

Pasculli and Della Fave in election rerun

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HOBOKEN—With a major development plan on the table, two veteran politicians now behind him, and last year's base of support hopefully intact, Mayor Patrick Pasculli is apparently in a much stronger position than last time around for tomorrow's election.

But supporters of the mayor's leading challenger, 2nd Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, insist he will win by picking up the few hundred votes needed to reverse his narrow loss in November.

The biggest change is the Della Fave team's greater emphasis on campaigning in the city's heavily Hispanic 4th Ward. The huge majority Pasculli rolled up there in November carried him into office for a six-month special term.

"It's like a prizefight," said Councilman David Roberts, a staunch supporter of the mayor. "The champion stays the cham-



Hoboken Councilman David Roberts hands out literature urging the re-election of Mayor Patrick Pasculli to pedestrians passing campaign headquarters on Washington Street.

... unless you beat him." Running with Pasculli for the three at-large City Council seats are Lourdes Arroyo, a former Board of Education member; Councilman-at-large Richard Del Boccio; and Richard England, a current school trustee.

Della Fave's running mates are Councilwoman-at-large Helen A. Cunningham, Abraham Lao, and Joseph Patrick Rafter, a former school board president. Florence Amato, a restaurant owner and real estate developer, is an independent candidate for mayor. At

There's tight security at polls in Hoboken

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hudson County election officials have beefed up personnel for the Hoboken municipal election today in light of an ongoing FBI probe of misconduct in the special election held six months ago.

Two top-ranking officials from the state Attorney General's Office and four staffers will be stationed in the County Administration Building to handle any problems, Superintendent of Elections Harvey L. Birne said yesterday.

The county elections office will dispatch four deputies with state trooper escorts to the Hoboken City Hall to respond to problems at polling places, Birne said.

Two other county election deputies will rove the city to make spontaneous visits to polling places, he said.

"That will be new this year," Birne said. "They will rove around the city and if they see any problems, they will enforce the law."

"I will also have a deputy stationed at 221 Jackson St. where most of the complaints came from in November. (The deputy) is an ideal person. He works here as an investigator, he is non-partisan, he doesn't live there and he is bilingual," Birne said.

FBI is still probing November voting

The county will also assign an election official to the Hoboken City Hall today to process paperwork for people who were not allowed to vote at the polls but are not on the Remptory Order List. People whose names are on that list must go to the County Administration Building to secure a court order to vote, Birne said.

However, Hoboken residents who were not allowed to vote but do not believe they are on the POL should first go to City Hall and talk with the county official stationed there, said Birne.

"We will have someone in (Hoboken) City Hall to issue commissioner orders to save people a trip (to Jersey City)," said Betty Outlaw, deputy superintendent of elections.

Eight extra voting machines are being kept at the Hoboken City Hall in the event that machines in any part of the city malfunction, Birne said.

Polls open today at 7 a.m. and close tonight at 8. If residents are unsure where they vote, they can contact the Hoboken city clerk's office. New voters should also bring their sample ballots to the polls to safeguard against any possible problem with having their names in the registration books, Outlaw said.

The added precautions are in response to an ongoing federal investigation into the November special election in

which Mayor Patrick Pasculli narrowly defeated Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave by a few hundred votes.

Pasculli and Della Fave face a rematch today. Florence Amato is an independent mayoral candidate. At stake is a four-year term.

Voting for a four-year term as an at-large council representative are: Lourdes Arroyo, Steven Busch, Helen Cunningham, Richard Del Boccio, Richard England, Elizabeth Falco, Edward "Roy" Huelbig, Abraham Lao, Joseph Rafter and Daniel Tumpson.

The FBI confiscated voting books, balloting material, absentee ballots, voting machines and all the city's registration books after the Nov. 8 election as part of its investigation.

The FBI probe apparently is looking into claims that people voted more than once and that people no longer living in Hoboken cast votes as well as into the possibility of fraud.

Insurgent hopes for big vote

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HOBOKEN—The fate of the city's waterfront is one of the lively issues expected to bring a sizable turnout for today's election of a mayor and three at-large City Council members. There are three candidates for mayor and 10 for council.

But a lower turnout than that in November is likely because there is no presidential election accompanying the mayoral race. Featured today is a repeat of November's contest between Mayor Patrick Pasculli and 2nd Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave. Observers say Della Fave will need a large turnout to win, as a low turnout traditionally favors incumbents.

Much of Della Fave's base of support in November came from newcomers, many of whom were drawn to the polls because of the presidential race between George Bush and Michael S. Dukakis. Della Fave narrowly lost that election to Pasculli, 7,466-6,994.

Della Fave, out for some last-minute handshaking at the Hoboken Terminal yesterday afternoon, said he is expecting a heavy turnout.

"The waterfront will bring them out," he said. At a packed meeting last week, the council approved an agreement in principle with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to develop the waterfront.

A public question on today's ballot asks that the city-owned waterfront land be set aside for parks. Della Fave, who favors development, opposed both the timing of the vote and the agreement with the authority.

Street fixed after water main break

City workers were repairing the street yesterday following a break in a 12-inch water main in Hoboken Sunday which interrupted service to area residents and forced police to tow three parked cars in order to repair the leak.

The break occurred at 4:19 a.m. on the west side of Clinton Street at the intersection of 6th Street. The break opened a 12-by-30-foot ditch in the road which nearly consumed a parked car before police could tow it, according to Public Works Director Roy Haack.

The damaged line was one of the newer water mains, approximately 10 years old according to Haack serving the city. Many of Hoboken's water and sewer lines were installed around the turn of the century.

The break interrupted service to residents of Clinton between Sixth and Seventh streets and Willow Terrace. The line was repaired and service restored by nightfall.

Hearings begin in asbestos dispute

By John Petrick
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A federal magistrate has begun hearing testimony in Newark about conditions at a Hoboken waterfront construction site owned by developer Anthony Dell' Aquila, where environmental officials say friable (loose) asbestos has been left exposed in violation of the law.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has been battling Dell' Aquila since June. According to EPA officials, the developer was demolishing buildings at the old Hoboken shipyard site without first removing asbestos inside them.

The EPA issued a compliance order that directed the developer to clean up the asbestos before continuing construction.

Under the Clean Air Act,

loose asbestos must be "wetted" while it awaits removal from the site. The process stabilizes the substance so that it will not become airborne.

EPA officials went to court on Aug. 5 after filing a civil suit that claimed the developer ignored the compliance order.

U.S. District Court Judge John Bissell issued a preliminary injunction that required the defendant to wet all friable asbestos pending its removal.

EPA inspectors claim conditions at the site did not improve in October. Attorneys for the agency returned before Judge Bissell in November, asking that he find Dell' Aquila in civil contempt of court. The result could have been heavy fines levied against the developer.

Instead, the judge directed both sides to work out a compromise. After brief negotia-

tions, a consent order was drafted in which the developer agreed to remove the asbestos under a set timetable and provide weekly reports to the EPA about cleanup efforts.

EPA officials contend that weekly reports have not been regularly filed, and that there is still untreated asbestos lying around on the property.

They now want the judge to find Dell' Aquila in contempt of the preliminary injunction. According to an EPA official, Dell' Aquila could face up to \$25,000 a day per violation under the Clean Air Act.

Rather than rendering a decision based on affidavits and other legal papers filed by the EPA, the judge scheduled several days of hearings before U.S. District Court Magistrate G. Donald Haneke in which parties from both sides will testify.

The hearings began late Thursday, when EPA Inspector Robert Fitzpatrick testified about his observations at the site over the past year.

The proceedings are expected to continue for several more days. They have not resumed since last week, and officials at the U.S. Attorney's Office and the magistrate's chambers could not confirm when the matter will be back in court.

Fitzpatrick has not yet completed his testimony, according to officials.

Plans for the property are unclear, since Dell' Aquila is in the midst of lawsuits filed against him by former business partners Harry Grant and Murray Connell.

Initial plans for the land, however, included hotels, office buildings, a marina and residential units.

Hoboken's on the right track

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This year's version of Hoboken mayoral politics is unusual in the city's history: It has been clean and quiet.

That fact may say something about Hoboken's evolution in the last year. Divisive, ugly personal politics no longer seem to be the norm. The battle between newcomer and oldtimer has mercifully ended. A deal is nearing with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to develop the city's waterfront.

In other words, Hoboken is moving again.

It was a great shame and a sad fact that the administration of Thomas F. Vezzettini, for all its brains, hopes and flamboyance—in the form of Mr. Vezzettini's bullhorn and purple-and-green outfits—was unable to push forward programs because of divisive political opposition.

Mr. Pasculli, in his first year in office has been able to heal wounds and build bridges. His administration is somewhat more streamlined.

MR. PASCULLI

NONETHELESS, MR. Pasculli has a way to go. He has shown a tendency not to listen to questions and criticism.

That's not good. Mr. Pasculli needs to open his ears to the views of his citizens. Since he courts their votes, he should heed their counsel.

He would also be wise to listen to 2nd Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, his opponent in this race. Mr. Della Fave, who was the late Mr. Vezzettini's protege, is a young, intelligent voice. He speaks eloquently on affordable housing and honest government.

But Mr. Pasculli has displayed intelligence and initiative in his first year in City Hall. He has moved strongly to address the long-burning waterfront question. He has commanded the respect of his citizens, across a broad spectrum and has moved to heal the divisions and end much of the shenanigans of his predecessors.

Those shenanigans are nearing their end. For example, one of the prime practitioners of old-style politics in Hoboken, City Council President Robert A. Ranieri, is bowing to the winds of change by not seeking re-election to his council-at-large seat. Last November, Mr. Ranieri ran unsuccessfully for mayor.

Mr. Pasculli faces great challenges, and needs to listen and be open, particularly in facing Hoboken's waterfront question. But he has shown keen ability and deserves re-election.

Development gets mandate

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Hoboken voters gave development of the city's southern waterfront a mandate yesterday in two ways.

The voters wisely rejected a referendum that would have earmarked the entire waterfront property as parkland.

In our view, passing that referendum would have excessively restricted the city's options and hurt the city financially without making a usable park a reality anytime soon.

In addition, the voters swept incumbent Mayor Patrick Pasculli to an impressive victory. The Pasculli administration has entered into a tentative agreement with the Port Authority for a large mixed-use development of the city-owned southern waterfront property.

By working out an agreement before the election, Pasculli was able to give the voters an issue of substance. Most voters apparently approved of his decision to move on this plan and rejected the promise of his opponent Councilman Joseph Della Fave that something better could be worked out.

Easing the financial burden on the taxpayer, and easing it quickly, were obviously important. As Pasculli and his supporters argued, state and federal aid for cities is getting harder and harder to get. His administration wants to obtain new revenue sources so it can eventually get to the point where it won't have to rely on largesse of other levels of government.

Yesterday's results seem to show real enthusiasm for this approach.

Using his Election Day mandate, Pasculli should concentrate on preserving Hoboken's interests in working out the details of the final agreement with the Port Authority, and meeting the challenge of making the promised benefits of this development plan a reality.

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lent votes having been cast.

Although the county has received no official notice, Outlaw suspects FBI agents will be observing the election.

Because the FBI has the duplicates of the original registration books, Birne said the original books will be brought from his office to Hoboken today and board workers have been given special instructions on how to sign in voters.

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PASCULLI WINS MAYORALTY

Hoboken's voters return him to office

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli, who was narrowly elected to a six-month term last November, won a full four-year term yesterday with an impressive showing over his chief rival, Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave.

The vote was 7,042 to 5,753, according to the final results given by the City Clerk's office. The third mayoral candidate, independent Florence Amato, received only 178 votes.

Carrying his two-year-old daughter, Alyssa, a joyful Pasculli emerged from his mother's house on Sixth Street at 9:20 p.m. to declare victory. "Whether it be tonight or whether it be a few weeks from now, the entire City Council is going to move this city forward into one of the finest urban communities in the state," the mayor said.

A run-off election will be held June 13 for three at-large seats on the Hoboken City

Council. Although Pasculli's slate received the most votes, Councilman Richard Del Boccio, the top vote getter, did not receive the 50-percent-plus-one margin required by state law for a first-ballot victory.

The runoff will be between the three candidates who ran with Pasculli — Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England — and the three candidates on Della Fave's ticket — Councilwoman Helen Cuning, Joseph Rafer and Abraham Lao.

Knocked out of the council race were independent candidates Elizabeth Falco and Edward "Roy" Huelbig and two candidates sponsored by Save Hoboken from Over-Development, Steven Busch and Daniel Tumpson.

The 42-year-old mayor, flanked by his family, his council running mates and long-time ally and friend Councilman David Roberts, thanked

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Joseph Della Fave tries to console campaign workers at his 217 Washington St. headquarters after learning of his defeat in the Hoboken mayoral election.

Pasculli in a big victory

By RANDI GLATZER
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HOBOKEN—Mayor Patrick Pasculli soundly defeated 2nd Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave by 1,289 votes yesterday, securing a four-year term in the position he has held since March 1988.

With all of the votes counted, 7,042 backed Pasculli, 5,753 supported Della Fave and 178 cast ballots for longshot candidate Florence Amato, according to unofficial results.

Pasculli's victory was buoyed by especially strong turnouts in the 3rd and 4th wards.

A question on the ballot to preserve city-owned land on the southern waterfront for a park was defeated.

The three at-large City Council seats must be decided by a June 13 runoff, because none of the candidates received more than 50 percent of the vote.

A perspiring, rumpled and weary Pasculli said he believed his victory was a message from the voters that they "wanted Hoboken to take a strong step forward." He said voters wanted "waterfront development that is well planned, improvement of the school system and better city management put into place."

Speaking harshly of his former ally, the late Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, Pasculli said, "I think the residents of this city realize that four years had been wasted and the city of Hoboken had been lagging far behind."

Pasculli later greeted jubilant supporters at his Sixth Street headquarters who followed him to City Hall. There, many ran to the second-floor balcony and hung a blue "Hoboken United"

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Pasculli wins a full term by a very large margin

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his supporters, specifically Councilmen Edwin Duroy, Steve Cappiello, Robert Ranieri and State Assemblyman Bernard Kenny.

Pasculli also thanked pro-development community group People Advocating Sane Solutions for helping defeat the only public question on yesterday's ballot.

The question, sponsored by SHOD asked voters if they wanted to dedicate for parks 31 acres of city land on the Hudson River targeted for development.

The question was overwhelmingly defeated, with 3,765 voting in support and 6,124 voters opposed.

Pasculli is negotiating a public partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to build a 3.2 million square foot development at the southern end of the city.

Pasculli defeated Della Fave six months ago with only a few hundred votes.

Yesterday Pasculli managed to pull in 1,289 more votes

than Della Fave.

The Della Fave campaign filed affidavits with election and court officials after last year's election, which is the target of an ongoing FBI probe.

The county elections office beamed up personnel, including state troopers, to monitor yesterday's election.

Della Fave, 38, thought the added precautions were significant.

"I think inside the polls, things went much better. We had a few trouble spots but the response of deputies was better," Della Fave said.

Della Fave, who tried to carry on the legacy and political platform of the late Mayor Thomas Vezzetti, focused his campaign on open government and lobbied against patronage, the political machine and corruption.

"I don't think people who work hard for good and honest government will sit back and accept things when they could be better," Della Fave said.

"There are a lot of good people here. Six thousand voted for me."

Cuning, who went to her mother's house to spend the evening with her family, said she was undecided about her plans and would have a better idea after a night's sleep.

She was elected four years ago on the Vezzetti ticket with Pasculli, who later split from the mayor.

Del Boccio, who won a six-month term in the special election last November, received 6,116 votes.

Arroyo received, 5,300 votes, England received 5,258, Cuning received 4,907, Rafer received 4,197 votes and Lao received 3,957.

Independent candidate Elizabeth Falco received 1,572 votes, followed by the two SHOD candidates, Steven Busch, who received 1,222, and Daniel Tumpson, who received 909.

Independent candidate Edward "Roy" Huelbig finished ahead of Tumpson with 995 votes.

"What ya going to do, it was fun," said Huelbig, who was at the City Clerk's office when the final results were announced.

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Della Fave, 37, a protégé of Vezzetti, conceded defeat at about 8:50 p.m. He tearfully made the announcement before a gathering of his friends and campaign workers at his headquarters on Washington Street.

The top vote-getters in the council races ran on the Pasculli slate. They are: incumbent Richard Del Boccio, 6,116; Lourdes Arroyo, 5,300; and Richard F. England Jr., 5,258.

Running on the Della Fave slate were incumbent Helen A. Cuning, 4,907; Joseph Rafer, who is Board of Education activist; Abraham Lao, 3,957.

The candidates running on the Save Hoboken from Over-Development slate were: Stephen Busch, 1,222; and Daniel Tumpson, 875. The activist group had fought to place the public parks question on the ballot.

Independents running for council were Elizabeth Falco, a school teacher and former Kedge School principal, 1,572; and retired firefighter Edward Huelbig, 995.

Pasculli said last night that he will call for a recount today in the council elections because the vote was so close.

Pasculli's lead was much wider than his narrow victory over Della Fave on Nov. 8. He won 7,466-6,994 in that race.

A total of 12,698 of the city's 23,201 registered voters went to the polls yesterday. Beamed up voting security, in the form of additional state police and county Bureau of Elections deputies, helped to keep activity relatively quiet, although a serious incident occurred in which a Della Fave supporter reportedly was beaten by a pair of men — one of them the older brother of Councilman David Roberts.

Allegations of voting improprieties and chaos at the polls in last November's race, mostly leveled by Della Fave and his supporters, led to the FBI's seizure of voting records days after

that election. The FBI continues to investigate.

At Pasculli's urging less than a week ago, the council approved an agreement in principle with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to build a \$620 million project on the southern waterfront. The "agreement to agree" calls for the authority to prepare the 30.5-acre site so that developers can build apartments, offices and hotels there. The city and authority would share in profits. Supporters believe the development will stabilize taxes by broadening the city's base of taxpayers.

Last night's votes ended a relatively quiet campaign, in which the chief highlights were the debate over the fate of waterfront and court battles over last November's alleged voting improprieties.

Della Fave, who filed suit for a recount in Superior Court in Jersey City after his slim Nov. 8 defeat, went to court again in April asking for additional security at the polls, removal of certain poll workers, and the right to examine unopened absentee ballots. Assignment Judge Burdell Ives Humphreys agreed only to some additional security measures.

Della Fave's requests were fueled by reports that the FBI had found a pattern of federal voting violations in seized voting records.

Pasculli grew up on Sixth Street in Hoboken, graduated from Hoboken High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University. A former Hoboken public school teacher, he entered politics early

Elections may be a challenge

By Earlene C. McMichael

Hudson County elections officials are making sure that the thousands of names appearing on the preliminary order and challenge lists do not create bedlam at the polls tomorrow.

The Hudson County Board of Elections and the county Bureau of Elections, which are separate entities, have worked hard to develop a plan of action for a smooth Election Day.

More than 5,000 people in Jersey City and Hoboken — if they still live in the area — will find they will need a court order to vote because their names appear on what county election officials call the preliminary order list, or POL.

Another 4,000 voters will find themselves on the challenge list should they attempt to vote, said Betty Outlaw, deputy superintendent of elections at the Bureau of Elections.

A voter can end up on the POL if he was on a challenge list at least twice. He can land on the challenge list if a sample ballot sent to him has been returned or a Bureau of Elections field investigator found he no longer lived at his listed address.

Plans call for 12 deputy superintendents of elections — hired especially for tomorrow's races — to be available for poll site problems. The four Board of Elections commissioners intend to roll up their sleeves, personally visiting "trouble spots."

Three of the 12 deputy superintendents will be attorneys representing minority voters who brought a lawsuit against county election officials and others in 1985.

One of the charges in the

Elections may be challenging

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pending lawsuit is that election officials, former Mayor Gerald McCann and others singled out minority voters for excessive challenging.

Juan Cartagena, an attorney representing the minority voters, said he requested that he and two colleagues serve on Election Day.

Hudson County Superintendent of Elections Harvey L. Birne said he "welcomed" the help.

Six Superior Court judges will deal exclusively with election problems.

Many voters, particularly those on the POL, will need court orders to vote.

Three judges will preside over election matters in the morning and three others in the afternoon.

But voters won't have to go it alone in court. Six assistant deputy attorneys general and two supervisors are expected to be on hand to represent residents facing problems at the polls.

And if anyone has any ideas about getting out of line, Birne is also expecting the State Police to provide a contingent of at least 10 troopers and a supervisor.

Additionally, four deputy

superintendents of elections are expected to be based in Hoboken City Hall. Another two will be roving the city, Birne said.

During the presidential election and a special election for mayor in Hoboken last November, allegations of voting irregularities surfaced. The FBI is investigating.

Officials are also using this election to launch an experiment to reduce the possibility of errors made by poll workers. During last November's presidential election, Birne estimated that poll workers made at least 1,000 errors in their handling of voter registration books.

Those errors included letting vote people who didn't sign the registration book and directing voters to sign in the wrong place.

Birne's experiment calls for two of his Bureau of Elections staff members to serve as deputy superintendents in Jersey City's Wards A and F. There were a number of errors in these wards in November's election, Birne said.

Birne selected for the task workers whose regular duties involve handling the voter registration books for Wards A and F, he said. One worker has

three years experience and the other has 15.

They will "observe, explain and teach," Birne said.

If the experiment results in a marked reduction in errors, Birne will consider making the program routine.

"All I'm doing is, I'm taking every precaution to make sure (the election) is smooth," Birne said.

Many express optimism, though unpredictability, about tomorrow's election. "With the Jersey City election, you never expect calmness," said Julius Canter, chairman of the Board of Elections.

"You prepare for the worst and hope for the best," Canter said.

Birne agreed the race is hard to pin down. "It could be murder," he said.

"It could be a dead day. It depends on the weather, the voter turnout, the viciousness of the candidates," he said.

Jersey City Clerk Robert Byrne said, "I'm feeling much better about Election Day than I did a few months ago. The county has worked very hard to update its voter registration records.

"The work that the county did will insure a smooth ... day," Byrne said.

VOTERS ON PEREMPTORY ORDER LIST

May 1985 Municipal Election
Jersey City — 4,115
Hoboken — 945
November 1988 Presidential Election
Jersey City — 2,000**
Hoboken — NA
May 1989 Municipal Election
Jersey City — 3,854
Hoboken — 1,455

VOTERS ON CHALLENGE LIST

May 1985 Municipal Election
Jersey City — 1,319
Hoboken — 1,071
November 1988 Presidential Election
Jersey City — 7,761
Hoboken — 1,303
May 1989 Municipal Election
Jersey City — 3,662
Hoboken — 341

**Estimated

Source: Hudson County Deputy Superintendent of Elections Betty Outlaw.

Current as of last week.

Supporters jubilant after Pasculli win

By MICHAEL MARKOWITZ
The Hudson Dispatch

HOBOKEN—They jammed the sidewalks and crowded the streets last night in celebration of incumbent Patrick Pasculli's second mayoral victory in six months.

A jubilant crowd closed Sixth Street in front of Pasculli's headquarters, showering the winner and his associates with cheers and confetti as they proclaimed a victory.

Pasculli, a schoolteacher-turned-mayor who twice staved off stiff challenges from Councilman Joseph Della Fave, won a four-year term yesterday by a 1,200-vote margin.

The victory party capped off a bitter campaign that began almost immediately after last November's election, when Pasculli defeated Della Fave for the right to finish the term of the late Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

DESPITE THE allegations of November election fraud that dogged this year's campaign, and the cloud of state scrutiny that hovers over the city's schools, Pasculli won by taking three of the city's six wards.

Pasculli mounted the stoop of 158 Sixth St., across the street from his headquarters, as a light rain began to fall about 9:25 p.m.

After catching his breath, Pasculli delivered thank-yous to his friends, supporters and the many elected officials from neighboring municipalities who had gathered.

"Tonight we have come together as one group to move this city forward," Pasculli said, adding a note of thanks to the people who helped defeat a ballot question that would have side-

tracked his efforts to develop the city's waterfront.

The crowd, waving flags and chanting "Patty, Patty," took its celebration around the corner to Washington Street and blocked traffic on the city's main thoroughfare for several minutes.

FOUR BLOCKS south on Washington Street, it was a somber and tearful crowd that filled the sidewalk in front of Della Fave's headquarters.

The 2nd Ward councilman conceded the race about 8:55 p.m. in brief remarks to a crowd of supporters that was resigned to the defeat, but clearly had hoped for a miracle.

Wiping back tears as a chant of "Joe, Joe," rippled through the crowd, a gracious Della Fave accepted the loss with none of the venom that marked the campaign.

"You know it would have been all of our victory," he told his supporters. "We were in this together. Let's stay together."

Della Fave, who made a strong showing in his home district but lost the race due largely to strong Pasculli support in the hotly contested 3rd and 4th wards, said he would not call for a recount this time around.

"It was a clear cut victory, and there's no point in going through this again," Della Fave said.

Back at the Pasculli camp, the mood of celebration was tinged by shock as word spread of the surprising result in the Jersey City election, where former Mayor Gerald R. McCann and City Council President Glenn D. Cunningham appeared on their way to pushing incumbent Anthony R. Cucci out of a June 13 runoff.

Pasculli's success key: Native son of old Hoboken

By Jo-Ann Moriarty 5-10-89

Patrick Pasculli's victory yesterday can be attributed to his success in distinguishing

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himself from his chief rival, Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, and representing himself as the native son of traditional Hoboken.

In this election, Pasculli, who was narrowly elected by a few hundred votes over Della Fave last November in a special election for a six-month term, was perceived as representing old-time Hoboken while Della Fave appeared to be a symbol for change, new ideas and newcomers, political observers say.

"I don't think issues were involved. It was their basic personalities and the idea of us versus them," said Business Administrator Edwin Chiusi, who was brought in as a top aide during the Cappiello administration and served as Pasculli's campaign treasurer.

At a public hearing last week, that schism was evident — artists and young professionals who worked outside of Hoboken wore Della Fave buttons while Pasculli buttoned were widely seen on city employees and those who work at Hoboken businesses. Even the hairstyles and clothing distinguished the old from the new, the outsiders from the locals.

"Patty developed a coalition of old-time residents, including Hispanics. There was a real polarization of newcomers versus old-timers. When Cappiello was mayor, that split was not as clear," Chiusi said.

"Old people see Patty as continuing what Hoboken used to be like: a close knit community," he said. Pasculli was catapulted into office yesterday by the Third and Fourth wards, which represent a solid core of long-time Italian and Hispanic residents.

On the surface, Pasculli, 42, and Della Fave, 38, are very similar. Both men are from large Italian families from downtown, both school teachers and both are perceived as dry and humorless, observed Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, whose 12-year mayoral career ended four years ago with the election of the late Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

Pasculli, a thin, scrappy

man whose appetite for politics was whetted as a teen-ager when he began a the Young Democrats political club, was first elected to office in 1983 as the Sixth Ward representative.

Two years later, he ran for an at-large seat on Vezzetti's mayoral ticket. He soon became the late mayor's harshest critic, primarily because he objected to the power that Vezzetti gave to some people in his administration.

Pasculli became council president and appointed mayor last March when Vezzetti died. Cappiello, who was unseated by the independent and rebellious Vezzetti in a political coup that was so remarkable that it is still the topic of barroom and supper table debates, credited Pasculli's success to his ability to divide the city into two groups, the old-timers versus the newcomers.

Della Fave toned down his attacks on Pasculli as a political boss running a patronage mill from City Hall, but he still waged the battle in this contest against "corruption," "patronage" and "the political machine," and Cappiello thinks that that strategy actually hurt Della Fave.

Since the public perception of Della Fave was that he represented a change in the old way of doing things and was widely supported by "newcomers," Cappiello, who endorsed Pasculli, said that the Third Ward turned against Della Fave because those constituents felt that in some way Della Fave was challenging their own sense of propriety.

"All the new people hear is about how Hudson County politicians are so corrupt. The old-timers got the idea that they enabled the machine to work," observed on City Hall insider.

Cappiello said that four years ago he lost the Fourth Ward, which encompasses the highest concentration of public housing, because Hispanics feared displacement, an issue no longer appropriate because the rate of condo conversions and development has dramatically slowed.

Pasculli also formed a waterfront plan and set up a tentative partnership with the Port Authority and that means tax relief to Hoboken residents, recently hit with exorbitant tax bills.

To old-time Hoboken families, that meant that their native son was a doer not a talker who managed to accomplish what even Cappiello failed to do.



State Trooper Brian Dailey stands watch outside the polling place at School 3, 501 Adams St., during yesterday's municipal election in Hoboken. He reported that "things have been pretty quiet."

Victory turns Sixth Street into one big block party

By James Efstathiou

For the second time in six months, supporters of Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli celebrated victory following a hard-fought contest for leadership of the Mile Square City.

Several hundred people jammed 6th Street between Bloomfield and Garden streets in front of the home where Pasculli was born and raised, waiting for the results.

The crowd cheered wildly as word of the victory hit the streets shortly before 9 p.m.

Pasculli first won the mayoralty last November when he defeated Councilman Joseph Della Fave in a special election to complete the term of the late Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti.

He said he would continue to serve the public interest as

councilman and despite Pasculli's back-to-back victories, he would continue to be an independent voice on the City Council.

"I believe I have a public interest to represent and I'll do that," Della Fave said.

"When I'm in agreement with (Pasculli) I'll say so, and when I'm not I'll say so. That's not going to change."

Sensing that yesterday's victory marked a turning point in Hoboken's political future, Pasculli's long-time supporters were especially raucous in their celebration.

Their mood, optimistic from the start, erupted in euphoria when it became apparent victory was at hand.

Although Pasculli maintained his campaign headquarters

at Della Fave's headquarters was predictably somber, the councilman still held hope for the reform movement he helped to found.

He said he would continue to serve the public interest as

Hoboken signs waterfront plan with P.A. execs

By RANDI GLATZER

The Hudson Dispatch

NEW YORK — In a move that brought Hoboken a step closer to sealing the fate of its waterfront, the Port Authority Board of Commissioners agreed yesterday to negotiate to jointly develop the city's southern waterfront.

The Principles of Agreement — considered merely a deal to agree — was signed by both Mayor Patrick Pasculli and authority Chairman Philip D. Kaltenbacher.

With the preliminary accord in hand, the city and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey will hammer out details of a final agreement, which they say they hope to sign by September. The document won City Council approval on May 3.

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Ed board accepts \$400G cut

By James Efstathiou

The Hoboken Board of Education has accepted the city's \$400,000 school budget cut, but will reduce line-item spending by only \$100,000.

That's because the bulk of the reduction will be absorbed by using surplus funds. School trustees voted to accept the City Council's cut Wednesday, and agreed to use its free balance to cover 75 percent of the reduction.

In addition, the board asked the council, which will meet in special session today, to amend its resolution on the spending cut to include \$2.8 million cut from school spending last year.

The decision to use surplus to cover the reduction was criticized by some trustees and city officials as a crafty maneuver to avoid making real cuts in spending.

"It means that the City Council asked the school board to lower its budget and all the school board did was take money from their budget to make it wash," said trustee Gerald Costa. "There's no reduction in the budget. It's an absolute affront to the public who voted down the school budget and demand sound fiscal management."

The district carries a budget surplus to deal with anticipated expenses in the course of the fiscal year. There

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is no legal requirement on how much surplus school districts should carry. However, as a rule of thumb, 3 percent of the total current expense budget should be set aside for surplus, according to the critics.

"We have approved budgets where in fact they have not been at the 3 percent level," said Vincent Russomanno, Hudson County school business administrator. "What they're doing is using the surplus to defray some of the increase in the tax levy."

Hoboken school business administrator Anthony Curko said that even after using \$300,000 to offset the cut, the district will still carry approximately \$490,000 in surplus. That figure is above the 3 percent guideline, he added.

The City Council was given the opportunity to cut the budget when it was voted down in a public referendum in April. Line-item cuts were submitted to the board two weeks ago. The school board has the option to trim where it deems fit so long as it reduces overall spending by the amount recommended by the council.

