

Hoboken fair set for another top year

Hoboken's award-winning River City Fair, two days of festivities with food, exhibits, performances and demonstrations, will take place Aug. 27 and 28 along the Hudson River waterfront.

The fair, which won top honors from the Waterfront Center, Washington, D.C., in its annual citation of the nation's best waterfront festivals, will run each day from 10 a.m. until sundown. Admission is free.

The event will place on River Street between 5th and 6th streets with New York City skyline as its backdrop from 30th to Morton Streets.

Entertainment will include music and dance performances. Latin, country and western, rhythm and blues and rock bands will be featured along with dance troupes.

Sponsored by the Hoboken Environment Committee and the

Community Development Agency, Hoboken, this is the event's 9th year, according to Helen Manogue, chairman of HEC.

Co-chairmen of the event are Peter Beronio, director of community service for the CDA and a partner in the Beaten-Path Cafe on Washington Street, Hoboken, and Pierre Maneri, a construction site monitor for the CDA.

Activities for children at the fair will include a "touch and see" exhibit of animals from the Newark Museum's junior museum, as well as "face painting" by museum staff of the youngsters. United Child Services of Hoboken will give a fire safety demonstration which will include the workings of a fire engine, courtesy of the Hoboken Fire Department.

A flea market, the docking of

the Clearwater Hudson River Sloop and a host of food vendors offering everything from Italian ices to Hungarian deserts, will round out the festivities.

The Hoboken Ambulance Corps will be selling beer, wine and soda as part of its fund-raising activities.

The fair's theme this year is "Save the Fifth Street Pier." Buttons will be distributed and petitions will be circulated to try convincing officials the pier will best serve the community as a park.

Last year, more than 35,000 people from across New Jersey attended the fair.

Public transportation is available into Hoboken. In addition, there is parking for automobiles at a 50-cent per hour rate at the Hoboken Parking Authority garages on Hudson Street and 2nd, 3rd and 4th streets.

Soaring land values frighten homeowners

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The recent sale of a one-family house on Garden Street for \$215,000 — in an area where the average house is assessed at \$13,000 — has aroused concern about its effect on property assessments.

Since assessments are based on market value, and because the city is undergoing a long-delayed revaluation program, the concern has reached the City Council.

The council may ask Hudson County legislators to enact tax law provisions to protect homeowners from unrealistic increases in their assessments under the revaluation scheduled to take effect in 1984, Councilman E. Norman

Wilson Jr. said yesterday.

"Why should homeowners have to suffer because someone from New York was foolish enough to pay an inflated price for a house?" Wilson asked.

The house was purchased in the spring by a family from New York City, he said.

Inflated market values could have a big impact on the amount of property taxes a homeowner would have to pay in 1984, Wilson said.

All assessments on homes are currently being brought up to market value.

The revaluation figures were scheduled to be

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released six months ago, but Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte said they were delayed because a surge in property values had rendered many of the revalued assessments obsolete.

Administration critics, however, said the figures were withheld before the May 10 City Council election because they would have been politically disastrous for the incumbents.

Those critics said the revaluation figures would mean a further increase in property taxes.

Although these new assessments are expected to reduce the city's current tax rate of \$183.29 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, the small homeowner could be paying even higher property taxes next year as a result of the higher assessment, Wilson said.

Monte said he did nothing to affect the election.

The revaluation is due to be completed by year's end and will be used in the 1984 assessments, according to Wilson.

The revaluation of assessments in the city was ordered by the state after the ratio of current assessments to true value became too low, according to Wilson.

The current ratio of 32 percent means most homes are assessed at less than one-third their true value.

Wilson said the City Council is going to meet with representatives of Hudson County because the county will be hit the hardest with inflated market values.

Wilson said he wants small homeowners to receive special protections, such as extending sales comparisons over a wider area of the city and averaging assessments over a greater time period.

Current assessments are based on the sale prices of homes within a certain area, perhaps as small as five blocks, and on a certain period during which they were sold, usually one year, according to city officials.

Monte said the City Council will not be able to do a thing about the revaluation and added, "It was needed for 20 years and the council didn't do a thing about it."

Monte predicted that the option of using a residential tax rate that is lower than a commercial or industrial rate, one idea offered as a way to help homeowners, never would be realized.

Hoboken makes austerity budget official

In a brief, 10-minute meeting last night, the Hoboken City Council formally received its 1983-1984 municipal budget drawn up by the state and called for a special meeting noon Friday to address the budget's personnel items, which may force the layoffs of half of the city's employees.

According to Councilman Thomas Vezzetti, he is upset with the state's submission of an \$8,261,000 budget, which is expected to increase the city's tax rate by \$35 per \$1,000 and give Hoboken the county's highest rate.

"The state did not do its job correctly," Vezzetti claimed. "They were supposed to cut \$1 million. They cut \$700,000. This is ridiculous. We wanted the state to bail us out and we got shortchanged by them."

Vezzetti suggested that all retroactive raises

which were won by the municipal employees this year be eliminated in order to save their jobs.

Employees were ordered by Mayor Steve Cappiello and his directors to take all of their vacation time before Sept. 10.

As a result of the state-ordered cuts, it is estimated that almost 50 percent of the city's 500 workers will be laid off.

"There's no question that every move taken would affect the city's services," said Councilman Robert Ranieri. "I hope it would be as minimal as possible, though."

He added that the vacations would be "balanced out" and therefore would have less impact on the city, but stressed "there would be difficulty during the second half of 1983. Everyone is going to feel it."

Cappiello foes talking recall

By BILL GYVES
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—In the wake of a 25 percent increase in the city's tax rate, foes of Mayor Steve Cappiello's administration are talking of either suing the city or starting a recall campaign against Cappiello and three City Council members.

Anthony Russo, who has been one of Cappiello's most vocal critics and who was defeated in May's City Council election, said yesterday a "broad-based group" of residents angry over the \$35.95

tax increase are discussing the two options with attorneys.

Russo claims the move is not political, and that he is acting as a taxpayer.

Cappiello laughed when told Russo said he is acting only as a taxpayer and said, "It's anyone's prerogative to pursue whatever alternatives he wishes."

The increase sets the tax rate at \$182.99 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Russo claims the rate is one of the highest in the nation.

Officials predict that the 1983 city budget, drafted by the state, could force the layoffs of 25 to 50 percent of the city's employees.

Russo said the recall would target Cappiello and the three at-large City Council members: Councilmen Thomas Kennedy and Robert Ranieri, and Council President Helen Macri.

The six remaining members of the council, all elected in May, cannot face a formal recall move until they are in office one year. They took their council seats July 1.

Panel to review schools rejected

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The board of education last night voted down a proposal to establish a committee to review the city's school system.

The resolution was one of several presented by Trustee Steve Block. All failed 4 to 1. Board members James Monaco and Zelma Lago were not present last night.

Block claims the board of education is not responsive to the educational

needs of parents and their students, but only to city politicians.

Block called for the creation of a committee on educational excellence consisting of approximately 50 people both within and outside the school system to review the schools.

"There is a management crisis in the school system," Block said, adding that administrative positions that are either filled or created were politically motivated and led to job incompetency.

Block also proposed the board con-

solidate the positions of board secretary, assistant board secretary and business manager and administrator into the state-certificated board business administrator position.

Block wanted the board to urge Mayor Steve Cappiello to fill the vacancy on the board with a "qualified representative of the Hispanic Community."

The board appointed Anthony De Bari, a board member some ten years ago, to fill the position vacated by Robert Wendeiken who resigned earlier this year.

Hoboken site pleases Navy brass

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Navy was in town yesterday, first to inspect Hoboken Shipyard Inc., where the U.S.S. Kalamazoo is scheduled to come for repairs, and then to tour the city that 416 members of its crew will call home for a while.

The Navy awarded a \$14-million contract to the shipyard last year for a 10-month overhaul scheduled to begin Sept. 30.

Navy Cmdr. Donald Baker, Capt. Charles Dykeman, and two other naval officers toured the shipyard yesterday to inspect the berthing area for the ship and the quarters for the crew.

Baker said his main concern was the berthing

Shipyard passes inspection

area, but "we found it to be much further along than we anticipated."

Joseph Cangelosi, assistant general manager of Hoboken Shipyard, said the facility will be ready long before the Kalamazoo is scheduled to arrive. He said the overhaul of the 40,000-ton replenishment oiler, which carries fuel to the Atlantic Fleet, will create employment for 400 workers at his yard who are currently laid off.

According to Cangelosi, a large number of those laid-off workers are Hoboken residents. He said there are currently 100 shipyard employees working on the ship in drydock.

Cangelosi said the city's businesses would benefit from money spent by the Kalamazoo's 416 crew members during their 10-month stay. He said tourists coming to see the ship would also generate revenue.

Baker said an overhaul of the ship will include painting, armament alterations and the installation of new radar and missile systems.

Cangelosi said the shipyard hopes to receive more contracts to work on naval ships.

He said when the scheduled work on the Kalamazoo is half-completed, the company will start bidding for another similar Navy contract.

Councilmen may block loan

Hoboken's school administrators may find they have gambled \$1 million of the school budget and lost, if city officials renege on an agreement to raise that amount of money for schools by floating a loan.

According to Edwin Chius, city business administrator, school officials voluntarily reduced their tax money request by \$1 million this year to help cut

a few dollars from this year's tax rate.

By juggling a \$1 million reserve fund for school building improvements and repairs, Chius said, school officials made up the deficit they created in their operating budget.

To repay the schools, the city had offered to float a bond for school needs, said Chius. But now city council members, overwhelmed by this year's tax

bite, are talking about blocking the loan.

"I'd like to know how they got a million dollar surplus fund," said John Kennedy, a member of the council's revenue and finance committee of the school's former building fund.

"It looks like they've been asking for more money than they need. We'll have to closely study their budget request for the upcoming year," Kennedy said.

A bond, he continued, would not be likely considering the city's already poor financial state.

But according to Chius, the schools will be "in a hole" if the city council doesn't come to an agreement with school administrators on how to replace the million dollar budget gap.

This year's school budget was approved 9 to 0 by the city council on June 15.

Stevens Cooperative win begin 34th year

Stevens Cooperative School, Hoboken, a parent-run, professionally-staffed, independent, non-profit, non-sectarian nursery and elementary school, will open for its 34th incorporated year.

The Stevens Cooperative Nursery, 800 Castle Point Terrace, adjacent to Stevens Institute of Technology, offers both morning and afternoon sessions. Both are taught by a specialist in early childhood education, assisted by parents.

Stevens Cooperative Kindergarten and Upper School (first through fourth grade) meets for a full school day at 820 Hudson St. In addition, there is an after-school program, open on all school days from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. The program provides children with adult supervision in an informally-structured atmosphere.

A solid foundation in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social science is emphasized, with attention paid to individual talents, emotional needs and differing developmental rates.

Throughout the school, a low teacher-child ratio is maintained to insure individual attention, according to Mary Dalessio, school coordinator.

In its approach to learning, the core academic program is combined with a wide range of enrichment programs such as art, music, theater, dance, languages, and creative writing.

A close parent-teacher rapport is maintained, according to Jack Deisler, creative resource coordinator. Some parents, recognized as skilled professionals, share their special talents with the school in regularly-scheduled enrichment classes.

Homeowners facing inflation penalty

By Lisa Vives

Recent sales of residences in Hoboken — including one with a 16-foot front for \$215,000 — will establish "tremendously inflated" market values that will seriously affect this year's citywide revaluation.

In fact, said Woodrow Monte, city tax assessor, inflated market values, which form a basis for the revaluation, could result in the taxes paid on one-family homes rising by five times next year.

The recent record sale price of \$215,000 for a one-family house was set in the transaction on Garden Street, between 12th and 13th Street.

While the majority of the homes on the Garden Street block involved are assessed at from \$12,000

to \$13,000, the three-story brownstone was purchased by a New Yorker at the highest price yet for a similar house in the area, said Monte.

"It's part of a trend," declared Monte. "It proves that the market is crazy."

The sale has troubled him, he said. "First, it establishes market values which are tremendously inflated. Second, there is nothing anyone can do."

Even if this year's \$183.59 per thousand tax rate fell next year to \$45, the Garden Street house owner would still be paying close to \$10,000 in taxes for one year, he said.

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While some areas, like New York City have special legislation protecting the small homeowner from astronomical leaps in the assessed value of their home, Monte said that Hoboken does not have similar laws.

"We have to follow the state. We have to go by the same law that affects all the counties in the state," he said.

The revaluation, due to be completed by year's end, is being conducted by Landmark Enterprises with input from Monte. Regulations, he said, take all house sales and the prices into account.

Street caves in in Hoboken

A collapse of a sewer main created a huge hole in the middle of Bloomfield Street in Hoboken yesterday.

No one was reported injured in the collapse which occurred between Observer Highway and Newark Street. It evoked the memory of a Washington Street sidewalk collapse in May that severely injured an elderly woman.

"All I heard was a rumble and there was this hole in the middle of the street," Don Turi, a cashier at Marrotta's Sandwich Shop, said. "I just hank God no one was hurt."

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Roy Haack, the city's sewerage superintendent, said the hole, which measured four feet by eight feet, was caused by a weakening of the top of the sewer main running down the middle of Bloomfield. The collapse occurred at about 3:30 p.m.

Haack said there was also a possibility that a leak from an adjacent water line eroded the ground under the street and softened its support.

Crews worked yesterday removing the street debris off the waterline and clearing the dirt out of the sewer main. Today they will start repairing the main and filling in the street.

It's Cappiello vs. Koch on the waterfront

By Lisa Vives

New York City Mayor Edward Koch failed to return a phone call yesterday from Mayor Steve Cappiello, but the Hoboken mayor said he was not discouraged and would try to reach Koch again today.

The phone-calling was prompted by threats by Mayor Koch to kill two multimillion-dollar waterfront projects which would develop housing and industry here and in New York. Koch complained that the scope of the two projects, sponsored by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, was too vague and that payments to New York City were too low.

"He has every right to worry about his city," Cappiello said of the New York mayor. "But this latest development is a fly in the ointment. I'll try to reason with him and use logic to get him to see our point."

The waterfront project has been approved by Governor Thomas Kean and the P.A., but has been held up in the New York Senate by Staten Island Sen. John J. Marchi.

Cappiello said he did not intend to threaten Mayor Koch but would appeal to him as another leader of an urban center.

Soaring tax rate gives rise to move to recall Cappiello

By Ronald Leir and Peter Weiss

A tax-revolt movement to recall Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello is afoot.

Anthony Russo and Sal D'Amelio said yesterday they were helping organize a drive to topple Cappiello from power — a drive whose momentum they expect to grow over the next few weeks.

"That's their privilege," Cappiello said yesterday at Hoboken City Hall. "I did the very best I could under the circumstance."

The circumstance Cappiello was referring to — the same that anger his opponents — is the \$35.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation increase in the city's tax rate recorded this year and the likelihood of drastic cutbacks in municipal services.

Because of its precarious fiscal status, Hoboken may be forced to lay off as much as half of its work force to maintain a balanced budget, unless some rescue plan is devised.

Russo and D'Amelio, Hoboken residents who are holdover commissioner of the Hudson County Utilities Authority, blame Cappiello, who also serves as county freholder chairman, for failing to foresee the city's monetary crisis.

"It was business as usual for the past 10 years," said Russo.

"He sacrificed the people of Hoboken by trying to exercise political control over the county and thereby alienated himself and Hoboken from the rest of the county," he said.

To that analysis, D'Amelio added the complaint that "when Cappiello can't win, he destroys. He's not a compromiser."

According to D'Amelio, "a conglomeration of local civic groups and associations" are joining in the recall campaign and representatives of various organizations are expected to attend a recall meeting sometime next week at an undisclosed location.

Russo said an attorney is drafting a petition for Cappiello's recall. He declined to name the lawyer, however.

Meanwhile, Cappiello was rapped by Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann for saying Hoboken taxpayers were better off, comparatively.

Cappiello had said that if the ratio of assessed value to current market value was the same in

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Hoboken brass won't get raises

Hoboken officials, including the mayor and department heads slated for pay raises under an ordinance drafted in July, will have to tighten their belts.

At last night's caucus meeting, the city council decided to introduce the salary ordinance at its regular meeting next week, but killed raises for Mayor Steve Cappiello and other upper echelon employees.

The only ones who will get pay hikes are employees who are to receive increases as part of labor agreements.

The council's action was spurred by the city's

current fiscal crisis. The council has to make \$700,000 in budget cuts in personnel and supplies.

The city is facing a \$42 increase in the tax rate, expected to cause deep cuts in services.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson proposed the resurrection of an ordinance to rezone the northern portion of the city to allow the construction of a shopping center.

A similar ordinance passed by the council several months ago was vetoed by Cappiello. The council members favoring the shopping center were not able to muster six votes to override the veto.

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All that happened before the city's present financial woes. Wilson feels that the council may now feel that the shopping center could mean additional tax revenues.

"Maybe now we can begin to have some discussion and dialogue on the matter," Wilson said.

The council also told Community Development Director Fred Bado they will not approve resolutions for grants or new development projects they are

not fully informed about.

Bado was put on the hot seat after it was learned that he had discussed with the mayor, a possible redevelopment project in the ward that the councilman had not been informed of.

"You know you come before us a lot of time with grants and projects and you say if we don't vote on them right away we'll lose the money or the project," Wilson said. "But from now on if we don't know about them we're not going to vote on them."

Macri recommends tunnel-linking road

The old dream of a major roadway connecting the Lincoln and Holland Tunnels may be the best answer to vehicular traffic troubles associated with the planned Hartz Mountain commercial development on the Weehawken waterfront.

Hoboken City Council President Helen Macri, who is a member of that city's planning board, has suggested that developers consider running a roadway on what is now little-used railroad property along the western border of Hoboken to permit an easier access for motor vehicles to the site from the Holland Tunnel.

Mrs. Macri comments were part of four recommendations to the Hoboken Planning Board on the project, which will sit on former Seatrain property at the Weehawken-Hoboken waterfront border.

The other recom-

mendations include: requesting comments from affected regional authorities such as the state Department of Transportation and the regional Port Authority; a rethinking of engineering alternatives, including the building of an overpass from Hackensack Plank Road to the property, and a re-evaluation of all mass transit services to be available to the project.

The Hoboken Planning Board is being asked to approve a traffic plan designed to alleviate increased traffic expected by the Weehawken site, which Hartz has titled Lincoln Harbor.

As proposed in a report by Hartz traffic consultant Raymond Keyes, the Hoboken access to the site will be via Clinton Street and Park and Willow Avenues.

The Hartz plan would have all traffic routed by these

streets into a new 17th Street (which would include property to be purchased from Conrail). This new 17th Street would pass below the Willow and Park Avenue bridges. Clinton, between 16th and 17th Streets would be resurfaced while Willow and Park would be widened.

This widening would be accomplished by demolishing the former Eisen Brothers building and building a smaller prefabricated building. There would be a signal light at Park and 16th Street that would be coordinated with an existing light at the intersection of 16th and Willow.

This plan is designed to handle the additional 2,000 cars expected to enter the site at rush hours when it opens in 1987.

However, according to Mrs. Macri, the excess traffic coming from the Holland Tunnel could be allowed to travel along a new roadway that would lie at the bottom of the cliffs that run along the border between Hoboken and Jersey City on Hoboken's western boundary.

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"His comparison of homes cities, Jersey City would have a higher tax rate."

Reading Mayor Cappiello's remarks, it is obvious that he either doesn't know anything about assessments or is carefully trying to mislead people in both Jersey City and Hoboken," said McCann.

"The comparison of homes assessed at \$40,000 in both cities founders very quickly. No matter how Steve tried to figure, a home with an assessment of \$40,000 pays taxes at that rate, \$7,331 in Hoboken and \$5,436 in Jersey City. Local taxes have nothing to do with true values or the county's equalized valuation ratio."

"He can dance around with the figures all he wants and make all the comparisons he wants," continued McCann. "It's not going to make it any easier when Hoboken taxpayers have to open their wallets up and pay 25 percent more in taxes for 50 percent less in services."

McCann said Cappiello is en-

vious of the interest developers have shown in Jersey City, "where they can deal with honest, business-like elected officials who can offer a degree of tax stability."

The Jersey City mayor also criticized Hoboken for relying on the state to finalize its budget.

Hoboken trio charged in armed holdup try

By DENISE BUFFA
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HOBOKEN—Two men and a woman, all city residents, were arrested last night, a minute after they attempted to rob a shoe repair store and injured the owner, police said.

The woman and one of the men, armed with a knife, entered Charles Shoe Repair Store at 529 Washington St. around 5:50 p.m., police said. The man took out the knife and the two demanded the store's receipts from the owner, Kyriacos Chrysostomou, according to police.

The owner struggled with the man and was injured in the right leg, they said.

As a result of the struggle, the two fled the store without any money, police said.

The owner gave chase, but the two entered a waiting and running Ford taxi operated by the second man and fled the scene, police said.

They were apprehended by motorcycle Patrolman Walter Wehrhahn at 16th and Hudson streets, six blocks away from the scene, after Wehrhahn saw the trio a block away, police said.

Lori Sciarra, 22, listed as living at 1127 Washington St., was arrested and charged with armed robbery and possession of a razor for an unlawful purpose.

Camille Feltz, 32, also listed as living at 1127 Washington St., was arrested and charged with armed robbery, two counts of the possession of a weapon for an unlawful purpose — the knife used in the attempted holdup and brass knuckles police said he was carrying — and a charge against certain persons who are not to have weapons. The third charge can only be applied to persons previously convicted of another crime such as aggravated assault, sexual assault, armed robbery, homicide, kidnapping, burglary, escape and extortion, according to Detective Sgt. Martin Kiely.

Sean Miller, 30, who gave his address as 800 Washington St., was arrested and charged with armed robbery and aggravated assault on a police officer. The second charge came after Miller punched Detective Raul Torres in the face while in the police station, police said.

The case is still under investigation by Detective Sgts. Kiely and Ronald Clark and other charges may be made, Kiely said.

The three suspects were to be moved to the Hudson County Jail in Jersey City last night, according to police. Bail was to be set upon their arrival at the jail and they are to be arraigned on Tuesday at Central Judicial Processing Court, police said.

Changes would make Hoboken's rent law tougher

By Rick Tosches

Two amendments to Hoboken's rent control ordinance are scheduled to be introduced at Wednesday's Hoboken Council meeting.

The amendments were discussed by Councilman Robert Ranieri during last night's caucus at City Hall to "prevent the dislocation of Hoboken residents who would be unable to pay continually soaring rents."

Ranieri said the amendments are qualifications for substantial rehabilitations to buildings.

The first amendment is an attempt "to disavow standard maintenance as a qualification for raising rents," according to Ranieri. Standard maintenance, Ranieri said, refers to painting hallways or fire escapes and then raising rents for the improvements.

The second amendment is an attempt to prevent disproportionate rehabilitation from affecting all the tenants of a building.

"If an eight-family house as an assessment of \$20,000 and the landlord invests \$10,000 in

one apartment and \$2,000 in all of the others," Ranieri said, "the sum shouldn't be put together. It should be the amount put into each apartment that affects the rent."

Ranieri added he is greatly concerned with the standard maintenance that increases rents. "The amendments strike straight to the core of the problem," Ranieri said. "This is protection for Hoboken people who want to remain in Hoboken. I want the little people of Hoboken, the one and two family homes, to remain. I don't want the little people hurt."

"The last few years the rents have escalated in town," he continued. "The average family can no longer stay in Hoboken because the rents are spiraling out of control. We have the responsibility to control it so we don't lose our people."

Ranieri expected the council would conduct a hearing on the amendments to the ordinance within two weeks of the introduction at Wednesday's council meeting and have the measures in effect within the next two months.

Hoboken group launches drive to replace stolen baseball plaque

A Hoboken business group wants to begin a fund-raising drive to replace a baseball commemorative monument stolen four years ago from Elysian Park.

The monument, which commemorated the playing in Hoboken of the first true baseball game ever, was stolen by thieves who unscrewed the base of the plaque and carted it off.

Now the Hoboken Industry and Business Association has announced it would begin a drive to collect money for a new plaque. Richard T. Bozzone Sr., a director of HIBA, will direct the drive with members Eileen Cappock, Nicholas Damiano, and Fred Hillyer serving on his committee.

"It was a disgrace that the original monument was taken

and that an effort has been made to erect a replacement," Bozzone said. "If and when we are successful and we are able to erect another memorial I will make sure that thieves and vandals will not be able to carry off the new monument."

The old monument had been placed at the park in 1946 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first baseball game, played in what was then called Elysian Fields in Hoboken.

Budget cuts stalled

Hoboken Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he has delayed releasing details on a plan to cut nearly \$700,000 from the city budget until decisions are made by the two city police unions on a plan designed to avert layoffs in the public safety department.

The city's two fire union locals approved the plan by a 4-to-1 vote margin that would have them extend their contract (which runs out at the end of this year) for another year at no salary increase in order to allow the city to defer its expenses this year and avert the layoffs.

Chius said yesterday that he would wait until the police hold meetings and a vote on the same proposal. All city workers scheduled to be fired will be told of the city's final decision by Sept. 9.

Police Lt. Frank Turso, president of the Police Superiors Union, said he believed both his union and the Police Benevolent Association would go along with the plan to help avert the layoffs.

No meetings are scheduled as of yet with the police unions. A meeting is expected to take place sometime next week.

Even with the approval, the city still will have to receive state approval on a \$500,000 emergency appropriation to pay for a \$481,000 projected deficit in the city's public safety budget caused by contracted salary increases with firemen and police.

Hoboken OKs emergency money

By GEORGE C. ANDREASS
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HOBOKEN—The City Council yesterday authorized two emergency appropriations totaling \$13,000, which Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said represents a \$4 increase in the 1984 tax rate.

The money is not in the 1983 budget, so it must be raised in the 1984 budget, Ranieri said. "We are going into next year's budget down by \$13,000," he said.

However, city Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the emergency appropriations will have no effect on taxes in 1984 unless the total exceeds the \$450,000 worth of emergency appropriations the council authorized last year.

Chius added that about 50 city jobs were saved by the move. "This year's appropriations are needed because the council was unable to adopt a municipal budget for 1983 and expenses for garbage collection and employee fringe benefits ex-

ceed the amounts allotted in the 1982 budget," he pointed out.

An emergency appropriation of \$211,229 was made to pay the difference between the \$1,098,771 budgeted for garbage collection in 1982 and the contract for \$1,310,000 the city entered into with La Fera Contracting Co.

Another \$102,000 was appropriated to pay for an increase in the rates charged for the state health benefits program and prescription and dental plans for city

employees.

Although he joined the rest of the council in voting for the appropriations, Ranieri warned that "it is bad fiscal policy... Four months before the calendar turns to 1984, we are raising the taxes for 1984."

Ranieri added: "Last year's emergency appropriations caused chaos with this year's budget and this year's problems will affect next year's budget. One problem we faced was raising the \$450,000 from

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last year, leaving us with a potential \$5-increase in the 1983 tax rate."

Chius said there is the possibility that more emergency appropriations will be needed this year, but added that the total would probably not exceed the \$450,000 carried into 1983 from 1982.

"Had we not made the emergency appropriations, we would have had

more drastic cuts than the ones we had," said Chius. "We would have had to cut another 50 employees in addition to the 40 individuals let go through this week."

"I realize it's a heavy burden, but it's one we're going to have to face," said Council President Helen Macri.

Councilman Thomas Vezzetti complained that he was not informed in advance about the appropriations. A heated argument broke out between Vezzetti and Macri while City Clerk Anthony Amoroso polled the council, making the voting inaudible.

Hoboken cops accept pay freeze

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Police Superiors Union and the PBA have voted to extend their 1983 contracts by one year with no salary increases, following a similar move taken by the fire unions last week, members of both police unions said yesterday.

"The ball is now in our court," said city Business Administrator Edwin Chius, referring to the city's obligation to hold up its end of the bargain with the unions to avoid any layoffs in the police and fire departments.

Chius had said last week that he would not ask the state for emergency appropriations to avoid layoffs in both departments if the unions did not agree to a salary freeze for next year.

Any extra appropriations the city receives for the 1983 budget must be paid back in the 1984 budget.

Chius said he will use the salary concessions agreed to by the unions to offset any emergency appropriations.

The Police Superiors Union voted unanimously Tuesday night to accept a 1984 contract with no salary increase, according to union member Cecil Vincent.

But a PBA member who asked not to be identified said the vote at his union's meeting Tuesday night was only 2-1 in favor of the salary concession. He said he voted against it because he believed the city would have asked for emergency appropriations anyway.

The PBA member also said there would be promotions within the department next year. He said apparently no one will be getting salary increases next year, "but if you get promoted, you get an increase."

Chius said he doubted "very much" that there would be promotions because such a move would be in violation of the hiring freeze ordered by the City Council last

month. In keeping the city's end of the bargain, Chius met yesterday with Barry Skokowski, director of the state Division of Local Government Services, to discuss securing emergency appropriations for both the public safety department and the city's garbage disposal contract.

Chius described the meeting as "cautious" and said he asked Skokowski to consider appropriating \$211,000 to the city so it can meet its garbage collection contract with La Fera Contracting Co. and another \$100,000 for "other non-salary items."

Chius would not say what those items were.

He said he did not request a specific amount in appropriations to offset police and fire layoffs, but added, "I'll come back for more." Skokowski said yesterday that he would probably appropriate money to the city so it could meet its garbage collection contract, because not to do so would be "irresponsible."

But concerning appropriations for the public safety department, Skokowski said, "We have to be very careful. We can't reward a city that doesn't adopt its own budget." He said initial indications show that the city will have to economize even more before money is appropriated to avoid police and fire layoffs.

He said he was pleased with the way the city was cutting non-salary items, but indicated that there may have to be more layoffs.

"But I won't approve any appropriations until the City Council passes a resolution asking for them," he said.

Chius said about \$100,000 has been cut in non-salary items and another \$100,000 cut in salaries, since the state handed down a budget approximately \$1 million less than Mayor Steve Cappiello's budget, which was voted down by the City Council last month.

By TOM JACKMAN

FACED with a new set of demands by Mayor Koch of New York City and an increasingly sluggish Legislature in Albany, Governor Kean, in his latest efforts on behalf of Hoboken's \$500 million waterfront-revival plan, has threatened to block funds for a projected Navy base on Staten Island.

The initial funds for Hoboken's proposed apartment, hotel and office complex—\$100 million from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey—must be approved by the Legislature of both states.

That's where New York politics enters the picture.

Mayor Koch's recent involvement,

although relatively late in the legislative process, has drawn the anger not only of New Jersey residents, but also of the Queens constituents he thought he was trying to help.

The bill that would permit the authority to begin revitalizing Hoboken's decaying Hudson River shoreline also calls for a similar, but unnamed, project in New York City—on Hunters Point in Queens.

On Aug. 8, with only the approval of the New York Senate needed, Mayor Koch sent a memorandum to Peter C. Goldmark, executive director of the Port Authority, and to Governors Kean and Cuomo, outlining four additional criteria that the bill had to meet before he would back it. They were that:

1. The Hunters Point project be

specifically named in the legislation.

2. It proceed at the same pace as the Hoboken project.

3. Office space in Hoboken be limited.

4. The authority make full tax payments.

Mr. Goldmark called the demands "terrible" and raised the possibility that the authority might withdraw from the waterfront project.

"It's not really possible," said Fred Bado, director of Hoboken's Community Development Agency, concerning Mr. Koch's criteria. Borough President Donald R. Manes of Queens called the criteria "ridiculous."

The sentiment was echoed often last week by the principals on both sides of the river, but it was Governor Kean who threatened reprisal.

Kean Takes the Offensive on

"The Governor is fully prepared to veto the Port Authority minutes containing the allocation for funds for the Staten Island naval base if the city blocks the Hoboken project," said Carl Golden, Mr. Kean's press secretary.

Both Governor Kean and Governor Cuomo have the power of executive veto over any Port Authority allocations, simply by voiding the minutes of any meeting of the authority's Board of Commissioners at which funds were approved.

Earlier this summer, Staten Island was selected by the Federal Govern-

ment to be the permanent home of a naval fleet after the Port Authority coordinated a regional proposal, submitted it to the Federal Government and pledged \$15 million toward construction costs.

The Government must apply at least \$85 million toward the base, according to Dorothy Dugger, an authority spokesman. She would not speculate on how the Kean threat would affect it.

In the past, Governor Kean has lobbied New York legislators, as well as Governor Cuomo, to promote the Hoboken waterfront bill, which al-

ready has been approved by both houses in Trenton.

The frustration and anger of Hoboken residents and city planners were expressed last week by their New York counterparts at a luncheon of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. The guest speaker was Kenneth Lipper, New York's Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development and the actual author of the Koch memorandum.

Many Queens residents and businessmen apparently felt that the Mayor's conditions might drive the Port Authority out of the project,

Robbery 'lookout' gets 7 years

Ernesto Alvarez Ritbot, of Hoboken, described as cooperative with authorities in an investigation of a Hoboken liquor store holdup in which the proprietor was murdered, is commencing a seven-year State Prison term for robbery.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Bilder, in imposing sentence observed that Ritbot served as a "lookout" at the time of the Sept. 18, 1982 holdup of the store on Washington Street. Asst. Prosecutor Patrick Ravioli had urged a seven-year-term for Ritbot, who pleaded guilty.

The judge observed that Ritbot, with no real prior criminal record, committed "a serious crime" since his conduct resulted in a death, a reference to another co-defendant, whose case is pending, being charged with fatally stabbing the proprietor, Stanley Dopart, 63, who died at St. Mary Hospital, Sept. 30, 1982.

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leaving them—as well as Hoboken—with nothing.

