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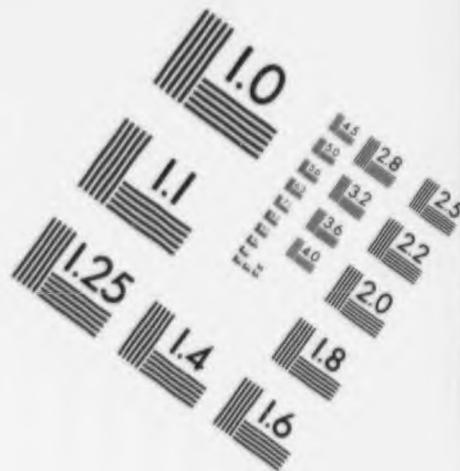
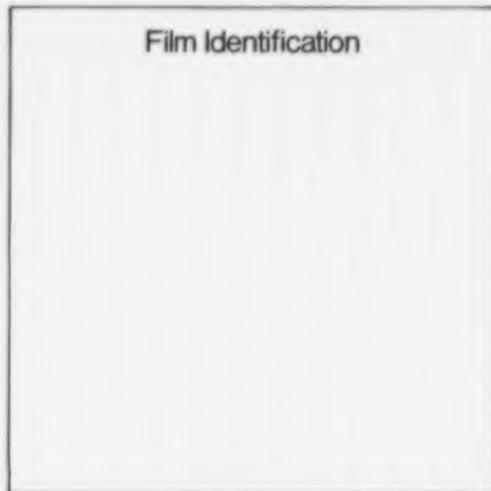
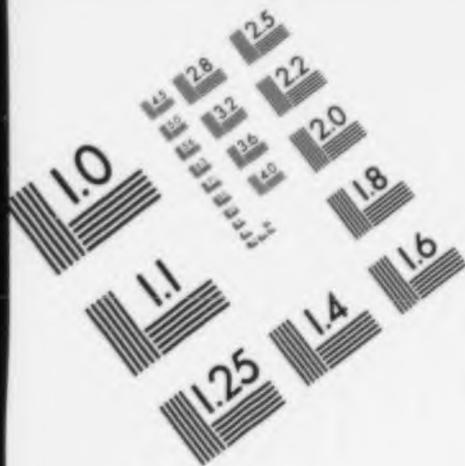
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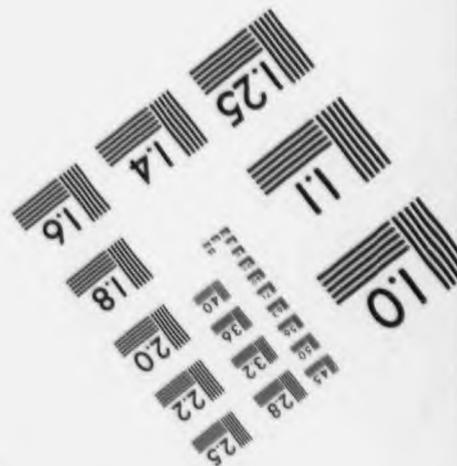
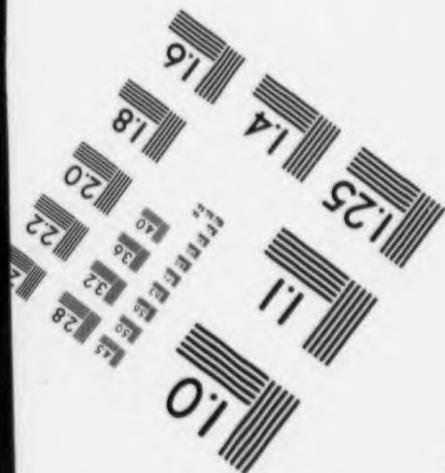


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Gel on tracks blamed for train crash 1/2/86 JJ

A greasy gel spread on the tracks caused the train crash at NJ Transit Hoboken Terminal Monday that sent 54 people to the hospital, according to NJ Transit spokesman Anthony Grazioso.

He said that the gel, which is colorless and very slippery, had been used last Saturday to conduct "ultrasonic" testing of passenger trains to see if there are imperfections on the tracks. "The gel is water-soluble."

Grazioso said, "We didn't do a good job removing it. When train No. 616 arrived in Hoboken, the greasy film made it slip along track 14 causing the crash," he said.

He said the gel had been spread by two other trains arriving at Gate 14. Meanwhile, officials also discarded the possibility of loose tracks or improper action by engineer Patrick Wash as causes of the accident.

The incident occurred during Monday's rush hour when NJ Transit No. 616 from Dover failed to stop at the end of track 14 at the Erie Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken and crashed into concrete.

Developer, city eye feud's end

By BRENDAN NOONAN Staff Writer

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Regarding Dell'Aquila's threat to sue the city, Woekener would only say that "it's not clear ... what he means."

"He has the same right as any citizen to come into City Hall and get copies of any documents," Woekener said. But he added the city has no obligation to send the documents out to Dell'Aquila.

Vezzetti wants data about bogus voters

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti yesterday requested information on city employees whose names are being taken off the voting rolls because it was discovered they live outside the city.

Vezzetti sent a letter to Hudson County Elections Superintendent Joseph Brady and a copy to Deputy State Attorney General John Wynne asking for reports on the voters, said Fred Woekener, city attorney.

"The question is, 'Does this alleged action in any way reflect on their official duties as city employees?'" said Woekener.

Continued from Page 1. properly with respect to their city functions.

"A list of names isn't enough," the attorney said. He added that much of the information may be considered confidential.

Brady has declined to identify the 13 until they are notified that their names are off the voting rolls in Hoboken.

Vezzetti has criticized the grand jury's decision not to indict the 13, calling it a "disgrace." He has estimated that voter fraud cost him more than 1,000 votes in the May 14 primary and June 11 runoff elections. He defeated three-term Mayor Steve Cappiello in the

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Time to vote in Hoboken

Hoboken's schools are in awful shape. That's a statement that everybody concerned with the schools — the new superintendent, teachers groups, and all the candidates in Tuesday's board election — seem to agree on. Until now, the fault for low test scores and a high dropout rate has lain with the trustees of the school board and former Mayor Steve Cappiello, who appointed them.

Starting Tuesday the responsibility will lie with the voters. By approving a referendum proposal in November that will replace the appointed board over the next few years with elected members, Hoboken residents gave themselves the chance to act directly to better the schools — and in the long run, the lives — of the city's students.

But passage of the referendum didn't change anything; it just made it possible for there to be change. The question now is whether residents will follow through by coming out to vote Tuesday, and whether they will take the time to make choices based on issues instead of on which factions are backed by Cappiello and Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

Two candidates stand out for their ability and commitment. Joseph Rafter has a solid background in education from his prize-winning work as a teacher in New York City and has already laid out forceful, seemingly workable proposals for management reorganization and tapping the resources of local business to improve the schools. Lourdes Arroyo is currently working toward certification as an elementary school teacher, has children in the school system, and also has good, reasonable ideas.

Richard England is also a good candidate, with business expertise as his strong point, but we have opted for Arroyo's educational background.

Two final notes: voters should be careful not to vote for the wrong Arroyo by mistake. Evelyn Arroyo is the candidate whose provocative ad created all the fuss; Lourdes Arroyo is the candidate we back.

Voters should also be aware that the polls will be open only between 2 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, in most of the locations used in general elections.

Block group wants to hear school plans

The 10 candidates for the Hoboken Board of Education have been invited to make presentations Tuesday at the Sixth Ward Block Association meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the Martha Institute, Sixth Street and Park Avenue.

The candidates will be asked to give proposals on how they hope to improve the school system, said John DePalma of the block as-

sociation. The election for two seats is Jan. 14.

Richard England, Joseph Rafter, Frances Mancuso and Linda Diaz-Murphy have said they will attend. The other candidates are Roseann Andruela, Evelyn Arroyo, Lourdes Arroyo, Eugene Drayton, Felix Santiago Jr. and William Metcalfe. No negative responses have been received yet, DePalma said.

The remaining candidates for the one-year term are Richard England, Linda Diaz-Murphy, Joe Rafter, Roseann Andruela, and Felix Santiago Jr.

Cop quitting school race

Martin Kiely, a Hoboken detective lieutenant said yesterday that he is withdrawing as a candidate in the Jan. 14 election for the Hoboken Board of Education.

Kiely, one of six candidates for a one-year term on the board, said he is withdrawing because of family pressures. He said he will

present Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys with a letter today requesting a court order to remove his name from the ballot.

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Hoboken ed board critics cite nepotism

Several people named in the report criticized what they said was its selective inclusion of employees.

Pope said nearly all of the trustees' relatives held their jobs before their kin took office.

"There's no pervasive nepotism," he said. "There's no evidence of any job created for a relative, no evidence of pervasive advancement of relatives, no evidence any of the relatives are unqualified."

Vezzetti, who defeated Cappiello See NEPOTISM. Back Page Clerk Joseph Lisa Sr., as being well-represented on city and school payrolls.

"Did they also give (figures for) the Canning family?" asked Joseph Lisa Jr., the son of Joseph Sr., referring to relatives of Councilwoman Helen Canning who work for the city. He also asked whether credentials were taken into consideration, noting that his mother, Catherine, now a Hoboken teacher, had joined the system 25 years ago, with previous teaching and nursing experience.

Wendelkin, a trustee from 1979 to 1984, said he had voted on only one hiring of seven relatives now working in the school, that of a cousin whose police officer husband was killed in the line of duty.

"A lot of people who served on the board while I was there did a lot worse," he said, but did not elaborate.

The report also names 27 teachers, trustees and administrators who worked at the polls in elections this year. Richard Cullen, a clerk with the Hudson County Board of Elections, confirmed that all but four had been challengers for Cappiello's council slate. Among the challengers for the Cappiello ticket were Charles Tortorella, James Ronga, Lidia Palumbo, Mary Lisa Petrowski and Lawrence Sciancalepore, all of whom were promoted to administrative posts in the fall.

The district employs 430 teachers and administrators out of a total staff of approximately 600.

Hoboken candidate defends ad

By GAIL FRIEDMAN Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Promise them anything, but give them a Board of Education candidate.

Some might call it cheesecake, others a high-fashion photo. But to Evelyn Arroyo, Miss Puerto Rican New Jersey of 1982, it's the antidote to your usual boring siew of campaign literature.

Arroyo, 21, is one of five hopefuls running for a two-year board term in next Tuesday's election. In a political advertisement, slated to appear today in a local weekly newspaper, she strikes a pose wearing a silky, off-the-shoulder evening gown.

"For a new approach, vote Evelyn Arroyo," the ad reads. "It's just sexy; it's not dirty," she said. "That's the only way I could get people's attention."

"Why not try something different?" asked the 21-year-old candidate, a member of the city Democratic Committee and a sophomore special education major at Jersey City State College.

"Once they see the picture, they're going to read the ad and see my qualifications."

The ad goes on to criticize the quality of the school system, winding up with a paraphrase of the old perfume ad: "Now all the politicians promise reform. That's what we get — promises, promises (not even Arroyo)."

Arroyo, waging a campaign she said is aimed heavily at the Hispanic community, wants to see parents, students, trustees and administrators form a committee to combat the high school dropout rate. She denied reports she is running to draw votes from Lourdes Arroyo, the contender Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti is backing for a two-year term.

A November referendum opened the way for conversion from an appointed to an elected board. A one-year and a two-year seat are at stake next week. Candidates chose which terms they sought when they filed their petitions.

Woeckener is scheduled to return by week's end.

Dell'Aquila, who recently bought the Hoboken Shipyards and plans a \$250 million mixed-use development, is being sued by two of his neighbors who claim he has put a wall and fence on easements.

One neighbor, the Sullivan Company, has also made the city a defendant in its lawsuit, but is not seeking damages from the city.

The city has complained to Dell'Aquila about a locked gate on his property, claiming it prevents emergency access to some waterfront properties.

Dell'Aquila, meanwhile, has written to the council charging that unauthorized city vehicles have trespassed on his L-shaped property which begins at 14th and Hudson streets and wraps around the Todd Shipyards to the Weehawken border.

Continued from Page 1. review of his credentials by Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City. Zamrin is city prosecutor, a post he has held since July. He would serve the remaining five months of the late Judge Peter Giordano's unexpired term.

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Meanwhile, Baker began scurrying around late yesterday morning, gathering the necessary court orders that would be attached to his UDAG application. Baker said the application first would have to go to Trenton to be signed by DEP officials and would be sent to Washington to offices of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for UDAG approval. Baker completed his tasks by 4 p.m. yesterday.

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Council stalls on Dell'Aquila while law director is away

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken City Council is awaiting the return of Law Director Fred Woekener before it decides its next legal step involving a property line dispute at the Anthony Dell'Aquila Enterprises development.

The council met in closed session for about an hour Monday night to discuss the matter. On hand were members of the Law Department, Thomas Callighy and Fred Bado, and Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

Council President E. Norman Wilson said the council discussed "matters dealing with litigation."

The complex rights of way and easements surrounding the uptown property owned by Dell'Aquila.

One council member said the meeting was called to decide a course of action in dealing with the developer, claiming there is a "cloud over that area."

Wilson said the council has decided to await further information and the return of Woekener, who is vacationing, before it makes a final determination.

He added the council will instruct the Law Department on what course to take once the information is secured.

Developers want to raise building

The Hoboken Planning Board will discuss proposed amendments to the site plan for a commercial building at 2 Hudson Place on tonight, 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The developers of the building have asked to amend the designs to add 18 inches in height because of a state mandate that the waterfront offices

be a foot and a half above the flood level.

Other hearings before the board will be for a major subdivision at 218 Washington St. and a site plan with variance at 531 Washington St.

In other business, the board will elect a chairman and secretary in the annual organization meeting.

Hoboken council OKs Law Dept. head

HOBOKEN—The City Council last night unanimously approved Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti's choice for the top post in the Law Department, but a vote on his nominee for municipal judge was postponed.

Salvatore E. D'Emilio, formerly an assistant city attorney, will head

the department effective immediately. He replaces Frederick Woekener, who cited the demands of his private law practice as his reason for stepping down.

The council held off voting on the appointment of Steven Zamrin to the Municipal Court bench, pending

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Hoboken woman, homeless at 81, dies on the street

By Margaret Schmidt

An 81-year-old homeless woman died on a Hoboken street over the weekend, apparently of natural causes, police said yesterday.

Henrietta Sforza, who had lived on Hoboken's streets for the last decade, was found lying dead in the street at 105 Second St. around 6 a.m. Saturday, police said. She was wearing only a blouse and coat and had a gash over her right eye, but police believe she died of natural causes, said Capt. Jerry Dargan, head of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Homicide Task Force.

Investigators are awaiting an autopsy report from the medical examiner's office in Newark.

Sforza was "famous" in Hoboken, said Rev. George Ligos, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church and head of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition. She was often seen in front of City Hall. "She always sat on the bench there," he said. "Everybody in town knows her."

The Mexican woman, born in the town of Tampico, "drifted in and out of things" since her husband died about 10 years ago, said Sister Norberta Hunnewinkel, head of the Bishop

Mahurter Shelter for the Homeless where Sforza took her meals and often slept.

"My suspicion," she said, "was that after her husband died she couldn't afford her apartment. Then she probably got used to living on the streets. She liked the ambience."

Sforza more recently may have been able to afford a modest apartment, Hunnewinkel said, "but when people tried to help her, she was afraid of living alone."

Hunnewinkel said she only knows vague facts about Sforza — that she was from Mexico and

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Evelyn Arroyo, a candidate in Tuesday's Hoboken school board election, caused a stir yesterday when this photo appeared in a local weekly newspaper accompanying her political advertisement.

Candidate's evening gown poses a question of 'sexploitation'

By Margaret Schmidt

A candidate for the Hoboken school board caused a stir yesterday when her first political ad appeared, featuring the 21-year-old former model barefoot in a strapless evening gown.

Several women in Hoboken politics called the ad sexual exploitation and criticized the candidate, Evelyn Arroyo, for neglecting to highlight her qualifications or proposals. "I don't think it's wrong," Arroyo responded. "It's different. The people she spoke with who had seen the advertisement, which appeared in a local weekly newspaper, thought it was 'great,'" she said.

Arroyo, the 1982 Miss Puerto Rican New Jersey, said she used the photograph because she knew it would be an attention-getter. "People are not just interested in politics," she said.

"I don't think it's wrong. It's different."

— Evelyn Arroyo

Lourdes Arroyo and Linda Diaz-Murphy, two other Hispanic women seeking seats on the Board of Education in Tuesday's citywide election, said the seductive photo ignores the issues and insulted women and Hispanics. "I'm angry," Lourdes Arroyo said. "As hard as women try today to be treated as equals, you shouldn't have to use 'that kind of tactic.'"

She added that the problems facing the city's school system are too important to be taken lightly and include teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. To use an ad based on sex appeal, she said, is "insensitive" to those problems.

Diaz-Murphy criticizes what she called the common use of subliminal seduction. Not only does the advertisement "say nothing," Diaz-Murphy charged, it "insults" the intelligence of the voters, particularly Hispanic voters.

The ad has only four sentences under the photo. In bold print it reads: "For a new approach, vote Evelyn Arroyo." In smaller print it says: "Everyone knows the Hoboken public

school system is one of the worst in the state. Now, all the politicians promise reform. That's what we get, promises, promises (not even Arroyo)."

"Does she want to be viewed as Miss Cutesy Poo on the Board of Education or does she want to be taken seriously?" questioned Mary Gaspar, who served on the board from 1976 to 1978 and was its only woman president. She complimented Evelyn Arroyo's cleverness and intelligence that shows through the "eye-catching" ad, "but I don't take her seriously" now.

She criticized what she called the inappropriateness of the ad for the serious office Arroyo is seeking. "Certainly, I don't think the Board of Education at this juncture is a laughing matter," she said. If Arroyo struck the same pose in the same dress with a degree in her hand, she added, she'd be more impressed.

Zelma Lugo, the only woman on the current Board of Education, attributed the photo to Arroyo's youth and inexperience in politics. She agrees the photo will draw attention, but questions whether most parents won't "think twice" before voting for the woman.

Arroyo hopes the ad, and another that show drawings of other candidates as puppets of current city and board officials, will help her win the election.

Christine Carmody-Arey, immediate past president of the state chapter of National Organization for Women and political activist, defended Arroyo's right to run her campaign as she sees fit. Many men, she said, represent themselves as being macho or family-oriented in campaign literature, so why not an evening dress for Arroyo? "I think it's a very brave thing she's doing," she said, adding that the advertisement shows "a very creative mind."

Helen Cuning, a member of the Hoboken City Council, however, said the ad shows nothing. It demeans the political process, women's roles in it and the school board, she said. "It's not even a new approach," she said. "Graphically, it's the old approach — the oldest approach there is to getting things done."

Arroyo responded that she sees nothing "dirty" about her ad and, while admitting she is young, said she is serious about helping her community. Among her plans is a proposal to form a committee to check on teachers' attendance and one to address the problems of dropouts and failing students.

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was probably a Mexican citizen; that she came to the United States when she was very young, and that she once worked for a lampshade manufacturer in Brooklyn. She lived in Hoboken with her husband about 10 years before moving to the city's streets.

The woman apparently had no children or known relatives, Hunnewinkel said.

She described Sforza as short and heavyset, "grandmotherly-looking" with leather skin that showed her life on the streets and her Mexican heritage. "She had a very pretty smile," she said, "and could be extremely charming."

"She was very pleasant in her own way," Ligos added. Sforza spent so much of her

life in the United States that she felt unable to return to her native country, Hunnewinkel said. "My people — they call me a gringa," she quoted the woman as having said.

L. James Peck of the Hoboken Police Auto Squad is attempting to locate relatives. Once the autopsy is complete, he said, the woman's body will be brought to Reiman's Funeral Home in Union City.

Ligos said the Clergy Coalition plans to hold a prayer service for the woman, probably above the shelter at St. John's Lutheran Church, Third and Bloomfield streets. That way, he said, the service will be accessible to the shelter residents who met Sforza daily and shared Hoboken's streets with her. — Margaret Schmidt

School board candidates discuss Hoboken issues

By Blanca M. Quintanilla

It will take many years and a collective effort to rid the Hoboken Board of Education of its problem, according to five school board candidates running in next Tuesday's elections.

Five out of 10 candidates running for two seats in the school board accepted an invitation to attend a forum sponsored by the Sixth Ward Block Association last night. Despite bone-chilling temperatures, more than 80 residents turned out to hear the candidates pre-

sent their views and respond to questions.

John DePalma of the block association said all candidates had been invited.

The two seats became available as a result of the November referendum that expanded the appointed board of education from seven to nine members, and changed it from an appointed board to an elected body. In Tuesday's election one seat is up for a one-year term and the other for a two-year term.

Candidates running for the

one-year term present at the meeting were Richard England, Linda Diaz-Murphy and Joseph Rafter. Absent were Roseanne Andreula and Felix Santiago.

Candidates trying to capture the two-year seat are Lourdes Arroyo and Frances Mancuso. Candidates William Metcalfe, Eugene Drayton and Evelyn Arroyo were not present.

The first to speak last night was Linda Diaz-Murphy. The holder of a philosophy and urban studies degree from St. Peter's

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College in Jersey City, she soon will start working for the Archdiocese of Paterson in the Campaign for Human Development program.

Diaz-Murphy, whose two children attend private school in Hoboken, said, "I feel the education in our school system is quite inferior. That's why I have my children in private schools. The public schools have failed."

If elected, Diaz-Murphy said she would push for a phonics reading program, a bilingual teacher for Calabro School and tougher teacher evaluations.

Richard England, 43, is the only candidate with prior experience as a board member. A manager with the Maxwell House division of General

Foods, he was elected in 1978 and served for 19 months, losing his seat after a referendum changed the board to an appointed one and reduced its size to seven members.

England believes the school system has good teachers. "We have the best teachers in the state and the money is there," he said. "Let's do something constructive with it instead of destructive."

England identified the three issues that highlight his campaign as bilingual education, taxes and the waterfront.

"I got in trouble in 1978 for saying this," he said, "and I'll probably get in trouble again, but I think perhaps bilingual education has a negative impact on education."

He said he is also concerned about the high taxes the residents pay in Hoboken. England says that more than 50 cents out of every tax dollar goes to the school system.

Frances Mancuso, who said she had agreed to run in the election only to improve the school system, said she is disappointed the election is turning into a political war.

Mancuso, a teacher at Demarest School, agreed with England that the school system has excellent teachers and put the blame on administrators. She also believes teacher evaluation should be tougher and more parent and citizen participation is needed.

Asked by the public how she would solve the high dropout and drug abuse, rates among high school students, Mancuso said, "I don't have answers for your questions. But I'm going to give it my all."

Candidate Joseph Rafter, a New York public elementary school teacher on sabbatical, took a more dramatic approach. "Don't be fooled," he said. "The problems in the school system are horrendous. One out of three of our students drop out of high school. Ninety percent of our students who go to college score low on the placement test. I'm telling you that our students could not function in the 19th century."

Rafter has served as a member of the board of directors of the Stevens Cooperative School and as co-president of the Calabro School PTO. Rafter blames the problems

of the school system on 25 years of "constant political interference that has created morale problems" and says administrators, not teachers, are to blame for students' performance.

"The parents have been frustrated by the past boards," Rafter said. "Those parents who have an accent have been mocked by board members. That keeps parents alienated from the system."

Rafter also has two children in private schools in Hoboken but said he would not transfer them to public schools if he is elected. "My children are too valuable to me," Rafter said. "I would not sacrifice them by changing them to the public school system."

Lourdes Arroyo, the last candidate to speak, took only a few minutes to address the audience, but she told the parents not to accept certain attitudes from the board members. She said, "The board is to serve the people. It is also their responsibility to provide quality education," she said.

Candidates England and Drayton are supported by an anti-administration coalition. Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo enjoy the support of Vezzetti, and the rest of the candidates claim to be independent.

Vezzetti chooses 2 for law posts

By GAIL FRIEDMAN Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti yesterday named his choices for two top Law Department posts.

Vezzetti said he plans to appoint Salvatore E. D'Amelio law director and Steve Zamrin as municipal judge. D'Amelio is an assistant city attorney, and Zamrin is the municipal prosecutor. The nominations are scheduled for a City Council vote at Wednesday's meeting. If confirmed, the nominees would take their new posts immediately.

The current law director is Frederick L. Woeckner, who has given two months' notice that he intends to step down in order to devote more time to his private practice. Zamrin would complete the remaining six months in the term of the late Judge Peter J. Giordano. Ross London, now acting judge, would take the night court bench, Vezzetti said.

The nominations cap several weeks of behind-the-scenes nego-

tiations between Vezzetti, who favored naming Zamrin as the top attorney, and a council faction pushing for D'Emilio, sources said. Vezzetti said he had made the selections based on each man's qualifications for the specific job.

D'Emilio, appointed an assistant city attorney by Vezzetti in July, is a partner in the Jersey City law firm of Schiller Vyzas McGill & Squeo. He said his interest in a condominium project being developed by members of the firm had been sold to someone outside his family. The project, Presidential Towers, is undergoing revision after the Zoning Board of Adjustment denied the developer a height variance.

Doubts about the legality of some aspects of the administration's affordable-housing plan, which calls for mandatory developer contributions, reportedly contributed to Woeckner's resignation. D'Emilio said he and Vezzetti had discussed the issue, and D'Emilio said he concluded that the city attorney would work together with Michael

Coleman, director of the Community Development Agency, to refine the proposal.

"Any plan developed has to be a fair and legal plan, and has to be able to be put into effect now, when we need it," D'Amelio said.

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City may expand tax office

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken officials are scheduled to meet today to discuss the possible expansion of the tax assessor's office.

Assessor Woodrow Monte has said his office needs \$45,700 more in personnel and supplies to complete the mandated reassessment of Hoboken property.

Monte, Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and Councilmen E. Norman Wilson, Steve Cappiello, Robert Ranieri and David Roberts went before the Hudson County Tax Board on Friday to discuss the reassessment.

"They want to make us hire certain employees as Mr. Monte

requested," Vezzetti said of the tax board. "We promised to cooperate to the best of our ability."

When pressed on whether his "cooperation" meant he would ask the City Council to hire to expand the assessor's office, Vezzetti repeated that the administration would cooperate.

The tax board ordered Monte to complete the reassessment and told the City Council to provide reasonable financing in an order dated September 1985. Monte has asked for a raise in the deputy assessor's salary to attract an amply qualified person; a chief field representative; a field representative,

and money to produce proper record cards.

The deputy assessor's salary in 1985 was \$17,150 and there were two of them. Monte has asked for one deputy at \$30,000 a year.

He has suggested that a chief field representative be paid \$20,000 a year and a field representative receive \$15,000 a year. He estimated the property record cards will cost \$15,000.

He has also requested a raise in his own salary, but Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the raise is a separate issue.

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Chius, Wilson and Monte are scheduled to meet today to discuss the extra funding.

One city official said the mayor will include the funding in his proposed 1986 budget but he doesn't expect the City Council will approve it.

The reassessment was ordered in lieu of a reevaluation after county tax officials pressed the city to update its assessment for the upcoming tax year. It isn't unusual, for example, to find a brownstone assessed at below \$25,000 selling for ten times that amount.

The outdated assessments have led to gross inequities, some officials argue, while others predict that new assessments will mean crushing tax bills for the small homeowner.

Stevens head guest at White House

Dr. Kenneth C. Rogers, president of Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, was among the invited guests of President Ronald Reagan at the White House yesterday to salute Ecuadorian President Leon Febres-Cordero — who was graduated from Stevens.

A spokesman for the Hoboken School yesterday confirmed that Rogers was invited to attend several functions in the nation's capital over the next several days to pay tribute to Febres-Cordero.

Febres-Cordero, a native of Guayaquil, Ecuador, attended Stevens from 1949 to 1953 and earned a mechanical engineering degree, a school spokesman said.

Rogers was invited to attend the functions because of his "informal relationship" with the president of Ecuador, the spokesman said.

Rogers was scheduled to attend a formal luncheon yesterday conducted by the State Department and attended by Secretary of State George Schultz and later a White House Dinner at which Regan was slated to toast Febres-Cordero.

Today, Rogers is scheduled to attend a reception for Febres-Cordero hosted by Ecuadorian Ambassador Mario Ribadeneira at Washington's Ritz-Carlton Hotel, the spokesman said.

Who should sit on school board?

By Margaret Schmidt

The current Hoboken Board of Education is a diverse group, including a butcher and a baker and a business administrator.

None of the members has a background in teaching or education administration, although one has served on the state School Boards Association as well as the Hoboken board for many years. The issue of who should sit on school boards is often debated with some calling for educational personnel, others wanting business administrators and others insisting on parents of school-age children.

The members of the Hoboken board were either appointed or reappointed to their seats by former Mayor Steve Cappiello. The most recent appointment came in May when Raul Morales joined the board.

Three of the terms — those of board President John Pope, James Farina and Otto Hottendorf — expire in April. Tuesday's election of two new members comes after the Nov. 5 referendum in which the city's voters chose to expand the board from seven to nine members and to switch back to an elected board. Another election will be held in April for the three expiring terms and the 1986-87 budget.

The board was an appointed body for much of Cappiello's administration. During the 1970s, however, it was a period when the board was elected. The elected board was changed to an appointed one through a 1978 referendum. The current members serve staggered three-year terms.

The board has come under increasing criticism since the June election of Mayor Thomas Vezzetti. Among the problems often cited are low scores on standardized tests, a budget constantly increasing despite a decreasing enrollment, and alleged nepotism and political patronage.

The members are: John Pope, president. A lifelong Hoboken resident, Pope, 38, attended public schools and went nights to Fairleigh Dickinson University where he earned a bachelor's degree in management science and a master's of business administration in management. He works as a marketing manager for AT&T, Morristown, a job that entails recommending improvements for efficiency.

Pope was appointed to the board in 1979 and was elected president by the other members for 1984-85. He became interested in the board, he said, when his daughter, now 14 and a student at St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, attended the Calabro School. "I thought my background in business would be a contribution to the board in terms of its budgetary operations," he said. Another of his interests led to a codification of the board's rules and regulations, he said.

Anthony DeBari, DeBari, 52, is owner of DeBari's Pastry Shop on Third Street, a business that has been in his family more than half a century, said his aunt, Josephine DeBari. He took the business over in 1970 when his father, Stefano, died.

The lifelong Hoboken resident attended St. Francis School and the old Hoboken Stevens Academy, a private

school, said his aunt.

Although he has taken college-level business courses, she added, he has never matriculated. Josephine DeBari gave the information since her nephew could not be reached for comment. He is vacationing, she said.

James Farina, Farina is city clerk of Hoboken, a job he took over from his father-in-law, Anthony Amoroso. He previously worked in the city Department of Recreation and is active in children's athletics. He could not be reached for comment.

Otto Hottendorf, At 76, Hottendorf has been a member of the Hoboken school board for 33 years. He is also a member of the county and state School Boards Association.

Hottendorf, who didn't respond to telephone calls, worked as a butcher and then a mechanic and foreman for the old Haag's meat company in Hoboken until it closed around 1970, said his son, Joseph.

"He worked 10 hours a day at age 70," Hottendorf said of his father, who jogs or walks five miles a day in good weather. "If the place didn't close down, he'd probably still be working."

Zelma Lugo, A native of Ponce, Puerto Rico, Lugo was born Zelma Perez on May 11, 1947. Her family moved to Manhattan when she was a few months old and then to Hoboken about 33 years ago.

She is a graduate of Hoboken High School and took several early childhood workshop courses at Hudson County Community College while babysitting from her home.

She joined the board in 1978, taking over the seat held by her husband, Aurelio Lugo. "I personally have to extend myself to serve my community by being on the (volunteer) board," she said, adding that she has stayed because she is the only woman and was the only Hispanic for several years.

She and her husband own Mittman's, the children's clothing store on Washington Street.

James Monaco, Monaco works as a city firefighter. He could not be reached for comment.

Raul Morales, The newest member of the board, Morales said he became interested in the school system when his daughter, now 10, was accosted by a fellow student at a public school and he put her in Our Lady of Grace. Although he admitted he is a quiet member, he said that is because he's still learning. In time, he said, "I'll start opening my mouth."

A native of Corozal, Puerto Rico, Morales, 36, moved to Hoboken with his family in 1967. He attended public schools in Puerto Rico and had begun engineering courses at the University of Puerto Rico when he was drafted. He served two years in the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

When he was discharged, he gave up school. For the last 12 years he has worked for Applied Housing in Hoboken. He has been executive manager for about three years in charge of office and management, he said.

PATH service halted at rush hour

HOBOKEN—Service on the PATH line between here and the World Trade Center was interrupted yesterday for two hours during the height of the morning rush hour.

The delay was caused when a defective train shoe on the 8:25 train to Manhattan damaged a rail, according to Joseph Lanciotti of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The 8:33 train was stopped outside the station here until 9, when the train was able to back into the station, and all 750 passengers were permitted to get off, Lanciotti said.

The delay marked the second time in less than two weeks that commuter service was interrupted at the station. On Dec. 31, a crowded NJ Transit train plowed into the end of a platform, sending 54 passengers to area hospitals.

NJT provided 10 buses to transport the stranded commuters to the Exchange Place and Grove Street stations in Jersey City, where they could get trains to Manhattan, according to an NJT spokesman.



PATH COMMUTERS jam the Hoboken terminal yesterday morning, waiting for buses to Jersey City and then trains to Manhattan. PATH service was halted for two hours after a rail was damaged. Story on Page 2.

Working for Hoboken's school board seems like being part of one big family

By Margaret Schmidt

About 5 percent of the Hoboken school employees are relatives of current or recent members of the Board of Education.

Their salaries account for about \$600,000 — without overtime or fringe benefits figured in — but do they add up to nepotism?

That depends on your point of view, said one critic of the city's public school system. The numbers may sound small to people who think many more than 31 of the 685 school employees have relatives in the "right places," he said. But they sound large to those who believe board members should have no relatives on the payroll.

