

## WWOR'S SERVICE TO NEW JERSEY: KEY FACTS

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Fox Television Stations, Inc., licensee of television station WWOR-TV, Secaucus, NJ, has paid close attention to community needs and provided exemplary service to the residents of northern New Jersey since it acquired WWOR-TV in 2001. While not exhaustive, this compilation attempts to capture the nature and extent of WWOR-TV's commitment and service to the citizens of New Jersey.

### LOCAL NEWS EVERYDAY (Tab A-B)

*10 PM Nightly News, Seven Days a Week.* WWOR-TV's nightly newscast spends a substantial amount of time covering issues of importance to WWOR-TV's New Jersey viewers, including extensive election coverage. In addition, the station has partnered with a local newspaper, *The Record*, and Rasmussen, a provider of political data, to enhance its local coverage. The New Jersey Associated Press Broadcasters Association has consistently recognized the quality of WWOR-TV's news coverage. The attached document provides a sampling of stories broadcast during the period from 2001 to the present that are particularly relevant to New Jersey residents (Tab A). A list of awards received by the station is also included (Tab B).

*News Updates.* In addition to scheduled hourly news updates between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. weeknights, WWOR-TV interrupts regularly-scheduled programming for breaking news reports of great importance to its northern New Jersey viewers. These include, for example, severe weather warnings (e.g., flooding and power outages), Amber Alerts, and live addresses by the Governor of New Jersey.

*News Crawls.* WWOR-TV regularly runs news crawls to provide viewers with up-to-the-minute coverage of news developments like school closings, major traffic and New Jersey election results.

### WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING (Tab C)

Numerous local politicians and local community leaders have appeared on WWOR-TV's public affairs programming over the course of the last seven years. The attached document provides a sampling of issues and guests important to the viewers of New Jersey that have appeared on WWOR-TV since 2001.

*New Jersey Now (formerly Ask Congress).* New Jersey Now is a weekly one-half hour program that provides a forum for New Jersey politicians to reach out to the residents of the Garden State.

*Real Talk.* Real Talk, the weekly public affairs program produced by WWOR-TV, presents local social, economic and cultural issues and personalities, providing viewers with access to civic and community leaders.

### FREQUENT PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS (Tab D)

In the last two years alone, WWOR-TV has broadcast more than 20,000 public service announcements ("PSAs") for a variety of causes, including the New Jersey Hall of Fame and

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CASA of New Jersey, which advocates for abused and abandoned children in proceedings before state courts. The attached document provides a detailed list of the numerous PSAs broadcast by WWOR-TV since 2004.

### **LOCAL SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMING**

WWOR-TV provides New Jersey viewers with a wide variety of entertainment and sports programming. WWOR-TV provides free, over-the-air broadcasts of the New Jersey Nets, New York Giants (whose stadium is in New Jersey), and New York Yankees. We also air entertainment specials, such as McDonald's Gospelfest, the MDA Telethon, the National Puerto Rican Day Parade and the United Negro College Fund Tribute to Smokey Robinson.

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OF EMPLOYEES (Tab E)**

WWOR-TV's on-air newscasters and behind-the-scenes employees are committed to participation in the New Jersey community. The station's employees take part in a variety of events in and around northern New Jersey. For example, employees work with the New Jersey Task Force on Fire Prevention, Leadership New Jersey and NJ Mental Health Institute. Additional community service by station employees is set forth in the attached document.

### **LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Tab F)**

*Employees.* WWOR-TV currently has over 250 individuals who work at our Secaucus facility.

*Training and Internships.* WWOR-TV operates a paid apprentice program to identify qualified individuals for work in the broadcasting field. The program has successfully increased opportunities for minorities and women, which have been underrepresented in the field. The station also provides internship opportunities for college students and supports the Emma Bowen Foundation for Minority Interest in Media, which helps fund a job and career development program, and partners with One Hundred Black Men on a mentoring program. Details on these and other training activities are described in the attached materials.

### **WWOR-TV'S PRESENCE IN NEW JERSEY**

WWOR-TV occupies 110,000 square feet of office space at 9 Broadcast Plaza, in Secaucus, New Jersey, and has invested nearly \$12 million dollars in capital improvements to the facility since 2001.

### **OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY APPRECIATION (Tab G)**

Most gratifying to the station and its dedicated employees are the many letters and e-mails of support received from viewers. Viewers consistently praise the coverage provided by the station and its employees. A sampling of this correspondence is attached.

**Tab A**

**WWOR-TV / 2001**  
**Public Affairs Programming**

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Seniors**

*Date:* June 3, 2001

Marilyn Askin of the AARP of New Jersey discusses age discrimination in the state.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* June 17, 2001

Charles Dixon of the Young Fathers Program of UMDNJ discusses the importance of fathers.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* June 24, 2001

Linda Holmes of the New Jersey Office of Minority Health discusses the disparity between the medical care given to individuals in the African-American community.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* January 7, 2001

Barbara Ferry of Parents Assisting Inexperienced Divers in Jackson and State Senator Robert Singer discuss the program focusing on the new provisions of the Graduated Drivers License Program in New Jersey.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* January 14, 2001

Tina Morales of the North Hudson Community Action Corporation in West New York discusses new protections for immigrant women in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* January 21, 2001

Ed Looney of the Council on Compulsive Gambling in New Jersey and NJ Assemblyman Anthony Impreveduto discuss the growing problem of compulsive gambling in New Jersey schools.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Health**

*Date: January 28, 2001*

Dr. Richard Hodosh of the American Heart Association Task Force in Chatham, New Jersey says that 600,000 people a year suffer from a new or recurrent stroke.

## **HISPANIC HORIZONS**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date: February 11, 2001*

Joe Hernandez of the International Salsa Museum in Washington Township discusses preserving salsa music and traditions.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Family Issues**

*Date: February 18, 2001*

NJ Assemblywoman Arline Friscia of Woodbridge discusses the benefits and disadvantages of paid family leave.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Family Issues**

*Date: March 4, 2001*

NJ Assemblyman George Geist of Blackwood discusses whether or not stricter penalties should be given to drivers that fall asleep behind the wheel and cause the death or injury of another person.

## **HISPANIC HORIZONS**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date: March 11, 2001*

Dr. Roberto Roberti of Mid-Atlantic Cardiology in Springfield, New Jersey discusses the growing epidemic of Type 2 diabetes in young Latino children.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Health**

*Date: March 18, 2001*

Robert Carvalho of EAI Environmental Management Services in Jersey City and Dr. Michael Gruber of the Brain Tumor Center of New Jersey discuss the growing incidences of cancer in New Jersey.

## **NJ GOVERNOR 2001**

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date: March 25 - 31, 2001*

Thirty-second commentaries by candidates for New Jersey Governor airing in different day-parts throughout the day.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* April 1, 2001

James Smith – Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Human Services discusses a program focused on one of the most common forms of child abuse: abandonment.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* April 8, 2001

Dr. Ana Natale-Pereira of the Focus Community Health Center in Newark discusses the low rate of immunizations in Latino children.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* April 15, 2001

Thelma McCloud of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey discusses the hunger problem facing the state of New Jersey.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* April 29, 2001

Kabu Okai-Davies of the African Globe Theatre in Newark discusses the power of poetry within the African-American community in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* May 6, 2001

Dr. Robert Johnson – Director of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at UMDNJ discuss public complacency regarding the transmission of AIDS.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* May 13, 2001

Ileana Montes of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey discusses discrimination during the election process and the importance of protecting Latino voters.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* May 20, 2001

Thomas Giblin, NJ Democratic State Chairman and Garabed Haytaian, NJ Republican State Chairman discuss the future of New Jersey politics.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* May 27, 2001

Keith DaCosta of 100 Black Men of New Jersey discusses the high incidence of prostate cancer among African-American males.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* July 8, 2001

NJ Assemblyman Wilfredo Caraballo discusses Latinos and the Census in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* July 15, 2001

Tony Farthing of the NY/NJ Regional Census Bureau discusses the results of the Census in New Jersey for the year 2000.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Minority issues**

*Date:* July 29, 2001

Jane Alley of the Escaped Sudanese Slave Raid in New Brunswick discusses modern day slavery and human bondage that still exists in the world today.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Economy**

*Date:* August 5, 2001

Fred Dressel – Chair of the Meadowlands Mayor Association and U.S. Congressman Steve Rothman discuss the future of the Meadowlands.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* August 19, 2001

Barbara Keshishian of the New Jersey Education Association and U.S. Congressman Rush Holt discuss the shortage of teachers in the state.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* September 2, 2001

Dr. Russell McIntyre of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at UMDNJ discusses stem cell research and what medical possibilities are being explored.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* September 9, 2001

Juan Jimenez of the Dominican Empowerment Political Action Committee in Union discusses the Dominican influence in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Social Issues**

*Date:* September 23, 2001

Dr. Edward Kim of University behavioral care at UMDNJ discusses how people are surviving the tragedy of the 9/11 attacks.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* September 30, 2001

Amanny Khattab, teacher at Al-Hikmah School in Prospect Park, and U.S. Congressman Donald Payne discuss the growing number of attacks made on Arab-Americans as a result of the 9/11 attacks.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* October 7, 2001

New Jersey U.S. Congressman William Pascrell discusses the Patients Bill of Rights in the state.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* October 14, 2001

Andrea Quarantillo, Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Newark discusses immigration reform and how it will affect the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* October 21, 2001

James McGreevey, Mayor of Woodbridge, discusses his candidacy for New Jersey Governor, and what he will do for the state if elected.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* October 28, 2001

Bret Schundler, former Jersey City Mayor, discusses his candidacy for New Jersey Governor, and what he will do for the state if elected.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* November 4, 2001

Dave Anglin, Director of External Relations at the New Community Corporation in Newark discusses the gubernatorial concerns of the black community.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Homeland Security**

*Date:* November 11, 2001

Jeffrey Dobkin of the Bioterrorism Task Force of the Medical Society of New Jersey discusses how prepared New Jersey actually is in the case of bioterrorism.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* November 18, 2001

Students from Al-Ghazaly High School in Teaneck discuss the celebration of Ramadan in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* December 2, 2001

U.S. Senator Jon Corzine discusses the impact of terrorism of children in New Jersey.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* December 9, 2001

Henry Acosta, Director of the New Jersey Mental Health Institute discusses the impact of the World Trade Center attacks on New Jersey Latinos.

## **WWOR-TV / 2001**

### **News Coverage**

*Date:* January 2, 2001

**ISSUES: Education**

#### **JERSEY CITY CHARTER SCHOOL**

A report on the controversy surrounding the Jersey City Community Charter School – a school run by a private company but paid with tax dollars.

*Date:* January 9, 2001

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

#### **STATE OF THE STATE: NEW JERSEY**

Coverage of New Jersey Governor Christie Todd Whitman's State of the State Address.

*Date:* January 10, 2001

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

#### **PROFILING REPORT**

New Jersey state officials released a report on racial profiling today which shows minorities are still stopped more than whites on the New Jersey Turnpike.

*Date:* March 9, 2001

**ISSUES: Education**

#### **SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION**

A report on a school in North Brunswick and its model program to prevent violence in schools.

*Date:* March 19, 2001

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

#### **FOSTER CARE ABUSE**

A report on foster care abuse and DYFS in the state of New Jersey.

*Date:* March 19, 2001

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

#### **BULLIES IN SCHOOLS**

A story about a 9 year old girl who was terrorized with a knife by a classmate in Peterstown School # 3 in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 4, 2001

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

#### **VENERO RESIGNATION CALL**

New Jersey's Senate Judiciary Committee issues a historic call to acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco for New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Peter Verniero's resignation.

*Date:* June 11, 2001

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FEMALE TROOPER**

Lt. Lori Hennon-Bell is the first woman to be promoted to Captain in the New Jersey State Police.

*Date:* July 26, 2001

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**POLICE CHASES**

A story about the high speed police chases taking places in inner cities such as Newark, New Jersey.

*Date:* September 5, 2001

**ISSUES: Consumer Issues**  
**TICKET BROKER SCAMS**

A story about ticket brokerage scams in the state of New Jersey.

*Date:* September 11, 2001 - September 16, 2001

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**ATTACK ON AMERICA: UNITED WE STAND**

Fifty-six hours of live news coverage of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

*Date:* September 15, 2001

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**JERSEY CITY BOMBING ARREST**

A report on the arrest of five men in Jersey City associated with the 9/11 attacks.

*Date:* October 22, 2001

**ISSUES: Consumer Issues**  
**CONTRACTOR TROUBLES**

A report on a family in Millington, New Jersey and the problems they face with one New Jersey contractor hired to renovate their home.

*Date:* November 2, 2001

**ISSUES: Social Issues**  
**CASINOS ON-LINE**

New Jersey State Assemblyman Anthony Impreveduto says that there is no guarantee of collecting winnings after gambling on-line, and that he is proposing legislation to have all gambling websites based in Atlantic City.

*Date:* November 5, 2001

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**POLITICAL AD TRUTHS**

A report on the truths and fabrications of the political ads in the race for New Jersey Governor.

*Date:* November 6, 2001

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**ELECTION 2001**

Full coverage of the 2001 election night for New Jersey Governor.

*Date:* December 24, 2001

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**FOSTER CARE CHRISTMAS**

A story about how children of New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services are thankful during the holidays.

**WWOR-TV / 2002**  
**Public Affairs Programming**

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Social Issues**

*Date:* January 6, 2002

Kathleen DiChiara of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey talks about feeding the hungry in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* January 13, 2002

A one-on-one interview with NJ U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli who discusses the economy and healthcare in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Economy**

*Date:* January 20, 2002

Jeff Stoller of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association discusses unemployment rights in the state.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* February 3, 2002

NJ Assemblyman Gordon Johnson discusses racial profiling in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

*Date:* February 17, 2002

NJ Assemblyman Eric Munoz discusses homeland security in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* February 17, 2002

NJ Assemblyman Joseph Pennachio discusses kinship care in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

*Date:* March 17, 2002

Jeffrey Dobken of the Bioterrorism Task Force of the Medical Society of New Jersey discusses bioterrorism preparedness in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* April 21, 2002

Brenda Zofrea of Kids-B-Safe Program in Wayne explains how parents in New Jersey can talk to their children about sexual abuse.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* April 28, 2002

Henry Johnson – Director of the Black Chamber of Commerce in New Jersey discusses equal access to construction opportunities in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Consumer issues**

*Date:* May 5, 2002

NJ Assemblyman Rafael Fraguera discusses home buyer scams in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* May 19, 2002

A one-on-one interview with NJ U.S. Senator Jon Corzine as he addresses the privatization of social security and homeland security in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Economy**

*Date:* June 2, 2002

Stephen Sylvester of the New Jersey Division of Taxation discusses New Jersey tax amnesty.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* June 9, 2002

A one-on-one interview with Jose Torres – Paterson's first Latino Mayor.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* June 16, 2002

NJ Assemblyman Paul DiGaetano discusses the Newark sports arena deal.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* June 23, 2002

NJ Assemblyman Joe Cryan discusses corporate business tax in New Jersey.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE**  
**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* June 30, 2002

Rutgers Professor Alexander Clement Price discusses the Newark Film Festival at the Newark Museum.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Economy**

*Date:* July 7, 2002

John Friedman – Chairman of the Coalition for Auto Insurance Competition of New Jersey discusses the auto insurance crisis in the state of New Jersey.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS**

**ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* July 14, 2002

Mario Vargas of New Jersey Reads discusses increasing English literacy among Latinos in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Corporate Responsibility**

*Date:* July 21, 2002

NJ Congressman William Pascrell talks about corporate responsibility in the state of New Jersey.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* August 11, 2002

Gloria Soto from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration in New Jersey discusses increasing Puerto Rican voter registration in New Jersey and nationwide.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* September 29, 2002

NJ Secretary of State Regena Thomas discusses New Jersey's Underground Railroad by which 100,000 slaves were able to find freedom.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* October 6, 2002

NJ State Senator Joseph Kyrillos discusses the decision of U.S. Senator Robert Torricelli to pull out of his re-election bid in light of questions regarding his ethics.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* October 6, 2002

Nina Stack of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts talks about arts and culture in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* October 20, 2002

Bruce Faulk – Mentor of the State Street Project at the Passage Theatre Company in New Jersey talks about how the stage is offering an alternative for New Jersey youth to take part in activities after school.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* December 1, 2002

William Lynch – President of College Funding Services in Middletown discusses financing college education in New Jersey.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS**

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* December 8, 2002

Martha Bahamon – Director of resource Development of the UnitedWay in New Jersey explains how donations to charities and philanthropic efforts in New Jersey and nationwide are at an all-time low after September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* December 15, 2002

Connie Ludwin – State Director of the Boys & Girls Club of New Jersey discusses increasing family literacy.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* December 22, 2002

A one-on-one interview with Congressman Robert Menendez.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

**ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* January 5, 2003

NJ Assemblyman William Payne and Ed Remson, Director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters in New Jersey, discuss mentoring the youth of New Jersey, as well as the growing need for mentors.

## **HISPANIC HORIZONS**

### **ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* January 12, 2003

Rosemary Crespo of the Hyacinth AIDS Foundation in New Jersey explains how Latin women continue to be at higher risk of contracting the AIDS virus than white women.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* January 19, 2003

Diane Schwartz – Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice in New Jersey talks about the issue of tolerance in the state of New Jersey.

## **BLACK EXPERIENCE**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* January 26, 2003

Claudia Ocello – Curator of Education for the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark discusses the importance of teaching black history to the youth of New Jersey.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* February 2, 2003

NJ State Senator John Matheussen and Cecilia Zalkind, Director of the Association for Children of New Jersey, discuss DYFS reform in the state of New Jersey.

## **HISPANIC HORIZONS**

### **ISSUES: Minority issues**

*Date:* February 9, 2003

Carlomagno Ontaneda – Director of the Educational Opportunity Program at NJIT talks about how many inner-city schools are not giving students the proper math and science preparations to pursue careers in engineering.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Homeland Security**

*Date:* February 16, 2003

Robert Davison – Director of the Mental Health Association of Essex County talks about how people are coping with the fear of terrorism in New Jersey in the post-9/11 world.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* February 23, 2003

NJ Assemblyman Craig Stanley discusses the Amistad Bill which would incorporate black history in the textbooks and curriculum of every public school in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Homeland Security**

*Date:* March 2 & 23, 2003

Clifton Lacy – Commissioner of the New Jersey Dept. of Health – discusses bioterrorism preparedness in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* March 16, 2003

Diane Legreide – Director of the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles discusses DMV reform in the state of New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Homeland Security**

*Date:* March 30, 2003

Joseph Bober – Chief of Police for New Jersey Transit discusses transit security in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* April 6, 2003

Janet Rosenzweig – Director of Prevent Child Abuse in New Jersey discusses ways to prevent child abuse in the state.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Economy**

*Date:* April 6, 2003

Phil Cooney – Director of New Jersey Carpenter Contractor Trust in Edison and Ryan Muentich of the Edison Job Corp Center discuss careers in construction in the state of New Jersey.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* April 13, 2003

Artist Duda Penteadó, who is also the Director of the Hope Center Art Academy in New Jersey, discusses mentoring abused children who attend the Academy and teaching them the craft of painting.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Economy**

*Date: April 20, 2003*

Doug Johnston of the AARP of New Jersey and NJ State Senator Barbara Buno discuss predatory lending in New Jersey, and how to identify scams before becoming a victim.

## **BLACK EXPERIENCE**

### **ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date: April 27, 2003*

Robert Johnson – Chair of Pediatric Care of UMDNJ in Newark, and Darryl Richardson, a parent from West Orange, discuss methods of effective parenting.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Education**

*Date: May 4, 2003*

Ann Lawrence – Director of the Office of Early Literacy of the New Jersey Department of Education discusses literacy in the state of New Jersey.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Economy**

*Date: May 18, 2003*

Jeffrey Norman – VP of Public Affairs for NJPAC, and Angelo Del Rossi, Executive Producer at Papermill Playhouse discuss supporting arts and culture in New Jersey despite cuts made by Governor Jim McGreevey.

## **BLACK EXPERIENCE**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date: May 25, 2003*

Roland Anglin – Director of New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute explains how the black community in New Jersey mirrors the fortunes of the black community nationwide.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date: June 1, 2003*

Ramon De la Cruz – Director of the Division of Elections of the Office of the Attorney General discusses New Jersey election reform.

## **HISPANIC HORIZONS**

### **ISSUES: Economy**

*Date: June 8, 2003*

Daniel Santo Pietro – Executive Director of the Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey – discusses the lack of state funding for Hispanic organizations in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* June 15, 2003

Danean Eme – Director of Sunshine Daycare in Newark, and Osiris James, Founder of Urban Youth in Newark discuss young entrepreneurship in New Jersey.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* June 22, 2003

A one-on-one interview with New Jersey's U.S. Senator Jon Corzine.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* July 13, 2003

Anna Rivera, Outreach Supervisor of the Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey and Irene Rosas-Cabezas, Director of HIV testing Services in Newark, discuss the growing problem of HIV among Latin women.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Economy**

*Date:* July 20 and August 17, 2003

Paul Monacelli, Former President of Professional Insurance Agents of New Jersey and John Friedman, Chairman of the Coalition for Auto Insurance Competition in Newark discuss new legislation that would lower insurance premiums in New Jersey.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* July 27, 2003

Jarrett Cato, New Jersey State Youth of the Year Award Recipient of the Boys and Girls Club of New Jersey, and Alena Minatee, Youth of the Year of the Union County Boys & Girls Club, talk about what it was like to be chosen as teen leaders in the state.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Government**

*Date:* August 3 and 24, 2003

Congressman William Pascrell talks about the war in Iraq.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Health**

*Date:* August 31, 2003

John Martin of the American Cancer Society of New Jersey, and Natasha Coleman, Director of Brother's Talk Program in Elizabeth, discusses the risk of colon cancer among the African-American community.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* September 15, 2003

Lizette Delgado, Asst. Secretary of State of New Jersey, and Daniel Santo Pietro, Director of the Hispanic Directors Association of New Jersey discuss the importance of enrolling children in the state's free quality preschool.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* September 28, 2003

Alfred Gaymon, Former President of the National Medical Association New Jersey Chapter discusses the top 10 health issues affecting the African-American community.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Safety**

*Date:* October 5, November 2, 2003

New Jersey State Fire Marshall Lawrence Petrillo and New Jersey State Fireman's Benevolent Association President William Lavin talk about fire safety and prevention.

**GARDEN STATE MATTERS****ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* October 19, November 16, 2003

Angelica Santomauro, Director of the American Labor Museum in Haledon, and Andre Sayegh, Commissioner of the Paterson Board of Education discuss the labor movement in New Jersey.

**BLACK EXPERIENCE****ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* October 26, December 28, 2003

Ron Johnson, Vice-Chairman of the National Football Foundation in Morristown and Aleem Barnhardt, Academic Coach of the Play It Smart program in Orange discuss how the Play It Smart program has helped students in NJ achieve the grades necessary to attend college.

**HISPANIC HORIZONS****ISSUES: Minority issues**

*Date:* November 9, 2003

Asela Laguna-Diaz – Professor of Modern Languages at Rutgers University discusses the events, festivals and parades in New Jersey as Latinos celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* November 23 & December 21, 2003

New Jersey's Attorney General Peter Harvey discusses his ambitious public safety agenda.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Children/Youth**

*Date:* November 23 & December 21, 2003

Charles Maher, Director of Sports Psychology at Rutgers University, and Pete Rendina, a youth sports coach in Paterson, NJ discuss the pressure of New Jersey youth to perform well in sports.

## **BLACK EXPERIENCE**

### **ISSUES: Education**

*Date:* November 30, 2003

Keith DaCosta, President of 100 Black Men of New Jersey and Dana Rose, President of the Newark School Board discuss the problems facing students in the Abbott school districts.

## **BLACK EXPERIENCE**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* November 30, 2003

Karol Corbin Walker talks about her goals and accomplishments as the first African-American and only the fourth woman to be President of the New Jersey State Bar Association.

## **GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics**

*Date:* December 7, 2003

U.S. Attorney of the District of New Jersey Christopher Christie explains his responsibilities in the state of New Jersey.

## **HISPANIC HORIZONS**

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

*Date:* December 14, 2003

Ida Castro talks about her life, goals and role as the first Latino Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Personnel.

**WWOR-TV / 2002**  
**News Coverage**

*Date:* January 15, 2002

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**INNAUGURATION DAY: NJ GOVERNOR**

Special coverage of the inauguration of NJ Governor Jim McGreevey.

*Date:* February 13, 2002

**ISSUES: Substance Abuse**

**DUI LAWS**

A report about the DUI laws and keeping the roads safe in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 26, 2002

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**URBAN ATHLETIC FIELDS**

A report about broken glass and trash at Chancellor Park in Irvington, New Jersey which is the home of a little league field for kids.

*Date:* August 20, 2002

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**NUTLEY POOL BIAS**

Story about a lawsuit filed by the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights, stating that the Le Terrace Swim Club in Nutley, New Jersey had questioned if there were any black children on an invitation list for a girl's birthday party.

*Date:* September 30, 2002

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SENATOR TORRICELLI WITHDRAWS**

A live news conference from Trenton as Senator Robert Torricelli gives an emotional speech as he withdraws from seeking re-election.

*Date:* November 22, 2002

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**GIRL KICKED OUT**

A three year-old girl who was expelled from a Jersey City pre-school after breaking another student's leg. The family is questioning whether teachers were negligent.

## **WWOR-TV / 2003**

### **News Coverage**

*Date:* January 8, 2003

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**DYFS: VICTIM'S FAMILY**

A report on how advocates are calling on the state of New Jersey to take action against DYFS after years of failure of the child protection system.

*Date:* February 3, 2003

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**BEST INTERRACIAL TOWNS**

A report on the best towns in New Jersey for interracial couples to live in.

*Date:* February 8, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**INSURANCE WOES**

New Jersey drivers pay the second highest annual auto insurance premiums in the entire country.

*Date:* May 18, 2003

**ISSUES: Health/Community**

**AIDS WALK NEW JERSEY**

WWOR-TV was the media sponsor for the Hyacinth AIDS Foundation's annual AIDS Walk in New Jersey.

*Date:* July 10, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SHORE DRINKING**

A report on the rowdy nightlife of Seaside Heights, depicting the number of fights that occur after a long night of drinking, and the efforts being made by local officials to clean up the town.

*Date:* July 11, 2003

**ISSUES: Transportation/Safety**

**#77 CELL PHONE**

In order to report aggressive drivers in New Jersey, the number to call is #77 on your cell phone.

*Date:* August 14, 2003

**ISSUES: Energy**

**SPECIAL LOCAL COVERAGE OF THE GREAT BLACKOUT OF 2003**

Special coverage on the blackout that affected parts of the tri-state area.

*Date:* November 3, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PATERSON APARTMENT FIRE**

Eight families are homeless after a fire raced through an apartment building in Paterson, New Jersey. It took about 60-firefighters over three hours just to bring the fire under control. No one was seriously injured. Fire investigators are trying to figure out what caused the fire.

*Date:* November 5, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ SAME SEX MARRIAGE RULING**

New York waterway launched a new ferry service. Boats run from jersey city's harbor side to west 38th street every 30 minutes. The fare is \$5 dollars, That includes free bus service to midtown and lower Manhattan.

*Date:* November 5, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ SAME SEX MARRIAGE RULING**

Same sex couples and their supporters have been fighting for the legal right to get married in New Jersey. Today a judge dismissed a lawsuit brought by some of those couples. The judge said any change in the law should be made by the state's legislature not the courts.

*Date:* November 9, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STRIP SEARCHED - FOLO**

A security guard at the Newark boys and girls club is accused of strip searching 20 young boys after someone's money was stolen.

*Date:* November 9, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK AIRPORT ABDUCTION**

A boy arrived in Newark Airport from a California flight after a driver allegedly called the boy's brother demanding \$340 for his return. The boy was later found, unharmed in a parking garage.

*Date:* November 10, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**  
**BABY FORMULA RECALL**

The kosher is non-dairy soy based infant formula "remedia" is being recalled after being linked to the deaths of 3 babies in Israel. Flyer warnings about the formula are being distributed throughout Jewish neighborhoods in New York and New Jersey.

*Date:* November 10, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NJ McGREEVEY LOW COST INSURANCE**

Thousands of drivers will soon be able to buy car insurance for just a dollar a day. Governor McGreevy announced the plan that will allow low-income drivers to buy basic auto insurance for \$365 dollars a year. The idea is to make sure every driver is insured. To be eligible for the cut-rate policy, a driver must be on Medicaid.

*Date:* November 10, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**BRA COMPANY SUPPORTING NYC**

Mayor Bloomberg welcomed Gelmart Industries, the intimate apparel company, back after five years in New Jersey. It will invest a million dollars to renovate its old factory in college point and will get a one-point three million dollar tax break. Gelmart says it will bring more than 140 jobs back to New York City.

*Date:* November 11, 2003

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**STARVED KIDS – MOM TALKS**

The biological mother of one of the four kids found starved in a Jersey home now wants her son back.

*Date:* November 11, 2003

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**MADONNA READS FOR KIDS**

Madonna reads for kids at the Kimberly Academy in Montclair, New Jersey from her latest book "Mister Peabody's Apples".

*Date:* November 12, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/law Enforcement**

**DIGITAL LISENCES**

New Jersey Driver license's are now set to be digital.

*Date:* November 13, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/law Enforcement**

**WIND INFO**

The windy weather has left thousands of people without electricity throughout the Tri-State area and New Jersey. Jersey Central has 23 thousand outages along.

*Date:* November 13, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/law Enforcement**

**NJ TIGERS IN TEXAS**

The Bengal tigers arrived in Texas from Jackson Township, where they lived with New Jersey's so called "tiger lady."

*Date:* November 13, 2003

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BABY DERBY**

Some babies took part in the annual "Baby Derby" trials in midtown. Winners will go on to compete in the finals at the American baby fair at the New Jersey convention center in Edison.

*Date:* November 15, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**

**SOLDIER KILLED**

A soldier from our area was killed in Iraq earlier this week. Twenty five year old Marlon Jackson of Jersey City died on veteran's day. He was killed when a bomb went off on a road where he was traveling.

*Date:* November 15, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**

**HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK**

A hepatitis outbreak has sent shockwaves through a popular fast food chain Chi-Chi's restaurant in Pittsburgh. More than five-hundred people have been stricken with hepatitis "a" and even a few have died. We wanted to see if the scare in but that's not stopping business at a local New Jersey chain. But that may be because the regulars we spoke with hadn't heard anything about the outbreak.

*Date:* November 15, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STARVED KIDS – PARENTS LEGAL CHANGES**

The original lawyers for Raymond and Vanessa Jackson dropped their case, citing a conflict of interest. The New Jersey couple made headlines after being arrested last month and charged with aggravated assault and child endangerment.

*Date:* November 16, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BLACKHAWK CRASH**

A newborn baby girl was left on the beach at the jersey shore and was discovered, only hours after she had been born. Luckily, she was found alive.

*Date:* November 16, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BLACKHAWK CRASH**

One of the soldiers killed in yesterday's Blackhawk crash was from New Jersey.

*Date:* November 16, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CLICK IT OR TICKET**

New Jersey's new ticketing blitz is part of a statewide seat belt enforcement campaign. During the last crackdown in May, about 22-thousand drivers were slapped with summonses.

*Date:* November 19, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEVERE RAIN**

In New Brunswick, flags took a beating as driving rain and high wind soaked central New Jersey and elsewhere.

*Date:* November 22, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**YEE – DEMANDING RELEASE**

Muslim and Chinese-American advocates are demanding the release of a local New Jersey man, accused of spying. He's charged with mishandling classified information.

*Date:* November 24, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**IN GAS TAX**

There's a plan that may double the tax on a gallon in New Jersey to pay for roads and mass transit.

*Date:* November 25, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PATERSON-KILLED BY TRAIN**

A man was killed by a commuter train. Investigators say the train was pulling into the Paterson station when someone jumped onto the tracks.

*Date:* November 29, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**

**BLOOD SHORTAGE**

The blood shortage in New York and New Jersey keeps getting worse. Many have to be turned away over concerns of Sars, West Nile Virus and Mad Cow Disease.

*Date:* November 30, 2003

**ISSUES: Education**

**CONCERT CENSORSHIP**

School officials in one New Jersey town are changing their tune over a holiday concert, when students were banned from singing songs with religious reference. The decision has since been reversed.

*Date:* December 1, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**RAISING MONEY**

President Bush was in our neck of the woods today, raising money for his re-election with former New Jersey Governor, Christie Whitman. She joined the president for the two-thousand dollar a plate fundraiser to help drum up support. The event was expected to raise about a million dollars.

*Date:* December 2, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HISTORIC CHURCH FIRE**

A community vows to rebuild after their historic church goes up in flames. Last night's blaze destroyed the 118 year old Pitman United Methodist Church in south jersey. Officials are investigating how the fire started.

*Date:* December 3, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**DEFENDING THE GAS TAX**

New Jersey's Transportation Commissioner is defending a proposed gas tax hike of 12.5 cents per gallon. The commissioner calls it reasonable and says the money is needed to repair New Jersey roadways. Many lawmakers are opposed to the increase, or think it should be smaller

*Date:* December 4, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ HIGHWAY FENCES**

A bill has been sent to the senate requiring the protection to prevent motorists from people throwing things onto the roadway. The father of a woman killed by ice thrown from an overpass spearheaded the legislation. In another incident a baby was killed when a bowling ball was tossed from an overpass in Jersey City.

*Date:* December 4, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BEAR HUNT**

For the first time in more than 3 decades, New Jersey's controversial bear hunt is on. Officials hope to pare down the rising bear population in the state, but opponents insist there are other ways to keep down the number of black bears. The hunt begins Monday at the black river wildlife area with close to 6-thousand hunters are expected.

*Date:* December 9, 2003

**ISSUES: Education**

**SCHOOL BUS VANDALISM**

School was cancelled in Jackson, New Jersey yesterday, after drivers found toothpicks, wood chips and glue jammed into the ignition locks of 45 of the district's buses. Police tell us the vandals climbed over the fence of the locked lot.

*Date:* December 9, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**PRICE AT THE PUMP**

Governor McGreevy killed a plan to raise the gas tax in New Jersey by up to 15 cents a gallon. He cited tough economic times but didn't rule out a gas tax increase in the future.

*Date:* December 11, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SEARCHING FOR FIRST LADY?**

Presidential Candidate and Ohio Congressman, Dennis Kucinich is looking for a first lady. He went on a blind date with a Maplewood, New Jersey woman resident.

*Date:* December 12, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WADING WAYNE**

Team coverage on our streets turned into rivers beginning in Wayne, New Jersey

*Date:* December 12, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**YARDLEY'S BACK**

The un-official pet of the guys at the New Jersey Transit Train Yard in Kearny has been returned. He's been hanging around the lot for seven years, but went missing earlier this week.

*Date:* December 12, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WET AGAIN**

All the recent rain and snow melt is pushing the Passaic over its banks and into people's houses.

*Date:* December 14, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**

**FIGHTING THE FLU**

New Jersey reports it's first flu related death. While many people are doing whatever it takes to fight the flu, even waiting in line for a chance to get the last of the nation's vaccine is a lottery with flu shots in short supply. Many people are turning to a nasal flu vaccine to protect themselves.

*Date:* December 14, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BEARHUNT FINAL NUMBERS**

A total of 328 bears were killed during the controversial six-day bear hunt. Wildlife officials had hoped 500 would be killed, scaling back the population by about 10%.

*Date:* December 15, 2003

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**SECAUSUS TRANSFER OPEN**

The Secaucus transfer station is now fully open. It could trim 20-minutes from your commute; linking ten of New Jersey Transit's rail lines. The station should be able to handle five-thousand people each weekday within six months.

*Date:* December 18, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSPITAL DEATH**

State officials say they need proof that a New Jersey nurse killed dozens of hospital patients, although he has already admitted to killing one patient at Somerset Medical Center and trying to kill a second person. The former nurse also claims he's killed others.

*Date:* December 18, 2003

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**GIFT OF LOVE**

A mother who lost her son to gang violence decides to continue her son's memory by giving back to needy children during the holiday season.

*Date:* December 19, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**FINALLY SHOPPING**

Sales are up at the Woodbridge, New Jersey mall despite the bad weather.

*Date:* December 19, 2003

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**KNOCKOFF WATCHES**

A 44 year old man from Jersey City was arrested and charged with counterfeiting after police found 50 thousand counterfeit watches at a Chinatown building.

*Date:* December 19, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**

**KIDNEY TRANSPLANT - MOURNING**

Alonzo Mourning is a big winner. The former New Jersey Net underwent transplant surgery today and doctors are calling it a success!

*Date:* December 21, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSPITAL DEATHS – BACKGROUND CHECKS**

New Jersey lawmakers want to make it easier to conduct background checks on potential hospital employees. The move comes after nurse, Charles Cullen, admitted to killing as many as 40-patients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

*Date:* December 22, 2003

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**SUSPICIOUS CAR (JERSEY CITY)**

Police suspect a car found locked in Jersey City could be evidence of terrorism. Inside were a pilot's uniform and a flight manual. The car also had out of state plates and several parking tickets.

*Date:* December 22, 2003

**ISSUES: Health**  
**FIGHTING THE FLU**

A three year old girl from New Jersey dies after contracting the deadly flu virus. Officials try to get a handle on how to fight the deadly flu virus.

*Date:* December 22, 2003

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**GIFTS FROM McGREEVEY**

New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevy gave gifts to kids at children's specialized hospital in mountainside donated by charity organizations.

*Date:* December 23, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STARVED KIDS – NO VISIT**

The couple in New Jersey accused of starving their adopted sons won't get to visit them for Christmas.

*Date:* December 23, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOSPITAL DEATH**

Families are demanding answers from hospitals tonight, about the deaths caused by an admitted killer nurse. They want to look at hospital records to see if there were any irregularities while Charles Cullen was a nurse. Last week, Cullen confessed to killing up to 40-patients at ten hospitals in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

*Date:* December 23, 2003

**ISSUES: Consumer**  
**CORD RECALL**

60-thousand Durex Procraft Outdoor Extension Cords are being recalled. They could shock, even electrocute you. The green, 25-foot cords are made by Royal United Corporation of North Bergen, New Jersey.

*Date:* December 24, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**McGREEVEY FEEDS HOMELESS**

In the holiday spirit, New Jersey Governor McGreevey helped feed the homeless today for a special Christmas meal at St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark.

*Date:* December 26, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ TROOPS**

This is the season of giving and one New Jersey woman finds it in her heart to make sure hundreds of troops serving our country have a happy holiday.

*Date:* December 26, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRROP HOME FOR HOLIDAYS**

National Guardsman, Jon Hinker, got to spend Christmas with his family in New Jersey after being stationed in Iraq. A fellow guardsman gave up his leave so Hinker could go home to be with his wife and son. Hinker and his family call it the best present they could ever imagine.

*Date:* December 28, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**DIGITIZED LICENSE LETTERS**

New Jersey residents are frustrated with those new digitized driver's licenses. Officials have gotten tons of complaints that they aren't being accepted as identification because people think they're fake. Motor Vehicles is now going to give everyone a 2-page "letter of authenticity" to vouch for the licenses.