After Mr. Lipper's remarks, several Chamber of Commerce members spoke in support of the legislation. They included Mr. Manes, who asked during an impromptu address:

1. "Where else are we going to get \$100 million?"

2. "In Hoboken, Mr. Bado asked the same thing."

3. "Our city, through its bonding capacity, could never raise \$100 million," he said.

In an interview before the luncheon, Mr. Lipper reiterated the city's

views—that the Queens project should be "described in specific terms and bounds" in the legislation, that commercial office space in Hoboken should be "severely limited," that the two projects be started simultaneously and move "in tandem" and that the authority pay full city and state taxes on the projects.

"The Port Authority says, 'Don't worry, leave it to us,'" Mr. Lipper said. "I worry. We're perfectly willing to negotiate, but I don't want a city built in Hoboken while they're still talking about Queens."

But Mr. Goldmark released letters

showing that in June the authority had worked out the details of a timetable for the Hunters Point project with the New York City Planning Commission.

"I don't think the city's clear on what they want and why they want it," Mr. Goldmark said, adding that forcing the Port Authority to pay full taxes, even though it did not have the same freedom or flexibility as a private contractor, was "unrealistic and unworkable."

On the memorandum's other main points, Paul Rotondi, chairman of Hoboken's Waterfront Advisory Com-

mittee, a citizens' group, said that the amount of proposed office space for the project there "would not be detrimental to New York City in any way, shape or form."

As for moving the two projects "in tandem," Mr. Bado said:

"We've been working on this for five years. To stop and wait for Queens to get it together would lose all our momentum, and we'd have to start all over again."

Mr. Bado also said that Mayor Steve Cappelletto of Hoboken had tried to arrange a meeting with Mayor Koch, but that there had been "no response."

The Port Authority has been closely associated with the Hoboken project for several years, and its initial

proposals called for a 670-unit apartment building, a 400-room hotel with a conference center and up to 630,000 square feet of office space, all built around a 370-slip marina.

At present, six mostly desolate piers occupy the 46-acre site, and negotiations are scheduled to begin next month on transferring title of the land from the Federal Government to Hoboken. The Waterfront Advisory Committee already has published detailed reports on the impact and feasibility of the project, and the Port Authority is continuing with studies.

With the needed authorization stalled in the New York Senate and the differences between Mayor Koch and the Port Authority unresolved, Mr. Lipper contended that the bill had

reached a dead end and that Senate leaders "had the same problems as we did with it."

Much of the project's resolution seems to rest with State Senator John J. Marchi, Republican of Staten Island and head of the Senate Finance Committee. It was his opposition that stalled the bill until the Legislature recessed in June, and he co-signed Mayor Koch's memorandum.

Mr. Marchi could not be reached for comment.

David Jaffe, the Finance Committee counsel, said that Mr. Marchi stood by the memorandum.

Mr. Jaffe did not rule out a compromise before the next, and possibly final, legislative session in Albany, scheduled for Dec. 6.

Hoboken cops will forgo pay raises

By James Kopchans

The two Hoboken police unions have approved extending their present contracts for another year, deferring salary increases to help avert layoffs.

The Police Benevolent Association and the Police Superiors Union action follows approvals by the two city fire unions last week. The approvals are part of a plan by City Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Still needed are an emergency appropriation of about \$500,000 by the city council and approval by the State Division of Local Government Services. Chius was in Trenton yesterday, although it was not certain whether he spoke to state officials.

Lt. Frank Turso, president of the superiors union, said his union voted unanimously to support the extension, while the PBA approved it by a large majority.

All four unions agreed to have scheduled increases paid through the emergency appropriation. The appropriation would be repaid next year, when more revenue is expected because of a reassessment of city property.

Without it, Chius said there would certainly be layoffs in both departments. The city must cope with a \$481,000 deficit in its public safety department budget.

Firefighters do their part to fight dystrophy

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy starts tomorrow, but members of the city's fire department stood in the streets yesterday collecting money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

It is something the firefighters have done for the past five years, according to Fire Capt. Bill Bergin.

About 20 firefighters and fire captains participated in the collection, with 10 men at a time posted up and down busy Washington and 14th streets, holding out their hats and helmets to passing motorists.

"Thank you very much," said Firefighter Mike

Collect money in city streets

Taglieri as a man in an old station wagon slowed down to drop a dollar in his helmet.

"I tell you," he said, wiping the sweat from his forehead, "it's the everyday people who drive around in old, dented cars that give the most. All the new, shiny BMWs just drive right by."

Fire Capt. Lou Muraca pulled a \$20 bill out of his hat and said, "this is the biggest contribution I've seen so far today. An elderly gentleman, probably on fixed

income, came up and gave it to me."

He said many senior citizens contribute money each year, which "makes the whole thing worth it."

Members of the fire department took to the streets at 8 a.m. yesterday. The last contribution ended at 5 p.m. The collection drive is held one day out of the year, according to Bergin.

Bergin said the fire department last year collected \$5,000 for the MDA, and he thought more would be

collected this year.

"It seems everyone is giving paper money this year instead of change," he said. "We should do better."

He said fire departments throughout the country participate in the MDA drive each year. The money collected by the city's fire department will be counted and sent to an MDA representative in Clifton, Bergen said.

"I hope someday I won't have to do this," said Muraca, looking down at the money in his hat. "Because that will mean they have finally found a cure for the disease."

Close watch kept on fire-plagued building

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A series of seven small "nuisance" fires in the last two weeks at 318 Hudson St. has prompted increased police surveillance of the apartment building, according to Police Lt. Frank Turso.

He said so far there is no indication that someone is attempting to burn down the apartment building, which houses 21 tenants.

In most cases, lighted pieces of paper that burn themselves out have been placed in the hallways, he said.

"But we are constantly watching the building in fear of the real thing," he said.

There have also been several fires in garbage cans underneath the outside stairwell, according to Turso.

There were five small fires last week, the latest one on Saturday, he said.

According to Turso, a patrolman checks the building every 30 minutes, with detectives making checks 18 times within a 24-hour period.

"It's costing us a lot of money in increased manpower and tying up the department, but we have to be concerned because there are 21 families in that

apartment," he said.

He said if one of the paper fires had burned just a little longer it would have "sent the building up (in flames) in no time."

The building, which actually contains two units, 318 and 316 Hudson St., is owned by the Mar Tut Corp. of this city.

According to Deputy Fire Chief Richard Tremittedi, another 21 tenants live No. 316.

He said the fire department has been familiarizing itself with the building, studying approach routes,

electrical wire location and stairwells, just in case the fires get bigger.

"We don't know if they are going to stay small, but our experiences with arson-related fires in the past has made us more conscious of the situation," Tremittedi said.

A tenant who lives at 316 Hudson St. said the fires occurring next door worry him and he is afraid they will get bigger.

Police still have no suspects in the case, according to Turso.

Cops in Hoboken forgo raises to avert layoffs

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Both the Police Superiors Union and the PBA are expected to extend their 1984 contracts with no salary increases, the first step in the city's plan to avoid layoffs in the police and fire departments, union leaders and city officials said yesterday.

The Fire Officers Union and Local 1078 of the International Association of Firefighters agreed earlier this week to extend their contracts without a salary increase, but the police unions still have yet to do so, according to City Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

But Frank Turso, president of the Police Superiors Union, yesterday said that "thus far, it looks like we are going to go along with what the city is asking."

Turso said he felt the consensus among the city's

patrolmen was that their union would also probably go along with the salary contract concession.

Chius had said earlier this week that if the city does not get emergency funds, the resulting police and fire department layoffs would triple the total number of permanent city employees to be laid off.

If layoffs in those departments can be avoided, Chius said, there will likely be 30 permanent employee layoffs.

Chius said he will use the concessions as a way to offset emergency appropriations the City Council is expected to ask the state for sometime this month.

Chius said he will probably ask the council to ask for \$500,000 in emergency appropriations to offset a \$481,001 shortfall in the department of public safety and to meet its \$1.3 million garbage disposal contract with

LaFera Contracting Co. The contract costs the city \$211,000 more than last year's pact.

Any money the city receives for the 1983 budget must be paid back in the 1984 budget.

Chius said earlier this week he would not seek emergency appropriations from the state if the unions did not agree to the concessions.

But with all unions expected to agree to the concessions, the city still has to prove to the state its need for the emergency funds and its financial ability to pay that money back, Chius said.

Anthony Angelini, assistant director of the state Division of Local Government Services, yesterday said the state may give the city funds to meet its garbage contract, citing a potential health problem as the reason.

But he said it may be tough for the city to get emergency funds to offset the department of public safety shortfall, "because they were aware of what was going to happen before they voted down the budget."

The state gave the city a budget that was approximately \$1 million less than Mayor Steve Cappelletto's budget, which was voted down by the City Council last month.

He said he didn't see how layoffs in the police and fire departments constituted a true emergency, but added the decision will be up to Barry Skokowski, director of state Division of Local Government Services.

Skokowski could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Amendments would stiffen Hoboken rent control

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Two city officials are backing amendments to the city's rent-control ordinance that would limit the amount of rent a landlord can charge his tenants after substantial rehabilitation of a building.

Under the current substantial-rehabilitation clause of the rent-control

ordinance, any landlord who makes capital improvements on properties that equal or exceed the property's current assessment is exempt from rent control for 13 months.

An amendment proposed by Business Administrator Edwin Chius would eliminate the 13-month rent decontrol for substantial rehabilitation and, instead, limit rent increases to the cost of the capital

improvements.

He said the amendment would also prevent landlords from charging tenants for the interest on loans for capital improvements, which they can now do.

Chius said the amendment, scheduled to be considered by the City Council in October, would prevent landlords from increasing rents above the costs of capital improvements. He said the rent-control or-

dinance, passed in 1973, did not pose a problem for tenants until about 1981, when it became easy for landlords to find tenants who were willing to pay high rents.

Rent Administrator Joseph Santiago, who with the rent-control board, reviews all bills submitted by a landlord for capital improvements, said many landlords increase their rents above the cost of capital improvements during the 13-

month decontrol period.

Chius said, under his amendment, if a landlord spent \$65,000 equally on capital improvements for a five-family house, \$13,000 for each unit, he could only increase the rent \$113.39 for each occupied unit and \$226.78 for each unoccupied unit.

"As it is now, a landlord will take that rent increase and add \$400 to \$500 on it," Chius said.

Juan Garcia, a leader of the city's Hispanic community, said he has seen "a hell of a lot" of capital improvements done to properties in the city, "but I haven't heard of one case where a landlord increases rents above his capital improvements."

A second amendment, proposed by City Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, would increase the amount a landlord would be required to spend on capital improvements.

Library chief worries over staff cuts

By James Kopchans

"All I can hope is that no one gets sick this winter, we won't have anybody to replace them."

That's how Terry Sasso, acting director of the Hoboken Public Library, discusses her situation as the library prepares for its busy fall season with three less full-timers working behind its desks.

In all, Mrs. Sasso only has five full-time librarians to manage the three-story building due to a round of fiscal measures taken by the city to meet a projected deficit in the city's budget.

"People might say that five people are enough to run the library, but we have three stories of sections that need to be covered during the day," Mrs. Sasso said. "As it is, we have just enough to do that."

"If anyone is sick, we'll just have to close that section down. We can't spare anyone to cover for them."

Although all library programs will be maintained, Mrs. Sasso has had to cut the hours of operations for the library for 54 hours per week to 44. This has meant closing the children's section during the mornings and opening the library for two nights a week rather than three.

Video games

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were Detectives Sonny DiVincent, Frank Altomare, Raul Torres and Leo Serrano. The latter is in charge of supervising and issuing the licenses for the City Clerk's office.

The machines are being held at the police department's Bureau of Criminal Identification property room until the distributors cough up the licensing fees.

Today will be a day where the squad catches up on its paperwork and research, but Lugo promised they will be conducting more sweeps on Monday.

Feds ready to talk about selling Hoboken piers

By James Kopchans

Negotiations between Hoboken and the federal government on the purchase of the city's Port Authority piers are scheduled to start at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, the city council has called a special meeting for

Thursday with representatives of the Port Authority. The meeting, which will also be attended by Mayor Steve Cappelletto and representatives of the Mayor's Waterfront Development Committee, will start at 4 p.m. in the city clerk's office.

Sal Samperi, vice-president in charge of waterfront develop-

ment for the P.A. said both the authority and the city have been waiting for word from the federal Government Services Agency on when negotiations would begin.

The Thursday meeting is expected to be informational, designed to update the council members on the new developments in regards to the piers.

The P.A. has announced plans for large waterfront developments on the piers, estimated at about \$500 million.

At present, the piers are owned by the federal government. They were taken over during World War I. Last year, legislation by Rep. Frank Guarini and Sen. Bill Bradley ordered

GSA to sell back the piers at fair market value.

The talks were to start in July, but were put off while GSA completed a market value study.

Meanwhile, crucial legislation sitting in the Rules Committee of the New York State Senate to permit the Port Authority to become involved in waterfront

development is not expected to come up during a short session this week.

The senate will be in session on Thursday to discuss \$1.25 billion bond issue referendum for infrastructure work.

The bond issue is expected to be the only item discussed at this session.

Tide turns against Hoboken boat club

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Atlantic Boat Club is no stranger to adversity.

In fact, the country's oldest boat club, headquartered on a barge next to the city's Fifth Street Pier, has been fighting an uphill battle since it lost its boathouse in 1945 and its clubhouse in 1947, according to Ralph Helber, its secretary-treasurer.

The battle, though, may soon be over if the club, which has been on the Fifth Street waterfront since the club was formed in 1857, cannot find a new home.

The club's current home, an old, wooden barge which now sits on pilings next to the Port Authority pier, is slated for demolition under a \$120-million cleanup of the Hudson River and New York Harbor funded by the state Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the federal government.

The 75-year-old, white-haired Helber said yesterday that he was told by Anthony DeNicola, director of the city department of revenue and finance, that the club would have to vacate the barge by today.

"We never got a letter, and Mr. DeNicola said an oral request was sufficient. I don't think that's legal," Helber said.

Don Jon Marine Co. of Hillside has been awarded a \$1.2-million contract from the corps

Ralph Helber: 'We competed against Columbia'

to repair and demolish the city's piers and is expected to start work this week after it receives the go-ahead from the corps. Joe Williams, project superintendent for Don Jon, said the Fifth Street Pier and the barge would be the first structures demolished in the waterfront cleanup.

Helber said that unless his club can secure a steel barge to move into, it will disband, and with it will go his dream to make the club what it once was, a community-oriented rowing club that competed with East Coast colleges and other boat clubs.

In its heyday, the boat club numbered 35 members and was headquartered in a two-story wooden house on the waterfront, Helber said.

The club's boathouse was located on the Hackensack River in East Rutherford.

"It was beautiful back then. We competed against Columbia University and Princeton. On weekends you would take your girlfriend down to the boathouse, take out a boat and row 30 miles down the river. We'd have picnics and go swimming," said Helber, a 55-year boat club member.

But in 1945, the boathouse was destroyed in a storm and with it the club's fleet of racing shells and gigs, according to Helber.

Two years later, the clubhouse was destroyed by strong winds and a high tide, Helber said.

"Membership dwindled after that, and we reorganized into a social club," Helber said.

Today, the club has 28 members. Yearly dues of \$25 per member have been suspended until "we can see progress again," Helber said.

Frank Jennes, the club's 70-year-old, ruddy, white-haired president, said the club planned last year to get the community interested in rowing again.

"We were going to refurbish the inside of the barge and redecorate the outside," he said, pointing to piles of wood stacked near the barge.

"For the future, we are planning to dedicate our time to the youth of the area... to get rowing back in the limelight like it used to be," Helber said.

But in December the club began hearing rumors that the barge was scheduled for demolition and decided to hold off on renovating



Photo by Bruce Johnson

BOATS belonging to the American Maritime Academy are moored at the Fifth Street Pier in Hoboken yesterday, behind the sunken ferry Hudson Mariner.

Frank Jennes: 'We were going to redecorate the outside'

it, according to Helber.

Now they may never get the chance.

Helber said he was stunned when he was told yesterday by DeNicola the club would have to be gone by today.

"After being here since 1857 the city is telling us we have to go?" he asked.

Jennes said he would do his best to comply with the city's demand, but doubted everything could be moved from the barge today.

Also being given the order to move is the Hoboken Yacht Club, housed in a little wooden shack next to the barge, and the American Maritime Academy, a community-oriented, non-profit organization which has been at the Fifth Street Pier for the past 3 1/2 years.

Carl Linde, commander of the organization, said yesterday he was surprised with the city's request because he was under the impression the City Council had given the organization 30 days to find a new home.

But DeNicola said last week the organization could be asked to leave at any time.

The organization, which has moved its headquarters, a 65-foot-long trailer, onto city-owned land a few feet from the pier, still has equipment on the pier, which "will be physically impossible to move by today," Linde said.

Helber said he was told by DeNicola that the gate surrounding all three organizations would be locked sometime today.

Helber, looking over some old photographs of Atlantic Boat Club members, shook his head. "It's a shame. You know, we're not against the city... we've never had to pay them anything for being here. But we would like to know where we stand," he said.

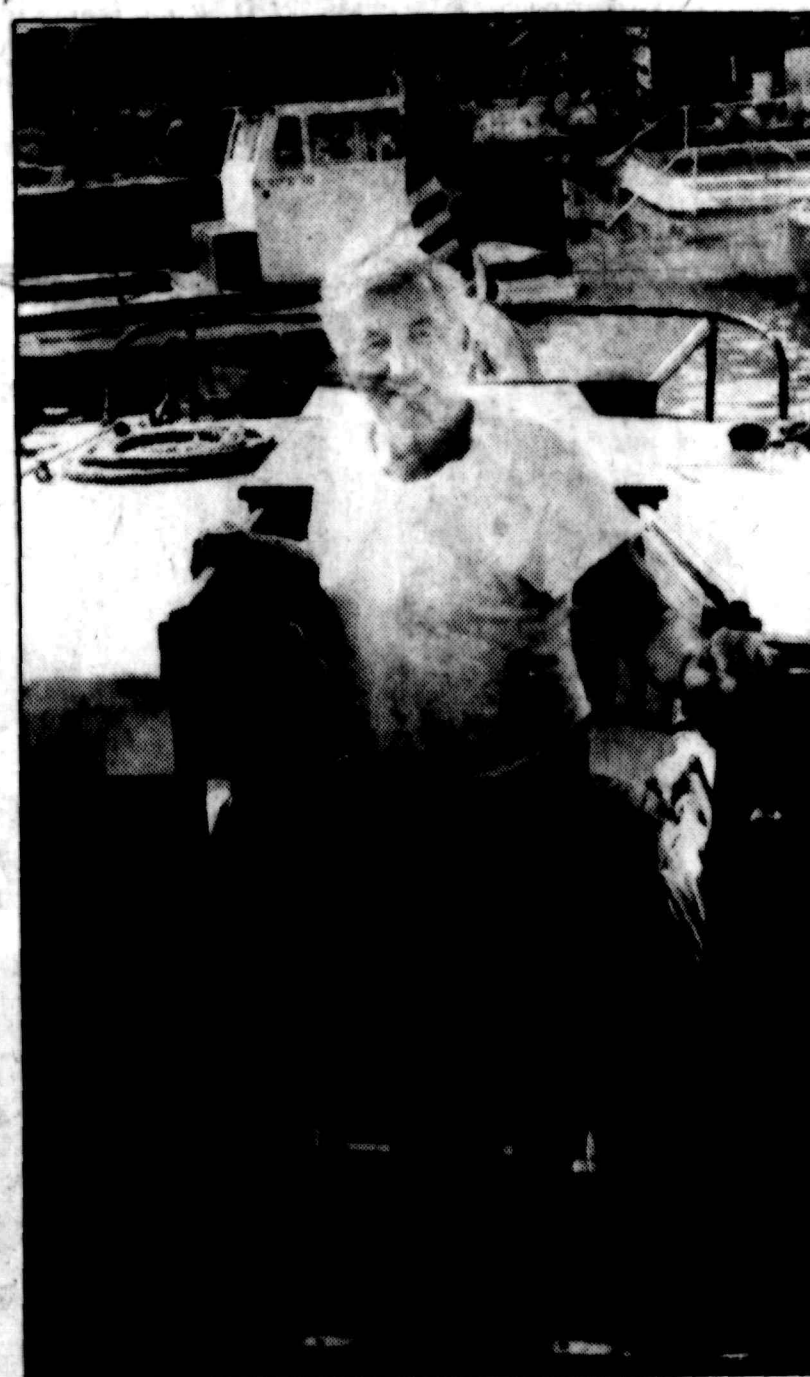


Photo by Bruce Johnson

FRANK JENNES, president of the Atlantic Boat Club, shows off his motorboat yesterday.



Carl Linde: Equipment
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Photo by Bruce Johnson

THE HOBOKEN YACHT CLUB'S headquarters float on the Hoboken waterfront, in front of a barge belonging to the Atlantic Boat Club.

Couple will take vows by 'signing'

By A. Elizabeth Foley

When Martha Martinez of Weehawken walks down the aisle of St. Peter and Paul Church, 404 Hudson St., Hoboken, at 4 p.m. tomorrow, traditional wedding music will be played. But she won't hear it.

Neither will Emanuel Gonzalez of Hoboken, the bridegroom. Both are deaf. So are several members of the wedding party.

Performing the ceremony will be Deacon Nicholas Simonelli, assigned to the Ministry to the Deaf apostolate of the Newark Archdiocese, who will "sign the vows and responses. The ceremony will be part of a mass, celebrated by the Rev. George Ligos, pastor. The mass, celebrated orally, will be "signed" by Joanne Devlin, a sign language interpreter for many of the guests who are also hearing impaired.

According to Simonelli who has worked with the young couple for a year in pre-marriage counseling, they met while both were attending a school for the deaf. That was eight years ago. After a long friendship, they became engaged.

Martha has been deaf from birth and Emanuel since early childhood.

The bride will be attended by Frances Gandia, a sister of the groom, as maid of honor, and two bridesmaids, her sister, Mirta, and a friend, Peggy Ann McDermott. Best man will be Carlos Martinez, the bride's brother.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

Robbed at gunpoint

A man pretending to be selling a gold necklace robbed a Hoboken man at gunpoint on a downtown Jersey City street yesterday afternoon, police reported. According to police, Daniel Bush, 22, was walking west on 14th Street at 12:30 p.m. when a man in his teens approached him and asked if he wanted to buy the jewelry. When Bush indicated he was interested, the man took him to a secluded spot off 14th Street and produced a revolver, police said. They added the suspect then took \$173 cash from the victim and fled.

Youth charged in rape

A 17-year-old Hoboken youth has been arrested by Union City and Hoboken police in connection with the rape Monday afternoon of a 14-year-old Union City girl. Because of their ages, police would not disclose the name of the victim or her assailant. However, Union City police said that the attacker was picked up on information supplied by the victim. He is to be turned over to Hudson County Juvenile authorities. The girl is still confined to Riverside General Hospital, Secaucus, recovering from surgery.

Hoboken fabric artist weaves a spell

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Her work has appeared in two major motion pictures, in Playboy Magazine and on the window of a fast-food restaurant in New York. But fiber artist Anne Tenenbaum admits, "I haven't reached the point where this supports me."

Tenenbaum, who lives with her husband, Steven, in a brick apartment at 107 Bloomfield St., does to pieces of fabric what painters do to canvases.

One of her works in progress hangs from the ceiling of the brick-walled basement she calls her studio.

It started out as an ordinary, cream-colored piece of muslin, measuring roughly 3 by 5 feet, but Tenenbaum has brushed on patterns of green, red and blue dyes and added pieces of lace and gauze, so that the muslin takes on design, color and texture.

When she gets done, she will have used more than five layers of different colors and as many layers of colored lace and gauze, until she has created an entirely new surface which will be fit for framing.

Tenenbaum, 29, who seems never to tire of adding more layers to her work, holds a piece of spray-painted screen in front of the unfinished muslin and shrugs her shoulders.

"These days, I'm interested in creating layers," she said, sipping her iced tea.

Although Tenenbaum creates layers principally with lace, silk and embroidery, she said she is experimenting with screening.

"I also collect gadgets," she

'There's tradition about it ... with women and sewing. I'm taking something basic and elevating it.'

— Anne Tenenbaum

said, sorting through her bookshelf and producing a box full of wires, screens and little toy car chassis.

She holds one of the gadgets to her unfinished work. "What do you think?" she asked.

Summing up her work, she commented: "There's tradition about it... with women and sewing. I'm taking something basic and elevating it."

Tenenbaum's work with collaged fabrics slowed down from 1978 to 1980, when she was first asked to create muppets for "The Muppet Show" on television and then to create backgrounds for the movie, "The Dark Crystal," which featured Jim Henson's puppets.

She said she worked full-time for six months, first creating wigs for creatures and then creating creatures to be used in "The Dark Crystal."

She also designed and created backgrounds for the creatures to be filmed in front of. She said many of her creations were never used in the film because they required mechanical movement, rather than human manipulation, a technique she said Henson prefers in making his creatures move.

She said although her work with muppets paid well, she believed her talent was being wasted after she was required to make hundreds of Kermit the Frog for the movie, "The Great Muppet Caper."

"I was just doing a lot of copy work," she said.

But last year and this, it was back to the puppet business when she and a friend started a small mail-order business designing and manufacturing "Bathing Buddies" craft kits.

The kits, which included materials and instructions for making puppets that children could use to bathe with, "didn't go over big," according to Tenenbaum.

For now, the Hoboken artisan is content to create new surfaces of dyed fibers. But, she said, she would like some day to design fabrics used for costumes worn by performers in movies or on the stage. "I'll have to see what the market is like," she said.

When Tenenbaum is not creating new surfaces, she teaches arts and crafts classes at the Vanderbilt YMCA in New York City.

She did not become interested in art herself until she began attending



Photo by Bruce Johnson

Artist Anne Tenenbaum makes a piece of cloth into a work of art.

Mexican crafts classes at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico.

She said her semester at that institution excited her so much that it impelled her to finish her final

two years of study at Syracuse University and earned a degree in textile and fine arts in 1976.

Why her fascination with fabrics?

"I don't know," she said.

standing in the middle of her small basement studio filled with her works and lined with books on the famed artist Vincent Van Gogh, artistic techniques and the arts of China.

TAX SALE

Notice of City of Hoboken, N.J.

NONPAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES; ASSESSMENT; WATER SEWERAGE; DEMOLITION AND OTHER MUNICIPAL CHARGES.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, the City Collector of the City of Hoboken, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, will sell at Public Auction in the Council Chambers in the City Hall, Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey on

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 1983
9:5A.M. IN THE FORENOON

The following lands described below
The amounts set forth below represent a complete statement of all Municipal charges against the property existing on July 1, 1983 together with interest and costs on all items to be computed to September 19, 1983 together with cost of sale.
The Sale will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of New Jersey Statutes thereof and supplemental thereto, known as "Tax Sale Law".
Take further notice that said lands will be sold at 10% interest or less to make the amount of municipal liens chargeable against redemption at the lower rate of interest. The payment for the sale shall be made before the conclusion of the sale by cash, certified check or money order, or the property shall be resold. Properties for which there are no purchase, shall be struck off and sold to City of Hoboken in accordance with said act of the Legislature. Interest on subsequent liens shall be provided by law.
The right to redeem will expire 6 months after the service of notice to redeem, except that the right to redeem shall extend 6 months from the date of sale or from the date of service of notice when the municipality is the purchaser and extend for two years from the date of sale for all other purchasers.
At any time before the sale, said Collector will receive payment of the amount due on property with interest cost incurred by cash, certified check or money order.
The land and premises to be sold as described are as follows:

LOUIS P. PICARDO Collector of Revenue				
Water Arrears only				
Acct. No.	Owner	Block	Lot	Amount
737	John J. Gregorini	308 Hudson St.	214	21
1171	Greg Zimmermann	107 4th St.	100	1
1191	Patricia M. Ciccone	57 Bloomfield St.	204	1
1260	E. F. Madascio & Mels	614 Washington St.	205	37
	W. Blud E.			
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1308	G. Inghen	104 5th St.	206	1
1510	408 Bloomfield St.	1205 Bloomfield St.	247	3
15620	Hugh K. Miller et ux	167 Fourteenth St.	255	7
1745	H. & J. E. S.	141 Eleventh St.	197	190
2042	O. Begonia	235-27 Garden St.	197	69
	417 8th St.			
2044	Union City, N. J. 07087	241 Garden St.	190	10
2044	C. Dela Torre	200 Bloomfield St.	199	43
2044	J. V. Hill	107 4th St.	100	1
2108	Jerry Forman et ux	116 Bloomfield St.	188	35
2129	R. John & L. M. Morale	119 Garden St.	188	100
2161	Michael Spino	153 First St.	182	1
	200 Washington St.			
2163	Hoboken, N. J. 07030	87 Bloomfield St.	186	11
	87 Bloomfield St. Corp.			
	C. R. Cohen			
2164	Historic Dev. Inc.	80 Bloomfield St.	186	12
2176	C. C. Cohen, 304 Hudson St.	161 Newark St.	186	9
2177	Historic Development Inc.	159 Newark St.	186	9
2203	Historic Development Inc.	69 Park Ave.	175	8
	69 Prospect Ave.			
2238	Mc. Arlington, N. J.	336 Garden St.	179	27
2238	L. & D. Orlando	311 Park Ave.	179	4
2253	J. & D. Orlando	311 Park Ave.	179	4
2419	S. L. & C. DePuma	638-60 Garden St.	181	14
2607	L. & C. DePuma	1018 Garden St.	185	35
2710	Micholas & L. Borg	1220 Garden St.	253	26
2923	Reda Corp.	94 Park Ave.	171	30
2990	Craxio Beltram	833 Willow Ave.	170	3
	304 48th St.			
3074	Union City, N. J. 07087	675 Willow Ave.	168	10
3181	E. & N. Montez	254 Second St.	165	3
	Jesus M. Padilla			
3205-4	161 Greenview Ave.			
	Jersey City, N. J. 07305			
	Rudolph Ehrlich			
	101 Ringwood Ave.			
3403	Pompton Lakes, N. J. 07642			
4039	Joseph L. Isa	1000 Willow Ave.	162	23
	Joe & Aldo Ferrer	306 First St.	32	298
4058	Hoboken, N. J. 07030			
	Pin Bro Corp.			
	415 Washington St.			
	Hoboken, N. J. 07030			

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Clubs stay put at pier site

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By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The gate to the Fifth Street Pier still was open yesterday despite a warning last week from Anthony DeNicola, director of the city department of revenue and finance, that it would be locked.

The American Maritime Academy, the Atlantic Boat Club, the Hoboken Yacht Club and squatter Frank Giovanni, all located on land near the pier, are supposed to leave the area to make way for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' debris removal project. "But they're not doing a thing about it," DeNicola said.

According to DeNicola, a Hudson County marshal and a representative from the department of revenue and finance are expected to put a chain and lock around the gate at 10 a.m. today.

"They're definitely going to move," DeNicola said.

The academy's headquarters, a 65-foot-long trailer, is currently located on city-owned property a few feet in from the beginning of the pier.

If representatives of the academy want to move the trailer, DeNicola said, "they will have to come and get me."

"They are not going to stay there... we will confiscate it," he said.

"That's what he says," Carl Linde, commander of the academy, said yesterday in response to DeNicola's statements.

"We're off the pier... We have no problem with the corps. Anyway, we're going to stay here for as long as the City Council gave us, which wasn't today or tomorrow," Linde said.

Linde contends the City Council gave the academy a 30-day extension as of Sept. 7, but several councilmen said yesterday an extension was only discussed, not approved.

Hoboken official unhappy with delay in exodus

"The council can't grant permission to stay. We have to receive an opinion from the law department," Councilman Thomas Kennedy said.

DeNicola said the city sent official notice to Don Jon Marine Co. of Hillside yesterday to begin the waterfront drift project.

John Sasson, district engineer for the corps, said Donjon is expected to begin work at the Erie-Lackawanna Ferry Terminal this week. Up until late last week, Donjon had scheduled the Fifth Street Pier as the starting point for the drift removal project, but will now begin with the salvaging and renovation of the Erie Lackawanna Ferry Terminal slips, according to Sasson.

Sasson said before the Fifth and Sixth street piers can be torn down, a minesweeper and a drydock owned by Ampol Wrecking and Dismantling Inc. of Jersey City and a sunken Circle Line vessel belonging to the academy must be disposed of.

DeNicola said the city is expected to get ownership of the drydock from Ampol if it gives the Jersey City company a 20-day extension to dismantle the minesweeper.

He said the city is still negotiating for the ownership of the Circle Line boat.

Sasson said if the city gets title to the structures, the corps would have them removed at no cost to the city.

Vezzetti aims at schools

9/28/83

Spurred by reports that the school board was creating a new supervisor's position, Hoboken Councilman Thomas Vezzetti wants to know all school system salaries.

Anthony Romano, assistant secretary to the school board, said he has been instructed

by Otto Hottendorf, president of the board, to prepare the records for Vezzetti.

Vezzetti said he wants the board to identify which positions were given on merit and which were political.

Vezzetti said he asked for the records after he received rumors that a super-

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50 pack City Hall to back 2 tenants

By MARITES CHICHICO
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A group of about 50 persons gathered outside the office of Mayor Steve Cappiello yesterday afternoon in behalf of a couple who recently found themselves homeless.

Members of the Alliance of Tenants Organizations and Citizens United for New Action milled around in the second-floor hallway of City Hall as the mayor heard about the plight of Herminia Melendez and Angel Rodriguez.

The couple said that they have been sleeping in the hallway of a boarding house at 233 Garden St. for the last two days after being locked out of the room they have been renting for four months there.