Plus, he said, family ties don't account for the widespread political patronage some believe exists in the system.

"It doesn't say anything to me," said John Pope, president of the school board. "It says

everyone in Hoboken's related."

The board members who answered telephone calls from The Jersey Journal said they hadn't helped relatives get their jobs. The family members were school employees before their relatives became board members, they said.

The Board of Education, a voluntary and autonomous city organization, is the official hiring agent for the school district. Everyone who gets a job with the district — from maintenance workers to administrators — has

One less candidate

Martin Kiely's name is off the ballot for Hoboken's school board election.

Kiely, a Hoboken detective lieutenant, claiming he wanted to withdraw as a school board candidate in next Tuesday's election because of family pres-

sure, got permission from Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys to do so on condition none of the other five candidates objected. The withdrawal became automatic when none filed objections with the court by 4 p.m. yesterday.

breeding in this school system, and instructional personnel are selected, tenured and promoted on the basis of politics, not educational excellence," said critic Mike Grato in a recent letter to the editor. "The result:

Hudson County educators had suggested legislation that would make it illegal for school board members to vote on the hiring of any immediate family members, to use their authority to favor "elected officials, par-

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Floating restaurant doesn't anymore

By Jim DeRogatis

Drifters I, a restaurant housed in a 90-foot paddle boat docked at the foot of Newark Street in Hoboken, sank into the Hudson River yesterday afternoon as a crowd of onlookers, firefighters, police, Coast Guard officials, and the boat's owner watched.

The boat, which was closed for repairs, began listing to the south around 1 p.m. Sunday, according to police. By 3 p.m. it

had sunk to the bottom of the river, with only the smokestack and a portion of the cabin still visible.

Coast Guard and police officials could not say what caused the boat to sink, pending further investigation.

The United States Coast Guard station at Governor's Island received a call that the boat was adrift and listing seriously at 12:40 p.m. Ac-

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cording to Petty Officer Conway Spencer, Coast Guard crewmen boarded the boat when they arrived at the scene but left the boat immediately upon learning that no one was on board.

The boat was taking water too quickly for the Coast Guard's pumps to help, Spencer said.

The Coast Guard remained at the scene until 4 p.m. to keep other boats away from the area. Coast Guard and New York Police Department boats also removed tables and other debris that floated on Drifters I into the river.

At the request of Deputy Chief Edward Fitzsimmons, Public Service Electric and Gas representatives arrived and cut services to the boat as it sank.

Among those who watched Drifter's I sink was George

Costa of Ho-Ho-Kus, the restaurant's owner. Costa arrived at 1:30 after he was called by Hoboken police.

"I was completely surprised," Costa said. "I have no idea what happened."

The boat was built in 1931 and served as a shuttle between Welfare Island and Manhattan until it was altered to serve as a restaurant and rendered immobile. It operated in Providence, R.I., for many years until Costa purchased it three years ago and had it towed to its present location.

Costa vowed that the boat will reopen for business. He said he has hired a salvage crew which will begin raising the boat early next week.

Costa could not estimate the cost of the damage or say when the restaurant would reopen.



UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE Evelyn Arroyo holds her daughter, Nadia, and weeps yesterday after her loss in Tuesday's Hoboken Board of Education election.

Beauty title claim refuted Arroyo scores third, again

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Evelyn Arroyo did as well in Tuesday night's Board of Education contest as she did in a statewide beauty pageant.

Arroyo, who finished a distant third in a field of five candidates running for a two-year board seat, claimed to be Miss Puerto Rican New Jersey of 1982 in an interview with The Dispatch last week. She was billed as the titleholder in

numerous press reports that came in the wake of her appearance in a provocative campaign ad in a local weekly newspaper.

Ralph Soria, president of the New Jersey Puerto Rican Parade committee, which sponsors the annual pageant, confirmed Arroyo was the second runner-up in 1982. The title went to Maria Sanabria, then of Passaic, he said.

Arroyo, 21, said she had been the

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"second princess" in that contest, but said she had won another pageant, the Miss Nueva Jersey competition.

"It means the same to Hispanics, but both organizations use different titles," she said. Officials of the Miss Nueva Jersey Pageant could not be located for comment yesterday.

Sanabria now lives in Clifton and is known by her married name, Reiner. She said she was angry when she learned of Arroyo's in English- and Spanish-language newspapers.

"It wasn't right for her to deceive the people and get credit for something she never did," said Reiner, 23.

Reiner said she spoke to Arroyo's campaign manager, Margaret O'Grady, last Thursday and asked her to set the record straight, but nothing was done.

O'Grady, whose string of political credentials include campaigns for Councilman David Roberts, former Councilman Angelo Valente and Peter Shapiro, the unsuccessful 1985 Democratic gubernatorial candidate, said she had received a call from someone who identified herself as Maria Sanabria.

She said she had dismissed the incident "as just a prank call." She also said she had taken the caller's name and number and indicated she would look into the matter.

Soria said the parade committee

would meet Sunday to decide whether to take action against Arroyo. He said he could not specify what penalty might be imposed without reviewing the by-laws.

"It's the first time we've ever had a complaint of this kind," Soria said. Miss Puerto Rican New Jersey is chosen by a panel of judges appointed by the committee, he said. The top prize is a new car.

Arroyo also told The Dispatch she was a student at Jersey City State College. College records showed Arroyo attended classes there in 1983 and 1984, according to Zoraida Bell, a college clerk.

In a later phone conversation, Arroyo said she had gone to school at Jersey City State for two years, then transferred to Hudson County Community College in Jersey City. Officials there would not disclose enrollment information without a written release from the student.

Arroyo, a teacher's aide at a day-care center here, said she hopes to use the publicity surrounding her campaign to launch a modeling career. In her platform, she called for more Hispanics on the school district staff and expanded day-care facilities.

She wound up her campaign Tuesday night with a party at the McDonald's on Washington Street.

"Let those that are without sin cast the first stone," she said, in an apparent swipe at the criticism brought by her ad. "I'm still going to help the community. I'm still going to express ideas."



The Drifters I boat restaurant lies awash in the Hudson River off Hoboken.

Ed board losers find 'discrepancies'

By Margaret Schmidt

Unsuccessful candidates in the Hoboken Board of Education election continued yesterday to question what they consider "discrepancies" in the tallies.

Members of the Committee for Quality Education, which backed Joseph Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo in Tuesday's election, and Frank Andreula, husband of candidate Rosanne Andreula, particularly questioned the official results given for the Third and Sixth

wards.

While the candidates and their backers conferred, however, board Secretary Anthony Romano certified the results and presided at last night's swearing in of the winners, Richard England and Eugene Drayton.

The results, which were released Wednesday, caused a stir when they showed 50 votes on one machine for Martin Kiely, a candidate who had withdrawn from the race.

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Ex-candidate's votes vex Hoboken officials

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Officials are wondering how a Board of Education candidate who had dropped out of the race got 50 votes — in one district — in Tuesday's balloting.

The election results, which board Secretary Anthony Romano said he planned to certify yesterday afternoon, show Martin Kiely got 50 votes in the 6th Ward, 5th District. Kiely's name was removed from the ballot by a court order last week at his request. He withdrew from the race for a one-year seat.

Romano said he was "putting my records together" and said he did not know how Kiely had received the votes. "That's the way it came back on the tally sheets from the districts and it was recorded as 50 votes."

Joseph T. Brady, Hudson County's superintendent of elections, said write-in ballots could be

cast in school elections. Noting that a candidate running for a two-year term had garnered 50 votes in the same district, Brady said, votes for Kiely could be the result of a mistake in writing down tallies.

"It might have been human error," he said.

Romano said he had no record of write-ins.

Frank Andreula, whose wife, Rosanne, came in third of five candidates listed as seeking a one-year term, said a poll worker told him his wife had won more than the nine votes shown as her total for the district. However, he said it was unlikely he would ask for a recount.

Brady said any recount requests would go through Louis Accolla, the county superintendent of schools. As is standard practice, the locked ballot machines will be stored in a Jersey City warehouse for 15 days after the election, in case complaints are registered, Brady said.

Judge stops DEP from killing building project

By John J. Farrell

A proposed \$10.7 million Hoboken office building project has been kept alive by Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys, but further testimony will determine whether it will "drop dead" before today's 4 p.m. deadline for the developer to apply for a \$547,000 federal loan.

The judge kept the developer's suit going against the state Department of Environmental Protection to get approval for the eight-story building project when he denied the DEP's motion to dismiss it early last night.

The judge, who noted the DEP placed a ban

on Hoboken's making any further sewer hookups with such projects until it upgrades secondary sewage treatment facilities, declared "exceptional circumstances" were involved requiring fast action because of the HUD filing deadline mentioned by Gerard Baker, a Hoboken lawyer, whose family is involved in the development.

The office building, which has not gotten off the ground, pending outcome of the suit and HUD application, would be in the waterfront area of the city, next to the PATH Terminal. The city favors the project.

Humphreys noted the DEP sought to dismiss

Baker's case on grounds any appeal from a state administrative agency's ruling should be heard by the court's appellate division. To transfer the case to the appellate division would cause a delay, "destroying the project and make the action moot," the judge explained.

He said to continue the case in a dilatory, bureaucratic matter could cause the project to "drop dead" in view of today's 4 p.m. deadline for filing the application with HUD. "The project could go down the drain!" he added.

The judge, who plans to hear other aspects of the case today, such as whether the DEP acted in an arbitrary manner in blocking the development,

urged the lawyers to be "creative," confer on narrowing the issues and contact him at his home through a telephone conference during the night so the case might be disposed of as soon as possible today, giving Baker time to file the application if the court rules in his favor.

In refusing to dismiss Baker's case, Humphreys observed the office building would be the first constructed in years in Hoboken, would spur other development, and bring in construction jobs, jobs in the various offices, property tax ratables and additional parking fees at a nearby municipal parking lot.

Anti-Vezzetti candidates win

By Margaret Schmidt

Two candidates backed by anti-administration forces were elected to the Hoboken Board of Education yesterday.

Richard England Jr., a former board member, and Eugene Drayton, a detective with the city police force, won

by several hundred votes. The two had run on a slate with England seeking the one-year term and Drayton campaigning for the two-year term.

The winners each defeated four other candidates. England garnered the most votes — 2,088 — in an election that brought out

about 4,500 of the city's 21,000 registered voters.

The two candidates sup-

ported by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and the Committee for Quality Education — Joseph

Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo — came in second by relatively slim margins, and the independent candidates were far behind in the balloting.

The unofficial tallies, without the approximately 100 absentee ballots, are, for the one-year term: England, 2,088; Rafter, 1,619; Roseanne

Andreola, 438; Felix Santiago Jr., 254, and Linda Diaz-Murphy, 51.

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Unsuccessful school board candidate Evelyn Arroyo holds her 1-year-old daughter, Nadia Eve, during a post-election celebration at McDonald's.



Newly elected Hoboken school board member Richard England Jr. and his wife, Dolores, celebrate the victory at a post-election party at the old Union Club restaurant.

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While many perceived the results as a defeat for Vezzetti, the mayor looked at the numbers differently, saying that most of the votes cast were against the anti-administration and independent forces that backed England and Drayton.

"It's like the Revolutionary War," he said. "You win some and you lose some." Later he added, "Now we have to learn from this election. It's close enough that we can pull it out for the next election."

The blow was the second for Vezzetti since taking office July 1. In the November balloting for three councilmen, only one of his candidates won.

The next election is in April when three school board terms expire. Vezzetti said last night he will support candidates in that race, but doesn't yet know who will run.

England and Drayton, who celebrated their victories at the old Union Club, promised to work to better the school district. Attending their party were several city officials, including Councilman Steve Cappiello, the former mayor, Councilman Robert Ranieri and current board members John Pope, who is board president, Otto Hottendorf, James Farina and Anthony DeBari.

Asked if his victory was an anti-Vezzetti vote, England said,

"Being an egomaniac, I'm not going to answer that question," but then added, "The people voted for me."

The 43-year-old lifelong Hoboken resident, a manager with the Maxwell House division of General Foods, said one of his priorities will be to form a "steering committee" consisting of members who represent "a good spectrum of the city." A top problem to be addressed, he said, is the standardized test scores of the public school children.

Drayton, 42, who will be the only black on the school board, told the small crowd, "I promise you that I will work for a better Board of Education."

He spoke only briefly because he and his four daughters had to return to St. Mary Hospital where Drayton's wife, Gwen, is in critical condition after suffering a stroke yesterday.

After thanking his workers, Drayton declared "the dirty, treacherous deed" that Vezzetti supporters had done in challenging his wife's right to vote. Vezzetti workers said the woman was challenged because a Gwen Drayton was on the list of voters who filed absentee ballots.

"I thank God she voted," before slipping into a coma, he said.

Drayton, who had unsuccessfully sought a board seat in 1975, is a member of many community organizations, including the NAACP.

Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo said they will continue to raise education issues and will work in the April election, although they

said they didn't yet know whether they would run again. "I feel really good about everything we did," said Rafter, a 40-year-old teacher with the New York City school system. "We raised the issues. We began to build an organization, and we will come back in April."

His wife, Joan, added that each of the candidates pointed to serious problems in the school district. "The city now knows," she said, "we have a rotten system."

Rafter's running mate said, "It's Hoboken. I guess it will take some more time." She and Rafter had a good showing, she said, but "I think that for the children, it's not enough of a showing."

Evelyn Arroyo, no relation to Lourdes, said she considered her vote a victory. The 21-year-old former model and 1982 Miss Puerto Rican New Jersey caused a stir in the campaign by posing in a silky evening gown for a political advertisement.

"I'm not sorry," she said. "I've done nothing to be ashamed of."

She said her campaign was victorious because it spurred interest in an otherwise quiet race and "brought people out on the street to vote."

Yesterday's election was the first for the board since a 1978 referendum changed it from an elected to an appointed body. A second referendum last November, however, returned it to being an elected board. The election for the two seats was held to expand the board from seven to nine members.

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On the main level would be the main entrance on Hudson Street and seven apartments.

There would be eight units each on the second, third and fourth floors, while there would be six units on the fifth floor.

The building would be topped off with two penthouses.

McNeight said the development would span 80 feet in height, which prompted one board member to observe the project would almost double the height of the current structure.

McNeight said the additional height would go unnoticed from street-level because of the setback of the higher-level floors.

The developers will also need several variances, including one for height. Under the city's zoning ordinance, the maximum allowable height in that residential zone is 60 feet.

Aside from providing eight parking spaces on-site, Macri said she is looking into acquiring additional off-site parking. She added the club currently leases 18 spaces from a nearby Stevens Institute of Technology parking lot.

Macri said cost estimates for the conversion have yet to be determined, as have prices for each condominium unit.

Union Club may convert into condos

By Rick Tosches

The 124-year-old former Union Club on Hudson Street in Hoboken seems bound for condominium conversion.

A case involving the conversion of the historic 124-year-old building at Sixth and Hudson streets into condominium units is scheduled to be heard by the city Planning Board at its Feb. 4 meeting. The session is slated to begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers of City Hall.

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Court clears way for \$10M building on the waterfront

By John J. Farrell Jr.

"This will be good for the city of Hoboken," declared Gerald Baker, a lawyer and developer whose \$10.7 million eight-story office building project apparently will get off the ground because a court settlement paved the way for his application for a \$547,000 federal grant.

Baker, who faced a 4 p.m. application deadline, dashed off to Trenton and Washington, D.C., to finish final paperwork stemming from settlement of litigation before Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys.

He predicted that the office project will bring jobs and tax revenue to the city to help pay for its updating of its secondary sewage treatment facilities.

His suit was aimed at modifying a state Department of Environmental Protection ban on new sewer hookups until Hoboken upgrades those facilities. The building project is planned at a site next to the PATH Terminal.

However, settlement of the suit after a hearing Tuesday and overnight conferences between lawyers on all sides and Judge Humphreys does not let Hoboken off the hook. It must comply

with the DEP's order to complete upgrading of the sewage treatment facilities by July 1, 1988, lawyers announced.

Sal D'Amelio, representing the city, said some sewer hookup permits can be obtained under certain conditions, but the city is trying to comply with the DEP order as soon as possible.

Deputy Attorney General Dorothy Highland, representing the state DEP, explained Hoboken has to meet a deadline for obtaining financing for the upgrading of secondary sewage treatment facilities by March 1 and the financing plan must be in place by next Oct. 8.

Emergency gate will be installed in Dell'Aquila wall

By Margaret Schmidt

A wall surrounding uptown Hoboken property owned by Anthony Dell'Aquila has been opened to permit emergency access, Mayor Thomas Vezzetti said.

A gate is being installed and additional fire hydrants are being put on the property, Vezzetti said, noting that fire department officials have discussed the potential hazard with Dell'Aquila.

Negotiations between city officials and Dell'Aquila are continuing on other matters, Vezzetti said.

The property, which begins at 14th and Hudson streets, has been the subject of numerous disputes — and two ongoing lawsuits — involving property lines and easements. Dell'Aquila has said he has built within his legal limits.

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The caller also complained that certain animal agencies did not respond to her cries for help for Rocky.

Patricia Mitten, the city's health officer at the Board of Health, confirmed that a woman had called the office to report Rocky and to seek some help.

Mitten said her office did send an officer to the area where Rocky was spotted last, but the dog could not be found.

"It's very difficult to catch up with strays," Mitten said. "They're streetwise."

"But we do try to stay on top of the situation," Mitten said. The Board of

Winners and losers share some sorrow

By Jim DeRogatis

The mood was somber for the winners and the losers after yesterday's election for two seats on the Hoboken Board of Education.

Although Eugene Drayton and Richard England Jr., the candidates supported by a coalition of anti-administration and independent forces, both won by several hundred votes, their victories were marred by the news that Drayton's wife, Gwen, suffered a stroke earlier in the day and slipped into a coma.

Meanwhile, Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and his followers were also shocked and saddened by the defeat of the candidates they had supported. Joseph Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo, England defeated Rafter for a one-year term on the board with 2,088 votes to 1,619. Drayton defeated Lourdes Arroyo for a two-year seat with 1,923 votes to 1,696. Three other candidates for

each seat trailed behind. About 300 people crowded into the small Board of Education meeting room in the basement of the Wallace School on 11th and Clinton streets to listen to the results, which began arriving shortly after the polls closed at 9 p.m.

The faces surrounding the chalkboard where results were posted included those of Vezzetti, Councilman Joseph DellaFave, and Angelo Valenti, the Vezzetti candidate defeated in the special City Council election in November. The faces grew long as the numbers showed England and Drayton leading by varying margins in most districts.

Steve Block, a Vezzetti supporter and former board member who is now a vocal board critic, sat on the dais with his back to the crowd. When asked by a Rafter/Arroyo

challenger if there was any hope, he shook his head in despair.

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By GAIL FRIEDMAN

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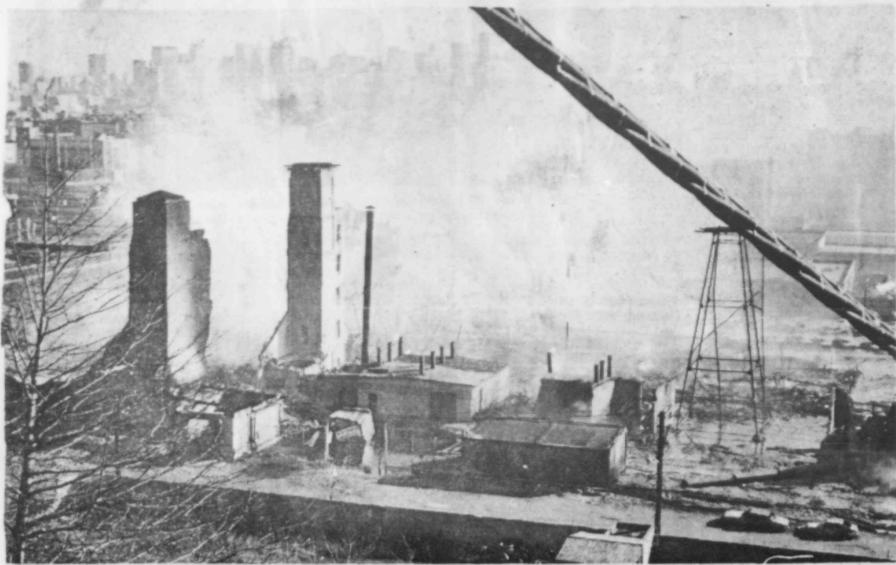
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ONE YEAR AGO TODAY



Against the backdrop of Manhattan, all that remained of two Hoboken factories were a few precarious walls and rubble. At the fringes are the burned remains of more than 50 cars.

Photo by Roy Groething



The two main buildings in the Levolor Lorentzen industrial complex, Hoboken, were basically destroyed in the general alarm blaze that began in an old wooden building which was having demolished. All of the 400 to 500 workers in the complex were reportedly unharmed.

Photo by Wally Hennig



Crowds look down at the spectacular Hoboken fire from Congress Street and Paterson Plank Road in Jersey City. Spectators gathered along roads in the Jersey City Heights and Union City and on several Hoboken roofs.

Photo by Wally Hennig

Blazing inferno leveled factories, hit 15 buildings

By Rick Tosches

A brisk, bone-chilling winter wind whips wildly through a maze of small, dead tree twigs planted in the frozen turf at Ninth and Monroe streets in Hoboken. They bend in the breezes of this winter wind.

All is quiet these winter days along Monroe Street, from Eighth to Ninth streets and to Jackson Street, where until a year ago today stood the wooden-framed structure of the old Ferguson Furniture Co., owned by Levolor Lorentzen Inc., a manufacturer of window blinds and fixtures.

A year ago today, a full city block along the city's western border was leveled — almost as if a nuclear bomb unleashed its destructive powers there — after a spectacular, wind-swept general-alarm inferno flattened two factories, including the Levolor property.

Enclosed by a newly constructed white concrete sidewalk which borders the barren land, all that remains of the building are crumbled slabs of concrete — which surround twisted rods of steel and pieces of decaying wood.

A new white sidewalk also accompanies the parking lot across Monroe Street, where last Jan. 15 many employees' automobiles disintegrated as they fell prey to the blazes' wind-swept flames.

The lone signs of rebuilding blanket the southernmost portion of the property, where Levolor has established three makeshift security posts.

A red sign on the side of the green trailer reads, "Levolor Lorentzen Security." Above that there is a green sign: "Shamrock Mobile Units."

An occasional security guard emerges from the trailer-type confines and surveys the property before he returns to his headquarters.

Just south of the trailers, a five-story warehouse is shrouded in scaffolding as workers tend to the structure's facade. A sign on the outside of the building informs passers-by that the structure is under emergency repair.

The only reminder of the once-prominent Levolor plant is the presence of an occasional orange Levolor 18-wheel Mack

truck which stops at a nearby warehouse.

The fire began at 9:30 that morning when an acetylene torch being used by workmen who were demolishing a four-story wooden-frame factory at 800-816 Monroe St. ignited the building.

Fueled by 40-mile-an-hour gusts, the blaze quickly spread throughout a six-block area, causing additional fires on the rooftops of nearby factories, warehouses and garages.

Fifteen buildings suffered varying amounts of damage.

Firefighters from 12 Hudson and Bergen county communities battled the inferno for over eight hours before bringing it under control.

Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins called the inferno the worst in the city in over 40 years.

The winds carried embers for blocks and threatened the safety of many nearby buildings, including St. Ann's Parish, the site of a campaign visit by President Ronald Reagan.

The historic church escaped unharmed, but other structures weren't so lucky.

Embers ignited the top floor of the Kleon Furniture outlet at 533 Eighth St.

"It was cold," remembers Bill Freire, manager of Kleon. "It was cold and there were a lot of things going on. In the office, it was really, really crazy. There was a lot of confusion, mass confusion and hysteria."

Freire said the blaze inflicted "tremendous damage" to the store's entire top floor. The floor below it sustained severe water damage, he said.

He said that while the damage has been remedied, the exact amount of damage remains unsettled, pending further action by Kleon's insurance company.

Freire admitted that business has dropped since the fire. "It has hurt business," he said. "It's significant."

Freire said he has heard that the Lyndhurst-based Levolor Lorentzen firm plans to rebuild on the property.

Boydan Porytko, Levolor's corporate attorney, was out of town and could not be reached for comment. Levolor officials said Porytko was the only person to handle such inquiries.



This used to be 830 Monroe St., Hoboken. Now it is unrecognizable except perhaps to its former employees and owners.

Photo by Roy Groething

Vezzetti picks 17 to review budget

By Margaret Schmidt

A Hoboken Mayor's Budget Advisory Committee will review the 1986 municipal budget before it goes to the City Council for approval.

Mayor Thomas Vezzetti has named 17 persons — including interested residents, union officials and a representative of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce — to serve on the committee.

Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi will serve as the "primary staff person" for the committee, but the members will also have access to the other city department chiefs.

The mayor's charge to the committee includes:

- Making a detailed examination of departmental budget requests;

- Devising ways to streamline the city's organizational structure;

- Increasing the quality and improving the delivery of services;

- Determining if municipal revenues are at their maximum to relieve property tax burden.

Chiusi is responsible for drawing up a budget which then goes to Vezzetti. After the mayor reviews it, the draft will go to the budget advisory committee. It will then go to the City Council, probably during the first week of February, officials said.

The mayor has taken a strong line on the budget, refusing to rule out the possibility of

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Half the dumpsters on Hoboken streets don't have permits

By Rick Tosches

About half of all the construction dumpsters on Hoboken streets are there without displaying the proper permits, a recent survey conducted by The Jersey Journal reveals.

A random sampling of construction sites throughout the city revealed that seven out of 14 — or half — of the dumpsters located at the curbsides are there without the proper permits required by the city's Public Works Department.

Officials with the city Water Department, which keeps receipts of all permitted dumpsters, checked records which confirmed the non-permitted refuse receptacles. An official said, however, that the person normally in charge of keeping the records had left work.

Many residents have complained to The Jersey Journal that the dumpsters add to the monstrous parking problems encountered by city motorists. Residents say that the large 20-cubic yard steel containers used to remove trash and other refuse from buildings add to the city's parking crisis.

The dumpsters, usually rolled off the back of trucks and

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laid off to keep property taxes stable or to reduce them.

The budget advisors are: Michael Bavaro, president of the Hoboken Firefighters Association, International Association of Firefighters, Local No. 1078; David Costello, president of the Hoboken Police Benevolent Association, Local No. 2; Joseph Filc, government affairs director for the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, and James Fisher, president of the Hoboken Municipal Employees Association.

Also, Mike Grato, a businessman and property owner; Michael Irwin, a businessman and tenant; Kathy Lawton, a homemaker and homeowner; Bryan Mason, a businessman and homeowner; Anne McGuire, a homemaker; Thomas Mooney, a member of the city Planning Board and a tenant, and Allen Nadler, a paralegal and tenant.

Also, William Perry, a bank employee and homeowner; Joseph Scordato, an attorney and condominium owner; William Swan, a financial analyst and homeowner; Frank Valente, an International Longshoreman's Association checker and homeowner; George Vallone, a developer with West Bank Construction and homeowner, and James Vance, who is self-employed in airlines sales and is a homeowner.

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placed at curbsides, occupy at least two parking spaces. Sometimes, the problem is compounded by greedy users of these dumpsters who take up more valuable curb space by placing wooden horses on both sides of the containers, thereby depriving motorists of additional space.

Meanwhile, Roy Haack, Hoboken superintendent of water and sewerage, said the Department of Public Works is charged with the task of issuing the permits.

Haack said the Water Department keep tabs on all permits the city issues for dumpsters and addresses of where these dumpsters are placed.

Haack said dumpster permits cost developers \$5 for the first 48 hours in use and \$10 for each additional day in use. All dumpsters must be removed on Sundays or violators are subject to fines for non-compliance.

DPW field inspectors are supposed to inspect these dumpster sites for proper permits, which must be placed in a highly visible area of the construction site such as windows, Haack said.

A recent spot check by The

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Dumpsters

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The Jersey Journal revealed that only one of the 14 dumpsters spotted had the permit prominently displayed.

Meanwhile, in a recent Jersey Journal article on the problem, Peter Alicandri of Public Works said that while businesses are required to obtain permits, some do not. He said the remedy to the problem is through enforcement.

Violators are subject to summonses, a city official said.

Council OKs sewerage plan

By Blanca M. Quintanilla

The Hoboken City Council last night approved a series of steps geared to the construction of a secondary sewage treatment facility in the city.

Hoboken is under federal and state mandate to upgrade its primary treatment facility to secondary level by July 1, 1988, and the state Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Resources, has imposed a ban on construction in the city until the secondary treatment plant is constructed.

The resolution states that the mayor and council would also select an appropriate treatment technology to be used in constructing the upgraded plant.

The resolution authorizes the consulting firm of Mayo,

Lynch & Associates to come up with a preliminary design and complete an evaluation of the sludge technology. The consulting firm is further directed to prepare a preliminary report including an implementation schedule by Feb. 19.

But, according to George Crimmins, comptroller of the Hudson County Utilities Authority, the agency designated by the DEP that's in charge of implementing improved sewage treatment for all Hudson County, Hoboken "doesn't have any right to select a plan of its own."

Crimmins also said that right is reserved to the HCUA and warned the councilmen that Hoboken could lose the federal funding for the plant if it passed the resolution.

Crimmins said his agency

would make its recommendation on the secondary plant covering the area of Hoboken at a public hearing on Feb. 6.

"The agency has spent \$10,000 studying this area," Crimmins said. "What you have in this resolution is totally different to what we have. Our commissioners won't have time to approve your plan."

"We don't want the city to jeopardize the federal funds by passing this resolution," he said.

Councilman Robert Ranieri, who read the resolution, said the council's plan is identical to that of the HCUA, and he thought the city would not lose the money if it went along with the resolution.

"The council will be fine," Ranieri said. "Right now, the city has to concentrate its ef-

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forts into building its secondary treatment plant with or without the federal funding."

Ranieri also said the resolution would not interfere with the powers of the HCUA and urged the council not to table it.

Seamus Cunningham, representing Mayo, Lynch & Associates, also said the resolution would not interfere with HCUA.

"You are only taking a few steps ahead. It does not present an administrative obstruction," he said.

Outgoing Law Director Fred Woeckner told the councilmen that they should not expect any fundings.

He said he is pessimistic about funding. "I don't see how the resolution would jeopardize your chances of getting the money," he said.

Incoming Law Director Salvatore D'Amelio agreed with Woeckner.

long process to the council for review. In turn, the mayor and council will have to agree to follow the timetable or pay penalties.

In other business, the council appointed D'Amelio director of the city's law department. He will replace Woeckner, who resigned after working in that capacity for the last six months.

D'Amelio, a partner in the firm of Schiller, Vyzas, McGill & Squeo of New York and Jersey City, is a longtime Hoboken resident. He is a graduate of St. Peter's Prep, New York University, and has a law degree from St. John's University.

D'Amelio will receive approximately \$40,000 for his job as director.

His father, Salvatore D'Amelio Sr., was the director of health and welfare in 1957.

"Possibilities of getting federal funds seem dim," he said. "If there is any problem with the resolution, we can change it in the future. But if passed tonight, it will show the state, the courts and the federal government our sincere intent to comply with their mandates."

Peter Alicandri, director of environmental facilities and services in Hoboken, also testified that the resolution was in compliance with the HCUA guidelines and that it conforms with the plans of the state.

"My feeling is that HCUA is clearly part of this thing," he said. "I have some difficulties understanding George's remarks. I think the resolution will put us under a lot of constraints, but it will make us perform," he said.

The resolution includes the following steps:

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Worker's bar became playground

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Photos by Gary Higgins

THE CROWD GATHERS around the bar at Maxwell's, Hoboken that has become one of the metropolitan area's the former working class shot-and-beer joint in most trendy rock clubs.



THE ROCK BAND Agit Pop performs for an enthused crowd in the back room at Maxwell's in Hoboken.



Photo by Don Smith

REV. WILLIAM BEATTY, pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hoboken, yesterday officiates at services honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Rock at Maxwell's makes Hoboken hot

By MARITES CHICHIOCO
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A piece of this small city has been adopted by the bigger city that looms on the other side of the Hudson River.

Maxwell's, located on the corner of 11th and Washington streets, was once a dingy shot-and-beer joint. In the city's distant past, it catered mostly to workers from the coffee plant after which it was named.

Maxwell's has shed its blue collar bar image, having been transformed into a restaurant/bar like the ones commonly found in Manhattan.

Its brightly lit front room—with wide windows, cut-glass lamps, ceiling fans and an all-wood bar—often is filled with diners and drinkers, whose chatter drown the pop tunes from the jukebox. Paintings, by local artist Tim Daly with such titles as "This is Displacement" and "12 Die in Flames! Condos Ready Soon," hang on tall brick walls.

But it is the small, darker room, which is tucked away in the back, that has put the establishment on the New York map. The room recently was named by New York magazine as the Big Apple's "Best Rock Club," although it's a commute away.

Maxwell's back room stage has played host to relative unknowns and more established performers. It was the launching pad for the careers of several bands, like the native Bongos, the dB's, and the Fleshtones.

Recently, famed rocker Joe Jackson recorded a portion of his live album there, playing before a select group of regulars.

Jackson's appearance was unpublicized because the small back room could not have accommodated the crowd he might have drawn. Owner Steve Fallon says the room holds 200 people.

When Fallon and his family bought the bar in the fall of 1978, it was a no-nonsense, working man's bar that conducted business during breaks and shift changes in the Maxwell House Coffee plant around the corner.

"Everything in the area was called Maxwell's—Maxwell's TV service, Maxwell's this and that," Fallon said. "It was really dingy, one fluorescent fixture, a few scattered chairs and stools."



Joe Jackson
Recorded live album

Remodeling the bar in the New York mode was intentional, Fallon said.

"There's no reason why New York should be so far away," he said. The place "didn't have to be ugly and dirty to be good."

Fallon said Hoboken already was undergoing a change when he and his family bought Maxwell's. When Maxwell's first opened, Fallon said he sensed some resentment from the old-time residents. "There was already a strong hint of change. It's not that we tried to plow anyone away. They still think I'm from Greenwich Village—that we came from New York City to force these ideas on them."

