

Council race turns on Vezzetti's record

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer
HOBOKEN—Parking, housing, public services and taxes are the staples of City Council campaigns. But this fall, one overriding issue cuts across the boundaries of three wards where council seats are up for grabs: How in Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti's doing?

Four months into his administration, Vezzetti faces a test that will determine whether he can muster a council majority needed to translate key policy initiatives into action. To do that, his ticket must capture all three seats at stake Nov. 5 — including the one sought by Cappiello, a longtime and formidable Vezzetti foe.

A loss of either of the two appointive seats could lead, after a year's waiting period, to the recall now being bandied about by the hard-core opposition, some observers say. And even if the situation remains static, Vezzetti has been hard put to line up a council vote ever since former ally Pasculli broke ranks.

But the Vezzetti forces are convinced they will draw a mandate for "open government," dismissing the dire predictions as the dying gasps of an old political guard. Many of the opposition candidates are former Vezzetti supporters. Michael Schaffer, who is vying for the 2nd Ward seat, defected in June when Vezzetti failed to name an Hispanic to his council slate. Jobs and apartments not delivered figure prominently among others' reasons for leaving the camp.

- These are the candidates in the Nov. 5 Hoboken City Council election:
- 2nd Ward — Joseph Della Fave; Michael Mastropasqua; Ruben Rivera; James Roary; Michael Schaffer
 - 3rd Ward — Steve Cappiello; Pasquale DeStefano; Santo Milici; Frank Raia
 - 6th Ward — David Roberts; Angelo Valente

Hoboken will go it alone on upgrading sewage plant

By Rose Duger
State funds totalling \$33 million were placed in jeopardy yesterday as five North Hudson communities remained indecisive about channeling the area's sewage to a proposed upgraded facility in Hoboken. Hoboken officials pledged to proceed with plans to upgrade its facility from primary to secondary treatment, but only to accommodate its own waste water.

City officials had declared yesterday as the deadline for mayors from West New York, Weehawken, Guttenberg, Union City and North Bergen to join in the Hoboken venture. Only Hoboken Mayor Tom Vezzetti has approved the proposed plan, according to Public Works Director Peter Alicandri. Of the others, Gut-

tenberg Mayor Raymond Schneider reportedly went along, although that municipality's sewage is currently tied in with North Bergen. Alicandri said North Bergen officials are "not willing" to accept the plan. Officials in West New York and Union City were "not ready" to accept the proposal, according to Alicandri, while Weehawken officials didn't respond by the deadline.

Area Three, comprised of the six North Hudson communities, is under a federal mandate to upgrade to secondary treatment by July, 1988. Hoboken's facility currently processes wastewater from that city, Weehawken, and Union City. On a priority list established by the DEP, Area Three has been earmarked for \$33 million based on population, the effect of discharge on the environment, and the body of water the discharge affects.

Area Three's wastewater goes in the Hudson River. Secondary treatment would guarantee that 85 percent of pollutants would be removed before being flushed into the Hudson. Hudson County Utilities Authority (HCUA) executive director Joseph LeFante said the state will finalize its funding list late November. By that time, Area Three must submit a plan or risk losing the money. "I can't definitely answer for the state," he said. "But if they can't get their act together as a region, the grant will be in jeopardy. Other smaller regions may have plans ready to go. That could knock Area Three off the list."

Waterfront tower plan doesn't soar

By Rick Tosches
Calling their plans "insensitive," the Hoboken Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Commission listened critically last night to Orb Management Limited's plan to construct 2,200 condominium units — including a 32-story tower.

The development team has proposed to construct 2,200 units on 43 acres of waterfront land currently occupied by the Hoboken Shipyards on the city's northern waterfront. Owners of the shipyards recently relocated operations to Bayonne. Twenty-two acres of the land are above the Hudson River.

The units proposed include 80 low-rise homes constructed on property formerly occupied by the plant's machine shop, which runs along Hudson Street. Also proposed are 120 to 150 townhouses with "hidden garages," 8-to-10-story midrise structures and eight towers ranging in height from 16 to 32 stories, according to Tom McGinty of the development team.

Prior to unveiling its presentation, commission chairwoman Helen Manogue asked Susan Hewitt of the development team if Orb owned the land and if it was currently in default on its payments. "That's not precisely what the situation is," Hewitt said.

"We have the potential to own the land," Manogue said. "It would be a waste of time to hear the presentation if Orb was in default. This is a terrific site for housing." Hewitt told the commission. "The housing market is very strong."

Hewitt said the proposed development would be divided into 20 percent one-bedroom, 60 percent two-bedroom and 20 percent three-bedroom units. Developers plan to provide 1.3 parking spaces per unit. McGinty said it would provide the spaces even though the current zoning ordinance mandates just one space per unit. He said the additional spaces could be utilized "to provide overflow parking for the city."

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"These buildings are hideous. I would hate to see this type of building in Hoboken." Manogue added the proposed buildings are "not very imaginative," and resembled 1920s or 1950 style architecture. Hewitt told Manogue that she would be willing to lower parking to one space per unit. "I'd prefer to have you go to less than 2,000 units," Manogue quickly responded. McGinty told the commission that if it reduced the number of units it would have to charge about \$500 a square foot. The commission will first discuss the proposal and provide the developer with recommendations at a future meeting. Manogue said.

Hoboken housing hearing hot, heavy

By Rick Tosches
In a raucous hearing in Hoboken High School last night, the city unveiled its affordable housing plan which includes provisions for 20 percent of the units constructed be distributed among low-, moderate- and middle-income families.

Civil War of Hoboken." Perhaps the most vociferous residents on hand were Hispanics, who comprised nearly half the audience. Sporting a slick hairstyle and a fresh flower in his lapel, Hoboken Mayor Tom Vezzetti greeted residents as they entered the auditorium. Vezzetti, who campaigned heavily on a platform which promised affordable housing to curtail displacement, thanked residents for their concern in discussing the "most crucial issue in the City of Hoboken: dis-

Hoboken unveils housing plan

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placement." Steve Block, the man given the most credit for drafting the plan, outlined the plan entitled "Affordable Housing in Hoboken: A Comprehensive Plan of Action." A 30-page summary of the report was distributed to all those who attended. The major points of the plan include production of new affordable housing, tax reductions, new homeowner services and exemptions, development guided by the public interest and tighter controls on displacement.

- Increasing the tax base by continued development at full taxation.
- Requiring budget reductions by the board of education.
- Requiring budget reductions by the administration.
- A firm commitment by the city council to a tax rate after reevaluation of under \$30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.
- To establish new homeowner services and exemptions through:
 - Establishing an office of homeowners assistance.
 - Creating the mayor's Advisory Committee on Homeownership.
 - Upgrading the home-improvement program.
 - Rent-control adjustments for homeowners who kept rents low for former tenants.
 - Permitting four-family homeowners to reclaim one apartment for family occupancy.

The plan reads that development guided through public interest can be obtained through:

- Adopting a new master plan and zoning ordinance.
- Coordination among all public bodies with community bodies.
- Reorganizing the Community Development Agency to provide qualified professional staff assistance to bodies responsible for community planning.

The presentation was greeted by a standing ovation by the Hispanics. During the public portion, Dave Roberts, a small homeowner, said, "I must argue there must be a solution, but there's no mention of the scope of the problem and who'll finance the solutions." "Now, Steve Block, without experience and the necessary credentials in housing, offers a report that could have frightening results." Roberts recommended that the city CDA hire qualified persons to produce a report and urged the panel to reject the report "as an unprofessional attempt to mislead the public."

Third Ward contest a surprise to most

The Third Ward council contest in Hoboken was a surprise to most since the seat wasn't vacated until September. Sal Cemelli, who held the post 12 years and whose term was to expire June 30, 1987, resigned Sep. 5, citing health problems. Cemelli had been a supporter of the administration of Mayor Steve Cappiello. Cappiello, Pasquale DeStefano, Santo Milici and Frank "Pupie" Raia are vying for the post in the special Nov. 5 election. Also up at that time are the Second and

Six candidates vie in bitter campaign

Six candidates are on the ballot for Hoboken's Second Ward council race in next Tuesday's special election. The five men and one woman will compete for a simple majority vote. The winner will be sworn into office when the results are certified, officials said. The winner will fill the term vacated by Thomas Vezzetti on July 1 when he was in-

augurated mayor. Vezzetti chose Joseph DellaFave to fill his seat temporarily and the appointment was approved by the City Council. The term expires June 30, 1987. The candidates featured have campaigned heavily in a race that has featured several unsubstantiated charges and unsigned campaign fliers.

Condo towers, townhouses eyed for Hoboken Shipyards site

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer
HOBOKEN—Condominium towers and townhouses will rise where the old Hoboken Shipyards once stood under a 10-year plan unrolled last night by a New York developers group. The group, headed by Orbe Management Ltd., envisions 2,200 units contained in three different types of buildings at the waterfront site of the bankrupt shipyard.

Public access to the waterfront would be along 14th Street, and the developers hope to build an internal road system. Plans call for a walkway, a park and the preservation of several piers, but a marina proposed earlier has been scrapped. The project designed by New York architects Beyer Blinder Belle would be built in four stages during a 10-year period with the 14th Street section first. Commissioners grilled the Orbe spokesmen about how they would avoid adding more cars to the congested, parking-starved northern section of the city.

The proposal includes 1.3 parking spaces for each unit, but the issue will be addressed more fully during future environmental studies, said Carolyn Konheim, an Orbe consultant. Also included in the plans are 30,000 square feet of retail store space. McGinty said the developers would try to recruit city residents for the 150 service jobs and the 250 temporary ones the project could bring. He said the project is pegged to a change in the master plan that would replace industrial with waterfront zoning. But if that fails through, they may seek variances needed to build from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, he added. Orbe offered \$13.5 million for the property last year, after the former owner, Braswell Shipyards of Charleston, S.C., declared bankruptcy. McGinty assured the commission that Orbe is in the process of getting clear title to the ward.

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Sixth Ward seats, which were vacated July 1 when Councilman Thomas Vezzetti became mayor and Sixth Ward Councilman Patrick Pasculli took over an at-large seat. The Third Ward includes, roughly, the western half of Hoboken from Third to Ninth streets. The candidate with the highest number of votes will win the election, as no runoff is required in a special race. The winner will be sworn into office as soon as the election is certified, officials said.

Zoning board rejects plans for towers

By Margaret Schmidt
The Hoboken Zoning Board of Adjustment has rejected plans for the Presidential Towers development, saying the 22-story twin buildings would be too high for the city. The board recommended that the developers scale down their plans and return, said chairman Frank Carmone.

The developers are ANAWIM Investment and Development Corp. of Jersey City. Plans before the Zoning Board on Tuesday night called for 346 units, complete in-house parking, some commercial space and a landscaped recreation area including a swimming pool, tennis courts and a children's play area.

The buildings would be connected by a pedestrian walkway three stories above the street, a feature that would have to be approved by the City Council. The \$25 million project is planned for two parcels of mostly vacant land from Newark to First streets and Adams to Jefferson streets. Most of the property is owned by Salvatore D'Amelio Sr., father of assistant

city attorney Salvatore D'Amelio Jr. The younger D'Amelio is a partner in the development company along with his partners in the law firm Schiller, Vyzas, McGill and Squeo of Jersey City. Before deciding, the zoning board heard from Rev. See ZONING—Page 12.

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Francis Schiller, experts on traffic, water and sewage, and neighborhood residents. Several objectors raised the point that the area is zoned for a maximum of 14 stories, Cameron said.

The experts, including city Superintendent of Water and Sewerage Roy Haack, said the project would have no adverse effects on the community.

Testing by the developer found that the only problems would be clogged sewer lines and catch basins, Cameron said.

"They're beautiful plans," Cameron said. "It's well designed and nice looking — but too high. We'll give them an opportunity to bring it back to the board."

Mayor Thomas Vezzetti said he was pleased yesterday that the project wasn't approved. He voiced concerns over the height.

"I want to congratulate the zoning board," he said, "for reflecting the wishes of the city."

Commissioner James Greany moved that the objections be granted, but were not seconded. Present were: Cameron, Greany, Vincent DiGostino, Salvatore De Genaro, Mary Perry and Marie Versaci.

Greany said yesterday he made the motion because the project would tremendously improve a "pretty bleak neighborhood."

He was impressed with the full parking and the ratables.

"My God," he said, "the city could use ratables if they want a first-class school system."

The issue of height should be put in perspective, he said, noting that the zoning calls for no more than 14 stories because of the Columbian Towers senior citizens housing on Bloomfield Street. Bloomfield Street, however, is on higher ground than Jefferson, so the buildings would appear to be about the same height, he said.

Schiller could not be reached for comment yesterday. Board members said they understood ANAWIM would return rather than scrap the project. The developers have options to buy the property if approvals are received.

'Community contract' is DellaFave's priority if elected on Nov. 5

By Margaret Schmidt

Joseph Della Fave, appointed to the Second Ward council seat July 1, names "contact with the community" as a priority should he win the election Nov. 5.

Four months of settling into the job, and campaigning for it at the same time, have seen him meeting with local groups, attending planning, parking and zoning board hearings, and going door-to-door to ask for support.

"If I am elected," he promises, "there is no doubt about a continued contact with the community." He is proposing bimonthly Second Ward meetings — on the style of town meetings — as one way to keep in touch with his constituents.

He'll go "back into the streets," he says, calling personal contact the only way to know residents' political and everyday complaints, problems and concerns.

His background, he adds, leads him to such community orientation.

DellaFave, 34, has worked in a factory, been an athletic director, a union leader and a labor contract negotiator. Four years ago, he began teaching full-time and is now head of the history department at St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City.

The father of two children, he has been active in parent groups and recreation leagues.

He has also served on tenants' committees.

He considers the greatest accomplishment of Mayor Thomas Vezzetti administration is the supportive political climate.

A member of the Vezzetti ticket, Della Fave lists many administration concerns when asked what he hopes to accomplish on the council. A reorganization of City Hall, better public school education and developer givebacks — as a way to foster affordable housing — among his goals.

He has also spoken at length on the serious infrastructure problems — particularly parking and sewerage — that face the Second Ward.

More recreation is a top concern, he says, noting recent disputes among several leagues — all competing for playing time at the Little League field.

"There are minimal, bare minimal, recreation facilities in town," he says. "It is incumbent on us to use every resource available." Storefronts can become rooms for arts and crafts, and vacant lots can become parks and fields, he says.

He denies campaign charges by his opponents that he lives outside the ward or city. He and his wife are separated, he says, but he has rented an apartment at 1111 Washington St.

Roarty: 'Development is life blood'

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By Rose Duger

A lifelong Hoboken resident, candidate James A. Roarty said he has seen the city grow from what he calls a "dead town" to a thriving mecca for development. Although he may soon be displaced from his Bloomfield Street home, he views development as the city's life blood.

That issue is one of the strongest of his campaign platform, which also includes education, accessibility of council members, and parking. He said he supports affordable housing, but not a clause in the Vezzetti administration's plan that requires developers to contribute money, land, or buildings to a housing trust fund.

"Condos had to bring taxes in," Roarty said. "In time, taxpayers and rent payers will benefit by this. But the plan could kill development if we ask for 20 percent. Maybe we should ask developers for five percent."

An educator and father of four, Roarty holds three state teaching certificates and a degree in United States history from St. Peter's College and Jersey City State College.

He taught in the Hoboken Vocational School for two years and has worked as a substitute teacher in Hoboken for five years. While he preferred not to comment on the issue of an elected Board of Education, he

said changes must be made in the Hoboken school system.

"There are a lot of top-heavy jobs," Roarty said. "Ninety-nine percent of Hoboken teachers are good, especially in the younger grades when kids need the basics."

Roarty, 52, is no stranger to Hoboken politics. He has run for City Council several times and has supported Mayor Thomas Vezzetti in his recent win over former Mayor Steve Cappiello. He broke from the Vezzetti camp after the election because, he said, the mayor has "given the reigns of government over."

"I have nothing against him (Vezzetti) personally," Roarty said. "But it's not him running the show. You never see him alone."

"I think the council needs an independent. There's some real vicious stuff going on. A couple of independents might quiet things."

Roarty has pledged to be available to Second Ward residents to discuss problems and to negotiate with a local pharmacy to allow residents to park on the property when the store is closed.

Roarty is a member of several community groups, including the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Grace parish, Hoboken American Legion Post 107 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 158. He served three years in the infantry and spent 18 months in Korea.



Second Ward candidate James Roarty brings his campaign to Hoboken residents.

Mastropasqua: Nepotism must end

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By Blanca M. Quintanilla

Mike Mastropasqua said Second Ward councilmen in Hoboken come and go. Some, he said, seek higher office, while others sell out to the mayor.

"It is about time that the Second Ward has a councilman who aspires only to represent the ward," he said. He and five other candidates seek the Second Ward council seat in the Nov. 5 election.

Mastropasqua, 37, a lifelong resident of the Second Ward, thinks he knows best the problems and the needs of his ward.

In the community, he is a member of the Elks Club—where he is on the auditing, scholarship and state convention committees. He is a member of the parish council of St. Peter and Paul Church and past chairman of the Hoboken Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board.

Mastropasqua is a 19-year employee for AT&T—where he holds a management position in the legal department. A graduate of Hoboken High School in 1966, he attended St. Peter's College in Jersey City and was graduated with a B.S. in management. In 1975, he got his master's in business administration from Fordham University.

"Hoboken has changed a lot since I went to school," he said recently. "I am completely in favor of an elected board. We've

got to stop nepotism. Everyone complained about it under Cappiello. The current mayor was probably the loudest, and now he wants to keep the board appointed and add two new positions."

Mastropasqua said, "Hoboken is a small city. Each ward has its own problems. Ours are taxes, parking and clean streets."

He said Hoboken has to maximize its tax potential. "We have to look at the waterfront as income," he said.

The shortage of parking spaces—especially during the morning and afternoon hours, has prompted him to ponder solutions. "I've done some research and I think we can make a resident permit parking system work in Hoboken," he said.

To keep streets and parks cleaner, he suggests the creation of block watch programs.

Mastropasqua is against the affordable housing plan submitted by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's office. He said, "The proposal is another case of government increasing its stranglehold on our lives with no clear result."

He endorses proposals to build moderately priced homes for middle-income families. "That would promote stability and provides everyone with a chance for betterment," he said.

The candidate sees this as a successful plan because it will give people a real stake in what's going on in the town.



Candidate Michael Mastropasqua discusses real estate with Eileen Cappeck, center, and Mary Alice Salvitti.



Former Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello, now a candidate for Third Ward councilman, speaks at a Third Ward Council debate as candidates, seated from left, Frank Raia, Santo Milici and Pasquale DeStefano listen.

Third Ward candidates focus on Vezzetti policy

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Third Ward focus on Vezzetti...

By Rose Duger

Policies of the four-month-old Vezzetti administration were again on the line last night as four Hoboken Third Ward council hopefuls debated issues ranging from affordable housing to education.

Similar to a debate among five of the six Second Ward candidates Monday, the event turned into a forum on policies.

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Instituted by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti. This time around, Santo Milici, one of three Vezzetti-backed candidates, defended the mayor's plans against former Mayor Steve Cappiello, Frank "Papie" Raia, and Pasquale DeStefano.

Only Milici defended the administration's plan for affordable housing, which includes developer givebacks in the form

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Cappiello said the plan "should never have been put on the table. It was done without any guidance by the Hoboken law department. It talks about development of housing for those that earn \$36,000. I don't think one in 10 of us here makes \$36,000."

"I'm in favor of the intent (of the plan)," said Raia. "But I feel we have to have a better plan. I favor eminent domain, taking empty land such as junkyards and empty lots and using them for construction."

The crowd of about 100 people who packed the Holiday Inn on Grand Street frequently broke into applause when candidates gave witty responses to questions from three panelists.

When asked what he would do to curb parking problems, DeStefano linked the issue with the lack of land to develop affor-

dable housing. "I don't think there is a solution because there's just too many cars. If you want the land to build affordable housing on, then we won't have the land to park cars."

On the question of an elected school board, candidates were split. Vezzetti favors an appointed board, and is seeking through a referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot to appoint two additional members. He recently announced five people he says he would appoint if spots became vacant.

"I favor an appointed board, but it depends who's at the reins," said Milici. "I agree with the administration and the choices. If you look at their backgrounds, I believe they're fine people that would be placed on the board."

Cappiello, who complained that Vezzetti's list didn't include a Third Ward resident, refused to say whether he favors an

elected board. He did, however, support a "referendum initiative. The public has the right to consider that."

Cappiello's administration didn't escape criticism during the debate, which lasted about two hours. Candidates criticized him for giving tax abatements to developers, allowing the school system to deteriorate until the state refused to certify it, and for spiraling real estate costs.

On parking, Milici supported the permit system in which city residents would receive permits to cut down on commuter parking. Raia, however, devised a plan to cut sidewalk space on Washington Avenue in half to accommodate diagonal parking.

Carol Brandt chaired the debate, which was sponsored by Help Hoboken Housing, the Hoboken Neighborhood Alliance, and the Hoboken Environment Committee.

O'Brien: Cash low, confusion high

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Margaret O'Brien readily admits she is "no stranger to the mike at City Hall." For most of her 18 years in Hoboken, she has been involved in various child-care issues including day care, parks and programs in the Hoboken public schools.

She has also used her talents in several political campaigns, once designing posters for Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and winning a Democratic county committeeewoman's seat herself.

Her first campaign for City Council is marked by confusion: first with its \$80 budget running out and then with her endorsement of Second Ward opponent Joseph DellaFave. But O'Brien has stayed in the race and has even lashed out at DellaFave and the Vezzetti administration on several points.

About DellaFave and other Vezzetti administration council members stalking out of a meeting, she said: "If my campaign wasn't bankrupt, I'd buy them all pacifiers."

When, at that meeting, they failed to vote on a resolution to buy Christmas lights, she said: "When Santa Claus flies over Hoboken, I hope the lights are on."

On the other hand, she has

called Della Fave a "concerned parent." "I can't condone smear tactics by the opposition. They can't attack him for a job he's not doing, so they're making something up."

On other issues in the council race, O'Brien said she rates education high on the list. The entire system needs to be updated, she said, beginning with the Board of Education.

In the past, she has participated as director of Los Nuestrros Day Care, lobbied with the council for a new day care center to be built at Fifth and Madison streets, and urged Hoboken High School administrators to clamp down on students cutting classes to play video games.

"Confucius said that the future fate of the world lies on the breath of our school children," she said. "I endorse that wholeheartedly."

On waterfront development, O'Brien said, "You can't stop progress," although she added that citizens must have an opportunity to assist in decisions.

With only 40 cents left in her campaign budget, she remained doubtful of her chances of winning a council seat. She indicated



Margaret O'Brien works on campaign literature for her Second Ward council race.

that she would use the campaign experience to run for office again.

"I joke around a lot, but I'm

dead serious about living here," O'Brien said. "I want to see leaders in office who love it here just as much as I do."



Elaine Gilyard examines hat plates for sale at the recent crafts sale by the Hoboken Housing Authority recreation program. Proceeds financed a lunchtime trip to McDonald's.



Hand-made photo frames are the craft for sale at this table at the Hoboken Housing Authority recreation program's recent sale. Here, Elaine Look, left, shows the decorations to Lewis Turso.

Recreation provided at Housing Authority projects

By Rose Duger

Youngsters living in Hoboken Housing Authority buildings don't have to travel far to find a recreation program after school. There's one right in their own backyard.

Currently in its third year, the program meets either outside the Downtown projects or in the recreation room of 311 Harrison St., depending on the activity.

"It's always a good place for the kids to go," said Dominic Gallo, Housing Authority executive director. "It's very successful. We try to hire mothers or women in the neighborhood. That promotes more tenant involvement."

Three women currently run the program: Roseann Turso, Ann Forbes, and Liz Evans, coordinator. Housing Authority Chairman Andrew Scherer sponsors the activity.

Between 60 and 70 children ages 3 through 14 take part in activities ranging from arts and crafts to sports. Hours run Monday through Friday between 3:30 and 6 p.m.

Coordinators have scheduled mosaic tiles for Mondays, outdoor sports Tuesdays, painting Wednesdays, clay modelling Thursdays, and bingo with candy prizes Fridays.

The program expands to all day sessions in the summer and includes field trips. Last year the New York Yankees hosted the Hoboken youngsters as free

guests. The Hoboken Community Development Agency paid for the buses, Gallo said.

The arts and crafts group recently held a sale of their creations to finance a lunchtime trip to McDonald's on Washington Street. The children are hard at work now planning a Halloween party and Christmas craft sale.

"It's a good program," Evans said. "It's something for the kids to do and it keeps them off the streets. Mothers know where to find them after school."



Liz Evans, center, coordinator of the Hoboken Housing Authority recreation program, directs youngsters.

Records indicate Schaffer spending the most on Second Ward campaign

By Margaret Schmidt

If finances determine the outcome of a political race, Hoboken's Second Ward council candidate, Michael Mastropasqua, has raised \$2,050 and spent \$939.85.

Third Ward candidate Steve Cappiello, the former mayor, has yet to file his statement. He has raised "a few thousand dollars," he said.

Others whose statements aren't on file are Margaret O'Brien, Ruben Rivera and James Roarty, all running in the Second Ward, and Pasquale DeStefano in the Third Ward. O'Brien has said her \$90 budget has already run out.

DeStefano said he filed his papers with the state and kept no copies, doesn't recall what the figures were, but he hasn't gotten any campaign contributions.

About half of Schaffer's contributions are for \$100 or less, so they aren't itemized. Among the larger donations is \$600 from his mother, Nancy Schaffer, and \$300 from Roberts' brother, Charles.

Roberts received donations from real estate concerns, 116 Willow Avenue Associates and Hudson Place Realty.

City businesses make up the

bulk of large contributions to the Citizens Campaign for Reform '85, which is running a Vezzetti ticket of Joseph DellaFave in the Second Ward, Santo Milici in the Third, and Valente in the Sixth.

Ricco's Ristorante; dentist David A. Musarra; Singer's Shop; Stan's Sport Center; B & R Auto Parts; U.S. Testing; Union Dry Dock and Repair; D&F Plumbing; Johnny's Meat Market; Hoboken Glass Co. Mayo, Lynch and Associates and Poggi Press Co. each gave \$200 to \$500.

Other contributors to the Vezzetti ticket are city tax consultant Herb Fine; superintendent of the municipal garage Mario Mercado; J. Fletcher Creamer and Son, the Edgewater company that repairs many of the city's sewer and water line breaks, and Ray Korona, lawyer for the Levelling and Stabilization Board.

The expenses listed by each candidate are basically for stationery supplies, postage, telephone bills and rent for campaign headquarters.

Hoboken names and businesses are also prominent on the long list of contributors to Robert Ranieri's campaign for reelection to the state Assembly. Ranieri, who is also a city councilman at-large, leads the local Assembly candidates by thousands of dollars.

While Ranieri has raised \$31,995.63, other candidates in the county have amassed \$11,000 to \$22,000, according to the financial reports.

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Among the contributors of more than \$100 to Ranieri's campaign are: Hoboken attorneys Gerald Baker, Peter Van Schaick and Bernie Kenny Jr.; Friends of the Urban Flat, the development company of Alan Richards and Peter Bellmore; Associates P.A. Reynolds and Associates; real estate concerns Applied Housing, J.F. Fox and Hudson Place Realty, and D&F Plumbing and Heating, which contributed to the Vezzetti campaign.

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DeStefano in race against Cappiello for second time

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Hoboken and served three consecutive terms before Thomas Vezzetti dethroned him in the June runoff election.

But things change, said Pasquale DeStefano, and he believes on Nov. 5, he will do well against Cappiello and the other two candidates.

"I didn't believe in Cappiello's policies in 1967. I don't believe in them now," said the 57-year-old merchant. "That's why I'm running."

He was born and raised in the Third Ward. One of his grandfathers owned DeStefano Bakery on Jefferson Street, the other grandfather was a fruit and vegetable dealer, which accounts for most of his business background.

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He has been a mechanic for the Hoboken Fire Department for 33 years. DeStefano also sells clothes and other products in the streets of Hoboken. Because he knows so many people, he feels he can win the election, he said.

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He said his campaign is based on five main issues.

"Once in office," he said, "I will move immediately to change the form of government from the present mayor and council to a commission form."

The present form of government is too expensive and the city can no longer afford it, he said.

"I am also concerned about education. I favor an elected board where people have a say in school affairs," he said.