"Where do we go to sleep now?" asked Rodriguez, who had been rooming with Melendez and her 7-year-old son.

According to Rebecca Lopez of ALTO, the landlord had "tricked them" into leaving the building by telling them that the room was going to be fumigated.

"When they returned, there was a padlock on the door and all their belongings were out in the hallway," Lopez said. "I wanted the mayor to know what is happening in the city."

Cappiello told the group that he would try to arrange for an emergency loan through the city

Hoboken pair charge lockout, which landlord denies

welfare department. The group was advised to try to find shelter through the Hudson County welfare office.

"It's very difficult to (deal) with cases like this. We never know whether we have all the facts at hand," Cappiello said.

The landlord said that he did not do anything wrong. "She owes me rent. I did not force her out," Kunwar Sharma said, denying having installed a padlock on the door to prevent the couple from re-entering the room.

"She (Melendez) took her stuff out on her own," he said.

According to Lopez, the couple, along with another tenant, are scheduled to go to the Legal Aid office Monday to seek advice on whether they have reasonable grounds for suing Sharma.



Photo by Bill Bayer

ANGRY TENANT spokeswoman Rebecca Lopez, eyes flashing, confronts Mayor Steve Cappiello, left, yesterday at Hoboken City Hall. Second from right is Angel Rodriguez, who complained of a recent eviction. Man with his back to the camera is Rent Board Administrator Joseph Santiago.



Photo by Bruce Johnson
FRANK GIOVANNI, whose home was a cargo container between the Fifth Street Pier and the Port Authority piers in Hoboken, removes his belongings yesterday.

Hoboken locks 5th St. pier

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—There is a lock and chain around the gate to the Fifth Street Pier and a sign that reads "City property."

Both were put there yesterday by the city's collector of delinquent taxes and a constable from Hudson County District Court.

"The end has come. If anyone is caught trespassing, they will be arrested," police Lt. Thomas Donnelly told members of the three non-profit organizations located near the pier.

"What are you going to do?" asked Carl Linde, commander of the American Maritime Academy, as he began packing 74 years of papers and memorabilia into cardboard boxes.

Roman Ryba, owner of Ampol Wrecking and Dismantling Inc. of Jersey City, is currently negotiating with the city for a 20-day extension to complete the dismantling of a minesweeper between the Fifth and Sixth street piers. He said he would move, but has no intention of moving equipment for 20 days.

Ryba said he has talked with Anthony De-Nicola, director of the city department of revenue and finance, about relinquishing title to a dry dock in return for the 20-day extension.

The city plans to turn the dry dock over to See PIER, Page 14

Former Hoboken resident linked to organized crime

By JOHN O'NEIL
Staff Writer

A former Hoboken resident was named yesterday in an FBI affidavit as the link between reputed mobster John DiGilio and other organized-crime figures and organized gambling and loansharking in North Hudson.

The affidavit, filed in U.S. District Court in Newark, also names three area restaurants as meeting places for criminals.

Convicted loanshark Robert Fischetti, 44, of Paramus was charged in the affidavit with controlling North Hudson gambling and loansharking under the protection of DiGilio and Louis Manna, formerly of Jersey City, both reputed to be members of the Vito Genovese crime family.

Fischetti was arrested Friday night in an unidentified North Bergen restaurant and

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Photo by Stan Godlewski

Casella's Restaurant in Hoboken, where it is charged that Robert Fischetti met with loansharks.

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charged with violating his five-year probation by associating with known crime figures.

Fischetti pleaded guilty to the charge.

Senior District Court Judge Vincent P. Blunno set bail at \$30,000 and scheduled a hearing for Sept. 20. Fischetti was convicted in federal court in 1979 on two counts of loansharking stemming from a 1977 arrest.

The FBI affidavit, signed by Special Agent Stephen Foster, quotes six unidentified sources who allege that "Fischetti controls major gambling, sports betting, loansharking and illegal lottery operations" for Manna and DiGilio, now reported to be a Holmdel resident.

Casella's Restaurant at 615 First St. in Hoboken, the Boulevard Capri Social Club at 2712 Kennedy Blvd. in Union City, and The Green Kitchen Restaurant, 7004 Boulevard East in Guttenberg, were identified in the affidavit as the sites of meetings involving Fischetti and other alleged bookmakers or loansharks.

The affidavit also alleged that restaurant owner Martin Casella "is a conduit of information and money for Manna, who is known as 'Bobby'."

"Casella's Restaurant is a regular meeting place for known felons and members of the Genovese La Cosa Nostra family," the affidavit states.

Casella was not available for comment, but an employee of the restaurant denied the allegations. "Fischetti? He doesn't have anything to do with here," she said.

The affidavit states that on June 15, Fischetti met at The Green Kitchen with Kenneth Leutkemyer, Peter Caparino, Dominick Auriemma, and Michael Smith, all identified in the affidavit as convicted felons and active gamblers or loansharks.

Other alleged felons linked to Fischetti in the affidavit are: William David, Charles Mulhearn, Nicholas P. Marchesani, Michael Pizzo, Joseph Hellow, and James Wiley. The affidavit did not list ages or addresses, but a source said all were Hudson County residents involved in small-scale gambling operations.

The affidavit also states that Mulhearn was arrested July 27 "in the act of strangling a loansharking victim, while he was trying to

collect a debt" and that the victim told the FBI that Mulhearn stated he works for Fischetti.

Hellow was arrested May 25 in a parking lot in Fort Lee as he met with a delinquent debtor whose status he had discussed with Fischetti, according to the affidavit.

FBI spokesman Michael McDonnell said yesterday that he expects further charges to be filed against Fischetti and others.

Join the race!



Photo by Bruce Johnson

FRANK GIOVANNI, left, looks on as a constable locks the gate on the Fifth Street Pier in Hoboken. Giovanni, who lived in a cargo box near the pier, now has to find a new home.

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the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be demolished under the drift removal project, De-Nicola said earlier this week.

"I'm ready to give title. Who's delaying the project now?" Ryba asked when he heard De-Nicola had taken the day off yesterday.

Frank Giovanni, who lives with his eight dogs in a container between the Fifth Street Pier and the Port Authority piers, was also ordered off the city-owned property yesterday.

"I've gotta go. I didn't think it would come so fast. They're going to call the SPCA if my dogs aren't off the property," Giovanni said.

"What am I going to do with the dogs?" he asked as he began moving his few belongings out of the container.

Giovanni said he would take the dogs on the streets with strings if he had to, but Mayor Steve Cappelletto said late yesterday afternoon that Giovanni would probably move to city-owned property elsewhere along the waterfront.

"He'll have no status there, and if someone makes a complaint he'll have to go," said Cappelletto.

Cappelletto said he cannot tell Giovanni he can stay on any city-owned property because the city could be held liable for Giovanni.

Although Giovanni may find a place to go, members from the academy, the Atlantic Boat Club and the Hoboken Yacht Club still do not know where they will relocate.



Photo by Bruce Johnson

CARL LINDE, left, commander of the American Maritime Academy, is informed of imminent eviction by Hoboken Police Lt. Thomas Donnelly.

Shelter for homeless heads for Hoboken court test

By James Kopchans

Whether an overnight shelter should be allowed to operate within a residential neighborhood in Hoboken will be in court Monday.

Alfred Arezzo, the city's construction code official, said that summonses have been mailed to organizers of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition's overnight shelter at 300 Bloomfield St. Arezzo has said the

summonses will continue until the shelter closes down.

The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss, coalition chairman, said yesterday the shelter will continue to operate.

Arezzo has ordered it closed because he said it violates the residential zoning for the neighborhood. To operate it, the shelter requires a certificate of occupancy and a variance.

Arezzo said he sent the first summons Wednesday after

police reported the shelter was still in operation. Each summons could result in a fine of up to \$200.

The shelter, which has been open since mid-August serves dinner for upwards to 50 homeless persons a night and gives overnight accommodations to 30 persons, according to Curtiss.

"The city has a responsibility to either shelter the homeless or help those who want

to shelter them," Curtiss said.

Curtiss said this was the first time Arezzo's office had bothered with the shelter, although other agencies in the city tried to stop a pilot shelter last winter.

"Before the clergy coalition opened this shelter, we contacted city officials about the need and they did not respond to it," Curtiss said. "So we did it ourselves."

Trains, buses festival stars in Hoboken

As part of what NJ Transit bills as the largest collection of rail equipment ever displayed in the metropolitan area, the Hoboken Terminal Renaissance Festival on Saturday will display what an NJ Transit spokesman called "the most famous electric locomotive in North America."

"Built in 1939," the spokesman said, "GGI No. 4877 was restored to its original 'Tuscan Red' and gold pinstripe motif of the original owner, the Pennsylvania Railroad."

"NJ Transit is the nation's last operator of GGIs, which are presently used for daily commuter service on the North Jersey Coast Line. No. 4877 and several other GGIs will be retired from active service next month."

There will be other locomotive and passenger cars on display as well as freight trains provided by Conrail and bus equipment dating back to 1920.

Plan board hears Hoboken route

By Rick Toches

The Hoboken Planning Board last night pledged to render a decision at next month's regularly scheduled meeting on a proposed traffic plan for Hartz Mountain Industries' Lincoln Harbor development in Weehawken.

Raymond Keyes, a traffic expert, testified on behalf of Hartz and outlined a proposed north-south roadway to connect the Lincoln and Holland tunnels.

The connection would run south from the Lincoln Tunnel in Weehawken, past Paterson Plank Road, through the western portion of Hoboken, and to Jersey City, the Holland Tunnel and the New Jersey Turnpike, and Routes 1 and 9.

"The ability to handle traffic between the two tunnels is a very definite plus for the development," said Keyes. "It would provide better access to Lincoln Harbor."

Hartz Mountain is seeking to

expand upon an existing building at Willow Avenue and 16th Street with the addition of a new 30,000 square foot metal panel warehouse.

The new facility would create about 6,500 new jobs, Keyes said.

The wider road would provide two southbound lanes and one northbound lane each on Willow and Park avenues. "To get from the Holland to the Lincoln Tunnel it would take five minutes at most," he said. "We want to keep our people (Hoboken residents) away from the tunnel traffic." Those residents would use Hoboken streets, he added.

The board expects to make a decision at its Oct. 27 meeting.

In other business, the board recessed a hearing until Tuesday night at 7 on a proposed floating restaurant, the S.S. Victoria, at the foot of Newark Street. The facility will have the capacity to serve up to 90 persons.

Waterfront groundbreaking has triple aim

By James Kopchans

The long-neglected Hoboken waterfront, the city's most valuable asset yesterday, was the focus of ceremonies announcing the start of three projects designed to help revitalize it.

The three projects announced by Gov. Thomas Kean include the start of an \$885,000 pedestrian plaza in front of the landmark Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Terminal, the restoration of two of the six ferry slips at the terminal and the controversial harbor drift clean-up to be undertaken by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corps of Engineers.

"I believe today's groundbreaking will be remembered as this city's first step toward the major redevelopment of our waterfront," Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappelletto said. "These projects will pave the way in Hoboken for a new tax base increased recreational areas, and improved employment opportunities for Hoboken's residents."

Cappelletto, Kean and the other dignitaries made their

remarks to a crowd of about 50 people in front of railroad terminal, which was itself the focus of a major restoration project by the state about five years ago.

Off in the distance were the three Port Authority piers which are being looked upon as the site for a planned \$500-million waterfront development.

Besides Kean and Cappelletto, other speakers at the ceremonies included Hudson Rep. Frank Guarini and Col. Bud Griffith, district engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers.

The most controversial of the three projects has been the planned drift removal operations scheduled by the Army Corps of Engineers.

Scheduled to begin this month and continue until January of 1985, the \$1.7-million project will include the removal of four large piers (the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and 16th Street piers) as well as six smaller piers, seven derelict vessels and other structures. In all, approximately 20,000 pilings and 5,400,000 board-feet of timber will be removed along with 15,000 cubic yards of concrete and 300 tons of metal.

Of the four piers being removed, the most controversial has been the

Fifth Street Pier. Relying on an engineering report for the waterfront that described the pier as unsafe, the corps has included it to lessen the risk of debris falling into the harbor and damaging vessels.

However, a city civic group, the Hoboken Environment Committee, has started a drive aimed at stopping its destruction. They have criticized the engineering report as not being detailed enough to be relied on. The committee's president, Helen Manogue, has called for the pier to be saved and renovated.

Members of the committee yesterday presented Kean with signatures of residents supporting the reconstruction of the Fifth Street Pier.

The plaza will be an open area located beneath the facade of the railroad terminal and extending to the water's edge. Tom Ahern, planning director for the city's Community Development Agency, said bids are scheduled to be received on Sept. 21 for work on the plaza.

One of the projects will be the removal of four of the six ferry slips with the remaining two repaired and rehabilitated by the state DEP.



Gov. Thomas Kean, at podium, delivers the keynote address during ceremonies marking the beginning of three projects to revitalize the Hoboken waterfront and create a pedestrian plaza at the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Terminal where the ceremonies were held. Sharing the dais are state, local and federal officials, including Mayor Steve Cappelletto, U.S. Rep. Frank J. Guarini and members of the City Council.

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Maritime academy told: Leave pier by Monday

By GEORGE C. ANDREAS
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The American Maritime Academy has been ordered to vacate Pier 5 by Monday, when a contractor is scheduled to begin demolition.

Carl Linde, commander of the academy, said he received a letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Wednesday stating the academy had to be gone from the condemned pier by Monday.

Pier 5 is one of four unused Hoboken piers slated for demolition. The piers, which are aged and are considered derelict in condition, have been breaking up and the debris has been affecting traffic in New York Harbor.

Linde said the letter said the contractor, Don John Marine Co. of Hillsdale, is scheduled to begin demolition work on the pier on Monday.

"It's almost impossible to move

by Monday," said Linde.

The academy, which has 25 students, has one 60-foot-long trailer on the pier serving as office space. In addition, there are seven academy boats off the pier.

The City Council yesterday granted the academy permission to store its equipment on the city-owned land adjacent to the pier temporarily.

Councilman Thomas Kennedy said the pier had to be vacated by Monday because that is when the 30-day notice of condemnation expires. The Environmental Committee, a citizens' group, remains opposed to the removal of the pier, contending it should be rehabilitated and used as a waterfront park instead.

"It's only been a week since we knew the contracts were being let," said Don Cotter, a member of the committee. "It's all happened so fast."

"There are a lot of demolitions that need to be done," Cotter said. "To pick that one in the middle to start with seems strange. It would be more logical to start at the south end and work up."

Cotter noted that Pier 5 is the only one that environmentalists are trying to save.

"I don't feel a thorough study has been done to determine if the pier could be saved," Cotter said.

"We were hoping to have a moratorium on the demolition so the city and the environmental committee could have a look at it."

"We want to see it made into a park," said Cotter. "It would guarantee public access to the waterfront."

"It's the only place where an adequate park could be placed," Cotter said. "It could nearly double our park land."

Engineers slate Hoboken site for demolition; seen as harbor hazard

Palaez to be parade marshal

By James Kopchans

Arturo Palaez, a native of Cuba and owner of the landmark Clam Broth House Restaurant in Hoboken, will serve as grand marshal to this year's statewide Hispanic-American Parade to be held in Hoboken Sunday.

The parade is the final event during this week's Hispanic-American Week festivities.

Sunday's parade will begin at noon at Washington Street and

Observer Highway. The line of march will be down Washington to 14th Street, passing a reviewing stand set up at 11th and Washington.

Presiding over the parade will be its queen, Jeanette Torres, of Passaic, who was selected in a beauty pageant on Sept. 17.

At 14th Street, the marchers will turn west and travel to the intersection of 14th and Willow

Ave. where it will turn left and end at a fiesta in front of the Walae School, 11th and Willow.

More than 10 marching bands have been registered for the parade, which will commemorate Latin American solidarity throughout the state. Local groups planning to march include the bilingual program of the Hoboken school system and the community group (Citizens United for New Action).

Myrna Milan, a Hoboken-

born attorney of Puerto Rican descent, and Joseph Margaret, a Uruguayan native, will serve as honorary godmother and godfather of the festivities. Miss Milan serves as municipal prosecutor for Elizabeth while Margaret is a real estate broker in North Bergen.

Dinner will be held tonight in honor of Ivan Igas of Channel 41 at the Hoboken Manor, 600 Hudson St. in Hoboken.

Hoboken maps worker appeal

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city is expected to ask members of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association to delay receiving a 7-percent salary increase retroactive to July 1 to avoid approximately 14 layoffs of permanent city employees, Mayor Steve Cappelletto said yesterday.

"We will meet with the union to discuss it because it could be devastating to some people," Mayor Steve Cappelletto said.

The union and the city came to a contract agreement in March, calling for a 7.4-percent raise in January and a 7-percent raise in July.

The City Council earlier this year approved the first salary increase, but the second boost was delayed when the council found that the mayor and the city department directors were included in the contract agreement.

Those positions were excluded from the agreement and the council approved the second increase at Wednesday night's meeting.

The council's vote has been criticized by city Business Administrator Edwin Chius, who said yesterday the increase was included in the mayor's proposed 1983 budget, but that budget was voted down by the City Council.

As a result, the state handed the city a budget that was based on the city's 1982 document and did not include any salary increases.

He said that, although the council has a legal obligation to the union, they (the council) should have

Fourteen may be laid off unless raises are forgotten

passed the increase before they knocked down the budget. Now this compounds the problem," Chius said.

Unless the union members agree to delay receiving the increase, the city will have to make up \$78,000 in the 1983 budget because the increase is retroactive to July 1.

"Where's the money going to come from? We don't have it," Cappelletto said.

Robert Van Ingen, president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Union, said he would ask his members to forego the salary increase if 11 permanent employees currently laid off are rehired and if layoff notices are rescinded for 14 permanent employees.

"It will be up to my members," Van Ingen said.

Chius said the employees will get a salary increase, but he does not know when to give it to them.

"I'd like them to have it now, but we'll have to budget for it in 1984," he said.

Chius said he is scheduled to meet with Van Ingen today to start pre-

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liminary discussions.

Chius met with members of the PBA yesterday. He said the agreement between the city and the PBA, which voted this month to accept a 1984 contract with no salary increase in return for a guarantee that there will be no layoffs in the police department, has been renegotiated.

"It's the same agreement, but the PBA has the right to audit (our budget)," Chius said.

PBA President Tom Meehan has called the original agreement null and void and said earlier this week he would ask for a pay increase for his men.

At Wednesday night's City Council meeting, Meehan said he wanted to retain a private auditor to see if the city is as financially strapped as it says it is.

"We want our own auditor to look at the books. If there is no surplus, then we will accept the agreement," he said.

Meehan said the city can't justify laying off even one patrolman, but added that his men deserved a raise.

Chius has said layoffs in both the police and fire departments could be avoided if there were no 1984 salary increases in either department.

The money saved by this agreement is expected to be used to pay back any emergency appropriations the city may receive from the state.

The state is currently reviewing \$311,000 in emergency appropriations the city has requested.

Hoboken schools pledge to work on 3-year goals

The Hoboken school system has set high goals for its students over the next three years, but officials are confident they can meet them.

In a report to the Board of Education, the schools' staffs are pledged to vast improvements in reading, language, and mathematics basic skills for all pupils during the next three years as well as teach computer literacy to elementary grade students.

"The goals may be a bit idealistic, but they are reachable if we get full cooperation and work from everyone from high to low in the system," Dr. George Maier, superintendent of schools, said.

Results of a Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS) given to all students during the 1982-83 school year showed the current grade average in reading skills among Hoboken students lagged at about one and a half years behind the grade level on the CTBS test.

Language skills stayed at about one year behind the CTBS level, while math skills for elementary students stood a half-year behind, while high school students were over a year behind.

The goals in each area are to reach the grade level prescribed under the CTBS tests.

To increase computer literacy, Maier said it would be necessary to expand greatly an experimental program at Wallace School and to phase

computers and computer courses into each school and grade in the system gradually over the next three years.

The objectives and recommendations were compiled last month by a committee made up of administrators, supervisors, and parents. Under state Thorough and Efficient Education requirements, each school system must periodically set and update goals for its system for the next three years, Maier said.

To work towards the goals, the committee said a district plan regarding absenteeism among students and staff needed to be completed and implemented. For language and reading skills, the committee recommended that team teaching be used and administrators keep a closer check on all instruction.

Yesterday, the District Parents Advisory Council held its first meeting, of the school year, according to Linda Erbe, coordinator of the program.

"It was an orientation session mostly," Mrs. Erbe said. "There is a lot of enthusiasm this year on the council for helping the staff improve the work of the students."

The president of the council is Sandra Ortiz. Its secretary is Ellen LoPresto, while the assistant secretary is Janice Loehing. The council is made up of parent representatives of all schools, who meet and advise basic skills staff in their work.

Kean breaks ground for plaza in Hoboken



GOV. THOMAS H. KEAN speaks at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken yesterday morning.

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Calling it "an extremely important step forward for the city," Gov. Thomas H. Kean yesterday kicked off the groundbreaking ceremony for the proposed pedestrian plaza in front of the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal.

After the ceremony, Kean was taken in a boat supplied by the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers on a tour of the Hoboken waterfront to get a first-hand view of the corps' Drift Project, which is scheduled to begin this month along the waterfront.

Kean, speaking from a platform erected in front of the terminal, told a group of about 100 persons, including city and state officials, that "in combination with what is being done with the terminal and the waterfront, this (plaza) will be a big boost for the city."

Mayor Steve Cappiello said, "I believe today's groundbreaking will be remembered as this city's first step towards the major redevelopment of our waterfront."

The proposed one-acre plaza, which will include lighting, benches and trees in front of the terminal, will cost approximately \$850,000, according to Fred Bado, director of the municipal community development agency.

Bado said that \$425,000 for the project will come from the state Green Acres program, \$300,000 from Hoboken's community development funds and \$125,000 from Hudson County community development funds under the federal jobs bill.

But the proposed plaza has come under fire recently from several City Council members.

Councilman Thomas Vezzetti said he would rather see a park in his 2nd Ward that is geared to serve the city's younger generation. "I'm

Cappiello sees project as the key to revitalizing the city's waterfront

absolutely against the park (plaza project) unless something is done for my area also," he said.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson said he is concerned with the question of who will maintain and protect the proposed plaza.

He said Hoboken Stages Co. of New York originally agreed to provide security and maintenance as part of its lease with NJ Transit for space within the ferry building.

But since Hoboken Stages is no longer planning to develop a movie studio within the building, Wilson said he is concerned with who is going to provide the necessary security.

"With all the money being spent for this project, it is important to

know whether we will have a run-down park next year," he said.

But Cappiello said yesterday that NJT has agreed to provide daily maintenance of the plaza.

The plaza proposal has also drawn criticism from the Hoboken

Environment Committee.

Its president, Helen Manogue, has said the proposed plaza is not a true waterfront park because a floating restaurant recently docked there blocks any view of the waterfront.

The City Council last month approved plans for the project and bids for construction are expected to be received this month, according to Thomas Ahern, director of the department of economic development for the city's community development agency.

He said the project is scheduled for completion next summer.

Boarding house tenants locked out of rooms

A group of about 50 members of the Hoboken tenants group ALTO (Alliance of Tenants Organizations) yesterday descended on City Hall asking the mayor's help in a dispute between tenants of a Garden Street boarding house and their landlord.

According to Rebecca Lopez, president of ALTO, seven families at a boarding house at 223 Garden Street have been locked out of their rooms since Thursday by the landlord, Ravi Kant Sharma, even though they have paid their rents for their rooms until the end of the month.

Mayor Steve Cappiello said yesterday that after the meeting the city will be able to put the families up in the Hotel Edwards last night.

"He is not allowed to remove people from those rooms arbitrarily," Mrs. Lopez said. She said the tenants and ALTO members and the city police have tried to talk to Sharma without success.

Sharma could not be reached for comment yesterday. He has reportedly claimed the tenants have owed him money for back rent.

FBI affidavit tells of the mob's grip on gambling in Hudson

By John Kampfe

Several Hudson County individuals and establishments have been linked to a reputed mobster who allegedly controls major gambling, sports betting, loansharking and illegal lottery operations in North Hudson.

In an FBI affidavit released yesterday, it is alleged that Robert Fischetti, 44, of Paramus, conducts these illicit activities in the name of alleged members of the power-

ful Genovese crime family — including John J. DiGirolamo of Bayonne.

The document was based on the testimony of six unnamed informants and an undercover investigation conducted by the FBI. It was submitted by Special Agent Stephen W. Foster of the Newark Office.

Newark FBI spokesman Michael McDonnell said "The FBI in New Jersey has several ongoing investigations at the present time regarding organized crime but I can't get more specific than that."

The affidavit was part of a petition to have Fischetti arrested for the alleged violation of probation terms set down after his 1979 conviction in federal court on loansharking charges.

He served a two-and-a-half year prison sentence and was in the midst of five years probation when he was picked up by FBI agents Friday night at a North Bergen restaurant not named in the affidavit.

He appeared yesterday before U.S. District Court Judge Vincent Biunno and was

released on \$30,000 bail. Fischetti is scheduled to appear again before Judge Biunno Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

Among the names mentioned in the affidavit was a well-known Hoboken restaurateur.

According to the affidavit: "Sources stated that Fischetti meets with Martin Casella, also known as Motts, proprietor of Casella's Restaurant, Hoboken. Casella is a

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conduct of information and money for Manna. Casella's Restaurant is a regular meeting place for known felons and members of the Genovese Family.

Casella could not be reached for comment last night. "Manna," the affidavit alleges, is Louis Anthony "Bobby" Manna, who is the direct beneficiary of Fischetti's alleged illegal activities along with DiGirolamo. According to the affidavit, both are "made" members of the Genovese family.

The affidavit said: "Sources further advised that upon Fischetti's release from prison a few years ago (after his loansharking conviction), he immediately took control and engaged in loansharking, sports betting, illegal lottery and gambling activities."

"Since his release from prison, his control and influence over illegal activities has continued to grow with the consent of both Manna and John DiGirolamo," the affidavit continued.

Another North Hudson establishment mentioned in the affidavit is the Boulevard Capri Social Club in Union City.

According to the affidavit: "Fischetti also operates and controls card games which are conducted at the Boulevard Capri Social Club, 2712 Kennedy Blvd., Union City."

The affidavit stated Fischetti allegedly has associated on a regular basis since his release from prison with "known convicted felons," including Kenneth Luetkemeyer, William "Billy Coach" David (a co-defendant with Fischetti in the loansharking trial), Charles "Chickie"

Mulhearn, Nicholas P. "Nick Markey" Marchesani, Michael "Chickie" Pizzo, Dominick Auriemma, Peter Caparino, Joseph Hellow and James "The Hammer" Wiley.

Specifically, the affidavit alleges Fischetti met with Luetkemeyer, Caparino, Auriemma and Michael Scurti, who is claimed to be a "known loan shark and bookmaker for Bobby Manna," at a Guttenberg restaurant on June 15.

The affidavit reveals that both Caparino and Scurti admitted during subsequent interviews with the feds that Fischetti did meet with them then.

The affidavit related that during the past month Fischetti found out the FBI was investigating him and went through elaborate means to keep appointments with his alleged associates.

Said the affidavit: "Sources advised that to impede this investigation, Fischetti has fled the immediate area and is believed to be hiding in the New Jersey Shore area. Sources further advised that Fischetti is traveling late at night under the cover of the darkness and using various vehicles to elude FBI agents in order to meet known felons and conduct illegal business activities without jeopardizing his probation."

The affidavit stated the following reasons as to why Fischetti should be brought back to court:

• "Through experience and investigation, your affiant believes that arresting Fischetti is the only means to ensure his presence before the court. This conclusion is based in part upon Fischetti's flight from the North Jersey area upon learning of the instant investigation. Moreover, Fischetti poses a distinct and serious threat to the community. Fischetti's arrest will ensure his presence before the court where appropriate bail can be set."

sure the collection of payments on loansharking transactions.

• "On July 27, 1983, Charles 'Chickie' Mulhearn was arrested by the Newark FBI while in the act of strangling a loansharking victim while he was trying to collect a debt. Mulhearn has since been indicted and is awaiting trial. The victim subsequently stated that he knows personally from discussions with Mulhearn that Mulhearn works for and takes orders from Fischetti."

• "On May 25, 1983, Joseph Hellow was arrested by the FBI for extortion while he was meeting with the victim in the parking lot of a hot dog stand in Fort Lee. At a previous meeting with the victim, which was taped, Hellow and two others threatened to kill the victim if payment was not made. At the time of Hellow's arrest he was carrying a slap jack. Prior to these events, Hellow met with Fischetti and others at the Boulevard Capri Social Club to discuss the delinquent debtor. A witness will testify that Hellow had a gun in his belt and Fischetti was well aware of it."

Celebrities set for Hoboken Festival

By Robert Larkins

Miss New Jersey and representatives of the Cosmos soccer team, the New Jersey Devils hockey team and the Nets basketball team will be among the celebrities who will appear at the Hoboken Terminal Renaissance Festival on Saturday.

"We are extremely pleased Suzette Charles, Miss New Jersey, will perform for the thousands of people expected to attend this event," said Jerome C. Premo, executive director of NJ Transit.

"The festival is jointly sponsored by the City of Hoboken and NJ Transit to focus attention on Hoboken Terminal and the very important role it plays in our state's transportation system."

Last year more than 30,000 persons attended the festival.

This year there will be more than 100 exhibitors, many of them displaying model trains or rail memorabilia.

Exhibitors will include the Bergen County Sheriff's Office identification bureau, which will discuss crime prevention techniques and fingerprint children

and adults; the SPCA "Adopt a Pet" project; the New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism; the Public Service Electric and Gas co. energy conservation vehicle; Walter Koenig, who plays a banjo and sings old train songs; magicians; jugglers; psychic readers; folk singers and dancers in ethnic dress.

The event will start at noon. A raffle will be held at 4:30 p.m. "The redevelopment of the rail terminal," Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello said, "which was undertaken in 1980 by N.J. Transit at a cost of nearly \$5 million, is serving as a stimulus for the continued growth of our beautiful city. It will encourage more people to live, work and visit Hoboken."

NJ Transit announced that train service Saturday will be free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. into New York on the North Jersey Corridor, Northeast Corridor and Raritan Valley Lines and into Hoboken on the Morristown, Gladstone and main Bergen lines.

The return trips on those lines will be free from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Shelter for homeless under fire in Hoboken

By James Kopchans

The overnight shelter operated by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition is once again under fire by the city, with its leaders crying "harassment."

The shelter, at 300 Bloomfield St., has been open since August, serving between 50 and 60 persons a night in its kitchen and providing beds for about 30 adults.

Sister Norberta, one of its organizers, said construction code official Alfred Arezzo Friday ordered the shelter closed. The first fine was expected to be placed on the shelter last night. An expected summons did not arrive.

The city tried to close the shelter last winter. The warmer

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Performers in costume entertain visitors to the 1982 Hoboken Terminal Renaissance Festival.

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weather removed the emergency need of the shelter.

The coalition is now preparing an application for a portion of \$193,000 allocated to the county for emergency food and shelter programs. The coalition has an interview scheduled with county officials tomorrow at 5 p.m. to discuss the application, Sister Norberta said.

She said Arezzo's order was "harassing" shelter officials applying for the funds. She said it was a plan to keep the shelter from receiving the funding.

A city spokesman denied any harassment.

City warned on pier project delays

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The \$12-million state and federally funded cleanup of the Hoboken waterfront may end up costing the city some money if the project is delayed much further, according to John Sasson, district engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The corps is waiting for the city to dispose of an old mine sweeper located between Piers 5 and 6, as well as a half-submerged dry dock and a half-sunken Circle Line boat belonging to the American Maritime

Academy before it can give word to Donjon Marine Co. of Hillside to begin demolishing both piers, Sasson said.

"We can't hold notice to proceed too long because we have a contractual agreement with Donjon," he said.

But Anthony DeNicola, director of the city department of revenue and finance, said the city is still waiting to obtain ownership of the structures.

He said the mine sweep and dry dock are currently owned by Ampol Wrecking and Dismantling Inc. of Jersey City.

He said once the city secures ownership of these two structures and the Circle Line boat, it will turn them over to the corps. The corps will then incorporate the demolition of the structures into the current contract with Donjon at no cost to the city, he said.

Sasson said the plan has been discussed with the city, but added it would be simpler and less time-consuming if the city took care of the problem.

"The city hasn't done what it promised to do, and they will be liable for any increase in cost to Donjon as a result (of any delays)," he said.

Joe Williams, project superintendent for Donjon, said if the project continues into the winter months, increased costs may become a factor.

"We don't know at this time what those costs might be," he said.

Williams said Donjon may decide to start work somewhere else along the waterfront, but is hoping to begin with the demolition of Pier 5 because it is "one of the more difficult sites and we want to get started on that as soon as possible."

This man's crate is his castle

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Frank Giovanni lives along the waterfront in a cargo box with a TV, a mattress and his eight dogs.

"I'm really spoiled," the 33-year-old city resident said yesterday as he stood in front of his 20-foot by 8-foot home, which overlooks the Hudson River and the New York City skyline.

Giovanni's cargo-box home is situated on city land between the Fifth Street Pier and the Port Authority piers. He said he will not budge from it until he has to.

Giovanni was told yesterday by Anthony DeNicola, director of the city department of revenue and finance, that he would have to leave Monday to make way for the Army Corps of Engineers drift project because there would be a lock on the gate which surrounds the property he lives on.

Giovanni has lived along the waterfront between the Fifth and Sixth street piers for eight years, first as a watchman for the River Towing Tugboat Co. and now as a squatter. With his dogs, he keeps an eye on the American Maritime Academy, the Atlantic Boat Club and the Hoboken Yacht Club to discourage vandals.