Maxwell's evolved from a restaurant that occasionally featured jazz music to the center of the rock scene here, when local bands caught the attention of the music establishment across the river.

Fallon said his experience in the music business had been limited to frequenting rock clubs in New York.

"I kind of lucked out on it," he said, referring to the success of Maxwell's. "It's something that developed on its own. There was no set goal to be a mega promoter."

The 30-year-old had worked as a store clerk and telephone operator. He and Bill Ryan, who owns Pier Platters, a record store here, have an independent record company, Coyote, which hopes to do as much for local bands as the old shot-and-beer bar on the corner.

'There's no reason why New York should be so far away'



ANA LEE WOECKNER of Philadelphia, formerly of Hoboken, and Chris Cosmano of Weehawken make a juke box selection.

Hoboken deacon notes some progress

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By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Cecil Vincent, a deacon at the Mount Olive Baptist Church here, paid a return visit to his native state of Alabama not long ago.

While there, Vincent said, he was a guest in the home of a storekeeper, a former staunch segregationist who now lives across the street from a black minister.

And today, a black woman manages the gas station, where "you used to be chased away if you weren't buying anything," he said.

"It may sound simple," Vincent told about 30 people gathered yesterday for a noon service at the church, located at 721 Washington St. "But to me that is a great stride in human living."

Through prayer, song and testimony, 30 members of the city's largest black congregation, joined by Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, paid tribute to the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the framer of the civil rights movement. Yesterday marked the first time his birthday was celebrated as a national holiday.

"He made a way for the entire nation," said Gertrude Harris, one of four people who raised their hands when asked if they took part in the 1963 March on Washington. "Let's try to ... love one another and keep his dream alive."

Anna Lyons proudly noted she had been born in the same Allanta hospital as the civil rights leader.

"I'm glad he was born and we See PROGRESS, Page 5

Continued from Page 1 can carry on his work," Lyons said.

"You are living witnesses," Vincent told two congregants who had identified themselves as fellow Alabama natives. "You know what it was like in the South before this movement."

But "New Jersey and New York were no bargain in those days, either," according to another deacon, Roshell Smith, who recalled a help-wanted advertisement specifying a "light-skinned Negro."

It was a time for recounting history and charting progress, but above all, for passing the torch to a new generation.

In a solemn voice, Bryan Taylor, 16, read the words that electrified the crowd gathered in Washington seven years before his birth: "I have a dream ..."

Vezzetti demands raid report

By Margaret Schmidt 1-21-86
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Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti yesterday asked police for a report on a gambling raid in which county officials arrested two Hoboken men.

"It was significant, I think," Vezzetti said. "It might be symptomatic."

Alfred Veloce, 59, reportedly the father of a civilian employee in the Hoboken Public Safety Department, and Joseph Cappiello, 50, the nephew of former Mayor Steve Cappiello, were charged with promoting gambling after a raid on a Fourth Street storefront Friday night, authorities said.

Members of the Hudson County Prosecutor's Gambling Strike Force and the Hoboken Police Department made the arrests following an investigation by the county officials.

Seized during the raid were records reflecting thousands of dollars worth of illegal betting on sporting events such as basketball and horse racing, Prosecutor Harold Ruvoldt Jr. said.

Investigators said they believed the two ran a betting parlor that handled up to \$10,000 a week.

Ruvoldt declined to comment yesterday on whether his office's investigation was continuing and if further arrests are expected.

Police Chief George Crimmins, who met with Vezzetti to discuss the raid, said he didn't know if further work is being done on the alleged ring. The prosecutor's office only informed police when they were ready to make the arrests, he said, adding it was "standard practice."

Vezzetti said he asked Crimmins why Hoboken police didn't discover the alleged ring. Crimmins said that it was his understanding that the strike force used wiretapping during its investigation, a tool not available to local police.

The chief has asked Capt. Steve Darago of the city's anti-vice squad to report on the raid.

Veloce and Cappiello were released on bail, jail officials said, and are scheduled for arraignment tomorrow in the county Central Judicial Processing Court.

Steve Cappiello had no comment on the arrests.

Hoboken gets traffic ticket night court

HOBOKEN—Drivers who want to fight traffic tickets now can have their day in court at night.

The Municipal Court here plans to hold a night session every Thursday, beginning at 7 tonight. The hearings are limited to motor vehicle violations, according to acting Judge Ross London.

The night sessions are being instituted to make court appearances more convenient for people who work during the day, he said.

Since the night court option is not shown on city traffic tickets, a person receiving a summons must request it, he noted.

The court will continue its regular schedule of daytime hearings, Monday through Friday.

Hoboken CDA warns Renewal up to

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the merchants

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The posters lined up against the wall at Arthur's restaurant yesterday showed downtown as it might be—a cityscape of tree-lined streets, sidewalk cafes and quaint storefronts.

But the delicate watercolors were the backdrop for some tough talk from planners for the Community Development Agency, who warned merchants it was up to them to find the funding and organization needed

to make renewal a reality.

"The shopping district is not just a place to go to buy the necessities and luxuries of life," Thomas Ahern, the CDA economic development director, told 25 retailers and city officials during a luncheon meeting at the restaurant, located at 237 Washington St.

"It is a place where people live," and the first image that greets individuals and businesses considering moving into a community, he continued.

The agency two months ago released a report predicting businesses here would be hard hit by the Newport City mall in Jersey City and other commercial projects planned for the region's waterfront, unless they move immediately to overhaul the downtown area and keep pace with changing retail trends.

Speakers yesterday touted a business management corporation as the tool for implementing steps out-

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lined in the report and by the end of the meeting, eight merchants volunteered to serve on its steering committee.

The CDA will supply seed money and advice, Ahern emphasized, but after that, the group is on its own.

Neither the city nor the CDA is "fiscally able to do all the things the study has recommended," he said. Although the impact of a "vital and active" retail center is felt throughout the city, merchants and downtown property owners stand to reap the greatest benefits, he said.



Photo by Steve Gole

Lonely is the night

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Judge Ross London, sitting in Hoboken's first weekly night court session, listens to tapes of cases heard by former Judge Peter Giordano. There was only one case scheduled last night and the defendant did not appear.

Hoboken workers may be laid off

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti took a strong line on the municipal budget yesterday, refusing to rule out the possibility of layoffs to keep taxes down.

"We have to do what we have to do," Vezzetti said, "to

save the city of Hoboken from disaster."

The mayor refused to speculate on how many city employees may be laid off or from what departments they

could come, saying, "I have to see."

City Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he hopes to have a proposed budget to Vezzetti by Monday but first needs

the city's financial statement from auditor Frank Italiano. The statement will show how much surplus the city has, any deferred charges and expected revenues, Chius said.

"I haven't made any decisions yet," he said, adding that whatever he proposes, the mayor may ask him to cut the budget, an action that would probably mean layoffs.

Mayor taking tough line on budget

Hoboken workers face layoff threat

After the mayor approves a proposed 1986 budget, he will send it to the City Council for its input. The council can make changes before adopting it.

Last year, haggling over the \$23 million budget put its approval off until July, nearly two

months past the May 13 state deadline for hearing a budget in place.

The 1985 budget, proposed under former Mayor Steve Cappiello, provided for a slight decrease in the tax rate — from \$165 to \$162 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Many city residents fear the mandated reassessment of property that some have predicted will double tax bills. Others have said tax bills should remain the same despite a

Vezzetti's epithet halts Council

By Blanca M. Quintanilla

The Hoboken City Council's discussion of the appointment of a municipal magistrate last night came to an abrupt halt as Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti called Councilman Robert Ranieri a four-letter word during a heated argument.

The other councilmen, who had come to the special meeting called by Vezzetti to discuss the appointment of Steve Zamrin as municipal magistrate, were shocked and surprised by Vezzetti's epithet. Some laughed.

Others just shook their heads in disbelief.

Following the incident, the arguments between Vezzetti and Ranieri grew more intense, leading the council to adjourn the meeting as Vezzetti stormed out of the council chambers.

Zamrin, Vezzetti's choice for magistrate, has served as municipal prosecutor for approximately six months.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, a resolution confirming his appointment was tabled pending word from the county's assignment judge regarding

Zamrin's qualifications.

Last night, Vezzetti told the council members he thought Zamrin was the man best suited for the job.

"I've given the matter a lot of consideration, and in my opinion, I think he would be the best magistrate we ever had," Vezzetti said after E. Norman Wilson, council president, asked the mayor if he had thought over the appointment carefully.

Law Department Director Salvatore D'Amelio, whose appointment was confirmed last Wednesday, said the council is

still waiting word from the assignment judge.

"What is the assignment judge looking for?" Councilman Joseph Della Fave asked D'Amelio.

"He's looking for his fair D'Amelio."

He's looking for his fair D'Amelio, his background, his overall characteristics that would make him a good judge, and he is looking to see if there are any ethnic complaints against him," D'Amelio said.

The verbal battle between Vezzetti and Ranieri began when

How about a 'love affair' to help support the arts?

The Hoboken Civic Theater will celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a fund-raising "love affair" at the Elks Club, 1005 Washington St., 7 p.m.

The third annual "Have a Love Affair with HCT" event will feature pizza, salad, Italian bread, dessert and coffee. Two tickets for the Feb. 14 fund-raiser are available by calling 420-2123 or 656-2746.

For entertainment, the HCT members will sing love songs under the direction of Robert Meyers, the company's musical director.

The community arts organization, now in its fifth year, recently produced "Gypsy" at the Hoboken Manor.

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The councilman asked the mayor if he had been in touch with County Administrator John C. Vezzetti regarding the screening of the appointee.

"I assume someone in the office (mayor's office) spoke to him," Vezzetti said. "I was speaking to someone else on the telephone."

Ranieri asked, "Do you recall who you were speaking to or the subject matter of your conversation?"

Vezzetti said he didn't remember. "That's asinine and irrelevant to this subject," he said.

But Ranieri disagreed. Ranieri insisted that Vezzetti tell the council who took the call from Clarke's office.

Vezzetti said it was his personal secretary, Laurie Fabiano, who finally took the call.

"You were concerned about this appointment, but you didn't take a call from the county court administrator?" Ranieri asked, saying a secretary should not handle important calls.

"But she's my secretary," Vezzetti screamed into the microphone. "And that's irrelevant. Period," Vezzetti said, walking back to his seat.

Ranieri asked the mayor to come back to answer his questions. Vezzetti did not, but when Ranieri insisted that the mayor should come back to the microphone, Vezzetti turned around, walked over to the council table, his face just inches away from Ranieri's face, and let fly with vivid language as the council members and a few people attending the meeting reacted with screams and laughs.

The mayor was called back to the microphone and was asked if Fabiano had relayed the message from Clark's office.

"Not that I recall," Vezzetti answered.

Former Mayor and now Councilman Steve Cappiello, a Vezzetti critic, became involved in the questioning.

He said, "With all due respect, Mayor Vezzetti, the quality of that conversation should not have been left to a secretary."

"I agree with this," Vezzetti said. "That could be true."

Vezzetti reminded the council that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss an appointment but, he said, it was suddenly turned into "a political game."

"You are not doing your job

right," Vezzetti told the council.

But the mayor's remarks brought even more criticism, this time from Councilman Anthony Romano.

"You let your secretary take an important call and now you come here to tell us that we are not doing our job," Romano accused.

The mayor was again questioned by Ranieri, who urged Vezzetti to repeat what he had said to him earlier, as the mayor tried to explain the purpose of the meeting. Ranieri tried to stop Vezzetti from talking, but the mayor would not give in.

"You are not stopping me, Bob," Vezzetti said.

When Council President Wilson called the meeting to order, Vezzetti said, "You are not stopping me, either."

Ranieri said from his seat, "I question the process of the mayor's office and the rights and prerogatives of the mayor's office."

"Stop him (Ranieri) when he is out of order," Vezzetti told Wilson.

But it was too late to call for order in the chambers. The councilmen had taken a vote to adjourn, which they promptly did.

Hoboken brushes its sweepers off

By Margaret Schmidt

About two-dozen part-time employees of the Hoboken Department of Environmental Services and Facilities have been laid off in a reorganizational move, officials said.

Most of the employees are from the street cleaning force and may be hired back as full-time workers, said department director Peter Alicandri.

Depending on their titles, the workers will be laid off effective Feb. 3 or March 8.

Interviews are being set up for next week to hire full-time employees, Alicandri said.

although he declined to estimate the number of new workers pending approval of the 1986 municipal budget.

First priority must be given to persons on the current Civil Service list, he said.

Environmental Services and Facilities is an umbrella department that takes in various divisions from public works and parks to housing and health code inspectors, recreation and welfare.

The part-timers are in the Board of Health, building maintenance, parks, street cleaning and recreation, the

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director said.

"A lot of it has to do with the budget and cost effectiveness," he said in explaining the layoffs. But, he added, it is also to reorganize the department and have one fulltime employee do work now done by two or more part-timers. The process will be more efficient, he said.

He added that the 1986 budget for his department's payroll should be lower than last year's, because he has cut out overtime except for emergencies, such as water main breaks.

The director, who took over the job several months ago, said one area where he doesn't plan to replace the part-timers is in recreation.

Youth Activities Supervisor Maurice Fitzgibbons said the move may force him to shut the department because his four part-time employees have been taking over duties previously done by full-timers, who either left recently or are out on disability.

He said he was particularly concerned about the twirling program, in which, he said, about 40 girls participate under the direction of a part-time coach.

"My outlook for 1986 was to

hire people for the department, not to slim it down," Fitzgibbons said. "We're already operating on a skeleton crew."

Alicandri responded that the Recreation Department is in line for a total makeover. Mayor Thomas Vezzetti will appoint a citizens advisory committee to make guidelines for the department, he said, and to give recommendations as to which activities should be added and which should be taken over by volunteers or by existing institutions, such as the school system.

The twirlers and the modeling club, for example, might be better handled by the schools.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the layoffs were strictly done through Alicandri's office. They haven't been made because of his proposals for the 1986 budget, he said.

Vezzetti has taken a strong line on the budget and has refused to rule out municipal layoffs as a means of keeping the tax rate stable or lowering it.

The budget, which is being prepared by Chius and the mayor's office, will go to a recently appointed citizens advisory committee before it is presented to the City Council for changes and approval.

Hoboken is prepared



The "Jaws of Life," held by Lt. Thomas Molta of the Hoboken Volunteer Ambulance Corp, left, is among the vital rescue tools and machinery in the corp's new emergency van, donated by the Port Authority of NY & NJ. The van contains first aid, burn treatment packs, metal clippers, crow bars and an emergency light generator. The van is designed to get at people trapped or pinned in auto accidents.

Looking over the array of rescue materials are:

Louis Pini, business manager of The Harbor Rehabilitation Center, equipment donors; Lt. Leonard Tridante of the corps; and Jack Joel, president of the Hoboken Rotary Club. Rotary members donated the Multilator Inhalation Oxygen Unit which provides oxygen for up to 12 people. The corps has four members who received rescue training through the Mahwah police training facility.

Hoboken seeks affordable housing aid

By Margaret Schmidt

The Hoboken City Council last night approved legislation enabling it to apply for state housing funds.

The council voted 8-to-0, with Fourth Ward Councilwoman Mary Francone absent, to approve two resolutions proposed by the Community Development Agency. A third resolution, for a pilot program involving public and private financing, was put off.

The resolutions enable the city to enter the state Fair Share Housing Program, set up after the Mt. Laurel decisions, and to apply immediately for a \$350,000 neighborhood preservation grant.

Before the vote there was some debate over whether the city will strengthen its position by joining the program.

Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri said he feared only false hopes will be raised and the city will be at a roadblock because up to 25 percent of its housing stock is already dedicated to "affordable" housing.

"We don't know whether this attempt will be an asset or a stone wall," he said. He was referring to the process through which the state will allocate \$125

million set aside for housing low- and middle-income families.

The state has set up a Council on Affordable Housing to determine how the money will be spent and how many units each participating municipality will have to provide, officials said. The municipalities will then have to submit detailed housing plans.

The "harsh, sober" fact, Ranieri said, is that the city doesn't know if the state will determine Hoboken hasn't already provided its fair share of affordable housing. Other council members countered that documented displacement puts the city in a good position for a share of the funds.

Several members questioned if participation would put the city at a risk of having to provide housing with its own funds.

Michael Coleman, CDA director, and Salvatore D'Amelio Jr., head of the city's Law Department, assured them that participation only makes the city eligible for funding and doesn't commit it to spending any of its own money.

The \$350,000 grant the city is applying for under the

Neighborhood Preservation Program would help improve housing for owner-occupied homes and small rental buildings, Coleman said.

If the grant is approved, financing from private banks and \$225,000 from the CDA could put the total program budget at \$1,275,000, he said. The application is for one- to four-family homes and five- to eight-unit apartment buildings in the area bounded by from Bloomfield, Clinton, Newark and Fourth streets.

The money would be used for low-interest loans and matching grants, Coleman said.

The program for which the enabling resolution was put off, through which a private developer, the city and the state would create affordable housing, is still being negotiated. State officials have indicated a willingness to accept the application past tomorrow's deadline, said Coleman. He said action was delayed because negotiations are not completed.

Medicine may see return of the family practitioner

By RENEE M. LYNCH

HOBOKEN—If you think back far enough, you just might remember the days when doctors made house calls. A new trend in medicine may be able to turn those memories into realities, by encouraging more physicians to specialize in family practice.

Focusing mainly on individuals who are too ill to make a visit to a physician's office — such as the elderly or very young — doctors are beginning to train within a Family Practice Program in order to meet their needs.

Sam Allalouf, spokesman for St. Mary Hospital at 308 Willow Ave., explained that the basic difference between family practitioners and general practitioners is an emphasis on the family as an entity, as opposed to stressing the individual.

This outlook, combined with the effort to make house calls, may bring a greater chance of determining the cause of the sickness, and is designed to prevent it from becoming worse.

"Consider a physician who has a patient with an allergy. If he visits the individual at home, the doctor may detect a household hazard — such as dust, or a pet — that may be causing the symptoms," Allalouf said.

A family practitioner is similar to the general practitioner of many years ago, except that he is trained to be more aware of behavioral, sociological and environmental factors that could be affecting the health of the entire family.

"Many times," Allalouf noted, "these are factors that patients may not even consider when assessing their symptoms, and may therefore go unchecked."

St. Mary Hospital's Family Practice Residency Program was started about six years ago by a group of young physicians who decided to make house calls because it would be the ideal way to examine a patient's condition, along with that of other family members.

They agreed to remain with the program after patients expressed great appreciation for revival of a service that supposedly was long forgotten.

School board names committees

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken Board of Education last night approved a schedule of meeting dates for the year and also reorganized its committees to include the two newly elected board members.

The newly expanded board unanimously approved the following regular meeting dates: Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9.

All meetings are scheduled

to begin at 8 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room in board headquarters at 1115 Clinton St.

The regular meetings will be preceded by a caucus on the Thursday before each regular meeting.

Board President John Pope named the following board members to the following board committees:

Building and Grounds Committee: Anthony F. DeBari.

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chairman, Zelma Lugo, Raul Morales and Richard England.

School Programs Committee: Morales, chairman, Lugo, James Monaco and James Farina.

School Government Committee: Monaco, chairman, DeBari, Lugo and Farina.

Budget, Finance and Policy Committee: England, chairman, Farina, Otto Hottendorf and Eugene Drayton.

Negotiations and Grievance Committee: Pope, chairman, Monaco, Morales and England.

Athletics Committee: Farina, chairman, DeBari, Hottendorf, and Drayton.

Education, Planning and Evaluation Committee: Hottendorf, chairman, Farina, Morales

and Drayton.

Drayton and England were both elected in last week's city-wide school board election. Last night's meeting was the first session for both.

In other business, the board accepted "with regret" the resignation of Hoboken High School head baseball coach Carmine Ronga. No reason was given for the resignation.

Pope said the board will solicit applications from prospective coaches to fill Ronga's vacancy before naming a successor.

Merchants tackle parking problems

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken Retail Task Force met with members of the city Community Development Agency yesterday to discuss possible solutions to the city-wide parking problem and ways of stimulating sales in the city business district.

The meeting, hosted by Thomas Ahern of CDA, was a follow-up session to discuss the recently released Hoboken Retail Revitalization Program, drafted by the Project For

Public Spaces, a New York company.

Much of Ahern's discussion focused on the local retail business district along Washington Street and how merchants could compete with the proposed Newport City regional shopping mall to be built just a half-mile from Hoboken.

Ahern said the meeting was designed to "look at the study and see how we can best implement it and improve business."

He told about two dozen merchants on hand for a luncheon at Arthur's Restaurant that retailing provides increased jobs for residents.

"The face (shopping district) we give to the people is

vital," Ahern said. "This is a vital city."

Ahern said the city retail district has experienced a steady decline in jobs, stores and sales in recent years.

"We noticed that some neighboring cities were attempting to compete with Downtown Hoboken, namely Newport City," he said.

He said those factors prompted retailers and the CDA to commission the study.

"That's where we are today. We have a study. But that doesn't do anything."

Ahern asked that the Task Force "work together" with the city to implement some of the solutions recommended in the study.

He asked the group to form a committee to develop methods of implementing some items in the study and to form a management corporation to oversee the project.

Ahern said the CDA is willing to fund the formation of the corporation and run it for some time, but added that the group should "not expect that to happen forever."

At the conclusion of the meeting, several merchants

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volunteered to be members of a steering committee whose task will be to form the corporation.

Ahern said the merchants must address the reality of Newport City, which is projected to take 25 percent of Hoboken's sales.

The city's parking crisis was also discussed.

Ahern said that the vast number of available parking spaces are used by all-day parkers. Very few parkers use the garages provided by the city Parking Authority, he said.

He discussed the possibility of eliminating bus stops on every other street corner. Such a move, he said, could provide up to 10 additional on-street parking spaces.

A report issued by Donald J. Liloia, the CDA's principal planner, says illegal parking "influences the ability of local merchants to service their customers," among others.

A recent meeting with the Parking Authority enabled officials to reach a consensus regarding two goals: improving, expanding and using existing parking facilities, both on- and off-street.

Also agreed to were short- and long-term parking objectives:

- Short-term:
 - Reduce the allowable length of stay at Washington

Street metered spaces from 90 minutes to 60 minutes to increase the number of vehicles that may use space from 5.3 to 8 cars a day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Improve enforcement of parking regulations to ensure a rapid turnover of metered spaces and prevent all-day parking via repeat ticketing and escalating fines.
- Implement alternate corner bus stops, thereby increasing the number of curbside parking spaces.
- Return on-street parking to Hudson and River streets near the Parking Authority garages.

Long-range:

- Investigate the feasibility of permitting angular parking along Washington Street from Observer Highway to Eighth Street, one side only.
- Study the feasibility of creating an Observer Highway parking area that would serve commuters, shoppers and residents.

"Our major problem is parking," said merchant Nick Damiano. Damiano also said merchants should be discouraged from using parking spaces in front of their stores along Washington Street so that potential customers can use them.

The task force plans to have another meeting in several weeks.

Hoboken moving to create housing at affordable rent

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken officials and an unidentified developer are negotiating a pilot project through which rental housing could be built for families with a wide range of incomes.

If successful, the public-private project could set the standard for the creation of affordable housing units in the city, said Michael Coleman, director of the Community Development Agency.

Details of the planned project should become clear Wednesday when Coleman asks the City Council to approve a resolution allowing him to apply for funding from the state Housing Mortgage Finance Agency. The special meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, is needed because the application deadline is Thursday.

At the same time, Coleman will ask for approval of an application to the state Department of Community Affairs for a \$350,000 grant to assist homeowners and tenants in 12

square blocks. That application is also due Thursday.

Coleman said he hopes the funding, if granted, will leverage at least \$650,000 from local banks. It would be used for low-interest loans for a variety of activities in one- to four-family homes, Coleman said.

The director declined to identify the developer with whom he is negotiating the pilot rental program and said how much the CDA will ask for in grants will be determined this week. He briefly sketched the proposal.

The state grant, which would be funneled through the city, would help the developer with land acquisition and construction costs. It would also help the CDA arrange low-interest mortgage financing, Coleman said.

Once built, the project would be available for rental to low-, moderate- and middle-income families, according to the developer's contract with the city, Coleman said.

The "piggybacking" concept

of the city working in tandem with the developer could set a precedent, he said, and be used later in setting up an official policy of the city. It will give the CDA needed information on whether such a project can succeed and demonstrate the viability of integrated rental housing in a city that has seen a boom in the construction of condominiums, he said.

Before he asks the City Council to adopt ordinances on affordable housing, he said, "I want to see what agreements we can work out with developers voluntarily."

He wants to use these projects to set parameters for such laws, he said.

The \$350,000 grant would be for homeowners and tenants in small homes from Newark to Fourth Street and Willow Avenue, he said. The terms of the grant specify that it must be used in a neighborhood.

The low-interest loans

generated with the money would be used for a variety of activities such as home improvements or for situations in which the tenant of an elderly couple, for example, wanted to pick up the mortgage on the home and allow the couple to continue living in the building, he said.

Hoboken panel rips PA lease

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

HOBOKEN—The lease for the Port Authority project is a ripoff, according to the Waterfront Advisory Committee, which yesterday urged the city to stop negotiating until the draft agreement is reworked to give it a better financial deal.

In an 85-page report, the committee suggests the city and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey go back to square one in their talks on the \$500 million mixed-use development planned by the bi-state agency. The document calls for dumping the lease formulated during former Mayor Steve Cappelletto's administration and replacing it with one written by Sills, Beck & Cummings, the Newark law firm representing the city.

"We're giving away the best property in the city and getting little in return," committee member Dominic Casulli said. "The lease, which has been the basis of negotiations, is totally unsatisfactory."

The report also contends the lease

would take away municipal regulatory powers. As a last resort, the report says, the city should look into the possibility of repossessing the piers covered by the lease, a move that would open the way for private development of at least part of the waterfront site.

The report brought a non-committal response from Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti.

"I, the City Council and members of the negotiating team will give serious consideration to the report in arriving at a position for the city," Vezetti said in a statement.

Several other city and authority officials who received copies of the report when it was released yesterday afternoon said they would not comment until they had had time to study it.

The advice of the committee, appointed by Vezetti five months ago, is non-binding. Its 18 members consistently have objected to the scope of the PA project, and the direction of negotiations.

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Photo by Victor Ongkingco

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT OFFICE at 71 Adams St. in Hoboken is scheduled to close. 1,200 rally behind state jobless office

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

HOBOKEN—First, they lost their jobs. Now, many of the unemployed fear they may lose the city office where they go to file claims and collect benefits.

The Committee to Prevent the Closing of the Hoboken Unemployment Office collected 1,200 signatures on a petition delivered to Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti last week.

The group says that if the office at 71 Adams St. shuts down, as is rumored, it would create more expense, hardship and delay for the jobless local residents, who would then have to report to "already overcrowded" centers in Jersey City or Union City.

But Frederick Kniesler, an assistant commissioner of the state Department of Labor, which will make the decision, said the fate of the city's only unemployment office is up in the air.

City officials say the office is threatened by rising rent and oper-

ating costs. Vezetti has asked Labor Commissioner Charles Serrano to do what he can to keep the doors open.

Manager Frederick Jaworski said the office averages 400 to 500 claims a day.

"The workload is very heavy," Jaworski said. "Why have they go to Union City and Jersey City, where the lines are much longer?"

About half the applicants are from this city, and the rest from other parts of Hudson County or New York City, Jaworski said.

The department is considering whether to keep the office in place, move it elsewhere or combine it with another center, Kniesler said.

"We're not at the possibility of doing anything definite," he said, adding, however, that the department is implementing computer and other procedures intended to expand service while cutting costs.

Kniesler put the Jersey City area jobless rate for December, the most recent figure available, at 9.1 percent, compared to a state level now at 5.5 percent.

Hudson school chief OKs Hoboken recount

By GAIL FRIEDMAN

A recount will be held on the results of the Jan. 14 Hoboken school board election.

Board secretary Anthony Romano, who is also First Ward councilman, said last night that Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Louis Accocella had approved the recount in a letter received Tuesday. It is expected to be held next week.

Two losing candidates requested the recount last week. Joseph Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo charged, in their letter to the state commissioner of education, that "improprieties" on Romano's part contributed to the outcome. Romano, as board secretary, is the election officer.

Romano yesterday defended himself against the allegations, saying many of the complaints involved situations beyond his control. The decision against sending sample ballots, for example, was made by the school board, he said.

The 2 to 9 p.m. hours for the polls to be open were actually three hours longer than the 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. stipulated by law, he said.

Another complaint involved

a system of having voters sign composition books rather than regular voting books kept by the county. Rafter and Arroyo alleged there was nothing to prevent double voting.

Romano said the office of the county Superintendent of Elections directed him to use notebooks because there wasn't a space for the special school board election in the regular book. Poll workers, he added, were instructed by the county.

Asked if he thought the recount would find significantly different results, Romano said "I don't think so, but I don't know. All I did was, I went and voted, just like everybody else."

Rafter and Arroyo, whose supporters included Mayor Thomas Vezetti, each lost by several hundred votes, out of some 4,000 cast. The winners were Richard England Jr., for a one-year term, and Eugene Drayton, for a two-year term. Six other candidates finished far behind.

England and Drayton took office on Jan. 16 after Romano certified the election results. — Margaret Schmidt



Remembering Henrietta

A packed auditorium, top, at St. Joseph's School in Hoboken watches the musical "Jennifer and Her Baglady" while Kimberly Sellers, left, as Jennifer Johnson, and Joyce Kelter as Aggie Rivers perform in a scene during the show presented by ON STAGE Productions. The performance was in memory of Henrietta Sforza, the 81-year-old homeless woman who died on a Hoboken street Jan. 4. The show was sponsored by the Mustard Seed School with proceeds going to the Bishop Mahurter Shelter in Hoboken.



Hoboken awarded \$537G UDAG

By DAVID R. PALOMBI

WASHINGTON—The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development yesterday awarded Hoboken \$537,000 to build an eight-story office building.

The grant will finance construction of Two Hudson Place, which federal officials said would be the first new building in downtown

Hoboken in many years.

"This federal grant helps make Two Hudson Place economically feasible," said Rep. Frank J. Guarini, D-Jersey City. He said the project "will provide the vital beginning for revitalization efforts that are of great importance to the economic development of the area."

HUD officials said Two Hudson Place will consist of an eight-story office building, a plaza park and a pedestrian walkway. It will be on

River Street near the PATH Station, they said.

The grant to Hoboken may be one of the last made under the popular Urban Development Action Grant program. President Reagan this week shut off the job-creating program for the rest of this fiscal year and is expected to seek to abolish it in his fiscal 1987 budget.

The program has been the linchpin of redevelopment efforts in Hudson County and in dozens of New

Jersey cities since it was created in 1977.

The total cost of the Hoboken project is \$10.75 million. A spokeswoman for Guarini, who announced the grant, said the building will be occupied by businesses currently operating in New Jersey.

HUD officials did not say when construction of Two Hudson Place would begin or how many jobs will be involved.

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Coleman's goal is still affordable housing

By Margaret Schmidt

Michael Coleman isn't exactly a new face at the Hoboken City Hall.

The newly-appointed director of the Community Development Agency led the city agency for seven years when it launched Hoboken's turnaround from a prime example of decaying urban America to a virtual boomtown.

The face has changed somewhat — the mustache is gone and the hair is now more gray than black — but the innovative ideas are still there as Coleman's second stint at the CDA brings him a new crisis, the lack of "affordable" housing.

At 53, Coleman brings much experience to the CDA post, having held several public- and private-sector jobs that focused on creating programs to effect change. In between his work for Hoboken, he established his own consulting firm and has secured millions of dollars in funding for distressed areas.

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Coleman attended local schools there, receiving his bachelor's degree in economics at the College of St. Thomas. On graduation he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force and served four years during the Korean Conflict.

Having learned to pilot a plane at age 16, he worked for Eastern Airlines on his return from the service and then took a two-year graduate program in economics and industrial relations at the University of Minnesota.

Coleman then became program director for a now-defunct privately funded organization, the Commission for International Development, which had its headquarters in New York. With the commission, Coleman helped provide technical information and skills training to Third World countries or organizations. One project, for example, involved bringing a group from Africa to the Consolidated Edison plant to train them in power systems, he said.

He worked there three years until the funding dried up and the commission disbanded.

In 1965, Coleman joined President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty." For two years he was one of nine regional inspectors who checked on new community action groups to see if they were representative of the population they were supposed to serve.

"You felt like you were being part of our national, our domestic history," he said recently. "We were young enough to think it was going to make all the difference in the world."



Michael Coleman, newly appointed director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency, reviews resolutions in his office at the Multi-Service Center on Grand Street.

He credits then-Mayor Louis DePascale with working hard to get the program in Hoboken and with having the courage to give Coleman the freedom to hire qualified persons, even if they came from outside the city.

"Most mayors would not have brought in an outside person and given him so much authority," he said, noting that he moved to Hoboken as soon as he took the job.

Nonetheless, he describes his tenure as somewhat confrontational because many citizens' groups were leary of him or wanted to have his authority and because political patronage had to account for about half the Model Cities workforce, a situation he explains as a compromise.

The Applied Housing project, through which public and private financing provide subsidized housing for 15 years, and a home improvement plan began the turnaround, he said. Plus, health services offered in conjunction with St. Mary Hospital, educational programs with Stevens Institute of Technology and recreation helped effect change.

Around 1975, he said, "it became clear, to me anyway, that what we had done in housing was going to move on its own." The new direction would have to be in economic development.

He left that year, after Model Cities became the Community Development Agency, and began his consultancy, located in Hoboken.

He didn't intend to return to the CDA and was, instead, named to head the CDA transition team between the outgoing administration of Mayor Steve Cappelletto and Mayor Thomas Vezzetti, who was elected last June.