Since the full amount of the cut must be removed, it is material if the money is taken from surplus or other line items, according to school superintendent Walter Fine.

"I lose it one way or the

other," said Fine. "Whatever is going to happen, I'm going to have \$400,000 less to operate with."

Of the \$100,000 that will be removed from line items, \$7,000 was taken from additional law enforcement money, \$35,000 from contract services such as legal fees, \$10,000 from capital outlay, \$5,000 from student body activities and \$3,000 from principals' salaries, according to Curko.

Despite those reductions, Councilman Joseph Della Fave, who voted against the \$400,000 cut, said he intends to maintain his opposition to the amended resolution today. He called the reduction a "hilarious, minuscule cut," and accused the council and board members of misrepresenting themselves as true fiscal reformers.

"In effect, they just pulled the wool over the taxpayers' eyes and made believe they're making cuts when in fact they're not and just continue to spend, spend, spend regardless of the fiscal conditions we have," said Della Fave.

Last year, the council cut \$2.8 million from the school budget. The board won an appeal and the state won an appeal to restore the funds. The new agreement apparently hinges on the council dropping its appeal.

Hoboken waterfront park voted down

By RANDI GLATZER

The Hudson Dispatch

HOBOKEN — Voters overwhelmingly defeated a referendum question on yesterday's ballot that would have preserved a strip of land on the city's southern waterfront for a park.

In all, 6,124 voters turned thumbs down on the park, 3,765 voted for it.

A majority vote for the park could have blocked Mayor Patrick Pasculli's plans to turn 30.5 acres on the waterfront strip from First to Fifth streets into a real estate development with some small parks.

But Pasculli, who won re-election yesterday, had vowed to fight the parks plan in court if voters supported it. He said he believed the proposal was too vague to hold up legally.

The public question turned into a central

part of the election here. Pasculli and City Council members unanimously agreed the city could only avert future tax increases by building on the prime land. Park supporters argued that development might not necessarily stave off tax increases, and even if it did, it might do so at too great a cost to resident's lifestyles.

A group of activists calling themselves Save Hoboken from Over-Development managed to place the public question on the ballot by collecting more than 1,500 signatures in a petition drive.

Two SHOD candidates for council seats, Daniel Tumpson and Stephen Busch, also were defeated.

SHOD ran a low-budget campaign for the park and their candidates in past weeks, writing letters to a local weekly paper, catching voters for discussions on the street, and wearing T-shirts and hanging signs saying

Hoboken voters reject waterfront park plan

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken voters yesterday overwhelmingly rejected a public question asking if they wanted city land along the Hudson River to be used for a waterfront park instead of a mixed-use development.

Of the 12,698 people who went to the polls yesterday, 3,765 residents voted in favor of the park and 5,818 resident voted against it.

The question was placed on the ballot by Save Hoboken from Over-Development, a fiery advocacy group that emerged last July. The group used the slogan "It Takes Grassroots to Create a Park."

The group attempted challenged the pro-development stance of Mayor Patrick Pasculli's administration. While the mayoral campaign was passionless, SHOD's campaign for a waterfront park created divi-

siveness and acrimony. At a public hearing last week on whether the city should sign a partnership agreement with the Port Authority to develop the city-owned waterfront piers, the City Council chambers was divided between old-time Hobokenites and city workers wearing blue anti-SHOD T-shirts and SHOD supporters sporting buttons made of fake grass — "sod for SHOD."

SHOD members and long-time residents opposed to the P.A. objected that the council's timing undermined the success of the public question. SHOD member John Derelvan, a 24-year-old writer who has lived in Hoboken three years, accused the council of being \$10 million short in budget money and said it was "going to a loan shark (the P.A.) and putting up the city as collateral."

Pasculli's campaign and

supporters waged a nasty war against SHOD, running ads showing the park as a sanctuary for the homeless or a haven for drug addicts.

SHOD was formed by a few residents last summer — including defeated council candidates Steve Busch and Daniel Tumpson — out of concern about what they considered unregulated waterfront development, and out of frustration that the Pasculli administration offered no public participation in his plan to build a 3.2 million square foot development on 30 acres of city-owned land.

The group successfully initiated a petition asking voters if they wanted the land set aside for a park. The city tried to block the question from the ballot, but was ordered to put it on by a state Appeals Court.

The anti-SHOD movement tried to portray SHOD mem-

bers as only newcomers and renters, but the group also drew support from residents who feared the P.A.'s involvement, those who feared displacement by luxury housing, those who opposed mass development and residents who were offended by the timing of the council vote last week.

Long-time Hoboken resident Kenneth Lenz compared the P.A. to Satan and warned, "When you sleep with the Devil, you better have an asbestos blanket."

But ultimately, SHOD's support wasn't enough. "What can I tell you?" Tumpson asked late last night. "We counted on democracy and democracy came through. People don't want a park."

Tumpson said he believed the issue divided the city and the mayoral camps.

"A lot of people see Pasculli as a last-ditch effort of the

people who were born and raised here. This is their town and they are going hold on to their town. It is ironic that Pasculli is selling them out to the Port Authority. I think the whole vote was totally ironic."

Legally, it is unclear whether passage of the referendum would have prevented development. The Hoboken Law Department contends the ordinance would not have stopped development with the P.A.

Law Director Eugene O'Connell said the court never ruled on whether the public question was in effect a change in zoning through an initiative petition, a process that he said is barred by state law. But SHOD's attorney, Margaret Hayden, maintains that the land would have been preserved for at least three years and could only have been repealed through a public vote.



Disappointment shows on the faces of mayoral candidate Joseph Della Fave and his supporters as they tally votes at their headquarters in Hoboken last night.

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ters on Washington Street, he celebrated victory at an unassuming 6th Street storefront off the main drag and across from his childhood home.

It is the place where his parents ran a garment manufacturing business for 30 years, and the site where he has celebrated three past political victories.

"I've never lost there," Pasculli said of the storefront. "It's where I was born and raised. It has a sentimental value for me."

Last night, as friends and supporters packed the small room like sardines, the place resembled an old-time version of the stock exchange.

As campaign workers hur-

ried from the polls with the all-important tally sheets, they had to muscle their way through the crowd to pass along results.

Inside, below a huge scoreboard bearing the names of each candidate, workers strained to hear the numbers, names and voting wards as the returns came in.

Slowly, as more figures were added to the board, Pasculli's victory became apparent.

While he fared well throughout the city, it was in the third and fourth wards where Pasculli delivered the knockout punch.

Anxious to hear numbers from Pasculli's traditional strongholds, supporters called

for results like racing enthusiasts. "Come on fourth ward," one worker shouted as if calling for his favorite horse to come in.

Finally, when the numbers were posted and victory assured, Public Works director Roy Haack held up a bottle of champagne heralding triumph. The revelry spilled into the street, and finally in a parade down to City Hall.

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Journal photo by Larry Cichoff

Hoboken council runoff looms

Mayor mulls recount for running mates as hopefuls jockey

By RANDI GLATZER
The Hudson Dispatch

HOBOKEN—After a municipal election in which the margin of votes for the incumbent mayor was so wide that it shocked both winners and losers, politicians here yesterday contemplated their plans for a June runoff for three at-large City Council seats.

Mayor Patrick Pasculli, who registered a 7,042-5,753 victory over 2nd Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, spoke to his attorneys about how to best request a recount for the council

day's low voter turnout — 12,698 of 23,201 registered — favored Pasculli and his team.

Some of the newcomers to the city who supported Della Fave in November, when there was also a high-interest presidential election, did not come out to vote Tuesday. The turnout in November was 17,337. Some said yesterday that fewer than 1,000 residents would vote in June.

One incumbent council member who will be fighting for her seat is Helen Cunning, the outspoken Della Fave ally who placed fourth on the list of 10

candidates for three at-large seats.

Pasculli, who supported Cuning at one time, said he will be working to ensure that his three candidates squeeze ahead of her and others on the Della Fave ticket.

"I'll be campaigning as if I were running," he said.

If voters come out again, those who supported two activist candidates from Save Hoboken from Over-Development are almost certain to support Cuning and the other Della Fave candidates, Abraham Lao and Joseph Rafter.

The SHOD candidates, Stephen Busch and Daniel Tunmpson, received 1,222 and 875 votes, respectively.

Although the Della Fave team supports most development, and SHOD members oppose it, the activists will probably give Cuning and the others their support because all agree on housing issues, said one member, John Develany.

The candidate who may well be responsible for forcing a runoff is Elizabeth Falco, 45, a Jersey City school teacher and former principal here. Falco, who picked up



PATRICK PASCULLI
More work ahead

1,572 votes, was the biggest vote-getter not running on a well-known ticket.

Falco, who made her first bid for public office, said she will decide soon whether to endorse either of the remaining tickets.

Hoboken council recount

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

A recount of the Hoboken City Council races will be held Tuesday morning, Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys ruled yesterday.

The recount was requested by the political campaign of Mayor Patrick Pasculli and his three council running mates, Richard Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England, the three top vote getters in the May 9 election.

Although the candidates placed in the top three spots for three at-large seats on the City Council in a 10-way race, top vote getter Del Boccio did not pull in 50 percent of the vote plus one as required by state law for a first-ballot victory.

Attorney Michael Mongiello, Pasculli's campaign counsel, said that Del Boccio lost that margin by about 234 votes.

"It is going to be difficult to pick up 234 votes, but it is worth a try to avert a runoff," Mongiello said yesterday.

A runoff election is scheduled for June 13. The lottery to determine placement on the election ballot will be held Tuesday at noon in the Hoboken City Clerk's office.

The recount will be held at 11 a.m. and conducted by the Board of Elections and Hudson County Superintendent of Elections in Kearny, where the voting machines are kept.

Pasculli asks council vote recount

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli, who was handily re-elected Tuesday to a four-year term, is asking for a recount in hopes of averting a runoff among the city council candidates.

Attorney Michael Mongiello, Pasculli's attorney, said the top vote-getter in the council race, Councilman Richard Del Boccio, who ran with Pasculli, was about 234 votes short of receiving a 50-percent plus

Mayor says he hopes to avert a runoff

one-vote margin in the 10-way race Tuesday for three at-large City Council seats.

Pasculli and his running mates, Lourdes Arroyo, Del Boccio and Richard England, school board trustee, garnered the most votes Tuesday.

That ticket beat Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave and his running mates,

Councilwoman Helen Cuning, former school board president Joseph Rafter and Abraham Lao.

Pasculli beat Della Fave by a vote of 7,042 to 5,753. Independent mayoral candidate Florence Amato received 178 votes.

Tuesday's election was a rematch for Pasculli and Della Fave.

The two were the top vote-getters in a special municipal election last November.

Pasculli then beat Della Fave by a few hundred votes.

City Clerk James Farina proceeded with scheduling the June 13 runoff where Pasculli's running mates will square off against Della Fave's candidates.

Farina said a lottery to determine the order of names on the ballot will be held at noon Tuesday.

The election results "exceeded my expectations. We are asking for a recount because the margin was so slim," Pasculli said.

"We want to be assured that the numbers are accurate

so we are preparing the papers to ask for a full recount of the council totals," Pasculli said.

Mongiello said he should have the paperwork ready to file in Superior Court tomorrow.

He will also ask for a recount of the mayoral vote in the Fifth District of the Second Ward.

According to Betty Outlaw, assistant superintendent of elections, the balloting ma-

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chine in the senior citizens' building at 311 13th St. was impounded after election workers noticed it malfunctioning.

She said a Hudson County Police officer stayed with the machine during the night and it is now in custody of the Superintendent of Elections.

Outlaw said she will seek a court order to unseal the machine so the votes can be counted.

She said the votes were not enough to change the outcome of the election.

Other than that mishap, Outlaw said, the election in Hoboken went relatively smoothly.

However, a Della Fave campaign worker, Thomas Oliveri, the city's tenant advocate, remained in St. Mary Hospital yesterday recuperating from an altercation with a Pasculli challenger, Charles Roberts, brother of Councilman David Roberts.

Hospital spokesman Ed Capparucci said Oliveri would remain in the hospital for a couple of days because of an eye injury.

Oliveri suffered bruises to his head and body and five stitches above his left eye.

According to Oliveri, the altercation took place outside Wallace School where he was handing out campaign literature for Della Fave.

Roberts was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

He has filed a simple assault charge against Oliveri.

Yesterday's rain dampened the spirits of the defeated candidates who ran on Della Fave's slate, but the weather

went unnoticed by the victorious opposition.

Arroyo, who gave up seeking reelection to the board of education to run on the Pasculli ticket for the council, was so elated, she seemed to float through the lobby of City Hall.

When she stopped at the rent control office, where she is the administrator, a group of City Hall women chanted:

"Lourdes — Lourdes."

"It feels good that there are so many people who are there and willing to let you serve them," said Arroyo.

Del Boccio, principal of Salvatore Calabro School, said he parted until midnight on Election Day and was in school serving teachers breakfast as part of teacher appreciation day.

England said he took the day off to catch up with his family.

A campaign worker at Della Fave's headquarters said the atmosphere was like the weather — dreary.

But other workers said they were confident they could regroup and get the council candidates to office.

Cuning, who was elected to an at-large seat on the council four years ago, said she was thinking over her plans.

She said there was no joy in running for office without Della Fave, but she also saw merit in providing a check and balance to the mayor with council candidates.

"I don't want to be the loyal opposition but then there is no check and balance. People will have to decide if they want public discussions, having both sides of an issue viewed and have debate at council meetings. That will be their choice," Cuning said.

were also called to the Kealy School at 501 Adams St. several times in response to charges of electioneering inside and outside of the polling site.

Della Fave said she called the deputies more than a dozen times to complain about the alleged electioneering. Some of the targets of those complaints, however, denied they were electioneering and accused the opposition of making Hoboken a police state during the balloting.

"They've been harassing me all day," charged Michele Russo, a challenger for the Pasculli campaign who said that Della Fave challengers complained when she greeted friends and neighbors. "I've lived here 39 years. They don't know anyone down here so they can't say hello."

SHOD and Della Fave forces also complained to elections deputies that Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappelletto stood less than the required 100 feet away from the polling site. Cappelletto said he was waiting for his wife.

At one point, Cappelletto

thrust his arms in the air and waved at SHOD workers on the opposite corner as they took photographs for evidence of the lax enforcement of election laws at the Kealy School.

Except for the fight in front of the Wallace School, police officials reported no other incidents or arrests. A Hoboken police officer was stationed at each of the 28 voting districts throughout the city, according to Chief George Crimmins.

"They are harassing senior citizens," he said. "The guy just got through a throat operation."

Although Vincent Pasculli was still allowed to vote, he was forced to sign affidavit papers at the site first swearing that he was a resident.

Crimmins' wife Phyllis also found her name on the challenge list and had to get a signed statement from the Hudson County Elections Commission in Jersey City. Her name appeared on the list because of an office error, according to a certificate signed by Superintendent of Elections Harvey Birne.

DelBoccio topped field Hoboken recount ordered

Pasculli's allies hoping to avert June 13 runoff

By DAVID REILLY
The Hudson Dispatch

The county's top judge yesterday ordered a recount of votes for at-large council candidates in the Hoboken election, and of ballots cast in one district for mayor.

The recount was requested by Mayor Patrick Pasculli and the three at-large council candidates on his slate. Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City ordered that the recount be conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., according to court officials.

Pasculli's lawyer, Michael Mongiello of Hoboken, said the recount was requested in the hope that one of the council candidates would have the votes needed to prevent a runoff. He added that there was no opposition to the order for the recount.

Pasculli's three at-large council candidates, Richard Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard F. England Jr., were the three top vote-getters in the election for three four-year terms on the City Council. None, however, was able to garner more than the 50 percent plus one of the total vote needed to prevent a runoff.

DelBoccio fell just 200 votes of the required margin.

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School board as landlord

The Hoboken Board of Education's attempt to get some income by leasing out space in the vacant David E. Rue School has gotten off to a terrible start.

St. Mary Hospital officials backed out of a lease arrangement after there was some confusion about the space which their adolescent treatment center was to use, and then some of their program's property was stolen from the school without any indications of a forced entry.

The hospital would have paid \$72,000 a year for the space. That's income the school board could have used to reduce the taxpayers' burden.

The members of the school board should realize that the board has an obligation as a landlord to satisfy its potential tenants. They should also make sure that all administrators and staff take that obligation seriously.

In a recent vote, Pasculli defeated challenger Joseph Della Fave, the 2nd Ward Councilman, by about 1,200 votes to retain his office for another four years.

Pasculli's margin of victory surprised both the winners and losers in the campaign, but the mayor is checking to see whether he garnered even more votes.

Under the recount order, ballots from the 5th District of the 2nd Ward also will be recounted.

Pasculli could not be reached yesterday for comment on why he wanted a recount after such a large win. Della Fave also was unavailable for comment.

Pasculli's 1,200-vote victory far surpassed his 500-vote win over Della Fave in November. That election had been held to determine who would finish out the term of Mayor Thomas F. Vezetti, who died March 2, 1988.

Following Vezetti's death, Pasculli was appointed mayor by the City Council. The November

election was surrounded by charges of voting improprieties leveled by the Della Fave camp.

Councilwoman-at-large Helen A. Cuning, an outspoken Della Fave ally who placed fourth among the 10 candidates for the three council seats, had little to say about the recount order. "Every candidate is entitled to a recount," she said.

Cuning noted that, after the November election, a recount order requested by Della Fave led to discovery of about 150 uncounted votes for him. Della Fave's other two council candidates, Joseph Rafter and Abraham Lao, finished fifth and sixth, respectively, on Tuesday.

If the runoff does not give DelBoccio the victory margin he needs, a runoff will be held June 13. Cuning said the Della Fave camp hopes to bring out more voters in the runoff than went to the polls Tuesday to help in the election bid.

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"treated unfairly, abusively, and completely ignored at times by certain Housing employees when questioning the status of their applications."

Applicants said their original applications were lost and that when they were issued another application, it did not note the date of the original request for housing, she wrote.

Moyeno said there appears to be a pattern of political favoritism in distributing apartments.

She said it seemed that families with political connections were given apartments while those with no connections are bypassed. In one instance, an entire family was given apartments, including family members who were single. Moyeno charged in her letter.

"They (the people bypassed) thought they were discriminated against because they are not affiliated with politicians," Moyeno said.

Councilman Edwin Duroy, a member of the HHA commis-

sion, could not be reached for comment.

Moyeno said she started receiving complaints after she was hired about 18 months ago.

At first the HHA personnel answered her inquiries. But after a year on the job, she said the complaints began to multiply and she was no longer given any explanations.

In her letter to HUD she wrote, "tenants and applicants feel frustrated when they have attempted to speak with the manager, Mr. Dominick Gallo, and he is either too busy, not in or (they) need an appointment."

The Housing Authority refined its tenant selection policy last September to include the establishment of preference categories to determine the need of applicants. A computer system was installed to process applications to eliminate the authority's tenant selection committee.

The housing commissioners announced the changes in December, saying they were intended to insure fairness.

Hoboken housing probed

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is investigating claims that the Hoboken Housing Authority's tenant selection policy violates civil rights, a federal official said yesterday.

The investigation began early this year after HUD's regional office in New York received more than three dozen complaints from Hoboken residents who said they were bypassed on the tenant selection list, according to the federal official and a Hoboken official who claims those with political ties are given preferential treatment.

"Yes, there has been a complaint concerning Title 6 (the civil rights laws) and it is under investigation. I have no other comment until the end of investigation," said HUD investigator Doris Beausoleil, who has been assigned to the case. However, she added that no conclusions can be drawn at this time.

Dominic Gallo, the executive director of the HHA, and Mayor Patrick Pasculli were unavailable for comment.

Felix Rivera, a HHA commissioner, said he knew of the investigation and added: "I welcome it. It is desperately needed."

"There have been numerous complaints and reports from people about the selection process. I have asked for an investigation but it is very difficult to get the board to move for an investigation. It would have to come from the outside."

Nellie Moyeno, the director of the city Office of Hispanic Affairs, said the federal probe began after she wrote a letter last November to HUD on behalf of 29 people who said they were bypassed when federally funded apartment units were allocated.

Moyeno said yesterday that some people have had applications pending since 1979 and have still not received apartments.

In her official complaint to HUD, Moyeno wrote that the people said that they were

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Della Fave aide hurt in battle

By John A. Oswald, Jo-Ann Moriarty and Jim Efstathiou

A fight that left Hoboken's tenant advocate in the hospital marred an otherwise quiet day at the polls yesterday.

Thomas Oliveri, 50, a co-campaign manager for Joseph Della Fave, was in St. Mary Hospital for observation last night after he was involved in a fight with Charles Roberts, 43, a city firefighter serving as a challenger for Mayor Patrick Pasculli.

Oliveri was handing out campaign literature for Della Fave at the Wallace School poll at about 3:15 p.m. when the fight with Roberts broke out, police said.

Roberts was charged with aggravated assault and released on his own recognizance. He then filed a complaint of simple assault against Oliveri.

Oliveri was interviewed in his room at the hospital, where he was kept overnight for observation. He claimed he was the victim of an unprovoked attack by Roberts. He received five stitches above his left eye and numerous bruises over his body.

Roberts could not be reached for comment last night, but reports did not indicate that he was injured in the fight. Roberts and his brother, Councilman David Roberts, had assault charges filed against them last year by two Manhattan delivery men who had gotten into a verbal argument with their mother.

Their complaints were the only incidents reported to police in an otherwise quiet election-dreary night. "It's much better than November," said Della Fave campaign worker Laurie Fabiano. "We've had much better response to our programs."

Although they said they were happy with the overall enforcement of election laws, campaign workers for both the Della Fave camp and grassroots group Save Hoboken from Over-Development cited problems at the same polling sites they said had irregularities in the Nov. 8 special election.

At two polling places at 221 Jackson in the Fourth Ward, county elections deputies, escorted by state troopers, were called in by SHOD and Della Fave challengers who found the tables and voting machines improperly set up.

The troopers and deputies



It's not unusual to spot double rows of cars parked along Washington Street in Hoboken.

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Smiles, gestures, laughter, questions and answers. These are the things that build peace.

Yesterday there were plenty of those things as three visitors from the Soviet Union stopped to visit The Hudson School in Hoboken as part of a program entitled Building Bridges For Peace.

The visitors were greeted by 29 sixth-graders singing a popular Russian peace song. The students also decided to put together a selection of "gifts for peace" that can be taken back to the USSR — things like matchbook covers, a baseball with all their signatures on it and a mural of the Hoboken-New York area.

"I guess we're more alike than different," said a somewhat surprised Elizabeth McMullen, a seventh-grader, after her class had quizzed the visitors on the life-styles of typical Russian adolescents. "The girls like boys, they go to school and they know all about American music like Bon Jovi and other groups."

Their Soviet counterparts wear uniforms to school, however, and the method of instruction is more formal, with the teacher lecturing, rather than interacting with the students, according to the visitors.

Building Bridges For Peace links New Jersey and the Russian region of Volgograd in a citizen exchange program. After hosting the visitors (Hudson School parents and staff are housing and touring with the Russian visitors) the school will send Barbara Case, a cultural geography and American History teacher, as a delegate to a similar meeting in Volgograd in the fall.

US - USSR Bridges For Peace is a coalition of over 50 church, civic, peace and education groups working to build better understanding through citizen diplomacy.

Sergei Artamonov, a metallurgist, served as the interpreter for the trio which included Alix Shumilin, an artist, and Nadezhda Zubova, a machinist and women's union leader.

There were also many able interpreters among the fifth- through ninth-graders in the school — eight Hudson School students are native Russians who are fluent in the language.

Artamonov studied English for two years and also attends an English Club, a group of about 25 men and women who meet on Saturdays to practice their English.

Artamonov, who had no problem communicating and joking in English, said he

is interested in finding a dictionary of American slang expressions so that he can become even more proficient in his study of colloquial American speech.

While much of the conversation with the students revolved around their interests, some of the larger issues came out during a coffee break discussion with a reporter and faculty members.

Zubova was interested in finding out about the lives of American working women, the cost and availability of child care, and the cost of private schools. She was obviously proud of the equality women enjoy in the factory where she works.

Still on their schedule are tours of museums, New York sights, a conference in Princeton, evening receptions with other sponsoring community groups — and shopping.

"Our wives and our husbands think we are doing important work here, not shopping," says Artamonov slyly, making his own joke about the importance of understanding the American shopping mall in the course of building world peace.

Turning more serious, he adds, "In my mind we need to build a way to peace. Your country, our country — our military potential is too dangerous. We must look to disarmament. Understanding is the way."



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Professional storyteller Lisa Lipkin brings the history and legends of Hudson County to life.

Storyteller spins telling Hudson yarns

By Emily M. Smith

It is a perfect night for murder. A little rain. A little mist. Gas-lantern shaped lights illuminate the deserted sidewalks of Church Square Park.

Inside Hoboken's public library, a woman in a black Victorian dress holds a small group spellbound with the story of Mary Rogers, a local girl whose mysterious murder in 1842 was the basis of Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Mystery of Marie Roget."

And just as interesting as the century-old tale is the storyteller, Lisa Lipkin, a London-trained actress who pays her way by bringing Hudson County history, legend and folklore to life.

Lipkin, 28, is a Weehawken resident. She has been a professional story teller for five years. Most of her audiences consist of school children in Manhattan. But she is expanding her clientele to include adults like those invited to last night's annual meeting of the Friends of the Hoboken Library who enjoyed her tales with youthful enthusiasm.

Lipkin's exploration of Hudson County began three months ago. Before that, her repertoire was limited to New York City. Then she happened to wander into the Historic Room of the Weehawken Public Library — opened by an ancient woman with a large skeleton key ... but that is another story.

Inside the room Lipkin discovered a wealth of juicy gossip. "Pages and pages of fascinating material," she says, blue eyes wide. Gossip is what Lipkins likes about history, not the facts. "Textbooks are so black and white. I resent it a lot."

She also investigated the New Jersey Room of the Jersey City Public Library, the Hoboken library and interviewed senior citizens, making note of their oral histories.

From her research Lipkin discovered a Revolutionary war hero native to Hoboken. Asher Levy managed to save his friend from the gallows by hiding in a grave below the scaffolding and cutting his friend loose.

The Lenai Lenape Indians who lived in Hudson County believed that mosqui-

toes were created from the ashes of a man-eating monster burned by their ancestors, who were cursed by the dying monster with the prediction, "I'll be eating you and your children for generations to come."

Meanwhile back at the murder, the body of the beautiful Mary Rogers was found by three boys in Sybil's Cave, which is still open. Her murder was never solved although two confessed to the crime — an abortionist who said, just before dying, that Mary was her last patient, and the young woman's fiancé, implicated by his suicide note.

Poe picked the fiancé, writing that he went berserk when Mary told him she wanted to end their engagement and strangled her with her glove. Only one glove was said to be found on the young woman's body, Lipkin said.

It was the first time Elizabeth Shepherd had heard the tale although she has been a Hoboken resident for four years. But she says she was inspired to investigate: "I want to find out where Sybil's Cave is."

Hoboken runoff going to court

By RANDI GLATZER

Dispatch 5/18/89
The Hudson Dispatch
HOBOKEN—Officials here will go to Hudson County Superior Court today to ask its top judge whether to cancel a scheduled June 13 runoff for three at-large City Council seats.

The county Board of Elections released official results yesterday of a recount conducted Monday. The recount shows that the total number of votes cast in the May 9 council races may have been off by 280 votes because of mistakes. Machine breakdowns caused other discrepancies, but the board could not say how many votes were cast incorrectly because of the problems.

Because the numbers are still sketchy, Law Director Eugene O'Connell said he and City Clerk James J. Farina will file papers in Superior Court today asking Assignment Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys for direction.

"We've got to ask the judge look at the citywide results and tell us what to do," O'Connell said.

In instances such as this, the city clerk has the power to recalculate the votes in a different fashion as outlined by state law. If the votes are recalculated that way, the top three vote-getters would be declared winners, and no runoff would be necessary. A runoff is required if no candidate wins at least 50 percent of the total votes cast plus one.

The top three vote-getters, all members of Mayor Patrick Pasculi's slate, are Richard Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard F. England. If no runoff is held, the next three candidates in line would have no further chance to win council seats. Those three are Helen A. Canning, Joseph Rafter, and Abraham Lao, all members of Councilman Joseph Della Fave's slate. He was defeated by Pasculi in the mayor's race.

The city planned to schedule a runoff after the May 9 election because none of the 10 council candidates received the necessary majority. Pasculi called for a runoff because the top vote-getter, Del Boccio, had nearly enough votes needed to place himself on the council along with Arroyo and England.

Sewage works, land at \$24.7M says appraisal

By James Efstathiou

J.J. 5-15-89
The Hoboken sewage treatment works and the land it sits on are worth \$24.7 million, according to an underwriter hired to appraise the plant for the city.

The city called for the \$6,500 appraisal in anticipation of negotiations with the Hoboken-Weehawken-Union City Sewage Authority. The authority is moving to purchase the plant and connecting systems in Hoboken and Weehawken as part of an overall takeover of sewage treatment in the area.

Richard Wolff, who chairs the authority, called the appraisal "an interesting number." Other insiders familiar with the 30-year-old plant agreed that the \$24 million figure was "ambitious."

"Negotiations may take a little while if we have a gap to close, and it looks like we have a gap to close," said Wolff who cautioned that neither he nor the authority's financial adviser, John Laezza, had seen the appraisal.

"The next step is to open face-to-face negotiations," Wolff added.

The appraisal, prepared by Stack & Stack Inc. of Hoboken, characterized the plant's general condition as fair to good. In figuring a market value for the plant, the appraiser sought to estimate the value of the land, determine what could be the future benefits of the property and compare similar properties that were recently sold.

The value of the land was estimated to be \$3.3 million and the value of the physical plant itself to be \$21.3 million.

The city built the plant in 1958 and still owes approximately \$6 million on construction costs. In addition to the plant itself, the appraisal included the value of a pair of pumping stations and interceptor sewer lines.

The plant's operation has been criticized repeatedly by state and federal authorities which have fined Hoboken for failing to treat its sewage properly.

Prosecutor to probe polling place fracas

By Patricia Scott and James Efstathiou

J.J. 5-19-89
Two Hoboken political opponents were arraigned in Central Judicial Processing Court yesterday on charges stemming from an election night fracas that left one in the hospital and each filing assault charges against the other.

Charles Roberts, brother of City Councilman Dave Roberts, and Thomas Oliveri, a tenant activist, appeared in CJP with

their respective attorneys, Dennis MacAlevy and Brian Neary.

Both men had earlier appeared in Hoboken Municipal Court.

As a result of yesterday's proceedings, the case was turned over to Hudson County Prosecutor Paul DePascale for further investigation.

On Election Day, Roberts and Oliveri, campaign chal-

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lengers for opposing candidates in Hoboken's municipal election, battled outside the Wallace School polling place.

As a result of the fight, Oliveri spent five days in St. Mary Hospital.

He received five stitches over his left eye and suffered a slight hemorrhage of the eye. Oliveri filed a charge of aggravated assault against Roberts.

Roberts, apparently uninjured, charged Oliveri with simple assault.

According to attorneys, the complaints could be sent back to municipal court, or presented to a grand jury for a possible indictment.

The case was sent to the Prosecutor's Office because of the extent of Oliveri's injuries and the fact that the fight took place at a polling place, according to Neary.

"This was not a barroom brawl," said Neary.

"Because of the extent of Oliveri's injuries, the Prosecutor's Office wishes to take a look at this."

The incident occurred around 3 p.m. on May 9 when Roberts arrived at the Wallace School poll with campaign literature.

Roberts was serving as a challenger for Mayor Patrick Pasculi.

At the poll, Roberts encountered Oliveri, a challenger for Councilman Joseph Della Fave.

The two exchanged words and the fight ensued.