Giovanni lived on the tugboat company's boats for three years until the company went bankrupt. It left him a trailer as a home in

Giovanni: 'It beats outrageous rents people are paying'

exchange for six months back pay.

He sold the trailer, however, when he heard the city was confiscating the property from the company because he feared he would be thrown off the land.

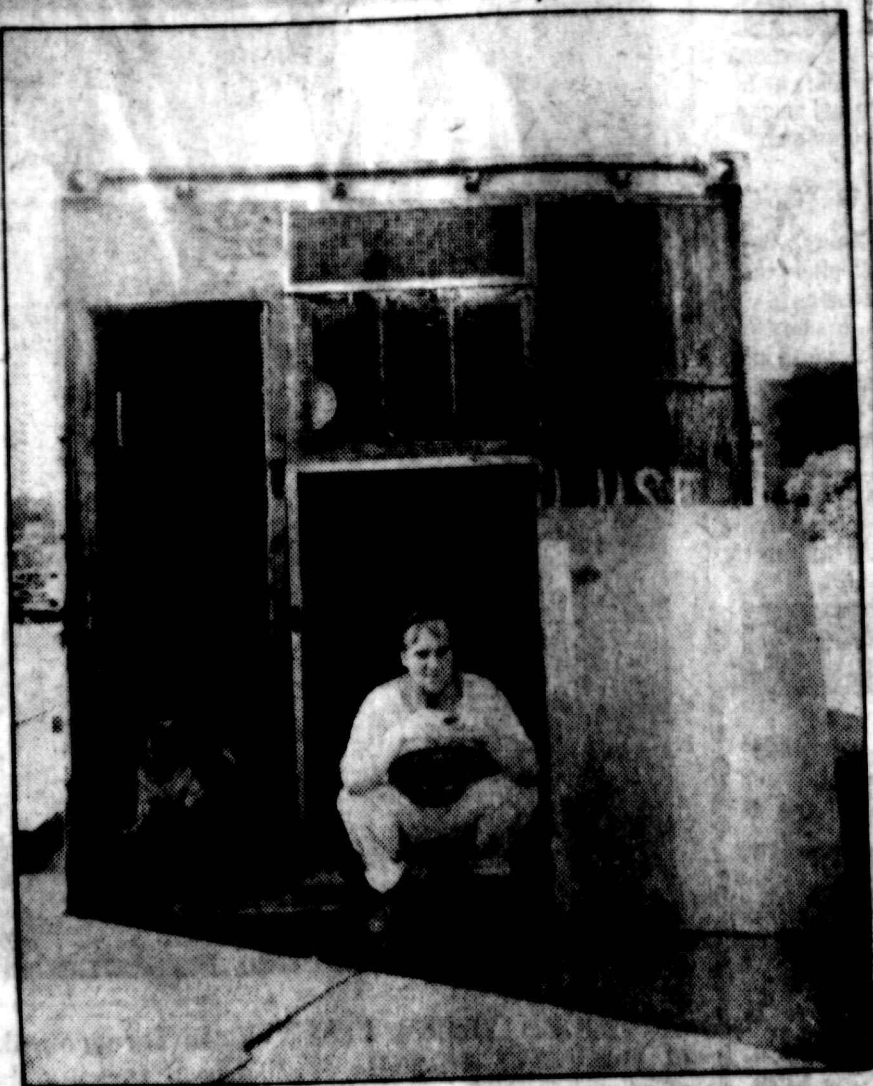
Instead of being evicted, Giovanni was hired by the city under the CETA program to serve as a watchman for the piers. He moved into a small watchman's shack left over by the tugboat company.

"Boy, those were the days," the sandy-blond-haired Giovanni said.

"There was a big iron pier here at the time... I call it a warehouse. That's where I kept my dogs, all 36," he said.

Since that time, the warehouse and the watchman's shack have been torn down and his CETA job terminated, but Giovanni and several of his dogs remain on the waterfront.

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FRANK GIOVANNI sits in front of the cargo box on the Hoboken waterfront in which he makes his home.

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Giovanni takes care of eight dogs now, most of which he rescued from local animal shelters.

He found one dog, named Whitey, in a drainpipe giving birth to a litter of puppies.

"Yeah, Whitey doesn't take to people. She lost her eye from cigarettes being put out on her," he said, stroking the dog's back.

In fact, most of the dogs Giovanni picked up have been abused by previous owners. They are wary of anybody except the man who shares his home with them.

And Giovanni said he is just like his dogs, preferring the solitude of his waterfront cargo box to the busy streets of the city.

"I eat dinner at my mom's apartment just right over on Second (Street) and Willow (Avenue) a couple times a week, and feel so closed up when I go there," he said.

Giovanni considers his dogs his closest friends.

"I guess it's because I live so close to them... on their level. We live on a survival level," he said.

"But they're so intelligent and loyal. They're 100 percent goodness," he added.

And Giovanni is just as loyal to his dogs, spending approximately \$40 each week on dog food, although he only makes \$60 per week doing odd jobs at the Cannon Grocery Store at 202 Hudson St.

"They do OK. People help me out. A caterer leaves leftover sandwiches, and some people over at Grogan Marine View Plaza drop off bags of dry dog food," Giovanni said, pointing to scattered pieces of dog treats on the ground.

"Eat your crackers. If you don't, the pigeons will," he tells Chip and Goldie.

Inside his home, Giovanni swats at the many flies that land on the ears of his dogs. He uses a cotton swab to dab

a bit of peroxide on the dog nearest him.

"I have to do this to stop any infection," he said.

There is not much in his crate except a hot plate, a TV and a box containing his winter clothes.

A red extension chord running from the American Maritime Academy trailer to his box provides him with electricity, which he uses in exchange for keeping vandals off the academy's property.

He has punched four holes in the sides of the crate to give him ventilation in the summer.

"It's a steam box when it's hot, and freezing in the winter time," he said, but added that he boards up the holes and plugs in two electric heaters when it gets too cold.

Giovanni said he uses showers and bathrooms in the Stevens Institute of Technology maintenance building in front of the Sixth Street Pier.

"It beats outrageous rents people are paying in Hoboken right now," Giovanni said.

According to Giovanni, the city has let him stay on the waterfront since he was taken off the CETA program.

For now, the slightly chubby squatter, wearing a torn Pac-Man shirt, green shorts and sneakers, is happy with his dogs and his view of the river.

Giovanni, who said he was born in The Bronx, N.Y., but has been a Hoboken resident for 27 years, said the river is "really beautiful at night when the water is so soft."

However, he said that sometimes the river gives off an overpowering odor of sewage.

"On those nights, the water turns purple or gray, even red," he said.

Giovanni said he does not know where he will go if the city asks him to leave his waterfront box.

"But it's not me I'm worried about," he said. "It's my animals... they will really be stuck."

Hoboken boat clubs get extension

Given time to quit doomed 5th St. Pier

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city has given organizations located on the Fifth Street Pier a few more days to vacate, said Anthony DeNicola, director of the city department of revenue and finance.

The Atlantic Boat Club, the Hoboken Yacht Club and the American Maritime Academy were told this weekend that they would have to be gone by today. DeNicola said yesterday, however, that he gave them an extension of "a couple days to get their equipment out."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is waiting for word from DeNicola so it can move ahead with the state- and federally funded drift program to remove and rehabilitate the city's rotting piers.

"The clock is running out. If we don't get this project off the ground the city will have to pay for it later on," DeNicola said.

He said the corps has been "breathing down my back" to get the project started.

Don Jon Marine Co. of Hillside has been awarded a \$12-million contract by the corps for the rehabilitation and demolition of the city's piers. Its project superintendent said yesterday that he is still waiting for orders from the corps to proceed.

DeNicola said work would begin the pier, also known as Pier 5, and then move on to the Atlantic Boat Club Barge, which sits on pilings next to the Port Authority piers.

DeNicola warned that if work did not begin soon, "in a couple of years the city will have to pull that barge out to sea and sink it... We need that like a hole in the head."

Mayor Steve Capriello said yesterday the project would not bypass Hoboken.



Photo by Bill Boyer

EUGENE SCHWARTZ, left, and his son Eugene Schwartz III stand on one of the American Maritime Academy's boats on the Fifth Street Pier in Hoboken. The academy and two other organizations using the pier, which is slated for demolition as part of a river and harbor cleanup, have been given another few days to vacate by the city.

"Nothing will be held up," he said.

Ralph Helber, secretary-treasurer of the boat club, said he was upset that his club never received notice to move until DeNicola told him this weekend the club would have to leave the barge.

Helber is questioning the legality of an oral request from DeNicola, but DeNicola said yesterday, "Legally they have no rights on or off the water... They're just squatters."

The Hoboken Environment Committee, which is against the destruction of Pier 5, will not take legal action against the city to stop the

demolition, committee President Helen Manogue said last week.

She said legal action would cost the committee too much.

The committee has questioned the choice of Pier 5 as the drift project's starting point and has charged the city with not providing adequate information about the demolition to the public.

Manogue said the city moved to get the pier down quickly so that it would become a moot issue, even though 2,700 signatures on a petition to save the pier were collected by the committee.

Hoboken man dies from stab wound

By GEORGE C. ANDREASSI
Staff Writer

UNION CITY—A 28-year-old Hoboken man died early yesterday morning from a stab wound to the heart he suffered before his car crashed into a tree on Palisade Avenue, police said.

Gustavo J. Amaya, 28, whose address was listed as 408 Monroe St., Hoboken, was pronounced dead at 12:05 a.m. yesterday by Dr. Herman Cabalu in the emergency room of Christ Hospital, Jersey City. The accident occurred late Monday night.

Police said they have no suspects in connection with the slaying, and are still trying to investigate all leads. No weapon has been recovered.

Cabalu told police that Amaya apparently died from an inch-long stab wound to his heart.

Amaya also had three puncture wounds in his left arm and a deep laceration in each hand. Cabalu told police the lacerations evidently resulted from self-defense efforts.

The doctor said he does not think the wounds resulted from the crash. He noted the victim could not have driven very far with his wounds.

"We don't know whether he got stabbed out in the street or in his car," said Detective Sgt. Howard Maher. He said that the victim may have been stabbed during a robbery and tried to drive himself to the hospital.

After being called to Palisade Avenue between Second Street and Paterson Plank Road by a city youth at 11:10 p.m. Monday, police

found a person administering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to the driver of a car that had run into a tree.

Maurice Bezama, 18, of Eighth Street, managed to get the victim's heart beating again. He helped police continue first aid until an ambulance arrived, police said. Doctors in the emergency room at Christ Hospital worked feverishly on Amaya, but could not save him.

Amaya's car knocked one parked car into another before jumping the curb and crashing into the tree on the northbound side of Palisade Avenue, police said.

Because Amaya had no wallet or identifying papers in his possession, police had to run a check on the car to learn his identity.

After finding out the car was registered in Amala's name, police contacted his mother, Azucen Cavillo. She went to the hospital and positively identified her son.

Duilo Amaya, the victim's brother, joined their mother at police headquarters. Both said that Gustavo Amaya was seeing a woman who resides in the area of Fifth Street and Palisades Avenue, police said. They said the victim and the woman worked together at a factory in Hoboken, but did not know her name.

The victim's relatives told police he left home for work at 7:30 a.m. Monday, but did not return home, police said. They noted that he usually returns from work at 6:30 p.m.

Police said the last homicide in the city occurred about 1½ months ago.

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"My men deserve a raise," Meehan said, and added that he may not seek monetary increases from the city, but may seek to "sweeten the package." He would not elaborate.

Meehan said the PBA's current agreement with the city is self-destructive and said he is upset that he was not able to participate in both the negotiations and the voting. Meehan said he was on vacation during the negotiations and told PBA vice-president Charles Kosba to hold off on meetings and a vote until he returned.

"He made his own decision," Meehan said.

According to Meehan, the PBA's vote was unfair because 20 of the members who participated had already received pink slips and another 15 did not vote at all because they were not advised of the situation.

He said it will be at least two weeks before the PBA takes another vote on its 1984 contract and added that his members might stay with its current agreement with the city.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi has said the agreement between the unions and the city was necessary to offset any emergency appropriations received from the state to avoid layoffs of either police or firefighters.

The City Council earlier this month authorized \$313,000 for two emergency appropriations.

An emergency appropriation of \$211,229 was made to pay the difference between the \$1,000,771 budgeted for garbage collection in 1983 and the contract for \$1,310,000 the city entered into with La Fera Contracting Co.

Another \$102,000 was appropriated to pay for an increase in state health benefit rates for city employees.

Those appropriations still need approval from the state.

St. Mary Hospital opens beauty salon

Now patients at St. Mary can get an added lift from looking their very best.

"The Magicians," a new hair care salon sponsored by the hospital auxiliary and staffed by a New Jersey licensed beautician, will do manicures and will cut, set, style and blow-dry or color-rinse hair. The unisex salon will also style men's hair.

"This service adds one more dimension to the care and well-being of our patients," said Lucille Casulli, auxiliary president.

Pat Pope, standing committee chairperson for the beauty saloon and member of the ex-

ecutive committee of the auxiliary board, noted that patients will also have a charming view of the church steeple from the saloon, which is located on the sixth floor of the hospital.

"Patients feel a whole lot better when their personal grooming needs are met in pleasant surroundings," she added.

Upon admission, patients will receive information on the beauty salon's services and cost. As an added convenience, friends and family members will be able to buy gift certificates for salon services from the hospital gift shop.

PBA head prefers layoffs to freeze

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—PBA President Tom Meehan said yesterday that he would rather see some layoffs in the city's police department if it would result in the rest of his men getting salary increases next year.

"If a ship is sinking, you don't risk the lives of 61 people to save five that are drowning," Meehan said, referring to the total number of patrolmen on the force and the number he estimated could be laid off.

The PBA, the Police Superiors Union and both fire unions voted this month to accept 1984 contracts with no salary in-

creases in an agreement with the city to avoid layoffs in both the police and fire departments.

Meehan is now calling that agreement "null and void" because the city has extended layoff notices among other employees of the city's department of public works until Sept. 28. Some members of that department, mostly in maintenance, are now laid off.

As far as the PBA was concerned, he said, there would be renegotiations with the city on the 1984 contract and he would seek a better package for his members.

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Hoboken cops zap more video games 8/14/83

By John Kampfe

Hoboken's anti-vice squad went hunting again yesterday and bagged five businesses with a total of 24 unlicensed video machines.

The establishments face fines ranging from \$25 to \$200 per unlicensed machine and must pay a \$75 licensing fee for each before the machines will be given back to them, said Sgt. Leo Lugo.

In fact, Lugo added, the squad probably would have found more unlicensed machines had they not run out of time.

"The city's Department of

Public Works was supplying the manpower and vehicles for transporting the machines and, because of the city's budget problems," he explained, "we couldn't afford to let them (the D.P.W. workers) go into overtime."

The biggest loser in yesterday's raid was Vinnie's Confectionery Store at 926 Washington St., where all 11 of the games were allegedly unlicensed, said Lugo.

Unlike Tuesday's sweep, in which nine machines of the Joker Poker and Black Jack variety were confiscated, yesterday's

raid took in all types of machines, such as the popular Pac Man and Donkey Kong.

Other establishments visited by the squad were the Rail Head Bar and Restaurant in the Erie Lackawanna Railroad Terminal, five machines; the Hoboken Daily News, 500 Washington St., four machines; and Vic's Place, 39 Hudson Place and the Giant Wash Laundromat, 804 Washington St., two apiece.

The squad is still going after the machines' distributors, some of whom Lugo alleged are not even licensed to supply the machines to businesses.

Distributor licenses cost \$2,500, he added.

He said numerous warnings, both written and verbal, have been issued since June and those that did not answer are now paying for it.

"The distributors of the machines confiscated are the ones who have not responded to any of the notices that have been sent out since June," Lugo stated.

Those participating in the raids, besides Lugo and squad commander Capt. Pat Totaro,

Rush to license video games is on 8/15/83

By BRAD KELLY

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A citywide sweep of unlicensed video games by the city's police department had many store owners licensing their video games yesterday, according to Detective Pat Totaro of the anti-vice squad.

Totaro said 12 store owners came into the city clerk's office yesterday to license a total of 25 video games.

The squad confiscated nine unlicensed video games Tuesday. Totaro said three distributors came back to claim their machines, one after

paying the city \$2,000 to obtain a distributor's license.

"People are coming in and doing what they're supposed to," Totaro said.

Totaro said he expects the remaining six machines to be picked up by the end of the week by other distributors, but they cannot be put back into any establishments until licenses have been issued for each machine.

Totaro said the licensing fee is \$75 per machine.

He said the sweep would continue today, and

the squad expects to confiscate approximately 30 more machines.

"If that doesn't do it, we will continue tomorrow," he said.

According to Totaro, any store or business owner caught having unlicensed video games can be fined from \$25 to \$200.

According to Sgt. Leo Lugo, before a machine can be put in an establishment, it must first be licensed through the city clerk's office, and a license certificate must be posted on the premises.

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proved by the city council and the state Bureau of Local Government Services to stop projected layoffs in the departments.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius extended all layoff notices for police and firemen until the end of this month while he prepares figures for the council and state.

However, Meehan said yesterday the agreement was voted on in a hurried manner with unfair pressure on the membership by the city to accept it.

"Twenty of the guys had already received notices in the mail that their job was to go," Meehan said. "How else can you expect them to vote?"

"Also, 16 or 18 guys were out on vacation at the time. Just because they're on vacation, does that mean they can't vote?"

Meehan said none of the vacationing men, including himself, was given notice of the meeting.

Meehan, who was in Spain at the time of the vote, said he told the union's vice president, Charles Kosba, not to hold any meeting or vote until Sept. 9—the deadline set by the city on its layoffs.

"I'd have been back on Sept. 9 and we could have sat and discussed the terms of the agreement and then sent out the ballots. If Chius can extend the layoffs for a month, then the city must not be in that serious a situation."

The PBA and the Police Superiors Benevolent Association voted to accept the agreement on Sept. 7 in separate meetings. They followed by about a week an agreement by the city's fire unions.

"You can speak to anyone in labor unions. The one thing a union never gives up is its right to negotiate. How do we know what the city's finances will be next year? It's just something they

can dangle over us all next year."

The PBA represents 66 of the city's 111-man force, according to Meehan. The starting salary for a rookie patrolman is \$22,700 per year, he said.

Chius said that as far as the city is concerned, the agreement would be valid until the union votes to rescind it.

"All I know is that they said they had ratified the agreement. I don't know whether they did this in a proper manner or if they had a gun to the head of those voting, but they informed me it was an official vote," he said.

Chius denied the city put any pressure on the PBA. "Actually we had hoped they would approve it a week earlier, with the firemen, but they kept putting it off," he said.

Chius said he could extend the dates for the layoffs of both departments, not because of the agreements, but because of two emergency appropriations approved by the council which allowed the city to pay up health benefits for all workers and meet the city's obligations on its \$1.3 million garbage collection contract.

The agreements were part of a plan devised by Chius to help the city's public safety department meet a \$481,000 budget deficit without layoffs. The deficits were caused by a severely limited budget imposed on the city by the state after its city council failed to approve a \$22.2 million municipal budget.

The two police unions were awarded their present contract by a state arbitrator on Dec. 14 of last year. The contracts were retroactive to January 1982 and called for a 15 percent salary increase, with both increases coming in this year's budget.

Hoboken officials have repeatedly complained that this increase was partly to blame for the increase in municipal spending in this year's budget.

Hoboken police accord unraveling 8/9/83

By James Kopchans

The president of the Hoboken Policemen's Benevolent Association has voided the union's contract extension with the city because the meeting and vote were handled improperly.

Should the membership support president Thomas Meehan's

position, it would seriously threaten the agreement reached by the city with the police and firemen to save jobs in the departments.

Tonight's meeting of the PBA is expected to concern itself solely with the agreement.

"It's going to be a war, that's for sure," one union member predicted yesterday.

The agreement, which has been approved by the vote of the two police and two fire unions, has the unions agreeing to extend their present contracts for one year past the Dec. 31 expiration date, as well as forgoing increases in clothing allowances. The city, in turn, is to try to have an emergency appropriation approved.

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Festival on Oct. 1 8/9/83

Hoboken Terminal Renaissance Festival II will take place on Oct. 1. It was jointly announced today by Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello and John P. Sheridan Jr., commissioner of transportation and chairman of the board of directors of the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ Transit).

One of the highlights of this year's celebration (noon to 5 p.m.) will be a raffle to benefit the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Mayor Cappiello purchased the first raffle ticket from Commissioner Sheridan during a morning tour of the terminal, accompanied by Jerome C. Premo, executive director of NJ Transit.

Prizes include a mystery train ride for 25 people with dinner and cocktails, an evening with the New Jersey Devils at the Meadowlands Arena including a cocktail party and transportation on a deluxe executive type bus, and a weekend at the Queen Victoria Country Inn in historic Cape May for two with transportation on a NJ Transit Jersey Cruiser.

There will be extensive railroad displays — in fact one of the largest collections of rail cars and equipment ever assembled for display in the metropolitan area — along with operating model train layouts.

"Last year's festival drew about 35,000 people," Mayor Cappiello said, "and we expect even more this year."

Sheridan said he was pleased NJ Transit and the city of Hoboken were again able to sponsor the event which was first held in 1981 to highlight a \$5 million renovation of Hoboken Terminal. Festival II, which featured an auction of rail and bus memorabilia, was in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the terminal.

During the five hours of festivities, there will be dancers in native dress, musicians, clowns and arts and crafts exhibits.

Crash victim stabbed about 4 blocks away 8/9/83

By Peter Hallam

A Hoboken man, found dead in his car by Union City police yesterday after his vehicle crashed into a tree in Washington Park, was stabbed within a four-block area of where he was found, police said.

The victim, Gustavo Amaya Vargas, 28, was slumped behind the wheel of his automobile after it had careened into the tree. Vargas was traveling south on Palisade Avenue.

Union City police said they believed that Vargas was stabbed repeatedly elsewhere.

"The investigation is ongoing, but there isn't much more that can be said at this time," a detective bureau spokesman said. "We believe the incident took place in Union City, no more than four blocks from where the car crashed into the tree."

Vargas was dead on arrival at Christ Hospital, Jersey City.

His murder was the sixth in the city this year, all involving Hispanics. However, Chief Herman Bolte said, "They are usually spontaneous crimes that happen within a few minutes and there's just no way police can be expected to stop or prevent them from happening. Hispanics now make up the largest single group in the city and most of them are recent, law abiding residents."

"If we have a problem, it is with the last group to come in

from Cuba. Most have had problems finding work and have resorted to crimes to survive. But they are minor crimes like thefts, at least according to whatever statistics that are available. It is within that last group that the ratio of crimes is the highest."

Vargas, who was from Ecuador, was employed as a picker by the Paramus Lingerie company.

Bolte pointed out that despite the influx of new residents the city's Police Department strength was not increased.

"If you are going to make a special effort in any given area to prevent violent crime you must have the staff to do it," he said. "But even then it is a matter of saturation, rather than instruction. You can instruct people on how to make their homes secure so it is more difficult for a burglar to gain access, but you can't instruct people on emotional behavior. It is that emotional behavior that determines whether or not a person is inclined towards violence."

A mass will be held for Vargas Friday at 9 a.m. in St. Joseph's Church, Hoboken. Burial will be in Weehawken Cemetery, North Bergen. Las Americas Funeral Home, Jersey City and New York, will handle the arrangements.

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the state Division of Local Government Services, has said in the past.

But Councilman E. Norman Wilson said the 7-percent salary increase, affecting approximately 200 city employees, was part of the contract agreement the employees made with the city in March, which included a 7½-percent salary increase the workers received in January.

He said the second increase was tabled by the City Council earlier this year because the council wanted time to review the contract, which included city department directors and the mayor.

Those positions were taken out of the contract for the second pay raise, according to Wilson. Wilson said he was surprised with Chius' remarks because "he sat in on the contract negotiations and has never before told us no."

He also said he believes it was Chius who prepared and then submitted the salary increase ordinance.

Chius, who was not present at the council meeting, could not be reached for comment last night.

In other action, the council voted unanimously to hold its regular monthly meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

The council previously held the first meeting of the month at 10 a.m.

Councilman Thomas Vezzetti, who has criticized several council members who hold day jobs for not attending the morning meetings, said, "This shows the citizens of Hoboken they will get full participation from the council."

Hoboken will padlock pier to force squatters to move 8/21/83

By James Kopchans

Sticking to a warning he gave last week, Hoboken Revenue and Finance Director Anthony DeNicola has ordered the gates to the city's Fifth and Sixth street piers locked today, keeping out a boat club and academy.

The piers are scheduled to be removed as part of a harbor drift clean-up by the Army Corps of Engineers and the state

Department of Environmental Protection. However, it has served as home for the past few years to the Atlantic Boat Club and the American Maritime Academy as well as a watchman living on the pier. All said they have no place to move.

DeNicola has posted a warning by the sheriff's office notifying them to move.

"I have been warning them over and over since June that they will have to leave. Now, I

have no other choice. Work is going to start on those piers very soon and they have to be off it."

DeNicola said the company contracted to perform the cleanup, Don-Jon Marine Co., plans to use the site held by the academy and boat club as a central headquarters while performing the year-long project. As a result, DeNicola said all the city property must be cleared of inhabitants.

He said he and Mayor Steve

Cappiello have been trying to find new housing for the watchman, Frank Giovanni, who lives in a converted truck trailer on the pier. Although he is paid a nominal sum as a watchman for the boats, Giovanni is still a squatter on city property, DeNicola said, and must leave.

The city is also trying to work out an agreement with the Ampol Wrecking and Dismantling Inc. of Jersey City to remain on the piers, DeNicola said.

CETA will end officially Saturday, replacement to cost less, aid more 8/21/83

By Mary Fitzgibbon

The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program will end Saturday and be replaced by a program which is more extensive and less expensive, according to Robert Cerchio, assistant coordinator of planning of the Hudson County Office of Employment and Training in Hoboken.

The new program is called the Job Training Partnership Act and will be overseen by the state rather than the federal government, explained Cerchio. The program will end the "problems of dealing with a bureaucracy," he said.

Instead of trying to deal with local problems on the federal level, JTPA personnel will report to the State Department of Labor, a less laborious route.

The objective of the program will still be to train persons for jobs, but the scope of

those able to be trained has changed dramatically, explained the spokesman.

Under this new plan the following persons will be able to be trained for jobs:

- Economically disadvantaged youths aged 16 to 21.
- Adults aged 22 and over who have an income at the poverty level.

Those who are not economically disadvantaged will also be helped, said Cerchio, such as older men and women whose lifelong skills have become unusable, due to new technology.

As for payment while learning how to work, only those who can prove they are economically disadvantaged with absolutely no source of income will receive a stipend, said Cerchio. Exact monetary figures were unavailable yesterday.

This means that those persons on welfare or unemploy-

ment or living on any type of pension would not receive CETA money while in the program, said the spokesman.

He added that this would save money for the state by opening the program up to more people.

Meanwhile 50 cents of each Job Training dollar would go toward paying the employer who agrees to take on these trainees for varying periods of time.

Such programs as word processing, computer repair, auto technology, learning the mini-computer and becoming a licensed practical nurse are just a few which will be made available, he explained.

Since a publicity campaign for the new program has yet to start throughout the county, Cerchio suggested that persons with any questions should contact the Hoboken office at 71 Adams St. or the Jersey City office at 325 Palisade Ave.

Wilson has doubts about Hoboken plaza 8/21/83

By James Kopchans

Questions are beginning to cloud a planned \$800,000 pedestrian plaza at Hoboken's Erie-Lackawanna Railroad Terminal. Until they are cleared away, one Hoboken councilman says he won't approve the project.

The city council will receive

construction bids tonight at 7 at the council chambers in City Hall.

As envisioned by planners, the plaza would provide a small open space in front of the terminal at the southern end of the waterfront. It will be a pedestrian mall, completely paved with benches for visitors.

Funding for the project

would be \$425,000 from the Green Acres program; \$125,000 from county community development funds, and \$300,000 from city community development funds.

However, Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. said he was having doubts about the project.

"The planned motion picture studio, Hoboken Stages,

was to be the cornerstone of the whole project," Wilson said. "That plan now is dead, so what does it mean for the rest of the project?"

"With Hoboken Stages, there would be some activity going on in the plaza. Without it, will anyone use it enough to make it worthwhile?"

Wilson said he also worried

about New Jersey Transit's promise to keep up the plaza. "How can we insure that it will not be neglected like many parks and playgrounds seem to be in the city?"

Also, Wilson said he worried that approving the construction could force the city into a waterfront plan with little option to change.

PBA head agrees to plan to save city jobs

By James Kopchansky

The president of the Hoboken Police Men's Benevolent Association has now agreed to a city plan to save police jobs, less than a week after opposing it.

The president, Thomas Meehan, agreed to the basic parts of the plan after meeting with city Business Administrator Edwin Chius yesterday morning. Both men are to meet Thursday to settle all points in the agreement, Chius said.

Meanwhile, Chius will ask the city's Municipal Employees Association today to defer 7 per-

cent pay increases in the present contract until January, at which time its members will receive it in a lump sum retroactive to July 1.

This action, Chius said, could prevent the layoffs of 15 more permanent employees from the association, which has already seen 15 of its members laid off due to the city's poor financial condition. It could also go a long way toward appeasing state financial officials monitoring the city's attempts to cope with their financial situation, he said.

Meehan said any final version of the agreement will have

to contain a "right-of-negotiation" clause, to give the union the ability to renegotiate the contract when necessary. The loss of negotiating rights was cited as one of Meehan's biggest complaints when he criticized the agreement Monday.

The PBA will hire a private auditor to check city books for 1982, 1983 and 1984, Meehan said.

"If we find out there is extra money in these budgets for a pay raise, we will not hesitate to exercise our negotiation clause," Meehan said.

The city's plan, approved by the PBA membership, the police

superiors union and the two city fire unions, has them agreeing to extend their contracts for a year following the Dec. 31 contract expiration with no increase in salary.

By doing this, the city could then attempt to win council and state approval on an emergency appropriation to pay the increased police and fire salaries for this year. In essence, the city would use funds from the 1984 budget to pay salaries owed to the uniformed men this year.

The City Council has approved \$311,000 in emergency appropriations to help cope with a reduced city budget for this

year. Chius said he is waiting for state approval of these appropriations before submitting further appropriation requests. Police and fire layoffs have been held up until then.

Meehan, on vacation at the time of the PBA vote, objected to the agreement Monday, claiming the vote was improperly handled because of city pressure and meeting notification problems.

Meehan met with the 66-member union Tuesday night. He said the consensus of those present favored the agreement to save the jobs and other patrolmen.

At today's meeting, Chius said he will ask Robert Van Ingen, acting president of the municipal employees union, to defer their July 1 pay increase until January.

The City Council approved paying the increase retroactive to July 1 for the union workers and their non-unionized managers. Although the increase was part of the employees contract, Chius had warned that approval would mean the city would have to come up with \$78,000 extra in the budget, which could work out to the loss of 15 more city jobs.

Hoboken may owe its schools \$350G

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The city may have to pay the school district back approximately \$350,000 of the \$1 million the City Council cut from the school board's 1983-84 budget earlier this year, according to Vincent B. Calabrese, assistant commissioner of finance for the state Department of Education.

Calabrese said he is investigating whether the \$1 million the council voted not to appropriate for the school budget left an amount to be raised through taxation that is lower than 1 1/4 percent of the city's total amount of ratables.

"If so, it is not legal under the law, and any difference will have to be made up," he said.

Calabrese said based on unofficial figures, the city has approximately \$365,515.00 of adjusted ratables, 1 1/4 percent of which is \$5,482,725.

According to Calabrese, the amount to be raised through taxation for the 1983-84 school

State probing cut in ed budget

budget was originally set at \$6,133,190, but was reduced to \$5,133,190 by the City Council.

That figure is almost \$350,000 below the level required by law, and would have to be made up by the city in next year's budget, according to Calabrese.

"But as yet the matter is not quite clear," he said.

Councilman-at-large Robert A. Ranieri said yesterday he was not sure if any money would have to be paid back by the city, because no line items were cut from the school budget.

"The money was transferred from the free balance to the operating budget," he said.

"There was no intent to harm the school system," he said.

Councilman Thomas Kennedy said that earlier this year he had requested that \$500,000

be cut from the school board budget. He said Otto Hottendorf, school board president, offered to transfer \$1 million from the school board budget surplus to the operating budget to help the city with its financial problems.

The school board approved the transfer, with board member Steve Block casting the only dissenting vote.

Dr. George Maier, city school superintendent, said yesterday he has heard from sources within the state Department of Education that approximately \$350,000 will be coming back to the board of education.

Maier criticized the \$1 million amount taken out of the budget surplus.

"We have no reserve. Where do they think we're getting our money? We're skin-tight," he said.

Maier said the \$1-million cut came after the budget had already been approved by the City Council in June and both the state and county had been informed.

"It's physically impossible not to feel the hurt... and there will be much greater hurt in subsequent years," Maier said.

According to Maier, the City Council has cut the school board budget for the past five years. As a result, he said, the state gives less each year.

"It's a vicious cycle. Without that reserve, there is no flexibility," he said.

In July, the City Council by a vote of 7-0 amended the mayor's proposed 1983 budget by not appropriating \$1 million to the school board budget.

At the same meeting, the council voted down the budget. The state later gave the city a 1983 budget based on the city's 1982 budget, but allowed for the appropriation decrease of \$1 million.

Applied Housing hosts its Hoboken tenants

For the 10th consecutive year, the tenants will be celebrating with their landlord as Applied Housing Associates hosts its annual party for its tenants in Hoboken tomorrow.