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He believes the sewerage system should be replaced, not repaired. "It dates back to the Civil War days in the Third Ward," he said. "We need a new system regardless of the cost."

Claiming that he would be the only independent vote in the council, he said affordable housing in the city is hard to come by now with all the proposed development along the waterfront. There should be no development on the waterfront.

DeStefano, married to Mary Lois and a father of three, said his experience as an advisor for the Boy Scouts and his years in the Panama Canal Zone while he was in the Army, would help him be a better councilman.

but Milici runs his own race

By Rose Duger

Third Ward candidate Santo Milici will go down in Hoboken history as the man who brought Ronald Reagan to town. A lecturer, commentator, and publicity agent for St. Ann's parish, Milici wrote the letter that invited Reagan to the parish feast in the summer of 1984.

Now Milici has thrown his hat into the race as one of three candidates backed by Mayor Tom Vezzetti on Nov. 5. But although he says he believes in most of the Vezzetti administration's policies, he is disturbed when people liken his race to Vezzetti's victory over former Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Milici faces Cappiello this time around. "When I'm walking around the ward, people compare the two races. But this isn't a Cappiello-Vezzetti race. It's definitely a Milici-Cappiello race."

A member of Por La Gente, Milici also volunteers his time at the Bishop Mahurter Shelter for the Homeless in Hoboken. That work echoes his philosophy based on Church doctrine.

"Christian principle says to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless," Milici said. "I want to serve the people of Hoboken. This has been my character in the past."

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Cappiello says he would serve without pay

By Margaret Schmidt

Before he became mayor of Hoboken, Steve Cappiello was an anti-administration voice on the City Council. He represented the city's Third Ward for 10 years before he ran for the highest office — a post he held for 12 years.

When Tom Vezzetti, an anti-administration councilman from the Second Ward, defeated Cappiello on June 11, the political veteran said he was no longer interested in holding local office.

Then, on Sept. 10, he announced he would again seek his old Third Ward seat.

Cappiello points to his 22 years of political experience when asked why he should be elected a councilman. He says his aim is to make the council strong. When the council makes a decision, it should be meaningful, loud and clear, he says.

Although some observers have said Cappiello's presence on the council would give him back the political power he once wielded, he stressed that he

doesn't want to take over the council.

"I want to be one of them," he says, and that he wouldn't want to be council president.

He also says he doesn't want to be called an anti-administration councilman, should he win. That, he says, would turn the race into another mayoral battle, which wouldn't be in the best interests of the city.

Cappiello, 61, was born and raised in the Third Ward and has lived there since, with the exception of his years in the U.S. Navy. He attended local schools, graduating from the old Demarest High School.

He served 13 years on the Hoboken police force, rising to the rank of sergeant, and is founder of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Credit Union, of which he has been treasurer more than 20 years.

Cappiello, who now receives a pension, has said he would serve as councilman without pay.

The former mayor has a real estate license, issued some 20

years ago, and was recently reported to be looking for office space. He has said he never used

the license while mayor. Cappiello lists the need for affordable housing, balanced by

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Steve Cappiello meets with local senior citizens at a pre-election cocktail party sponsored by the Hoboken Regular Democratic Organization.

Hoboken lawyer gives notice

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

HOBOKEN—The top city attorney gave notice yesterday that he is leaving his post in two months.

Law Department Director Frederick L. Woeckener said he had decided to step down due to the demands of his private legal practice in Jersey City.

Woeckener, appointed to the \$40,000-a-year post July 1 by Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, said he had taken the job with the understanding it was a "short-term commitment."

"In the near future, I have some very pressing private cases requiring a lot of time," he said.

But sources said the move also stems from differences with mayor-

al adviser Steve Block over the city's affordable housing plan.

The plan, drafted by Block, was unveiled at a public hearing Tuesday. Woeckener had been slated to take part, but he did not join the city officials and consultants who outlined the proposal.

In late September Woeckener, claiming Block had not consulted the department in preparing his report, had asked for at least a month to review it.

Woeckener said he was still studying the document, and expects to have a report ready for Vezzetti by mid-November. The report would not be made public until new ordinances proposed under the plan come before the City Council, he said.

Vezzetti, who received word of

Woeckener's resignation yesterday morning, praised the attorney's work in handling a backlog of pending cases and in clearing up departmental "disarray." He said he had offered Woeckener the option of taking a leave of absence, if he so desired.

"I appreciate what Fred's done for me," Vezzetti said. "Fred and I are personal friends."

The mayor said he had not thought about a choice to fill the post, but added, "I would like someone personally compatible."

Woeckener said he had given two months' notice so Vezzetti would have ample time to decide on a replacement. He said he expected to recommend a candidate, possibly from among the ranks of assistant city attorneys.

Hotel Victor joins the trend at last

Gingerbread hotel will get back some of the old spice as gentrification advances

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By Margaret Schmidt

The Hotel Victor always seemed to stay the same. Its gingerbread facade is at least a century old. The distinctive smell of frying foods is expected as the visitor passes the ground floor restaurant with its stained-glass windows boasting coats of arms.

It's always been a place for Hoboken's working man — many down and out, but some in suits in years past — who could rent a room for a night, week or month and eat downstairs.

The family-run business seemed to withstand even gentrification, remaining little changed as the so-called renaissance brought condominiums and turned neighborhood bars into social clubs.

But gentrification will indeed hit the local landmark when, in January, construction begins to renovate and restore the Hudson Place property and make it a first-class hotel.

P.A. Reynolds and Associates Inc. of Hoboken is buying the hotel for more than \$1.5 million, said Patrick Reynolds, and has already engaged an engineering firm and interior designer to plan the new hotel and cafe. The building falls within the purview of the city's Historic District Commission, so all plans must be approved by the board.

"We will retain the exterior facade," said Manhattan designer Nicholas Calder. "And we will try to retain whatever antiques we possibly can."

The five-story building is done in the Victorian style, said Eli Dresler, who is working on the building design with Glenn Golden, both of James Caulfield Associates, Hoboken. It is probably between 110 and 120 years old, he added.

Details on the facade — pitched roofs, pediments and a decorative border with classical arches, for example — are elements borrowed from different periods, as was the style in the late 19th century, Dresler added.

The interior of the building will have to be gutted, he said, but the limestone and brickwork are in excellent condition. Some rehabilitation will be done to better preserve the features of the architectural style.

"It's not an example of great architecture," Dresler said. "But no one's doing it today, and I think it's something to save."

Plans for the new hotel, however, call for 40 rooms in a 12-story building. The additional seven stories, Dresler explained, would have to be done in a way that the new structure is as "light" as possible. Thus, the base would be accentuated and enhanced.

The Historic District Commission recently rejected plans for an 11-story office building on the waterfront; it later approved modified plans for a more conservative, eight-story structure.

To keep the integrity of the building, Calder explained, he and Reynolds have settled on a "clean kind of Art Deco" style for the rooms. The style will allow for an antique character, fitting in with the historic nature of the hotel.

"It's an exciting project," he said, noting that anything that can be saved from the current interior will be reused. The stained-glass in the restaurant, for example, may be used in another part of the hotel. An antique box with string plugs that once served as an in-house telephone system, moldings and wainscoting will be preserved if possible.

"They get the hotel as is," said Kenneth Rivara, owner and manager of the hotel and restaurant for about 50 years. "All I'm taking is a few memories — that's all."

Rivara's father, Victor, opened the hotel in 1928 and it has always catered to the working man, Rivara said. "It's a type of operation," he added with a touch of melancholy, "is going out of style."

His father bought the building in 1917 when it was a tenement. Victor Rivara also owned the historic Lyric Theater, next door to the corner hotel on Hudson Street.

The Lyric, which was famed as a vaudeville house and once hosted 19th century singer/actress Lily Langtry, was torn down in the early 1940s, but a post from the building still stands on the parking lot there.

The theater was the victim of experimentation, Rivara said. The installation of a Vitaphone system for talking pictures ruined the inside and the cost to restore it was prohibitive. So during the Depression, his father gave it up for taxes.

The hotel may have hosted actors who performed at the Lyric, Rivara said, but he didn't know for certain. Businessmen

and other single men often stayed at the Victor in the past, but, as lifestyles changed, so did the clientele.

Many of the men who rent rooms now are senior citizens for example, or others on limited income.

Single rooms start at \$15 a night and \$90 a week, Rivara said.

Mayor Thomas Vezetti, who inherited the Madison, then a flophouse, from his father, said the Rivaras have operated the hotel with kindness for men who may have been down on their luck.

"He does nice things for people," Vezetti said.

The hotel has always been for men only, Rivara explained, since bathing facilities are by floor. Each room, however, has hot and cold running water.

The men who now rent at the Victor will probably have to fend for themselves when the building closes, officials said.

Both Reynolds and Rivara have said they bear no responsibility to the men, especially since the building is a hotel, not an apartment house.

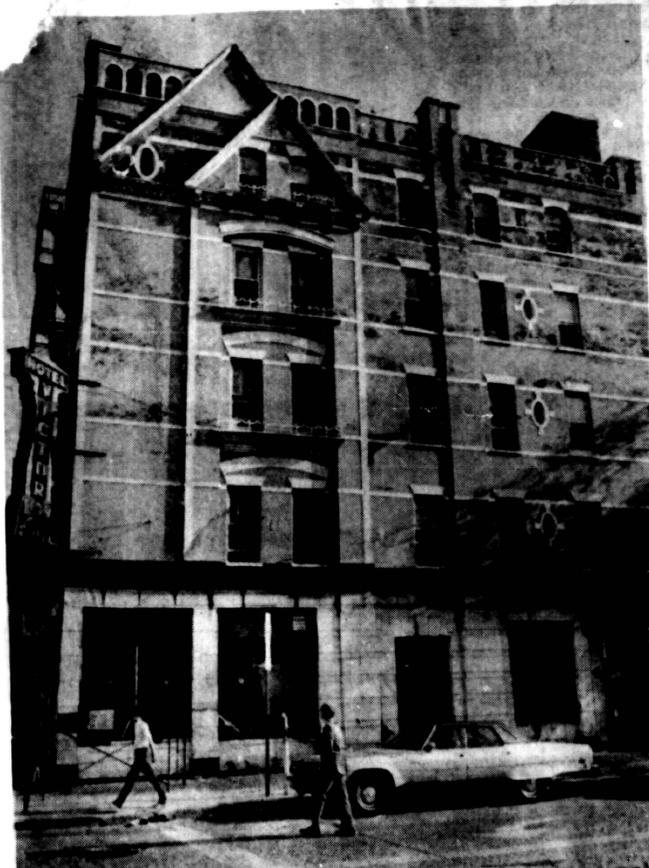
Tom Oliveri of the city's relocation office at the Community Development Agency and Sister Norberta Hunnewinkel of the Bishop Mahurter Shelter for the homeless said they would try to help anyone who came to them needing places to live. They, however, how inundated they already are with people needing permanent places to live or temporary shelter.

The problem will probably be compounded since the closing is scheduled for January, during the busy winter months, they added.

"It's another shame," said Vezetti. "All those poor people are going to be chased out."

The Victor is one of the last two hotels in the city, along with the Edwards Hotel across the street on Hudson Street.

The city once boasted several hotels including some that have been torn down, such as riverfront hotels for sailors and the lavish Myers Hotel, and others that have been converted. The old Grand Hotel now rents luxury apartments, and the old American Hotel is an office building. The Pinter Hotel was the site of a fire in 1983 that killed a dozen of its clients, mostly families on welfare.

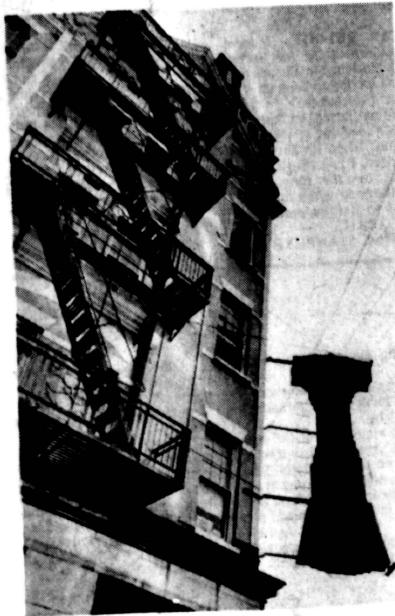


The Hotel Victor, long a fixture in Hoboken, is getting a face lift. The Victorian facade will be refurbished but will retain its gingerbread character.



The bar at the Hotel Victor, a popular watering hole for Hoboken's working men, will be gutted and rebuilt.

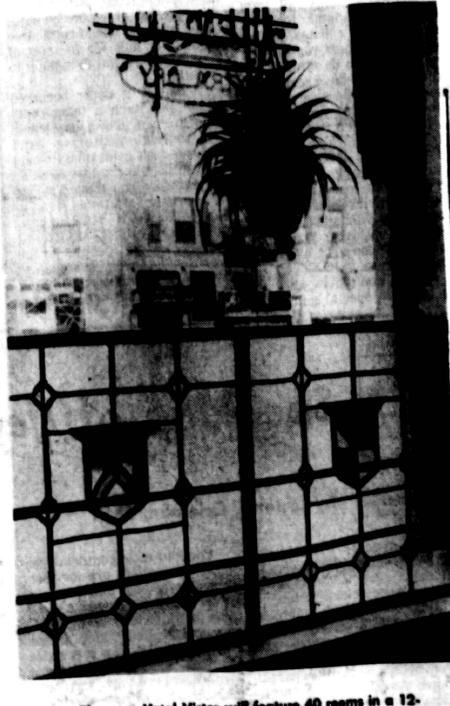
Photos by Wally Hennig



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Sixth Ward contest too close to call

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The Sixth Ward council race in Hoboken is seen as head-to-head by all but the most optimistic political supporters, observers agree.

Appointed Councilman Angelo Valente, on the ticket put together by Mayor Thomas Vezetti, meets businessman David Roberts in the contest Nov. 5. Neither side predicts a wide margin of victory.

The seat was vacated by Patrick Pasculli, who was inaugurated into an at-large

council post July 1. The term expires June 30, 1987.

The race originally had three participants, but candidate John Sogliuzzo was disqualified by the county Board of Elections in late September because he hasn't lived in the ward the full year required by law.

Both Valente and Roberts have complained of dirty tactics in the election but don't accuse each other. They each say their opponent is respectable and honest.

Hoboken 6th Ward race features unusual

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By GAIL FRIEDMAN

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The only one-on-one City Council race here, the 6th Ward contest also features a rarity in Hudson County politics — a Republican who has crossed over into the Democratic camp.

Facing off in the Nov. 5 election are Firefighter David Roberts, a newly-minted Democrat making his first try for public office, and Angelo Valente, the Republican incumbent backed by Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti.

Although the Democrats are not trumpeting it, Roberts, 29, changed party registrations just before filing his nominating petition. He said the switch was spurred by GOP policies that threaten government aid to cities like this one, and he stressed that he is running as an independent candidate who does not "owe anybody anything."

Anthony R. Cueli, the Democratic mayor of neighboring Jersey City, has endorsed him, and a flock of party stalwarts have enlisted in the campaign.

But despite a citywide Democratic voter registration of at least 75 percent, many say party tags are not the bottom line in this nominally nonpartisan council election, where the issues and candidates are well-known.

"On a local level, party lines have nothing to do with the issues that are facing us," said Valente, who works as a consultant to the state GOP committee.

Valente two years ago made an unsuccessful bid against Patrick Pasculli for the 6th Ward seat. He was appointed to the post by Vezetti in July, after Pasculli was elected councilman-at-large, running on the mayor's slate. Pasculli later broke ranks with the administration, and his brother, Nick, is managing Roberts' campaign.

The 6th Ward race turned into a two-man showdown last month, when a court residency challenge brought by critics of the administration knocked a third candidate, Democrat John Sogliuzzo, off the ballot. Sogliuzzo's departure is said to have helped boost Roberts' chances.

Valente, 33, is running on his

record, emphasizing his performance both as a councilman and as a founding member of the Hoboken Neighborhood Alliance.

"I've been working in the community for years to see through many things that have had an impact on the lives of people," he said, citing as an example the installation of three playgrounds in the city's public housing projects.

Valente, running under Vezetti's "Continue the Victory" banner, said he is "in tune" with the mayor's position supporting reform government and a referendum calling for an expanded appointive school board.

He also stands behind the administration's affordable housing plan, but said it needs work before it goes to the council for a vote.

Roberts, the owner of the Hoboken Daily News shop on Washington Street, said property tax revaluation as the most pressing is-

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He has staked out a position akin to that of anti-administration Councilman E. Norman Wilson Jr. and Robert A. Ranieri in urging the bids on a new revaluation be taken.

The county tax board, however, has ordered the long-delayed process to be started immediately by the city assessor.

Calling Vezetti's housing plan "intrusive," Roberts suggested letting private contractors build affordable homes on city-owned land as soon as possible. He said he favors waterfront development to bring in retail, but wants to see the \$500 million Port Authority of New York and New Jersey project scaled down somewhat.

Roberts is a proponent of a municipal ethics code, now being discussed by council members and the Law Department. He also backs the referendum for an elected Board of Education, saying it would give parents a choice in how the schools are run.

City to spend \$31G to 'deck the halls'

J.S. 10/16/85

By Margaret Schmidt

Holiday displays to brighten up Washington and First streets in Hoboken have been ordered, with delivery expected next month.

The city Community Development Agency has ordered 75 items, including 7-foot scrolls with lanterns and 15-foot pole wraps of snow-tipped garlands, while the Hoboken Professional and Retail Business Association has ordered 43 items, said CDA principal planner Donald Liloia.

CDA will spend about \$19,000, and the business group will spend about \$12,000, he said.

The City Council has awarded a contract for the decorations to Carpenter Decorating Company, Hickory, N.C.

Councilman Angelo Valente has been working to get decorations to stretch across Washington Street at Newark and 14th streets. The signs would read "Happy Holidays" and "Seasons Greetings." The city would order those decorations independent of the CDA, Liloia said.

The scrolls and lanterns will be on Public Service Electric & Gas light poles along

'Deck the halls'

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Washington Street from Newark to 14th streets and along First Street from Washington Street to Willow Avenue. Some problems with connections may mean that all of the decorations aren't used until next year.

The business merchants association has offered to create a storage area for the decorations so they are kept safe from year to year, said president Frank Ruggiero.

Hoboken Public Works to be reshaped

By Rose Dager

Hoboken officials yesterday released a plan to restructure six branches of the Department of Public Works.

Designed to clarify departmental duties, the plan establishes a chain of command with six section directors answering to Public Works Director Peter Alicandri. Affected sections are general maintenance and superintendents and, under environmental services, health, code enforcement, welfare, welfare, and recreation.

Fleet maintenance will operate independently of Alicandri, although it is based in the Public Works garage.

Alicandri developed the chart in the two months since he

was appointed director. He said it replaces a system that wasn't a structure as such.

"This is an inter-divisional approach to problems," he said. "I watched every operation to see how they are functionally interrelated. The purpose is to create zones of responsibility known to the workers and community."

The new structure places several more divisions under Alicandri than was in the original reorganization plan announced after the Vezzetti administration took office.

The administration proposed placing health, welfare, and environmental services under Business Administrator Edwin Chius. Chius said that, as of yesterday, those

services are still under Public Works.

Alicandri said he anticipates no major personnel shake-ups other than reducing the number of part-time employees.

Qualified full-timers may receive offers to transfer to other branches, Alicandri said.

The changes will not affect the present municipal budget, although Alicandri said he has instructed division heads to make recommendations on future hiring and equipment

purchases.

Under the new plan, three of the six sections have been split into subdivisions. General maintenance has been divided into traffic and signals and maintenance, superintendents into sewers, cleaning, water, and parks, and health into street inspections, board of health, public nurse, and visiting nurse. The subdivisions should

simplify residents' complaints by channeling them immediately into the proper offices, he said.

More than 100 employees are affected by the reorganization.

"This plan isn't cast in stone," Alicandri said. "We acknowledge changes may be required, but the plan is fundamentally sound."

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City attorney tells Vezzetti he'll quit

By Rose Dager

Hoboken city attorney Fred Woeckener yesterday announced that he would quit by the end of the year.

Woeckener said he notified Mayor Tom Vezzetti yesterday. He hadn't decided on the exact date the resignation will take effect, he added.

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Hoboken Violations Bureau beset by overload in scofflaw drive

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken coffers are getting richer, and city workers are getting overloaded as the scofflaw drive continues. The city violations bureau has taken in \$75,262 in the last six working days — more than it usually sees in a month — and not all the fines have been opened yet, officials said.

Drivers wishing to plead innocent to summonses packed the municipal courtroom the last two days only to be turned away because the municipal court judge, Peter Giordano, was out sick and original copies of the tickets had to be pulled from files.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius scheduled a meeting with court personnel for next week to discuss the drive. One person may be hired to work at the violations bureau and other city employees may be transferred to the department to alleviate the burden, he said.

The Clifton-based Computil computer firm, working in conjunction with Municipal Judge Peter Giordano, sent out 9,000 failure-to-appear summonses recently for motor vehicle violations dating back several years, officials said.

Three thousand summonses instructed drivers to reports to court Thursday, and 2,000 had Friday's date, they said. As a result, hundreds of drivers who either said they already paid the tickets or had no recollection of them went to court.

Court was cancelled Thursday because Giordano was out sick; yesterday the drivers were sent away by acting Judge Ross London because court copies of the tickets are still in city files and have to



Employees at Hoboken's Violations Bureau say they're "shell-shocked" from collecting some \$15,000 a day in traffic fines during the agency's drive to collect unpaid scofflaw fines.

be pulled.

Violations bureau staffers took each person's name, address and drivers' license number so the tickets could be taken out of the old files. Members of the bureau — there are currently six —

reported feeling "shell-shocked" by the end of the afternoon since about \$15,000 comes across the court counter each day and it's a rare moment when fewer than three people are on line. They also said regular work is

neglected because of the scofflaw push.

The city is under Superior Court orders to eliminate its backlog. It has hired Computil, which receives 15 percent of the money received, to aid in the process.

Clear-cut choice in Sixth Ward

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the city is "filled with new hope, a hope that Hoboken will become a new city."

The first topic discussed was the waterfront and its proposed development.

"It's a good plan," Roberts said, "but we have to scale it down."

Roberts said the development would generate 10,000 temporary and 4,000 permanent jobs and give the city an opportunity to upgrade its sewerage system.

Anything that's put on the waterfront, it has to benefit all of the people of Hoboken," Valente said. He added he is "very proud" of the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee, which is composed of city residents.

When asked about placing

low-income housing on the waterfront, Valente said he would have to "see what type of benefits" it would provide, and "look at what's going to be most beneficial."

"I am opposed to developing this on the waterfront," Robert said. "The waterfront is the most marketable piece of property in the country. We have to find other areas of the city."

The candidates were asked if they supported the administration's recently proposed affordable housing plan.

Roberts said he rejects the plan because it was developed by Steve Block, whom he called "not qualified." He added he would support a plan if it was first approved by the city Law Department.

Valente said he supports the plan which calls for developers

to provide a portion of their units for low-income tenants and contributions by developers to a city housing trust fund.

Meanwhile, Valente said he "firmly supports" Councilman Pat Pasculli's code of ethics and financial disclosure statement of city employees.

Roberts said he also supports the code, but he hasn't seen anyone submit one. Immediately after making the statement, he pulled an envelope from his breast pocket and submitted his financial disclosure statement to the panel of reporters asking questions.

Both candidates were asked if they would constantly vote for proposals from the administration.

"I am an independent can-

didate," Roberts said. "I will represent the Sixth Ward. If the Vezzetti administration has a proposal that will benefit the residents of the Sixth Ward, I will vote for it."

"I agree," Valente said. "I will vote for what's best for the Sixth Ward and my past performance will prove that."

When asked if he supports condemning existing homes to make way for affordable housing, Roberts said he was opposed to such a proposal.

Valente agreed. "Hoboken property owners have nothing to fear."

The debate was sponsored by the Hoboken Environment Committee, the Hoboken Neighborhood Alliance and Help Hoboken Housing.

Bado fights to keep CDA directorship

By Rose Dager

The director of Hoboken's Community Development Agency and Mayor Thomas Vezzetti locked horns yesterday over Vezzetti's attempt to fire him.

In a closed hearing, CDA Director Fred Bado and his attorney, Bernard Kenny, reportedly demanded that Bado be kept in the post until the City Council approves a new director.

While both Kenny and city officials agreed not to disclose exact proceedings, Kenny admitted that the hearing concerned the letter Vezzetti wrote last week.

"It was illegal and unfair," Kenny said following the hearing. "We object to that procedure. We request that he (Bado) remain in that position until a successor is named."

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Bado fights for his job

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Vezzetti declined to discuss the hearing, saying he "can't comment at all about personnel matters."

Several weeks ago Vezzetti attempted to appoint Michael Coleman, head of the CDA transition team, as director. Coleman had served as director of Hoboken's Model Cities program, begun in 1967.

The City Council refused to approve Coleman as head of the agency, prompting Vezzetti supporters to storm from the meeting.

The resolution is scheduled

to come up again at the Nov. 6 meeting.

Vezzetti's letter reportedly cited reorganization plans as the reason for Bado's firing. The mayor also thanked him for nearly 10 years of service. After writing the letter, Vezzetti declined to link Bado's firing with the council's refusal to appoint Coleman.

Kenny said no decision was made, but it gave his client an opportunity to be heard.

"He (Bado) has worked competently and diligently as CDA director for some time," Kenny said. "It was a good hearing. I think we established a good record. But everything is still status quo."

Also attending the closed hearing were city attorney Fred Woeckener, business administrator Edwin Chius, and Vezzetti aide Mike Aquaviva.



David Roberts, left, a candidate for Hoboken's Sixth Ward Council seat, listens closely as Councilman Angelo Valente responds to questions from the panel, right.

Clear-cut choice in Sixth Ward

By Rick Tosches

Hoboken Councilman Angelo Valente claims there's a new spirit growing under the present administration while challenger David Roberts believes he can supply independent leadership in the city's Sixth Ward.

That's what the candidates for the Sixth Ward council seat said during last night's debate at the Union Club. They face each other in Tuesday's elections.

Valente called his four months in office "a privilege to serve" and looked forward to a full term in office. Valente was named councilman following the

July election in which Mayor Thomas Vezzetti, whom Valente supports, defeated Mayor Steve Cappiello.

"I am proud of what we've been able to accomplish,"

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Valente said. "We've expanded services while cutting \$50,000 from the budget. I believe there is a new spirit in Hoboken and we will continue building."

"I hope that my positions

reflect the concerns of the Sixth Ward," Roberts said. Roberts said that if he's elected, he will be dedicated to improving the school system and establishing new recreation programs.

"I will offer you what is sorely needed, independent leadership," Roberts said.

In his opening remarks, Roberts said that he is "proud of our city" but "concerned with the lack of direction and the chaos of the current city council."

Valente, meanwhile, said

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Cappiello defends his record as mayor in 3rd Ward debate

By MARITES CHIRCOOD

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Former Mayor Steve Cappiello spent a major part of last night's 3rd Ward City Council race debate defending his administration's policies.

Santo Milici, who is backed by Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, emphasized the new course brought about by the change in government.

Meanwhile, the two other candidates in the election Tuesday, Frank Raia and Pasquale DeStefano, who are running as independents, separated themselves from both camps.

"My record as mayor and as a councilman, I feel very justified about," Cappiello said in his opening statement.

Milici said pro-development policies under the Cappiello administration brought about displacement. "Though they did not foster it, they did nothing to curtail it," he said.

Raia, who is a developer, offered himself as an alternative to Cappiello's "routine," while DeStefano, who had backed Vezzetti, said he broke away from the current mayor's camp after seeing "incompetence."

The issues discussed by the candidates ranged from what they called the uneven tax structure to

the parking problem.

Raia said condominium owners are paying more taxes than homeowners because of the tax abatements given by the Cappiello administration to developers. He said the pending revaluation would resolve the inequities.

DeStefano said condo owners should not pay more taxes than homeowners if they live on their property and do not profit from it.

Cappiello said the tax abatements were necessary to encourage developers to build moderate-income housing. More development, he said, will increase the tax base and lessen the burden on everyone.

Milici said taxes will be lowered if school and municipal spending are lowered.

While criticizing Vezzetti's intended appointments to the Board of Education, Cappiello said the voters should decide the issue through referendum. He said a representative from the 3rd Ward is needed.