"My eye still feels raw inside and it's still light sensitive," said Oliveri.

He said he hopes to return to his job as tenant advocate for the city Community Development Agency Monday.

"I just wish that none of this had happened and certainly I never initiated anything."

Roberts has declined to comment.

He and his brother David were charged with an assault last September following an altercation with a pair of delivery men from New York over a double-parked truck.

All charges in that case were eventually dropped.

Election beating charged

Firefighter arraigned in Hoboken assault

By NINA SHAPIRO

The Hudson Dispatch

A Hoboken firefighter, accused of beating a city official because of his loyalties in the May 9 mayoral election, was arraigned on an aggravated assault charge yesterday.

Judge Alan Smith, presiding over Hudson County Central Judicial Processing Court in Jersey City, allowed Charles Roberts, 42, to remain free on his own recognizance. Roberts is the brother of Councilman David Roberts.

Roberts has filed a counter-charge of assault against Thomas Oliveri, 50, who spent six days at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken after the election day incident.

Oliveri, the city tenant advocate, was also arraigned yesterday and allowed to remain free on his own recognizance.

Oliveri has alleged that while campaigning for Councilman Joseph Della Fave on Willow Avenue, who lost the election, he was pummeled by Roberts, an avid supporter of incumbent Patrick Pasculi.

Oliveri suffered an injury to the left eye and facial cuts, and received five stitches to the left temple, according to hospital spokesman Edward Caparucci.

Roberts did not receive medical treatment.

Due process is fine, but fine is due first

By James Efstathiou

J.J. 5-22-89
The city of Hoboken would like those who violate its resident parking program to pay now and ask questions later.

In response to a below-average collection rate on tickets issued under the permit program, municipal court officials have unveiled a new policy.

Now, motorists who discover their cars immobilized with a parking "boot" must pay a \$25

penalty up front in addition to the \$25 boot removal charge before the car is released.

Cars without resident permits are not allowed to park on designated streets for more than four hours at a time, and are subject to a \$25 fine and the parking boot if found in violation.

Previously, drivers would pay the boot removal charge

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and drive off with the summons.

More often than not, the ticket was ignored despite the violation bureau's best efforts to collect, officials said.

Officials were quick to point out that motorists who feel they were unjustly booted can still appeal the summons in Municipal Court.

Monies collected as a result of the fines are held in an escrow account and refunded immediately should the court uphold the appeal.

"The money is kept in escrow so you're not admitting that you violated the law," said Municipal Court Judge Ross London.

"If the case comes before a judge and they find that you haven't violated the law, then the money is returned immediately."

London was responding to a concern that forcing motorists to pay the summons before they have the opportunity to be heard in court could in some way violate constitutional guarantees of due process of law.

In the case of all other mo-

tor vehicle violations, those summoned can appeal in court before paying any fine.

Because in most cases motorists found guilty of violating the permit program are from out of town, collecting the \$25 fine has been difficult.

Whereas the city collects on about 45 percent of all other parking violations, the bureau collects only one of 100 permit fines, according to court administrator Marian Roland.

"Not only was the city losing revenue, but it was adding to the number of tickets on my back list," said Roland, who initiated the new policy after reviewing collection rates.

"I don't feel the boot should be removed unless the ticket is paid."

So far, no one has challenged the new policy and motorists who were able to prove they were wrongly ticketed have recovered the fines.

"So far as due process goes, I guess you could liken it to the setting of bail. We're not permanently depriving anyone of money," London said.

"Eventually, a defendant will have a day in court," the judge said.

Della Fave failed to fight good fight

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

J.J. 5-15-89

A well-oiled political machine and a lackluster personality are the primary reasons Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave lost last week's mayoral election, say political observers.

Della Fave was defeated in a rematch with Mayor Patrick Pasculli by a vote of 7,042 to 5,753 for a four-year term. Last November, Pasculli beat him by a few hundred votes.

While Pasculli had an impressive showing over Della Fave, Della Fave still

won the First, Second and Fifth wards and Pasculli won his home district, the Sixth Ward, by only 158 votes.

Pasculli was swept into office primarily because of the Fourth Ward, which

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encompasses old-time Hoboken and Hispanics, and the Third Ward, the home ward of Councilman Steve Cappiello, whose 12-year mayoral career ended abruptly with the election in 1985 of the late Mayor Thomas Vezzetti.

The Third Ward is the home of traditional Italian families and the home of the

oldest political and social clubs, rich in political history.

Six months ago, when Cappiello stayed out of the mayoral election, Pasculli won that ward by a little more than 200 votes. With Cappiello's backing, Pasculli won the ward by 513 votes, last week.

"The machine was divided four years ago (when Vezzetti ran against Cappiello). Some people smelt blood and said it was time to leave Cappiello," a City Hall observer noted.

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"This time the machine was behind Pasculli. Look what Cappiello did for him. Joe didn't have the horses. And people in Hoboken like to work elections, they come out for a dog catcher," he added.

Della Fave attributes his defeat to the machine, saying that he ran against not only Pasculli but Cappiello, City Council President Robert Ranieri, Councilmen Edwin Duroy, E. Norman Wilson and David Roberts, who all worked for Pasculli and pulled votes in their wards for the mayor.

Pasculli also got backing from Democratic U.S. representatives, county officials and

state Assemblymen Robert Mendez and Bernard Kenny.

In the Fourth Ward, which encompasses the highest concentration of Hispanics and public housing projects, Pasculli beat Della Fave by 919 votes.

That vote is ironic, since Pasculli represented development and property tax relief during the campaign and the majority of Fourth Ward residents are renters.

Della Fave, who wrote the city's affordable housing law, had fought the administration on weakening rent controls only a few months ago.

But the machine was effective there on Election Day. The administrative staff of the Hoboken Housing Authority took a vacation day and canvassed the area for the Pasculli team. Della Fave believes and tenants themselves say that intimidation was used on Election Day.

Della Fave said the opposition ran an effective hate campaign against him and, according to some street fliers, he was portrayed as anti-Hispanic, an elitist and rich.

While other observers agree that the machine was out in full force in the Fourth Ward on Election Day — either by intimidating or giving \$50 to \$100 to hold a political sign or hand out literature — Della Fave supporters still point to the candidate himself as contributing to his own defeat.

Vezzetti, with a colorful personality, a bullhorn and endless energy, was able to topple the machine, though debilitated, four years ago.

Why couldn't Della Fave do the same with his campaign, which had been organized since last summer?

"Tom Vezzetti hit the streets and made everyone know why the election was important to them — to old-timers, the Hispanics and yuppies. Tom Vezzetti said: I can't offer you money, I can't offer you a job. But I am something new," an observer said.

"Della Fave didn't attack Pasculli. He didn't make the comparison clear. He sat in his headquarters and listened to Steve Block," he added.

A Della Fave supporter said that while Della Fave could define issues clearly, he

didn't communicate the main issues to the electorate effectively.

While voters knew what they would get with Pasculli — development and lower taxes — they were unsure what Della Fave's alternative was, a supporter said.

Another supporter noted that Pasculli came across as representing traditional Hoboken, while Della Fave seemed to represent "newcomers," and the idea of "them versus us" was a serious issue.

Della Fave added to that perception by not having "born and raised" Hoboken people as key members in his campaign, the supporter said.

Some people interviewed said that Della Fave lost because he was too nice and didn't attack Pasculli.

"Someone told me that he should have attacked Patty," a Della Fave supporter said. "I said you wanted Joe to go after Patty like we do each other in our kitchens. And he said: Yes, Hoboken likes a good fight."

Judge scrubs runoff

Pasculli's council team victorious after recount

By RANDI GLATZER

The Hudson Dispatch

HOBOKEN—Ending a week of suspense over election results, a Hudson County Superior Court Judge yesterday told city officials to call off the June 13 runoff for three at-large council seats.

The decision by Judge Stephen J. Schaeffer of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City, based on a recalculation of voter tallies because of mistakes in the original count, places the three top vote-getters in the May 9 election on the City Council. Those candidates, Richard Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo, and Richard F. England Jr., are all members of Mayor Patrick Pasculli's slate.

The three candidates locked out by yesterday's decision, Helen A. Canning, Joseph Rafter, and Abraham Lao, will probably decide this weekend whether to appeal, said their attorney, Raymond I. Korona of Jersey City. The three ran on a ticket with Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, the unsuccessful mayoral contender.

City Clerk James J. Farina requested the hearing because he believed the runoff should be cancelled based on the recount. Farina, an avid Pasculli supporter and a close friend, said he wanted a judge to back his decision so that it would not be deemed as partisan.

If the decision is not reversed by an appeal, Pasculli will have the clear support of seven of the nine City Council members, and should be able to pass most initiatives from the body.

A runoff was initially scheduled because the top vote-getter in the May 9 race, Richard Del Boccio, did not receive the majority of the total number of people who voted in council races needed to avert a runoff. If one candidate gets 50 percent of that total plus one vote, he and the next two candidates in line are elected.

Election Day problems, particularly the jamming of a machine in one of the city's 28 districts, threw the number of people who voted into question. In the council races, all those questions were resolved by yesterday's decision.

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that machine.

Schaeffer yesterday backed Farina's request to recalculate the totals using a formula set by state law. Under that formula, the totals recorded at the polls were tossed out, and a new number was computed by averaging the number of votes cast. Schaeffer said he was guided in his decision by a literal interpretation of the state law, which says election coordinators should average out "all the votes" if the total is in question.

But Korona argued that the city could apply the averaging formula only to the district where a machine jammed.

"Here we have a true majority of real votes," Korona said. "All we have is a problem with one machine, and we're turning the whole thing upside down."

None of the six candidates attended yesterday's hearing in Jersey City. But news of the afternoon ruling by Schaeffer reached City Hall within minutes, where it was cheered by Pasculli and his supporters.

"It's like New Year's Eve here," one City Hall secretary said.

Canning, Rafter and Lao could not be reached for comment.

Washington Bancorp

Hoboken bank in megabuck takeover deal

By DAVID REILLY

The Hudson Dispatch

HOBOKEN—After experiencing losses during the last two reported quarters, Washington Bancorp Inc. yesterday agreed to be purchased by Corp Inc. for about \$47 million. Shareholders will receive 1.35 times the book value of their stock, or about \$20.59 for each share, under the agreement. The acquisition will enable

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Hoboken board ripped on upgrading schools

By RANDI GLATZER

The Hudson Dispatch

HOBOKEN—The school district has dragged its feet on some aspects of a state-mandated improvement plan, the Hudson County schools superintendent told the Board of Education last night.

Some trustees and school administrators bristled at the remarks, saying the state may have been holding them to some unrealistic deadlines.

Superintendent Louis C. Accocella said administrators have to move more quickly on the corrective action plan adopted last year to pull the district out of Level 3 state monitoring. Under the state's system of overseeing

schools, Level 3 is the last step before a possible state takeover.

A state report on the district for January, February and March cites the many "unforeseen constraints" administrators named to explain why they could not meet some deadlines. "In addition, the second state report is the second the state has released since the system began implementing the improvement plan."

The report says educational areas where improvement needs to be accelerated include: clarifying job descriptions for district employees; planning curriculum; evaluating teachers; upgrading programs for students with special needs; and reforming Hoboken High school.

The report also says the district

has not yet sufficiently improved its accounting systems, and the necessary checks and balances needed to keep school finances in line are not yet in place.

Runoff is headed into court

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken City Clerk James

Farina will ask Superior Court judge to hold a runoff June 13 for the three at-large City Council seats.

Farina decided to bring the issue before the court because the Hudson County Board of Elections has been unable to determine the total number of votes cast for council candidates in the May 9 municipal election.

Although state law gives Farina the authority to determine the total vote tally, he said yesterday he wants the court to make the ruling because he is politically aligned with Mayor Patrick Pasculli and his running mates.

Julius Canter, Board of Elections chairman, said yesterday that if the counters on the voting machines cannot provide a total vote tally, the municipal clerk can use a state law to determine if the 50 percent plus one tally required for a first-ballot victory has been reached.

"No matter what I decide, I am going to end up in court," Farina said.

The Pasculli camp would contest if he ordered a runoff and the opposition would challenge him if he didn't, he said.

The figures recorded by the Hoboken election workers on the night of the election show that the top vote-getter, Councilman Richard Del Boccio, did not receive enough votes for a first-ballot win.

Del Boccio and council candidates Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England were the top three vote-getters. They ran with Pasculli, who beat Councilman Joseph Della Fave and his running mates, Councilwoman Helen Canning, Joseph

Rafter and Abraham Lao. Della Fave's running mates were the next top vote-getters in the 10-way race. Pasculli beat Della Fave by about 1,300 votes.

But a recount conducted this week by the county disclosed the wrong number of votes in the council race at several voting places. The count has been corrected.

Yesterday, the Board of Elections handed its official report on the recount to Superior Court Judge Burrell Ives Humphreys.

The council officials noted that a voting machine in the Sixth Ward, District 4, malfunctioned and stopped recording the number of votes cast in the council races after the mechanical counter reached 110.

Thus, Canter said, it was not possible to determine the exact number of voters who cast ballots in the council race. State law requires that the votes be calculated separately for the mayoral and council races.

Apparently when workers in the City Clerk's Office saw the 110 recorded for the Sixth Ward, District 4 vote, the figure was changed on election night to 542, which was the total number of people who voted at the district.

But Canter noted that some of those people may have voted only for mayor. The recount reduced the total votes for council from the 12,243 originally recorded to 11,980.

The 11,980 includes the 110 vote tally for the Sixth Ward, District 4. But both county and municipal officials say that figure is incorrect because Del Boccio received 291 votes in that district alone.

P.A. funding fight not over

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

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Mayor Patrick Pasculli is expected to call a special City Council meeting this week to introduce the municipal budget, which will include the \$7 million anticipated from an agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

But First Ward Councilman Thomas Newman wants an alternate budget because he said that including the \$7 million from the P.A. greatly weakens the city's leverage with the bi-state agency for negotiating a partnership to develop the waterfront.

"This puts us in a very poor negotiating stance — to have negotiating partners across the table knowing that you are dependent on this deal," he said.

"We need a budget alternative. We have to find another way to get through this independent from cutting a deal with anybody," Newman said.

Pasculli, elected to a four-year term May 9, said he made it clear to the electorate that he planned to offset nearly \$10 million in budget-funding shortfalls with money anticipated from a public partnership with the P.A. jointly to develop city-owned land along the Hudson River.

The City Council, with Newman and Council members Joseph Della Fave and Helen Canning voting in opposition, approved a tentative agreement with the P.A. six days before the municipal election. The three opposing council members said that the city hadn't adequately analyzed the

agreement to see whether it was in the best interest of the city.

"The \$7 million revenue item we worked very hard for. I owe it to the citizens of the community not to raise taxes. If he (Newman) wants to continue to play politics, let him," Pasculli said.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said he is not drafting another budget and noted that Newman wanted to include anticipated money from the P.A. during the Vezzetti administration.

Moreover, Chius said that the tentative agreement between the city and P.A. includes "an escape clause for a blight study and redevelopment area so we could go to a

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private developer if things don't work out." Although he declined to elaborate, Newman said there were ways to design the budget without the P.A. money and

without raising taxes.

"The major policy issue decided (by the May 9 election) was waterfront development. To say the public endorsed the P.A. is inaccurate," Newman said.

The Pasculli administration wants to build a 3.2-million-square-foot development of offices, housing units, retail shops, hotels, parking and marina at the southern end of the city.

Before the city gets revenue from the authority, the two bodies must sign a final agreement, which Pasculli hopes to strike by the end of September.

The state will allow the city to earmark anticipated revenue so long as it can give assurance that the money will be delivered by the end of December.

Chius said that tentative agreement approved by the city and bi-state agency gives the city the latitude to pencil in the anticipated money for the budget.

The proposed budget, about \$34 million, represents few increases, no reduction in employees or cutback in services. Taxpayers are financing \$8.7 million of the current budget.

The proposed budget, with the \$7 million coming from the P.A., will mean that only \$6 million will have to be raised through local property taxes, he said. That means about a 50-percent reduction from the present tax rate of \$18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. A house valued at \$200,000 would see its taxes decrease by \$100, he said.

Sewage plant workers sign up for OMI jobs

By James Efstathiou

The Hoboken sewage treatment plant moved a step closer to becoming a full-fledged private enterprise yesterday when its new operator offered jobs to a group of plant workers formerly employed by the city.

Since May 1 when the engineering firm, Operations Management Incorporated (OMI) took over control of the plant from Hoboken, the city has continued to pay 28 workers at the facility. But as of today, OMI, not the city, will sign the paychecks for plant employees.

The changeover leaves the Hoboken-Weehawken-Union City Sewage Authority, which hired OMI, one step away from assuming full control of the plant which was built in 1958. Once the city and the authority agree on a price, the authority will purchase the facility and assume the responsibility of upgrading the plant to meet federal standards.

Ten of the plant's 28-man staff will stay on with OMI, foregoing their employment status with the city. Seven workers with bumping rights within the Department of Public Works have agreed to be reassigned. The disposition of the remaining 11 workers is not yet resolved. However, it is unlikely they will work for OMI, according to Thom Day, the plant's new manager.

"We pretty much had to close the doors today," said Day who added that employees had over two weeks to interview with the firm. "We basically hired everyone that had an interest in working with us."

All of the seven staying on with the DPW took a pay cut to keep their jobs with the city, according to DPW director Roy Haack. Some chose to stay on and continue to work toward a pension while others, like 71-year-old Andrew Butka, felt it was too late to start a new career.

"I'm in the twilight of life and it wouldn't be practical for me to take on a new career," said Butka who was reassigned as a laborer in the DPW garage. "I want to be active. I've seen too many people retire and die."

Six of the ten who will remain at the plant as employees of OMI were hired within the past two years. For them, signing up with the fifth largest engineering firm in the country offers the chance to work for a

merit-based operation that rewards workers in proportion to how well they do their jobs, according to sources.

One such incentive is a \$1,000 bonus to base salary that will be offered to any employee who passes an operator's license test.

"Our approach to operating a wastewater plant is business like and is very different," said Day, who had previous experience in government-operated plants. "It's a change to these folks."

"I think they're depending on us a lot more than they claim," said Pat Cecala of his new employer. Cecala, a plant worker for 15-months, and other workers filed through Haack's City Hall office throughout the day yesterday either handing in resignations or accepting their new assignments.

The only employee not offered a job by OMI was the plant's licensed operator, Neil Sullivan. Because a licensed operator is required to be at the plant, Haack said Sullivan will remain on the payroll until the Department of Environmental Protection says it is satisfied with OMI's operator.

According to Day, a private firm is far better suited to operate a treatment plant than a municipal government. OMI employs approximately 350 people nationwide, a resource it can tap into as it sees fit. Also, the firm's size allows it to purchase equipment at contractor's prices, cheaper than what would be possible through bidding procedures.

Treatment plants have been characterized as the traditional dumping grounds for municipal workers who were being punished or were one step away from losing their jobs. Such hiring practices, it's said, have taken their toll on plants such as Hoboken's.

One of the first changes in the plant when OMI took over was the elimination of a television set and about six dumpsters full of garbage accumulated at the plant over the years, a source said.

Some workers complained that OMI acted in a heavy-handed fashion upon takeover and were reluctant to take advice from plant workers, a charge Day doesn't refute.

"Things were not the way they should be and we're addressing those things (as professionals)," said Day.

State gives school plan low mark

By James Efstathiou

The state Board of Education has sharply criticized the Hoboken school district for failing to satisfy the terms of its own plan to improve city schools.

The low marks were contained in a progress report prepared by Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Louis Accocella, who is expected to discuss his findings at tonight's school board meeting.

Representatives of Accocella's office were in Hoboken late in March to monitor the district's progress on a Level 3 corrective action plan drafted by Hoboken and approved by the state. The district was required to prepare the corrective action plan after state monitors uncovered "long-

standing deficiencies" in the school system.

While the report indicates that progress has been made in areas such as internal accounting and generating parental involvement, it faults the district on many counts.

Primarily, the report faults the district for failing to meet

deadlines contained in the corrective action plan.

For example, the district was directed to establish Basic Skills guides for a curriculum for that area.

While input on a portion of the guides was offered to the curriculum director, overall work on the guides has been

deficient, according to the report.

"There is no reason to have deferred this activity until late March nor is there reason for any further delay," said the report.

In addition, the report faulted the district for failing to meet its own guidelines on

improvements in the school board offices, staff evaluation, school site management and instructional improvement.

While school trustee Richard England conceded that deadlines in the corrective action plan were in fact established by the district, falling behind in certain areas should not have prompted Accocella's wrath. The corrective action plan was understood to be a

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"live" document, England said, subject to revision and change.

"Since that report was generated, the state has decreased funding. Voters have turned down every budget proposed. How do we get that work done?" asked England.

Hoboken may have been too ambitious in some of the deadlines it set in the corrective action plan, England added. In many cases, he said, if

one deadline of the plan isn't met, subsequent deadlines cannot be reached.

The district is in the second year of the corrective action plan. The latest report is the first from the county criticizing Hoboken's progress.

Report on schools withheld a month

By Emily M. Smith

A state progress report that criticized Hoboken's school district for failing to meet its own timetable for improvements was withheld from the city's Board of Education for a month.

The report by the state Board of Education was sent to Walter J. Fine, Hoboken superintendent of schools, on April 18, said Louis Accocella, Hud-

son County superintendent of schools.

The report was issued in response to monitoring of the school district done in March.

The district is implementing a Level 3 corrective action plan to overcome long-standing deficiencies in the system that were discovered by the state. That plan was drafted by Hoboken and approved by the state.

Gerry Costa, a board member, said at a meeting last night

that he did not get a copy of the report until May 16. Costa said he was distressed by the time lapse.

Between the time Fine received the report and the time the board got a copy, the Hoboken mayoral election took place (May 9).

Fine told Costa he gave the report to the board at the first board meeting following his receipt of the report. But the board met on April 28. It was

not until the second board meeting that members saw the report.

Fine's cover letter to the board members, attached to the 29-page report, was dated May 16.

Accocella, asked for an explanation of the time lapse, said, "I'm not here to bring confrontation. I'm here to bring understanding of the report."

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Accocella said that the administration probably wanted time to review the report and meet with its staff to find out why deadlines were missed and whether any corrective action had been taken before it met with the board members.

Fine, vigorously nodding, agreed.

The report suggests that progress has been made in areas such as internal accounting and generating parental involvement.

But Accocella said he was concerned about the district's many failures, which appear to relate to missed deadlines.

"This office is concerned about the danger of moving too slowly," the report states. "The district does not have an unlimited amount of time to address these directives."

Accocella said he was particularly concerned about the district's failure to meet the deadline for completing organizational charts, job descriptions and guidelines for business office operations.

No curriculum committee has been functioning since

September although one was planned. Committee members were not selected until December and did not begin working until January. Thus, work on basic skills did not progress as planned, the report states.

Hoboken High School, Connors, Demarest and Brandt elementary schools all failed to meet state regulations regarding evaluation of tenured and non-tenured teaching staff, according to the report.

The district must send the state another progress report by June 1. That report will be evaluated along with the progress made during the previous school year, Accocella said.

If the state finds that the district is not improving fast enough, Accocella may recommend a Comprehensive Compliance Investigation, which is the next step toward a state takeover.

Accocella said the state would prefer the district to progress according to plan. "We're not here to crucify them," he said of the school district and board members.

"Our concern is with the carrying out of education."

Hoboken race

Council runoff ordered by court

By RANDI GLATZER

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HOBOKEN—A state appeals court yesterday ordered the city to hold a runoff for three at-large City Council seats, reversing a lower court judge's decision that canceled the June 13 election.

The ruling offers a second chance for victory to three council candidates who oppose Mayor Patrick Pasculli and his administration. The candidates, incumbent Helen A. Cuning, Joseph Rafter and Abraham Lao, will oppose three candidates backed by Pasculli.

The panel of three judges of the

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Appellate Division of Superior Court in Trenton said a special method city officials used to recalculate May 9 municipal election voting totals is unacceptable. Using the method, officials would have tossed out votes from all over the city to correct a mistake that occurred in only one of 28 voting districts.

The new calculation lowered the number of votes that top vote-getter Richard Del Boccio needed to achieve the necessary 50 percent plus one vote majority. Del Boccio, who received 6,115 votes on May 9, would have needed 5,741 votes to win and avert a runoff. The next two candidates in line, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard F. England, would also have been declared winners. On Friday, Judge Stephen J. Schaeffer of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City told City Clerk James J. Farina the method was acceptable.

The challengers, who appealed Schaeffer's decision, contended that calling off the recount would have meant not only a loss for them, but also a loss for voters.

Jersey City attorney Raymond L. Korona, who represented Cuning, Rafter and Lao in the case, argued that totals should be recomputed only in the one district in the 6th Ward where a voting machine jammed. Under that method — the one that the appellate judges backed — Del Boccio needed 6,175 votes to win.

"We think it's a very important basic principle that everyone's vote counts, and that there's never any mathematical formula or other system that replaces the real votes of real people," Korona said. The method would have dis-

counted the votes of 869 people, he said, thereby disenfranchising them.

The challenger's campaign manager, Mark Singleton, agreed. "They were trying to steal the election with mathematical gymnastics," he said.

"It was a typical shell game by Farina and the city clerk's office to confuse the voters," said Cuning. She noted the party that broke out among members of Pasculli's administration in City Hall last Friday after Schaeffer's decision.

"They popped their campaign corks too soon," she said.

Pasculli, Farina and city Law Director Eugene O'Connell downplayed their surprise at the decision. Farina, who as city clerk had the authority to cancel a runoff on his own, sought a court ruling because he clearly supports Pasculli and did not want his decision to be perceived as partisan.

"You win some and you lose some," Farina said.

Pasculli, who won re-election on May 9 by a wide margin, said his candidates and election workers are geared up for the runoff.

"It was a law that could have been interpreted in a number of ways," he said. "It was a close call. We accept the decision and we are going to rededicate ourselves to the election on June 13."

O'Connell said he believed the argument Korona submitted to the appeals court was clearer than one presented in the lower court, and that it drove home his point that the city's method of computation disenfranchised voters.

Court mandates a council runoff

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

A state appeals court yesterday reversed a lower court's decision and ordered a runoff election for the three at-large seats on the Hoboken City Council that were contested in a 10-way race May 9.

In a unanimous decision, the Appellate Division of state Superior Court ruled that the Hoboken city clerk should proceed with a runoff election. City Clerk James Farina said the runoff will be held June 13.

None of the candidates for the three seats initially achieved 50 percent plus one of the vote for that office to ensure a first ballot victory.

"They popped their champagne corks prematurely. We're not dead yet," said Councilwoman Helen Cuning after learning of the court ruling. She finished fourth in the election behind the three-man slate backed by Mayor Patrick Pasculli.

Pasculli and his team celebrated in the mayor's office last Friday after Superior

Court Judge Joseph Schaeffer ruled that the city should use a state formula to determine if there should be a runoff.

The state formula adds all the votes each candidate received in every precinct and divides by six. A candidate who gets at least one vote more than 50 percent of the total wins and avoids a runoff. By that method, Councilman Richard Del Boccio secured a first-ballot victory.

But the slate backed by defeated mayoral candidate Joseph Della Fave appealed that ruling.

Their attorney, Raymond Korona, argued that the state formula produces a figure lower than the true number of people who went to the polls. Citywide, the formula canceled about 800 actual votes, he argued.

The appellate court agreed yesterday with Korona's argument and said the city should use the official tally on the 27 voting machines that operated correctly and apply the state formula only to the 28th ma-

chine in the Sixth Ward that broke.

Using that formula, Del Boccio fell 60 votes short of the margin required for victory, Korona said yesterday.

City Law Director Eugene O'Connell said Korona presented a more detailed argument to the appeals court. Based on the calculations Korona presented in writing to the court, O'Connell said, a runoff election is warranted.

Because one of the voting machines malfunctioned, one precinct did not accurately report the number of people who actually voted in District 4 of the Sixth Ward.

Pasculli's running mates were the top three vote-getters. Del Boccio got 6,115 votes, Lourdes Arroyo received 5,300 and Richard England, 5,257.

Della Fave's slate followed with Cuning receiving 4,907 votes, Joseph Rafter, 4,197, and Abraham Lao, 3,957.

Del Boccio said yesterday he enjoyed campaigning and would take to the streets immediately.

Hundreds Join Sonny Bloch In Tour of Hoboken

Several hundred investors and prospective home buyers recently joined Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli and nationally recognized radio personality, Sonny Bloch, in a tour of the Hudson County waterfront community.

The event "Hello Hoboken" coordinated by developer Saul Weinberg of Hudson Harbour Associates, was featured on WMCA Radio as part of a Hoboken spotlight hosted by Mr. Bloch. Bloch's remarks, broadcast throughout the New York metropolitan area as well as to some 70 million listeners nationwide, focused on new residential opportunities in Hoboken.

Mayor Pasculli notes that Hoboken's restoration district has withstood recent years undergone a wide-scale transformation of many of its turn of the century buildings and is now a cosmopolitan community

with a host of fine restaurants, shops and theatres, all with spectacular skyline views of Manhattan. Hoboken's location in Hudson County is also appealing in that it is ideal for commuting to New York or to business areas throughout New Jersey.

Howard Weinberg, also a partner in Hudson Harbour Associates, underscores that Hudson County is now probably one of New Jersey's best real estate investment, citing the recently certified state table of equalized property valuations which shows that Hudson County land values are outpacing the rest of the state. Property values in the county increased 33.68 percent over last year, compared with a 28 percent increase during 1987. Overall, New Jersey real estate values increased by 22.1 percent this year.

Mr. Bloch is a real estate consumer advocate whose daily and weekend talk shows on New York City radio station WMCA have attracted a large audience of loyal listeners. In addition, Mr. Bloch hosts a nationally syndicated radio real estate program heard in some of the nation's leading cities each weekday. His book Inside Real Estate has become a best-seller among individuals buying or selling real estate.

Hudson Harbour Associates, based in Hoboken, is active in residential development and renovations throughout Hudson County and is spearheading much of the area's significant new residential development. Regarded as one of the area's fastest growing real estate organizations, the firm has been responsible for residential development throughout Jersey City, Hoboken, and Bayonne.

Money Back Guarantee On New Condominiums

HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY, — In an unprecedented move, Waterfront Invest, a quality developer of fine urban condominium residences today initiated an unconditional six-month money-back guarantee for buyers of their two current properties, Riverview Terrace in Jer-

sey City Heights and Forrest Hills in North Newark.

"This guarantee is absolutely unconditional and has no fine print or strings attached," stated Oerter Fioretti, partner in Waterfront Invest. "We are so convinced that we have the highest quality construc-

tion around and that our buyers will be so delighted with their new condominium residences that we don't hesitate to offer this guarantee."

As Fioretti stated, the Waterfront Invest unconditional money-back guarantee comes with no strings attached.

Move ahead on education

The critical state report on the Hoboken school system presented to the school board last night is a disturbing development.

The district has been in intensive Level 3 state monitoring, and until this report, the district seemed to be making progress in getting the many problems of the system corrected.

The Hoboken school board was getting anything but a rough deal from the state evaluators. The state had accepted the plan the board had prepared for solving the system's inadequacies.

But the quarterly state report, by Hudson County Superintendent of Schools Louis Accocella, faulted the Hoboken district for failing to meet its own schedule for establishing a basic skills curriculum guide, and for failing to meet its own guidelines on evaluating staff, managing school sites and improving instruction.

The Hoboken school board officials shouldn't try to minimize this state evaluation.

A student should meet the standards of his or her teacher, and a school system should meet the standards of the state.

If it doesn't carry out its own plans in an effective and timely manner, the state may take more direct action.

Hoboken accuses developer

By James Efstathiou

Hoboken has accused developer Anthony Dell'Aquila of trespassing and has won an initial round in court.