The two candidates he had nominated for the post, held by Fred Bado during the Cappelletto administration, declined the job. Vezzetti then appointed Coleman, but the nomination took three months to clear the City Council.

After much haggling by anti-Vezzetti forces and charges that Coleman would be in a conflict of interest because he was going to keep his consultancy, the council approved the nomination unanimously.

The soft-spoken Coleman was sworn into office the next day in an impromptu ceremony at the City Clerk's office, attended only by his two sons.

Coleman has already begun work on two applications for state grants that would aid homeowners and set up a pilot project for public-private funds to create housing for lower-, moderate- and middle-income families.

"My approach," he explained, "always has been to prime the private sector (with public funds). That's still the best approach in my opinion."

He is optimistic about changes he can effect in the short-run because of about \$5 million he anticipates for his budget in the next two years. After that, though, he is unsure.

He predicts a national crisis of increased homelessness over the next decade because housing simply isn't being produced to meet the needs of lower income people.

Then, he said, the cycle will begin again with federal assistance being the only way to cope with the severe problems.

Hoboken guards school

By Margaret Schmidt

Detectives patrolled Hoboken High School yesterday after reports that a "rumble" was expected because of Monday's robbery and assault of four students, police said.

Police Chief George Crimmins said detectives were assigned to the school because of rumors that the intruders would return. Only minor arguments among the students were reported yesterday.

A gang of six boys entered the high school around 1:15 p.m. Monday and snatched chains from students while striking them, according to police reports.

Security guards and teachers tried to break up the ensuing fight but the youths fled the school, police said. Detectives were interviewing two youths yesterday and said they might be close to an arrest.

On Monday, two students were accosted inside the building and two outside, police said.

Oscar Gonzales, 16, whose class wasn't listed, reported a gold chain and gold cross ripped from his neck. He was accosted outside the school while walking with Brenda Garcia, 17, a freshman, who was grabbed and punched, thrown to the ground and kicked while someone took her radio headphones, police said.

Inside the school, Nelson Rosario, a 14-year-old freshman, was accosted on a staircase, police said. He fell backward five steps, was kicked in the stomach and robbed of a gold chain, a gold plate with the word "Nelson" on it and a star and Playboy sign, police said.

Also in the school, Hector Duran, 16-year-old sophomore, was robbed of a gold chain and a plate with "Duran" on it, police said.

Several youths reported they saw the group at a dance held last Friday at the Multi-Service Center on Grand Street, according to reports.

Crimmins and detectives said it was unknown if there is a feud between students at the school and the intruders or if it was an isolated case.

Principal Joseph Buda could not be reached for comment.

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Even though it didn't, he said, the work was worthwhile as it tapped the youthful idealism of the time.

He then worked two years with the federal Economic Development Administration, helping rural and other communities rebuild their economic bases. Among the projects he was involved in were building industrial parks and arranging large-scale loans to foundering businesses.

With the escalation of the Vietnam War, however, federal funding for such social programs began to dry up. His next post, though, successfully used federal monies to leverage private funding — through the Model Cities Program in Hoboken.

Coleman, in 1968, was one of the candidates chosen for the Hoboken directorship by the state Department of Community Affairs. The city was one of three in the state and 75 cities selected nationwide for the experimental project Johnson generated to solve urban problems.

Minutes lasted for hours at the meeting of HOPES

By Bianca M. Quintanilla

After two hours of clarifications and arguments over the last meeting's minutes, the Hoboken Organization Against Poverty and Economic Stress (HOPES) held its first meeting of the year last night.

Some members who served on the HOPES board last year weren't sure if they had been appointed to serve this term and arguments grew louder as Chairman Charles Coe refused to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Dec. 18.

The argument apparently arose when a board member and chairman of the personnel committee Frank Raia phoned the chairman to call for a special meeting of the board last month.

But Coe said he thought Raia wanted a meeting of one of the committees.

Director E. Norman Wilson, in turn, sent out letters to board members asking them to attend the special meeting.

But Wilson did not speak to Coe. He said, "When Frank (Raia) called me to notify me of the special meeting, I assumed Coe had given his approval."

Coe again stressed that he thought a board committee was going to meet. Apparently he tried to cancel the meeting, but most of the members attended.

Councilwoman Helen Cunningham, also board secretary, said those people who attended the special session had to meet in a parked car because the Board of Health Building, where the board usually meets, was locked.

So when Cunningham read the minutes of the special meeting, and asked for a vote to approve them, Coe said he was opposed.

"As far as I'm concerned, we didn't have a meeting," he said.

But he was confronted by James Fitzsimmons, another board member, who said if they

didn't acknowledge the meeting of Dec. 18, then they would lose three board members who were appointed on the Dec. 18 and who were present at the meeting last night.

One of them was Peter Culhane, who asked "Am I officially a board member? I was a member last year, but I want to know if I am one now."

Besides Culhane, Laurie Federico and Fitzsimmons had been appointed to the board.

After Coe refused several times to approve the minutes of the special meeting, Cunningham, Fitzsimmons, Federico, Raia and Culhane assured Coe they had just discussed membership at the meeting.

"We did not discuss any additional business," Fitzsimmons said.

Cunningham then asked Coe why she wasn't notified of yesterday's meeting. She said she usually has two notices of the meetings delivered to her, but

she did not receive one yesterday. "I believe it was an oversight," Coe said, explaining that from now on, he would personally notify all board members of their meeting and that he would be held accountable if a member does not receive a letter.

The board finally took a vote to accept the minutes. Coe and the Rev. William Beatty voted not to accept them, but they said they agreed with the appointments made at that meeting.

"My objection is the way this was set up," Coe said. "Frank said they were going to be forming the committee."

Then he said to the members, "There's games being played here. I am not playing games."

But Cunningham, Culhane, Raia and Fitzsimmons insisted they were not playing games and they were trying to solve problems.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 24.

Losing candidates call for recount of vote in Hoboken

By Margaret Schmidt

Two unsuccessful candidates in the Hoboken school board election have requested a recount and charged that "improprieties" contributed to the outcome.

Joseph Rafter and Lourdes Arroyo, who ran on a slate backed by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and the Committee for Quality Education, requested the recount in a letter to Dr. Saul Cooperman, commissioner of the state Department of Education.

Rafter and Arroyo ran for the one-year term and two-year term, respectively, and each lost by a few hundred votes.

Rafter said he didn't think a recount and review of the Jan. 14 election will significantly change the results but added that he hoped they would lead

to what he considers a more just school board election on April 15.

The 2½-page letter also recommends a review of state election laws for boards of education. It charges that broad discretion given the board secretary, who acts as elections chief, made the "improprieties" possible.

"We firmly believe that election procedures established by Mr. Romano contributed significantly to the outcome of the election," the letter says, referring to Board Secretary Anthony Romano.

The list of allegations includes charges that Romano purposely set the polling time for 2 to 9 p.m. to narrow voting opportunities; that he exercised no control over multiple voting

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or unregistered persons voting; that he kept the process of tallying votes secret from all candidates and the press, and that no sample ballots were sent to residents.

The letter also notes that Detective Lt. Martin Kiely, who had his name officially removed from the ballot, received 50 votes in one election district's tallies.

"On the basis of this letter we respectfully request a recount of the election results and a review of the signature notebooks to determine possible double and fraudulent voting," it says. "Without a recount and review, it is impossible for us to determine the extent to which these problems affected the outcome of the election."

"We also urge you to conduct a comprehensive review of school board election laws and

regulations with respect to voter turnout, accountability, conflicts of interest and fairness. And once again we urge you to provide a state presence in Hoboken on April 15th, the date of our next school board election."

Rafter and Arroyo enclosed a check for \$54, \$2 to have a recount on each of the 27 machines.

Cooperman doesn't have to grant the request, Rafter said. The machines are routinely impounded for 15 days after an election. That period is tomorrow.

Romano didn't respond to telephone calls yesterday.

The election was held to expand the board from seven to nine members after the November referendum approved a switch from an appointed to an elected board. The winners were Richard England Jr. and Eugene Drayton.

Woman who lived and died on street will have funeral

By Rick Tosches

Henrietta Sforza, the 81-year-old homeless woman who was found lying dead on a Hoboken street Jan. 4, will finally be buried, according to Lt. James Peck of the Police Auto Squad.

Peck said he made a positive identification of the body after an "exhaustive" search revealed Sforza had no known relatives.

Peck said a local funeral home has agreed to bury Sforza free of charge.

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benches by passers-by. A native of Tampico, Mexico, Sforza is believed to have been homeless for the past 10 years since the death of her husband.

Rev. George Ligos, pastor of St. Peter & Paul Church, Hoboken, and a member of the Hoboken Clergy Coalition, said the coalition had discussed conducting a memorial service for

Details of the burial were not immediately available.

Sforza, who had lived in city streets for the past 10 years, was discovered lying dead in the street at 105 Second St. at 6 a.m. Jan. 4.

She was clothed in only a blouse and coat and had a cut over her right eye. Police believe Sforza died of natural causes.

Sforza was "famous" throughout the city for being spotted sitting on City Hall

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Hoboken children share a moment of tragedy

By Patricia Donnelly

"Look for the stars," is what Christa McAuliffe used to tell her students in Concord, New Hampshire.

Yesterday, a Hoboken church filled with youngsters, their teachers and parents, paid tribute to the memory of the teacher and the six astronauts killed with her in the explosion of the Challenger space shuttle Tuesday.

The hundreds who attended the memorial Mass yesterday afternoon

in St. Peter and Paul Church recalled the courage of many pioneers and the price they paid to help mankind make progress.

"It is for us, the living, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they have thus far so nobly advanced," read Daniele Kiely, quoting Abraham Lincoln. "We take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

Rev. George Ligos, pastor of St. Peter and Paul, told the congregation that the tragedy served as a reminder that it is not the length of one's life on earth that matters.

"It is not how long we live but how well we use the time God has given us. Try to do a little more than you thought you could. And don't give up," said Ligos to the group, most of them children from the parish school.

Sister Lauretta Timothy, O.P., principal of the school, said the special Mass had been arranged to

help the children react to the tragedy. "The tragedy touched everyone so deeply. We were all searching for some kind of answer. We need to respond with prayer. Prayers for the astronauts, their families and for our children here — that they have the courage to carry on that fine tradition."

Cards with the names of Christa McAuliffe, Michael Smith, Francis Scobee, Ronald McNair, Ellison

Onizuka, Greg Jarvis and Judy Resnick were carried to the altar during the offertory procession by students from the school.

The children's voices raised together in the concluding hymn paid a special tribute to the deceased:

"And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand."



Walking through Hoboken

A walking tour of historic Hoboken by Adventure on a Shoestring, a New York-based organization, visited many locations such as, top, Washington Street at Third Street where the group, led by Harold Goldberg, viewed the main street. In other picture, the tour group looks at the historic Clam Broth House on Newark Street, a Hoboken fixture since 1899.



Walk in Castle Point is a royal stroll

By Jim DeRogatis

A walk through the Stevens Institute of Technology campus at Castle Point offers some of the most interesting sites in Hoboken as well as some glimpses into the city's historic past.

Starting at the southern end of the Castle Point hill near the eastern end of Sixth Street, you encounter the gatehouse. Built in 1856, the octagonal-shaped structure is the oldest on

campus and all that remains of the Stevens Castle. It currently houses administrative offices.

From the gatehouse stroll north along Wittgen Walk to a stone abutment which branches out over River Road. This site, one of the highest on Castle Point, boasts one of the best views of the New York skyline. The cannon there was discovered in 1888 by members of the Stevens Family. The cannon was believed to have been brought from France after the French Revolution.

At the center of the Stevens campus is the 14-story Stevens Center. This modern building sits atop the site where the original homes of the Stevens family were built. Villa Stevens, a 20-room house built by Colonel John Stevens in 1784, was destroyed by fire around 1851. It was replaced by the colonel's sons with the 40-room mansion known as Castle Stevens. The castle was destroyed in 1959 when the Stevens Center was built.

Castle Point Terrace begins

at Eighth Street, where there are a number of spectacular fraternity and sorority houses connected with the college. Built in the ornate Victorian style of the early 1900s, these houses were owned by wealthy Hoboken families and many were willed to the school.

Also of interest is 800 Castle Point Terrace, the building that houses the Stevens Cooperative School. This popular nursery school was started in 1949 as a playgroup for professors'

children, but it currently serves the entire community.

Castle Point Terrace slopes down to Elysian Park. The park, which runs from 10th Street to 11th Street and from Hudson Street to River Road, is all that remains of the Elysian Fields, a spectacular pleasure center built by Colonel John Stevens in 1784. The fields were the site of the first baseball game in 1846, an event commemorated by a plaque on 11th and Washington streets.

Castle Point Terrace a historic area

By Jim DeRogatis

History lies heavily over the large brick homes lining Castle Point Terrace, one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in Hoboken and the first to be settled.

Located on the western edge of the hilltop area known as Castle Point, Castle Point Terrace stretches for two blocks between 8th Street and Elysian Park at 10th Street to the east of Hudson Street. It has historically been home for some of Hoboken's most respected citizens, including the Stevens family, who were instrumental in building up the city.

Castle Point was first settled in 1673 by the Bayard family, who bought a large piece of property that included parts of what is now Hoboken, Weehawken, Jersey City, Bayonne, and Staten Island for \$2,500. The family lived on Castle Point until 1780, when rebels burned down their house and barns for being sympathetic to the British and the land became the property of the state.

Colonel John Stevens, an inventor and pioneer in the field of steamship travel, bought the area that comprises Hoboken today in 1784 to develop a pleasure resort. Among the attractions Col. Stevens built were the River

with a brownstone facing. It boasted four formal drawing rooms, a library and a conservatory decorated with some of the finest works of art of the French empire, many of them gifts from family friend Joachim Murat, Napoleon's field marshal.

The castle was beautiful but it was also impractical. Burdened by high taxes levied by the city, Edwin Stevens successfully petitioned the state legislature in 1859 to separate Castle Point from Hoboken and incorporate it as part of Weehawken. However, it was re-annexed to Hoboken in 1875 after one of the Stevens' barns caught fire and the Hoboken fire department watched it burn down, unwilling to trespass on Weehawken property.

The castle was demolished in 1959 to make way for the current 14-story Stevens Center. By that time, the Stevens Institute of Technology, founded in 1870, had acquired ownership of the 55 acres of land on Castle Point originally owned by the Stevens family.

Castle Point Terrace, the only public thoroughfare on Castle Point, is a mixture of private residences and fraternity houses associated with the college. The street, paved in the original tan cobblestone, looks much as it

must have in the 1890s. The ornate cornices, crafted glass windows and high stoops with wrought-iron railing all recall a bygone era.

Many of the houses on the block were built by Charles and Bernard Vezzetti, uncles of Thomas Vezzetti, the mayor of Hoboken. Mayor Vezzetti himself grew up at 912 Castle Point Terrace and lived there for 44 years.

"Castle Point Terrace was always considered the apex of living in Hoboken," the mayor proudly recalled. Vezzetti said the neighborhood is slightly more crowded now than when he was a child, but it has remained essentially unchanged.

Because of its relative isolation from the rest of Hoboken and its reputation as an enclave for wealthy families, many Hoboken residents considered Castle Point Terrace as inaccessible.

"When I was growing up, it was considered as the place to live in Hoboken," said Lucille Casulli, a Jersey Journal Woman of Achievement. "We used to like to sleigh ride on the hill, but we were always afraid the neighbors would chase us away."

Mrs. Casulli and her husband Dominic bought a house on the block in 1965. "I had a

professional degree and I had been working for six years, but we still had to stretch to afford it," Mrs. Casulli said.

Since the inflation of real estate prices in Hoboken over the last several years, houses on the block are even harder to afford. One house owned by an executive with Gulf and Western recently sold for \$500,000, the Casullis said.

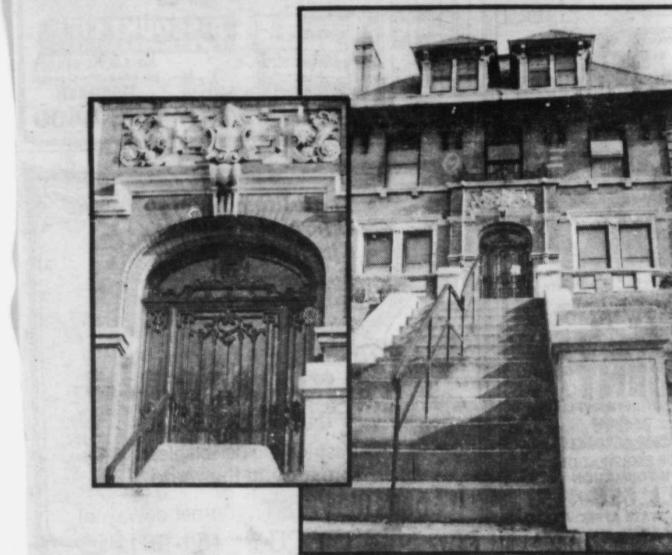
However, as ward councilman Joseph Della Fave said, "Castle Point Terrace, with all its riches, still has its problems." Residents cite people creating disturbances by drinking in the nearby park at night and parking as two frequent headaches.

Another problem is high taxes. "There is no great benefit to living on Castle Point Terrace any more," said James Caulfield, city engineer and a resident of the area for 40 years.

Della Fave is working on acquiring the funds to put a uniformed watchman in the park at night to discourage rowdies and the city is always looking for new solutions to the parking problem. But unfortunately, as Edwin Stevens learned 127 years ago, taxes are a problem that just won't go away.



Castle Point Terrace
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Vezzetti makes peace with waterfront panel

HOBOKEN—The administration and its outspoken Waterfront Advisory Committee apparently have declared a truce.

The committee last week released a report contending the city would get a raw financial deal if the major waterfront development planned by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey goes through under the terms of a draft agreement.

The committee, appointed by Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, made the report public at the same time it released copies to city officials involved in the negotiations.

Both Vezzetti and his critics then called for curbs on the advisory

group.

The committee went into closed session at its meeting last Wednesday to discuss a mayoral directive to address future communications first to Community Development Director Michael Coleman, said Chairman Mame Jurkat.

The committee, after discussions with Coleman, agreed, she said. "I'm not sure it means we would never go public, but surely we would give them more than a day (notice) next time."

Jurkat said, however, that the committee will continue to play an active role in setting policy and mapping negotiating strategy for the project.

Hoboken

may up parking

Dispatch 2-1-86

HOBOKEN—Robbing Peter to pay Paul is the principle behind a plan that would add at least 56 new parking spaces to the city's congested main drag.

An ordinance proposed by Councilman David Roberts would cut the length of bus stops on Washington Street from 105 feet to 40, and turn the extra space into parking spots.

The bus stops, one on each side of the street along the 14-block stretch, then would be labeled no parking zones, Roberts said. But they would still function as bus stops, providing ample room for buses to discharge and pick up passengers, he said.

According to Roberts, the plan has the blessing of the state Department of Transportation, city Police Chief George Crimmins, downtown merchants and the city Parking Authority. He was uncertain whether the new parking spaces would be metered or unmetered.

The proposed ordinance is scheduled to be presented to the City Council at its caucus on Monday. It could be approved within a month, unless something unexpected happens, Roberts said.

Among the other ideas slated to be discussed with the Parking Authority in the future are a conversion to angular parking on lower Washington Street and the construction of tiers on city-operated lots, he said.



Photo by Joe Sheehan

THE FIRE at B&M Liquors was extinguished in 45 minutes by four engine companies and two truck companies. Its cause is being investigated.

14 above are left homeless 2-1-86 Dispatch

Fire hits Hoboken liquor store

HOBOKEN—A fire that erupted yesterday morning in a ground-floor liquor store drove 14 people from the apartments above. The three-alarm fire at 461-463 Fifth St. began at 8:25 a.m. in the rear of B&M Liquors, according to Deputy Fire Chief Ray Sheehan. Fourteen residents were evacuated from the five-story building, he said, adding that all but five of

the 16 apartments were vacant. No injuries were reported. Sheehan said four engine companies and two truck companies had the blaze under control in 45 minutes, and extinguished an hour later. Its cause is under investigation. The fire left the building, owned by D. Harman of Chatham, without electric and gas service, Sheehan said. The Jersey City Chapter of the American Red Cross helped the tenants find temporary shelter. Sheehan said fire damage was confined to the liquor store and a first-floor apartment. Public Works Director Peter Alicandri said he expects the tenants to be able to return eventually to the building, which remains structurally sound.

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Hoboken will consider cutting size of bus stops

By Margaret Schmidt

An ordinance to reduce the size of bus stops by more than half will be discussed at tonight's Hoboken City Council caucus in an attempt to ease the city's parking crunch. If adopted, the ordinance would cut bus stops from 105 feet to 40 feet long, thus creating one or two more parking spots on every block of Washington Street. The ordinance is being proposed by Sixth Ward Councilman David Roberts, who is also the owner of Hoboken Daily News, a business on Washington Street. Many merchants have complained that the city's severe parking shortage has hurt business. Roberts, who is chairman of the council's transportation committee, acknowledged that the ordinance "is only a beginning," but said other measures are being planned to help ease the situation. Officials plan to speak with the owners of present parking lots, for example, to see if garages can be built above them in a joint venture with the city, he said. Parking may be allowed on River Street and the possibility of changing one side of

Washington Street, to have angle parking is another option, he said. Second Ward Councilman Joseph DellaFave is working on an ordinance to reduce some metered parking spots from 22 feet to handle more compact cars, Roberts added. The measures are being discussed with the Parking Authority and its chairman, Patrick Cauffman, and with the Community Development Agency, he said. If Roberts' bus-stop measure is introduced at Wednesday's meeting, it will have its first of three public readings. It could come to a vote immediately if the council decides to consider it as an emergency measure. Also on the agenda is a salary ordinance for the Community Development Agency

and a proposal that the agency award a \$9,400 contract to Gerard A. Lisa and Company, an accounting and auditing firm. There are also letters from Mayor Thomas Vezzeppi appointing Amada Ortega and Rev. Barbara Cathey to the city Welfare Board and from John A. Clarke, Hudson County trial court administrator, regarding Vezzeppi's appointment of Steve Zamrin as municipal court judge. The council must approve Zamrin's appointment before it takes effect. A special meeting on the subject last month ended abruptly when arguments escalated between the mayor and Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri and Vezzeppi used an obscenity. Both tonight's caucus and Wednesday's meeting are set for 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Short and sweet meeting?

The Hoboken City Council is going to try something new tonight — brevity. City Clerk James Farina has starred 30 of 35 resolutions on the agenda and will ask that the items be approved without separate readings.

If a council member or someone from the public has an objection to any of the items, he said, that item will be considered separately. Most of the starred items are payments of standard bills and other routine matters.

Cappiello, Ranieri back recall move

By James DeRogatis

Hoboken Councilmen Steve Cappiello and Robert Ranieri said they will support and work with a group to recall Mayor Thomas Vezzeppi because of what they call mismanagement in the administration. Vezzeppi opponents have been circulating recall petitions for several weeks, but the group has not formally announced its members. Recall petitions cannot be filed until July, when the mayor has served one year. "I'm glad Cappiello and Ranieri have finally admitted that they are behind the recall," Vezzeppi said. "Cappiello is the

former mayor of the city. He was rejected and is trying to get his revenge. Ranieri is his figurehead. The people rejected them and voted for me." "I have enough of the city in my blood to be involved in the recall," Cappiello said. "I would work for anybody the group puts forward." "Recall is a necessity for the city," Ranieri said. "I fully support the process that returns democratic government to Hoboken." Cappiello previously said he would not become involved in a recall movement unless he saw "blatant mismanagement" in Vezzeppi's administration. "I

would say it was blatant now," he said. "I see this administration exercising some of the things they accused us of." "They ran the school board election out of the mayor's office, and the mayor made a statement that he wanted to take over the school board. They are letting some people go and are hiring others on purely political grounds. These are the kinds of things that get people motivated for a recall," Cappiello said. "Vezzeppi has abdicated his rights and prerogatives as mayor to a small group that did not run for election and are not

accountable," Ranieri said. "He is a figurehead, Nero fiddling while Rome burns or the Russian czar with Rasputin behind him." "I'm doing my job. I don't want to stoop to their political doubletalk," Vezzeppi said of Cappiello and Ranieri's allegations. "I'm a honest man in a profession that needs honesty. Steve Cappiello and Bob Ranieri are never going to be able to say that." Vezzeppi made similar statements about Cappiello in an article published yesterday in the Sunday Daily News Magazine, but Cappiello dismissed them. "I'm not affected by rhetoric," he said. Cappiello believes the article, which labelled Vezzeppi as "the whackiest mayor in America," will cause him political damage. "It will be regretted by Tom," he said. "That statement is the kind of thing that gets more people involved in a recall movement." Ranieri believes there is already a groundswell for the recall. "There is much informal

activity, but the group has not acted formally," he said. "It just needs a catalyst in the form of a declaration from Hoboken's civic leaders." The councilman said that declaration will be made either in 30 days or immediately following the April 15 election for three seats on the Board of Education. "That election should concern everyone in the city as the primary objective, even before a special election," Ranieri said. The group behind the recall movement has not made an official statement yet for two reasons, according to Ranieri. "We want to keep whatever government we have as business-like as possible for as long as possible," he said. "And we want to make sure that after we get formally involved, the administration does not make a turnaround and provide what it has lacked so far so it warrants remaining in office." Neither Cappiello nor Ranieri could say who would run against Vezzeppi. "I don't know if I would run myself," Cappiello said. "I'm

generally happy where I am now. I have much more time for my family and children. Cappiello, 62, won his seat as Third Ward councilman in November, just six months after losing his bid for a fourth term as mayor to Vezzeppi. "Any one of the councilmen could run," Cappiello said, but he declined to name whom he favored as a candidate. "I would like to see a fresh new face. I can't say who. I'd have a line forming at my door."

"I am fully concerned about the candidate involved," Ranieri said. "I would support the candidate who develops as leader of the recall movement. If that candidate is myself, fine." Vezzeppi said he will campaign against anyone who runs against him in a recall election. He remains calm despite the mounting threat to his administration. "I take it all in stride," he said. "I'll leave the people the choice of who they want."

Hoboken activists out to recall Vezzeppi

By PETER WEHWEIN
Staff Writer
HOBOKEN—In one of the first overt moves to oust first-year Mayor Thomas F. Vezzeppi from office, a group of city political activists agreed last night to form a group called Recall '86. "The general consensus is that a recall against Mayor Vezzeppi should take place," said George Crimmins Jr., an unofficial leader of the group. The organization will work on setting up a recall campaign at the ward and election district level, according to Crimmins, who is the 36-year-old son of Police Chief George Crimmins. State law prohibits recall elections in the first year of an elected official's term. Vezzeppi started serving as mayor in July, therefore petitions calling for a special recall election of the unorthodox mayor

could not be filed until this coming July. The group of 25 of the more active political types here gathered at the Union Club on Hudson Street last night. But before the meeting, Crimmins rattled off a list of criticisms of Vezzeppi and his administration, including lack of leadership, dirty streets and stagnant waterfront development. "The city itself is not running properly," Crimmins said. Crimmins and others moved quickly to call for a discussion after blaring headlines in a local newspaper announced that Vezzeppi's chief opponent in the June election, then-Mayor Steve Cappiello, was backing a recall. The same newspaper story said former Assemblyman Robert A. Ranieri also is committing to work

ing for an early recall election to toss Vezzeppi out of power. Both Cappiello and Ranieri currently have seats on the City Council. Before the meeting, which was closed to the press, the group did not appear unified behind a gun-ho recall movement. Crimmins had avoided the saying "recall" and said the purpose of the meeting last night was to discuss "dissatisfaction" with Vezzeppi's administration. Anthony Russo, 39-year-old special education teacher with a long background in city politics, said it is wrong to judge the recall movement as a vehicle for political ambitions. "This is not a politically aggressive movement," Russo said. "This is, more or less, a grass-roots type movement for people who have

Hoboken Council blocks payment of fee for consultant

By Rick Tosches

The final payment to city housing consultant Steve Block was blocked last night by the Hoboken City Council as it rejected a resolution to pay the former Board of Education trustee for drafting the administration's affordable housing plan. Block was contracted by Mayor Thomas Vezzeppi to devise an affordable housing plan for Hoboken, a city currently in the midst of a luxury housing boom which has displaced many longtime residents, Vezzeppi said. Vezzeppi hired Block for \$100 a day to conduct the study. City Clerk James Farina said Block had received all but \$800 for the work. Those payments had been made in three installments. The vote was split, 3-4, with one present vote and one abstention. Councilwoman-at-large Helen Cunnning and Councilmen

Patrick Pasculli and Joseph DellaFave supported the final payment. Councilman-at-large Robert Ranieri, Councilman Anthony Romano, Council President E. Norman Wilson and Councilwoman Mary Francone voted against. Councilman Steve Cappiello voted present, while Councilman David Roberts abstained. A problem arose recently when the third payment owed to Block was sent to him by the city. City officials said the check was sent to Block before the council ratified the payment. At that meeting, the council voted to table the payment. Cunnning, in lobbying for passage of the resolution, said the third check was issued by the city to Block prior to council ratification, was cashed and placed in his savings account. She said the city removed \$800 from his account once it learned

the field, that is irresponsible behavior on the part of the prime executive (Vezzeppi)," he said. Ranieri added that Block knew "full well he wasn't qualified." Ranieri also called the administration's unveiling of the plan at a public hearing in Hoboken High School "a play on emotions of the City of Hoboken." Ranieri was speaking of the heated meeting which often pitted landlords and tenants against each other in shouting matches. Cunnning disagreed. "The City of Hoboken did issue a check," she said. "It's appropriate to pay this. If this is voted down, you're saying it's OK for the city to renege on paying bills." "Tomorrow, you could have a lawsuit against the city for a lousy 800 bucks. There's no question the gentleman worked the days. I think he has a good case to be paid. He did the work." Following the vote, Cunnning told residents in attendance, "So, if you work for the city, cash them (checks) right away." Block, meanwhile, said last night's council action "leaves me no recourse but to sue them." "I did the work. I am owed the money and I'll gladly show them my credentials," he said. Block said Ranieri had never spoken of his credentials before and it was "just another attempt by him at bad government." Block said the council's action was vindictive and another attempt "to make things hard for me. It's time to stop that kind of prejudice. I have every right to be involved," he said, referring to his active support for Vezzeppi during his recent campaign.

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Judge appointment postponed Hoboken council nixes Block's pay

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer
HOBOKEN—Left in limbo by the City Council last night were the final payment to the consultant who drafted Mayor Thomas F. Vezzeppi's affordable housing plan and the confirmation of his nominee for municipal judge, Steven Zamrin. Pro-administration Councilwoman Helen Cunnning asked for approval of an \$800 payment to Steve Block, the housing consultant hired by the mayor last summer. The payment, tabled by the council several months ago, would represent the fourth and final installment of Block's \$100-a-day fee. The plan, calling for mandatory developer contributions to a housing

fund, received mixed and emotional reviews when it was released in September. The administration, buffeted since then by changes in the political makeup of the council, has taken no steps to implement most of its recommendations. According to Cunnning, City Clerk James Farina inadvertently issued a check for the fee, which Block deposited in a savings account. Within hours, the city stopped payment, and the bank took the money from the city's account, she said. Not to approve the payment, Cunnning said, would leave citizens and vendors unprotected against mistakes by the city. She also maintained it would set a precedent for illegally renegeing on bills "when it's

politically advantageous." Pointing out that the council had authorized three previous payments to Block, Cunnning said that the content of the plan should have no bearing on whether to pay Block for work he did. But President E. Norman Wilson Jr. said he had consistently objected to paying Block. And several council members questioned the legality of Block's contract, expressing doubts about his qualifications. "There were no special qualifications needed for the mayor to issue a contract of under \$7,500 for special services," such as the one Block received, explained Business Administrator Ed Chius. If more money had been spent, the city might have found an expert who

could have tailored the plan to the municipality, he added. City Attorney Salvatore D'Amelio told the council objections to Block's qualifications should have been recorded when he was first hired. The payment was shelved by a 4-3 vote, with Councilmen Steve Cappiello and David Roberts abstaining. Both were elected after Block was hired. The council in another split vote postponed action confirming the nomination of Steven Zamrin as municipal judge. A closed door meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. The council had asked John Clarke, the Hudson County court administrator, to review Zamrin's credentials. Clarke reported that Zamrin is qualified for the post.

Election results upheld

By Margaret Schmidt

A recount yesterday confirmed the winners of Hoboken's Jan. 14 school board election. Louis C. Acocella, Hudson County superintendent of schools, said the numbers remained essentially unchanged with Richard England Jr. winning the one-year term and Eugene Drayton winning the two-year term. The only substantial change was in the Sixth Ward where candidate Joseph Rafter picked up 39 votes to win the ward. "We still lost," said Rafter, who had requested the recount

Recount doesn't change school board winners

along with running mate Lourdes Arroyo. The slate, which was supported by the Committee for Quality Education and Mayor Thomas Vezzeppi, has charged there were "improprieties" in the voting procedures and is awaiting a report from the administrative law division of the state Department of Education. Rafter's new votes in the

Sixth Ward came from an apparent transcription error that had a former candidate receiving 50 votes. Detective Lt. Martin Kiely, who dropped out of the race and had his name taken off the ballot and the levers next to his spot jammed, was listed as receiving 51 votes on the official results. Fifty of the votes were supposedly in the Sixth Ward, Fifth

District; one was on absentee ballot. The recount showed no votes for Kiely on any of the 28 machines, Acocella said. Rafter, who had been listed as having 11 votes in 6-5, actually had 50, the superintendent added. The new totals for the one-year term, Acocella said, are: England, 2,088; Roseanne Andreula, 437 (down one vote); Kiely, 1 (down 50 votes); Rafter, 1,658 (up 39 votes), and Felix Santiago Jr., 254. For the two-year term, the results remain unchanged, he said. See RECOUNT — Page 6.

