dropped." He landed feet first, he said, and then fell and struck his head.

The woman, who was pinned by two pieces of concrete, one weighing 100 pounds and the other 80 pounds, was rescued by police and taken to St. Mary Hospital where she was placed in the intensive care unit with compound fractures of her left shoulder, left elbow and left knee as well as multiple cuts, officials said.

DiBiase was also taken to St. Mary Hospital where he was treated for contusions and abrasions of the right leg and a hematoma of the skull, police said.

Alfred Arezzo, a Hoboken construction code official, said up the sidewalk and it would have time and weather slowly ate

away the timbers that supported the sidewalk in front of 300 Washington St.

"It was a kind of accident that could have happened anywhere along the street," Arezzo said, pointing out that all the stores on the block had extended cellars built underneath the sidewalk and shored up the steel beams and wooden timbers.

As a result, Arezzo closed both the Jean Scene and the fish market and ordered inspectors to start checking cellars on the street to prevent any more collapsing.

"The wooden beams had been worn away," Arezzo said. "They were old and the rain water seeping through the sidewalk and the salt used to clear away the snow just helped weaken them even more."

The building is reportedly owned by Joseph Pini, whom Arezzo was trying to contact. It is on one of the busiest intersections on the street which forms Hoboken's main business district.

"I was looking outside and then I saw the woman drop down," Joseph Haber of Brooklyn, an owner of the Jean Scene, said. "There was a big boom and I ran out to see what was happening."

"I went outside and this guy from the fish store was there, then fell in. I just stood there and watched."

Police cordoned off the area before both stores. Arezzo said city public works crews would rip up the sidewalk and it would have to be rebuilt from scratch.

### Collapse victim serious

## Watching their step

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Pedestrians walking along bustling Washington Street yesterday proceeded at an unusually cautious pace, eyes fixed on the sidewalk ahead and stepping gingerly as though walking along a milelong stretch of eggshells.

The pedestrians' deliberate pace would have been considered odd except for the fact that a day earlier, a 110-pound, 71-year-old woman was seriously injured when she went crashing through that sidewalk.

Secundina Montoto, of Jersey City, was seriously injured when the sidewalk at 300 Washington Street collapsed beneath her, sending the woman

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## Judge orders recount in Hoboken race

By BARBARA DEMICK  
Staff Writer

A recount of the results in Hoboken's hotly contested 3rd Ward City Council election was ordered yesterday by Hudson County Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien.

Incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, the victor of the May 10 election, agreed to let his defeated opponent, Anthony Russo, have a recount of the ballots.

Russo, who lost the election by a slim margin, garnering 1,099 votes to Cemelli's 1,262, said he hopes to gain enough votes in the recount to obtain a runoff.

The vanquished candidate, a longtime foe of Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, said he was only 16 votes short of obtaining a runoff, which is required if the highest vote-getter does not obtain more than 50 percent of the votes cast.

O'Brien scheduled the recount for Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Both Russo and Cemelli will be allowed to watch the process along with their attorneys and campaign managers.

Joseph Healy, Russo's attorney, said he was primarily interested in mistakes made in the absentee ballots.

In the complaint filed yesterday, Healy said he obtained affidavits from 31 people who said they voted by absentee ballot for Russo. However, the election results showed only 25 absentee ballots cast for Russo.

The complaint cited several other problems.

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of containing the metal. Samples from all the sites have been sent to state laboratories, where tests pinpointing the nature of the waste will be completed in six weeks, he said.

The official declined to identify the sites until the test results return.

One form of chromium, hexavalent chromium, is listed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of known carcinogens, according to William Smith of the New Jersey Commission on Occupational Safety and Health. The metal has been linked to lung cancer and skin ulcers.

Other chromium forms, such as trivalent chromium, are much less harmful, according to Smith.

The city official said it is not yet known how much of the chromium waste is hexavalent.

The largest known chromium dump is the former site of the Roosevelt Drive-In Theater on Route 440, where more than 2 million tons of chromium slag was buried before 1964 by a now-defunct smelting company.

Donald Lynch, an official of the Hazardous Waste Division of the state Department of Environmental Protection, said yesterday that the DEP is seeking to force either the Allied Chemical Corp., which bought the smelting company in

1964, or W.R. Grace Co., the land's present owners, to pay for a cleanup.

Both companies have disclaimed responsibility for the site.

Lynch said he was not sure if the site presents a health hazard. Most of it is paved over, he noted, but said that in some spots it is not.

## Morgan Bank boosts the Cuppy Fund

Efforts to raise funds for fifth-grader Christopher "Cuppy" Spina in Hoboken received a boost with a contribution of \$1,500 from a New York bank.

The bank, Morgan Guaranty, made the contribution as part of its payment to the city for parking space on the city's Port Authority piers property during the recent strike by New Jersey Transit railroad workers.

Meanwhile, students at the Salvatore Calabro School, where Cuppy is a student, have scheduled a series of fundraising events to help the fund.

Cuppy has been suffering from a rare bone disease known as achondroplasia, which stunts the growth of bone cartilage in his legs. With proper surgery and hospital care, the disease could be stopped. However, such medical care is expected to be very costly.

The bank had made an agreement with the city during the strike to allow its employees to park at Pier C, where the city had set up a temporary parking lot. James Farina, director of recreation for the city, said he had received the check from the bank and had forwarded it to fund officers.

Most of the events being held by the Calabro School will be for students during school hours. This includes a dance concert to-day sponsored by fifth graders and a rock-a-thon on May 23 given by the eighth graders. In addition, the first grade will hold a cake sale later this month and the sixth graders will hold a teacher baby picture contest.

Meanwhile, a public flea market will be sponsored by the school on June 2 and 3 for the fund. Anyone wishing to contribute directly to the fund may do so by mailing it to the Cuppy Fund, P.O. Box M-1016, Hoboken, NJ 07030.

## Cemelli accuses Russo of fraud

By BARBARA DEMICK  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Third Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli yesterday accused Anthony Russo of coercing voters into signing affidavits saying they voted for him. The charges came on the heels of Russo's allegations of absentee ballot fraud in the May 10 municipal election.

Russo, who lost to Cemelli by 163 votes, was granted a recount this week by Hudson County Superior Court Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien.

O'Brien yesterday granted a motion by 5th Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti for a recount. Malfetti narrowly lost his bid for a third term to challengers Pat Pasculli and Arcangelo Valente, who face a runoff June 14.

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Both recounts are scheduled for Tuesday.

In the 3rd Ward dispute, Russo challenged the official results of the election that showed him garnering 25 votes through absentee ballots. On Monday, he filed 31 affidavits from people who said they voted for him by absentee ballot.

But Cemelli's attorney responded yesterday by producing four affidavits of their own.

One voter, in a sworn affidavit, said he signed the earlier affidavit for Russo "due to continuous harassment by Mr. Russo and his associates." Another said he signed an affidavit in behalf of Russo because "he stated that he would get my brother a job after he won the election." Two more people of the 31 who signed affidavits for Russo also retracted their original statements, according to Cemelli's lawyer.

Bernard F. Kenny Jr., Cemelli's attorney, said he gave the affidavits to Hudson County Superintendent of Elections Joseph T. Brady, who is investigating the allegations.

Kenny said yesterday that the affidavits "are a serious charge against the papers that were brought to court by Russo."

Russo called them affidavits "absurd." "I have no tools to coerce anyone," said Russo, a long-time foe of Cappiello. "They have all the tools Steve Cappiello does — he's the mayor."

Russo also said he was concerned about Cemelli harassing the people who signed the 31 affidavits in his behalf.

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crashing 12 feet to the floor of a 100-year-old coal cellar.

City officials, who do not claim direct responsibility for the sidewalk collapse, blamed the accident on wear and tear on the pavement. They acknowledged that much of the city's infrastructure is nearly 100 years old and reaching the breaking point.

Montoto was listed in stable but serious condition yesterday in the intensive care unit of St. Mary Hospital, suffering from multiple fractures of the leg, arm and shoulder blade, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Yesterday, sidewalks (or the lack of them) were the leading topic of conversation in the city, the main question being: Who was responsible?

City officials are quick to answer: the property owner.

Al Arezzo, city construction official, said yesterday he was preparing a letter to be mailed to about 800 landlords instructing them to submit to his office an engineer's report on the condition of the sidewalk outside their property.

Arezzo, who said the engineer reports could cost the individual property owners as much as \$300 each, said he expects to create a minor furor from the landlords who say it is the city's responsibility.

Representatives of the 1405 Clinton Corp., which reportedly owns the property at 300 Washington St., could not be reached for comment yesterday.

"We have got to face the fact that we are dealing with an old city here," said City Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, whose family-operated furniture business stands only a block from the site of the collapse.

Ranieri said city officials are looking into whether state and federal funds can be secured through the Hoboken Community Development Association to help reinforce Hoboken's streets and sidewalks.

The collapse Tuesday is believed to be the first in the city's history, although it was the first in which someone was severely injured. Ranieri recalled the time about 10 years ago when a sidewalk collapsed from the weight of a truck parked on it, truck collapsed a sidewalk off Hudson Street.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he recalls several cave-ins 20 years ago when he was a youngster, although none of the collapses attracted quite the stir as the one at 300 Washington St.

"But that was before the days that (law) suits became so popular," he said.

## African Queen to dock

Bands will be playing this morning on the Hoboken piers to welcome the African Queen into port. No, it is not the boat that was used in the famous movie of the same name. That was only big enough for its stars Katherine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. Instead, this African Queen is a former U.S. Coast Guard cutter, refitted as a floating restaurant that will be moored at the Newark Street pier, next to the old Hoboken ferry slip. The ship, which had been moored at the St. George harbor in Staten Island, had been used as a restaurant for private and corporate parties, according to Kim Simmons, spokeswoman for the owners George Costas and Arthur McCarthy. The cruiser features a large main dining hall, Mrs. Simmons said. In addition, there will be a deck area for open dining and a club with a performing stage below the dining area.



Photo by Bruce Johnson

JAMES SALVANO, a longtime Hoboken resident, snaps a few pictures of the hole in the sidewalk at 300 Washington St. yesterday. Salvano said he passed by 15 minutes before the sidewalk collapsed on Tuesday.

## Malfetti will form political club

Determined to break a "stranglehold" they say is caused by the Cappiello administration, a new city-wide civic group is forming in Hoboken to help select and finance quality candidates in future elections.

The club, spearheaded by Sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, will first meet out of Malfetti's civic club at Seventh Street and Willow Avenue. However, its organizers, including Malfetti, said the club

will move as soon as it is firmly on its feet.

Also, its name, at present, will be the "Malfetti Love Hoboken Civic Club," until the club's organization is completed and its members will vote for a new name.

According to Malfetti, the new club will be the first attempt by any organization to help select candidates through the vote of its membership.





A bulldozer begins to break ground on Washington Street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, in Hoboken as work on the city's infrastructure begins.

## Hoboken facing up to problems of aging

By James Kopchans

Last week's sidewalk collapse has brought the long-neglected subject of infrastructure to the attention of Hoboken officials.

The accident, which almost killed a 71-year-old woman under the weight of nearly 200 pounds of concrete and dirt, occurred when supports shoring the sidewalk over an old coal cellar gave way. City residents are wondering just how safe and sturdy their city is.

Incorporated as a city in 1855, Hoboken first saw settlements of large numbers of persons in the 1820s. By 1872, it had already been urbanized with 20,000 people. By 1915, its population was at 70,000 within its square mile area.

Most major construction occurred as its pop-

ulation ballooned between the Civil War and the turn of the century. Now much of what was built then is fast reaching the end of its expected life.

Infrastructure refers to the physical parts of the city such as streets, water and sewer lines, parks and municipal buildings.

First Street has seen three sewer line collapses during the past year. At one collapse, Roy Haack, superintendent of sewerage, said the street there was only being held up by some old trolley ties sunken beneath the asphalt.

At the city's Jackson Gardens housing project, a major portion of the authority's \$7 million improvement grant was used to dig out basements nearly filled in by landfill shifting upwards.

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Water was temporarily turned off and traffic rerouted in the area near Our Lady of Grace Church at Fifth Street and Willow Avenue because of a major water line leak.

For nearly 25 years city officials chose to emphasize funding for municipal services such as police protection and garbage collection, over repairs to its infrastructure, according to Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

"The government has emphasized services and forgotten about infrastructure," Chius said. "They hired more men and paid higher salaries for things like garbage collection and no one disagreed. It was like motherhood, you didn't talk against it."

As a result, nothing was done on infrastructure. It was all delayed and now we have to deal with that."

One example of delay is the city's municipal garage. A study in 1948 first cited the need for a central municipal garage to store all municipal vehicles. However, it took until 1979 before actual plans were drawn and executed for it.

"What would happen if I asked that we not hire three policemen and instead use the money to realign the water line on Eighth Street?" Chius said. "Water realigning does not get

many votes." Some of the work needed is not the city's responsibility, yet the delays affect the city just as much. One is the 14th Street Viaduct, which is essential to the city's northern wards and connects with Union City and Jersey City.

The state has estimated it will take between \$3 and \$4 million to repair and shore up the rotting supports, yet has repeatedly delayed efforts to secure the money for the repairs.

A general clean-up of debris and rotting piers on the city's waterfront is slated by the Army Corps of Engineers. However, it has been over a year since the work was scheduled to begin with no sign yet when it will.

The city still does not have any organized plan towards infrastructure repairs. William Van Wie, director of public works, said repairs are still done by his crews on a patchwork basis.

Last year, Chius estimated the city spent only \$50,000 on such repairs of the \$20 million-plus budgeted for them.

Chius and Frank Italiano, the city's auditor, have completed a six-year, \$5 million capital improvements plan to be included in the city's budget when it is introduced next month. However, only about \$370,000 of this will be allocated in 1983 with no guarantees for the future.

The plan includes \$1.5 million for sewage treatment at the city's outdated sewerage plant and \$2 million for new sewer lines (including bonding for most of First Street). Another \$300,000 would be used for repairing sidewalks and maintaining trees within the city's parks while \$150,000 is used for repairs to City Hall.

A total of \$350,000 in public works equipment (including two new mechanical sweepers costing \$190,000 and new snow removal equipment) is included as well as an allocation of \$20,000 for the installation of computer terminals inside police headquarters. Finally, \$500,000 is allocated in the plan for repaving and reconstruction of city streets.

Only the public works equipment and police computer terminals are allocated in this year's budget, he said. Meanwhile, the list does not include such work as mandated secondary sewage treatment at the plant (estimates vary between \$35 and \$45 million) and additional repairs to the water lines (where the city still finds 30 to 35 percent of its yearly water use unaccounted for).

"The city can never go it alone on infrastructure," Mayor Steve Cappiello said. "It just

would be too expensive. We have to look elsewhere for funding."

One such place, he said, may be in legislation now in the State Assembly's Revenue and Finance Committee which would establish a state infrastructure bank, channeling state and federal dollars to the city in the form of low-interest loans and grants to complete repairs.

Meanwhile, the city has received federal and state grants to help it cope with isolated areas. Most notable has been the federal-funded First Street Improvement Project, which will reconstruct streets and sidewalks along First Street, when it starts in late summer.

The city has also been able to unfreeze nearly \$120,000 in its own and state matching grants for sidewalk and other repairs at Stevens Park at Fourth and Hudson streets.

Cappiello said he would speak to the city council about the possibility of financing a study on long-range planning for the city's infrastructure.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, chairman of the council's water and sewerage committee, said any such plan would have to include the treatment plant as its cornerstone.

"Unless you rebuilt the sewer plant it wouldn't matter if you repaved the streets," Ranieri said. "Any such plan would have to require dedication and commitment by us towards its implementation."

Ranieri has been working for support on an overall plan for sewerage treatment and collection. The city's plant, which also processes Union City and Weehawken, has already been ordered by federal environmental officials to be repaired or replaced in the near future.

Ranieri said he would welcome adding other needed repairs under a central infrastructure plan, so long as it emphasized the treatment plant. What he does oppose, however, is the continuance of patchwork repairs.

## Russo: Cappiello rigged Hoboken election

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Defeated 3rd Ward candidate Anthony Russo yesterday charged Mayor Steve Cappiello with rigging Tuesday's City Council election to ensure victory for administration-backed incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli.

Russo, who was narrowly defeated by Cemelli, claims to have collected 40 affidavits supporting his allegations.

Cappiello last night dismissed Russo's allegations as "sour grapes."

"I haven't asked anyone to do anything they didn't want to do," Cappiello said.

Attorney Matthew Burns, who is representing Russo, is expected to present the affidavits and other materials to Hudson County Superior Court Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien in Jersey City by Monday in an attempt to block certification of the election results.

An automatic citywide recount has already been

ordered for the election, in which Russo was defeated by 163 votes.

Cappiello said Wednesday that he feared Russo would defeat Cemelli in the 3rd Ward, the mayor's home ward and political power base. A Cemelli victory was considered crucial in that a defeat could have been interpreted as a sign of dwindling Cappiello political strength less than a month before the June 7 Hudson County Democratic primary elections.

"He (Cappiello) knew he was running for his life, and in the final analysis, he stole this election," Russo said.