Milici defended Vezzetti's choices, stating that the best-qualified people should be on the board, regardless of their ward.

DeStefano and Raia said the board should be an elected body to discourage patronage.



FORMER HOBOKEN MAYOR Steve Cappiello, left, joins other 3rd Ward City Council candidates at a debate last night. Seated, from left, are Frank Raia, Santo Milici and Pasquale DeStefano.

Raia: 'I'm not a developer, I'm a person who cares about the city'



Frank "Pupie" Raia, who has developed the old Sadie Leinkauf School into condominiums, inspects a model apartment.

By Margaret Schmidt

A businessman's perspective. That's what Frank "Pupie" Raia promises he'll bring to the Hoboken City Council, should he win the Third Ward election.

"I have a knowledge of budgeting," he says, "and I have a knowledge of housing."

The 34-year-old owner of Sassy Fabrics, 1500 Hudson St., and partner in the conversion of the old Sadie Leinkauf School into condominiums, Raia says the council needs someone who has successfully managed his own businesses. Managing the city, he says, means managing a \$23 million budget.

He has promised to donate the \$11,000 annual councilman's salary to local recreation groups, saying he is already a millionaire and thinks the money should go where it's most needed.

Raia, sponsor of several football, baseball, softball and basketball teams, lists the need for better recreation facilities and programs as his top concern.

"Right now, they (the city) are telling teenagers to go out on the streets and get drunk and get high," he says. "With better organization, recreation can change that."

He suggests establishing city teams that can use Veterans Stadium at night, now that new lighting has been installed, and the opening of a multi-service center for activities geared to teenagers.

He supports an elected board of education and says the

city's "inferior" school system is a major problem.

"Right now, they are telling teenagers to go out on the streets and get drunk and get high. With better organization, recreation can change that."

On education and jobs, Raia suggests the creation of an apprenticeship program, run by the city, to provide training in the building and construction trades. He would model the program after one he and his partners in Citadel Developers Inc. used to rehabilitate the Leinkauf school.

"We put 25 local Hoboken Hispanics and blacks on our payroll," he says. "We trained them to be carpenters, sheetrockers, tapers," etc. When the project is completed, the men will have new skills to seek work."

Raia, a lifelong resident of the Third Ward, attended the Leinkauf school, Demarest High School and then Hoboken High School. He skipped three times, he says, to finish high school at age 15. After graduation in 1968, he attended the School of

Business Machines in Jersey City where he studied computers.

Raia says his mother called him "Pupie" when he was a child, but he insists he doesn't know why.

Although his Leinkauf project is his most important now, he says he doesn't want to be thought of as a "developer."

"I'm not a developer," he says. "I'm a person who cares about the city."

Housing is top issue in 2nd Ward

By Margaret Schmidt

The Vezzetti administration was on trial last night as candidates for Hoboken's Second Ward council seat debated the goals of the administration more than each other.

Four of the six candidates attended the debate in which an emphasis was on the plan for affordable housing released

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recently by the Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's office.

The 100 to 150 members of the audience at the YMCA joined in the criticism, hurling accusations until moderator John Catrambone vowed to give candidates an extra minute for each interruption.

Supporters of the administration were also vocal, cheering almost every time appointed Councilman Joseph DellaFave spoke.

Candidate Ruben Rivera

began the attacks on the administration in his opening remarks when he compared Vezzetti's campaign rhetoric in his bid for the Second Ward seat two years ago with his goals now.

The most heated exchanges came over the housing plan, the centerpiece of which is developer givebacks in the form of cash, units, land or vacant buildings.

"It's a Communist move," said Rivera. "We live in America, not the Soviet Union." Implementation of the plan, he said, would mean the death of the American dream that someday we will all own a house in Hoboken."

DellaFave responded that the plan "is a damn good plan for the citizens of Hoboken who can't afford \$200,000 condominiums."

Developers are reapin tremendous profits in Hoboken he continued. "It won't hurt them to give something back to the city."

"Is there something wrong

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with that?" he asked, and the crowd answered, "Yes. Yes." "Is that Communist?" he asked, and members of the audience shouted it was and chanted, "It's extortion."

Some developers have already said they could and would work with the city under such a plan, DellaFave responded.

The candidates agreed there is a need for affordable housing in the city. Michael Mastropasqua, however, defined the need according to middle-income, rather than low- and middle-income families. He told the audience that he would support a plan to create housing for families earning \$20,000 to \$30,000 or \$35,000 a year.

He and James Roarty said they don't believe low-income housing should be built on the Hudson River waterfront. The area is prime land that should be reserved for private projects bringing ratables to the city, they argued.

DellaFave said he isn't opposed to placing such housing on the waterfront but didn't see it as a need. "We have to use our resources to the best of our abilities," he said.

Other issues debated were parking, the conditions of Elysiun Park and education.

Roarty proposed agreements between the city and the A&P and Rite Aid, so that Second Ward residents can park in the stores' lots from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. "Second Ward residents are all customers there," he said.

Mastropasqua and DellaFave suggested a system of paid parking permits so that residents have first priority for street parking.

On the park, the candidates noted the need to overhaul the area, maintain it better and have tighter security. Curfews should be enforced, Mastropasqua said. DellaFave and Roarty said security in the parks should be better when 26 new police officers begin patrol duty in mid-December.

On education, Rivera, Roarty, and Mastropasqua said they support an elected board of education. DellaFave said he supports an appointed board and the expansion from seven to nine members as proposed by the Vezzetti administration.

An elected board would mean "accountability" by board members to the people and children of Hoboken, Mastropasqua said, while DellaFave argued that elections put a risk factor into the system. Vezzetti is committed to appointing competent members, he said, while elections will only add more politics and would mean another takeover of the board by "the political machine."

Rivera only stayed for half the debate, saying he had a 10 p.m. appointment. Candidates Michael Schaffer and Margaret O'Brien didn't attend. Organizers said they didn't know why, although O'Brien has unofficially dropped from the race, citing budget problems.

Roberts has ear to ground as owner of news store

By Rose Duger

Sixth Ward council candidate Dave Roberts didn't have to brush up on the issues to prepare his campaign platform. As owner of Hoboken Daily News, a store on Washington Street, he's been listening to Hoboken residents discuss what concerns them most.

He's targeted five issues to speak out on: housing, waterfront development, revaluation of property, education, and a code of ethics for municipal employees.

Of those, he's linked waterfront development with the tax revaluation. He opposes the proposed update of three-year-old revaluation submitted by Landmark Appraisals.

"I think the revaluation concerns residents of the ward the most," Roberts said. "Naturally, it's going to be saving or costing us money."

"On the waterfront, I think projects should make money for the city. We desperately need ratables. We need something to help us with the tax burden."

As a homeowner in Hoboken for two years, Roberts is familiar with the concerns residents have about the tax revaluation. A lifelong Hoboken resident, Roberts, 28, has been a fireman since 1981.

He was graduated from Hoboken High School and attended Jersey City State College



Sixth Ward council hopeful Dave Roberts discusses issues with a Hoboken resident.

to study business. Roberts also managed his family's business, Umland's (now East L.A.) for five years.

The council race is Roberts' first foray into the political arena. He decided to run in order to "offer some stability the council is lacking."

"I would be an independent councilman," Roberts said. "I would base my decisions on how they affect the Sixth Ward. I would vote for (Mayor Tom) Vezzetti's policies if they would benefit the ward. But I would not be part of a bloc either with or against the administration."

If elected, Roberts has pledged to voluntarily submit a financial disclosure statement to the council. He said he hopes it would serve as an example for other council members to approve an ordinance requiring city officials to submit statements.

On housing, Roberts favors

development so long as it doesn't displace Hoboken residents, while he said citizens should have the opportunity to vote on the Board of Education's annual budget.

"I would be an independent councilman. I would base my decisions on how they affect the Sixth Ward."

Roberts serves with several community groups, including the Hoboken Lions and Elks clubs, Hoboken Retail Business Association, and as a trustee for the Hoboken Industry School.

is top issue in Second Ward



Appointed Councilman Joseph DellaFave responds to a question at last night's debate while, left, candidates Michael Mastropasqua, moderator John Catrambone, and candidates James Roarty and Ruben Rivera listen.



Angelo Valente, who was appointed to fill the Sixth Ward Council seat July 1, picks up his mail at City Hall.

Peripatetic Valente believes he feels "pulse of city"

By Margaret Schmidt

If Tom Vezzetti is the walking mayor, Angelo Valente is the walking councilman.

In four months as appointed councilman in the Sixth Ward, Valente has walked hundreds of miles. It seems, in fact, that he can't keep still, as he always asks reporters to interview him on the go — touring a park or hiking up and down Washington Street, for example.

He seems puzzled when asked about his penchant for constant movement, then talks about his desire to work. "It's a desire to see things happen," he says.

Plus, he says, by walking around the city, people get to know him, he learns "the pulse of the city."

Asked how his energy has translated into action in his four months on the council, Valente points to new lighting in Church Square Park and an effort to put "Slow" and "No trucks" signs in different areas of the city. And, he talks about helping a disabled man get a handicapped parking space in front of his home and other seemingly small tasks such as calling the Public Works Department when residents complain about litter.

"They're simple things," he

says, "but they mean so much."

The main accomplishment of the new administration, he claims, is a "new spirit" throughout the city. People aren't afraid to participate in government, he says, or to criticize.

"Constructive criticism is healthy," he says.

Valente, at 22 the youngest member of the city council, was appointed July 1 to fill the post vacated when Councilman Patrick Pasculli was elected to an at-large seat. Pasculli supported Valente, Vezzetti's choice, but has officially stayed neutral in the special election.

His age, Valente says, is no barrier to fulfilling the duties of councilman. Experience and energy make up for years, he says, noting that he has been active in city issues since he formed the Young People's Action Organization in his mid-teens.

A Republican, he is coordinating the Essex County campaign for the reelection of Gov. Thomas Kean. In 1984, the state Department of Community Affairs named him to the Hoboken Housing Authority, where he serves as a commissioner. His status there, along with Councilman Anthony Romano has

been questioned recently since the state law requires that only one city councilman be on the authority.

He has been criticized as being too ambitious. He responds that his only ambitions now are to win election to the City Council and work for his constituents.

Being on the council, he says, "is an honor to me."

Challengers OK'd for board vote

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By BETH KURLAN
Staff Writer

The Citizens for Quality Education can have challengers at the polls for the public referendum for an expanded Board of Education in Hoboken, the county's top judge ruled yesterday.

Gerard Costa of Hoboken had filed for permission to assign opponent challengers on the board expansion question for Tuesday's election, but the Board of Elections rejected his application because it was received the day after the Oct. 22 deadline for such requests.

Patricia Pope, the wife of board President John Pope, was listed for the challengers on the referendum to expand the current school board from seven to nine members, even though she was one of the persons behind the successful campaign for another referendum seeking an elected school board. Pope also is listed as seeking permission to name challengers on that referendum.

Pope backed off her application yesterday for permission to name challengers on the expanded school board, and she asked that Costa be permitted to handle the challengers on this question.

Assignment Judge David Ives Humphreys of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City granted Costa permission to post challengers after listening to testimony from Richard Cullen, the clerk of the election board, who said that body had no objection to the change.

The action allows Costa to post two challengers in each of Hoboken's 28 election districts.

Challengers monitor those who come in to vote and can demand additional proof of residency in the district if they believe the individual does not live there.

Hoboken to implement housing plan

Hoboken officials hope to begin work soon to implement the affordable housing plan that was the subject of a heated public hearing Tuesday night. Mayor Thomas Vezzezzetti said yesterday that the next step is to review comments from the hearing, revise the plan and officials were pleased with the hearing and said they found a great deal of support from the

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hundreds of residents who crowded Hoboken High School auditorium.

Opponents of the plan, however, said dissatisfaction outweighed support at the hearing and added that they hope their comments will be considered.

"I don't see, quite frankly, the need to alter it (the plan) substantially," said Steve Block, the consultant who worked with housing experts to formulate the plan. He said he hopes to have at least one ordinance before the City Council by the Nov. 20 meeting.

The administration must, he said, work to allay the fears of homeowners who have heard that the plan will hurt them financially and may even result in the confiscation of their property — which he considers scare tactics.

The thrust of the 50-page plan is that developers of housing and commercial projects should give money, land, buildings or dwelling units to the city to create affordable housing. Two ordinances for council consideration would set up a housing trust fund and prohibit apartment "warehousing" in multi-family buildings. Warehousing is sometimes used to clear a building for condominium conversion. Apartments are left vacant until all tenants are out.

Another step toward implementing the plan, Block and Vezzezzetti said, will come once the Community Development Agency undergoes a reorganization.

Vezzezzetti has chosen Michael

Coleman as interim director of the agency and fired the current director, Fred Bado. Bado's discharge will be final Nov. 6 unless the City Council votes by a two-thirds majority to override the mayor. It is unclear whether Vezzezzetti can name an acting director or make an appointment subject to council approval.

Suzanne Warren spokeswoman for Help Hoboken Housing, a group opposed to the plan, called Tuesday's hearing a farce and accused officials of running a "banana republic."

"What they're saying," she said, "is, 'We really didn't care what they thought to begin with.'"

The elected officials aren't representing all their constituents, she charged, adding "They're going to ignore us because they don't want to hear what we're going to say."

Vezzezzetti countered that he has an obligation to listen to all segments of Hoboken and that HHH really represents business interests. His responsibilities as mayor, he said, have changed his outlook even from his own experience as Second Ward councilman. Then, he was more interested in looking at things politically, he said. Opponents of the plan are too rigid in their attitudes, he said.

Warren acknowledged that the group had organized its opposition for the hearing. The intent, she said, was to be as visible as possible to get the message through that opponents won't "roll over and die on this thing."

Strong objections are expected when legislation goes before the council. Should ordinances be adopted, they will be fought in court, observers agree, a process that could stall or stop the housing plans. — Margaret Schmidt

'Welcome to your city hall': Admission restricted

By GAIL FRIEDMAN Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—When he took office four months ago, Mayor Thomas F.

Vezzezzetti symbolized his hope of opening up government to everyone by rewording the inscription above the City Hall clock.

But the times are changing.

On Wednesday, a mayoral memo went out to department heads, telling them they are responsible for keeping out of City Hall offices anyone but municipal employees, elected officials and members of the public on "legitimate city business."

"You just can't have people sitting in an office using city equipment," he said.

But as Cappiello tells it, he was on the phone with Vezzezzetti's secretary, getting information about the city hospitalization insurance package.

"There were employees there," Cappiello said.

Vezzezzetti "has been using city phones for the last 12 years of my administration," said Cappiello, who is now running for the 3rd Ward City Council seat.

Cappiello theorizes that the memo was not directed at him so much as at "the people who are bullhounding" Vezzezzetti.

Weik, better known around the city as "BB," often pits his own bullhorn-amplified political commentary against Vezzezzetti's. He said he and the mayor have traded personal insults, but "I could do this because he's an elected official, and he can't do it to me because I'm a citizen."

Weik, who describes his occupation as "unemployed" and says his principal residence is in Nazareth, Pa., acknowledges he has come to City Hall every day "since 1947, when we beat (former Mayor Bernard) McFeely."

But he denies having harassed employees there. For example, Weik said he was in the building today to deliver a bullhorn to a city

Hoboken auctions alley strips

By Margaret Schmidt

Five Hoboken homeowners bought tax liens on strips of land in their backyards, while the city took possession of liens on 41 other tiny lots at a tax sale Wednesday.

The lots are about 100 square feet and were intended to be strung together to form alleys nearly two centuries ago. The alleys were never made and the land, listed in tax records as the property of the Hoboken Land Improvement Company, was never taxed.

Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte began assessing the property a few years ago when he learned representatives of the Hoboken Land Improvement were offering to sell deeds to the strips.

The company didn't pay the property taxes, said president Gilbert Chamberlin, a Cranford lawyer, because it has taken the position that it doesn't know if its deeds "are worth the paper they're written on."

The owners owe a total \$2,793.86 on the 46 lots, according to tax records.

City officials have been working to devise a way in which

the people who own the property leading to the tiny lots can take possession to them at the least expense.

The five homeowners who purchased tax liens paid \$35.19 to \$84.86, depending on the size of the lot, according to tax records. The other liens were taken by the city since no one purchased them.

The liens "in no way" give the homeowners the rights to the strips, said tax collector Louis P. Picardo. In two years they can institute foreclosure proceedings if Hoboken Land Improvement doesn't pay the debt, he said.

The Hoboken Land Improvement Company is a successor of the 1838 company formed by the Stevens family to hold its assets, including most of the land that is now Hoboken. Then the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, it sold lots to individuals until it was dissolved in 1946.

Property holdings were then sold to the real estate company Webb and Napp, Chamberlin said, but some hidden assets, including the backyard strips, were placed in a new company, Hoboken Land Improvement.

The chunks — generally 5-

by-100 feet, leaving the standard

20-by-100 feet lot at 20-by-66 feet

— may legally belong to the homeowners, if they have been using them, through the law of adverse possession, Chamberlin added.

Taxpayers billed for flyer battle

The battle of the flyers in Hoboken will cost the city about \$5,000, officials have said.

About 20,000 flyers were printed by order of the mayor's office to counter flyers attacking the affordable housing plan unveiled last month.

Both sets of flyers were inserted in a local newspaper for distribution.

The original flyer, which appeared Oct. 16, was paid for by Help Hoboken Housing, a group opposing the plan. The plan calls for developer givebacks in the form of cash, units, vacant

buildings or land and outlines other methods to increase the number of housing units available for families earning up to \$30,000 a year.

The HHH flyer called the plan a "hoax" and said that if it is implemented through City Council approvals, development will decline; property values will drop; taxes will rise, and homeowners will be hurt.

Steve Block, who coordinated the effort to put a plan together, wrote a rebuttal released Oct. 22, that said the plan will "help homeowners and

tenants participate in Hoboken's continued growth."

Block said yesterday he didn't bill the city for writing the flyer and knew nothing of any bills for typesetting or printing it. He defended the city's paying for it, however, saying, "The city had a legitimate interest in advertising its plan."

The city hasn't received any bills for the work, said Business Administrator Edwin Chius. He called Progress Printing in Jersey City to find out how much it would be and was told the bill hadn't been calculated, he said.

He estimated the printing would be \$3,000, but didn't have an estimate for the typesetting.

Two sources, however, said a bill for \$5,000 had already been submitted to the mayor's office.

Some opposition to the payment is expected as many opponents of the administration accuse the mayor's office of using the plan as election-time rhetoric. The administration has denied the plan is in any way connected with campaigning for three council seats up in Tuesday's election. — Margaret Schmidt

Big vote expected at Hoboken polls

By Margaret Schmidt

Voter turnout in Hudson County tomorrow is expected to be heaviest in Hoboken, West New York and Union City, where local issues have attracted widespread attention.

Joseph Brady, county superintendent of elections, predicted the local races and referenda "might generate a heavier vote" in the cities than in other municipalities.

In Hoboken, three council seats and two referenda on

Board of Education are on the ballot. One commissioner's seat is up in West New York, and in Union City there are two public questions regarding the form of government and election procedures.

Also on the ballot are the gubernatorial race between incumbent Thomas Kean, a Republican, and challenger Peter Shapiro, a Democrat; state assembly contests, and

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several statewide public questions.

The Second, Third and Sixth Ward council seats are up in the non-partisan election in Hoboken. Vying for the Second Ward seat, are appointed Councilman Joseph Della Fave, Michael Mastropasqua, Margaret O'Brien, Ruben Rivera, James Roarty and Michael Schaffer. O'Brien has stopped campaigning because her \$99 budget has run out, but she has kept her name on the ballot.

The Third Ward candidates are former Mayor Steve Cappiello, Pasquale DeStefano, Danto Milici and Frank "Pupie" Raia.

In the Sixth Ward, the race is between David Roberts and appointed Councilman Angelo Valente.

Della Fave, Milici and Valente are running on a ticket put together by Mayor Thomas Vezzezzetti. The other candidates are running independently. The public questions con-

cern the form of the Board of Education. Approval of one would expand the present appointed board from seven to nine members, while approval of the other would switch the board from an appointed body to an elected one.

In West New York, appointed Commissioner Kenneth Blane, Paul Falcon and Louis Suarez are vying for the commission seat. Interest in the election, however, is also expected because popular state assembly candidate Jose Arango, a Republican, is vying for the 33rd District seat against Commissioner Mario Hernandez, a

Democrat. Also in the race are Republican Ron Dario and Democratic incumbent Robert Ranieri.

Approval of the form-of-government question on the Union City ballot would change the governing body from the five-member commission to the mayor-council form in which nine council members would represent citywide and ward areas.

Alliance Civic Association and the current commissioners, members of the Your Operation Uplift group, favor retention of the commission form. Various other political groups, including

New Beginnings, United Citizens for Good Government, Voters Affirmative Political Action Committee and Transformation '88, favor the switch to mayor-council.

Approval of the question on election procedures would include in city law the provision for runoffs.

Under the commission form, a runoff would be forced if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote. Under the mayor-council form, it is forced among the top two candidates if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote.

School questions on ballot come from political factions

By Margaret Schmidt

Two opposing public questions on education face Hoboken voters Tuesday.

Passage of one question would expand the present appointed Board of Education from seven to nine members. Passage of the second would change the school board from an appointed to an elected body.

If neither question wins support from a majority of voters, the seven-member board stays as is. If both win, officials say, the elected board will prevail.

In any case, movement on the issue will wait until April when the next round of appointments comes up on the staggered-terms body.

Opinion on the questions is largely divided by political loyalty. Supporters of Mayor Thomas Vezzezzetti are working for the expansion of the appointed board, while his opponents are working for the elected board.

The Hoboken school district has faced strong criticism in recent years as the budget expands and the school population

decreases. Basic skills scores have declined, and the state has denied the system certification. Accusations about political patronage and nepotism in the system have increased in force since Vezzezzetti's election June 11.

The Board of Education is an autonomous body, so the city administration and City Council have little control over it. The mayor, however, appoints the members. The current members were appointed during the 12-year term of former Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Vezzezzetti, who had supported an elected board before he entered the administrative tier of government, is the chief proponent of the expanded board. If the measure is approved by the voters, Vezzezzetti will appoint five members in April. Three will be replacements for members James Farina, Otto Hottendorf and John Pope, the board president. Two will have new terms.

The mayor would then have appointed a majority of the board. Critics of Vezzezzetti have said

the mayor simply wants more political power, but Vezzezzetti insists he wants to turn the board over to people he considers competent and concerned. He has named the five people he would appoint — Lourdes Arroyo, Steve Block, Gerard Costa, Carlos Perez and Joseph Rafter. Each has a background in education.

Block, a former member of the board, and others have said that should the elected board win approval, the same people now on the board will win election. Their motive, Block charges, is to "maintain control for political patronage."

Vezzezzetti supporters have often called the school system an employment agency for the people in power.

The mayor's opponents, however, point to the elected board as the best way for members to be accountable to the public. Not only will the members be decided by voters, the schools budget will have to be approved at the polls. Cappiello, who supported the switch from an elected to an appointed board in 1978, has said he and his association are supporting the elected board now to give residents a choice.

Mary Stack Gaspar, a former elected board member, has criticized Vezzezzetti's selec-

tions for the board. "First of all, there is only one woman and with a seven- or nine-person board there should be at least four or five women," she has said. "Second of all, these so-called future board appointees are all cut from the same cookie cutter."

There is now one woman on the board. With Vezzezzetti's selections, there would be two.

"Give us, the parents and children, the right to select our own board," Gaspar has said, "not a board forced down our throats."

Pope, board president, said he has no preference in the question because both types of board involve politics.

"It's really naive," he said, "for people to believe that with the expanded board they'll leave political patronage at the front door of the schools."

Referring to the change in administrations, he said, "It's the same circus, new clowns."

The elected board would have nine members, according to state law, officials said. The question seeking board expansion was put on the ballot through a City Council vote. The elected board question is voter-sponsored after Michael Schaffer, a candidate in the Second Ward council race, spearheaded a petition drive.

Theatre to show 'Gypsy'

By Rose Dager

The Hoboken Civic Theatre is setting its sights higher these days. It has chosen to present "Gypsy," a difficult play to stage, for this fall's offering. It has contracted two professionals from Equity, the actors' guild, to star.

Two of its organizers will appear on television to tout the performance to viewers statewide. President Marian Roland, producer of "Gypsy," and artistic director Anthony DeVito will tape a segment of WOR-TV's Joe Franklin Show at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The show appears weeknights at 1 a.m. No date has been set for the airing of the segment featuring the Hoboken duo.

Roland said she had gotten to know Joe Perry, Franklin's manager, through her work at the Hoboken Violations Bureau. Perry frequents the bureau to pay parking tickets, she said.

"He used to see my theater posters hanging up," Roland recalled. "He told Joe Franklin we were doing 'Gypsy.' But it didn't surprise me. Nothing surprises me anymore. It was time for us to be recognized."

The theater group, now in its fifth year, has a cast of about 40 for the upcoming "Gypsy" series, including 10 children. It will also feature Joan Torino, a Hoboken resident and former performer at the Hudson Burlesque Theater.

Roland said she may ask Torino to accompany her to the Joe Franklin Show because "I think the television audience would find her so interesting."

Performances of "Gypsy" are scheduled for Nov. 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Evening shows begin at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. All will be held at the Union Club in Hoboken.

Hoboken hospitality crosses the Atlantic to pick ticket

By Rose Dager

Hoboken has earned a reputation for hospitality in Paris, thanks to two city violations clerks who showed some kindness to a visiting Frenchman.

Daniel Raze visited this country to compete in last Sunday's New York City Marathon. During several days of sightseeing, he received a \$15 ticket for parking in front of a Hoboken fire hydrant on 10th Street.

Bewildered, he and his wife, Martine, went to the Hoboken Violations Bureau, where they met Marian Roland, head violations clerk, and Elaine DePinto, assistant clerk.

The conversation, according to Roland, went like this: Raze: "I don't understand what this is."

Roland: "It's a ticket for parking in front of a fire hydrant."

Raze: "But what is that? Why is that illegal?"

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Magnificent Presence

Hudson Place in Hoboken is not only blessed with park benches and squirrels, but also fine architectural design.

Cappiello wins seat on Council

By Rose Duger

Former Mayor Steve Cappiello and political newcomer David Roberts won seats on the Hoboken City Council yesterday, thwarting a three-man slate backed by the present administration.

Of the candidates endorsed by Mayor Thomas Vezetti, only Second Ward incumbent Joseph Della Fave retained his seat. Third Ward candidate Santo Milici and appointed ward Councilman Angelo Valente lost their races.

Cappiello clinched the Third Ward race by a large margin, totalling 1,118 votes to Milici's 411. Frank "Pupie" Raia got 288 votes in the Third Ward, and Pasquale DeStefano got 101.

With only two candidates, the Sixth Ward was Hoboken's tightest contest. Roberts, a Hoboken firefighter and local store owner, outscored Valente by only 74 votes, garnering 908 to Valente's 831.

In the Second Ward, Della Fave beat out five other candidates with 592 votes. Michael Schaffer got 401 votes, Michael Mastropasqua 409, James Roarty 93, Ruben Rivera 100, and Margaret O'Brien 25.

Two municipal questions also passed in Hoboken. One favoring an elected school board, a move opposed by Vezetti, gained 4,623 votes. The other, which will increase the number of board members from seven to nine, won 3,930 votes. Vezetti favored the increased board to give himself more influence on school policies.

The mood at Vezetti's headquarters was grim, with the mayor, council candidates, and close supporters sequestering themselves in a rear room for about an hour. Despite Della Fave's win, the only bright spot at the headquarters was Vezetti's nemesis Robert Ranieri's loss of an Assembly seat. An at-

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Hoboken eyes change in waterfront zone

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A proposed change in the master plan is geared toward fostering peaceful coexistence between waterfront development and the city's few remaining heavy industries.

The revision being considered by the Planning Board would allow residential and commercial development in the industrial zone along the city's northern shore, so long as strict conditions are met.

Ralph Seligman, city planning consultant, said they include:

- A 10-acre minimum lot size.
- Buffer zones between industries and residences.
- Construction of new access roads.

Hoboken is hoping for state aid to create a truck route that would follow the path of the old Conrail tracks, he said.

Last winter, Seligman proposed rezoning the area as a waterfront district, which would have accomplished the same thing. But the designation drew opposition from Thomas F. Vezetti, then 2nd Ward

councilman and now mayor, and others who feared such a district would drive out large industrial employers. Keeping the industrial zoning while allowing retail and residential development as a conditional use should protect existing industries such as Maxwell House Coffee and Union Dry Dock. Seligman said.