The disputed territory is a 25-acre parcel, mostly underwater, commonly referred to as the Todd Shipyards property. It is adjacent to Dell'Aquila's 64-acre waterfront parcel at the city's northern border.

Since last summer, Dell'Aquila has used the uplands portion for parking, according to city officials.

The city filed a complaint last August, claiming the land belonged to Hoboken. According to law director Eugene O'Connell, Hoboken acquired the land in 1976 by foreclosure.

Earlier this month, Superior Court Judge Robert E. Tarleton agreed, declaring the parcel within city limits. The judge dismissed a claim by Dell'Aquila's attorney that records showed the property rightfully belonged to him.

"I think it's important for the city to act whenever there's municipal land being used for private enterprise," said O'Connell.

However, Tarleton postponed a hearing on a counterclaim by Dell'Aquila which contends that Hoboken actually received no title following the 1976 foreclosure because the land had already passed to another owner.

Vincent Sharkey, representing Dell'Aquila, was unavailable for comment. City attorneys said the counterclaim argues that for 20 years the parcel was actually used by an adjacent property owner who in turn transferred it to Dell'Aquila. Because the property was used for so long by an owner other than Todd Shipyards, the foreclosure was moot, says the counter-claim.

In addition, the judge has allowed Dell'Aquila to stay on the property until the counterclaim is resolved and set a June 9 deadline for Hoboken to apply for relief on a possible future claim for damages. O'Connell said Hoboken will seek to recover back taxes on the property in light of Dell'Aquila's continued occupancy.

Housing offering draws criticism

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

As Hoboken developer Joseph Barry sees it, he is offering middle-income housing to Hoboken's working class families and public servants. The way Councilwoman Helen Cuning sees it, Barry's presentation yesterday to a group of public school teachers had the earmarks of a political deal.

The population targeted for this housing are working Hoboken families, civil servants, teachers, firemen, and policemen rather than transient "yuppies," read a written statement prepared by Applied Companies, Barry's firm.

Cuning accuses Barry of playing politics

But Cuning said she is suspicious that teachers were the first group of employees to hear a presentation from Barry on his plans to build 115 units at Observer Highway at Garden and Bloomfield streets and 150 units planned for Third Street between Hudson and River streets.

Cuning said the presentation should have first gone to municipal employees who by ordinance are required to live in Hoboken, and to the people on waiting lists at Applied

Housing or the Hoboken Housing Authority.

"Joe Barry has a list of people in this town who need housing. This stinks. It looks like a political deal and it smells like a political deal," she said.

Cuning said she also should have sought advice from the City Council tenant selection committee and the Campaign for Housing Justice.

"The municipal employees should be given the first shot. I find it very suspect that Joe Barry goes to the teachers first

who in the first time in history created a political action committee and took out an ad endorsing Pat Pasculli," Cuning said yesterday.

"It is an apartment for votes at best. Why did he go to the teachers first? Why didn't he first go to the municipal workers who by law must live in the city and 75 percent of them don't make \$25,000 a year?" she asked.

One of Barry's staffers said yesterday teachers were targeted first because they get out at

3 p.m. and the meeting was easier to arrange than police or firefighters who work various shifts.

Municipal workers end their work day at 4 p.m.

Teachers received a letter last week from Jim Germinario, head of the teachers' association, informing them of the meeting and Barry's plans to give "preference to residents and workers of this city."

Germinario said his association represents about 400 people. He said the teachers did

form a political action committee and it endorsed Pasculli, a public school teacher, and his council running mates because of their position on education.

Cuning, a council candidate in the runoff election June 13, ran on the mayoral ticket of Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, who was defeated.

Barry said he will make similar presentations to municipal workers, police and firefighters, churches and local industries and businesses.

The 23 low-income housing units at Observer Highway and the 30 low-income units at

Housing offering draws criticism as 'political'

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Third Street will be allocated by affirmative action guidelines through a lottery, Barry said.

Another 92 middle-income units at Observer Highway and 120 units at Hudson Street will be available. Barry said that rents will be about \$500 below the market rates. He said a one-bedroom will rent for \$750-\$850, a two-bedroom for \$950-\$1,050, and a three-bedroom for \$1,150-\$1,300.

"No one is being promised anything. All this is information that will be kicked around for a year. Helen Cuning is politicizing this for obvious reasons because she is running for the City Council," Barry said.

"She has never proposed one construction housing proposal for the city and she has obstructed anything the city

has tried to do," he said.

Barry said that if the demand exceeds the supply, he will set up a lottery for the middle-income units.

Originally, Barry was going to build 450 units on three lots at Observer Highway with 115 units earmarked for subsidized housing. After lead and mercury were found at the site, Pasculli helped Barry redesign his project so that two apartment buildings would be relocated to two sites on Hudson Street.

Cuning and Della Fave objected to the new arrangement because they believed that Barry was given preferential treatment by being designated developer of two prime lots near the waterfront without having to go through a competitive process.

Cuning and Della Fave agree preference should be given to Hoboken families.

By 16 cents

Tax rate going down in Hoboken

By DAVID LIPPMAN

The Hudson Dispatch 5-27-89

HOBOKEN—City residents received pleasant news yesterday when the municipal budget was introduced to the City Council. Taxes will fall.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the city is slashing its annual request to the taxpayers from \$8.4 million last year to \$4.7 million this year.

The \$3.7 million tax cut results from the city's agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to develop the waterfront here. The authority is to pay \$10 million to the city. However, the city has only budgeted \$7 million.

"We're putting aside the other \$3 million for a rainy day," Chius explained.

The development agreement was successfully opposed by a citizens group here and was one of the major issues in the recent municipal elections.

Under the budget unveiled yesterday, total spending will rise to \$34,797,741, up 8 1/2 percent from last year's \$31,883,594.

The current tax rate pays \$4.92 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for municipal purposes. Under the new budget, the rate will be \$2.74.

"The bad news is that county taxes are up by \$1 million," Chius said from his

City Hall office. "That's up 11 percent from last year. City school taxes went up by \$2.6 million."

However, the tax rate will still fall, Chius said, from \$18.02 to \$17.86.

"It's a unique circumstance," Chius said. "I believe we're the only urban area in New Jersey to cut taxes this year."

Increased spending will go to a variety of areas.

The recreation budget is \$265,000, a \$110,000 increase from last year's \$155,000. New programs for children and adults are planned.

Public safety spending went up from about \$10 million to \$10.4 million, mostly for salary increases and new police hirings.

Solid waste disposal costs rose from \$2.65 million to \$3.05 million, a \$400,000 increase.

Insurance costs are up by \$200,000 from last year's \$3 million.

The city also had to spend \$100,000 on municipal elections, as opposed to nothing the previous year. Another spending increase was \$300,000 for consultants on the waterfront negotiations. Last year, \$75,000 was spent.

The city is also spending \$704,000 to repave streets, including northern stretches of Park Avenue and Garden Street. "It's the first major road repaving since 1979," Chius said. No money was spent on repaving roads last year.

A \$100,000 state grant will be used to

demolish Pier B, which was damaged in a fire on Oct. 31, 1982. An additional \$38,000 in state funds will be used in accordance with the Clean Communities Act to place 300 litter baskets around the city.

The city is also receiving about \$6 million in state aid money, and 1 million through Municipal Court fines, mostly parking tickets. "That'll be getting bigger with a crackdown we're doing," Chius said.

The council approved the budget 8-0, with Councilman David Roberts absent.

A budget hearing will be held June 26 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The spending plan must then be approved by the state Community Affairs Department.

Judge rules out runoff vote in Hoboken

By Patricia Scott

The Hudson Dispatch 5-20-89

A state Superior Court judge yesterday ordered Hoboken City Clerk James Farina to certify voting tallies from Tuesday's election recount, officially ending the chance for three at-large City Council challengers to have a runoff.

Relying on state statutes that govern runoffs and recount tallying, Judge Stephen Schaeffer ruled that Tuesday's recount figures will stand, and ordered Farina to certify the figures, thus ending the runoff issue.

Candidates Councilman Richard Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England—aligned with the incumbent

re-elected Mayor Patrick Pasculli—will not be subjected to a runoff challenge, and are now officially victors in the race.

Attorney Raymond Korona, who unsuccessfully represented candidates Helen Cuning, Joseph Rafta and Abraham Lao, said he will discuss the ruling with his clients and may appeal on Monday to the Appellate Division. Sources said such an appeal is, however, unlikely.

"It all comes down to a reading of the law," Korona said. "Another judge may interpret the law in the way I did, which is different from the way this judge did."

Judge Schaeffer rejected the method by which Korona

sought to throw out 110 votes which were registered on a faulty counter at the Ward Six, District Four polling site and estimate a total tally that would avoid using those votes, since they were known to be inaccurate.

The judge said state law dictates that all votes must be included, even the 110 on the faulty counter.

Michael Mongiello, on behalf of DelBoccio, England and Arroyo, argued that Korona's approach in tallying votes was artificial and would disenfranchise voters who did cast votes at the malfunctioning poll.

After the ruling, Farina and Law Director Gene O'Connell

said they are "very satisfied" with the outcome.

Pasculli called the resolution "destiny," adding, "I knew the night of the election, whether it went to a runoff or not, that all three candidates would prevail."

DelBoccio received 6,115 votes; Arroyo, 5,300, and England, 5,257. Rafta received 4,197; Cuning, 4,907, and Lao, 3,957.

The court ruling renders the council with two members who supported the unsuccessful bid Joseph Della Fave for mayor — Della Fave himself and Councilman Thomas Newman — and seven aligned with Pasculli.

Police headquarters gets new bathroom

By Jim Efstathiou

The Hudson Dispatch 5-31-89

Hoboken police aren't likely to move into a new headquarters in the near future. However, they can enjoy a new bathroom, compliments of City Hall.

Workers laid concrete for the bathroom and installed sheet rock in a hallway in the department's City Hall basement facility yesterday. Work progressed as the administra-

tion stepped up its efforts to meet Monday's state deadline for improving working conditions in the dilapidated basement offices.

Violations of the state Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act in police headquarters were reported in December by the state Department of Labor. The city was ordered to correct the deficiency.

Police getting new facilities

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tion by June 5 after a reinspection in March revealed that virtually none of the 34 violations had been corrected.

Meanwhile, a task force created by Mayor Patrick Pasculli in January to locate a site for a new police facility appears to have hit a stumbling block. The group, which hasn't met for at least a month, found several potential sites. However, acquiring a parcel that long could afford could take as long as a year, according to a member.

Public Works director Roy Haack, who is overseeing the improvements, said they are partly in response to the state mandate and partly in response to Pasculli's desire to enhance conditions for police.

However, some veteran officers said the work was done solely to appease the Labor Department and installing new plumbing won't correct longstanding shortcomings.

"They're cleaning things up but working conditions with

the public won't change," said Sgt. Vincent Lombardi, a 26-year veteran. "The only new piece of electronic equipment we have is a push-button phone."

Those sentiments were echoed by James Fitzsimmons, head of PBA Local 2 which brought conditions to the state's attention. He said the department needs more space and a new headquarters.

"We appreciate the efforts on the part of the city in trying to correct the water leaks and stop the flow of raw sewage and put a bench in front of the lock-up so we can tie our shoes, but we feel the facility is too small and too outdated," Fitzsimmons said.

In April, the mayor's task force identified three or four sites for a new precinct but acquiring one has proven more difficult than envisioned, said Business Administrator Edwin Chius, a committee member.

"In order to get a reasonable price, it's going to take a lot of time, possibly a year."

Network pulls plug on Hoboken series

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

The Hudson Dispatch 5-26-89

Hudson County residents who have enjoyed seeing their houses, favorite deli or bar on television each Friday night, may have only two more chances left.

NBC's "Dream Street," an hour-long weekly drama about working-class life in Hoboken, is being put to sleep.

NBC has not renewed the show for the fall schedule, according to Avi Levy, the production company's accountant.

"NBC cancelled it. It's not in the fall line-up," Levy said. "It got good reviews but the

decision was made by the network."

After the show premiered on a Thursday night in April and subsequently moved to Friday night, Levy said the ratings "died."

"After Thursday, there were two more shows. Then the network made a decision. This Friday (tonight) may be the last Friday. Or there may be one more after this," he said.

While the show received mixed reviews, Hoboken residents were not surprised by NBC's decision.

Even Jackie Muruca, who has watched the show faithfully

every week, said the story line was beginning to drag.

Muruca's family allowed a Jersey Journal reporter to join them as they watched the show's debut. At that time, the family members were optimistic that the show would be a success.

"It had its spots. There were a couple of good shows. Then it died down. I can't put my finger on it. I thought it had great potential but the last show really dragged," said Muruca.

City Clerk James Farina did not mince words in his assessment of the show.

"It stunk," Farina snapped yesterday. "Hoboken people didn't grow up that way. That happens in Brooklyn — in New York."

Hoboken is a family community and not all that exciting, said Farina. While the show contained violence and street gangs, the story line was boring, he said.

"If they want a good story, they should do a show about (Frank) Sinatra and (Councilman Steve) Cappiello. Now that would hold people's interest," Farina suggested.

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Washington Street resident Margaret McFeely, who led the fight to kick the television production crew out of the uptown neighborhood, said the show wasn't capable of holding audience interest.

"It wasn't a good story. It was dark, depressing and decadent," McFeely said.

McFeely had organized the neighborhood to complain about the way the television crew swallowed up already scarce parking spaces, had bright camera lights shining well into the night, and the rudeness of some of the crew members. As a result, Mayor Patrick Pasculli put a ban on further filming until the city adopted more regulations.

Brooke Kennedy, the

show's producer, vowed that she would not stay in a town where she was not welcome.

However, Kennedy and Hoboken seemed to be on the road to reconciliation.

Lisa Conn, an attorney in the Law Department, who is writing new regulations, said she believed the company and city had figured out a way to allow filming to continue in the fall without disrupting the neighborhood.

McFeely said the show's story line bothered her almost as much as the production company's equipment and vehicles.

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Cost questioned

Builder pitches 'Affordable' units coming to Hoboken

By RANDI GLATZER

The Hudson Dispatch 5-26-89

HOBOKEN—A local developer gave his first sales pitch yesterday for apartments in an affordable housing complex now in the works.

Descriptions of the apartments, some of which will have views of Manhattan, terraces and French doors, sounded appealing, some prospective tenants said, except for one problem — they are too expensive to be considered "affordable."

The two buildings, which were planned more than two years ago, will be models for the state, said developer Joseph Barry of Applied Companies of Hoboken. Developers are turning to such developments because of the lack of federal funds for housing, the high cost of construction and the need for homes priced to keep middle-income people in urban areas, Barry said.



He gave his private sales pitch in one of Applied Housing's Bloomfield Street buildings to members of the Hoboken Teachers Association, saying he wants to offer the rent-controlled apartments first to "working Hoboken families, civil servants, teachers, firemen and policemen rather than 'transient yuppies.'"

The two buildings are planned to be comprised of 20 percent low-income apartments and 20 percent middle-income apartments. The first to be completed, Observer Park on Observer Highway between Garden and Bloomfield streets, will contain 23 low-income apartments priced from \$265 to \$550 per month, and 92 middle-income apartments priced from \$750 to \$1,300, Barry said. The middle-income apartments eventually will be offered for sale as co-ops to tenants, Barry said.

The numbers are sharply different from those Applied Housing released in late September, when Barry and city, state and federal officials broke ground just in time to win a \$3 million federal grant to build the project.

At that time, 53 of Observer Park's 115 apartments were to be reserved for low-income individuals and rent for a maximum of \$300 per month, and 62 were to be called middle-income, and be priced from \$700 to \$1,100 per month.

"Unless the teachers get a raise, I don't see how they're going to afford it," one man said during the presentation.

The federal government is scheduled to give the grant to the city, which plans to turn it into an interest-free loan for Applied Housing.

Pasculli foes fighting uphill battle

They call runoff city's last chance for reform

By RANDI GLATZER

The Hudson Dispatch 5-30-89

HOBOKEN—As a June 13 runoff election for three at-large City Council seats approaches, three insurgents plan to tell voters that the election is the city's last chance for free discussions and checks and balances in its government.

What they will not say, but what is almost certainly on their minds and those of their opponents, is that the runoff is also the last chance for their own political group.

The candidates, part of an organization widely known here as the reform movement, are facing the same obstacles that would confront any individuals trying to gain footing in any Democratic stronghold, said one political analyst, Steve Salmore of the Eagleton Institute at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Although they are fighting their battles in this mile-square city, their frustration sheds light on a much larger struggle to crack open all of Hudson County.

Candidate Joseph Rafter, a former Board of Education president who, along with incumbent Helen A. Cunneen and Abraham Lao, is challenging a slate backed by Mayor Patrick Pasculli, said last week he believes voters will opt for some opposition to the administration.

"They will see that we're the last chance for an open window in Hoboken," Rafter said. "If they

(Pasculli's candidates) win, it's going to set back reform in this town to the 1960s. Pasculli now holds a 6-3 majority on the nine-member council; if his slate wins, he will have seven of the nine members behind him.

Like any municipality in the country, this city would benefit from having more than one group in power, Salmore said. But, he said, the possibility of reformers retaining a foothold without one of their candidates in a visible seat such as the mayor's is especially grim, no matter how appealing their political ideology.

Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, a reform candidate, lost his bid for mayor against Pasculli by a wide margin on May 9. Without him, the team will be less likely to cull campaign contributions.

Insurgents need money and a broad base of support to make inroads. And although this city's election is considered "non-partisan," where all the candidates are Democrats, the reformers must battle the county and state Democratic machinery, which generally lines up behind anyone who looks like a winner, Salmore said.

The machinery becomes especially difficult to battle in a year such as this one, when county and state politicians are working to elect a Democratic governor. "That's where the real patronage is," Salmore said.



JOSEPH RAFTER
Says voters want balance



HELENA A. CUNNEEN
Incumbent opposed to mayor



ABRAHAM LAO
Part of reform slate

Insurgents who gain and keep a base of power here even when they cannot win visible government positions are likely to be the Republicans — like the opposition in Union City — who can draw on state GOP resources.

Most observers also said a low turnout is likely, and that it will favor Pasculli's slate.

City newcomers and students, who may spend their summer nights in Manhattan or at beach houses, will be less likely to vote on June 13 than lifelong residents, said city Business Administrator Edwin J. Chius. Those residents, many of whom live in the city's 3rd and 4th wards, strongly supported Pasculli in the May 9 election.

Newman blasts Pasculli budget

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

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While Mayor Patrick Pasculli has proudly pointed to the 16-cent tax decrease in his 1989 budget, other city officials have criticized the spending plan for anticipating revenue from the Port Authority.

The mayor introduced a \$34 million city budget late Friday afternoon at the start of the three-day weekend. The budget lowers the municipal share of the tax rate by 16 cents by anticipating \$7 million from a partnership with the Port Authority to develop the city-owned waterfront piers.

"Hoboken is in a unique category as the only urban community in the state with a tax decrease," Pasculli told the City Council when he introduced the budget at a special council session.

But the plan immediately drew sharp criticism from First Ward City Councilman Thomas Newman, who said the city's dependence on the P.A. money weakened the city's negotiating power to the point of being dangerous.

Newman suggested that as one alternative to the budget crisis, the city borrow money using its valuable waterfront land along the Hudson River as collateral.

"I don't like the alternative. But it is the question of being between the devil and the deep blue sea. It is a budget choice of being over a barrel and the difference between being able to negotiate and still being able to hold some of the cards so that we are not absolutely dependent on this deal," Newman said.

"We are going to be \$7 million in the hole if we don't make a deal with somebody. This is a serious negotiating

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Newman criticizes Pasculli for anticipating P.A. funds

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problem that has to be overcome," he said.

Without the Port Authority money, the tax rate of \$18.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would have increased by 29 percent or \$5, Pasculli said. Instead, the anticipated rate is \$17.86.

Pasculli countered that "to refresh the First Ward councilman's memory," Newman was willing two years ago to use \$3 million anticipated from a settlement from the Port Authority while the issue was in litigation.

But Newman stressed that for the city to be in a position to negotiate developing the 30 acres of waterfront land with the bi-state agency, an alternative plan was needed so that the city "could walk away from the deal."

The \$7 million the city expects to get from signing an agreement with the P.A. offsets about \$7 million in budget shortfalls. Business Administrator Edwin Chius said that the money from the bi-state agency will make up for the \$3.2 million in revenue the city received last year from an insur-

ance settlement, a \$1 million loss in state aid, a \$2.4 million increase in funding the school budget and \$1 million in increased county costs.

The budget, which represents about a \$3 million increase in appropriations, includes about a \$400,000 increase for hiring more patrolmen and to pay for a collective bargaining agreement with the police union, Chius said.

The Pasculli administration wants to build a 3.2 million-square-foot development of offices, housing units, retail shops, hotels, park and marina at the southern end of the city.

Before the city gets revenue from the authority, the two bodies must sign a final agreement, which Pasculli hopes to strike by the end of September.

The state will allow the city to earmark anticipated revenue so long as it can give assurance that the money will be delivered by the end of December.

Chius said that tentative agreement approved by the city and bi-state agency earlier this month gives the city the latitude to pencil in the anticipated money for the budget.

The document earmarks

\$225,000 for waterfront planning, the mayor said.

The budget also provides for more police coverage, extended recreational programs, improvements to streets and to the water system, said Pasculli.

The budget calls for no layoff of city employees or cutback in services, he said.

The budget does not include the \$2.8 million the City Council axed from the school budget last year but restored by the state, he said.

The budget was also financed by \$1.1 million the city received from developer Joseph Barry for a city lot at Observer Highway, Pasculli said.

The city expects to get another \$3 million to \$4 million when the city sells the developer two lots at Hudson Street, Pasculli said. That money will be put into a reserve account, he said.

Without the P.A. money, taxes on a house valued at \$200,000 would increase by \$1,000, said Chius. With the proposed budget, taxes on that house will decrease by \$32.

It is impossible to say what the final tax rate will be, since it also depends on the county and school board budgets.

Some see merit in merit pay

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

6-1-89

A Hoboken city administrator is drafting an employee evaluation policy to give merit raises to those who work hard and direction to the unmotivated.

While most employees agree with Finance Director Nicholas Goldsack's premise that the city government needs an evaluation policy, they see a variety of problems in implementation.

"We want good employees to be recognized and for those who are unsatisfactory, we want them to know why and provide them with direction," Goldsack said.

The plan, still in the design stage, drew mixed reaction yesterday from City Hall staffers who said they feared raises would be based on political favoritism.

Others said that it would be difficult for department heads to evaluate staff if an employee is related to the supervisor or director.

Goldsack said supervisors would be sent to workshops to learn how to avoid favoritism. He wants public employees to meet the standards of the private sector, he said.

Building Inspector Jude Fitzgibbons, who represents the supervisors' union, said he is leery of a policy that gives merit raises based on perfor-

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P.A.'s \$7M fends off tax hike for municipal use

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

5-27-89

Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli released a \$34 million 1989 budget late yesterday afternoon.

If approved by the City Council, the budget would lower the municipal share of the tax rate by 16 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It is impossible to predict whether the overall tax rate will increase or decrease, however, since the figure depends upon the school

board and county budgets.

The drop in the municipal share of the tax rate is the result of Pasculli using \$7 million anticipated from a partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to develop the waterfront.

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Nobody rolls out the barrel

By Dan Rosenfeld

Hazardous chemicals discovered at a defunct cooperage on the Jersey City-Hoboken border eight months ago will stay there for the foreseeable future, Jersey City and state officials said yesterday.

About 30 barrels filled with paint thinner were found on the former Ideal Cooperage barrel plant during the final stages of New York Avenue reconstruction, said Louis Manzo, Jersey City chief health officer. The state Department of Environmental Protection told Manzo last September that it would handle the cleanup, he added.

"We've been after them to take care of it as soon as possible, but you know how DEP operates," Manzo said.

Dave Beeman, DEP spill section chief at its metro field office in West Orange, said the federal Environmental Protection Agency now has jurisdiction over the three-acre site. The EPA does not have a timetable for a cleanup, he said.

Beeman disputed Manzo's claim that 30 barrels contained

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paint thinner, stating most were empty.

Paint thinner, a petroleum-based solvent, is extremely explosive and can cause brain damage if inhaled over an extended period, said Dr. Steven Marcus, director of the lead clinic at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark.

"Chronic inhalation in a confined space can cause brain damage similar to sniffing glue," Marcus said. "The real danger is its explosive factor. With 30 gallons you can have a sizeable explosion that could give a few fire companies trouble, and you're talking 30 times as much."

An explosion and fire could rival the recent chemical blaze at the Degen Oil and Chemical Company in Jersey City, he added.

Ideal Cooperage, which closed in 1981 after a fire, refurbished supposedly empty barrels, but left the site strewn with barrels and garbage, Beeman said.

Councilman Thomas Hart said he and community groups began efforts to clean up the site soon after the fire. The DEP reported after the fire that no barrels contained hazardous material, Hart said.

"My frustration is that we began the project eight years

ago and it's still not clean," Hart said. "Some pressure should have been applied on these companies."

While Ideal Cooperage has been dissolved, two of its officers, Marie Monch and Richard Pascale, live in North Arlington and could be charged for the cleanup, Beeman said. The EPA would be responsible for cost recovery, he added.

Neighbors said illegal dumpers compounded environmental problems at the Ideal Cooperage site.

"That used to be a dumping place for everyone," said Lissetta Cano, who lives a few hundred yards away at 21 Ravine Ave. "They cleaned it up months ago and since then it's been pretty good."

More barrels are at the bottom of the hill, which cannot be seen from the road, Beeman said. Manzo said a firm should be hired to determine the ex-

tent of environmental danger.

"Just because those barrels have paint thinner in them, we don't know if there's something more harmful in other barrels," Manzo said. "We should get the state in to classify each barrel that remains."

Marcus and Beeman stressed that sealed barrels of paint thinner pose little danger, but years of weathering can rupture the metal drums. The presence of paint thinner was not discovered until a work crew punctured a drum during transport and paint thinner spilled out, Manzo said.

The barrels have been outdoors for at least eight years and appeared badly rusted and weathered.

"Rain can rust a barrel so it would spring a leak," Marcus said. "It could get into the water table, but that's highly unlikely."

Not everyone sees merits of merit pay in City Hall

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ed that Civil Service employees be routinely evaluated, Goldsack said.

The added documentation will also give municipalities a stronger case to get rid of bad employees, he said.

Goldsack is designing an evaluation that would measure an employee's accuracy, alertness, creativity, personality, friendliness, personal appearance — if relevant to the job — physical fitness, attendance, dependability, drive, job knowledge, quantity of work, stability and courtesy, he said.

The mayor would evaluate directors and department heads, who would score supervisors, who in turn would evaluate employees, Goldsack said.

One director said conducting an evaluation would cause dissension in the office. Instead, a personnel committee should make the evaluations, he said.

A veteran employee said

she would prefer the evaluation to be conducted by a personnel committee which wouldn't "care about the flak" to insure objectivity.

But Goldsack said that if a supervisor is earning an administrator's pay, he or she should be willing to evaluate the employees at the risk of popularity.

Goldsack is still working on a policy he would like to see implemented within a year, he said.

He has been seeking input from municipal unions, he added.

One longtime employee, who supports having the policy, said, "I'll believe it when I see it."

The attorney also reminded the judge of a psychiatrist's evaluation of his client before the trial.

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Mody case is closed

Teen gets 6 months in final sentencing

By NINA SHAPIRO

The Hudson Dispatch 5-27-89

A Hudson County judge gave the harshest possible sentence to a teenager convicted of assault in the Navroze Mody beating death, imposing a six-month jail term.

The action was consistent with the judge's punishment of three other defendants in the highly publicized case, each of whom he sentenced last month to maximum 10-year terms on their aggravated assault convictions.

Yesterday's sentencing of William Acevedo, 18, brought to a close a case that galvanized the local Asian Indian community and attracted international attention.

The Sept. 27, 1987, death of Mody, a 30-year-old banker from

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Jersey City, became a symbol of anti-Indian bias for many local Indians, although the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office has maintained the case was not biased.

Assistant County Prosecutor Donald Gardner tried four teenagers for the murder of Mody: Ralph Gonzalez, 18; Luis Padilla, 17; and brothers Daniel L. Acevedo, 16, and William Acevedo, all of Hoboken. Mody was beaten on a Hoboken street.

After a two-week trial, a jury found William Acevedo guilty of a disorderly persons assault count, and the other defendants guilty of aggravated assault. At yesterday's hearing, Acevedo bowed his head as he heard Judge Kevin G. Callahan of Superior Court in Jersey City pronounce the sentence. His girlfriend and mother, sitting behind him, broke into tears.

Callahan revoked Acevedo's bail, rejecting a request by his attorney, David K. Fronefield of Hackensack, to let the teenager spend the Memorial Day weekend with his family. The defendant — dressed in white pants, a white button-down shirt with black stripes and a black tie — was led out of the court in handcuffs.

Acevedo, whose two-month, pretrial incarceration at the county Youth House in Secaucus will be credited toward his sentence, will be eligible for parole in about six weeks, according to Fronefield.

Jamshed and Korshed Mr. parents of the dead man, attended the hearing and said they were pleased by the sentencing.

The Mody and other Indian leaders have said the verdict in the case, by acquitting the defendants of murder charges, soured their belief in the American justice system.

In imposing a jail term, Callahan dismissed a legal presumption of non-incarceration for first offenders. He said he did so because of a "strong need to deter."

Callahan also fined the teenager \$500.

"You contributed to the gang mentality that caused Mr. Mody's death," Callahan said.

He also noted that while Acevedo does not have an adult criminal record, the teenager was convicted of a juvenile charge in connection with a street fight shortly before the Mody incident.

In his pre-sentence address to the judge, Gardner asked for the maximum term. He said that, although Acevedo was convicted of the least serious offense, he was a "participant in the trust sense of the word" in the fight that led to Mody's death.

"But for his part as a member of a gang who attacked Navroze Mody, Navroze Mody would be alive today," Gardner said.

In a plea for leniency, Fronefield told Callahan that Acevedo was well on the road to rehabilitation. The defendant is working for his father at an auto body shop in Hoboken and is pursuing a high school general equivalency diploma, Fronefield said.

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Spunky Granny a Savior

Fire victim leaves wheelchair, walks down 20 flights of stairs

By Emily M. Smith

Hoboken firefighters carried heavy equipment up 20 flights of stairs in yesterday's 90-degree temperatures to put out a three-alarm fire in the Marineview Plaza high-rise that gutted the apartment of a woman who relies on a wheelchair.

Elevators in the 25-story building were shut down by smoke and water from hoses that were turned on flames in Apartment 20D. Smoke filled the hallway on the 20th floor and infiltrated several other floors, said Deputy Chief Pasquale Sarnella.

Sheryll Tulloch, who has multiple sclerosis, was able to walk down the hallway and 15 flights of stairs, having left her wheelchair in her burning apartment. She banged on neighbors' doors and yelled fire on her way down the hallway, she and neighbors said.

"I would say it was by the Grace of God that I had been able to walk that far," she said, adding that she was helped down the last five flights by a neighbor. "This is just adrenaline."

The fire started at about 6:15 p.m. in a clothing closet in which Tulloch's 2-year-old grandson was playing. The cause is still under investigation, Sarnella said.

Tulloch, who lives in the apartment with her daughter and two grandchildren, was most upset by the loss of three of her four cats and her wheelchair.

She said she is not sure how she will replace the destroyed wheelchair. "I know my wheelchair is dead," she said, her eyes filling with tears. "That's like my legs being gone, which they are already."

No serious injuries were reported in the fire to which four engines and two trucks responded. Almost all of the



Sheryll Tulloch rests after fleeing fire in her Marineview Plaza apartment in Hoboken yesterday.

city's on-duty firefighters were called to the scene because of the special problems of coping with a fire in a high-rise, officials said.

The building has no sprinklers, which Sarnella said is often a problem in older high-rises. He said that

firefighters also have to deal with inverse ventilation — which occurs when windows on top floors are broken out and the incoming air blows the fire back and usually onto the firefighters.