Russo said he will fight to have a special election held that will pit Cemelli against himself.

The most serious charge leveled against Cappiello is that his organization tampered with between 40 and 50 absentee ballots that Russo claims were placed in his favor. According to the final tally, Russo received 25 absentee votes. Russo accused Cappiello's organization of either disposing of or altering the ballots.

Cemelli received 135 absentee votes.

Russo claims he can secure more than 25 affidavits from people willing to swear they voted for him with absentee ballots.

"We're asking for a complete probe into the absentee ballots. This election was definitely stolen," Russo said.

County Superintendent of Elections Joseph T. Brady is investigating complaints of absentee ballot abuses in Hoboken.

In one complaint, a Hoboken woman charged that although she had already voted by absentee ballot, a number of campaigners suggested she vote again. Some charges have been verified, according to Brady.

One of the affidavits collected by Russo yesterday states that a city official threatened a Russo supporter with having her welfare aid discontinued if she voted for him.

The affidavit was taken from LuAnn Pinto, 18, who reportedly was staying in the house of Lucille Prester, a Russo supporter, yesterday morning.

"They (two men, one of whom was later identified in the affidavit as city Health and Welfare Director Robert Drasheff) said she is supposed to be sick, but she was working for Anthony Russo on election day. They said she is not going to get any more money from the city welfare, because she was working for Anthony Russo on election day," Pinto swore yesterday.

Russo said Cappiello picked Prester for harassment because she refused to support Cemelli.

Drasheff said last night he visited Prester's home yesterday morning after his office confirmed the woman was working for Russo's organization. Drasheff said she claimed on her welfare application to be totally disabled. The warning that Prester could lose her welfare aid was legitimate and not an attempt to intimidate her into supporting Cemelli, he said.

Russo denies that Prester was a part of his campaign.

Russo also charges that "at least 20 to 25 city workers were ordered to take Tuesday as a vacation day in order to work at 3rd Ward polls supporting Cemelli."

## Step forward

Just when it seemed the Hoboken waterfront development project was in deep trouble, it made a surprising step forward.

According to New York Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler, he had enough votes to keep the enabling legislation bottled up in the New York Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

Because the project is to be developed with the help of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the New Jersey and New York legislatures must approve it.

But Assemblyman Nadler thinks the P.A. should not be involved in commercial ventures. And he thinks development of the Hoboken waterfront will be harmful to the Manhattan competition.

He said he had enough votes to keep the bill bottled up, but he was wrong. It got out of committee by a vote of 14-to-11.

That is a pleasant surprise, but he should not start celebrating — yet.

There is additional action required by the New York legislature. And there are enough Nadlers there to attempt wheeling and dealing for their own pet projects.

New Jersey will just have to sweat it out for a while. If push comes to shove, however, New Jersey should not hesitate to shove.

We should use our clout at all levels of government to make sure that the Hoboken waterfront is developed.

And the P.A. should not be permitted to stand idle on the sidelines. It has a stake in its fight, too, because the Hoboken project is as much a P.A. project as it is a New Jersey project.

The P.A. stands to gain some New Jersey friends and prestige if it fights the good fight for the Hoboken project.

Such a display of P.A. guts might make the P.A. insistence on a PATH fare increase a bit more palatable.

But if the P.A. lets New Jersey fight alone on the Hoboken project, the PATH fare boost will look like a shakedown after a doublecross.

## To pick Miss Hispanic in Hoboken

Hoboken High School will be the setting Saturday at 8 p.m., for the second annual Miss Hispanic of New Jersey beauty pageant.

Under the watchful eyes of seven judges, nine girls will be demonstrating their personality, beauty and intelligence.

The girl lucky enough to be chosen queen will win a round trip fare to Puerto Rico, clothing provided by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, and other prizes.

The first runnerup will get a \$200 cash prize and a trophy. And the second and third runnerup will each receive a trophy.

Competing in the pageant are: Yvonne Serrano, 21, of Hoboken; Suzanne S. Wilson, 18, of Jersey City; Yvonne Hernandez, 18, of Hoboken; Irada Montanez, 18, of Hoboken; Sonia Chaparro, 17, of West New York; Enid Nieves, 18, of Hoboken; Jacqueline Gonzalez, 17, Hoboken; Jannette Vicente, 17, of North Bergen; and Ruth Roach, 18, of Hoboken.



Sonia Chaparro



Jacqueline Gonzalez



Yvonne Hernandez



Irada Montanez



Enid Nieves



Ruth Roach



Yvonne Serrano



Jannette Vicente



Suzanne S. Wilson

Sponsoring the event this year are Budweiser and the ILGWU. Judges include Antonio Torres, director for market development at Budweiser; Lester Jacob, director of the Miss Festa Queen Beauty Pageant; Fabio Valdez, a supervisor at the "El Diario" Spanish language daily newspaper; Max Flores, director of movies and commercials for Hispanic television networks; Miriam Soboron, a reporter for the El Mundo Spanish daily newspaper; Carlos Navarro, a New York City-based

contemporary artist and Luis Rojas, a West New York fashion designer and owner of Mr. Nick's Clothing Store.

Last year's Queen, Evelyn Rivera of Hoboken, then 19, will be on hand to crown the new queen.

## Cappiello vetoes Pathmark plan

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday vetoed a City Council resolution allowing construction of a Pathmark shopping center in the uptown area.

Cappiello, in rejecting the council's approval of the project, argued that building retail stores in the area would interfere with the construction of an industrial park.

The City Council approved a zoning law amendment on May 4 in a 5-to-4 vote to allow the construction of the Pathmark, despite four last-minute attempts to delay a vote on the project, which has been under consideration for three years.

The council is expected to attempt to override the veto at a scheduled meeting Wednesday. Sources, however, say council proponents of the project will not muster the six votes needed to override the mayor's veto.

Seymour Heller, the principal owner of the property at 15th and Washington streets, said yesterday that his attorney will take the case to Hudson County Superior Court if the council fails to override the veto.

Heller has accused city officials of delaying approval of the project for personal gain, although he has not publicly detailed those charges. As many as 20 officials are expected to be called to testify if the matter goes to court.

"The mayor is again telling the people of Hoboken and the governing body of Hoboken that he is not interested in their wants and needs," Heller said yesterday.

City Council President Walter S. Cramer, a supporter of the project, said yesterday that the city "cannot afford to turn away" the \$150,000 in annual taxes and 240 jobs the project is expected to generate.

Opponents of retail centers in the area argue that the land can be put to a more profitable use. They cite the industrial park projected for the area, outlined in the 1979 master plan, as a better use for the land.

"We, the city of Hoboken, are obliged to pay strict heed to the provisions of the Hoboken Master Plan and the violation of its contents by amending sections of the zoning ordinance in contradiction of the Master Plan," Cappiello said in his veto.

## Cappiello must decide on mart

With the deadline today, Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said he still has not made a decision on whether to veto a zoning amendment that would permit a Pathmark supermarket to be built.

The amendment was passed by a 5-to-4 vote of the council on May 4. Under municipal rules, the mayor can veto any council action within 10 days. The council

can overturn the veto by a 6-to-3 majority.

Although the issue of a supermarket, which is scheduled to be built at a site at 15th and Washington Streets, has been kicking around the city for nearly three years, the council delayed the zoning amendment vote until a week before the municipal election Tuesday.

By doing so, the council

allowed Cappiello to wait until after the election before making the decision.

Pathmark question had been one of the major issues between candidates in the race, particularly in the city's Second Ward where the supermarket was slated to go.

However, Cappiello said the results of the election would play no part in his decision, saying it

would have to be on its merits and nothing else.

The zoning amendment clearing the supermarket's way allows developers to build commercial businesses within areas zoned for only industrial use. A Pathmark spokesman has said the company is ready to build the supermarket once all doubts are cleared about it.



# Hoboken storekeepers must survey sidewalks

## In wake of Tuesday's mishap

By BOB HECK  
Special to The Dispatch

HOBOKEN—As a construction crew continued to fill the hole on Washington Street through which a 71-year-old woman fell Tuesday, the reaction of the street's merchants ranged from complacency to slight indignation when told that the accident would affect them all.

As a result of the accident, city construction official Al Arezzo said Wednesday that he would direct all landlords to submit to him engineering studies, done at their expense, to determine the structural condition of the sidewalks in front of their properties. Costs of the studies were estimated by Arezzo at up to \$300 each.

From seven storeowners contacted about the news, the reaction was mostly one of "wait and see," with most saying that, if necessary, they would comply.

"What can I do? If you have to do it, you have to do it," said Herbert Grossman, co-owner of property at 201-203 Washington St. where his insurance firm Herbert Grossman Inc. is located. "We'll have to see what's happening, what everyone else is doing."

Although confused about whether the sidewalk study was the storeowner's or city's responsibility, Grossman said something had to be done to prevent further accidents. "You can't have things like that happening," he said.

"We'll have to wait and see what happens," said Anthony Fibbio, owner of Fibbio's House of Hallmark at 304 Washington St. His store is two doors up from 300 Washington St., where the sidewalk collapse occurred.

"Luckily, I don't have a sidewalk like that.

Mine is filled in completely. Most of them are filled in. Only about a half-dozen have chutes like that one," he said, referring to the collapsed walk.

Fibbio said the city should assume at least some of the costs of the sidewalk studies. "To my knowledge, they own the sidewalk."

Sam Fiul, owner of Fiul's Luggage and Sport Shop, 316 Washington St., said he was not yet sure about what he would do if directed to make a study. But he said he was sure such a study would be unnecessary in his case. "Ours is filled in, so we have no problem," he said. "I don't have to spend \$300 for something that's solid."

Ralph Terminello, owner of Terminello's Wines and Liquors, 418 Washington St., was not as calm about the prospect as other owners. "They can make a survey, but not at my expense," he said.

He said an engineering study was appropriate, but he also said it should be the city's responsibility. Saying his sidewalk was sound, Terminello said that if the city directed him to do the study, he would contact a lawyer and then his insurance company to see what costs the company might assume.

Allen Royer, an actuary with the state Department of Insurance in Trenton, said insurance companies would not assume costs of such a study.

"Coverage is for anybody who gets hurt as a result of negligence," Royer said. "Insurance would not cover a study mandated by the city."

A spokeswoman for St. Mary Hospital where the accident victim, Secundina Montoto, 71, was taken, said she remained in the intensive care unit yesterday and that her condition remained serious.



FRANK VIGGIANO, owner of the Paramount Barber Shop on Washington Street in Hoboken, gives his views on the street's sidewalk problems yesterday.

## Ballot abuse alleged

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Defeated City Council candidate Anthony Russo has collected more affidavits from 3rd Ward residents swearing that they voted for him with absentee ballots than the number of such votes he officially received in Tuesday's election.

Russo, who has charged Mayor Steve Cappiello with rigging the municipal election to ensure victory for administration-backed incumbent Salvatore Cemelli, had collected at his campaign headquarters 26 affidavits as of Friday — one more than the number of absentee votes credited to him.

Russo has said he can prove that Cappiello's organization tampered

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with 40 to 50 absentee ballots in ensure Cemelli's victory. Cemelli defeated Russo by 163 votes, receiving 135 absentee ballots to Russo's 25.

Russo refused to comment yesterday on the number of affidavits he has received since Friday. He said that on the advice of his attorney, Matthew Burns, he will not comment on the specifics of his allegations until the matter is presented in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City today or tomorrow.

Cappiello said Friday that he has nothing to hide and will leave it to Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien to decide the matter. The mayor has dismissed Russo's allegations as "sour grapes."

Burns is expected to appear before O'Brien in an attempt to block certification of the election results. Russo is fighting to force a new election in the 3rd Ward.

"We're going on the premise that there will be definitely be another election. There was just too much fraud in this election," Russo said.

Russo has said he will be able to collect 37 affidavits from voters swearing they voted for him with absentee ballots.

County Superintendent of Elections Joseph T. Brady is investigating complaints of absentee ballot abuses in Hoboken. Some of the complaints have been verified, according to Brady.

Russo has also charged Cappiello with intimidating voters during the campaign and on election day to prevent them from voting against Cemelli.

## Incumbents re-elected in four Hoboken wards

By James Kopchals

Incumbents Anthony Romano, Mary Francone and E. Norman Wilson Jr. easily won re-election to their city council seats in yesterday's Hoboken municipal elections.

Another incumbent, Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, won re-election in the city's Third Ward. However, his opponent, Anthony Russo, has asked Elections Superintendent Joseph Brady to impound all ballots while he seeks a recount.

In the Second Ward, Council President Walter Cramer will face Thomas Vezzetti in a run-off on June 14. Another run-off will be held in the Sixth Ward with independent candidate Pat Pasculli facing Angelo Valente. Both got more votes than Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

For Mayor Steve Cappiello, the election showed the influence his organization still has over the voters. Cappiello and his organization had supported Romano, Mrs. Francone (wife of former Councilman Louis Francone), Cemelli and Cramer.

The Third Ward was considered a crucial test for the administration. Although it is the mayor's home ward, Russo put up a strong campaign. Cappiello supporters claimed he was being financed and helped by Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, Cappiello's political foe.

Cemelli eked out the victory, 1,262-to-1,089. A third candidate, John R. Spano, received 127 votes.

To escape a run-off election with Russo, Cemelli needed at least 50 percent of the votes cast. His unofficial tally gave him 50.7 percent of the vote.

However, Russo said he would challenge this vote. In absentee ballots, Cemelli led 131-to-25 over Russo.

"We have received a lot of complaints of interference and intimidation in the election," Russo said. "I've asked Mr. Brady to hold all ballots."

"I will certainly demand a recount of this election."

Romano and Mrs. Francone had easy times winning their elections.

Romano turned back First Ward challenger Patrick Caulfield by a 1,017-to-653 count.

Standing before about 100 of his supporters outside his headquarters after the voting was announced, Romano said, "This vote represents a vote of confidence in me by the people of this ward. We've got a chance to make this ward the most productive area in the state."

Mrs. Francone, who was only appointed to the Fourth Ward council seat two months ago after her husband retired, easily defeated opponent Florence Amato, 957-631. A third candidate, former mayoral hopeful Michael DeLanzo, picked up 112 votes.

Mrs. Francone credited the work of her supporters and her husband in getting out the vote.

Mrs. Amato, wife of mayoral aide Andrew Amato, said the defeat didn't discourage her. "I'm still young. There will be plenty of elections to come," she said.

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Wilson, considered an independent, defeated school board member Steven Block in the Fifth Ward, 1,262-to-718.

After it was over, Wilson spoke against his opponent, saying that Block's supporters had fought a low campaign in which he said they twisted facts to discredit Wilson's record.

"We've never had the kind of election like this in the Fifth Ward," Wilson said. "We've never had the kind of things happen as happened in this election."

The biggest surprise came in the Sixth Ward where Malfetti failed to qualify for the run-off. In the vote tallies, he finished third with 534 votes following Pasculli with 652 and Valente with 538. A fourth candidate, Al LaBook, received 229 votes.

Part of Malfetti's problem was the redistricting of his ward last year. Malfetti has complained bitterly about the redistricting, which placed areas of the first, second and fourth wards into a new Sixth Ward, and eroded districts where he garnered the greatest support.

These districts helped him win a similar run-off four years ago. In that year's election, Pasculli finished third, just missing the run-off, so this

year's result had special meaning to him.

"This election was an overwhelming endorsement for change in the ward," Pasculli said. "The people have said they want a true independent which is what I am."

To Valente, who at 22 was the youngest candidate, the results were a happy surprise.

"I had confidence, but I didn't know how the people would come out," Valente said. "I'm still in shock at it all."

In the Second Ward, the run-off will feature two candidates who have often been at odds in the past year. Cramer received the most votes with 721, while Vezzetti came in second with 433. Others receiving votes were Ruben E. Rivera, 159; Michael Schaffer, 153; Margaret Burke, 143; and James A. Roarty, 127.

A frequent critic of Cappiello's administration and Cramer, Vezzetti has been ejected from several meetings by Cramer because of accusations he has made during the public portion. Meanwhile, it was Vezzetti who started an investigation in November on whether Cramer really lived in the ward as claimed or in Freehold Township where he owns a second home. Brady eventually ruled that Cramer's legal address was in the ward.

## New York's thwarting Hoboken

The New York Assembly has postponed voting on a bill that would allow the Port Authority to develop Hoboken's waterfront and an opponent claims the bill is as good as dead.

"We're trying damn hard to kill it," said Democrat Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler of Manhattan. The issue may return for a vote in a week.

The bill, which has already been passed in essence by New Jersey lawmakers, would permit the P.A. to help finance the building of marinas, waterfront hotels and commercial facilities in Hoboken and Hunters Point, Queens.

Nadler said one of the reasons he is opposed to the bill is the fact that Hoboken is more ad-

vanced in planning than Hunters Point and is in direct competition with New York City for jobs and residents.

Nadler claims he has more than the number of votes necessary to kill the bill. He says he is optimistic the bill won't even be reported to the floor for debate.

Nadler argues that the bill would foster the creation of luxury housing along the waterfront and displace low-income residents. In Hunters Point, he claims 25,000 blue-collar workers would have to be relocated over a period of years.