Continued from Page 1. said: Linda Diaz-Murphy, 51; Evelyn Arroyo, 407; Drayton, 1,923; Lourdes Arroyo, 1,696; William Metcalfe, 216, and Frances Mancuso, 203. Attending the recount at the Jersey City warehouse where voting machines are stored were Acocella and members of his office; a representative of the state Department of Education; Hoboken Board of Education Secretary Anthony Romano; former City Clerk Anthony Amoruso; Rafter, and Nancy Tsuchiya, chairman of the Committee for Quality Education.

Hoboken tax boost 'probable'

By Rick Tosches

Hoboken taxpayers could experience a tax boost this year, Business Administrator Edwin Chius told members of the City Council during last night's caucus.

Chius was responding to a question posed by Council President E. Norman Wilson about the 1986 city budget.

Chius said the city has until Feb. 15 to submit its budget under legislation recently adopted by the state Legislature. The former deadline was Jan. 15, Chius said.

Although the exact figures of the budget have yet to be set, Chius said it is probable that residents could anticipate a tax increase. He also said an exact estimate could not be given at present because the budget has not been set.

"I am not an optimist," Chius said. "I am not sure of the exact amount because the budget has not been finalized."

A decrease in current tax collections by 6 percent could cause the increase in addition to indications "of no great state aid proposals," Chius said.

In other business, the council discussed an ordinance sponsored by Sixth Ward Councilman David Roberts to decrease the size of bus stops from 105 feet long to 40 feet in an effort to create additional parking spaces.

"Parking is a great big problem in this city," Roberts said. "A lot of (bus) drivers don't park in them anyway."

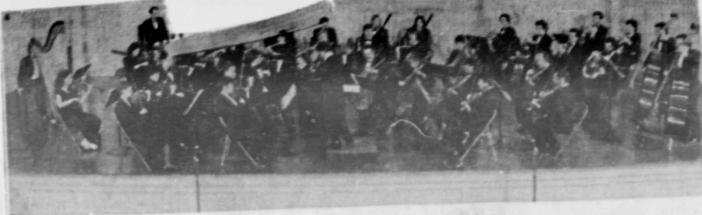
Roberts said the ordinance which he plans to introduce tomorrow night would create three parking spaces at each stop.

He said he would allow the measure to sit on the council table for 30 days to allow time for discussion.

Meanwhile, the two-hour caucus was quickened by City Clerk James Farina's intentional omission of the reading of 30 of the 35 agenda items.

Under a new policy, resolutions which are deemed "routine" will be voted upon by one council vote. Second Ward Councilman Joseph DellaFave suggested that those resolutions be placed together at the top of the resolutions agenda to avoid confusion.

Those routine resolutions were scattered throughout the agenda.



Hoboken orchestra inspires dance

By RENEE M. LYNCH
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—A program of music and dance is scheduled to be launched tomorrow as the Hoboken Chamber Orchestra presents its fourth performance of the 1985-86 Liberty Concert Series.

Founded by Gary M. Schneider, who also is its conductor, the orchestra plans an evening entitled "Welcome to the Dance," featuring the music of Aaron Copland and Igor Stravinsky. It will begin at 8 p.m. in the Demarest School, at Fourth and Bloomfield streets.

But music is just part of the orchestra's attraction. The real glow comes from its aspiration to success, its drive for perfection and its interest in cultural development within the community.

A few years ago, one might have been surprised to hear of such an orchestra, since the city is known more widely for its waterfront view and rock 'n' roll bars. Although the bars are still prominent, the emergence of this new genre is even more evident.

As the story goes, it all began in 1981, when Schneider decided to create a new cultural form within the community.

Word of mouth and a few strategically placed fliers resulted in a flood of applications, and Schneider's dream soon came to life. Since then, the orchestra has come a long way from its first performance back in 1982 in St. Paul's Church of the Holy Innocents (Episcopal).

A graduate of the Indiana University School of Music and a former student of Juan Orrego-Salas, Schneider began his training as a pianist when he was young, but he turned to composing and conducting as a more efficient way to express his musical ideas.

Obviously, it is working.

The orchestra has not faltered, despite financial difficulties, and shows no sign of slowing down. It has played to audiences of almost 800, and its recent holiday program featuring selection from Handel's "Messiah" sold standing-room-only sections.

The orchestra recently was awarded a \$15,000 grant from the State Council on the Arts, expanding its boundaries from Hoboken to where it is now described as Hudson County's wealthiest cultural cause.

Worthiest cause, indeed, but like most other causes, the orchestra finds it hard to resolve its financial problem — one which has been left to be worked out by contributions

from local businesses and private donations.

Schneider still manages to give his musicians pay comparable to that of other major orchestras, a feat in itself when one considers the minimal ticket price, which he refuses to raise so most of the community can afford to hear the 37-member orchestra perform.

Supporters of the orchestra see a lesson in the success its persistence and perseverance have had in overcoming financial and social obstacles.

Tomorrow's performance features the Everitt Troupe of the Everitt School of Dance, choreographer Dona Lee Kelly and Kevin Barry as the narrator of Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat," or "The Soldier's Tale."

Robert Atwood also stars in this performance, playing the soldier who sells his soul to the devil, played by Robert Yahner, in return for luxuries and riches.

Tickets are available for tomorrow's performance, and for the rest of the season, which includes "An Afternoon in Paris" on March 9 and "Symphony Sunday" on May 11.

For more information, call Schneider at 653-1999.

Vezzetti hears complaints about Marineview

By Margaret Schmidt

The Marineview Towers tenants association aired complaints yesterday at a meeting with building owners and Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

The complaints ranged from problems with the elevators to concerns about the waiting list for prospective tenants, Vezzetti said.

The meeting took place in the mayor's office and lasted about three hours.

"Now we have to go out and do our homework and resolve some of the issues," said David Berezin, regional vice president for Resources Property Management Corp., New York. The company is a subsidiary of Integrated Resources, Inc., owner of the two Marineview buildings.

"We're trying to rectify years of mismanagement over there," Vezzetti said, adding that yesterday's meeting was a preliminary one.

He charged that "massive irregularities" concerning the waiting list have to be corrected. Berezin and tenants association representatives Annette and Tom Illing declined to comment on the issues brought out in the

meeting, saying it would be premature.

They did say they expected further communication and/or meetings because of the session.

Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello met with Berezin and Frank Cassiere, also a representative of the owners, for several minutes after the mayor's meeting ended.

Cappiello, the former mayor, said he had questions about building management because friends who live there have complained to him about several issues.

He had asked to sit in on the mayor's meeting but was told it was private. "It was his prerogative," he said, to have a closed session.

"I want to know if there are any policy changes," he said in explaining his wish to attend the meeting. And, "maybe there are some things I could offer."

Problems between Marineview tenants and building owners go back several years. Several lawsuits have resulted from actions by Integrated and state Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency, which provided funding for the buildings.

The apartments are supposed to be for middle-income families.

Trenton delays hearing on funding for new building

The state Economic Development Authority has postponed consideration of funding for a planned Hoboken waterfront office building.

The application, scheduled to be heard in Trenton yesterday, has been put off until the EDA's March 5 meeting, said Gerald Baker, a principal in the 2 Hudson Place project.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development approved a \$537,000 Urban Development Action Grant for the building Jan. 29.

The UDAG is necessary to secure the \$10 million in industrial revenue bonds Baker needs to build the project. Baker said the application

has received preliminary approval from the EDA. It was put off because the authority wanted a guarantee that the UDAG agreement would be drawn up within 45 days of the EDA approval, he said.

HUD, however, may take 60 to 70 days before completing the agreement papers, he said.

The eight-story office building is planned for a parcel adjacent to the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal and the proposed \$600 million development by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

If the approval goes through on schedule, groundbreaking could be as early as April 1, Baker said. — Margaret Schmidt.

Reagan's budget offers something for the waterfront

but Hoboken and Bayonne would suffer

By Terence K. Kivlan

WASHINGTON — Hudson County's waterfront was one of the few areas to receive good news yesterday when details of President Reagan's proposed budget for fiscal 1987 were released.

Although New Jersey officials estimate the state will lose nearly \$1 billion in federal aid under the president's proposal, the budget does recommend almost \$22 million for construction projects proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers for Hudson's shores and surrounding waters.

These projects include:

- Kill van Kull and Newark Bay Channel, navigation, \$12 million.
- Liberty State Park, levee and seawall, flood control, \$5 million.

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• New York Harbor, collection of removal of drift, navigation, \$4.6 million.

Few other areas of the budget, however, brought smiles in New Jersey.

The \$994-billion budget was greeted by immediate, bipartisan criticism from Garden State officials, who warned that the spending cuts could stifle the recovery of cities, end help for over-taxed mass transit systems and curb hazardous waste cleanup.

Hardest hit in New Jersey would be housing aid, to be cut by \$212 million from the 1986 allocation, followed by a proposed \$211 million cut in help for

interceptors and pump stations, Binder said.

The DEP official emphasized, however, that the federal cuts would not pose a threat to the \$40 million project to tie the Jersey City sewer system into the Passaic facilities. He said his agency has already secured the \$21.3 million federal grant for the plan.

Although the administration

backlog of treatment needs for municipal sewage — will largely have been met with the nearly \$50 billion of assistance provided by the federal government.

"In the future, communities will be expected to finance waste treatment facilities from their own resources and state assistance," the administration said.

Binder said the 25 percent cut in 1986 funds would reduce New Jersey's annual sewerage construction allocation from about \$100 million to \$75 million. The Hoboken and Bayonne projects could be affected because both are still in the planning stages and are not eligible for federal money until next year at the earliest, he explained.

The Hoboken project involves a number of alternatives, including the construction of a sewage-treatment plant to serve the city and the North Bergen area, according to Binder. The Bayonne project calls for closing two older treatment plants and tying the city's sewer system into the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission treatment network, he said.

The Bayonne proposal would involve the installation of

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did succeed in reducing the federal financing share of sewage treatment construction from 75 percent to 55 percent in 1984, Congress has so far rejected five successive White House proposals to end the program. Its chief supporter has been Democratic Rep. James Howard of Irvington, the powerful chairman of the House Public Works Committee.

Howard yesterday said it

A day care center is hoping you care

By Margaret Schmidt

If you live in Hoboken and you've never heard of the New Beginnings Child Care Center, watch out.

The parents association for the privately run day care facility is launching an all-out campaign to publicize New Beginnings — and to keep it afloat.

Financial troubles threaten to close the facility that serves mostly middle-class Hoboken families and hopes to cater to the commuter population as well.

The parents hope publicity will lead to increased enrollment and thus save the center they sought out and helped open in September, said Christine Canavale, whose son attends the

center. Various activities — from bake-offs to candy sales to concerts — are planned to raise awareness and funds, she said.

The first in a series of creative arts programs is set for Saturday, 11 a.m. to noon at the center, 721 Washington St. It will feature nationally published musician Bob Messano, a Pompton Lakes resident and early childhood professional.

Other programs are scheduled for Feb. 15 and March 8 and 15, said school administrator Paula Ely, but arrangements haven't been completed.

Parents and pre-school children are invited to the programs so they can meet with

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Two-time mayoral candidate

Former Hoboken Councilman John J. "Sonny" Palmieri's interest in the Democratic Party went well beyond interest in his own bids for public office.

Palmieri, 74, who represented the city's Sixth Ward from 1963 to 1971, died yesterday in Lenox Hill Hospital, New York City.

It was Palmieri's interest in the continuation of Democratic Party traditions that led him to found the Hoboken Young Democrats, an organization which helped young leaders enter the public arena.

City Clerk James Farina, president of the Young Democrats, became a member of the group when he was still a teenager.

"The club looked up to him, his knowledge of politics," recalled Farina. "He kept us on the right track."

"Everyone connected with the group is now set in life — and part of that was because of Mr. Palmieri's advice and guidance."

Palmieri ran for mayor in Hoboken twice: losing to John Grogan in 1961 and Louis DePascale in 1965. In the 1965 election, Palmieri's ticket included Hoboken Councilman Steve Cappiello.

Cappiello said yesterday that Palmieri's role as guidance counselor to young politicians is something with which he can identify.

"John was good to a lot of young people," said Cappiello. "He was probably one of the most knowledgeable politicians of our time."

The former mayor said young people would do well to acquire Palmieri's sense of fair play.

"John was always the perfect gentleman and carried on that way — always. He wasn't the aggressive type of politician."

Palmieri began in public service as Hoboken's welfare director from 1946 to 1963, and later became food service manager for the school board — a post he held from 1967 to 1981.

In addition, the lifelong Hoboken resident was director of personnel for Sweets and Company, makers of Tootsie Roll candies.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was staff sergeant in the 33rd Division, 130th Infantry and received a Bronze Star in the battle for the Philippines.

Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Ann's Church, Hoboken. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Lyndhurst.

Arrangements are by Lawton-Turso Funeral Home, Hoboken.

the federal budget by 1990. The measure mandates almost \$30 billion in domestic program cuts in 1987.

The Hoboken and Bayonne projects rank high on the DEP's list of 328 priority sewerage projects. Hoboken is 16th or 17th while Bayonne is 23rd or 24th, according to Binder. He said his agency has been funding between three and 10 projects a year depending on the amount of money available.

A familiar face in a new place

By Margaret Schmidt

Steve Cappiello leaned back in a creaky wooden chair in the credit union office, deep in the bowels of Hoboken City Hall, his neatly pressed brown suit much more conservative than anything currently worn around the mayor's office upstairs.

The councilman pushed his glasses up on his balding forehead, puffed on his perpetual cigar, and flashed his familiar broad grin.

"It's no different being a councilman now than it was 12 years ago," he said. "Except that now I work out of hallways instead of an office."

Cappiello is hardly a new face at City Hall, but the three-term former mayor does occupy a new place these days as anti-administration councilman for the Third Ward. He lost his bid for a fourth term as mayor by 341 votes to Thomas Vezzetti in June, but six months later, the wily politician bounced back and was elected councilman.

The 62-year-old Cappiello has been a city employee for much of his life, 39 years. He began his career as a police officer and rose to the rank of sergeant. Cappiello got his first taste of Hoboken politics as a negotiator for the police force, which prompted him to run successfully for the Third Ward council seat in 1963.

One of 12 children born in a cold-water flat in the Third Ward, Cappiello has never lived anywhere else in the city. The ward was his power base when he won the mayoralty on his try in 1973 and it was a stronghold throughout his 12 years as mayor.

"I was very optimistic when I first became mayor that Hoboken would blossom," Cappiello said. "But I never dreamed values would escalate as they have."

During Cappiello's administration, Hoboken came to national attention as a model city. Overcrowded slums and tenements were transformed into the renaissance housing stock the city now enjoys. Although some opponents note that predecessor Louis DePascale began many of the programs credited for the renaissance, Cappiello has been called a prime force in turning the city around.

However, the same development Cappiello boasted about during his campaign for a fourth term frightened other residents. Afraid that they would be forced out of town, they



"People come to my home and call me on the phone every day. They have things they can't get done and want to know how to go about it. 'If I can oblige them, I do. I use whatever muscle I have to get things done,' he said. 'Now I have the answers to more of the problems and the background to look at particular situations.'"

After Cappiello won his seat on the City Council, rumors persisted that he had "made a deal" with his arch-rival Vezzetti, but Cappiello denied this. "There were definitely no deals, absolutely

he will support the group working to recall Vezzetti because of what he called the "misdirection" and "blatant mismanagement" of the current administration. Vezzetti dismissed Cappiello's talk of recall as sour grapes. "Cappiello is the former mayor of the city. He was rejected and is trying to get his revenge," Vezzetti said.

Cappiello said he "doesn't know" if he would run against Vezzetti in a recall election. "I am generally happy where I am now. I have much more time for my family and children," he said. Cappiello and his wife, Dotie, have three children, Janet, Linda and Steven, and two grandchildren, Beth Ann and Erica.

"I would support some candidate who is pro-development," Cappiello said. "I think there are areas of the city that are not being developed in the manner to produce the greatest level of revenue."

"The taxes on our houses are still high, and the only relief we get is from turning to development."

According to Cappiello, the southern area of Hoboken from the PATH station to the Jersey City border is ripe for development. "We should use whatever mechanisms are

available from the (state) Housing (and Mortgage) Finance Agency or the city's own power of condemnation to take advantage of the land," he said.

Cappiello believes that the Vezzetti administration is placing too much emphasis on creating more affordable housing. He said that asking developers for contributions to a fund to provide low- and moderate-income housing will act as a "disincentive" to development.

"Their priority has to change a bit. They can't throw all of the money from developers into affordable housing," Cappiello said. "They have a mandate to upgrade the sewer system and to help infrastructure standards."

As for his political ambitions, Cappiello said he would like to get involved in county politics again. He was elected freeholder in 1973 and served three terms before he was defeated by Republican Roger Dorian in 1984.

"If I pursue anything, (county politics) would be the area," Cappiello said, but he added that the does not have a particular office in mind.

"Politics is in my blood," Cappiello said. "I enjoy doing it. I don't think I'll ever give it up as long as I'm healthy enough to do it."



KELLY'S PUB in Hoboken was pumping out brew of another kind yesterday. Don Hapka, left, of Cliffside Park, and Kamil Philip of Fort Lee are tended to by Lily Rodgers of the North Jersey Blood Center. The blood drive was for a bartender's grandson who has leukemia.

125 give blood for barkeep's grandson

By JENNIFER FREY
Staff Writer
HOBOKEN—Lines at Kelly's Pub stretched out the door this weekend. But neither a football game nor drinking with the buddies was the draw.

The bar turned into an infirmary as more than 100 people gave blood to help a 3-year-old boy suffering from leukemia.

"That little boy plays with my son," said Weehawken resident Steve Barracato, 28. "Last time I saw the two together they were going out trick or treating."

Frankie Kelly, grandson of pub owner Frank Kelly, was healthy at a routine doctor's check-up Dec. 9, but a week later was diagnosed with the disease and given a 30 percent chance of pulling through,

according to his mother, Pat. The boy's aunt, also named Pat Kelly, organized the drive to offset the cost of Frankie's blood transfusions. She said every pint of blood Frankie uses has to be replenished by two pints.

Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, who helped promote the drive, launched the event with characteristic flair. See BLOOD, Page 14

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—shoveling the snow in front of the bar to make way for the bloodmobile, and doing 50 pushups in the bar with Frank Kelly Sr.

The mayor was barred from giving blood because of his recent hospitalization for a possible heart condition.

In total, 125 pints of blood were collected, one pint per person, and another 28 people registered but were rejected.

More than 250 would-be donors were turned away from 2 p.m. on, because of limited time, Kelly said. But, he added, they were asked to give in an April drive.

"I'm astounded by the response and overwhelmed by the number of strange faces here," Frankie's mother said.

While half of those waiting on line know the Kellys from their 37 years owning bars in Hoboken, there was an equal number with no connection to the family.

"I just like kids," said 24-year-old John Ferro, a city resident who said he heard about the drive through a friend. "You gotta give a little kid a chance. Every kid deserves a chance."

Kathy English, 35, of Weehawken, said she too did not

personally know Frankie or his family. "But I thought I'm glad to have two healthy boys. And I thought about his mother," English said.

Elsewhere on line in the crowded bar two childhood friends, a Jersey City firefighter and an actor/artist, exchanged life stories after not having seen each other in more than 30 years.

In the bloodmobile recovery room, a Union City police sergeant, Henry Kaden, replenished lost protein with Twinkies and a glass of orange juice. And Sandy Goldberg of Manhattan fainted.

The North Jersey Blood Center, which presided over the drive, has 10 percent less blood this year than last year. The shortage is due to the growing fear of contracting acquired immune deficiency through giving blood, according to Catherine Astone, nursing director at the facility.

But Astone said the fear of AIDS is groundless, as thermometers are kept sanitary by plastic, disposable covers and the needles used to draw the blood and prick fingers are disposed after use.

In addition to blood donations, Brian Stack, a Union City mayoral aide, collected \$620 from municipal employees and residents, Kelly said.

50 friends remember pal from the streets

By BRENDAN NOONAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The reading was from the Letter of Paul to the Romans, and it spoke, among other things, of giving to those in need. Henrietta Storza lived the final years of her life as one of those people.

She died on the streets at the age of 81, and last night in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, about 50 friends gathered to remember the "always cheerful" homeless woman who had wandered the city for nearly 15 years.

Her refuge was at St. John's Lutheran Church at 300 Bloomfield

St., but she was seen more often near the benches in front of City Hall.

The list of acquaintances who came to say goodbye last night started with the priest who celebrated the funeral mass, the Rev. George Ligos. He remembered Storza—or Henrietta, as everyone knew her—as a woman with "a kind word to everyone."

"I was thinking about Henrietta, and (in) her own way, she touched so many of us," Ligos said in his homily. He urged everyone in the small church to "learn lessons from her cheerful demeanor ... in

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difficult times."

Storza was found dead Jan. 4, lying on the pavement near 105 Second St., clad only in a blouse and coat. Preliminary indications were that she died of the effects of alcoholism.

She had been a regular on the benches near City Hall for many years, according to Sister Norberta Hunnenwinkel. Storza had been coming to the homeless shelter in St. John's Church for at least 15 years, said Hunnenwinkel, the shelter director.

Hunnenwinkel said Storza once worked for a lampshade company in Brooklyn and may have been the widow of a railroad worker. After his death, she apparently lost her home and began living on the streets, resisting all efforts to get her to return to an apartment.

Her friends have been trying to find relatives thought to live in Mexico, but that search apparently has failed.

In the absence of family, her friends took on the task of arranging her funeral. And Ligos prayed, not only for the soul of Henrietta Storza, but for "a dignified and happy life for all the living."

NEW FACE at City Hall

banded together to defeat the mayor in June. But Cappiello was not done with city politics.

"After July, I thought I would just be put in the corner, but people wouldn't let that happen," Cappiello said.

not," he said. "I have stated that I am always available for help with any information pertaining to my administration. I would come forward and help, but no deals have been made with his side of the aisles." Last week, Cappiello said

Hoboken warned on reassessment

By BRENDAN NOONAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council refused to vote last night on a resolution to pay for a property reassessment here, unaware of a letter from the Hudson County Board of Taxation that warns the city to reassess or lose its 1986 tax revenues.

The council voted to continue the meeting next Tuesday evening. Councilman Robert A. Ranieri, when told of the board's letter, which was sent yesterday, called it "very serious."

The meeting last night at City Hall was confusion from beginning to end. Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, who had the reassessment resolution drafted, brought a letter denouncing it to the council chambers after the panel had withdrawn into closed session.

After an hour, the council returned and Vezzetti was blasted by several members for writing the "11th hour" letter and for having the resolution drawn up only to oppose it.

The resolution apparently complied with an agreement reached between city officials and the board last fall, under which Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte was to perform an in-house reassessment if the city provided money for staff and supplies.

But Monte then declared his intention to hire James Mulroy as deputy assessor. Mulroy is president of Landmark Appraisals of Perth Amboy, which performed the 1983 reevaluation that began the battle over reassessment.

The 1983 reevaluation was denounced widely, with some officials

saying it should be scrapped entirely and others favoring an in-house reassessment.

The board last summer ordered the city to take action in light of its real estate boom, which has seen some properties selling at 10 times their assessed value.

But action by the city apparently was stalled again last night. Vezzetti refused to endorse Mulroy's hiring, and the mayor urged the council to sit down with him and work out a new solution. He said he had sent the resolution only to comply with the board's order.

Ranieri, among others, accused the mayor of playing "dirty pool" by trying to dupe the council into approving a resolution that Vezzetti then would denounce.

Ranieri characterized Vezzetti's message as: "Do what I tell you to

do, but I won't take responsibility."

Last night, Vezzetti appeared to adopt the position Ranieri and others have advocated for some time. Ranieri believes a complete revaluation should be conducted.

The tax board, in its letter to the city, warned that if the revaluation is not completed by March or April, the board will refuse to certify the city's tax books, stripping the city of its power to collect taxes, according to county Tax Administrator Stanley Kosakowski.

The board is contemplating other legal action if the city fails to meet the deadline, including a state takeover of the city Tax Assessor's Office.

Council President E. Norman Wilson said he would notify the tax board today of last night's events.



HOBOKEN MAYOR Thomas F. Vezzetti, center, and The Bongos yesterday held up a poster announcing the group's concert Feb. 22 to benefit the Bishop John Mahurter Shelter for the Homeless in Hoboken. Standing with Vezzetti are: Richard Barone, left, Rob Norris, Frank Giannini and James Mastro.

Bongos to rock for homeless shelter

By BRENDAN NOONAN
Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—If you saw five guys in overcoats lined up in the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal here yesterday, the one with the mustache was the mayor.

The other four were The Bongos, the most famous musical act to come out of this city since Frank Sinatra. The Bongos are expected to fill the cavernous terminal waiting room with music Feb. 22 in a benefit concert for the Bishop John Mahurter Shelter for the Homeless.

The concert was announced at a press conference yesterday in the waiting room.

The Bongos are scheduled to be joined by the Chris Stamey Group and Gut Bank. The concert starts at 8 p.m. The proceeds will go to the shelter, located in St. John's Lutheran Church at 300 Bloomfield St.

The organizers said NJ Transit, which owns the terminal, has urged them to sell all of the tickets by Thursday so a crowd estimate can be calculated.

The tickets are available at Maxwell's, Pier

Platters, the Hoboken Daily News, Court Street, the Roma Deli, East LA and Worldwide Video. Anyone unable to locate tickets may call Carol Whaley, one of the organizers, at 212-815-3608 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 798-8897 at all other times.

It is the second year for the concert but a first for The Bongos, who said they never had performed in a benefit before.

"It's one that we really feel needs attention," said guitarist James Mastro.

Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti was on hand to help publicize the event, calling it "the result of a continuing effort of neighbor helping neighbor in Hoboken."

Sister Norberta Hunnenwinkel, the director of the shelter, said the \$1,300 raised by last year's concert was targeted especially at homeless women, who have a harder time surviving on the streets. She said some of the older women were given overcoats—and also haircuts "so that they felt good about themselves."

"It went a long way," she said of the money raised last year.

Photo by Gary Higgins

Hoboken collapse shuts street

HOBOKEN—The top-floor of a four-story Garden Street brick building undergoing renovation collapsed last night.

The top floor of 75 Garden St. toppled at about 8:40 p.m., sending debris crashing to the street, according to Fire Department reports. The building, owned by Ray Fartarzo, was empty at the time. There were no injuries.

Communications Officer Edward White said the department switchboard lit up when area residents who saw and heard the collapse reported the incident.

White said preliminary reports indicated wood joists that held the third-floor ceiling gave way. He said renovations at the building began about four months ago.

Electricity was cut off, and department crews were clearing the rubble last night. White said Garden Street between Observer Highway and Newark Street will be closed to traffic today.

— Marites Chichloco

How Hoboken Tries to Control Growth

It's an Uphill Fight To Limit Housing Scale and Cost

By ANTHONY DePALMA

Of the many issues in last spring's mayoral election campaign in Hoboken, none was as crucial as the city's unparalleled record of revitalization.

Voters turned out Steven Cappiello, who for a dozen years had scrambled to replace outdated factories and rundown tenements with new condominiums. In his place they elected Thomas R. Vezzetti, who shouted through a bullhorn on street corners that uncontrolled growth had displaced residents and benefited the rich at the expense of the poor.

Shortly after the election in early June, the new administration imposed a 60-day moratorium on building permits. This was intended to send a clear signal to developers that future growth would have to be in the best interest of all the people of Hoboken.

By the time the moratorium was lifted two months later, the city had devised a plan for subsidizing the construction of affordable housing with some of the profits developers reap from building expensive condominiums.

Despite that ambitious start, the new administration has not had an easy time in controlling growth. On the same day the moratorium was lifted, a developer went before the Board of Adjustment seeking approval of a 259-unit, 14-story condominium complex on Newark Street. Other large-scale, high-priced condominium projects have followed, including the Skyline, a 104-unit high-rise now under construction.

Moreover, the cross-subsidy plan was never adopted. Mayor Vezzetti blames the stalemate on an "obstructionist Council."

The Mayor is candid when he assesses the change in the city's pace of redevelopment over the last eight months. "You can't say we've stopped growth or even slowed it down," he said. "At best, we've curtailed it."

In truth, many of the projects now under way were approved before the Vezzetti administration took over. And despite the construction cranes and scaffolding that seem to line every other street, more projects could have been expected if the state had not recently imposed a ban on sewer hookups until the city improves its sewage treatment plant.

The city has started a number of initiatives

DO NOT FORGET THE NEEDIEST!

Factories at Third and Grand Streets under renovation; rendering of the Skyline building.



to construct housing that most residents can afford. The new director of the Community Development Agency, Michael Coleman, said he is trying to get developers to set aside 20 percent of their units and, with the help of Federal or state subsidies, make them available to residents with low or moderate incomes.

Mr. Coleman also is applying for up to \$350,000 in state funds to finance a new Hoboken Home Partnership program that would stabilize single-family and multifamily houses that have been owner-occupied for a long time. Under the program, the city would assist elderly and struggling owners maintain their buildings and encourage them not to sell to speculators.

The city is now in the process of updating its municipal master plan, which controls the direction of growth. State law requires the plan to be brought up to date every six years.

Ralph B. Seligman, a consultant for the city who helped draw up the current plan, is also

working on the update, which he said could be adopted by next month.

While previous planning documents in the old waterfront city were "more functional than sophisticated," Mr. Seligman said that attitudes have changed with the recent surge of development.

"Before, it was a question of 'would anybody pay attention,'" he said. "Now, everybody pays attention."

The primary thrust of the revised plan will be to protect Hoboken's neighborhood scale — the five-story row houses that predominate in the mile-square city and entirely line some streets, making it possible to see from one end of them to the other. But in response to the continuing pressure for more housing, the edges of Hoboken will be zoned to allow high-rise condominium buildings there.

"We want to preserve the neighborhood feeling, but make the edges of the city more apparent," said Mr. Seligman. The areas involved are at the northern entrance to the city near Weehawken, the southern boundary with Jersey City, the eastern waterfront area, and along Observer Highway, a wide street that backs up on the Erie Lackawanna tracks.

The city's western boundary is the Palisades, which is already occupied in large measure by industries and high-rise subsidized housing projects that are about 30 years old.

The new shape of the city — low scale in the center, ringed by high-rises — is already beginning to take shape. The \$600 million waterfront proposal of the Port Authority of

New York and New Jersey includes a wall of mid- and high-rise residential buildings and several high-rise office towers. And developers have purchased a factory building on 16th Street that will be replaced by twin residential towers.

One of the city's newest projects, the Skyline, also fits the new mold. Going up on the site of a ramshackle warehouse, the 14-story, brick tower is the biggest undertaking yet in the city's revitalization. Sanford N. Weiss and Louis I. Mont, both Hoboken developers, have teamed with George Kohn and Arthur Falkin, who have developed projects throughout the state, to build what they call a "luxury residence" with Manhattan skyline views, indoor parking and an enclosed swimming pool.

Mr. Weiss, who has redeveloped old buildings in Hoboken for five years, said demand for housing is so great that it no longer made sense for him to do rehabilitations.

"Once prices got above \$150 a square foot we decided that we could build brand-new construction for the same numbers and give people elevators and balconies."

The Skyline will have 13 studio apartments, 51 one-bedroom units and 40 with two bedrooms. Prices range from \$90,900 to \$268,900. The single duplex penthouse sells for \$367,900.

Dean Marchetto, a local architect who designed the Skyline, said the industrial nature of the neighborhood made it necessary for the building to be divorced from the street. For that reason, the parking garage is on ground level, capped by a pedestrian plaza where the pool and health club are situated.

By Jim De Rogatis

Large developments in Hoboken and Jersey City may be forced to provide their own sewage treatment as an interim measure until the cities' sewerage systems are upgraded, a state official said yesterday.

Lee Cattaneo, bureau chief of the state Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Resources, outlined the process developers must take to get an exemption to the ban on sewer hookups instituted in August. Cattaneo spoke to more than 100 developers at a seminar at the Jefferson Trust bank building in Hoboken.

State and federal mandates require that all municipalities have secondary sewage treatment in place by July 1988. The state has banned hookups for projects generating more than 2,000 gallons of sewage a day until the upgraded treatment is in place.

However, Jersey City and Hoboken have signed administrative consent agreements with the state to allow developers to increase the amount of sewage being released, providing that the cities' sewage plants are being upgraded to state standards.

Developers may be granted an exemption to the moratorium if their project was at least 10 percent completed at the time the ban was instituted; if they are building a public health building; if it is a public project; or if they are remodeling a building and the sewage output will be the same as it was before the development, Cattaneo said.

If developers do not fall into one of those four categories, Cattaneo said, they have two op-

tions. "You can build the building and let it stand there, or you can provide interim improvement treatment," he said.

Developers who opt to build their own "package" treatment plant will also have to treat some city sewage, according to Tom Ahern, director of economic development for the Hoboken Community Development Agency.

"The city has to come out ahead of the game or the DEP won't look at it favorably," he said. "Secondary treatment reduces the B5 percent, but that still leaves 15 percent more to dump into the Hudson River than we're allowed."

Other city sewage would be fed into the package plants to make up for the difference, Ahern said.

Hoboken recently granted a sewer permit, approved by the state, to developer Gerald Baker for an office building on the waterfront. In return, Baker is building a package treatment plant to handle 25,000 gallons of sewage a day, 15,000 gallons more than the building will produce.

Ahern stressed that Baker may not have to build the interim plant. "There may be things in place before then that will improve the sewerage (before the building comes on line)," he said. Hoboken expects to award a contract for the construction of a new secondary sewage treatment plant by January, Ahern said.

Jersey City also hopes to spare developers the cost of building package plants, according to Carl Blumenthal of the city's Department of Housing and Economic Development.

Jersey City hopes to upgrade the East Side primary sewage treatment plant to state stan-

dards by June 1, increasing the plant's capability and allowing developers to make sewer hookups, Blumenthal said.

However, he said, bigger developments have a "window of vulnerability" until the city hooks up with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission in July 1988. If the East Side plant cannot handle the developer's extra sewage, the city may purchase package treatment plant and lease them to developers in the interim, Blumenthal said.