The department also is without an apparatus known as

a cherry picker — a basket that can be elevated to fight fires in high rises from the outside.

"That would have been a big help here," one fire fighter said.

The Jersey City Fire Department assisted. The fire was under control by 7:05 p.m. Ed Mecka, a Hoboken police sergeant who lives next door to Tulloch, said he sent his wife and child out of the building while he stayed to help firefighters.

"I got so smoky I went down for an oxygen tank," Mecka said. "It's rough. I can see what the firefighters had to go through" carrying equipment up so many smoky stairwells. "It's the only alternative we had," Mecka said.

Mecka, a 10-year resident of Marineview, said that the elevators had been breaking down for years, a serious problem in emergencies like yesterday's.

Firefighter Larry Kolmer suffered minor injuries when he fell on the stairwell while transporting equipment that included yellow oxygen tanks.

When the fire started, Tulloch said, she was in her bedroom and heard her granddaughter, Chryssa, 7, shout, "Fire." Tulloch said she emerged from her bedroom to see her grandson, Willie, a few feet beneath flames that were licking a post inside the closet.

Willie was sitting in Tulloch's battery-operated wheelchair in the closet, she said. She said she sent the children out of the building and then knocked on neighbors' doors to alert them.

She inadvertently locked the door behind her which prevented Mecka and off-duty fire Captain John Lisa from turning the fire hose in the hallway on the flames.

Disabled woman arouses tenants at highrise blaze

By SEBASTIAN D'ELIA

The Hudson Dispatch 6-2-89

HOBOKEN—A disabled woman evacuated her two grandchildren and dozens of neighbors after a three-alarm fire broke out in her apartment on the 20th floor of a highrise apartment building yesterday afternoon, officials said.

At least four people were treated for smoke-related injuries at St. Mary Hospital here. Firefighters responded at 6:20 p.m. to the fire at Two Marine View Plaza, at Third and Hudson streets. The fire went to three alarms at 6:24, according to Deputy Chief Pasquale Sarnella, who was in charge of about 35 men at the scene.

Sheryll Tulloch, 44, who roused tenants, escaped uninjured from the fire that started in her closet in Apartment 20G. Tulloch has multiple sclerosis, a deterioration of the nervous system that can lead to paralysis and loss of sensation.

Tulloch uses a wheelchair and can only walk very short distances without the chair, but that didn't stop her yesterday. She shares the apartment with her daughter Dianne Pierce, 25, and two grandchildren, Chryssa McDonald, 7, and Willie McDonald, 2.

Tulloch said her granddaughter Chryssa alerted her to the fire in their hallway closet about 6:15. Tulloch said she then walked over and saw her coat, hanging on a rack, on fire. Directly underneath was her grandson Willie, who was playing in Tulloch's wheelchair. The fire quickly spread along to other clothes along the rack, she said.

Tulloch said she quickly ushered the children out of the apartment, telling them to "run down as far as they could go."

Tulloch said she turned around and heard pops from the closet as the fire burned the battery pack of her wheelchair. She locked the apartment door behind her and ran down the hallway, banging on all the doors of her neighbors.

She then pulled out a fire hose to fight the flames, but realized her door had been locked, she said. She then ran down to the fourth floor, where she collapsed from exhaustion. Police Officer Gene

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Dozing electorate is facing ad blitz

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken cable television viewers will be hit this week-end with a media blitz orchestrated by the three City Council candidates who ran with defeated mayoral contender, Councilman Joseph Della Fave.

Their plan is to air more than 100 half-minute campaign ads from today until late Monday evening.

The campaign bought time during tomorrow's Yankees-Red Sox game to be televised on the Madison Square Garden channel. Ads were also bought on the movie channel, the sports channel, the Spanish-language network and Cable Network News.

The message is simple: Mayor Patrick Pasculi should

not have a rubber-stamp City Council.

The TV blitz is part of the regrouping of the Della Fave council candidates, who are making a last-ditch effort to secure three at-large seats in Tuesday's runoff election. They will square off against the three Pasculi candidates.

Councilwoman Helen Cuning, elected four years ago on the ticket of the late Mayor Thomas Vezzeiti, is seeking re-election along with Abraham Lao, who has never held public office but has been active in Fourth Ward politics, and Joseph Rafta, former president of the Board of Education.

Pasculi's candidates are billing themselves as "the Pasculi team." They say they must

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complete Pasculi's victory in May by electing council members politically aligned with the mayor so he can implement his platform.

On that ticket are Councilman Richard Del Boccio, former Board of Education trustee Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England, who serves on the school board and the Hoboken Parking Authority Commission.

The runoff is required because Pasculi's team did not garner 50 percent-plus-one vote for a first-ballot victory.

In the runoff election, "our message is to complete the victory. They have already given the message and chose him.

The only way he can implement his plan is gain a majority on the council," Arroyo said.

That is what Cuning, Lao and Rafta are attacking.

Both camps designed new campaign brochures. The Pasculi team kept the same "Pasculi blue" colors and the literature highlights "the Pasculi team" and Pasculi's platform.

The new brochure of Cuning, Lao and Rafta, now known as the Hoboken Victory '89 Committee, depicts a red '89 Committee, depicts a red "No Rubber Stamp" emblem on a photo of City Hall with the message: "Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. On Tuesday, June 13, vote to keep an eye on Pat Pasculi."

Outrage was premature

Hoboken Councilwoman Helen Cuning was premature in attacking the way a new middle-income housing development is being marketed.

Cuning complained that developer Joseph Barry gave Hoboken teachers the first presentation about the units on Observer Highway and on Third Street. A teachers' political action group endorsed Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculi in his successful re-election bid.

Giving such a presentation first to teachers isn't in itself giving them any unfair advantage. Barry said he will make similar presentations to police and firefighters, other municipal workers, churches and local industries and businesses.

It may have been reasonable for Cuning to seek assurances from Barry, and watch to see that they are carried out. But by raising the political accusation and condemning the meeting with harsh language, she is leaving herself open to charges of over-reacting.

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form if requested. "It is an appropriate time to have something on the books that is enforceable and that people can comply with. This way, it removes any suspicion of any actions taken and we don't have people second-guessing any votes or decisions. Everything is in the open," said Wilson.

Pasculi agreed that it is now timely to reactivate the ethics committee in light of the city's negotiating a lucrative development deal with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. But he wants to limit the local law's reach.

"It should be targeted to those elected officials who are going to have direct responsibility in governing the city," Pasculi said.

Ironically, Pasculi and Councilwoman Helen Cuning,

who ran together on the same mayoral ticket four years ago and are now political foes, amended the ordinance to exclude advisers to make it more palatable to other council members.

"I agree it should be resurrected. And now that the waterfront negotiating team or parts of the team have become Pasculi's own negotiating team, they should be asked to sign a conflict of interest statement to protect the public interest in these negotiations," Cuning said.

Cuning and Wilson also believe that the ordinance should be extended to the tricity sewage authority, which will be handling \$100 million in bonds to build a secondary wastewater treatment plant for Hoboken, Union City and Weehawken.

Confidential files are not quite shut

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

6-5-89

If Texas Democrat Jim Wright were governed by Hoboken's ethics law, he would still be Speaker of the House.

For one thing, neither Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., nor anyone else for that matter, would have access to elected officials' financial disclosure statements stored in the office of a Hoboken church.

"I was concerned about the capriciously curious having access — and I don't mean that to be reporters — but the man around the corner or neighbors who were just capriciously curious why I drive a Jaguar," said Morgan Cline, a member of the Municipal Ethics Board.

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Spunky Granny a Savior

Fire victim leaves wheelchair, walks down 20 flights of stairs

By Emily M. Smith

Hoboken firefighters carried heavy equipment up 20 flights of stairs in yesterday's 90-degree temperatures to put out a three-alarm fire in the Marineview Plaza high-rise that gutted the apartment of a woman who relies on a wheelchair.

Elevators in the 25-story building were shut down by smoke and water from hoses that were turned on flames in Apartment 20D. Smoke filled the hallway on the 20th floor and infiltrated several other floors, said Deputy Chief Pasquale Sarnella.

Sheryll Tulloch, who has multiple sclerosis, was able to walk down the hallway and 15 flights of stairs, having left her wheelchair in her burning apartment. She banged on neighbors' doors and yelled fire on her way down the hallway, she and neighbors said.

"I would say it was by the Grace of God that I had been able to walk that far," she said, adding that she was helped down the last five flights by a neighbor. "This is just adrenaline."

The fire started at about 6:15 p.m. in a clothing closet in which Tulloch's 2-year-old grandson was playing. The cause is still under investigation, Sarnella said.

Tulloch, who lives in the apartment with her daughter and two grandchildren, was most upset by the loss of three of her four cats and her wheelchair.

She said she is not sure how she will replace the destroyed wheelchair. "I know my wheelchair is dead," she said, her eyes filling with tears. "That's like my legs being gone, which they are already."

No serious injuries were reported in the fire to which four engines and two trucks responded. Almost all of the



Sheryll Tulloch rests after fleeing fire in her Marineview Plaza apartment in Hoboken yesterday.

city's on-duty firefighters were called to the scene because of the special problems of coping with a fire in a high-rise, officials said. The building has no sprinklers, which Sarnella said is often a problem in older high-rises. He said that

firefighters also have to deal with inverse ventilation — which occurs when windows on top floors are broken out and the incoming air blows the fire back and usually onto the firefighters.

The department also is without an apparatus known as

a cherry picker — a basket that can be elevated to fight fires in high rises from the outside.

"That would have been a big help here," one fire fighter said.

The Jersey City Fire Department assisted. The fire was under control by 7:05 p.m.

Ed Meeka, a Hoboken police sergeant who lives next door to Tulloch, said he sent his wife and child out of the building while he stayed to help firefighters.

"It got so smoky I went down for an oxygen tank," Meeka said. "It's rough. I can see what the firefighters had to go through" carrying equipment up so many smoky stairwells. "It's the only alternative we had," Meeka said.

Meeka, a 10-year resident of Marineview, said that the elevators had been breaking down for years, a serious problem in emergencies like yesterday's.

Firefighter Larry Kolmer suffered minor injuries when he fell on the stairwell while transporting equipment that included yellow oxygen tanks.

When the fire started, Tulloch said, she was in her bedroom and heard her granddaughter, Chryssa, 7, shout, "Fire." Tulloch said she emerged from her bedroom to see her grandson, Willie, a few feet beneath flames that were licking a post inside the closet.

Willie was sitting in Tulloch's battery-operated wheelchair in the closet, she said. She said she sent the children out of the building and then knocked on neighbors' doors to alert them.

She inadvertently locked the door behind her which prevented Meeka and off-duty fire Captain John Lisa from turning the fire hose in the hallway on the flames.

Disabled woman arouses tenants at highrise blaze

By SEBASTIAN D'ELIA

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HOBOKEN—A disabled woman evacuated her two grandchildren and dozens of neighbors after a three-alarm fire broke out in her apartment on the 20th floor of a highrise apartment building yesterday afternoon, officials said.

At least four people were treated for smoke-related injuries at St. Mary Hospital here. Firefighters responded at 6:20 p.m. to the fire at Two Marine View Plaza, at Third and Hudson streets. The fire went to three alarms at 6:24, according to Deputy Chief Pasquale Sarnella, who was in charge of about 35 men at the scene.

Sheryll Tulloch, 44, who roused tenants, escaped uninjured from the fire that started in her closet in Apartment 20G. Tulloch has multiple sclerosis, a deterioration of the nervous system that can lead to paralysis and loss of sensation.

Tulloch uses a wheelchair and can only walk very short distances without the chair, but that didn't stop her yesterday. She shares the apartment with her daughter Dianne Pierce, 25, and two grandchildren, Chryssa McDonald, 7, and Willie McDonald, 2.

Tulloch said her granddaughter Chryssa alerted her to the fire in their hallway closet about 6:15. Tulloch said she then walked over and saw her coat, hanging on a rack, on fire. Directly underneath was her grandson Willie, who was playing in Tulloch's wheelchair. The fire quickly spread along to other clothes along the rack, she said.

Tulloch said she quickly ushered the children out of the apartment, telling them to "run down as fast as they could go."

Tulloch said she turned around and heard pops from the closet as the fire burned the battery pack of her wheelchair. She locked the apartment door behind her and ran down the hallway, banging on all the doors of her neighbors.

She then pulled out a firehose to fight the flames, but realized her door had been locked, she said. She then ran down to the fourth floor, where she collapsed from exhaustion. Police Officer Gene

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Dozing electorate is facing ad blitz

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken cable television viewers will be hit this weekend with a media blitz orchestrated by the three City Council candidates who ran with defeated mayoral contender, Councilman Joseph Della Fave.

Their plan is to air more than 100 half-minute campaign ads from today until late Monday evening.

The campaign bought time during tomorrow's Yankees-Red Sox game to be televised on the Madison Square Garden channel. Ads were also bought on the movie channel, the sports channel, the Spanish-language network and Cable Network News.

The message is simple: Mayor Patrick Pasculli should

not have a rubber-stamp City Council.

The TV blitz is part of the regrouping of the Della Fave council candidates who are making a last-ditch effort to secure three at-large seats in Tuesday's runoff election. They will square off against the three Pasculli candidates.

Councilwoman Helen Cuning, elected four years ago on the ticket of the late Mayor Thomas Vezetti, is seeking re-election along with Abraham Lao, who has never held public office but has been active in Fourth Ward politics, and Joseph Rafter, former president of the Board of Education.

Pasculli's candidates are billing themselves as "the Pasculli team." They say they must

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complete Pasculli's victory in May by electing council members politically aligned with the mayor so he can implement his platform.

On that ticket are Councilman Richard Del Boccio, former Board of Education trustee Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England, who serves on the school board and the Hoboken Parking Authority Commission.

The runoff is required because Pasculli's team did not garner 50 percent-plus-one vote for a first-ballot victory.

In the runoff election, "our message is to complete the victory. They have already given the message and chose him.

The only way he can implement his plan is gain a majority on the council," Arroyo said.

That is what Cuning, Lao and Rafter are attacking.

Both camps designed new campaign brochures. The Pasculli team kept the same "Pasculli blue" colors and the literature highlights "the Pasculli team" and Pasculli's platform.

The new brochure of Cuning, Lao and Rafter, now known as the Hoboken Victory '89 Committee, depicts a red "No Rubber Stamp" emblem on a photo of City Hall with the message: "Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. On Tuesday, June 13, vote to keep an eye on Pat Pasculli."

Outrage was premature

Hoboken Councilwoman Helen Cuning was premature in attacking the way a new middle-income housing development is being marketed.

Cuning complained that developer Joseph Barry gave Hoboken teachers the first presentation about the units on Observer Highway and on Third Street. A teachers' political action group endorsed Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli in his successful re-election bid.

Giving such a presentation first to teachers isn't in itself giving them any unfair advantage. Barry said he will make similar presentations to police and firefighters, other municipal workers, churches and local industries and businesses.

It may have been reasonable for Cuning to seek assurances from Barry, and watch to see that they are carried out. But by raising the political accusation and condemning the meeting with harsh language, she is leaving herself open to charges of over-reacting.

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form if requested. "It is an appropriate time to have something on the books that is enforceable and that people can comply with. This way, it moves any suspicion of any actions taken and we don't have people second-guessing any votes or decisions. Everything is in the open," said Wilson.

Pasculli agreed that it is now timely to reactivate the ethics committee in light of the city's negotiating a lucrative development deal with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. But he wants to limit the local law's reach.

"It should be targeted to those elected officials who are going to have direct responsibility in governing the city," Pasculli said.

Ironically, Pasculli and Councilwoman Helen Cuning,

who ran together on the same mayoral ticket four years ago and are now political foes, exclude advisers to make it more palatable to other council members.

"I agree it should be resurrected. And now that the waterfront negotiating team or parts of the team have become Pasculli's own negotiating team, they should be asked to sign a conflict of interest statement to protect the public interest in these negotiations," Cuning said.

Cuning and Wilson also believe that the ordinance should be extended to the city sewage authority, which will be handling \$100 million in bonds to build a secondary wastewater treatment plant for Hoboken, Union City and Weehawken.

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Museum of waterfront opens

By Michele Drayton

It may look like just an old "box of wood," but each plank, each post, every nook and cranny breathes history.

The Hudson Waterfront Museum, comprising an 86-foot-long barge and several tugboats docked off the Erie Lackawanna Terminal in Hoboken, opened yesterday as big band sounds swelled nearby at the city's annual waterfront festival held on the terminal plaza.

Museum members said the floating exhibit should serve as a reminder of what the waterfront used to be before condominiums and malls began dotting the shoreline.

Museum curator Robert Foster said about 500 people

Opening day visitors get a look inside the floating museum.

attended the grand opening, which ran from noon to 5 p.m. "From the outside some people think it looks like a box of wood but if you look at it you are really inspired," Foster said.

Some spectators said they hoped the museum would also highlight the importance of cleaning the waterways. Others, who grew up on the water, felt it was important that youngsters in particular learn about the waterfront's past.

"We can show young people that there is a way of life that is outside the world of the corporate milieu," said Henry Rodgers, a museum member.

Part of the museum is housed by the Phillip T. Feeny, a 97-year-old tugboat. Attached to it is the Lehigh Valley Rail-

road Barge, built in 1914. The vessel represents the types of barges used from the 1890s to about the 1950s to carry goods in the harbor.

Those barges were later replaced when trucks were able to transport large containers using less manpower and taking less time, Rodgers said.

David Sharps, museum executive director, and James Desmond Kovic, ship carpenter, spent six months "wrestling the barge out of the mud" in Edgewater after Sharps bought it five years ago. Kovic didn't disclose the cost but likened it to "Indians trading beads for Manhattan."

It took three years to restore the vessel. The pair salvaged wood from bulkheads

and piers to rebuild worn areas, borrowed rare tools and used the advice of "oldtimers." It is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Kovic said the museum symbolizes the history of blue-collar workers because of the craftsmanship and pride that went into building.

"Hoboken is getting so yuppie-fied. I think that the blue-collar worker is being forgotten. People are more concerned about who occupies a building than who builds it," Kovic said.

"People don't take the time to build or restore anything," said 24-year-old Greg Press of Hoboken, who said today's generation is too preoccupied with databases and computer software.



Yesterday's Hoboken Waterfront Festival featured everything from Jim Giaccone of Alan Quinn Big Band playing a saxophone solo to Jeff Gottlieb of Hoboken feeding his pet boa constrictor Fido some watermelon. The festival was at Lackawanna Plaza Park.

Large water users may get 'soaked'

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Maxwell House Coffee will use its water to the last drop if the Hoboken City Council increases water rates for large industrial consumers.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson introduced an ordinance last night to have the large consumers pay the same rate as residential consumers.

Maxwell House is one of the biggest employers in the

city, and water is needed to process coffee.

Wilson said that, if the change is adopted, Maxwell House would pay up to \$300,000 more a year for water.

Councilman Steve Cappiello argued that the city should keep the bulk rate because of the jobs in Hoboken.

But Wilson noted that Maxwell House's property taxes

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dropped last year from \$1 million to \$400,000.

"Revaluation shifted property taxes from industrial to residential taxpayers. I don't think they (homeowners) should be picking up the tab for the water bill," Wilson said.

The proposed change means that Maxwell House would pay \$18.50 per 7,000 gallons of water instead of \$16.50. Hoboken consumers pay Jersey City for water.

Councilman Richard Del Boccio, who co-sponsored the ordinance, said that Maxwell House is owned by Philip Morris Co., which also owns Kraft, Oscar Meyer, Miller Co. and other huge corporations. "I think Philip Morris and Maxwell House can pay their fair share," he said.

Cappiello suggested that the council meet with Maxwell House representatives.

In other action, they voted to change the status of a police officer from suspension to leave of absence.

The change means that Angel Alieca Sr., 49, who was suspended in August, 1986, during the Vezzetti administration for failing to complete a mandated training program, can be reinstated if he passes a physical examination and police training.

Councilman Joseph Della Fave called attempts by Councilmen Edwin Durey and Cappiello to change Alieca's status, "political godfathering through the system."

Della Fave, an defeated mayoral candidate, said Alieca owns a bar, "New Beginnings," which hosted parties for Mayor Patrick Pasculi, whose slogan was "A New Beginning."

Dining out's in but it's perhaps illegal

By James Efstathiou

Whether it's a table overlooking a park, the Manhattan skyline or a sidewalk perch for people watching, these days, being out is what's in in Hoboken restaurants.

Predictably, there's controversy involved. Sometimes being "out" to be "in" is illegal. Sidewalk cafes have sprung up throughout the Mile Square City in record numbers.

Local restaurants are bustling and tables under the sun or stars are in high demand.

"A lot more people want to eat outside than we expected," said Michelle Francis, who introduced outdoor dining to the Brass Rail on Washington Street. "I think a lot of people like to sit outside and drink and watch the people."

Aside from increased prof-

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3 council seats

Hoboken has six in runoff

By MICHAEL MARKOWITZ

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HOBOKEN — Candidates in tomorrow's City Council runoff election began making their final pitches to the voters this weekend, hoping to draw the voters to the polls one more time.

Six candidates are vying for three at-large council seats in a contest that pits a slate backed by Mayor Patrick Pasculi against a ticket of hopefuls known here as the reformers.

For the reform group, whose standard-bearer, Councilman Joseph Della Fave, was defeated in his bid for mayor on May 9, the election looms as perhaps its last chance to retain a strong voice in municipal government.

A defeat for the remnants of Della Fave's ticket would give Pasculi a 7-2 lock on the council as he begins his first full, four-year term next month. Pasculi now holds a 6-3 edge on the nine-member council.

Pasculi, who was appointed mayor early in 1988 by the council after the death of Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti, defeated Della Fave in a special election in November for the right to finish Vezzetti's term. Last month, Pasculi won an easy victory over Della Fave to retain his grip on City Hall.

But after a round of challenges to vote-counting methods in the

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Ben & Jerry's is one of the many Hoboken sidewalk cafes that has opened without a permit.

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its, restaurateurs say the cafes improve the overall appearance of the city and have lured more out-of-towners to Hoboken.

"There's been a couple of nights where there's been a wait to sit outside," said City Councilman David Roberts who also manages East L.A. At his sidewalk cafe, Roberts also offers a mariachi band one night a week to serenade diners and passers-by.

"It's packed. It's probably our most popular summer feature," said Jane Base of Lady Jane's. Base received what she termed a "left-handed gift" when developer Anthony Dell Aquila demolished the old Bethlehem Steel building clearing the view of the Hudson River and Manhattan from her cafe.

City inspectors say the popularity of dining al fresco has tempted some owners to ignore rules governing sidewalk cafes. In City Hall, there is a difference of opinion over who should enforce a 2-year-old ordinance setting guidelines for the cafes and how strictly to adhere to its rules.

"I think what we have to do

is enforce existing law," said Law Director Eugene O'Connell. "Once the issue is established through the ordinance procedure, then it becomes an enforcement question."

Last week, Alfred Arezzo, city construction official — who under the current ordinance is responsible for enforcement — sent a letter to O'Connell recommending that responsibility for enforcing the cafe ordinance be transferred to the zoning officer. Because the cafes are on city property and not within private buildings, it's a zoning matter, Arezzo said.

But O'Connell threw the ball back into Arezzo's court. The construction official has more resources at his disposal to enforce the law, O'Connell said, including city inspectors.

O'Connell said he planned to notify police officers of the rules so they could, on routine patrols, more easily spot violators.

Among them are Trapani's Pizza at 3rd and Washington and Ben & Jerry's across the street. Other establishments including delicatessens, bakeries and restaurants off the main drag have failed to secure permits.

In applying for a cafe permit, an establishment must provide for a minimum of \$100,000 liability insurance naming the city as a co-insured party and must pay \$50 every month the cafe is open.

Officials fear that firms which ignore the permit may not have the proper insurance and put the city at risk in case of an accident.

The ordinance spells out other rules, including how far a cafe may extend onto the sidewalk and during what hours it may be in operation. According to the state Alcohol Beverage Control Board, liquor may be served outside as long as the business has an active liquor license and complies with all local regulations.

The increased attention to outdoor cafes may affect fruit stands and other businesses which have used sidewalks but may not be in compliance with rules, officials said.

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council races, the Appellate Division of state Superior Court on May 25 ruled that none of Pasculi's apparently victorious running mates had achieved the majority of 60 percent plus one vote needed to avoid a runoff.

Pasculi's candidates — Richard DelBoccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard F. England Jr. — were the top three vote-getters in the May election. DelBoccio came up a little more than 200 votes short of the total needed to win without a runoff.

The decision gave a second chance to the reform slate of a former Board of Education president, Joseph Patrick Rafter, Abraham Lao and Councilwoman-at-large Helen A. Cunningham.

With voters being asked to go to the polls for the fourth time in less than three months, a low turnout is expected tomorrow. The runoff comes on the heels of the April 4 school election, the May 9 municipal contest and Tuesday's primary.

A light vote, political observers say, would favor the candidates backed by Pasculi's stronger organization, which carried him to victory last month on the strength of support from long-time city residents, many of whom live in the hotly contested 3rd and 4th wards.

If voters who supported anti-development, activist candidates on May 9 come out again tomorrow, their votes are considered likely to go to the reform slate.

New York claims birth of baseball

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York state baseball fans may soon be able to wear their pride on their cars.

The state Senate voted unanimously yesterday to allow special New York state license plates to be sold emblazoned with the words, "Birthplace of Baseball."

The Senate's passage of the legislation comes only two days after the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. celebrated its 50th anniversary. And it means New York is taking clear sides on the dispute over whether baseball was actually invented in Cooperstown or Hoboken.

"I represent Cooperstown, so naturally it goes without saying which side of the argument about where baseball was invented I stand on," said state Sen. James Seward, a Republican who sponsored the legislation.

The proposal's been battled around the New York state Legislature for several years, but a recent compromise enabled it to get through the Senate.

The "Birthplace of Baseball" emblem was originally going to be included on all license plates distributed in the state. But since some lawmakers thought the emblem was too "narrow in focus," the proposal was changed to make it a special plate that consumers could buy for \$15, Seward said.

Non-baseball fans can keep their old license plates with the Statue of Liberty likeness. The bill still must be passed by the Assembly and signed by Gov. Mario Cuomo, a former minor league baseball player, before it becomes law.

"As I left the Senate chamber, a number of people asked me, 'How do I get one of these plates?'" Seward said. "I predict there will be a big demand for these plates."

In rent dispute

Hoboken landlord granted reprieve

The Hudson Dispatch 6-13-89

A Hoboken corporate landlord ordered to repay \$9,000 in allegedly overcharged rent was granted a temporary reprieve yesterday by a state appeals court.

A panel of Appellate Division of state Superior Court judges overturned a ruling by Judge John A. McLaughlin of Hudson County Superior Court in Jersey City, saying landlord Hudson Street Associates was not allowed to fully present its case.

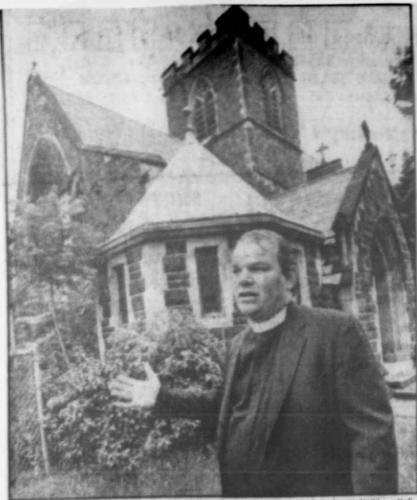
The higher court sent the matter back to the Hoboken Rent Leveling and Stabilization

Board, where the controversy originated.

The decision concerned Cathy Corman, whose rent was increased in 1986 from \$850 per month to \$871.

An inquiry by Corman to the board prompted a review to determine the appropriate rent. The board decided the proper rent was \$484.

But, the Appellate Division found that the board's review, and consequently McLaughlin's ruling, were flawed because Hudson Associates was not allowed to present handwritten notes by the former landlord concerning the legal amount to charge.



The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss describes his plans for converting Holy Innocents Church in Hoboken into a private school.

Cleric plans school in an old church

By James Efstathiou J.J. 6-12-89

Daphne Stark and her husband moved to Hoboken 10 years ago in the early stages of the city's renaissance. The couple purchased a home which they renovated on their own, and settled down to enjoy the advantages of big-city life in small-town Hoboken.

But like many young couples, children brought the Starks face to face with a troubling dilemma.

Now confronted with the choice of sending their kids to the city's suspect public schools, paying the expense of private school or moving out of town, education above all else will guide the couple's future plans.

"The joke is, 'Oh, you're having your baby. When are you moving?'" said Stark, who convenes in city parks with other parents to discuss educational issues. "What are our options? We're praying."

The Rev. Geoffrey Curtiss of All Saints Episcopal Church is listening. While he does not profess to answer prayers, he has crafted what could be a solution for the Starks and couples like them.

Curtiss, whose parish runs a day school which will expand to include first grade next year, has proposed converting a decaying Hoboken church and its surrounding

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Ruling changes rules for defense of rent increases

By Emily M. Smith

Hoboken landlords who are defending rent increases will now be able to present justification for the raise to the city's Rent Leveling and Stabilization Board even if they fail to file the information with the rent leveling officer as required.

An appellate court decision made Friday overturned on a technicality a decision by the board that Cathy Corman was to be reimbursed \$9,025 in rent overcharges she paid to Hudson Street Associates.

The court sent Corman's case back to the Rent Leveling Board, which likely will hear it in the fall, said Ira Karasick, vice chairman of the Rent Leveling Board.

"There's no reason to believe the outcome would be different," Karasick said of the future ruling.

The loosening of the board's policy required by the court's ruling can be used to the tenants' advantage, Karasick said.

"Tenants have the same option. But it will work more to the landlord's favor than the tenants," Karasick said.

"It's giving him a chance to come up with things," Karasick said referring to landlords.

"The court seems to be going a little too far."

Until the ruling, evidence about the justification for rent increases had to be given to the rent leveling officer before the board had its hearing. Landlords who failed to do so were not given a second chance before the board, Karasick said.

The policy was created for efficiency reasons, Karasick said.

But the appellate court ruling said that the board must allow landlords to present evidence, whether they miss filing with the rent leveling officer.

Karasick said the board usually doesn't appeal such rulings unless they hurt the city's rent ordinances. "This doesn't. It just makes more work for the rent board," he said.

The board's decision to award Corman the rent refund was based on calculations from rent leveling officer Lourdes Arroyo that the legal rent was \$484 monthly instead of the \$871 that Corman was paying.

Corman raised the proper rent when she was charged an additional \$21 monthly. Her rent was increased Oct. 1, 1986.

Robert J. Carluccio, a partner in Hudson Street Associates, was asked by Arroyo

that he provide evidence of the apartment's rent history within 48 days or the rent would be calculated by city records, according to the court's decision. He did not reply to her Nov. 4, 1986, according to court documents.

Hudson Street Associates appealed the decision of the rent leveling officer to the board, on the grounds that its due process rights were violated because it was not allowed to present evidence that would explain the reason for the rent increase. The board upheld Arroyo's decision.

Hudson Street Associates appealed to the city's law division which also supported the board's decision.

Cleric plans school in church

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grounds into a prototype private school.

If carried through, the plan would result in a private elementary school enrolling between 150 and 200 students, with potential expansion to include a high school. The site is the grounds surrounding Holy Innocents Church at Sixth and Clinton streets, and plans include a badly needed restoration of the 113-year-old church, built by Hoboken's founding Stevens family.

For couples like the Starks, a new private school would offer a fresh alternative to existing educational options.

Non-sectarian private schools like the Stevens Cooperative School are simply full Catholic schools, while plentiful and in need of students, don't fit the bill for non-Catholics or those reluctant to couple their children's education with strict religious instruction.

As a result, many parents bus their kids to private schools in Manhattan or as far away as Fort Lee.