The New York Assemblyman says he would prefer to see the P.A. tend to shipping needs and stay out of the realm of urban development.

## Romano wins right to post challengers

Hoboken First Ward Councilman Anthony Romano has won the right to place election challengers at the entrance of the polling places in his ward in the city's council elections Tuesday.

Through a mix-up, Romano had filed his list of proposed challengers on April 29, three days after the list was required to be filed with the county Board of Elections.

To overcome this, Romano and Council President Walter Cramer, who as an attorney represented Romano, went before Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien to ask for a waiver and permit the challengers. However, an official

objection from Romano's opponent, Patrick Caulfield, delayed O'Brien's decision until yesterday.

In allowing Romano's challengers, O'Brien said the election law regarding challengers was set up to give each candidate an equal chance in the election. To deny this would give Romano's opponent an unfair advantage.

Caulfield's attorney, Joseph Healy, had argued that Romano had known about the April 26 deadline, yet did not file in time. Although it did give Caulfield an advantage, he argued that this was because of Romano's actions.

## Vezzetti protests funds

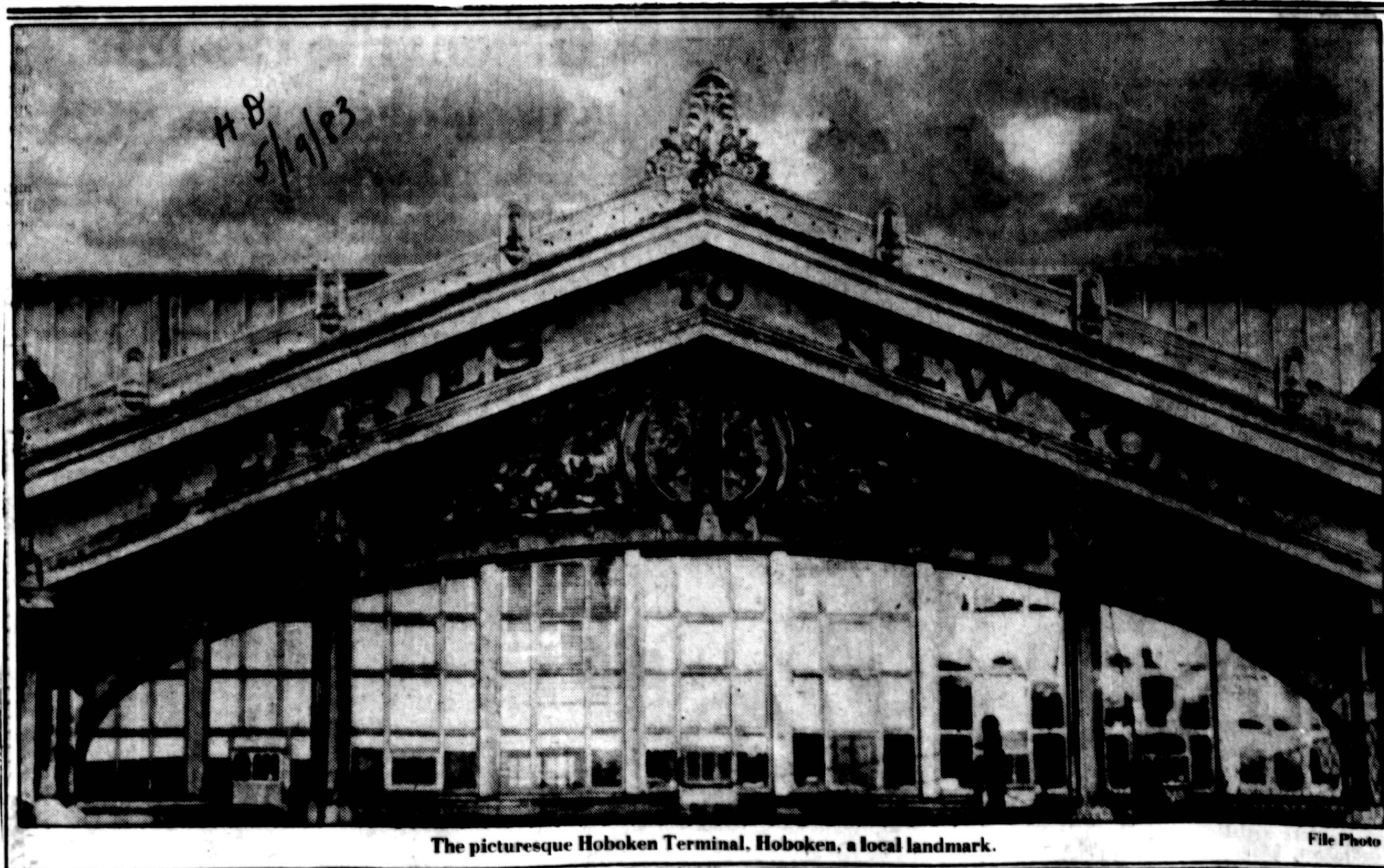
A complaint by Thomas Vezzetti, who faces a June 14 Hoboken Second Ward councilman election runoff, about improper expenditures during the campaign is being investigated by Joseph T. Brady, Hudson County's election superintendent and registration commissioner.

Brady said he may refer his findings to the state Election Law Enforcement Commission.

Meanwhile, an automatic recount of Tuesday's North Bergen and West New York commission government elections results will be conducted at 1:30

p.m. tomorrow. Hoboken Council President Walter Cramer faces Vezzetti in a Second Ward run-off and Councilman Salvatore Cemelli won re-election in the city's Third Ward. Cemelli's opponent, Anthony Russo, has also asked for a recount.

Meanwhile, Brady announced that both his office and that of Hoboken City Clerk Anthony J. Amoroso will be open tonight, tomorrow night and Monday night until 9 p.m. to accommodate persons who must register to vote in Hoboken's June 14 runoff.



The picturesque Hoboken Terminal, Hoboken, a local landmark.

File Photo



## Woman falls through Hoboken sidewalk



### Lands in unused cellar with multiple injuries

**By FRANCES ANN BURNS**  
Staff Writer  
HOBOKEN—An elderly Jersey City woman fell through a sidewalk on Washington Street into a unused coal cellar yesterday and was buried under a foot of debris.

Secundina Montoto, 71, of Fairmount Avenue was taken to St. Mary Hospital suffering from a broken leg, arm and shoulder, cuts, bruises, a possible skull fracture, spinal dislocation and rib fracture, police said. Hospital authorities said she was in serious condition last night.

Montoto was walking down the street at 3:37 p.m. when the sidewalk in front of the Jeans Scene, a woman's clothing store at 300 Washington St., gave way beneath her, Lt. Peter Romano said.

Patrolman John Gilbarty, who was on his way to work, saw the woman fall and jumped in after her. Montoto fell about 12 feet followed by a foot or two of dust and concrete from the collapsed sidewalk which landed on top of her, Romano said.

Gilbarty, a member of the Hoboken volunteer ambulance squad, dug Montoto out and assisted the Weehawken ambulance squad in lifting her out of the hole, Romano said. Rescue personnel removed her in about 10 minutes and administered first aid at the scene.

Photo by Ted Boswell

**WORKMEN** survey damage in front of 300 Washington St., Hoboken, hours after the sidewalk collapsed, seriously injuring an elderly woman.

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Romano said many of the older buildings in the city have coal cellars which have not been used for years. "I don't think anybody knew it was there," he said. "It's just one of those freak things."

Buildings in the area will probably be inspected today, Romano said.

## Critic forces Cramers into Hoboken runoff

**By BILL GYVES**  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Thomas Vezzetti spent yesterday afternoon shouting into a megaphone at passers-by on busy 14th Street, denouncing what he calls abuses by the city administration and thanking voters for their support in Tuesday's City Council election.

One of the most colorful critics of the city administration, Vezzetti was continuing his unorthodox one-man campaign for the 2nd Ward seat. He surprised nearly everyone Tuesday after securing enough votes to force a June 14 runoff election with council President Walter S. Cramer — a lifelong acquaintance and the target of many of Vezzetti's most serious charges.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you, especially those of us from the 14th Street area. We have suffered the worst consequences of living in this city," Vezzetti shouted, waving a victory sign to passing cars, buses, garbage trucks and pedestrians.

"I guarantee that I will bring decent government to this city. I've never seen an honest government here, and if I'm down in City Hall, those councilmen are going to change their attitudes," he said.

Vezzetti, who received 433 votes to Cramer's 721, has been waging a battle with the councilman for years, and has said, among other allegations, that Cramer does not live in Hoboken. Cramer, however, has been cleared of the charge.

Despite the seriousness of many of Vezzetti's charges, however,

observers insist the battle between the two candidates lacks the bitterness involved in many other campaigns.

Cramer and Vezzetti regularly square off with each other at council meetings, although Vezzetti usually loses in the end. He has been ordered removed from several meetings.

A runoff is necessary because neither candidate won 50 percent of the votes cast in the ward.

"I'm a perennial campaigner. I always campaign naturally. The election just came along," Vezzetti said.

In another development, Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday said he had believed that 3rd Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, whom he supported, was going to be defeated by challenger Anthony Russo.

Cemelli defeated Russo by 163 votes, although Russo said yesterday the battle has not ended. Russo accused Cemelli's organization of fixing absentee ballots and said his attorneys are preparing a formal complaint on the matter.

"We're going all the way on this," Russo said, adding that a recount of the ballots already has been ordered.

City officials also said yesterday that although Mark Arumenja was advertised as a candidate for the 4th Ward seat, the city resident dropped out of the race several weeks ago and gave his support to Councilwoman Mary Francione, who won.

## Cappiello sees election forerunner for primary

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is "pleased" with the results of Tuesday's municipal election, but is "particularly pleased" with the vote in the Third Ward, which had been considered a test of his strength.

The Third Ward is Cappiello's home ward, and his candidate, incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, won a slim victory — 1,262 to 1,099 — over his opponent Anthony Russo.

"It was a test to see if Cappiello is still capable of delivering his own ward," the mayor said. But Cappiello also considered the contest a skirmish in his continuing battle with Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

"McCann was out there in the street soliciting votes and trying to influence the election against me," Cappiello said. "There must have been, in addition, about 100 people from the county and Jersey City working for Russo."

Cappiello has also charged that McCann helped finance Russo's campaign and that a lot of money was spent to promote Russo's candidacy.

Tom Golodik, spokesman for McCann, said the Jersey City mayor didn't arrive in Hoboken until 7:45 p.m., just before the polls closed, and that he didn't contribute any of his personal money to the campaign.

"Steve is embarrassed and paranoid because he didn't garner more votes," Golodik said, "and he is looking for a scapegoat."

Golodik said there were Jersey City and county people working for both sides in the election.

Russo has asked for a recount.

Cemelli's election is a good omen for former Jersey City Mayor Tommy F.X. Smith in his campaign to wrest the county executive's job away from Edward F. Clark, Cappiello said. McCann is supporting Clark, and Cappiello is supporting Smith.

Cappiello had endorsed four incumbents — Anthony Romano,

Mary Francione, Walter Cramer and Cemelli — in Tuesday's election, and they all won.

The other winners — incumbent E. Norman Wilson Jr. in the Fifth Ward and Pat Pasculli in the Sixth Ward — ran independently and Wilson has been described as "anti-Cappiello."

"He's not anti-Cappiello," the mayor said. "If he were anti-Cappiello I would have run someone against him."

"The mayor said he expects to be able to work well with all of the council members."

Issues did not figure in the election, the mayor said, but personalities did.

"I don't know anyone who was against development of the waterfront or who didn't think taxes are too high," he said, "but when they voted they voted for personalities."

## Hoboken results

(Includes absentee ballots)  
1st Ward — Anthony Romano 1,017, Patrick Caulfield 653.  
2nd Ward — Walter Cramer 721, Thomas Vezzetti 433.  
3rd Ward — Salvatore Cemelli 1,262, Anthony Russo 1,099.  
4th Ward — Mary Francione 967, Florence Amato 631.  
5th Ward — E. Norman Wilson Jr. 1,262, Steven Block 718.  
6th Ward — Pat Pasculli 852, Arcangelo Valente 538.  
Runoff June 14.

## Cappiello vetoes zoning amendment that would let Pathmark build store

**By James Kepchala**

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has vetoed a zoning amendment passed May 4 by the city council that would have permitted the construction of a Pathmark supermarket on the city's northern border.

Cappiello's action yesterday now throws the already confused situation surrounding the supermarket into an even more confused state.

Meanwhile, with his veto, Cappiello has called on the council to appoint a professional consultant to undertake a full review of the city's 1979 Master Plan zoning code, which had come under great criticism during discussions on the supermarket.

The council had voted, 5-to-4, to clear the way for the supermarket by approving an amendment to the city's master plan that would allow commercial developments to be constructed in areas zoned for industrial use.

Their action followed months of discussions

held on the supermarket, first before the city's board of adjustment and then the city's planning board. In all, it's been three years since Seymour Heller, president of Hoboken Manufacturers Association, first announced plans to sell the site at 15th and Washington streets to Pathmark.

In vetoing the amendment, Cappiello said he feared the action could subvert the intentions of the master plan and urged the council to conduct a full study and review before deciding to take such a step.

The veto was the first one in recent years to be made in Hoboken. To overturn the veto, the council will now have to come up with at least six votes of the nine on the council.

"You have to conform to the master plan in determining what the future of the city will be," Cappiello said. "I believe the city council did this without properly reviewing the situation."

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## 46 Hudson poll workers sue for reinstatement

**By WILFREDO FERNANDEZ**  
Staff Writer

### County board of elections is sued over actions in West New York and Hoboken

A civil suit asking for the reinstatement of 46 election workers in Hoboken and West New York was filed in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City yesterday on the grounds that the workers were removed "capriciously" by the county Board of Elections.

The complaint will be amended next week to include 45 more workers from Union City, William Z. Schulman, a North Bergen attorney, said last night. A hearing has been scheduled for Thursday before Hudson County Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien. This date is only five days before the June 7 primary.

The complaint charges the bipartisan four-member board, which replaced the majority of the workers in the three municipalities prior to

the May 10 elections, failed to do so in a timely fashion and removed the workers without cause.

The suit is being brought on behalf of Evelyn Levey, an 83-year-old employee who held her post for 48 years, and 45 other "aggrieved workers" in Hoboken and West New York. Schulman said the board replaced 32 of the 75 workers who have worked at the polls on election day in West New York and 13 of 76 workers in Hoboken.

After meeting with Union City officials last night, Schulman said, he would also include 45 of the 71 workers who were replaced in that municipality.

The Board of Elections has been the object of criticism by North Hudson leaders for its alleged ties to Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

McCann has denied the charge and he insists

the board, which is composed of two Democrats and two Republicans, is non-partisan.

The law governing the appointment of election workers has also been debated extensively by attorneys who contend that the Board of Elections is given broad discretionary power in replacing workers "with or without cause."

Schulman also charged in filing the suit that the replacements were not appointed by April 1 as he said was required by state election law, and their appointments, he argued, therefore are invalid.

The statute provides for new appointments to be made by April 1 and the holdovers remain on the job until their successors are legally appointed. Since the replacements were not named until April 28, Schulman argues, the appointments are invalid.

At a May 3 hearing, O'Brien denied a similar complaint filed by attorneys representing the municipal committee of the Democratic Party in West New York. O'Brien ruled that the non-partisan nature of the board "underscored a lack of remedy" in a commission form of government, but hinted that a stronger case could be made in a suit brought by the aggrieved workers.

"It appears that the board was not picking people to work the polls from their applications, but because they are beholden to a certain political faction," Schulman said.

The majority of the replaced workers reportedly are aligned with McCann and other South Hudson political leaders.

In another election matter, a June 21 hearing has been scheduled to argue a suit brought by Dr. Nicholas Cicco, whose nominating petition for mayor in Guttenberg has been invalidated.

Cicco, running as an independent, said he submitted a nominating petition on April 28 to Deputy Hudson County Clerk Michael O'Keefe. Cicco asserted that O'Keefe told him that 30 signatures would be required for the filing.

Although Cicco submitted 35 signatures, he said he received a letter Tuesday saying that 47 signatures would be required and that the filing date had passed.

Cicco is seeking to have his petition validated or to be given an extension to collect the additional signatures.

## Pathmark veto likely to hold

**By BILL GYVES**  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council is expected to fall short tonight in an attempt to override a mayoral veto of its approval of a Pathmark shopping center in a northern section of the city.

The nine-member council is expected to fall short by one, and possibly two, votes of the six needed to override Mayor Steve Cappiello's veto of the resolution to approve construction.

On May 4, the council approved by a 5-4 vote a zoning law amendment allowing construction of large retail centers in a portion of the city presently zoned mainly for light industrial use.

Cappiello vetoed the resolution Friday, arguing that the introduction of retail centers in that

area of the city would interfere with plans to construct an industrial park there.

Council supporters of the proposed shopping center indicated yesterday that they have not been able to enlist the support of any of the four members who voted against the bill — Robert A. Ranieri, Mary Francione, Helen Macri and Anthony H. Romano. In addition, one affirmative vote may be lost tonight if Councilman Nunzio Malfetti fails to appear. The other supporters of the project were Council President Walter S. Cramer and Councilmen E. Norman Wilson Jr., Thomas Kennedy and Salvatore Cemelli.