But he and other urban planners say the chances of new smokestack industry coming in are slim and say mixed retail and residential construction is the wave of the future.

The southern part of the waterfront, which is expected to become part of the proposed \$500 million Port Authority of New York and New Jersey project, has been rezoned for mixed-use development.

Recently, Orbe Management Ltd., a New York partnership, has proposed building 2,200 condominiums on the site of the defunct Hoboken Shipyards in the southern portion of the industrial belt.

The city is in the process of updating its planning master plan, as required by the state. Once approved by the board, suggested changes would go to the City Council for a vote.

Cappiello wins Council seat

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large councilman, Ranieri consistently opposes Vezetti's policies.

"Angelo Valente is the most priceless man in Hoboken," said a dejected Vezetti. "I don't mind having Cappiello on the council. But Angelo will be absolutely irreplaceable."

"People have called me a weak mayor. Now I'm going to be the toughest mayor Hoboken ever saw. I'll do things tomorrow that have never been done before."

Valente was appointed councilman on July 1 to replace Patrick Pasculli, a Vezetti ally who won an at-large council spot. Pasculli has since broken from the Vezetti camp.

Della Fave was also ap-

pointed July 1 to assume Vezetti's Second Ward seat, vacated when the mayor beat Cappiello in a runoff election.

Yesterday's crushing defeat leaves Vezetti with only two solid council seats, at-large Councilwoman Helen Cuning and Della Fave. First Ward Councilwoman Mary Francone has also aligned herself with Vezetti at recent council sessions.

At Cappiello campaign headquarters, the mood was jubilant, with supporters chanting "Recall" as ward results were announced. Standing on a chair to address about 100 supporters, Cappiello exulted in receiving more votes than the other three candidates combined.

"If this were a regular

municipal election, we would have won even with a runoff," he said. "Tonight repudiates all of the things Tom Vezetti stands for."

Cappiello served for 10 years as Third Ward councilman, and 12 years as mayor. During his mayoral tenure, Vezetti as a Second Ward councilman was a strong dissenter in Cappiello's last administration.

Former Third Ward Councilman Sal Cemelli, who resigned his seat in August, said he was "quite surprised" by Cappiello's latest victory. Cemelli was a Cappiello backer during the former administration.

Roberts, the latest council

newcomer, praised his campaign workers at his headquarters on Fourth Street. During the campaign, he had complained of his family's being harassed by telephone, although he had declined to blame Valente.

"I was surprised because I'm not very optimistic," Roberts said. "I think I'll vote on whatever benefits the Sixth Ward best. Angelo ran a good campaign, and he made an excellent candidate."

Religious kidnapping story raises doubts

By Rose Duger

Police in Hoboken and Reading, Pa., are investigating the alleged kidnapping of a Reading man who claims a religious group abducted him to Hoboken last weekend.

In a statement to Hoboken police Sunday, Hector Torres, 19, said members of the Bible Understanding Church had forced him into a van and transported him first to New York City, and then to Hoboken, police said.

Hoboken police, however, have labeled the abduction "questionable." Torres reportedly also told police he was free to tour Hoboken and had

visited a local tavern to play billiards, according to police.

Hoboken police received a teletype from Reading police Sunday that said Torres was being held by a religious cult at the Boys Club on Jefferson Street. Police later determined that the Bible Understanding Church, based in Reading, had rented out the Boys Club for the weekend.

The teletype also said Torres had telephoned his girlfriend in Pennsylvania from the Boys Club, saying he was locked in. The girlfriend notified Reading police, according to Hoboken officers.

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church, described as a born-again Christian group, allegedly told police Torres had entered their van of his own will. The weekend meeting, they reportedly added, was to provide

moral encouragement to younger members of the group.

Torres refused to sign a complaint following the incident. Police said he told them he didn't think his girlfriend would have notified Reading police after their telephone discussion

The candidates and the two questions

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken voters have until 8 p.m. to get to the polls today to vote on state and local issues.

Along with the gubernatorial and state Assembly races, Hoboken voters will select three council representatives today and decide what type of board of education the school district will have.

The three council seats are up in a special election because those elected to them in 1983 vacated their terms. The new council members' terms will end June 30, 1987.

The seats are up in the Second, Third and Sixth wards. Competing in the Second Ward are Joseph DellaFave, Michael Mastropasqua, Margaret O'Brien, Ruben Rivera, James Roarty, and Michael Schaffer. O'Brien has stopped campaigning because her \$99 budget ran out, but she has kept her name on the ballot.

In the Third Ward, the candidates are former Mayor Steve Cappiello; Pasquale DeStefano; Santo Milici, and Frank "Pupie" Raia.

The Sixth Ward race is between David Roberts and Angelo Valente.

DellaFave, Milici and Valente are running on a ticket put together by Mayor Thomas Vezetti. The other candidates are running independently.

DellaFave and Valente were appointed to fill the council seats temporarily on July 1. Vezetti had held the Second Ward seat until his election as mayor, and Patrick Pasculli, who won an at-large council post in the election, had been Sixth Ward councilman.

The Third Ward seat has been empty since mid-September, when Councilman Sal Cemelli resigned, citing

health problems.

Vezetti has the most to win or lose in the election since he needs a clean sweep to gain control of the City Council. Should all his candidates lose, he will be left with only one staunch supporter, Councilwoman-at-large Helen Cuning, on the nine-member board.

The public questions are to determine whether to expand the present appointed Board of Education from seven to nine members and whether to switch from an appointed school board to an elected one. Should both be defeated, the board will stay as is.

The questions read: "Shall the Hoboken Board of Education be increased from the present seven-member board to a nine-member board?" and "Should the City of Hoboken change the present type of Board of Education from Type I, mayor-appointed, to Type II, elected by popular vote?"

Support for the questions is largely divided according to political loyalty.

Vezetti supports the expansion of the board, saying it is the only way he can correct problems in the school district. Should the question win voter approval, the mayor will appoint

five members to the board in April and thus have a majority. The current members were appointed during Cappiello's 12-year administration.

Political opponents of Vezetti are working for the elected board. They say it is the only way to make the board accountable to the public. Should the question pass, elections for five members will be in April, officials said.

The board expansion question is on the ballot through a measure by the City Council. The election question is voter-initiated after a petition drive.

Sewage treatment plan up to council

By Rick Teoches

The Hoboken City Council during tomorrow night's regular meeting will consider a resolution asking the Hudson County Utilities Authority to accept the gasification plan proposed several months ago to the council by James A. Federline for upgrading the city's secondary sewage treatment plant.

Councilman Robert Ranieri

raised questions about the proposal, including asking if it was proper to endorse a proposal which has yet to be proven effective.

Hudson County is under a federal mandate to upgrade its secondary sewage treatment facilities by July 1, 1988.

Under the Federline process, gas bubbles would collect waste particles and rise to the top of a collecting tank

where they would be shaved off and disposed of.

A similar process has been used in various areas of the country to purify drinking water, but has yet to be proven effective for sewage treatment, Ranieri said.

City Law Director Fred Woekner told the council that approval of the measure could show the state Department of Environmental Protection and

Environmental Protection Agency an effort by the city to use "innovative technology" to solve the problem. Woekner said the agencies look for new solutions which could bring the city additional funding for the project.

Ranieri expressed concern that such a decision tomorrow could bind the city and commit it

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to Federline's proposal. Woekner told Ranieri the measure is just a recommendation to the HCUA and would in no way bind the city.

Ranieri said that both the EPA and DEP have called for the test runs of a prototype gasification facility at the city's current treatment plant. He said those tests have been conducted, but the results have yet to be disclosed.

"Perhaps we should find out if the process involved is a proven process," Ranieri said.

Peter Alicandri, city Department of Public Works director, said it is "critical" that the council act as soon as possible to meet the deadlines for funding the project. Alicandri said the city is anywhere from six months to 10 year behind schedule.

Ranieri has requested that the city's engineering consultants, Mayo, Lynch and Associates of Hoboken, appear at tomorrow's meeting to advise the council on the matter.

"The way to substantiate this is through the experts," Ranieri said.

Community development director

Bado's fate is up to Hoboken council

The fate of the director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency may rest in the hands of the City Council on the day after the election.

Fred Bado, who heads the agency, was appointed by Mayor Steve Cappiello 10 years ago. Last month, the holdover from the Cappiello administration was dismissed by Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti. He was not

given a hearing, although he was entitled to one, nor was he told why he was fired.

Bado took the fight for his job to court yesterday, seeking to be reinstated until a judge can listen to the legal arguments in the case. But Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City said yesterday that, before Bado can argue

his case, state law required he have a two-thirds vote of the council disapproving Vezetti's action, within 20 days of his firing.

The last day for the council to consider the resolution would be tomorrow, the day of a regularly scheduled meeting. If the council does not vote on the issue, Bado would be fired by default.

If, on the other hand, Bado is

successful in getting the required council vote in his favor, Humphreys has scheduled a hearing for Nov. 15.

Vezetti tried to replace Bado last month with an acting director, Michael Coleman, but a vote of the council blocked the appointment. Ironically, it was Bado who replaced Coleman as agency director.

Hoboken will swear in three councilmen

Swearing-in ceremonies for three Hoboken councilmen are tentatively set for noon Wednesday in the council chambers in City Hall.

Former Mayor Steve Cappiello, appointed Councilman Joseph DellaFave and David Roberts will take the oath of office, administered by City Clerk James Farina.

The three won council posts in last Tuesday's election. The

results are expected to be certified by the County Board of Elections on Tuesday and inaugurations can take place Wednesday, Farina said.

Cappiello, 62, will take the Third Ward council seat he held for 10 years before his election to mayor. He was mayor 12 years, losing to Thomas Vezetti in the June 11 runoff.

DellaFave, 34, was appointed July 1 to the Second

Ward seat that Vezetti had held. A director of the history department at St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, he ran on a ticket put together by Vezetti.

Roberts, 29, will serve the Sixth Ward, having defeated appointed Councilman Angelo Valente by 74 votes. Roberts owns Hoboken Daily News, a local store, and is a Hoboken firefighter.



Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezetti, left, is consoled by Bernadette Peterson and unsuccessful council candidate Santo Milici after hearing the election results.

Photo by Mark Wyrwille

Elected ed board gets Hoboken OK

By Margaret Schmidt 8/8 '85
Hoboken voters yesterday approved the switch from an appointed to an elected board of education.

The board will increase from seven to nine members in April when elections will be held for five seats, officials said.

Voters also approved a public question to expand the appointed board, but approval of the switch takes precedence.

The elected board passed by an almost 2-to-1 margin.

Mayor Thomas Vezzetti had supported the proposed expansion of the appointed board while his opponents supported the change to an elected panel.

Vezzetti said he will "absolutely" run a slate in the election but couldn't name the candidates yet. "We have to sit down," he said, "and see where we have our strengths."

John Pope, president of the current board, and his wife, Patricia, said they were thrilled with the results. John Pope said he plans to run in April.

Obviously, he said, the voters didn't believe Vezzetti's charges that the current board is corrupt or they would have voted down the elected board and overwhelmingly approved the expansion.

Vezzetti has charged that the current board uses the school system as an employment agency for relatives and that its members are incompetent. He had named five persons with education backgrounds he would have appointed to the board.

The school board has come under increasing criticism recently as basic skills scores have declined. The state denied the district certification this

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Joseph Della Fave hugs his mother, Rosa, after he won the Second Ward Council seat in Hoboken.

Weakened Vezzetti vows to be 'domineering' official

By Margaret Schmidt

Mayor Thomas Vezzetti was the loser yesterday as Hoboken voters took away the mayor's tenuous hold on the City Council and opted for an elected board of education.

As a result, Vezzetti, who won election June 11 in a stunning upset over 12-year Mayor Steve Cappiello, vowed last night to become a strong and "domineering" mayor but added that he has to reevaluate his goals and tactics.

His opponents gloried in the results with some stating "Vezzetti is finished" and others chanting "Recall '86."

Of the three council seats up in yesterday's election, Vezzetti lost two. His political enemy, Cappiello, will be on the City Council, representing the Third Ward; and David Roberts will represent the Sixth Ward having defeated Vezzetti's choice, Angelo Valente.

Joseph DellaFave, Vezzetti's selection for the Second Ward, won, but many attributed his victory to the fact that five persons were running against him and split the opposition.

Vezzetti now has only two solid supporters on the nine-member council and has thus lost his veto power. The City Council can override a mayoral veto by a two-thirds majority — six votes.

Councilman Patrick Pasculli, a former ally of Vezzetti whom many credit with the mayor's election, attributed the setback to Vezzetti's inability to come through on campaign promises. "Tommy has some soul-searching to do," he said.

Pasculli split with Vezzetti soon after the July 1 inauguration when the mayor pushed for new top-paying jobs at City Hall. Rather than opening up government as he had promised, Pasculli said, Vezzetti has closed it through a select circle of non-elected advisers.

"That's Patty's interpretation," Vezzetti responded.

Steve Block, a top Vezzetti supporter, said the results mean "it will be that much harder to get a good, affordable housing plan through. It will be that much harder to get good appointments through."

All the city can hope for, he said, is that the council members decide Hoboken is



Former Hoboken Mayor Steve Cappiello celebrates his Third Ward Council victory with, from left, Evelyn Giordano; Florence Iacono, president of the Steve Cappiello Association, and Ann Chirchella.

more important than personal gain so they can solve some of the "crises" Vezzetti inherited.

In the four months Vezzetti has been in office he has had to fight accusations that he is an absentee mayor who is incompetent and makes no decisions. He attributes much of that feeling to fears built up during a monthlong illness. Two weeks after his inauguration, Vezzetti was hospitalized for high blood-pressure and an irregular heartbeat.

"They blame me," he said, "because I was sick." He promised last night to take a more forceful hold of City Hall.

"We've got to evaluate everything," he said, "and I have to take complete command." He conjectured that he was "too decent and not severe enough" during his initial months as mayor.

He wouldn't say how he planned to become more forceful.

Vezzetti's two solid votes on the council are DellaFave and Councilwoman-at-large Helen Cunniff. Cunniff blamed Pasculli's defection for yesterday's losses.

"We'll become the new Pasculli and the new Vezzetti," she said of herself and DellaFave, referring to the former opposition bloc on the council. "Only this Pasculli," she added, "won't sell out."

Fourth Ward Councilwoman Mary Francone, who had supported Cappiello but swung over to Vezzetti after the June election, said last night she will have to see where her loyalties now lie. "Anything that's good for my ward," she said, "I'll go along with."

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, the loudest opponent of the administration on the council, said the results mean that the "insane, incoherent and non-responsible administration has been repudiated by the people."

The defeat extended to the Board of Education where Vezzetti had strongly supported an expansion of the present appointed board rather than a switch to an elected board. Both public questions on the ballot won, but the elected board takes precedence.

The state of public education in the city has been a major is-

sue in both recent elections. Vezzetti, saddled with a board appointed by the former mayor, had supported the expansion so he could name five members in April and thus take control. The elected board, he feared, will only mean election of the same people he sees as those responsible for the ruination of the district.

The mayor refused to say the voting yesterday was a repudiation of his administration. He noted that his candidate won in the Second Ward, where he had held office before becoming mayor. Also, he said, he endorsed Republican Gov. Thomas Kean who best Democratic challenger Peter Shapiro by more than 1,500 votes in the city.

Many political observers blamed the results on the mayor's recently released affordable housing plan, which advocates developer giveaways in the form of cash, units, buildings or land. Opponents of the plan had campaigned that it would hurt the small homeowner in the city, and that fear was particularly strong in the Sixth Ward, observers said.

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year. Also, the school's budget has steadily increased while the number of students has decreased to the point that school buildings have been closed and sold.

With the elected school board, the budget will also go to the voters for approval.

Implementation of the election process begins in April when the terms of three board members — Pope, Otto Hottendorf and James Farina — are up. Board members have staggered terms so that the district can never have all new members. Five persons will be elected in the first round.

Those disappointed in the results said they believe the elected board will only involve more politics than now and will mean a continuation of educational decline. They said they feared the same people now on the board will be those able to win election.

"It just means that we have to start all over again," said Joseph Raffter, a Vezzetti supporter who had been named as one of Vezzetti's choices for the board. He plans to run in April, he added.

Steve Block, a former board member and a top supporter of Vezzetti, said the switch may mean that "the miserable education provided by this corrupt school board will continue."

The voters, he said, will have to choose to support candidates with "a background of commitment for school improvement."

He said he doesn't plan to run and added it would be premature to name any candidates.

That news disappointed John Pope, who had asked reporters to give Block the message that he looked forward to meeting him on election day.

The current board members were appointed by former Mayor Steve Cappiello.

The city had an elected board of education until 1978 when voters approved a referendum to switch from an elected to an appointed board. Many of the people now supporting the elected board had supported the appointed board in 1978.

Both public questions on yesterday's ballot won in each of the six wards. The vote for the switch received a greater margin of support than the vote for expansion.

Citywide, voters approved the switch to an elected board by 4,623 to 2,410 votes. The vote for board expansion was 3,930 to 2,898.

The board will comprise nine members because of the size of the city, officials explained. Hoboken would automatically have a nine-member elected board and a seven-member appointed board. Only public approval through referendum can change the number of board members.

Della Fave had to win right to vote for himself

By Bianca Quintanilla

Hoboken Council candidate Joseph Della Fave encountered one problem at the polls during yesterday's election. He was told he could not vote.

The problem began in the morning when Della Fave, a candidate for the Second Ward seat in Hoboken, walked into the Hoboken Elks Club to cast his vote and found out the poll workers could not find his sheet.

The candidate — who had separated from his wife a few months ago — had rented an apartment on Washington St. and had filled out a transfer of address with the Hudson County Board of Elections.

But the sheet, according to the city clerk, was probably never sent to the Second Ward, second district where he lives now.

As poll workers at 2-2 could not find his sheet, Della Fave headed for City Hall, where he talked to City Clerk James Farina and explained the problem.

They called the Board of Elections, and Della Fave was given permission to vote.

According to Farina, Della Fave filled out the transfer of residency form from 1210 Hudson St. to 1111 Washington St. in the Second Ward.

"But the Board of Elections

never made the transfer, so when Joe went to vote, they couldn't find his sheet," Farina said. "But he is registered in the Second Ward — second district," he said.

Della Fave, a 34-year-old teacher at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, was appointed by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti on July 1 to fill the seat Vezzetti vacated when he defeated former Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Della Fave's change of address created some confusion and was a minor issue during the campaign.

Right in the middle of the campaign, Joseph T. Brady, Hudson County superintendent of elections, had to dismiss a complaint charging that Della Fave had not met the residency requirement.

But Brady yesterday again emphasized that question had been settled a long time ago.

Of yesterday's problem, Farina said the transfer might be misplaced somewhere.

"Joe called Brady last Friday asking about the transfer and was told that everything was fine," Farina said.

"No one denied me the right to vote," Della Fave said after the incident. "The county made the mistake but we got it all straightened out and I could vote with no problem."

Hoboken Questions

	YES	NO
Expanded school board	3930	2898
Elected school board	4623	2410



THE LANDLORD of this building at 1007 Park Ave. in Hoboken, Cornelius J. Bos, is being sued by the state Department of Community Affairs for about \$1,300 in back fines. He is among 36 Hudson County landlords targeted for non-payment of fines. Dispatched 11/7/85

The tables are turned on Vezzetti

By Rose Duger 8/8 '85

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti had the tables turned on him last night — and his campaign headquarters showed it.

Only about 100 dismayed supporters gathered in the storefront last night to hear that one lone Vezzetti candidate had retained a city council seat.

Joseph Della Fave won in the Second Ward, while Santo Milici and Angelo Valente lost in the Third and Sixth Wards.

The scene, with supporters crying and Vezzetti with his closest aides locking themselves

in a back room, was a sharp contrast to the runoff election June 11, when Vezzetti defeated former Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Then, thousands of Vezzetti supporters spilled onto Washington Street, clamoring to enter the storefront jammed wall-to-wall with people. The mayor-elect led a five-block march to City Hall, where he and at-large council members Helen Cunniff and Patrick Pasculli mounted a cement podium to exult in the crowd's cheers.

Vezzetti and his supporters then dashed up the stairs at City

Hall to claim the mayor's office and wave to supporters from a balcony.

Last night, the headquarters emptied quickly. Vezzetti locked up at about 9:30 p.m., and only a handful of faithful backers accompanied him for a bite to eat.

"I'm disappointed, very disappointed," he sighed. "This is unbelievable. Angelo Valente is absolutely irreplaceable. All the Cappiello forces are together again."

Della Fave's win failed to brighten the mood at the headquarters, although the small

crowd cheered when it was announced that Robert Ranieri, Vezzetti's nemesis and an at-large councilman, lost his Assembly seat.

Meanwhile, Cappiello's headquarters was jubilant compared to the runoff election, when dejected backers had gathered at the Union Club to hear that after 12 years, Cappiello was no longer Hoboken's mayor.

About 100 Cappiello backers gathered at the Holiday Inn, cheering and chanting "Recall" when Vezzetti's name was mentioned. As news trickled in from other wards, supporters became even more excited.

"I made it very clear when I ran that I'm not looking to be the leader of anything," Cappiello said. "We can work together, not for Cappiello or for yourself, but to make Hoboken the kind of place you want to live in."



Dave Roberts and his supporters are jubilant after his Sixth Ward Council victory in Hoboken.

Hoboken Council	
Second Ward	
DellaFave	393
Mastropanqua	400
O'Brien	25
Rivers	100
Rearty	88
Schaffer	401
Third Ward	
Cappiello	1118
DeStefano	101
Milici	411
Rala	208
Sixth Ward	
Roberts	908
Valente	851

Hoboken planners put condos on hold on Washington St.

By Rick Tesches

The Hoboken Planning Board has reserved decision on a site plan to convert apartments at 609-811 Washington St. currently occupied by 19 families, into 22 condominium units — a move which one resident claims would cause displacement.

Many of those tenants attended last night's meeting to listen to developer 809-811 Washington Street Associates' proposed condominium conversion plan. They also listened to Rev. Paul Hagedorn's concern for the possible displacement of current residents by the project.

The developers propose to convert the railroad apartments into 22 condominium units, according to the developer's attorney, James Bruno. He said prices for the various units have not yet been set.

Bruno said the developer has amended its site plan to decrease the number of units from 33 to 22 because of the city's parking problem. The developer has also killed

plans for a proposed penthouse. The plan calls for conversion of the existing apartments into four studio units and 18 one-bedroom units, according to development architect Sanford Furman.

Bruno told the board the facade of two existing adjacent buildings would be preserved and restored. He added that lack of entry between the adjacent buildings rules out use of the rear yard for parking.

Hagedorn, pastor of St. Matthew's Trinity Lutheran Church, expressed concern for the residents, who he said probably could not afford to purchase the new units.

Hagedorn told the board that condominiums attract "inhabitants of a much higher economic scale" and such people usually own more cars and cause parking problems.

"I'm very concerned about plans to reduce five-room units into studios and one-bedroom units," Hagedorn said. "No families will be able to live

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Hagedorn also charged that several tenants have been approached by realtors offering to buy them out for \$1,500. He also charged the landlord with not supplying heat since last Saturday in an "attempt to drive tenants out of the building."

"The tenants have maintained the building meticulously," he added.

Bruno called the charges "inappropriate" and said such complaints should be heard by what he termed the proper governing bodies and not by the planning board.

Board attorney George Pappas told the board that it "cannot discriminate against a condominium conversion."

Board member and Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave expressed concern over

the conversion's effect on existing tenants.

"It would be most difficult not to accept money when there's no heat in the building," he said.

When Hagedorn questioned tenants' rights under a state law to remain in the building for three years once a condominium application is submitted, Pappas said the law protects tenants for three years and enables them to remain on the site.

Pappas recommended the tenants seek legal advice.

Bruno, meanwhile, said, "When it's (the building) up, there will be a different mix, claiming it is the landlord's right to convert."

Resident Sheldon Frank said it would be "absurd" and "impossible" to grant approval and have construction begin while residents are occupying the building.

Hoboken school gets grant from Matsushita Foundation

The Hudson School in Hoboken is one of 11 American educational organizations awarded grants totalling \$200,000 by the first U.S. corporate foundation established by a Japanese company. The school will receive \$20,000.

The Matsushita Foundation was established in 1984 by a \$10

million endowment from Matsushita Electric Corp. of America, a subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd. of Osaka, Japan.

Beginning next year, the foundation expects to provide between \$300,000 and \$500,000 in program funds annually, officials said.

In 1976, Matsushita contributed \$1 million to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1981, it gave Harvard Business School the same amount.

Sophie Sa, the foundation's executive director, said "We do see human beings as the most precious resource of any country and since we are dedicated to developing the young seemed to be best way of expressing our appreciation."

Matsushita Electric, located in Secaucus, markets products in North America under the brand names of Panasonic, Technics and Quasar.

The other recipients of the 1985 Matsushita Foundation grants are:

The Atlanta Partnership of Business and Education, Atlanta, \$50,000;
Brown University Institute for Secondary Education, Providence, R.I., \$20,000;
Carlington College, Northfield, Minn., \$50,000;
Center for Educational Development, Rochester, N.Y., \$25,000;
Central Park East Secondary School, New York, \$25,000;
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, \$5,000.

Council backs Bado

By Rick Tesches

The Hoboken City Council last night overruled Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's firing of Community Development Agency Director Fred Bado and his hiring of former CDA chief Michael Coleman, a move which may give Bado his job back. But it may not be that simple.

The council voted 5-3 to overrule Vezzetti's appointment. Councilmen Robert Ranieri, Pat Pasculli, Anthony Romano and E. Norman Wilson and Councilwoman Mary Francione voted in favor of the measure, while Councilwoman Helen Cunniff and Councilman Joseph Della Fave and Angelo Valente voted against.

When asked for his legal opinion, City Law Director Fred Woeckner said he believed such a vote required a two-thirds majority of the council. Woeckner advised the council of Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys' opinion on the matter, ruling the council had the right to overrule the mayor.

Woeckner said that attorneys for Bado appeared before Humphreys recently seeking a temporary restraining order on Vezzetti's move, but it was denied. In a letter to the council, Humphreys informed the board of their right to overrule the mayor's decision if council members felt "it was not

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in the best interest of the City of Hoboken."

A standing room only crowd in council chambers loudly cheered and applauded the council vote.

However, the overruling may not be final since Woeckner said it requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Eight council members attended last night's meeting. Two-thirds of eight is 5.3. The motion received five votes.

Woeckner advised the council that he believed six votes were needed to pass the resolution.

"There is nothing definite on this," he told the council.

Woeckner said the matter is still pending before Humphreys.

"My common sense and feeling says that it would require six votes," he said, adding he would let Humphreys decide the matter.

"I'm very pleased with the action taken by the council tonight," Bado said, adding he is "fairly confident" he would have his job back.

Meanwhile, Vezzetti administration supporters who voted against the measure voiced no opinion.

The same administration bloc walked out of the last council meeting when a resolution naming Coleman was not permitted to be placed on the agenda, charging anti-administration forces with political obstruction.

In other business, the council unanimously approved a non-binding resolution asking the Hudson County Utilities Authority to include James A. Federline's proposal to use a gasification process to upgrade the city's wastewater treatment facility to the secondary stage.

Several council members expressed concern about being bound to the resolution.

Woeckner assured council members that Federline's proposal is not binding and other proposals could be considered if proven to be more cost-effective.

The county is under a federal mandate of the Clean Water Act to upgrade its facilities to secondary treatment by July 1, 1988.

Joseph LeFante, executive director of the HCUA, told the council that time is running out on the matter and the council

should consider Federline's proposal.

"We have 14 months of work to get done in less than 11 months," LeFante said.

"There's absolutely no way that this resolution can hurt Hoboken. Time is at a luxury at this point."

Federline has proposed a gasification process to treat sewage. In that process, gas bubbles would collect the waste and raise that matter to the top of a collecting tank where the waste would be skimmed off the top. Federline has called this proposal innovative technology.

LeFante said that if the state Department of Environmental Protection and Environmental Protection Agency deem this to be innovative, the city would be eligible for 75 percent federal funding for the project instead of 55 percent.

The council also introduced Councilman Pat Pasculli's code of ethics and financial disclosure ordinance for municipal employees.