*Date:* December 28, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**COBBLESTONE ROADS**

Some local historic roads are on the road to recovery after a work crew mistakenly paved over the marble cobblestones at a Jersey City street. Now the city, has promised to restore the street.

*Date:* December 29, 2003

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**KWANZAA IN JERSEY CITY**

In Jersey City, Mayor Glenn Cunningham held a Kwanzaa celebration at City Hall. Based on 7 principles, the 7-day celebration encourages people to think about their African roots as well as their life in America today.

*Date:* December 29, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TROOPER COMPLAINTS**

New Jersey state troopers continue to be plagued by racial profiling accusations. This past year a quarter of the claims were substantiated and most resulted in written reprimands. Although, no troopers were found guilty of racial profiling, the number of complaints has risen since the late 1990s.

*Date:* December 29, 2003

**ISSUES: Economy**

**DEULING JACKPOTS**

Tomorrow's Mega Millions jackpot is expected to be \$210 Million and Wednesday's Powerball could reach \$150-million. The closest Powerball states are Connecticut and Pennsylvania. You can get tickets for Mega Millions in New York and New Jersey.

*Date:* December 31, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/law Enforcement**

**TIGER BOOM**

Two pregnant tigers were adopted after being rescued from New Jersey's tiger lady at a Texas animal orphanage.

*Date:* December 31, 2003

**ISSUES: Crime/law Enforcement**

**COP KILLED BY TRAIN**

A New Jersey police headquarters mourns the loss of one of their officers killed by a train while he was directing emergency crews to a fire near the train tracks. The officer leaves behind a wife and two teen-aged sons.

*Date:* December 31, 2003

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**BRIDGE AND TUNNELS**

Increased security is in place as an alert against possible terrorism. Cars driving through tunnels or bridges through New York City may be searched and state troopers will also be riding on New Jersey transit trains.

## **WWOR-TV / JANUARY 2004**

*Date:* January 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**HELP FOR RENTERS**

Two-thousand and Four brings new laws and new help for renters. New Jersey Landlords will not be allowed to charge tenants a 1% fee for managing security deposits and if there is a new landlord take-over, tenants will not have to post a new deposit.

*Date:* January 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BRAIN INJURIES LEGISLATION**

A new law will have speeders help pay for brain injury research in New Jersey. A \$1 surcharge on all motor vehicle tickets will fund the program.

*Date:* January 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEW MAYOR ROSELLE, NJ**

The first African-American Mayor of Roselle, New Jersey took office. Garret Smith head of the town's Black Progressive Alliance was sworn in at City Hall.

*Date:* January 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**STOLEN RYDER TRUCKS**

A report of 2 missing Ryder trucks has launched a state wide alert. A thorough investigation by New Jersey Police and Counter-Terrorism Authorities immediately got underway for these 2 vehicles.

*Date:* January 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BRADLEY TO ENDORSE DEAN**

Bill Bradley is preparing to endorse Howard Dean for President. Dean has already received endorsements from Governor McGreevey and Representative Bob Menendez.

*Date:* January 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**CLEANER WATER**

New Jersey has taken steps for making drinking water cleaner and safer. The new rules would ban construction near rivers and streams. They would also set up a 300 foot buffer zone around designated waterways.

*Date:* January 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSPITAL DEATHS**

A male nurse who claims to have killed dozens of hospital patients is back in jail tonight but now he's in the Somerset County Jail. Cullen allegedly killed patients in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Officials from both states talked about pursuing the death penalty.

*Date:* January 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**STATE OF THE STATE**

Governor McGreevey delivered his state of the State message today and one of his ideas is to give parents two extra paid days off a year. The time off would allow them to deal with sick children or attend school meetings.

*Date:* January 17, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**DYFS BETTER PROTECTION**

A new law will better protect New Jersey's children. The Division of Youth Services a must check on children with parents behind bars. This new law is in response to the death of 7 years old Faheem Williams found dead in a Newark basement while his mother was in jail.

*Date:* January 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**GIVE BLOOD**

Blood donations usually drop during the winter and now some blood supplies are critically low. It's so bad that a blood center that serves Warren County in Northwest New Jersey is asking hospitals to cancel any elective surgeries.

*Date:* January 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CLEAN UP**

A massive clean-up effort is underway for the people in Ocean County, New Jersey. About 100 drums a day are being excavated from the Ciba Gieby site. It was used as a disposal site for hazardous chemicals from 1961 to 1977.

*Date:* January 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**DANGER THIN ICE**

Police say a seventeen year old fell through the ice in Ventnor, New Jersey. He was trying to retrieve a friend's cell phone from a frozen canal. Officials say this is the type of tragedy that can be prevented.

*Date:* January 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MOTOR VEHICLES NEW HOURS**

New hours at New Jersey's Motor Vehicle offices are making a lot of motorist happy!

The hope is to give people who work all week a "brake!"

*Date:* January 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NEWARK ARENA PLANS**

The New Jersey Nets might be leaving New Jersey for Brooklyn, but that's not stopping Newark's plans for a new arena. The proposed arena would go to the Devils; the Garden State's other major league franchise.

*Date:* January 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government**

**ROADWAY RESTRICTIONS**

Governor Mc Greevey signed a number of bills in Trenton today outlawing talking on your cell phone without a hands free device. It takes effect July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Another is designed to keep multiple DWI offenders off the streets.

*Date:* January 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Environment**

**GAS STATION BLAST**

The exact massive gas station blast remains a mystery. Four explosions ignited a huge fire that burned for more than two hours. To make matters worse, fire hydrants were frozen, causing water delays.

*Date:* January 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**TOWING CHARGES**

The cost of a tow on the Garden State Parkway is going up. Right now the cost of a tow is \$50 bucks but it will soon cost you \$60 bucks. This is the first towing fee increase since 1989.

*Date:* January 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**FOOTBALL SEX ASSAULT**

A sophomore member of the junior varsity team at Mepham High School surrendered to Pennsylvania Authorities in a sex assault case. He's been charged as a juvenile with three felonies related to attaches on teammates at training camp.

*Date:* January 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**WRESTLING SEX ASSAULT**

School officials at Roxbury High School are under fire for not reporting a sex assault that happened at the school last February. They did not report it to the police until May.

*Date:* January 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**NEWARK AIRPORT SECURITY**

It appears there aren't enough workers to screen bags at Newark Liberty Airport which means some bags are flying without being checked for explosives. Security experts say the airport needs about 100 more screeners.

*Date:* January 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**ANTHRAX POST OFFICE**

The post office in Hamilton Township that was closed in 2001 following the nation's anthrax scare will soon open its doors. The postal service is checking to see if fumigation was a success.

*Date:* January 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**NO WATER!**

An elderly woman could be in for a long winter because she has no water. After a week plumbers say they can't fix it. Her town says it's not their problem.

## **WWOR-TV / FEBRUARY 2004**

*Date:* February 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **NJ KIDS DRIVING DRUNK**

Warnings against drunk driving appear to be working. A new survey found 18 to 29 year olds in New Jersey are less likely to drink and drive than their counterparts 20 years ago. The Rutgers study says New Jersey is getting the message.

*Date:* February 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **BLUE CROSS REBATE**

New Jersey's largest health care provider is offering a one time payment to it's customers Small businesses, seniors with medi-gap, and policy holders under 65 years of age are eligible. The company is giving back a total of \$50 million dollars in excess funds it collected last year.

*Date:* February 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **SPILL INVESTIGATION**

There is a \$25,000 dollar reward for information on a passing ship that spill an unknown amount of oil fouling up New Jersey Beaches. Workers have recovered about 500 gallons. State officials are hoping the reward will make someone come forward.

*Date:* February 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **SALT SHORTAGE**

New Jersey has been hit with a salt shortage. The state gets most of it's rock salt from a mine in Chile but officials say ice in the Delaware River has kept ships from reaching a salt stockyard near Trenton.

*Date:* February 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **BIRD FLU**

A strain of the Bird Flu virus has been found in New Jersey. Officials say it's shown up at 4-live chicken markets, but they have not been identified. The New Jersey strain is very different from the Avian flu has led to the deaths of 19-people in Asia.

*Date:* February 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**PAYING FOR POWER B**

New Jersey customers are getting a break on their electricity. The average savings will range between 50 cents and a \$1 and two cents. This comes because New Jersey utilities will be paying less for their needs.

*Date:* February 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**POST OFFICE POWDER SCARE**

Hazmat crews were called to a Post Office in Jersey City after one employee reported seeing powder in a bin of envelopes. The Post Office was immediately evacuated but was reopened a few hours later. It was determined the powder was not dangerous.

*Date:* February 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**TANKER SPILL**

An overturned tanker spilled thousands of gallons of fuel in an industrial area in Orange, New Jersey. Crews worked all day on the clean-up. So far fuel has not seeped into the water supply.

*Date:* February 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**CHEESE RECALL**

A New Jersey company is recalling brie and camembert cheese because it may be contaminated. They were sold in four and a half tins under the name "Ile De France".

*Date:* February 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**STEM CELL RESEARCH**

New Jersey is set to become the first state in the country to finance stem cell research. Governor McGreevey is reportedly set to announce a \$6.5 million dollar research fund. Conservative and religious groups remain strongly opposed.

*Date:* February 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TASERS FOR SALE**

There is a move to sell stun guns that leave that leave a person incapacitated for several minutes to the public. Currently it is illegal for the public to own stun guns in New Jersey and New York

*Date:* February 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ANTI-VIOLENCE RALLY**

Community Leaders in Northern New Jersey say they are tired of gang related shootings. So, they are organizing a Day of Peace. The event is called Hands Across Central Avenue. It will start in Orange, and through East Orange and end in Newark.

*Date:* February 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Drug**

**DRUG PIPELINE**

Cops raided a home in Fort Lee, New Jersey and found 400 pounds of cocaine. On the street it would be worth \$2.5 million dollars.

*Date:* February 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**MALNURISHED KIDS**

A lawsuit could be in the works over four New Jersey Kids who were allegedly starved by their adoptive parents. The head of a child's rights groups has asked a judge to make her their legal guardian.

## **WWOR-TV / MARCH 2004**

*Date:* March 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government**  
**SUING GOVERNMENT**

The state of New Jersey is suing Sleepy's because they say the bedding company has broken consumer fraud laws. Sleepy's is accused of selling defective products, failing to deliver merchandise as promised, and for using false or misleading ads.

*Date:* March 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government**  
**TAX FRAUD CHARGES**

Investigators say Rosa Castro bilked the state out of more than 7-hundred thousand dollars. The Passaic County tax preparer apparently used fake social security numbers and false information to get her clients bigger refunds.

*Date:* March 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**WAITING TO MEET**

A baby who was allegedly stolen from her crib during a fire six years ago will finally meet her biological mother. A family court judge in New Jersey approved a reunion plan.

*Date:* March 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**INTERNET SEX STING**

Some potentially dangerous men are behind bars. They were snagged in an internet sex sting. Police say the suspects preyed on children.

*Date:* March 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**BACK ON TRACK**

Conrail is back on track following last month's derailment. Three tanker cars carrying 84,000 gallons of ethanol derailed in Woodbridge, NJ. About a dozen homes were evacuated. Conrail blamed incident on human error.

*Date:* March 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**EXTRA LARGE LIVER**

Doctors removed an extra-large liver from a 52 year old woman from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. A disease caused her liver to grow to a 46 pounds. A normal liver weighs about three pounds.

*Date:* March 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**DIED IN CUSTODY**

A group called "The People's organization for Progress" is demanding justice for Santiago Villanueva. He died in custody after having an epileptic seizure. Bloomfield cops handcuffed him and restrained him thinking he was on drugs. The group charges this is a direct result of a biased criminal justice system.

*Date:* March 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**ASBURY PARK LAWSUIT**

Two lawsuits have been filed in Asbury Park over the issuing of marriage licenses to same-sex couples. The suits are from opposing sides. The city was threatened by the state to stop issuing them and now local officials are demanding the city hand them out again.

*Date:* March 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DRUG ARRESTS**

Five truck drivers were among 11 people arrested in Bergen County. Police say they ripped off prescription drugs belonging to pharmaceutical companies and then resold them. Investigators say they seized more than a million dollars.

*Date:* March 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**ONE YEAR LATER**

The One Year Anniversary of the Iraq War brings mixed emotions to our area. Those who served in Iraq take pride in the military effort, but local Arab communities are outraged and are afraid to talk about it.

*Date:* March 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STOLEN HEADLIGHTS RECOVERED**

Cops in Clifton have recovered a pile of the expensive zee-non bulbs. They've also arrested five men with a large screwdriver. The bluish tinted bulbs can cost you more than a grand to replace.

*Date:* March 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**INTERNET SAFETY FOR KIDS**

Kids at Piscataway Middle School were warned about predators lurking in cyberspace by .

Attorney General Peter Harvey. He told the kids to be careful and that most sexual predators are looking to kidnap, rape or even kill their victims.

*Date:* March 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**TERROR DRILL**

Rescue crews rushed to the scene of a building collapse but it was only a drill. They conducted a search and rescue exercise in ten-thousand pounds of rubble.

*Date:* March 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ CYCLE TROOPERS**

Troopers on Harley-Davidson motorcycles will be patrolling the Garden State Parkway. They say the bikes will help cops get through the summer traffic jams. The state's old motorcycle unit shut down fifty years ago.

## **WWOR-TV / APRIL 2004**

*Date:* April 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **OVERCOME BY FUMES**

Hundreds of elderly people in Newark were forced out of their apartments because they were overcome by some mysterious fumes.

*Date:* April 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### **POLICE DOG TRAINING**

Police dogs are in training a ten week program for the New Jersey State Police to make sure they can detect bombs. They sit when they find something and they are rewarded for good work. They have so far visited New Jersey Transit, Giants Stadium and Continental Arena.

*Date:* April 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ CIGARRETTE SMUGGLING**

A tobacco company is fired up about cigarette smuggling. Phillip Morris says New Jersey's high taxes are encouraging a black market for cigarettes. Regardless, Governor McGreevey plans to raise cigarette taxes a third straight year.

*Date:* April 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **SAFE FROM TERRORISM**

Under New Jersey's "Detect and Render Safe Task Force", more robots and bomb sniffing dogs will be added to bomb squads throughout the state. The plan will also pool the state's bomb-detecting resources.

*Date:* April 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **EPHEDRA BAN**

A New Jersey Judge allowed a ban on diet supplements containing ephedra take effect today. A challenge from two supplement makers was turned down. The ruling will not affect prescriptions or over-the-counter cold medicines containing ephedra.

*Date:* April 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**DON'T BREATHE THE AIR**

Blame Bush for the air your breath that's what Governor McGreevey says. The EPA has come out with a report that says all 21 New Jersey counties failed clean-air standards. McGreevey says that's because the Feds are rolling back air quality standards in other states.

*Date:* April 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**HISPANIC JUSTICE**

Roberto Rivera-Soto is the first Hispanic to be nominated to the New Jersey Supreme Court. He will replace Peter Verniero whose term was overshadowed by his handling of the State's racial profiling scandal.

*Date:* April 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**REAL ESTATE RACISM**

Charges have been brought up on one real estate agent who has been accused of sending African Americans to one town and Whites to another.

*Date:* April 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**PEANUT BUTTER SUSPENSION**

A boy is suspended from school for threatening his teacher with a peanut butter cooker. The teacher is allergic to peanut.

*Date:* April 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**DEFIBULATOR FUND**

One family is trying to save lives in his community by making sure his police department has defibrillator. So far "Dominic Mannato Defibrillator Fund" has raised about \$5,000. Dover Township was actually the first Police Department in New Jersey to regularly use defibrillators back in 1992.

*Date:* April 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/youth**

**BASEBALL FIED DEDICATION**

A local baseball field is dedicated in honor of an 11 year old little leaguer. The Emerson Junior Baseball league opened the season by renaming its field for Ken Benkovic. The child died of a brain tumor.

*Date:* April 25 , 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSPITAL DEATH**

Charles Cullen, the accused killer responsible for a string of hospital deaths has apparently struck a plea deal. He plead guilty in Somerset County, New Jersey to twelve counts of murder.

*Date:* April 27, 2004

**ISSUES: EDUCATION**

**PRINCETON RATIONING GRADES**

Faculty members at Princeton University are concerned about what they call "Grade Inflation" which basically means too many professors giving out top grades. So under new guidelines faculty members will restrict the number of A's they give to 35 percent. It had been nearly 50 percent in recent years.

*Date:* April 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**TEEN CURFEW**

Cops will soon be enforcing a curfew for teenagers in Weehawken, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**PARAMUS BUS**

A New Jersey Transit Bus has been stopped because of a suspicious package. The driver noticed the package and notified the police. The bus was on it's way to the Port Authority from the Garden State Plaza in Paramus.

*Date:* April 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Taxes**

**NJ TAX REBATES**

Governor McGreevey wants to raise income taxes for New Jersey Residents earning half a million dollars a year or more. The extra cash would nearly double property tax rebates for two million other people.

## **WWOR-TV /MAY 2004**

*Date:* May 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Education**

### **RUTGERS SPRINKLERS**

Rutgers University now has sprinklers in all of its dormitories. Dorm sprinklers must be installed across the state by the end of July. New Jersey passed the country's first law requiring them after a fire at Seton Hall killed three students in 2000.

*Date:* May 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### **NEWARK AIRPORT SECURITY**

Several former screeners say thousands of bags go through each day without being scanned for explosives and they blame inadequate staffing. Federal officials insist Newark Airport is safe.

*Date:* May 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Education**

### **CRY BABY AWARD**

South Jersey Coach at the center of a "Cry Baby Award" controversy was immediately banned for coaching for a year. He's now also been suspended from teaching for a week and he lost his \$3 dollar pay hike. The teacher got himself in hot water for giving a 13 year old a cry baby award.

*Date:* May 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **POLICE CHASE**

A dangerous police pursuit led to the capture of a wanted man. Police are charging the man with two counts of aggravated assault and eluding. He was already wanted for forgery, larceny, and aggravated assault against a police officer.

*Date:* May 17, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **BREAST REDUCTION**

Millions of women suffer with back, neck and shoulder pain due to the size of their breasts. Many turn to breast reduction despite the fear of scarring. But now there's a new technique scarless breast reduction.

*Date:* May 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**GOLF ON TRASH**

Governor McGreevy launched the Meadowlands Golf Redevelopment Project in Lyndhurst. Four courses will be built on top of landfills in the next 10 years along with baseball fields, hotels, and shopping.

*Date:* May 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**COSTCO GAS**

Costco has cheaper gas and you don't have to be a member. New Jersey officials have told the warehouse retailer that their membership requirement violated state laws.

*Date:* May 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CLICK IT OR TICKET**

If you don't buckle up you could be forced to pay up. Over the next two weeks New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut will issue tickets not warnings. Depending upon the state you could pay between \$37 and \$90 dollars.

*Date:* May 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**SWIM CLUB DISCRIMINATION**

A swim club accused of barring minorities has settled a lawsuit. The families involved say the club turned away people because of the color of their skin.

*Date:* May 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Politics/Government**

**GLENN CUNNINGHAM**

The sudden death of the mayor of Jersey City has residents and officials reeling tonight.

Glenn Cunningham died last night of a massive heart attack. He was the city's first African American Mayor.

*Date:* May 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**LEFT AT SCIENCE CENTER**

A seven year old girl was left at the Liberty Science Center while on a field trip. Reports say she was looking at a coin exhibit when she realized her classmates were gone. Her mother now plans to home school her daughter for the rest of the year.

*Date:* May 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**SEARCH FOR GAS CHEAT**

Bergen County will randomly check some of its 400 gas stations to make sure drivers are getting what they pay for. Bergen County Executive, Dennis McNerney says there may be an opportunity for violators to take advantage of volatility, give you a different quote or say its 20 bucks when they really pumped 18 dollars.

*Date:* May 27 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**TURNPIKE VICTIM GRAD**

a young man who survived being shot by a New Jersey State Trooper graduated. With the help of his family, Rayshon Brown has overcome the scars of that shooting.

*Date:* May 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**JERSEY SECURITY**

Some New Jersey lawmakers are calling this state a sitting target for terrorist. There is a major airport, a shipping port, railways and the New Jersey Turnpike all within two miles of each other. They call the most dangerous stretch of America for this reason.

*Date:* May 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**GOOSE PROBLEM**

Once considered feathered friends, Canadian Geese have become a foe to the community of West Orange. The people in the community want them out.

## **WWOR-TV /JUNE 2004**

*Date:* June 1, 2004

### **ISSUES: Economy**

The prices at the pump may go even higher. Crude oil prices hit a record high following a deadly terrorist attack in Saudi Arabia. Economists say gasoline prices could increase by as much as 36 cents a gallon.

*Date:* June 3, 2004

### **ISSUES: Minority Issues**

#### **BRENDA AT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

The Urban League of Essex County held its Annual Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner.

Brenda Blackmon was one of the hosts for the event. The Gala featured an award ceremony recognizing education advocates in the Newark area and it was also held in commemoration 50th anniversary of the Brown versus Board decision.

*Date:* June 4, 2004

### **ISSUES: Health**

#### **STRIKING NURSES**

Nurses from Bergen Regional Medical Center" walked-off the job wednesday. Congressman Steve Rothman joined them for a rally at the hospital today. But management has started a push to hire new staff. There are no new talks scheduled.

*Date:* June 12, 2004

### **ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

#### **PEACE DEAL**

The Crips and Bloods are meeting at keep the Peace. They signed a deal a few weeks ago and they are meeting again to strike another accord.

*Date:* June 13, 2004

### **ISSUES: Homeland Security**

#### **JITNEY'S ENTERING PORT AUTHORITY**

The Jitney's that pick up many passengers from Northern Jersey town and enter the Port Authority Bus Terminal could pose a risk. Currently they are not being checked by security or even monitored when they enter the terminal, but Port Authority insists the terminal is secure.

*Date:* June 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Taxes**  
**CIGARETTE TAX**

New Jersey had the highest cigarette tax in the nation and it could be getting even higher. Governor McGreevey wants to add another .45 cents per pack to the tax. Smokers are fuming.

*Date:* June 17, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**REGAN VS. HAMILTON**

A Battle over who should grace the face of the \$10 dollar bill is developing. Ronald Reagan supporters want the former President's face to replace Alexander Hamilton's face. Senator Frank Lautenberg and Congressman Bill Pascrell weigh in and say no. They point out that Hamilton founded Paterson.

*Date:* June 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Taxes**  
**NJ HOMEOWNER REBATES**

New Jersey homeowners could end up with larger property tax rebate, but if Governor McGreevey's budget goes through, they get \$1200. Average checks would go from \$200 to \$800.

*Date:* June 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DOWNLOADING LAWSUITS**

The recording industry has filed nearly 500 copyright infringement lawsuits against music file swappers. Six cases are in New Jersey. So far more than 3,000 people have been sued for online music piracy since a crackdown began last September.

*Date:* June 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Drugs**  
**DRUG BUST**

Two-suitcases were spotted inside a truck in Jersey City. It was first thought that this might be a bomb scare but it was really just a drug bust. Police discovered 60 kilos of pure cocaine worth \$5.5 million dollars. No suspects so far.

*Date:* June 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**TURNPIKE ACCIDENT**

A five year old girl was killed after being thrown from a car. The car was packed with eight other people and the driver lost control and hit a lightpole. The other people had non life threatening injuries.

*Date:* June 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CELL PHONE LAW**

A new law in New Jersey bans all cell phone use except for "Hands Free" cell phones while you drive but you can only be pulled over if a cop sees you violating another traffic law.

*Date:* June 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Drugs**

**HEROIN RING**

Authorities in New Jersey say they've taken down 17 people in. They account for nearly 75 percent of the heroin trafficking that takes place between Newark and Philadelphia. The ring had alleged ties to the notorious "Blood" street gang.

## **WWOR-TV /JULY - 2004**

*Date:* July 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **DIALING WHILE DRIVING**

The ban on hand held cell phones in cars went into effect today.

*Date:* July 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **PEANUT WARNING**

New Jersey gets tough with peanut allergy warnings. A law is in the works that would require restaurants to post warnings that some menu items may contain peanut products. But restaurant owners say posting a sign is meaningless, unless their staff understands the dangers of food allergies.

*Date:* July 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NEWARK CRIME SPREE**

An unusually frightening crime spree in Newark is taking place. Four carjackings, two shootings and an armed robbery, all between a very short period of time. Police say descriptions by the victims clearly indicate all seven crimes were carried out by the same men.

*Date:* July 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **WATER WARNING**

A water warning for some folks in New Jersey. If you live in Mahwah, boil your water before you drink it. Officials say a pumping station in a nearby reservation shut down is causing some leakage, and the DEP is monitoring the water.

*Date:* July 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **FUND-RAISING INDICTMENT**

New Jersey U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie says David D'Amiano extorted \$40,000 in campaign contributions from a farm owner, allegedly telling the farmer the money would secure a farmland preservation deal. Governor James McGreevey believes he is named in the indictment against D'Amiano. The two had discussions about the land deal. D'Amiano also faces mail fraud and bribery charges.

*Date:* July 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **SCARE AT THE SHORE**

Tampons and needles were washing up along the Jersey Shore at Sea Bright, with officials not knowing where it is coming from, and raising many health concerns.

*Date:* July 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security  
TERROR THREAT**

State Troopers in New Jersey spent 2-weeks being trained to use the scanner by U.S. Navy Seals, and from here on in, they promised to begin dives on a regular basis.

*Date:* July 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics  
NO GUM ALLOWED**

New Jersey Transit says the policy at Secaucus Junction is just the first step toward a system-wide ban on gum sales.

*Date:* July 10, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics  
COUPLES' RIGHTS**

New Jersey is making life easier for same sex couples, giving them some of the same legal rights for life that married couples enjoy. This comes on the same day President Bush strengthened his stance for a constitutional amendment against gay marriages.

*Date:* July 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics  
DUEL RE-ENACTMENT**

History's most famous duel was re-enacted in Weehawken, New Jersey, by descendants of Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton. Burr was Thomas Jefferson's Vice President. Hamilton had been Secretary of State under George Washington. Burr challenged Hamilton to a duel in 1804 after Hamilton called him "despicable". They rowed across the Hudson to Weehawken because combat with deadly weapons was banned in New York. Hamilton was killed, but lives on with his picture on the \$10 bill.

*Date:* July 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth  
STARVED KIDS HEARING**

Despite overwhelming evidence, a South Jersey couple in Camden insists once again that they did not starve their children. Raymond and Vanessa Jackson both pled not guilty to charges of child endangerment. Prosecutors say they starved their 4-adopted sons.

*Date:* July 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
COACHED CHARGED**

A 16 year old girl allegedly seduced by her coach, and he's charged with taking the young girl to a local hotel for sex in Lyndhurst, New Jersey.

*Date:* July 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**JERSEY FLOODING**

A State of Emergency tonight in parts of New Jersey as torrential rain led to heavy flooding, as much as 13 inches in some areas. The worst of the flooding was in the town of Lumberton, in Burlington County.

*Date:* July 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**PERSONAL FLOOD STORY**

The flooding that has left parts of New Jersey under a State of Emergency and hundreds of people are homeless, including one family who are dealing with the disaster in Lumberton, New Jersey.

*Date:* July 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**ASSAULT GUN BAN**

Some lawmakers in New Jersey are calling on Congress to renew the assault weapons ban. The 10-year old ban is set to expire in September. Most Lawmakers shy away from gun votes in an election year, because they don't want to upset the gun lobby, but the Lawmakers at today's rally say that's no excuse.

*Date:* July 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**MISSING GIRL**

Murder charges have been filed anyway in the case of a missing girl from New Jersey. 16-year old Brittany Gregory vanished from her home in Brick Township. Jack Fuller of Howell was arrested today.

*Date:* July 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**KIDS TAKEN BY DYFS**

Added insult to injury for a woman who says her estranged husband held her and assaulted her for five days. Now, her kids have been taken by social workers. While Dorsia Jackson was locked in this house in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, caseworkers thought she'd abandoned her four kids. Now Jackson says she can't get in touch with DYFS to get them back.

*Date:* July 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SCHUNDLER FOR GOVERNOR**

Republican Bret Schundler has thrown his hat into the race for NJ Governor. Schundler lost the election to Jim McGreevey in 2001.

*Date:* July 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BRITTNEY BODY FOUND**

The desperate search for Brittney Gregory continues as cadaver sniffing dogs have been brought in to scour a wooded area near the teen's New Jersey home in Brick Township.

*Date:* July 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**NO PAYCHECKS**

Students in New Jersey are demanding their pay as some members of the summer youth program in Newark didn't get the paychecks they were banking on.

*Date:* July 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**PGA CHAMPIONSHIP 2005**

Not since Sam Snead took home the title in 1942 in Atlantic City has the PGA Championship been held in New Jersey. But next year, the Garden State will host the 2005 championship at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield - August 8th through the 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Date:* July 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PRISON PROTEST**

Three deaths in just 2-weeks have led to claims of abuse at a New Jersey prison. Several groups protested in Newark. They say inmates aren't getting medical care or even being fed properly.

*Date:* July 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**POISON IN BABY FOOD**

A report that some baby food has been tampered with the potentially deadly chemical Ricin in Parsippany, New Jersey.

## **WWOR-TV / August – 2004**

*Date:* August 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**NJ TERROR**

Terrorists are looking to target financial buildings in the city, New Jersey and the nation's capital. Full coverage of this latest threat to an America already on alert.

*Date:* August 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BRITTNEY GREGORY FUNERAL**

Friends and even total strangers are mourning murdered teen Brittney Gregory's death. Dozens paid their respects at the funeral home in Lakewood, New Jersey.

*Date:* August 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**NJ TERROR TARGET**

Newark beefs up its security as it respond to the latest threat of a terror target.

*Date:* August 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**INSPECTING TRUCKS**

Police in New Jersey are going to be inspecting trucks before they can even get into Manhattan, causing a lot of congestion on our roadways.

*Date:* August 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Law Enforcement**

**OFFICE CLOSED-PASSPORT**

Federal officials have closed a New Jersey passport office. The Hudson County office in Jersey City has been shut-down. The Feds will not accept passport applications from the center. And they will not accept birth certificates issued there as proof of citizenship. The State Department says the center has been issuing fraudulent documents.

*Date:* August 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**KILLED BY SCHOOL BUS**

Tragedy in South Jersey after a student is killed by a school bus in Bridgeton. A 9 year old girl was chasing the bus when she fell under the back wheels. Police say she ran after the wrong bus thinking it was the one she took to a summer theater program.

*Date:* August 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**OPERATION SAFE FREIGHT**

New Jersey State Police are cracking down on truckers in something called Operation Safe Freight.

*Date:* August 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**ANTHRAX INVESTIGATION**

Investigators may be closer to solving the anthrax attacks. They're searching for new clues in Dover Township, New Jersey.

*Date:* August 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**NJ TRANSIT SAFETY MEMO**

Security precautions are up because of the Republican National Convention. But a safety memo from New Jersey Transit is making conductors nervous. The memo accompanies a DVD that gives tips on how to spot potential terrorist activity on trains. The conductors union says the DVD showing explosions and evacuations is scaring them.

*Date:* August 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**BAD BUSINESS**

The Jersey shore is open for business but it appears business is bad. Officials say New Jersey might have lost as much as a billion dollars over the last decade. They say the shore's attractions aren't being marketed enough outside the region. And even though more tourists are visiting, they're spending less money.

*Date:* August 10, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**LINKED TO TERROR**

A man in New Jersey has allegedly been running websites linked to terror. The discovery made after the Feds searched his apartment in Weehawken, New Jersey.

*Date:* August 10, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TEACHER ARRESTED**

Parents are shocked after learning two school teachers are under arrest. They're accused of kidnapping a deliveryman at gunpoint and stealing thousands of dollars worth of cigarettes and candy in Lincoln Park, New Jersey.

*Date:* August 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY RESIGNATION**

Extensive coverage of the resignation of NJ Governor Jim McGreevey, and the stunning announcement of his affair with another man, as well as the press conference in which he pronounced that he was a gay American.

*Date:* August 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NEXT IN LINE**

So who's next in line to be Governor of New Jersey? Senate President Richard Codey will serve out the remainder of McGreevey's term.

*Date:* August 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY RECAP**

It appears the man who claims Governor Jim McGreevey sexually harassed him was pushing for a cash settlement right up to the moment McGreevey came out to the public.

*Date:* August 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEX ON THE WEB**

Police say a 35 year old man not only had sex with his teenage niece, but sold pictures of it on the web. Charles Raymond of Highlands Borough, New Jersey, is being held on a quarter-million dollars bail. Police say he taped their sex acts with a web cam, and paid the girl \$150.

*Date:* August 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**GEICO BACK IN NJ**

The nation's 5th largest auto insurer, Geico, has returned to the Garden State after nearly 30 years. Geico is the 2nd auto insurer to enter the New Jersey market since the State enacted its landmark insurance reform over a year ago.

*Date:* August 17, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SMALL PLANE CRASH**

Two people are recovering tonight after a small plane crashed. Police say a tail wind pushed the single engine plane into some trees near Pemberton Airport in South Jersey. The wheel snagged a branch and the plane fell about 60 feet before crashing upside down in a swamp. But the pilot and a passenger walked away with just minor injuries.

*Date:* August 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**TINY TOLL TICKETS**

If you're on the New Jersey turnpike and don't have E-Z pass, you may need a magnifying glass to read the new tickets. It now crams in 8 columns of toll rates. But the turnpike authority says it will cut down on your commute. To make it easier to read, the new tickets put the price cars have to pay in red.

*Date:* August 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STATE POLICE CHANGE**

Amazing accidents are being caught on tape in New Jersey. They're being captured by cameras, originally designed to stop racial profiling.

*Date:* August 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**FAT BURGER OPENS**

Fat Burger has opened in Jersey City. It's the first on the east coast. The Southern California burger chain is known for its humungous burger, generous portions and reasonable prices. Hamburgers, hot dogs, turkey burgers and more are also offered at fat burger.

*Date:* August 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PISCOPO FOR GOVERNOR**

The McGreevey affair has been fodder for comedians. But now Comedian Joe Piscopo is taking the jokes one step further. In a TV interview, Piscopo claims he has the backing of some Jersey businessmen, but he wouldn't name names.

*Date:* August 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY SCANDAL**

Governor McGreevey is defending his decision to remain in office until November even though many New Jersey residents want him to step down now! And now Senator Jon Corzine says he'll step in to end what he calls a crisis in confidence in State Government.

*Date:* August 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY POLL**

A new poll shows that a slim majority of New Jersey residents want Governor McGreevey to leave office now. The Bergen Record poll shows that 51% want McGreevey to step down now and hold a special election to fill the remainder of his term. 37% approve of him waiting until November to leave office, and 12% were undecided.

*Date:* August 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**GETTING TO NY**

The terror alert will be high as convention delegates move around town. And commuters will also feel its effects as they try to get to New York. Today New Jersey unveiled its security plans.

*Date:* August 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEX ATTACKS**

A soccer coach is under arrest and charged with the brutal sex assault of a young girl on his team in Allendale, New Jersey.

*Date:* August 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY IN AC**

It's been nearly 2 weeks since New Jersey Governor James McGreevey made his explosive announcement. Since then we haven't seen much of the Governor. But today he finally made his first public appearance.

*Date:* August 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JERSEY CITY BOMB THREAT**

Jersey City and port authority Police were on alert after getting a bomb threat. A 12 story commercial building on Washington Boulevard was the target. The building was evacuated and then searched. It checked out clean.

*Date:* August 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**HOSPITALS READY-NJ**

New Jersey hospitals say they're ready in case of a terror attack during the RNC. A vast array of new equipment was put on display in Newark today. It includes a decontamination trailer and hazmat vehicles. The State has also stocked-up on medicine that would be needed in case of an attack.

*Date:* August 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NANNY BUSTED**

Story of a couple in Edison, New Jersey who set up a camera to catch their nanny on camera abusing their baby boy.

*Date:* August 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FDU SHOOTING SENTENCE**

A man who admitted shooting a Fairleigh Dickinson University student is sentenced to ten years. Rasheed Cooper of Jersey City was on parole in April when shot a student at a school dance. He pleaded guilty to weapons charges and will be eligible for parole in 5 years.

*Date:* August 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ GOP McGREEVEY RESOLUTION**

Governor McGreevey's decision to leave office was the subject of a resolution at the GOP convention. New Jersey delegates unanimously passed a resolution calling on him to immediately step down. They want a special election in November. Insiders say McGreevey is standing firm with his decision to stay put until November 15th.

*Date:* August 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JERSEY CITY HAZMAT**

Story of a couple selling stun-guns on E-Bay out of their home in Nutley, New Jersey.

*Date:* August 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**JERSEY CITY HAZMAT**

Hazmat crews were on the scene at a warehouse in Jersey City. Cops were called to the location on 18th street right near the Holland Tunnel. Dogs alerted to something in barrels in that warehouse, as did initial tests by devices used by officials.

## **WWOR-TV / SEPTEMBER – 2004**

*Date:* September 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **McGREEVEY LAST CHANCE**

Governor McGreevey's last chance to resign and allow a special election has come and gone. The Governor gave an emotional farewell to a labor group, thanking them for their support and apologizing for his mistakes. But he remained firm that he will not leave office before November 15th.

*Date:* September 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

### **LASSA FEVER IN NJ**

For the first time in decades, a deadly virus common in West Africa has killed someone in our area. Known as Lassa Fever. The disease is normally spread by rats. But it can also be passed on to other people through bodily fluids. The victim was a 38-year old man from Mercer County, New Jersey.

*Date:* September 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NJT BUS SHOOTING**

A search is for a suspect in a shooting on a New Jersey Transit bus. The bus was traveling through Newark, packed with passengers. That's when a female passenger was shot in the arm. It appears a teenager sitting in the back accidentally fired a gun. Witnesses say he ran when the driver stopped.

*Date:* September 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION**

New Jersey Transit opened three new stations. It's all part of the plan to extend the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail into Weehawken. The inaugural light rail ride carried a host of dignitaries from Weehawken to the Hoboken terminal.

*Date:* September 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **EMOTIONAL 9-11 SUPPORT**

New Jersey is now offering emotional support to everyone in the State still dealing with 9/11. Though family members of victims are most likely to remain grief stricken, many people without a direct connection to the attacks are still feeling its effects. That's why the state has decided to offer free counseling to help the healing process.

*Date:* September 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**LAWSUIT TOSSED-McGREEVEY**

A Federal judge has tossed out a lawsuit against Governor Jim McGreevey. The lawsuit claimed McGreevey had created a vacancy by saying he would step down in November. But the judge disagreed, and refused to order a special election to replace him.

*Date:* September 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**SIX BABIES**

Story of a mother who had six babies is Long Branch, New Jersey.

*Date:* September 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**THEATRE DISCRIMINATION**

New Jersey is taking tough steps to end theater discrimination. The State says only a few theaters are equipped to make going to the movies a reality for the deaf or hard of hearing. It's suing one theater chain - Regal Cinemas - to make changes. However four others have agreed to install equipment so the handicapped will not be left out. New Jersey is the first state in the nation to get theaters to commit to making accommodations for the deaf and hard of hearing.