Malfetti, who was defeated in the May 10 council election, did not appear at Monday's caucus, and several council members suggested he may not appear tonight. Malfetti could not

be reached for comment yesterday.

Seymour Heller, the principal owner of the five-acre site being considered for the proposed shopping center at 15th and Washington streets, has threatened to take the matter directly to the Hudson County Superior Court if the council fails to override Cappiello's veto tonight.

Heller has charged city officials with attempting to defeat the proposed project, which has been under consideration for three years, for their personal gain. He has not, however, publicly detailed those charges.

Heller's attorney is expected to call at least 20 city officials to testify before the court concerning their involvement in reviewing the proposed shopping center.

## Cramer, Pasculli draw Column A in runoffs

Hoboken Council President Walter Cramer and Patrick Pasculli both drew Column A listings on the ballots for the June 14 run off elections in the city's Second and Sixth Wards.

City Clerk Anthony Amoroso picked the positions in a short ceremony yesterday attended by representative of all four candidates.

For Cramer, who will face

Thomas Vezzetti, the drawing was a reversal of the May 4 general election, where he ran in the last column of six candidates. Pasculli, who will face Angelo Valente in the Sixth Ward, had Column A in the May 4 elections.

Meanwhile, Vezzetti said yesterday that he would go ahead with court charges that Mayor Steve Cappiello and other city

workers were in the ward on May 4 to disrupt the voting and intimidate voters.

Vezzetti yesterday said he would also contest a decision by Amoroso not to allow his new slogan "Get Ready for Vezzetti" on the ballot. Amoroso said election laws only allows slogans to be placed on ballots prior to the general elections.

## Hoboken merchants seek protection

Members of the Hoboken Industry and Business Association have scheduled a talk with city detectives on protecting businesses from theft and vandalism.

HIBA has scheduled the meeting with Det. Lt. Frank Turso and Det. Vincent Lombardi for May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Union Club, 600 Hudson St.

According to HIBA President Joseph Caporino, the meeting is crucial to merchants along Washington Street and other areas in the wake of a rash of robberies and burglaries in recent months.

The detectives will show the businessmen how they can protect their shops and will listen

to comments about police protection from the merchants.

Recently, HIBA cooperated with the police department in sponsoring the fingerprinting of children at the Connors Elementary School. The fingerprinting is part of a city-wide effort to help police in efforts to locate and identify missing children.

Also, at its last meeting

Caporino was re-elected president of HIBA with his vice-presidents Harold Lillenthal and Allan Straten.

Other officers elected to the board of directors were: Edward Lister, Eileen Cappock, Richard T. Bozzone Sr., Leonard Franco, Joseph Karafky, Vincent Caruso, and Dr. Mark Cutler.



# Bargain Box a bonanza for the thrifty

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Auxiliary president Lucille Casulli, right, checks the day's activity with volunteer Vivian Sullivan.



Sister Felicitas Lichtenauer, St. Mary Hospital vice president for auxiliary services, right, and Helen Sparber and Bob Sullivan, members of the hospital auxiliary, look on as Rhyta Musto, Union City commissioner of public affairs, cuts the ribbon to officially mark the opening of the Bargain Box, at 705 32nd Street, Union City, a thrift shop run by the St. Mary Hospital Auxiliary.

Thrift shops are fascinating places. They stock old clothes, used household items, discarded treasures, and just plain junk. They attract shoppers who are hunting for bargains and browsers who like to rummage through piles of interesting stock. They also attract dedicated volunteers who enjoy meeting people, like working behind the counter, and are determined to raise money for a worthy purpose.

The Bargain Box, thrift shop of the St. Mary Hospital Auxiliary in Hoboken, has been so successful in attracting willing workers and raising money that the members recently decided to open a branch store at 702 32nd Street in Union City.

Lucille Casulli, who was president of the auxiliary in 1975 and is again serving in that capacity, suggested the thrift shop idea as a fund-raiser to fulfill a \$150,000 pledge the group made to the hospital seven years ago.

When a 20' by 25' store was found two blocks from the hospital, Mrs. Casulli and Sister Felicitas, auxiliary moderator, and Woman of Achievement brought their own buckets and mops to clean it up and get it ready for the opening. A plea to hospital employees and residents of Hoboken brought a flood of

donations to stock the new store. Auxilians wondered, however, if enough volunteer labor could be obtained to keep it going.

They need not have worried, according to Mrs. Casulli. There's seldom been a shortage of volunteers during the seven years of its existence. Of course, more help is needed now that a second store has been opened, and Mrs. Casulli said that applications are being accepted at the Hoboken hospital.

For the past seven years two sisters, Anne Barry and Margaret Shearin, have arrived at The Bargain Box every Friday at noon to give five hours of their time.

Nikki Counselman, a commercial model and soap opera actress who lives in Hoboken, was the first chairwoman of the thrift store. Her successor was Shirley Ondrick, a former executive secretary. Today the chairwoman of the Bargain Box is Madeline Spadevecchia, head of the Science Department at Hoboken High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Sal DeSio now manage the Hoboken store, drawing on their previous retail experience. They said they enjoyed helping people find the right outfit for a special occasion or putting together a bagful of clothes at a bargain price for a family.

Carlotta Winslow, a recent Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement, and her husband, Edward, came directly after class every Wednesday with a cartful of donations. While Carlotta sold goods, Edward would decorate the windows, fix a lock or replace a light bulb.

Terri DePalma, a retired school teacher, Rose Pollara, wife of a college professor, and Audrey Borg, also a professor's wife and well-known consumer advocate, all helped out to make the shop a success.

It was not long before the original Hoboken store had outgrown its available space. A moving company relocated the stock without charge. The store is now at 536 Garden Street.

Mrs. DeSio says the annual Christmas toy sale has become a neighborhood tradition. People send in good toys and games throughout the year to be sold at bargain prices in the fall.

Sister Grace Frances Strauber, president of St. Mary Hospital, and also a Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement, pointed out that the store does more than raise money for the hospital. She said that indigent patients often are completely outfitted with items from the store before being discharged. On one occasion, she recalled, the mother of a new baby was presented with a wardrobe of in-

fant clothes and a supply of crib blankets.

Working with members of block associations, Auxilians have prepared packages of clothes and household items for families who lost their possessions in fires.

When auxiliary members decided to open a second store this year, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan, Union City residents who were already volunteering as patient escorts in the Hoboken hospital, Mrs. Sera Colgan, and Mrs. Helen Sparber were among the first to volunteer for the new branch.

In addition to the operation of the two resale stores, the auxiliary over the years has sponsored many different fund raising events in support of the hospital. These events have included luncheon fashion shows, Chinese auctions, art sales and even a carnival. Funds generated by

these activities are used to defray the cost of needed medical equipment. And to add a note of beauty and cheer to the walls of the various hospital departments, the auxiliary has purchased oil paintings and art. A hair care center, including beauty and barber shops, is being established for hospital patients.

Auxilians work as volunteers too, and the 65 St. Mary volunteers have logged more than 200,000 hours delivering mail, transporting patients and supplies and doing the variety of tasks asked of them.

The St. Mary Auxiliary is always looking for good used clothing and other articles which can be resold, particularly household items and small appliances. If you have any such item you want to donate, please call the hospital Community Relations Office at 792-3300, extension 2229.



Vivian and Robert Sullivan, center, husband and wife volunteer team, look over sale merchandise with Sera Colgan, left, and Sister Felicitas Lichtenauer.



# The House of David and its hectic schedule

AN OLD-TIME BASKETBALL player had the floor at an impromptu birthday party that the Old Professor will get to later, but not this morning.

In his day, many years ago, this old-time basketball player had played with the St. Joseph's Catholic Club five, with the Union City Reds, and Catskill in the New York State League — where the teams performed in a net with open baskets, i.e. no backboard — and also with the House of David.

Yes, with the House of David. One doesn't hear much of the House of David teams any more. But years ago, the House of David baseballers had plenty of clunk and clout.

As for its basketball teams, "we played all over the Eastern seaboard," said Tony Calland of Hoboken, who was the basketballer doing the talking. "You signed with 'em on a monthly contract, and you grew a beard

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and you played wherever they were booked.

"Sometimes it got pretty hectic. I remember one weekend," he continued. "We left around noon Saturday and that night got to a place just outside of Boston called Roxbury. We had a capacity crowd, put on a helluva show and wrapped it up around 11 o'clock or so."

"WE USE TO TRAVEL in a big seven-passenger limousine — five House of David players and the driver, who was sometimes a player, too, sometimes not. Well, after the game, we spent a little time in Boston for some coffee and maybe a few beers — and then we drove back to New York."

"We got back here around five o'clock in the morning. They didn't have parkways and turnpikes then. I think we came down on the old Boston Post Road. Anyway, we got a few hours sleep and then in the afternoon, we played the Holy Rosary five out in Passaic. Big game. House of David vs. the locals."

"After that, we had our big meal. Around 7:30 or so, believe it or not, we are playing some team or other in the first game of a basketball double-header at Arcadia Hall in Brooklyn."

The Visitations are playing somebody else — maybe it was the Union City Reds or the Original Celtics — in the second half of the header. I don't know which.

All I remember is that it's a packed house and after our first game is over, we just put on our overcoats, grab our duffle bags and pile into the big limousine for some other spot on the island where we play our fourth game in a little over 24 hours."

DID THE HOUSE win all four games?

"Yes, I'm sure we did," he grinned.

"How much did the four games net him?"

"That's hard to figure because we got paid by the month. But I think you could say a \$100."

"That was big money in those days," said Calland of his old teammate Bill Bergin, who was listening.

"That's right," said Jerry Molloy, who was also listening.

"I remember," said Bergin, "for \$75 we got the Celtics to play the St. Joseph's here in Hoboken."

"Yeh," said Calland. "Jim Furey, who owned the Celtics, did Jimmy Walker, who ran St. Joseph's, a big favor."

There was complete agreement around the table that a \$100 was BIG money for basketballers in the early 1930s.

"And you had to earn your money," added Bergin.

"On the road," said Calland, "you took only five players in the car. That's all you could squeeze in with the driver."

"What happened if somebody got hurt?"

"Oh, we were smart," said Tony. "Lew Murphy from Chicago who booked the House always saw to it that in such an emergency, a local boy would be drafted. The local boy always was a big hit with the crowd."

"I DON'T THINK THEY could barnstorm that way any more, the way the game is today," somebody said.

"The pace is much faster today," the conversation ran. "Today it's all run, pass and shoot. Back and forth, back and forth, no let up. The pace will kill you."

In the old days, a fellow had a chance to get a breather in the backcourt," said Bergin. "I remember once I had the flu and was laid up quite a spell. Muggsy Miller kept calling to find out when I'd be able to play — because he had a big home-and-home series coming up with the Renaissance Big Five from Harlem."



JUST BEFORE a major series against the Renaissance Big Five, Bill Bergin of the Reds was felled by a flu attack. While ill, he spent most of his time reading *The Dispatch* and playing with his two daughters, Grace and Adelaide.

"It took me some time to get better," Bergin said. "I spent most of my time reading the sports page in the morning and then playing with my twin daughters who were around four or five years old."

"I played against the Renaissance in the game here, but I was still a bit weak — I didn't have my weight back. But I paced myself in the backcourt. I would have never been able to do it today, the way the game is played. I'd be yanked out in a hurry. But as I remember it, Tony had a good day."

"But Muggsy didn't," Tony said. "I don't know whether it was the snowstorm or what, but the attendance was miserable."

That, however, was the way it was in those days.

THE TALK THEN GOT around to how some fellows teamed up — and stayed teamed up sometimes even when they changed teams. "Bill and I were always together and sometimes we were booked together," Calland said.

"HE DIDN'T GET TO the House of David because he had a job with a bank in New York. But you remember," he went on, "Davey Banks and Joe Brennan were always together. I think you called them the Poiston Twins. Bill Johnson and Jimmy Kent were always together."

Calland says the Old Professor gave him the name of "Poosh-em-Up" Tony. He richly deserved the monicker. Tony baffled the basketballers of those days — like Horse Haggerty and Dutch Dehnert and Stretch Entrup as he darted in — and sometimes under their legs, it seemed — to get up a shot.

Wherever Tony was, Bill Bergin seemed to right there, too. Their togetherness was really something. Not only did they grow up in the same town, they even lived on

the same street in their youth.

And when they got into independent pro basketball, they were on the same teams most of the time (St. Joseph's of Hoboken and the Union City Reds up the hill).

And it was the same in baseball. Tony played second base for the Oxford A.A. and Bill caught for the same team. The next thing you knew, Tony was on second base for West New York and Bill was catching for the Playgrounds.

NOR IS THAT ALL! They meet very often these days to hash and rehash old times with Bill's twins (now married and with children of their own) and his older children, Audrey and Bill Jr., because, you see, Bill married Tony's sister, Virginia.

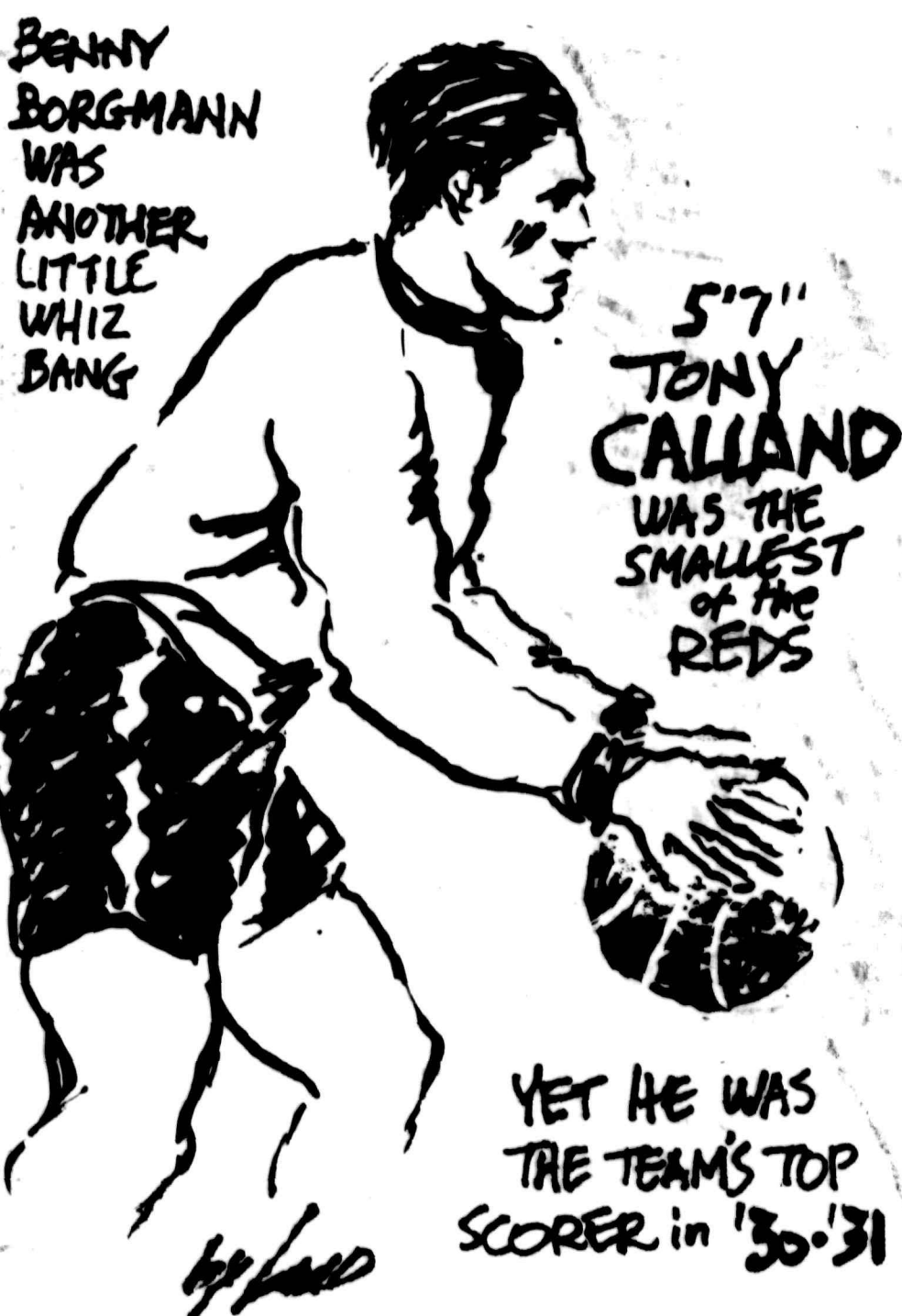
They have done their share for Hoboken sports. Not quite incidentally, it came up that Calland had coached the Hoboken team that had won the Build Better Boys Baseball title back in the early 1940s.

"Molloy had started the baseball for youngsters movement, but then he was moved into another post and I succeeded him in Hoboken Recreation," Calland explained.

"At that time, the kid baseballers were playing in what was known as the Frank Hague League. Then the New York Giants played that benefit game at Roosevelt Stadium and turned over all the money and all the teams in the league were unformed and it became known as the Build Better Boys."