Tomorrow's party will begin at noon and last until about 6 p.m. at the parking lot for Piers B and C at the city's Port Authority Piers. All tenants in Applied Housing-managed apartments in the city are invited to attend. Barry said he estimated that about 2,000 would show up.

Besides local entertainment and rides, Barry said both

American and Italian and Puerto Rican delicacies will be served as well as hamburgers from the McDonald's Restaurant in Hoboken.

The Applied Housing units are subsidized under federal Section 8 guidelines for low and moderate income families. Its first such project in the city opened in 1973 and a new apartment complex managed by the company is expected to open in mid-October. In all, the company manages 1,254 units in Hoboken, and 2,155 units throughout the state.

1,000 endorse elected ed board

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Councilman Thomas Vezzetti and his former campaign manager, Michael Schaffer, yesterday said they have approximately 1,000 signatures, including Mayor Steve Cappiello's, on a petition to bring back an elected board of education.

"Here's the mayor's," Vezzetti said yesterday, pointing to a signature. "I was there when he signed it."

The only catch is Cappiello wrote City Hall as his address, which according to Vezzetti, makes his signature invalid.

But one city official said yesterday the mayor's signature could very well be validated.

Schaffer said petitions have been circulated for the past six days and "we expect to file with the city clerk to get it (a referendum) on the November ballot."

Vezzetti said an elected school board is costing the taxpayers of Hoboken too much money because of unnecessary jobs that have been created within the school system.

Vezzetti in the past has called for the elimination of the posts of assistant board secretary and assistant superintendent of schools.

"There are unnecessary jobs at the board of education... The mayor wants to control members of the board," Vezzetti said. The mayor now appoints all members of the board.

Vezzetti also referred to the board

of education's decision this week to consider creating a \$36,000-a-year supervisory position, which he charged to be given to parking authority member John B. Muciaccia with the backing of Joseph Hottendorf, director of the parking authority and the son of board President Otto Hottendorf. Joseph Hottendorf has denied the allegation.

Otto Hottendorf called Vezzetti a negative atheist and asked, "how can you believe a man who doesn't believe in God?" Vezzetti, when informed of this comment, chose not to answer it.

In 1978, city residents voted to change the elected board of education to an appointed one.

"People turned it down (elected school board) because it was too expensive," Otto Hottendorf said yesterday.

He cited the cost of holding the annual election and the additional expense of appeals by the school board each time its budget was voted down as reasons for the elected board being voted down. Hottendorf did not offer any figures on the costs involved.

In order for a referendum question to be placed on a ballot, 2,500 signatures — 15 percent of the city's registered voters — are required.

Trustee Steve Block, a frequent critic of his colleagues on the board, said he is against an elected school board because there is usually a low voter turnout for elections.

"This makes it relatively easy for a dominant political organization to



Photo by Bruce Johnson

HOBOKEN COUNCILMAN Thomas Vezzetti, right, Michael Schaffer and Josephine Scardigno with the petition to bring back an elected board of education.

get out enough votes to control an election," he said.

He added that an elected board member, even if he ran on a reform program, still has to deal with political matters and loses the independence and energy needed to deal

with the school system's problems.

He argued that, even if the board reverts to elected status, no election could take place until the current board members' terms expire. Block said that would take several years.

Hoboken board to ask city to pay crossing guards

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken Board of Education at Tuesday's meeting will act on a resolution to transfer the payment of crossing guards from itself to the city.

According to Trustee Steve Block, who introduced the resolution, the school board has been paying the salaries of the guards — \$200,000 — for the past two or three years and he is asking that the board rescind the agreement it made with the city.

"It (the agreement) is illegal," Block said. "We pay for the city and the payment should go back to the city. We did it to help the city out. But we should not have to suffer. I objected to this last year."

The board will also act on a resolution to transfer 16 district teachers.

During last night's meeting, Councilman Thomas Vezzetti claimed the transfers were politically oriented.

"We have constantly avoided any transfers based on political reasons," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. George R. Maier.

"I am not aware of any transfers which have originated with the administration which were politically motivated," said Block.

Block said the transfers were requested by teachers who wish to be moved either from school to school or from program to program.

Hoboken school board may create \$36,000 job

By James Kopchansky

The Hoboken Board of Education may create a new \$36,000-a-year supervisory position, although the city's critics say it's only to reward a member of the parking authority.

The new supervisor would be in charge of all staff and administrator evaluations.

The post is reportedly earmarked for John B. Muciaccia, a parking authority commissioner who works in a Bergen County school system. Muciaccia has a doctorate in education.

Both Steve Block, an anti-administration member of the school board, and Thomas Vezzetti, Second Ward councilman, have denounced the move, saying it's all for Muciaccia's benefit.

Ironically, the position is a variation of one proposed unsuccessfully by Block to the school board about three years ago.

Block said the position was agreed on during a closed meeting of the board Tuesday. It is expected to be created at the next board meeting on Oct. 11.

Both Block and Vezzetti charged the move was from Joseph Hottendorf, executive director of the parking authority. Hottendorf's father, Otto, is president of the school board.

Joseph Hottendorf denied the allegations yesterday.

"I'm not a member of the school board. I have nothing to do with what they do," he said.

As for his father's role on the board, Joseph said both of them remain independent of each other.

"He handles his job and I handle mine and we don't interfere," he said.

"I will say something on it though. Should they give a job to

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John Muciaccia they could not be doing a better thing for the school system. He is a capable educator with all the right qualifications for any job they could give him."

Otto Hottendorf said the position is being created to meet state and federal regulations and create more effective educational environments.

He denied allegations that the post is earmarked for Muciaccia.

"The position will have to be posted, there will be interviews, and the person qualified will get the job," he said.

Block said that when he introduced the position three years ago, he saw it giving principals and vice principals more freedom. Instead, much of their time is spent in staff evaluations.

Block said that he still con-

sidered the position a good idea, but would not have it enacted because of a serious financial crunch the system expects to find itself in next year.

"There is a chance that we may have to ask for as much as \$7 million from the city in next year's school budget. This year, they gave us a little over \$5 million. There's little chance we're going to get \$7 million next year," Block said.

"I can only see some serious layoffs next year in personnel and we still want to make a new post? 'I'm interested in helping the schools. I am not interested in a patronage position.'"

Vezzetti agreed, explaining that it was time to start removing the political appointees from jobs in the schools.

"These jobs are a simple conflict of interest, there's nothing more to say than that," he declared.

He'll do it himself



Photo by Bill Bayer

HOBOKEN COUNCILMAN Thomas Vezzetti sweeps Washington Street yesterday since, he says, the city doesn't do enough sweeping.

Changes would make Hoboken's rent law tougher

By Rick Tosches

Two amendments to Hoboken's rent control ordinance are scheduled to be introduced at Wednesday's Hoboken Council meeting.

The amendments were discussed by Councilman Robert Ranieri during last night's caucus at City Hall to "prevent the dislocation of Hoboken residents who would be unable to pay continually soaring rents."

Ranieri said the amendments are qualifications for substantial rehabilitations to buildings.

The first amendment is an attempt "to disavow standard maintenance as a qualification for raising rents," according to Ranieri. Standard maintenance, Ranieri said, refers to painting hallways or fire escapes and then raising rents for the improvements.

The second amendment is an attempt to prevent disproportionate rehabilitation from affecting all the tenants of a building.

"If an eight-family house has an assessment of \$20,000 and the landlord invests \$10,000 in

one apartment and \$2,000 in all of the others," Ranieri said, "the sum shouldn't be put together. It should be the amount put into each apartment that affects the rent."

Ranieri added he is greatly concerned with the standard maintenance that increases rents. "The amendments strike straight to the core of the problem," Ranieri said. "This is protection for Hoboken people who want to remain in Hoboken. I want the little people of Hoboken, the one and two family homes, to remain. I don't want the little people hurt."

"The last few years the rents have escalated in town," he continued. "The average family can no longer stay in Hoboken because the rents are spiraling out of control. We have the responsibility to control it so we don't lose our people."

Ranieri expected the council would conduct a hearing on the amendments to the ordinance within two weeks of the introduction at Wednesday's council meeting and have the measures in effect within the next two months.

Hoboken dispute

Ed board ordered to pay Andreola

By BETH KUHLES
Staff Writer

The Hoboken Board of Education was ordered yesterday by a Hudson County Superior Court judge to give teacher Frank Andreola his paycheck by 9 a.m. this morning. Andreola is a physical education teacher in the district and also the recently elected president of the Hudson County Area Vocational-Technical School.

Andreola was informed early yesterday that he would have to see Walter Fine, the assistant superintendent of schools in charge of personnel, in order to get his paycheck. Andreola said all other teacher's paychecks were delivered to the school.

An order to show cause hearing was held yesterday afternoon before Assignment Judge Burrell I. Humphreys of Superior Court to determine if the school district had any reason to withhold Andreola's check.

"He was out sick on Monday and Tuesday under what the board felt were suspicious circumstances

he was asked to go to the superintendent to pick up his check," said board attorney David Corrigan. "Under the settlement, he will still have to go to the superintendent's office for his check."

It's ironic that it was done the night after I became the president of Vo-Tech," said Andreola, calling the incident a "touch of harassment."

Andreola, a supporter of Jersey City Mayor Gerald McCann, was voted in as president of the Vo-Tech board by the board Wednesday night. The board is dominated by McCann supporters, who are currently warring with a group of North Hudson mayors, including Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, for political control of the school.

Andreola also said he had received an anonymous typewritten note Wednesday stating, "If one of your students so much as stubs their toe in your phys ed class, we will see you will definitely be fired."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. George Maier and Fine both refused to discuss this issue.

PBA auditors will check funds in Hoboken pay pact

By James Kopchains

Auditors hired by the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association will get records of the city's finances next week as part

of negotiations on a contract extension plan being offered by the city.

Thomas Meehan, president of the PBA, said he would bring out city records pertaining to last year's and this year's budget to be checked by auditors. Meehan said that should the auditors find any additional monies in the budget, the PBA would open negotiations on their new contract.

Meehan said he has not yet reached an agreement on a contract extension plan designed to save jobs within the department. Although the PBA membership have voted to accept the plan and avert layoffs, Meehan said

he still was contesting that vote explaining it was improperly done.

Meehan is scheduled to meet with city Business Administrator Edwin Chius tomorrow on the extension, which would have the membership extend their contract for another year with no pay increase in order to avert layoffs caused by budget deficits this year.

However, Meehan said no final agreement can be reached until the findings by the union's auditors are known. "If they show any money is available, we're going to demand to open negotiations again," he said.

Hoboken lays off 15 workers

By James Kopchains

The ax has fallen on 15 permanent Hoboken employees as the city begins efforts to reduce city expenses due to cuts in the municipal budget.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius yesterday announced a total of 15 permanent full-time employees and 22 provisional employees had been laid off. Many of the provisionals had already been informed of their layoffs in August, although

city officials had tried to find ways of keeping them on the payroll.

Meanwhile, Chius has sent notices extending the layoff deadline for 12 Public Works employees and members of the police and fire departments scheduled for layoffs. These men may have had their jobs saved by recent budget-cutting agreements and appropriations worked out by city officials.

The layoffs announced yesterday included four perma-

nent and eight provisional employees in the city's Public Works department. Another nine were taken from the city's Public Safety staff at the municipal garage. This number included three mechanics, five laborers and mechanic helpers and one laborer in the signal division.

In the Health, Recreation, and Welfare Department, eight provisional employees were laid off. Two library assistants and

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Hoboken shelter is facing fines

By James Kopchains

Summonses carrying fines of up to \$200 will be placed on an overnight shelter in Hoboken starting today if its organizers continue operating it.

Alfred Arezzo, the city's construction code official, said he would inspect the shelter tomorrow and, if it is operating,

will place a daily summons against it for operating without a proper certificate of occupancy.

The shelter, open since mid-August, provides food to about 50 persons a night and overnight shelter for 30 homeless persons. Its organizers have claimed Arezzo's actions were part of a harassment campaign by the

city to force the shelter to close.

However, Arezzo said yesterday he ordered the shelter closed after receiving reports from the city's health department that persons were being housed there without a proper certificate.

Arezzo said the shelter is in a residentially zoned area, at St.

John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St. He said the shelter should have obtained a variance and a certificate by his office.

"That is what the city's laws say and I'm only following the laws," Arezzo said. "If following the city laws is harassment, then so be it."

The shelter is sponsored by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition. The coalition, founded during the winter, but ran into difficulties with the city. Eventually, it suspended operations during the warm months.

Officials of the shelter and the coalition could not be reached for comment.

Two nabbed in murder

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tance away on 2nd Street. He was pronounced dead at Christ Hospital, Jersey City.

Vargas, a native of Ecuador, was employed by Paramus Lingerie Company.

He will be buried in Weehawken Cemetery tomorrow following a 9 a.m. mass in St. Joseph's Church, Hoboken. Las Americas Funeral Home, Jersey City, is handling arrangements.

Two nabbed in fatal stabbing

By Arnold Freilich

Two local teenagers were arrested by Union City detectives last night and charged with Tuesday's stabbing-murder of a Hoboken motorist near Washington Park.

Detective Lt. Mark Fusco, night commander, and Detective Louis Gowers arrested the suspects separately in their homes. The suspects were identified as Ruben Ortiz, 19, and Luis Martinez, 18.

Police said the victim, Gustavo Amaya Vargas, 28, may have been stabbed during a robbery attempt. They said a weapon has not been found.

Vargas was found with multiple stab wounds after his car careened along Palisade Avenue southbound into a tree alongside Washington Park between Paterson Plankroad and 2nd Street shortly after midnight.

Police said they believe Vargas was attacked a short distance from the scene.

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Monday is deadline to quit Hoboken pier

By James Kopchains

Hoboken Revenue and Finance Director Anthony DeNicola has given inhabitants of the city's Fifth Street Pier until Monday to move to make way for the planned destruction of the pier.

"That's it, I've given them more than enough time. If they are not off that property by Monday I'm just going to lock the gates and keep them away," DeNicola said.

The city has already been warned by the Army Corps of Engineers that any further delays in the project could endanger the entire \$12 million Hoboken waterfront clean-up operation planned by the Army and the state Department of Environmental Protection.

DeNicola said he has advised the groups using the pier they would have to leave in June, but did not receive any real response until recently.

"They just seemed to do nothing," he said.

At present, the American Maritime Academy and the Atlantic Boat Club use the pier, as well as the Ampol Wrecking and Dismantling Co. of Jersey City. Frank Giovanni also lives on the pier, in a conditioned tractor-trailer container where he serves as a guard for the academy's property.

All but Ampol are on city property and have to leave immediately. DeNicola said the city would soon sue to take over a mine sweeper and dry dock owned by Ampol, which it then will turn over to the corps.

Parking panel studies steps to help in Hoboken crisis

Members of the Hoboken City Council and Parking Authority are discussing steps to help ease the city's fiscal crunch.

The steps, which authority director Joseph Hottendorf said were suggested by the council, would see the authority stepping up enforcement of metered parking, cleaning up litter along portions of Washington Street, and paying more rent on a leased municipal parking lot at 11th Street and Willow Avenue.

According to Hottendorf, the authority has increased the hours it patrols the meters from 20 to 85

hours per week. Up until now, the other hours were covered by city patrolmen.

He said the authority is being asked to work in cooperation with the city on chasing down parking ticket scofflaws.

Meanwhile, if both the authority and council agree, Hot-

tendorf said the authority would clean the curbs along Washington Street where meters are located.

The authority would also pay rent of about one-quarter of the total revenues for its lot on Willow Avenue. Hottendorf said this would add about \$2,000 per year to city revenues.

Hoboken vice raid nets unlicensed video games

By Rick Teaches

Hoboken police anti-vice squad, headed by Capt. Pat Totaro, yesterday confiscated nine unlicensed video game machines during a city-wide sweep.

According to Sgt. Leo Lugo, all of the unlicensed machines were Joker Poker and Black Jack machines found at numerous spots throughout the city.

A city ordinance states that all video machines must be licensed at a \$75 per machine fee.

Lugo said the first machine recovered was removed from the Rimi Corp., also known as Ruben's Tavern, at 89 Washington St. Also recovered

were machines at the following locations: the Paper Boutique, 77 River St.; Esperanza Restaurant, 321 Willow Ave.; Manolo's Restaurant, 322 First St.; the Carlton Inn Tavern, 600 Washington St.; Angela's Beauty Salon, 524 Washington St.; Lisa's

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Hoboken raid nets unlicensed video games

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Lunch, 304 Tenth St., Kouch and Kerner Video Parlor, 714 Adams St., and Agas Buenas Social Club, 500 First St.

The sweep began at 1 p.m. yesterday and concluded at 3:30 p.m., Lugo said.

"It will continue," Lugo added. "We estimate that there are about 50 unlicensed video machines throughout the city, not

just of the poker types, but also of other types. The sweep is just starting."

"We want to bring everything up to date," he said. "Some places had three machines licensed and three machines unlicensed."

The fines each of these video game machine places face range from \$25 to \$200 per

machine, pending a court appearance, Lugo said. Each violator was issued a summons, Lugo said.

Involved in the sweep were Sgt. Lugo, Det. Sonny DiVincent, Det. Frank Altomare, Det. Raul Torres and Det. Leo Serrano, who is in charge of supervising and issuing the licenses for the City Clerk's office, Lugo said.

Housing board to OK \$13 million for repairs

By James Kopchains

The Hoboken Housing Authority's commissioners are expected to approve the receipt of about \$13 million in modernization aid from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The meeting, which will be chaired by Andrew H. Scherer, will begin at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the authority's headquarters, 400 Harrison St. It will be the board's first meeting since its summer break.

The \$13 million will provide the money for the second stage of modernization work at all

Hoboken projects, according to director Dominick Gallo. Last year, HUD gave the city approximately \$7.7 million to start work, primarily for basement and outside steps at Jackson and Harrison Gardens.

Gallo said the second stage of work will affect the other projects in the city by modernizing windows and hallways and landscaping the grounds around each of the buildings.

In other business Thursday, the board is scheduled to award contracts for roofing and entry porch work at Jackson under the modernization program.

Hoboken schools fear loss of more state aid

By James Kopchains

This year the Hoboken City Council asked for and got a cut of about \$1 million in the amount of tax money it had to contribute to the city's school system.

But now school officials are saying that cut may result in cuts in state aid to the school district next year.

Anthony Curko, the school's internal auditor, says the action by the school board in taking \$1 million from its free balance to help the city council provide a break in the huge increase in the

tax rate will result in the loss of state aid next year.

If that happens, Curko explained, the city's contribution to the overall school budget would either have to increase to make up the loss or cuts in school expenses or personnel would have to be made.

Every year, the state Department of Education allocates funding to each municipality according to a complicated formula based on the "net current expenditure balance." This figure is

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derived by adding the local tax contribution to the overall school budget with the amount of state equalization aid given to the school district in that budget, Curko said.

This year's NCEB for Hoboken was expected to be

about \$16.7 million out of its overall \$23 million school budget. The remainder is funded through state categorical aid and federal grant programs.

However, by dropping \$1 million from the local tax levy, Curko warned that this would drop the school board's NCEB to about \$15.7 million.

"Already we're starting in the hole. We would have to have an increase in state aid of at least \$1 million just to break even with this budget year," Curko said.

"We've lost our free balance and now we may lose state aid at just a time all expenses are rising." Curko also added that since state funding is also based on

each district's student population, a drop in Hoboken's students could further complicate the situation, he said.

At present, the city supports about 26 percent of the overall school budget through local taxes. A few years ago, the state contributed as much as 86 percent of the budget, he said.

Rent change fuels Hoboken hard feelings

By James Kopchans

Tomorrow's public hearing on changing Hoboken's rent laws may be turning into a sounding board for the growing resentment between landlords and tenants.

On paper, the hearing before the city council concerns only an amendment devised to stop total rent control exemptions granted to landlords who have performed substantial rehabilitation on their properties.

However, both landlord and tenants groups have designated the amendment as a major battleground on rent control reform in Hoboken.

Landlord groups, most notably the League of Hoboken Homeowners, stand opposed to the amendments, saying the intent of the changes go far beyond just simply closing the substantial rehabilitation exemption.

Instead, they claim the amendments will unfairly victimize most property owners in the city and will stem the fast-growing real estate market in the city. In return, tenant leaders support the bill, explaining it stops unscrupulous landlords from exploiting the clause and subjecting their tenants to unreasonable rent increases.

Meanwhile, a Hoboken business group, the Hoboken Industry and Business Association, has called for tabling the amendment until all interests can be heard on the question.

About 100 property owners attended a meeting last week of the homeowners league to plan ways of expressing their opposition to the amendments, which have been proposed by Councilman Robert Ranieri. Yesterday, the league distributed an eight-page leaflet trying to rally

opposition against what they have termed the "Jiffy Bill." The league and other homeowners are expected to be represented in large numbers at the hearing, which begins at 7 p.m. in the council chambers in City Hall.

Meanwhile, Ranieri said yesterday he has been hearing from tenants supporting the amendment who said they will be there tomorrow night. Tenant leaders have been attending recent meetings of the council to express their support for the amendments and will most likely attend tomorrow's meeting.

At present, the city's rent control ordinance allows homeowners who have completed renovations equal to their building's assessed value to take their property off rent control for 13 months to allow them to earn back the money they have invested.

Ranieri's amendment, which follows along the lines of suggestions made by the city's rent leveling board in August, would allow landlords to increase rents to earn back the money invested over a five-year period, if the building is vacant, or over 10 years if it is occupied.

Despite the hearing, it is doubtful the council will vote on the amendments tomorrow. Ranieri has wanted to put in a series of "refinements" to the amendment needed to clarify and strengthen it. Most notable of the refinements is a 6-month self-destruct clause that will automatically kill the amendments on April 30 should the council choose not to renew it.

The self-destruct clause is an "act of good faith," according to Ranieri, to force the council into serious action on fair rent control reform in the city.

However, tenants have repeatedly complained that many property owners have exploited this by doing only cosmetic work to their buildings just barely above the assessed value or have inflated their renovations costs to claim rent control exemptions.

"What I am trying to do is defuse a potentially dangerous situation by closing a loophole," Ranieri said yesterday. Ranieri said he saw rents and property values rising without controls in the city almost like stocks rose in the months before the crash of the stock market in 1929.

Like the market, Ranieri said that if no controls were placed on the situation, property values could fall drastically in the months ahead.

Landlords, though, believe that Ranieri's amendment goes

too far in regulating property. Instead of just closing the clause, the amendment also gives too much leeway to the city's Rent Control board in determining what a capital improvement is and penalizes the landlord who receives a housing violation because of changes in the city's housing code by forbidding the cost of fixing such a violation to be entered as an improvement.

Ranieri said he believed the landlord objections were only being presented by a small group of homeowners. "I've asked 16 landlords who've questioned the amendment to apply pro forma formulations on their properties to see if they will be hurt by it," he said. "Only three have done so and they found it wouldn't hurt them. And I'm going to get the other 13, too."

Hoboken may float bonds for new sweepers

By James Kopchans

The Hoboken City Council is expected to consider in November a \$350,000 bond issue to purchase two new sweepers and perform \$150,000 in repairs to City Hall.

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the bond issue would be on the agenda at the council's first meeting on Nov. 2.

The city uses three sweepers now, two of which date back to 1975 and the other 1978. The machines have many breakdowns, Chius said, and need to be replaced.

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He said the \$150,000 for City Hall would be used for new toilets for the public and employees on each floor and for fire safety improvements, including a standpipe on the First Street side of the building and a smoke detection system throughout the entire building.

Pathmark's supporters to try again

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—For the third time in as many years, a zoning amendment that would permit construction of a Pathmark shopping center in the uptown area of the city is expected to be introduced at next week's City Council meeting, this time by Councilman Thomas Vezzetti.

Vezzetti's abstention last week on the proposed amendment led to a council vote of 4-4, one short of the number needed for passage.

Vezzetti, a supporter of the amendment that would bring a Pathmark to his 2nd Ward, said he abstained because he needed more time to review a planning board report on the proposed zoning amendment.

"I could not in good conscience vote to override a report that I had not been given time to read and discuss with my fellow council members," Vezzetti said.

Because the planning board report opposes the amendment, each council member voting for it is required to give reasons for his vote.

Vezzetti said he would have broken the law had he voted for the amendment because "it (the report) was given to me a half hour before the council meeting. I will not vote blindly."

Vezzetti said he believes a Pathmark is needed in Hoboken, but said he will not vote for a zoning amendment allowing the construction of one until he thoroughly reviews the planning board's recommendations.

"This method may not always be popular, but it is mine," he said.

The amendment to the zoning law for the I-district would have allowed for the construction of retail centers, specifically a Pathmark on a vacant five-acre site at 15th and Washington streets.

Pathmark has a contract with Seymour Heller, the current owner of the property, to purchase the land for \$1.3 million if the council approves the amendment.

A spokesman for Pathmark said yesterday it was "disappointed with the ruling, but we are still interested as before."

But even if the amendment is introduced and passed by the City Council next month, Mayor Steve Cappiello is expected to veto it.

In May, the council passed the amendment, only to fall one vote short of overriding Cappiello's veto.

"It seems to be a moot issue," one city official said.

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Hoboken house tour on Sunday

By Catherine Laus

The Hoboken house tour planned for Sunday will illustrate the flexibility of the Victorian rowhouse.

The creativity of the individual owners has produced homes tailored for singles, couples, families and even business operations. Since the tours begin in 1976, one notable development

is that many owners, satisfied with the restored interiors of their homes, have found time to work in the exteriors, including backyard gardens that range from formal to wild and rustic.

"For many of us these gardens represent an additional room in the summer," declares Claire Walter, a free lance writer who is one of the early

brownstoners.

Since the institution of the popular tours, visitors—numbering 2,000 last year—have been very respectful of the homes and their possessions, according to the Hoboken Environment Committee, which sponsors the undertaking.

Visitors making the tour proceed at their own pace from noon to 6 p.m., and when the committee suggests wearing comfortable shoes, it has more than comfort in mind. "Some of these homes have beautiful parquet floors that could be damaged by high heels," one

brownstoner volunteers, "and 2,000 visitors is more than the usual traffic."

If attendance stacks up as it has in the past, one-third of those taking the tour will be from Hoboken, one-third from elsewhere in New Jersey and one-third from out of state.

"Many of the out-of-state people grew up in Hoboken and come back to see what has happened," a committee member volunteers.

Tickets will be on sale Sunday at Trinity Church, Washington and Seventh Streets. Participants will receive a

marked map of the area and notations of the several restaurants cooperating in service of brunch and dinner for visitors. Refreshments will be served at the Elks Lodge, 1005 Washington St., which is one of the oldest continuously active Elks lodges in the nation.

Stained glass doors, period wallpaper, elegant woodwork, copper, bronze and brass mantelpiece—all are a part of the Domenico Waddington home on Hudson Street that will have its ground and parlor floors open to the public.

Soothing colors will greet visitors to the home of Rex and Rona Shaw on Garden Street. A painstakingly reassembled marble mantelpiece dominates the living room. Flooring is a combination of light and dark

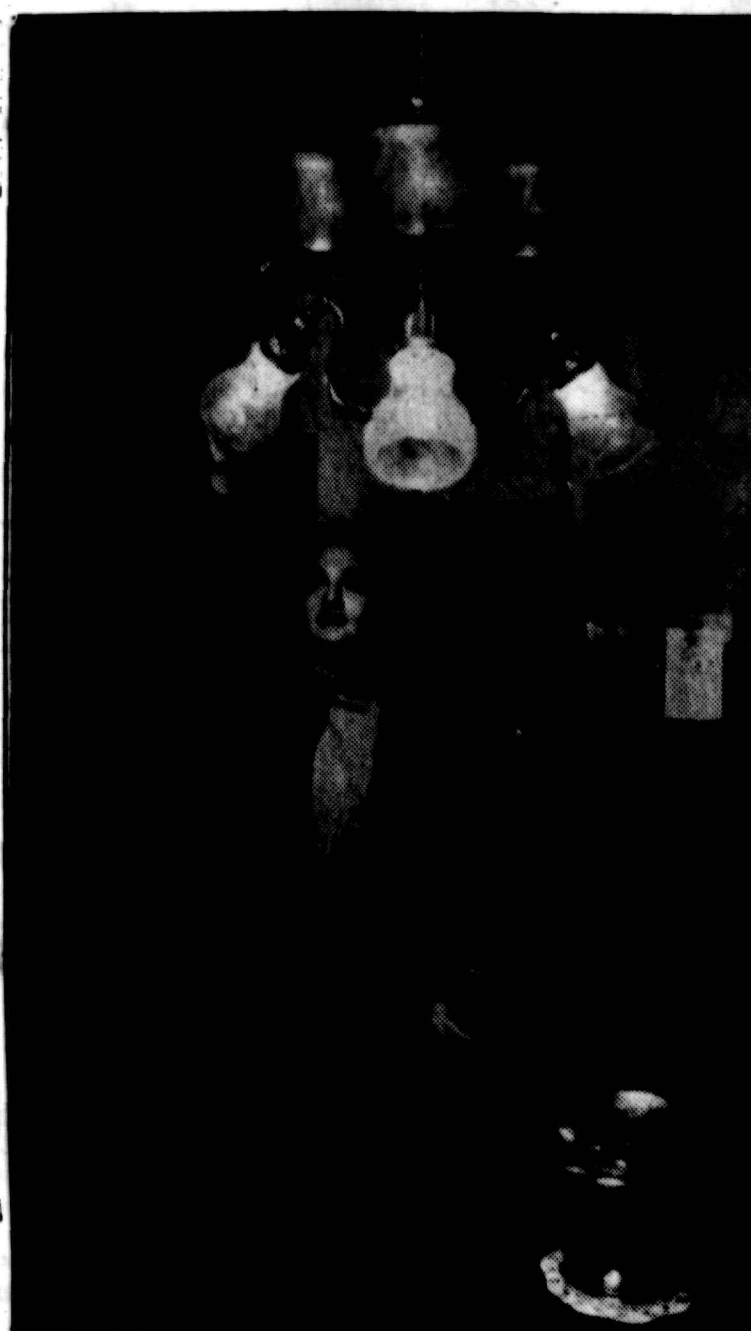
oak, and a guest room features Victorian wall fabric.

Old Hoboken postcards and prints are displayed in the Walter home on Bloomfield Street.

Original shutters may be seen in the Bloomfield Street home of John and Jane Trembley, where features also include an intricate marble mantelpiece and elaborate parquet floors.

A collection of unusual clocks will be seen in the 11th Street home of Patrick and Carmen Mangen. Also on the tour will be the old firehouse on Willow Avenue that serves as home for Andrew and Brooke Wilford and a brownstone on Bloomfield Street designed by Francis Himpler, architect of Hoboken's City Hall.

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Transition fixture, a combination electric-gas chandelier in Claire Walter's Hoboken home, was enormously practical when electricity was new and unreliable. The home will be one of those on view at Sunday's Hoboken house tour.



Woodrow Wilson's bed from his Princeton home may be seen in Patrick and Carmen Mangen's brownstone, which is included on Sunday's house tour.



Unique oak dining room furnishings will delight the eye of collectors visiting the home of Rona Shaw, pictured, and her husband, Rex, on Sunday's house tour.

Lawsuit filed in Russian in Korean air tragedy

By Ronald Leir

A Hoboken attorney who is suing the Soviet government and other parties for causing the death of a young Saddle River woman by shooting down a Korean Air Lines jet on Sept. 1 is filing a Russian translation of the suit in court today.

The lawyer, Gerald Baker, who is filing the suit on behalf of the family of the victim, Alice Ephraimson, 23, said his aim is to get the Russians to acknowledge they are a defen-

dant and to recognize that Brooklyn Federal Court has jurisdiction in the matter.

Once the nine-page document in Russian prepared by Action Translation Service, of East Hanover, is filed, the court clerk will send papers by international mail to the Soviet Minister for Foreign Affairs, Andrei Gromyko.

"If there's no response within 30 days, the State Department will be asked to send the papers by diplomatic pouch to

the Soviet Embassy," Baker said.

Some Soviet legal representative in New York would, after instruction from the Embassy, either ignore the matter or move in court to contest legal jurisdiction within the United States, Baker said.

The suit seeks some \$50 million in personal and compensatory damages from the Soviets, Korean Air Lines, the plane's manufacturer, Boeing,

and the designer of the plane's navigational system, Litton Industries.

Miss Ephraimson, a graduate of Wittenberg University, O., was enroute to Hong Kong on the fatal KAL flight, the first leg on a journey to Peking where she had been accepted to an East Asian Studies graduate program.

A world traveler, Miss Ephraimson had previously traveled to Taipei, Saigon and Shanghai.

Alcoholism clinic opens today

By James Kopchans

They've rushed all week, but officials at the Harbor Alcoholism Treatment Center in Hoboken say they should be ready for official opening ceremonies today.

The center, which will provide beds and treatment for up to 51 patients suffering from alcoholism, is the first private, non-profit alcoholism center to be opened in the North Hudson area. Once in operation, the 32-member staff will counsel and

treat alcoholics through a 21-day program within the confines of the center.

All through last week, officials and workmen were busy putting the final touches on the building, a converted factory, to get it ready. Bob Sullivan, the community relations officer for the center, said furniture arrived late last week and should be set for the ceremonies.

Patients in the program will be over 18 years of age and will

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Alcoholism clinic opens today

Continued from Page 1 patients undergoing severe alcohol-related problems.

"We will first perform a total physical check-up of the individual. If he suffers from any medical complications we will refer him to hospitals to handle that problem first."

Referrals to the Harbor center will be made through employee assistance programs, health and welfare funds, hospitals, physicians, clergy, and attorneys. Self referrals will also be welcomed.