*Date:* September 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MOTHER ARRESTED**

A mother who lost her son in Iraq is under arrest after heckling Laura Bush. The First Lady was at a rally in Hamilton, New Jersey. Sue Niederer shouted over Bush to demand to know why her son was killed in Iraq. She was quickly arrested.

*Date:* September 17, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**FOUND IN MEXICO**

A dramatic ending in the international search for a missing teen from Deptford, New Jersey. 14-year old Jessica Naylor, seen here with her mother, was found in Southern Mexico. Police say a friend of Jessica's parents took her to a beach house he had rented there. They tracked them down through internet love letters.

*Date:* September 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**STATE OF EMERGENCY**

And in New Jersey, the threat of heavy flooding has prompted Governor McGreevey to declare a State of Emergency in Warren, Sussex, Hunterdon, and Mercer Counties.

*Date:* September 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

## **MORE FLOODING**

Parts of New Jersey are dealing with a State of Emergency. It's all the result of rain leftover from Hurricane Ivan -rain that broke the banks of a major river. And the worst of the flooding was in Warren County.

*Date:* September 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **JC ROBBERY SPREE**

Police confiscated guns, ammunition, and black ski masks used in a 3 day crime spree in Jersey City. Five suspects were picked up in a Ford Explorer. Police say they would pull up next to their victim, jump out and rob them at gunpoint.

*Date:* September 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **YO-YO BAN**

New Jersey State Assembly is trying to ban the yo-yo after it's long cord nearly choked a couple kids. The toy has already been banned in 6 countries. Stores selling the water yo-yos could face \$20,000 in fines.

*Date:* September 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **FATAL CRASH-NJ**

Police say erratic driving may have caused a fatal crash in Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey. Cops say a gray Mercedes was traveling on the wrong side of the road when it crashed head on into a blue van. The driver of the car was killed. All three people in the van were injured.

*Date:* September 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **JERSEY POLITICS**

Political winds are shifting in New Jersey. And election 2004 could see voters going for a Republican President - for the first time in 12 years.

*Date:* September 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **NEW USE FOR METROCARDS**

Transit riders between New York and New Jersey will soon find new use for Metrocards. Starting in the Spring, a swipe of your Metrocard will get you a ride on the Path Train. Eventually Metrocards will also work for New Jersey Transit. But Path Quick Cards will not get riders into city subways.

*Date:* September 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Nearly 4,000 members of law enforcement converged on the Statehouse in Trenton today, demanding a new contract. They include corrections officers, university police and park rangers. The group claims Governor McGreevey has refused to bargain with them ever since he took office.

*Date:* September 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**EDWARDS IN NJ**

John Edwards spoke to a cheering crowd in Newark. He criticized President Bush's handling of the War on Terror. And he pushed the Democratic plan to make health care and education more affordable. New Jersey is becoming a real battleground State since recent polls showed Democrats losing ground to the Bush-Cheney team.

## **WWOR-TV / OCTOBER – 2004**

*Date:* October 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **GIULIANI FOR BUSH**

Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani was drumming up support for the GOP at Ramsey High School in Bergen County.

*Date:* October 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **POCKET BIKES-NJ BAN**

New Jersey is fast-tracking a street ban on pocket bikes. The mini-motorcycles can go up to 45-miles an hour, which in the eyes of a Senate Committee makes them dangerous on the road. If the ban is passed, communities will be allowed to create off-road areas for pocket bikes.

*Date:* October 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **XANADU-METS MOVING**

At a lease signing ceremony for the Xanadu Sports and Entertainment complex at the Meadowlands, New Jersey's Sports and Expo President said his agency tried to get the Mets to move. But the Mets said thanks but no thanks.

*Date:* October 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ-GAY MARRIAGE DEBATE**

The gay marriage debate in New Jersey has stalled. Last fall, the State Supreme Court ruled against legalizing same-sex marriages. Seven gay and lesbian couples appealed. Now the high court is sending the case to an appeals court to decide the legality of gay marriages.

*Date:* October 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **SEXTUPLETS**

New Jersey's first set of sextuplets! The Hayes 6 - Tara, Rachel, Rebecca, Ryan, Connor and Eric Jr. The sextuplets were born at Monmouth Medical Center September 14th. All are doing well, but doctors are not saying when they'll go home. Their parents, Eric and Elizabeth Hayes are already the proud parents of two sets of twins!

*Date:* October 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**STARVED BOYS**

The State of New Jersey will pay for the alleged starvation of three young boys. They were discovered in Collingswood last October after their older brother was found rummaging through trash. The State had checked on the kids in the past. And now, they will pay an undisclosed amount of money to help care for them until they turn 18. Their adoptive parents, Raymond and Vanessa Jackson, are awaiting trial.

*Date:* October 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**NJ-NATURAL GAS PRICES**

The state has approved rate hikes for New Jersey's major gas utilities. The largest increase went to New Jersey Natural Gas: 7.6%. Elizabethtown Gas gets 5.8%. PSE&G got a 3% increase.

*Date:* October 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**SCHOOLS ON ALERT**

Schools across the country - including 2 in New Jersey - are on alert. The warning is based on an analysis of the school seige in Russia last month. Nearly 340 people were killed. Now U.S. schools have been told to watch for people interested in obtaining site plans for schools, bus routes and attendance lists. Here in New Jersey warnings went out to Rumson, in Monmouth County, and Franklinville in Gloucester County.

*Date:* October 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**VISIT TO NJ-EDWARDS**

For the second time in two weeks, Vice Presidential candidate John Edwards hit the campaign trail in New Jersey, this time in Bayonne.

*Date:* October 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**SCHOOLS ON ALERT**

A school in New Jersey is among 6 across the country that are on alert for a terror threat. Worried parents had a lot of questions at a meeting in Rumson. Their concerns come following the discovery of information about Rumson schools on a computer disc in Iraq.

*Date:* October 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BATTLE FOR NEW JERSEY**

With just 22-days until America votes, New Jersey has become a main thoroughfare on the campaign trail.

*Date:* October 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**CASINO STRIKE**

Striking casino and hotel workers in Atlantic City are ready to deal. Employees who walked away from the gaming tables at seven casinos, now want to get back to the negotiating table. Ten thousand workers hit the picket line October 1st. The strike is the longest since casinos came to New Jersey.

*Date:* October 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BUSH SISTER TO NJ**

President Bush's sister, Dora Bush-Koch, is going to campaign for her brother in the Garden State. Her visit comes 1 day after a Fairleigh Dickinson University poll showed John Kerry maintaining a slight edge over Bush in the Garden State, with voters choosing Kerry 48 to 43% over Bush.

*Date:* October 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**SEX DISEASES**

A new study ranks Newark as second on a list of towns with high numbers of sexually transmitted diseases.

*Date:* October 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**TIME AT THE TOLLS-NJ**

According to a study by New Jersey's own Department of Transportation, demolishing the Garden State Parkway toll plazas will only save drivers about 1 minute.

*Date:* October 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BABYSITTER ARRESTED**

A baby boy is left hospitalized in Seaside Heights. The child, just 19 months old, was badly beaten and he is in critical condition. A woman believed to be his baby sitter is under arrest. She was trusted to care for the boy, and now she is facing charges for allegedly beating him.

*Date:* October 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ SWING STATE**

Polls show President Bush and Senator Kerry, locked in a close race in the Garden State. But President Bush hopes to change that when he makes a stop in Burlington County. Senator Kerry has yet to campaign in New Jersey, but John Edwards has visited twice in recent weeks.

*Date:* October 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Education**  
**TEACHER SUSPENDED**

A teacher, who's a Republican volunteer, was suspended for having a picture of President Bush in her classroom in a school in New Jersey.

*Date:* October 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BATTLE FOR NJ**

President Bush pays a visit to New Jersey to sway the Democratic State his way.

*Date:* October 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**VOTING MACHINE PROBLEMS**

The new high-tech electronic voting machines that are supposed to be error-free might not be. According to a lawsuit filed today, the electronic machines that could be a problem are in New Jersey.

*Date:* October 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**FLOOR SUPERSTORES SUED**

New Jersey is suing "Floor Superstores". The State Claims more than a 100 customers are owed a \$125,000 from Floor Superstores after carpet or flooring ordered either never came or was installed incorrectly. There are 6 Floor Superstores throughout New Jersey.

*Date:* October 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PATERSON CHIEF**

The Chief of Paterson, New Jersey has been suspended pending an investigation. An official statement released tonight would only say that Lawrence Spagnola had been suspended. But it would not say what the investigation is about or why.

*Date:* October 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**KIDNEY TRANSPLANT**

A story about a New Jersey woman who received a life-saving kidney transplant from someone she hardly knew.

*Date:* October 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ SCHOOLS CLOSED**

Several school districts in New Jersey will be closed on Election Day. The Police Chief wanted Rumson High School closed. But it will remain open. Cops are concerned because the high school's name turned up on a computer disc found recently in Iraq. Five other schools in the town being used as polling places will be closed. One Lawmaker has asked Governor McGreevey to close every school on Election Day.

*Date:* October 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RADIO PROBLEMS**

New Jersey State Troopers need to communicate to help handle emergencies on the road. But they say since terrorist attacks took down the Twin Towers, they've had serious problems. Police say several "dead zones" make their radios useless. A Bill to improve equipment has cleared the Assembly Appropriations Committee. It now goes to the full Assembly.

*Date:* October 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**SCHOOL PLOT**

Two teens allegedly planning to kill a schoolmate are under arrest in Bogota, New Jersey.

*Date:* October 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**QUESTIONABLE CANDIDATE**

Many questions tonight about a Congressional candidate in East Brunswick, New Jersey. He's being allowed to remain on the ballot even though he is a convicted sex offender.

*Date:* October 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**FLU WRAP**

Flu season usually begins in November or December. The vaccine shortage could cost New Jersey doctors. Physicians could face fines of up to \$500 unless they comply with a proposed "at-risk" only policy for administering a flu shot. Legislators could make it law by Monday.

*Date:* October 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ NEWSPAPER ENDORSEMENTS**

Many New Jersey newspapers announced their endorsements in the presidential race. Five daily newspapers endorsed Senator John Kerry for President - one backed President Nush. The State's two largest papers - the Star-Ledger of Newark and the Record of Bergen County endorsed the challenger, along with the Times of Trenton, the Gloucester County Times and the Courier-News. The Asbury Park Press endorsed the President.

*Date:* October 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY EXTORTION**

Lawyers for Golan Cipel, a former aide to New Jersey's Governor, say Federal investigators haven't turned up anything pointing to Cipel trying to extort money from McGreevey, but investigators have yet to speak to Cipel himself.

*Date:* October 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ VOTER REGISTRATION**

New Jersey officials say 380,000 people have registered to vote since the primaries. That's the biggest rush in State history. More people registered as Democrats than Republicans.

*Date:* October 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**QUESTIONABLE CANDIDATE**

Despite a conviction for a sex crime, Daryl Brooks still says he's innocent and he's not backing down in his bid to unseat an incumbent Congressman in New Jersey.

*Date:* October 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**FIGHTING FLU**

The shortage of flu vaccine could lead to a new law. New Jersey Lawmakers passed a Bill today that would fine doctors for giving shots to low-risk patients. Under it, young children, senior citizens, and people with chronic conditions would get first dibs. But first, Governor McGreevey has to sign it into law.

*Date:* October 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BEATEN BY SITTER**

The child-care system seems to have failed miserably in Camden, South Jersey. A baby has been beaten to death in a case that could have and should have been prevented.

*Date:* October 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY-JC**

Jersey City has created an Advisory Committee to address its Homeland Security. It will include leaders from the Police Department, Office of Emergency Management along with other City Departments and agencies. They'll work to protect Jersey City's financial waterfront and other possible targets.

*Date:* October 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**ELECTRONIC VOTING OK**

A State Superior Court Judge ruled today that electronic voting machines can be used in New Jersey. A Rutgers law group had sued saying there was no guarantee the machines are not flawless.

*Date:* October 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**MORE ONE-WAY GSP TOLLS**

New Jersey may be expanding one-way tolls on the Garden State Parkway. Governor McGreevey approved a plan to make the switch at the Bergen, Essex, and Barnegat toll plazas. Three other plazas already collect tolls in one direction only.

*Date:* October 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**11 CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR**

A story on dirty tricks and dirty pictures of one candidate in a Jersey City race that pits 10 people against Acting Mayor I. Harvey Smith.

*Date:* October 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ DEAD HEAT**

The Presidential Race is a dead-heat in New Jersey- according to 1 new poll. Quinnipiac's latest survey shows Bush and Kerry in a 46-to-46 % deadlock. Quinnipiac says the public's fear of terrorism is helping President Bush gain ground. In 2000, Bush lost New Jersey by 16 points.

*Date:* October 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**REGISTRATION FRAUD**

There's concern in West Long Branch, New Jersey about the potential for voter fraud after registration forms are sent to some folks who are already registered.

*Date:* October 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**HEATED RACE-JC MAYOR**

A woman claiming a box cutter was held to her neck after she got involved in a heated Mayor's Race in Jersey City.

*Date:* October 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**TWO-YEAR OLD SHOT**

A 2 year old is shot in the head while riding in the back of her mom's car in Camden, New Jersey. She is in critical but stable condition after surgery. Police say her mom was driving past an area known for illegal drug activity.

*Date:* October 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**ASHLEE APOLOGIZES**

Pop singer Ashlee Simpson sang for students at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, New Jersey - 1 of the 8 schools to win a private concert. Some students even got a chance to get on stage and sing.

*Date:* October 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TURNPIKE CRACKDOWN**

More state troopers will be hitting the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike. They're cracking down on speeders and reckless drivers.

*Date:* October 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ SWING STATE**

Both Republicans and Democrats are making a last minute push for the Garden State. Its 15 electoral votes seen as a big grab for either candidate.

*Date:* October 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JC-STOP THE VIOLENCE**

New Jersey's second largest city has seen 17 murders this year - 8 of them since the death of Jersey City Mayor Glenn Cunningham. Families of the victims held a rally to stop the violence. They say it will be a deciding factor in Tuesday's Mayoral Election.

*Date:* October 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MANDATORY VOTING**

One professor in Madison, New Jersey made it mandatory that her students vote.

*Date:* October 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SIX FLAG TROUBLE**

At Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson Township, New Jersey, police report a large fight in the park and numerous arrests.

*Date:* October 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BATTLE FOR NJ**

Election 2004 is turning into the battle for New Jersey, and it's nothing like 4 years ago when Al Gore carried 62% of the vote in the Garden State.

*Date:* October 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NADER IN HOBOKEN**

Presidential Candidate Ralph Nader jumped into the mix today as he also battled for New Jersey voters. Nader was in Hoboken as he slammed what he called corporate criminals, Republicans and Democrats. He called on New Jerseyans to vote their conscience on Election Day.

*Date:* October 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**FIGHTING THE FLU**

Two State Senators have a new idea on fighting the flu. They want to make it easier for companies in New Jersey to produce the vaccine. So they're proposing to shield manufacturers from liability lawsuits if they agree to make it. Right now, no New Jersey Company makes the vaccine.

## **WWOR-TV / NOVEMBER – 2004**

*Date:* November 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **FIGHT FOR NJ**

Both the Democrats and the Republicans took a few final jabs today in the bitter fight for New Jersey. Two of the heavyweights, Hillary Vinton and Frank Lautenberg, were on the stump in Bergen County. They took several shots at the President over the War in Iraq.

*Date:* November 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ BUSH SUPPORT**

New Jersey Republicans also brought their fight for New Jersey to Bergen County today. Local politicians were joined by families who lost loved ones on 9-11. They say President Bush has kept us safe since the terrorist attacks. Bergen County's Republican office has been calling residents to get out the vote.

*Date:* November 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ VOTING PROBLEMS**

Democrats and Republicans seem to have at least one thing in common tonight. A fear there will be voting problems at the polls in New Jersey tomorrow.

*Date:* November 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **LOCAL ELECTIONS**

Two local elections are poised to be cliffhangers. Among them the bitter battle for Sheriff of Bergen County. And in Jersey City, 11 candidates are vying to become Mayor. The race became a free-for-all after popular Democratic Mayor Glen Cunningham died of a heart attack last spring.

*Date:* November 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ ELECTION CONCERNS**

Schools are closed for Election Day, but that doesn't alleviate security concerns. In Leonia, New Jersey, officials say they are taking very seriously, recent veiled threats by Osama bin Laden to disrupt the election process. The town is beefing up security at all of its polling places, including schools.

*Date:* November 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **ELECTION REMINDER**

The polls in the tri state area all open at 6 am. In New Jersey and Connecticut, the deadline is 8 pm.

*Date:* November 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ HAZMAT VOTING**

A suspicious white powder shut down one local polling place today. The white powder was found on the floor of this polling station in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. But it turns out it was only salt. And the polls reopened for voters after about two hours.

*Date:* November 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**WON BY KERRY**

During extensive coverage of the 2004 Presidential election, Senator Kerry has won the following states: New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, The District of Columbia, New York and Rhode Island.

*Date:* November 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**JC MAYOR UNDECIDED**

Jersey City still doesn't know who its Mayor is. About 10% of the vote remains uncounted. But that didn't stop front-runner Jerramiah Healy from claiming victory last night. His closest opponent, Louis Manzo says he won't concede until all the ballots are counted.

*Date:* November 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**VOLUNTEERS NOT PAID**

A story about how campaign workers for acting Jersey City Mayor Hard Smith saying they were underpaid for working 14 hour days during his campaign. Campaign officials said it boiled down to a paperwork error and everyone was properly paid.

*Date:* November 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**SCHOOL SHOT UP**

A school shooting unlike any other. The bullets came from an F-16 fighter jet, sending 25 rounds of ammunition into an elementary school in Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey.

*Date:* November 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**JC MAYOR-ELECTION CHALLENGED**

The election for Mayor of Jersey City is being challenged. Councilman Jerramiah Healy is declaring victory. But the man in second place, Louis Manzo, says he's only 3,000 votes behind. And claims more than 10,000 votes are still missing.

*Date:* November 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NEW McGREEVEY ACCUSATIONS**

More sex scandals are showing up on the eve of Jim McGreevey's farewell address. A newspaper report says during his run for Governor, McGreevey was a regular at go-go bars and gay clubs. It also links him with a prostitute named Rosa.

*Date:* November 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**SCHOOL REOPENS**

It was back to school for some local students Little Egg Harbor after their school was in the line of fire, from an F-16!

*Date:* November 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**STABBING AT SCHOOL**

A violent start to the school day, when a fight ends with three kids stabbed. It happened this morning at Ferris High in Jersey City. A fourth student was beaten. None of them are seriously injured.

*Date:* November 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DRUG RING BUSTED**

Federal and Passaic County officers found more than \$3 million worth of heroine in Newark. Also, \$100,000 in cash, cell phones and other drug paraphernalia. They say the group used baby gift wrapping to camouflage the drugs. Authorities say 37 year old Luis Gonzalez was the ring leader of this million dollar operation. And that he supplied drugs to most of North Jersey and New York City.

*Date:* November 10, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**TERROR ALERT LOWERED**

The threat level has been lowered in some high risk areas. Financial institutions in New York, New Jersey and Washington are going down from Orange to Yellow alert. Federal Officials raised it 3 months ago because of concerns of targeting from terrorists.

*Date:* November 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY PORTRAIT**

New Jersey governor Jim McGreevey officially resigned earlier this week. He stepped down from office after a sex scandal and announcing that he is gay. Officials have given the go ahead for McGreevey's portrait to join those of other former Governors at the Statehouse.

*Date:* November 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NJ TRANSIT HIKES**

NJ transit says fuel, health care and security costs are taking a toll. So it may raise train, bus and light rail fares by 15%. And the New Jersey turnpike Authority is also looking to save a buck.

*Date:* November 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MAYOR CHOSEN-JC**

Councilman Jerramiah Healy was declared the winner and sworn in today, 10 days after the election for Mayor of Jersey City. He will fill the unexpired term of Mayor Glenn Cunningham, who died of a heart attack in May.

*Date:* November 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**GAS SHUT-OFF**

A story about how utility company New Jersey natural gas had shut off the heat for one customer in Monmouth County. Like most utility companies, New Jersey Natural Gas offers a financial assistance plan. But the customer elected not to go that route.

*Date:* November 13, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**WHO IS RICHARD CODEY**

Richard Codey will be sworn-in tomorrow night at his home in West Orange to replace departing Governor Jim McGreevey. He is currently Senate President, so he automatically becomes Governor when McGreevey's resignation takes effect. Codey was Governor once before in 2002, when there was a transition of power. Codey has said balancing the budget will be his top priority.

*Date:* November 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY TAKING OVER**

New Jersey will get a new Governor this week. Senate President Richard Codey was formally sworn in. He is taking over as Jim McGreevey's term which, touched by its share of scandal, comes to an end.

*Date:* November 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**McGREEVEY'S LAST DAY**

This was Governor Jim McGreevey's last day. Last week, he gave his resignation speech. Back in August, McGreevey announced he would step down citing a gay affair. Richard Codey was sworn-in last evening as his replacement.

*Date:* November 15, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**STARVED KIDS**

The father accused of starving his four adopted sons is in the hospital tonight. Raymond Jackson suffered a massive stroke and is now said to be in a coma. Jackson and his wife Vanessa are facing charges for starving their four adopted children in their South Jersey home.

*Date:* November 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ BEAR HUNTING**

The bear hunt will go on again in New Jersey this year. The State held its first bear hunt in 33 years last year. Officials okayed it to help control the bear population. But this year, the DEP commissioner was pushing for a contraception program instead.

*Date:* November 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SCHOOL SHOOTING**

Shots ring out at Hudson County Vocational Tech High School in Jersey. One student was shot. He was taken to Jersey City Medical Center. Then was later airlifted to University Hospital in Newark. But officials are saying his injuries are not life threatening.

*Date:* November 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FALSE ALARM-VAN STOPPED**

A driver in Clifton spotted a green van with New York plates fitting the description, and called police. The driver was pulled over in Passaic and taken in for questioning. Turns out he was not the same man.

*Date:* November 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**BUS ACCIDENT-NJ TRANSIT**

Panic and the potential for serious harm as a New Jersey Transit bus went out of control in downtown Newark injuring nearly a dozen people.

*Date:* November 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**BIG BOTTLE OF WINE**

New Jersey is the new home of Maximus - the world's largest bottle of wine. Maximus was snagged for a princely \$56,000 at Sotheby's. It serves 1,200. The Beringer 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon will go on display at Wine Ventures.

*Date:* November 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SYMBOLS OF THE SEASON**

A story about someone who tried to do away with some of the religious symbols of the season, including the Menorah in the city of Demarest, New Jersey.

*Date:* November 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**GAS STATION CLERK ATTACKED**

Two attendants at separate gas stations are beaten within just minutes of each other. The first attendant was hit and knocked unconscious at this Getty station in Jersey City. Minutes later, another attendant was hit with a rifle at this nearby Ultra Stop gas station.

*Date:* November 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE FOR GOVERNOR**

Senator Jon Corzine plans to run for Governor of New Jersey. That's the word from Democrats in Corzine's inner circle. They say the Senator will officially make his announcement sometime next week making him the first Democrat to throw his hat into the ring.

*Date:* November 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**LOCAL TEAM CHARITY**

Devils fans have no games to watch but they came out to see their heroes and donate food products. Former Devils Ken Daneyko, John McLean and several others helped raise over 1,000 pounds of food to help benefit the community food bank of New Jersey.

*Date:* November 26, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**SHOP TIL YOU DROP**

A story about a shopping marathon in Newport Center Mall in Jersey City.

*Date:* November 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING-RETAILERS**

Early Holiday shopping figures signs show sales figures are strong. Visa says shoppers spent more than \$4 billion yesterday using their credit cards. Not only were people hitting the malls like the one in Newport Center Mall in Jersey City, there was also a spike in online shopping.

*Date:* November 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**OIL SPILL**

Clean-up crews are cleaning up an oil spill off the coast of New Jersey. A tanker spilled 30,000 gallons of heavy crude oil into the Delaware River. Shipping on the river has been stopped until the spill is cleaned up. The 20 mile long slick has killed 50 birds and injured another 300.

*Date:* November 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**12 OUNCE BABY**

One New Jersey family is celebrating a small miracle. She was born premature back in July and weighed just 12-ounces. She only had a 5% chance of survival. Now at close to 4-pounds, she was able to leave the hospital and spend her first Thanksgiving at home.

*Date:* November 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**E-Z PASS HEARINGS**

Officials want to discontinue E-z pass discounts on the New Jersey Turnpike, eliminating the 15% rush-hour and weekend money breaks. The Turnpike Authority says the additional money will help pay for road improvements.

*Date:* November 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR**

Senator Jon Corzine is expected to announce he's running for Governor. Corzine would be the first Democrat to formally enter the Gubernatorial race.

*Date:* November 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**LAYOFF IN LINDEN**

General Motors says it will lay off 950 workers at its assembly plant in Linden, New Jersey. The company blames low demand for Chevy Blazers and GMC Jimmy's.

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*Date:* December 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **CABBIE PROTEST**

Customers had a hard time finding a taxi today in Jersey City after cabbies staged a protest. They are demanding better security. The two hour strike was prompted by the murder of driver Rady Kella killed on Thanksgiving Day. Drivers want bullet proof partitions and security cameras.

*Date:* December 1, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **BERGEN COUNTY COCAINE BUST**

Forty-three people have been charged with running a sports betting ring. Cops called it "Operation Jersey Boys". It netted guns, cocaine and one million dollars in cash. The gambling ring was allegedly being run out of Caffe Roma in East Rutherford by members of three crime families.

*Date:* December 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CORZINE OFFICIALLY IN THE RACE**

New Jersey Senator Jon Corzine plans to run for Governor. The former investment banker is the first Democrat to enter the race. Acting Governor Richard Codey says he has not yet decided if he will run for a full term.

*Date:* December 2, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **BEAR HUNT CANCELLED**

The black bear hunt is banned for New Jersey. That's the ruling from the State Supreme Court.

*Date:* December 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### **FEDERAL FUNDING CUT**

The President is chopping Jersey City's money to \$6.7 million. That's down 60% from 17 million. And Newark's funding will drop to 12.4 million, down 17% from nearly 15 million. Acting Governor Richard Codey believes the cutbacks are the result of New Jersey voting for John Kerry in November.

*Date:* December 3, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **POPULAR SUV'S**

They're the station wagons of the 21st century and the top means of transportation for New Jerseyans. SUV's are a hit with Garden State families, even in spite of high gas prices.

*Date:* December 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ SOLDIER HEARING**

A military hearing today for former New Jersey resident Javal Davis. He's one of 7 soldiers accused in the Abu Graib Prison abuse scandal. The judge ordered the former head of U.S. prisons in Iraq to testify in the case. Davis has told investigators, his superiors ordered the abuse.

*Date:* December 4, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**NJ FIRST FLU CASE**

New Jersey has reported its first case of the flu. And since only 134,000 vaccine doses were given out this year, the State's Health Commissioner is urging residents to take extra precautions, like washing your hands frequently. Another 342,000 doses are expected to be available later in the season.

*Date:* December 5, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WEDDING HALL ROBBER**

Anthony Rossi has confessed to stealing gifts from three weddings in South Jersey. Police say he simply crashed the parties, and helped himself to the gifts.

*Date:* December 6, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CIRCUIT CITY ADS**

Charges that Circuit City's plugging itself the wrong way. The chain has been slapped with a lawsuit from the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs. The suit claims Circuit City doesn't do a good enough job explaining its zero percent financing, especially when it comes to penalties.

*Date:* December 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**GAY MARRIAGE**

A new battle in the fight over gay marriage. A State Appeals Court is considering whether to allow same-sex marriages in New Jersey.

*Date:* December 7, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CODEY-SALVATION ARMY**

New Jersey's Acting Governor is trying to give the Salvation Army a helping hand. Target banned bell ringers from its stores this year saying they don't allow any fundraising on their property. But Acting Governor Richard Codey is giving bell ringers a place to go. He's allowing them to set up at toll roads and rest stops on the Turnpike and Parkway.

*Date:* December 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**NJ BEING SHORTCHANGED**

Lawmakers in New Jersey are vowing to fight for the State's fair share of Homeland Security money. Federal Officials announced they're slashing funding to Newark and Jersey City. Acting Governor Richard Codey says it doesn't make sense that cities like Portland and Dallas are getting more Federal money than New Jersey.

*Date:* December 8, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**JCPL STRIKE**

Electrical workers for Jersey Central Power and Light Company are on strike. Union members are upset about increased health care costs. No new talks have been scheduled. JCP&L managers have been called in to cover for striking workers.

*Date:* December 9, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**  
**GIFT OF LIFE**

Jovonne Mosher met the man who donated his bone marrow to her when she desperately needed it. They were guests of honor at the New Jersey Blood Services, "Champions of Life" event. It was held tonight at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

*Date:* December 10, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**RIDGE-NJ IS SAFE**

Secretary Ridge insists New Jersey is safe. He defended cuts to cities like Newark and Jersey City. The terror threat there has been lowered since a warning over the summer of potential attacks. Ridge says security was stepped up at those sites using corporate money.

*Date:* December 11, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Law Enforcement**  
**CORZINE REACTION**

The following was the reaction for NJ Senator Jon Corzine after Homeland Security Director Nominee Bernard Kerick withdrew his name from consideration: "The President was right to have nominated someone who understands the unique Homeland Security issues facing the New Jersey-New York region. I urge him to do so again."

*Date:* December 12, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ HEROIN**

The Garden State has the purest heroin in the nation. The Federal Drug Enforcement Agency's recent tests of heroin samples showed that New Jersey heroin is more than 70% pure. That's twice the national average. That makes it more addictive and more likely to lead to an overdose.

*Date:* December 14, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**SMOKING IN BARS**

Researchers say smoking makes the air quality in New Jersey bars a lot worse than New York City. The study measured air pollution in bars in 62 U.S. cities, including Hoboken. The air in those bars and restaurants was nine times worse than in New York City, which has a smoking ban. A new poll says 3 out of 4 new Jerseyans now favor a law banning smoking inside all restaurants and bars.

*Date:* December 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Education**

**NO HEAT IRVINGTON HS**

In Irvington, New Jersey, there have been problems with the boiler in Irvington High School. Some students left school, and went to the Mayor's office to complain.

*Date:* December 16, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CLAM HOUSE DEMOLITION**

A New Jersey landmark is being demolished. Crews have begun dismantling the old "Clam Broth House" restaurant in Hoboken. It opened in 1899 and was a popular spot in its hey-day. The building was condemned last year after cracks were noticed in the building.

*Date:* December 17, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SCHOOL SHOT UP**

A National Guard pilot opened fire on this school in Little Egg Harbor in South Jersey. Investigators say he pulled a loaded gun when he meant to hit a laser.

*Date:* December 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Substance Abuse**

**BORDENTOWN DWI**

A man being tested during a DWI stop was killed by a passing truck. It happened along this stretch of route 130 in Bordentown Township down in South Jersey. Cops had pulled William Grieb over when a tractor trailer bulldozed into them. Police later found open bottles of alcohol inside the tractor trailer and arrested its driver.

*Date:* December 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**BAD AIR IN NJ**

Thirteen of New Jersey's 21 counties fail new air quality standards established by the EPA. Among the counties: Bergen, Passaic, Essex, Hudson, Morris and Union. A large part of the problem is microscopic soot that comes from diesel trucks.

*Date:* December 18, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**CALCIUM CAMPAIGN**

A new ad campaign promotes the benefits of calcium, and its coming to New Jersey. Health and nutrition advocates say Black and Hispanic kids are not getting enough calcium, which is found in foods like milk and cheese and that makes them more prone to blood and bone diseases.

*Date:* December 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ MORNING FOG-2 FATALS**

Morning fog caused two deadly accidents in New Jersey. In Bass River Township, police shut down the Garden State Parkway after a multi-vehicle pileup in the southbound lanes. One person was killed. And in Old Bridge, a driver was killed in a separate accident on the parkway.

*Date:* December 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**NJ PATROL BOATS**

New Jersey has 3 powerful new weapons tonight in the war on terrorism. They are patrol boats that will help protect our shores as America stands on alert against terrorism.

*Date:* December 19, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MISSING PROGRAMMER**

A duck hunter might have solved the mystery of a missing man from New Jersey. The hunter was walking along the banks of a river in Idaho, when he spotted a body in the water. Dan Clune, a computer programmer from Mmatawan, vanished from the area more than a month ago. Investigators think he fell into the river while walking home after a night of drinking.

*Date:* December 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**KERIK UNDER FIRE - BUSH**

Published reports have linked Bernard Kerik to a company in New Jersey with ties to the mob. Now some old emails from Kerik suggest he shared inside information about a City investigation with that company. President Bush continues defending Kerik's decision to withdraw.

*Date:* December 20, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**AIDS PILL COMBO**

A pair of drug companies announce a first in treating the AIDS virus. New Jersey based Bristol-Myers Squibb and Gilead Sciences Incorporated say they're making an all in one pill. The once a day pill would replace two to four pills commonly swallowed each day by AIDS patients. The combo pill could be available as early as 2006.

*Date:* December 21, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**RACIAL PROFILING UPDATE - NJ**

New Jersey State Police are now getting a passing grade when it comes to racial profiling. Federal monitors say the State has made remarkable progress in its efforts to end the practice. The court-appointed panel, also said it found no evidence of racial profiling by state troopers.

*Date:* December 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SCARE ON THE STREET**

Story about the My9 News Crew who stopped to assist a woman who was held-up on the streets of Jersey City.

*Date:* December 22, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**EZ PASS DISCOUNTS**

E-Z pass discounts on the New Jersey Turnpike will be disappearing. E-Z Pass drivers get a 15% discount on rush hour and weekend tolls. But come January 1, 2006, those discounts are gone. Officials say they need the money for highway improvements.

*Date:* December 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CRIME SUMMIT**

Time to take action to end the violence in New Jersey's largest city. Newark Mayor Sharpe James met with community and clergy leaders at a Crime Summit to discuss ways to stop the killing in their City.

*Date:* December 23, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SLEEPY'S SUIT**

Sleepy's has settled a lawsuit brought by the state of New Jersey. The mattress seller has agreed to pay \$750,000. State Officials claimed Sleepy's sold defective merchandise and failed to deliver when promised. It'll pay \$90,000 to customers and the rest to the State.

*Date:* December 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MOVING SCAM**

Remember, if you're moving within state lines in New York or New Jersey, you are protected. Movers are regulated by the D.O.T. in New York and Consumers Affairs in New Jersey.

*Date:* December 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SISTERS & SOLDIERS**

Story about 2 sisters who are serving on duty in Iraq who will be away from their home and families in Manchester Township during the holiday season.

*Date:* December 24, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BELL RINGING ON NJ TURNPIKE**

There was plenty of bell ringing and celebrating on the New Jersey Turnpike. Acting Governor Richard Codey helped ring in donations at the Vince Lombardi rest stop in Ridgefield. The Governor stepped in after the State's 28 Target Stores told the bell ringers to go away. Codey has invited the Salvation Army back to the State's rest stops and New Jersey Transit locations next year.

*Date:* December 25, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NO PRISON VISITATION**

A "visitors" lock out in New Jersey prisons has inmates outraged. The State ordered the lock out because it doesn't have enough funding to pay officers overtime. But prison advocates say the holidays are the only time of year some inmates get visitors.

*Date:* December 27, 2004

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**STOP & FRISK CONTROVERSY**

Police in East Orange say they are being told to profile. They say higher ups want them to stop and question African American youngsters who are carrying backpacks.

*Date:* December 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NEIGHBOR TO THE RESCUE**

Story of a neighbor coming to the rescue and chasing down the attacker of a woman in Clifton, NJ.

*Date:* December 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**LYNDHURST FATAL FIRE**

Police say the 59 year old woman died when the blaze ripped through this house on Post Avenue in Lyndhurst. Authorities say, at this time the fire does not appear suspicious, but an investigation is underway.

*Date:* December 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MURDER SUICIDE**

An entire family is dead after an apparent murder suicide in Clifton, New Jersey.

*Date:* December 28, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**WOODBIDGE FIRE**

A blaze breaks out sending one home up in flames in Woodbridge in Middlesex County. One firefighter was treated on the scene for minor injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

*Date:* December 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MALL SECURITY**

Security at another mall in our area is being beefed up to fight terrorism. State Police are now patrolling the Willowbrook Mall in Wayne. It's all part of New Jersey's Homeland Security effort.

*Date:* December 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**DANGEROUS DRIVING - BUSES**

Residents in East Rutherford say buses in their area are not only noisy, they're dangerous! They say lives could be at risk, and they want something done about it.

*Date:* December 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ DUI HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT**

At checkpoints in New Jersey, police will begin testing for a lower blood alcohol limit. Starting New Year's Eve, the new level will be .08, down from 1.0. In addition a new law will tighten sentences for repeat offenders.

*Date:* December 29, 2004

**ISSUES: Economy**

**EDDIE MURPHY HOUSE FOR SALE**

Eddie Murphy has put his New Jersey mansion up for sale. The 25,000 square foot home in Englewood comes with a whopping \$30 million price tag. Sitting on 5 acres it also has a guest house, indoor pool, bowling alley and recording studio. The price tag breaks all New Jersey records for single family homes.

*Date:* December 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**MANSION FIRE**

Firefighters on the scene at a massive mansion fire. It is a three and a half story mansion in an upscale division of Millburn, New Jersey.

*Date:* December 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Health**

**OFFERING SUPPORT**

Jersey City families are reaching out to distant relatives who survived the Tsunami, with different religions joining forces and offering support to a continent in need.

*Date:* December 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**POINTED AT PLANES**

One month after the FBI warned lasers could be dangerously pointed at airplanes, at least six cockpits have been illuminated by lasers at Teterboro Airport.

*Date:* December 30, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NEW JERSEY NAZI**

An 86-year-old man in Hamilton Township in Mercer County is fighting for his citizenship. The Feds say he was part of the Holocaust and the murders of Jews during World War II.

*Date:* December 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NO GUNSHOTS**

Newark Mayor Sharpe James says ringing in the New Year with gunfire won't be tolerated! The Mayor is urging residents with guns to lock them up. James says revelers can hurt or kill innocent people with stray bullets.

*Date:* December 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**GIRL STARVED**

The town of Beachwood in Ocean County is in shock after learning a well respected family may have been starving their 5 year old foster child.

*Date:* December 31, 2004

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POINTING AT PLANES**

Police activity at a house in Parsippany where sources say lasers are being pointed at a small plane at Teterboro Airport, but the FBI is refusing to confirm this.

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*Date:* January 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **LASER POINT SUSPECT**

The FBI wants to know who's been pointing laser beams at planes. Over the past week, two incidents have been reported, right here at home in Parsippany, NJ. These are very strong lasers that blind pilots and risk the lives of all of passengers on board. Some planes have been targeted at ten thousand feet up or two miles high during flight. According to the FBI military lasers can do that and are available in international markets.