We won our division and West New York, which I think was coached by Johnny Cendo, won the North. We met West New York in the playoffs — and my kids won, and I was really proud of that."

"It was just another first for Hoboken," giggled Jerry Molloy.



YET HE WAS THE TEAM'S TOP SCORER in '30-'31

New  
library  
hours

Starting June 18, the Hoboken Public Library will go on summer hours during the summer months. The library will be closed on Mondays and Saturdays and will only be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.



# P.A. waterfront plan has few friends in N.Y.

By James Kopchans

Legislation to open Hoboken's waterfront to development may be headed for a slow death in committee in the New York State Assembly.

Supporters for the legislation, which would allow the Port Authority to help develop sites in Hoboken and Hunters Point, N.Y., spent most of yesterday in Albany trying to drum up support on the Assembly's Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

The Port Authority bill is scheduled to come up for a vote in that committee today at 5:30 p.m. If approved, the bill will go to the floor for a final vote.

However, its opponents remained confident yesterday that they had more than enough votes to keep it from the general floor.

"We'll keep it in committee forever if we can," Stephanie Pinto, aide to Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler of Manhattan, said yesterday.

Mrs. Pinto said Nadler and other opponents believe they have all but four of the 26 members of the committee on their side and will use that strength to keep the bill mired there. However, she said there may be a need to compromise at a later date, but only in the event the assemblyman has trouble "holding the line" among opposing votes on the committee.

Rita Gordon, aide to Assemblyman Oliver Koppell of the Bronx, who is sponsoring the legislation, said Koppell and other supporters were speaking to committee members on an individual basis throughout yesterday trying to persuade them to vote for bringing the bill to the assembly floor.

The legislation is crucial to all Hoboken dreams for development on the Port Authority piers on the city's southern waterfront. The Port Authority has envisioned a \$500 million commercial and residential development

going on the 55-acre site, but only if it is allowed to participate directly with private developers and the city.

To do this the authority needs permission from both New York and New Jersey legislatures and both governors. The New Jersey legislature has already approved and Gov. Thomas Kean signed basic legislation for the authority and has reached agreement with New York legislators to a series of amendments to this basic bill.

Once this agreement was reached a month ago, it was predicted that the bill would ride on easily through New York, especially since the bill called for a parallel development with Hoboken at Hunter's Point on the East River in Queens.

However, no form of the bill has yet to reach the floor in either the New York Assembly or Senate.

Nadler, whose 67th Assembly District encompasses most of the Upper West Side of Manhattan, has opposed the bill because of the potential competition it would cause Manhattan to have a major commercial area across the river in Hoboken.

Nadler is chairman of the assembly's sub-committee on Mass Transit and Rail. According to Mrs. Pinto, he opposes any plan by the Port Authority to become involved in commercial development.

"The authority was created in the 1920s only for the purpose of regulating the port and creating transportation services in the between both states," she said. "We feel that it hasn't done either very well. In fact, we believe it has been the worst thing to happen to the ports in the past 60 years."

Nadler has also opposed the Hunter's Point project, saying that its creation would create an "instant gentrification" that could force much of the Long Island City factories out of that section to make room for more luxury housing.

## Cappiello denies Vezzetti charges

Hudson County Elections Superintendent Joseph Brady yesterday confirmed that he was investigating charges by Hoboken Second Ward Council candidate Thomas Vezzetti that Mayor Steve Cappiello and another city worker tried to intimidate voters and buy votes during the regular elections on May 10 in the ward.

Vezzetti, who will oppose Council President Walter Cramer in a run-off election on June 14 for the council seat in the ward, has charged that Cappiello walked into a polling place on election day and tried to "intimidate" voters into voting for Cramer.

Vezzetti said he had also brought the charges to investigators of the Hudson County prosecutor's office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Officials from both agencies would not comment when contacted yesterday.

Cappiello said yesterday there was no truth to any of Vezzetti's charges, explaining he had only traveled to the ward during the election day to check on reports that police needed help there. He said he spent only a short time and did no campaigning.

Meanwhile, Brady said he will speak to the attorney representing an employee of the city's home improvement office, whom Vezzetti charged tried to buy votes for Cramer during the election campaign.

"I want to hear all sides, not just Vezzetti's," Brady said. "I'll find any incident of wrongdoing. I'll pass it on to the prosecutor for his review."

## Brady recounting Hoboken ballots

Two recounts of councilman elections in Hoboken's Sixth and Third Wards are being conducted today under court orders.

Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, who finished third in the May 10th election in the Sixth Ward behind Pat Pasculli and Angelo Valente, is getting a recheck of the voting machines by Joseph T. Brady, Hudson County elections superintendent and registration commissioner. That recheck is

being conducted first at the old Emerson warehouse in Downtown Jersey City because Malfetti did not request a recount of absentee ballots.

Next, machines used in the Third Ward contest between incumbent Salvatore Cemelli, who won over Anthony Russo, 1,262 to 1,099 votes are being rechecked followed by a recount of absentee ballots in the county board of elections office in the county administration building.

Beginning on June 20, the library will sponsor a summer reading program for the children in cooperation with The Burger King Corporation. Children who participate will receive a certificate for free soda, fries and hamburger.

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# Hoboken waterfront panel slates hearing

By James Kopchans

After being out of the public's eye for nearly six months, the Hoboken Mayor's Waterfront Commission is ready to become a major voice in determining development for the Port Authority piers.

The committee is planning a public hearing early next month to present sub-committee reports on different aspects of waterfront development on the piers.

The \$500 million project, which has been proposed by the regional Port Authority, is at present on hold while legislation slowly passes through both the New York and New Jersey legislatures that would enable the Port Authority to become involved in its development.

The committee chairman, Paul Rotondi, said the 18 members will hold an executive meeting Thursday to determine time and date and the format of the public hearings. He said that three of the reports are already completed, though he would not release their findings yesterday.

"What we have been trying to do through our work is to make sure that nothing slips out of

appropriate eventually goes up on the piers," Rotondi said. "What we want to see is something that would be in the best interest of all Hoboken."

To prepare the reports, the committee divided its members into the five sub-committees about three months ago. These committees are:

- Development Finance and Project Management, which studied possible methods of financing and managing the development. It was chaired by Fred Hillyer and included Thomas Lunghard, of Stevens Tech, and Maurice Spagnoletti as members.

- Infrastructure and City Service Requirements, which looked into the impact the project would have on the city's physical facilities and its services. Councilman Robert Ranieri heads this committee with Mary Perry, James Halloran, Lewis Fretz, Councilman Anthony Romano, and Rudi Capello serving as members.

- Developer Selection Criteria, Design Guidelines, and Public Access, which will suggest methods of choosing a developer and give possible guidelines for

the size of the development. Helen Manogue chairs this committee and it includes Burns Cameron, Frank Diaz, and Mike Ocello as members.

• Developmental Impacts, which studies the possible impact the project could have on the area as a whole. Mayme Jurkat is chairwoman and Nelson Ortiz, Eugene Drayton, and Jim Lynch are members.

• Coordination of other Waterfront Development, which checked on ways to coordinate the Hoboken project with other waterfront communities and their planned river projects. James Pinto is chairman and Mike Ocello is a member.

"When we have the reports we can use them and develop a definite plan to offer to developers. Right now we can only be general since what we've gotten is only a concept of the final plans," Rotondi said.

What such a plan would do is avoid a recent situation where a restaurateur, George Costas, brought in a converted Coast Guard cutter as a restaurant near the city's Erie-Lackawanna Railroad's Terminal.

"The ship was brought in

without going through any city channels and without our knowledge," Rotondi said. "It's not a question of whether the ship is good or bad for the waterfront, it's more a question of being put there without proper authorization."

Rotondi said that since the ship has been docked, he has received verbal promises from Costas that he would obtain all proper authorization needed for the restaurant. He has also received an agreement from New Jersey Transit (which leased the wharf space to Costas on a short-term lease agreement) not to enter into any long-term leasing at the present time with Costas.

At present, Rotondi said the members did not desire to have their advisory position on waterfront development changed. The members do not have any control over development except through recommendations to the mayor and city council.

However, after the development begins, he said the city may very well decide to appoint a permanent commission or authority to oversee it.

## THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT Hudson's fears, hopes mirrored in Queens

By James Kopchans

Although separated by two rivers and the island of Manhattan, Hoboken and the small Queens neighborhood of Hunter's Point find themselves linked by parallel waterfront developments planned by the Port Authority.

And though separated, community reaction in both places seems to be taking similar lines.

"We like the general idea... don't get me wrong, I don't know of anyone out here who is outright opposed to it all. But at the same time we're asking, 'Just what's all this going to mean to us?'" Michael Vivian, a Hunter's Point civic activist, said.

"I'd say there's been some enthusiasm, yet on the other hand less trust because the Port Authority is in back of it all," Sal Azalone, chairman of the Hunter's Point Community Council, said.

Azalone said he would welcome any chance to keep in contact with officials in Hoboken to share information and concerns about the developments as they progress.

"I met your mayor (Cappiello) when he spoke at the Assembly's public hearing on the bill. I would like to keep in touch with him and other people involved in that city with this project," Azalone said.

Both communities are major factors in a legislative compromise reached between leading legislators in New York and New Jersey on an enabling bill that would allow the authority to become involved in waterfront development.

In the compromise, the Port Authority would help finance parallel waterfront developments estimated at \$500 million each in both Hoboken and Hunter's Point while being closely monitored by both legislatures.

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## Hudson hopes mirrored in Queens

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That bill is now at the New York Assembly's Ways and Means Committee on its way to the general floor and final approval. New Jersey has already passed the original legislation and will pass amendments to it once the bill passes in New York.

Hunter's Point offers a very good mass transit connections to midtown Manhattan with three subway lines and the Long Island Railroad just as Hoboken connects easily through the PATH system.

Both sites offer a view of the Manhattan skyline, with Hunter's Point facing its eastern side and Hoboken the west.

So far, the Hunter's Point plan has lagged far behind the Hoboken one, according to Sal Samperi, P.A. director of waterfront development. This week, he said, the authority's board of commissioners will appoint a marketing consultant to do a feasibility study on the site.

The Hunter's Point site is slightly larger than the 55-acre Hoboken one. It is situated north of the Queens-Midtown Tunnel and runs along the East River from the large Daily News press plant at Newspoint to the Pepsi-Cola bottling plant located just below 44th Road.

That area has been largely vacant the past 10 years.

Officials and activists in

Hoboken have, much like Hunter's Point, decided to take a "wait-and-see" attitude towards their project, which is slated for the now largely unused P.A. piers. And also like Hunter's Point, they have been demanding to have some large say over the development.

The big difference, though, is that Hunter's Point will probably have much less chance to make a difference. As a community of only 5,000-6,000 residents, Hunter's Point only forms a small portion of Community Planning Board 2 in Queens, which oversees developments affecting over 100,000 people, according to William O'Sullivan, district manager for the planning board.

Above that, they form even a smaller part of the entire Queens borough and the 7 million-plus persons represented by the New York City Council. In contrast, Hoboken City Council represents only the city's 42,000 residents and already has been promised approval power over the project by the Port Authority.

However, the manufacturing community in Hunter's Point, which provides jobs to 25,000 persons, may have a stronger say in what goes on the waterfront. Many union and management officials of the companies have expressed concerns that a large residential complex on the waterfront would mean property

owners may convert present factories into housing to cash in on a possible housing boom there. If that happened much of this manufacturing would have to relocate elsewhere.

"The people here won't mind the project as long as it does not change their neighborhood or their way of life," Vivian said. "It's a quiet neighborhood. We don't want to see it changed."

O'Sullivan said that from comments at planning board meetings, most of the concern is generated by the fact that new tenants (who most likely will be of an upper-middle class background) will not fit into the community, but instead will divide it along two lines.

He also said fears were related that any huge housing development could create "gentrification" problems in which the older residents would be forced out to convert their apartments to new condominiums.

"All this is being taken into consideration by the planning board. It will have an effect on what our final answer will be," O'Sullivan said.

Both the planning board and the neighborhood's community council have endorsed the enabling legislation as have the Hoboken council and Mayor Steve Cappiello.

## Tax rate dominates campaign

# 21 hopefuls vie in Hoboken

By BILL GYVES

HOBOKEN—Voters will select from one of the city's largest fields in recent history tomorrow when they elect six members of the nine-member City Council.

The campaign, involving 21 candidates for the four-year terms, is said to be one of the least volatile in 10 years. One of the few clearly defined issues being debated by most of the candidates is the question of whether the city's tax rate — already one of the highest in the state at \$147 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation — will soon be increased again.

Other campaign issues include:

- The ramifications of planned development along the city's waterfront;
- The availability of moderately priced housing;
- The quality of the city's services.

Some of the campaign's highlights include an incumbent being challenged by a candidate less than half his age in the 6th Ward, two 5th Ward candidates, Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Steve Block, each arguing that he is the truly independent candidate and his opponent a member of the established political organization; and 4th Ward incumbent Mary Francone, recently appointed to the seat resigned by her husband, Louis, hoping to maintain the family's grip on that seat. Louis Francone's 28 years as a city councilman is a local record.

One candidate for the 6th Ward seat is Angelo Valente,

who at 20 is young enough to be the son of Councilman Nunzio Malfetti.

Mayor Steve Cappiello has publicly endorsed 1st Ward Councilman Anthony Romano, 3rd Ward Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, Francone, and Council President Walter S. Cramer of the 2nd Ward.

Cappiello reportedly offered a public endorsement to the other two incumbents up for re-election, Wilson and Malfetti, but was refused because both are campaigning as independents.

The tax-rate question has been the most widely debated issue in the campaign. Some candidates have charged that the release of the citywide revaluation report was postponed until after the election because it outlines further increases in the city's tax rate.

The terms of Cappiello and the city's three at-large council members run until 1985.

The full field of candidates in Tuesday's election is:

1st Ward: Romano and Patrick J. Caulfield.

2nd Ward: Cramer, Thomas Vezzetti, Margaret Burke, James A. Roarty, Michael Shaffer, Ruben E. Rivera.

3rd Ward: Cemelli, Anthony Russo and John R. Spano.

4th Ward: Francone, Florence Amato, Michael DeLanzo and Mark Arumenja.

5th Ward: Wilson and Block.

6th Ward: Malfetti, Valente, Pat Pasculli and Al LaBook.

## 1,175 votes already cast in elections

By WILFREDO FERNANDEZ

Staff Writer

Some 1,175 people in Hudson County already have cast their votes in the three municipal elections scheduled for today, an employee for the county Board of Elections said yesterday.

Residents of Hoboken have filed 525 absentee ballots in anticipation of the election; North Bergen voters have cast 480, and voters in West New York have cast 170.

The polls open today at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

"It's normal," board employee Richard Cullen said yesterday. "We usually get about that amount."

More than 13 ballots have been collected from residents in the military, with another seven expected, he said.

Absentee ballots are filed when a resident is confined to his home or is unable to get to the polls on an election day. The votes can often decide the outcome of close elections.

The contents will not be released until today, Superintendent of Elections Joseph T. Brady said.

All voting machines are expected to be impounded Friday for an automatic recount to prevent a shortage of voting machines for the primary elections on June 7, Brady said. Of the 500 machines available in Hudson County, 105 will be used today.

Hudson County Superior Court Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien, at Brady's request, last week ordered that the machines be impounded after the elections to insure that the machines will be available.

State law allows a candidate 15 days from an election to request a recount.

## Hoboken asks comments on new budget

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on June 30 for public comments on the \$22.2 million Hoboken municipal budget — a budget that could cause at least a \$10 increase in the city's tax rate.

The budget was introduced last night in a special meeting of the city council.

The budget includes a total general appropriations figure of \$22,213,277 with \$9,511,695 to be raised through local property taxes. In addition, another \$559,050 will need to be raised through the local district school tax.

Edwin Chius, city business administrator, said the city could expect at least an 8 percent tax increase this year on top of its present \$147.33 rate per \$1,000 assessed valuation. The city currently has the highest tax rate in the state.

Chius and Mayor Steve Cappiello have blamed this increase on the apparent loss in replacement revenue for railroad

property from the state. Last year, the state had promised a payment of \$565,808 for the railroad property, which was taken off city tax rolls when the state assumed control over railroad operations.

Although Hudson legislators have been trying to have the aid put into this year's budget, but so far have been unsuccessful.

Also, Chius said pay increased of 15 percent over two years granted to municipal police and firemen and similar ones to municipal employees contributed to the tax increase.

"For many years I have been preaching consolidation of services," Cappiello said to the council his budget statement. "Today, I beg for your support... and to pass the necessary legislation to enable consolidation of services by various municipal departments. We can no longer afford specialization with federal and state assistance drastically reduced."



## 2 councilmen endorse Clark

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—City Councilmen E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Thomas Kennedy yesterday broke with Mayor Steve Cappelletto and announced their support for incumbent Hudson County Executive Edward F. Clark Jr. in next month's Democratic primary.