The ordinance has been changed slightly from previous versions which called for just the mayor and council members to submit full financial disclosures. The present version calls for mayor and council members plus the city's tax collector, tax assessor, clerk, construction code officials, magistrate, all board members and all mayor's advisory members to submit financial disclosures.

The council will hold a hearing on the matter at its Nov. 20 meeting.

Hoboken pupils get poor scores in state testing

TRENTON — Hoboken third- and sixth-graders scored below students in all other Hudson County school districts except one, according to results in the standardized reading and math tests in 1984-1985, the state Education Department revealed yesterday.

Only the Jersey City third- and sixth-graders finished below Hoboken third-graders, who scored only 66.4 and 70.3 percent and sixth-graders who scored 73.1 and 87.4 percent.

State Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman told the State Education Board yesterday that students statewide last year scored higher than in 1983-84.

In reading, 83.5 percent passed in third grade compared to 82.5 percent; 80.2 percent of sixth-graders passed, against 85 percent in 1983-84.

In math, 88.9 percent of third-graders passed against 88.4 percent; 80.3 percent of sixth-graders passed compared with 87.3 percent the previous year.

But in Jersey City, the results were consistently low — third-grade reading was 69.9 percent; third-grade math 55.4 percent; sixth-grade reading 53.5 percent; sixth-grade math 53.5.

By contrast in Hudson,

Kearny third-graders registered 88.5 percent in reading and 83.1 percent in math; Kearny sixth-graders scored 83.6 percent in reading and 91.3 in math.

Comparable scores were posted in Bayonne by third-graders in reading, 86.4 percent; in math, 82.9 percent; by sixth-graders in reading, 94.5 percent, in math, 95 percent.

East Newark's third-graders recorded the only 100 percent score among Hudson districts in third-grade reading.

Cooperman called the state results artificially higher because passing scores on the local tests were equated to skills tested by the Minimum Basic Skills test, the high school graduation exam that is being phased out.

Cooperman observed, "By next spring, when this year's third- and sixth-graders take their achievement tests, passing scores will be linked to the state's new, more difficult graduation test, the High School Proficiency Test. Therefore, next year at this time, I expect we will be reporting more realistic passing rates on achievement tests for third- and sixth-graders."

Jersey City results did not compare favorably with Newark students. Newark third-graders scored 83.1 percent in reading, 70 percent in math, sixth-graders 87.8 percent in reading, 80.9 percent in math.

	Third-grade		Sixth-grade	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
Bayonne	86.4	82.9	84.5	85.0
Guttenberg	83.3	71.7	82.5	77.4
Harrison	82.3	57.1	77.4	76.2
Jersey City	69.9	55.4	56.6	53.5
North Bergen	85.0	88.9	88.3	85.5
Union City	75.4	77.8	80.6	83.8
East Newark	100	85.2	71.4	85.7
Kearny	88.5	83.1	83.3	91.3
Secaucus	85.7	82.3	82.0	85.0
Hoboken	66.4	70.3	73.1	87.4
Weehawken	85.9	84.5	82.3	87.3
West New York	83.5	84.2	86.3	88.0

Civic Theatre has a family tradition

The Hoboken Civic Theatre's upcoming production of "Gypsy" will be a family affair, not only in story content but in casting.

The plot chronicles the parent-to-child heritage of a famous theatrical family. The show's casting almost mirrors that plot, with two children of Hoboken Civic Theatre players debuting with the company.

Alicia Machado of Jersey City is following in the footsteps of her father, Jorge, who performed in the theatre's production of "The Spider." Alicia plays the part of Louise, who grows up to be stripper Gypsy Rose Lee.

Elaine De Pinto, another child performer, will play the Balloon Girl and Newgirl in Gypsy. Her mother, also named Elaine, portrayed a murderous nurse in "The Patient." The elder De Pinto is assistant violations clerk in Hoboken.

Gypsy will also mark the debut of a parent following in the footsteps of his daughter, Robert Ranieri, Hoboken councilman-at-large, will perform a cameo role. His daughter, Elena, portrayed a journalist in "The Spider."

Performances of "Gypsy" begin tomorrow and continue through Nov. 24 at the Union Club. For reservations, call 696-2746.

Vezzetti takes law in his hands

By Margaret Schmidt

Declaring "I don't care what the council thinks," Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti named himself "temporary acting director" of the Community Development Agency yesterday.

The mayor defended his action by saying it was his opinion the current director, Fred Bado, is fired and he can't leave the position vacant.

Defying Council, gives himself Bado's job

It was unclear whether he could take such a step as authorities throughout the county said they believed it is illegal for a mayor to hold a directorship. City Attorney Fred Woeckner, however, called the action within the mayor's executive powers "on a short-term, emergency basis." He

added that he hasn't found any case law on the situation.

Vezzetti had reportedly asked several CDA members to take the acting position but they refused it and he decided to take it himself.

The question of whether Bado has been fired arises from a dispute over how many council

members constitute a two-thirds majority. Vezzetti discharged Bado last month, but the move was pending council action within 20 days. If the council voted by two-thirds majority to override the mayor's discharge, Bado would remain.

At Wednesday night's meeting, the eight-member body

voted 5-to-3 to override the mayor. Council President E. Norman Wilson, who voted for the override, determined that the vote was a two-thirds majority since two-thirds of eight is 5.333 and five is closer to that figure than six is.

City Clerk James Farina, acting under the council's direc-

tion, certified the results.

Vezzetti and Woeckner, however, maintain that the action failed since five is less than two-thirds of eight.

"According to my figures," Vezzetti said of the council president, "Norman can't count."

Both sides are scheduled to return to court on the matter Tuesday. Bado had sued last

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Vezzetti appoints Vezzetti to post that Bado held

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week to keep his job at least until the City Council approves a director appointed by the mayor. At the time, Hudson County Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys ruled that if the council failed to take action on the firing, Bado would be fired. If they voted to override the firing, however, Bado should remain in the job until the court addressed resulting questions.

The city had argued that Bado could be fired because he is a holdover from the previous administration of Mayor Steve Cappiello.

Vezzetti denied yesterday that his stepping into the directorship could be considered rash in view of the fact that the matter is before the courts. "I am a very prudent person," he said.

Bernard Kenny Jr., Bado's attorney, said he believed the action may be in contempt of court since Humphreys had stipulated that further questions

be brought to him.

Vezzetti told reporters he planned to step down and name another acting director once the matter is settled by the court. His letter to the City Council, however, doesn't specify how long he expects to be at the CDA helm.

"I am shocked that the mayor of this city has taken an action on a matter that is before the court," Kenny said. "It is a very serious breach of the judicial process."

The mayor, he continued, "has stepped out of his bounds."

Vezzetti is at odds with the City Council after Tuesday's elections left him with only two solid supporters on the body. The results mean a loss of his veto power. To offset the losses, he has vowed to be a strong and "domineering" mayor.

Meanwhile, Bado reported to work yesterday and planned to do so today on the advice of Kenny. Vezzetti, however, said he wouldn't allow the city to pay his salary next Wednesday.

Cappiello watches from sidelines

Ethics code gets new life

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

HOBOKEN — A vote on a long-dormant municipal ethics code will be among the first items of business facing the two newest City Council members.

At last night's meeting, Councilman Patrick Pasculli resurrected the ethics ordinance, which had been tabled three months ago for further work, and the council unanimously voted to introduce it.

Former Mayor Steve Cappiello and David Roberts, the two elected to the council Tuesday, had expected to be seated at the meeting. But their swearing-in was postponed, since state law indicates election results must be certified

before the councilmen take their posts, according to city Law Director Frederick L. Woeckner. The results are certified by the Hudson County Board of Elections, which is not scheduled to meet until Tuesday.

Pasculli said the code was not directed at Cappiello, who he has criticized in the past for failing to make financial disclosures.

But, Pasculli said, if the measure passes the council, where it is expected to come up for a final vote within a month, "He's going to have to."

Cappiello, a member of the audience at last night's session, said he would be willing to file the disclosure statement required of state legislators, but anything else

would depend on the type of form developed by the council. Roberts already has released a financial statement using the state form.

The ordinance would establish a municipal ethics committee to review potential conflict-of-interest situations among city employees and officials, and if necessary, refer them to appropriate authorities.

It also would force public officials and candidates to reveal their finances, in a manner not yet determined.

As amended last night from its earlier form, the proposed code expands the list of officials required to file disclosure forms to include department heads, members of city boards, board attorneys and certain municipal employees.

Bado quits CDA post in Hoboken

By JOE BATTENFIELD

HOBOKEN — A month-long battle over leadership of the Community Development Agency ended yesterday when Director Fred Bado resigned to take another city job.

Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, who tried to fire Bado last month, immediately named former CDA Director Michael Coleman to replace Bado.

Bado, head of the CDA for the last 10 years, announced his resignation the same day a Hudson County Superior Court judge was expected to decide whether he could keep his CDA post. Bado, however, will remain in City Hall as an attorney with the city's legal department.

Ironically, Bado's new job will entail some of the same duties he had as CDA director, according to

City Attorney Frederick Woeckner.

"Basically his work will be primarily handling the CDA legal work," Woeckner said.

Vezzetti yesterday called the Bado resignation and appointment of Coleman a "solution for Hoboken." He has tried to get Coleman in City Hall since he defeated Steve Cappiello for the mayoralty in July.

"He (Coleman) is the man who made Hoboken what it is today," Vezzetti said.

Vezzetti fired Bado, a Cappiello appointee, on Oct. 17 after the City Council failed to nominate Coleman for the job. Bado subsequently went to court to get a temporary restraining order to keep his job.

Three weeks later the council

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voted 5-3 to override Vezzetti's action. City attorneys claimed the council failed to get the two-thirds majority needed for the override.

Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys, sitting in Jersey City,

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Rocco's Hackensack firm stapled notices of abandonment on the barges several weeks ago and gave them until Nov. 1 to get out. His company also shut off electricity and blocked an access road with rubble. His company claims the barges — some of which have Jacuzzis and saunas — get their

was expected yesterday to rule on the validity of the council's action and whether Bado should be reinstated pending a full hearing. Bado, however, withdrew the case after Woeckner hired him in the legal department.

Vezzetti said he had no problems with Bado remaining in City Hall working with the CDA. He denied that a compromise deal had been worked out to keep the case out of the courts.

"I think it's sound because if given good continuity," he said. "He can do more work there (in the legal department), because he has less obligations in the CDA."

It is not clear whether Bado will take a pay cut as a result of the job change. However, the CDA position is one of the most important and prestigious jobs in City Hall.

Bado was unavailable for comment yesterday.

'It was great to see the look on people's faces'

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

The bitter evening cold made those waiting for a hot meal outside St. John's Lutheran Church in Hoboken draw closer together.

Inside, Sister Eileen Lynch and three students from Holy Family Academy in Bayonne were busy heating the soup, cutting the bread and decorating the trays with the goodies they were going to serve to those waiting in the cold.

"Today is that lady's birthday. Make sure she gets a cupcake," advised one of the girls before serving dinner to the almost 80 people who came for hot supper that night at the Bishop Mahurter Shelter run by Sister Norberta.

The girls, Karen Kowalchik, Karyn Wollon and Claire Mulcahy, had arrived in the church at 7 p.m. They brought the soup and other treats with them.

They were representing that night approximately 100 students from the Bayonne-based school that come to the shelter all year on different Wednesdays to feed the hungry and those without homes.

Two sisters from school, usually Sister Eileen or Sister Marie Brigid, accompany them. Teachers from the school also help from time to time.

Since early 1983, the sisters at the academy had been donating time and food to the

shelter on Wednesday nights. They also started bringing students along with them.

The students usually sign up at the beginning of the year for this "Life on Campus" program — some of them have worked at the soup kitchen on Wednesdays more than once.

"The girls like to help and they ask to come back," Sister Brigid said.

The food is collected at the school — where the sisters make the soup and some students make desserts to go with the dinner.

The sisters or teachers pick up the girls at their home. Shortly after arriving at the church, they set up trays with bread and butter, sweets and fruits, milk and orange juice.

The people who come for the soup say grace and then line up, while the students, with the help of the sisters, pour the hot vegetable and beef soup.

On the night before Halloween, the girls dressed in black and wore long witches' hats. They brought along a pumpkin and Halloween signs to lighten the mood in the cafeteria. One of the signs read, "Witch's Brew" and was placed right under the soup kitchen.

The people come and get their food — they get seconds if they want. Then, some of them stay at the shelter, others leave quietly — as they came — thanking the students as they walk away.



Holy Family Academy students prepare the meals they are about to serve at the Hoboken shelter. From left, they are Karen Kowalchik, Karyn Wollon and Claire Mulcahy.

The shelter is open every day. According to a worker there, between 70 to 80 people show up every night. In the winter the number increases. The people keep coming back and the girls at the

academy keep coming back. They work fast butting the rolls, setting up the plates, and after dinner is over, cleaning up the dining room and the kitchen. For Karen, 17, Halloween eve was her first time at the

shelter. She said, "It is rewarding to help people who are less fortunate than I am."

Most people who go to the shelter for food have more than one problem. Some of them get nervous about having people ask them questions — or even look at them at times. But the girls don't let that intimidate them or get in their way.

"I was not scared to come here. These people are harmless. They just want to survive and that's the only purpose they are here," Karen said.

For Karyn and Claire this was their second trip to the shelter.

"I came back because I wanted to. These people are really grateful. They just smile at you and say 'Thank you,'" Karyn said.

Not knowing what to expect the first time she volunteered to work at the shelter, she confessed she was a little bit nervous. Claire's second visit was an opportunity to reinforce what she had learned the last time.

"It's an opportunity to get involved because there doesn't seem to be many things you can do around here. So this is it," she said.

Claire even remembered some of those faces from the last time she was here.

The parents at the school are behind the program 100 percent, according to Sister Eileen. It is a voluntary effort and girls

can sign up as many times as they want.

One of the parents said, "I was skeptical about my daughter going to the shelter at first, but only because of her sensitive nature. She came home feeling very good about herself that Wednesday."

A student who helped some time ago told how her experience at the shelter affected her personally.

Student marianne Borowik said, "My experience at the soup kitchen has helped me tremendously in my decision and future goals because I had always planned to be a doctor and help people."

Anais Montes, also a student who volunteered several months ago, saw it as an opportunity to assist someone who is in need. But she has a greater perspective now.

"The problem of hunger affects people living in our communities and not just people elsewhere in the world. I learned that this is a serious disease that is surrounding us," she said.

But the girls, accompanied by the sisters, intend to keep going back despite the pain and the seriousness of the situation — which they understand.

Denise Fedors perhaps describes best the feeling of these young students. She said, "I felt I helped people that are less fortunate. It was great to see the look on people's faces as they came for their meal."

Valente may get recount

Angelo Valente, a (Mayor Thomas) "Vezzetti Team" candidate, defeated by David Roberts an "Independent Voice" candidate by 74 votes in the Sixth Ward councilmanic race in Hoboken during the general election, Nov. 5, will apply Friday before Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys for a recount.

If Valente, represented by James J. Seaman, obtains a recount order, informed sources say it could be held Monday. All the voting machines and absentee ballots are under lock and key. The recheck of the machines would be held at their storage place in the old Emerson warehouse in Jersey City and the recount of absentee ballots at the Hudson County Board of Elections office in the county administration building.

Roberts defeated Valente 905 votes to 831, but the defeated candidate, claiming tabulation errors, applied for a recount through his lawyer, James J. Seaman.

Hoboken will have a recount

By John J. Farrell Jr.

Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys has granted the application of Angelo Valente, a (Mayor Thomas) "Vezzetti Team" candidate, for a recount Monday of the Sixth Ward councilmanic race in Hoboken where he was defeated in the Nov. 5 general election by David Roberts, "Independent Voice" candidate, by 74 votes.

The recount will begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the old Emerson warehouse in Downtown Jersey City, where voting machines are stored. After the machines are rechecked, a recount of absentee ballots, if necessary, will be conducted in offices of the Hudson County Board of Elections at the County Administration Building.

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Hoboken says school got free ride

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The Law Department claims the private school that has occupied a city building rent-free for seven years is taking taxpayers for a ride, but the school's director insists it is paying its own freight, and then some.

Since its founding in 1978 with 18 students, the Hudson School, a private, non-profit day school for gifted children, has been holding classes at 508 Park Ave. The city-owned building by night houses the Hoboken Evening School for Industrial Education, which offers vocational training to adults.

The verbal agreement allowing the private school to use the building was struck with then-Mayor Steve Cappiello, and later approved by the board of the city-run Evening School, according to board Chairman Patrick Cauffield. His account was confirmed by Cappiello, now the 3rd Ward councilman, who said a key factor in the arrangement had been the school's commitment to grant scholarships to needy gifted students.

But Salvatore E. D'Amelio, an assistant city attorney, said letting a private school use public space without paying rent not only sets bad precedent, but violates the law. "They're getting a free ride on the taxpayers," he said.

Hudson School Director Suelen Newman said the year-to-year agreement had called for the two schools to split all operating expenses and for her school to make hefty contributions to the building's upkeep. She said the school, whose enrollment now stands at 98, had been paying about \$7,000 annually in utility bills — and another \$20,000 each year to repair and maintain the building.

"The whole building has to be heated, whether someone is occupying it or not," Newman said. "Our being here is not costing the city a penny... I really feel we're paying our way plus more." Furthermore, the presence of Hudson staff saves the city money by providing on-site security service that would not be there otherwise, Newman said.

But the board of the adult school has asked the city Law Department to look into the agreement, after several trustees raised questions about the space-sharing arrangement and the Hudson School's insurance coverage, said Cauffield. The subject is set to be discussed at the

Nov. 21 board meeting. D'Amelio said he finds Hudson's \$1 million liability insurance inadequate. But Newman said the policy covers both schools and had been raised at the board's request.

She said her school during the past two years had tried to convert from a verbal agreement to a written lease, but those efforts had been rebuffed by the board, most recently, two months ago.

The school, which draws students from Hoboken and neighboring communities, charges tuition based on a sliding scale pegged to family income, said Newman. Although she would not specify tuition fees, she

did say, "I have never turned away any child whose family can't afford to pay."

Cauffield appeared impressed by the work of the school. Though he said he could not comment for the entire board, he did say, "It's my personal opinion that it's a good thing."

School board race kicking off

By Margaret Schmidt

Nominating petitions are available for the two Hoboken Board of Education seats to be added in a special election Jan. 14.

Petitions may be obtained from board Secretary Anthony Romano at the board offices, 1115 Clinton St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

Ten signatures are needed to have a candidate's name placed on the January ballot. They must be submitted to Romano by 4 p.m. Nov. 21. A drawing for ballot positions in the citywide race is set for 3 p.m. Nov. 22, also at the board offices.

The expansion of the board, from seven to nine members, results from last week's referendum in which voters chose to switch from an appointed school board to an elected one. The elected board is automatically nine members, while the appointed body is seven, according to the city's population.

One seat in the January election will be for a one-year term, the second seat for two years. Candidates must specify on their petitions which seat they are seeking or their nomination will be defective, said board attorney Robert Clark.

Another set of elections will be held in April when the terms of three current members expire. Candidates will then be

seeking three-year terms. Voters will also decide on adopting the schools' budget for 1986-87.

Elections would then be held every April with three three-year terms up in each.

The board voted last night to set the special election for Jan. 14, the last day allowable under state law. "This way," Romano said, "we'll give the people all the time you could."

He said that candidates cannot seek both the one- and two-year terms.

Polls for the special election will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., he said.

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School board race to start

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Two school board questions faced voters last week, and although both were approved, the switch to the elected board takes precedence. The other question asked voters to approve expanding the appointed board from seven to nine members.

The board has been under increasing criticism in recent years as school test scores dropped. For example, recently released scores — in a minimum basic skills test that is being phased out because it is too simple — revealed that Hoboken's third graders last year were behind their peers in all Hudson County municipalities except Jersey City.

The district was among several in the county denied certification by the state this year.

Further criticism comes because of steadily increasing schools' budgets accompanying decreasing school populations.

Proponents of the switch to an elected board were basically anti-administration.

Mayor Thomas Vezzetti had pushed for the expansion so a majority of the board members could be appointed by him in April. He has promised to run a slate of candidates in the January and April elections, but hasn't named them.

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Vezzetti shows up to take CDA job

HOBOKEN—Two directors showed up at the Community Development Agency yesterday, and one soon left — Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti.

Vezzetti had vowed to take over as temporary director of the agency, in defiance of a City Council veto of the firing of Fred Bado as head of the city's CDA.

But employees said yesterday that while both men came to the office yesterday, only Bado stayed. Vezzetti has said he wants to replace Bado with Michael Coleman, a former director of the agency.

One employee, who asked not to be identified, also said Vezzetti had not kept his promise to ask them their feelings on the matter.

A hearing on the matter is scheduled for Tuesday in Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City. Hoboken City Attorney Fred L. Woeckner said the council did not have the two-thirds vote necessary to make its veto valid.

Neither Vezzetti nor Bado, a hold-over from the administration of former Mayor Steve Cappiello, returned phone calls yesterday.

City Council President E. Norman Wilson Jr. declared this week in a letter to the City Clerk's Office that the council had voided Bado's firing by a 5-3 vote Wednesday night. It was after this vote that Vezzetti named himself temporary director.

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Two Hoboken doctors starting a new trend — they make house calls

Appliances that last, clothing that stays in fashion and doctors who make house calls have a thing in common. They are all as dead as the dodo bird.

But hardly. Two physicians at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken have hit on a new idea — an old idea has come full circle. They make house calls.

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New councilmen take oath today

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

A week after winning their races, three Hoboken councilmen will take the oath of office in City Hall today.

Former Mayor Steve Cappiello, Councilman Joseph DellaFave and Hoboken businessman David Roberts will be sworn at noon by City Clerk James Farina in the council chambers.

The three won council seats in last Tuesday's elections and will serve until June 30, 1987.

A homeless mother personally appeals to Hoboken's mayor

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

Debra Zitani and her young daughters stood in front of Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti yesterday and pleaded for help.

Zitani, 25, the victim of a Sept. 5 fire that ripped through a four-story apartment building on Jefferson Street, has since then, been living with some family members, and for the past week, at the Edwards Motel Inc.

The Hoboken Welfare Department had placed her at the hotel, but she was told yesterday that she had to move out. She has no place to go.

"I have been back and forth without a home since the fire," she said. "The day after the blaze, the mayor promised me a house in the project."

According to Dominic Gallo, the executive director of the Hoboken Housing Authority, Zitani has been selected by a committee to get an apartment and is on the priority list. But the apartment won't be ready until four more weeks, Gallo said.

So Vezzetti yesterday was trying to get help from the county's welfare department.

"I called Bob Drasheff (Hoboken Welfare director)

and he said there is nothing the city can do for her," Vezzetti said. "So I'm trying to find a solution through the county."

But late yesterday afternoon, the Hudson County Welfare office was still processing her case and the office would not give out any details on the situation.

Richard Walsh, a staff assistant for the Hudson County Red Cross, advised that Zitani and her daughters talk to Sister Norberta — who runs the Hoboken shelter. "They can tell Sister Norberta that they are fire victims and they can stay at the hotel," Walsh said.

But the day went by and no practical solution was found. Zitani spent the day at City Hall yesterday. She waited hours and hours — hoping for a solution. She brought along her 18-month-old baby, Melony. And in the afternoon, she went to pick up her 6-year-old daughter, Melissa, at her school.

"I don't know what I am going to do," Zitani said. "I just take it one day at a time."

The September fire that destroyed the building at 502 Jefferson St. injured seven firemen and one policeman. It also left eight families or 30 people homeless.

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Taylor Institute accused of fraud

Five former students of Taylor Institute in Hoboken filed suit against the trade school yesterday, charging fraud for not delivering what was promised in a course for travel agents.

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Hoboken, 10-Minute Ride To Far Away

By ANDREW L. YARROW

HOBOKEN, the author Christopher Morley once proclaimed, is "the last vestige of bohemia." As New Yorkers hopped on the ferries to what they called a "Greenwich Village West" in the late 1920's, it was not the first time and certainly not the last that the mile-square city across the Hudson was to be "discovered." The cabarets are gone, as are the speak-easies, but yet another renaissance has begun, are the new restaurants, nightclubs and feverish development to this once-industrial waterfront city.

Just a 10-minute train ride from Manhattan, Hoboken has the flavor of a small town, far away in time and place. "It has a very homey, open atmosphere, and a nice human scale," says Randi Kepes, a former resident. Behind its spectacular vistas of the New York skyline, Hoboken is architecturally populated with blocks of Victorian brownstones, an exquisite turn-of-the-century railroad terminal, countless historic churches and a smattering of mansions dating to the

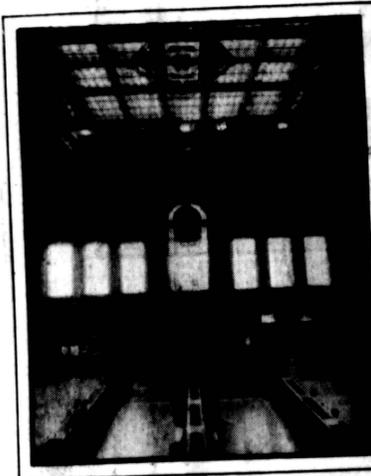
Metropolitan Bedouin

time when the town was a wealthy suburb. (Most of these mansions are now fraternity houses adjacent to the Stevens Institute of Technology.)

The city is also steeped in lore, so much so that its history is like a grab bag of anecdotes and curious facts culled from a game of Trivial Pursuit.

But this urban pocket squeezed beneath the Palisades and the

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The elegant Erie-Lackawanna Terminal opened in 1907.

Hoboken, a Short Ride to Far Away

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between the river and Jersey City is not easily characterized. It is a friendly, ethnic, working-class town where neighbors chat from brownstone stoops and the smells of baking bread and fresh pasta waft across quiet back streets. "Hoboken has a Rip Van Winkle quality to it," says one resident, Diane Garden, a teacher. "It's like it just went to sleep in the 1930's."

Yet Hoboken has also become a metaphor for rapid gentrification. Realty offices line Washington Street, the main thoroughfare in what has become a developer's promised land. Hundreds of town houses have been renovated, old railroad flats have become expensive condominiums, and old-time bakeries and markets selling live chickens and rabbits now coexist somewhat uneasily with patisseries and shiny new restaurants.

Although there are noteworthy buildings and places to see, and restaurants and small clubs to go to, Hoboken is best appreciated and understood as the sum of its many parts. There are not so many must-see sights as there are moods to be discerned and layers of social history to be excavated with a keen eye and imagination. Thus, whether one arrives by PATH train, bus or car, a day in Hoboken is best spent strolling through neighborhoods.

Home to Immigrants
On the quiet, tree-lined streets between Bloomfield and Willow, or on Madison, at the north end of town, Italianate town houses with their modest iron fences and postage-stamp yards, were the first homes in America for scores of immigrants at the end of the 19th century. The facaded houses, storefront social clubs, and aromatic delicatessen shops (at Ninth and Park) or bakeries such as Marie's (near Second and Willow) can be found in Hoboken's "Little Italy." Not far from Astor in his villa, which once stood at Second and Washington Streets. Beer gardens, theaters and 19th-century honky-tonks lined the shore, and visitors swarmed to the river walk. The nearby Sybil's Cave was a popular lovers' haunt until a young New York shop clerk was murdered there — providing grist for Edgar Allan Poe's "Mystery of Marie Roget." And some say that the first organized game of baseball was played on Hoboken's Elysian Fields in 1846 (a sliver of the park remains, near 10th and Hudson Streets, and a plaque at 11th and Washington marks baseball's disputed birthplace.)

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block reputedly containing some 50 saloons.

Stevadores and longshoremen crowded the docks, as tugboats eased great ocean liners and steamships into the wharves of Hoboken. Such longshoremen and the area's gritty flavor were immortalized in Elia Kazan's film "On the Waterfront." Some of the docks' ambience can still be found in the Clam Broth at Newark and River Streets that was once much raunchier. The restaurant, which opened in 1899, didn't admit women until 1972. Times have changed. Patrons no longer toss clam shells on the sidewalk-covered floor, and the dining room is a tad more genteel.

Touring the Stevens Institute
Another place to meander is the 55-acre campus of the Stevens Institute of Technology. As you pass the stone gatehouse at Sixth Street, which was built in 1859 for the Stevens family, think of the long-gone capitalist Col. John Stevens and his family built on the giant overlooking serpentine rock overlooking the river. And imagine a time when Stevens and those who came to Hoboken for a day's idyll in the country would gaze across the Hudson at a city almost Lilliputian in size compared with the Manhattan skyline that can now be seen from the castles' former site.