*Date:* January 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **MOTHER STRANGLER**

An elderly woman is strangled in her own home. Police say it was her own son who was trying to kill her. Now, he's under arrest. Friends and neighbors are trying to make sense of what happened.

*Date:* January 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **LASER SCARE MAN ID'D-**

Tonight we're learning more about the man accused of pointing at planes with a laser. 38-year old David Banach lives on a quiet street in Parsippany, New Jersey. He claims he was just playing with the green laser with his daughter and meant no harm. He's been questioned by authorities, but has not been charged with any crime.

*Date:* January 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **WOMAN HURT IN FIRE**

Fire officials in Jersey City blame an unattended candle for a smoky 2-alarm fire on Laidlaw Street this evening. The fire was under control in about half an hour. But not before driving everyone into the street. One woman was treated at a hospital for soot in her lungs.

*Date:* January 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NJ MARINE KILLED**

Once again, the war in Iraq hits close to home. 19-year old Brian Parrello, a Marine from West Milford, has been killed in action. Tonight, the flag flies at half-staff in front of West Milford's high school. Parrello decided to enlist after the September 11th attacks.

*Date:* January 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ROBBERY SPREE**

Tonight, police say some brazen bandits are now behind bars. According to Police Chief Ken Zisa the group was behind a wild robbery spree that terrorized several towns at gunpoint.

*Date:* January 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RELIEF RIP OFFS**

Some people donated money to the tsunami relief effort only to find out the recipient then tried to sell it for 50-thousand dollars. While you can't be sure whether or not some of the efforts out there are real or not, the experts say watch your wallet. there are lots of places to check out charities including the city government and better business bureau web sites. In the meantime, Senator Jon Corzine will lead a delegation to the region in an effort to find out exactly what's needed and where.

*Date:* January 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NJ MILLIONAIRES**

The latest analysis of tax returns shows 83-hundred people reported income of a million dollars or more in 2002. That's down from a peak of more than 12 thousand two years earlier. The average yearly salary in New Jersey is also down to 61-thousand dollars.

*Date:* January 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**LASER MAN ON BAIL**

A man wanted for pointing a laser at planes is out on bail tonight. He could wind up behind bars for a long time. Prosecutors say it's a serious matter.

*Date:* January 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MISSILE PLOT TRIAL**

U.S. Attorney for NJ Christopher Christie says British businessman Hemant Lakhani is accused of planning to smuggle two-hundred shoulder fired missiles into the United States to bring down commercial airliners. Hemant also advised a federal informant, posing as a terrorist, how to shoot down airplanes. Lakhani was arrested in 2003 at a hotel near Newark Airport.

*Date:* January 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**TRACTOR TRAILER ACCIDENT**

An accident lands a tractor-trailer on its side and on top of a gas pump. It happened here in Right on Route 17 off Ramapo Avenue. The tractor-trailer landed on top of the gas pump and another car. The gas pump didn't explode but there were minor injuries to a man and a woman in the vehicle the truck landed on.

*Date:* January 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**AIRPORT DELAYS**

The storm that's starting to hit is already causing some big airport delays. At this hour, Newark-Liberty is reporting two hour arrival delays and delays of up to six hours on some flights to the Midwest.

*Date:* January 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**HELPING HAND**

The international response to the Tsunami disaster has been overwhelming and now a group of inner city kids from Newark extend a helping hand.

*Date:* January 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**MOLD IN SCHOOL**

From rashes to runny noses students and teachers at one local school keep getting sick. After a sickening mold was found throughout their school Assemblyman Craig Stanley introduced legislation for mandatory mold testing in schools.

*Date:* January 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**LUPUS DRUG**

The first new lupus drug in nearly 40 years moves a big step closer to approval. The F-D-A has given the drug "Immunomedics" fast-track designation the approval to begin final clinical trials in the next few months in Morris Plains.

*Date:* January 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CORZINE FACT FINDING MISSION**

Senator Jon Corzine is getting ready for a fact-finding mission to determine the needs of the tsunami relief effort. He says the U.S. Commitment has to be at least 350 million dollars. Corzine and 3 other congressmen leave tomorrow for Southern Asia. He says they will assess the needs, and look at reported logistical problems. Most of all he says it will be a chance to express sympathy to suffering survivors.

*Date: January 5, 2005*

**ISSUES: Environment**

**TSUNAMI VICTIMS MEMORIAL**

in Perth Amboy a memorial service was held to honor and remember Tsunami victims. People gathered at Cathedral International for a prayer service. The pastor reminded worshippers how blessed our nation is, and that this is the time to reach out to those in need. Later they took up an offering that will support the church's efforts to provide aid in Asia.

*Date: January 6, 2005*

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WINTER STORM LEFT OVERS**

Last night's winter storm had some folks dealing with more slush than snow. You can see here in Bergen County, some snow stuck to the ground. Folks were left scraping off their windshields. There wasn't too much traffic on the roadways. Most roads were completely clear by the morning commute.

*Date: January 6, 2005*

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

***AMERICA ON ALERT/CODEY IN DC***

New Jersey has lost its fight to get more funding for the war on terror. Washington, DC Acting Governor Richard Codey and 13-members of Congress went to Washington, DC to meet with Homeland Security officials. The group was unable to obtain any more money.

*Date: January 6, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MURDER AT MCDONALD'S**

Sentencing today for the man who killed three workers when he crashed a car into a McDonald's. A judge in Camden, New Jersey gave Frank Na-stasi seven years in jail. He pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide last year.

*Date: January 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**VET KICKED OUT**

To the city he lives in, this Vet is just an obstacle to make way for development. That's why he's being kicked out of his house but this is veteran won't go down without a fight. He will meet with the developer and the township administrator to try to convince them to spare his home. If that doesn't work he plans to take the issue to court!

*Date: January 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MISS BEAZLEY**

President Bush and first lady Laura Bush introduced their new puppy today Meet "Miss Beazley." The Scottish terrier pup from New Jersey was a birthday present from the president to his wife. The first family says Miss Beazley has already bonded with first dog Barney.

*Date: January 8, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOME INVASION**

A woman shot inside of her house.. Cops are still looking for three suspects in this home invasion.

*Date: January 8, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CAR HIT BY TRAIN**

A car was hit by a train just before one-30 this morning in New Jersey. This particular crossing has no gate. People who knew the victims say that there needs to be change. The driver, a woman from Kenilworth, was killed on her birthday. The male passenger is recovering in the hospital.

*Date: January 8, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HIT& RUN**

Two-people remain hospitalized tonight after a high-speed hit and run. The driver who struck them is still on the loose. Police are hoping a description of the vehicle will help catch the culprit. These two people needed medical help quickly, but the driver, for whatever reason, did not stop to call for help. Chief James O'Connor of the Lyndhurst police department says neighbors rushed to the scene to find a shocking sight.

*Date: January 9, 2005*

**ISSUES: Community**

**TSUNAMI RELIEF DRIVE**

UPN 9 News is pitching in with our friends at FOX 5 for Tsunami Relief. On Monday's Good Day New York, join Harry Martin, Brenda Blackmon, Storm Field and Russ Salzberg as they take part in "Good Day Cares." They'll be broadcasting live from the Tick Tock Diner on Route Three West, in Clifton, from seven to nine a-m. The money raised will go to AmeriCares and its effort to help victims of the tsunami. So stop by the Tick Tock Diner to see the crew or tune into Good Day New York Monday morning from seven to nine.

*Date: January 9, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ PICTURE CELL PHONE BILL**

New Jersey lawmakers are trying to solve a picture phone problem. A state assembly panel is set to meet tomorrow to talk about privacy issues. They're

considering a bill that would require camera cell phones to be equipped with sound or light signals to warn you that your photo is being taken.

Date: *January 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**GASOLINE TRUCK ACCIDENT**

A gasoline tanker accident forces people from their homes. The cab of a Mobil gas truck separated from its tank in Linden. There was no fuel leak but fire officials evacuated a 2-block area just in case. No one was hurt.

Date: *January 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Religion**  
**NUN CLEARED - ISELIN**

Charges were dropped today against Sister Catherine lacouzze, a teacher accused of harassing a student. Sister Catherine Lacouzze was fired from a Catholic School in Iselin New Jersey.

Date: *January 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CAR INTO HOUSE**

A New Jersey family got quite a surprise tonight when a car slammed into their house in South Orange. The car was heading northbound on Prospect Street when it went out of control, damaging the front porch before finally coming to a stop in the driveway. No one was seriously hurt. Part of a plane actually broke off, crashing into a New Jersey neighborhood.

Date: *January 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Community**  
**RELIEF EFFORT UPDATE**

Some early risers in our area contributed money to the tsunami victims. UPN 9's Brenda, Storm and Russ were among them. All made a guest appearance on Fox 5's *Good Day New York* and joined representatives from AmeriCare at the Tick Tock Diner in Clifton. Together we helped Raise \$127,000. You can still make a donation through the AmeriCares website.

Date: *January 11, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CHILD PORN ARRESTS**

A big break tonight in an international child porn bust. Two men from Belarus have been extradited to u-s district court in Newark. They're among a thousand people arrested in a worldwide investigation. It involves a company in Florida that admitted receiving money for memberships to child porn sites.

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WACKY WEATHER**

First, bundle up tonight. But don't pack that fall wardrobe away just yet. We are in a week of wacky weather. One day cold and snowy, the next day really warm and it's the middle of January.

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ STATE OF STATE ADDRESS**

NJ Governor Richard Codey delivered his first state of the state address today. The Acting New Jersey Governor says he'll make good use of his short time on the job by taking on one issue that hits close to home: improving the lives of the mentally ill.

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**HOMELAND SEC CHERTOFF PICKED**

President Bush today picked a former NJ Prosecutor to be his new Homeland Security Chief "Michael Chertoff" helped early on in the war on terror.

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CHILD CHOKES**

The accidental death of a five-year-old girl from Saddlebrook is a grim reminder to parents of young children: a little girl choked to death. She was playing with things you may find in your own home. Always be alert to possible deadly dangers around the house

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Live coverage of weather conditions from Mahwah where it's been sleeting and snowing for several hours.

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BATTLING BOOTLEG FILMS**

The feds are using a New Jersey company to stop the sale of bootleg films. Hollywood is taking a big hit by thieves who steal big screen productions and sell copies on the street. Now they may have a blockbuster of their own as they battle bootlegging. Now they can thank a New Jersey company for helping out.

*Date:* January 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BAKERY**

A man is dead tonight after falling into a giant mixer inside a bakery. Police say the 34-year old man fell into a stainless steel vat that's 20-feet deep. Plant officials say it appears he was looking through an inspection hole on the machine when he fell in.

*Date:* January 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**PROTECTING OUR MALLS - PARAMUS**

New Jersey's Acting Governor reveals details of an anti-terrorism plan to protect you when you're shopping, and your kids when they go to school.

*Date:* January 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**COLD CASE CRACK**

A major break tonight in a murder case two decades old. The cold case was cracked with an arrest made over a thousand miles away from New Jersey.

*Date:* January 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**STEM CELLS**

A new plan by New Jersey's new Governor has some lawmakers seeing red! Richard Codey wants the state to advance stem cell research but the plan means big bucks from a budget already in the red.

*Date:* January 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**TEEN CURFEW**

It's nearly 11 PM; do you know where your children are? Well if you don't, police may be bringing them to your door. Officials in Union City are now enforcing their teen curfew rule. Kids aren't amused.

*Date:* January 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**JCPL STRIKE - NEWARK**

Little progress was made today to settle a month-long strike against Jersey Central Power and Light. Negotiators met in Newark today with a State Mediator but they ended with talks broken off until a week from tomorrow.

*Date:* January 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**TUNNEL TROUBLE**

This week's crazy weather may be to blame for big trouble at the Holland Tunnel. Anyone driving that way found themselves in a traffic mess caused by a big hole.

*Date:* January 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PINNED IN POLICE CAR**

Two police officers pinned inside an overturned police vehicle are recovering tonight. It happened in Paterson at route 20 and Overlook road. The police car was involved in an accident, which caused it to flip upside down. The officers were removed and taken to the hospital. No word yet on what caused the accident or the condition of the officers.

*Date:* January 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DEFOGGING EXPLOSION**

A kitchen explosion rocks a neighborhood. The blast was so powerful it knocked out the living room windows. Jersey City fire officials say a woman set off three roach defoggers in her home but she forgot to turn off the pilot light on the stove. Investigators say when she opened the front door; oxygen mixed with the gases and caused the explosion. No one was injured and firefighters say the defoggers rocked the house but not the roaches.

*Date:* January 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**TRUCK TRAFFIC POLLUTION**

A new study predicts New Jersey will have 7-times more traffic delays by the year 20-20. Deadly accidents and days with dangerous air are also supposed to rise sharply. Researchers suggest curbing truck traffic with more tolls.

*Date;* January 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**TALLEST ROLLER COASTER - JACKSON**

Get ready to ride on the world's tallest fastest roller coaster and you won't have to go far. It's called "Kingda Ka" and the Six Flags Great Adventure coaster towers over the amusement park at four hundred and fifty-six feet. It goes a hundred and twenty-eight miles per hour! It will be ready for riders as soon as the park opens this spring.

*Date:* January 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**SHOP RITE CO LEAK**

A carbon monoxide scare forced the evacuation of a grocery store. In Sussex County. Firefighters climbed to the roof to check out the problem. About 20-people complained of symptoms. A cracked exhaust pipe in an electrical generator was the source of the fumes.

*Date:* January 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FAMILY TRAGEDY**

A community is mourning a family tragedy tonight. Four family members - two of them young girls - found brutally murdered in their Jersey City home. Cops are still searching for clues.

*Date:* January 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**NJ MUDSLIDE VICTIM**

A woman from New Jersey is the latest victim of the la-conchita mudslide. Vanessa Bryson's home was swept away last Monday when trees and dirt came tumbling from the hills. She died under the rubble. Her parents in Cape May are devastated. Vanessa lived in California for five years with her boyfriend. The Cape May community and police department are chipping in to help bring her body back to New Jersey.

*Date:* January 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**COMMUNITY IN MOURNING**

Cops still have no motive or suspect in the brutal slaying of a family in their home in Jersey City. The tragedy has left an entire community struggling to cope with the horror.

*Date:* January 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHOOTING**

The hunt is on tonight for two gunmen responsible for a deadly shooting in Newark. Residents say something drastic needs to be done about the violence in that city.

*Date:* January 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STRIP CLUB STABBING**

Two people are dead tonight after being stabbed outside a strip club. It happened early this morning at a club called "lookers" in Elizabeth. One person died at the club, the other died later at the hospital. Police say the attackers may have driven off in a pickup truck.

*Date:* January 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PD IMPERSONATOR**

Another police impersonator strikes. This time in Passaic, New Jersey. A fake cop with a badge asked another man to identify himself by showing his wallet. The fake cop made a note of the man's credit card numbers then left the scene.

*Date:* January 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MURDERS**

There's a 500-thousand dollar reward out tonight in the savage killing of an Egyptian couple and their two children. Meanwhile, word that the family may have been executed because of Anti-Muslim comments sparked a protest today.

*Date:* January 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MANSION FIRE**

A massive fire tears through a mansion. Firefighters worked in frigid temperatures this afternoon to douse out the flames, which broke out at this mansion in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. No word yet on what sparked the fire.

*Date:* January 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FAMILY FUNERAL**

Mourning turns to mayhem during a funeral for an Egyptian family as authorities still try to determine who's to blame for the brutal killings.

*Date:* January 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WATER MAIN BREAK**

A water main break causes an icy mess in Jersey City. It happened at busy Route 440 and Communipaw Avenue. Emergency crews had to fight the bitter cold trying to repair the leak. Salter's and Sanders were brought in to combat the ice.

*Date:* January 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**UP IN FLAMES**

Families are forced into the frigid cold after their Union New Jersey home goes up in flames. Playing with matches appears to be the cause.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PROTECTING OUR BORDERS**

New Jersey's two U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine went straight to the top for help today. They want more federal money for protecting our borders.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WATER MAIN BREAK**

There was "ice on the road" after a water main break in Jersey City. Crews were called-in to patch up the problem. The break happened at Tonnelle and Manhattan Avenue and backed up traffic in both directions. The frigid weather is believed to have caused the break.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RAPES NEAR RUTGERS**

A hung jury failed to convict a man accused in off-campus rapes at Rutgers. He was one of four accused in a string of assaults. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on the most serious charges but did convict him for conspiracy and burglary. Timothy heard was one of four accused in a string of assaults. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on the most serious charges.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**CHEMICAL LEAK AT SETON HALL**

A chemical leak created a scare today at Seton Hall. There was some sort of chemical reaction inside a lab at McNulty Hall. Police were called to the scene. But there was no fire or explosion. No one was injured.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Entertainment**  
**NJ BAND SENDOFF TO DC**

It's time to strike up the band for some New Jersey teenagers. They've been "tapped" to take part in the president's inaugural parade. A special send off from their town.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

***NJ DRUG BUST -***

They're taking back the streets one day at a time. Tonight 19-suspected members of a drug ring are behind bars. Acting Essex County Prosecutor Paula Dow and NJ Attorney General Peter Harvey say it's part of what is called operation "out-of-towners." Because of where the drug buyers are coming from. The group says it will continue to crackdown on drug dealers and suppliers, as well as their customers. No matter where they live or what their background.

*Date:* January 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

***ON-LINE PREDATOR LAW***

New Jersey has a new law to protect the public from on line predators. Acting governor Richard Codey signed the bill today. It was prompted by the case of a woman who became a target. A man showed up at her home after being lured by a posting on the Internet. Under the law, people who use the Internet to lure someone into committing a crime could end up in jail. New Jersey already has a law making it illegal to lure children using the Internet.

*Date: January 18, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**LAUTENBERG ENDORSING CORZINE**

Tomorrow, Senator Frank Lautenberg is expected to endorse Senator Jon Corzine in the race for New Jersey governor. Corzine is the first Democrat to formally announce his candidacy for Governor but Acting Governor Richard Codey is expected to run for a full term.

*Date: January 18, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CITY THEFT**

A Newark city employee is charged with stealing from taxpayers. Virginia Calderon has worked for Newark for eighteen years. Police say she collected cash from two taxpayers and sent them receipts saying they still owed a balance, and then pocketed the difference. Newark Police Director Anthony Ambrose says officials are also reviewing two other possible cases, where taxpayers received handwritten receipts and were not credited for their full payments.

*Date: January 19, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**LAUTENBERG ENDORSES CORZINE FOR GOV**

New Jersey Senator Jon Corzine is ready to hit the campaign trail. Today he got a rousing endorsement from fellow Senator Frank Lautenberg.

*Date: January 19, 2005*

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**FAMILY SLAIN MUSLIM NEWS CONF**

Muslim leaders are trying to defuse religious tensions after last week's murder of an Egyptian Coptic Christian family. The Muslims gathered in Jersey City to condemn the murders. Hoss-am ar-man-ious, his wife, and two children were found in Jersey City with their throats slit. Some believe they were slain by a Muslim angry over Armanious's Internet postings. So far there have been no arrests. Police also investigating the possibility of a robbery motive.

*Date: January 19, 2005*

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**NJ TRANIST FARE HIKES**

Some commuters could be facing another transit hike. New Jersey transit just proposed a fare hike to cover a budget gap. Overall, fares would go up an average of fifteen percent but fares would not increase for commuters using monthly passes for local buses or light rail.

*Date:* January 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**IMPROVING COMMUNICATION**

Homeland security officials in New Jersey are also hard at work improving communications. A big step is a new radio system for first responders. New Jersey's integrated "first responders" system can also communicate with the New York State Police, New York's Office of Emergency Management and the NYPD.

*Date:* January 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**AIRPORT SECURITY**

Homeland security started testing new procedures at the airport today. Newark Liberty Airport became the first in this area to start requiring foreign visitors to "check out". Before leaving the u-s they are now photographed and fingerprinted. Officials then verify that the person leaving is the same one who came in.

*Date:* January 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**WATER MAIN BREAK**

A water main break leaves traffic snarled right at the height of rush hour. This was the scene over Paramus just after five this evening. The water main broke on Route 4 Westbound near Forest Avenue. Traffic was backed up all the way to Fort Lee. Crews fixed the problem and had traffic moving again in a few hours.

*Date:* January 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FIRE**

A busy night for firefighters after a house goes up in flames. Flames broke out in this two and half story home in East Orange around three this afternoon. Firefighters were on scene for hours battling this one. Investigators are trying to figure out what sparked the fire.

*Date:* January 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**RACIST PHONE CALLS**

Churches are the targets of racist phone calls but the shocker is who allegedly made them. A minister, Rev. Martin Kraus was reportedly behind the disturbing calls to the Wayne Baptist Church.

*Date:* January 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**NJ PREPS FOR WINTER STORM**

Less than 14-hours and counting until the snow starts falling, road crews are ready and before you know it they'll be hitting the streets plowing the snow. Live coverage from North Bergen

*Date:* January 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**NJ MEDICAL MARIJUANA BILL**

New Jersey State Senator Nicholas Scutari wants to legalize marijuana for medical use. The Union County Democrat is a former prosecutor. The bill would allow doctors to authorize medical marijuana use for patients with debilitating illnesses. He says it would protect people with illnesses such as aids and cancer from being arrested and prosecuted.

*Date:* January 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**NJ STATE OF EMERGENCY**

New Jersey Governor Richard Codey has declared a state of emergency until 8 AM when the snow is cleared.

*Date:* January 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WATCHING TAILGATERS**

There is going to be a crack down on tailgating at the Meadowlands. Officials say they're going to keep a close eye on any drinking done on their property. The new policy comes after a Bergen County jury awarded 135-million dollars to a seven-year-old girl. She was paralyzed in a car crash with a drunken football fan.

*Date:* January 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WITH WINTER STOM**

The worst still to come, everyone is being urged to stay indoors and off the roads. It's not only a matter of safety. Less traffic will make it easier for the snow plows to do their job. Our team coverage continues with Joann Pileggi live in East Brunswick

*Date:* January 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**TRANSIT TROUBLES**

The storm has made getting around by public transportation tricky. New Jersey Transit trains are experiencing delays. And nearly all New Jersey Transit bus service has been suspended.

*Date:* January 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**TRUCK BLOCKS TRAFFIC**

This tractor-trailer accident in alpine, new jersey is a prime example of what's happening on the roads. The 18-wheeler jack-knifed near Route 9-W. Clearing away accidents is also a tough task given the weather.

*Date:* January 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**SNOW PLOW CHALLENGE**

It's been a rough couple of days digging out from the snow. And some towns have done a better job than others clearing the roads. Tonight, we put some of those towns to the test. It's our exclusive snowplow challenge, to see if you're getting the service you deserve.

*Date:* January 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**OIL TANK EXPLOSION**

Four Perth Amboy families are overwhelmed with grief tonight after three men who work at an acetylene plant die a violent death in an explosion and another is left fighting for his life.

*Date:* January 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY FOR GOVERNOR**

Acting Governor Richard Codey is expected to announce in a few days he's officially entering the race for governor. A new Quinnipiac University poll shows he's gaining on expected front-runner Jon Corzine. Right now, Corzine leads Codey 43 to 33 percent.

*Date:* January 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY'S CONFRONTATION**

A heated confrontation at a popular radio station pits a DJ against New Jersey's Acting Governor after he made comments about First Lady Mary Jo Codey and her battle with post partum depression.

*Date:* January 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PRINCIPAL SEX CHARGES**

A principal is accused of offering student money to take off his clothes. Principal Daniel Edwards has been suspended with pay pending an investigation facing sex charges. The fourteen-year-old student at this Camden middle school says Daniel Edwards offered him 40 dollars to take his pants off.

*Date:* January 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ATTORNEYS ARRESTED**

Four New Jersey lawyers are on the wrong side of the law. Essex county prosecutors say the men stole money from their client's trust accounts. These attorneys used this money stolen from their clients for personal purchases such as credit card payments, car payments and food. Two of the lawyers have been disbarred. The other 2 suspended. All face heavy fines and jail time if convicted.

*Date:* January 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GAS STATION RAGE**

New Jersey police are looking for a man who killed a gas attendant.

*Date:* January 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FIRE**

Firefighters have it tough fighting fires in these frigid temperatures. This massive blaze broke out inside a two family home in Irvington. Firefighters used ladders to hose down the flames. As they took shifts, firefighters kept warm inside a New Jersey transit bus down the street.

*Date:* January 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**D'AMIANO SENTENCED**

A fundraising contributor for Former New Jersey Governor James McGreevey is headed to prison. David D'Amiano was sentenced to two years for demanding campaign donations from a New Jersey farm owner.

*Date:* January 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ CHOPPER VICTIM**

U.s. Marine Corporal Sean Kelly is one of the victims who died in a downed helicopter. Sean Kelly was based in Hawaii and his family was planning to celebrate his 24th birthday, which would have been on February 18th.

*Date:* January 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**TRANSIT POWER PROBLEMS**

A downed line just east of Secaucus Junction caused big delays for passengers on both New Jersey Transit and Amtrak. Good news though repairs are now complete and trains are back on schedule.

*Date:* January 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**HONORING GLENN CUNNINGHAM**

Jersey City is opening a new pre-school in honor of late Mayor Glenn Cunningham. To celebrate, kids sang his favorite song. Friends described Mayor Cunningham as a huge fan of education and history. He died suddenly last year after suffering a heart attack. His wife Sandra and Attorney General Peter Harvey cut the ribbon.

*Date:* January 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY'S WIFE POST PARTUM**

New Jersey's First Lady, Mary Jo Codey is trying to raise awareness about post-partum depression. Today she toured the childbirth pavilion at Hackensack University Medical Center. She said she was grateful her husband stood up to a radio DJ who made fun of her battle with post-partum depression and called the DJ uninformed.

*Date:* January 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**ENDORING CORZINE**

Some powerful politicians are endorsing Senator Jon Corzine for Governor. Congressman Bob Menendez joined a group of Hudson County Democratic leaders in backing Corzine. Menendez is the third-ranking Democrat in the U-S House. Corzine is the only announced Democrat in the race. Acting Governor Codey will reportedly announce Monday whether or not he will seek a full term

*Date:* January 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY NOT RUNNING - TRENTON**

There are reports tonight that Richard Codey will not run for a full term as New Jersey Governor. Codey previously expressed interest in the job but his only reported democratic rival, Senator Jon Corzine, has already raked up several key endorsements. Codey is expected to make an announcement on Monday.

*Date:* January 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FAMILY MURDERED**

A community in mourning is calling for an arrest in the murder of a family. Relatives of the Armanious family and members of the Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Church gathered in prayer in Jersey City tonight for a mom and dad, and their two children. They were found with their throats slashed. Police are yet to make a break in the case. They say religion was not a motive.

*Date:* January 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY WON'T RUN**

New Jersey's Acting Governor is about to say he's out of the race for governor. Instead Richard Codey will endorse Senator Jon Corzine tomorrow. Codey has scheduled an 11 a.m. news conference in Trenton to make it official. Codey has told friends he cannot add campaigning to his other full time jobs as Acting Governor, State Senate President, Husband and Father.

*Date: January 30, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**GAS EXPLOSION**

A sleeping neighborhood in Union County got the rudest of awakenings this morning. Several families had to run for their lives when a gas explosion tore through their homes.

*Date: January 30, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ATTACKED BY CABBIE**

Imagine calling the same cab company you've used for years for a ride to work. Instead, you wind up in the hospital because of a beating by the cab driver. In Jersey City tonight a woman says she had a close encounter with a crazy cabbie. She claims she was viciously attacked and beaten.

*Date: January 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CODEY PULLS OUT OF RACE**

Acting Richard Codey has officially pulled out of the race for governor. Instead he's supporting Senator Jon Corzine who was there for the announcement.

*Date: January 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**UPS DRUG DELIVERIES**

A UPS driver and his son are arrested for what police are calling drug deliveries. Hackensack police say the driver was having marijuana shipped to random addresses along his route. Then he'd pass the package off to his son. Police say they finally nabbed the men when authorities intercepted a shipment of sixty-six pounds of Marijuana.

*Date: January 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE TRAIN SAFETY**

Senator Jon Corzine wants to beef up rail safety for transporting hazardous chemicals. He's also reintroducing the chemical security act to regulate security standards at U.S. chemical facilities. Corzine says a 2-mile stretch of Union County along the Turnpike faces particular danger. That particular stretch of New Jersey has been referred to as the most dangerous 2 miles in the United States.

Date: *January 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Health**

**TRANSPLANT CRISIS**

African-Americans have a rate of kidney disease 4 times that of whites but they wait twice as long as whites for a transplant. The shortage of donors has created a transplant crisis for the Sharing Network of New Jersey.

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*Date:* February 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ SOLDIER KILLED**

The crisis in Iraq has claimed the life of another New Jersey Marine. 21-year-old Lance Corporal Harry Swain died Monday just a week before he was to come home for leave. Swain's father now is hoping to have his other son, 19-year-old James, out of the combat zone in Iraq.

*Date:* February 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**COUPLE DEAD IN COLD HOUSE**

An elderly couple is found dead in their cold home. The thermostat read 90 degrees but it was only 40 leaving investigators to wonder how it could happen.

*Date:* February 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BABY KILLED**

The father of an infant found beaten to death is being charged tonight with murder. 31-year-old John Arce was arrested early this morning. Police in Lodi say he hit his 2-month-old baby in the head. She died in the hospital.

*Date:* February 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**NJ SCHOOL SECURITY**

Some schools are going high tech in the name of security. Three schools in West Paterson, New Jersey are part of a pilot program, an elaborate system of smart cameras monitor hallway and classroom activity. The programmed cameras not only record what they see, but can differentiate everyday occurrences from something unusual. Governor Richard Codey's program takes a lesson from the terrorist attack of a school in Russia last year. It calls for any school under construction to have security inspections.

*Date:* February 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PLANE CRASH**

It was nothing short of a miracle. A corporate jet speeds down the runway but never gets into the air. Instead of taking off, it skids across a major highway and slams into a warehouse. This is what the scene looks like at Teterboro airport right now, nearly 15 hours after the crash. The nose of the jet is still inside the warehouse wall. Investigators trying to figure out why it happened.

*Date:* February 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HERO TO THE RESCUE**

Sometimes when we're lucky, tragedies create instant heroes. That's what happened to one guy who was already at work unloading a truck when the plane crashed he didn't think twice about racing to the rescue of others.

*Date:* February 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**

**STORIES OF SURVIVAL**

It's truly amazing that no one died in this plane crash but the miracle does not end there. More mind boggling are the details of how some New Jersey people survived.

*Date:* February 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**TRAFFIC DETOURED**

Route 46 remains shut down in both directions more than twelve hours after this morning's accident. And it could stay that way for a while. Traffic was diverted off route 46 shortly after the crash. That left the normally busy roadway virtually empty of traffic. The many detours around the crash site, slowed traffic to a crawl. Tomorrow morning, drivers need to take an alternate highway. If you're going east or west, try Route 80, Route 4 or Route 3.

*Date:* February 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**AIRPORT REOPENED**

Teterboro airport has reopened today officials started allowing flights to and from the airport around 6:30 this evening. While it was closed, planes were diverted to Morristown or other smaller airports. Last year more than 200 thousand planes flew in and out of Teterboro.

*Date:* February 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**FIGHTING THE AIRPORT**

Some residents in Hasbrouck Heights are using today's crash to highlight the dangers of such a busy airport in such a densely populated area. Many people have been fighting the airport for years.

*Date:* February 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RAPED AT HOME**

An entire community is on alert. It comes after a woman is raped at home. The second such attack in less than two weeks. Now, armed with a sketch in hand, neighbors are on the lookout. Cora Ann Mihalik is live in Edison with exclusive information about the hunt for this vicious rapist in Middlesex County.

*Date:* February 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**SCHOOL FUMES**

Fumes at a local school in Glen Rock New Jersey overcome a student and custodian. They were both taken to the hospital from the Clara Coleman Elementary School. Police believe the fumes may have come from a mace-like chemical spray inside the school.

*Date:* February 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CHURCH BURGLARIES**

Members of one community are outraged after a series of unholy acts. Their church has been the target of a string of burglaries.

*Date:* February 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PRISON ABUSE**

A soldier from New Jersey has been sentenced for his role in the Abu Graib Prison abuse scandal. Just a short while ago, a military judge in Fort Hood, Texas has sentenced Army Sergeant Javal Davis to six months in prison for abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib Prison.

*Date:* February 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WAREHOUSE EXPLOSION**

Investigators tonight say they may know what caused that deadly warehouse explosion in Perth Amboy. They say a valve malfunction may have funneled the acetylene gas into a shed, where a propane-fueled heater ignited it. They also say it could have been caused by a leak from the heater. Three workers were killed in the blast. A fourth was critically injured.

*Date:* February 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HIT BY TRAIN**

A car is hit by a train. It happened on the Newark light rail. The train and car collided at orange and first avenues. Fortunately, there were only minor injuries in the car. No one on the train was hurt

*Date:* February 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PLANE CRASH LATEST**

Troubling new information tonight about the Teterboro jet crash. The flight data recorder did not offer much information.

*Date:* February 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CASINO CRACKDOWN**

Don't plan on a big super bowl party at any Atlantic City casino. The N-F-L is cracking down! The league is enforcing its copyright policy, banning private businesses from hosting super bowl parties. Some casinos had to cancel party plans.

*Date:* February 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**SECURITY GRANTS**

Wyoming gets twenty-seven dollars per capita in Homeland Security funding But New Jersey only gets seven. Garden State officials don't think that makes any sense. Today New Jersey Senators Frank Lautenberg and Jon Corzine said they're out to cut pork barrel spending. They're going to introduce legislation TOMORROW that would allocate homeland security money based on risks and vulnerability. This year New Jersey's Homeland Security funding was cut by more than a third, from ninety-three, to sixty-one million dollars.

*Date:* February 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**JET REMOVED**

The latest tonight on the jet crash in Teterboro. The plane has now been moved from the warehouse where it crashed. it was moved along local streets, leaving neighbors shocked and scared. The N-T-S-B interviewed the pilot about the crash. He apparently indicated there might have been a mechanical problem with the plane but we're told it may be a few more days before the pilot talks publicly about the crash.

*Date:* February 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BEATEN BY POLICE**

A WWOR-TV news exclusive. A New Jersey family cries out for justice tonight. They say police was beating an innocent teenager and when they stepped in to help, things got even uglier.

*Date:* February 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MOTHER CHARGED WITH MURDER**

A shocking story now of a mother charged with murdering her own child. Cops say the girl was brutally killed while she slept.

*Date:* February 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**ULTRA LIGHT CRASH**

People were killed today when an ultra light plane crashed on take-off. The plane had just left Woodbine Airport in South Jersey when it plunged into a wooded area. One witness says it fell straight to the ground. Both people were dead by the time emergency crews reached them.

*Date:* February 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**UPHOLSTERY UPHEAVAL**

I-TEAM Investigation was called by a guy who got so tired of asking over and over again, "where's my furniture?" he took matters in his own hands and now Brenda Flanagan explains how he set up his own sting.

*Date:* February 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**BEST DATING**

Well if you're single in the city you may want to head over to New Jersey. According to a one study, that's the best place for dating.

*Date:* February 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TRENCH RESCUE**

An elderly woman is recovering in South Jersey tonight after falling into a trench in her backyard. Rescue workers say Catherine mc-Cleary stood on an old septic tank with no idea that it was about to cave in. Her "life alert" system triggered an emergency response.

*Date:* February 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**SCHUNDLER OWES MONEY**

Bret Schundler is raising money to run for governor again but the books say he's still in the red from his last try. Schundler lost his bid for governor in 2001. He also owes about a quarter of a million dollars from his failed campaign. The state election commission has rejected Schundler's request to pay-off the debt with money he's raised for this year's race.

*Date:* February 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CAR FLIPPED OVER I-287**

Four people were injured this evening when their s-u-v flipped over several times. Our chopper was over the scene of this mangled wreck on I-287 in Basking Ridge. It snarled rush hour traffic on the northbound side in basking ridge. Two of the four passengers were thrown from the vehicle.

*Date:* February 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**STUDENT RENAMES CONDO**

A high school student is the big winner of a condo re-naming contest. Daphney Lezin received a ten thousand dollar u-s savings bond from metro homes. The contest was open to all students in the Asbury Park school district but her suggestion to rename the building "Esperanza" won over the panel of judges.

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FOUR SHOT**

People had to run for cover this afternoon during a shootout on a busy street but four bystanders couldn't get out of the way in time.

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CHEMIST MISSING**

The body of that missing chemist has been found. She disappeared while testing water at a treatment plant. Now police turn their attention to the mystery of how she died. The body of that missing chemist has been found. She disappeared while testing water at a treatment plant in Totowa. Now police turn their attention to the mystery of how she died.

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CRIME SPREE**

Police in Hoboken are warning residents of a recent crime spree. There's been a spike of robberies and burglaries throughout the city since the beginning of the year. At least 35 in different locations. Police don't know if the crimes are related.

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POWDER PUFF ROBBER**

He got his nickname because he wears heavy pancake makeup. He's hit a number of banks, the latest this Tuesday in Teaneck. He's about 20 to 25 years old. 5-feet eight inches tall, 180-pounds, with green eyes and a light complexion

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TAPES**

Police have released 9-1-1 calls that came in, the day a jet crashed on take-off from Teterboro airport. It may take 12 to 18 months for investigators to determine what caused last week's crash at Teterboro Airport but tonight we are hearing for the first time the calls dispatchers received moments after the plane barreled across a busy Route 46 and into a warehouse.

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**YAM SPILL**

A highway spill keeps crews busy all day cleaning up. This was the scene in Teaneck where a semi truck rolled over, spilling its load all over I-95. The truck was loaded with yams.

*Date:* February 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**FLESH EATING BACTERIA**

According to Dr. Barry Kreisworth at U.M.D.N.J. NJ Medical School a frightening flesh eating bacteria is here in the tri-state area. No one is sure how many people have been affected, and our investigation found some doctors don't even know what it is. New concerns the so-called flesh-eating bacteria are spreading to people thought not to be at risk and these super-bugs are often going undetected until it is too late.

*Date:* February 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FIRE**

An apartment building goes up in flames, as a fast moving fire tears right through the building and tonight, more than 30 people are left homeless.

*Date:* February 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DEATH WATER WARNING**

Still no answers tonight into the mysterious death of a chemist at a water plant. Investigators are looking into how "Geetha Angara's" body ended up at the bottom of a water tank. Her death is being treated as a homicide although it's not clear if it was an accident or foul play. The boil water advisory was lifted tonight but the entire water plant remains shut down. Authorities say the tank where her body was found will be treated with a triple dose of chlorine, flushed.

*Date:* February 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STUDENT STABBED**

A neighborhood dispute leads to the death of a Newark teenager. The 16 year old was stabbed by a 15 year old right outside his house. Police say the boys got into a heated argument. The victim's family is devastated.

*Date:* February 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**

**DUNKIN DONUTS WEDDING**

A couple in love takes the big dunk - donut style! Instead of a church or chapel, John Townsend and his blushing bride, Michele tied the knot in the parking lot of a Dunkin' Donuts in Hackensack. The couple won Dunkin' Donuts Hole-y Matrimony contest, so the entire wedding and honeymoon to the Bahamas was free, not to mention the munchkins and donut decorations. Romantic or not, it sure was sweet.