Wilson and Kennedy said the decision to withhold their support from the Cappelletto-backed ticket led by Thomas F. X. Smith—which includes fellow Councilman Robert A. Ranieri seeking an Assembly seat in the 33d District—was settled two weeks ago when the mayor vetoed a City Council resolution to allow construction of a Pathmark in an uptown section of the city.

The councilman accused Cappelletto and Ranieri of ignoring the city's needs by opposing the proposed Pathmark, which they say would have created 240 jobs and \$350,000 in annual tax revenue.

"I think the Pathmark was the straw that broke the camel's back," Kennedy said.

Ranieri was accused of withdrawing his support for the proposed supermarket project in order to win a spot on the ticket headed by Smith, Jersey City's clerk and former mayor.

The councilmen's endorsement of the Clark ticket, which is supported by Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, was interpreted by some observers as an indication that Cappelletto's political strength in his home base is dwindling. But others insisted that yesterday's endorsement announcement simply is being exploited by the mayor's political enemies.

"It's no big deal," Cappelletto said.

## Wilson, Kennedy break with Hoboken mayor

of the endorsement yesterday.

Kennedy and Wilson have gone with McCann and Clark, Ranieri said. "They have gone with Jersey City and McCann. I stay with Hoboken. Cappelletto and North Hudson. So be it. See you on election night, 8 p.m."

"We see a complete lack of concern for the people of Hoboken," said Wilson.

Kennedy said he believed the Clark ticket, which includes Hoboken resident George Guzman running against Ranieri for an Assembly seat, would be more responsive to the city's needs.

Both councilmen said they did not believe their support of an opposition ticket would affect their relationship with either Cappelletto or Ranieri.

"Bob Ranieri, who was for the Pathmark all the way down the line, reversed his decision as soon as he was included in the (Smith ticket)," Kennedy said. "It just seems too much of a coincidence."

"But I'm still a councilman-at-large and I have no intention of letting this interfere with my relationship with Councilman Ranieri," he said.

Kennedy quoted Cappelletto as having told him that his endorsement of the Clark ticket was "the biggest political mistake of my (Kennedy's) life."

## Cemelli still winner in Hoboken recount

By WILFREDO FERNANDEZ  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A recount of votes cast in the 3rd Ward City Council election on May 10 produced virtually the same results as the original count, Joseph T. Brady, county superintendent of elections, said yesterday.

Of the total absentee ballots cast in the May 10 municipal election, 134 were cast for administration-backed incumbent Salvatore Cemelli. 25 went to challenger Anthony Russo and one went to John R. Spano, according to yesterday's recount.

A recount also was ordered for the 6th Ward race, but no change resulted there as well.

One ballot that was originally given to Cemelli was disallowed when it was learned that the voter had inadvertently signed her name to the actual ballot, a violation of election law.

Brady said he would officially certify the results of the election tomorrow.

Russo charged that Mayor Steve Cappelletto rigged the election to insure victory for Cemelli. Russo lost his bid for the City Council by 162 votes.

After the election results, Russo said he had collected more affidavits from 3rd Ward residents, swearing they had voted for him than the number of absentee ballots credited to him.

A recount was ordered by Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien in Hudson County Superior Court after the election.

Cappelletto yesterday characterized Russo's allegations as "pure political rhetoric that goes on in every election."

## Same results from contested election recount — Russo says he'll continue the fight

Cemelli said he "expected as much" from the recount and said he was looking forward to his swearing-in ceremony, scheduled for July 1. "There was definitely no tampering on my part," he said yesterday.

Brady apparently canceled the particular ballot credited to Cemelli after discovering that the voter, who was not identified, signed her name to the ballot. The absentee ballot comes in two parts: a signed, sworn affidavit and the actual ballot.

Russo said he would proceed with a formal legal challenge to contest the election, which will include a request for a court order to study the signed affidavits that were attached to the ballots.

"I definitely think this election was tampered with. The recount was only the first of a series of procedures we will be looking into," Russo said last night.

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vote of the committee to report the bill out and are hopeful the momentum will carry into the full Assembly," said Sal Samperi, assistant director in charge of the Port Authority's waterfront development program.

Although the Assembly's legislation contains two amendments to the version of the bill that cleared the New Jersey Legislature and New York Senate last year, the amendments are expected to be approved quickly by the three other legislative branches.

"This thing is in the moving stages. I see no problem with the amendments," said New Jersey Assemblyman Christopher J. Jackman, D-33rd, who along with Sen. Nicholas J. LaRocca, D-33rd, sponsored the New Jersey version of the bill.

Jackman said he expects the New Jersey Legislature to approve the bill within a week after it is acted upon by the New York Assembly.

"We work a little faster than they do," Jackman said.

The Koppell committee vote last night was the first major action taken on the legislation since it died in the New York Legislature only hours before the close of the 1982 session.

The two amendments contained in the New York Assembly version of the bill actually have been included in a companion bill. It is the companion bill that will face votes by the three other legislative branches.

The first amendment restricts the Port Authority to two development projects in each state, although the second project cannot begin until after the first project in each state is in the final stages of construction.

The second amendment requires the Port Authority to submit to the New York and New Jersey legislatures a progress report on its projects beginning in April 1985.

## Hoboken mounts anti-crime drive

The Hoboken Industry and Business Association will be working in league with the city's police department in the coming weeks to distribute anti-crime literature among the city's business community.

The crime program, which will be the keystone of the HIBA program of activity this year, was spurred by the recent incidence of crimes against store and business owners in the city. The plans for the program came from a meeting held between HIBA members at Lt. Frank Turso and Det. Vincent Lombardi.

"Hoboken is one of the few cities in its population class that has fewer police than firefighters. The city has almost

100 less policemen than it did 20 years ago. This places a great deal of pressure on police," Dick Bozzone, the group's director, said.

"Most burglaries committed in the city are the result of criminals who live in this area. Narcotic addiction and the need to keep themselves supplied is a major factor in burglaries," he said.

"It is the opinion of certain law enforcement agents throughout the country that crimes are caused by judges being too quick to release criminals on bail," Joseph Caporino, HIBA president said. "Most crimes are repeated by those with criminal records."

## Hoboken introduces \$20.5M 1983 budget

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor Steve Cappelletto yesterday called a special session of the City Council to introduce the 1983 budget which, in its present form, could raise city taxes about 5 percent and force continuation of a municipal hiring freeze.

The \$20.5-million budget, which represents a \$700,000-increase from last year's \$19.8-million budget, is scheduled for introduction tomorrow night. The budget is expected to undergo several revisions before it is formally adopted.

The budget was expected to be introduced last month but that action was postponed, sources say, because of the political sensitivity of any projected tax hike close to the May 10 council election. Six council members faced election battles.

"It's about time we got the budget," said City Council President Walter S. Cramer.

The 1983 budget, if increased from last year's expenditure, would hike the city's tax rate

approximately \$7.50 to nearly \$155 for every \$1,000 of assessed property, according to Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Cramer said yesterday, however, that he expects the budget to be trimmed to reduce the size of any tax hike. The city's tax rate is the second highest in the state.

As you know, when the City Council gets the budget, we'll sharpen our pencils and get down to our own work," Cramer said.

Cappelletto, Chius and the city's special tax counsel, Herbert Fine, also are scheduled to meet tomorrow with aides to Gov. Thomas H. Kean to discuss payment of \$1.13 million the state owes Hoboken as replacement revenues on state-owned local railroad property.

City officials consider the replacement revenues crucial to this year's budget, and Chius has predicted that without the \$1.13 million, the tax rate will have to be raised an additional \$3.50.

The state allocation has not been approved by the state Legislature.

## Hoboken orders safety checks after sidewalk collapses

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Arezzo said building inspectors have been checking storefront cellars in the immediate vicinity, but did not have the manpower to complete a citywide inspection of such cellars. Instead, he said he would require the inspections by the property owners so that his office could detect any similar weaknesses on other properties.

He estimated that as many as 800 sites in the city may have the cellars, which usually are located beneath public sidewalks. They were used to store the coal used for furnaces before the advent of gas and oil furnaces.

"In some cases, the cellars have been filled in," Arezzo said. "But in a lot of homes all the owners did was wall them in, meaning there is still vacant space beneath the sidewalks."

## Cappelletto's Pathmark veto stands

By Rick Tosches

Greeted with a resounding approval from an overflow crowd packed into the Hoboken Council Chambers, a zoning amendment to allow construction of a Pathmark supermarket was defeated as the city council fell one vote short of overriding Mayor Steve Cappelletto's veto.

In a 5-to-3 decision with Councilman Robert Ranieri absent, Council President Walter Cramer, who voted in favor of the supermarket measure, announced, "Since the resolution did not get six votes (a two-thirds majority), therefore it fails."

That statement was met with cheers from the audience, which council members estimated to be approximately 300.

## Cappelletto's veto stands

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Rocco Covallo of Hoboken told the council that they must listen to the over 40,000 residents who, he claimed, were in favor of the supermarket.

"You have no alternative other than to build the Pathmark," Covallo said.

George Guzman of Hoboken had a different opinion.

"That property has been vacant for a good period of time," Guzman stated. "But there are many shop owners who do not want a Pathmark because of the competition it would create."

He also feared that if a Pathmark were to open, it would cause many workers presently employed in smaller city markets to be laid off.

Meanwhile, Thomas Vezetti, who is involved with Cramer in a run-off election on June 14, called the ordinance "a big charade."

"At the last election, all of a sudden you (council) propose a Pathmark. It should have been built a long time ago."

Meanwhile, Thomas Durkin, an attorney and a part owner of the proposed site, requested that the council action be held up until Ranieri could be present at a future meeting. "He should be given the opportunity to vote on this amendment."

The amendment, which had been passed May 4, was vetoed Friday by Cappelletto, who could not be reached for comment.

## Politics in Hoboken may make estranged bedfellows

By James Kopchans

Is there a coalition forming between some of the independent candidates in the Hoboken municipal election? It all depends on who you talk to.

Hoboken Civic League President Salvatore D'Amelio has already confirmed that four candidates and possibly a fifth have joined in a coalition in which they pledge campaign help to each other.

However, two of the candidates that form this coalition say the details have only been discussed and that they are not formally linked together into a coalition.

The confusion started this week in the city's political circles when reports circulated that candidates Patrick Caulfield, first

ward; Anthon Russo, third ward; Florence Amato, fourth ward; and Angelo Valente, sixth ward, had agreed to team up for the May 10 municipal council elections.

Another candidate, Steve Block, in the fifth ward, reportedly was close to the coalition, but had not yet made any commitment to it.

D'Amelio, who had been active in a drive that defeated a referendum in November that would have abolished run-offs, said the coalition had been agreed upon and the candidates would soon officially announce it.

However, both Caulfield and Valente said nothing had officially been agreed to yet between the candidates. Both said they had been meeting and remained close friends, but that they still were

independents.

"There isn't anything official, but we are helping each other out," Valente said.

Meanwhile, Block said he has spoken to the other candidates, but has no intentions of joining a coalition.

If the candidates do decide to join together, they would have to do so under a coalition. The deadline for changing the ballot to reorganize themselves into a political slate has long since passed.

At present, only one slate has been entered in the elections that of four incumbents Anthony Romano, Walter Cramer, Sal Cemelli and Mary Francone. All four are running with the support of Mayor Steve Cappelletto's organization.

## Pathmark not giving up

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A Pathmark official yesterday dismissed as groundless reports that the company has abandoned its plans to construct a shopping center on five acres in the northern portion of the city.

Robert Wonderly, vice-president for public affairs of the Pathmark Division of Supermarkets General, said the chain, based in Wood-Ridge, has not altered its plans to construct a Pathmark at 15th and Washington streets.

Wonderly rejected two separate reports, which have been circulating throughout the city for several weeks, that Pathmark had either abandoned the project or opted to build the complex in a southern portion of the city.

Supporters of the project have charged that city officials are generating the rumors in an attempt to block final approval. Supporters have not publicly named the officials they believe are responsible.

Seymour Heller, the principal owner of the property,

has accused city officials of attempting to block the proposal for their personal gain. He has not, however, publicly detailed that accusation.

Last week, the City Council passed a resolution clearing the way for the proposed shopping center, which has been under consideration for nearly three years. The council's decision, however, is expected to face additional delays, including a possible veto by Mayor Steve Cappelletto, who has not announced any decision on that matter.

Another delay could come if the city decides to foreclose on the property for alleged non-payment of taxes. The city claims four years' worth of taxes have not been paid on the vacant land. In addition, opponents of the project have filed two lawsuits in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City saying the council did not follow all required procedures when voting on the proposal.

"We were delighted with the council's action and we intend to build on the property," Wonderly said.

Wonderly said construction could begin within a year if given full approval immediately.



# Attempt to override Pathmark veto fails

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—City Council supporters of a proposed Pathmark supermarket failed last night in their attempt to overturn a mayoral veto that could block construction of a controversial supermarket in the uptown area.

The council fell one shy of the number of votes required to override Mayor Sieve Cappiello's veto of a zoning law amendment permitting construction of large retail stores, such as the proposed Pathmark, in the northern section of the city.

The council voted 5-3 in favor of the override but needed six votes to overturn Cappiello's veto. Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, who voiced opposition to the project in recent months, did not attend last night's meeting.

Cappiello's veto is expected to be challenged in the courts by supporters of the proposed shopping center, who charge that city officials have attempted to block the project for their own personal gain.

The council voted before an unruly crowd of nearly 300 that spilled out of the Council Chamber. The crowd, the majority of which voiced opposition to the Pathmark, howled and stomped on the floor when the vote tally was announced.

Seymour Heller, principal owner of a vacant five-acre site at 15th and Washington streets targeted for the proposed supermarket, charged that the majority of the crowd's members were ordered to attend the meeting by an opponent of the project.

Prior to casting his vote City Council President Walter S. Cramer accused the three council members who voted against the override attempt with ignoring the needs of uptown residents.

Cramer joined Councilmen E. Norman Wilson, Thomas Kennedy, Sal Cernelli and Nunzio Malfetti in supporting the override. Council members Anthony H. Romano, Mary Francione and Helen Macri opposed it.

## THE HOBOKEN WATERFRONT

### New York Assembly committee releases development legislation

By Earl Morgan

By a vote of 14-11, a New York State Assembly committee surprisingly voted yesterday to release a bill that would open Hoboken's waterfront for development.

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Although the bill still has to be approved by another committee before being placed on the docket for a full vote of the Assembly and also must be passed by the state Senate, most observers said getting through the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions committee was the biggest obstacle.

The vote came as a surprise. Earlier in the

day, the bill's supporters were scrambling to pull together enough votes to push the legislation out of committee and it looked as if their opposition had the upper hand.

The legislation would authorize the Port Authority to help develop sites in Hoboken and Hunter's Point, N.Y. It will now proceed to the New York Assembly Ways and Means committee, according to Rita Gordon, an aide to Assemblyman Oliver Koppell of the Bronx, who is sponsoring the legislation.

"We don't anticipate any problems with the bill there," Ms. Gordon said. "I would assume it will be on the Ways and Means committee's agenda next week."

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### New York Assembly committee releases development legislation

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"We'll keep it in committee forever if we can," Stephanie Pinto, aide to Assemblyman Jerrold Nadler of Manhattan, was quoted as saying yesterday.

Passage by the committee was hailed by Hoboken Mayor Sieve Cappiello and City Council President Walter Cramer.

"I think this news is tremendous," Cramer said. "The waterfront project will mean a lot to both the City of Hoboken and the state."

Cappiello said he was pleased with the news and felt the hardest

obstacle to passage in the New York legislature had been cleared with yesterday's vote. He said he saw no problems getting the legislation through the Ways and Means committee.

"That's just another hurdle on the way to the finish line," he said.

Nadler, who represents the 67th Assembly District that includes most of upper Manhattan's West Side, opposes the bill because of potential competition a development in Hoboken could cause his constituents.

He is also opposed to the Hunter's Point development which he feels has the potential to force many of the Long Island City factories to shut down to make way for luxury housing.

Nadler, as chairman of the Assembly's sub-committee on Mass Transit and Rail, is against any commercial development by the Port Authority which he sees as a body existing solely for the regulation of ports and the creation of transportation.

Opponents had attempted to bottle the legislation up in the corporations committee.

## Stevens student earns 3 degrees and does it in a record 3 years!

By James Kopchals

Most college students consider taking four or five courses a semester difficult, so imagine taking 13 courses in one semester.

"It takes discipline, lots of discipline," as Roberto Ka-Choen Shu explained. He's in the last semester of his senior year at Stevens Institute of Technology and took 13 graduate and undergraduate courses.

As a result, Shu will be only the second student in the school's 113-year history to earn three degrees simultaneously: A bachelor's degree in engineering, a master's degree in electrical engineering, and a master's in computer sciences.

Shu is the first student in school history to earn the degrees in three years.

Stevens was not Shu's first choice when he sought an American school. He first applied to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, but was refused. "They had been burned by



Roberto Ka-Choen Shu Engineering whiz

foreign students earning high grades at less-challenging schools," Shu said. "They must have thought 'Oh well, here's

another one who got good grades at a bad school."

With his Stevens career behind him, Shu will start work on his doctorate next month at MIT in advanced electronic and aeronautical engineering.