When Hoboken was first settled by the Dutch in the early 17th century, it was a tidal swamp separated from the New Jersey mainland. It is believed to have been named for a town near Antwerp, although some say that its name derives from a Lenape Indian word for "tobacco pipe." Until the Colonel Stevens, an officer in the Revolutionary War and inventor, purchased the confiscated Tory estate known as Hobuck Island in 1784, the area's only distinction was as the site of America's first brewery, founded in 1642. Stevens auctioned lots in his "New City of Hoboken" and, to entice New Yorkers, put the world's first regular steam ferry into service in 1811. Washington Irving and his friend Martin Van Buren often took Stevens' ferry to visit John Jacob Astor in his villa, which once stood at Second and Washington Streets. Beer gardens, theaters and 19th-century honky-tonks lined the shore, and visitors swarmed to the river walk. The nearby Sybil's Cave was a popular lovers' haunt until a young New York shop clerk was murdered there — providing grist for Edgar Allan Poe's "Mystery of Marie Roget." And some say that the first organized game of baseball was played on Hoboken's Elysian Fields in 1846 (a sliver of the park remains, near 10th and Hudson Streets, and a plaque at 11th and Washington marks baseball's disputed birthplace.)

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and Upjohn in 1878. A display of memorabilia and artifacts relating to the intertwined histories of the Stevens family and Hoboken can be seen at the institute library. The public library, at Park Avenue and Fifth Street — as well as the Commercial Trust Company, at 38 Hudson Place — also has displays on Hoboken's past.

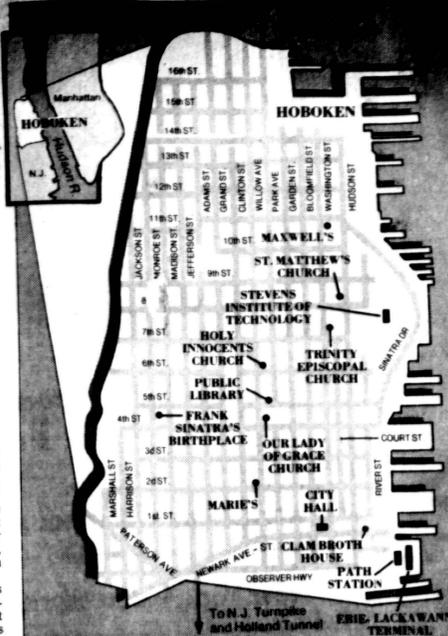
The mid-19th century brought industry and immigrants to Hoboken. Factories manufacturing everything from metals and chemicals to food and furniture flourished until a generation ago. The Maxwell House plant, with its unmistakable aroma, near 12th Street and the river, and its four-story-tall coffee cup facing New York, is about the last vestige of Hoboken's industrial past. Among the many deserted-looking warehouses near the 14th Street Viaduct is the home of Superman, Under Dog and the other balloons and floats for Macy's Thanksgiving Parade.

Tracing the German Heritage
Not far off, along Hudson Street, are traces of the city's German heritage. On a wall beneath the 150-foot bell tower of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Eighth Street are engraved the words, "gerichtet 1877." The Deutsche Club (renamed the Union Club in World War I) was built in 1864 at Sixth Street, and St. Peter and Paul Church, at Fourth Street, was built by German Catholics in 1889.

Several other imposing churches were built in Hoboken in the mid-1800's. Trinity Episcopal Church, at Washington and Seventh Streets, was designed by Trinity (who redesigned New York's Trinity Church) and completed in 1856. Another neo-Gothic church, Holy Innocents, at Sixth and Willow Streets, dates from 1872. Our Lady of Grace was built two blocks away and two years later, at Fourth and Willow. This giant Catholic church was adorned with gifts from European royalty and later was used for a scene in "On the Waterfront."

The city's many Roman Catholic churches, as well as its generous supply of Italian restaurants and bakeries, reflect the wave of Italian immigrants that swelled the city's population to 70,000 in 1910 (it's now about 42,000). Indeed, much of Hoboken was built near the turn of the century. The brick, colonnaded City Hall went up at First and Washington Streets in 1881, and the Public Library across Church Square Park from Our Lady of Grace in 1885. These were also the years when Hetty Green, the miserly "witch of Wall Street," quibbled over 5-cent bus fares while amassing a fortune. Her apartment, Yellow Flats, is now part of a 174-unit building on Washington between 12th and 13th Streets.

This flurry of building coincided with Hoboken's emergence as a major transportation hub. After more than 30 years of construction, the trans-Hudson train tubes opened in 1894. Those riding the PATH between Hoboken and Manhattan may notice the sharp curves as the train burrows its way under the riverbed. The spiraling, subterranean tubes were considered a major engineering feat. In 1907, the cavernous, copper-clad Erie-Lackawanna Terminal opened near the PATH station and ferry terminal.



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Many residents are far from happy about Hoboken's transformation. "A lot of people supporting development think that improving the quality of buildings is what makes a city better," says Mike Monheit, a graduate student who now lives in Hoboken, "but they've forgotten about how the less well-to-do living here are affected." He says the community is now divided among longtime residents who have worked in the factories of northern New Jersey, young professionals who want little more than a condominium within commuting distance of Manhattan, and generally poor Hispanic residents who account for about 40 percent of Hoboken's population.

Condominiums has also claimed quite a few architectural landmarks. The Keuffel and Esser Building, at Third and Jefferson, is said to have been one of the first factories turned into housing in the United States (in 1975). St. Paul's Episcopal Church, at 820 Hudson, is currently being transformed into condominiums, and the Union Club is said to face imminent conversion.

Hoboken can be reached by PATH or New Jersey Transit. In Manhattan, there are six PATH stations, including ones on the Avenue of the Americas at both 33rd and Ninth Street and at the World Trade Center. The fare is 75 cents. New Jersey Transit's No. 126 buses make frequent trips between the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Hoboken, which require a \$1.25 ticket, heading down Washington Street from 14th Street toward the railroad station. The taxi fare is \$1.75 to and from any place in town, and buses on Washington Street charge 55 to 60 cents.

In the 1920's, New Yorkers again discovered Hoboken. Cyrus Wood, now 82 years old and living in Hoboken, says the city "was pretty wide open during Prohibition." "We lived in the Chelsea Hotel," he recalls, "and there was a ferry at the end of 23d Street that went to Hoboken. We would come over for the theater and speak-easies along River Street. Everybody who needed a drink came. It was a rough and rowdy town, full of waterfront characters and drunks."

There were some 20 legitimate theaters, according to Anthony De Vito, now artistic director of the Hoboken Civic Theater and co-author of a historical musical called "Hello, Hoboken." Christopher Morley staged several popular plays which, for a year or so, made Hoboken the "in" place to go.

"The bawdy, blustering waterfront days, till the 20's, were Hoboken's busiest times," says Gerard R. Wolfe, a professor of continuing education at New York University and historian of New York City suburbs. "After that, there was a gradual decline, as rail transportation dwindled, piers and factories closed, and finally — after nearly 200 years — ferry service ended in 1966."

Just as thousands of Hispanic immigrants were moving into Hoboken's northwestern quadrant in the 1970's, the first contingent of brownstones also arrived. And with developers and realty people close on their heels, almost everything with four walls became fair game for conversion to housing. Prices shot up tenfold, and the city's latest renaissance had begun.

Latino film unit in Hoboken

The National Latino Film and Video Festival will make its first stop of an international tour in Hoboken on Dec. 1 and 8.

The festival will mark the opening production of the Renegade Theater Company, a new group in Hoboken. It will be presented from 2 until 10 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hoboken High School, Clinton and Eighth streets.

Voluntary contributions will be accepted. The Latino festival, now in its fifth year, is one of the best known projects of El Museo Del Barrio, a Hispanic Museum in Manhattan. It opened at the Joseph Papp Public Theater to a sell-out crowd.

Videos will be presented on each Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. with films from 8 to 10 p.m. From 5 until 7 p.m. Renegade will offer special screenings of works by local filmmakers Rene Cruz and Nora Jackobson.

Most of the films are bilingual. The Renegade Theater plans to present new plays, original works and new adaptations of neglected works. In the coming months it will present the premiere of "Rumors of our Death" by Canadian George F. Walker, and "Blue Window" by Craig Lucas.

Anyone interested in joining the company may write to: PO Box M-109, Hoboken, 07030, or call 656-0909.

Roberts survives Hoboken recount

By John J. Farrell Jr. and Margaret Schmidt

After a recheck of voting machines used in Hoboken's Sixth Ward councilmanic race in the Nov. 5 general election failed to show any changes in the tallies, Angelo Valente, a (Mayor Thomas) "Vezzetti Team" candidate, abandoned a recount and the victory of David Roberts, "Independent Voice" candidate, was confirmed by 74 votes.

Roberts, whose 508-to-831 vote margin, over Valente remained unchanged during the recheck at the old Emerson warehouse in Downtown Jersey City yesterday, appeared there

Roberts wins

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pointed in the results because Valente "was the best councilman we ever had."

Asked how he thinks Roberts will fare on the council, the mayor said, "I'll see what he does. I judge them (council members) on their deeds, not on their words."

Italian to Seafood With a View

For a small town, Hoboken has a surprising number of restaurants. The strongest culinary suit is Italian. Choices include the elegant Gerrino's, 96 River Street, (201) 686-7331; Anthony's, Fifth and Madison, (201) 963-3423; Ricco's, 1024 Washington, (201) 792-5055; Michael's, 400 Adam, (201) 792-0012; Da Vinci's, 411 Washington, (201) 689-2141, and Piccolo's clam bar, 92 Clinton, (201) 653-0584.

Drifters I occupies a boat docked at the foot of New Street near the train station, and features seafood and a view of

Manhattan, (201) 798-0946. Nearby is the Clam Broth House, 38 Newark Street, (201) 658-2448. Just beyond the Beat'n Path is the Brass Rail, 135 Washington, (201) 659-7074, a French restaurant. One of the last German restaurants in town is Hetty's, 1026 Washington, (201) 963-3333. On the same blocks as Mile Square City and the Bloomfield Street Cafe are the atmospheric Madison Cafe, Washington and 14th Street, (201) 650-1429, and the 15th Street, at Hudson, (201) 650-9390.

Hoboken stores prepare to battle with Newport

By GAIL FRIEDMAN, Staff Writer

HOBOKEN — The downtown shopping district needs a facelift and better promotion if it is to compete with Newport City, according to a report released by the Community Development Agency.

But some merchants have asked who is going to pick up what the report estimates is a \$1.6 million tab for revamping sidewalks, streets and storefronts. They also have said that a solution to the chronic parking crunch along Washington Street is the first priority during more shopping.

The report, prepared by Project for Public Spaces, a New York consulting firm, was discussed with retailers at a public meeting Thursday in the city Multi-Service Center on Grand Street.

It warns that the large regional mall planned for Newport City, across the Jersey state border, threatens to siphon off 25 percent of Hoboken shopping development anticipated on the county's waterfront could cut further into downtown trade, the report said.

But a bright spot on the horizon is a projected increase in the number of households in the city, and their annual income.

Capturing these shopping dollars will depend upon the extent to which the Hoboken shopping district is improved, the report says.

It recommends a number of steps geared toward bringing in business from affluent newcomers, while retaining a commercial center that serves the needs of long-time residents. They include:

- Replacing sidewalks, realigning Newark Street, and installing bus shelters, landscaping and other amenities, at a total cost of \$1.6 million.
- Improving downtown parking.
- Improving merchandising techniques and advertising.
- Using zoning regulations to attract new stores and maintain a good retail mix.

Thomas Abern, the city's economic development director, said the agency stands ready to fund a management corporation that would oversee business district revitalization. But after that, it is up to the merchants to secure more financing, he said.

"We are suggesting a private-public partnership," he said. See HOBOKEN, Back Page

Mayor's pledge is ignored

Hoboken panel will meet in private

By GAIL FRIEDMAN, Staff Writer

HOBOKEN — As part of his pledge to "open government to the public," Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti yesterday announced formation of an Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

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Jack Shor, the manager of Massarsky's Hardware at 618 Washington St., one of a panel of business people who worked on the plan, said he was optimistic that some of its concepts could become realities.

But Shor called parking the "major problem," and expressed doubts that merchants could come up with the necessary resources to implement the project.

"Let the city float a bond issue," he said.

A few stores down on Washington Street, at Take One Video, owner Paul Kasley suggested the passage of a law barring condominium conversions in the business district. The biggest problem faced by many retailers is a drop in walk-in traffic due to homes interspersed among stores, he said.

The city recently promised to build a new plant to comply with federal standards calling for improved sewage treatment by 1988. The pledge has been hailed by the Hudson County Utilities Authority, the agency charged with developing a regional treatment proposal. But other North Hudson communities have balked at following suit, citing

whose members will hold closed meetings and be inaccessible to the press.

The panel was appointed by Vezzetti. When asked why the members would agree to serve only if their meetings were private sessions, Vezzetti suggested that a reporter "ask the members" why.

"That was their decision," said Public Works Director Peter Alicandri, the temporary committee chairman. "They are not public figures and don't want to be interpreted as public figures. That is the only way they would commit to take part."

Among the 10 unpaid members are two developers, a structural engineer, an electrical engineer, a real estate agent, a property manager, a banker and a machinist. Also on the committee are Angelo

home rule and cost containment.

The council has passed a resolution that would qualify the plan for extra federal money, if it incorporates new technology, and is debating whether the time is yet ripe to award a \$25,000 consulting contract for plan financing.

The infrastructure committee, which is scheduled to meet twice a month, is the second such group to take shape. The Waterfront Advisory Committee has been holding public meetings weekly since September.

In addition to Valente and Van Wie, the infrastructure panel includes Robert D'Amico, Douglas Gunderwald, Nick DeTrizio, James Perry, Daniel Gans, Alice Genese, Anthony Cardino and Steven DiFiore.

Bado resigns to take Law Department post

By Margaret Schmidt

The director of Hoboken's Community Development Agency resigned yesterday, ending a court battle for his job. Fred Bado submitted his resignation to Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and was immediately hired as an assistant attorney in the city Law Department.

Bado and the city were due in court yesterday afternoon to ask Hudson County Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys to decide a dispute over Bado's CDA position. Before court time, however, the parties settled.

Neither side would connect the resignation and the hiring, but it was believed the Law

Department job was in exchange for the CDA post. The attorney's job pays \$25,000 a year to the CDA's \$40,000, but it is part-time.

Vezzetti said he will submit former CDA Director Michael Colema's name to the City Council next week. The mayor appoints the director, but the council must approve his choice.

In his letter to Vezzetti, Bado said he was resigning in the "best interest" of the program and the city because the action would stop controversy surrounding his job.

"After holding the position for over 10 years," he wrote, "I have found this to be a very difficult decision. My voluntary removal, I hope, will lead to a quick resolution of this matter."

Bado was appointed to the post by former Mayor Steve Cappiello, but was kept on during the transition to the new administration of Mayor Thomas Vezzetti. Vezzetti fired Bado, effective Nov. 8, but a majority of the City Council voted to override the mayor's action.

A dispute then ensued over whether five votes among eight council members was the necessary two-thirds majority. The council, which is basically anti-administration, said five would be enough since it is the nearest whole number to 5-3. The mayor, however, maintained that six votes would be needed to get at least a two-thirds majority.

Bado could not be reached for comment yesterday, but his attorney, Bernard Kenny Jr., said Bado struggled with the administration as a matter of pride because he was "wronged" by Vezzetti's abrupt firing.

Bado will help the new director in the transition, he said, adding, "Fred really has a genuine affection for the CDA."

Vezzetti and Law Director Fred Woekener said they welcomed Bado to the legal staff to take advantage of his knowledge of the CDA. Bado had acted both as the CDA director and attorney during his tenure and, on his leaving, the city would have had to hire a full-

time lawyer or a consultant to take care of legal matters. Bado will fill the vacancy created when Ross London took over as acting Municipal Court judge, Woekener said.

Vezzetti said he will be acting director of the CDA until a new director is hired.



Tenants in these buildings at 562-564 Observer Highway have been offered \$3,000 to move this month, with that sum decreasing by \$500 each month they delay. Already, about half of the tenants have accepted the offer.

Cash offers greasing many tenants' exits

By Rose Dager

Determined to speed construction projects — and collect higher rents — landlords in Hoboken are enticing tenants to displace themselves by awarding hefty cash payments.

The stakes are high, with developers sometimes paying up to \$30,000 to clear each apartment. On the surface, it looks like everyone comes out a winner. Tenants receive moving expenses, plus a little extra. And landlords get empty buildings to renovate.

But the practice has left those involved treading in murky waters. With a shortage of apartments, no amount of money can guarantee tenants a place to live. Lengthy negotiations can tack on thousands of dollars in legal fees, interest, and construction costs for landlords. Lawyers hired to mediate

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recipients dazzled by the extra money have entered into a Russian roulette match with Hudson County Welfare. The payoff, if detected, threatens to blow apart monthly support checks.

Welfare lawyers and fraud investigators have yet to prosecute such a case in Hudson County. In fact, when discussing the matter, officials admitted they'd never heard of the widespread practice.

"I've never heard of that," said welfare Director Angel M. Harrison. "If welfare recipients receive this, it would place their grants in jeopardy. They must not be in residences of ours."

Of the 20 to 25 families per week he counsels on the matter, Olivieri said most ignore his warnings that they're jeopardizing welfare checks.

The Jersey Journal canvassed several Hoboken neighborhoods and discovered three welfare families that admitted to accepting \$7,500 or more to move. A few more were considering deals with builders.

One cluster of Willow Avenue buildings used to house 70 families little more than two years ago. Some people left with no money, some with \$1,000. The remaining 20 families will receive \$7,500 to leave by Nov. 30.

One woman, a welfare recipient, agreed to speak on the condition that her name not be used.

"At the beginning, we were offered \$1,000," she said in Spanish with Olivieri translating. "Then he wouldn't give any money. We got a lawyer, and now we're getting \$7,500 to leave. I'm moving back to Puerto Rico next month."

Fear the problem

Another Willow Avenue tenant and welfare recipient said she had been relocated twice before, once receiving a rent differential. But things have changed. She can no longer find a Hoboken apartment to match her \$222 per month rent. She's lived here 30 years.

"I'll try to use the \$7,500 as a down payment for a house in Trenton. My son lives there," she said. When asked about her chances of finding a home, she shook her head. "No, I don't think I'll find one. But I wasn't going to be the only one left here."

That's where another problem lies—fear. Just five years ago,

settlements can find no state guidelines governing amounts of payments, especially to welfare recipients restricted from receiving other income.

Newark attorney Ray Korona has represented Hoboken tenants for several years in negotiations with landlords. "It's still a relatively new situation. It all developed as a result of the housing crisis in our region, the North Jersey area. It's also been a big problem in a number of cities, including Atlantic City."

Developers who came to Hoboken about three years ago claim the payment system was in full swing when they arrived. Then tenants considered \$1,000 an impressive "bribe." Now they've become shrewd bargainers, demanding anywhere from \$7,500 to \$30,000 to move, according to several sources.

Tom Olivieri, relocation of-

Hoboken suffered a series of flash fires that killed people and left many others homeless. Tenants lost everything. And they remember. They're afraid landlords will refuse to make necessary repairs, or worse, torch the buildings to force evictions.

One woman, slated to move in November, feared that heavy rains that evening would bring her leaky ceiling crashing down. "I'm afraid right now. There are only two families left in the building."

The newest wave of builders, however, migrated to Hoboken after the fires. Tenants' fears, they say, are unfounded today.

"It's unfortunate today," said one landlord who asked not to be identified, but there must be a fair and amicable solution for all parties involved. Neither side should emerge as the winner.

"Tenants know that they, and not the landlords, hold the upper hand."

Cost of business

The developer said he had just completed negotiating with tenants, settling on some \$60,000 for four families to move. He had calculated that sum when budgeting costs for the entire renovation project.

Builders purchase Hoboken brownstones with specific renovations in mind. Often before approaching tenants they've set the financial framework with bank and construction officials for the project to begin immediately. Each month spent on negotiations can add up to \$10,000 to the tab.

"Sometimes you leave aside an additional \$30,000 just to finance negotiations," one builder confided. "The bank doesn't say, 'We know you're having trouble with your tenants. Forget about interest payments this month.'"

If they don't negotiate with tenants, landlords must wait at least three years before converting apartments to condominiums or cooperatives, according to a New Jersey law cited by Korona. That's a costly venture when holding real estate that has quadrupled in value in the last decade.

Most experts involved in the issue consistently urge tenants to remain in their apartments, at least until the three years expires.

Stephen St. Hilaire, staff attorney at Hudson County Legal

aid, has offered that advice to welfare recipients who visit his office.

"You don't want to deter someone from getting money," he said. "But you have to tailor your answer to their particular situation. My own advice is, we need people to stand and fight for affordable, liveable apartments."

But then federal grants financed the payments, making them legal for welfare recipients to pocket. Today

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The Block plan

City officials including Olivieri and Steve Block, an advisor to Mayor Tom Vezzeiti on affordable housing, believe the three-year span is plenty of time for Vezzeiti's new administration to implement its proposed affordable housing plan.

Block spent two months last summer drafting the 50-page document, geared to aid families annually earning \$30,000 or less. It calls for developer giveaways in the form of cash, vacant apartments, buildings, or land.

An ordinance within the plan would make warehousing — intentionally leaving apartments empty — illegal.

If passed in its entirety, the plan should produce "several hundred" new affordable units within five years, according to Block.

"If it's adopted, the amount of money landlords have to negotiate with is going to be depleted," he said. "On 16th Street I heard a tenant just received \$25,000 to move. If a developer has that kind of money to get a tenant out, he certainly has less than that to construct affordable housing units."

Landlords opposed

Most builders surveyed admitted the need for a solution to the housing problem, but they believe Block's plan unfairly targets only them for giveaways.

Other businesses, including stores and restaurants who benefit from development, aren't required to contribute, they argued.

One landlord is in the midst of adopting guidelines specifically regarding tenant payoffs. He suggested the three-step plan could replace the Vezzeiti administration's proposed housing trust fund.

Developers would set up a fund, contributing \$1,000 each year a displaced tenant resided in the building, he ex-

To: All Tenants
562/564 Observer Highway

From: 562-564 Observer Highway Partnership

Subject: REMOVING YOUR BATHROOMS

You are all aware of the falling ceilings and walls due to continuously dripping water inside these ceilings and walls. As fast as we replace the damage they fall down again.

Plumbers have visited your apartments to repair these problems...but haven't been able to figure out from where all this water is coming from.

We are now informed that the only way this can be corrected is by removing all plumbing in all bathrooms and kitchens. Then replacing it with new pipes.

The problem here is that all of you will be without any bathroom, as we will have to take out all bathrooms, including the fixtures and the walls and floor, for many weeks.

What will all of you do without a bathroom for all those weeks?

The only fair solution appears to be our financially helping you to find a permanent new apartment elsewhere.

SO WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER YOU THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR CASH TO HELP YOU FIND AND MOVE TO A NEW APARTMENT:

WHEN YOU MOVE DURING NOVEMBER 1985...you will get \$3,000 in cash.
WHEN YOU MOVE DURING DECEMBER 1985...you will get \$2,500 in cash.
WHEN YOU MOVE DURING JANUARY 1986...you will get \$2,000 in cash.
WHEN YOU MOVE DURING FEBRUARY 1986...you will get \$1,500 in cash.
WHEN YOU MOVE DURING MARCH 1986...you will get \$1,000 in cash.
WHEN YOU MOVE DURING APRIL 1986...you will get \$ 500 in cash.
WHEN YOU MOVE DURING MAY 1986...you will get \$ 000 in cash.

The sooner you move to your new apartment, the more free money you will be given.

Any questions? Please telephone us at 656-6427. We are ready to help.

October 24, 1985

The above letter was distributed to tenants at 562 and 564 Observer Highway in Hoboken. Money to help tenants relocate is a popular way for building owners to clear buildings so the structure can be converted into expensive condominiums.

plained. The city, if it wished, could match that money. Officials could use the cash in one of two ways, according to the builder. They could distribute it to displaced tenants on

a sliding scale based on how long the tenant lived there. Or they could use it to relocate tenants with the city overseeing the money. "We have no problem with

contributing or building for the poor," he said. "But if they want us to be frontrunners, if they want us to put our necks on the line and make new, something must come back to us."

Stevens to host career night for engineering students

By RENE M. LYNCH

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—If you've always equated engineers with people who wear red and white striped hats and drive locomotives, you might be surprised to know how vast and diverse the field of engineering is.

Some study the earth's natural resources, hoping to develop an efficient system of extracting and producing iron and ore, while others take to the oceans, looking for ways to improve marine transportation.

Specialties aside, almost all engineers share a strong background of math and science, and students who are interested in joining this field should begin to prepare as soon as possible.

With this in mind, the Professional Engineers Society of Hudson County sponsors a variety of activities to bring students in close contact with various engineers, helping students to select the career that's right for them.

Catherine Burns, 2nd vice president and past president of the society, has announced that one such program will be conducted tonight, in cooperation with Stevens Institute of Technology.

Entitled "Student Night at Stevens," the lecture is designed for junior and senior college students and presents John W. Gregoritis, P.E., as guest speaker.

According to Burns, tonight's lecture may be the first time that many of the students will meet and discuss the engineering field with a career expert such as Gregoritis, who was recently named the state's engineer of the year.

Gregoritis also is chief of systems

analysis in the Systems Integration Division for the federal government.

"The discussion is not only focused on the career of engineering, in itself, but also discusses course preparations and testing, as well as the accreditation process and training periods that all prospective engineers will encounter," she explained.

Other events sponsored by the society include The Hudson County Science Fair and Engineering Career Day, designed for young adults. The activities give students a chance to discuss their expectations and concerns about engineering, with various experts.

"We invite representatives from major corporations like RCA, PSE&G and New Jersey Bell to share their insight into the field," Burns said. "Students find out details about engineering that they would never find out by reading a career guide."

Burns' enthusiasm concerning the society's activities may come from her own counseling experience as a student. When she expressed her interest in math and science, her high school counselor wasn't fully aware of the engineering field and advised her to go into nursing.

"Obviously, counselors are unable to know every fact about every field, so this would be a perfect opportunity for someone who is unsure about a college career," Burns stressed. "When this lecture is over they will have a definite sense as to whether engineering is, or is not, for them."

As a representative of the society, Burns tours many of the local grammar schools to encourage students

to include engineering as a possible career choice. In this position, she soon realized the importance of such programs, because many children were totally oblivious to the field.

"Hudson County is basically a blue-collar work area, and so students are not exposed to engineering role models," she said. "I've met many 7th and 8th graders who show outstanding potential, and yet have never even been introduced to the field."

"On the other hand, I've also found students who have been told about engineering, only to realize that they have the wrong impression," she said, explaining that not all engineers shovel coal and ride trains.

Burns explained that the society, a sub-group of the National Society of Professional Engineers, also offers scholarships for students entering college and undergraduate engineering majors.

"The NSPE distributes applications to the chapters across the nation. We in turn give them pass names to high schools where students can apply for them," she said.

Approximately 135 scholarships are awarded across the nation, and last year, two of the nation's winners were from Hudson County.

This is the first year that scholarships will also be available for enrolled students. Burns noted that recipients should have at least a 3.6 grade point average and be working towards a degree, either graduate or undergraduate, in engineering.

For scholarship applications or more information about the society contact the Hudson County Scholarship Chairman at 967-5735.

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a one-year term, while the other trustee chosen is to serve for two years.

Of the 14 hopefuls, half are running for the shorter term and half for the longer one.

They are:

- One-year term — Richard F. England Jr., a former trustee; Linda Diaz-Murphy; Peter "Perry" Belfiore; Martin J. Kieley; Joseph P. Rafter; Rosanne Andreali; and Felix Santiago.
- Two-year term — Eugene G. Drayton; Francis Mancuso; Robert

Cappiello makes his presence known

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Two new members joined the City Council at its caucus last night, and one of them wasted little time in making his presence known.

"In five months, waterfront development has literally screamed to a halt," said Steve Cappiello, the former mayor who was elected to the 3rd Ward council seat Nov. 5. "We've got to get the wheels in motion and get the process started again."

"I can say nothing was done

because nobody knew what they were doing," said Cappiello, addressing his remarks to Mayor Thomas F. Vezzeiti, the man who defeated him in the June runoff.