For Curtiss, the plan would serve a dual purpose. By offering an alternative to the area's maligned public schools, it might also persuade young adults in the All Saints congregation to remain in the city instead of fleeing to the suburbs and their highly touted public schools.

"What we're doing here is rebuilding a congregation," said Curtiss. "My sense is that if I don't work on the educational issue, I will lose most of my younger adults with children or who aspire to have children because they will not stay in Hoboken."

Curtiss, who came to Hoboken in 1980, took over a parish of 25 members. Today there are 150 in a congregation that numbered up to 350 in the post-World War II period.

Part of the expansion can be attributed to Hoboken's renaissance and the influx of young singles and couples seeking an alternative to the rigors of Manhattan life. Yet it has been difficult to keep those same people in the congregation, Curtiss said.

"We believe that one of the ways to restore the congregation is to develop a family and children's ministry, not just in Hoboken, but in Hudson County," said Curtiss. "One of the primary reasons they (young families) leave Hudson County is that there is not good education for their children."

Other private schools exist in and around the county and for many, provide a viable, albeit costly, alternative to public schools. Many city kids attend out-of-town schools like the Ivy League School in Edgewater, which costs \$5,000 a year, or the Little Red School House in Manhattan, where tuition begins at \$7,250.

Catholics have the option of enrolling in parochial school

and non-sectarian private schools are available.

Yet a recent "baby boom" has given Curtiss reason to believe there is room for another private school, one that would offer a full range of programs and facilities.

By mid-month, Curtiss is expecting a response to his proposal from the head of the Episcopal Diocese in Newark. If approved, he will subsequently put forward architectural plans for the school and proceed to explore potential funding sources.

Curtiss envisions a 30,000-square-foot complex which will include a gymnasium, recreational facilities, science labs, theater space, language rooms and a library.

Since 1984, when Curtiss helped found the All Saints School, addressing the educational issue has been one of his top priorities. If his latest plan fails, it will not mean the end of the Episcopal parish, but a continuation of a "revolving door" congregation.

"Without it, we will remain a congregation that sees this tremendous transformation. Young people joining, having kids and leaving town."

Voter apathy greets Hoboken runoff

HOBOKEN — After months of almost perpetual campaigning here, election workers yesterday appeared almost as apathetic as voters.

Yesterday's runoff election for three at-large City Council seats capped off a long series of local elections here, beginning with a special mayoral election Nov. 8 and followed by the April 4 school board race, the May 9 municipal contest, the primaries on June 6 and — finally — the runoff.

Although the backers of both slates of candidates in the runoff election pledged early to wage strong campaigns, some workers on the street yesterday said they were mostly just going through the motions.

Most voters didn't even bother that much. At many polling places during the day, police, poll-watchers and election workers outnumbered voters.

City Clerk James J. Farina projected that just 9,000 of the city's 23,201 registered voters would cast ballots, 3,600 fewer than voted May 9. Farina said about 4,100 people had voted by 3 p.m.

Except for a handful of early mechanical problems with voting machines, Farina said the runoff went smoothly. —MICHAEL MARKOWITZ

Polls will be open until 8:00 tonight

By James Efstathiou J.J. 6-13-89

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today for Hoboken's City Council runoff election.

Six candidates are competing for three at-large council seats.

The runoff was ordered May 25 by the Appellate Division of state Superior Court which ruled that none of 10 candidates in the May 9 municipal election received the 50 percent plus one majority required for victory.

The contest pits a ticket backed by Mayor Patrick Pasculli against a slate of candi-

dates supported by Councilman Joseph Della Fave.

Last month, Pasculli handily defeated Della Fave to retain the title he earned first by appointment, then at the polls last November.

Pasculli's ticket, Richard Del Boccio, Richard F. England Jr. and Lourdes Arroyo, are running against Joseph Patrick Rafter, Abraham Lao and incumbent Helen Canning.

Four telephone lines for voter inquiries, complaints or problems will be manned throughout the day at the Hudson County Administration Building, 795-6686, 795-6156, 795-6987 and 795-6999.

At All Saints

Reaching out to gays Episcopal Church plans program in Hudson

By DAVID LIPPMAN The Hudson Dispatch 6-14-89

HOBOKEN — The Episcopal Diocese of Newark's first outreach program to gays will make its home at All Saints Church here.

The program, called The Oasis, is sanctioned by Bishop John S. Spong, and plans to open Tuesday at a 7:30 p.m. liturgical ceremony at the Washington Street church.

Reaction to the program's opening was mixed.

Jean Forest, Mayor's Task Force on AIDS coordinator, supports it.

"Many families suffer in terms of communication between gay children and their parents, and gay adults and their families," she said. "Sometimes the only way families find out is when someone develops AIDS or has the AIDS virus. Better communication is important and helpful."

An estimated 10 percent of Hudson's 500,000 residents are gay.

The Rev. Walter E. Lewis, 50, interim vicar at the Church of the Transfiguration in North Bergen, opposes the program.

"If The Oasis is a ministry aimed at helping gay people free themselves from their homosexual lifestyle, I'm in favor of it. My understanding is that this is a ministry

to affirm gay people in that lifestyle and therefore I'm opposed to it," he said.

The Rev. Leslie C. Smith, diocesan press officer in Newark, described the center's goals:

"There are four thrusts — one, develop a dialogue between gays and lesbians and the straight world; second, education, classes and seminars on the theological understanding of homosexuality; third, to reach out to AIDS sufferers, providing hospice and support groups if possible; fourth, worship that would be appropriate."

"We are not a gay church, so it wouldn't be Sunday services, but if a gay couple wanted a house blessed, Oasis could provide," he said. "It's not just a social agency, it's a church in outreach."

Heading the program is the Rev. J. Robert Williams, 33, who was ordained a deacon by Spong on June 3, and suggested creating the gay ministry to the bishop.

Williams himself is openly gay, and said he will march in the June 25 Gay Pride Parade wearing his clerical collar and have his arm around his lover. "I'm about as out of the closet as you can be," the Texan-born priest said yesterday.

"We'll deal with pastoral work — evangelizing work of reaching out to those who have left the church in bitterness; education of

homosexuality and Christianity; and prophetic work in raising consciousness, calling on people to live according to their baptismal covenant of respecting every other human being; and developing insight into ethics, theology and spirituality," Williams said.

Williams estimates that 10 to 15 percent of the state's population is gay, and up to 35 percent of New Jersey's Episcopalians are homosexuals.

Although no schedule or hours have been set, Williams expects that he will be available for emergencies.

"The uniqueness of The Oasis," Williams said, "is that simultaneously it is an indigenous gay ministry and an officially sanctioned organization of the church."

Diocesan leaders see the center as a response to a mandate by the Episcopal Church last year to establish more dialogue between homosexual and heterosexual Christians.

"The Diocese of Newark has responded by creating a forum for such dialogue," said the Rev. Norman Mol, a co-chairman of The Oasis Advisory Board, and rector of St. Thomas Church in Lyndhurst.

Williams said the program was located here because of its proximity to Manhattan and the large



JOHN S. SPONG Sanctions outreach center

gay community there.

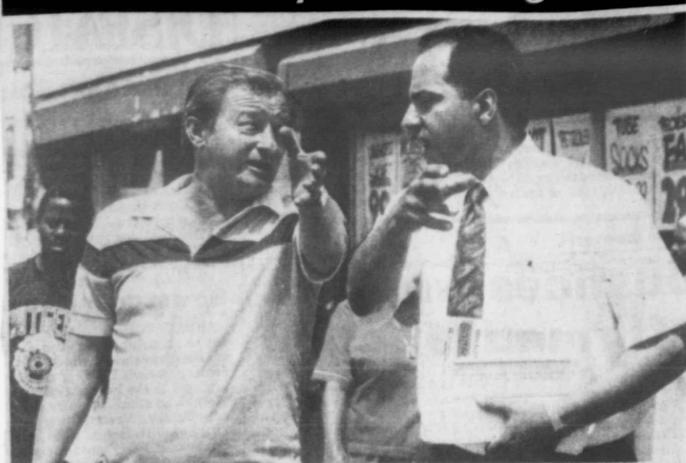
"We (Spong and I) see this ministry as being national and even international in its impact," he said.

Part of his work, Williams expects, is to deal with families of homosexuals, who have reacted negatively to their relative's lifestyle.

"Love and support is more important than ideology," Williams said. "If your religion tells you to throw your child out of the house, then you should take a close look at what your religion is."

Although the Episcopal Church is divided on homosexuality, Spong, whose diocese includes Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Morris, Sussex and Hudson counties, has written that a person's sexual orientation is formed during fetal development and is not a matter of choice.

Last day on hustings



While doing some last-minute mayoral campaigning yesterday in Journal Square, City Council President Glenn D. Cunningham, right, gets an earful from an impassioned Jersey City resident.

Now it's up to voters Hoboken, Jersey City holding runoffs today

By JEFFREY RUBIN

The Hudson Dispatch 6-13-89

Months of campaigning come to an end today in Hoboken and Jersey City as more than 114,000 registered voters in the two municipalities can cast ballots in runoff elections.

In Hoboken, three at-large City Council seats are at stake. Squaring off will be a slate backed by

Mayor Patrick Pasculli, and a team of reformers led by Councilman Joseph Della Fave.

In neighboring Jersey City, a race that began with 10 mayoral candidates and 92 council candidates several months ago has become much simpler since the May 9 preliminary election.

Now, only two people are competing for the \$60,000-a-year mayor's position, former Mayor

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Gerald McCann and council President Glenn D. Cunningham. At the same time, there are 18 council hopefuls in the running for six ward and three at-large council seats.

McCann has three running mates seeking at-large seats, and posts representing five of the six wards.

According to Alexandra Guerrero, assistant secretary to Harvey L. Birne, Hudson County elections superintendent, 92,675 registered voters, compared with totals topping 100,000 in some previous years, are eligible to vote at 174 polling places in Jersey City. Hoboken has 21,942 registered voters and 32 polling places, Guerrero said.

The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. in both municipalities.

According to the National Weather Service station at Newark International Airport, there will be an 80 percent chance of rain throughout the day today. That could mean a light-to-moderate turnout in the two cities, observers said.

"Anyone who gets 30,000 votes is going to win this race," said Vikki Miragliotta, Cunningham's campaign manager.

As he did in the May 9 election, Jersey City Clerk Robert Byrne has six computers set up to tabulate votes in the municipal runoff. He said results in the race between McCann, the mayor from 1981 to 1985, and Cunningham could be available within

an hour of the polls' closing.

In council races, McCann's at-large slate of Marilyn Roman, Efrain Rosario and Maureen Collier will square off against Cunningham's ticket of Councilwoman Bernadette O'Reilly-Lande, who ran May 9 with Mayor Anthony R. Cucci, Shirley Watson and Joseph Sullivan.

In Ward A, Peter Aceti will go against McCann running mate Vincent Signorile. In Ward B, incumbent William O'Dea, running independently, vies with McCann supporter David Mazzacaro. In Ward C, the race is between Arnold Betzinger and McCann backer Joseph Rakowski. Ward D will see a battle between McCann running mate Daniel Wadleton and Tom DeGise.

In Ward E, it is Councilman Jaime Vazquez, also a Cucci running mate turned Cunningham supporter, versus McCann-slate challenger Mark Russoniello. And in Ward F, Councilwoman Frances O. Thompson goes against Daniel Wiley, the only survivor of the original Cunningham council slate.

In the Hoboken race, Pasculli's three at-large council candidates — Richard DelBoccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England Jr. — go up against Joseph Patrick Rafter, Abraham Lao and Councilwoman-at-large Helen A. Cunningham, who are supported by Della Fave.

Council wins give Pasculli firm rule

By Jo-Ann Moriarty J.J. 6-14-89

The election of Mayor Patrick Pasculli's council candidates gives the Hoboken mayor complete control over the City Council.

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and virtually every office in City Hall.

With the election of Richard Del Boccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard England, Pasculli has a solid seven-vote majority on the nine-member council.

The only Pasculli opponents remaining on the council are First Ward Councilman Thomas Newman and Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, who Pasculli defeated in the May 9th mayoral election. But they are in the minority and pose no real obstacle to the new administration.

Pasculli's candidates ran on the theme of giving the mayor or majority control of the legislative branch to enable him to implement his platform, particularly in the area of waterfront development.

The danger of too much power in the hands of the mayor is what the opposition centered its campaign on. Councilwoman Helen Canning, Joseph Rafter and Abraham Lao based their runoff campaign on the old adage, "Absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Cunning, elected four years ago to an at-large council seat on the late Mayor Thomas Vezzetti's ticket, was viewed as the only contender in yesterday's election. But when the self-declared reform ticket lost its captain last month with Della Fave's defeat, Canning and her running mates couldn't muster the momentum to sell themselves to capture the three council seats.

The entire "reform move-

ment" was exhausted from two fierce fights in the last six months. Canning, however gutsy and outspoken, was no match against Pasculli, City Clerk James Farina and the rest of the Young Democrats political club.

Although Pasculli now appears to have a firm grasp on the reins of power, his political deals may start to unravel after July 1, when the new administration takes power.

Two councilmen to watch are City Council President Robert Ranieri, who steps down on July 1, and Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappellico, whose 12-year reign as mayor was ended four years ago with the unexpected election of Vezzetti.

Both worked hard for Pasculli and his ticket this election season. But only seven months ago, Ranieri ran against Pasculli for the majority and constantly belittled him and his administrative ability.

Cappellico — a political chameleon — worked for Pasculli even though Pasculli was planning a recall movement against Cappellico only last summer. Last week, Pasculli, who has an occasional lunch with Cappellico, was minimizing Cappellico's contribution to securing a four-year term last month.

Councilmen E. Norman Wilson, David Roberts, Edwin Duroy and Del Boccio worked hard for Pasculli. But as Pasculli knows, the strongest allies can sometimes turn on you after your victory.

Pasculli successfully ran with Vezzetti in 1985, but he turned on his runningmate shortly after election day because of arguments over how power in the new administration would be delegated. Pasculli was Vezzetti's harshest critic for the remainder of the late mayor's term.

Pasculli's slate wins Hoboken

By MICHAEL MARKOWITZ
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HOBOKEN—The City Council slate aligned with Mayor Patrick Pasculli scored a sweeping win in yesterday's runoff election, giving the mayor a firm governing majority as he begins his first full term in office.

Pasculli's three candidates for the at-large council seats won convincingly, with victories in all of the city's six wards and a margin of almost 5-1 in the 4th Ward, a Pasculli stronghold.

The victory, cementing an apparent 7-2 Pasculli majority on the council, capped a triumphant five weeks for the mayor, who soundly defeated Councilman Joseph Della Fave May 9 to retain the city's top post.

Council candidates Richard DeBoccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard F. England Jr. scored more than 5,000 votes apiece to win four-year terms yesterday. DeBoccio, the biggest winner yesterday, also gained the most votes in the inconclusive May balloting.

For the opposition, a group known locally as the reformers, Councilwoman-at-large Helen A. Cunniff was the top vote-getter, with 3,112. Her running mates, Joseph P. Rafter and Abraham Lao, garnered fewer than 3,000 votes each.

Yesterday's voting was ordered after none of the council candidates in the May race earned the 50 percent plus one vote ma-

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majority required for election.

The runoff, considered by many to be a last chance for the reformers, proved instead to be a show of the Pasculli forces' muscle.

The runoff also ended, at least for now, more than a year of political jockeying following the sudden death of Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti on March 2, 1988. He had brought a coalition of reformers into power.

A heated battle was narrowly won by Pasculli Nov. 8 for the six months remaining in Vezzetti's term. Pasculli's victory over Della Fave was followed by another unsuccessful challenge on May 9 from the 2nd Ward

councilman who has been the reformers' standard-bearer.

Turnout for yesterday's election was considered light, and the voting was peaceful. Few problems were reported beyond some early difficulty in opening voting machines.

Only 40 percent of the city's roughly 22,600 registered voters went to the polls, the office of City Clerk James J. Farina reported. About 4,000 more voters had cast ballots in May.

Yesterday's light turnout was seen as benefiting the Pasculli camp. The conventional political wisdom in Hudson County holds that a low turnout favors the stronger organization, since a

larger proportion of the voters are political regulars.

The biggest victories for the administration's slate came in the old-line 4th Ward districts that twice in the last six months gave Pasculli the mayoralty.

A beaming Pasculli, shaking hands with well-wishers on Sixth Street outside his headquarters last night, said he was surprised to see the victories throughout the city. Pasculli said the results will replace four years of "backbiting" politics in City Hall with a stable government.

"It's a great opportunity to be able to work with seven solid City Council people who will roll up their sleeves and help bring the



RICHARD DeBOCCIO
Tops the field again



LOURDES ARROYO
Former school trustee



RICHARD F. ENGLAND JR.
Wins second municipal office

city into the 1990s," he said. His only remaining council opponents after July 1 will be Della Fave and Councilman Thomas W. Newman.

At Della Fave headquarters in the 200 block of Washington

Street, meanwhile, there was a repeat on a smaller scale of the tearful scene that greeted the May 9 loss, as supporters hugged on the sidewalks and promised they would be back.

Rafter, until recently Board of Education president, remains out of municipal office, and Cunniff will leave her seat July 1. Their running mate, Lao, is an activist and was a newcomer to the election scene.

With his win yesterday, DeBoccio retained the seat he won in the November special election. The seat had been vacated when Pasculli was named to succeed Vezzetti. He is joined by Arroyo, a former school trustee who bolted from the reformers during a budget dispute, and England, the school board president immediately before Rafter.

The runoff almost became the election that wasn't.

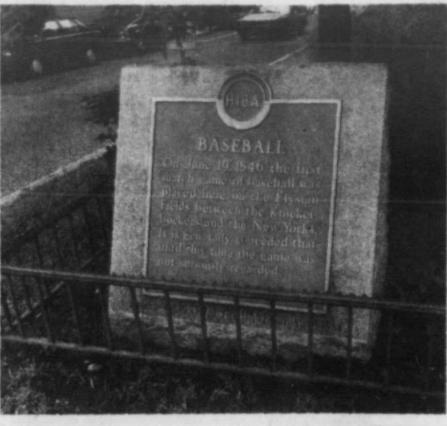
Yesterday's second round of council voting was finally ordered by the Appellate Division of state Superior Court on May 24

after a Hudson County judge had earlier canceled the election.

Although the initial May 9 results showed that none of the at-large candidates had achieved the required majority, a recount requested by Pasculli initially gave the needed margin to DeBoccio.

Judge Stephen J. Schaeffer of Hudson County Superior Court affirmed the recount and scrapped the runoff.

But on an appeal from the three candidates aligned with Della Fave, the higher court ruled that the method used by the city to calculate votes during the recount was unacceptable, and the on-again, off-again election was on again.



A plaque at 11th and Washington streets in Hoboken marks the site of the former Elysian Fields, where the first organized baseball game was played.

What a foul ball

THE EMPIRE STRIKES

New York tosses a curve at New Jersey

By DAVID LIPPMAN
The Hudson Dispatch 6-14-89

New York has thrown New Jersey yet another hard curve, as the Empire State's Senate declared New York the "birthplace of baseball," endorsing Cooperstown as the original home plate.

And that pitch had New Jersey's heavy-hitting lawmakers — who know baseball was born in Hoboken — charging the mound yesterday.

U.S. Sen. Frank E. Lautenberg, D-Secaucus, hit a hard liner himself.

"New York has the annoying habit of claiming credit for everything. The next thing you know, they'll claim that Frank Sinatra was born in Albany. Well, start spreading the news — the first baseball game was played in Hoboken, New Jersey, and it's up to you, New York, to give credit where credit is due," Lautenberg said.

Rep. Frank J. Guarini, D-Jersey City, said: "Baseball's home may or may not be New York state, but it's birthplace is here in Hoboken. We're going to do everything we can to make sure the

world knows that baseball was born in Hoboken and continues to thrive here."

Hoboken High School's baseball coach, Buddy Matthews, wants to see the Hall of Fame come here from Cooperstown, its home.

"New York claims to own a lot of things. I read where even the people who set up the Hall of Fame admit it was a money-making thing. Major League Baseball should change the Hall's location to its birthplace. We have a couple of empty spots right here, buildings could be built. We have an empty school. Hoboken's not that overcrowded. But baseball's a game of tradition. Traditional minds don't want to change it, even though they admit it's wrong," he said.

The hot rhubarb exploded Monday when the New York Senate unanimously approved a measure to print special license plates with the words, "Birthplace of Baseball," to honor the Hall, 50 years old this week.

But even the Hall has admitted baseball's roots go back to Hoboken's Elysian Fields, now the site of

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the Maxwell House Coffee plant along the Hudson waterfront.

On June 19, 1846, according to Jim Hans, Hoboken Historical Museum president, Elysian Fields was a perfect greensward overlooking the Hudson and the world's first recorded baseball stadium, as Alexander J.

Cartwright Jr., a British-born civil engineer, led his New York Knickerbockers to the field to play the New York Nine.

Cartwright codified and changed the unwritten rules of rounders, an English children's game. He formed the first organized team, the

Knickerbockers, then challenged the New York Nine, an unorganized squad. In baseball's first upset, the heavily favored Knicks were crushed by the Nine, 23-1, in a four-inning game.

The myth of Abner Doubleday marking out bases in Cooperstown in 1839 reportedly was the result of seven crooked players and some panicked owners.

In 1919, seven Chicago White Sox players accepted \$80,000 from gamblers to "dump" the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds. When the scandal exploded, baseball owners, fearful for the game's tarnished image, hired federal Judge Kenesaw "Mountain" Landis as commissioner.

Landis hired a committee to give baseball a clean all-American origin.

The committee used hearsay evidence to link Gen. Abner Doubleday, a Union Civil War hero and West Point baseball coach, with early baseball games in Cooperstown, and a legend was

born.

In 1939, the Hall was built in an effort to bring tourist dollars to Depression-hit Cooperstown, but baseball writer Arthur Daley and others have challenged the Doubleday story.

Hoboken fought for its home turf as recently as 1986, when New York last planned to inscribe "Birthplace of Baseball" on its plates.

Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti wrote state Sen. Thomas Bartosiewicz, a Brooklyn Democrat, saying, "For a long time the people of Hoboken and New Jersey have begrudgingly accepted the fact that the Baseball Hall of Fame is in Cooperstown, New York, but to flaunt the false claim that New York was the birthplace of baseball would be too much to take. ... New York has been the birthplace of many wonderful things; however, baseball is not one of them. ... I respectfully request that if a bill has been introduced ... that it be withdrawn immediately." At that time the plan was withdrawn.

...and Pat gets his mandate

DISPATCH

Meanwhile, in the election that time forgot, Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli's City Council-at-large team finally won the runoff election.

The election drew little interest and less rhetoric, a refreshing change in a city where mudslinging often hits new lows. Voter turnout was small; the election results were pretty much as advertised.

Hoboken has different problems than neighboring Jersey City. The challenge in the Mile Square City is to develop the lucrative waterfront so the city benefits. The school system, while not as troubled as Jersey City's, needs overhauling. Affordable housing and high taxes are major issues.

However, Mr. Pasculli has shown ability to knit newcomers and oldtimers, hash out a deal with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey over the piers, and, in the newest budget, lower municipal taxes.

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Pasculli's three candidates for the at-large council seats won convincingly, with victories in all of the city's six wards and a margin of almost 5-1 in the 4th Ward, a Pasculli stronghold.

The victory, cementing an apparent 7-2 Pasculli majority on the council, capped a triumphant five weeks for the mayor, who soundly defeated Councilman Joseph Della Fave May 9 to retain the city's top post.

Council candidates Richard DelBoccio, Lourdes Arroyo and Richard F. England Jr. scored more than 5,000 votes apiece to win four-year terms yesterday. DelBoccio, the biggest winner yesterday, also gained the most votes in the inconclusive May balloting.

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The runoff, considered by many to be a last chance for the reformers, proved instead to be a show of the Pasculli forces' muscle.

The runoff also ended, at least for now, more than a year of political jockeying following the sudden death of Mayor Thomas F. Vezzetti on March 2, 1988. He had brought a coalition of reformers into power.

A heated battle was narrowly won by Pasculli Nov. 8 for the six months remaining in Vezzetti's term. Pasculli's victory over Della Fave was followed by another unsuccessful challenge on May 9 from the 2nd Ward

councilman who has been the reformers' standard-bearer.

Turnout for yesterday's election was considered light, and the voting was peaceful. Few problems were reported beyond some early difficulty in opening voting machines.

Only 40 percent of the city's roughly 22,600 registered voters went to the polls, the office of City Clerk James J. Farina reported. About 4,000 more voters had cast ballots in May.

Yesterday's light turnout was seen as benefiting the Pasculli camp. The conventional political wisdom in Hudson County holds that a low turnout favors the stronger organization, since a

larger proportion of the voters are political regulars.

The biggest victories for the administration's slate came in the old-line 4th Ward districts that twice in the last six months gave Pasculli the mayoralty.

A beaming Pasculli, shaking hands with well-wishers on Sixth Street outside his headquarters last night, said he was surprised to see the victories throughout the city. Pasculli said the results will replace four years of "backbiting" politics in City Hall with a stable government.

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At Della Fave headquarters in the 200 block of Washington

Street, meanwhile, there was a repeat on a smaller scale of the tearful scene that greeted the May 9 loss, as supporters hugged on the sidewalks and promised they would be back.

Rafter, until recently Board of Education president, remains out of municipal office, and Cuning will leave her seat July 1. Their running mate, Lao, is an activist and was a newcomer to the election scene.

With his win yesterday, DelBoccio retained the seat he won in the November special election. The seat had been vacated when Pasculli was named to succeed Vezzetti. He is joined by Arroyo, a former school trustee who bolted from the reformers during a budget dispute, and England, the school board president immediately before Rafter.

The runoff almost became the election that wasn't.

Yesterday's second round of council voting was finally ordered by the Appellate Division of state Superior Court on May 24

after a Hudson County judge had earlier canceled the election.

Although the initial May 9 results showed that none of the at-large candidates had achieved the required majority, a recount requested by Pasculli initially gave the needed margin to DelBoccio.

Judge Stephen J. Schaeffer of Hudson County Superior Court affirmed the recount and scrapped the runoff.

But on an appeal from the three candidates aligned with Della Fave, the higher court ruled that the method used by the city to calculate votes during the recount was unacceptable, and the on-again, off-again election was on again.



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What a foul ball

THE EMPIRE STRIKES

New York tosses a curve at New Jersey

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New York has thrown New Jersey yet another hard curve, as the Empire State's Senate declared New York the "birthplace of baseball," endorsing Cooperstown as the original home plate.

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U.S. Sen. Frank E. Lautenberg, D-Secaucus, hit a hard liner himself.

"New York has the annoying habit of claiming credit for everything. The next thing you know, they'll claim that Frank Sinatra was born in Albany. Well, start spreading the news — the first baseball game was played in Hoboken, New Jersey, and it's up to you, New York, to give credit where credit is due," Lautenberg said.

Rep. Frank J. Guarini, D-Jersey City, said: "Baseball's home may or may not be New York state, but it's birthplace is here in Hoboken. We're going to do everything we can to make sure the

world knows that baseball was born in Hoboken and continues to thrive here."

Hoboken High School's baseball coach, Buddy Matthews, wants to see the Hall of Fame come here from Cooperstown, its home.

"New York claims to own a lot of things. I read where even the people who set up the Hall of Fame admit it was a money-making thing. Major League Baseball should change the Hall's location to its birthplace. We have a couple of empty spots right here, buildings could be built. We have an empty school. Hoboken's not that overcrowded. But baseball's a game of tradition. Traditional minds don't want to change it, even though they admit it's wrong," he said.

The hot rubarb exploded Monday when the New York Senate unanimously approved a measure to print special license plates with the words, "Birthplace of Baseball," to honor the Hall, 50 years old this week.

But even the Hall has admitted baseball's roots go back to Hoboken's Elysian Fields, now the site of

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the Maxwell House Coffee plant along the Hudson waterfront.

On June 19, 1846, according to Jim Hans, Hoboken Historical Museum president, Elysian Fields was a perfect greensward overlooking the Hudson and the world's first recorded baseball stadium, as Alexander J.

Cartwright Jr., a British-born civil engineer, led his New York Knickerbockers to the field to play the New York Nine.

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Landis hired a committee to give baseball a clean all-American origin.

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Hoboken fought for its home turf as recently as 1986, when New York last planned to inscribe "Birthplace of Baseball" on its plates.

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...and Pat gets his mandate

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The two-count indictment, charging Roberts with voting bribery and soliciting fraudulent voting, followed months of rumors about pending grand jury action. The councilman was expected to enter a plea bargain in February, but apparently backed out minutes before a scheduled court appearance.

DePascale said the indictment, dated May 26, was sealed until yesterday to prevent interference with Tuesday's council runoff election here.

The prosecutor rejected previous comments that Roberts' alleged offenses were minor.

"This is not simply a case of someone offering someone a beer. The gist of these allegations is that these were fraudulent votes.

"There is a big difference in offering someone a drink to get someone to vote for you and offering someone money to vote under a different name," DePascale said.

Each count in the indictment carries a maximum three-year sentence and \$500 fine, DePascale said. If found guilty, Roberts could also be forced by a sentencing judge to step down from office and relinquish the right to vote for a period, the prosecutor said.



DAVID ROBERTS
Faces prison, fines

According to DePascale, Roberts offered the money to four or five students of Stevens Tech here. The students were members of Sigma Phi Epsilon, whose house Roberts used to visit occasionally, according to previous reports.

The councilman allegedly encouraged the students to vote under names of other fraternity members who had left the school.

The students have also been charged with election offenses, but they will not stand trial, DePascale said. Instead, they will enter the pretrial intervention program, under which first offenders perform community service or undergo some type of counseling. The charges against participants are dropped upon completion of the program.

Roberts could not be reached for comment last night. He has proclaimed his innocence in the past.

His attorney, Dennis D.S. McAlevy of Union City, said he

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spoke with Roberts yesterday afternoon. "He advised me in the strong-

est terms, that he has no intention of stepping down from his office and that he's going to con-

tinue his life," McAlevy said. Roberts runs East L.A., a Mexican restaurant on Washington Street here.

McAlevy also said he has known Roberts for 25 years and

that he has led a "pristine" life. "I'm proud to say he's a friend of mine," he said.

Councilman Thomas Newman, who has clashed with Roberts in the past, said the indictment was

not surprising. "We knew it was coming," he said.

Newman declined to comment on the case, saying, "Now, we'll just have to let the system speak."

A summons for Roberts was served on McAlevy yesterday afternoon, DePascale said. The councilman is to appear before Judge Kevin G. Callahan of Superior Court in Jersey City for arraignment on June 27.

The councilman, an ally of Mayor Patrick Pasculi, was elected to a four-year term by a 2-1 margin in 1987.

Like his brother Charles, Roberts served in the Fire Department.

Low voter turnout brings quiet Hoboken election

By James Efstathiou

J.J. 6-14-89

The chaos and confusion of two prior municipal elections in Hoboken was replaced by calm and quiet yesterday in the runoff race for City Council.

Low voter turnout was cited as the primary reason for the relative peace at the polls, according to campaign challengers and poll workers throughout the city.

Those who were on hand for last November's special election and the May 9 municipal election likened the difference between those races and yesterday's contest to the difference between night and day.

In the runoff, Lourdes Arroyo, Richard England and incumbent Richard Del Boccio were pitted against Joseph Raftler, Abraham Lao and incumbent Helen Cumming.

"Maybe there was more passion in November," said Lucille Mercado, a challenger stationed at the Monroe Gardens poll yesterday and in November. Monroe Gardens was cited as one of the most disorganized polls in the November election but yesterday, as in the case of other trouble spots, calm and order reigned.