The average number of credits taken by Stevens students per year is 40, but Shu earned at least 100 credits a year by loading up on classes in spring, fall and summer semesters.

"I had a head start, though," Shu explained. In his native city of Guayaquil, Ecuador, Shu attended that nation's leading junior naval academy.

"It was a no-nonsense sort of school which demanded total concentration from its students," he said. There he learned much of the math and science skills demanded of first year freshmen.

"When I came here many of the first year classes were meant to bridge the transition for high school students from high school math to engineer-level math."

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## Stevens student earns 3 degrees

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Shu said. "But I had already had these subjects in Ecuador, so I sought out more challenging classes."

Also helping was Shu's involvement with the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Shu had to receive special permission from the U.S. and Ecuadorian governments to participate, but he said the experience helped him form a disciplined attitude toward school work.

This schedule even gave him the time to play in the school's varsity soccer squad in his first two years before giving it up to concentrate on his degrees.

"You have to set your mind and get the work done when it needs to be done," Shu said. "When you get into a situation where you have three finals due the same day you have to remain calm and expect that you will have to do a lot of work to be prepared."

Shu admits he was lucky to be able to concentrate totally on

schoolwork throughout his three years. "I did not have to worry about outside pressures caused by my family or financial problems."

Shu's father, Roberto Kwakoun Shu, lived in the United States before World War II and even served as a pilot with the "Flying Tigers" division of the Army Air Force. During the war, he served as a colonel with the Chinese Air Force, then moved to Ecuador after the war to serve as an instructor in that nation's air academy.

Later, he moved into business and established several prosperous firms.

His father's financial resources have let Shu travel widely, doing research work at other institutions both in the U.S. and Europe.

"I've learned a lot about people from travel. I probably know more about people than most American students. Yet it's ironic that I am considered a foreign student. After all, we're all just people."



BURSTING WITH PRIDE - Frank Sinatra of Hoboken, right, singer Frank Sinatra's godfather, shows Sheriff Peter DiNardo the wristwatch Sinatra gifted him last Christmas. Garrick, now 57, was employed by the old Jersey Observer for 49 years and is well known in Hoboken. DiNardo who is running for another term in the June 7th election, was snapped with Garrick while visiting the Hoboken Seniors Center in the Elk's Club.

## In Hudson



QUEEN FOR A YEAR—Mary Grech, 23, left, of Hoboken, chosen Miss Hispanic of New Jersey is congratulated by Sonia Chaparro second runner up and Magali Gonzalez, fourth runner up.

# PA waterfront bill faces hurdle today

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

Legislation that would enable the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to proceed with a proposed \$600 million Hoboken waterfront revitalization project is expected to face a final New York state Assembly committee vote today, according to an Assembly aide.

Swift Assembly approval of the amended version has been virtually guaranteed, according to sources. The amended version of the legislation, if cleared by the New York Assembly, will have to be sent back to the New York Senate and New Jersey Legislature for

approval. The legislation requires the approval of both state legislatures because the Port Authority is a bistate agency.

New York Assembly approval, however, is considered the project's final legislative hurdle.

The legislation, if approved in both states, will enable the Port Authority to undertake two waterfront development projects, one each in Hoboken and Queens, N.Y.

The committee vote will be the first major action taken on the legislation since it died in the New York State Legislature only hours before the close

of the 1982 New York legislative year.

If cleared by the committee today, sources said, the bill could face a final vote within two weeks before the full Assembly, the only legislative branch in both New York and New Jersey that has not passed some version of the enabling legislation.

An amended version of a bill, already passed by the full New Jersey Legislature and the New York State Senate, is slated to be presented today to the Assembly's Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, according to Rita Gordon, special assistant.

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## Russo will challenge all absentee ballots

By James Kopchals

Anthony Russo, second-place finisher in Hoboken's Third Ward election, said he is challenging all absentee votes cast in Tuesday's election in the ward and will prove that supporters of the Cappiello administration "stole this election through intimidation and unscrupulous tactics."

Russo said he has filed challenges with county Elections Superintendent Joseph Brady and would pursue it in court if necessary.

Russo said he believed at

least 50 absentee ballots cast for him had been tampered with or were not recorded.

Meanwhile, Russo said Cappiello supporters used intimidation to keep his supporters from going to the polls. "If you had been around here during election day, you would have seen groups of about 50 people on every street corner near the voting booths watching the voters going in and out."

Russo also charged that Cappiello supporters from outside Hoboken had been working in the ward. His opponent had charged that Russo was being helped by Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann.

Russo lost to Cappiello-backed Councilman Sal Cernelli by a vote of 1,262-to-1,008.

"Ha-ha-ha" was Cappiello's initial response to the allegations. "It's just a matter of sour grapes."

Cappiello said Cernelli is "a complete gentleman who never resorted to these tactics."

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tant to Assemblyman G. Oliver Koppell, D-The Bronx, who chairs the committee.

The Assembly's version of the legislation, which contains two amendments, will face an additional review by the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee if approved by Koppell's committee. Once cleared by the second committee the legislature will face a floor vote in the Assembly, Gordon said.

Michael Krieger, the Port Authority's manager of waterfront development, said last night that he could not com-

ment on today's scheduled committee vote.

Gordon said the version of bill facing approval before Koppell's committee today contains two amendments. The first restricts the Port Authority to two development projects in each state, although the second project cannot begin until the projects in Hoboken and Queens are "well under way," she said.

The second amendment requires the Port Authority to submit an annual progress report concerning the projects to both states' legislatures beginning April 1985, Gordon said.

An third amendment requiring the Port Authority to meet certain Affirmative Action guidelines was dropped, Gordon said. The proposed Hoboken project calls for the creation of a huge complex along the city's River Road that would include office buildings, retail stores, luxury highrise apartments, restaurants and a marina.

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday: "I'm optimistic. Koppell has assured us the bill will be passed by the (Assembly) and I feel confident it will be to the satisfaction of the New Jersey Legislature."

## Recounts multiply in Hoboken wards

While charges continue to fly as a result of a closely contested election won in Hoboken's Third Ward by incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cernelli over Anthony Russo, leading to recount to be held Tuesday, a second recount has also been scheduled for that day.

Councilman Nunzio Malfetti, who got less votes in the May 10th election in the Sixth Ward than Pat Pasculli and Angelo Valente, who will apparently be in a June 14 runoff, got an order from Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien for a recount Tuesday by county election authorities.

Meanwhile, Bernard J. Kennedy, counsel for Russo, has filed with Joseph T. Brady, county elections superintendent, four affidavits by Michael Gentile, Nick Morin, Josephine Salzano and Agnes Sivori that they voted for

Cernelli, not Russo. Brady is investigating the Third Ward election.

He explained to Brady that the four persons have state reasons why they previously executed erroneous affidavits on behalf of Russo. Gentile's new affidavit states he signed the prior one because Russo promised his brother a job. Morin alleged he was paid \$10 for his vote. Salzano claimed she was misled into believing she was signing a petition and Sivori alleged she was harassed.



## Former opponents support Vezzetti

By James Kopchans

Thomas Vezzetti, one of two candidates squaring off in the June 14 run-off election in Hoboken's Second Ward, has picked up the support of four other candidates in last Tuesday's general election.

Meanwhile, sixth Ward Councilman Nunzio Malfetti said he still has not decided whether to support candidate Pat Pasculli or Arcangelo Valente in the June 14 runoff election for the council seat. With the number of votes that Malfetti received in the election, he does appear to be the most critical factor in the run-off.

Vezzetti, who will face Council President Walter Cramer in the election, received the support of Ruben E. Rivera, Margaret Burke, James Roarty and Michael Schaffer for the June 14 election.

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\$300 so far, is continuing to tour the streets of the ward, with an electric megaphone trying to drum up support.

Although referred to as a "showboat" because of his clothing and loud voice, political observers said this personality allows him to maintain a high visibility among voters in the ward, especially when compared to the low-key campaign that Cramer ran in the ward before Tuesday's election.

Both men have been at odds throughout the year. Cramer has already ejected Vezzetti several times from council chambers during meetings, while Vezzetti

has charged Cramer with fraud and has challenged Cramer's legal address in the ward.

Both Pasculli and Valente said they've either spoken to Malfetti or will speak to him about receiving his support in the election. Malfetti said he would listen to both sides and then decide whom to support.

Malfetti received 524 votes in the election, 14 less than Valente's 538 with both trailing Pasculli's total of 652 votes. Under the city's election laws a run-off between the top two candidates is called when none of the candidates garners more than 50 percent of the vote in the general election.

## Hoboken officials may spend \$300,000 to shore up Washington Street sidewalks

By James Kopchans

The sidewalk collapse Tuesday that severely injured a 71-year-old woman on Hoboken's Washington Street has prompted city officials to consider a \$300,000 program to repair and reconstruct that street.

The three members of the city council's Community Development committee yesterday, along with Community Development Agency Director Fred Bado Jr., endorsed a program for improvements along Washington Street.

A public hearing on the program will be held

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the city's Multi-Service Center.

As outlined by Councilman Robert Ranieri, who serves on the committee, the program would make a total of \$300,000 available to repair and replace sidewalks up and down the mile-long street, which is the city's main business district.

The program would also have funds available to reinforce or to fill in open vaults and coal chutes similar to the one that collapsed on Tuesday at 300 Washington St., sending the woman, Secundina

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## Hoboken tax rate may increase 8%

By BILL GYVES

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council last night introduced a \$22.3-million budget which, if adopted in its present form, is expected to hike the city's tax rate at least 8 percent and force a major reorganization of municipal services and personnel.

Mayor Steve Cappiello cited reductions in state and federal aid as well as recent increases in the city's share of the county tax burden as reasons for the projected tax hike.

"The budget message I bring you in 1983 is not good," Cappiello said.

But city Business Administrator Edwin Chius said yesterday that the tax hike may be as much as 20 percent if the state fails to allocate \$1.13

million it owes the city in replacement revenue on state-owned local railroad properties. That money is what the city would receive as taxes on the property if it were private.

Chius, who recently indicated that city officials were confident of receiving the state funds, said yesterday he does not expect to receive the \$1.13 allocation.

"There will be a least an 8-percent tax increase and possibly a 20-percent increase if we don't get the state railroad funds," Chius said.

The city already has the state's second highest tax rate — \$147 for every \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

"Recently the federal and state governments have begun programs to shift the tax burden to

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seventh grade.

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Montoto down about 15 feet and burying her under 200 pounds of concrete and dirt.

"These areas are found only on Washington Street. They used to be used to store merchandise or to place gas and electric meters," Ranieri said. "As they are, some of them could pose a danger similar to what happened Tuesday. They should be rendered safe."

"We had always had it in our minds to take steps in improving the streets and sidewalks along Washington. This accident only pushed it to the forefront."

Ranieri said public comments will be sought on which areas of the street will need repair and the ways of using the money.

"Right now, we're trying to develop a format, a context on just how to spend the money in the best way possible," Ranieri said.

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the local governments which means an increase in property taxes — the city's only source of income except license and user fees.

"The city cannot afford this shift in tax burden from the federal and state governments."

Innovation and tenacity of purpose is needed to maintain and protect the fiscal integrity of our city," Cappiello's budget message said.

Cappiello and Chius said a major effort to consolidate city services and departments will have to be implemented to cut costs. The consolidation would require various divisions — including police and fire — to merge operations, they said.

"It has to happen," Cappiello said.

He said he plans to discuss with Weehawken officials a joint consolidation program between the two municipalities.

Cappiello added he is debating the possibility of instituting positions for public safety officers in the city's department of public safety. The officers would be trained in both police and firefighting skills to cut the budgets of both divisions, he said.

The proposal, if formally presented, is expected to draw fire from unions representing both firefighters and police officers. But Cappiello said he would be willing to place the question on the November election ballot.

The 1983 budget was originally scheduled for introduction last month but was postponed apparently because of the political sensitivity of a pending tax rate hike. Six council members faced election battles in the May 10 council election.

The fiscal picture outlined is bleaker than one predicted in a preliminary budget overview released by Chius last month. At that time, Chius predicted a \$20.5-million budget with a projected 5-percent tax rate increase.

## Cops helping school trace lost jackets

Hoboken High School officials are playing "Where'd the jackets go?" and have decided to go to the police to see if they can find an answer.

The jackets, ordered in February at a cost of about \$700 from the Jostens Spiritwear Co. of Abilene, Kansas, still have not been received by the school despite word from both the company and United Parcel Service, the deliverers, that they were shipped to the school.

Joseph Buda, the school's principal, said someone apparently signed for the shipment when it arrived after-school hours in March, but never gave it to the proper school authorities.

The school still has the money for the jackets, which was collected through fundraising efforts by several homerooms and the school's choral society. Should the jackets not be found, Buda said all money would be returned to the students.

"There's no worry about anyone losing any money," Buda said. "It's just that the kids have been looking forward to the jackets and we're trying the best to trace them down."

In their report, police said they had learned of persons either wearing or selling the jackets in different areas of Jersey City. Police officials said they believed the jackets were stolen from the school sometime shortly after they were delivered.

When the jackets were reportedly delivered, the school allowed after-school deliveries which were usually signed for by maintenance men. However, this policy has changed. Now, all deliveries must be made during school hours and signed for at the school's main office.

## Hoboken factory damaged by fire

HOBOKEN—A general alarm fire caused extensive damage to a factory building on 11th Street last night.

The fire in the block-long building at 11th and Adams streets was reported about 6:30 p.m. and was declared under control by 10:17 p.m., fire authorities said.

The building housed two firms — Spintec Corp., whose address is listed as 1024 Adams St., and a ceramics firm run by Marion Grabow, at 451 11th St.

One firefighter was reported injured. He was treated at St. Mary Hospital.

Fire companies from Jersey City and Union City were on standby during the blaze.

## Russo gets Hoboken recount order

Anthony Russo, who was defeated by incumbent Councilman Salvatore Cemelli in Hoboken's Third Ward election by 1,262 to 1,089 votes, has obtained an order from Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien for a recount to be held Tuesday.

There was no objection to the recount by Bernard F. Kenny Jr., Cemelli's lawyer, but he and Joseph Healy, Russo's counsel, went over certain ground rules, agreeing all three candidates (including John R. Spano, who finished third) will be entitled to appear or be represented at the recount.

Russo, who claims there were errors in counting the votes on the machines and absentee ballots, deposited \$35 with the court to cover recount expenses. The five voting machines will

be rechecked at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the old Emerson Warehouse in Downtown Jersey City, followed by a recount of absentee ballots at the county board of elections offices in the county administration building.

After the brief court proceeding, Kenny said that Cemelli had a mandate from the voters, but the law entitling his opponent to a recount must be followed.

Russo's complaint claims he has affidavits from 31 persons who say they voted for him, but only 25 absentee ballots were declared cast for him.

He also claims his votes were incorrectly counted in the ward's first district, that an absentee vote was cast by personal messenger for Lydia Grossi who died

the day before the May 10 election, that one Thomas Fearon was barred from voting for him because another Thomas Fearon,

not a registered voter, had cast an absentee ballot and a Vivian Flora, not registered, cast an absentee ballot.

## EXHUMATION

## Fire victims' bodies examined for IDs

By FRANCES ANN BURNS

Staff Writer

Hoboken

family

killed in

1981

fire

buried in

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Six victims of a 1981 fire in Hoboken have been reinterred in Puerto Rico after examination by representatives of the Hudson County Prosecutor's office and the state medical examiner.

Aguadilla Prosecutor Luis Roman said yesterday afternoon that the investigators wanted to positively establish the identity and age of the head of the family, Edwin Mercado, 39, who he said had erroneously been listed in New Jersey records as being 14 years old.

The family is buried in Isabella, a north-eastern town 50 miles from the capital, San Juan.

Roman said that while the New Jersey officials did not tell him they were preparing a criminal case in relation to the fire, "they would not send four people to spend three or four days in Puerto Rico to establish someone's identity unless they were preparing a criminal case."

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Hudson County Prosecutor Harold J. Ruvolet Jr. refused to comment on results of the medical examination or to say whether the exhumation is a prelude to legal action on the fire.

The four criminal specialists — Assistant Prosecutor Anthony Pope, county homicide investigator Terry Hull, state Medical Examiner Robert Goode and assistant state pathologist Frank Tramano — performed the laboratory work Wednesday and Thursday and returned to New Jersey yesterday, Romano said.

They were present Wednesday in Isabella for the exhumation of Mercado, his wife Ana Vega, 35, and their four children Ruth, 13, Dennis, 12, Walter, 10 and Kenneth 9.

"They took X-rays, made measurements and took samples (of the bodies) with them," said Romano, who was present.

Mercado, his wife, Ana, and their four children — Ruth, 13, Dennis, 12, Walter, 10, and Kenneth, 9 — died in the fire at 1200 Washington St. on Oct. 24, 1981. Mrs. Mercado's father, Manuel Velez, 71, and Renciera Rios and her three children also perished in the blaze.

The Rios family lived directly underneath the Mercado's fifth-floor apartment. The two families apparently died of smoke inhalation after being trapped because fire escapes in the building were located in the rear of the structure.

Hoboken detectives said the fire investigation is now in the hands of the prosecutor's office.