Vezzeiti had made one of his rare appearances before the council in an apparent effort to garner support for Michael Coleman, his so-far thwarted choice to direct the Community Development Agency. A closed-door council meeting on the appointment, slated for last night, was rescheduled for tomorrow by unanimous consent. The nomination is expected to be put to a vote afterward.

The exchange between Vezzeiti and his predecessor came after the council had asked for an account of the administration's dealings with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the prospective developer of a \$600 million mixed-use waterfront project.

Vezzeiti told the council that because he believes all waterfront planning should go through the CDA, he has put Coleman and the city's legal consultants in charge of the negotiating team for the authority project. He also asked the council to choose two members to take part.

But Councilman Robert A. Ranieri grilled Vezzeiti on the number and type of waterfront development meetings that had been held earlier, and the pair got into a shouting match. Vezzeiti repeatedly said only one negotiating session, which Ranieri had missed, had occurred since he became mayor. Ranieri threatened to subpoena authority officials for their count.



Street lines

Taken on Sixth Street in Hoboken, looking west, this photo defines the contours of the street from the horizontal service lines crossing the street to parked cars to the dip in the hill.

In Hoboken, 14 file for ed board

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Fourteen candidates are vying to become the first two Board of Education members picked by the voters, as the process of returning to an elected school board begins to roll.

Yesterday at 4 p.m. was the deadline for filing nominating petitions for the Jan. 14 election. They had to be filed at the board's office at 1115 Clinton St. The change from an appointed to an elected board was approved by the voters in the Nov. 5 election.

One of the seats at stake carries See BOARD, Back Page

K. Drasheff, city welfare director; Elizabeth Ann Falco; Lourdes Arroyo, city rent-leveling administrator; William E. Metcalfe; and Evelyn Arroyo.

Each petition had to have signatures from at least 10 registered voters. A drawing for ballot position has been set for 3 p.m. today at the board's office after the petitions have been certified by the Hudson County Board of Elections.

Trustees were chosen by the voters before 1979, when there was a switch from an elected to an appointed board.

Another board contest is scheduled for April 3, to fill the seats of three appointed trustees whose terms expire. The remainder of the nine-member board is to be elected in subsequent years.

Two of the candidates, Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo, are expected to be endorsed by Mayor Thomas F. Vezzeiti. They were on the list of five prospective trustees he intended to appoint to the board if the Nov. 5 referendum to enlarge the board to nine members had passed, and the change to an elected body had been defeated. Both referendums passed.

How long will the cash last?

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A row of tumbledown houses stands on Willow Avenue. The buildings seem to lean against each other for support. Planks cover most windows and a slight breeze could blow open the front doors.

Inside, a stale odor travels through hallways riddled with graffiti. The stairs groan as if saying, "No, I can't support another person."

If offered \$7,500 from their landlords to move, most tenants would snatch the offer. And many in this neighborhood did.

But experts in the field consistently offer one piece of advice to tenants contemplating such offers. Don't move. You may never find another Hoboken apartment.

"Even a large amount of money isn't valuable in the Hoboken market," said Stephen St. Hilaire, staff attorney at Hudson County Legal Aid. "Even \$7,000 doesn't go very far. In a doubtful situation, it's best to stand together with tenants who face a similar problem."

"Few people leave empty-handed or with a bonanza," he said.

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From left, Wanda Paris, Jasmine Martinez, and Adelaida Perez have little heat and no working bathroom facilities in their Observer Highway apartment. They've received a tempting offer: \$3,000 to vacate this month.

How long will payoff money last?

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agreed Newark attorney Ray Korona, who has represented middle-income residents in that situation. "In a new place, chances are good you'll have to pay a broker 20 percent of a year's rent and the landlord security plus one month's rent. In a few months several thousand more are eaten up with increased rents."

Tenants in two Observer Highway apartments are facing their first stage in the struggle with landlords. A letter dated Oct. 24 offers them \$3,000 to move in November, with that sum reduced by \$500 each month they wait to move. They will receive no money after April, according to the letter.

The landlord, 562-564 Observer Highway Partnership, cautioned that extensive work on plumbing will shut down all bathrooms "for many weeks." Tenants have also complained that heat, plumbing and electrical problems have plagued the building.

"What will you do without a bathroom for all those weeks?" the letter says. "The only fair solution appears to be our financially helping you to find a per-

manent new apartment elsewhere. So we are pleased to offer you (a) . . . schedule for free money to help you find and move to another apartment."

About half of the tenants in the two buildings had moved just two weeks after receiving the letter. Neighbors said they moved in with family members. For others, like one woman who lives there with her 10-month-old daughter, the choice isn't so clear. She has no family to take her in.

"I would try to find an apartment," she said, pointing out that her present home isn't heated and is serviced by only one working electrical outlet. "I don't have any family. I'll have to go someplace far away because I don't want to be alone in the building with my little girl."

One group of tenants on the 800

block of Washington Street has decided to stay and fight. The building is clean and well-kept. But the landlord wants to build condominiums and has already offered \$2,000 to each family.

"I was born and raised here," one woman said. "I can't find another apartment. I told them I'll move to another apartment, not take the money itself. None of us (there are 10) would sign so far."

At the Hoboken Community Development Agency (CDA),

on Washington Street have more incentive to stay than those living in dismal surroundings like the Observer Highway or Willow Avenue clusters.

"We try to assure tenants that buildings will be secure, doors locked, fire alarms on," he said.

"But how can we keep something like this secure?" He rattled the doorknob on a half-empty Willow Avenue building. It seemed ready to fall off.

Welfare recipients face another dilemma in demanding enough money to move. They run the risk of angry landlords notifying Hudson County Welfare if tenants hold out for too much money.

Steve Block, an advisor to Mayor Tom Vezetti on affordable housing, also cautioned against taking cash. But he added that Vezetti's administration can't prevent tenants from accepting the payoffs.

"My personal opinion is that tenants should not do it," he said. "It's a windfall for only a few months. But I don't think we can officially take a position that they can't accept money."

"In a new place, chances are good you'll have to pay a broker 20 percent of a year's rent."

Hoboken retailers gearing up to fight mall's competition

By Rick Toebes

Hoboken officials claim the revitalization of the city's retail district is urgent — especially when faced with the "monster" Newport City regional shopping mall to be located less than a mile away in Jersey City.

The Hoboken Community Development Agency last night discussed ways of revitalizing the city's shopping with local merchants who gathered in the Multi-Purpose Center on Grand Street.

Hoboken officials fear that Newport City will lure local shoppers to the mall.

The revitalization program was discussed by Thomas Ahearn, director of economic development for Hoboken's Community Development Agency, and several members of consulting firms hired by the city to conduct the study.

The report is an effort to respond to the influx of newer

residents and workers without alienating its longtime population and to consider how existing stores can remain competitive after the proposed waterfront retail stores are constructed.

The report calls the 800,000-square-foot Newport City mall "the single most powerful element of retail competition to affect downtown Hoboken."

Ahearn outlined the report stressing that if no improvements are made to Hoboken's shopping district — Washington Street — Newport City would capture at least 25 percent of Hoboken shoppers' money.

"The impact of Newport City, combined with the continuation of poor management and merchandising, will result in Hoboken's sales decreasing by 35.6 percent from \$15 million this year to \$9.9 million in 1990," according to the report.

Ahearn did, however, say

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Hoboken retailers fight mall

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the potential for increased business activity in the city is promising.

Ahearn said the most crucial step retailers can take is to establish an aggressive comprehensive management approach for the shopping district.

Such an approach would include:

- Improving the shopping environment with attractive sidewalks with trees and well-designed storefronts and signs.
- Enforcing traffic and parking practices to permit maximum use of curb spaces by shoppers and studying new parking lot developments.
- Improving merchandising presentation of existing stores and adding new stores to attract the new demands of the changing market.

Such aggressive management could improve sales by 20 percent, Levine said, even with Newport City.

He added that by 1985 under

Aggressive advertising and promotion to increase trade.

If such aggressive steps are taken, total sales in Hoboken stores could increase from \$15 million in 1984 to \$30.2 million in 1990 and \$30.2 million in 1995, according to the report. Also, the report suggests that shopping space could increase from its current 148,000 square feet to 215,000 square feet by 1985.

Mel Levine, a marketing consultant hired to study the issue, said the retailers should form a city district management corporation to coordinate and monitor the revitalization efforts.

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He added that by 1985 under

such a program, the city could have an additional 65,000 square feet of retail space.

"The potential is here," Levine said. "The dollars are out there. You've got to have a receptive attitude to make Washington Street very attractive."

Levine said the program won't attract people away from Newport City to Hoboken, but could make shoppers "go there two out of four trips instead of three out of four times."

"If you change your merchandising format to meet the needs of the market and make things attractive and clean, people will respond," Levine said.

Consultant Steve Davies told merchants "streetscape" improvements, especially on ac-

cess roads to the waterfront, are a key to future retailing. A major access road is "the not very attractive" Newark Street, he said.

Davies said merchants should consider glass-enclosed cafes in restaurants to lure customers.

Ahearn said "the CDA in its current program year has funds to operate a management group. The CDA can't expect results without your support and the city council's support."

He added CDA can't fund the program "forever, but will be able to help you start."

"I'm issuing you a challenge," Ahearn told retailers. "The city is ready. The opportunity is there. It is up to you. It is up to us to make sure Hoboken will always have a viable retail community."

Ranieri will seek to oust Mayor Vezetti

Defeated two weeks ago in his bid for re-election to the Assembly, Robert A. Ranieri, a Hoboken councilman, has set his sights on another public office. The problem is — it is currently occupied, by Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti.

But that doesn't seem to faze Ranieri, the orator who has been in the front ranks of Vezetti foes since the July 1 changing of the city's political guard.

"Next summer, I will seek a recall, and I will present myself as a candidate for mayor," he told ANORA, the weekly Spanish-language section of The Dispatch. "I believe I can win."

The recall rumblings surfaced just before this month's election, when the Law Department reported it had researched the topic for Council President E. Norman Wilson Jr. At the time, Wilson said he had asked for the information to stay on top of things, after learning that other city offices had been fielding questions on the subject. He added at the time that he was not contemplating launching a recall, and did not know anyone who was.

The rumblings became louder when the votes in three City Council races were tallied.

Former Mayor Steve Cappiello, who lost the top city office to Vezetti in June, won the 3rd Ward council seat by a 3-1 margin over Santo Millet, the administration candidate.

In the 6th Ward contest — where a recount is going on — Angelo Valente, the Vezetti-backed incumbent, lost to David Roberts by 74 votes. The only Vezetti choice to come out on top was 2nd Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, but critics say that was only because the next two finishers split the opposition vote.

Vezetti said the results show he will have to work harder to get his message across to the people.

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Others, less kind, have called the results a rout.

At any rate, now that the dust has cleared, Vezetti is left with two solid votes on a nine-member council — Della Fave, a recent appointee, and Helen A. Canning, who was elected on his ticket in June.

That fact has not been lost on Ranieri, who points out that, although he lost his bid to retain his 3rd District Assembly seat, he carried Hoboken. "We have the majority on the City Council," he said. "I believe my hope of winning a recall and the mayoralty is well-founded."

A potential fly in Ranieri's ointment could come in the form of Councilman Patrick Pasculli, the former Vezetti ally whose name also has been mentioned as a mayoral possibility. Pasculli yesterday dismissed speculation on a recall as "pre-mature" and "polarizing."

In Hudson, there's always an election

There is always another election around the corner in Hudson County. And even before one election is over, the county's politicians are jawboning about the next time — the next campaign, the next candidates, the next trip to the polls for all those eager voters.

But the talk this political season, especially among the war-torn Democrats, is not so much about next time as the time after that.

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Next November's will be a relatively minor election, which features key races for the post of county sheriff, now held by Dominick J. Pugliese; the register's position, currently held by Morris T. Longo; and the 14th District congressional seat held by Rep. Frank J. Guarini, D-Jersey City.

Guarini should not have any problems winning another two-year term despite the rising Republican tide. And the county register's job is nothing to shed blood over.

After the party's losses on Nov. 3, which county Chairman Anthony M. DeFino termed a time of catharsis in local Democratic history, the party cannot afford to lose again next year. So loyal Democratic leaders are meeting with each other — or with their unhappy or fallow-way counterparts — in the hope of mending fences and going into this coming year a unified party — unified against the Republicans.

But the maneuvering for 1988 is only important as a buildup to 1987.

"What a year it is going to be," chuck the political types gleefully, particularly in North Hudson. Up for grabs will be nine freeholder seats, six assembly seats, three state senators, the county executive and the five seats on the Board of Commissioners in both North Bergen and West New York.

Not all the elections will be held at the same time, since the two municipal elections are held in May, but even so, few can remember when so many paths crossed and terms ended, creating perhaps the largest mess of electioneering ever in Hudson County. The Kean-Reagan resurrection of the county Republican Party will make it just that much more interesting.



Photo by Gary Higgins

WITH HIS WIFE, Dorothy, at his side, former Mayor Steve Cappiello is sworn in to the Hoboken City Council yesterday by City Clerk James Farina.

Cappiello, Roberts sworn in; Vezetti 'appreciates' them

By MARITES CHICHOLO
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Steve Cappiello and Thomas F. Vezetti both said yesterday they will work for "the best interest of the city." But so words of cooperation — es-changed between the — who again share the same — political stage.

While Vezetti glowered from the mayor's chair, Cappiello, who occupied the seat for 13 years until Vezetti defeated him in June, was sworn in to the City Council yesterday as 3rd Ward councilman.

Sworn in with him was David Roberts of the 6th Ward.

"All we're interested in is work-

ing with anyone who wants to work in the best interest of the city," Cappiello said in his speech.

After the brief ceremony, Vezetti grabbed the microphone and countered, "I appreciate the two councilmen . . . what they said. I repeat that I will work in the best interest of the city."

As councilman, Vezetti waged a virtual one-man battle against the Cappiello administration. Council meetings often featured verbal attacks against Cappiello from the outspoken Vezetti.

Asked later whether he will turn the tables on Vezetti, Cappiello said, "That's not my style. That's his own personality. If he wants to do that that's his business. I will

conduct this office with the dignity it deserves."

Cappiello said as far as he was concerned there is no hatchet to be buried.

"I'm in the bottom rung of the ladder now. I'm not invoking any other power people think about. People think I'm running for something else. I'm not," Cappiello said.

He said the development of the city's waterfront was his uppermost concern, adding that the city is lagging behind Jersey City, where work on roads and sewers in the Newport City Development has begun.

"He who hesitates is lost," Cappiello said.

Vezzetti to confront Council

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

It's a doubleheader for the Hoboken City Council tonight. The city fathers are scheduled to caucus at 7 p.m. in the council chambers and then meet in a special session with Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti. Vezzetti called for the

Special session on development director

special meeting on Friday. According to his letter, the purpose is to adopt a resolution for a closed session of the council "to discuss personnel matters with

the Community Development director-designate." Tonight's caucus will feature some interesting changes, as former Mayor Steve

Cappiello sits at the council table to represent the Third Ward. Cappiello, who won the seat on the Nov. 5 election, had been a Third Ward councilman

for 10 years before he became mayor and served three consecutive terms.

He was defeated on the June 11 runoff election by the present mayor.

Second Ward councilman Joseph DellaFave will also make his comeback to the council table after winning the election in his ward. He had been appointed by Vezzetti on July 1 — a

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Officers elected

The Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corp. has elected new officers for two-year terms. HVAC President Larry Cerbie announced.

Cerbie was reelected to the office of president. Elected to captain's rank was Don Enrico. The others elected were: Leo Collins, first lieutenant; Nick Manente, second lieutenant for training; Thomas Molta and Lenny Tridante as second lieutenants; for maintenance; Ann Marie Lepre, treasurer, and Ann Fiorentini, secretary.

The ambulance corps, located at 707 Clinton St., answers an average 5,000 calls per year, Cerbie said. It is staffed around the clock by four shifts of emergency personnel volunteers, he said.

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seat the mayor held before winning on June 11.

And the evening will also feature the debut of David Roberts, a Hoboken businessman who won the Sixth Ward seat in the election by defeating Angelo Valente — who was also appointed councilman by Vezzetti on July 1.

During tonight's caucus, the councilmen are expected to review an ordinance promulgating a code of ethics

for elected officials in Hoboken. The document provides for a penalty if violated, the ordinance states.

The council is expected to vote on this ordinance Wednesday night during the regular Council meeting at City Hall. The agenda also includes a resolution requesting several things from the Board of Education:

• Submit a plan to dramatically decrease school board expenditures.

• Submit a detailed explanation of how every position

created or filled since July 1 will directly assist in resolving educational deficiencies.

• Provide a detailed accounting of all dollars expended on the Rue School capital improvement program, and

• Comply with state law and regulation by providing documentary evidence of the relationship between goals, objectives, school improvement activities, and so on.

The council is also expected to vote on the resolution Wednesday night.

Also on the agenda is a resolution authorizing the sale of abandoned automobiles to take place at a public auction on Dec. 4, and another resolution awarding a contract to Government Finance Associates, Inc. to serve as financial advisor to the city. The firm will deal with the organizational structure and the financial options for the city's sewer system.

The city is under a state mandate to upgrade its sewerage system.

Vezzetti could not be reached to elaborate on what personnel aspects dealing with the city's CDA he would be

addressing.

The agency has undergone critical moments recently after Vezzetti fired Fred Bado as its director on Oct. 17.

With Bado's firing, Vezzetti announced his choice for CDA director. The mayor was pushing for Michael Coleman — also a former CDA director in Hoboken.

But the majority of the city council voted to override the mayor's action.

Bado subsequently went to court to get a temporary restraining order to keep his job. Bado and the city were due in court last Wednesday to ask Hudson County Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys to decide Bado's fate. But before court time, the parties settled.

Bado resigned, ending the court battle for his job.

He will now work as an assistant attorney in the city's Law Department.

Vezzetti had said Wednesday that he would submit Coleman's name again to the City Council this week.

The mayor can appoint the CDA director but the council must approve his choice.

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken City Council has decided to wait until tomorrow to discuss personnel matters with the new Community Development Agency director-designate.

That private session is slated for 6 p.m. The regular council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. The CDA discussion was originally scheduled for last night but was put off shortly after the caucus began.

Last night's caucus featured the return of former Mayor Steve Cappiello as a councilman and rookie Sixth Ward Councilman David Roberts. Cappiello won the Third Ward council seat of Councilman Salvatore Cemelli, who retired, while Roberts defeated Councilman Angelo Valente, who had been appointed by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti in July.

Cappiello's return, along with the presence of Vezzetti, was highlighted by several ironic twists.

Under the ordinance, the mayor, council members, all members of public boards and advisory boards must submit a financial disclosure statement to a city ethics board, which would be established. The ethics board would review all disclosures, according to ordinance author Councilman Patrick Pasculli.

Ranieri expressed concern about the (ethics) board

Council delays CDA talk

holding weight over the municipality," namely the council.

"I am concerned about officials going on witchhunts against those running for office," Ranieri said. "The power to govern the city rests with the mayor and city council of this city. Those elected officials."

Ranieri called the development of the ethics agency a "Frankenstein monster that will one day come back and haunt us."

He questioned the agency's power "to sit as a judge and jury in a criminal affair. Is that what they want if there is any wrongdoing?"

Pasculli has maintained the measure is necessary in the face of proposed city programs and the city's \$500 million waterfront development and to insure against potential conflicts of interest.

Also, Ranieri questioned a letter submitted by Vezzetti asking the council to approve a resolution computerizing the rent leveling board.

Ranieri claimed that members of the board recently appointed by Vezzetti were illegal since Vezzetti did not sign the appointments. The hirings were made during the mayor's brief hospital stay in July, Ranieri said, and were never signed by Vezzetti.

Ranieri suggested that Vezzetti's appointment papers were signed by members of the administration "under his instructions at the time of his illness."

"It is my opinion that the original appointments were proper and legally submitted to the council," said city Law Director Fred Woeckner. Woeckner said the signatures were signed by members of the administration "under his instructions at the time of his illness."

"They (appointments) could be communicated in any reasonable manner," Woeckner said.

Rent meeting off

The Hoboken Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board has cancelled the meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. It hasn't been rescheduled.

Macy's preview

Students from Hoboken's Wallace School will once again

travel to Macy's in Manhattan tomorrow to get a sneak preview of the department's store's extravagant Christmas window scenes.

This year's bus trip across the Hudson River to the midtown department store marks the eighth consecutive year in which Hoboken students have viewed the famous displays.

The bus is scheduled to depart at 9 a.m.

Discuss storefront

The Hoboken Historic District Commission will discuss plans for the new RiteAid storefront, 226 Washington St., at its meeting tonight, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall.

Picked for planning unit

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti has reappointed Michael Ocello and named Public Works Director Peter Alicandri to the city Planning Board.

Ocello, who has served as board chairman for the past four years, has been a board member for the past 10 years.

Alicandri, who was recently named DPW chief by Vezzetti, was named to replace city Business Administrator Ed Chius on the board, a city spokesman said.

Vezzetti to shun casinos in trip to Atlantic City

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti is going to Atlantic City.

Vezzetti is scheduled to leave for Atlantic City tomorrow, but he won't be gambling like most folks do when they visit the resort town. He'll be attending the 70th annual Conference of New Jersey League of Municipalities in Atlantic City Convention Hall as part of "Urban Mayors Sessions: Rent Levelling Issues."

Vezzetti indicated he plans to discuss with state and local representatives the "critical issues facing Hoboken, particularly rent levelling, affordable housing and government efficiency."

One of the administration's major objectives during its first four months in office has been to provide affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families.

In an effort to achieve such a goal, the administration recently unveiled its affordable housing plan which calls for developers to provide a percentage of units for low- and moderate-income families and for developers to contribute to a city housing trust fund which would be utilized for such housing.

Vezzetti has maintained that developers of high-priced luxury units are displacing longtime residents from their homes by converting their units to condominiums.

Vezzetti said the one-day trip will afford him the opportunity to hear proposals and plans from other municipal officials from throughout the state in an effort to "help give us direction."

He said he may return with reports from the sessions.

RICK TOSCHES

Mayor appoints panel to monitor infrastructure

By Rick Tosches

Ten people have been named to the newly-established Hoboken Mayor's Advisory Committee on Infrastructure.

Those appointments were made yesterday by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti. Vezzetti, during Monday night's council caucus, announced the formation of the newest advisory board.

The infrastructure committee will study the city's sewer system and oversee the upgrading of the city's secondary sewage treatment facility. The city is under a federal mandate to upgrade its current facility to the secondary level by July 1, 1988.

Named to the committee were: former Councilman Angelo Valente, engineer Robert D'Amico, former Department of Public Works chief William Van Wie, electrical engineer Douglas Gunderwall, machinist Nick DeTrizio, James Perry,

developer Daniel Gans, realtor Alice Genese, banker Anthony Cardino and developer Steven DiFiore.

Vezzetti said the committee will work closely with and coordinate its efforts through DPW Director Peter Alicandri.

At the present time, the committee will focus its efforts on the city's aging sewer system, Alicandri said.

Alicandri added the committee will extend its efforts to other infrastructure needs of the city once members familiarize themselves with the sewers.

The committee is scheduled to meet bi-weekly and has scheduled its first meeting for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

The infrastructure committee is the second such body to be organized by Vezzetti. The first advisory board formed was the Mayor's Waterfront Advisory Committee.

All committee members are volunteers and will receive no pay for their services.

National Latino Film Festival makes first stop in Hoboken

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken's Renegade Theater Company will present the National Latino Film and Video Festival at the High School auditorium, Ninth and Clinton streets, Dec. 1 and 8.

The festival, which has been prepared for the last five years by El Museo del Barrio in Manhattan, recently opened at Joseph Papp's Public Theater. The Hoboken run will be its first stop on an international tour.

Also included in the Hoboken presentation will be films by two local artists, Rene Cruz and Nora Jacobson.

Among the festival works are pieces that focus on Puerto Ricans, Peruvians and Mexican-Americans. Most films are bilingual.

Hispanic filmmakers produced the works, which include: "The Well," the story of a handicapped Chicano veteran of the Vietnam War.

"Struggling for Life," which uses archival footage to tell the story of a Puerto Rican woman working in the tobacco

industry when her area begins to industrialize.

"Candico," on the life of a 90-year-old Peruvian excavator and philosopher, the title character.

"Ballad of an Unsung Hero," the story of Pedro J. Gonzales, Pancho Villa's telegrapher, now 90 years old.

"Machito," which uses rare footage, interviews and concert performances to present a portrait of Machito, the 50-year-old show-biz veteran credited with bringing Latin music to international attention.

"The Mirror," in which a Chaplinesque vagabond discovers herself in a mirror.

"The Fever to Go," which examines the changes Puerto Ricans find when they return to their native land after working in other countries.

"Caguas," a history of Caguas' transformation from a small village in the 1940s to a large city. Produced by WNBC's "Visiones" with reporter David Diaz returning to his Puerto Rican hometown.

"Beach Umbrella," an experimental videotape with a story line that is disassembled and reassembled.

"The Men of Company E," the true story of a Chicago patrol leader in World War II who is denied the Medal of Honor.

"Latin Fashion," which explores how Latin influence the American fashion industry. Produced for New Jersey Network's "Images/Imágenes."

"Huellas," featuring the musical group Huellas and exploring Latin American musical styles.

"Latin Fashion" and "Huellas" are videos that were selected for the opening of the festival but couldn't be scheduled during the limited time available at the Public Theater.

Awards for the festival have been given by actor Raul Julia, Papp and El Museo del Barrio director Jack Agueros.

The schedule for the Hoboken stop on the festival tour is 2 to 4 p.m. for the videos; 5 to 7 p.m. for the Hoboken filmmakers, and 8 to 10 p.m. for the films.

Council bridle at CDA contract

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

Michael Coleman, the Hoboken Community Development Agency director-designate, has pledged to get \$10 million in federal funds for the city.

Coleman, according to Councilman Robert Ranieri, promised to do so in a proposed agreement he has prepared and submitted to Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti's office.

Ranieri said he got a letter from the mayor yesterday afternoon. The letter referred to Coleman's potential appointment as the city's CDA director, and attached to it, Ranieri said, was the proposed agreement between the city and Coleman.

Ranieri said the letter asked him to review the agreement before the special council meeting at 6 p.m. today.

The council is expected to

make a decision on who is going to replace Fred Bado, the former CDA director, who quit last week.

Mayor Vezzetti named Coleman early on as his personal choice for director.

The council was scheduled to discuss the matter at a caucus and special meeting the mayor called for on Monday. But Ranieri asked the council for a 48-hour delay on the discussion of the matter.

The mayor's letter also urges the council members to make a fast determination on the CDA matter, said Ranieri.

"According to the proposed agreement, the document describes the scope of services to be performed by the director and the terms and conditions encompassing his responsibility.

"The proposed agreement is non-legal, illogical, bad business and undemocratic," Ranieri

said. The councilman observed that if the council members were dealing with a consulting firm, the agreement would be legitimate.

"But it's up to the council to set the obligations for the directorship," he said.

Among other things, Ranieri said, Coleman promises to raise \$10 million in federal funding for the city and an extra \$10 million of new private financing.

"Mike says he is going to raise the money and how he is going to spend it, but he never tells how he plans to get the money," Ranieri said.

The agreement also touches on an expanded housing project, economic development, CDA management and how Coleman intends to reorganize the agency. It also lists some terms and conditions.

Coleman asks that the direc-

Boost for buckle-up

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti yesterday went back to school.

Vezzetti appeared at St. Peter and Paul School to promote the first National All-American Buckle-Up Week.

The mayor asked students for their help and commitment to wear safety belts when they

ride in motor vehicles.

"If everyone in our great community were to accept the challenge offered by this year's All American Buckle-Up, we could save hundreds of lives during this holiday season."

Vezzetti also asked students to sign a safety belt pledge during the ceremony.

Tenants warned of 'buyouts'

By Margaret Schmidt

The vacancy rate in the city is so low," Oliveri said. "And there's nothing in the private market that's affordable for people who displace themselves by accepting cash to vacate their apartments."

The city housing projects are full, with more than 1,000 names on a waiting list, he said. Apartments in the federally subsidized Applied Housing buildings are also full. About 250 people are on its waiting list, but another 1,250 are waiting for applications, Oliveri said.

For several years, real estate developers wanting to con-

vert apartment buildings to condominiums have been offering their tenants cash to vacate. The vacant building means complete renovations can be undertaken and all the units can be sold once work is completed. Otherwise, tenants would be able to stay as long as permitted under the state law guiding conversions.