The cost of package treatment for developers could be as much as several thousand dollars a month for larger developments, Blumenthal said.

Cattaneo said that developers seeking a sewer permit must first apply to the municipal sewerage agency — the Jersey City Sewerage Authority or the Hoboken Department of Environmental Services and Facilities, which also handles some of the sewage from Union City and Weehawken. The developer must reach an agreement with the agency about handling the sewage.

The developer's application is then reviewed by the 201 Sewerage Commission of the Hudson County Utilities Authority, and finally by the state. Cattaneo said the process could range from two weeks to 90 days.

"Much of this is a paper chase," Blumenthal said. There is a good chance that developers will not have to build the package treatment plants, but they must file plans to do so in case the cities do not meet the state's deadline, he said. "We're operating on a worst case scenario."

ROCK 'N HOMELESS Hoboken terminal benefit aids shelter

By DAVID SCHWAB

The historic railroad terminal in Hoboken will be turned into a rock 'n' roll nightclub next Saturday night to raise money for a city shelter for the homeless.

Beneath the large stained glass windows decorating the ceiling of the ornate waiting room, opposite the stately marble ticket counters, a stage will hold three local bands performing for as many as 1,000 dancing patrons. The show runs from 8 p.m. until midnight and tickets cost \$10.

The beneficiary of the music and money will be the Bishop Mahurter Shelter, located half a dozen blocks away in the basement of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Each night the shelter serves meals for up to 50 persons and provides overnight beds for about 35 of them.

With cuts looming in the shelter's share of county and federal funds, the benefit could not have come at a better time, said Sister Norberta Hunnewinkle, a Franciscan sister who lives at St. Joseph's Parish convent in Hoboken.

"It's especially important this year because our funding is being cut quite a bit," she explained.

The first rock 'n' roll benefit last year in Hoboken, held at a smaller club called Maxwell's, came as a bit of a surprise to Sister Norberta.

But this time, with recent large rock concerts to help starving Africans or distressed farmers, it seems all the more appropriate.

"Last year I was really surprised," she said. "This year it seems like the music community has a very strong social consciousness, which is very pleasing to me and very heart warming."

Playing in the concert will be three groups composed mostly of players from Hoboken. They go by the names of The Bongos, The Chris Stamey Group and Gut Bank. Tickets will be available at seven restaurants and stores in Hoboken.

Special arrangements will be made so that travelers can still use a portion of the waiting room, according to NJ Transit spokesman Anthony Grazioso.

The state agency is not charging for the use of the terminal, which was built in 1907 and is donating the cost of whatever additional security or maintenance services are required, Grazioso added.

The shelter as well as the renovated railroad terminal, whose stained glass windows were once blackened over and whose deserted ferry slips are destined once again to launch ferries to New York, are both reminders of the dramatic changes that have quickly transformed a largely overlooked industrial enclave into a trendy spot with restored brownstones and new condominiums a short commute from Manhattan.

As the skyline of Hoboken has changed, the number of homeless has increased, in part because of those displaced by high rents, developers and the demise of a number of single room

occupancy hotels, according to Sister Norberta.

When the shelter opened four years ago, city officials tried to close it and a coalition of religious groups had to go to court to keep it open.

But now the shelter receives support from the city government. NJ Transit works with its staff to transfer the homeless who congregate in the station to the shelter, and therefore has allowed the building to be used at no cost.

Even so, the shelter can only serve a portion of those in need, largely because families and individuals suffering from conditions like alcoholism cannot stay there. And shelter workers can only provide dinner, an overnight stay, and an early breakfast.

Come 7 a.m., when the aluminum and canvas cots are folded into a closet, these transients go back to the streets, or to the McDonalds, the Burger King, or even the very station where the party will be held, according to Alex Williamson, one of a handful of staff workers who join with volunteers to operate the shelter.

"We just don't have enough staff to take care of them. We really have only enough room to put people down and sleep," Williamson said.

Residents stay at the shelter up to 30 days before moving on, some of them having found a place or job or another shelter, said Williamson, who shares with Sister Norberta the responsibility for operating the shelter.

The benefit concert is one of the



Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and Sister Norberta Hunnewinkle, director of the Bishop Mahurter Shelter for the Homeless, display poster for a rock concert to benefit the shelter

results produced by the influx of new people, attracted by the dramatic changes in Hoboken.

Carol Whaley, for instance, a systems analyst for the Irving Trust Co. in New York, lost her Manhattan apartment and moved to Hoboken four years ago.

She also became a volunteer at the shelter and helped develop the idea late last year for using rock 'n' roll music to help the helpless.

"If there is something that you do that you can somehow use to benefit other people, why not?" she said.

The whole thing would probably have delighted Bishop Mahurter, for whom the center was named on Oct. 27, 1984.

Mahurter is a part of the local folklore in Hoboken, a civic activist of sorts, long known for his generosity and concern for the less fortunate, who died several years ago. So kindly was he that he was known as Bishop Mahurter, though there appear to be conflicting reasons why.

"I don't know exactly how it all goes, but he was a bishop of the old Roman Catholic Church, distinct from the Roman Catholic Church. More than that I can't tell you," said Sister Norberta.

Betsy Carpenter, president of the Renegade Theater Co. in Hoboken, which is helping distribute tickets, gave a slightly different account.

"He was one of the first to be really concerned with the homeless in the Hoboken area. He had a shelter in his own apartment," she said.

"He was not a consecrated priest, but he came to be known as a bishop," she added. "He was a ways that count."

Vezzetti's stolen city car recovered on NYC street

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's car, which was stolen Dec. 29 while he was visiting New York City, was recovered earlier this week just six blocks from where it was stolen, Hoboken Police Chief George Crimmins Sr., said yesterday.

Crimmins confirmed that New York City police discovered the city-owned 1985 Ford Crown Victoria abandoned at 52nd Street and Ninth Avenue.

Vezzetti had reported to police that he parked the car at 58th Street and 10th avenues in Manhattan.

Crimmins said the car had suffered slight damage and that workers "were still checking it over in the shop (in Hoboken)."

He said the car's radio antenna had been damaged. Crimmins said the car was brought back to Hoboken on Tuesday.

No arrests have been made in the theft, Crimmins said.

Vezzetti was alone when the incident happened and was later chauffeured back across the Hudson River by police. He said he was on city business when the car was stolen.

NJ Transit donating terminal use for concert to aid the homeless

By Margaret Schmidt

A homeless woman, carrying meager possessions in shopping bags, plops down on a bench at the waiting room of the Erie Lackawanna train terminal in Hoboken.

An NJ Transit officer must move her along and calls the

Bishop Mahurter Shelter for assistance.

The scenario isn't uncommon, particularly during the winter months when freezing temperatures and snow force the homeless off the streets. Now, it's time for NJT to say "thank you" for the shelter's aid.

"The shelter has been very helpful to us in making sure the homeless who come in (the terminal) are well cared for," said Anthony Grazioso, a spokesman for NJT, explaining why the statewide public transportation corporation is donating the use of the terminal for a concert to benefit the shelter.

"We don't normally do that," Grazioso said. "But the shelter assists the homeless people who come into the terminal. Our way of saying 'thank you' is to allow them to hold the benefit without charge."

Three Hoboken bands — the

Bongos, Gut Bank and the Chris Stamey Group — are performing in the concert set for 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in the terminal's waiting room. The groups are donating their talents.

Proceeds will go to the shelter, which is located at Third and Bloomfield streets in St. John's Lutheran Church. The shelter provides meals for about 70 persons a day and overnight shelter for about 30.

Grazioso said a special operations staff works to find ways of raising revenue other than what's taken in fares. The office leases trains and other facilities for special events.

Supervisors want union at Hoboken City Hall

By Margaret Schmidt

Supervisors working for the Hoboken municipal government are trying to unionize.

Jude Fitzgibbons, chief housing inspector, said yesterday that about 25 of the city's 45 employees in supervisory roles had met to form an association.

The group selected Fitzgib-

bons to chair a committee examining how to form a union, he said. Also on the committee are David Milne, a foreman with public works, and William Metcalfe, a foreman with public safety.

The committee is to report on the procedures within two weeks, Fitzgibbons said.

The Public Employment Relations Commission has told the supervisors they are unable to join the municipal employees union for City Hall workers, Fitzgibbons said. The new union would only be for supervisors with Civil Service status, he added, and wouldn't include appointed directors.

Builders may have to provide treatment

By Jim De Rogatis

Large developments in Hoboken and Jersey City may be forced to provide their own sewage treatment as an interim measure until the cities' sewerage systems are upgraded, a state official said yesterday.

Lee Cattaneo, bureau chief of the state Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water Resources, outlined the process developers must take to get an exemption to the ban on sewer hookups instituted in August. Cattaneo spoke to more than 100 developers at a seminar at the Jefferson Trust bank building in Hoboken.

State and federal mandates require that all municipalities have secondary sewage treatment in place by July 1988. The state has banned hookups for projects generating more than 2,000 gallons of sewage a day until the upgraded treatment is in place.

However, Jersey City and Hoboken have signed administrative consent agreements with the state to allow developers to increase the amount of sewage being released, providing that the cities' sewage plants are being upgraded to state standards.

Developers may be granted an exemption to the moratorium if their project was at least 10 percent completed at the time the ban was instituted; if they are building a public health building; if it is a public project; or if they are remodeling a building and the sewage output will be the same as it was before the development, Cattaneo said.

If developers do not fall into one of those four categories, Cattaneo said, they have two op-

tions. "You can build the building and let it stand there, or you can provide interim improvement treatment," he said.

Developers who opt to build their own "package" treatment plant will also have to treat some city sewage, according to Tom Ahern, director of economic development for the Hoboken Community Development Agency.

"The city has to come out ahead of the game or the DEP won't look at it favorably," he said. "Secondary treatment reduces the B5 percent, but that still leaves 15 percent more to dump into the Hudson River than we're allowed."

Other city sewage would be fed into the package plants to make up for the difference, Ahern said.

Hoboken recently granted a sewer permit, approved by the state, to developer Gerald Baker for an office building on the waterfront. In return, Baker is building a package treatment plant to handle 25,000 gallons of sewage a day, 15,000 gallons more than the building will produce.

Ahern stressed that Baker may not have to build the interim plant. "There may be things in place before then that will improve the sewerage (before the building comes on line)," he said. Hoboken expects to award a contract for the construction of a new secondary sewage treatment plant by January, Ahern said.

Jersey City also hopes to spare developers the cost of building package plants, according to Carl Blumenthal of the city's Department of Housing and Economic Development.

Jersey City hopes to upgrade the East Side primary sewage treatment plant to state stan-

dards by June 1, increasing the plant's capability and allowing developers to make sewer hookups, Blumenthal said.

However, he said, bigger developments have a "window of vulnerability" until the city hooks up with the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission in July 1988. If the East Side plant cannot handle the developer's extra sewage, the city may purchase package treatment plant and lease them to developers in the interim, Blumenthal said.

The cost of package treatment for developers could be as much as several thousand dollars a month for larger developments, Blumenthal said.

Cattaneo said that developers seeking a sewer permit must first apply to the municipal sewerage agency — the Jersey City Sewerage Authority or the Hoboken Department of Environmental Services and Facilities, which also handles some of the sewage from Union City and Weehawken. The developer must reach an agreement with the agency about handling the sewage.

The developer's application is then reviewed by the 201 Sewerage Commission of the Hudson County Utilities Authority, and finally by the state. Cattaneo said the process could range from two weeks to 90 days.

"Much of this is a paper chase," Blumenthal said. There is a good chance that developers will not have to build the package treatment plants, but they must file plans to do so in case the cities do not meet the state's deadline, he said. "We're operating on a worst case scenario."

Hispanic group picks candidate for school board

By Margaret Schmidt

A newly-formed Hoboken Hispanic organization has nominated a candidate for the April 15 school board election.

Mario Mercado, a police lieutenant, will be supported by the group Unidad and may run on a ticket with two current board members.

Unidad, which means "unity," voted to support Mercado in a general meeting, said Raul Morales, president. The group hopes to garner support for its candidate from established political organizations at its meeting Wednesday, 7:45 p.m., at the Applied Housing community hall, 915 Clinton St.

A coalition of independent and anti-administration officials had asked Unidad to suggest a candidate for possible inclusion on a ticket with board members John Pope, the president, and James Farina, officials said.

The group has yet to decide

whether Mercado will be on the ticket.

"Many different people are approaching us and asking to be on the ticket," said Pope. The group is still considering Otto Hottendorf, who has served on the board 33 years and is seeking re-election, he said.

Maurice Fitzgibbons, city Democratic chairman and a member of the coalition, said the group wants to support a Hispanic in the race. In the last election, Jan. 14, the coalition supported the successful candidates, Richard England Jr. and Eugene Drayton, a black.

"We want to have an Hispanic candidate this time around," he said, "to keep the balance."

Twenty-six percent of the voters are Hispanic, as are a majority of the students in the public school system.

Two of the nine-member

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board are Hispanic — Zelmo Lugo and Morales. Both are officers of Unidad and support Mercado.

Meanwhile, the Committee for Quality Education, which supported the runners-up in the January election, is reviewing "applications" from six residents who want to run with the group's support, said Nancy Tsuchiya, chairman.

The committee plans to announce its candidates at a meeting tomorrow, 7:30 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Ninth and Washington streets, she said. It will choose three candidates for a slate.

Three three-year terms are up in the election. The 1988-87 school budget will also be on the ballot.

Nominating petitions are due at the board offices, 1115 Clinton St., by 4 p.m. Thursday. No petitions were filed as of Friday, a board official said.

Mercado will be on the ballot whether or not the coalition supports him, Morales said.

Mercado, Pope, Farina and Hottendorf are the only announced candidates so far.

Mercado, 42, is a police lieutenant assigned as superintendent of the garage and motor fleet. He is a native of New Orleans; his mother was born in Puerto Rico and his father in Hawaii.

He moved to Hoboken in 1964, after serving 2½ years in the Marine Corps.

He was the second Hispanic on the Hoboken police force and the first Hispanic sergeant and lieutenant.

His 10-year-old daughter attends fifth grade at St. Peter and Paul School, he said, because he and his wife, Lucille, wanted her to have a Catholic education. "I also, in my heart, don't feel that she could get the best education in the public school system," he said.

If elected, he plans to study the system, "draw my own conclusions" and work to remedy the district's problems.

Pope, 38, is a lifelong Hoboken resident who attended public schools and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at night. He works as marketing manager for AT&T, Morristown.

He was appointed to the board in 1979 and was elected president by the other board members for 1984-85.

Farina is city clerk of Hoboken, a job he took over from his father-in-law, Anthony Amoruso. He previously worked in recreation as head of the Department of Health and Welfare.

Hottendorf, 76, has been on the board since 1953. He is also a member of the county and state boards associations.

He worked as a butcher and then a mechanic and foreman for the old Haag's meat company in Hoboken until it closed in the 1970s, forcing him into retirement.

City turns tables on developer

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken plans to hit developer Anthony Dell' Aquila with a countersuit today, alleging that the developer has infringed on city property, officials said yesterday.

According to papers scheduled to be filed in state Superior Court, Jersey City, Dell' Aquila has dumped construction debris on the city-owned Todd Shipyards, has illegally used the property as collateral to get bank loans and has blocked easements and access to public property.

The counterclaims are in papers responding to Dell' Aquila's suit against the city, filed last month.

Dell' Aquila, who owns several parcels of land beginning at 14th and Hudson streets in the uptown area, filed his suit in an attempt to have a city resolution overturned.

The resolution, passed by the City Council on Dec. 18, dedicates the Todd Shipyards, which abuts Dell' Aquila's land, for public uses.

Dell' Aquila alleged that the city didn't adequately describe the property in its resolution, "thereby causing the alleged description of the dedicated premises to be vague, ambiguous and confusing."

He further alleged that the dedication is in violation of the city master plan, which has the shipyards in an industrial zone.

The action, he said, was "arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable."

The Todd Shipyards may be turned into a waterfront park, officials have said, and the resolution would be a first step.

The master plan is currently under review, and the revised plan is supposed to allow mixed uses on the uptown portion of the waterfront.

When the resolution was posted, however, Michael Ocello, chairman of the city Planning Board, voiced concern that the dedication would be against zoning since parks aren't yet allowed in the industrial zone.

The response to Dell' Aquila's suit denies his allegations before going into the counterclaims.

According to the counterclaims, Dell' Aquila has wrongfully paved over part of the Todd Shipyards and improperly dumped garbage on it. The garbage, the papers said, consists of debris from his renovation of the Old Franklin Baker building.

The papers also accuse Dell' Aquila of infringing on easements. It notes that a wall has been built at the north end of Bloomfield Street and a gate locked at the north end of Hudson Street.

The gate, according to the papers, blocks public access to Piers 15 and 16.

The papers further accuse the developer of wrongfully receiving a deed to part of the shipyards and using it as collateral for bank loans. The city asks the courts to give it clear title to the land.

It also asks the court to order Dell' Aquila to remove the pavement, and thus restore the shipyard property, and to clean up the debris.

Dell' Aquila's suit requests legal costs.

The developer also has property line disputes pending in the Chancery Division of Superior Court. Two of his neighbors in the uptown area have sued, saying he has built beyond his property onto easements. He has denied those charges and said he has built to his property lines.

You can vote on school budget

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken electorate to have a say for the first time in eight years

The Hoboken Board of Education is gearing up for its first budget in eight years which will go before the city voters.

The board expects to receive final figures today on state aid for the 1986-87 school year, and its auditing department can then begin writing a budget, said John Pope, board president.

A special meeting is planned for 7 p.m. Feb. 20 to discuss the board's proposed budget, he said.

The state Department of Education released figures Tuesday showing Hoboken will receive \$11,505,286 in state aid, about \$198,000 less than expected.

"I thought there'd be a more dramatic change," Pope said. But, "I thought it would be in the other direction."

He said he couldn't estimate the effect of the lower-than-anticipated state aid since the board budget committee hasn't begun its task.

The budget goes before the voters on April 15, when three board terms are up. The budget hasn't been voted on since 1978.

The most recent year the board was under an elected system.

The city voted for a switch to an appointed board of education in 1978, and it voted for a return to the elected board in November of last year.

Under the appointed system, the board would propose a budget and put it to a board of school estimate, a body consisting of the mayor, two board members and two city council members.

Under the elected system, the board proposes a budget and sends it to Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Louis C. Accella for review.

A public hearing on the budget will be scheduled for sometime between March 18 and April 1. The budget then goes on a citywide ballot.

If the voters approve the budget the process ends. If they reject it, the budget goes to the full City Council for review of the portion to be raised by municipal taxes. The council makes its changes and returns it to the school board.

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County may block Hoboken tax collections

By Rick Tosches

Hoboken's 1986 tax lists may not be certified by the Hudson County Board of Taxation, a move that would prevent the city from collecting taxes, the county tax administrator said.

Stanley P. Kosakowski, the administrator, said yesterday that it was the opinion of some board members not to certify the city's 1986 tax lists because of inaction on a mandated reassessment.

Kosakowski was responding to a letter sent to him yesterday by Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti. In the letter, Vezzetti explained his reasons for not supporting a resolution before the City Council on Thursday to appropriate funds for City Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte to hire a deputy assessor to complete the reassessment.

Kosakowski said yesterday that "if some board members act" to refuse to certify the 1986 tax lists, the city will be unable to collect taxes, establish a new tax rate and deliver new tax bills.

"This (not certifying the tax list) would be a very serious action," he said. "But there is some feeling amongst the members of the board. And that's serious."

In Vezzetti's letter, the mayor explains to Kosakowski that he submitted to the council a resolution appropriating \$30,000 for Monte's office to hire a deputy assessor. He then opposed the move because Monte

said last week he plans to hire James Mulroy, principal of Landmark Appraisal Co., to that post, according to the letter.

"However, in all good conscience and given my commitment to honest and open government, I could not support the resolution," Vezzetti wrote, "and in fact wrote a letter to the City Council opposing it."

Vezzetti wrote that City Law Director Sal D'Amelio stated that hiring Mulroy would be a conflict of interest since Landmark is currently under a 1983 contract for the revaluation.

Mulroy's Perth Amboy firm completed a revaluation of Hoboken property in 1983 but the new assessments were never put on the tax lists because of strong opposition from the public and

some officials. A spotcheck of the figures found them equitable, but by then the numbers needed updating.

"Additionally, during the past few weeks Mr. Monte has lobbied members of the administration and the City Council, threatening to alter the city's rates to purposely and significantly increase the city's tax rate," the mayor wrote.

"Therefore, due to the significant change and circumstances concerning the reassessment I have no alternative but to refuse to support a reassessment administered by Woodrow Monte. Furthermore, my office will seek all remedies available to remove Mr. Monte from any connection with a reassessment or revaluation.

Monte called those possible

Vezzetti said he intends to seek relief through Gov. Thomas Kean and the state Legislature to hire a new revaluation firm, after receipt of competitive proposals, to undertake a complete new revaluation of the city to be effective in 1987.

Meanwhile, Monte, when reached at his Point Pleasant home, said he had no response. "I'll do it through the courts," he said.

Kosakowski also said the tax board is seriously considering legal action or taking over Monte's functions unless city officials resolve the problem of hiring a deputy assessor to complete the reassessment.

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At that point, Pope said, the board may either accept the changes or appeal to Saul Cooperman, the head of the state Department of Education.

"He has the final say," Pope said, "and can order the city to restore the funds."

The populace only votes once on the budget.

Voters traditionally reject school board budgets, Pope said.

Anthony Curko of the board's auditing department said he will begin drafting a budget over the weekend since the state figures are in.

Now, Pope said, the budget is at "the wish list" stage with heads of various departments having made their requests.

Curko will work with the board budget committee before the Feb. 20 public meeting. The committee is chaired by Richard England Jr. and consists of James Farina, Otto Hottendorf and Eugene Drayton.

The proposed budget should be at Accella's office by Feb. 21, but a slight delay would be acceptable, Pope said.

The 1985-86 budget was just under \$25 million with about 30 percent coming from the municipal tax levy.

Town meeting set in Hoboken

HOBOKEN—Street cleaning heads the list of topics scheduled to be aired at a town meeting sponsored by the Hoboken Neighborhood Alliance.

The meeting, open to the public, is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, at Trinity Church, Seventh and Washington streets.

Peter Alicandri, the city public works director, is scheduled to explain his department's new street cleaning operation, which assigns a worker to each ward. Also on the agenda are sewer and road repairs, recreation programs and ideas for improving municipal parks.

The alliance is a citywide group of homeowners and tenants. For more information, call Jean Forest at 659-3085.

Vezzetti 'recognizes' Aquino as president

By Rick Tosches

Claiming he was inspired by her "unbelievable victory," Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti has sent a letter to Philippine opposition leader and presidential candidate Corazon Aquino.

Vezzetti sent the letter yesterday in care of the United States Embassy in Manila.

Although the official ballot count by the Marcos-dominated national assembly has not been completed and although President Ferdinand E. Marcos can declare the election invalid, Vezzetti addressed his letter to "President-Elect Corazon Aquino."

"I was inspired by your unbelievable victory to bring honest, democratic government to the Philippines," Vezzetti wrote.

"I had to supersede in Hudson County an entrenched Hoboken machine which used some of the similar undemocratic methods. Because of your inspiration, you not only will bring hope to democracy to the Philippines, but to all the world."

"We all thank you, Madame, for what you have done for us," Vezzetti concludes.

Vezzetti called his message to Aquino "very important."

"It (letter) reflects the wishes of the people, the wishes of the world," Vezzetti said. "It shows that democracy is the answer to all of the imperfections of the world."

"She's an inspiration. She has conquered the unquarable. She has won the election. If we don't stand behind her, we have debased our own system."

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actions by the tax board "correct."

"The county is acting rightfully," he said. "They recognize the repercussions of not reassessing. The city is in dire need of reassessment."

Kosakowski said, that while he would make no comment before studying the letter, he admitted "this (letter) throws a different light on the situation."

When asked about Vezzetti's threat to remove Monte from handling a reassessment, Kosakowski said the mayor cannot do so because Monte has tenure.

"He can bring him up on charges if there are some," he said. "But there is no such thing before us. He can't fire him. That would require a hearing

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(before the board)."

Kosakowski said the reassessment is "a vital function of the assessor's office," whose job it is to either accept or reject the reassessment."

"The board hasn't considered it (the letter)," Kosakowski said. "It's a matter the board should consider." Kosakowski said the board will be meeting Thursday to discuss the matter.

"The board is quite unhappy with the progress of the city" on this matter, he said, calling the city's actions "dillying and dallying."

Kosakowski said that if Monte were to make a change in the tax list he has to "have a good reason" to do so. "If the board is not satisfied with it, they will not accept any change, unless done so through the appeal process."

The funding resolution goes before the City Council again on Tuesday in a 7 p.m. continuation of the special meeting.

\$20,000 hotel bill charged to Hoboken

By ROSEANNE BUCKLEY and GAIL FRIEDMAN Staff Writers

HOBOKEN—Ever since the city condemned the Mendozas apartment building at their landlord's request, the family of seven has been lodging and eating at the Holiday Inn at the Holland Tunnel Plaza.

Not much else is clear in the case except that the city was billed \$20,014 last Friday to cover the Mendozas' tab. That figure includes a \$132-a-night room charge, plus daily restaurant bills. A small part of the tab also includes the expenses of another displaced family which stayed at the hotel a few days.

For instance, it is unclear exactly which city official authorized the

family's stay at the hotel. But Mrs. Cristina Mendoza said yesterday that a construction code official, Alfred Arezzo, told the family they were entitled to lodge and eat in the motel at the city's expense.

The family's apartment at 200 Willow Ave. was condemned in mid-November on the grounds that it was unsafe, according to City Attorney Salvatore D'Amelio. He said the building was ordered demolished.

D'Amelio said Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti signed a letter addressed to Peter Van Schaick, a Hoboken attorney representing the Mendozas, saying the city would be responsible for moving and providing temporary shelter expenses for the family.

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merely contained assurances that the Relocation Act would be followed.

"Mr. Vezzetti didn't promise to pay \$20,000," he said.

Schaick also said Arezzo originally condemned the 3-unit building in which the family lived. He said Arezzo's role in condemning the building at its landlord's request was "kind of curious."

"It was a judgment that could have gone the other way" if the family was given a court hearing or tenant advocacy or if there had been testimony by another professional engineer, he said.

Mrs. Mendoza, meanwhile, said the motel's management told the family Friday they are no longer entitled to meals in the motel restaurant. She said the family has since been eating in other restaurants at their own expense. She said she expects her family, consisting of herself, her husband and five children ranging in age from 11 to 16, will be moved into a public housing facility soon.

Schaick said his memory of the paper is unclear because the case was handled by one of his associates. But he said he believed it

Bride and groom upstage Vezzetti

The bride wore blue, the groom was in brown. The leader of the ceremony was decked out in grey, pink, and green — not to mention the red-white-and-blue tie.

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti tried hard but couldn't

steal the show yesterday as he performed one of the happiest duties of his office, a wedding.

The day obviously belonged to 23-year-old Janet Olsen and 24-year-old Robert William Vignes, who were married in a brief ceremony at the mayor's office while the city's police

the couple. "I never thought I'd be doing this."

Also at the ceremony were the bride's sister, Donalyn Olsen, and mayoral aide Michael Acquaviva, who helped Vezzetti figure out when the rings should be put on. — Margaret Schmidt

photographer recorded the moment.

Vezzetti, who wore a grey suit with pink shirt and green socks, lent his personal style to the ceremony — complimenting the bride's grandmother, Betty Skelly, on her hairdo and telling

Hoboken may recoup some funds

City to pay \$21G hotel bill

By GAIL FRIEDMAN Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—The City Council found itself forced last night to shell out \$21,000 to pay the hotel bill run up by a family forced out of their condemned apartment three months ago.

The council expects to recoup the cost of its emergency appropriation through a lien placed on the building at 200 Willow Ave., where the Mendoza family had lived.

The Mendozas and their five children landed in the Holiday Inn at the Holland Tunnel Plaza in Jersey City Nov. 27, after the city condemned their apartment building, deeming it in danger of collapse. Their in-

definite stay at the hotel apparently had been authorized by Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, who signed a letter saying the city would pay "all expenses" for temporary housing, furniture storage and the cost of moving the family to temporary quarters. The letter, dated Nov. 27, was addressed to Peter Van Schaick, a Hoboken lawyer representing the Mendozas.

Vezzetti and Van Schaick have maintained the letter simply confirmed the family was entitled to \$4,500 in relocation benefits under state law. But at last night's meeting, City Attorney Salvatore D'Amelio said it was his opinion Vezzetti had overstepped his powers by committing the city into an open-ended contract that could cost more

than \$7,500. He said the city is obligated to pay the bill.

Vezzetti attended the meeting, but left before speaking, saying the collapse of an empty building nearby demanded his attention. Earlier, he and Van Schaick questioned Construction Code Official Alfred Arezzo's role in condemning the building and relocating the family.

Arezzo last night outlined for the council the circumstances under which he condemned the building. He said the first city inspection was at the request of a tenant and said structure was ruled unsafe on the basis of concurring opinions from two engineering firms.

In a previous interview, Arezzo defended his performance, saying he had acted properly to protect the family from injury and the city from liability.

Although his authority stops short of relocating tenants, Arezzo said it was at Vezzetti's request that he had called the hotel — where other displaced tenants have been housed in the past — and arranged for the Mendozas to stay temporarily. The weekly bills then began going to the city business administrator, he said.

Arezzo said he, Vezzetti, D'Amelio and Thomas Olivieri of the city Community Development Agency discussed the condemnation at a meeting Nov. 26. He said Olivieri and Van Schaick drew up the letter signed by Vezzetti, and Olivieri gave him a copy the next

day.

According to city officials, building owner John Groenendal of Rochelle Park had been notified of the condemnation, as required. Since the landlord was unable to find alternative housing for the Mendozas, the responsibility for temporary relocation rested with the city, they said.

As of last night, the family was still at the hotel, although Cristina Mendoza has said the possibility they would be moved into public housing was raised during a meeting with the mayor this week. The council said it would develop rules for screening mayoral agreements and for handling such situations should they arise in the future.

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Athletes selected for recreation panel

HOBOKEN—Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti has picked a team of 19 good sports for his Recreation Advisory Committee.

As a result of recent changes in the organization of the Recreation Department, the committee will focus on athletics. Recreational activities other than sports will be coordinated by the Community Development Agency, which plans to encourage volunteers to play an expanded role in carrying out programs.

The committee's responsibilities include evaluating sports activities and facilities, scheduling and raising funds to supplement those provided by the city.

The acting chairman is Frank "Pupie" Raia, a developer who coaches and sponsors softball

teams. Raia ran unsuccessfully for the City Council last year. Also on the committee is Jim Foster, a former pro basketball player with the Denver Nuggets.

Other committee members, virtually all of them with a track record in city athletic activities, are: Tony Cardino, Billy Cuhane, Helen DeRose, Nick Goldsack, Rosie Grogan, Ed Groomes, Marybeth Hayes, Walter Lebrink, Hector Morales, Mike "Mo" Mulvaney, Suellen Newman, Eddie Ortiz, Bernadette Pehrson, Bruce Radigan, Mike Taglieri and Grace Weyouche.

The committee is the latest in a series of advisory groups Vezzetti says are being formed to spur community participation in government.

Plight of Homeless Tarnishing Image of the 'New' Hoboken

By LINDA MARTIN

ROW after row of renovated brick and limestone homes line the riverfront and avenues here. For developers, it's a dream fulfilled; for many older residents, however, the revival is a nightmare.

Redevelopment has upgraded some of Hoboken's most deteriorated and substandard housing and brought the city back from the brink of bankruptcy. But the price has been a growing

number of homeless people who wander the streets, sit in the old Erie Lackawanna Railway terminal or stand in front of City Hall.

So concerned are Hoboken residents that the issue was paramount in the mayoral campaign last year and is a major concern of the new administration.

The homeless population has doubled in just two years, according to the people who work with them. And more than ever before, the victims are middle-aged and older residents who have been displaced from the homes where they have spent most of

their lives into a gentrified city where they can no longer afford to pay the rent.

"The whole process of displacement has accelerated in the past three years because of the condo market," said Steven Block, coordinator of the city's Affordable Housing Plan. "Hoboken is both an exaggerated and an advanced version of what's happening throughout the county."

Once a city of seafarers, longshoremen and railroad workers, with an abundance of rooming houses and hotels for transients, Hoboken has been transformed in the last decade into a city of luxury housing, mainly for affluent New York professionals. The average monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment has risen to a minimum of \$600.

In the last three years alone, 750 low- and moderate-income apartments have been converted into condominiums, Mr. Block said, and conversions continue at a relentless pace.

"The biggest frustration is just to find affordable housing," said James Orrico, administrative supervisor of the Hudson County Welfare Office. "Welfare grants have not kept pace with the rents, and so people are being evicted. Then they are homeless."

Hoboken's only emergency shelter — the Bishop Joseph Mahurter Shelter — is filled by 25 to 35 homeless people each night, according to Sister Norberta, who has operated it since 1981.

Forty more people sleep in the streets, in abandoned buildings and cars or in the railway terminal, workers with the homeless say. Some 15 to 30 other homeless people from Hoboken stay in shelters in Jersey City and Union City.

Moreover, the workers say, these figures apply only to single men and women — the most visible. An uncounted number of homeless families stay with their children.

Even though more than 20 percent of the city's housing units are subsidized, the Hoboken Housing Authority reported that there were now nearly 1,500 people on a waiting list for public housing and more than 2,000 applicants for federally subsidized apartments.

"Hoboken has no place for families," said the Rev. Paul Hagedorn, pastor of St. Matthew-Trinity Lutheran Parish. "They have to go elsewhere."

The only emergency shelter for



Youngsters serving food at the Bishop Joseph Mahurter Shelter in Hoboken

families are four suites at the Edwards Hotel, which, workers say, are constantly occupied. Families from Hoboken often find themselves moving from hotels to motels in neighboring cities.