## Cappiello told to stay out of polling places

Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello has been cautioned by county elections officials to stay away from polling places, unless authorized by a candidate, during the June 14 runoffs for City Council seats.

However, the county board of elections said it found no evidence to support a charge of intimidation of voters which was made against the mayor by Thomas Vezzetti, a candidate for council in the runoff. Vezzetti faces City Council President Walter Cramer in the Second Ward.

Vezzetti's complaint concerned the mayor's appearance at a polling site during the May 10 municipal election. He and Cappiello got into a shouting match, with Vezzetti demanding the mayor leave.

"From discussing this incident with all concerned parties it does not appear that Mayor Cappiello and (aide) Bill Van Wie entered the polling location willfully to threaten or intimidate voters," as you have verbally charged," said Joseph Brady, superintendent of elections, in a report to Vezzetti.

"There is no evidence that they entered the polling place with intent to hinder or delay the election or to prevent a voter from casting his ballot."

However, Brady added that he will officially caution Cappiello about entering any polling places in the Second Ward without authorized credentials.

## Hoboken's 3rd Ward election ruled valid

By CHARLES JAY DOANE

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A Hudson County Superior Court judge yesterday rejected City Council candidate Anthony Russo's motion that the election results from last month's hotly contested 3rd Ward race be declared invalid.

Russo held that Thursday night's discovery of 23 uncounted absentee ballots "cast a shadow of doubt" over the entire election.

Russo lost the May 10 race for the 3rd Ward council seat to Councilman Salvatore Cemelli by 162 votes. A recount last week failed to change the results.

During yesterday's hearing before Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien, Hudson Board of Elections Trustee Julius D. Canter asked county Superintendent of Elections Joseph T. Brady to conduct an investigation into how the 23 ballots

went uncounted.

O'Brien ruled that the uncounted ballots be counted Monday morning, and advised Russo to hold his motion to invalidate the election results until after that final count is taken.

All but one of the uncounted ballots had already been opened prior to their discovery discovered Thursday night.

"No one can guarantee me what happened to those ballots from the day of the election to today," Joseph Healy, Russo's lawyer, said yesterday.

But Cemelli's lawyer, Bernard Kenny Jr., explained that the ballot envelopes with the ballots still in them had probably been accidentally placed with the empty envelopes.

Immediately after the election, both candidates had asked that all ballots and ballot paraphernalia be

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impounded. The uncounted ballots were impounded by Brady himself immediately upon their discovery.

"This is a lesson to all victorious candidates in close elections," Kenny said. "If we hadn't asked for the impoundment in the first place, we'd have no way to defend ourselves now."

Kenny said that even if all 23 uncounted ballots were for Russo, the margin of victory still would not be small enough to force a run-off election.

## More ballots found in Hoboken race

By FRANCES ANN BURNS

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Twenty-three uncounted absentee ballots cast in the hotly contested 3rd Ward City Council race were found last night by the two candidates.

Both Councilman Salvatore Cemelli and his opponent Anthony Russo said the ballots were found in envelopes. One was still sealed; the others had been slit open.

The ballots were immediately impounded. They will be presented today to Assignment Judge Thomas S. O'Brien of Hudson County

Superior Court.

There had been a 23-vote discrepancy between the absentee ballots counted in the May 10 election and the affidavits submitted by voters, Russo said. Absentee ballots come in two parts, a signed, sworn affidavit and the actual ballot.

A recount last week ordered by O'Brien did not change the results of the election.

Russo lost to Cemelli by 162 votes. He has said he is only 16 votes short of forcing a runoff election, which is required if no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the total vote.

The two candidates, their attorneys, Hudson County Superintendent of Elections Joseph T. Brady, and three members of the county Board of Elections were present during last night's search at the Hudson County Administration Building in Jersey City.

Both Russo and Cemelli have made accusations of fraud. Cemelli charged Russo after the election with coercing voters into signing affidavits saying they voted for him. Russo, a longtime foe of Mayor Steve Cappiello, charged that Cappiello tampered with the absentee ballots.



# Hoboken employees firing upheld by appeals judge

A judge has dismissed appeals by 16 former Hoboken employees laid off last year by the city as part of a series of budgetary cuts.

Administrative Law Judge Arnold Samuels ruled the city acted in good faith when it laid them off on May 19.

The appellants were part of 56 full and part-time employees laid off as the city cut its budget to meet a five-percent state budget cap. The city's Municipal

Employees Association charged that the lay-offs were motivated by political alliances.

However, in his summary sent to both attorneys Philip Feintuch, who represented the employees and Thomas Calligy, who represented the city, Samuels said the firings followed the proper procedures and the employees laid off were not replaced.

Feintuch said the employees

have not yet decided whether to appeal.

Samuels also said that contentions the layoffs were politically motivated were vague, inconclusive, and not proven.

Samuels' decision was sent to the state Civil Service Commission, which will review it and render a final decision by June 27.

The city has upheld the layoffs as a necessary step in cutting the municipal budget last year. Edwin Chius, the city's

business administrator, said the city saved between \$200,000 and \$300,000 with the layoffs.

Since the layoffs, four of those filing appeals have been rehired. These were done, Chius said, by following reemployment lists given to them by the state Civil Service commission.

Originally, 21 employees had filed appeals, but before the hearing dates of March 30 and 31, five of these employees had withdrawn them.

# Man calmly escapes from Hoboken cell

By BILL GYVES  
Staff Writer

A 35-year-old man Hoboken charged with escaping from the city's holding pen told a Hudson County judge yesterday that what he did really could not be called an escape because he simply strolled out of the unattended cell.

But Superior Court Judge Edward F. Zampella suggested the man take some time to reconsider his logic and sentenced him to 90 days in Hudson County Jail in Jersey City.

James W. Giordano, the city's public safety director, said yesterday that Thursday's escape was the first in several years.

The holding pen is next to the front desk, near which a police officer is assigned.

John Noble, whose address was listed as 1301 Washington St., was arrested Thursday and charged with obstruction of justice by breaking out of the city's holding pen in which suspects are held prior to court hearings.

Noble was being held Thursday in the cell, located at police headquarters on the ground floor of City Hall, on a disorderly conduct charge after he allegedly stole a small amount of newspapers, police said.

Appearing before Zampella yesterday, Noble insisted that what he did could not rightly be deemed a breakout because he

## New library hours

Starting June 18, the Hoboken Public Library will go on summer hours during the summer months. The library will be closed on Mondays and Saturdays and will only be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

# Parents, staff in dispute at Head Start Center

A new policy decision to exclude the general teaching staff from parent committee meetings has caused a serious split within the staff at the Hoboken Head Start Center.

The split came about Wednesday night when the committee refused to allow members of the staff to attend the meeting, as had been the practice in the past. Instead, the only staff members in attendance were MaryAnne Palceski, the program's director, and Laurie Tortorella, the program's parent involvement coordinator.

Various teachers and parents involved with the center yesterday charged the action was part of a movement by a small portion of the parents committee to take over control of policy at the center. However, Joseph Hottendorf, whose letter to Miss Palceski initiated the door-closing, said he requested it to stem what he saw as previous manipulations by the teaching staff with the parents at the meetings.

The committee is made up of parents of all children in the program. Under the Head Start program, they are to assist the staff in helping to make policy decisions and are empowered to elect a policy council which recommends hirings of personnel.

The city's Head Start program, which provides pre-school instruction to about 135 students, is funded with federal grants funneled through the umbrella agency, the Hoboken Office to Prevent Economic Stress. Besides being a committee member, Hottendorf also serves on the HOPE's board of trustees.

On Wednesday, about 50 members of the committee voted to approve a new set of by-laws. According to Hottendorf, they were made to set the ground for greater parent contributions in the future.

"What we were seeing were parents being intimidated and discouraged from speaking because of the staff people in the room," Hottendorf said yesterday. "Being professional people, these staff members were taking over the meetings."

"By removing the staff, for the first time the parents actually ran their meeting. They spoke up and discussed just what they wanted to see happen."

However, several teachers and parents who called The Jersey Journal yesterday claimed the decision was meant to freeze the staff and keep them quiet while Hottendorf and Mrs. Palceski took over control of policy.

Two parents, Peggy and Amy Dyer, said the staff had always been a crucial part of the meetings and had worked very closely in helping it expand and better serve the community.

One teacher, Ronnie Dalstrum, said he believed the parents at the meeting were being manipulated into approving the work prepared by Hottendorf.

Hottendorf said yesterday the by-laws were created by a group of parents and his contribution consisted of grammatical review — nothing more.

He said the decision to bar the staff was based on Head Start guidelines issued by the federal government that allows the staff to attend only at the invitation of the parents. He said no parents voted to invite the staff on Wednesday.

The two Mrs. Dyers said that many parents were intimidated by the presence of a uniformed policeman outside the center, located at 117 Jefferson St. on Wednesday. However, Hottendorf said the policeman was a friend and he was only chatting to him outside the center for a few minutes.

# Hoboken to consider low-income housing

The Hoboken Housing Authority now wants to meet with the city council to discuss the possibility of building a new low-income housing complex to handle the overflow in applications for public housing in the city.

At their meeting Thursday, the authority's board of commissioners agreed to arrange a meeting with the city council to discuss new funding sources for the housing as well as available sites in the city.

Edwin Duroy, one of the commissioners, first advanced the idea and received the support of Anthony Romano, the city's First

Ward councilman, who also sits on the authority's board.

"In the past month, I must have had over 200 people come up to me and ask me about finding housing in the city. There are people out in the streets looking for housing. We have to have more public housing built," Romano said.

Any such housing that would be built would have to be garden apartments no higher than three stories, Andrew Scherer, board chairman said. "There are no more high-rise public projects being funded anymore," Scherer said.

# River Fair Committee seeks way to use pier

The Hoboken Environmental Committee has scheduled a meeting on June 24 to find ways of saving its annual River City Fair.

The fair was put into danger when the city council voted to delay approval of the city's Fifth

Street Pier because of an engineering report that labeled the pier unsafe.

However, Helen Manogue, president of the committee, said its members were still committed to the pier as the fair's site and challenged the report, saying

it was meant only to determine whether or not the pier should be demolished.

The fair has been held at the pier for each of the last four years. Last year, an engineering report by Leonard Geisman made for the state Department of Environmental Protection described it as being ready to collapse at any minute.

The committee has scheduled the meeting for June 24 at 8 p.m. at the Union Club, 600 Hudson St., to discuss the report and plan efforts to save the pier.

"If the city is so worried about people walking on the pier they should close it up this very moment," Mrs. Manogue said. As it is, she said many persons use it daily either to fish or to just stroll on the water's edge.

"From what I understand, the report was only meant to answer whether the pier should be demolished," she said. "I'm certain that another engineer could easily say the pier could be reconstructed."

# LOCAL ENVIRONMENTALIST WOULD SINK BOAT PLAN

The Hoboken Environment Committee, in a letter to the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, has objected to the siting of a proposed boat-repair shop on the Hoboken waterfront.

The committee said while it does not object to the "idea" of such a restaurant on the waterfront, it points out to the DEP that the establishment must be "located in a site which complements other existing uses and supplements proposed uses."

The proposed boat-repair shop, named The African Queen, could ruin the entire future of the waterfront development if allowed to remain at its site on the northern side of the Erie Lackawanna Terminal, the committee stated.

The committee also told the DEP, which must review the boat's

Waterfront Development Permit, that as presently located, the boat "destroys the already minimal view of the river" from the Terminal Plaza area, which is slated to be made into a waterfront park through Green Acres funding.

In addition, the committee noted that automobile parking in the railroad terminal area is already over-burdened and that the proposed boat-repair shop will turn the area into a "major parking problem." Both parking and pedestrian access to the waterfront would be cut through the proposed park.

Other objections of the committee concern the impact of the boat-repair shop on existing businesses in the area, which pay full taxes and high space-allocation costs. The proposed boat-repair shop, the committee

pointed out, will pay no taxes because it is located on N.J. Transit property.

It will also pay only a minimal rent (\$100 a month for the first three months) thus giving it an "unfair edge over its local competition."

Moreover, the sponsors of the project, Messrs. George Costa, a real estate developer from Hoboken, and Arthur McCarthy, a businessman from Staten Island, have not obtained any local permits for the docking of the boat nor submitted their project to an overview by the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee in Hoboken.

Such disregard of the needs of the 42,000 residents of Hoboken, the committee asserted, has threatened the city with the ruin of the future of its waterfront plans.

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did not use force or weapons. Instead, Noble reasoned, he simply walked out of the jail cell.

Noble was accompanied in the jail "walkout" by Oscar Coriano, 22, who was being held for parole violation. Coriano's address was listed by police as 221 Clinton St. in Hoboken. He was arrested yesterday and also charged with obstruction of justice for allegedly escaping from the holding pen, police said.

"They ripped the door right off the hinges. I don't know how the hell they did it, but they did it," Giordano said.

Once out of the holding pen, Noble and Coriano ran up a flight of stairs, through the Municipal Court chamber and out the front door of City Hall, he said. Several other prisoners in the cell at the time of the incident remained in the holding pen, Giordano said.

The door to the holding pen was placed back on its hinges yesterday, Giordano said. Both men were unemployed.

# Set budget preview

The Hoboken Council has scheduled a public hearing on this year's \$22 million municipal budget for June 30, but have decided to meet three days before then to discuss the budget among themselves.

The council has scheduled a special meeting on June 27 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the budget with Edwin Chius, the city's business administrator, and Frank Italiano, the city's auditor. The meeting is open to the public, but there will be no public participation at this meeting.

# Hoboken police probe stabbing outside tavern

HOBOKEN—Detectives are investigating the stabbing of a city man outside a tavern on Clinton Street early Saturday morning.

Don Tillary, 37, of 527 Willow Ave., was found by police shortly before 3 a.m., lying bleeding in a hallway in his building. He said he had been stabbed outside the 88 Club, a tavern at 88 Clinton St., police said.

He was taken to St. Mary Hospital, where he was reported to be in stable condition last night.

# Boy in stable condition after falling from roof

HOBOKEN—A 10-year-old boy who fell three stories Tuesday was in stable condition last night in the Jersey City Medical Center.

Luis Rosado fell off the roof of 400 Harrison St. around 7 p.m., police said, as his mother watched. His mother told police the boy had gone up to the roof to retrieve a baseball.

Luis was taken to St. Mary Hospital and then transferred to the pediatric intensive care unit at the medical center.

# More absentee votes boost Cemelli lead

A tally of 23 absentee ballots, previously uncounted, gave Hoboken Councilman Salvatore Cemelli an even bigger victory margin over challenger Anthony Russo.

Cemelli received 20 votes while Russo had only three of the ballots, which were counted over the weekend by order of Superior Court Judge Thomas S. O'Brien. The uncounted ballots were discovered last week.

In the May 10 Hoboken

municipal election, Cemelli won the election for councilman in the Third Runoff. Russo believed he needed a gain of only 18 votes to force a runoff and was hoping the newly discovered absentee ballots would give him that.

Superintendent of Elections Joseph Brady is still conducting an investigation to find out why the 23 absentee ballots were not counted before. Prior to this, Cemelli had 134 absentee votes and Russo had 25.

# Group plans drive to curb drinking

A group of Hoboken businessmen is studying ways of starting and encouraging a network of educators, police, and concerned parents to combat the growing problem of drunken driving.

The Hoboken Industry and Business Association has agreed to study how it and other groups can work together to develop an educational project designed to acquaint youths with the dangers of drinking and driving.

"The business sector has an obligation toward our young peo-

ple and the population in general to curb the continuing carnage taking place on our roads and highways due to drinking," Richard Bozzone, a member of the group's board of directors, said.

One program the group will study is conducted by the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune. Called "Mayhem on the Highways," the program has reached an estimated 6,000 students and 1,200 adults.

# Hoboken holds lottery for Calabro School place

Over 100 parents and their children attended yesterday's lottery for class placement at the Hoboken Calabro Elementary School, the fourth straight year the lottery has been held.

The lottery was held because of the demand for student placement, particularly in the school's kindergarten classes. This year, 69 parents applied for the 47 slots available in kindergarten.

Calabro is the only school in the city to offer an "open classroom" format which provides greater freedom to its teachers and

students. The school serves no particular district, and takes its students from all neighborhoods in the city.

One parent, Wanda Valentin, whose son, Luis, placed 49th, said she believed the school's format allowed for greater learning experiences for her children.

"It's always worth a shot," she said.

The lottery was conducted by the school's principal, Richard Del Boccio, with the help of Maria Basilio, Lee Raines, and Johanna Fugazzi, of the school.

# Battery explodes, injuring Hoboken cop

HOBOKEN—A city policeman was injured early yesterday morning when a car battery exploded in his face as he assisted a motorist.

Patrolman Walter Lebrink was admitted to St. Mary Hospital, where he was reported to be in stable condition yesterday. Police said his left eye was bleeding after

the accident and he was unable to see. Hospital authorities said they could not yet tell if his sight would be permanently damaged.

The battery exploded around 3:45 a.m. as Lebrink attempted to recharge the battery of a motorist whose car had broken down at the corner of Washington and Fifth streets.