*Date:* February 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POLICE CHASE**

Lights, sirens, and several crashing cars tore through a quiet morning as a man led police on a wild chase. The suspect was finally caught in Hoboken but not before racing through Fort Lee, Secaucus, and Weehawken. Police were trying to pull him over because he was driving a stolen car. One man crossed paths with the chase twice. Police say the suspect drove down several streets in the wrong direction.

*Date:* February 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**OFFENSIVE MENUS**

Grease is the word fast-food places on wheels often called "grease trucks" are a staple of college life. But on one campus, they're coming under a crackdown for offensive menus Rutgers University

*Date:* February 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PRESIDENT OUSTED**

A reverend's crusade gets him ousted as president of a local religious school. The New Brunswick Theological Seminary is retiring Reverend Norman Kansfield, because he officiated a marriage for his lesbian daughter. The seminary is affiliated with the "Reformed Church In America" which doesn't accept same sex marriages. Two weeks ago the school decided not to renew Kansfield's contract.

*Date:* February 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BLAZE REWARD**

A jury has awarded more than a million dollars to six victims of a devastating fire. Their homes in Edgewater were destroyed more than four years ago. The jury found the developer's negligence contributed to the fire. Witnesses said construction workers were seen smoking and cooking on the site.

*Date:* February 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**CALL FOR UNITY**

Some people in our area are calling for unity tonight and taking steps to ease religious tensions. The American muslim union held a community brunch in Hasbrouck heights today. It's time for Muslims, Christians, and Jews to gather and strengthen their bonds. The brunch is an annual event, but this year there was added significance. Just last month an Egyptian family was murdered in Jersey City. While the murders are still under investigation, some have speculated it was a hate crime.

*Date:* February 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TANKER FIRE NJ VICTIMS**

A fiery tanker truck in Florida has claimed the lives of a couple from New Jersey. Alan Klein of Cherry Hill was killed, along with his wife Debbie, when the tanker flipped and crushed their car Friday night in a suburb of Fort Lauderdale, her sister, Gloria Halpern also died. She's the mother Of Washington Capitals Hockey Player Jeff Halpern. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

*Date:* February 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FIREFIGHTER DIES**

The mourning is mounting at a firehouse in Garfield. A volunteer firefighter saves a few lives then dies in the line of duty.

*Date:* February 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**AIRPORT COCAINE RING**

Tonight, cops busted a cocaine ring at Newark Liberty Airport. Three baggage handlers and an ex-security guard are accused of acting as lookouts while others diverted luggage that contained cocaine. The arrests are related to a round up of 16 other people at Newark Airport on drug smuggling charges last June.

*Date:* February 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WATER TANK DEATH**

It was in fact a homicide. That's what investigators now say about the strange death of a woman drowned in a water tank at work. They're also giving us new details of exactly how she was killed.

*Date:* February 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FAMILY SLAIN-ROBBERY**

Cops now think the motive for last month's quadruple murder of a Jersey City family was money, not religion. Investigators say they're making progress but won't give details. They do say the F-B-I does not believe the crime stemmed from a religious dispute. The family was reportedly killed with knives from their own home.

*Date:* February 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**TOO MANY NAIL SALONS IN NJ**

Maplewood would be following in the footsteps of another New Jersey town that imposed a similar business restriction...last year, the town of Nutley, which has 18 nail salons passed a law preventing any more within 500 feet of an existing nail salon. By the way, New Jersey has more nail salons per capita, than any other state. Maplewood would be following in the footsteps of another new jersey town that imposed a similar business restriction...last year, the town of Nutley, which has 18 nail salons passed a law preventing any more within 500 feet of an existing nail salon. New Jersey has more nail salons per capita, than any other state.

*Date:* February 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**FERRY SAVED**

Ferry riders your ship has come in. Service between New Jersey and Lower Manhattan has been saved. The port authority says a company called "Billy Bey Ferry" will take over routes in Hoboken and Jersey City. New York Waterway will continue to operate its other ferry routes.

*Date:* February 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FIRE**

A rude awakening for neighbors of a building that went up in flames this morning just before 5 A-M, a vacant home being renovated in Irvington, New Jersey caught fire. The flames spread to a home next door. The Red Cross is assisting the three families who lived there.

*Date:* February 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**DONATIONS STOLEN**

Shock and anger has turned to acceptance and even sadness at Rutgers University. Who in the world would steal money that was supposed to go to help kids? The fundraising effort at Rutgers ends in early April. Last year the students raised nearly 200-thousand dollars. Something they hope to do again - despite this setback.

*Date:* February 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CHURCH ABUSE SETTLED**

A landmark settlement today for victims of priest sex abuse. 26-men who sued the Paterson diocese will share 5-million dollars but they say their fight is far from over. The men will also be given 4-years of counseling as part of the agreement. The payout is the largest ever by a New Jersey Diocese.

*Date:* February 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**  
**BEEF RECALL**

Some beef sold in New Jersey is now recalled! A Wisconsin-based meat processor named Empak Foods says 123-thousand pounds of ground beef may be contaminated with hydraulic oil. Some of the meat was shipped to stores in New Jersey. Including one-pound packages of Laura's Lean Beef, ground beef with eight percent fat. Also, Laura's Lean Beef, ground round beef with four percent fat. The sell date was January 31st, February 1st, and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Date:* February 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FAMILY SLAIN**

An Egyptian Coptic Christian family is found murdered in their Jersey City apartment by family members. Police are investigating.

*Date:* February 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DELI ROBBED**

Clifton shop owners are on edge after robbers strike a second time at the same row of stores. The group of five went into this quick stop in Clifton, New Jersey. One of them distracted the owner by stealing a phone card. That's when the others stole 68 hundred dollars in lottery money from the counter.

*Date:* February 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**LOCAL CONTESTANT**

There are only a few contestants left on Missy Elliot's "Road To Stardom". Tonight she called in a major diva Nilyne from Plainfield no to help out the remaining aspiring stars.

*Date:* February 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SCARED TO DRIVE**

A Jersey City woman is scared to drive. She's a victim of the worst kind of identity theft. The thief practically left her with a wanted stamp on her car. She says cops think she's an armed and dangerous criminal and what happened to her, could happen to any of us.

*Date:* February 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BOMB THREAT**

A New Jersey psychiatrist is detained after making a comment about a bomb at an airport. While Khoshnu was being questioned by the F-B-I in Arizona. Her luggage somehow got past security and was loaded onto a plane. It was later blown up in San Diego.

*Date:* February 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GUN RING BUST**

Cops break up a gun ring and in doing so; they arrest a teacher and a fellow officer.

*Date:* February 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**HEPATITIS OUTBREAK**

A hepatitis outbreak at an area school! A teacher and a student are homebound and recovering from the "Hepatitis a" virus. It's usually transmitted by contaminated food or poor hygiene. Officials insist the virus was not spread on school grounds. The school is closed next week for the winter break. Both the teacher and the student are doing fine. They will probably be back when school re-opens.

*Date:* February 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**LYING ABOUT LATE FEES**

Maybe it was too good to be true. That's what New Jersey's Attorney General says about Blockbuster's "no more late fees" policy. The movie chain is accused tonight of lying about it. A cold Friday night seems the perfect time to rent a movie - but if you have plans to do so a warning tonight. According to the New Jersey State Attorney general Blockbuster is running a costly flick - trick.

*Date:* February 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOME FIREBOMBED**

One woman's testimony leads to terror for her family. Their home in Camden was firebombed just days after a murder trial wraps up and a suspect is acquitted.

*Date:* February 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STOLEN HEADLIGHTS**

Two people are under arrest tonight, after Passaic County cops caught them with thousands of dollars worth of stolen headlights. The arrests came after a police chase that ended this afternoon on the garden state parkway in Clifton. Inside the stolen b-m-w police found a stash of expensive xenon headlights. They say the headlight thefts are an ongoing problem and auto shops can tell you, repairs don't come cheap. Both suspects were charged with receiving stolen property and resisting arrest.

*Date:* February 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**FIRED FOR FAT**

Some women may soon be fired for being a little too fat. A popular hotel-casino has told the employees if you gain too much weight, you're out of here. The casino says it's doing nothing wrong but as Brenda Flanagan explains, others say its discrimination.

*Date:* February 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FIREMAN FIGHTS ROBBER**

A Paramus firefighter had to fight off a robber who broke into his home. He gave the suspect such a scare, the guy wound up in the hospital.

*Date:* February 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FIRE**

Fire leaves a close-knit family out in the cold tonight. Flames destroyed this multi-story house in Jersey City this morning. Several generations of the same family shared the home. Other relatives raced to the scene, when they heard what happened. The fire appears to have started in the kitchen. Homes on both sides were also damaged but firefighters say it's a small miracle the flames didn't spread farther.

*Date:* February 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ TEACHER SEX CHARGE**

Former substitute teacher is charged tonight with having sex with a student. Officials in Burlington County, New Jersey say Angela Stellwag had sex with a teenage student from the Riverside School District, where she taught last year. If convicted, Stellwag faces up to ten years in prison.

*Date:* February 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RUTGERS RAPIST SENTENCED**

One of the rapists who terrorized three Rutgers University students IS sentenced to 14-years behind bars. The attacks at the off-campus apartment happened almost a year ago. Yesterday 20-year old Kyle Parker-Hall was sentenced for rape and robbery. Three other men are already serving prison TIME in connection with the crimes.

*Date:* February 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**JCP&L STRIKE UPDATE**

A power play in The J-C-P-and-L workers strike. The utility is now offering employees a three-percent pay raise and new work rules. The picketers only have a week to accept the offer. 13-hundred j-c-p-and-l employees walked off the job in December.

*Date:* February 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**INMATE RESTAURANT**

When you go out to a restaurant, what do you really know about your waiter? Perhaps you learn his name. But probably little else. Tonight we' take you to a restaurant in our Trenton where the people serving you are also serving time.

*Date:* February 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CHILD MURDERED**

A mother under arrest in Highland Park. She's accused of the most violent of killing her own son. The six-year-old child was drugged and smothered to death.

*Date:* February 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ CORRUPTION CASES**

The feds swoop down on New Jersey once again. Rounding up nearly a dozen officials to face corruption charges. Today's indictments are just the latest corruption cases to shock New Jersey. In January, fundraiser for former Governor James McGreevey, "David D'Amiano" was sentenced to two years for taking kickbacks to influence state officials. In December, former Hudson Freeholder William Braker was sentenced to 41 months for extortion. In October, it was Hudson County developer Joe Barry. He got 25 months for paying-offs former county executive "Robert Janiszewski". In September, former Hoboken Mayor "Anthony Russo" pleads guilty to taking kickbacks for contracts. And in August, Charles Kushner, another McGreevey fundraiser, pleaded guilty to witness tampering

*Date:* February 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**PULASKI SKYWAY REPAIRS**

As road crews patch up a huge hole in the road. Traffic is still backed up but the DOT expects it to be normal by the morning rush.

*Date:* February 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**ANTI-WAR LETTERS TO NJ SOLDIER**

Tonight a New Jersey father is outraged after his soldier son received some anti-war letters. And get this: 6th graders sent the letters from a school in Brooklyn. The letters written by 12 year olds are very opinionated.... With quotes like "I strongly feel this war is pointless" and "soldiers are destroying holy places like mosques." The soldier's father Rob Jacobs is speaking out

*Date:* February 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DEATH FROM DIESEL**

New Jersey is fourth on the list when it comes to deaths from diesel engines. New York, California and Pennsylvania are the top three. Environmentalists say old trucks; bus and construction engines pump out the fumes. Pollution from the fumes is blamed for asthma, respiratory disease and heart attacks. A diesel industry group calls the findings outdated and misleading

*Date:* February 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**YOUNG HERO**

A thirteen year old's quick thinking earns him the title of young hero. The teen jumped into action when a neighbor he didn't even know, needed him most.

*Date:* February 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**REVENGE ATTACK**

Some gang members strike back with a revenge attack. Police say Jose Vega is a member of the Latin Kings and he ordered a crew to kidnap Ralph Pinto and Paul Ricciardi. Those two men stole thousands in cash and drugs from Vega. They were lured to a bogus drug deal. A fight broke out. Pinto was shot. Monica Penalba was a witness to the murder. Later she was stabbed 30 times and run down. Penalba is listed in critical condition but will be charged in connection with the deadly shooting.

*Date:* February 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

## ***POLICE CHIEF INDICTED***

More federal indictments in New Jersey tonight. Yesterday, eleven public officials in Monmouth County were arrested by the feds. Now, it's a police chief in Somerset County and his buddy.

*Date:* February 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

## ***CRASH SUIT***

The Port Authority is being slapped with a lawsuit in connection with the jet crash at Teterboro airport. Rohan Foster was injured when the jet tore off the roof of his car. He's expected to file suit tomorrow claiming the airport should have had barriers to prevent such an accident.

*Date:* February 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

## ***SCHOOL DANCE SCARE***

Concern for some parents tonight. Their children may have been exposed to a deadly form of Hepatitis. This whole scare started at a school dance when some of the kids were pricked with a sharp object and one tested positive for Hepatitis "C". Dozens of kids are exposed to the most deadly form of the disease.

*Date:* February 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

## ***IDNEY DONATION FROM STRANGER***

An Essex County woman gets the gift of life from a total stranger. Its an incredible story of another woman's selflessness and today, the two came face-to-face.

*Date:* February 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

## ***NJ SNOW***

We continue our team coverage tonight on this latest winter storm. Right now we head to New Jersey. Where Frank Cipolla is live at the Metropark Train Station in Iselin in with how this is impacting commuters.

*Date:* February 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

## ***CRASH VICTIM SUING***

The first lawsuit in the Teterboro jet crash. A man who was injured when his car was hit and says the port authority shares some blame.

*Date:* February 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

## ***LIVE LOOK AT STORM***

You're looking at a live picture of Middlesex County, New Jersey. The snow is still coming down. Storm field will have your complete forecast in just two minutes.



*Date:* February 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NO ROAD KILL**

Things are not so sweet tonight for the makers of a product called. The candy is shaped like flattened snakes, chickens, and squirrels. The New Jersey S-P-C-A demanded the candy not be sold and got its way. Kraft, which made the candy, stopped production and will sell off its inventory.

*Date:* February 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**MILK BAD FOR YOUR SKIN**

According to a Jersey City dermatologist, new research shows the calcium-rich drink Milk could leave more on your face than a white mustache. It could be bad for your skin.

*Date:* February 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SHOT ON A BUS**

A wild scene on a crowded bus. A gunman opens fire on a New Jersey Transit bus. Dozens of people duck for cover and when it was over, one man was dead.

*Date:* February 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HIDDEN CAMERA**

A rude awakening for some college students. A stranger put a hidden camera in the men's locker room. A 42-year-old man is under arrest tonight. But the young athletes are worried that campus security is too lax. The athletes went to the gym to improve their skills so they could star on their teams but they didn't know a man with no connection to the school was trying to get them to star in the buff on video.

*Date:* February 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**LIGHTS OUT**

A shooting at a restaurant means lights out for businesses in Jersey City. Officials today announced their plans to begin enforcing a business curfew. This after a third late night shooting near "crown" fried chicken it requires most restaurants and retail businesses to close between 11. By the end of next month, police will begin handing out summons to businesses that break the curfew law.

*Date:* Feb 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### ***KEEPING CITY SAFE***

A new effort began today to make Camden a safer city. Crime in Camden has climbed so much; it was recently named the most dangerous city in the nation. Law enforcement officials say the main problem is repeat offenders. So they've created a program aimed at ending patterns of violence. New Jersey Attorney General Peter Harvey was among those present for today's announcement.

*Date:* February 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

### **EARLY DISMISSALS**

With the storm heading our way, we have some changes for tomorrow to tell you about. Lincoln Park Boro schools will be on a regular early dismissal schedule. Calvary Christian Academy in Wayne will close early. Blessed Sacrament School in Paterson, New Jersey will send children home at 12-30....

*Date:* February 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **PLANE CRASH**

A deadly plane crash in Passaic County New Jersey. Both the pilot and his trainee were killed during the failed takeoff.

*Date:* February 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **DOG ABUSE**

Tonight officials say New Jersey couple turned their home into a filthy doghouse. Michael Smith and his wife Shirley are accused of abusing dozens of dogs, by keeping them in horrible conditions in their home. The Smiths are facing animal cruelty charges.

*Date:* February 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

### ***CODEY BUDGET MESSAGE***

New Jersey, it's time to tighten your belt. Governor Richard Codey is proposing big budget cutbacks. Codey will present his state budget for fiscal 2006 tomorrow. It calls for 600-million dollars in cuts. Among the things getting trimmed: 2-rebate programs for property owners.

*Date:* February 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

### **WEATHER UPDATE**

This latest Nor'easter brings the second snowfall in a week for our area. In Ramsey, New Jersey, that means more snow piling up on roads and sidewalks.

## **WWOR-TV / MARCH 2005**

*Date:* March 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **HIGH SCHOOL RAPE**

Police are investigating allegations of rape at a school in Wayne, New Jersey. A fifteen-year-old girl from Wayne Hills High School says she was raped in a bathroom stall. Police arrested a sixteen-year-old classmate. They say the two were at the school serving Saturday detention this past weekend when the attack happened. The boy has been charged with sexual assault and criminal restraint.

*Date:* March 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CODEY BUDGET CUTBACKS**

Big budget cuts are in store for New Jersey. Today Acting Governor Richard Codey outlined his budget proposal. It not only cuts state spending but also eliminates a popular property tax relief program. Meaning homeowners won't be seeing a New Jersey Saver rebate. Nearly three million homeowners received that rebate last year. Codey's budget is struggling to close a four billion dollar deficit. He says the state is not bankrupt, but close.

*Date:* March 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

### **NO AMBULANCE AVAILABLE**

It happened during a heart attack when a Palisades Park woman called for an ambulance for her ailing husband and was told, "Lady, you drive him Yourself." Now, the family is angry at what they call a 9-1-1 mistake. Gomez said he always thought 9-1-1 was one of the few things you could always count on. not always...his wife eventually drove him to the hospital.

*Date:* March 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **SCHOOL SLASHING**

A teen-age girl is charged tonight with slashing another girl in the face. Police in Hamilton Township, Atlantic County say the two were fighting in their high school bathroom. They say a 17 year old pulled out a razor blade and cut a 16 year old. She'll be o-k. Her alleged attacker is being held in a juvenile center.

*Date:* March 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Several catholic schools in New Jersey will be closing. The Archdiocese Of Newark says seven schools will close this year due to rising costs and declining enrollment. Some of the schools will merge to create new schools in Newark, Union City, Jersey City and Fort Lee.

*Date:* March 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BROTHEL BUST**

Police busted a brothel today in Paramus. 3-suspected prostitutes and the man who's charged with running the operation will be arraigned next week. Police say there will be more arrests.

*Date:* March 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FAMILY MURDER ARREST**

Police have been working on this one, day and night. We're talking about that Egyptian family, killed in their home in Jersey City. Tonight, police are questioning a man who may know something.

*Date:* March 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEX SUSPECT ARRESTED**

Man wanted for a sex attack on a boy in New Jersey has been picked up in Virginia. 42-year-old Jose Efrain Ponce-Osorio is accused of assaulting a 12 year old in the town of Waldwick 3 weeks ago. Police say he took off after the boy told his parents about the attack.

*Date:* March 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WAREHOUSE FIRE**

A North Bergen storage warehouse went up in flames today. High winds whipped the fire that ripped through the warehouse. Smoke filled the air, and some people in Manhattan were able to smell it. Several homeless people inside the building were rescued. Officials say some firefighters were injured after slipping on ice that formed from water sprayed on the blaze.

*Date:* March 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRAPPED IN THE RUBBLE**

An absolutely terrifying situation for everyone involved. An explosion in Eatontown is sparked by a gas main break leaving people and animals trapped in the rubble.

*Date:* March 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ SOLDIER DEAD**

Tonight we are mourning a local hero. A New Jersey soldier was born in Korea... His parents brought him here to Hillsdale New Jersey for a better life. Now he has paid the ultimate sacrifice for his adopted country and in his death, he received the honor he had always dreamed of.

*Date:* March 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MURDERS SOLVED**

We have late word from Newark tonight, that police have solved a series of gang-related murders. The shootings happened in December and they left residents of Newark living in fear. Six suspected gang members are now in custody. They are charged with two murders and one attempted murder.

*Date:* March 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Entertainment**  
**ELEPHANT PARADE**

The circus is coming to town! Actually it arrived today. Animals with the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus arrived in east Rutherford by train. Elephants and horses were among the animals unloaded. They then walked to the Continental Airlines Area where the Greatest show on earth starts tomorrow and runs for 6 days!

*Date:* March 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**CRASH BARRIERS**

As for last month's crash at Teterboro Airport, officials tonight are one step closer to having safety barriers installed. 20-people were injured when this corporate plane skidded across Route 46 and crashed into a warehouse. Now the F-A-A has approved a half million dollars to study the effectiveness of barriers.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**CHILD KILLED BY AMBULANCE**

The father of the young girl who was killed says it was just like any other day. A short walk home from the hospital where his wife works and where their children attend daycare. This day however ended like no one could have predicted.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**OFF THE RUNWAY**

There are renewed calls tonight to close Teterboro Airport after another jet skidded off the runway. No one was injured; last night's was the second accident in 5-weeks. The Mayor of Bogota said it just doesn't make sense to have the airport smack in the middle of a populated area. In addition, the airport is on almost a thousand acres of prime real estate. Some also claim the fumes from jet fuel pose a health hazard to residents.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PETCO FIRE**

Chilling cries for help...caught on tape...just released tonight. Five workers at a Petco store in Eatontown New Jersey. Trapped...following an explosion...now. Hear the frantic cell phone calls...these workers some how managed to make it. You're about to hear the words of the last person pulled out of the rubble ...alive. Desperate calls for help made after an explosion collapsed that "Petco" store. The chilling 9-11 tapes were released today.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BEATEN BY TROOPERS**

New Jersey state troopers are under fire for a two-year-old traffic stop. The man they pulled over says the troopers beat him and now his lawyer says they have the videotape to prove it.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**RACIST NOTES**

A teacher is fired for allegedly writing racist notes to himself. Elizabeth school officials say three African-American teachers received hate messages last November. After consulting a handwriting expert, the board fired one of the teachers, "Rondell Taylor". They believe he did it hoping for a transfer from the school.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**RUTGERS RACIST REMARKS**

Some students at Rutgers University in Newark want action! One student says a campus police officer made racial remarks after he pulled her out of a campus shuttle bus.

*Date:* March 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**I'M NOT DEAD**

That's the message David Baruk from Manahwakin wants the U-S government to get after it was mistakenly put on paper that he had died. The snafu is making his life a misery.

*Date:* March 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BOWLING BAG HEAD**

Jersey City police are still on the scene of a home where they made a gruesome discovery. They found the head of the woman who lived there in a bowling ball bag. Her body parts hidden behind walls. The victim was reported missing in January. Police have a man who lived with her in custody. He is likely to be charged with murder.

*Date:* March 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MURDER**

Police in Pompton Lakes, New Jersey are investigating a fatal stabbing at this hour. We're told two men got into a fight at these townhouses after a night of drinking. That's when one stabbed the other. The victim may have had some sort of sexual contact with the suspect's girlfriend, who was also with them. Tonight the suspect is in custody.

*Date:* March 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BODEGA MURDER**

Police may be closing in on two robbers who killed a bodega owner in Jersey City. They left the man's family devastated and searching for answers.

*Date:* March 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GANG ROUNDUP**

Meanwhile federal agents round up members of a violent street gang. The Salvadoran gang Mara Salva-Trucha Or M-S 13 was targeted. With one hundred and three arrests across the country, 30 were picked up here on Long Island and New York City, 10 in Newark. The rest were in Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Dallas and Miami. Most members of m-s 13 are in the US illegally. The gang is best known for hacking their enemies with machetes.

*Date:* March 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**TERROR THREAT**

There's word tonight that Al-Qaeda may be setting its sights on small airports and that these airports, among them Teterboro, may be especially vulnerable to terror attacks.

*Date:* March 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**STOPPING STROKES**

African-Americans are twice as likely as whites to have a stroke and when they do, chances are twice as high, the episode will be deadly but a new procedure used at a Wayne New Jersey hospital offers hope to minorities at risk of stroke.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FIRE**

Firefighters are on the scene of an enormous house fire.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BODEGA MURDER UPDATE**

At this hour, the manhunt for the killers is over. The last suspect has turned himself in to police.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**TRASH TRUCKS**

The fight against terror has led to a lot of "trash talk" in Newark. It seems the city spent millions for snazzy new garbage trucks. The problem is, the money came from the department of homeland security Newark City Officials say the trucks are specially equipped for disaster cleanup. They're calling the criticism a cheap move to embarrass Newark.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BRUSH FIRE**

A brush fire slowed things down today for commuters trying to get home. The fire started off the New Jersey Turnpike this afternoon in Kearny. Firefighters were called in to douse the flames. Smoke and fire slowed down traffic. No injuries were reported.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NEW DWI TEST FOR NJ**

The state police say a new and improved Breathalyzer test will help nab DWI suspects in New Jersey. Troopers are rolling out the "Alco-test 71 ten." More than 300 Jersey drivers have already been caught with the new test. Prosecutors and defense attorneys say it's a good idea if Alco test is more reliable and accurate than the regular Breathalyzer.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CASINO SMOKING BAN**

Many gamblers are fired up over a proposal to ban smoking in New Jersey casinos. A bill banning smoking in all indoor public establishments passed a senate committee yesterday. Casino operators and restaurant and bar owners say the ban would be bad for business. The bill originally contained an exemption for casinos, but that exemption has been taken out of the bill.

*Date:* March 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**

**SQUATTER CONTROVERSY**

Some call it art. Some say it's anti-art. One man simply calls it his home. This stone house is about to be demolished, as the town of Woodbridge prepares to get rid of squatters.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STABBED AT SEARS**

A teen-ager is stabbed in a shopping mall inside a Sears store. Now, the family is demanding answers but afraid of retaliation. The 19 year-you're about to meet tells us he was stabbed in the chest over a pair of sneakers. Tonight afraid to show his face his mother also fearing for her life called us exclusively asking for help. "You" might be able to help their family after hearing from this teen how the thugs approached him.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BODEGA MURDER ARRAIGNMENT**

The second suspect in the murder of a bodega owner is caught! We were the first to report the arrest of Anthony Hicks, last night. Today, he was arraigned in Jersey City. Hicks is the second suspect in the fatal shooting of Fausto Garcia. Police are still looking for the person who may have driven the getaway car.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RESCUED FROM SUV**

A woman is recovering tonight after being rescued from her s-u-v. Our chopper was over the scene on route 78 eastbound. The accident tied up traffic for miles. The woman was trapped inside of this black s-u-v. Rescue crews had to remove the roof of her truck in order to get her out.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STRAHAN DIVORCE BATTLE**

The mudslinging is getting heavier and heavier in the Michael Strahan divorce case. Charges of spousal abuse have been levied against the Giants defensive end. If the Strahans were looking for a quiet divorce - one in which they could work things out behind closed doors, this is an example of how not to do it. Front-page stories and sordid details about the beloved New York Giants defensive end now have him dealing with a giant problem. What makes matters worse the Strahans just became parents. They have four and a half month old twins. All this while Michael Strahan is under a restraining order to stay away from his wife.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE LEADS IN POLL**

Looks like Jon Corzine is way ahead in the race for new jersey governor the democratic senator is leading Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler 50 to 34 percent in the latest Quinnipiac University poll. And he's ahead of Republican Businessman Doug Forrester, 50 percent to 33 it's the first poll since Acting Governor Dick Codey pulled out of the race.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**CROSSING THE HUDSON**

Business is booming at area ports. Cargo value at New Jersey's ports hit a record 114 billion dollars. Acting governor, Richard Codey made the announcement today at the Elizabeth-Port Authority Marine Terminal. The port employs hundreds of thousands of people. The governor expects big business to continue.

*Date:* March 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FIREFIGHTER SHOT**

Developing news from Irvington, New Jersey right now a female fire fighter was shot and rushed to the hospital. A female firefighter is recovering tonight after getting shot in the chest. It happened outside of a restaurant in Irvington. We're told the firefighter was off-duty. She was somehow taken to a firehouse in Irvington.

*Date:* March 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BODEGA OWNER WAKE**

Mourners gathered today for a bodega owner who was shot and killed earlier this week. "Fausto Valentin Garcia" owned a bodega in Jersey City. On Monday, three teenagers tried to rob him. Fausto was shot and killed when he fought back. Today friends of Fausto remembered him at his wake, as a man willing to help anyone.

*Date:* March 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**UP IN FLAMES**

A warehouse that went up in flames in Jersey City is still burning at this hour. Our chopper was over the scene at the height of the fire this afternoon. Officials say it started on the upper floor of the mattress company and spread quickly. One firefighter suffered minor injuries. We are told crews working on the roof may have started the fire.

*Date:* March 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STRAHAN DIVORCE BATTLE**

Michael Strahan divorce battle. The Giants star was in court today to face charges of domestic violence. And while he scored a victory on those accusations, his wife painted a frightening portrait of Strahan at home.

*Date:* March 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**COUNCILMAN SEX CHARGE**

A local politician is charged tonight with having sex with a teenager. John Collins is a councilman in Eatontown, New Jersey. He's also been a middle school music teacher for 34 years. Police say the 57 year old had been having sex with a former student since she was 14.

*Date:* March 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**TRAGEDY ON TRACKS**

A New Jersey Transit train plows into a car, killing the woman driver. New Jersey Transit tells us this is only the second time in 16 years that a train hit a car at this crossing-- so it's considered a safe one. Still-- the gates will be checked to see if any changes need to be made.

*Date:* March 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DOUBLE SHOOTING**

A wild scene in Newark. Bullets fly and the getaway car gets into a crash.

*Date:* March 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WOMAN ROBBED**

Businesswoman making a bank run in Palisades Park is the victim of a robbery. She had made a large withdrawal and was driving on Broad Avenue. A man knocked on the window, claimed she had a flat tire, offered to help, and then took off with her money.

*Date:* March 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CORRECTIONS CARJACKING**

There are more questions than answers tonight in the carjacking of a corrections van in New Jersey. The suspect, 23-year old Erick Garcia, is undergoing a psychiatric evaluation but why he went on a wild ride yesterday is still unclear. Also a mystery, Garcia himself. He's believed to be a Guatemalan immigrant, but officials can't find a record of him in any databases.

*Date:* March 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ DRIVERS LICENSES WRONG**

License checks could mean trouble for more than half a million PEOPLE when they try renewing their driver's license. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission crosschecked their database with the social security administration and found personal information on thousands of drivers didn't match up. An M-V-C spokesperson says clerical errors could account for many of the mistakes, but identity theft and fraud are also possible.

*Date:* March 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BRUSH FIRE**

A stubborn brush fire that tied up traffic in New Jersey is finally out. The wall of flames looked like something out of a movie. The fire rushed along route 278-West in Linden near the Turnpike. It took firefighters hours to bring it under control. No word yet on what started the fire.

*Date:* March 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**PAYING AT THE PUMP**

Your money news now: drivers are paying the highest prices ever at the pump for this time of year. The average for a gallon of regular gas nationwide topped two-bucks. OPEC nations may increase production, but industry analysts expect the costs to keep going up anyway. By the way, New Jersey right now has the cheapest gas in the nation.

*Date:* March 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHOOTING UPDATE**

No arrests yet in a triple shooting and bus crash in Newark. This story was breaking as we were on the air last night. Police are looking for two-people who were in this car. They say the pair killed a woman and injured two-others in a drive-by. The suspects ditched the car and ran when they crashed into the bus.

*Date:* March 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CAR INTO RIVER**

A car runs off the road and plunges into the Passaic River in Newark. This time, two people are dead and people in the area say something has to be done.

*Date:* March 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FATAL FIRE**

A 24-year-old woman died in the flames on the second floor of this house in Jersey City. Two men were hospitalized with injuries.

The first-floor neighbor says she called for help, when she realized there was a real emergency in the house.

*Date:* March 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEX SHOP BUSTED**

This clinic in Bogota offered one type of treatment, but the problem was, it was illegal. Police said they have shut down other massage parlor operations in town, but nothing like this one, which tried to hide behind a medical treatment.

*Date:* March 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**NJ GAS STATIONS**

It's getting tougher to find a place to fill 'er up in New Jersey. The number of gas stations has dropped by 24 percent over the last 7 seven years. The main reasons: larger ones and the merger of big oil companies, like Exxon and Mobil, are gobbling smaller stations up.

*Date:* March 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CHILD FINDS PARENTS STABBED**

A West New York mom is killed during an argument with her husband. And neighbors say they heard the deadly violence coming from the couple's home.

*Date:* March 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MOLESTOR LOOSE**

The search is on for a man accused of molesting 3 young siblings more than 5 years ago. Milton Villalvir is charged with assaulting the children in a New Brunswick home in 1999. He was indicted several months later but fled. The Middlesex County prosecutor is offering a reward for information leading to his arrest

*Date:* March 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FATAL PLUNGE**

The City of Newark finally takes action, after a woman takes a fatal plunge in her car and it will hopefully keep a deadly stretch of roadway from claiming another life.

*Date:* March 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SHUTTING DOWN**

It looks like the City Of Hoboken will shut down tomorrow. City council was unable to reach an agreement on an emergency budget tonight. So Mayor Dave Roberts is carrying out his threat to shut down some city agencies. That means non-essential employees, such as those in senior services and libraries may be told not to come to work tomorrow. Police and Fire services will not be affected.

*Date:* March 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**LAUTENBERG HONORED**

Senator Frank Lautenberg was honored tonight for his 20 years of service in the senate. New Jersey's political elite turned out for the event at Newark's NJ-PAC. Fellow Senator Jon Corzine and Acting Governor Richard Codey wined and dined as the guest of honor made the rounds.

*Date:* March 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSTAGE**

Was a teenager held hostage, or not? That's the question tonight, after a six-hour standoff with police that ended peacefully.

*Date:* March 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FATAL FIRE**

Now a tragedy that stunned a community. A deadly fire rips through a home and four children are killed but tonight there are questions. Could the fire have been prevented?

*Date:* March 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RAPED IN PARK**

A 15-year-old girl who told police she was brutally gang raped in the park. Her friends were held captive nearby, helpless and forced to watch.

*Date:* March 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BREAKING NEWS**

We are hearing reports of three people shot and at least one killed in the Bergen County town. Our chopper is over the scene right now on Lafayette Place.

*Date:* March 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**MAYOR V. CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Roberts plans to go to court Thursday to force the Hoboken City Council to approve an emergency budget.

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CRASH REPORT**

New information tonight on what caused a jet to crash at Teterboro Airport last month. Federal investigators say the plane may have been too nose-heavy to take off. The jet shot off the runway and across route 46 before crashing into a warehouse. No one was killed, but 20 people were injured

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**LASER POINT MAN INDICTED**

The man accused of pointing a laser at planes is indicted under an anti-terror law. 38-year-old David Banach of Parsippany allegedly pointed a laser at a plane landing at Teterboro. Those lasers temporarily blinded the pilot and co-pilot. Banach could face 20 years in jail.

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOSTAGE HOAX**

Tonight, we have shocking new information about the 6-hour hostage drama that played out in New Brunswick. Prosecutors say the whole thing was a hoax but what's even more shocking is that this hoax has been traced to a telephone chat line and a young woman in Texas.

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FUNERAL**

Funeral services were held today for four children, killed after a devastating fire tore through their home. Today family and friends gathered to say goodbye as they struggle with grief and heartbreak.

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STOLEN GOODS**

A major trafficking bust tonight. After an undercover sting reveals a ring of stolen goods. The thieves walked away with nearly two million dollars.

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHOOTING**

Tonight a man is behind bars after a shooting in Englewood, New Jersey. We were on the scene last night as the story was just breaking. Two people were shot, one died. Police have a suspect in custody. They say the bullets started to fly after the 3-men had an argument during a card game.

*Date:* March 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK POLICE PROMOTIONS**

Tonight we salute dozens of Newark police who received promotions. Forty police officers were promoted during ceremonies at the Municipal Council Chambers. Right now just over 12-hundred Newark police officers serve a community of about 275-thousand people.

*Date:* March 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOSTAGE HOAX**

It has to do with that hostage hoax from the other day. Tonight, we get a look at the woman police say was behind the prank and speak exclusively to another one of her victims.

*Date:* March 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**BABY FOUND**

A search tonight for the person who buried a baby. Its tiny body was found outside a church. A priest at "Saint Ce-celia's" Roman Catholic Church in Kearny found the infant while planting flowers. Police say the child was only days old. The little girl was wrapped in a blanket.

*Date:* March 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**PROFILING REPORT**

Tonight a new report is out about racial profiling on the New Jersey Turnpike. Our 1999 I-team report exposed the state's practice of racial profiling. This new report comes from the Police Institute at Rutgers-Newark. It found African Americans are more likely to be stopped on southern sections of the turnpike but it's not because of profiling. According to the report, there are more African American drivers in that area.

*Date:* March 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RUTGERS RAPE**

Police are investigating the rape of a Rutgers University student. They say the 20-year-old woman was assaulted by a stranger who offered her a ride yesterday morning. He had convinced he knew her friends. Police believe the suspect may be responsible for other rapes in the area.

*Date:* March 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**CITY HALL BROKE**

Hundreds show up at City Hall to ask how Hoboken can be broke.

*Date:* March 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**STATE INVESTIGATING**

State officials in New Jersey are now investigating that fatal fire in Teaneck. Four children were killed and their mother critically injured when their home caught on fire this week. Hours before the blaze, firefighters were called to the house after the family reported smelling smoke but didn't find anything.

*Date:* March 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RUTGERS RAPIST SKETCH**

The man who raped a Rutgers Student is still out there tonight and police want your help identifying him. Take a good look at this sketch of the suspect just released by police today. The drawing is based on the victim's description. She says the man raped her after offering her a ride back to campus.

*Date:* March 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FURNITURE STORE RIP OFF**

A local furniture store slams the door on its customers leaving people who've already paid for furniture, high and dry. You know the old saying if it sounds too good to be true. A number of people have been ripped off to the tune of thousands of dollars. They were trying to buy custom furniture at a big discount. The Limanis lost 45 hundred dollars and one customer lost twenty thousand. Police know of twelve victims. They say a lot more may be out there.

*Date:* March 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**OIL SPILL ARTHUR VAN KILL**

It happened near Woodbridge. About 13-thousand gallons of fuel spilled when a barge struck something underwater, puncturing it. At least six thousand gallons were cleaned up by this evening. It's not expected to affect any wildlife in the area.

*Date:* March 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Community  
BUSINESS CURFEW**

It's almost closing time for some businesses in Jersey City. Tonight police will begin enforcing a new curfew on stores in certain areas. They hope this will curb violent crimes.