"They are spread out all over and keep moving," Sister Norberta said. "It's impossible to keep track of the number of families."

Unlike many cities that are just discovering their homeless, Hoboken residents and officials have been keenly aware of the problem for several years. The lack of affordable housing was the key element in the successful election campaign of Thomas R. Vezetti, who took office as Mayor in June.

The administration immediately drew up a plan that would have forced developers to set aside 20 percent of their units for low- and middle-income families. But the plan met strong opposition from developers and others, who called it unrealistic and illegal.

Because of the opposition, members of the City Council say that approval of the plan is unlikely.

Nonetheless, the administration is trying to salvage some of the plan's less-controversial features, according to Michael Coleman, director of the Hoboken Community Development Agency.

"Affordable housing is the highest priority of the administration and of most of the people who live here," he said.

There seems no chance, however, that the rooming house — the least ex-

pensive and formerly most abundant housing in the city — will ever reappear.

"The furnished room has almost gone out of existence, and older men don't have alternative places to go anymore," Mr. Hagedorn said.

Increasing numbers of older single men are appearing at the Hoboken shelter, Sister Norberta said. They now represent 50 percent of the boarders.

"I see a group of older people coming in who have worked all their lives and can't afford housing," she said. "They're the ones who are falling between the cracks."

Government officials and workers such as Sister Norberta said that another cause of homelessness was the growing gap between general assistance levels and the cost of living in the state.

"They're pumping us right into the streets," said Fred DiCandia, a lifelong Hoboken resident who became homeless in January for the third time in five years.

The cycle of homelessness for Mr. DiCandia began, as it did for most boarders at the shelter, when he was evicted from his furnished room. When the room — on Hudson Street — was converted into an apartment, the rent rose from \$30 to \$400, an increase far beyond his means.

Mr. DiCandia found a room at another rooming house down the block, but within two years it, too, was closed and converted into a condominium.

Next, he found a room at the Victor Hotel. Within a year, however, the hotel was acquired by a developer who gave the residents one month to get out.

Mr. DiCandia, almost 60 years old, with no job, no family and a monthly welfare check of \$33, was the last to go. Now he keeps all his possessions in a narrow metal locker in the Hoboken shelter.

Healthy, sane and sober, Mr. DiCandia is better able to cope with homelessness than many others. And he is fortunate to have shelter at all.

Frequently, there are not enough beds for everyone who needs one, and as a matter of policy the shelter does not accept people who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

It is possible, however, that the city may soon be required by law to house all its homeless.

In three cases now in the courts, the state's Department of the Public Advocate is arguing that the homeless have a right to demand emergency shelter from municipalities.

If the cases — *Algor v. Ocean County*, *Rogers v. Gibson in Newark* and *Maticka v. Atlantic City* — are decided in favor of the homeless, Hoboken and other cities will need to expand their emergency services substantially.

Officials here say that the city would find the move difficult to afford.

"The city will do everything it can," Mr. Coleman said, "but it can't do it without Federal help."

Tax books will go to county in March

By John J. Farrell Jr.

After Hoboken Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte submits the city's 1986 tax books March 10, the Hudson County Board of Taxation will decide what action it will take to implement the city's real estate reassessment program.

Monte, who appeared ready to resign several times during a three-hour meeting of the board, expressed disgust with delays by Mayor Thomas Vezetti and the City Council in making funds available to complete the program. He also expressed skepticism about the outcome of submitting the tax books and indicated that, after March 10, the tax board would take over.

The board suggested that the City Council pass the appropriate funding resolution to

hire James Mulroy as a deputy to Monte and two other aides, all on a temporary basis, costing approximately \$30,000.

As an example of the "Catch 22" situation, city corporation counsel Salvatore Damelio expressed reservations about whether there might be a conflict of interest in hiring the temporary deputy assessor to help complete the reassessment, claiming the latter had been affiliated with the appraisal firm which began the job.

Tax Commissioners Marita Borzaga, Edna Calabrese and Dennis McGuire heard from Monte and two councilmen attending the session, Robert Ranieri and E. Norman Wilson, about a conflict between Vezetti and several council members

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over a recent reassessment funding resolution.

Monte claimed Vezetti first supported it and then made a "180-degree" turn Feb. 13 by reversing himself and advising the council he would return to his pre-election stance against the program. Ranieri claimed the council could not pass the resolution after getting contradictory letters from the mayor.

It appeared, according to informed sources, that the mayor and council were afraid that residential homeowners might

get high tax bills if the program is completed this year. The present tax rate is some \$162 per \$1,000, but Monte predicted at yesterday's meeting it could soar to near \$200.

However, he offered an encouraging note, predicated on the completion of the reassessment program. Monte told the board that there are actual building projects in Hoboken which will add \$200 million in ratables by the 1987 tax year, indicating that could cushion any 1986 initial tax increase.

While many homes are assessed at below 20 percent of true value, they are selling at high prices, Monte declared.

Ranieri offered what he termed a temporary short-range and long-range formula which might take the burden off the average homeowner, involving step-ups, bringing assessments on their homes up to some 20 percent of 100 percent true value, the same as con-

dominiums, but McGuire declared that it involved treating homeowners on a different basis from owners of commercial, industrial and other type properties, and that would be against the law. The board could not certify such assessments, he warned.

Monte warned that owners of other properties would institute tax appeals, resulting in the city being ordered "to pay back money it doesn't have."

The assessor during the hearing confessed he may have made "an honest error" in one or two cases of assessments.

At one point, he claimed everyone was "passing the buck. If nothing happens, I feel like washing my hands of the whole thing!"

"The mayor is not willing to take a stand, but the city council must do its job!" claimed McGuire.

Stanley Kosakowski, county tax administrator, who said the board was ordering the 1986 tax

books submitted to it by March 10, declared at one point, "The board is frustrated." He said the board wanted the council to act because it believes in home rule before it would be necessary for the board or state to take legal action.

Members of the board did not know whether the tax books they receive March 10 will reflect reassessments, but indicated they want to receive them before they decide on any further action.

One scenario they mentioned was that they might later take over the reassessment program in order to complete it for this tax year and later bill the city.

Board members also expressed disgust with a general delay by Hoboken on reassessment or revaluation. They noted the city delayed a revaluation program in 1968 and court action dragged on to 1973. They said records show 1973 was the last year in which there was a revaluation.

Bekay penthouse 'topped off'

A ceremonial topping of the steel was held in Hoboken yesterday as the last girder for the expansion of Bekay Urban Development, 5 Marineview Plaza, was put in place.

A flag was hoisted above the steel in the traditional ceremony.

Bekay is adding a fifth floor "penthouse" to its office building, also called Arbat Plaza. The addition will have 22,000 square feet and should be ready for occupancy by the end of the year.

The building is fully occupied with members of the Fortune 500 among its tenants.

Committee for Quality Education names 3 school board candidates

By Margaret Schmidt

The Committee for Quality Education yesterday named two men and a woman to a slate for the April 15 school board election in Hoboken.

Teacher Joseph Rafter, investment banker Michael Rossano and Rent Leveling Officer Lourdes Arroyo will seek election said Nancy Tsuchiya, chairman of the committee.

Rafter and Arroyo were the runners-up in the Jan. 14 special school board election, in which they each garnered about 37 percent of the vote. Rossano is a newcomer to politics.

Four others have announced their intentions to seek election — Police Lt. Mario Merzaco, board President John Pope and board members James Farina and Otto Hottendorf.

Nominating petitions — potential candidates need 10 signatures — are due at the 1-3 offices, 1115 Clinton St., by 4 p.m. Thursday.

Tsuchiya explained that the three candidates were chosen by an executive committee of the new group after the organization requested "applications" from interested residents.

The applications asked for a potential candidate's name, address, phone number, length of residency in Hoboken, employer, previous employers, education, children in the school system, reasons for wanting to run, other community organizations and a list of relatives employed by the city or the school board. A prime issue for the committee has been alleged nepotism and political patronage.

"The process of selecting candidates introduced us to a lot of different people," Tsuchiya said, "and new alliances were made."

She said the group sees its candidates as



Committee for Quality Education in Hoboken candidates for the April 15 school board election are, from left, Joseph Rafter, Lourdes Arroyo and Michael Rossano.

running "for the kids and for the issues" rather than for personal gain.

Asked why the committee would select two candidates who lost an election only last month, Tsuchiya said Rafter and Arroyo have built a foundation that the committee can build upon for a successful second try.

"To my mind, they covered a lot of ground during a different season and sort of at the spur of the moment," she said. Given the strength of the opposition — established political organizations — she said, the two fared well.

Rafter and Arroyo said the decision to run again was a difficult one but they felt they had a "moral" obligation to try again.

"It seems like the only thing I can do," Rafter said.

"The same problems exist that existed when we ran before."

Arroyo added: "I've always taken educational issues seriously and I refuse to give it up and let the political machine take advantage and let the children pay the consequences."

Seven of the nine board members were appointed by Steve Cappelletto during his three terms as mayor. In November, city voters opted for a return to the elected system. Two people had to be added, so the board held the January election. Several board members supported the candidates who won.

Board members have repeatedly denied charges they are politically motivated in their voting.

Rossano could not be reached for comment.

However, Tsuchiya said he was born and raised in the city and attended St. Joseph's High School, West New York, and St. Peter's College, Jersey City.

He now works as a foreign equities coordinator for Salomon Brothers on Wall Street. He and his wife, Nancy, have twin 4-year-old daughters.

Arroyo, who has two children in the Hoboken school system, was named city rent leveling officer in July after Thomas Vezetti became mayor. She is a native of Puerto Rico.

Rafter was born and raised in Hoboken and has taught elementary school in New York for the last 15 years. His background also includes a stint as a Peace Corps volunteer and a union delegate.

School tax due to rise by \$5.3 M

By John Petrick

The Hoboken Board of Education last night approved a preliminary 1986-87 school budget of \$24.6 million, with \$11 million to be raised through taxation.

This represents a \$5.3 million tax increase over last year which board members attributed to a cut in state aid of approximately \$3 million. Under the tentative budget, \$11.8 million comes from state aid, \$1.5 million is federal aid and another \$125,286 comes from miscellaneous revenue.

According to the board, state aid dropped significantly because the state estimated the market value of Hoboken land to be 40 percent higher than last year. Board members were confused as to how the state arrived at this estimate and are unsure of its accuracy.

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Vezetti called Pope's comments "gross lies."

Richard England, chairman of the board's Finance Committee, said after the meeting that despite the mayor's charges, even if every administrative position were eliminated, tax increases would still exist. He added that under this year's tentative budget, no new administrative positions have been added.

Pope added, "You speak a good game, but when it comes to taking action, you are sorely lacking."

A shouting match erupted between Mayor Thomas Vezetti and board members, with the mayor charging that administrative positions for the board have become "over-blown."

"A city like Hoboken cannot stand a \$5 million tax increase," the mayor said. He added that the board was guilty of "improprieties" in having some administrative positions which he sees as strictly "political patronage jobs."

He added that it is the obligation of board members to sit down with him and City Council members and drastically reduce the budget, mainly by trimming away at these "unnecessary" positions.

Board President John Pope fired back at the mayor, saying that the mayor's "words are

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Hoboken ed budget calls for tax rate rise

By BETH KUHLES Staff Writer

HOBOKEN — In the first year in a long time that residents here can vote on their school budget, they will face an increased tax rate of \$20 to \$25 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation, according to a budget proposed by the Board of Education at its meeting last night.

The \$24.6 million school budget for 1986-87 represents only a \$25,000 increase over the previous year.

But Hoboken residents will have to make up for a drastic decline in state aid. The district lost \$2.8 million in state aid and \$500,000 in federal aid this year.

The reduction in state aid re-

sulted from a new equalization formula rate for state funding for this city. Last year, the state calculated the city's tax base at \$440 million; this year, the figure jumped to \$620 million.

This increase in the tax base resulted from the recent revitalization and redevelopment here, coupled with the anticipated rise in market values and with the state-mandated revaluation of property values, said Richard England, the chairman of the board's Finance Committee.

Last year, state aid was \$14.6 million; this year's figure has been reduced to \$11.8 million.

The local contribution for the new school budget will be \$11 million,

nearly double the \$5.8 million needed for the 1985-86 school year.

The \$5.4 million increase will be divided equally between the 1986 and 1987 city tax bills, because of the different fiscal years used by the city and the board.

England said the budget represents only routine increases in all school areas, with no new programs or significant changes proposed. He said the board even cut \$1.3 million from the budget supplied by the administration by tightening up in all areas.

Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti chafed there were "a lot of im-

proprieties in the budget," and that it involved "covering up a lot of jobs."

Board President John J. Pope, who was appointed by when Steve Cappelletto was mayor, attacked Vezetti for a similar practice of hiring three people for a single job in the city's rent control office.

"Your deeds don't support your words," said Pope, supported by chants from some of the Cappelletto appointees to the board. "You talk a good game..."

Former Trustee Steve Block, now a Vezetti ally, criticized the district "for being overblown on the administrative side."

Going back to the basics just fine with schools head

By Jim DeRogatis

According to Walter Fine, newly appointed Hoboken superintendent of schools, what is needed to improve the school system is a return to the "three r's" — reading, writing and arithmetic.

Fine, 59, was appointed superintendent by the Board of Education effective Jan. 6. He replaced Dr. George Maier, who retired after 33 years with the school system.

A 34-year veteran of the Hoboken school system, Fine's experience ranges from classroom teacher to assistant superintendent. He first entered the system in 1952 as a teacher at the Connors School.

Fine rose through the ranks to become a vice principal at the Demarest School, where he served for 10 years; a principal at the Wallace School, where he served for seven years, and principal of Hoboken High School, where he served for six years. In 1978, he was appointed assistant superintendent in charge of personnel.

One of Fine's first actions as superintendent was to hold a meeting with all of the faculty members in the Hoboken schools in order to raise morale.

"I received the full support of the teachers, and I'm very happy about that," Fine said. "One of the reasons the teachers know me and support me is that I've worked with a lot of them."

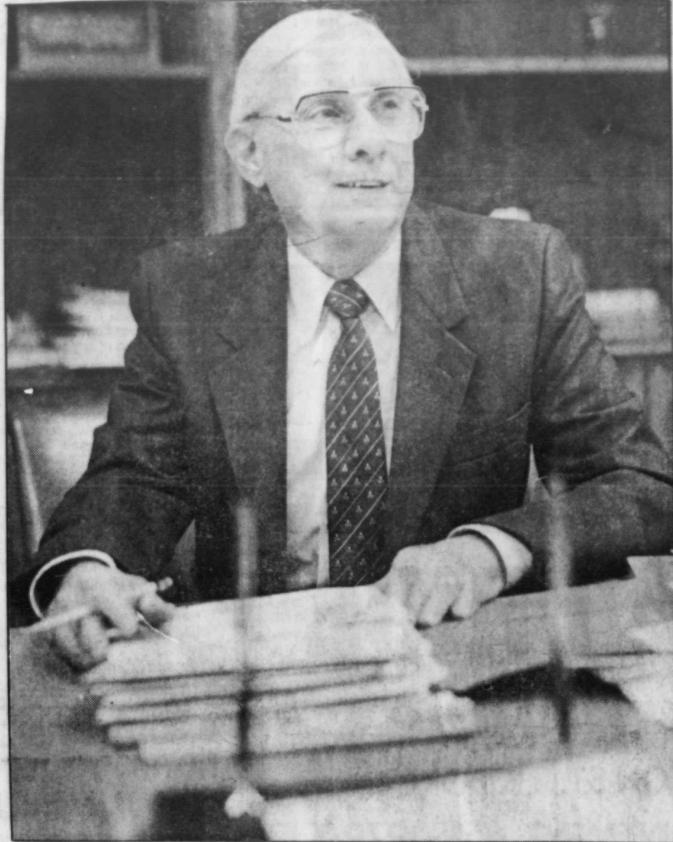
A soft-spoken man with a calm, dignified manner, Fine's philosophy toward education is conservative. "We have to stress the basics, reading, writing, and math," he said. However, Fine is also willing to try new methods.

"I'm always willing to pilot a new program in one of our schools," Fine said. "If it's successful, we can shift it to the others."

Fine has not yet announced specific plans for the school system. "It would be inappropriate to say what I plan to do since I am still soliciting input from the teachers," he said.

The superintendent is forming an advisory committee made up of members of the faculty from each of the city's schools. The committee will outline goals for improving the schools and come up with the methods to achieve them, Fine said. He said the committee will meet in the next few weeks and announce a plan shortly afterwards.

However, Fine said he believes that whatever course of action the committee decides upon, it should begin with the lower grade levels. "By the time a student reaches high school, the battle lines are already drawn," he said. "You have to build a



Walter Fine

strong foundation that starts in kindergarten.

"My thrust is going to be on the reading program and bringing more academics into kindergarten. Children can do more than we expect of them now."

Fine believes that the emphasis is always on the negative aspects of the Hoboken school system. "The positive aspects are ignored," he said. "We have an outstanding faculty. Many of our graduates have gone on to become successful professionals."

However, Fine admitted, "There is no way we can deny the fact that we still don't have 75 percent of our children passing the reading tests."

"I don't want to place blame or come up with excuses," Fine said of the low test scores. "I'd rather say,

"Let's start here and get that 75 percent up."

Fine also said that reports of politics in the school system are exaggerated. "I can't speak for the board, but from this office, there is no politics," he said.

"If I fail, it is because of my inability to do the job, not because of political interference."

A lifelong Hoboken resident, Fine met his wife, the former Mary Burke, when both were teachers at the Brandt School. The couple have three children, James, a dentist; Laura, an employee of the Bates Advertising Agency, and Michael, an insurance salesman.

Fine is a product of the Hoboken school system himself. After high school, he attended Upsala College and was graduated with a

bachelor's degree in education. He furthered his studies at Newark State Teachers College, Fordham Graduate School, and Seton Hall University, where he received a master's degree.

Aside from his work as an educator, Fine enjoys reading, sports and travel. This summer, he and his wife traveled to Russia.

Fine is currently working as superintendent at the same salary he earned as assistant superintendent. The Board of Education will meet in July to discuss raising his salary. Six months later, the board will decide whether to extend Fine's one-year appointment.

Meanwhile, Fine plans to be "a visible and concerned presence" in the schools. "I want to be a visible superintendent," he said. "I'm not going to just sit here behind a desk."

Tax assessor: Let county do Hoboken job

By Margaret Schmidt

The Hoboken tax assessor yesterday called for a county takeover of his office if city officials refuse to approve his funding requests.

"If the city denies me the funds, then I most respectfully request the county board (of taxation) ... get the job done."

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Assessor Woodrow Monte said in a letter to Hudson County Tax Administrator Stanley Kosakowski.

The City Council last night delayed any action on appropriating emergency funds for Monte to hire a deputy assessor to handle the reassessment, pending advice from the county on its options.

The letter also attacked Mayor Thomas Vezzetti for what Monte described as "inconsistencies" in the mayor's opinions on the mandated reassessment.

In September, the county tax board ordered Monte to re-

assess Hoboken property for the 1986 tax lists. The order changed the mandate from a full-scale revaluation of property, a much more detailed evaluation of real estate, to a reassessment.

Some city officials have been postponing across-the-board changes in property assessments for several years, saying new assessments will unfairly burden Hoboken homeowners whose property values have skyrocketed but who cannot afford increased taxes.

The county and the state, however, are demanding that all tax lists reflect 100 percent valuation of property.

Monte's letter is the latest salvo in the battle over whether and how a revaluation or reassessment should be done.

Vezzetti wrote to Kosakowski last week saying he couldn't support the reassessment Monte wants because Monte plans to hire James Mulroy, principal of a Perth Amboy firm still under contract for a 1983 revaluation that hasn't

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been implemented.

Salvatore D'Amelio Jr., city law director, has said he believes hiring Mulroy as deputy assessor would be a conflict of interest because Mulroy's company, Landmark Appraisal, is still under contract with the city.

The Landmark figures were never implemented, first, because of a public outcry when the company sent statements to property owners and, second, because the figures were out of date once a second firm did a "spot check."

Monte's letter accuses Vezzetti of being "mixed up" and quotes the Sunday News Magazine piece that named Vezzetti "the wackiest mayor in America."

The mayor responded that he re-evaluated his position on the reassessment only after he learned of Monte's plan to hire Mulroy. "He caused me to make

the re-evaluation," he said, adding that Monte wants "things I don't think are in the best interests of the city."

Last week, Vezzetti sent a resolution to the City Council calling for Monte's request for increased funding. He accompanied it with a letter, however, saying he was sending the resolution because it was his

legal responsibility but he didn't support it because of Monte's intentions.

Yesterday, the mayor called Monte's plan to hire Mulroy "mind-boggling."

Monte has requested a raise in the allowable deputy assessor's salary from \$17,000 to more than \$30,000 a year.

Ranieri calls mayor 'a failure,' asks resignation

By Rick Tosches

Calling him "a complete failure and coward," Hoboken Councilman Robert Ranieri last night called for Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's resignation because of his inaction over a resolution to appropriate \$30,000 for Tax Assessor Woodrow Monte to hire a deputy assessor to handle a reassessment.

Ranieri called for Vezzetti to step down following the mayor's refusal to answer the councilman's question as to what direction the council should take in the matter.

Instead of acting on the matter, the council reached a consensus to hold the matter over until it can meet with the Hudson County Board of Taxation to discuss the city's options.

During the special meeting before last night's caucus, Ranieri drafted two letters for Vezzetti, one approving the reassessment and another opposing the funds, and asked the mayor to sign one of them.

"I'll think it over," Vezzetti responded.

"This is a situation for clear and decisive action here

tonight," Ranieri responded. "And when it comes to taking a stance he (Vezzetti) can do neither. Ladies and gentlemen, I call for the resignation of Thomas Vezzetti as a complete failure and coward."

Ranieri called Vezzetti and the city under his administration "a leaderless and rudderless ship adrift in violent seas."

When asked his stance on the matter, Vezzetti told members of the council he was still submitting the resolution and was asking the council's finance committee to "sit down and find out what to do."

Originally, Vezzetti submitted the resolution because the city is under a mandate to reassess. Vezzetti later said he could not support the resolution because Monte has allegedly "threatened people" with increasing taxes.

Meanwhile, Councilman Patrick Pasculli said the city currently has several options on the matter: accept Landmark Appraisal Company's original reassessment figures from 1983, update Landmark's figures, conduct a completely new revaluation, solicit new revaluation proposals from firms or do nothing at all.

Vezzetti names 19 as advisers on recreation

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti has named 19 people to a recreation advisory committee as part of the reorganization of the department.

Frank "Purple" Raia, a businessman and developer who has sponsored several athletic teams, was named chairman pro tem of the committee.

The committee is charged with developing recreational programs and encouraging outside groups to fill in the gaps where city resources cannot provide funding.

The 1986 budget is still being put together. The 1985 budget had \$140,244 allotted for recreation salaries and wages and \$50,000 for other expenses, said Edwin Chius, business administrator.

Recreation funding will be channeled mostly into athletic activities, officials said, and non-athletic activities now sponsored by the department will be phased into other city programs.

Peter Alicandri, director of Environmental Services and Facilities, said the streamlining is part of the administration's "focus on mandated services, and recreation doesn't necessarily fall into that category."

Rather than having the department pay for "fringe" things — such as uniform jackets — it will concentrate on upgrading and expanding facilities and on encouraging community groups to sponsor activities and raise funds, he said.

Some non-athletic programs are expected to be picked up by the Community Development Agency or sponsored through the aid of the mayor's cultural advisory committee, he said.

Some proposed programs should be handled by the Board of Education, he said, adding that his department hasn't yet had contact with the board.

The city facilities are the Little League Field at the foot of Stevens Park, parts of the fields behind the High School, the Multi-Service Center on Grand Street and the parks. Developer Anthony Dell'Aquila owns a soccer field that he opens to local residents.

The city leases the Molloy Center to the Boys Club of New Jersey but is investigating ways to use it for city programs, Alicandri said. It also plans to open a temporary park adjacent to the sewage treatment plant on 16th Street.

Alicandri will sit in on the advisory committee's initial meetings. Maurice Fitzgibbons, who is youth activities supervisor, will act as liaison between the committee and the administration, Vezzetti said.

Fitzgibbons had expressed concern about several programs he runs, including twirling, the modeling club and the after-

school programs at the Uptown Recreation Center.

Officials have said the twirling and modeling groups will be discharged unless someone volunteers to handle them. The after-school programs may be picked up by the CDA, he said.

Vezzetti said he chose the advisory committee members because of the involvement with recreation. "They are familiar with both the benefits and the problems of running athletic programs in our city," he said in a prepared statement. "Under their leadership I am sure that we will see great improvement and expansion of the sports programs."

Serving on the committee are:

Tony Cardino, an officer with Washington Savings Bank and a Little League baseball and basketball coach for 10 years;

William Cuhane, an investment broker and Little League and Babe Ruth baseball and basketball coach; Helen DeRose, who participates in a women's softball league, and James Foster, a businessman who is a former member of the Denver Nuggets basketball team.

Also, Nick Goldsack, a businessman who has coached baseball and soccer for 10 years; Rosie Grogan, a postal worker who participates in a women's softball league; Ed Groomes, a Wall Street supervisor who plays, coaches and referees youth basketball, and Marybeth Hayes, of the women's softball league.

Also, Walter Lebrink, a police lieutenant and baseball coach for 10 years; Hector Morales, a teacher and coach in football, baseball and track; Michael "Mo" Mulvaney, a program coordinator for the handicapped who coaches baseball, basketball and football and Sue Ellen Newman, director of the Hudson School.

Also, Eddie Ortiz, a basketball coach for three years; Bernadette Pehrson, an administrative secretary and fundraiser for many recreation programs and events; Bruce Radigan, a teacher and baseball and basketball coach; Raia; Michael Taglieri, a fire captain who coaches baseball, basketball and football, and Grace Weyouch, who participates in a women's softball league.

Zamrin's appointment is back on table — again

By Rick Tosches

The Hoboken City Council last night once again tabled a resolution ratifying Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's appointment of city Prosecutor Steven Zamrin as Municipal Court judge — a move which one councilwoman called "complete obstructionism."

The vote was split, 5-4, to table the appointment. Councilmen Robert Ranieri, Anthony Romano and Steve Cappiello and Council President E. Norman Wilson and Councilwoman Mary Francone voted to table. Councilwoman Helen Cunningham, the resolution's sponsor, and Councilmen Patrick Pasculli, Joseph DellaFave and David Roberts voted not to table.

"I move to table the resolution," Ranieri said. "For what reason?" asked Cunningham. "I move for obstructionism."

Vezzetti then jumped from his seat in the crowd, approached the council chamber

microphone and said, "I'd like to speak on that."

He didn't. The council refused to let him speak.

"What you see here is complete obstruction," Cunningham said. "We sent down (to the council) his (Zamrin's) name three months ago for the law director's position."

"There's people at this table who like to be real friendly with a judge," she said. "There's no question about his capabilities as a judge. What we have here is a very fine man, a very good attorney."

DellaFave called the council's action an attempt to "slow down the tide of change."

Meanwhile, Wilson called Cunningham's obstruction charge "a very serious allegation" and explained his vote.

"Every time I turn around, the rules of the game are changed," he said.

Wilson said Vezzetti asked the council to submit names of potential candidates for the position, "but he (Vezzetti)

came down without giving any consideration to any of the names."

Wilson said he explained to Vezzetti that the "votes" were not there (for Zamrin's appointment), but the mayor never engaged in any conversations on the matter.

"We were invited to partake and then, without any warning, a name's down here and it's take it or leave it. If he's (Vezzetti) looking for cooperation with the City Council, he has to discuss it with us."

Meanwhile, in other business, the council, after a lengthy discussion, adopted an emergency budget resolution appropriating \$21,000 to cover costs incurred by families at 200 Willow Ave., whose homes were declared unsafe and later demolished and who were relocated at a Holiday Inn in Jersey City.

The council then approved a resolution to pay the \$20,014.44 motel bill run up by the two families.



Checked past

The old Lipton Tea Building, which many have compared to a giant checkerboard, was a Hoboken institution but then lay dormant for several years after Standard Brands moved. The building has seen a rebirth, however, since developer Anthony Dell'Aquila took it over and renovated it for small manufacturers. Between them, the manufacturers now employ about 2,500 people.

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Parking's now Pat Caufield's lot in life

By Rick Tosches

Pat Caufield was out for the evening with his family when the Hoboken Parking Authority Board of Commissioners were meeting to choose a new executive director.

When he returned home, there were numerous messages from friends left on his phone answering machine, informing him that he had been selected for the authority's top post.

"I was glad — and scared," Caufield said in recalling that day back in November when he was named the authority's executive director, replacing Joseph Hottendorf.

On Nov. 15, Caufield, the 41-year-old former investment adviser for the Portfolio Group, a subsidiary of Chemical Bank in Manhattan, had been handed the arduous task of finding solutions to one of the city's most troublesome problems — parking.

Born and raised in Hoboken, Caufield is originally from Sixth and Grand streets. He later moved to the

uptown area. He was graduated from Hoboken's Joseph F. Brandt School and Hoboken High School. He later attended evening sessions at Fairleigh Dickinson University where he studied business management and English.

He was employed by Chemical Bank for 21 years before joining the parking authority.

"It was a lot of work," he remembers of his former job. "Then this thing came along and I thought it was about time for a change. So, I thought I'd take a chance and apply for the position."

"New York was always a fun place to go to. But the city's changed. Maybe that happens to you as you get older. You see things differently."

He grew tired of taking a daily train back and forth to Manhattan and the daily routine of spending \$13 a day on fares and lunches.

Today, Caufield's concerns center on finding additional parking for residents and visitors to the city.

"Uptown is going to be a big nut to crack," he said. "It's

acute up there. There's a 105 percent utilization of spaces up there."

Caufield said motorists use any curbside space available — legal or illegal — to park their vehicles.

"It's really rough, and we're trying to prevent that from occurring downtown," he said.

Caufield has been working closely with the City Council's transportation committee, searching for solutions to the uptown problems.

"There are a number of possible sites up there that will eventually become a garage. Anything that we put up there will have to be decked. It sounds very simple, but it's not."

Caufield admits that the three city-run garages which house 1,800 spaces aren't enough. Most garages are filled and there is a waiting list for future vacant spaces, he said.

This year, those facilities are expected to generate \$1.8 million for the authority. Last year, the authority-run meters garnered close to \$200,000 in revenues. The authority's meter maids dish

out an average of 200 summonses for parking violations daily, Caufield said. But there are problems.

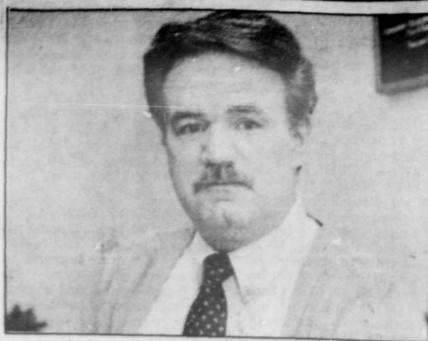
A recent study commissioned by the city's Community Development Agency revealed there is a problem with the turnover rate on metered parking spaces. The study concludes that 30 to 35 percent of the people who use spaces do so for the entire day.

"We do have facilities (garages) around the corner (from Washington Street) open daily to parkers. The rates are reasonable and they are only a half-block away. But somehow there seems to be some sort of invisible barrier there."

Caufield said the city is looking into the possibility of establishing metered parking along the eastern portion of the city, including River Street.

It's going to be busy down there with all the construction planned for the waterfront," Caufield said.

"You'd have to take a real hard look at that. I'm not opposed to approving that. Listen, anywhere anybody



Pat Caufield seeks solutions

comes up with an idea, I think that is worth looking at. We should be able to come up with spaces around town."

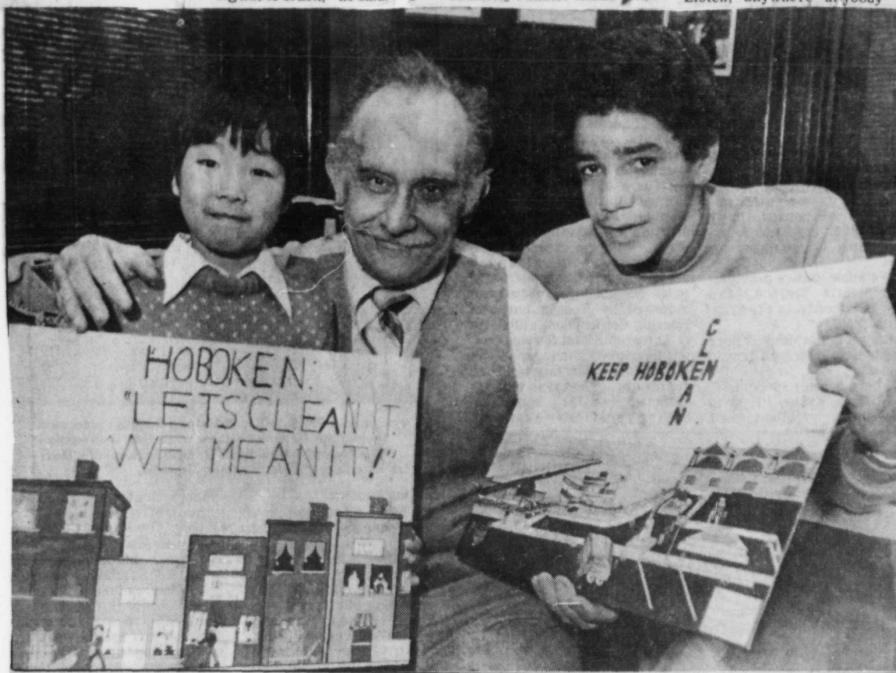
Another possible solution in establishing metered or permit parking along Observer Highway.

"That answer is not too far down the road," Caufield said, adding he expects a decision on that within the next two to three months.

Plans also call for a 1,200-to-3,100-space facility at the southern end of the city once development begins

"There will be solutions," he said, "amongst the recommendations. I don't think anyone should just dismiss anyone's idea. It could be anybody who walks in here who says why not try this. People shouldn't have to ride around for 45 minutes looking for a space and eventually end up in a bus zone."