Medical detoxification is also available, Sullivan said, for

Realtors' leader accused of overcharging tenant

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Raymond Fiore, president of the Hoboken Realtors Association, charged illegal rent to a Park Avenue apartment tenant for almost a year. Rent Administrator Joseph Santiago said yesterday.

From Sept. 1, 1982, to July 1, Santiago said, the tenant was charged \$700 a month for a two-bedroom apartment at 1038 Park Ave., an overcharge of \$463.40 per month. According to Santiago, when Fiore

purchased the three-unit building last year, he was entitled to raise rents only 25 percent above what the previous owner had charged.

Based on the previous rent of \$150 per month and a \$41.41 surcharge, Fiore should have only increased the rent to \$236.60, Santiago said.

Fiore admitted yesterday that there was some overcharging but added, "those errors have been corrected."

He said a rent adjustment has been made and the tenant has reached an

agreement with him, but would elaborate no further.

Santiago said he was looking into the agreement to make sure that not only has the \$5,097.40 of overcharged rent been paid back, but that the rent has been brought back to the legal amount.

Santiago said Fiore also failed to register the building with the rent-leveling and stabilization board when he purchased it.

Fiore also admitted the building was

not registered.

"But 60 percent in this city are not registered," he added.

Fiore said he made improvements to the building, including the installation of individual heating units, but never notified the rent-leveling board of those improvements.

Santiago said before any rent increases can be implemented because of capital improvements, all receipts and vouchers must be submitted to the rent leveling board.

Hoboken official says landlord charged more than double legal rent

Hoboken shelter given OK

By SHEPARD BARBASH
Staff Writer

The shelter for the homeless at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hoboken does not violate the city's zoning law and can remain open, a judge ruled yesterday.

Limiting the shelter's capacity to 20 persons, Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City granted the Hoboken Clergy Coalition a temporary injunction barring the city from closing the shelter.

Attorneys for both parties doubted the city would appeal the ruling.

The city had argued that its zoning ordinance, which allows churches and related activities, does not permit the operation of an overnight shelter.

The coalition argued, and Humphreys agreed, that providing sanctuary to the homeless is central to religious activity.

This case represents a classic conflict between the freedom of the church to pursue its religion and the right of government to regulate use of land in a fair and proper manner," Humphreys said. "Although zoning powers have broad sweep, so also does religious freedom. The range of religious conduct is wide — it is not

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Tough Hoboken crossing guard tames traffic

Petite woman has big voice

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—When city crossing guard Mary Barry directs traffic, motorists and pedestrians not only pay attention, they stop to watch.

"Well, most of the time. Some people do ignore you, and that really annoys me," says the 45-year-old city resident and mother of four, who stands a little over 5'6" in the black elevator boots she wears on the job.

Barry, one of the most vocal and animated of the city's 43 crossing guards, is a combination of traffic cop, major league umpire and matador. Her arena is the intersection at 12th Street and Willow Avenue.

"Watch it now, honey," she tells a passing motorist. "Shake it up!" she shouts at two boys who are meandering in front of stopped traffic.

In between her commands, she points and waves, spins and struts, like a high-strung marionette.

"Wake up, dear!" she yells at a motorist, gesturing him through the intersection with her finger.

The only time she doesn't bark out orders is when she has a whistle in her mouth.

"There was this truck driver who asked me one day, 'Were you ever an M.P.?' " she said laughing. "You know, the kids called me Hitler when I first started. I may look tough, but my bark is worse than my bite," she added.

But according to police Sgt. Karl Faure, crossing guard supervisor, that bark has tamed one of the city's most dangerous intersections during school hours.

"She does an excellent job," he said. Barry still remembers the day a two-car accident occurred at the intersection while she was on duty.

It was "the only accident in the five years I've been there," according to Barry.



Barry said that day she decided to take a cigarette break near the sidewalk.

"I had just lit up a cigarette, and bang! Wouldn't you know it, the one time I decide to take a break," she said.

Barry said she has learned about drivers in the past eight years as a crossing guard.

"I'm shocked at how many people are driving. Did they get their licenses out of Sears Roebuck? You wouldn't believe how many people are reading or eating while they're driving," she said.

According to Barry, the worst drivers are those who go through her intersection every morning and park in front of the Wallace School, an elementary school just a few blocks away.

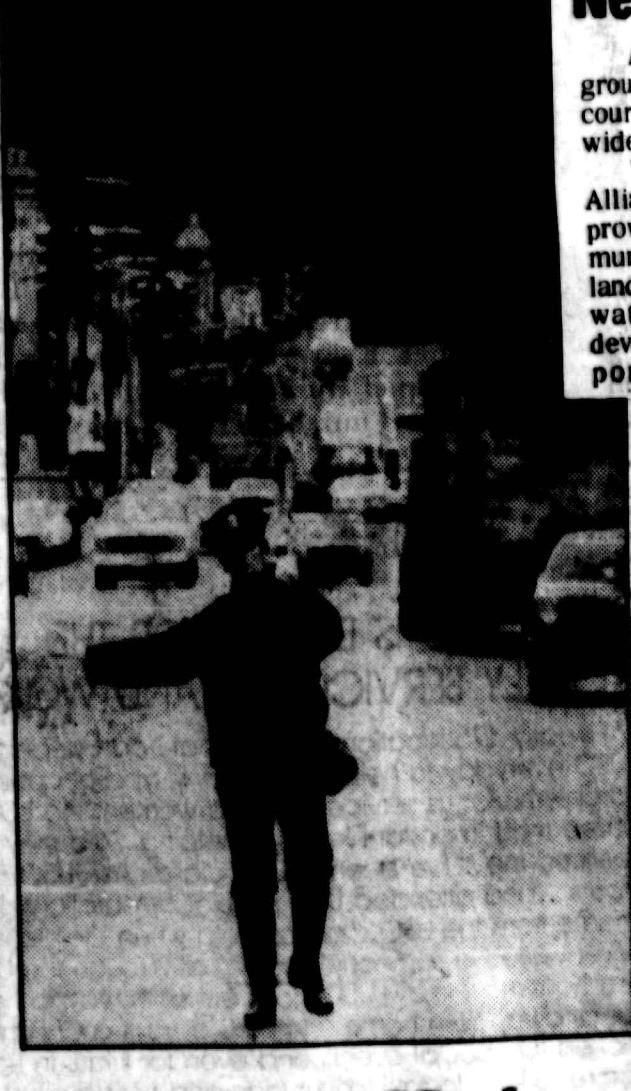
"Teachers are your worst drivers. It's true. My father once told me intelligent people don't make good drivers. I'm beginning to believe him," she said, taking a long drag off her cigarette.

"These are the only things that keep me going, except for coffee and ice cream. And when I get home, I'm unconscious," she said.

'I'm shocked at how many people are driving. Did they get their licenses out of Sears Roebuck?'



Photos by Bruce Johnson



'There was this truck driver who asked me one day, 'Were you ever an M.P.?''

'You know, the kids called me Hitler when I first started. I may look tough, but my bark is worse than my bite'

Fate of Hoboken shelter in court's hands as talks collapse

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

The Hoboken Clergy Coalition and the city failed yesterday to reach a settlement on a shelter for the homeless, placing its fate in the hands of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City.

Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys is expected to decide on Thursday whether the shelter, in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church at 300 Bloomfield St., can remain open. More than two weeks ago, Humphreys asked that the city inspect the shelter and that the coalition fix any building, health and

safety code violations.

At that time, the city agreed that it would not require a zoning variance for the shelter, which opened in March, if the coalition complied with all inspection codes.

But as of yesterday, both sides were still at odds over a state

regulation covering motels, hotels and dormitories that the city claims allows only six overnight occupants at the shelter.

According to a source close to the case, the city is requiring that number under a residential category of the state code.

"If another category was used (institutional), it would increase the occupancy load," the source said.

He also said the occupancy issue was the biggest reason a settlement could not be reached yesterday.

The shelter feeds about 60 people each night and offers overnight accommodation for approximately 30.

"They (the coalition) would like to start work right away, but the city wants the place closed before the work may start. That was also a problem," he said.

The coalition last week was cited for 20 alleged violations at the

shelter, ranging from not having required smoke detectors to using flammable wood partitions between beds.

Assistant City Attorney Thomas P. Callagy said the law department and the building inspector found the violations to be serious enough to warrant the shelter's closing.

"Even under the proper conditions there are too many people staying there," he said.

The shelter will remain open at least until the hearing, according to Jorge Aviles, attorney for the coalition.

Hoboken wants budget early

The Hoboken Council will consider a resolution at tonight's meeting that would call for next year's municipal budget to be submitted to the council on or before Jan. 15.

Of all the reasons cited for this year's acute financial problems in the municipal

government, the delay in submitting the budget has been considered the most serious. City officials waited until the middle of July to submit their budget and a final state prepared budget was not given the city until July 29.

New civic group forming

A new Hoboken citizens group is being formed to encourage participation in city-wide issues.

The Hoboken Neighborhood Alliance, will do research and provide information to the community on such areas as taxes, landlord and tenant rights, the waterfront, a neighborhood development, employment opportunities, education,

neighborhood safety, environmental protection, and the progress of the city as a whole, according to one of its founders, former Council candidate Angelo Valente.

The first issue to be taken up will be taxes. Their first meeting, which is open to the public, will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 702 Washington Street.

Set exhibit in Hoboken

Anthony Daleo, Hoboken artist, critic, set designer, teacher and consultant will show his latest paintings at Salmagundi antiqu shop, 10th and Bloomfield street, Hoboken, next Saturday.

Daleo, a native of Brooklyn, studied at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and The State University at Buffalo. His works have been exhibited in many museums and galleries, including the Albright Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo. Mr. Daleo also served as art critic for the Buffalo Evening News and is currently an art instructor in the Livingston school system.

Hoboken homeless shelter given reprieve

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—For the next two weeks, at least, the city's homeless still have a place to go.

A hearing held yesterday in Municipal Court to decide the fate of the shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church was adjourned by Judge Maurice Gottlieb until Oct. 17 to allow for further testimony.

"It's very good news," said Geoffrey Curtiss, president of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition, which runs the shelter at the church at 300 Bloomfield St.

"It means the judge is willing to hear our side," he added.

City Building Inspector Alfred Arezzo sent a summons to the clergy coalition last week for violating a city zoning ordinance. He says the shelter is located in a residentially zoned area, and the coalition should have obtained a variance for the church to be used as a shelter.

Arezzo is asking that the shelter be closed. But Curtiss said the church cannot operate the shelter under the assumption that a variance is needed.

He said by offering food and overnight shelter, the ministry is performing its primary activity, not providing an accessory function to the church.

"What we are dealing with is the question of whether sheltering people is an act of worship. Acts of justice and mercy are worship," Curtiss said.

But Arezzo said the shelter must be closed because now that the city has acknowledged its existence, it could be held liable for any accidents.

The city does still not know if the shelter is in violation of any fire or building codes, but the state is expected to inspect the shelter Thursday, according to city Housing Inspector Jude Fitzgibbons.

'We will sleep in front of City Hall,' vows shelter resident

Several members of the coalition said yesterday they felt the shelter, which has been open since March, does not pose any danger to the approximately 90 people who use its facilities each day.

"It's more dangerous for them to be out on the streets," said shelter Coordinator Claire Nicholletti.

A hearing adjournment temporarily quieted the fears of many shelter regulars who sat in court and listened to testimony by both Arezzo and members of the clergy coalition.

"What would I do? I'll be on the streets," said 37-year-old John Viola, who is suffering from multiple sclerosis and is confined to a wheelchair.

Viola said he has been at the shelter for two weeks and will not be allowed to stay at St. John's Lutheran Church in Union City, which has one of the few other shelters currently operating in Hudson County.

He said he was told by the church it did not want to be held liable if he was injured using steps leading to a cellar.

Fifty-one-year-old Mike Randolph, another shelter regular, said that if the shelter is closed, "we will sleep in front of City Hall every day and every night until the city finds another shelter for us."



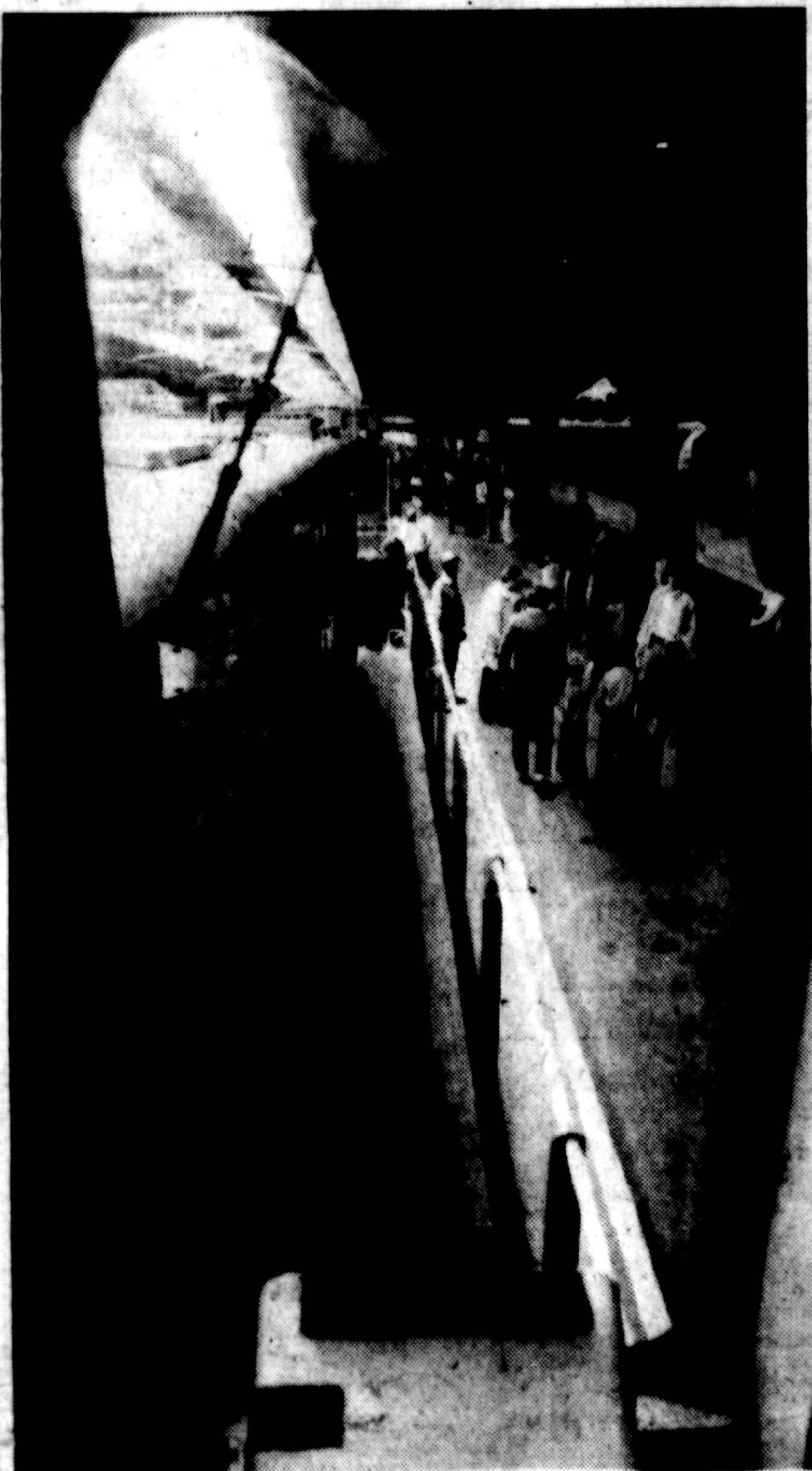
Photo by Bill Boyer

ONE OF HOBOKEN'S HOMELESS is reflected in a glass-fronted American flag yesterday during a recess in the Municipal Court hearing on the fate of the shelter in St. John's Lutheran Church.

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Railroad buffs bask in memories, trivia



TRAIN BUFFS mingle on the platform at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken Saturday.

Hoboken fest features food, memorabilia

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—It was a day for railroad aficionados to swap stories and test each other's knowledge of trains, equipment and timetables, while children gazed wide-eyed at the towering train engines on display under the ceiling of the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal.

The third annual Hoboken Terminal Renaissance Festival, sponsored by New Jersey Transit Corp., brought thousands into the city Saturday to sample a wide variety of ethnic foods and browse through a maze of 132 booths offering everything from old conductors' hats to forks and spoons used on a 1909 dining car.

The festival "was initially created by the city and NJT to promote the station as an historic site and beautiful place," said Mayor Steve Cappelletto. "It reminds us that people are still dependent on the railroad."

Most of the 40 collectors who set up displays for Saturday's festival were not only dependent on the railroad for their wares, which included everything from old destination signs to switch keys, they were downright obsessed with it.

Just as obsessed were the visitors who came to buy memorabilia from railroad days gone by. At Rus Colegrove's Railroad Antiques booth.



THE VIEW from the back of a caboose, looking toward a New Jersey Transit locomotive in the Hoboken Terminal.

a crowd of model train buffs haggled with Colegrove over his train prices, which ranged from \$2 for the small N-gauge engines to \$125 for a cast-iron steam engine and coal car complete with brass frames.

"You wouldn't care to come down on that little one... It's old but a little crude," a prospective buyer barks out.

"No, it's different," Colegrove answers back.

For those spectators who found it hard to get excited about trains, the odor of pork and beef being grilled over open coals and the sound of zeppoles being fried in vats of hot oil was enough to keep them there. There were also arts and crafts booths, several community organization exhibits, free train rides and live entertainment, including an appearance by Suzette Charles, Miss New Jersey 1983.

"There's a lot to see here," said Gerard Geisler, owner of the Great Delaware and New England Antiques Traveling Co. of Lake Hiawatha.

"I've been to about seven shows this year and this is one of the nicest," he added. Several city officials could be seen browsing through the booths and displays.

City Business Administrator Edwin A. Chius said he just liked to look around, while Councilman Thomas Kennedy said he was looking for photographs of trains to send back to a friend in the Midwest.

"Who the hell wants pictures of trains?" a young skeptic asked as he walked by a booth selling them.

But according to Bob Pennisi of Railroad Avenue Enterprises in Flanders, "we do tremendous business in photos in Hoboken. People want pictures of things that are gone."

He estimated he would sell at least 200 photos before the end of the day.

The end of the day came much too soon for many of the people who participated in the festival. At 4 p.m., just one hour before vendors began packing away their wares, hundreds of people were still looking for parking spots.

Cappelletto said the festival seems to get bigger each year. By next year it may become a two-day event, he said.

'We do tremendous business in photos in Hoboken. People want pictures of things that are gone'

— Dealer Bob Pennisi

Photos by Bill Boyer



HOBOKEN HIGH SCHOOL'S marching band welcomes visitors to Saturday's Hoboken Terminal Renaissance Festival.



Hispanic parade attracts 5,000

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Some 5,000 spectators lined Washington Street in Hoboken yesterday to watch more than 10 marching bands, the PBA color guard and 30 Hispanic organizations participate in the state-wide Hispanic-American parade.

Arturo Pelaez, owner of the Clam Broth House Restaurant, was grand marshal of this year's parade, which capped the Hispanic-American Week festivities.

Local groups that marched in the parade included the Hoboken Bilingual Program, Cultural Deportiva 26 de Noviembre and Citizens United for New Action.



Arturo Pelaez



Photos by Bruce Johnson

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Shelter walls fail city test

By James Kopchans

Hoboken construction code official Alfred Arezzo will rule tomorrow on closing an overnight homeless shelter because of building and fire code violations, which officials say need at least \$3,000 in renovation.

Arezzo and a team of city and state inspectors yesterday checked the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St., where the shelter has been housed by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition. The inspection was agreed upon by attorneys for the city and the coalition last week.

Arezzo said it would take until tomorrow to compile all data and issue a final report. His office has been trying to close the shelter, which serves 30 adults each night, because it reportedly violates the zoning requirements.

Besides Arezzo, the other inspectors taking part yesterday were Capt. Ray Falco, fire inspector; Paul Marzocco, electrical inspector; and Michael Martinelli, plumbing inspector, and Gerald Rienzi, state building code.

Also present were George Aviles and Sister Margaret Welch, attorneys for the shelter; the Rev. Triffel Felske, pastor of St. John's and the Rev. William Beatty, pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Arezzo and Falco found fault with materials used for walls and partitions in the basement. According to Falco, the materials seemed to be either fiberboard or plywood and not sheetrock.

"This material will not only not stop a fire, but it will actually let it build faster," Falco said.

Falco told Felske that either the walls and doors would have to be replaced or a sprinkler system installed. He estimated that the sprinklers would cost \$3,000 and the wall replacement about the same.

Besides the walls and sprinklers, the inspectors also warned coalition members about wiring in the church's boiler room, and the need for more smoke and heat detectors.

The inspections were ordered in Superior Court to determine whether the site posed a hazard to those seeking shelter there. The court still has to rule on Arezzo's contention that the shelter in violation of the city's zoning code. Coalition members have argued the shelter is part of church worship and therefore is properly zoned at the site.

Ironically, Arezzo told Felske that even if major repairs are needed to correct violations in the basement, his office will not be able to grant the church a building permit for the work until the question of its zoning is resolved.

Hoboken's got a gal in Kalamazoo

Ship's arrival seen as financial boost

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By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—"I see my paycheck coming in," said a laid-off worker from the Hoboken Shipyards Inc., pointing to the U.S.S. Kalamazoo being gently led into the shipyard by three tugboats.

And so the 40,000-ton replenishment fueller, which was scheduled to arrive at noon yesterday from Norfolk, Va., quietly pulled in at around 5:15 p.m., with only a handful of people there to greet it.

"I'm surprised there are not more people here," said Carol Kennedy, who stood outside the shipyard gate waiting to catch a glimpse of her four sons who were aboard the ship.

Only her eldest son, Lt. J.G. Kevin Kenny, is a member of the Navy.

Her other sons, Pete, 16, Jeff, 14, and Chip, 11, were on board as part of the U.S. Navy's Kiddie Cruise Program, which allowed male relatives of crew members to make the trip from Norfolk to Hoboken.

The planned hoopla and speeches to welcome the Kalamazoo were canceled when it was learned that the ship would be arriving about five hours late.

At 10 a.m. today, Rep. Frank J. Guarini, D-14th, and Mayor Steve Cappiello are expected to greet officially Capt. David Rasmussen and his crew of 416 officers and enlisted men.

The Navy last year awarded a \$14-million contract to Hoboken Shipyards for a 10-month overhaul of the

ship that is scheduled to begin next week.

Joseph Cangelosi, assistant general manager of Hoboken Shipyards, said yesterday that the overhaul of the replenishment oiler, which carries fuel to the Atlantic Fleet, will provide jobs for 400 workers who are currently laid off. He said many of the laid-off workers live in Hoboken.

A few of those potential workers withstood gusty winds and sporadic rain yesterday to watch their work arrive.

"Here comes the money," one of them said. "A floating cash register," commented another.

Besides creating jobs, the ship's overhaul will be a boon to local businesses, which are expected to

benefit from the increased number of workers at the shipyard and 416 crew members who will call Hoboken home for the next 10 months.

Frank Mercurio, owner of the Liberty Restaurant and Tavern at 61 14th St., just one block from the shipyard, said yesterday that he does not expect too much business from the ship's crew. "In the service you get paid once a month, spend all your money in town and go back to the barracks."

He said he probably will get more business from the shipyard workers.

The last Navy vessel serviced in the city was the Dupont. It was serviced two years ago at the former Bethlehem Steel Ship Repair Yard.

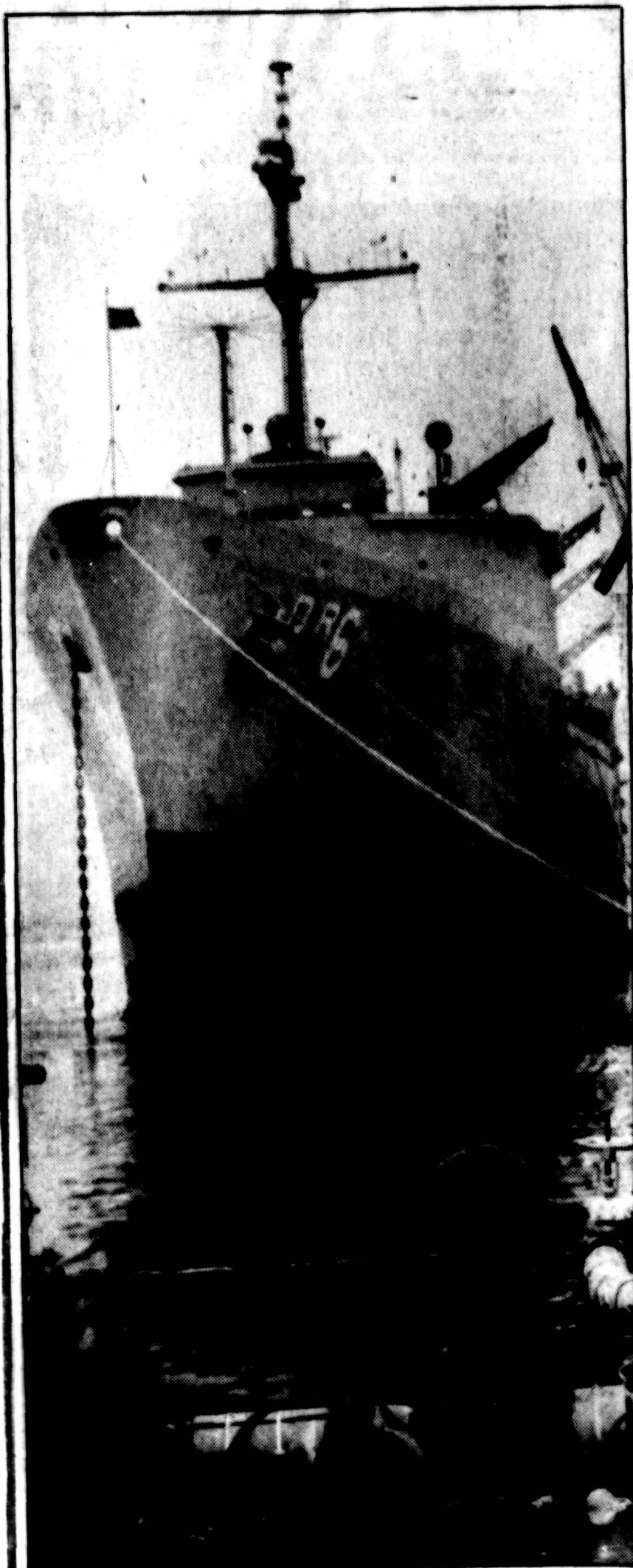


Photo by Thomas P. Costello
The U.S.S. Kalamazoo docked in Hoboken yesterday.



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The USS Kalamazoo is moored at the Hoboken shipyard awaiting the start of work on million of dollars in repairs that are expected to take nearly a year to complete.

2,000 tour supply ship berthed in Hoboken

The Friday welcome planned in Hoboken for the Navy supply ship, USS Kalamazoo, was washed out by rain, but undampened festivities began yesterday as an estimated 2,000 people toured the ship.

The Kalamazoo will be in the Hoboken Shipyards for nine months and a \$14.27 million overhaul that will create over 400 local jobs.

Mayor Steve Cappiello and a representative of Rep. Frank J. Guarini formally welcomed the ship and crew Saturday. The crew reciprocated yesterday by leading tours through almost every part of the ship.

While the ship is in drydock, its 417-man crew will live in the shipyard's barracks. Until their scheduled July 1 departure, the sailors and dock workers are ex-

pected to help local merchants by spending their wages in the area.

The contract to overhaul the 650-foot Kalamazoo is reported to be the largest received by the Hoboken yards since World War II. The ship is technically an auxiliary oil replenisher and serves carrying oil to ships at sea.

Cappiello supports rent control changes

By James Kopchans

Although Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello still supports the controversial rent control amendments, he would rather stay removed from the issue.

In discussing the amendments yesterday, Cappiello said he supported them, but took no active part in creating them nor is he working on either side to see them approved or defeated by the city council.

"If you're asking me if I support the amendment, I'd have to say 'yes'. But if you're asking me did I write the ordinance: No, I did not write it," Cappiello said.

"I will support it as long as it does not affect development in this city, which it doesn't."

The amendments, which have been proposed by Councilman Robert Ranieri, would close a clause in the city rent code that allows landlords to perform substantial rehabilitation work on their properties and effectively take their buildings off rent control for 15 months.

Landlords have said the bill unfairly destroys all incentive for building rehabilitation in the city, while tenant groups have supported it wholeheartedly.

When he introduced it, Ranieri said he had the support of Cappiello.

Ranieri said yesterday that he took the mayor's comments as full support for his amendments.

"The mayor is the chief administrator for the city. He does not write the laws. So long as he agrees to sign them if passed and carry them out is enough for me," Ranieri said.

Over 150 persons jammed council chambers last week during a public hearing on the amendments. A larger number is expected to turn out at the next public hearing on Nov. 2 at the city's high school.

"We have to be fair to both sides," Cappiello said. Choosing his words carefully yesterday, he proceeded to say that abuses caused by a small group of greedy landlords in the city had caused the situation in the first place and required the amendments in the first place.

Housing grant awarded

Hoboken has been awarded a \$315,000 UDAG grant for the construction of the Caparra Homes by Caparra Homes Inc., in the city's southwest area. According to Conrad Vuocolo, a spokesman for Rep. Frank Guarini, who announced the grant, private investors are now required to match \$1 million in funds through a mortgage loan from the First National Bank. Caparra has proposed to build 20 two-family units to be owned by moderate-income families who will be required to rent one floor in each unit to low-income families, Vuocolo said. These low-income families, he added, will receive Section 8 housing assistance. Guarini added that recent accusations about Hoboken's chasing its poor citizens from the city can be negated by this section.

HOBOKEN PAST

Holland-America's Hoboken Past

By William H. Miller

In 1873, the first Holland-America Line ship, the 1,600-ton Rotterdam, had her maiden crossing on the North Atlantic, the beginning of an eighty year relationship with Hoboken's Fifth Street pier. Twenty years ago, in 1963, the Holland-America Line moved to Manhattan and this month the last regular Holland-America service will be closed out. The sister-ships Veendam and Voendam, known in recent years for their Bermuda cruise sailings, are being sold off. The Dutch line, with its three other passenger ships, is moving to Seattle and concentrating most of its efforts on the West Coast and in the Caribbean.

After its inception, the Holland-America Line grew rapidly, steadily sending a growing fleet of passenger steamers to their Hoboken terminal. Early ships, such as the Noordam, Potsdam and Rijndam of 1900-1902, carried 300 passengers in first class, 200 in second class and 1,800 in steerage.

Paying an average of \$25 per person for the crossing, the immigrants were not landed in Hoboken, but taken off the ships in the outer harbor, placed aboard tenders and ferries, and then delivered to Ellis Island for inspection, interrogation and possible internment. The immigrants came in the tens of thousands - not only from Holland, but from Eastern Europe, Russia and Scandinavia. In the twenty years following 1900, some twelve-and-a-half million immigrants

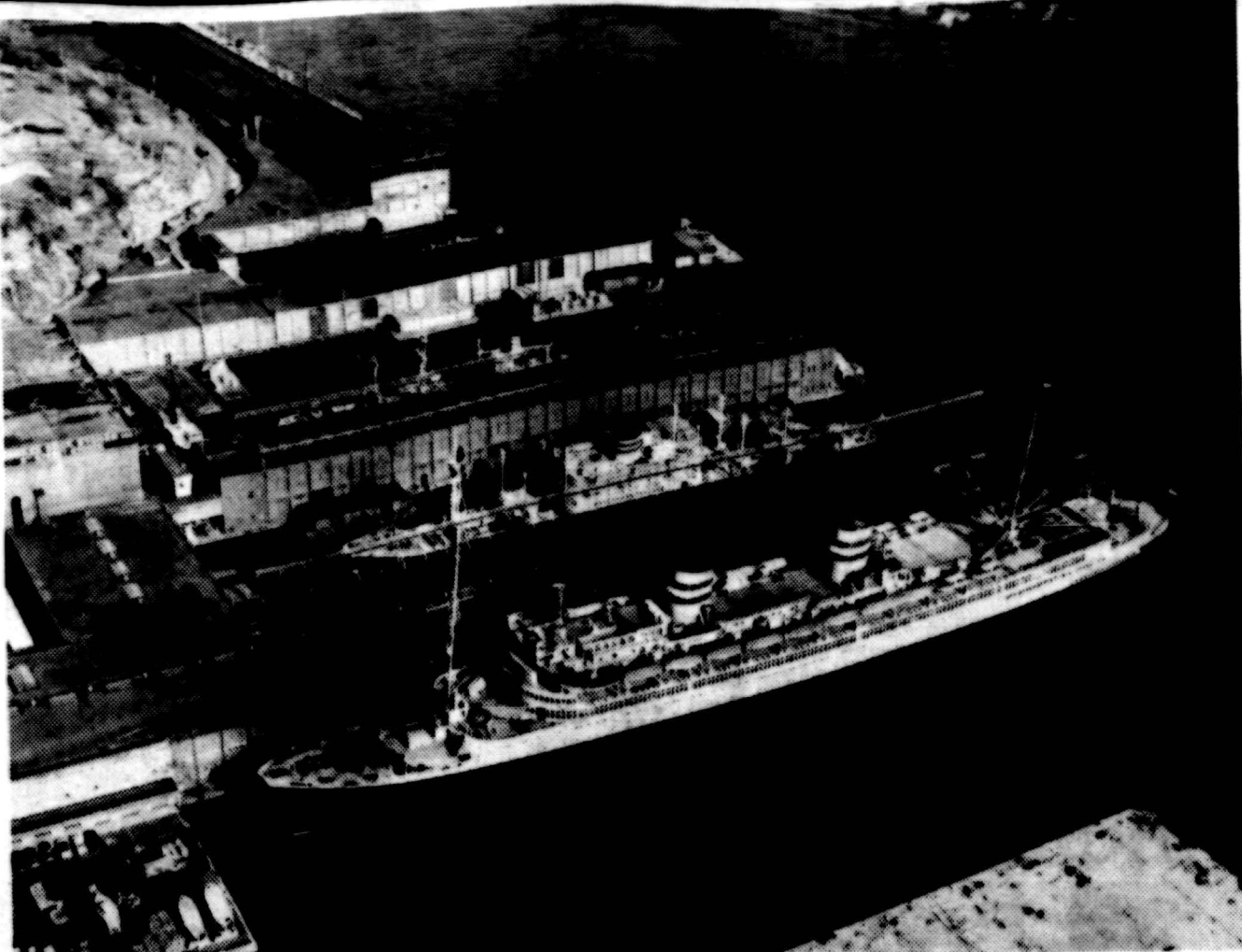
crossed the Atlantic. Eighty-five percent of them came in steerage. This was the real profit for steamer firms like Holland-America.