*Date:* March 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
NJ TURNPIKE TANKER BLAST**

All traffic is running smoothly again tonight on the New Jersey Turnpike but a huge tanker blast closed off part of the highway for hours

*Date:* March 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
STABBED ON THE STREET**

A New Jersey man is stabbed to death just blocks away from the white house. It happened here on Pennsylvania Avenue. Police say a group of men were arguing close to a nightclub. Ranjit Singh from Phillipsburg was stabbed. Two men chased the suspect but he escaped.

*Date:* March 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment  
FLOODING**

The rain that's been soaking us all day long is still coming down. It's pouring in some areas and that's led to a flood watch all around our area.

*Date:* March 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
BANKROBBER CAUGHT ON CAMERA**

Police want help catching a bank robber with an extra spring in his step. He was caught on tape, leaping during a holdup. Check out this video from the "boiling spring's savings bank" in Ridgewood, New Jersey. The brazen bandit actually hopped behind the teller line when he was dismayed by the amount a teller gave him.

*Date:* March 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
POSED AS MOTHER**

A babysitter is under arrest tonight charged in a kidnapping scheme. Cops say she snatched a baby from the family who hired her and pretended it was her own.

*Date:* March 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ SEX SUSPECT SOUGHT**

Police are stepping-up the search for a sex suspect who's spent 5-years on the run. Julio Chavez is accused of molesting a 5-year old girl in New Brunswick. Police learned of the attack after the girl started talking about it at the dentist's office

*Date:* March 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**MAMMOGRAM PROBLEMS**

Dozens of mammogram facilities in our area violate federal standards for quality. Some experts say the mammogram problems could be the difference between life and death.

*Date:* March 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**EZ PASS ERRORS**

E-Z pass errors are costing some drivers up to four dollars extra per trip. New Jersey turnpike officials say the problem is with new express E-Z Pass lanes at interchange 18-w in Bergen County and toll plaza one in Salem County. Drivers without EZ-pass enter those lanes and don't get a ticket but when they exit through regular tollbooths they're charged the maximum toll.

*Date:* March 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**COP'S SON KILLED**

It's any cop's worst nightmare...to rush to a crime scene only to find the victim is your own child. That's exactly what happened to Officer Wayne Smith of the Paterson Police Department, who held his dying son begging him to just hold on.

*Date:* March 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BODY BUILDER BUSTED**

An award winning body builder is busted. Cops say he was writing his own prescriptions. Bobby Anne" of Emerson, New Jersey, used fake prescriptions to buy steroids and other drugs. A pharmacist in Paramus became suspicious and notified cops. So they set up a sting and arrested Wananen when he showed up to pick up some Xanax.

*Date:* March 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POLICE CAR ACCIDENT**

An accident involving a police car leaves a cop in serious condition tonight. Our chopper was over the scene in Newark this morning. Two officers were in the squad car. The person in the other car was also injured. No word on what caused the crash

*Date:* March 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**FLOODED OUT**

The floods have dozens of families under water. Tonight, some streets in Wayne remain closed as rivers run over their banks.

*Date:* March 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**ROADBLOCK SUSPENSION**

Roadblock trouble for a police officer tonight. He used his patrol car to stop an allegedly drunk driver. Now this officer is finding himself in hot water. The North Bergen officer is in hot water because what he did is illegal-- despite his good intentions the wrong decision was made.

*Date:* March 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSTAGE HOAX**

A suspect who allegedly caused chaos in New Brunswick had a court appearance today. Wadu Jackson is accused of being part OF a hostage hoax and a chat line call that led to a massive police standoff.

*Date:* March 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CORZINE CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF**

An enthusiastic crowd turned out for Senator Jon Corzine's official campaign kickoff. The 58-year-old Democrat kicked-off his bid to be governor with stops in South and North Jersey. Corzine, who is serving his first term in the U-S senate, says now is the time for change in the Garden State. Corzine is the only Democrat in the race so far and has a double-digit lead over the closest of 7 Republican challengers.

*Date:* March 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**ESSEX TOLLS NEXT TO GO**

Demolition crews are getting ready to tear down another set of tolls along the garden state parkway and it's going to happen sooner than thought. The Essex North toll plaza will be torn down this summer. That's two year ahead of schedule.

*Date:* March 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**KILLED FOR A KISS**

Police say a 15-year old girl from Atlantic City has been murdered by a man who wanted to make-out with her. You often see these kinds of senseless shootings. They can be for any number of reasons. From what police can tell this one began with a request for a kiss and ended an instant later.

## **WWOR-TV / APRIL 2005**

*Date:* April 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Religion**

### **MCCARRICK/POPE MEMORIES**

The former archbishop of Newark, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, took time to share his personal memories of the Pope.

*Date:* April 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Religion**

### **REMEMBERING THE POPE'S VISIT**

Many people share their memories of when the Pope visited New Jersey for 2 days in 1995.

*Date:* April 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

### **FLOODING FEARS**

Report on the flooding in Wayne, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **SCHOOL RAPE**

A 16 year old boy is accused of raping a 15 year old victim at Wayne Hills High School in Wayne, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Religion**

### **NEWARK REMEMBERS**

In Newark, the faithful gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart as a dedication to Pope John Paul II.

*Date:* April 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

### **FLOODING FEARS - WAYNE**

Report on the flooding in Wayne, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

### **FLOODING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

A report on the State of Emergency in New Jersey due to flooding.

*Date:* April 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**TRENTON EVACUATIONS**

Residents are forced to evacuate their homes due to flooding.

*Date:* April 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**MALLS CLOSED**

Willowbrook Mall closes due to flooding.

*Date:* April 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**TRENTON FLOODING**

More than three-thousand people forced to evacuate their homes due to Delaware River flooding, and even the State House was forced to shut down.

*Date:* April 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Religion**

**CHANGING FACE OF CHURCH**

At a church in Newark tonight, West Africans are remembering a Cardinal who is in the running to be the next Pope.

*Date:* April 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**COYOTE ON RUNWAY**

A coyote on the runway brings Teterboro Airport to a halt.

*Date:* April 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**HOBOKEN BUDGET BATTLE**

Hoboken City Council members gather in an emergency meeting to hammer out an approved budget plan.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**FLOODED OUT**

Report on the flooding in parts of New Jersey.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Sports**

**GIANTS SUING XANADU**

The team wants to block the billion dollar Meadowlands makeover project since the Giants didn't approve the plan.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**TERROR TEST**

The second day of the largest terror test in US history in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**FORRESTER PRIMARY PROBLEM**

Gubernatorial Candidate may not be allowed to debate with other candidates since he is using his own money to finance his campaign.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**HIP HOP INITIATIVE**

About a thousand Perth Amboy High School Students attended a pep rally. Some of hip-hop's biggest names were there to motivate young people about the importance of voting.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOSTAGE HOAX EXTRADITE**

A Texas woman responsible for a hostage hoax in our area will be extradited back to New Jersey.

*Date:* April 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**TRENTON FLOODING**

Report on people forced to evacuate their homes because of flooding.

*Date:* April 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**FLOODED OUT**

Report on people forced to evacuate homes because of flooding.

*Date:* April 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**HELPING HAND FOR FLOOD**

FEMA in New Jersey to assess damage from floods.

*Date:* April 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**TERROR TEST**

New Jersey topped off day three of terror tests with a focus on hospital readiness. The emergency response drill took over the courtyard at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

*Date:* April 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MOCK TRIAL BIAS**

A Teaneck High School debating team is set to compete for the national championship, but their religion may prevent them from winning.

*Date:* April 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PLANE CRASH** Two people are killed after a small plane crashes in a Cape May County campground.

*Date:* April 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**GAMBLING ON TV**

Assemblywoman Joan Voss is taking aim at ESPN, Bravo and the travel channel. Voss says televised poker tournaments have fueled a craze among young people.

*Date:* April 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**MORE FLOODING**

Residents dealing with flooding in Pompton Lakes.

*Date:* April 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**RACIST NEWSPAPER**

Racist remarks were published in an April Fools edition of the Acorn at Drew University.

*Date:* April 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CRIME ROUND-UP**

A report on a crime round-up of criminals in East Orange.

*Date:* April 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TEENS SHOT**

A nine year old girl and ten year old boy were shot in Elizabeth.

*Date:* April 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WATER MAIN BREAK**

A water main break leaves thousands of people in Somerset, Middlesex and Union counties dry or with low water pressure.

*Date:* April 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**FLOOD DAMAGE**

Senator Jon Corzine tours the damage scene left by the New Jersey floods. A total of 9 counties reported flood damage.

*Date:* April 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TORAH ACADEMY/MOCK TRIAL**

An agreement tonight will allow a local Yeshiva Academy in Teaneck to compete in a national mock trial or debate.

*Date:* April 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**WATER WORRIES**

Water worries are not over for thousands of people living in Central New Jersey as a boil water advisory continues after a major water main break.

*Date:* April 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**JC HI RISE FIRE**

A report on a fire at Jersey City's Gregory Apartments.

*Date:* April 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Religion**  
**NJ PRIEST'S MOMENT**

Priest Frank McNulty of Summit once confronted Pope John Paul II in 1987.

*Date:* April 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Religion**  
**NEWARK ARCHBISHOP RETURNS**

Newark Archbishop John Myers returns to Newark after attending Pope's funeral in Rome.

*Date:* April 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**WATER RESTRICTION LIFTED**

Water worries have ended as a boil water advisory imposed on thousands of people has been lifted in Union, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties.

*Date:* April 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**GAS PRICES UP AGAIN**

A report on skyrocketing gas prices, but lowest prices are in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**END OF STANDOFF**

A tense stand-off between cops and a man who kidnapped his ex-girlfriend and child in Lopatcong, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BRUNSWICK FATAL AX**

A woman is killed in a fatal accident with a truck in South Brunswick.

*Date:* April 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BALCONY COLLAPSE**

A motel balcony collapses in Atlantic City.

*Date:* April 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BREAKING NEWS/FIRE**

Many Senior Citizens are forced to evacuate their homes because of a fire in Highlands.

*Date:* April 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TERROR INDICTMENTS**

Terror indictments are sealed for three men accused of planning to blow up financial centers in New York and Newark.

*Date:* April 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STAND-OFF SUSPECT ARRAIGN**

Altumah Saunders was arraigned for a tense standoff in New Jersey with police.

*Date:* April 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**NJ MINIMUM WAGE**

Acting Governor Richard Codey today signed a law that raises the minimum wage to \$7.50 an hour.

*Date:* April 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**WHALE IN TRENTON**

A Beluga whale was spotted in the Delaware River near Trenton.

*Date:* April 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Sports**  
**GIANTS STADIUM DEAL**

A new deal has been struck to build the Giants a new stadium in the Meadowlands.

*Date:* April 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**WHALE STILL LOOSE**

A report on the Beluga Whale still loose in the Delaware River.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOSTAGE SPEAKS OUT**

The woman who was abducted by her ex-boyfriends, along with her child in New Jersey, speaks out about the ordeal.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Sports**  
**GIANTS STADIUM DEAL**

Acting-Governor Richard Codey signed the deal for the Giants to have a new stadium built in the Meadowlands.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BIG BRUSH FIRE**

A brush fire burns out of control at a military arsenal in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FUGITIVE ROUNDUP**

The largest roundup of fugitives in US history leaves more than 10-thousand violent suspects behind bars, with more than 4-hundred from New York and New Jersey.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**SNACK FIGHT**

A parent sues Millburn's Board of Ed to make sure its school nutrition policy conforms to state guidelines.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Acting-Governor Richard Codey signed a bill requiring all single and two-family homes to have fire extinguishers.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JC CRIME REENACTMENT**

Senior Citizens take part in a five week long police academy in Jersey City.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**

**WHALE FROM CANADA**

The Beluga Whale spotted in the Delaware in Trenton is from Canada.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE TOPS FORRESTER**

Republican Gubernatorial Doug Forrester leads all his GOP opponents in the race for Governor, but when compared to Senator Jon Corzine, he trails by 11 points.

*Date:* April 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**

**TRANSIT SECURITY**

A report on how New Jersey Transit is beefing up security.

*Date:* April 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**GARAGE COLLAPSE**

A steel support gave way on a parking garage in Elizabeth, causing a 30 foot portion to collapse. No cars were damaged.

*Date:* April 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DEADLY DRIVE**

A story about a teenage girl who accidentally runs over her mother with an automobile.

*Date:* April 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MOST INFLUENTIAL/HARVEY**

New Jersey's Attorney General Peter Harvey was selected as Ebony Magazine's one of its most influential Black Americans.

*Date:* April 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**

**CHERRY BLOSSOMS**

Story about the Cherry Blossom Festival at Essex County Park.

*Date:* April 17, 2005

**ISSUES: government/Politics**  
**GOP DEBATE**

Six of the seven candidates hoping to win the Republican nomination for New Jersey Governor met in one of many debates in which they talked about government spending, ethics and taxes.

*Date:* April 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CYCLIST KILLED**

In Newark, a motorcyclist and an EMS truck collided when the truck

*Date:* April 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHOE STORE ACCIDENT**

A driving student crashed into a Payless Shoe Store in Belleville, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Entertainment**  
**MARTHA-SIRIUS RADIO**

Martha Stewart signs a 30 million dollar deal with Sirius Satellite Radio. Stewart says she grew up listening to the radio while growing up in Nutley, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**FIREHOUSE REDEDICATED**

City leaders cut the ribbon on the Observer Highway firehouse in Hoboken following a million and a half dollar restoration.

*Date:* April 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**NJ NETS FREE RIDE**

The NJ Nets pick up the tab for all drivers getting off the New Jersey Turnpike at exit 16-W between 6:30 and 7:30 before one of their home games at the Meadowlands.

*Date:* April 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**SAFE AT SCHOOL/CODEY**

Acting Governor Richard Codey announced a plan at Nutley High school in which specially trained officers and school administrators will assess how well schools are being protected.

*Date:* April 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**IRVINGTON/SLOW RESPONSE**

The Irvington Police department was slow in responding to a desperate call for help. Their response may have prevented the abduction of a mother and her baby.

*Date:* April 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**DISASTER DECLARATION**

President Bush tonight declared a disaster area in more than 20 counties in New York and New Jersey, meaning that Federal funding will now be available to places like Trenton where flooding caused major damage.

*Date:* April 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PAPER WAREHOUSE FIRE**

A fire leveled the Accurate Document Destruction plant in Mercer County. The heat and intensity of the fire caused the buildings walls to collapse.

*Date:* April 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BRUSH FIRES**

Story about firefighters battling brush fires in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NJ FOREST FIRE**

A field of flames erupted in Wharton State Forest Park near Philadelphia.

*Date:* April 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SWIM SUIT TAG**

Under Cape May law, boys twelve and under have always been allowed to go shirtless on the boardwalk.

*Date:* April 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**

**TURKEY TAG**

There are an estimated 23,000 wild turkeys in New Jersey, 25 years after they were re-introduced into the New Jersey woods.

*Date:* April 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**NJ TRANSIT FARE HIKES**

NJ Transit approved an average 11.5 percent increase in bus and rail fares beginning in July.

*Date:* April 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PEDESTRIANS HIT**

A tragic accident claims life of a 96 years old man who was being helped across the street by a crossing guard. Both were hit by a car in Hackensack.

*Date:* April 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TURNPIKE CRASH/NJ**

A truck hauling iced tea slammed into a car in South Jersey, then crashed into a truck towing a trailer. The accident closed the northbound turnpike in Burlington County for 16 miles.

*Date:* April 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**ENERGY BILL PROTEST**

New Jersey Congressman Frank Pallone says the House's new Energy Bill does not address the rising price of gas, or the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

*Date:* April 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**LINDEN HIT & RUN**

Police look for a red Ford pick-up truck involved in a hit & run in Linden, New Jersey.

*Date:* April 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PRISON NOTIFICATION**

Information on prison breaks, fires, evacuations and quarantines at New Jersey State Correctional facilities is now a phone call away. The Corrections Department will also be calling residents who register to be notified.

*Date:* April 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Sports**  
**FAN FEST**

Fans of the Giants football team flocked to Giants Stadium to watch the draft.

*Date:* April 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**CAPE MAY FERRY FARES**

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, fares for children will lower for the Cape May Ferry.

*Date:* April 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**FLOODING ASSISTANCE**

A report on flood victims in New Jersey getting money from FEMA, as well as disaster recovery centers being opened to those hit the hardest by the floods.

*Date:* April 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BEAR IN A TREE**

A 240 pound bear climbed up a tree near homes in Sayreville. Wildlife experts in a cherry picker, tranquilized the bear, lowered it into a net and released it into the wild.

*Date:* April 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RAPE AT RUTGERS**

For the second time in two months, a Rutgers student is raped in her own home.

*Date:* April 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TEEN DRUG DEALER**

Police arrested 18 year old Jordan Myers and his 57 year old father, Richard. Authorities say Jordan built his own drug franchise, using other teens to sell at high schools and colleges in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSE**

A scaffold on the side of the Galaxy Towers in Guttenberg gave way. River Road was shut down, below the building.

*Date:* April 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Transportation**  
**SAVING AMTRAK**

Congressmen Jerrold Nadler and Robert Menendez unveiled new legislation they say will properly fund and enhance rail service for Amtrak. They blame the federal government for making it scrape by with just enough funding.

*Date:* April 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**KILLED IN HIT & RUN**

A mother pleads for police to find the suspected hit & run driver who killed her seven year old son in New Jersey.

*Date:* April 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PARAMUS CAR CHASE**

A story about a car chase in Paramus that ended in a crash in the parking lot of the Bergen Mall.

*Date:* April 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TREE HITS VAN**

The van of a woman who was delivering menus for a Jersey City Chinese Restaurant was hit by a giant tree when it was toppled by high winds.

*Date:* April 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**WHALE IS BACK**

The Beluga Whale that caused such a commotion in Trenton was spotted again in the Schuylkill River near the old Philadelphia Navy Yard.

*Date:* April 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/youth**  
**CHILD STABBED**

A story about a 19-year-old girl who was charged with stabbing her 9-year-old brother. The boy was treated at Jersey City Medical Center for multiple but shallow stab wounds.

*Date:* April 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HACKENSACK FIRE**

A story about a family who is burned out of their home by a raging fire on State Street in Hackensack.

*Date:* April 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TRACKING A STALKER**

A story about a mother in Morristown who is looking for a stalker who has been harassing her daughter.

*Date:* April 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**SCHOOL SLEEPOVER**

Students at a local high school in Hillside participate in a school sleepover at the school where kids are learning some very valuable lessons.

*Date:* April 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RAPE LAW REFORM**

DNA now links suspected serial rapist Clarence Williams to at least 25 attacks over the last 35 years. But prosecutors in New York say a 10 year statute of limitations stands in the way. Williams can be tried in New Jersey and Maryland where there is no statute of limitations on rape.

*Date:* April 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MARYLAND FIRE**

Twenty-two year old college student Michael Scrocca of Somerville, New Jersey, was killed in a house fire near the University of Maryland, where he was enrolled.

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*Date:* May 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **DANGEROUS TRAINS**

Dozens of Mayors are demanding an early warning system for hazardous materials on trains. 51 Mayors are telling Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta a National database is needed to track where trains are traveling and what they are carrying.

*Date:* May 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **COPS ARRESTED**

Sergeant Richard Winstock and Officer Thomas Justus of Roxbury were allegedly caught gambling in a warehouse in Dover, New Jersey. Prosecutors say they ran the illegal club, making between 5 and 10 thousand dollars a week.

*Date:* May 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **PEDESTRIAN STRUCK ENGLEWOOD**

An elderly man crossing the street is hospitalized after being hit by a car at Engle and Demarest in Englewood, NJ. The man was trying to cross Engle Street when a driver who was parallel parking hit him.

*Date:* May 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **IRVINGTON DOUBLE MURDER**

Police are looking for suspects in the murders of 2 teens in Essex County. A 15-year old was shot at the drive-thru window of McDonald's in Irvington and a 16-year old was shot outside a home on Ellis Avenue in Irvington.

*Date:* May 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **TARGETING HISPANICS**

Police patrols are beefed up tonight after a rash of attacks on Hispanic men in Plainfield, New Jersey. And this isn't the first time the Latino community has been the target of violence.

*Date:* May 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **KEEPING PREDATORS AWAY**

Parents in Hamilton Township, New Jersey are trying to keep predators away from their children. They don't want convicted sex offenders living anywhere near their schools and parks.

*Date:* May 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CAR HIT BY TRAIN**

A freight train carrying a load of cars slammed into a car in Northvale, NJ. Rescuers had to saw the roof off the car to remove the driver to bring her to the hospital.

*Date:* May 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK POLICE CHASE**

Suspected car thieves led police on a high-speed chase that comes to a crashing halt. Police say the thieves stole the car from Newark Airport and led the police through Newark at high speeds before finally crashing on Route 21.

*Date:* May 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**CODEY AND CANCER**

New Jersey is reaching out to its Hispanic community in the fight against cancer. They will now have access to the latest cutting-edge cancer treatments. It's through a state-run website, New Jersey Cancer Trial Connect, which is now available in Spanish.

*Date:* May 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**I-280 TRACTOR TRAILER ACCIDENT**

A tractor-trailer flipped on its side after colliding with a police car on I-280 in Orange. The truck driver had to be extricated from the big rig.

*Date:* May 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**PERTH AMBOY HISPANIC FEST**

A Hispanic festival that had come under fire in Perth Amboy has gotten a partial green light. Perth Amboy residents protested when they were told they could not have their annual Puerto Rican festival. It was blocked by an ordinance banning amplified music on city streets.

*Date:* May 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**STOLEN CYCLES**

19 people were arrested in NJ and as part of "Operation Ninja", a total of 40 motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles were seized. The suspects stole bikes from throughout Philadelphia and replaced VIN numbers with bogus tags to sell them to unsuspecting buyers.

*Date:* May 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**GO-GO BORDER BATTLE**

It's a turf war involving adult entertainment and community borderlines in South Hackensack. Workers at the go-go bar say they have been there 50 years and haven't bothered anybody.

*Date:* May 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRENTON FATAL FIRE**

A Trenton father died trying to save his 2 daughters from a fire. Rasheen Glover escaped the fire that broke out in his 2-story home but he returned to rescue his kids. All three never made it out.

*Date:* May 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**DORM SEX CAM**

A Rutgers University Co-ed allegedly recorded his roommate having sex in bed is in big trouble. The freshman was arrested after showing the video from his dorm room sex camera, all around campus.

*Date:* May 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**OFFENSIVE AD**

A beer ad is placed where thousands of commuters can see it in Hoboken. A women's rights group says the ad is down right offensive.

*Date:* May 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BULLETS IN HOUSE**

Shots rang out and bullets flew through a Newark mom's apartment. Bullets pierced Shakema's back door and now she wants the housing authority to find her a new apartment.

*Date:* May 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ROBBERY SPREE**

Liquor stores and bodegas in Newark are on the alert. There has been a rash of robberies around the city. The suspects typically work in groups of two to four. They are described as black males who are usually masked, armed and wear dark clothes.

*Date: May 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**RACE FOR GOVERNOR – NEW JERSEY**

Two GOP candidates in the race for governor in New Jersey are talking tough about property taxes. Doug Forrester and Bret Schundler squared off in a forum in South Brunswick. The candidates say they can bring rising taxes down.

*Date: May 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Education**

**TEACHER BUSTED**

A teacher, 38-year-old Miguel Fundus of Jersey City, is busted accused of exposing himself to a student in the school bathroom.

*Date: May 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BEST BABYSITTER**

A 17-year old Fair Lawn girl is the kind of babysitter parents dream about. Two months ago she rescued a pair of young children in her care from a burning building and now she is back on the job.

*Date: May 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Health**

**PLEA FOR A DONOR**

A Blairstown, NJ woman is struggling to stay alive. She is in a desperate race against time to find a living kidney donor.

*Date: May 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NIGHT CLUB SHOOTING**

A fight started in the bar at Ella's Lounge in Elizabeth but ended with gunfire in the parking lot. Three people were shot and one was killed.

*Date: May 7, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**RODINO OBIT**

Former NJ Congressman Peter Rodino died in his West Orange home. Rodino was 96-years old.

*Date: May 8, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FATAL HACKENSACK FIRE**

Careless smoking leads to a 4-alarm fire started in a 5<sup>th</sup> floor apartment. 63-year old Marvin Meyerowitz died. He was physically handicapped and trapped in his burning apartment.

*Date: May 9, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRIPLE STABBING**

Three people are stabbed and one of them killed in an apartment in Jersey City. Neighbors crowded around the scene while police looked for clues.

*Date: May 9, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOSTAGE HOAX ARRAIGNMENT**

Fahteen Ward made her first appearance today in a NJ courtroom after confessing to a hostage hoax near Rutgers. If convicted she could get up to 10 years in prison.

*Date: May 9, 2005*

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**TERROR THREAT**

There is a plan to make one of the most tempting areas for terrorists a tougher target. It's a patch of land right near Newark Airport.

*Date: May 9, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MISTAKEN IDENTITY**

A Bloomfield, NJ man spent his mother's day trying to convince police he is hardworking and honest, not a criminal. He was jailed because of mistaken identity and he wants something in writing to prove he is innocent so that it doesn't happen to him again.

*Date: May 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MAYOR'S RACE RESULT**

Incumbent Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy has 76 percent of the vote, followed by former Councilwoman Melissa Holloway with 17, and Alfred Pine with five.

*Date: May 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MAYOR**

Hoboken Mayor Dave Roberts has 37 percent of today's vote, compared to 29 for his challenger Councilwoman Carol Marsh, 19 for Councilman Frank Raia, 12 for Michael Russo, and 3 for Evelyn Smith.

*Date: May 10, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**HACKENSACK CANDIDATE**

In a North Jersey community, a city council candidate died on Election Day. Voters were stunned when they heard the news but many still voted for him.

*Date:* May 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**OPERATION CEASEFIRE**

New initiative has been launched to stop the violence in several North Jersey towns. It's called Operation Ceasefire and it's aimed at breaking barriers to help police crack down on Crime/Law Enforcement.

*Date:* May 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**PARKWAY EXPANSION**

Acting Governor Richard Cody announced plans to widen a 17-mile stretch of the highway in Ocean County, NJ. The 135 million-dollar project won't be finished until 2009.

*Date:* May 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**HYUNDAI NO ADVERTISING**

Hyundai is pulling ads from NJ 101.5 radio station after the "Jersey Guys" made anti-Asian remarks. A Korean man founded Hyundai.

*Date:* May 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BANK CHECK FRAUD**

Someone is making convincing forgeries of checks and money orders and cashing in on unsuspecting NJ victims. Our I-Team investigates the claims of Passaic and Ocean County victims.

*Date:* May 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WRONG HOUSE**

NJ State Troopers stormed into a Woodbridge man's home, trashed it and terrorized his family with guns even though the man told them they had the wrong house. State police said they believed the previous tenants still lived in the house because the utility bills were still in their name.

*Date:* May 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WRONG NUMBER**

NJ Police make an unlikely bust after getting new cell phones. They nabbed eight illegal immigrants who were looking to renew their licenses but they dialed the wrong number.

*Date:* May 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**MILITARY SHUTDOWNS**

The Pentagon announced a cost-saving plan to close military bases around the country. Nearly 30-thousand jobs would be closed, with many of them in our area. Though New Jersey would lose the most civilian jobs under the shutdown plan, other states in our area are getting hit hard as well.

*Date:* May 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CAT RESCUE**

Police were called to rescue a cat from a storm drain in Eatontown, NJ. Police wrestled with the heavy iron grids and finally freed the kitty.

*Date:* May 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FATAL HOTEL FIRE**

A family's dream of starting a new life turns into sorrow when a son and daughter are killed in a Somerset, NJ hotel fire.

*Date:* May 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TURNPIKE ACCIDENT**

A ten-car pile-up on the New Jersey Turnpike caused major delays on the eastern spur in Kearny. Three people were injured.

*Date:* May 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**COMMUTER CHAOS**

Commuter chaos is caused by that massive bridge fire that erupted under a rail bridge between Newark and Manhattan. There were big delays on Amtrak and NJ Transit.

*Date:* May 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GANG ROUND UP**

A series of raids on gangs in Newark has made the streets safer. Several members from the bloods are behind bars, but police say their work isn't done.

*Date:* May 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DEADLY DISPUTE**

An Irvington firefighter is the victim of a deadly dispute. A woman is the alleged killer who opened fire on him in front of several other people.

*Date:* May 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BABY LEFT IN CAR**

A Jersey City father is behind bars and his baby girl is dead. Police say he left her alone in a car for hours.

*Date:* May 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**DEBATE/RACE FOR GOVERNOR**

All seven Republican candidates for New Jersey Governor faced off in a debate that covered topics like gay marriage, stem cell research, and campaign finance. Corruption, taxes and a ban on smoking in public places were also discussed.

*Date:* May 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PALLONE ON FORT CLOSING**

Congressman Frank Pallone will meet with the Save Our Fort Committee. Fort Monmouth is on a list of 33 bases marked for closure. The Pentagon plans to transfer 45 hundred of the Fort's civilian jobs to Maryland.

*Date:* May 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**TALIAFERRO GRADUATES**

A Voorhees, NJ resident Adam Taliaferro became a college graduate. Five years after the Penn State football player was nearly paralyzed for life while playing in a football game.

*Date:* May 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JET CRASH**

A corporate jet crashed trying to land in Atlantic City when it ran off the runway. Four people were being treated for injuries.

*Date:* May 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SAMARITAN CARJACKED**

A good samaritan is carjacked and run over in NJ when she stopped to help someone in need. The FBI employee suffered a broken leg and other injuries after trying to help out the victim of an assault.

*Date:* May 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**KILLED BY TELEVISION**

A tragic accident takes the life of a little boy when a TV falls on him. Juan Caro Junior was struck by a 32-inch set that fell off a stand in his West Caldwell home. Police say the stand was either too old or could not bear the weight.

*Date:* May 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**SAYING GOODBYE-RODINO**

Hundreds of mourners came out to say goodbye to a former NJ Congressman Peter Rodino. Funeral services were held at St. Lucy's church in Newark.

*Date:* May 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PLANE CRASH LANDING**

A close call for a corporate jet making a crash landing in Atlantic City Bay is caught on tape. The pilot says the plane's brakes failed.

*Date:* May 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BRINKS TRUCK ACCIDENT**

An armored truck accident caused major traffic going southbound on the NJ Turnpike. The Brinks truck went off the road, flipped over and broke its axle near Hightstown, exit 8-A on the Turnpike.

*Date:* May 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**PEDOPHILE VOTE**

The Hamilton Township Council in New Jersey passed the state's first pedophile free zone tonight. This bars anyone convicted of a sex offense from living within 25-hundred feet of schools, parks and playgrounds.

*Date:* May 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**PROM WARNING**

A mangled car covered with images of skulls and bones sits outside of Clifton High School. The wreck is a scare tactic to demonstrate the dangers of drunken driving. Many students say the gory accident scene is a good way to get the point across.

*Date:* May 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**EZ DRIVING GSP TOLLS**

Express EZ Pass will be opened at the Asbury Park, Raritan, Toms River tolls. One-way tolls at the Bergen Toll Plaza will be up and running by next year.

*Date:* May 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DIVORCING HIS PARENTS**

A NJ woman is asking her in-laws to pay her as part of her divorce from her husband. After her husband became too ill to work, her in-laws helped out with the bills and she wants that to continue through their divorce.

*Date:* May 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHOT BY POLICE**

Police were chasing a car on Route 78 in Newark when three suspects bailed out and ran. Police shot at and injured two men but the third escaped.

*Date:* May 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BEATING**

North Plainfield police are dealing with another rash of robberies against Hispanics. The juveniles face charges of robbery and assault. But North Plainfield police say they're looking to see if there's any evidence to support a bias Crime/Law Enforcement charge.

*Date:* May 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**YWCA ANNIVERSARY PARTY**

The YWCA in Orange, NJ is celebrating 90 years. A red carpet extravaganza was held at the Y along with the opening of a new family learning and technology center. Brenda Blackmon was a guest at the event.

*Date:* May 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**CODEY GARDEN STATE MATTERS**

Plans for a Meadowlands makeover are underway. The Giants made a deal with NJ to build a new stadium on the site.

*Date:* May 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**BOWLING ALLEY SMOKING**

Bowling alley owners in New Jersey fear a proposed indoor smoking ban would put their profits in the gutter. They sent a message to each state legislator by sending one bowling shoe. The group claims the ban would send smokers outside and on rainy days, customers could slip and fall while bowling on slippery lanes.

*Date:* May 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**EAST ORANGE POLICE SHOOTING**

A suspected car thief is shot after taking police on a high-speed chase. NJ State Troopers shot the man several times after chasing him down in East Orange.

*Date:* May 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**GOVERNOR'S DEBATE**

The governor's race in NJ is heating up. The seven Republicans Met face to face for a debate. Property taxes were the first topic to be tackled.

*Date:* May 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**ONE GIRL'S CRUSADE**

A courageous 14-year old girl from Clifton, New Jersey who suffers from 2 rare diseases but she is a fighter and someone definitely to be admired.

*Date:* May 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CAR INTO LIQUOR STORE**

A car crash left one big mess at a Clifton, NJ liquor store. The driver's husband says she was going in reverse when she noticed a runaway shopping cart and jumped out to stop it, but forgot to take the car out of reverse.

*Date:* May 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MURDER SCHEME**

A NJ family won't give up in its quest for justice. They want the fiancé of their murdered daughter to pay, even though a court in India cleared him of a murder scheme.

*Date:* May 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**DRUG RECALL**

Able Laboratories ordered a nationwide recall of 46 generic drugs. The company stopped operations, saying it found problems with laboratory testing practices. Able is based in Cranbury, New Jersey.

*Date:* May 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**SECAUCUS STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

The NJ school's government got a one on one with our Steve Villanueva. They discussed careers in television.

*Date:* May 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**EATING THE EVIDENCE**

Paramus police busted three suspects allegedly using stolen credit cards at Nordstrom's in the Garden State Plaza. The thieves tried to eat the receipts, which were part of the evidence.

*Date:* May 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GAS PUMP INSPECTION**

Officials from the Bergen County Weights and Measures office will be at local gas stations spying the pumps. Consumers should watch when purchasing fuel to make sure you are getting what you paid for.

*Date:* May 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BEATEN BY POLICE**

An East Orange man claims police beat him. Now there is surveillance tape bringing the story back to the spot light.

*Date:* May 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PREDATOR ROUNDUP**

Some dangerous sex offenders are off the streets and behind bars after a massive predator roundup by Jersey City police.

*Date:* May 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**EAST ORANGE BEATING**

An East Orange police officer breaks his silence in a police brutality case involving nine police officers. Detective Albert Alston is now fighting to get his job back and has to go before a departmental hearing.

*Date:* May 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Environment**  
**WASHED OUT WEEKEND**

Windy and rainy weather has led to a flood warning for coastal areas down at the Jersey Shore.

*Date:* May 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**COSTELLO STREET RENAMED**

Madison Street in Paterson will become Lou Costello Place. The comedian was born on the street nearly 100 years ago.

*Date:* May 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Community**  
**PROBLEM WITH POPPIES**

For the first time, Garden State Plaza will allow veterans to hold a fundraiser on their property.

*Date:* May 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DJ'S APOLOGIZE**

Craig Carton and Ray Rossi host the Jersey Guys show on NJ 101.5, give their on-air apologies for their offensive remarks about Asians.

*Date:* May 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BIRTH CERTIFICATE TWO MOMMIES**

A baby girl in NJ is the first to have two mommies listed on her birth certificate. Lesbian partners Jeanne Locicero and Kimberly Robinson will not have to go through the adoption process. A judge agreed both of their names could appear on the birth certificate.

May 27, 2005

*Date:* **ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DRIVER CRACKDOWN**

Passaic police are on patrol this Memorial Day weekend cracking down on drunk and aggressive drivers who don't obey the rules of the road. 11-hundred officers will be cruising all the major highways and among other things, checking to see if people are wearing their seat belts.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**GANG ROUND UP**

Residents of one East Orange neighborhood feel more secure tonight. Investigators from an anti-gang task force say officers took some dangerous Bloods gang members off the streets.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**OFFICIALS INDICTED**

Prosecutors say Ezra Naughton, Irvington, New Jersey's former schools Comptroller forged 74 checks totaling more than 90 thousand dollars. Prosecutors have also charged 2 of Naughton's friends.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**LEFT ON THE BUS**

A little girl in Jersey City was left on a school bus. Her parents and teachers went on a frantic search before finding her alone and scared.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**PIT BULL ATTACK** A quiet Old Bridge, NJ community is shaken by a pit bull attack. A couple is recovering from bites and scratches they suffered trying to defend their little pet.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**HIV TESTING SALONS**

The Garden State Aids Outreach program is giving out information kits at NJ beauty shops. It contains pamphlets, condoms, and lists free HIV testing centers.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FIGHTING FIRES-ELIZABETH**

Firefighters from Elizabeth were showcasing a new piece of equipment, which shoots water at gas and oil fires.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NUDE BANKER**

A respected Monmouth County banker is behind bars accused of a nude surprise. Police say he traded in his business suit for his birthday suit and tried attacking a female jogger.

*Date:* May 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**HOLIDAY GETAWAY**

People are on the road again getting ready to begin the unofficial start of summer. We check out the traffic trek in Woodbridge on the New Jersey Turnpike.

*Date:* May 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SAVING FORT**

Congressmen James Saxton will put in a good word for the Fort Monmouth as it faces a closing due to budget constraints. The South Jersey Republican is a high-ranking member of the Armed Services Committee, and was successful at keeping other bases open.

*Date:* May 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**BEACH BATHROOMS**

Public Advocates say more toilets are needed at NJ beaches. But some towns say port-a-potties are too expensive and messy.

*Date: May 28, 2005*

**ISSUES: Environment**

**SHORE DESTINATION**

It looked like a sure sign of summer with the shore open for business and beaches bustling with people having fun in the sun. But that was before the clouds rolled into Keyport in Monmouth County, NJ.

*Date: May 29, 2005*

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**NEWARK SKYDIVERS**

A skydiving spectacle thrilled crowds at the African American Heritage Parade. One by one, a trio of skydivers touched down from clear blue skies to delight the crowd gathered for the festivities in Newark.

*Date: May 30, 2005*

**ISSUES: Sports**

**DEMONIC NAME**

Suddenly the New Jersey Devils are in a burning debate over their name. The team is taking heat from State Assemblyman Craig Stanley. He says it's wrong to have a satanic symbol represent the organization.

*Date: May 30, 2005*

**ISSUES: Community**

**MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS**

All around our area, parades and ceremonies marked Memorial Day.

*Date: May 30, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRUCK OVERTURNED 495**

A scary scene as a truck turns over on busy route 495 at Kennedy Boulevard in North Bergen, NJ. It was a Goya truck that spilled beans all over the highway.

*Date: May 30, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**OFFICER INJURED**

A dangerous chase on foot has left a police officer with several injuries. He fell down a 20-foot embankment in Passaic hurting his neck, back and legs, trying to catch a drunk driving suspect.

*Date: May 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ GOVERNOR SPENDING**

Latest figures show New Jersey Gubernatorial Candidate Doug Forrester has raised \$8.9 million to win the GOP nomination. Bret Schundler has raised less than \$2 million. The five other Republicans have raised between \$800-thousand and \$1.6 million. On the Democratic side, Jon Corzine has raised nearly \$2.2 million.