"Look, you'll never find a total solution to the problem," he admitted. "It's always going to be there. The only thing we can do is to reduce it."



Meeting with Mayor Tom Vezzetti, center, are winners of the Keep Hoboken Clean poster contest Twen Kwok, left, and Jorge Gonzalez.

Photo by Steve Golecki

A plethora of perky posters praises a cleaner Hoboken

By Margaret Schmidt

From the brutally realistic to dreams of how Hoboken might someday look, more than 100 posters have been turned into city officials on the theme, "Keep Hoboken Clean."

"They were all so good," said Marian Roland, a judge in the poster contest and director of the Hoboken Civic Theater. "It was very hard to make a decision."

But decide the judges did, and yesterday, officials announced seven contest winners.

Most of the winners used mixed media — from paints to markers to glitter — for their posters. Judge — Roland, Iraida Rodriguez and Angelo Valente — picked first through third-place winners in two categories,

kindergarten through fourth grades and fifth through eighth grades.

Several of the winners, some with their parents, went to Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's office yesterday to receive their prizes — U.S. Savings Bonds and pen-and-pencil sets.

In the kindergarten through fourth grade category, first-place winner was 7-year-old Twen Kwok, who came to Hoboken from Hong Kong about a year-and-a-half ago.

Twen, a third-grade student, used "Let's Clean It, We Mean It" for his slogan and showed an immaculate Washington Street scene, complete with men using vacuums on the sidewalks.

Leticia Quinones, 10, in the fourth grade at the Demarest

School, took second place with her poster that used several slogans — "Hoboken Pride Should Not Hide," "Hoboken Park, Do Not Mar," "To Deface is a Disgrace" and "Litter-Bank, All Night Deposits."

Tied for third place were Joseph DeBari, 6, in first grade at the Calabro School, and George Wang of the second grade at St. Peter and Paul School.

George showed clean tenements in his crayon drawing, while Joseph was more realistic — "Please Curb Your Dog," he wrote, showing one owner and pet, ahem, violating the rule.

In first place among the older students was Jorge Gonzalez, 15, of Demarest's eighth grade, a perennial winner of con-

tests, said art teacher Tom Settembre. Jorge showed the Hoboken piers being cleaned and situated on a remarkably blue Hudson River.

In second place was 13-year-old Iann Gama, a seventh grader at Demarest. His poster depicted "Sparkletown" and showed a detailed street scene with sausage hanging in a butcher shop. Iann is also a usual poster winner, Settembre said.

Jamahal Harper, 13, a seventh grader at the Rue School, came in third with his view of how Hoboken should look.

The winning entries will be exhibited in City Hall and may be distributed in an effort to discourage littering, a serious problem, Vezzetti said.



The American Hotel, with its diverse history, is one of several signs of progress in Hoboken. Once the scene of a tragic fire, and later a flophouse, it is now a restored office building.

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The Jefferson Trust Condominiums, part of the growing renaissance in Hoboken, was a \$10 million project. About 80 of the 101 units have been sold.

Hoboken parking panel's 'perks' can save members \$1,270 a year

By Jim DeRogatis

Hoboken drivers who park in the municipal parking garages will be paying \$10 more per month starting April 1, but the five members of the Parking Authority Board of Commissioners and the authority's director will be parking for free, as they have for the last 16 years.

According to Richard Eversen, chairman of the Parking Authority Board, the 1970 trust agreement between the authority and the bondholders of the three waterfront garages provides the use of a reserved space in Garage B, located on Hudson Street between First and

Second streets, for each of the five commissioners and the director of the Parking Authority.

"Two of the commissioners park there regularly and the other three use it sporadically," Eversen said. Eversen, a dean at Stevens Institute of Technology, said he parks his car in a spot on the Stevens campus and rarely uses his free space.

The cost of a reserved space in Garage B was recently raised to \$1,270 per year. The Parking Authority Board increased the rates at all three of the Hudson Street garages at a meeting on Feb. 4.

"I believe the commis-

sioners should have a space because they are providing an invaluable service to the community," said Pat Caufield, Parking Authority director.

"They're often at meetings that run from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. and beyond. We're only talking about five spaces out of 1,808 here."

Caufield said he uses the spot provided him as director. He was appointed director by Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

"With all due respect to the Parking Authority, which is doing a wonderful job, I think this gives people the impression of something that is not proper," Vezzetti said. "As servants in the public trust, their behavior

should be better than that, it should be impeccable."

But, said Commissioner Richard England, "I think there should be a 'perk.' There is a lot of time that goes with serving on the board."

Members of other volunteer boards, however, don't get similar perks.

England has three parking stickers for his family's three cars, but he said he is only able to park one car in the garage at a time. However, he added that he has only used the free space "twice in 10 years."

John Muciaccia, another board member, would not com-

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Parking panel's 'perks'

Continued from Page 1. ment on the free spaces other than to say that "I was not at the meeting when the rates were raised."

Board members Fred Bado Sr. and Donald Pellicano could not be reached for comment.

According to John Goldsmith, a Newark attorney who represents the Parking Authority, section 5.02 of the trust agreement between the garages' bondholders and the Parking Authority permits any person involved with the maintenance and upkeep of the garages to park for free. Employees of the garages

can park for free during working hours and only if the garage is not full, Caufield said. The commissioners and the director can use their spots at any time.

Asked if he thought it was proper for the commissioners and the directors to have free parking spaces during the current parking crisis in Hoboken, Caufield said the matter "could be brought up (at the next Parking Authority Board meeting) if someone wanted to bring it up."

"I intend to bring this up at the next meeting and see that something is done," Vezzetti said.

Vezzetti renews ed board charges

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
2-28-86 Staff Writer

HOBOKEN—Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti has called for an investigation into a purchase of more than \$20,000 worth of school books, as he again tried to enlist the help of the state's top school official in his continuing clash with the Board of Education.

Vezzetti on Tuesday wrote the state Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman, asking him to look into possible mismanagement by the board, now dominated by members appointed by Steve Cappiello when he was mayor. Board President John J. Pope, who is running for reelection, called Vezzetti's charges a bid to grab headlines as campaigning for the April 15 school balloting heats up.

The assistant commissioner of education, Walter McCarroll, said the department would ask Louis C. Accolla, Hudson County superintendent of schools, to determine whether there is substance to Vezzetti's charges, and whether they are within the jurisdiction of the department. McCarroll said Accolla would take about a month to review the charges. Further investigation by the state would depend on Accolla's findings.

Vezzetti charged the board with financial irregularities in the "unnecessary" \$1 million capital improvement program at the David E. Rue School at Second and Garden streets, manipulation of the school budget for political reasons and bloating the school payroll with patronage jobs. These charges have been raised by the mayor and his supporters since he took office last summer.

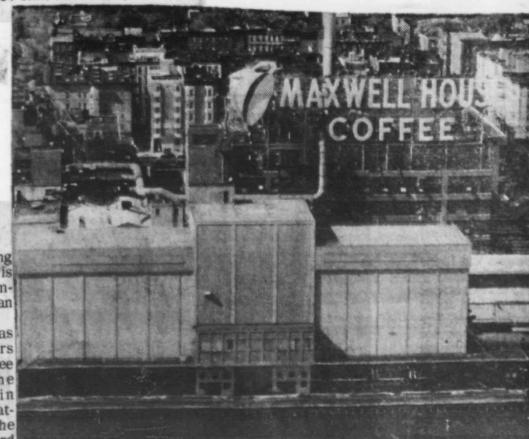
Vezzetti singled out as a "possible new impropriety" a recent paperback-book order. Vezzetti wrote Cooperman that "reliable sources" have told him the order, for more than \$20,000, was not processed through regular channels, and that each book "had a higher per-copy price tab pasted over a lower figure."

Pope said he had no knowledge of the purchase, but said Vezzetti should take any charges of criminal wrongdoing to the county prosecutor, Harold J. Ruvoldt Jr., rather than to state education officials.

Anthony H. Romano, the board secretary, could not be reached for comment on the transaction.

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Responding to Vezzetti's charge that the Rue School project cost double the original bid, Pope said that was the agreed-on price for the work, which was done in stages. Vezzetti in December sought an investigation into board payment of a summer overtime salary to then-School Superintendent George Mater, but Cooperman declined to investigate. The state Office of Administrative Law is to hold a preliminary hearing today on possible irregularities in the Jan. 14 board election. The complaint was lodged by losing candidates Lourdes Arroyo and Joseph Katter, who ran with Vezzetti's backing.



Let's have another cup

The familiar sign with the coffee cup marks the site on the Hudson River waterfront in Hoboken where Maxwell House coffee continues to be made "good to the last drop" and provides jobs and purchasing power in Hudson County.

From Clarabell & Bozo to Dokey

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Photo by Maureen Sheedy



Photo by Gary Higgins

ED "DOKEY THE CLOWN" ALBERIAN, displays some of his balloon creations in his real life, left, and in his comical garb, above. Below, he touts the benefits of dental care and good nutrition at a children's program at the Hoboken library. With him is nutritionist-actress Dana Murton.

Weehawken man loves being a clown

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
Staff Writer

WEEHAWKEN—Call Ed Alberian a bozo, and he's likely to thank you for the compliment.

For 36 years, on the air waves and in person, Alberian has clowning his way into the hearts of millions of children all over the globe, doing what comes naturally. "I don't even have to have makeup," said Alberian, a resonant-voiced man in his early 60s, gesturing toward his mobile features and prominent nose. "I have the face of a clown."

His career began during television's Golden Age, when he played Clarabell, the horn-honking, seltzer-squirting clown on the old "Howdy Doody" show. After that came a stint as Bozo, the TV character whose pratfalls carried ineptitude to new heights. In his latest incarnation, he freelances as Dokey, "a teacher dressed up in a clown costume," whose raucous skits tout the benefits of dental care and good nutrition.

It wasn't exactly the path his parents had envisioned for their only son, who they hoped would become the latest in a long line of doctors. But while studying for his master's degree in chemistry at Columbia University in

Manhattan, young Alberian often dashed over for voice lessons to The Juilliard School when it was nearby.

His dreams were of singing opera, but the roles he landed were in Broadway shows. And once the big break came—in a casting call for a stripe-suited guy carrying a seltzer bottle—Alberian realized you just can't keep a good clown down.

The year was 1950, and most of the "Howdy Doody" cast had walked out to protest the firing of "Ugly Sam" on grounds of tardiness, said Alberian during an interview Sunday at his Palisade Avenue home. He took over the role created by Bob Keeshan, who later went on to stardom as "Captain Kangaroo."

The nutritionist did not begin to emerge from behind the greasepaint until after his television heyday, as Alberian took to the road, writing and performing children's shows.

Traveling constantly, he found his vitality sapped by the same type of junk food he used to pitch to his young audiences. Dokey the Good Food Clown was born, and he has played to rave reviews from children, parents and dentists ever since.



Photo by Gary Higgins

At an age when others are thinking about retiring, Alberian vows to continue working until "the day my phone stops ringing." He says he keeps mentally young by being with children and stays physically fit enough to blow up a balloon in one fell swoop "by doing what I preach."

Although folklore has it that a clown's smiling face hides a melancholy heart, Alberian says, "this clown laughs all the way to the bank," having learned early that, in show business, "you may be topdog one day, but next week,

you can't find a job. If you're as successful as I have been, what have you got to cry about?" he asked. "I've made money, and I've invested it wisely," he said.

Alberian and his wife, Marie, have two grown children, Warren, 25, traveling and studying in Asia, has shown no interest in following in his father's footsteps, Alberian said. But daughter Marilyn, 21, although a trained social worker, is a "ham" who is trying to gain a toehold in show business, Alberian said.

Alberian has performed for

children of many nations, breaking through language barriers with pantomime and the balloons he twists into the shape of animals. But his fondest hope now is to go on a cultural exchange to what is now Soviet Armenia.

The exchange programs "bring singers, they bring dancers, but they don't bring anything for a kid," he maintained. And in the land of his father's birth, Alberian estimates there are 100,000 Armenian children just waiting to be entertained by a man who has "a way with kids."

Residents balk at zoning variance

By GAIL FRIEDMAN
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regulations, Cameron said.

HOBOKEN—Several stories have been lopped from building plans for twin condominium towers downtown, but the cutback is not enough to satisfy critics, who charge the Board of Adjustment illegally gave the go-ahead for the project.

The Presidential Towers development got preliminary site plan approval from the zoning board at a meeting Monday. The project last came before the board in October, when drawings called for a 22-story and a 24-story tower to go up on parts of Adams, Jefferson and Madison streets between Newark Avenue and First Street. The board at that time told the developers' group, headed by the Rev. Francis Schiller, a Jersey City attorney, to return with a scaled-down set of plans.

Realtor Maureen Singleton, one of a group of city residents critical of what they call the board's free hand in issuing variances, said the towers were approved illegally. She said the board should have treated the altered plan as a new application, and started its review process from scratch. The board "disregarded the law" by neglecting to notify residents living within 200

First Street condo gets cut down two stories shorter

feet of the meeting this week, and by voting on the project without requiring reworked plans to be submitted, Singleton said.

But board Chairman Frank Cameron said the meeting this week was a continuation of the October hearing, so there was no need to send notices to nearby residents again. He said the project would be up for final approval at a date not yet scheduled, and that meeting, too, would be considered a continuation, Cameron said, however, he may notify some neighbors by phone of the next session.

The board, dominated by members appointed by former Mayor Steve Cappiello, now a councilman, voted 6-1 to grant height and other variances for the towers. Dissenting was Mary Perry, who wanted the 310-unit project to adhere to the 14-story height limit set by zoning

Singleton said the group of residents was weighing whether to hire a lawyer to appeal the decision. Sources close to Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti said the city is seeking to hire an outside attorney to look into the legality of the meeting. A special counsel is needed, they said, to avoid the appearance of conflict of interest on the part of City Attorney Salvatore E. D'Amelio.

D'Amelio was a partner in the project until last month, when he sold his interest upon being appointed to the top spot in the Law Department. His father still owns a portion of the 1.6-acre project site.

But D'Amelio said the city has no right to step into the case, since the board is an autonomous body. He also said the project technically had received final site plan approval already, due to the board's failure to act on the pending application within 120 days. But the developers "chose not to go that route," he said.

Meanwhile, the Schiller partnership said it has a contract to sell the project to Hoboken developers Patrick Reynolds and Joseph Brower. The agreement hinges on board approval enabling at least 310 units to be built, Schiller said.



Office expansion

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Belay Urban Development, 5 Marineview Plaza, Hoboken, is expanding its commercial office building to five stories. The new floor, scheduled for completion in December, will have 22,000 square feet of space. The building, which has Fortune 500 companies among its tenants, is one of several office buildings in the Downtown area.

City's master plan review calls for sweeping change

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken zoning must be changed to keep pace with the boom in development and to anticipate projects on the riverfront, according to the proposed 1986 master plan review statement.

Allowing midrise developments along the city's edges and insisting that all projects have 100 percent off-street parking are among the suggestions to be

discussed tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the public hearing in the Multi-Service Center, 124 Grand St.

The planning board has drafted the review statement with the aid of consultant Ralph Seligman. The review is mandated every seven years by state law.

The master plan guides development by regulating zoning.

"What was most apparent in Hoboken in 1978, according to

the 1979 Land Use Plan Element, was 'a sense of change,' the proposed statement says. "What is most apparent about Hoboken in 1985 is the evidence and extent of that change.

"As in 1978, it is most obvious in the residential sphere, although the character of new retail stores and services along Washington Street mirrors the tastes of a changing population."

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Master plan review calls for change

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Reflective of the scope of those changes, the report says, is that the median market price of a vacant housing unit is \$80,000 in Hoboken, higher than in any other Hudson County municipality.

Among the major amendments suggested by the review statement are:

• Residential building heights of more than eight or 10 stories should no longer be allowed in the R-3 district, an area in a southwest corner of the city. Instead, the rights should be moved to the city's southern and eastern edges. A similar

proposal has come under fire from those who think the rule could lead to a "walled city."

• The "ever-increasing congestion of city streets and the absence of adequate parking facilities citywide" demand that all forgiveness from off-street parking requirements be eliminated. Zoning laws require that developers provide one off-street parking spot for every housing unit built but there are some exceptions. Also, variances have been given to many developers who have said they are unable to provide full parking.

The current parking crisis is expected to worsen when

waterfront development begins, the statement says.

"It is estimated that Hoboken will have 7,900 additional automobiles with local origins or destinations," it says.

• The industrial section of the city, which forms a U-shape in the north and partially abuts the Hudson River, should continue to be zoned for industrial uses but with exceptions for large waterfront developments. Conditions would mandate that residential developments in the area provide "buffers" between the new housing and established industries, such as the Maxwell House coffee complex.

Access to the developments

would have to be by new roads, rather than by already congested city streets. Also, developers would have to submit parking, traffic and utilities impact studies to the Planning Board for review and approval.

"The above conditions would maintain the validity of the district while protecting the rights of existing industrial employers in the riverfront portion of the district," the statement says.

It adds that unless the city produces a "rigorous" renewal program for the industrial sector, there will be no reason to keep it as an industrial zone in the 1993 master plan review.

Fight looms over 16-story condos

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mine the legality of the meeting. An outside attorney is needed, they said, because city attorney Salvatore D'Amelio was connected with the project before taking office.

In a related event, developer Patrick A. Reynolds announced yesterday that he has a contract to buy the project from Anawim Development of Jersey City.

Anawim comprises the attorneys who share the Jersey City law firm of Schiller, Vyzas, McGill and Squeo.

One principal, the Rev. Francis Schiller, said yesterday that the firm didn't intend to develop the project. They sold it to Reynolds and his partner, Joseph D. Brower Jr., on Jan. 14, he said. The sale is contingent on the project receiving the necessary local approvals.

"They're interested in Hoboken," he said of the new project developers. "It's a good project, and I'd like to really see it done."

"We didn't want it without approvals," Reynolds said.

Schiller added that Reynolds and Brower have more experience in building such projects than his firm does. Among his projects, Reynolds has proposed a \$25 million Park Plaza for the southern end of Park Avenue in Hoboken and is converting the historic Hotel Victor to a luxury hotel.

The controversial project was first brought to the Zoning Board last year as two 29-story buildings connected by a bridge. The property is bounded by Adams, Jefferson, First and Newark streets.

A scaled-down version was brought in October when the developers envisioned two 22-story towers. It wasn't voted on because a motion to grant the variance wasn't seconded.

The plans discussed Monday are for two 16-story buildings. The new plans call for buildings that are two stories above the allowable 14 stories in the area.

At the new height, the buildings will have 310 condominium units, a swimming pool, tennis courts and 3,000 square feet of commercial space on Newark Street, Schiller said.

The off-street parking has yet to be redesigned, he said. If the architects cannot provide one off-street space for every unit, the developers will return to the board with an application

for a parking variance, he said.

The developers must also go before the City Council to ask for the right to build a bridge to connect the towers.

Schiller said he will continue to represent the project in each step of the approval process.

Monday's meeting was considered a continuation of the October meeting, Cameron said. The legal notice rules were satisfied, he said, because he notified two newspapers of the upcoming meeting.

"That's all that's required by law," he said.

The Singletons and others, however, said the area residents should have been personally told of the upcoming meeting date.

They pointed out that the Planning Board, for example, sets a date for a meeting's continuation at the first meeting so that anyone who showed up to speak on a proposal knows of the next date.

They also objected to the fact that new plans reflecting

the scaled-down version haven't been put on file at the city Construction Code Office for public inspection.

Schiller said the architects, the Hillier Group, should have the new plans by next week.

Meanwhile, the Zoning Board of Adjustment met for a second time this week last night to consider an application by Ray Fiore, who asked the board for a variance for expansion of a structure for residential use and off-street parking at 11 Elysian Place.

Fiore, represented by Leonard Franco, withdrew the application last night after a group of people who live near the area protested after Franco asked the board for an adjournment on the matter.

Philip Elberg, the attorney representing the residents, said the plan calls for the construction of three units in the backyard of the property and the residents are afraid the structure will block their view.

Fight looms over 16-story condos

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken community activists charged yesterday that the Zoning Board of Adjustment illegally approved the Presidential Towers development on Monday.

Activists such as real estate broker Maureen Singleton and her son, Mark, charged that adequate notice wasn't provided for public input on the plans.

In response, board Chairman Frank Cameron said he intends to hold another public meeting once he receives final site plans for the two 16-story condominium buildings.

"If I don't sign the plans, they (the developers) won't get a construction permit," he said. Monday's approval was con-

ditional on the developers bringing back plans as they had described, he said. A principal of the development firm, however, said he wasn't told of another public meeting and didn't think there was "a point" to one.

Residents who spoke against the original plans in October will receive notice of the next meeting, Cameron said.

Because the meeting was a continuation of a previous one, Cameron claimed, he didn't need to satisfy the usual rule that property owners within 200 feet of a proposed project receive notice by mail.

Meanwhile, sources said Mayor Thomas Vezetti plans to hire an outside lawyer to deter-

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Library needs 'a little help from friends'



Photo by Mark Wyville

A new group called the Friends of the Library will work to improve the Hoboken Public Library, a 92-year-old Victorian building overlooking Church Square Park.

By Jim DeRogatis

It is an extremely diverse group of teenagers, retired people, lifelong Hoboken residents and newcomers who commute to work in Manhattan, but they all have one thing in common — they are friends of the Hoboken Public Library.

An ornate Victorian building located at 500 Park Ave., the library overlooks peaceful Church Square Park. It is a haven for book lovers, a resource for researchers and a retreat for people who simply want to relax and flip through a newspaper or magazine.

Some of these people are currently working together with library officials to organize a Friends of the Library group.

"We all need a little help from our friends to get by," said Ruth Rejniss, a member of the group.

"The New York library, the operas, the Brooklyn Academy of Music — all of these have 'friends' groups. It's about time the Hoboken library had one."

According to Virginia

Vogl, library director, the library has never had a friends group in its 92-year history, although there is a great need for one.

The library was built in 1894 on land donated to the city by the Stevens family. It is run through funding from the city, but those funds are not enough.

"We need the fund-raising efforts and the support of friends because the city can't pay for everything," Vogl said.

The director hopes that the Friends of the Library will be able to raise money to preserve the Hoboken history collection, which includes photos, maps, books, and other artifacts that date back to the city's origin.

There is also a need for a microfilm system, new shelving in the children's room, and funding for special programs and events, Vogl said. "And we always need money for more books," she added.

The library also has a long-term goal of computerizing its lending system, which would enable the library to find out immediately if a book

is on the shelves, as well as track delinquent books, send out due notices, and go on-line with other local libraries.

"The friends will be able to help with a very big project like computerizing as well as with the very small projects," Vogl said.

Another goal of the Friends is to make Hoboken residents more aware of the library. "The group will try to get more information out and set up more programs and events," said Sam Latini, reference librarian. "Some people don't even know we're here."

The Friends first met in January at a pre-organizational meeting. The group will elect officers at its next meeting, to be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the library.

"The group is open to everyone who wants to be involved with the library," Vogl said. "The people who have been active so far come from many different backgrounds, she added.

"It is a nice mixture of Hoboken people," Rejniss said. "And it really is a group of friends."

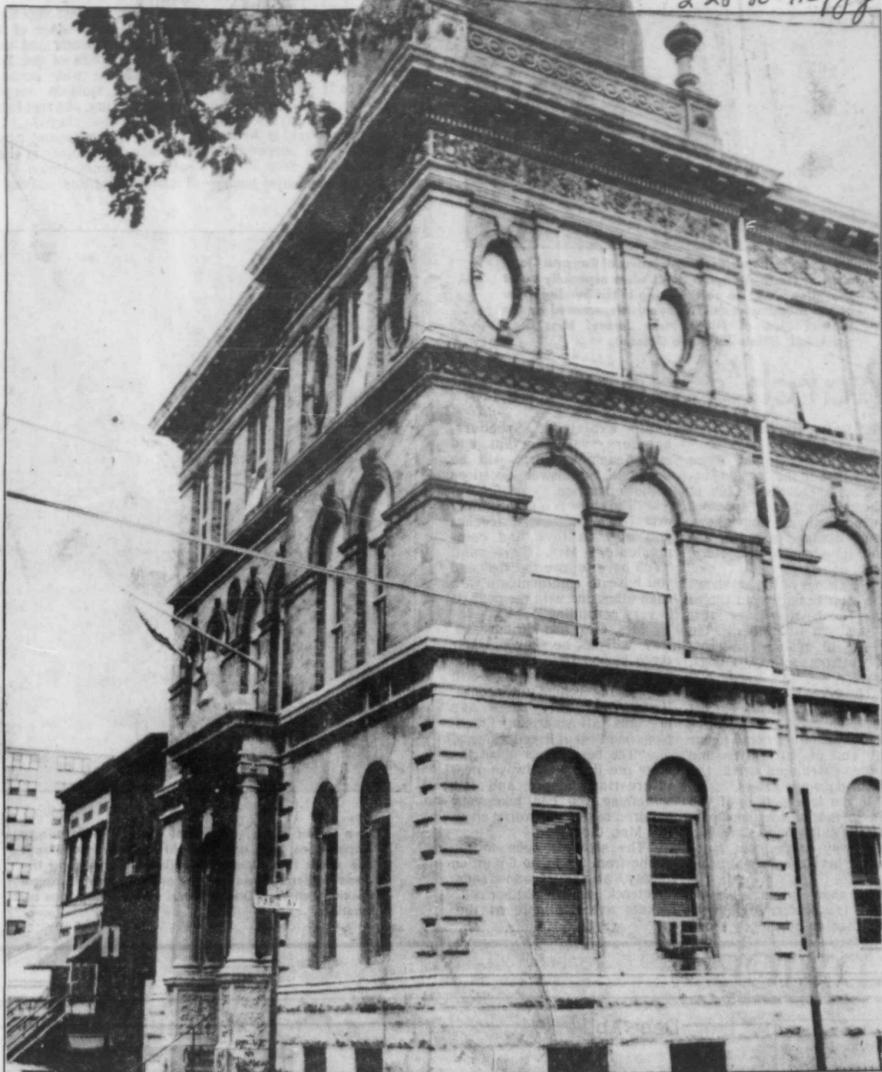


Photo by Mark Wyville

The Hoboken Public Library has put out the welcome mat for a new group called the Friends of the Library, which will help raise funds and increase community awareness of the facility.



Photo by Roy Groething

Organizing a new group called the Friends of the Hoboken Public Library are, from left, Virginia Vogl, library director; Ruth Rejniss, a member of the Friends, and Sam Latini, reference librarian.

Vezzetti asks state for probe of schools

By Margaret Schmidt

Hoboken Mayor Thomas Vezzetti has requested a state investigation into the workings of the city's school system.

Members of the Board of Education, meanwhile, called the request election-time politicking.

Vezzetti, a longtime critic of the school board, has sent a three-page letter to state Education Commissioner Saul Cooperman in Trenton to detail what he considers "a longstanding pattern of political manipulation of expenditures and an absence of sound financial planning."

The mayor intimates in his letter that state intervention might be necessary to ensure that the school district meets the constitutional mandate of providing residents with a

Board of Education says he's politicking

"thorough and efficient" system.

"The Hoboken public school system is neither thorough nor efficient and indeed in my lifetime has not been free from the debilitating effects of systematic political interference," said Vezzetti, who is 57.

"The facts indicating a pervasive and ongoing condition of financial and educational mismanagement are now absolutely incontrovertible."

Vezzetti said the letter was spurred by the board's approval last week of a \$14.6 million

budget for 1986-87, with the amount to be raised through taxation more than double last year's levy.

Board President John Pope and member James Farina, both of whom are seeking election on the April 15 school board ballot, charged, however, that the letter was politically motivated. Vezzetti is supporting three opponents of the board.

Allegations of improprieties and criminal acts should go to the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office, Pope and Farina said, rather than to the state Department of Education.

The fact that Vezzetti doesn't bring the charges to Prosecutor Harold Ruvoldt Jr., Pope said, "shows it's political."

Vezzetti responded that the prosecutor's office has told him to bring such charges to the state.

Pope also charged that Vezzetti didn't write the letter and that Vezzetti supporter and former board trustee Steve Block did.

Vezzetti denied the charge, saying he is "multi-talented" and writes his own letters.

Block said he, the Committee for Quality Education and members of the administration did have input on the letter's content.

Pope responded to each of the problems Vezzetti detailed.

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in his letter and said that he didn't believe any would warrant state intervention. Such action is very serious, he said, and would only be warranted by crises such as when a board overspends its budget.

Hoboken wouldn't be at the top of Cooperman's list of districts needing state intervention, he said.

He was most adamant about Vezzetti's charge involving the doubling of the portion of the school's budget to be raised by taxation. "That has nothing to do with the Board of Ed," he said.

The board's proposed budget — which must go before the City Council and the voters — calls for \$11 million from the city's coffers, whereas the 1985-86 budget called for \$5.6 million from taxation. The difference, he said, is that the state is forcing new programs on the district while reducing aid by about \$3 million.

State aid was reduced because of the equalization of rates. Even though the city has yet to reassess or revalue property to make tax lists reflect market values, the state "equalizes" the values when determining aid.

The theory is that municipalities with greater assets should put more money into education, Pope said.

"The fact that we (the city) didn't collect the money is something else," he said, laying

that responsibility on the city's longtime stalling of a mandated revaluation.

"I hope he (Vezzetti) talks to his Republican friends Cooperman and (Gov. Thomas) Kean and gets us more money," he said.

The mayor responded that the board knew about the equalization of rates and should have slashed its budget to keep the burden from falling on the taxpayers.

He particularly attacked several job titles that he believes exist in the school system simply to satisfy political patronage. At the same time that overstaffing exists, he said, the quality of education is "alarmingly low."

Pope maintained that the board hasn't "gone out of its way" to create a position that isn't required or to fill it with an unqualified person.

The board has come under fire from the state in the last year, first in failing to receive certification and then when Cooperman ruled a summer overtime payment to then-Superintendent of Schools George Maier was wrong.

Seven of the nine board members were appointed during the administration of former Mayor Steve Cappiello. Voters opted for an elected board in a November referendum, and two members were elected in January, to expand the board from seven to nine trustees.



Photo by Steve Golecki

Karyn Kuhl, lead singer of the Hoboken band Gut Bank, belts out a number at Saturday night's benefit concert in the Erie-Lackawanna Terminal. At left is guitarist Mike Korman.

Concert nets \$9G for the homeless

By Dominick Calicchio

More than 700 people filled the waiting room at the Erie Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken Saturday night for a concert to aid the city's Bishop Mahurter Shelter for the homeless, which raised over \$9,000.

Mayor Thomas Vezzetti and Sister Norberta Hunnewinkel, director of the shelter, addressed the crowd, thanking the people for their support and urging them to take further action to help alleviate the homeless problem.

The concert featured performances by three Hoboken bands — The Bongos, Chris Stamey

Group, and Gut Bank — and an acoustic performance by local singer Jim Dillman, who debuted a song he wrote about Henrietta Sforza, the homeless woman who died on a Hoboken street in December.

In all, about \$9,400 was raised for the shelter from the \$10 concert tickets and money raised through the sale of commemorative posters designed by local artist Tim Daly.

"It was a great audience. The night went very smoothly," said Carol Whaley, a volunteer who works at the shelter.

Admitting she was "impressed" by the giving spirit shown

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by Hoboken's musicians and their followers, Sister Norberta said the concert has increased awareness in Hudson County of the growing numbers of homeless people.

"I think people are beginning to realize that the shelter is a reality," she said. "And other municipalities have to do something as affordable housing gets tougher and tougher to obtain."

The shelter — located at 300

Bloomfield St. in St. John's Lutheran Church, — is run by the Hoboken Clergy Coalition, a group of churches and religious groups representing several faiths. The shelter is funded solely through state surplus money, as appropriated by the Hudson County Freeholders, and by private donations.

Since its opening in 1981, the shelter has provided food for up to 70 people each night. As for bed space, Sister Norberta said the facility is "full at all times."

Measles epidemic reaches Hoboken

By Paul Colery

The Jersey City measles outbreak has jumped city lines for the first time with five cases being reported in neighboring Hoboken.

Dr. John Porter of the New Jersey Department of Health said the cases reported last week are the first cases found in municipalities that border Jersey City, where 250 cases of Rubeola seven-day measles have been reported since December.

Asked if he thought the Hoboken cases were related to Jersey City, he responded, "Yes."

The state has four teams of investigators going to each Jersey City residence where a measles case has been reported, Porter said. He said officials are seeking information that they

will use to try to determine the origin of the outbreak which officials have officially termed an epidemic.

Health department spokeswoman Leigh Cook said that any "unusual occurrence" of a virus is considered an epidemic. Only 30 cases of Rubeola seven-day measles were reported statewide during 1985, Cook said. "This (the 250) is an unusual occurrence," she said.

Porter said the state's four teams of two investigators each are also investigating schools and day care centers in an attempt to stop the spread of the highly contagious virus. He said inoculation records were checked at schools and 100 students were found to be without

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vaccination for measles. "We followed up and made sure those children were inoculated," he said.

Porter said the measles cases are scattered throughout the city and that no one area is infected more than others. However, those catching the virus most frequently are children 15 months old and younger, officials said.

Porter said free inoculations are available at the Jersey City Medical Center's Family Health Clinic at 88 Clinton Place and at the city's Department of Human Resources, 201 Cornelison Ave.

Hoboken officials could not be reached for comment. Cook said the state projects

approximately 1,000 children are 15 months old or younger and have not been inoculated. She based the projection on the approximately 4,000 births in Jersey City during the last 15 months.

Porter explained that Rubeola is more dangerous than the more common Rubella "German" measles. He said Rubeola lasts between seven to 10 days and can develop into other viruses and diseases. However, there is no clinical evidence that Rubeola can cause birth defects if the mother contracts it during pregnancy. Rubella lasts three to five days and can cause birth defects, Porter explained.