Although they developed a popular and sturdy reputation, the Dutch never posed serious competition to the more glamorous, title-snatching likes of the Cunard, White Star, Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines. The Dutch were more conservative.

In 1906, their new steamer ranked as the last big liner to still carry a set of sails, supposedly just for emergencies.

During the First World War, several Holland-America liners continued in something of a relief Atlantic service. Despite the risks from prowling German U-boats, the services prospered and the company declared a startling fifty-five per cent dividend in 1916. Less fortunate, however, was the new flagship Statendam, then building at Belfast. Commandeered by the British Government for military duty, she was sunk in quick time by an enemy torpedo. For their loss, the Dutch were given 60,000 tons of British steel to build new post-war freighters.

In the thirties, prompted by a temporarily declining Atlantic trade, the Dutch turned heavily to cruising, for which they established a second reputation. Ships such as the new Statendam and Veendam sailed off for two weeks in the Caribbean, including Havana, with fares that started at \$50 or for seven weeks to the Mediterranean for



The Nieuw Amsterdam at the Fifth Street Pier in 1964.

\$400.

The Company's most glittering ship, the 36,000-ton Nieuw Amsterdam, the second of that name, first arrived at Hoboken in May of 1938. Although she was not as big or as fast as the Queen Mary and Normandie, she was a tour de force of decorative splendor and modernity. She seemed to lack all of that Dutch conservatism in all the right places. Her interiors were partly inspired by the Paris World's Fair of 1939. She also seemed to establish a loving

report with both passengers and crew alike. Like the Queen Mary, Normandie and Ile De France, she was quickly placed among the most favored of Atlantic queens.

Many of the Holland-America liners set out the early days of the Second World War at the safety of the Hoboken docks, awaiting their calls to duty. Yeoman work followed, under Allied command, including an average of 8,600 troops safely delivered during each of forty-four wartime voyages.



PA considers go-ahead in Hoboken

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

It looks like the Port Authority's proposed \$1-billion dual waterfront project in Hoboken and Queens, N.Y., may get started despite the fact that legislation authorizing it has yet to pass the New York Legislature.

Govs Thomas H. Kean of New Jersey and Mario M. Cuomo of New York last week asked the Port Authority of New York and New

Jersey to examine whether the project can begin under existing legislation.

"We believe it can be done," said Port Authority spokesman Tom Young. "We are looking into just how much can be done on the project under that legislation," he added.

Currently under review are the Marine Terminal Facilities and the Industrial Development acts.

According to Young, the Marine Terminal Facilities Act, passed by both states during the 1940s, allowed in 1962 for the purchase and development of Piers A, B and C in Hoboken.

"It's an old law and we're looking at what can be applicable to the project," Young said.

According to Carl Golden, Kean's press secretary, preliminary reports by the Port Authority indicate the legislation may enable it to begin work on a proposed marina for the Hoboken project.

Young said the marina is a central element of the overall project.

Port Authority plans call for a marina consisting of 350 to 400 boat slips, a breakwater, a two-story commercial restaurant building and new sewer lines to be installed underneath the upland area.

"Gov. Kean has been very patient with this thing, but he is committed to the Hoboken project," Golden said.

Legislation authorizing the Port Authority to proceed with water-

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Size of kindergarten classes to increase

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken Board of Education last night voted to increase the size of its kindergarten classes at three of its schools.

Enrollments at the Wallace, Connors and Kealey schools will exceed the current level of 25 anywhere from 26 to 29 students.

Under the resolution, classes at the Wallace School will increase from 25 to 28 students, while classes at the Connors School will jump from 25 to 29 and classes at the Kealey School will increase from 25 to 27.

State law currently requires that no more than 25 students be in any one kindergarten class. If enrollments exceed that mark, the school board must provide a teachers aide for those extra students, according to board trustee Steve Block.

If enrollments were to exceed 30 students in a class, Block said, the schools would be required by the state to split the classes.

In other business, the board has called for a special meeting today at 5:30 p.m. to meet with Mayo Lynch and Associates of Hoboken to discuss a problem with the heating system at the Demarest School.

There had been a resolution on last night's agenda for a change order from the Mid-Atlantic Mechanical Co. Inc. for a \$2,850 increase in heating system renovations for the school.

The meeting will deal with discussions on the installation of one boiler and improving an existing boiler, Block said. The renovations included asbestos removal on the heating pipes covering the boiler room.



Photo by Ray Grooting

John Bauers of Hoboken, president and owner of the three-month old Heavyweight Record Company based in that city reflects on his busy life as a record company owner, producer, arranger, promoter, song writer and keyboardist.

John Bauers dreams of success

By Mary Fitzgibbons

Dream along with Hoboken resident and record company owner John Bauers.

After beginning his record company called Heavyweight, "to show clout," he says, the 33-year-old Kansas City, Mo., native believes he can't miss at becoming a major force in the already tight world of record company owners.

"Success is pointing in my direction," he states assuredly.

Bauers says he is now living his dream — one which started after he spent a year at the Universities of Mississippi and Colorado studying literature in order to become a novelist, a profession he later admits "I was not cut out for."

The next stop was the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass., where he studied the piano and synthesizer, the instruments which now support him through the rough spots while trying to earn a living as a record company owner.

In business only for the past four months, he already has signed the group Sister & Brother and produced their first single "Time for a Change," which has gotten some air play on the area's rhythm and blues stations.

"It's the radio air time that I need most of all," says the company owner, "and that's the hardest thing in the world

to get, especially with so many stations going to talk radio and playing oldies hits. I mean, where does a small guy get a chance unless he works night and day at selling his music?"

And that's exactly what Bauers does. He promotes, writes and plays synthesizer for the group. He sets up their gigs and constantly does his best to keep their sound before the public.

"I think this is a great group and I think they'll make it with or without me. But even if they leave my label, I'll be proud to have helped them and go on to producing and writing for other groups," he says, which he would then like to record under his Heavyweight label.

His dream for the future? "To make it really big and help talented kids get the chance to record. He would also like to write more songs and have them published."

Wife Deborah is a big help with the company, says Bauers, since she understands the "strains" of the business. A singer-dancer and actress, she is currently appearing on Broadway in "Oh, Calcutta!"

But no matter the success Bauers obtains, he says he'd like to stay in Hoboken, his home for the past 3½ years because, "the music business is located in New York City and I get all the benefits of that city without all of the hassles by living in Hoboken."

John Bauers, filled with a dream waiting to happen.

Football mishap won't cancel games

By Lisa Vives

In the wake of Saturday's freak football mishap which left 17-year-old Frank Woodson of Irvington paralyzed from the neck down, Hoboken High School Athletics Director Jim Ronga said he has no plans to cancel this year's high school football season.

"It was an unfortunate incident," Ronga said. "I guess it's going to happen every so often—about one out of every million times."

"We couldn't consider

cancelling the season," he said. "We just pray that it wouldn't happen here."

But a serious accident did occur in Hoboken some 40 years ago and several Hoboken residents recalled the ban on high school games that followed.

Maurice Stack of Stack and Stack Real Estate in Hoboken was captain of the Demarest High School football team in 1944.

"It was the first game played after a suspension of some 15 to 20 years," Stack said. "I believe it was a fatality that

caused the games to be cancelled for that prior period of time."

Stack said football helmets were made of leather in those days. Helmets today are made of hard plastic, he said, and players injure each other when they use them to spear through a line.

"It's not a matter of equipment," argued Ronga. "All schools provide the right equipment. It's a matter of a fraction of inches. The way the Irvington boy got hurt is really one in a million."

Ronga said he had suffered serious physical injuries in a game, including a dislocated shoulder which required surgery.

"So far, we've been lucky," he said. "Just a few broken hands and some knocked out teeth."



The late Hoboken Mayor John J. Grogan, left, a power in Hudson County's Democratic Party and in the labor movement, beamed in this photo taken as the guest of the late President Harry S. Truman.

Johnny Grogan remembered in Hoboken

By James Kopchans

There's still a small plaque dedicated to the late Mayor John J. Grogan fastened to the wall outside the mayor's office in Hoboken's City Hall. Young visitors to the office sometimes pause to read it, then pass on by since Grogan's name means little to them. Older visitors recognize his photograph on the plaque, but pass on nonetheless.

It's probably the only time when anyone has ever passed Grogan by. Grogan died 15 years ago today at the age of 54. Ironically, his death by a heart attack came only 90 minutes after he had participated in a ballot drawing for himself in the upcoming county clerk race.

More so than any person, Grogan has come to represent Hoboken in the 1950s, when the waterfront was its most notable feature.

As a successful politician with a fine sense of timing and knowledge of the political winds, Grogan rose to city commissioner in 1947 and then as the first mayor under the city's new mayor-council form of government in 1953. For the next 12 years he served as mayor and even came close to election to a Senate seat in Congress.

Meanwhile, he put his dynamic speaking skills to work within labor circles, organizing union employees at the city's shipyards and eventually rising to national prominence as president of the International Marine & Shipbuilders Union. "It was a different Hoboken then," Angela Serullo, secretary to the present Mayor Steve Capriello, said. "It was more close-knit then. There seems to be a different element here than there was then."

Fifteen years later, it is a different Hoboken. The waterfront industries which controlled so much of life in the city during Grogan's career, now barely exist.

As the waterfront diminished, many of the industries that formed the revenue base for the city then, also have left.

With the loss of the companies, many of the old neighborhoods saw their younger people leave in search of new jobs and opportunities. In their place came first a largely Hispanic population, then young New York City professionals, so that now older Hobokenites find they share their neighborhoods with people who do not have the same connections with the city's past.

Little wonder they remember Grogan's era with a fondness.

"That was some time," Anthony Amoroso, the city clerk, said. "John Grogan was a fine man, such a fine man that it rubbed off on the city."

"He was a generous man. When he worked at City Hall, he'd always walk home after work; he'd never drive," Marion Roland, head clerk of the city's traffic violations bureau, said. "Along the way, he'd stop at all hog dog stands and offer any kids near him a hot dog."

More than anything else, Hobokenites remember Grogan in connection with the legendary 1947 commission elections in the city.

In that connection, Grogan, then a young assemblyman connected with the country organization, joined with the "rebel" Patrolman George J. Fitzpatrick, Fred DeSapio, Michael Borelli, and Stephen Mongiello to oppose Mayor Bernard McFeely, who had held the mayoral seat for nearly 30 years.

Their ticket, known as the Fusion Ticket, swept past McFeely's buoyed largely by McFeely's opposition to civil service protection for all municipal workers. In defeating McFeely, who was a close ally of county Democratic leader Frank Hague, the election foreshadowed the defeat of Hague's ticket in Jersey City two years later.

However, DeSapio was named mayor following the Fusion victory even though Grogan was the largest vote-getter. Six years later, Grogan led a successful charter change that brought in the mayor-council government and then topped off his victory there by running and being elected mayor.

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DiZefalo show will open

There will be an exhibition of recent paintings by Paul DiZefalo at the Jersey City Museum Nov. 3 through Dec. 3.

DiZefalo's paintings are of images placed within various kinds of frameworks. Initially the pictures were composed of a scene surrounded by a patterned border. In recent paintings, the frameworks for the images are structured by a geometric division of the entire picture area.

DiZefalo is a graduate of Parsons School of Design, New York. He lives in Hoboken and teaches commercial art at the Hudson County Technical & Vocational School in North Bergen. A 1981 recipient of a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship Grant, his work was included in the recent 1981/1982 Fellowship Exhibition at the Jersey City Museum. Other exhibitions include a one-person show at Stevens Institute, Hoboken, and the 31st New England Exhibition, New Canaan, Conn., both in 1980.

There will be an opening reception for the artist and the public, Nov. 5, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. The Jersey City Museum is located on the fourth floor of the Main Library Building at the corner of Jersey Avenue and Montgomery Street. The museum's public hours are Wednesday 11:30 to 8:00 and Thursday through Saturday 11:30 to 4:30.

Ranieri wants study of city tide gates

Hoboken City Councilman Robert Ranieri says he will call for a study of the city's tide gates which were described as defective and aging in an unofficial study.

The tide gates are supposed to keep river water out of the city's sewerage system, Ranieri explained. But according to a study by consulting engineers Mayo Lynch, the gate system is inefficient and deteriorating, the councilman said.

Ranieri said he requested the study. No official study has been done on the gates for the past 10 years, he noted.

"When the river water

floods into our system," said Ranieri, "it affects the efficiency of our plant and it gives us a higher electric bill for our pumps. That is the key to this entire thing. The pumps are wearing out."

Ranieri said he would request the council to approve an official study of the tide gates at the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday.

THE JERSEY JOURNAL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1983

JCSC teachers agree on pact, avert strike set for today

By Frank Alkyer

The Council of New Jersey State College locals reached a tentative contract agreement with state officials late yesterday afternoon, averting a strike by teachers at Jersey City State College and eight other state colleges.

The agreement ended a 27-hour bargaining session between the two groups and stopped today's scheduled strike.

Donald Silberman, president of American Federation of Teachers local 1839 at JCSC, said he was generally pleased with the contract, but added he

had some reservations concerning escalation of Gov. Thomas A. Kean's merit pay program. The new three-year contract includes:

- A 15 percent pay increase to be given out in five 3-percent increases during the three years;

- A merit pay program of \$200,000 for this academic year, \$350,000 for 1984-1985 academic year and \$500,000 for the 1985-1986 academic year;

- A retraining program for teachers including \$200,000 for this academic year, \$225,000 for the 1984-1985 year and \$250,000 for the 1985-1986 academic year.

- An improved dental plan;
- A \$10 per credit increase in overload pay each semester beginning the second semester of this academic year, a \$25 per credit increase in 1984's summer pay, and a \$20 per credit summer pay increase in 1985;
- 160 paid sabbaticals;
- An added step in the pay raise scale during the contract's third year for top salary employees.

Silberman, who also is vice president of CNJSC, said the state refused to raise caps on promotion ratios at the colleges in lieu of the merit pay program. "Facilities and the union

regard the promotion system as a genuine merit program and we are opposed to the government's merit pay program," Silberman said.

He said CNJSC was able to keep the 195-day retrenchment notice for tenured faculty and 180 days for professional staff intact. The state wanted to reduce this notice for cutting out academic programs and laying off staff to 45 days.

The increment system for pay raises, which the state wanted to do away with to fund the merit pay program, was also left intact.

But Hoboken teachers reject offer, threaten job action

By John Watson

The Hoboken teachers union has rejected the latest contract settlement offer by the Board of Education and has voted to stay away from their jobs on Oct. 10.

Jerry Lange, a field representative for the New Jersey Education Association, said Oct. 10 is the Columbus Day holiday, but Hoboken schools are scheduled to be open. Under state law, he said, teachers cannot be required to work on any

state holiday.

As a result, according to Lange, the school board cannot penalize the teachers for not showing up for work and cannot get a court injunction. Otto Hottendorf, school board president and chairman of the board's negotiating committee, refused to comment on the planned job action.

The teachers, who have been negotiating for a new contract since October of 1982, held a

special meeting yesterday at Hoboken High School.

An estimated 350 of the 425 members of the Hoboken Teachers Association attended the meeting, Lange said. The vote to reject the board's contract proposal was "nearly unanimous," according to an NJEA spokesman, and the vote on the job action was approved by a "heavy majority."

The board's last salary offer was for a 7.2 percent increase, said Lange. The Union is seeking

the "county average" of 8.5 percent or as high as 9 percent.

The board's latest proposal also sought to reduce the teachers' lunch hour to a half hour. Hottendorf said the details of the negotiations are confidential and he would not discuss them.

The school system clerks are not protected by the state law on state holidays and have been instructed to report for work on Oct. 10, Lange said.

Union City church haven for homeless

By Agustin Torres

With the arrival of Cuban refugees in 1980 and 1981, the Rev. Gerhard Kugler, pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Union City, received more than his share of criticism from neighbors and city officials for allowing allegedly unsavory characters to live in the neighborhood but he provided a bed and meals to the homeless and jobless newcomers.

Today, not much has changed in the basement of the Lutheran church on 38th Street and Palisades Avenue where the 16 beds and mattresses, four cots and five mats are constantly filled.

Everett Bickford, who assists the pastor with the shelter, said the basement now houses mostly English-speaking persons.

"We are starting to get a number of homeless women as well," said Bickford. "There is one with us presently and not too long ago there were three women who needed a place to stay and a bite to eat."

He said that the Union City shelter has received grants from private charity groups, including the United Way, and the food pantry is stocked with the help of the federal government and the Community Food Bank of Newark.

Bickford said it costs \$11 a day to house an individual at the church and \$1 per meal to feed him or her. During this time, the homeless person is on a schedule of looking for work, applying for local welfare and is invited to Bible studies and church services.

"We don't help anyone who will not help themselves," said the shelter worker.

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... but Hoboken tries to shut shelter there

By James Kopchans

Hoboken Municipal Court Judge Maurice Gottlieb has postponed until Monday a ruling on summonses placed against shelter for the homeless operated by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition.

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Attorneys for the city and the coalition spent most of yesterday in court.

The shelter has been operating in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Bloomfield St., since Aug. 15.

The summonses were issued by order of Alfred Arezzo, construction code official, because the shelter allegedly does not conform to zoning code requirements and does not possess a variance.

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Hoboken tries to shut shelter for the homeless

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Arezzo said in court yesterday, in answer to prosecutor Walter Beronio's questions, that he would continue to place the summonses (carrying \$200 fines) on the shelter until it is closed by the coalition or obtains the necessary variance.

The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss, rector of All Saints Episcopal

Church and president of the coalition, testified that the shelter is part of the duty of the churches to help the poor and homeless and that the variance was not needed because the shelter met zoning requirements and was part of the church's worship services.

"Worship is not just words and prayers," he said. "But it is

also exists within the works and deeds of the church. We are simply responding to the needs of the homeless."

Yesterday's court battle delved into the background of a \$22,500 grant awarded last week to the coalition by the state to continue the shelter. The money was channeled statewide by the state Department of Human Services and was part of \$200,000 awarded to shelters throughout Hudson County.

County officials are holding all grants in trust accounts this week pending receipt of reports from municipal officials on the

conditions of the shelters. The court decision could have a major influence on whether the coalition receives the grant money for the shelter.

The shelter feeds about 50 homeless adults a night and provides overnight accommodations to about 30 adults. It is a continuation of a pilot shelter started by the coalition last winter.

Rev. Curtiss said yesterday that the coalition would certainly appeal any negative decision to Superior Court or consider moving the shelter to another church.

Union City church still a haven

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The shelter offers meals to people who are hungry because they did not receive food stamps. Bickford said that sandwiches have been given to unfortunates who do not stay at the church.

"We may consider a soup kitchen in the future for the shelter," said Bickford. "Just

soup and a sandwich may be all the nourishment these people may ever get."

Kugler is presently helping the St. John Lutheran Church in Hoboken to keep its shelter doors open in the face of growing city opposition. The pastor still hopes to see a facility for Hudson County that will handle all the area's homeless, both men and women.

School board decides tonight on holiday action

The Hoboken Board of Education will decide tonight whether city schools will open Monday despite a "holiday" teacher job action.

Board President Otto Hottendorf has called a special meeting tonight at 7:30 prior to the regular board caucus meeting to discuss the board's reaction to the teacher union's threat not to report to work on Columbus Day this Monday.

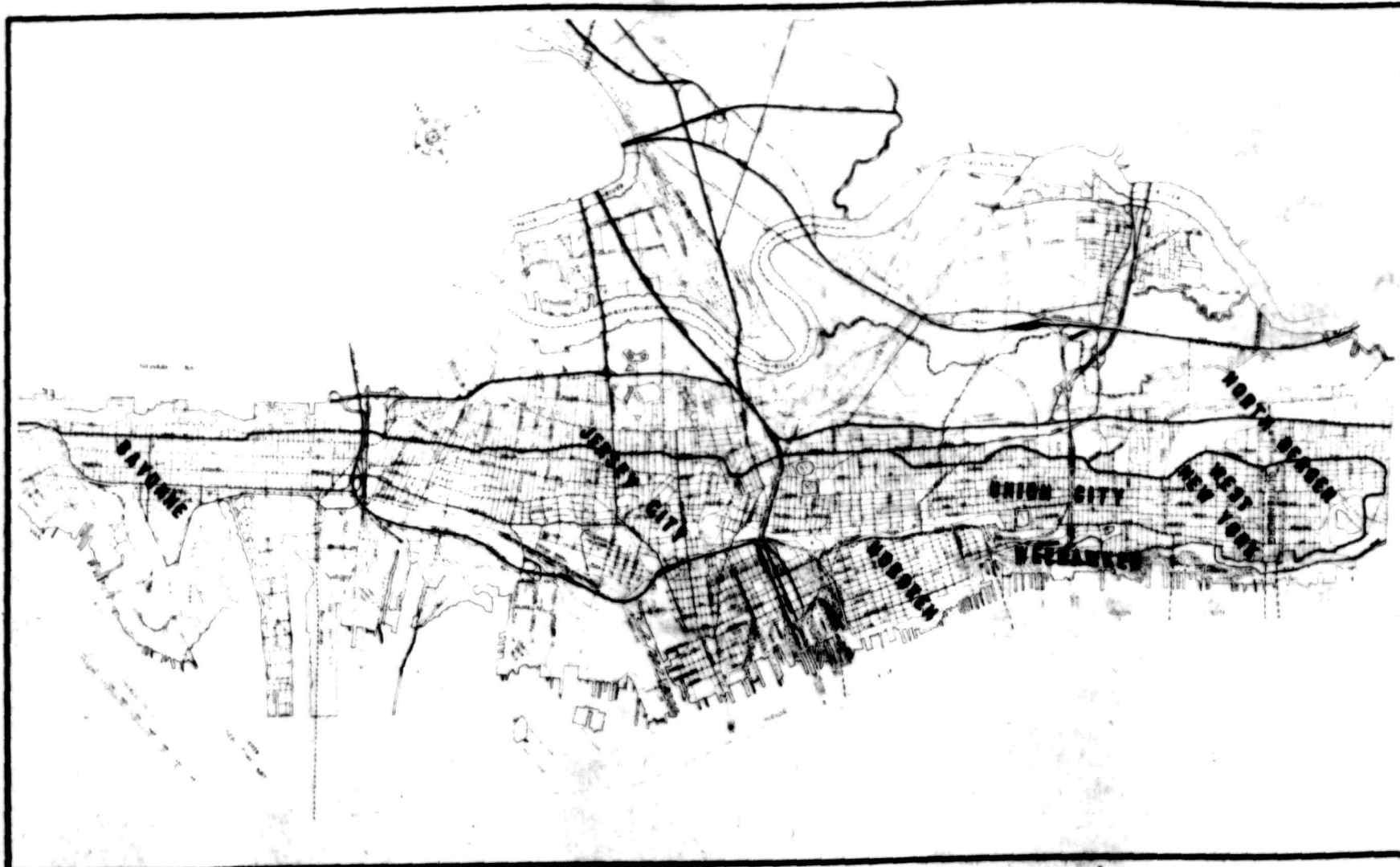
The Hoboken Teachers Association announced the job action on Monday after a

reported impasse occurred in ongoing contract talks with the board. About 350 of the union's 425 members overwhelmingly voted to stay out Monday to express their disapproval with the board's salary offer of 7.2 percent.

The union has been seeking a raise up to the county average of 8.5 percent.

The association decided to boycott Monday because it is Columbus Day, a state holiday. Under state law, teachers cannot be required to work on any state holiday.

Ambitious plans for waterfront



By MARITES CHICHICO
Staff Writer

Neglected for decades, the waterfront is now considered a vital part of redevelopment plans of nine municipalities in Bergen and Hudson counties. Here are the various projects in the works.

EDGEWATER

- American Landmark Developers, which recently finished Admiral's Walk, a \$45-million condominium project at the foot of the Palisades, is also planning to convert the vacant Alcoa plant at River Road and Russell Avenue into 700 luxury housing units.
- Lever Brothers, manufacturer of soap, detergents and personal products, is expanding its research and development center, which will include the construction of six new buildings on a 32-acre tract on River Road about a mile north of the Alcoa plant. The \$40-million project is expected to be completed in 1985.
- The development plan approved by the borough for the former Ford plant, located three miles south of the George Washington Bridge on River Road, is expected to yield 722 units of housing. The \$22-million project will be paid in part by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, because the site is expected to be given historic landmark status.
- The developer, Edgewater Associates, owned by New York builder Leonard Litwin, also plans to produce 1.5 million square feet of office space north of the plant and a marina.
- Commodore Plaza Associates, which recently began construction on a 279-unit apartment complex, has two other projects in the works. Old Ferry North, expected to yield 284 units, approved in November, is in litigation over variance disputes. The other Commodore Plaza project, Old Ferry South, north of the Binghamton restaurant on River Road, is expected to yield 224 units.
- Other smaller projects are planned for an area south of the U.S. Postal Service mailbag facility site. Shoreline Associates is planning to build several townhouses and two five-story buildings for a total of 188 units.
- South of the Caribbean House on River Road, Dan-Ro Corporation of New York is planning to build a 150-unit five-story building with a marina.

NORTH BERGEN

- The township port authority recently approved two proposals: one by Hoc Harbour Inc. for three 16-story apartment buildings, 17 townhouse condominiums, a small shopping center and a marina on 14.5 acres; and another by H&M Drydock Inc. for a four-story function hall.
- Ben Petruccio of North Bergen plans to develop 21 acres south of Palisades General Hospital on River Road. A Boston firm has been hired to conduct a feasibility study for a townhouse project.
- Developers have shown little interest in the Edgcliff and North End zones. Iselin Associates is waiting for the resolution of the case in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Newark in which Jersey City realtor George Sacks is trying to prevent the township from reclaiming his land in the Edgcliff zone. Access to the area is a major problem. Most of the waterfront is on River Road, a heavily used route. A proposal which incorporates a parking garage and water transit facilities on the river is being considered.

WEST NEW YORK & WEEHAWKEN

- Trucking magnate Arthur Imperatore owns almost all of the West New York waterfront land adjacent to Weehawken, totalling 350 acres. In a period of about 20 years, he plans to build a city of housing, offices, shops and entertainment and to establish ferry service to Midtown Manhattan.
- Hartz Mountain Industries plans to convert the Seatrain property in southern Weehawken into Lincoln Harbor, which will incorporate office structures, condominiums, a marina, a hotel, retail facilities and restaurants.
- No building plans have been submitted in West New York, and Mayor Anthony M. DeFino has indicated that developers would not be allowed to build highrises on the waterfront.
- Both Imperatore's \$3-billion project and Lincoln Harbor are being reviewed by the Weehawken Planning Board.

HOBOKEN

- The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is awaiting passage of a bill in the New York Senate, which would allow the Port Authority to convert a 50-acre city-owned tract into a mixture of housing, offices, retail services, a marina and a hotel. A price for the property has not been established.
- Another project includes demolition of seven piers and several Erie Lackawanna ferry slips and restoration of two slips for historical reasons. There are no plans for structures to replace the piers or the area around them.
- Pedestrian Plaza, in front of the Erie Lackawanna Terminal, is a proposed one-acre park of trees, benches and lighting, which would cost about \$850,000. Bids are being considered for the federally-funded project in spite of opposition from some City Council members.

JERSEY CITY

- Harborside Terminal at Exchange Place is being rehabilitated to accommodate Bankers Trust Co. computer operations. The New York bank is investing about \$25 million to renovate a 385,000-square-foot area. Restaurants, retail space and the construction of a multi-level 500-car garage, owned by the city outside the complex, are also planned.
- Developers Michael Sonnenfeldt and David Fromer of Waterfront Associates expect the project to be completed by 1990. Some 2.5 million square feet of commercial and office space will be provided for the back office operations of New York financial institutions.
- Evergreen Shiplines, which is expanding its container fleet operations, is planning to build a 16-story office building to be used as its national headquarters at an estimated cost of \$25 million.
- New Port City is a \$1.4-billion project which includes up to 10,000 housing units, a regional shopping mall and 1 million square feet of office space. The initial \$340-million first phase recently got under way with the aid of a \$40 million federal Urban Development Action Grant, the largest ever given.
- The 30-acre industrial park known as Montgomery Gateway, got under way in 1978. The New Jersey Economic Development Authority, with the use of some federal funds, has been financing the \$2.3-million project. Construction of the final 131 units of housing was cleared recently after the defeat in court of number of suits which tried to block the city's plans to include commercial development within the project.
- American City Corp. plans to develop Caven Point, generating about 700 units of luxury housing, one million square feet of office space and a 500-room highrise hotel.

BAYONNE

- The Port Authority has determined that the establishment of a coal port adjacent to the Global Terminal will have minimal disruptive impact on the environment. The project is scheduled to start in early 1985.
- The city hopes the Navy will reconsider its decision to bypass the Military Ocean Terminal for the home port of the Surface Action Group.

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The ferry slips at the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken.

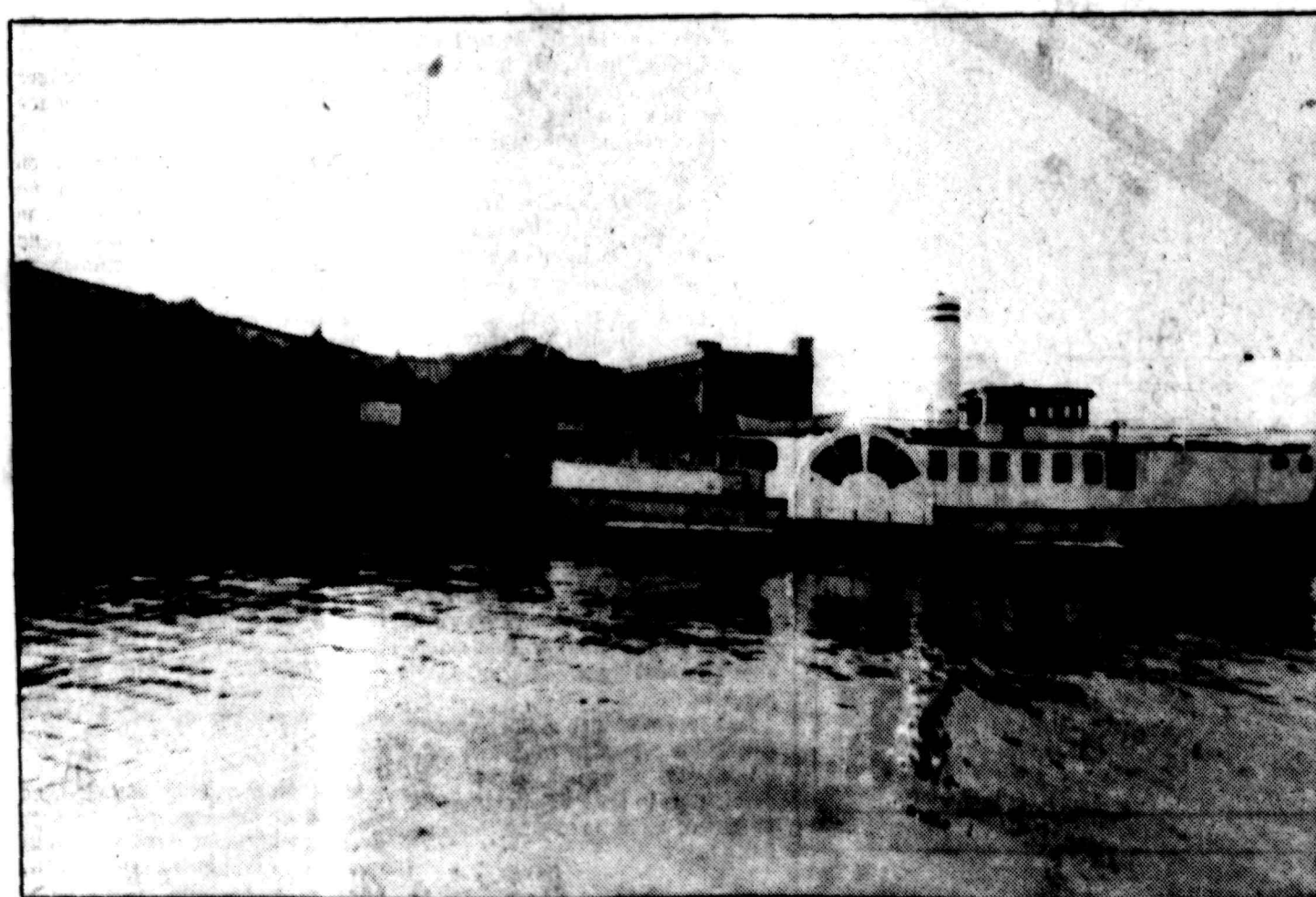


Photo by Bruce Johnson

The S.S. Victoria tied up at Hoboken Terminal.