*Date: May 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BAT BEATING DIES**

Maximo Castro is one of the many Hispanics recently assaulted in North Plainfield, NJ. Castro died from his injuries and the two teens that have pled guilty to beating him are now facing murder charges.

*Date: May 31, 2005*

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TETERBORO CRASH - TETERBORO**

Teterboro Airport was the scene of another accident. A plane headed from Nantucket crashed and burned trying to land.

## **WWOR-TV / June - 2005**

*Date:* June 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WINDSHIELD SMASHED**

A driver driving on I-78 in Union Township is injured when a rock flies through his windshield. Police say the rock was thrown from an overpass in the eastbound lane. The driver is in critical but stable condition.

*Date:* June 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DRUG BUST**

The Feds raided a home in Palisades Park seizing some 900 pounds of cocaine.

*Date:* June 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HUNDREDS OF GUNS**

Hundreds of guns were found inside a Ridgefield, NJ home.

*Date:* June 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**TEEN SUMMIT – PLAINFIELD**

The first FOX 5 & UPN 9 Teen Summit takes place in Plainfield, New Jersey, where high school students listened to motivational speaker Rev. Conrad Muhammad, and created a dialogue involving gang violence and minority relations.

*Date:* June 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**FEMA REQUEST REJECTED**

NJ towns hit by April's floods will not get federal aid. FEMA has rejected the state's request for seven and a half million dollars to repair roads and bridges.

*Date:* June 2, 2005

**ISSUES:**  
**NATIONAL ANTHEM OUTRAGE**

National anthems from England and Colombia were played in honor of their teams at Giants Stadium but no Star Spangled Banner was played. Governor Codey issued an executive order requiring that the anthem be played at all sporting events in the state.

*Date:* June 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PRISON ABUSE SCANDAL**

We sat down and spoke with Sergeant Javal Davis of NJ, who was the first of those convicted in the Abu Grab scandal to speak publicly. He has just finished a four-month prison term and now he is eager to talk about the horrors of that notorious prison.

*Date:* June 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**EXPLOSIVE SITUATION**

Five-hundred guns along with ammunition and gunpowder were found inside an elderly couple's home in Ridgefield, New Jersey.

*Date:* June 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**ARRESTED FOR KIDNAPPING**

Cops in Union City say Juan Rodriguez lured the woman into his van with a lottery scam after he saw her leave a bank with 5-thousand dollars He then tried to throw her out of the van, but she managed to hang on until police stopped him.

*Date:* June 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**UP IN FLAMES-JERSEY CITY**

Several families are lucky to be alive after their Jersey City home went up in flames. Police arrested 25-year old Miguel Cook as the suspected arsonist.

*Date:* June 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DEAD CATS**

Marlene Kess of East Orange, NJ plead not guilty to 4 counts of animal cruelty. Two weeks ago, authorities found 210 cat-carcasses stuffed in bags in her back yard.

*Date:* June 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FAMILY OUTRAGE**

Time has become the friend of the man found guilty in the death of his girlfriend and her NJ family is outraged.

*Date:* June 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**ABS SOLD**

A New Jersey college student sold advertising space on his abs for \$7,058. Golden Place dot com won the bid and will advertise for the entire month of June.

*Date:* June 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BEAR ALERT**

New Jersey residents are warned to look out for black bears. Five hundred bears have been spotted in Hudson, Middlesex, and Sussex Counties.

*Date:* June 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ TRANSIT BRIDGE FIRE-CIRCUIT BREAKER**

A circuit breaker is to blame for last month's massive railroad bridge fire. Investigators say a breaker that should have prevented the fire was not installed properly.

*Date:* June 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SOLDIER KILLED**

The Defense Department says Captain Charles Robinson of Haddon Heights, New Jersey died in Afghanistan. An explosive device struck his convoy vehicle.

*Date:* June 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**KEARNY FIRE**

A fire in Kearny left at least 16 families homeless. Many of them angry because they believe if a faulty fire hydrant had been working, their homes would have been saved.

*Date:* June 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NJ & NY WORST DRIVERS**

New York drivers came in 44<sup>th</sup> in the Nation when given a test of their local traffic laws and New Jersey drivers ranked 47<sup>th</sup>.

*Date:* June 5, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ GOP DEBATE**

The seven Republicans who want to be Governor of New Jersey went round and round in their final televised debate this morning.

*Date:* June 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SOLDIER KILLED**

A New Jersey soldier is among the latest casualties in the crisis in the war with Iraq. Twenty-Nine year old Captain Charles Robinson of Camden County was killed when his convoy struck an explosive device.

*Date:* June 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ GOP PRIMARY**

Tomorrow is primary day for New Jersey residents voting for a Republican candidate for Governor. Polls open at 6 am and close at 8 pm.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**DEMOCRATIC RESULTS**

In the Democratic race for Governor, Senator Jon Corzine is the winner. He received 88 percent of the vote over little-known opponents Francis Tenaglio and James Kelly.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**REPUBLICAN RESULTS**

Brett Schundler and Doug Forrester have been running a very tight race all along. Forrester has the lead with 36 percent to Schundler's 31 percent.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RAPES AT RUTGERS**

Thirty-Four year old Bruce Stirling of New Brunswick plead not guilty of two attacks near Rutgers. Police say DNA evidence connected him to attacks in July 2002 and last January.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHOCKED BY LIGHTENING**

A Warren County, New Jersey woman was shocked by lightening.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MOTEL STANDOFF**

A five-hour stand off with two suspected robbers held up in a motel room finally comes to an end. The couple was traced to a motel in Cinnaminson in Burlington County after an officer noticed a car there with a busted window that matched the description of a stolen car.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TRAVEL AGENCY TROUBLE**

Rita Connolly was charged with scamming clients who came to her agency, Sunrise-Sunset Travel in Lyndhurst. Officials say she'd take their money then cancel the trips, or never book them at all!

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GM LAYOFFS**

General Motors plans to close more plants and lay off more workers. Its CEO said some 25 thousand jobs will be cut by 2008. Plants will also be closed as part of a plan to revive sales. GM closed several factories this year including one in New Jersey.

*Date:* June 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BOATING ACCIDENT**

There was a scare in the waters between NJ and Staten Island after a boating accident tosses two people into the water. The Coast Guard and NY police are trying to figure out what happened.

*Date:* June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RAHWAY FIRE - RAHWAY**

A Rahway building went up in flames in a 3-alarm fire. Investigators say it broke out in a beauty supply store. Part of the front wall fell in but there were no reported injuries.

*Date:* June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SHARK ATTACK**

A surfer on the Jersey Shore was attacked by what's believed to be a young great white.

June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SECAUCUS CAR CHASE –**

A driver almost ran down 2 state troopers as he led them on a wild chase through Secaucus before bailing out of the car. Rafiq Grundy is now behind bars in the Hudson County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**OVERPAID PRESIDENT**

One local college president's salary and lifestyle is raising questions. As his salary went up, the school's finances went down.

June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**PEDOPHILE AT TARGET**

An alleged pedophile was arrested after he groped a 12-year old girl who was shopping with her mother at a Somerset County Target. Police say the man was caught in the act.

June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**RACE FOR GOVERNOR**

The NJ Governor's race is in full swing. Senator Jon Corzine and Doug Forrester face off hitting the campaign trail.

June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**SCHOOL MAKEOVER**

Students in Secaucus planted new shrubs and plants outside Huber school. Home Depot donated the fertilizer and plants for the makeover.

June 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION PROTEST**

Parents in West New York recently found graduation ceremonies were cancelled. The Board of Ed called them off because of state testing. Instead individual classroom celebrations were planned. But parents want the pomp and circumstance. Officials now plan to work something out for some type of formal ceremony for the kids.

June 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**SCHOOL SHUT EARLY**

14 students from the West New York Middle School were taken to the hospital after suffering heat exhaustion. School officials say the air conditioning broke down, so they evacuated 900 students from the school.

June 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PERTH AMBOY FESTIVAL**

Organizers won a court battle to have their Puerto Rican day parade, despite a ban on loud music in the street. But a judge upheld the city's request for heavy police presence.

June 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**FLIP FLOP FLAP**

South River High School will not allow them to wear flip-flops no matter how hot it is because rules are rules. Students say even though some have been suspended, they will continue to wear them if it's hot.

June 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**NEWPORT 10K RUN**

Hundreds of runners ran in the Newport 10k road race. Runners competed for \$10,000 in prize money. Funds raised will go to the Jersey City Medical Center.

June 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**TEACHER SENTENCED**

Math teacher Robin Gialanella pleaded guilty to child endangerment in the sexual abuse of two sixth grade boys. A judge sentenced her to a year behind bars.

June 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**LOCKS OF LOVE**

Dozens of kids at Bergen County Academies got their hair cut and donated it to "Locks of Love." The hair will be made into wigs for children suffering from long term medical hair loss. While the kids donated the hair, Salon Five of Fort Lee donated their styling services for free.

June 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CORRECTION OFFICERS ARRESTED**

Corrections officers Derrick Reynolds and Malcolm Hughes have been arrested for allegedly selling drugs to inmates in the Essex County Jail.

June 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**NOT A RAPIST - BLOOMFIELD**

A Bloomfield, NJ teen was accused of sexually assaulting a classmate in their high school bathroom. A judge threw out the case and cleared the teen of the charges when his lawyer turned up a letter written by the accuser about the accused.

June 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ GAY MARRIAGE DECISION**

A state appeals panel ruled the NJ state constitution does not include same-sex couples in its definition of marriage. The mayor of Asbury Park married dozens of couples last year. The issue will now go to the state supreme court.

June 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**HOBOKEN MAYOR'S RACE**

It took a run-off, but Hoboken Mayor David Roberts is Mayor again. He received 57-percent of the vote, and will serve a second term. His challenger, Councilwoman Carol Marsh, received 43-percent.

June 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ CAR INSURANCE & INJURIES**

The NJ state Supreme Court ruled insurance companies now have to pay for permanent injuries, even if they are not serious. That means drivers can choose to sue even if their injuries are minor. The change will force the cost of insurance to rise.

June 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NJ COST OF LIVING**

A new study shows the cost of living in NJ is so high, that folks have to earn three times the federal poverty level just to make ends meet. In order to pay for things like medical care, housing and taxes, it costs more than \$46,000 in NJ.

June 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**GROUNDHOG CRUELTY**

Two Middletown Township teens are facing animal cruelty charges tonight. They are accused of brutally killing a pair of hound dogs.

June 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE-FORRESTER POLL**

A poll taken just days after the New Jersey Primary shows Corzine ahead of Republican Doug Forrester by 10 points, 47 to 37. 11 percent of voters said they were still undecided, but the Quinnipiac poll also showed that when it comes to the issue of property tax cuts, Forrester has a slight lead.

June 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JERSEY CITY PRECINCT SHOOT FOLO**

A Jersey City police officer put his life on the line during a shooting in his precinct. This hero cop was being honored for his bravery.

June 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**CHILD PORN BUST**

An 84-year old man was arrested in Ocean County on child pornography charges. He was arrested as part of a state police sweep.

June 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**TETERBORO FEWER FLIGHTS**

The Port Authority wants to reduce air traffic at Teterboro Airport as part of a safety improvement plan. The NJ Senate will hear details of the new plan.

June 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**EZ-PASS NJ VIOLATORS**

The NJ Turnpike Authority is having a difficult time collecting money from EZ Pass toll violators. They are looking into filing criminal cases against major offenders.

June 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**CHILD DROWNS**

A teenager out enjoying the beautiful weather, drowned while playing in a lake. It happened at Lake Lefferts in Matawan, NJ.

June 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POLICE CHASE**

A police chase tears down Interstate 280 in NJ. Police were chasing a car wanted in a bank robbery. The car was dumped in Newark and 3 suspects fled but 1 was arrested.

June 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JERSEY CITY TIRES SLASHED**

Tires on at least 10 cars have been slashed recently. Residents say it's the work of a local gang. They say crime, ranging from vandalism to drugs, often goes unreported because people are afraid of retribution.

June 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**TEANECK GAS MAIN SCARE**

Construction crews working in Teaneck hit an underground gas main. Some nearby homes and businesses were evacuated.

June 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ST. PETER'S PLAYER**

The promising life of a NJ college basketball standout is cut short. Investigators are looking into his mysterious death.

June 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**KIDDIE PORN BUST**

Colleagues and neighbors of Joseph Salmon are stunned as the man they describe as a great guy is accused of possessing and distributing kiddie porn.

June 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ANTI-VIOLENCE RALLY-MURDER SPREE**

A recent murder spree in Newark leads residents to rally, to take back their streets. Community leaders joined people who have been touched by the violence outside Saint Paul's Church. Their message is peace in the streets, and they blame Mayor Sharpe James for turning a blind eye to the crime.

June 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**LEGAL LAND GRAB**

Local governments are getting the green light to grab up and take away people's property. The whole thing is being made legal through a Supreme Court ruling on eminent domain.

June 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ PRIMARY MOVED**

New Jersey's Acting Governor, Dick Codey, made the Garden State a bigger player in politics. He signed a bill moving the presidential primary to the last Tuesday in February.

June 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**TRAGIC DISCOVERY/CAMDEN KIDS**

A sad end to the search for three missing boys as the father of one of the boys has found all three dead.

June 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RAPIST STRIKES AGAIN**

A rapist struck again by abducting a woman in Chelsea, raped her and left her in Elizabeth, NJ. Police provided a sketch to help catch the rapist.

June 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**UNDERAGE DRINKING – NEW JERSEY/SHORE POINTS**

There is a renewed crackdown to stop underage drinking along the Jersey Shore. Police are kicking an undercover program into high gear that's designed to keep kids guessing.

June 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**NEW NAACP PRESIDENT**

Bruce Gordon will be the NAACP's new President. He was born in Camden, New Jersey, and he spent 35 years at Verizon.

June 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**ANGEL OF DEATH-MORE VICTIMS**

Former nurse Charles Cullen will be charged with injecting five more people with lethal doses of medicine. These murders allegedly took place in Flemington. Cullen has already pled guilty to killing 24-patients.

June 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**OFFICER DWI CHARGE**

An off-duty Point Pleasant Beach policeman is under arrest, and is accused of causing a 5-car accident in Brielle where 10-people were injured.

June 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**NEWARK LITTLE LEAGUE**

The Jackie Robinson South Ward Little League Black Yankees from Newark got a chance to play t-ball on the Whitehouse lawn. They also got to hear President Bush yell, "Play ball".

June 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**AIRPORT SCREENERS**

Newark Liberty Airport screeners are making the grade. They are among the Nation's best when it comes to annual security procedure tests.

June 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**BABY MYSTERIOUS DROWNING**

The mysterious drowning of a baby now appears to be a murder. The one-month old baby was found in a pool in Gloucester County in South Jersey. An autopsy shows the baby didn't drown, but died from a blow to the head.

June 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Drugs**

**DRUNK ON ICE**

Cop say a Morris County man working for the parks commission was drunk while driving the zamboni and was all over the ice. They took away his car keys and charged him with driving while intoxicated.

June 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RABBI ARRESTED**

Tensions are high in an Orthodox Jewish community after a Rabbi is arrested in Lakewood, NJ. Allegations of brutality have hundreds of people rallying around him.

June 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**NJ RACIAL PROFILING – NEW JERSEY**

State Attorney General Peter Harvey signed a directive today that outlaws racial profiling, and announced new training for officers. Every cop in the state will have to take a course that teaches them what racial profiling is and how to prevent it.

June 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RABBI ARRESTED - LAKEWOOD**

Tensions are high in an Orthodox Jewish community after a Rabbi is arrested in Lakewood, NJ. Allegations of brutality have hundreds of people rallying around him.

June 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Law Enforcement**

**NJ BUDGET DEAL – NEW JERSEY**

New Jersey Lawmakers have agreed in principal to a new budget. Acting Governor Richard Codey announced the new deal a short time ago. Republicans and Democrats had been at odds over the budget spending plan.

June 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NJ TRANSIT FARE HIKE – NEW JERSEY**

It's going to cost more to ride trains and buses in New Jersey. Fares are going up an average of eleven and a half percent.

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*Date:* July 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **WATERMAIN BREAK**

A water main break causes the road to buckle in Jersey City. The road flooded and when the water receded, crews found the damaged road. Luckily, there were no major traffic delays as a result.

*Date:* July 1, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **TICKET TO RIDE**

Your ticket to ride any New Jersey transit bus, train or light rail just got more expensive. But riders call the increase unfair, since they have to deal with delays and other commuter problems.

*Date:* July 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **NJ STATE BUDGET**

Acting Governor Richard Codey signed New Jersey's budget for the new fiscal year this morning. The Senators approved the budget 22 to 15.

*Date:* July 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Taxes**

### **HOUSING BOOM**

Rising home prices are causing property taxes to go through the roof, especially in New Jersey. The highest in the nation is in New Jersey, property taxes are more than \$18-hundred per person.

*Date:* July 2, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CODEY VS CRUISE**

New Jersey Governor, Richard Cody says Cruise has no business ranting against the use of medicine for post-partum depression. Both Cody and his wife, who suffered from the disease herself, have tried to raise awareness about the disease.

*Date:* July 3, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **WILDWOOD STANDOFF**

A man wanted for a series of car thefts that criss-crossed the northeast from Cape Cod to Cape May is cornered by police, and then shoots himself on the roof of a house.

*Date:* July 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PARACHUTE ACCIDENT**

Two skydivers take a fatal fall in New Jersey when their lines crossed in a parachute accident

*Date:* July 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WALL COLLAPSE**

Tonight a New Jersey man was buried by a wall collapse in South Amboy after a backyard retaining wall gave way and trapped HIM against a Winnebago. A neighbor was the first to help. It took rescue workers about an hour to free the man.

*Date:* July 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WANDERING BEARS**

It appears the wild animals have started straying south of their traditional areas in New Jersey. Wildlife experts say if you come face-to-face with a bear, back-up as calmly as possible. Don't run and to avoid an encounter, don't leave food or trash outdoors

*Date:* July 4, 2005

**ISSUES: HEALTH**  
**SMELLY TURNPIKE**

Oil refineries, chemical plants, and even a sewage treatment plant all contribute to the stench around exit 13 on the New Jersey Turnpike. Now the Department of Environmental Protection says it's going to step up monitoring in the area and crack down on air polluters.

*Date:* July 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**OVERTURNED TRUCK**

An overturned truck accident happened in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey. A tractor trailer flipped over on a turnpike off ramp leading to route 46. The driver was trapped inside and had to be cut out by emergency crews. The driver is recovering at a local hospital.

*Date:* July 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TRAIN DERAILMENT**

A freight train in the town of Waldwick in Bergen County hit a gas main when it derailed. That repair, along with the derailment, forced numerous cancellations on New Jersey Transit's Port Jervis and Bergen County lines.

*Date:* July 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security  
TERROR ATTACK**

New Jersey reacted quickly to the London attacks, securing sensitive sites here at home. Security has been beefed up at train stations, bus terminals, bridges and tunnels.

*Date:* July 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
WRONG WOMAN APOLOGY**

A New Jersey woman who was wrongly taken by bounty hunters is demanding an apology from police. She claims 3 Rutherford police officers let bounty hunters take her away, mistaking her for someone else, in handcuffs even though she showed them her ID.

*Date:* July 7, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
CALENDER COPS**

Some of New Jersey's finest are flashing more than just badges. They're showing some skin for a good cause, posing for a new cop calendar.

*Date:* July 8, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
FIGHT FOR FORT MONMOUTH**

The fate of Fort Monmouth is now in the hands of a federal panel in charge of base closings. Supporters were in Maryland today, arguing their case to keep the base open. They say fort Monmouth offers specialized technology that no other military installation in the country does. They also suggest that the base become part of a "mega-base" including three other New Jersey bases.

*Date:* July 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
ROCKAWAY BEDDING SETTLEMENT**

New Jersey's Attorney General slapped rockaway bedding with a lawsuit, accusing it of false advertising and selling defective merchandise. Rockaway Bedding has agreed to pay fines and has been given a list of things it cannot say in it's advertising.

*Date:* July 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Taxes  
NJ PROPERITY TAX RELIEF**

Watch your mailbox for a chance to get money back from the state. Property tax rebate applications are on their way to almost 2 million New Jersey homeowners. Lawmakers approved more than a billion dollars in tax relief for qualifying homeowners in this year's budget.

*Date:* July 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**GAY MARRIAGE RALLY**

It was a year ago this week when New Jersey became the fifth state in the country to recognize gay and lesbian couples with a domestic partnership law, but same sex couples say the next step should be legalized marriage.

*Date:* July 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HIGHWAY SAFETY BILL**

The New Jersey legislature plans to force police to log distractions on accident reports. They want to know why drivers took their eyes off the road. The information would be compiled annually and could make companies that put vehicles on the road more vulnerable to lawsuits. The bill covers distractions like: fiddling with car radios, eating, fatigue, audio and video players, personal grooming, and of course, cell phones. There is no word yet on whether you can actually get a ticket for multi-tasking in your car.

*Date:* July 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**JC BUS SCARE**

The London terror attacks have people on alert here at home. Today shoppers took cover during a bomb scare at the Newport Center Mall in Jersey City. Police say a small electrical fire broke out on an empty bus in the parking lot. The fire caused a tire to blow out--causing a loud explosion and scaring shoppers. Police say emergency response crews acted quickly, assuming a worst case scenario.

*Date:* July 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**SAFEST CITIES**

CNN and Money Magazine has put out their annual list of the safest American cities. And four of the top seven are right here in the metro-area. First place is Islip, in Suffolk County; second is Wayne, New Jersey; East Brunswick comes in fourth and Iselin in seventh. The statistics are based on the numbers of violent crimes in towns with over 14-thousand people

*Date:* July 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**JETBLUE TO NEWARK**

Jetblue will soon be flying to New Jersey. The discount airline will begin service from Newark Liberty Airport to 5 Florida cities in October. And in November it will start once a day service to Puerto Rico. Right now, you have to travel to New York to catch Jetblue flights out of LaGuardia Airport or JFK.

*Date:* July 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**AMTRAK TERROR TRAP**

A New Jersey man planned to spread terror in Vermont, but police busted him miles away from his home where he was allegedly plotting a terror attack.

*Date:* July 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CHURCH VANDALISM**

Police are looking for suspects who vandalized a Coptic Orthodox Church In Jersey City. They believe it's the work of gang members who they say signed their names. Police say there has been tension between members of the Coptic Church and the Islamic community in Jersey City.

*Date:* July 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**HIGH TECH SECURITY**

Police in one New Jersey town are rolling out high tech security in their fight against crime and people seem to be thrilled about the program.

*Date:* July 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**STOLEN PARKING METERS**

Some thieves are ripping off parking meters in Jersey City and it's costing the city big bucks.

*Date:* July 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**NJ PROFILING PROBE**

A new report out today says New Jersey State Police are fighting to put an end to racial profiling. The report from the federal civil rights division says it found no incidents of officers engaging in racial profiling during a recent six month period.

*Date:* July 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HAWTHORNE EXPLOSION**

Police blocked off Diamond Bridge Avenue in Hawthorne, New Jersey after a car exploded. It happened about 100 feet from a train station. Police are looking into the possibility that somebody was using a spray can to clean their car.

*Date:* July 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SHARPE VS BOOKER**

Mayor Sharpe James and mayoral candidate Cory Booker faced off. It happened during a youth basketball tournament at a housing project in Newark's east ward. The two traded insults and then supporters of both men got into a shoving match. Parents at the event said both men set a bad example for the kids.

*Date:* July 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FAMILY VIGIL**

A Jersey family is marking the two year anniversary of their teen being killed in the hands of police and at the same time, they are demanding justice.

*Date:* July 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**MISSING BOY FOUND**

Virginia police have found the body of a missing four year old boy who disappeared last week. He was originally from New Jersey, and had been staying with his aunt in Hampton, Virginia. The aunt's boyfriend is being questioned. He reportedly led police to the body and had been watching the boy the night he disappeared.

*Date:* July 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**JERSEY HOSPITALS**

Hospitals in New Jersey are on heightened alert after several suspicious incidents over the past two weeks. Security officials say several people have tried to enter hospitals under false pretenses. But they insist there has been no specific threat.

*Date:* July 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**MTA SUBWAY SECURITY**

The MTA takes steps to make subways safer with new hi-tech surveillance cameras. The anti-terrorism equipment will monitor 14 tunnels that connect Manhattan to Long Island, New Jersey and the northern suburbs. The systems will be able to detect intruders by sending alarms and images to command centers. The Mayor added that the best way to prevent a crime is for everyone to be aware and call 9-1-1- if they see any strange activity.

*Date:* July 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEX ATTACKS – UNION CITY**

Women in Union City, New Jersey want answers from city officials after a young woman is raped and killed.

*Date:* July 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DRUG DEAL CONNECTION**

Law enforcement officials say they've found a connection between the Bloods street gang and Columbian drug dealers. They put a dozen suspects behind bars, hoping that they made a dent in drug related crime on the troubled streets of Newark.

*Date:* July 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TICKET BLITZ**

Drivers on the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike got 45 thousand 930 tickets between March and May. Officials say new trooper hires have brought highway patrol efficiency up to speed.

*Date:* July 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**NJ TRANSIT SECURITY**

New Jersey remains vigilant, protecting its trains from becoming targets of a terror attack, but so far there's no word if they will search back packs like in New York City. State police say security measures put in place after the first London bombings will continue.

*Date:* July 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Entertainment**  
**MOTLEY CRUE**

Motley Crue will be at p-n-c arts center in New Jersey and at Jones Beach, in August.

*Date:* July 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**BAT PROBLEM**

The Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church in Ringoes, New Jersey is paying hundreds of dollars to get rid of a colony of bats and their 11-hundred pounds of droppings. They've lived there for decades. But now the church needs structural repairs, and engineers have refused to do the work until the bats - and their droppings - are gone.

*Date:* July 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/law Enforcement**  
**DNA EVIDENCE-REST STOP MURDER**

Back in 2000, Kristin Laurite of Scotch Plains, New Jersey was found stabbed to death along interstate 40 in Arkansas. DNA found on her has now been linked to a man already behind bars. 38 year old Ronald James Ward is serving a life sentence in Montana.

*Date:* July 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NO SMOKING AND DRIVING**

Transit searches are being expanded, not just in new york city but in new jersey as well.

*Date:* July 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NO SMOKING AND DRIVING**

A couple of New Jersey lawmakers want to make smoking in cars illegal. Their bill would fine you up to \$250 dollars for smoking cigars, cigarettes or pipes while you are behind the wheel. They say smoking is a dangerous distraction. Political analysts say the no-smoking bill is unlikely to pass.

*Date:* July 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TANKER FIRE**

A fiery tanker crash forced the New Jersey Turnpike to shut down for a while today. Police say the truck flipped over and exploded into flames this morning. It happened near exit 16-w in East Rutherford. The driver walked away with only minor cuts and bruises.

*Date:* July 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WAKE FOR NEWARK COP**

Friends, family and fellow officers filled New Hope Baptist Church in Newark to remember school officer Dwayne Reeves. Reeves was shot while trying to break up a fight between two girls at Week-Wake High School last week. Funeral services are scheduled for tomorrow.

*Date:* July 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FAIELLO INDICTED**

Fake Manhattan doctor Dean Faiello stands indicted on murder charges. Faiello was extradited from Costa Rica in May. He's charged in the death of Maria Cruz, who died from complications of laser surgery in 2003. Her body was found buried under a carriage house belonging to Faiello in New Jersey

*Date:* July 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**DANGLING IN THE AIR**

Two Jersey City teens thought they were going to die during a trip to a local county fair. They wound-up dangling in the air, after a bungee cord broke.

*Date:* July 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**AMERICA ON ALERT**

New Jersey transit rolled out its new baggage inspection program, but even as the new system kicks into high gear, there are many un-answered questions. Including exactly what's down the line for people who use the mass transit system.

*Date:* July 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**TRASH TROUBLE**

Piles of trash are popping-up everywhere, and there's nothing the state can do about it. That's because the huge heaps are listed as "waste transfer sites," which are protected under federal law and unregulated. Now acting Governor Codey is determined to change that. North Bergen alone has five of the waste transfer sites.

*Date:* July 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**KIDNAPPED HOAX**

We hear 9-1-1 calls that led to a kidnapping hoax and stand off earlier this year. Tapes you will only hear right here. The voice on the other end of the emergency call was that of a woman playing a prank. The woman pled guilty to conspiracy and initiating a false public alarm and admitted she made hundreds of hoax calls to police departments in New Jersey and other states--in her defense--her family says she is mentally ill.

*Date:* July 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**NEWARK AIRPORT BOMB DETECTOR**

A new bomb detector device has been installed at Newark Liberty Airport. The so-called "trace portal" can detect any type of explosive. Officials say the trace portal will be at all the nation's largest airports by next year.

*Date:* July 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**LIGHT RAIL ACCIDENT**

And tonight some parents in Brick Township in New Jersey have taken the first step to ban pedophiles from living in their neighborhoods.

*Date:* July 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**LIGHT RAIL ACCIDENT**

Service on the Bergen Hudson light rail is back up and running after a tragedy on the tracks. Our news chopper was over the scene in Jersey City as New Jersey transit officials say a person was struck and killed between The Jersey Avenue and Marin Boulevard stations. Service was suspended for about three hours.

*Date:* July 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WILD WEATHER**

A powerful storm ripped through Ridgewood, New Jersey tearing down trees and knocking out power.

*Date:* July 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NEW TRANSIT TERMINAL**

Plans for a new transit terminal at the world trade center site will also honor 9-11 victims, using the path station as the centerpiece. New Jersey commuters will be able to take the path to the hub, also having underground access to the ferries and subways. The terminal would also shine natural light 60 feet underground to its train platforms as a 9/11 memorial.

*Date:* July 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WEST NEW YORK EXPLOSIONS**

Manhole explosions in West New York caused a traffic nightmare. Police were forced to shut down several blocks of Bergen Line Avenue after two manholes exploded, leaving hundreds without power. Several people were injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

*Date:* July 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ESSEX COUNTY AIRPORT CRASH**

A small plane crashed today at Essex County Airport. The plane went down during a training exercise. According to the pilot, the aircraft lost power. It then crashed just short of the runway. The plane did catch fire, but the pilot was not injured.

*Date:* July 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**IRVINGTON APARTMENT FIRE**

But first tonight, a raging fire in Irvington, New Jersey leaves dozens of people homeless. It roared through their apartment building, sending all their possessions up in flames. Most residents were able to get out alive.

*Date:* July 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CAR INTO HOUSE**

Car came crashing into a house on South 12th street in Newark. No word on any injuries or arrests or what caused the accident.

*Date:* July 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GANG ROUND UP**

Authorities say "bloods" gang leader, Bruce Burns is among 11 people arrested, but cops say they are still looking for more. They say gang members sold drugs to buy weapons. Police raided three stash houses, including burns' home in Linden. Neighbors tell us the arrests give them some comfort.

*Date:* July 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**OUTRAGEOUS SPENDING - WEINER**

New Jersey will get air conditioned garbage trucks paid for with Homeland Security dollars, while New York City is being ignored.

*Date:* July 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEW MONMOUTH PROSECUTOR**

Acting Governor Richard Codey swore-in Monmouth County's new prosecutor, Luis Valentin, the is the first Hispanic prosecutor in New Jersey. Valentin says he's living proof that dreams come true. Before accepting his new job, Valentin spent over 7 years with the state's U-S Attorney's office.

*Date:* July 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**PERUVIAN PARADE**

Peruvians waved their flags, and watched floats go by in Paterson, New Jersey. Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Jon Corzine marched in the parade and pressed some flesh. Corzine talked about New Jersey's diversity, and later attended a Filipino community family picnic.

*Date:* July 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**DRIVING PLANS B**

A statewide poll in New Jersey found that one third of drivers will take shorter trips for vacation this year due to the increase in gas prices. The survey also found many drivers are thinking about buying more fuel efficient cars.

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*Date:* August 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **WRONG ADDRESS**

A couple of animal rights activists are under arrest tonight. They're accused of vandalizing a home at the Jersey Shore. But it turns out, they had the wrong address.

*Date:* August 4, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

### **JELLYFISH INVASION**

It seems an invasion has left lifeguards at some local beaches, treating a lot of stings. A quick check of our area showed no jellyfish in the waters off New York beaches. But in New Jersey, sandy hook national park already has a lot of them!

*Date:* August 6, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

### **RIDGEWOOD WATER RESTRICTIONS**

There are emergency water restrictions in four New Jersey towns. Residents of Ridgewood, Wyckoff, Glen Rock and Midland Park need to conserve dwindling water supplies. Effective immediately all outside use of water is prohibited.

*Date:* August 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **WINDOW INSPECTION**

Acting Governor Dick Codey ordered window guard inspections in nearly 6-hundred high rises throughout the state. Newark was the first stop. The order came after a five year old died after he fell fifteen stories last week.

*Date:* August 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **BALL PARK EVACUTED**

Commerce Bank Park in Bridgewater, New Jersey, was evacuated today, after a suspicious package was found near the main gate. But it turned out to be a child's lunch, left behind during a day-camp visit to the ball park.

*Date:* August 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **TREE TRAGEDY**

An eight year old was killed when a tree fell on her at a South Jersey scout camp. Three other youngsters were injured in this tragic accident.

*Date:* August 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**LEFT ON THE BUS**

A mother from New Jersey is not too happy with her son's school bus company, after he was left on a bus, only to be found later sleeping. The driver admits he left without checking.

*Date:* August 10, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE HOLDS LEAD**

Jon Corzine is holding his lead over Doug Forrester. The latest Quinnipiac poll shows Corzine with a 50 – 40% lead. That's the same 10 point margin Corzine held in June.

*Date:* August 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**SEAFOOD RECALL**

Packages of seafood spread made by Pennsylvania's "Esh" foods company contain ingredients that are not labeled. They are crabmeat, shrimp and milk. The products were shipped to New Jersey and Pennsylvania in five pound white plastic packages. The label on the top says Esh foods.

*Date:* August 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PENN STATE RR IMPROVEMENT - NJ**

New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg toured Newark's Penn Station to see first hand the deteriorating infrastructure of the Northeast Corridor rail system. The bill he is sponsoring will help repair the system that serves thousands of New Jersey residents.

*Date:* August 11, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**SPEED TAG**

Speed demons will be making waves tomorrow at the Jersey Shore. And they're all revved up for a big competition. The boats will compete in 5-speed categories. Winners get bragging rights and a check for 20-thousand dollars.

*Date:* August 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Sports**

**TOURNAMENT ACCIDENT**

An unexpected interruption to the p-g-a golf championship in New Jersey; a giant tree limb came crashing down, injuring several people.

*Date:* August 14, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POWER PROBLEMS**

In New Jersey, PSEG reports about 5-thousand customers lost power, most in upper Bergen County. Con Ed reports only scattered outages. On Long Island, Lipa says 65-hundred customers were out, the worst hit east Massapequa. And Connecticut light and power reports 18-thousand outages, most in Stamford and Westport.

*Date:* August 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NJ NEEDLE EXCHANGE**

A State Appeals Court in New Jersey sticks it to needle exchange programs. The panel says even though the programs have good intentions, they are still illegal. The court unanimously ruled employees who work in the programs are breaking the law by possessing and distributing drug paraphernalia to drug users.

*Date:* August 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRIMSPA SUIT SETTLE**

Trimspa is going to pay a fat check to angry customers who didn't slim down the way the company promised. As i-team investigator Brenda Flanagan reports, the company settled a lawsuit brought by the state of New Jersey.

*Date:* August 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**TORICELLI – LICENSE SUSPENSION**

A traffic sentence sticks for New Jersey's former U-S Senator. A court has upheld a sentence suspending Robert Torricelli's license. Torricelli was convicted last year for leaving the scene of fender-bender in Hunterdon County, but the former senator says his ex-wife was driving at the time, not him. His license is suspended for 6 months.

*Date:* August 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**MOB ROUNDUP**

The feds rounded up 16 alleged members of the Genovese crime family in New Jersey. Officials say they are responsible for a long list of crimes from here to Philly.

*Date:* August 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RIPTIDE WARNING**

Hurricane Irene won't make landfall in our area, but she's packing a powerful punch on the Jersey Shore. Many beaches are warning swimmers to beware of dangerous waves.

*Date:* August 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**GAS GLITCH**

The price of gas is sky rocketing, right before our very eyes. But a glitch is saving drivers dollars on the New Jersey turnpike and garden state parkway.

*Date:* August 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NO MORE DEAL – TURNPIKE GAS**

No more gas deals on the New Jersey Turnpike or the Garden State. The price per gallon shot up overnight, to \$2.57 for regular and \$2.85 for premium.

*Date:* August 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**RIDICULED BY RECIEPT**

Parkhill's Waterfront Grill at the Jersey Shore is caught a second time, ridiculing customers by receipt. The proof is on paper, a bill that reads "dirty Joanne." The bartender there also printed "Jew couple" on another receipt.

*Date:* August 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BASE CLOSING-DOES NOT ADD UP**

The Defense Department was questioned as to whether shutting down bases would actually save as much as they predict. The closings include a base at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. The commission will make its decision next week.

*Date:* August 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MTBE BAN**

New Jersey has now banned the use of MTBE, an additive in gasoline. Governor Codey signed the bill into law. They believe MTBE contaminates ground water.

*Date:* August 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**UMDNJ FINANCES**

Republican nominee Doug Forrester is asking financial questions about the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The FBI is already investigating financial dealings at the state institution. But Forrester says that's not enough. He wants the department of health and human services to start digging too.

*Date:* August 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WRONG WAY TRAGEDY**

Four members of a family from Bergenfield, New Jersey were killed in a horrific crash on a highway in California. The other driver was going the wrong way.

*Date:* August 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**DORMS NO SMOKING**

Acting New Jersey Governor Richard Codey signed a bill today that will keep students from lighting up inside New Jersey's public and private college campus dorms. Research shows students are less likely to smoke when they live in smoke-free dorms.

*Date:* August 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HARLEM SHOOTING SUSPECTS**

Tonight police have 5-suspects in a deadly shooting in Harlem on the June 19<sup>th</sup> shooting where a resident of Jersey City was killed. Now police are releasing pictures of 5-people that are wanted for questioning in connection with the deadly shooting.

*Date:* August 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CODEY ABUSE AWARENESS**

New Jersey is launching a campaign to raise awareness of domestic abuse. Today Governor Richard Codey signed legislation to help victims find help. The statewide campaign will also educate victims, and health and service providers on how to spot violent relationships.

*Date:* August 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**FORT MONMOUTH CLOSING**

A military commission made it official today: Fort Monmouth in New Jersey will be closing.

*Date:* August 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**  
**COLD MEDICINE RESTRICTIONS**

New Jersey has passed a law limiting sales of Sudafed and other drugs containing pseudo-ephedrine because many over-the-counter cold and allergy drugs use methamphetamines, which is illegal in labs. The new law prevents people from buying more than 3 packages of the medicines at one time.