Following the November election in which Mayor Patrick Pasculi defeated Councilman Joseph Della Fave, the FBI launched a probe into numerous complaints concerning violations of state elections laws. Voting machines were impounded as well as voter registration books and other

election materials. Last month's race was marred by a street fight between rival campaign challengers. In addition, there were numerous complaints of loitering at polling places and incidents of voters being denied access to polls due to improper documentation.

But yesterday — the fifth election in Hoboken in the past eight months — charges of widespread irregularities did not arise.

Less than three hours before polls closed, special election deputies representing the Hudson County Board of Elections reported only one formal complaint concerning a voter who was unnecessarily challenged. Polls at 220 Adams St., Monroe Gardens and Kealey School, identified as trouble spots last month, were checked in the absence of complaints and found to be in compliance, according to deputy Robert Barry.

"Out of boredom we jumped in the car a couple of times to go out," said Barry, who was on hand in May and wound up being stationed at Kealey School following numerous complaints of loitering.

"It was much quieter, very passive," he added.

In contrast to the previous elections, there were no reports of mechanical breakdowns in voting machines. Ann Eardly, an election board representative stationed at City Hall to assist voters who were challenged, had only six cases

of 5:30 p.m. That's in sharp contrast to November, when Eardly said voters were "lined up" following a rash of challenges.

City streets were quieter than in previous races as well. In the Fourth Ward, where elections take on a carnival atmosphere, a much smaller contingent of campaign workers were present than in the past.

The Fourth Ward was the exclusive domain of workers for the Pasculi ticket as the opposition slate apparently chose not to commit its resources there. Signs that read "No Mas Cunning" were carried by workers hired for \$50 for the day. However an informal survey indicated that even the Pasculi campaign used fewer workers than in previous races.

Edgardo Piniero, who has organized and paid workers in the ward for numerous campaigns since 1964, said the constant threat of rain kept voters away during the day. Many of the 35 people he organized to work for the Pasculi ticket sat idly with placards and literature waiting for passersby to approach.

"It is quieter," said Gladys Jones, who worked for the Pasculi campaign. "There's nobody to give out tickets to."

Uptown, polls were expectedly smooth and organized. Sheila Scully, a challenger for Joseph Raftler, who worked at Monroe Gardens in November, said voting during the two contests couldn't be compared.

Roberts indicted in frat vote fraud

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tion and the November 1987 state Assembly election.

The matter was brought to his attention by the news story and other sources who phoned his office with tips about the situation, said DePascale.

The prosecutor had apparently struck a plea-bargaining agreement with Roberts in February, according to sources close to the investigation. The councilman had been expected to plead guilty Feb. 9 to a disorderly persons charge and resign his Council seat to avoid being indicted.

Roberts changed his mind at the last minute and left the County Courthouse just before the time that had been set for the plea. "I was prepared and came very close to making a decision that was not in the best interest of my family and myself," he said as he stood on the steps of the courthouse, flanked by his wife, Anna, and his attorney.

"As far as any concern in this matter, I have been advised by my attorney not to comment," Roberts said yesterday. He will remain on the City Council, he said.

"I was elected to serve the residents that elected me and I plan to continue to that end," he said. "I am going to do everything to keep my mind focused on the issues before us on the City Council."

McAlevy declined to comment on the specific charges against Roberts. "After his arraignment, I will be able to see the investigator's report and grand jury testimony and be able to evaluate (the charges) at that time," he said.

Although both counts are legally considered misdemeanors, the prosecutor said, each is "an extremely serious violation" of the election law. "This was not a simple case of persuasion where a politician tries to sway a vote by buying someone a beer, and a lot of people are trying to seemingly suggest that it was," DePascale said.

"This was far more serious: it was a case of literally buying fraudulent votes. It was stealing votes."

The investigation was difficult because the students whose names had been forged had to be tracked down and because some students were

reluctant to talk because they had committed a crime, said DePascale.

"In this case, we were dealing with problems of negotiating (with the students) as well as investigating," he said.

The students who admitted to the bribery were "actively solicited by Roberts to vote illegally under the false names" in return for enough money to buy a keg of beer, he said, noting that he did not know exactly how much money was paid to the students, although the figure was under \$200.

"The amount given to them isn't even a factor because any amount of money given under those pretenses is a serious violation," the prosecutor said.

The students who cast the fraudulent ballots will be enrolled in the county's Pre-Trial Intervention Program and will testify against Roberts, DePascale said.

If the students successfully complete the PTI program — which usually involves probation and some volunteer work — criminal counts against them will be dismissed.

A former Hoboken firefighter and a restaurateur, Roberts has served on the City Council since the November 1985 special election. He is a close ally of Pasculi and Assemblyman Bernard Kenny (D-Hoboken), who have staunchly defended him.

Pasculi and Kenny have said they accompanied Roberts on campaign stops at Sigma Phi Epsilon, but denied any wrongdoing.

Pasculi said he will "stand by David during this. I have known David a long time. He is a sincere, hard-working dedicated council person and family man."

Kenny could not be reached for comment. He has said in the past that he and Roberts visited the fraternity when Kenny was running as the Democratic candidate for the state Assembly in the November 1987 election, but he did not observe any wrongdoing.

The indictment concerns only the fraudulent votes cast in the May 1987 election, said DePascale. His office has not yet conducted a thorough investigation into the fraudulent votes cast in November 1987. He would not say if indictments may be forthcoming.

Roberts indicted in frat vote fraud

By Patricia Scott, Jo-Ann Moriarty and Jim DeRogatis

Hoboken Councilman David Roberts has been indicted for bribing members of a Stevens Institute of Technology fraternity to cast fraudulent ballots.

Hudson County Prosecutor Paul DePascale revealed the contents of the sealed indictment yesterday, and announced that Roberts, 33, was indicted on one count of soliciting fraudulent votes and one count of voting bribery.

DePascale charged that during the May 1987 campaign for the Sixth Ward City Council seat, Roberts visited the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house at 529-530 Hudson St. and offered a group of students money to buy a keg of beer in exchange for their casting fraudulent votes in the names of other fraternity members who were legally registered to vote but had graduated and moved out of Hoboken.

A large group of students may have heard the offer, the prosecutor said, but only four or five students — all members of the fraternity — actually agreed to the proposal. The students went to the polls and cast fraudulent votes, presumably for Roberts, said DePascale. Roberts won an impressive



David Roberts
Hoboken councilman

victory in the May 1987 election, defeating opponent Cataldo DePinto 1,056-505.

A Hudson County grand jury voted to indict Roberts on May 12, but the formal charges were not issued to Roberts' attorney, Dennis McAlevy, until yesterday afternoon. Roberts, looking pale and shaken as he left McAlevy's office late yesterday afternoon, refused comment.

Roberts will be arraigned June 27 before Superior Court Judge Kevin G. Callahan. McAlevy said he will plead inno-

cent. Each count of the indictment carries a penalty of three years in prison plus a \$500 fine, said DePascale. If Roberts is convicted, the judge would also have the right to order him to forfeit his Council seat at the time of sentencing, DePascale said. Roberts could also lose his right to vote.

The indictment was announced one day after Tuesday's runoff election, in which three candidates on Mayor Patrick Pasculi's ticket won at-large seats on the City Council. Office policy dictates that indictments that could directly affect a political race not be publicly released less than 60 days before Election Day, said DePascale.

"We're in a spot because if we hold an indictment until a race is over, we look like political hacks, and if we make it public, it looks like we're out to get the guy just just before an election," DePascale said. "You can't win."

The indictment was the culmination of a 15-month investigation by the Prosecutor's Office.

The Jersey Journal revealed on March 23, 1988 that fraudulent votes were cast in the names of six former Stevens students in the May 1987 Sixth Ward City Council elec-

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New movie is shooting on Hoboken's streets

By Emily M. Smith

J.J. 6-20-89

Lights, camera, action — groans. Just when Hoboken residents were getting used to having their city back to normal, filming of yet another movie has begun.

"Backstreet Strays," with Brooke Shields heading a cast of unknowns, began filming yesterday at 10th and Bloomfield streets.

It was unclear whether filming was going to be confined to that spot or would be done at sites throughout the city.

Filming is scheduled to end July 1. Some fear that that will be just long enough to inconvenience residents. Filming of an NBC television series, "Dream Street," recently outraged several uptown residents.

In March, Mayor Patrick Pasculi pulled the plug on "Dream Street" cameras when residents on four blocks of Washington Street uptown began complaining about parking spaces being lost week after week to the production company's equipment.

Residents also complained about late-night noise and shining lights and the production company's insensitivity toward Hoboken's citizens and businesses. An out-of-town catering company, for example, was hired to feed the "Dream Street" crew.

In order to prevent future abuses, an ordinance creating a film commission has been proposed and the City Council is considering it. The ordinance would establish a 30-day filming permit of \$500, which would replace a daily fee.

Pasculi requested a film ordinance after the "Dream Street" controversy.

The ordinance reads that "the holder of a permit shall conduct filming in such a manner so as to minimize the inconvenience or discomfort of adjoining property owners attributable to such filming and shall, to extent practicable, abate noise and park vehicles associated with such filming off the public streets."

While "Dream Street" was a television show about the lives of working class people in Hoboken, "Backstreet Strays" is a theatrical film about a debt collector who works for a powerful mob boss.

Dean, the debt collector, is played by Jason O'Malley, who wrote the screenplay. Dean marries and has a child. The boy turns out to be autistic and as the couple struggles to cope, they grow apart.

Dean turns to a behavioral therapist for help. The therapist, played by Brooke Shields, saves the day for father and son.

Water rate hike brews trouble for coffee maker

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

J.J. 6-20-89

A plan to increase water rates for commercial customers in Hoboken could mean that Maxwell House Coffee plant, one of the largest industrial employers, will close its doors, a plant spokesman said yesterday.

"Coffee sales are going down," said George Murphy, external affairs manager. "One of these days the camel's back will break. Whether this (rate increase) does it, I really don't know."

The City Council, at the recommendation of Councilman E. Norman Wilson and Richard Del Boccio, will hold a public hearing tomorrow night at 7 p.m. to have large commercial users pay the same rate as residential customers.

The United Food Commercial Workers Local 56, which represents about 400 workers,

is drafting a letter to the City Council informing members that the increase in water bills could lead to the unemployment of hundreds of area workers.

The union's chief steward, Jim Crismale, is writing the letter, according to Daniel Zanetich, director of personnel. The plant has about 700 industrial jobs and 50 management positions. Starting pay for an unskilled laborer is about \$10 and the average pay for a skilled worker is about \$18.

Changing the rate would mean about a \$200,000 increase for Maxwell House, according to figures obtained at City Hall. The water rate is \$18.50 per 1,000 cubic feet of water or 7,500 gallons. But Maxwell pays a rate of \$15.50 because it buys more than one million cubic feet per quarter.

Wilson recommended the rate change at the last council meeting because with revalua-

tion, the plant's tax bills decreased from \$1 million to \$400,000. Although the plant's taxes decreased, its valuation increased from \$4 million to \$22 million, according to assessor's figures.

Wilson and Del Boccio said that Maxwell House, owned by the Philip Morris Company, can afford to pay its fair share.

But Business Administrator Edwin Chius said it would be "penny wise, dollar foolish" to change the rate for Maxwell. He said that increasing the industry's annual water bill by \$200,000 would not lower the water bills for residential consumers.

And, he said that if the plant closes, everyone's water rates in Hoboken would dramatically increase because Maxwell House pays for 25 percent of the water that the city buys from Jersey City. Last year, Hoboken paid \$4.4 million to Jersey City for water

and Maxwell House bill was almost \$1 million. Hoboken water rates are based on buying a minimum quantity from Jersey City.

"This rate increase may not make or break Maxwell House but it may make or break the plant here," said Chius, who added that the Hoboken plant has to compete with three other plants nationally. They are located in Florida, Texas and California.

Chius said that one telling sign that Maxwell House is struggling economically is the fact that its water consumption has decreased by 20 million cubic feet in the last four quarters ending in April.

He said that water is used in coffee processing, thus its manufacturing must be down.

Plant worker Louis DePalma, who was recently hired after the Colgate plant closed in Jersey City, agreed that Philip Morris can afford the rate

hike. But he said it will be the local plant that will have to pay the cost.

"They can't keep putting pressure on Maxwell House. It will be forced out of Hoboken. We're talking about 700 jobs and it is devastating to lose a job when you are making good money," DePalma said.

Councilman Steve Cappiello opposes the rate change. He said that the city must guard against hurting its industry and pointed to the 700 industrial jobs generated by the local plant.

He also noted that Maxwell House contributes to local charities and has paid the city hefty tax bills over the years. The plant opened in Hoboken 50 years ago.

Mayor Patrick Pasculi has called for a meeting tomorrow morning between Maxwell House management, union officials and councilmen.

Pasculi said that he needs to weigh the impact the rate hike would have on the plant versus the need to be fair to residential consumers.

"It is important that we maintain some sort of industrial base. At the same time we want them to pay their fair share. Hopefully, we will be reaching some sort of compromise," Pasculi said.

Councilman-elect Richard England, part of Maxwell House Coffee management, said he will attend the meeting tomorrow as a company representative since he does not take office until July 1.

He said he wanted to reserve comment until after the meeting to hear Wilson's rationale for the rate change. England noted however, that the increase would hurt the company and that it does not appear that residential consumers would be getting a lower water rate.



On June 19, 1846, what many believe was the first game of baseball was played at Elysian Fields in Hoboken, as commemorated by this Currier and Ives print.

N.J.-N.Y. debate rages

Baseball: Was it born in Hoboken?

Editor's Note: Some 143 years ago today history was made: The first baseball game was played in Hoboken between two New York clubs. Or was it?

In another in a long line of border disputes, New Jersey and New York are at war about baseball bragging rights. New York has made its pitch to be the "Birthplace of Baseball." But New Jersey — and Hoboken — will not go down quietly. Now, you make the call.

By TOM GATTO

Special to The Hudson Dispatch 6-19-89

HOBOKEN—Club Hoboken? That's what the city along the Hudson River was during the middle of the 19th century.

It was a "playground" for New Yorkers who could afford to take the Barclay Street Ferry (12 cents) across the river to the Elysian Fields. On some weekends, 20,000 fat-cat New Yorkers would journey there to enjoy walks along tree-lined paths, to lounge in the shade and enjoy their leisure time.

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Other activities were taking place as well. A band of well-heeled New York gentlemen was fiddling with a game that had been played primarily by children during the early part of the century, a curious blend of the popular English games cricket and rounders, with some modifications. It was called Base Ball.

After June 19, 1846, the game would go on to become our country's national pastime. On that date, teams named the Knickerbockers and the New York Club took part in what many believe to be the first game contested by organized teams under "modern" rules.

Led by New York bookstore owner Alexander Cartwright, the Knickerbockers were chartered as a club in September 1845. The Knicks were a group of middle- and upper-class gentlemen looking for some exercise and relaxation. The Knicks played in Manhattan and Brooklyn against other unorganized teams, but moved to Hoboken and the Elysian Fields, near 11th and Washington streets, when they were crowded out by railroad and building construction. It cost the club \$75 a year to rent the field and dressing rooms.

Then came a challenge in 1846 by the New York Club, and a game was scheduled for the third Friday in June. The New York Club was made up primarily of cricket players, but it also had been playing under rules similar to the ones the Knicks played by.

On the day of the game, both teams took the ferry to Hoboken and met at Elysian Fields — and ended up a part of history. Cartwright, the story goes, gathered the teams and laid out a new set of rules, which became an accepted code for future teams and players. They included three outs per inning, three strikes for an out, and the first team to score 21 runs, or "aces" as they were called, won the game.

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Some serious baseball scholars say the 1846 Hoboken match was not the first of its kind.

"By no means was it the first (organized match) game played at Elysian Fields," says Tom Heitz, librarian for the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. "The game on June 19 is no longer accepted by baseball historians as the first (organized) game. That nod goes to Brooklyn," which reportedly hosted games played under the New York rules in 1845.

Egads, New York, the "Birthplace of Baseball"? A recent book by Melvin L. Adelman, entitled "A Sporting Time: New York City and the Rise of Modern Athletics, 1820-70," cites several passages in the New York Herald in October 1845 that reported two games played between a New York Club and a Brooklyn Club. Adelman writes that the first game "must now be considered the first interclub contest."

Gays get an Oasis in church

By Wendell Jamieson

J.J. 6-19-89
It is a long way from Abilene, Texas — "the Buckle on the Bible Belt" — to Hoboken, but that is the distance one man has crossed to begin what he calls his life's work.

The Rev. Robert Williams is director of Oasis, an evangelical outreach center for gay people disenfranchised by the Episcopal Church. It opens in Hoboken tomorrow.

Williams, who is gay, said starting such a ministry has been his goal since he started his religious training a decade ago.

"I believe that God called to me not just to minister in a general sense, but to this kind of ministry: a ministry of reconciliation," Williams said while sitting in his small, Washington Street office in All Saints Episcopal Church. The ministry will be located in the building.

The church has supplied three rooms for Oasis, believed to be the first church-launched center of its kind. A similar outreach center for homosexuals in San Francisco was started by volunteers rather than the church itself, Williams said.

"This will be an outreach ministry, actively reaching out on behalf of the church to a group of people who don't have much use for organized religion, and for good reason," Williams said.

He is quick to stress that the Oasis is not a church, a misconception which he said suggests separation rather than inclusiveness.

"The point is to make lesbian and gay people more integrated in the church, not to separate us out," he said.

Born and raised in Abilene, Williams, 33, lived in Dallas for eight years before moving to Boston to study for the ministry. Knowing his home diocese would never ordain an openly gay minister, he came to the more liberal Diocese of Newark and was ordained a deacon in a June 3 ceremony.

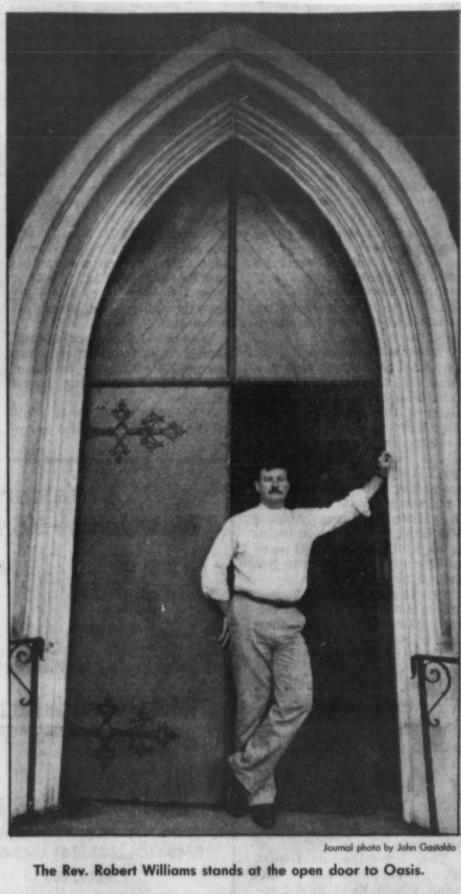
"This is just one of the most progressive dioceses in the country," Williams said, adding that serious discussions about the outreach center began in early January.

Williams contacted Newark Bishop John S. Spong after hearing him remark that if the dogs in a fox hunt can be blessed, then the church should also be able to bless gay couples who seek the church's sanction.

"It is not just an accident it is in this diocese — it is a deliberate choice by the bishop that we should be moving the church in the direction of change," said Archdeacon Leslie Smith, a spokesman for the diocese.

Although the ministry has yet to begin operation, Williams said two gay couples

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The Rev. Robert Williams stands at the open door to Oasis.

St. Mary carries on despite another generator failure

By James Efstathiou

J.J. 6-21-89
For the second time in three days, primary and secondary backup generators at St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken failed following failure of main source power.

In both instances of failure, emergency generators were pressed into service to provide electricity to the 330-bed hospital.

Disruption of hospital services was minimal, according to a spokesman. One patient on a respirator in the intensive care unit was transferred to the recovery room where air conditioning was maintained throughout the day. The respirator itself automatically switched over to an alternate power supply.

In addition, a hospital clinic was closed, canceling laboratory testing and approximately 40 office personnel were sent home.

The hospital has two on-site independent sources of power in the event of a main source failure, according to Edward Capparucci, director of public relations. After a main source power outage Sunday, the primary backup system failed, forcing the move to the emergency generators.

The cause of both outages is believed to have been a faulty main fuse in the north building. Technicians thought they had corrected problems with both the fuse and the backup generators Sunday; however, that was not the case.

At 8:40 a.m. yesterday, the lights again went out and again, the primary backup system failed.

"When the power went out, backup generators did not kick in," said Capparucci. "They thought they had the initial problem and problem with the backup generators corrected."

The facility's emergency generators can provide power to only 90 percent of the hospital, Capparucci said. In order to affect repairs to the backup

generators and still have an emergency system, Public Service Electric & Gas hooked one of its generators into the hospital.

The PSE&G generator provided electricity for the hospital yesterday and will continue to do so until repairs are completed.

In addition, the Hoboken Fire Department and Port Authority Police Emergency Rescue Unit were on standby with backup generators.

The decision to close the clinic and some clerical offices was made so as not to overtax

the PSE&G generator during repairs.

"When you are on your emergency generator, you don't want to abuse power," said Capparucci. "A lot of these tests were not critical, they weren't needed today."

Moments after both outages, power was restored to the patient areas including operating rooms, Capparucci said.

"I'm sure a majority of them (hospital patients) didn't even realize that we had an outage except those watching television at the time," said Capparucci.

City zoning plan

Protest due over Hoboken highrise

By LYNDIA MACELLARO

The Hudson Dispatch 6-20-89

HOBOKEN—Residents fearing high-rise development in their downtown neighborhood are expected to urge the City Council tomorrow night to oppose a planned 11-story Observer Highway

apartment building as part of amendments to the city zoning ordinance.

The issue is one of several amendments that the council is scheduled to vote on at a 7 p.m. meeting in City Hall as part of the amendment package, according to Councilman Thomas Newman. The package has been under discussion for three years.

"I don't want to hold the passage of these things hostage, although I really think these are legitimate concerns of the people," Newman said, referring to

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the numerous amendments included in the plan.

The Downtown Residents for Sane Development, a group of about 200 homeowners opposed to the project, plans to present the council with a petition calling for the current ordinance to be overturned. In order for the petition to be considered, it must contain signatures from 20 percent of the landowners within 200 feet of the proposed zoning change.

The area in question runs along Observer Highway from the Hudson River waterfront to the Palisades. Current zoning allows for apartment and municipal buildings, retail shops and mass transit facilities. This area originally had been zoned for industry and most recently for residential development.

"We're already feeling the negative impact of development in Hoboken," said protest leader Ronald Hine. "Our parking situation here has gone from bad to

impossible."

Newman agreed that the high-rise project needs some reworking and suggested a more sensitive approach to land use on Observer Highway.

"I think an 11-story (building) with the first three floors for garages could be very ugly and monolithic," Newman said.

Hine's group is asking the council to consider the current neighborhood zoning of six stories as a gauge for all new residential buildings in the city. Hine said, "No one on council has been accepting of this, and the mayor's allies have taken uncompromising positions."

Newman, who believes this project "could be death for the neighborhood," added there was room for compromise on the height issue. He suggested that the council consider spreading out the project and keeping the structure in line with low-rise buildings in the neighborhood.

Movement on fraud charge

J.J. 6-16-89
The charge by a Hudson County grand jury that Hoboken Councilman David Roberts solicited members of a fraternity to cast fraudulent ballots is finally out in the open, and that's good.

A long official investigation was begun after The Jersey Journal disclosed in March of 1988 that votes were cast improperly in 1987 in the names of several former students at Stevens Institute of Technology. At one point Roberts had the opportunity to avoid a fraud indictment by resigning his seat and pleading guilty to a disorderly persons charge. To the public, that could have left the fraud aspect of the case unresolved. To Robert's credit, he decided against that. He said, "I know in my heart there was no wrongdoing."

The grand jury indicted him May 12, but the indictment was sealed until after this past Tuesday's municipal election in Hoboken.

Roberts enjoys the presumption of innocence. It is up to the prosecutor's office to try to prove in court the charges of voting bribery and soliciting fraudulent votes that were filed against him.

The charges are extremely serious. If a public official solicits fraudulent votes, he is reprehensibly violating a basic principle of the democratic process. There's no justification for ignoring it, excusing it or treating it lightly.

Now that the grand jury charges have been made, public interest demands timely judicial action to resolve the case.

Hoboken gets short shrift

J.J. 6-19-89
The New York Senate, again acting like it is ignorant of anything that takes place or has taken place west of the Hudson River, passed a resolution urging that "birthplace of baseball" be listed on its state license plate tags.

The term baseball, or base ball, goes back to England and at least the first decade of the 19th century. But the best documentation for an organized game following the rules and pattern of modern-day baseball goes back to Hoboken.

Two teams battled in Hoboken's Elysian Fields in that game 123 years ago this month.

It is such a key event in the development of the sport that a couple of baseball historians back in 1986 were saying that the Baseball Hall of Fame (which is located in Cooperstown, N.Y.) belonged in Hoboken.

In an imaginative effort to get Hoboken's role as birthplace of modern baseball across to New York, Hoboken's Assemblyman Bernard Kenny is sending the governor of New York baseballs autographed by 105 New Jersey state legislators.

New Jersey members of Congress, including Sen. Frank Lautenberg of Secaucus and Rep. Frank Guarini of Jersey City, also are trying to get across to the New Yorkers the importance of that Hoboken game of 1846.

The New York legislators really need an education on this issue. Hoboken is only across the river from New York City, but from the point of view of too many New Yorkers it could be on another continent.

Church offers hand to gays

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have already contacted him about receiving the church's blessing.

"I think a lot of the calls I am going to get are going to be from couples that want to be blessed," he said.

Other functions of the ministry will include counseling and educating people about religion and about other homosexuals in the community.

The ministry's main function will be to bring back gay men and women who felt alienated or cold-shouldered by the Episcopal church, Williams said.

"It is all talk about families and talk about husbands and wives," he said. "You think

"Where do I fit into this?"

Williams spoke of his own experiences growing up as a Southern Baptist, a religion he left when he "came out" as a homosexual at age 23.

The church's political and social conservatism drove him away.

He said he walked out in the middle of a sermon in which parishioners were being told how to vote in an upcoming election.

It is hard to remain, he said, when "the things that are dearest to you are called sin and sickness."

A celebration of the Eucharist will be held at All Saints Church at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow to mark the ministry's opening.

Hoboken teachers reject 3-year pact

J.J. 6-21-89
The Hoboken Teachers Association rejected a proposed three-year contract yesterday which would have offered a 30 percent salary increase over three years.

Only 278 of 420 union members showed up to vote on the proposal, with the tally winding up 158 against and 120 for. An existing contract for teachers, clerks, attendance officers and drivers expires June 30.

"Yes, I really was," said Richard England, chief negotiator for the Board of Education when asked if the outcome was a surprise. "Honestly, I can say that. I knew it was going to be close, but the turnout wasn't there."

Union president James Germinario, who lobbied for

the proposal, said members felt they would have to give up too much in the agreement. In return for the pay increase, the pact called for a longer working day and restrictions making it more difficult to accumulate unused sick days.

"They felt that we were making all the concessions," said Germinario of the majority of his membership. "I didn't think I was making major concessions but obviously I was wrong."

Both England, who will step down from the board at the end of the month, and Germinario who hinted that his resignation as union head was possible, foresaw a difficult road for future negotiations.

For Albany, a Bronx cheer

DISPATCH 6-19-89
East Side, West Side, all around the state, New Yorkers have never been short on chutzpah. And if they have their selfish way, they'll be driving cars whose license plates boast, "Birthplace of Baseball."

HERE'S THE TRIVIA: The first game of baseball as we know it was played at Elysian Fields in Hoboken on June 19, 1846. It was organized by Alexander Cartwright.

NOW, WHAT ABOUT Abner Doubleday? Patriotic myth depicts the touse-haired boy laying stakes in Cooperstown farmland in the August heat of 1839.

Car boot set
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"It was kind of touch-and-go because nobody had ever done this before," said Roland of the evolving policy.

Baseball birth battle brews bitterly

By Robert Hardt Jr. J.J. 6-16-89
The fight over the "birthplace of baseball" is going into extra innings.

Deane said he believes that Cartwright is the man most responsible for creating baseball's rules. But, he added, that does not mean Hoboken can claim to be the "birthplace of baseball" either.

The last skirmish in this ongoing war occurred in 1986 when New York State Senator Thomas Bartosiewicz tried to pass a similar bill but withdrew it after former Mayor Vezetti of Hoboken complained.

Hearing is begun for police sergeant
J.J. 6-24-89
A disciplinary hearing for a Hoboken police sergeant involved in an off-duty incident got under way yesterday in the office of Public Safety Director Eugene O'Connell.

Defendant called victim of sloppy government probe

By Helene Stapinski J.J. 6-17-89
The cook in Casella's Restaurant in Hoboken, on trial for the last four months on murder, conspiracy and gambling charges, is a victim of a haphazard government investigation, John Derrico's lawyer told jurors yesterday.

Group fights 11-story highrisers

By James Efstathiou J.J. 6-19-89
Downtown Hoboken residents who have fought in the courts to protect their neighborhood from highrise development have now taken their battle to the streets.

date historic zoning. The amendments, for example, create a new district along the city's northern waterfront which allows for residential development. That area in the past was zoned for industrial use.

Brothers honored as heroes for assisting cop in arrest

J.J. 6-24-89
Two brothers from Hoboken were recently honored by the city of Clifton and the state of New Jersey for assisting a police officer under attack.

Hoboken City Council adopts sewer contract

By James Efstathiou J.J. 6-23-89
After months of delays, the Hoboken City Council has adopted a sewer service contract between the city, the Hudson County Utilities Authority and the newly formed Hoboken-Weehawken Sewage Authority that will enable the authority to implement plans to finance the plant's upgrade.

ken and the HCUA. The service agreements commit the three municipalities to back the projected \$99 million upgrade through user fees.

But with a letter from the federal Environmental Protection Agency assuring all parties the new contracts would not affect the grant, Hoboken law director Eugene O'Connell recommended the council adopt the agreement.

Car 'boot' policy is changed

By James Efstathiou J.J. 6-23-89
Motorists who find their cars "booted" in Hoboken for being in violation of the city's resident parking permit program no longer have to pay \$50 up front to have their cars released.

Court Judge Ross D. London of the reason for the change. "We understood that there was a distinction between putting up money in escrow and pleading guilty, but still it's a burden if you need to have your car back and have to come up with \$50 instead of \$25."

"When it started two years ago, no one made any reference to the fact that a boot ticket had to be paid," said Roland, referring to prior procedures that may have contributed to the poor collection rate. "Now, they don't get that boot off the car unless they pay the ticket or enter a plea of not guilty."

Reformers dealt crippling blow

By Jo-Ann Moriarty J.J. 6-19-89

The Hoboken "reform movement" that organized four years ago against patronage and displacement and swept a charismatic leader, if not a cult figure into office, suffered a near fatal blow in the runoff election last week.

The council candidates backed by Mayor Patrick Pasculli's administration beat the "reform" ticket by a 2,000-vote margin.

The nine-member City Council now has only two members considered "reform" legislators, Councilmen Joseph

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Della Fave and Thomas Newman.

The majority of reform members on the Board of Education has dwindled to two, Gerald Costa and Felix Rivera. And their days are numbered because steps are underway to have the seven-member elected board become a panel populated by mayoral appointments.

Surely the most devastating blow to the "reform" movement came in March, 1988, with the sudden death of Mayor Thomas Vezzetti, a compassionate, comical man who loved people as much as he distrusted politicians.

But others in the movement say it was hemorrhaging long before the death of their leader. With Pasculli's defeat of Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave, whom Vezzetti handpicked to inherit his council seat, and the defeat of Councilwoman Helen Cunningham and former school board President Joseph Rafter in the City Council election, the fate of the reform movement becomes questionable.

The most ardent members of the group say the movement will never die.