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Hoboken group wants to know details of pier negotiations

By James Kopchains

A Hoboken business group has called on Mayor Steve Cappiello to release all information pertaining to upcoming negotiations between the city and the federal government

on the Port Authority piers. Cappiello has already said that details of the negotiations would not be released until they end so as not to affect proposals by future developers. Instead, he said it would only

be discussed with the city council and the Waterfront Advisory Committee. However, the Hoboken Industry and Business Association is now calling on the mayor to reconsider and release the details.

particularly the purchase price. "We believe that the residents and business sector as well as the city council deserve to know what is going on," Richard Bozzone, a director of HIBA, explained. "This intent to deny the press and the public knowledge actually appears to be playing into the

hands of the developers Cappiello claims he is concerned about." The Port Authority has already announced is plans to help finance a major waterfront development on the site once the city purchases the piers and legislation is passed in both New York and New Jersey legislatures.

Writers urge Sinatra to drop suit

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By Betty Cuniberti
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Rallying 'round celebrity gossip biographer Kitty Kelley, a coalition of writers' organizations has made a public plea to Frank Sinatra to drop a \$2 million suit that he filed against her last month in an effort to stop her from writing his biography.

Kelley is the author of salty, unauthorized biographies of Elizabeth Taylor ("Elizabeth Taylor — The Last Star") and Jackie Onassis ("Jackie Oh!"). Sinatra's suit seeks damages and an injunction halting work on the book, based on the singer's contention that Camden Enterprises, a Nevada corporation, is "the exclusive licensee of the right to commercially exploit the name and likeness of Hoboken native Frank Sinatra, including the right to publish the authorized biography or autobiography of Sinatra's life."

If Sinatra should take the suit to trial and win, the writers' coalition fears that any individual, corporation or government agency could declare that under the law, their "inside story" (Sinatra's words) is their own and may not be written about without permission.

"We are asking Frank Sinatra to drop this suit," John Dinges of the National Writers Union said at a press conference at the National Press Club here.

"The suit is going ahead," responded Lee

Solters, public relations representative for Sinatra and the law firm filing the suit, in Los Angeles.

Solters said that Sinatra was particularly incensed because Kelley had been leading sources to believe that the singer had authorized her book. (Kelley denied having intentionally misled sources.)

"He's serving notice on other people to they'll think twice before they do things like this. He's doing what a lot of people would like to do, but haven't got the guts to," Solters said.

Michael Whelan of Washington Independent Writers saw the situation another way: "Frank Sinatra's suit... is an assault upon that author's and all writers' constitutionally protected freedom of expression and should be dismissed on its face."

The American Society of Journalists & Authors and the Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press, which includes several prominent members of the Washington news media, also are part of the coalition, which says it may hold fund-raisers on Kelley's behalf.

"We are prepared to defend her to the limit," Dinges said. "Whatever is necessary, we will do."

However, Kelley has not been served with the suit, thus there are no legal expenses so far. Kelley said that if legal expenses are incurred, she will pay them out of pocket "as long as I can."

The fact that the suit has been filed in a California court but not served on Kelley has led some to speculate that Sinatra does not intend to go forth with the legal action, but merely wants to dissuade sources contacted by Kelley as well as the author herself. (Solters said that Kelley will be served. "The legal machinery used in serving people is in motion. It takes time. She is being served," the publicist said.)

Kelley said that she had worked on the book every day for a year, interviewed 300 people and intended to talk to about 300 more, but had not yet written a word.

"Despite his threat, I intend to continue work on my book," said Kelley, who said that she had received some but not all of the approximately \$1.5 million advance from the book's publisher, Bantam.

Kelley said that she already had enough information to go forward with the book, "but I'm not going to," she said. "It's a vast life, going back to the '30s. My offices look like archives."

The suit, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, alleges that Kelley obtained her interviews with Sinatra's acquaintances by making "false and misleading" statements indicating that she is writing the book with the "blessings of Sinatra."

Kelley said that was not the case. "I identified myself and told them that I was writing a book about Frank Sinatra," Kelley said. "Sometimes they would ask, 'Does Frank know

about the book?' And I said, 'Yes.'"

Kelley said that she did not feel obligated, in such cases, to further explain to them that Sinatra did not condone the writing of the book.

Solters contended that stopping publication of the book was not Sinatra's primary motive.

"We're not suing to stop her from writing a book," Solters said. "We're suing to stop her from using devious tactics of misrepresentation."

"I received calls from several people who said she called them and said Frank Sinatra said it was OK for them to speak to her."

But the real issue, the writers' representatives contend, is Sinatra's seeming attempt to copyright information about his life — which, they note, would run contrary to most interpretations of First Amendment freedoms of the press, particularly in regard to comment on public figures.

The concept of suing in anticipation of libel or slander before anything is written or said has some precedent in Elizabeth Taylor's suit filed about her life. It was never shown.

Taylor was also unhappy with Kelley's biography of her, which left no personal stone unturned.

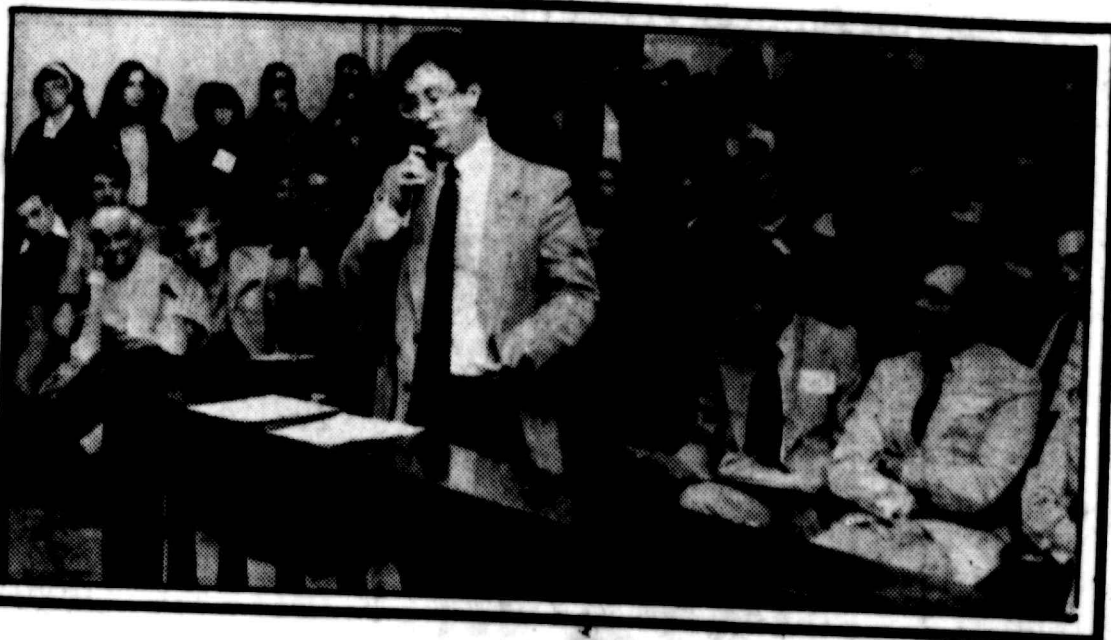
But Taylor has never sued Kelley or even spoken to her about it, Kelley said.

"She's very profane about the book," Kelley said. "But she's done nothing legal."

No decision

Gregory Millman addresses the Hoboken City Council during last night's rent law hearing before a standing room only crowd of City Hall. "Refinements" to proposed amendments left the controversial issue unresolved and a second hearing will be held Nov. 2. (Story on Page 2.)

Photo by Jeff Mantley



Second hearing slated on Hoboken rent laws

By Rick Tosches 88 10/20/83

A series of "refinements" to amendments to Hoboken's rent laws were added last night, forcing the City Council to schedule a second public hearing on the matter Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The hearing will be held at Hoboken High School upon the request of Councilman Thomas Vezzetti after an overflow crowd assembled last night at City Hall. During the hearing, many residents were forced to stand outside the council chambers because of the standing-room-only crowd.

According to Councilman Robert Ranieri, the "refinements" he introduced are needed to clarify and strengthen the laws, but the "thrill is still the same."

One "refinement" automatically kills the amendments on April 30 if the council doesn't renew them.

"This is a show of good faith and to be used as a safety valve," Ranieri said.

Another refinement removes the exemption for "substantial rehabilitation."

Individual dwelling units on which more than \$20,000 is expended for capital improvements shall be considered substantial rehabilitation.

Also, expenses incurred by landlords to correct housing violations cannot be charged to the tenants, Ranieri said.

Meanwhile, during the public hearing, many residents voiced opinions on the amendments.

"I'm spending too much money on my building," said Sanford Weiss, owner of a building in Hoboken, who was told by the state he must gut the building. "But the ordinance wouldn't allow me to make enough on rents and to make a profit."

"This ordinance says to the landlords to just maintain your building at a minimum level," said Robert O'Toole. "This is a demotivator rather than a motivator."

"Suppose the state tells me I need new windows and fire escapes," said one landlord. "After I fix the violations, I can't pass the expense on to the tenants? How can I maintain the property? Where do I get the money to pay for it?"

The amendments, according to David Branoff, have several problems. "It encourages cooperative housing here in Hoboken like in New York City. This will be a condo city and will discourage improvements to property and I'm opposed to it."

"What is in the interests of all the landlords is a return on their investment, and not the people of Hoboken," said another resident. "This is a community of tenants and they are the community. Once the people are gone, the community is gone."

"They're being driven out by landlords who are driving the rents up so high they may force the tenants out. The landlords are responsible for this."

"I think tenants should be required to pay for repairs," said one tenant, native of Hoboken. "What good is this going to be if we, the Hoboken residents, aren't here to enjoy this?"

"Once the rents increase, the tenants can't live here anymore," said a resident. "The landlord's incentive is so great, he sees dollar signs and his incentive is to care only about the money. The tenant is only as good as long as he pays the money. This is not a question of making a profit, but a question of making a killing."

"How do you expect the landlords to repair mandatory violations and get back their investments?" asked Pete Fioretti, a Hoboken homeowner. "We fix to better the life of tenants by spending \$15,000 and you're (the council) telling me I can't ask for increased rents?"

Ranieri said, "a tenant has the inherent right to a violation-free apartment."

"The average rent in Hoboken is about \$195, not \$500 or \$600," said Hugh Hothem, a spokesman for landlords in the city. "The average rent should be \$300 and it is not. We totally oppose the proposal."

A suggestion was made by Councilman Thomas Kennedy, who requested the council get an attorney, to inspect the ordinance and "see what's wrong and right with it."

"He should show us where this is going to fail and where this will succeed," he added.

There were numerous outbursts of tempers during the three-hour hearing.

Members from Hoboken tenant groups held signs which read: "Justice for the poor people." Others sat with stickers on their jackets which read "no."

Vezzetti said of the overcrowded council chambers: "This is ridiculous. There are too many outbursts from the hall."

He said by holding the next hearing in Hoboken High School, all those wishing to attend could be gathered in one room.

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Hoboken tax auction brings interest in 'frontier' section

By James Kopchans

The Lure of developing the Hoboken "frontier" brought out buyers for 13 of the 14 tax-delinquent properties put up for auction by the city yesterday.

These buyers paid a combined total of \$216,500 for the properties, all located in the city's "frontier" so named by real estate investors because of the recent interest there by investors for apartment conversions and land speculation.

This "frontier" takes in most of the city's southwestern section. These include some of the poorest neighborhoods and stand in contrast to the eastern parts of the city which have already undergone renovation and conversions.

Three lots, 229, 231, and 233 Jackson St., were not sold.

The highest price was an apartment house at 414 Madison St. for \$36,000 after some spirited bidding to Vincent Vaccaro of New York City, and Frank Trombetta of Hoboken.

The city had originally listed 17 properties for sale at auction

yesterday, three were withdrawn after attorneys for their owners filed an injunction in Superior Court Tuesday stopping the sale while they mount a court challenge. These included flats at 229, 231, and 306 Madison.

To ensure that action is taken immediately on the properties, the city council had placed a condition that the new owners start work within nine months of council approval of the sale. Council President Helen Macri said this was done to spur developers and insure the land was not purchased for speculation.

However, several purchasers complained about this provision, saying it set far too short a time limit on them to start work.

The occupied properties sold, their purchasers, and the selling prices were: 327 Monroe St., Joseph A. Pinto of River Edge, N.Y., and Connie Coppola, of Hoboken, \$20,000; 401 and 403 Monroe St., Frank Raia, of North Arlington, and Samuel Shafran, of Scotch Plains, each building for \$16,000; 208 Adams

St., also purchased by Raia and Shafran, \$35,000; and 414 Madison St., Vaccaro, and Trombetta, \$36,000.

The vacant properties sold, their purchasers, and the selling prices included: 563 First St., Andrew and Florence Amato, of Hoboken, \$4,000; 68 Madison St., Ralph J. Cooke, of Hoboken, \$6,000; 64 Madison St., Peter Costello, of Hoboken, \$5,000; 125 Madison St., Nuncio Pascale, of Brick Township, \$10,000; 114 Willow Ave., Hudson Developers Corp., Corrado Salvemini, president, \$27,500.

Also, 210-212 Jefferson St., Frank Tattoli, of Glen Rock, and Frank Trombetta, of Hoboken, \$33,000; 325 Monroe St., Pinto and Ms. Coppola, \$4,000; and 108 Monroe St., Joseph Mannino, of Hoboken, \$4,000.

Walter Beronio of the city's law department auctioneer yesterday, said there appeared to be complications surrounding the purchase of 125 Madison St. and that sale may have to be vacated and placed again on auction at the next sale.

Hoboken quiz kids get ready

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN — The Sacred Heart Academy was chosen to compete against 32 other schools in the statewide Rutgers Bowl TV quiz show, and students and faculty are excited.

The Sacred Heart students are a bit worried that they were only given a month to prepare for that competition — while students at other schools have been at it for six months.

Jean McSharry, who is coordinating her school's participation, said the schools were chosen in the spring, but one school dropped out in September. Sacred Heart Academy was chosen as an alternative.

"The hardest thing has been getting it put together in such a short time," she said.

Six students from the school were chosen to participate in the single-elimination quiz show that is slated to be held each week at Rutgers University in New Brunswick for the next seven months.

McSharry said the students — team Captain Rosanne Versaci, 17; Maria Menezes, 16; Cathleen Calligy, 16; Faith Penrose, 16; and the two alternates, Donna Shearn, 16; and Patricia Valdes, 15 — have been studying almost every day after school for their first match with Columbia High School of Maplewood.

Sacred Heart Academy given month's notice to prepare for TV show

It should be an interesting match. The heart of suburbia and affluence against a small, private urban school," McSharry said.

The Hoboken school and Kearny High School are the only two schools from Hudson County participating in the event.

The match with Columbia High School is slated to be taped tomorrow in New Brunswick. It is not scheduled to be aired until January, though.

"We're supposed to keep the results quiet until the airing, but that is going to be very difficult," McSharry said.

Starting Nov. 5, a contest is scheduled to be shown every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday on cable Channels 23, 50, 52 and 58 at 7:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively.

Each student on the winning team will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the college of his choice, according to McSharry.

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with Margaret Welch in representing the church, backed by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition, the judge said there are no restraints against making arrangements with the city for plumbing permits and similar items.

Thomas Calligy, council for Hoboken, who had argued the church shelter violated zoning, health and safety regulations, explained there would be no need of a further court order if the church files the necessary applications for such permits.

The Rev. Triffel L. Felske, the pastor, who expressed elation with the ruling, had submitted an affidavit saying the church served Hoboken's people since 1891 and that the temporary emergency shelter was set up "in accordance with the religious beliefs" of the church and coalition.

A large number of ministers, rabbis, priests and nuns attended yesterday's court session, listening to the judge read portions of the pastor's affidavit that the right of sanctuary for the poor and helpless is in accordance with the Judeo-

Christian tradition, from the days of Moses to the New Testament. One part of the affidavit state that religion does not consist merely of worship, but in serving those less fortunate.

Council may OK zoning change for supermarket

By Lisa Vives

Hopes are dimming for a full service Pathmark supermarket in Hoboken's north end but the battle is not over yet.

City Council members are expected to hear the request for a zoning variance to permit construction of a supermarket in a district now zoned for industry.

The variance is expected to have a good chance of winning approval by the council, according to Councilman Thomas Kennedy, even though it was roundly defeated Wednesday by the city's planning board.

"I think it's going to pass in the council," said Kennedy. After that point, Kennedy was less optimistic.

"The mayor will probably veto it and I doubt we'll have the votes to override him," he said. "Personally, I don't care if it's a Pathmark on that spot or

any other kind of business as long as it generates jobs and ratables," Kennedy continued.

"The problem is that nobody is interested in developing that property except Pathmark," the councilman said. "We haven't seen even a nibble from someone else interested in the spot."

Bob Wonderle, a spokesman for Pathmark, said the company was still interested in the area and had no interest in breaking its contract with the developer, Seymour Heller.

A spokesman from Heller's office said the developer was waiting to see the outcome of the City Council hearing on the variance request.

"The planning board is not the end of the line on this," he said. No date has been announced for the zoning variance to be heard by the City Council.

Center to help chronic drinkers

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—It was once a place where many of the city's derelicts got together to pass the bottle around, according to one city official.

And although the abandoned factory building at 1405 Clinton St. has recently been renovated, some of those same people may be coming back, not to pass the bottle but to beat it.

The building has been turned into an alcoholism treatment center called The Harbor. Its doors are officially scheduled to open Monday.

Bob Sullivan, a spokesman for the center, said the 50-bed, three-story center is the first such facility in Hudson County.

According to Sullivan, the center will offer alcohol detoxification, a 21-day in-house treatment program and a 10-week outpatient program.

'You can't cure someone in just 28 days'

—Joseph Trabucco

And while the center will accept some of the city's homeless alcoholics who seek help, Sullivan said the majority of those treated will be blue-collar workers covered by Blue Cross or Blue Shield.

Sullivan said the center's \$140-a-day rate will be just enough to cover food, building maintenance, staff and treatment costs.

"We can't take everyone off the street. Food has to be purchased and bills paid," he said.

Sullivan said most of the center's patients are expected to be employees of large companies.

He said most companies try to help an employee with a drinking problem, especially an employee who has been employed for a number of years.

"That's a very valuable employee. Do you know how much it would cost to replace that person?" Sullivan asked. He said it makes more sense for a company to spend \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a three-week rehabilitation program.

According to Arlington Garris, senior alcoholism counselor at St. Mary Community Mental Health Clinic and Hospital, most major companies have employee assistance programs, and 70 percent of all referrals to those programs are alcohol- or drug-related.

Garris said the center is a "welcome addition to the alcoholism resources in Hudson County, and I am hoping at some point in time it will live up to its promise to accept Medicaid patients and the indigent."

Garris said the St. Mary clinic offers non-medical detoxification for alcoholics referred to by Hudson County welfare departments, shelters and hospitals.

But he added that the clinic also must find medical detoxification facilities for more than 100 alcoholics each year, most of whom do not have any type of medical coverage.



Photo by M. Kathleen Kelly

The Harbor, a Hoboken alcoholism treatment center, is ready to open Monday.

He said most of those people are sent to either the Multi-Phase Treatment Program in Newark, East Orange Hospital or Bergen Pines in Paramus.

"They will take people without any coverage," Garris said.

He said the new center in Hoboken, though, "is out of reach for most people unless they're heavily insured or have a lot of money to spend."

"But if it's run well, I see no problem in keeping the doors open," he added.

But according to one city official, the center, located in an industrially zoned section of the city, would never have been granted a variance if it only took in the county's poor and homeless.

Even so, at last week's city planning board meeting, Councilman Thomas Vezzetti expressed concern for the senior citizens who live in the nearby Fox Hill Gardens senior citizens home.

"I have nothing against rehabilitation, but it could be dangerous to those people up there," he said.

City Business Administrator Edwin A. Chius said a member of the planning board, told Vezzetti the City Council never objected to the idea of an alcoholism center when the project was brought before it.

Claire Nicoletti, coordinator of the homeless shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church,

said most of the approximately 3,500 people who have used the shelter since it opened in March are alcoholics.

The Hoboken Clergy Coalition and the city are currently fighting over whether the shelter needs to obtain a variance to operate.

Nicoletti said the price for treatment at the new center "really is a concern to me. As it is we have to refer out to detoxes."

The Harbor is scheduled to offer a 7- to 10-day detoxification program followed by three weeks of in-house treatment.

Joseph Trabucco, program director for the center, said a normal day will consist of group and individual counseling, films, lectures, dance and music therapy and nightly Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

He said the patients will also help maintain the facility by vacuuming floors and cleaning windows.

After the patient leaves the center, he would be monitored for a 10-week outpatient program.

"You can't cure someone in just 28 days," Trabucco said.

The Harbor, funded by Hudson View Realty Co., is not affiliated with any hospital, but will work with St. Mary Hospital in case of any medical emergencies, according to Sullivan.

He said although it will be discouraged, patients can stop treatment at any time.

Hoboken not zoned for poor and homeless

By Lynn Wagner

On Sept. 23, as the final draft of its proposal for continued funding was being prepared, the Hoboken Clergy Coalition Shelter for the Homeless was ordered by the city to close shop within 48 hours. The mandate arrived in a registered letter which cited a violation of zoning regulations, and if doors remain open on Monday, director Claire Nicoletti expects to be presented with a summons. In that event, she along with the Coalition, will appear in court to fight for the shelter's survival.

When and if the case goes to court, a pivotal issue will undoubtedly be the right of government to zone a church function. According to Ann Christensen, executive board member of New Jersey's Coalition for the Homeless, while the state has a history of using zoning and building codes to set a court precedent defining church shelters, the issue of zoning remains unsettled. In the case of Jersey City's Episcopal shelter (closed by the city on April 1, 1983, for failure to meet "dormitory" fire codes), the judge did, however, state that the church's intrinsic right to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless presented a very strong case.

In New York State a definitive decision regarding the rights of the church was made on May 27, 1983, in the case of Trinity United Methodist Church vs. the Zoning Board of the City of Kingston. The State Supreme Court of the County of Ulster defined the operation of a church shelter as an accessory use of church property. The court defined "accessory use" as an activity which has bearing on the purpose of the mission. As the city was zoned for places of worship, the court waived the need for a variance to operate the shelter. How New Jersey courts will ultimately rule on this question may determine the fate of Hoboken's shelter.

At least one member of Hoboken's Clergy Coalition, Sister Norberta, was stunned by the city's latest response to the shelter. She had begun to hope that if the administration refused to publicly endorse or actively support the facility it would at least offer silent capitulation by allowing the clergy and staff to operate autonomously, but, she said, "It seems they've decided to put a little pressure on us."

If the city is in fact determined to apply pressure, it may not be met by an apathetic public. Since its advent

on Aug. 22, 1983, the shelter has won the support of parishioners and community volunteers who donate time, money, and food to sustain this commitment to the poor and homeless—a commitment which appears particularly urgent in Hoboken where a crippling economic trend has been compounded by displacement arising from burgeoning gentrification. Sister Norberta comments that while the "rehabilitation has been very well done, it doesn't account for the thousands who have been displaced." She further claims that the city's response to this crisis reveals a reluctance to confront reality. "The big criticism that has been leveled (on the shelter) from the city—never from citizens to my knowledge, only from the city officials—has been that we're drawing all sorts of outside people. And while every person is not a Hoboken resident, the vast majority are and they (city officials) don't want to recognize that. I think they'd like to pretend that there is no problem of homelessness."

Since October of 1981, when a wave of tenement burnings terrorized the community, the Hoboken Clergy Coalition has been united by the needs of the poor; since then it has solicited local political support in administering to those needs and, under the auspices of that objective, met with Mayor Cappiello and city officials to negotiate and plan for a Hoboken shelter. But for more than a year each meeting brought new promises, new excuses, among them the chronic snag that Hoboken simply was not zoned for a shelter.

"It was said in a way," mused Coalition chairperson Jeffrey Curtiss, "to watch these men unable to respond."

But the city's paralysis failed to deter the Coalition. In February, 1983, the clergy made their first independent attempt to sponsor a shelter. This initial effort submitted in eight weeks to the exhaustion of a small volunteer corps, mostly clergy, who were unprepared for the demands of frequent all-night shifts. But during its brief lifespan, the shelter did afford beds to 45 people a night and fed as many as 50. Inspired by this measure of success, the Coalition continued its search for the "answer to a prayer." In August that answer arrived.

Federal emergency food and shelter funds which should have come through Hudson County in February were finally administered through the

Red Cross and United Way. With that money the Coalition hired a full time director as well as two overnight aides to staff what promised to be Hoboken's first successful shelter.

Located in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church, the shelter now sleeps 35 and feeds up to 50. The kitchen has been open since Aug. 15 and runs on an "ecumenical effort," says director Nicoletti. It is staffed by citizens and church volunteers on a rotating schedule.

Operating on a shoestring budget, the shelter runs on Coalition support and the dedication of Ms. Nicoletti and her assistant. Assuming a role far more comprehensive than that of a "drop-in" shelter, the facility offers individual needs. These unique qualities make the director's job diverse and demanding.

Claire Nicoletti's days are divided between the office and community. In the office she acts as an administrator-social worker who develops interpersonal relationships with many of her clients. In the community she solicits donations, builds public relations, and seeks out public services. Finding appropriate services can present a challenge in a county with virtually no de-tox or alcohol program and no drug rehabilitation program. This gap often makes the shelter's screening process difficult.

Sign-in begins at 7:30 p.m. No one is admitted who has been drinking or taking drugs. "We just can't deal with that here," says Ms. Nicoletti, whose closest contact with a program for the active alcoholic or drug user is in Newark or East Orange. People who desperately need help but are unable to travel to either of these cities are returned to the street because no alternatives are available.

Yet despite obstacles, the numbers who are assisted remain impressive; and despite the city's claim that these numbers primarily reflect outside indigents, Ms. Nicoletti's records prove otherwise.

"On a recent night we served 50 guests. Over 75 percent were from Hoboken. Twenty had resided in Hoboken for over five years, 17 for over 10 years, and three had lived in Hoboken all their lives. Each one had a story of how they 'lost everything.'"

(Lynn Wagner, a relative newcomer to Hoboken, is a freelance writer and member of the New York Coalition for the Homeless.)

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Planners may reject Hoboken retail area

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The planning board tomorrow is expected to oppose an amendment to the zoning law that would allow large retail centers in the city's industrial zone, which is in a northern section of the city.

"It's unorthodox and idiotic planning," said city Business Administrator Edwin Chius, a board member.

"Would you put a shopping mall in an industrial park?" he added.

The area is zoned for industrial use, and in May, Mayor Steve Cappiello vetoed a City Council resolution allowing construction of a Pathmark shopping center on a vacant 5-acre site in that area.

The council failed to overturn the veto in a 5-3 vote that was one short of the required two-thirds majority. "After it was rejected, we waited to see if the property would be sold. But no one has nibbled at it... which proves our point," said Councilman-at-Large Thomas Kennedy, who along with Councilman E. Norman Wilson reintroduced the resolution last month.

Kennedy said the 5-acre site at 15th and Washington streets, if sold to Pathmark, would generate \$170,000 in property taxes each year and create about 250 jobs if Pathmark builds there.

According to Chius, Pathmark has a

contract with Seymour Heller, the current owner of the five-acre site, to purchase the land for \$1.3 million if council approves the zoning amendment.

Kennedy said because there is a Pathmark in Weehawken and one scheduled to be built in Jersey City, he doubts another will be constructed in Hoboken.

But a spokesman for Pathmark said last week, "we are going to go ahead with it pending approval."

The spokesman, Bob Wunderle, said Pathmark will take a look at the density of Hudson County to see if the population can support three shopping centers.

"We are still interested," he said. Opponents of the proposed shopping center argue that it would strangle waterfront development, cause traffic problems, hurt local businesses and not generate enough property taxes.

"We feel the waterfront is eventually going to break... if it does (the property), will realize more than \$250,000 in property taxes," said board Chairman Michael Ocello.

According to Chius, a Pathmark shopping center would put other stores in the city out of business so that most of the estimated 250 jobs created by the shopping center would be filled by those people forced from their jobs.

He also said a 5-acre site in an industrial zone has the potential to bring in more than the \$150,000 to \$240,000 each

year in property taxes expected from Pathmark.

Chius said the Shop-Rite supermarket at Washington and Newark streets is one of the city's smallest taxpayers, and he said its land is worth more as a vacant lot.

Kennedy said he would personally like to see a 12-story apartment and office complex, "but there are no plans for that and we are in a financial crisis."

But Chius said a private developer is interested in constructing an industrial complex at the Heller site.

Heller, who hopes to sell his property to Pathmark, said last month he would pay approximately \$200,000 in back taxes owed to the city and any advance in property taxes that would offset any layoffs in the city's police and fire departments because of this year's financial crunch.

The city has begun foreclosing on the property for the unpaid taxes and could end up with the property.

"He hasn't paid his taxes for the past two years. We could get at least \$1 million for the property," Chius said. Council approval of the zoning amendment does not require planning board approval, but the board's report could influence votes against such an amendment.

The council is expected to vote on the amendment later this month.

Church shelters Hoboken's homeless

By ELINOR G. WALKER

When members of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition received notice from Hoboken city officials that they would have to close a shelter for the homeless which they ran in a church, they went to court and used the Bible as their defense.

Sister Margaret Welsh, S.C., represented the coalition in Hoboken Municipal Court on Oct. 3. When the prosecutor cited municipal law, she cited the Scriptures. Zoning codes allow for a church in a residential area but not a shelter.

Among clergy who testified was Rev. George Ligos, pastor of St. Peter and Paul Church, Hoboken, a trustee of the coalition. He said that sheltering and feeding the poor is part of the church's ministry and follows the mandates of the Bible.

Father Ligos is among six Catholic priests and several nuns involved in the ecumenical effort to provide a home for 35 persons and meals for 50 persons nightly in Hoboken in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church.

The shelter was opened, for a second time, in March as a soup kitchen. On Aug. 15 it became a shelter when a large number of homeless people asked for a place to stay according to Sister Norberta Hunnewinkel, a Franciscan who helps run it. Earlier attempts to run a shelter for the homeless had failed due to lack of funds and exhaustion on the part of volunteers.

Among the homeless who have found haven at the shelter are a 37-year old victim of multiple sclerosis who can no longer afford his hotel room and others who have lost their homes due to hard times and the conversion of boarding houses into middle and upper class housing.

The Rev. George Curtis, an Episcopal priest and president of the coalition, said at the Municipal Court hearing, "Worship is both the words that we say and the things that we do. God does not ask for words and praise. God asks for the deeds of justice and mercy." He added that sheltering the homeless has been a traditional church function.

Father Ligos said that the clergy maintained it was unnecessary to apply

for a variance in zoning to continue the shelter which he said was "normal church usage." The municipal court judge, however, ruled that he would not hear arguments presented by the coalition and it was decided to appeal to Superior Court where a hearing was held Oct. 6.

Superior Court Judge Burrell Humphreys suggested that court was not the place to settle the matter and said that the parties should resolve the situation among themselves. The coalition agreed to apply for a certificate of occupancy and allow the city to conduct fire, health and safety inspections. In return the city agreed not to close the shelter without notifying the court. Shelter residents have at least a two-week reprieve.

Father Ligos said that the job of feeding, sheltering and counseling continues at St. John's. The shelter has received government funding which now allows a few paid employees to maintain services. Claire Nicoletti, director, spends the days, "trying to solve problems" for the clients so they can find more permanent arrangements, Father Ligos explained.

Two men are now employed to sit up at night and watch the shelter and see that its residents conform to fire regulations. Numerous churches in Hoboken donate food and supply volunteers who cook and serve food.

Other Catholic priests who serve at the shelter and coordinate activities of volunteers from their parishes are: Rev. John Tully, pastor of Our Lady of Grace; Rev. Joseph Madden, O.F.M., Conv., pastor, and Rev. Terence Pescatore, O.F.M., Conv., and Rev. Justin Biase, O.F.M., Conv., associates, all at St. Joseph's Church; and Rev. Joseph Mezzanotte, O.F.M. Cap., of St. Ann's.

Parishioners have been generous in their donation of food and time to help at the shelter, said Father Ligos.

The need for housing for the poor in Hoboken and in Hudson County is increasing at an alarming rate, Father Ligos said. "The city should be doing this, but they have refused so we have tried to fill the void," Father Ligos concluded.

Anyone wishing to contribute food, blankets or money to the shelter may contact Father Ligos at 659-2276.

Ed board adds a holiday

By BRAD KELLY
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—In response to a threat by teachers to take the day off Monday, the board of education last night changed the school calendar to include all legal state holidays not currently observed within the school district.

The change removes the option by the Hoboken Teachers Association to take a day off and still get paid for it, according to Trustee Steve Block.

Block contended the rationale of the union was that its members would not work on Monday—a legal state holiday—but until now not a Hoboken school district holiday—so as to disrupt the school system and still get paid for that

day. Earlier this week, the union voted to take the day off Monday to show its disapproval with stalled contract negotiations.

The union is currently asking for an 8.25-percent salary increase for the 1983-84 school year and the board of education has held firm on an offer of 7.2 percent.

The school calendar change was unanimously approved by the board members present at a special meeting prior to the regular board meeting.

Not present at the special meeting were Trustee Thelma Lugo and board Vice-President John Pope. The new calendar will be observed by the school district's high school and six elementary schools.