Tenants have been paid \$1,000 to \$30,000 to leave Hoboken apartments, officials said. But even \$30,000 won't help the average family find a suitable apartment in the city. If

used for a down payment on a condominium, for example, the money won't help the family pay mortgage bills far in excess of their previous rent, Oliveri said.

The brochure will outline these points, Oliveri said, and also advise tenants of their rights. It will tell them what city services are available to help them.

Tenants' basic rights to services listed in their leases will also be stressed. And the brochure will notify tenants that the Arson Squad is available for fire watches should tenants think their landlords might try to burn them out of their buildings, Oliveri said.

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Church Square Park in Hoboken expected to be renovated by March

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

If everything goes as planned, Hoboken residents will have a beautifully renovated Church Square Park by March.

Pierce Maneri, coordinator for physical development for the Hoboken Community Development Agency, said the work at the 100-year-old park began a week ago.

"We are actually ahead of schedule," he said. "We just want to open the park to the residents as soon as possible."

The park, between Fourth and Fifth Streets and between Willow Avenue and Garden Street, will get a complete renovation and restoration, according to Maneri.

The project is funded by CDA through a block grant. Maneri said the cost for the restoration will run to \$380,000.

When completed, Union Paving, an out-of-town contractor hired by CDA, will have built new walkways, restored playgrounds, constructed a mall in the center of the park, and will have removed dead trees and planted new ones.

"Some of the trees are dead and present a danger to the children playing," the project coordinator said. "But I want people to understand that we are planting new trees."

Among the improvements, Maneri said, is new park lighting.

"The park is partly designed by the people of Hoboken and we want to return it to them as soon as possible."

Maneri said the plans include painting and getting rid of the fence that surrounds the gazebo. The gazebo, built in the 1930s, had been painted several times, but is filled with graffiti.

Among the original improvements suggested for it were restoring it to natural brick and adding decorative railing.

A new addition is the construction of a mall between the gazebo and the Marroni statue.

"People could come to the park, sit on the benches and attend some kind of entertainment at the little mall," Maneri said.

The present benches will be painted and kept until the new ones arrive.

"The park is partly designed by the people of Hoboken and we want to return it to them as soon as possible," he said. "The con-



Although workers are renovating Hoboken's Church Square Park ahead of schedule, it won't mean a thing if it hasn't got that swing.

tractor has come up with a good work force and we are making a lot of progress."

The area residents started to complain about the state of Elysian Park and Church Square Park last year. They held several meetings to make suggestions to the CDA and to Maneri.

The agency requested a study of both parks and hired the architectural firm of Clarke and Caton, of Trenton, to submit a report.

The firm suggested the creation of "tot" lots and protected areas for swings as top priorities at the two parks.

Maneri said the work at Church Square Park would cost

\$380,000, but "I could really use \$300,000 extra."

He suggested work at Elysian Park could begin next year, but no starting date has been set.

"We would like to get rid of some of those fences that surround the park. They serve no purpose."

The work force at the park includes from six to 10 men and the four-acre park is crowded with at least three bulldozers, loaders and pressers.

One main objective, Maneri said, is to open up the park to the people. He said, "That means, we would like to get rid of some of those fences that surround the park. They really serve no purpose."

Suellen Newman, a former chairman of the Mayor's Recreation Commission, agreed.

"I think the fences around the park should be removed. But if they do decide to have fences, they should be attractive ones," she said.



A bulldozer piles up dirt in Hoboken's Church Square Park as part of the city's effort to have the park completely refurbished by March.

Rafter, Arroyo file to run for expanded school board

Two Hoboken residents filed nominating petitions at Board of Education headquarters yesterday bringing petitions filed to three with less than 24 hours before the deadline.

Joseph Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo prented their petitions together to board secretary Anthony Romano to be placed on the Jan. 14 school board elections ballot which will see the board expanded from seven members to nine.

In the Nov. 5 election, voters expanded the board and also moved to an elected body.

The only other candidate to file is Elizabeth Falco, who submitted her petitions Monday. The petitions must first be verified by Romano.

Only 10 valid signatures are needed for nomination, Rafter said. Rafter submitted 40 signatures, while Arroyo presented 39, according to board officials.

The Committee For Quality Education yesterday voiced its support of the "two qualified, caring individuals who will strive to reverse the downward spiral of achievement."

"We present and support Lourdes Arroyo and Joseph Rafter for membership on the Board of Education."

A native of Villaba, Puerto Rico, Arroyo was raised in Hoboken. She is currently employed by the city as a rent

levelling officer and is currently studying for an education and public policy degree at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

A lifelong Hoboken resident, Rafter has taught in the New York City public schools system for the past 15 years and was named teacher of the year last year.

He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Brazil and active in the former Citizens For Better Education in Hoboken. He has earned two masters degrees and is currently on sabbatical leave while he completes his doctorate at New York University.

Both candidates said they seek office because of "the poor conditions of the school system."

"The state of the Hoboken education system is disgraceful," Arroyo said. "Low achievement scores and equally low morale of both students and teachers are what prevail in our system."

Arroyo said the system remains "a political club," comprised of appointments of friends and relatives of board officials to board posts.

The key to a successful school system, Arroyo said, lies in "the cooperative efforts of the Board of Education, the administration, the teachers, the parents and the children."

"Parents must be involved in the educational process," she

added. "If we are to see a difference in the schools it will be because we have parents whose input has been channeled into improving the system."

"Our children can no longer wait for those who will accept responsibility for the educational system. They are paying the price."

Rafter agreed in calling the system "a disgrace."

"Children have been cheated of a decent education," Rafter said. "Parents are in despair. The teaching corps, losing morale, looks toward the administration for leadership and finds none."

Rafter said that after nine years of attempting to focus on basic skills achievement scores, Hoboken is 512 out of 513 districts in third grade reading scores and 500 out of 513 in third grade math scores. He added, the system is "dead last" in ninth grade reading, writing and math scores — the same district which spends \$25 million or less than 4,500 students.

"The waste of money is absurd," he said. "Far more important the waste of life is tragic. These are our children. This is our future."

Both candidates said they wish to tackle the "large and arduous task" of reforming the board and reshaping the system "and saving our children."

Newest Hoboken quest: affordable watering hole

By David W. Humphrey '86

All good things must come to an end, they say, and it is with this old adage in mind that we sadly bid a fond farewell to an era, a dynasty if you will, that of the Eighth Street Tavern, better known simply as Charlie's.

Charlie's was more than just the local watering hole — it was an institution, perhaps even the anti-institution of that which we all attend. Located just a short stumble away from most of the fraternities, Charlie's was an escape from the rigors of the academic ball and chain. More than just a few seniors and even some select underclassmen appreciated the short walk, the friendly atmosphere, and the cheap booze available at the corner of 8th and Washington.

Charlie's lease expired this month and was not renewed by landlord. Apparently the place will reopen shortly under new management and in the future may even be renovated into one of the trendy yuppie bars that seem to be springing up all over town. A change of this sort can spell nothing but trouble for the typical beleaguered and broke Tech student. Mugs and shots will no doubt double in price. The place is destined to be cleaned. No one else but Charlie would ever give you a free mug for trapping a cockroach under your glass.

Several of the campus' top senior socialites are reportedly combing the city at this very moment looking for an alternative dive.

It is difficult to say just what made Charlie's so appealing to

the upper echelon of Stevens' finest. After the campus Rathskeller closed over a year and a half ago, the image of Charlie's was transformed from that of a workingman's bar to something of a cross between the local garbagemen's hangout and a college pub. No, there were no Stevens bannors or trophies on the walls, but there were plenty of Greek letters to be seen. On any given night one could spot coalitions of Sigma Nu's, Chi Phi's, Chi Psi's, Phi Nu's, Lumpsies, etc., all blissfully slumped over the huge oval-shaped bar with their faces half submerged in a frothy mug of Bud, Genny, or Hamm's. This was not the scene of deep intellectual rhetoric but of friendly, inebriated conversation amongst anybody who was somebody on campus. Even some of the Hoboken regulars gave Charlie's something of a personality. There was the old guy with white hair who used to always bang on the bar and whose image is now immortalized in the faded Eighth Street Tavern T-shirt. There was the short, scrawny guy with the beard who used to always fall off his barstool and who was even known to bartend part-time in the last few weeks before closing. More recently, how could one escape a drunken self-introduction from Bill the construction worker who pulls down three bills a week?

The jukebox, before it was trashed a while back, played Glenn Miller and Frank Sinatra in addition to more recent tunes. Although the video games and pinball machines seemed to

come and go, the bowling machine and the pool table were old standards whose popularity never seemed to die. How about those dirty bathrooms with walls full of classic graffiti? And just what was that long-haired chick in the leather vest doing every time she visited the ladies room followed by some hefty bruiser?

Yes, Charlie's is gone forever. Charlie himself plans to take a vacation for a while, then look into opening another place in the area. But in the meantime, how will the average Tech-lush fare? The Brass Rail offers good music and atmosphere but you pay through your nose for it. The Cafe Elysian is closeby and not too expensive, but it is small and cramped and does not have that old "college" feel to it. The Chatterbox is also cheap but it offers no atmosphere to speak of. The search will continue, however, and continue it must — for we all need a place to relax, to be among friends, and to drink — and it has got to be close so we can go every night.

EDITOR'S NOTE: David W. Humphrey, a senior at Stevens Institute of Technology, mourns the closing of Charlie's in this piece from the school's newspapers, The State. The good news is that Charlie's reopened under new management shortly after the article appeared. The place has been cleaned up and beer has jumped from 50 to 60 cents a mug, but at least there's still one spot where the Stevens kids can drink on a student budget.

Vezzetti and Ranieri get abusive, arguing over who is most obnoxious

By Rick Tosches

It has been more than four months since then-Councilman Thomas Vezzetti and Councilman Robert Ranieri — not very close political friends — have been seated very closely together at the same council table in City Hall.

But during Monday night's council caucus they got close once again — close enough to call each other obnoxious.

While seated close enough to exchange verbal jabs at each

other for the past two years, council meetings often featured long, wordy and heated verbal sparring sessions between the two.

But since Vezzetti has taken his new seat as mayor and moved away from the council chambers, those sessions subsided.

The verbal jousting resumed Monday night during the City Council caucus.

What began as a conversation about meetings Vezzetti had with Port Authority officials and other prospective Hoboken Hudson River waterfront developers concluded suddenly with a shouting match between Ranieri and the mayor who called each other obnoxious, among other things.

"Have you had any discussions with waterfront developers and conducted negotiations with the Port Authority?" Ranieri asked.

"I have met with the Port Authority for presentations," Vezzetti responded, adding such negotiations and efforts should be coordinated through the city's Community Development Agency and its director-designate Michael Coleman.

Coleman is Vezzetti's choice to replace Fred Bado, who resigned recently to take a post in the city Law Department.

Vezzetti said Coleman should head a negotiating team involved in all waterfront negotiations and added the city is ready to begin "intense negotiations with developers as early as next month."

When Ranieri repeated his question about the meetings, Vezzetti answered by saying he has had one direct meeting with P.A. officials.

While repeating his answer again to Ranieri, Vezzetti's

resounding voice echoed loudly over the council chamber's public address system.

"Your voice is obnoxious," yelled Ranieri.

"Your voice is obnoxious, you sanctimonious hypocrite," Vezzetti yelled.

"The problem is this," Ranieri said. "The problem with this man (Vezzetti) is that when he doesn't know the answer, he begins to use personal attacks."

"You won't put words in my mouth," insisted Vezzetti, as he left.

The continuous verbal sparring prompted one onlooker to comment, "Ah, you're both obnoxious."

Ranieri then suggested the council subpoena the P.A. and have the body divulge how many meetings it has had with the administration.

Hoboken council votes 5-2 for ethics code

Boxing damages rookie cop's brain

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council passed an ethics code last night, crowning with success a two-year quest by Councilman Patrick Pasculli.

The ethics ordinance was approved, 5-2, with two abstentions. In an unusual alliance, those voting for the measure were Helen Cuning and Joseph Della Fave — the two members aligned with Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti — joined by Council President E. Norman Wilson Jr., newcomer David Roberts and Pasculli. Mary Francone and Anthony Romano voted against the proposal. Steve Cappiello and Robert A. Ranieri abstained.

During the vote, Cappiello began to explain his position, saying he was willing to make financial disclosure, but he was cut short by

Pasculli, who called for the vote to proceed.

Pasculli began pushing for the code two years ago and had introduced it three times before. Passage of the code was part of Vezetti's campaign platform during the spring election, during which he defeated Cappiello for the mayoralty.

The ordinance adopted would set up a municipal ethics committee to screen potential conflicts of interest involving officials or city employees. Candidates, advisory boards and their spouses would be required to disclose their finances in manner to be determined by the committee.

At Monday's caucus, Ranieri expressed reservations about the ordinance, saying the committee would take over powers reserved for the council by sitting in

judgment on officials and employees. He added that he fears the abuse of information supplied on the disclosure form.

Last night, Daniel Tumpson, a member of the Waterfront Advisory Committee, spoke against asking the private citizens who serve on such boards to reveal their finances. But another member of the same committee urged the passage of the code as "an appropriate thing to do to clear the air."

In another matter before the council, the top post at the Community Development Agency remained in limbo, as the council extended until Monday a closed-door interview with Michael Coleman, Vezetti's choice for director.

On Tuesday Vezetti sent the council a proposed contract for Coleman, intended to be incorporated

into a resolution approving his hiring.

It quickly was scrapped and reworked into a non-binding summary, on the advice of the city law Department, after drawing fire from council members who said it improperly applied practices often used in the consulting business. Coleman heads his own consulting firm here, Michael Coleman Associates.

In the original agreement, Coleman pledged to get up to \$20 million in government and private funds for the city this year. The agreement also stipulated a \$40,000 salary, with an additional cash payment in lieu of fringe benefits, and set the period of employment as the remainder of the mayor's four-year term, providing for a two-year and seven months' severance pay if Coleman were to be fired.

The document went on to spell out ways in which the agency would be revamped and carry out its functions.

But the Law Department advised Vezetti that some of its terms — particularly the salary provision — violate laws regulating city jobs. The revised version, described by city attorney Frederick Woeckner as "a summary of what Coleman intended to achieve" — rather than a contract — went to the council before the hour-long interview last night.

Coleman said afterward that most of the session was devoted to what he would do as CDA director. He said he initially had sought the contract "to outline to the council what I could do."

The paper was intended as "a contract for services," he said. "I'm used to dealing in contractual agreements."

City gadfly Frank Weik was arrested before the start of the meeting last night. He was charged with obstructing administrative law or other governmental functions. He was given a summons to appear in Municipal Court this morning at 9:30 and released, according to police Sgt. John Picurro.

Weik returned to City Hall after he was released.

According to Weik's remarks during the public comment section of the council meeting, the incident took place in the City Hall corridor, when he got into a dispute with Peter Alicandri, director of the city's Department of Public Works.

Weik accused Alicandri of burning him with a cigarette during the incident before the meeting, and he then went on to assail city hiring practices.

By Blanca M. Quintanilla

A Hoboken police officer trainee is listed in critical condition at Point Pleasant Hospital as a result of an injury he suffered yesterday morning while taking part in the athletic program at Sea Girt State Police Academy.

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins said the trainee, Nicholas Manente, 23, is being detained at the hospital

with brain damage he sustained after another trainee hit him in the head during a boxing match.

According to Crimmins, the athletic program, which includes self-defense courses, is a major part of the training the police candidates receive.

The chief was notified yesterday at 1 p.m. about the incident that had occurred just hours earlier.

For Manente, it was the second time in less than a month

Parents say schools failing

By Margaret Schmidt

Basic skills among Hoboken schoolchildren were stunted last year as results of standardized tests were reported to the Board of Education.

Supervisors of reading, math and language arts analyzed test scores for the board members and made several recommendations on which areas need the most improvement and what avenues should be pursued.

They also listened to criticism from several parents and teachers that the severity of the problem must be faced and dealt with in imaginative ways so that Hoboken students can compete with other students

statewide in applying to colleges and for work.

Test scores for third, sixth and ninth grade children in the public schools were discussed. The district also announced the 10-year accreditation of the high school by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Administrators focused on gains in the test scores as compared to previous years, while critics of the system concentrated on Hoboken scores compared to those of other areas of the county and state.

One mother, who said her

son is an A student but that she still worries how he compares to students in other districts, asked when things will change.

"My son is still in the

Administrators told her they couldn't answer that question.

The scores discussed last night were the High School Proficiency Test taken by ninth-

graders and the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills for third- and sixth-graders.

Supervisors analyzed the results of the HSPT and used different comparisons. The test is considered too easy and is being phased out. Scores reflect the percentage of correct answers.

The overall reading score for the high school freshmen was 65.5 in Hoboken in the March 1985 test, an increase of 5.2 percentage points over the results from March 1984.

Reading supervisor Dennis Sevano didn't have comparisons of the figure with the statewide or county scores. Different areas of the test, however, showed Hoboken results lagged behind the county average by four to six percentage points.

"We need to do some heavy soul-searching," he said, "to get our kids" to be better readers.

In language arts — writing and grammar — Hoboken students scored 72.3 overall, an increase of seven-tenths of a percentage point. Again, state and county comparisons weren't available for the totals. Different areas of the test showed students behind county and state average: by three-tenths of a percentage point to 13 percentage points.

"The results of the 1984-85 test show gains in a number of skills areas as well as improvement in both the essay test and

that he was admitted to Point Pleasant Hospital.

Three weeks ago, he was knocked down in the boxing ring and was also treated at the hospital.

But Manente recovered well from that incident and went back to regular training, Crimmins said.

He said he plans to go to Sea Girt on Monday to find out exactly what happened.

"I don't know the name of

Manente's opponent in the ring," Crimmins said. "I'm just going to wait until Monday and there is nothing we can do about this until then."

A source at the State Police Headquarters in Trenton yesterday said Sea Girt State Police Academy is closed on weekends. No further details about the incident were available last night.

Manente was one of the 28

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total test scores," said language arts supervisor Nick Spina.

"The gains made by the district in the second year of the test were greater than those made by both the county and the state. We feel this was a result of our continued emphasis on writing instruction."

In math, supervisor Joyce Tyrell gave the total mean equated math score as 49.4 for 1985, an increase of 4.7 percentage points over last year's results. Compared to the county and comparable districts, Hoboken results in different areas ranged from three percentage points higher to 10 percentage points lower.

For the third and sixth grade scores, Hoboken students lagged behind their peers in many county municipalities. The scores represent the number of students who passed the basic skills test.

In the third grade, the district was next to last, behind Jersey City, in both reading and math. In the sixth grade, reading scores were lower than all districts but Jersey City and East Newark. The math scores were better than those in six municipalities.

Steve Block, a former member of the board who has a son in the school system, said comparisons of Hoboken students with the county and state weren't adequate. His reasoning, however, was that students should be compared with their socio-economic peers. Improvement in Hoboken, he added, must not be pushed aside.

Among the recommendations given by the supervisors were an increased emphasis on workshops for teachers and a concentration on those areas in which students fared poorly on the tests. For the HSPT, supervisors recommended starting more complex areas of their subjects in the seventh and eighth grades so students are familiar with them before entering high school.

Tyrell also recommended greater parental participation and a "different attitude by students, teachers and administrators."

dents and students in the county were insufficient. The district, he said, must set its expectations higher.

Hoboken books do not balance

By Rick Teashe

The Hoboken financial books indicate budget over-expenditures of \$1.2 million, said Joseph Lisa, former city budget official at last night's City Council meeting.

Lisa was asked to comment on several budget transfer resolutions on the agenda.

Lisa said that, although the cost overruns appear in books, some of them may have been accounting or clerical errors.

After lengthy discussions, Lisa and Business Administrator Edwin Chius recommended that the council delay action on the transfers until further study.

Lisa added, that if the over-expenditures exist, the city

Vezetti will name seven advisory boards

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezetti plans to name seven of eight advisory committees before the Jan. 14 Board of Education election.

Vezetti assistant Laurie Fabiano said yesterday that only the education committee will be established after the election. The mayor thinks naming that group before the polling would be viewed as a strictly political move, she said.

Vezetti has already named the members of his Waterfront Advisory and Infrastructure committees.

The next group to be named should be a committee to review the municipal budget, Fabiano said. A group looking at the arts in Hoboken may be named next week.

The other committees will be the Mayor's Recreation, Economic Development, Affordable Housing, Homeowners and Children and Youth committees.

Each committee is to be formally established by an executive order and will act as an advisory organization for the mayor's office.

Community residents with expertise in the different areas are being sought.

The committees will have no official powers, but their findings will be considered before the mayor makes decisions on matters relating in the committee areas, Vezetti has said.

Ragamuffin paraders get prizes for their portrayals

Twenty-seven Hoboken children won prizes ranging from toys to televisions Saturday at the Ragamuffin Parade sponsored by the Hoboken Business and Industry Association.

The winners and prizes, HBIA announced, were:

Anthony Spina, 7, and Frank Spina, 9, dressed as Dr.cula with a coffin car, a black and white television set; Eddie "Bingo Card" Prins, 15, skateboard; Thomas "Bingo Marker" Prins, 12, skateboard; Jackie "Princess" Dunlevy, 7, television; Jason "Hershey Kisses" Colon, 7, cash; Anthony "Ninja Warrior" Ortiz, 5, football, and John "Dice" Romano, 8, bicycle.

Also, Katherine "Little Red Riding Hood" Cahill, 7, bicycle; Irene "Clown" Smith, 8, radio; Siobhan "Spacewoman" Guerin,

6, gift certificate; Amanda "Tiger" Sive, 5, gift certificate; David "Devil" Costello, 7, basketball; Tina "Twirler" Perez, 7, cash; Jennifer Manzetti, no costume given, 6, doll, and Ramon "Witch" Bing, 3, cash.

Also, Jose "Clown" Medina, 12, radio; Michele "Princess" Tattoli, 8, bicycle; Benjamin "Vampire" Brito, 8, football helmet; Melissa "Cat" Medina, 6, gift certificate; Arnold "Pirate" Alfano, 7, football helmet; Linda "Bunnie Rabbit" Thorp, no age given, doll; John "Skeleton" Nataro, 9, radio, and Kevin "Jester" Ratello, 8, radio.

Also, Kelly "Roaring Twenties" Maloney, 8, radio headset; Dawn Gonzales, no costume, age or prize given, and David "Hobo" DiMartino, 6, gift certificate.

Several prizes were also awarded to costumed adults.

A special \$50 cash prize went to Mary Pedone, 70, who dressed as a red-winged bird. Pedone, better known in Hoboken as "Mary Fat" uses the costume at Hoboken High School football games where she dances with the cheerleaders, said Vince Lombardi, one of the parade organizers.

Judges at the parade were Joseph Caporino, HBIA president; Eileen Capcock, reator; Nick Damiano, owner of the McDonald's Restaurant; Edward Lista of Maxwell House coffee, and Hank Snyder, Jersey Journal sales representative.

Assisting the judges in the awards presentations were members of the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association Local No. 2, president David Costello and Detective Edward Cuning. Also assisting was Detective Sgt. Paul DiMartino of the Superior Officers Association.

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would constitute a violation of local budget laws — a misdemeanor, since it's illegal to transfer funds into a department with a zero balance.

After lengthy discussions, Lisa and Business Administrator Edwin Chius recommended that the council delay action on the transfers until further study.

Lisa added, that if the over-expenditures exist, the city

"must cease paying bills in (budget) line items and they must be made up in next year's budget."

If the city approved the transfers, Lisa said, "What it creates is you're spending next year's money this year because you have to make it up."

Jerry Costa, a resident, reminded that the budget review began in January — under the administration of then-Mayor Steve Cappiello, while Cappiello

supporters were quick in mentioning that the city was operating then under a temporary budget.

Chius also told the council that most discrepancies are bookkeeping errors. "I can assure you of that."

Lisa said the city has never had an over expenditure "for as long as I can remember."

Council members agreed the matter should be studied.

Meanwhile, in other business, the council finally adopted an ordinance establishing a code of ethics for elected and appointed municipal officials and a financial disclosure statement.

The measure passed by a split vote, 5-2-2, with Councilwoman Helen Cuning and Councilman Pat Pasculli, Joseph DellaFave, David Roberts and E. Norman Wilson voting in favor and Councilman Anthony Romano and Councilwoman Mary Francone voting against. Councilmen Robert Ranieri and Steve Cappiello voted "present."

It was the fourth time that the Pasculli-drafted ordinance was before the council.

Sister Grace resigns

By A. Elizabeth Foley

Since assuming the role of president of St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken, Sister Grace Frances Strauber, SFP, has constantly updated herself on management techniques, hospital care and administration. With her resignation, announced yesterday and effective at year's end, she plans to devote time to challenges in the health care field on the national and international level.

Earlier this year, she participated in an eight-day inter-

national conference on health held in Rome, sponsored by the newly formed International Health Economics Management Institute.

Entering the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, an order dedicated to health care and nursing, shortly after high school graduation, she has directed her efforts toward the business end of care for the sick.

A native of Queens, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration

ly and group therapy. Another community oriented project is the Family Practice Center and family practice residency program.

Sister Grace is a member of the board of trustees at St. Anthony Hospital, Warwick, N.Y., and St. Francis Hospital, Jersey City. She is also a director of the Hudson United Bank, a member of the National As-

Council wants ed board to bite spending bullet

The Hoboken City Council wants the Board of Education to submit a plan to "drastically decrease" school expenditures.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello instructed City Clerk James Farina to formally make such a request on his behalf during Wednesday night's council meeting in City Hall.

The request was made after a resolution by the council asking the board to submit the information was defeated.

The vote was 5-4, with Cappiello, Councilmen Robert Ranieri, Anthony Romano and E. Norman Wilson and Councilwoman Mary Francone voting against the measure. Coun-

cilwoman Helen Cuning, Councilmen Patrick Pasculli, Joseph DellaFave and David Roberts voting for it.

The specific requests the resolution asked the board to submit included the following:

- A plan to dramatically decrease school board expenditures without negatively impacting on direct educational services no later than Dec. 15 of this year.
- A detailed explanation of how every position created or filled since July 1 will directly assist in resolving educational deficiencies.
- A detailed accounting of all dollars expended on the Rue

School capital improvement program.

- Comply with state law and regulation by providing documentary evidence of the relationship between goals, objectives and school improvement activities.

The information is necessary because the Hoboken Board of Education has failed to receive state certification during the 1984-1985 school year, among other factors, according to the resolution sponsored by DellaFave.

Other reasons given include that student achievement in the system "continues to lag far behind state norms, the Board of Education has created or filled such unnecessary positions as supervisor of audio-visual, a new vice principal, supervisor of special education, supervisor of elementary education and assistant internal auditor.

DellaFave's final reason is that the school board's internal auditor has publicly projected an "unconscionable" 50 percent increase in local tax revenues to be requested for the 1986-1987 school year.

Once Farina read the resolution, Ranieri said the information requested does not pertain to the council.

"This not a subject germane to the City Council," Ranieri said. "I believe we should ask the administration to decrease the board's expenses."

Meanwhile, DellaFave said the matter is not irrelevant to the council. He said the council could act for the citizens in asking for the information.

Following the vote, Cappiello made his request to Farina.

School board field swells to 14 hopefuls

Eleven people submitted last-minute nominating petitions yesterday to Board of Education Secretary Anthony Romano for the Jan. 14 school board elections, in which two seats are up for grabs.

A total of 14 people have submitted petitions for the race.

Romano will review the petitions for verification.

The ballot drawing for positions is scheduled for 3 p.m. today in Board of Education headquarters at 1115 Clinton St., Romano said.

The following candidates have submitted petitions for the one-year term: Maxwell House employee Richard F. England Jr., developer Peter Perry Belfiore, Linda Diaz-

Murphy, Joseph Rafter, Detective Martin J. Kiely, Roseanne Andreula and Felix Santiago Jr.

Candidates for the two-year term are police officer Eugene G. Drayton, Frances Mancuso, city welfare director Robert K. Drashev, Evelyn Arroyo, Jersey City teacher Elizabeth Ann Falco, Lourdes Arroyo and William E. Metcalfe.

Falco was the first candidate to file on Tuesday, while Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo filed on Wednesday.

All candidates filed before yesterday's 4 p.m. deadline.

The election was called after voters voiced their support for an elected school board at the Nov. 5 municipal elections.

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