Councilman Steve Cappiello, whose 12-year administration was toppled by Vezzetti, says there was no "reform" movement.

City Council President Robert Ranieri says the reform movement had no agenda and the programs it offered were not workable.

And Pasculli, who ran for an at-large City Council seat on the Vezzetti ticket in 1985, claims that he is the reform movement and points to his endorsement of Claire DePalma

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Hoboken election charges

Arraignment set for Roberts

By DAVID REILLY The Hudson Dispatch 6-27-89

Hoboken councilman David Roberts is scheduled to be arraigned today in Hudson County Superior Court on charges that he persuaded a group of college students to vote fraudulently in exchange for money to buy a keg of beer.

The arraignment on the two counts of election law violations will be conducted this morning before Judge Kevin F. Callahan in Jersey City.

Roberts was indicted May 26 by a county grand jury, but the charges were sealed until June 14, so that they would not interfere with Hoboken's runoff election the day before.

Roberts, 32, a first-term 8th Ward councilman, was charged with one count each of voting bribery and soliciting fraudulent voting. The indictment

followed months of rumors about pending grand jury action.

The councilman was expected to enter a plea bargain in February, but reportedly backed out minutes before a scheduled court appearance. If convicted on both counts, Roberts could face six years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

According to County Prosecutor Paul M. DePascale, Roberts could also be forced by the sentencing judge to step down from his City Council seat and relinquish his right to vote for a period if found guilty.

After he was indicted, Roberts said he had no intention of stepping down from the council, to which he was elected in the 1987 election by a 2-1 margin. He could not be reached for comment last night.

Reform movement dealt a crippling blow in runoff

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and Michael Rossano on the school board as examples of his reformist attitude.

But everyone from City Hall insiders to Fourth Ward outsiders say that the same people who elected Cappiello were instrumental in placing Pasculli in the mayor's office.

Still, questions persist on the status of the reform movement — why it could not succeed in this past election, and where it is going.

Ira Karasick, appointed to the rent board by Vezzetti and chairman of the Campaign for Housing Justice, said the movement failed to broaden its coalition after Vezzetti was elected.

"It was an odd coalition which put Vezzetti into office. I don't think it was an affirmation of Vezzetti but a rejection of Steve Cappiello. I don't think it was ever cohesive, witness the fact that Patty (Pasculli) bailed out almost immediately," Karasick observed.

"The movement never created a political organization or political club, which in a certain sense is needed to get votes out. In those terms, the movement was a failure."

First Ward Councilman Newman agreed that "as a political party, the reform movement is dead. It has exhausted its energies."

Vezzetti was elected by a coalition of newcomers, old-timers and people afraid of displacement, particularly subsidized housing tenants.

Karasick said the movement during the last four years did not effectively communicate to Fourth Ward residents

why it represented their interests.

While Fourth Ward residents still have a tremendous love for Vezzetti and to this day tell stories about the late mayor, Karasick said they voted for Pasculli because he cultivated their vote and was able to run an effective negative campaign against Della Fave and his ticket.

But Karasick and Annette Illing, who ran unsuccessfully for council with Vezzetti, also noted that the reform movement never infiltrated the Hoboken Housing Authority, which acts like a political machine and backed Pasculli in this election.

"Frankly, those people in subsidized housing and Applied Housing all voted against their own interest when they voted for the administration. They voted against affordable housing on the waterfront and educational reform," Karasick said.

"But Della Fave failed to reach them," he added. Newman, Karasick and Illing, former Campaign for Housing Justice chairman, agree that the reform movement made a significant impact on City Hall by making it more accessible to outsiders and by bringing to the forefront issues of affordable housing, development, problems with the sewage treatment plant and other environmental issues, as well as the need to keep city business in open session, not behind closed doors.

They said that the administration also upgraded the level of professionalism in City Hall. Like Karasick, Newman

said that the reform movement "began as a protest movement and never got beyond protest."

Because of its vigilance against machine politics and patronage, he said, the members of the movement were not flexible to work within the political arena set in Hoboken.

He said they focused on patronage and were vague on development issues.

"They couldn't form coalitions on issues. They didn't broaden their base, and they just turned people off and pushed people away. The school board is a good example. Instead of working with Claire DePalma, they turned her off. They got to be so concerned with their purity, they couldn't work with anybody," said Newman, who endorsed Della Fave for mayor.

Newman, who supported the school board cuts, said that in hindsight, the reform movement's attempt to cut \$3 million from the school budget last year was probably too much too fast and ended up alienating Hispanics, whose children make up 80 percent of the school population.

Illing said that another practical problem with any reform movement is that "the fruits of its labor take a long time to be seen."

She said the Vezzetti administration never seized control of the housing authority or the school system, and that housing and education are primary issues with rank and file Hoboken residents.

While they are disheartened by the results of the recent municipal election, they note Della Fave captured about 45 percent of the electorate.

Illing said that there now exists in the city a core of residents "who will move heaven and earth" to make sure the government acts in the best interest of the majority.

Rafter, on the night of the runoff, said after his defeat that the reform movement has seen "the end of a chapter, not the end of the book."

Cunningham said the movement needs to regroup. She added that if attempts are made to weaken rent control, delay progress in improving the schools or to bring government behind closed doors, "You'll see us."

Theatrical history examined

Old Hoboken revisited

New book tells of city's longtime cultural appeal

By WINNIE BONELLI Dispatch 6-26-89

HOBOKEN—If Dorothy followed the Yellow Brick Road today, chances are it would lead here. In recent years, this city's reputation has spread among filmmakers, making it one of the hottest locations in the Garden State. Ironically, this appeal is nothing new for the cultural climate here has always been conducive to all forms of entertainment. As proof, the Hoboken Historical Museum has published Volume 2 of its "History of Theatre, Vaudeville and Movies in Hoboken" series, a volume entitled, "The Theater:

A True Record of the Stage and Drama in Hoboken."

Written by Jim Hans, the 32-page publication focuses on the years 1820-1887. His work explores, in greater detail, the outline in the first volume that lists the early theaters here, their location and their years of operation. That book was intended as a companion to the theater exhibit the museum sponsored at City Hall.

Hans noted, "I've always been curious about theaters. And once I began the research, my interest proved even greater. I was working on the project in

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The flavor of a bygone era lends enchantment to the cover of "The History of Theatre, Vaudeville and Movies in Hoboken."

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my spare time, and the best sources of information proved to be the Hoboken Public Library, the Stevens Tech Library and the research library in New York City. I even made a visit to the (National) Archives in Washington."

MARCHING BACK through the pages of time, Hans made the acquaintance of such notables as P.T. Barnum. When the famous showman ventured onto local shores in 1843, Hans explained that this city already was a thriving resort area.

Never one to miss an opportunity, Barnum leased the Hoboken Ferry for a day and prominently advertised "A Grand Buffalo Hunt. Free of Charge." The "wild" buffalos were actually calves, and free, perhaps, but Barnum cleaned up that day on the ferry fares of 6 1/2 cents each from 24,000 people," Hans discovered.

Though the Germania Garden, erected about 1865 on Hudson Street between First and Second streets, was credited with being Hoboken's first theater, Hans contends that the combination of drink and entertainment already had gained favor among visitors.

Despite the consensus among historians that vaudeville did not come into being until the 1870s, Hans uncovered references to its existence in Hoboken as early as 1845, when outdoor beer gardens and public houses erected stages and presented entertainment for the price of a beer or a glass of brandy or claret punch.

As the years roll on toward the 20th century, Hans proves a diligent chronicler of both the major developments and the anecdotes that provide the color.

EXPLAINING THE reason-



The cover of the Feb. 28, 1987 program for the Germania Theatre at 68-74 Hudson St., recognized as the first theater in Hoboken. America's "romantic actor," George Morton, was featured in "His Sin."

ing behind the years selected — 1820-1887 — Hans stated, "It seemed right, for I have a lot of information (on events) that happened during 1887, which I hope to pick up in Volume 3."

Hans said he believes that telling the complete story of Hoboken's involvement with theatre, vaudeville and movies will require five or six books, which he hopes to complete at one-and-one-half-year intervals. Financially, he was assisted in this goal by a partial grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

The large-paged book, illustrated from 19th-century sources, is available on Washington Street in Hoboken at the Literary Shop, Rogers and Cogswell and United Decorating. "The Theatre" can also be purchased through the mail for \$5 from the Hoboken Historical Museum, P.O. Box M-1220, Hoboken 07030.

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message.

No where does he make note of the fact that he has proposed nearly double his salary. And, on a Friday afternoon before the Memorial Day weekend when he presented the municipal budget to the City Council, the mayor did not mention that a \$30,000 pay hike had been included in salaries for his office.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said last night that the mayor's office includes an additional \$20,000 which represents half of a \$40,000 in-

crease he had included as a pay hike range for the mayor.

But apparently Pasculli is only pursuing a \$30,000 increase, of which \$15,000 will be funded in the proposed budget, Chius said.

Chius said that money was available in the mayor's office for salary because Laurie Fabiano, the confidential aide to former Mayor Thomas Vezzetti, had left her job after five months of drawing a salary last year. He said that her job paid from \$41,000 to \$43,000.

Councilman Richard Del Boccio introduced a resolution on the salary increase at the end of the Wednesday council meeting. The council voted to waive the 30-day requirement for consideration to act on the mayor's raise at its next meeting on July 5.

Del Boccio said that he proposed the salary increase, which was seconded by Councilman E. Norman Wilson, because he believed that the mayor's salary should reflect his "awesome responsibility."

He noted that the late Mayor Vezzetti had slashed his own salary to \$35,000 to hire an administrative assistant.

"He is the chief executive officer and he should be paid accordingly," Del Boccio said last night.

Councilwoman Helen Cunningham did not object to a salary increase for Pasculli. However, she said she was disturbed at the secrecy in which it was presented.

Moreover, Cunningham said it has been impossible for members of the City Council to get a budget detail from Chius who had told the council that copies of the budget analysis would be available Thursday morning.

"His raise is in the budget but there is no budget detail. This is a wrong way of doing it," Cunningham said.

While former three-term Mayor Steve Cappiello had left office at a salary of \$47,000, Cunningham said that amount represented 12 years of public service.

Pasculli would up salary to \$65,000

By Jo-Ann Moriarty J.J. 6-23-89

Hoboken Mayor Patrick Pasculli has penne-

in a 100-percent salary increase for himself in the proposed municipal budget which is scheduled for a City Council public hearing on Monday.

The mayor's salary would increase from \$35,000 to \$65,000 if approved by the City Council.

Pasculli, a Hoboken public school teacher, was drawing an additional \$40,000 from his teaching job until last November when he was elected mayor.

Pasculli could not be reached for comment.

In the mayor's budget message included in the proposed spending plan, Pasculli mentions that the 16-cent decrease in the current tax rate of 18 is possible because of the \$7 million anticipated from a partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to develop the waterfront.

"This budget provides for efficient delivery of city services with additional police protection, recreation programs and additional funds for waterfront planning," the mayor stated in his written

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Progress seen in renovating cop headquarters

By James Efstathiou J.J. 6-24-89

The city of Hoboken has reported substantial progress toward correcting a host of workplace violations in its dilapidated police headquarters.

For the past several weeks, four municipal carpenters have renovated offices, re-wired electrical systems and laid concrete for a new bathroom. The work was done to comply with an order by New Jersey Department of Labor which cited 34 violations of the state Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act in the City Hall basement facility.

The longstanding problems in

headquarters were brought to the attention of the state last fall by city police officers prompting an inspection in December. An order to comply was issued in March following a reinspection that revealed virtually no progress had been made on the violations.

This week, a state inspector returned to Hoboken and, according to public works director Roy Haack, found that many of the problems had been corrected. The Department of Labor had yet to compile its report and declined to comment.

"Out of the 34 original violations, we're down to five," said Haack.

"What he said to me is I've got to keep moving," he added referring to the state inspector.

Police lockers, formerly located in a public hallway, have been relocated to a newly renovated third-floor room. The hallway and a rear locker room were gutted and now sport new drywall and paint.

Moving the lockers out has made room for other changes which will include moving the detective bureau to newly constructed offices in a rear locker room and relocating the Bureau of Identification.

Other improvements include handrails installed along stairwells

exit signs, improved lighting, improved access to exits and a regular exterminator service.

"I'm satisfied with the progress, very satisfied," said chief George Crimmins. "I am still going on the assumption that a couple years down the line, we will move from here."

Crimmins said less costly construction methods were employed with an eye toward a possible different use for the basement in the future. Sheetrock and two by fours were used to build walls, for instance, because they could be easily moved in the event the police leave for a new facility.

The biggest item still not complet-

ed is the bathroom. Haack said he will probably seek an extension from the state to finish the toilet.

In addition, according to Haack, an overall fire evacuation plan must be created and employees must be trained to use newly installed fire extinguishers, stairs leading to the boiler room need repair, electrical breakers must be marked and a police injury and sick log must be posted.

"I think that we have abated a lot of the violations that have existed," said Haack who said another 45 days will be required to fully comply. Haack estimated costs to date at \$5,000 for materials and \$12,000 for labor.

Coffee firm water hike on simmer

By Jo-Ann Moriarty J.J. 6-22-89

The Hoboken City Council decided last night to put a plan to hike water rates for Maxwell House Coffee on a very long coffee break.

Councilman E. Norman Wilson, at the June 7 meeting, submitted an ordinance to have Maxwell House Coffee pay the same rate as residential users because the coffee plant had a dramatic drop in taxes since the citywide revaluation of properties last year.

But Maxwell House management, Mayor Patrick Pasculli and council members met yesterday morning for more than an hour in the mayor's office to discuss the financial impact on the coffee plant.

Wilson emerged from the meeting with a different attitude. Instead of going ahead with the plans to change the bulk rate of \$15.50 per 1,000 cubic feet of water (about 7,500 gallons), Wilson said he would recommend the public hearing be postponed indefinitely until Maxwell House provided the council with an analysis of the rate change.

No one spoke at the hearing.

The bulk rate is given to companies which buy more than one million cubic feet of water per quarter. Maxwell House, which uses water for coffee processing, is the only industry in the city that would be affected by the rate change.

Councilman Richard Del Boccio, who favored the rate change two weeks ago, last night said he would "certainly not want to do anything that would be injurious to Maxwell House or in any way cause the plant to cease to operate."

While Maxwell House taxes decreased from \$1 million last year to \$400,000 this year because of revaluation, the mayor said the plant may soon

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be paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in sewage treatment costs.

"We also don't want to send the wrong signal to other industrial and commercial properties. It is important that Hoboken maintain somewhat of a commercial and industrial base to provide jobs for Hoboken residents," Pasculli said.

The mayor said he did not want the city to contribute to any future decision to close the plant, which employs about 750 people, many of whom are Hoboken residents.

Plant manager Frank Meegan, contacted after he left the mayor's office, said that the rate change would not in itself close the Hoboken plant. But the plant has to compete with three others in the country and each expense adds to the Hoboken's plant ability to compete nationwide. "It (the rate change) affects us, it raises our cost. But it in itself will not shut our place down. However, we wanted to talk about the attitude that we have deep pockets," Meegan said.

Maxwell House nationally has seen a decrease in coffee sales because of decrease in coffee consumption, Meegan said. The corporation operated at a loss of millions of dollars last year, he said. "We were close to closing in 1987 because we were not competitive. But every day we are working to be competitive," Meegan said.

The Hoboken plant has worked with the unions in striving to be more competitive, he said.

James Crismale, a union leader at the Hoboken plant, sent a letter to the Hoboken City Council asking that council members "refrain from pursuing this regressive increase and in doing so protect the jobs of the workers, many of whom contribute much to the community."

Ranieri presides one last time at council meeting

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Hoboken City Council President Robert Ranieri, who entered the political arena 16 years ago July 1 when he was first elected to the council, presided over his last city council meeting last night.

Ranieri, 60, was elected to an at-large council seat in 1973 when he ran on the mayoral ticket of Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, who served three terms until his defeat four years ago. Ranieri was the only running mate of Cappiello's to survive the 1985 election.

At his last meeting, a public hearing on the \$34 million city budget, Ranieri argued with Councilmen Thomas Newman and Joseph Della Fave over the wisdom of basing the city spending plan on \$7 million the city anticipates from a partnership with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Ranieri, who is rumored to be lobbying to be named executive director of the waterfront corporation, maintained that the city's negotiating position with the bi-state agency was not compromised by using the \$7 million to offset the city's budget crisis.

Newman at one point told Ranieri: "I don't agree with you."

At the City Council meeting last week both Ranieri's political allies and foes commended his tenure as a public servant.

Newman, who said that he and Ranieri usually were on opposite sides of issues, recalled how once the council president told the First Ward councilman privately that during public sessions council members "were like gladiators fighting in the arena. But there should always be a sense of brotherhood that goes with that."

"I feel that I got some schooling at the hands of a master," Newman said.

His colleagues particularly praised his linguistic skills. Sixth Ward Councilman David Roberts commended Ranieri's "articulation when making a point or debating an issue." Ranieri is known for his colorful metaphors and extensive vocabulary.

Councilwoman Helen Cunningham, elected four years ago but

defeated in the June runoff election, told Ranieri that she "always hated to debate you but I find you the worthiest of adversaries."

Della Fave added, "unlike Helen, I enjoyed debating you, Bob. Despite our differences, I found that you always did your homework." Della Fave is known for his close scrutiny of the paper trail that follows the council.

Mayor Patrick Pasculi presented Ranieri with a plaque and the council passed a resolution honoring its president.

Cappiello, perhaps foreshadowing events yet to come, said that Ranieri's talents should be utilized by the city.

And Ranieri himself officially ended his political career with his own signature. The council approved a resolution he drafted in which he denounced New York for attempting to claim that the first baseball game was played in the Empire State and not in Hoboken at Elysian Fields in 1846.

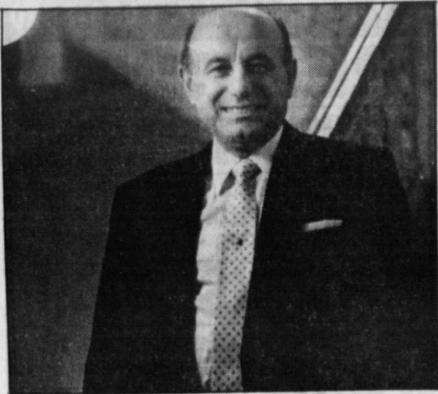
His resolution began: "There was no joy in Mudville when Mighty Casey struck out, there is no joy in Hoboken when New York struck out a claim to the birth of baseball."

"Whereas, the City of Hoboken, the David of the sports world, produced such talents as Tom Carey, John Honey Romano, Leo Kiley, Billy Kunkel, Johnny Kueks for the big leagues and other greats of the game like Bill Bergin and Tony Calland ...

"Whereas the Goliath across the Hudson are attempting to steal our heritage to the birth of our national pastime; now, therefore, be it resolved and confirmed by the Council of the City of Hoboken that the first game of baseball in the United States was played in 1846 in the City of Hoboken."

"And be it further resolved that we send a big Bronx cheer to those legislators in the State of New York for attempting to falsify baseball's birth certificate."

He told his colleagues that the plaque and resolution honoring his career will save him a chore he has been delaying. Now, instead of painting his study, he said he can put the two framed honors over two sun-worn spots on the room's wall.



Hoboken City Council President Robert Ranieri pauses for a moment in City Hall last night before heading to the council chamber for the last time.

Councilmen dislike deal with P.A.

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Two Hoboken city councilmen say it is dangerous for Hoboken to solve its budget crisis — a near-\$10 million shortfall in revenues — by depending on a partnership deal with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"I can be convinced that this is not dangerous," said First Ward Councilman Thomas Newman. But, he said, "my concern is going into negotiations where the future of Hoboken is dependent and we are not in a strong negotiating position where we can be tough or bluff and walk away from the deal."

At a public hearing last night, Newman and Second Ward Councilman Joseph Della Fave argued the merits of basing the \$34 million city budget on \$7 million the city anticipates from a partnership with the bi-state agency.

A final agreement between the two entities is expected to be signed in September. The

two parties have signed a tentative agreement, known as the principles of agreement, which outline the revenues the city can expect from the waterfront development and from a partnership with the Port Authority over the next 50 years.

The tentative agreement also sets up the roles in the development deal for the city and the bi-state agency.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius said the city can pencil in the money as long as it gets the money by Dec. 31.

Only two people from the public spoke during the hearing that lasted nearly two hours. Both were concerned that the budget is contingent on \$7 million from the Port Authority.

Joseph Filc, a spokesman for the Chamber of Commerce, was critical that spending was increased by 10 percent despite the city's budget crunch. "Measures should be taken to keep it less than that," he said.

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The P.A. money kept the city's \$18 tax rate from tripling, he said, and he inquired how the city expected to keep down taxes in the future.

Instead of relying on the P.A.'s money, resident Michael Lenz, a critic of the P.A., suggested that the city form a waterfront corporation which could lend the city the money it needed for the budget.

"I am not even sure that the Port Authority is the wrong partner. But if the Port Authority knows there is no other way to pass this budget except to raise taxes, we may not get the best deal," Lenz said.

His point was exactly the argument that Newman and Della Fave presented.

Della Fave said the city should finalize an agreement with developer Joseph Barry on two waterfront lots for which he has been designated the developer and use the \$5.3 million from that sale to offset the budget.

Della Fave said the city could also lobby for more state aid and cut municipal spending.

But City Council President Robert Ranieri and Councilmen Edwin Duroy and David Roberts argued that the principles of agreement already accepted by the city and Port Authority were evidence that the city was getting a good deal.

Newman and Della Fave called the principles of agreement vague and said they contained no monetary guarantees for the city.

Roberts, a staunch supporter of Mayor Patrick Pasculi's waterfront plan, said that the "Newman section" of the council table should commend the work of the waterfront negotiating team — of which Roberts is a member — and the product of its work, the principles of agreement, which among other things, allows the city to "use \$7 million to stabilize taxes."

Della Fave snapped as a member of the "Newman section and not the pompom-waving cheerleading section" that the city "should explore other sources of revenue to use in this budget to give the city room for negotiations and take pressure off our backs."

The council, with the exception of Newman and Della Fave, voted to include the \$7 million in the budget.

Final passage is expected July 5.

The funds the city expects to get from signing an agreement with the P.A. offset about \$7 million in budget shortfalls.

Chius said that the money from the bi-state agency will make up for the \$3.2 million in revenue the city received last year from an insurance settlement, a \$1 million loss in state aid, a \$2.4 million increase in funding the school budget and \$1 million in increased county costs.

The budget, which represents about a \$3 million increase in appropriations, includes a \$400,000 increase for hiring additional patrolmen and to pay for a collective bargaining agreement with the police union, Chius said.

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By Bob McMahon

Associated Press

The game was sloppy, pitting a group of mostly out-of-shape firemen, the Knickerbocker Baseball Club, against the New York Club, a hardy assemblage of erstwhile cricketers.

The rules called for one out per inning and baserunners could be thrown out by being hit with the ball. Batters who hit balls beyond the outfield were only given one base because balls were hard to find.

When the dust cleared after the four-inning game at Hoboken's Elysian Fields on June 19, 1846, the New York Club had defeated the Knickerbockers 23-1.

Despite its crudity, that game has been noted by many as baseball's first organized match, largely due to a book published 15 years ago.

But recent books have challenged that claim, and now some New York lawmakers want to declare the Empire State as baseball's home plate on New York's license plates. Their contention that Abner Doubleday started the game in 1839 in

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Cooperstown, N.Y., has enraged New Jersey politicians, ever mindful of their state's image, and further muddied the rhubarb over the true origin of the game.

The New York State Senate unanimously approved a measure on June 12 to allow special plates bearing the words, "Birthplace of Baseball." The move coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Under the measure, non-baseball fans would be allowed to keep their old license plates with the Statue of Liberty likeness, another sore point with New Jerseyans who believe the statue rests on Garden State property.

The bill still must be passed by the New York Assembly and signed by Gov. Mario Cuomo, a former minor league baseball player, before it becomes law.

In a typical response across the Hudson River, New Jersey Assemblyman Bernard F. Kenny, D-Hudson, circulated basebills to be signed by fellow lawmakers and sent to Cuomo to protest the plates.

Tom Heitz, librarian for the Baseball Hall of Fame, says Hoboken has strong ties to the roots of baseball, but is not the game's home plate.

The national pastime was linked to the small Hudson River city in a 1974 book by Harold Peterson, "The Man Who Invented Baseball." Peterson poked holes in the Doubleday story and credited the game's creation to Alexander Cartwright, leader of the New York Knickerbocker team. Peterson traced baseball's beginning to the 1846 game on the Elysian Fields.

Heitz says the book correctly recognizes Cartwright, but academic research has since disproven some of the book's conclusions about the game's origins. Since the 1986 publication of the book, "A Sporting Time," by Melvin L. Adelman, the Hall of Fame considers Manhattan the cradle of the game.

The book cites an article in the New York Herald of Oct. 21, 1845, that describes a game at Madison Avenue and 27th St. in which the New York club defeated a Brooklyn team 37-19.

However, Heitz says indications exist that a game roughly similar to baseball was played in the 1830s in the Philadelphia-Camden, N.J., area. He stresses the importance of looking at the game as an evolution and says baseball was not just born one sunny afternoon.

"The chamber of commerce mentality is that 'we did it first,' but there really is a lot of spots where the game developed," Heitz said.

"The problem you face with the 'first' theory is that games were played informally," he said. "The Knickerbockers clearly were an organized club and you can trace the continuous development of baseball from them. Hoboken was the preferred location for Knickerbocker games. Teams paid to play there. The Elysian Fields deserves a lot of credit for being an early playing site."

Review may put First Ward in twilight zoning

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

Downtown Residents for Sane Development may have opened a Pandora's box when the group successfully lobbied the Hoboken City Council to reexamine zoning in their First Ward neighborhood.

Councilman Richard Del Boccio said a DRSD-backed petition prompted him into reviewing new zoning amendments that would allow 11-story buildings in the I-2 industrial section of the First Ward.

He said he was prompted to reconsider the issue by both the petition and a ruling from attorney George Pappas, counsel to the Planning Board, that the council could remove the amendment regulating the First Ward's I-2 district and still approve the balance of the zoning amendments which affect the rest of the city.

But Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello said he voted in favor of removing that section of the amendment from the rest of the bylaws because he wants greater heights allowed for that area.

Cappiello points to a preliminary report written by planners the city hired to review all of the city's planning.

The report, written by Berridge Lewinberg Greenberg Ltd., recommends that 15-story buildings be allowed along Observer Highway.

"I agree that the infrastructure there can handle" that development, Cappiello said.

Business Administrator Edwin Chius, who sits on the I-2 Planning Board where the I-2 zoning amendment was referred, said there is a real possibility that building heights can be extended.

But Ron Hine, spokesman for Downtown Residents for Sane Development, said he is confident other City Council members are willing to listen to residents in the I-2 district.

First Ward City Councilman Thomas Newman predicted that heights along the perimeter of Observer Highway may increase, but said the buildings will be sealed down to a maximum height of six stories as they encroach on the existing residential neighborhood.

"I think that the council action said that they agreed to slow down the process a little bit," Newman said. "But Ron Hine and the rest of the neigh-

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borhood may have to consider a compromise."

At this point, Hine said, he doesn't want to consider a compromise.

He and the neighbors who signed the petition want a six-story limit like those in surrounding R-3 residential neighborhoods.

Cappiello noted that the nearby Newport development allows heights between 30 and 40 stories.

He said that Hoboken should use that kind of zoning to bring in more revenue.

Hine is concerned that West Bank Construction wants to build a 30-story building on the site of Neumann Leathers. The company has an option to

buy the Observer Highway lot.

While Del Boccio agrees that a limit of 12 stories seemed suitable for the Observer Highway section, Hine is still worried about the recent Berridge report. Hine called the report "horrendous."

"It was very upsetting. We have been fighting to keep Hoboken a smaller town to avoid the Manhattanization of Hoboken," he said.

"And for planners from Berridge to have adopted this point of view, I think it is very unfortunate."

"We have been fighting a battle. And to see these planners come in, it seems that we have won a few battles but it may mean we are losing the war."

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those of the law director to hire a full-time public safety director.

The mayor wanted Hudson County Prosecutor Paul DePascale to reorganize the Police Department but DePascale would not consider the position until it was separated from the Law Department.

Even though Pasculi complied with the prosecutor's request, the deal with DePascale fell through earlier this year.

Now several names are circulating City Hall for that job, including that of Third Ward Councilman Steve Cappiello, a former police detective who served three terms as mayor.

A line item for \$200,000 has been added for waterfront planning.

Pasculi will appoint a board of directors which in turn will select a waterfront development corporation director.

That position is probably the most sought-after job now being lobbied for in City Hall.

One candidate being mentioned is outgoing City Council President Robert Ranieri. Pasculi is remaining tight-lipped.

An item for \$20,000, which represents about a half-year's

salary, has been earmarked in the budget for director of personnel. Last year \$14,000 for the job was appropriated for the post but never spent.

These jobs are in addition to the 26 full-time jobs added to the payroll since last July 1 up until the budget was being prepared during this spring, according to payroll department records.

In addition to the 26 full-time jobs, 19 police officers were hired last year and seven have been hired this year, Chius said.

The budget, which represents about a \$3 million increase in appropriations, includes about a \$400,000 increase for additional patrolmen and to pay for a collective bargaining agreement with the police union, Chius said.

The budget, anticipating money from the P.A., lowers the \$18 tax rate by 16 cents.

The money expected from a P.A. deal offsets about \$7 million in budget shortfalls.

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budget and \$1 million in increase county costs, Chius said.

Without the Port Authority money, the tax rate of \$18.02 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation would have increased by 29 percent or \$5, Pasculi said.

Instead, the anticipated rate is \$17.86.

The Pasculi administration wants to build a 3.2 million square foot development of offices, housing units, retail shops, hotels, park and marina at the southern end of the city.

Before the city gets revenue from the authority, the two bodies must sign a final agreement which Pasculi hopes to strike by the end of September.

The state will allow the city to earmark anticipated revenue as long as it can give assurance that the money will be delivered by the end of December.

Tentative agreement approved by the city and bi-state agency earlier this month gives the city the latitude to pencil in the anticipated money for the budget, said Chius.

The budget does not include the \$2.8 million which the City Council axed from the school budget last year but has been restored by the state, he said.

Hoboken budget hearing tonight

By Jo-Ann Moriarty

The Hoboken City Council will hold a public hearing tonight at 7 o'clock on the proposed \$34 million municipal budget, a 36-page document containing telling signs about City Hall.

And First Ward Councilman Thomas Newman is expected to continue tonight his argument that the city should find alternative sources of revenue to get out of its budget crisis rather than depend on \$7 million expected from a partnership agreement with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

The city's dependence on the P.A. money weakens the city's negotiating power to develop 30 acres of prime waterfront land to the point of being

dangerous, Newman contends.

While the most controversial part of the budget centers on the \$7 million and the question whether the city is making itself vulnerable at the bargaining table, other salary expenses give notice that job hunters should update resumes.

For instance, \$25,430, which represents a half-year's salary and about \$10,000 for overtime, is added into the line item for salaries and wages in the City Clerk's office.

A note in the 1989 budget detail explains that "additional funds are provided for reorganization of the office."

According to the budget detail, the welfare director, Robert Drasheff, also serves as assistant city clerk but draws no salary from the clerk's office.

The extra money is earmarked to reorganize the office in anticipation of Drasheff's departure, said Business Administrator Edwin Chius.

Although nothing is official, the word inside City Hall is that Drasheff is looking to move up the administrative ranks.

In the line item for director of public safety, \$21,000, representing less than a half-year's salary, has been penciled in.

That position has been vacant for about a year, although Law Director Eugene O'Connell has been serving as both the law director and public safety director.

Last year, at Mayor Patrick Pasculi's request, the council separated those duties from

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