*Date:* August 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CEASAR SUED 9 AM FOX**

A former Caesar Casino employee has filed suit, saying security cameras were used to invade her privacy. Her suit asks for 10-million dollars.

*Date:* August 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**  
**CHAD SCHOOL CLOSING**

Financial problems cause the closure of respected private school, The Chad School in Newark, New Jersey. Providing education from an African perspective for 35 years, school officials will help students find alternatives. Chad was founded after the 1967 Newark riots.

*Date:* August 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Entertainment**  
**MISS AMERICA PAGEANT**

The Miss America Pageant is planning to pull up and out of Atlantic City, where it's been its home for the past 84 years.

*Date:* August 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**POLICE CHASE**

A construction worker is almost buried alive when the earth collapses under his feet. He climbed out of a 20-foot pit in pine hill, New Jersey and was buried up to his waist after the ground he was testing caved in. His co-worker also fell but managed to get out and call for help.

*Date:* August 26, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**POLICE CHASE**

A wild police chase ends in a crash in Jersey City. Police say the driver tried to run down a couple officers before the entire thing came to a screeching halt. His girlfriend and her infant child were in the car at the time of the crash.

*Date:* August 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HI-RISE FIRE**

A fast moving fire sweeps across the rooftop of a couple of Hoboken apartment buildings. Jersey City and North Hudson firefighters rushed to help put out the fire. No one was injured. Fire officials say construction workers were working on the top floor of the building when the fire started.

*Date:* August 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**VIOXX SETTLEMENTS**

The maker of the pain drug Vioxx is gearing up for court battles next month in New Jersey. But the company indicates it may settle some of the lawsuits out of court after Merck pulled its popular pain pill last year.

*Date:* August 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**FUNKMASTER CAR SHOW**

Funk master flex rolled out the hot wheels at this year's custom car and bike tour in New Jersey.

*Date:* August 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**POOL DROWNING - CANCUN**

A vacation in Mexico has turned tragic for a New Jersey family. They are now mourning the death of their son who died in a freak pool drowning.

*Date:* August 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STATUE RETURNED**

A bronze statue, stolen from a local park has been returned undamaged as mysteriously as it disappeared. The Ridgewood, New Jersey Parks Department will return it to its rightful place.

*Date:* August 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Consumer**

**MACY GRAY- O CONCERT**

Organizers have cancelled the Macy's September 24th concert scheduled for commerce bank ballpark in Bridgewater, New Jersey featuring Macy Gray and Ruben Studdard

*Date:* August 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**LOTTERY SCAM WARNING**

Some New Jersey residents have received a letter saying it's from mega millions and that they've won a big prize. It then says to call a number for the big claim. That's when the scammers ask for personal information. No word yet on to how many bogus letters was sent.

*Date:* August 31, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**UNREGISTERED SEX OFFENDER**

Police are on the hunt for a high-risk sex offender, Dennis Brown, also known as Harold Dennis or Bashia Husain, may be roaming the streets. Prosecutors say he failed to update his address under Megan's Law. His last known address was in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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*Date:* September 9, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

### **TURNPIKE DONATION DROP OFF**

You have more opportunities tonight to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina through new donation drop-off locations. Drivers can now drop-off donations of cash and school supplies at all rest stops on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway.

*Date:* September 12, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CORZINE EXTENDING LEAD**

The latest Star-Ledger Eagleton-Rutgers poll gives Corzine 48%, Doug forester 28%. That's double the 10-point lead Corzine held back in June. But more than half the voters in the new poll say they may change their mind.

*Date:* September 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

### **CANCER CENTER DEDICATION**

The new "Trinitas" Comprehensive Cancer center was dedicated today in Elizabeth, New Jersey. It will feature the latest equipment to diagnose and treat cancer patients. Local lawmakers say, with the state's high cancer rate, the center will be a huge help.

*Date:* September 13, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **CHEAPER GAS ON TURNPIKE**

Prices actually went down at some stations in our area. Those stations are all along the New Jersey Turnpike. Prices are 13-cents cheaper per gallon.

*Date:* September 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **CONVOY ON GULF**

Another wave of trucks has hit the road to lend a helping hand to hurricane survivors. Its carrying items collected by the new jersey state and port authority police, and 9/11 victims' families.

*Date:* September 15, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **BASE CLOSINGS**

President Bush endorsed the plan to close the New Jersey Fort, and 21 other military bases. The base closing commission's recommendations will take effect in 45 days, unless congress rejects the entire plan.

*Date:* September 16, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**CARRIBBEAN HOSPITAL BENEFIT**

A benefit was held to help open a hospital on the Caribbean island of Antigua the Doubletree Hotel in summerset. The "Zarapeth" Health Center of New Jersey is planning to build a modern facility on the island.

*Date:* September 17, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**MEGA MILLIONS WINNER**

Tonight we're still waiting for someone to claim the mega millions jackpot. The winning ticket was sold in Rutherford, New Jersey.

*Date:* September 18, 2005

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**EMERGENCY RADIO GRANT**

First responders are getting an emergency radio frequency. The new frequency will connect police, fire, and other emergency responders in a disaster. The system will also work in parts of New Jersey.

*Date:* September 19, 2005

**ISSUES: Health**

**HEROIN USE**

A new study shows New Jersey has a serious heroin problem, indicating 5% of young adults between 18 and 25 years old have a heroin habit. That's twice the national average. Researchers say it's because heroin's easy to get in the garden state due to the shipping ports.

*Date:* September 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SMOKING AGE**

New Jersey's Governor wants to raise the age limit for teens buying cigarettes.

*Date:* September 20, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**RACE FOR GOVERNOR**

New Jersey Governor Candidates squared off in their first debate. Republican Doug Forrester and Democrat Jon Corzine went head to head, tackling key issues facing the voters.

*Date:* September 21, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STABBING SPREE**

A stabbing spree in Jersey City leaves a mother and two children dead.

*Date:* September 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**STUDENT PROTEST (ENGLEWOOD)**

Students stage a protest and confronted their superintendent over conditions at Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood New Jersey. The high school is on the same campus as "the academy". Students and parents say the academy appears to have it all. While students at Dwight Morrow say they deal with outrageous conditions.

*Date:* September 22, 2005

**ISSUES: Economy**

**TRUMP TOWERS**

Donald trump is taking his business across the Hudson. Alongside Mayor Jeremiah Healy, he unveiled plans today for trump plaza: Jersey City. The \$415 million dollar condo complex will include the two tallest residential buildings in the state.

*Date:* September 23, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HELPING HAND PSE&G**

New Jersey's largest utility company is sending crews to Texas to lend a helping hand. PSE&G is sending 16 crews and 50 vehicles to help restore power in the wake of hurricane Rita.

*Date:* September 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FLIGHT PLAN**

A pilot and a 14 year old boy are dead after a small plane crash in New Jersey. Neighbors say they heard the crash, and rushed to the scene, to find the victims already dead. They were flying in an ultra light aircraft, meant mostly for short pleasure trips.

*Date:* September 24, 2005

**ISSUES: Entertainment**

**NJ HALL OF FAME**

New Jersey is getting its own hall of fame! It will be located at the meadowlands and will honor New Jersey who have impacted the arts, science, business, religion and government. The hall of fame will be funded by private donations. You can expect famous sons like Bruce Springsteen, Frank Sinatra, Bill Bradley, Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein to be among the inductees.

*Date:* September 25, 2005

**ISSUES: Education**

**DALAI LAMA**

Rutgers University hosted the Dalai Lama and a record breaking crowd flocked to Rutgers to hear his message of peace and non-violence.

*Date:* September 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MANSLAUGHTER PLEA DEAL**

It was a shocking crime that changed the way New Jersey's division of youth and family services works. Three years ago, the decomposing body of a seven year old boy was found stuffed inside a storage bin. Today all defendants in the case copped a plea deal.

*Date:* September 27, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GAS GOUGING**

Next time you fill up your tank in New Jersey beware. Gas prices could be pumped up illegally. More than two dozen stations are accused of price gouging, and it's hitting you right in the pocket.

*Date:* September 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**EZ PASS SPEEDER**

New Jersey drivers who speed through EZ pass lanes are getting a free ride. The state hasn't activated the speed enforcement system, which tracks drivers who zip through the lanes over 15 miles an hour.

*Date:* September 28, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CLOSING THE GAP**

With time running out before the November election, it appears Doug Forrester is closing the gap on Jon Corzine.

*Date:* September 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**GIANTS STADIUM DEAL**

If the acting Governor of New Jersey has his way, the jets & giants will continue to share a stadium. Codey wants to keep both teams in a new stadium. And he thinks the Jets would rather stay in New Jersey than move to Queens.

*Date:* September 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**GUILTY OF MURDER (FISHER CASE)**

A 2nd suspect in the mark fisher murder trial has been found guilty. The triggerman, Antonio Russo was convicted of murdering fisher, a college student from New Jersey. Russo beat and shot fisher after a party in Brooklyn in 2003. John Guica was convicted Tuesday for telling Russo to kill fisher.

*Date:* September 29, 2005

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CLINTON - CORZINE ON THE STUMP**

Senator Jon Corzine was at an event with former President Bill Clinton. He says New Jersey needs a governor with new ideas. Just a day after the latest polls show Doug Forrester is closing the gap to single digits.

*Date:* September 30, 2005

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**STARVED KIDS**

A settlement in a shocking starvation case that grabbed national headlines; 4-boys taken from a home in Collingswood, New Jersey will share \$12.5 million from the state. The boys were allegedly starved by their adoptive parents. The settlement is the largest ever involving DYFS.

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*Date:* January 1, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **NEWARK – HIP HOUSING**

Developers are scouting Newark for hip new housing. The renaissance begins with a 37-story apartment building, which includes valet parking, a health club and a bowling alley. Rent will range from \$1,100 to \$2,300 a month.

*Date:* January 2, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **DRAG RACING ARREST**

Suffolk County police have busted a couple of 20 year olds for drag racing in Patchogue. Joneric Rohrbaugh of Blue Point and Alexander Feiler of Farmingville are accused of doing 90 miles per hour.

*Date:* January 9, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **SMOKING BANNED**

A bill in New Jersey banning smoking in public places overwhelmingly passed through the General Assembly and is just a signature away from becoming law.

*Date:* January 10, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **STATE OF THE STATE**

New Jersey Governor Richard Codey spoke to his colleagues and voters for the last time before leaving office.

*Date:* January 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **FIGHTING GANGS**

State Attorney General Peter Harvey toured a school hosting Project Vision in Irvington, New Jersey. It's an after school program aimed at keeping kids off the streets and out of gangs.

*Date:* January 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NEW NEWARK PRECINCTS**

Ground breaking ceremonies were held today in Newark's West Ward for two new Police Precincts. Mayor Sharpe James hopes to eventually build 11 new facilities to provide neighborhoods with service and security.

*Date:* January 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CORZINE CUTTING STAFF**

New Jersey's Governor-Elect Jon Corzine plans to slash more than 60 jobs in his own office. Corzine has a 5 billion dollar budget problem to deal with.

*Date:* January 14, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**ARAB DISCRIMINATION OFFICE**

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee opened its first permanent office in the New Jersey. The group's mission is to defend civil rights and project a positive image of Muslims.

*Date:* January 17, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE TAKES OVER**

A report on the New Jersey Governor's Inaugural Ball in Princeton as Governor Jon Corzine officially takes over.

*Date:* January 18, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MENENDEZ SWORN IN**

New Jersey Democrat Robert Menendez has been sworn in as a U.S. Senator. He's the first minority from New Jersey to serve in the Senate.

*Date:* January 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Substance Abuse**

**PACKAGE OF POT**

Police in Carlstadt, New Jersey intercept a big payload of pot from a delivery truck. The tightly compressed bricks of marijuana were seized from a trailer delivering children's clothing to a warehouse.

*Date:* January 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**TAX HIKES**

New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine looks at tax hikes to help solve the state's deficit.

*Date:* January 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**MENENDEZ SEAT**

The House seat vacated by Robert Menendez will remain vacant through the November elections. New Jersey legislative lawyers say the Governor does not have the authority to pick a replacement in the House or to call for a special election.

*Date:* January 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**PASSING NJ SCHOOL BUS FINES**

A New Jersey Assembly Committee approved a bill that would increase penalties from \$100 to \$250 for first time offenders for passing school buses.

*Date:* January 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**

**CHARTER SCHOOL RENOVATED**

Students performed at Team Academy Charter School in Newark to mark completion of the \$2 million renovation. The work adds five large classrooms, a library and a health suite.

*Date:* January 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE'S CABINET**

The New Jersey Senate confirmed Zulima Farber as Attorney General making her the first Hispanic to hold the office. The Senate also confirmed Susan Bass Levin as Commissioner of Community Affairs.

*Date:* January 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**DRIVING WITHOUT DOCUMENTS**

A New Jersey Assembly Committee has voted to cut the fine for not carrying a driver's license or car registration from \$150 to \$75. You would also get 48 hours instead of 24 to provide proof of auto insurance so your car is not impounded.

January 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**

**SCHOOL TOUR-LAUTENBERG**

Senator Frank Lautenberg takes a tour of P.S. 6 in Paterson and gives kids a motivational pep talk.

*Date:* January 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION DIES**

Arnold Stark was busted in Mahwah, New Jersey for trying to lure a 9 and 10-year-old girl into his green Chevy as they were waiting for their school bus.

## **WWOR-TV / FEBRUARY - 2006**

*Date:* February 1, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**BODYGUARDS BUSTED**

Cops in Jersey City are busting young boys who are apparently being armed, and paid by drug dealers to look out for the police. Kids as young as 12 are being brought into the world of gangs and given guns to use in dangerous situations when drug deals go down.

*Date:* February 2, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**JERSEY CITY FIGHTING CRIME**

People in Jersey City are trying to take back their streets in a fight against crime.

*Date:* February 3, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**  
**9/11 AIR QUALITY**

Former New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman is defending her claim that air quality at Ground Zero was fine after 9/11. A Federal Judge ruled that Whitman could be named in a class action lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency.

*Date:* February 7, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK FIGHTING CRIME**

Residents in Newark, NJ came together to remember those who have died and try to do something to stop the violence.

*Date:* February 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BOOKER FOR MAYOR**

Cory Booker kicked off his campaign in Newark for Mayor. He announced his plan to run on Good Day New York.

*Date:* February 13, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**  
**EDUCATION CUTS**

New Jersey lawmakers say the newly proposed Federal budget is going to mean education cuts. That would mean New Jersey would lose about 234 million dollars in Federal subsidies.

*Date:* February 14, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

## **DEATH THREATS**

For the second time in a week a Bergen County High School student has received death threats. He's the only black student in the 11th grade. The school says it takes this very seriously.

*Date:* February 16, 2006

### **ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement FIGHTING GANGS**

New Jersey is fighting gangs by beefing up law enforcement. Officials want to stop violence and threats on the streets in Essex County.

*Date:* February 17, 2006

### **ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement NEWARK GUN NEAR SCHOOL**

Newark Police say 18-year-old Keith Canyon had a loaded uzi with 18-bullets strapped around his neck when he was spotted near Weequahic High School.

*Date:* February 23, 2006

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics PARKING WHILE PREGNANT**

Some New Jersey lawmakers are proposing a new bill to allow pregnant women to use handicapped parking spots.

*Date:* February 25, 2006

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics NJ GAS TAX AND ROADS**

New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine wants to revive the state's ailing transportation trust fund, but without a new gas tax. Corzine says he'll fund the transportation project by cutting salaries and administrative costs.

*Date:* February 25, 2006

### **ISSUES: Government/Politics NO NEW GAS TAX**

Good news for New Jersey drivers - no new gas tax. The state needed more money to fund transportation projects. But instead of raising the gas tax, Governor Corzine decided to just reallocate the existing funds.

*Date:* February 25, 2006

### **ISSUES: Homeland Security PORT PROTESTS**

The Bush Administration will not back down from selling a container terminal at Port Newark to a Middle Eastern company.

## **WWOR-TV / MARCH - 2006**

*Date:* March 1, 2006

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**NJ COURT RULING**

A Federal Judge has ruled against a request by the State of New Jersey to review that sale of the operation of some U.S. Ports to a Middle Eastern country.

*Date:* March 5, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**NEWARK MAYOR'S RACE**

Newark's Deputy Mayor, Ron Rice Sr., is running for Mayor of Newark, and will face Cory Booker.

*Date:* March 10, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TEEN ARRESTED-TEXTS HELP**

19-year-old Sebastian Osario was charged with a sex crime in connection with the teen that sent her mother text messages for help. The two met online and began meeting at the Newport Mall in Jersey City.

*Date:* March 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**FIXING UP NEWARK**

Rep. Steve Rothman (NJ-D) presented Mayor Sharpe James with a 2.5 million dollar check. The Federal Funds are for the continued revitalization of Newark.

*Date:* March 16, 2006

**ISSUES: Taxes**

**CIGARETTE TAX INCREASE**

Governor Jon Corzine is reportedly considering a 60-cent a pack cigarette tax increase. If passed by the Legislature, smokers would pay \$3 a pack in taxes.

*Date:* March 19, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**PROTECTING CHILDREN**

Governor Corzine may create a Department dedicated to child welfare.

*Date:* March 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**

**CORZINE BUDGET**

New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine's budget focuses on raising taxes and slashing spending.

*Date:* March 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Taxes**

**WHAT TAXES GOING UP**

Governor Corzine's plan is expected to generate 1.8 billion dollars through new taxes. Besides raising the sales tax from six to 7%, he wants to impose taxes on health spas, limousine rides and tattoo parlors. His budget would raise the tax on

a pack of cigarettes another 35 cents to \$2.75 a pack. It would also increase the tax on beer, wine and liquor.

*Date:* March 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**

**SURPRISE SCHOOL CLOSING**

Parents learn their pre-school in Paterson will close and they have just 48 hours to make new arrangements.

*Date:* March 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORY BOOKER SUED**

Cory Booker and his Team are being sued for defamation by five Newark City Council members for one of Booker's campaign flyers.

*Date:* March 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRACING GUNS**

Police officials and politicians, including Senator Robert Menendez, joined Jersey City Mayor Healy for a news conference urging the ATF to release the latest data showing where guns used in violent crimes come from.

*Date:* March 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SHARPE JAMES NOT RUNNING**

Newark Mayor Sharpe James's has decided not to run for re-election.

*Date:* March 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

**RACIST REMARKS**

Students at Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey say their principal is insensitive. They are also accusing her of making racist remarks.

## **WWOR-TV / APRIL - 2006**

*Date:* April 3, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issue**

### **PARK SHOOTING FOLLOW**

A park police officer in Mahwah, New Jersey opened fire on 43 year old Emil Mann, a member of the Ramapough Mountain Indians. The Tribe is comprised of people descended from Native Americans, freed slaves, and Dutch settlers. Mann was part of a group having a picnic and using ATV's.

*Date:* April 7, 2006

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### **SCHOOL PLOT**

Four New Jersey teenagers in Winslow Township, Camden County have allegedly planned a deadly plot at their high school, and they're facing the new post 9/11 terrorism charge.

*Date:* April 12, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

### **CIVIL RIGHTS DIRECTOR DISCRIMINATION**

Three African-American employees of New Jersey's Civil Rights Division have accused Civil Rights Director J. Frank Vespa-Papaleo of unfairly promoting non-black workers ahead of them.

*Date:* April 13, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **SMOKING BAN STAYS**

A Federal Judge ruled against a group of bar and restaurant owners who tried to delay New Jersey's smoking ban. New Jersey will become the 11th State to ban smoking in bars, restaurants and other indoor places.

*Date:* April 15, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **NJ SMOKING BAN**

A story on the first full day of New Jersey's statewide smoking ban.

*Date:* April 17, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

A new law allows parents in New Jersey to prepay for school lunches. The idea is to ensure that students don't have money on hand for unhealthy vending machine snacks.

*Date:* April 18, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

## **GUNS NEAR SCHOOL**

Police seized illegal guns near two schools in Jersey City during a couple of raids. All of the weapons were reported stolen from a gun shop in Pennsylvania.

*Date:* April 20, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **SAFER CITY STREETS**

The Newark City Council held its first public hearing on violence. Violent crime is up from last year, even though police are taking more guns off the streets.

*Date:* April 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issue**

### **IMMIGRANT RIGHTS RALLY**

Hundreds of Latinos joined a pro-immigrant march and rally in Newark. They're protesting immigration reform Legislation pending in Washington.

*Date:* April 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Substance Abuse**

### **PARENTS DRIVING DRUNK**

Suffolk County police have arrested parents for driving drunk with kids in the car.

*Date:* April 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CREDIT CARD CHARGES**

Senator Robert Menendez has proposed new Legislation aimed at protecting consumers from unfair credit card practices. He wants to stop credit card issuers from aggressively targeting the most vulnerable consumers.

*Date:* April 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

### **SPANISH SPEAKING FIRING**

A New Jersey man says his boss fired him for speaking Spanish.

*Date:* April 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **PATERSON EYE ON CRIME**

As part of a new initiative called "Operation Paterson Shield", new security cameras placed in six high-risk locations in the city feed live, streaming video to police.

*Date:* April 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

### **ROUNDING UP IMMIGRANTS**

Immigration officials say there is no truth to recent reports of immigrant roundups in northern New Jersey.

*Date:* April 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE ONE ON ONE**

A one-on-one interview with New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine on his first 100 days in office, and the state budget his administration is trying to balance.

## **WWOR-TV / MAY - 2006**

*Date:* May 1, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEWARK MAYORK DEBATE**

The four men who want to replace Sharpe James as Mayor of Newark face off in their first debate at Rutgers University.

*Date:* May 2, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**CHILD CHOKED BY COP**

Ineesha Horne was pulled over by a Paterson cop, and she says she was slapped with a ticket for no reason. Now, she's claiming harassment because it was the same officer who she's fighting in court for allegedly choking her 9 year-old son back in March.

*Date:* May 2, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**PATERSON-STAY OUT OF TOWN**

Paterson Police are using full-page ads in the Bergen Record and Herald News to list the names and addresses of anyone arrested since last July. Arrests for drugs and prostitution are public record, and police say this list will help them crack down on crime.

*Date:* May 2, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**JERSEY CITY CRIME CRACKDOWN**

Crime fighting cameras are helping Jersey City cops keep the streets safe as it helped dispatchers get cops to a scene under two minutes in which a man held a victim at gunpoint.

*Date:* May 4, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**INTERNET SEX STING**

An Internet sex sting nets a man who works very closely with teenagers in Roselle Park, New Jersey.

*Date:* May 5, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**PROTESTING PRICES**

People are taking to the street to protest prices at the pump at an Exxon station in Newark. The protestors are angry at the major oil companies for raising prices even as they post record profits.

*Date:* May 7, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

## **NEWARK RACE FOR MAYOR**

A story about the race for Newark Mayor and the concerns that many residents have including crime and housing.

*Date:* May 8, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Coverage of non-partisan municipal elections including the winning of Cory Booker as Newark's first new Mayor in 20 years.

*Date:* May 9, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **BOOKER STILL CAMPAIGNING**

Newark's Mayor-elect Cory Booker hit the streets to sell his ideas after his win. He's also campaigning for run-off elections in June.

*Date:* May 10, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **HEPATITIS SCARE**

A Hepatitis scare in a New Jersey town as health officials confirm that another student is infected. The students attend Orange Avenue School in Cranford, Union County.

*Date:* May 14, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

### **LEARNING ENGLISH**

President Bush stressed that the American melting pot would not mix if new immigrants refuse to learn English. But in Newark, some immigrants are trying to master the language by taking special classes.

*Date:* May 17, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **HEPATITIS SCARE**

What started as a Hepatitis scare at a New Jersey school in Cranford, Union County has spread to the whole town as another child develops Hepatitis A.

*Date:* May 20, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NEWARK-STOP THE VIOLENCE**

More than 200 people marched against gang violence in Newark. A state survey found 17,000 of New Jersey's young people belonged to some kind of gang.

*Date:* May 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **McGREEVEY'S CONFESSION**

A report on former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey's new book, "Confession."

*Date:* May 22, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**JC GUN BATTLE**

A report on how Jersey City wants to tighten its gun control laws to crack down on rising violence.

*Date:* May 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**TENAFLY COUNCILMAN GUILTY**

Tenafly councilman Jeffrey Romano was arrested last November in Newark. In a plea deal, he admitted to heroin possession. Romano has to resign his council seat and could get up to one year behind bars.

*Date:* May 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

**SHAKEN BABIES**

Saint Barnabas Health Care system is teaming up with law enforcement in Union County, New Jersey to help educate parents about shaken baby syndrome with a new prevention program including videos and informational pamphlets.

*Date:* May 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BOOKER VS. ARENA**

Mayor-elect Cory Booker says he's thinking about putting the new \$300 million Devils Arena project on hold.

*Date:* May 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**RESCUING PETS**

The "Pets Act" would prevent someone from being forced to leave their pet behind during an evacuation. New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg wants local and state evacuation plans to include pets, regardless of the emergency.

## **WWOR-TV / JUNE- 2006**

*Date:* June 1, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **MENENDEZ RUNNING**

New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez kicked off his Senate campaign today during a rally at his alma mater high school in Union City.

*Date:* June 3, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **BOOKER DEATH THREAT**

Officials say a street gang has threatened to kill Newark's Mayor-elect Cory Booker because they're not happy with his plans to rid the city of street violence.

*Date:* June 5, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **PRIMARY PREVIEW**

A preview of Primary Day in New Jersey. Incumbent Senator Robert Menendez has only a token challenger for the Democratic nomination. On the Republican side, Tom Kean Jr. is expected to win his party's nomination.

*Date:* June 6, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **PRIMARY DAY**

Full coverage of Primary Day in New Jersey, including wins by Democrat Incumbent Bob Menendez and Republican Tom Kean, Jr. for New Jersey Senate, as well as Democrat Albio Sires for U.S. Congress.

*Date:* June 7, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **AFFORDABLE NJ HOUSING**

Governor Corzine wants to build 100,000 low-income units over the next decade. Corzine says he expects housing officials to finalize a blueprint to expand affordable housing within the next six months.

*Date:* June 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **9/11 COMMISSION**

Senator Bob Menendez wants to push Congress to implement changes recommended by the 9/11 Commission.

*Date:* June 13, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEWARK COUNCIL ELECTION**

There is a runoff election for six city council seats in Newark.

*Date:* June 13, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK DRUG ROUNDUP**

Newark police officers went on a drug round-up as they busted a housing complex in a raid dubbed Operation Chainsaw.

*Date:* June 18, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**JC MAYOR ARRESTED**

A report on the arrest of Jersey City Mayor Jerramiah Healy in Bradley Beach.

*Date:* June 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**PRISON PLOT**

A report on a plot from behind prison walls from a notorious prison gang to assassinate Newark's Mayor-elect Cory Booker.

*Date:* June 22, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**NO BRUNSWICK POOL DROWN**

A little boy is fighting for his life after a backyard tragedy in North Brunswick, New Jersey in which he nearly drowned playing in a pool.

*Date:* June 22, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ BUDGET BATTLE**

Governor Corzine is determined to raise sales taxes from 6 to 7%. He's says there won't be a government shut down if lawmakers don't approve a budget by July 1st.

*Date:* June 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**RACIAL DISCRINATION**

Employees of an Edison, New Jersey trucking company say they were fired from their jobs because of the color of their skin and claim race had to be the reason.

*Date:* June 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BOOKER MOVING FORWARD**

Despite death threats, Newark Mayor-elect Cory Booker moves forward reaching out to the City's youth. Booker offered words of wisdom to the graduating class at two schools.

*Date:* June 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**KID DROWNS**

A ten year old boy drowned in a Paterson, New Jersey reservoir.

*Date:* June 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**SEX CHARGES-PRINCIPAL**

Teaneck High School Principal Joseph White was arrested and charged with sexual misconduct and endangering the welfare of a child.

*Date:* June 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SENATE DEBATE**

Coverage of the first of three debates between Democratic Senator Robert Menendez and Republican Challenger Tom Kean Jr. in the race for U.S. Senate in New Jersey.

*Date:* June 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**STEM CELL BILL**

A Senate budget panel will consider asking voters to decide if New Jersey should borrow money to fund stem cell research grants.

*Date:* June 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NEWARK CRIME SPREE**

A shooting spree in Newark has shaken the entire city, and now there are desperate calls to end the violence.

*Date:* June 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BOOKER'S PLANS**

In the wake of the violence in Newark, Mayor-elect Cory Booker already has a plan to crackdown on crime. Booker is looking into youth programs and economic development for more jobs.

*Date:* June 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

## **SENATE DEBATE # 2**

Coverage of the second debate in as many days in the race for the New Jersey's Senate Seat as incumbent Democratic Senator Robert Menendez squared off against Republican Tom Kean Jr.

*Date:* June 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NEWARK CRIME SPREE**

A shooting spree in Newark has shaken the entire city, and now there are desperate calls to end the violence as two mothers are grieving at their senseless loss.

*Date:* June 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **BOOKER'S PLANS**

In the wake of the violence in Newark, Mayor-elect Cory Booker has a plan to crackdown on crime. Booker, who will be sworn in on July 1<sup>st</sup>, is looking into youth programs and economic development for more jobs.

*Date:* June 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **SENATE DEBATE # 2**

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*Date:* June 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **STOP THE VIOLENCE**

Bill Cosby, who lost a son to gun violence nine years ago, spoke at a town hall meeting in Newark to end gun violence.

*Date:* June 27, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **NJ GUN STORAGE LAW**

Under New Jersey's Handgun Storage law, it's illegal to leave a loaded gun within easy access to a child. Gun owners must store the firearm in a securely locked box or container.

*Date:* June 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**CASINO SHUTDOWN**

If New Jersey lawmakers don't approve a budget by the Friday night deadline, some casinos in Atlantic City could shut down.

*Date:* June 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**  
**FLAG FLAP**

Lucy Soto in Woodbridge, NJ is flying the Puerto Rican flag outside of her home. Neighbors are telling her to go back to Puerto Rico, and she says she is doing just that for the sake of her 11 year old daughter.

*Date:* June 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**  
**PAINT PROTEST**

Members of the group "Acorn" marched into a Sherwin Williams store in Newark calling on them to help clean up the lead paint problem in urban communities.

*Date:* June 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**  
**RAP ABOUT READING**

R & B Artist Neyo spoke to children in Jersey City about staying in school, and told them about the importance of reading. It's all part of an effort to keep kids reading over the summer.

*Date:* June 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**TOURING THE DAMAGE**

FEMA was on scene in New Jersey, along with Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez to flood ravaged areas. This is one of the worst floods Trenton has seen in the last five years. Residents are asked to be patient and wait for official word before returning home.

*Date:* June 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**VIDEOTAPING PERVERT**

Police say a 70 year old man had been secretly recording teenage girls as they walked home from school in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Residents are shocked because they thought he was a nice neighbor.

*Date:* June 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**HOLIDAY TICKET BLITZ**

A ticket blitz is in effect to get drivers to slow down for the long holiday weekend throughout Northern New Jersey. Along with increased patrols, police will have speed enforcement checkpoints using radar.

## **WWOR-TV / JULY- 2006**

*Date:* July 01, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEWARK**

Already Mayor Booker has plans to have more police on the streets. Booker says he's talking with the Governor, State Troopers and the US Attorney General, to bring peace to Newark streets.

*Date:* July 01, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BOOKER SWORN IN**

Mayor Cory Booker is the new leader of New Jersey's largest city. Booker received a rousing reception at the New Jersey performing arts center and now he says he's ready to tackle crime.

*Date:* July 02, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**INTRO CASINOS**

Atlantic City's 12 casinos want to stay open during the New Jersey government shutdown, but the Governor says they aren't essential. So unless there is a new budget to provide state monitors, they must close.

*Date:* July 02, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**JAIL RENAMED**

The lower Manhattan jail is once again The Manhattan Detention Complex. It was named after Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, until he plead guilty to accepting illegal gifts and loans, making him a convicted criminal.

*Date:* July 03, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ SHUTDOWN-LATEST DEVELOP**

New Jersey's government shutdown is requiring state beaches, parks, historic, casinos and race tracks sites to close. Governor Corzine is having a special session with legislatures after failed negotiations to produce a new state budget.

*Date:* July 03, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**ANTI GANG RALLY**

Community activists joined with ordinary residents during a special prayer vigil and a rally to end gang violence. Mayor Cory Booker is promising to increase Newark's police force.

*Date:* July 04, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

## **SPECIAL SESSION**

The New Jersey State Government has now been shut down for 4 days due to the debating 1% sales tax increase. It includes places like casinos, state parks and beaches and government owned businesses.

*Date:* July 04, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **POOL DROWNING-BAYSHORE**

A 20 year old man and several other people were trespassing into a closed public pool in Suffolk County, when he was found dead by the pool patrolling officer. The other men ran off.

*Date:* July 05, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **URBAN TAX**

The New Jersey State shutdown is said to be caused by a sales tax increase. But an increase would also affect the state's Urban Enterprise Zones, known for their 3% sales tax.

*Date:* July 08, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ BACK IN BUSINESS**

Governor Corzine officially ended the six day shutdown in New Jersey.

*Date:* July 08, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NEWARK SAFE SUMMER**

Cory Booker began his safe summer initiative, which aims to provide more activities while also cracking down on crime. Booker and Governor Corzine also plan to provide more security for the city in the future.

*Date:* July 10, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **100 DAY PLAN**

New Jersey's Mayor, Cory Booker unveiled his plans for his first 100 days in office. He plans to turn the city into a national model for revitalization.

*Date:* July 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **COPS PROTECT DRUG DEALERS**

6 New Jersey cops are now indicted for abusing their badge. They're accused of protecting drug dealers in exchange for allegedly receiving drugs for themselves.

*Date:* July 13, 2006

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### **PROTECT PATH**

Path train passengers are now passing through new hi-tech screening machines, which detect possibly detonated devices under clothing and sophisticated weapons. The Department of Homeland Security Screeners and Port Authority Police will test the devices.

*Date:* July 13, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**TEANECK ARREST**

A 15-year-old boy was killed at a violent house party in Teaneck, New Jersey. The accused is a 17 year old male, and investigators believe it was gang related.

*Date:* July 14, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FALL FROM WINDOW**

Police found a 19-year-old girl, shot in the head lying on a pile of rubble outside of her apartment building in Elizabeth. Two other men had fallen from the same 4th floor window, but they survived. Police are unsure if the 3 individuals were pushed or fell out the window.

*Date:* July 15, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**SALES TAX INCREASE**

From now on, the New Jersey sales tax is now 7%, up from 6% before the state's budget shutdown. The increase will cost the typical New Jersey family \$276 more a year. It's a key part of a plan to raise \$1.8 billion in new taxes.

*Date:* July 15, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOSPITAL EXPLOSION**

Dozens of patients were pulled out of saint Mary's hospital in Passaic after a bad boiler explosion rocked their hospital.

*Date:* July 15, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**MILLVILLE FATAL FIRE**

A 28 year old and her 2 young sons were killed in a New Jersey fire house that had no working smoke detectors. Investigators say some candles that had been left burning started the fire.

*Date:* July 16, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**WOMAN ATTACKS TEEN**

A long island woman is accused of attacking a teen with garden tools while he was riding his bike in New Jersey. The woman, who was questioned by police, allegedly attacked the teen because she felt threatened.

*Date:* July 18, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**KILLED COLLING OFF**

An 11 year old girl was killed in a drive by shooting while she was trying to cool off at an open fire hydrant in New Jersey. Officials say at least 2 teens were being questioned about the shooting and that one was caught trying to flee to the Dominican Republic.

*Date:* July 18, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**NJ CAR INSPECTION EASIER**

The State of New Jersey is considering a proposal that would allow vehicles with minor flaws, like a broken windshield or parking brake, to pass inspection. The plan could save the state \$3.5 million in re-inspection costs.

*Date:* July 19, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**TANNING SALON BILL**

Tanning salons are now from serving clients 14-years old and under, unless they have parental consent. Governor Jon Corzine signed the "Anti-Tanning Bill" in New Jersey. Tanning salons will be fined \$100 for the first offense.

*Date:* July 20, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BLUE LAW BATTLE**

Bergen County is abandoning efforts to overturn the blue law which bans the sale of things like clothing, furniture and appliances on Sundays. Bergen is the last county in New Jersey to keep it.

*Date:* July 20, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**SHARPE'S TAXPAYER TRIPS**

Newark's former Mayor, Sharpe James is facing accusations of taking luxury trips with tax payer dollars. Sharpe James was asked to comment on this story, but he did not return any phone calls.

*Date:* July 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RAIN AND DAMAGE**

A car was stuck in flood waters in Elizabeth, New Jersey. During rush hour on the Hutchison River Parkway people had to get out of their cars to escape the rising waters. Others had to be towed away.

*Date:* July 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**COUNTERFEIT BUST**

Police say they caught a pair of brothers making fake documents New Jersey. Agents say the danger is that it can help people with bad intentions to stay securing them work in the U.S. So far, no ties to terrorists in connection with this business, has yet to be found.

*Date:* July 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HIT BY CAR**

A group of kids were hit by a car in Nassau County after two cars spun out of control and one jumped the curb hitting the children walking by. None of them were seriously injured.

*Date:* July 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BODY PART COLLECTION**

The exotic dancer accused of improper disposal of human remains is in jail after police found a severed hand and 6 skulls in her south Plainfield home. The 31 year old woman refuses to say where she got the body parts.

*Date:* July 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**DAD'S WINDFALL**

A deadbeat dad has inherited nearly half a million dollars from his disabled daughter after the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled both parents split the money. New Jersey Law lets biological parents retain parental rights regardless of how much contact they have with their children.

*Date:* July 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**CLIFTON ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION**

A 13 year old girl from New Jersey was almost abducted when a man grabbed her and led her to his car. Although she managed to escape, the man is still on the loose.

*Date:* July 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

## **OPERATION PAINKILLER**

"Operation painkiller", a drug bust in a North Jersey suburb, showed prescription drugs could lure teens into a life of addiction, just like street drugs. A drug awareness summit will be held this fall for Morris County parents to learn the signs of prescription drug abuse.

*Date:* July 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **TAX REFORM-CORZINE**

Governor Corzine wants tax relief for home owners making less than \$200 thousand. He also wants the state to pay a portion of the taxes, instead of annual property tax rebates. Corzine wants a tax reform program in place by the end of this year.

*Date:* July 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority**

### **HOME VANDALIZED ARRESTS**

There has been arrest for the Asian family's home in New Jersey that was vandalized with hate crime messages. Four teens from Edison are charged who were angry because they were turned away from a party at the home.

*Date:* July 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

### **STOP THE CHASES**

People in New Jersey protest, demanding justice for a child killed by a speeding car police were chasing. The case is still under investigation.

*Date:* July 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **MODEL KILLED**

The woman killed in a crash last week on the New Jersey Turnpike has been identified as the young model, Heather Bratton. She recently modeled for Prada, Gucci, Burberry and Chanel.

*Date:* July 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **WALL TOWNSHIP FIRE**

Firefighters battled the heat while putting out a massive warehouse fire in New Jersey. One firefighter suffered heat exhaustion and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

## **WWOR-TV / AUGUST - 2006**

*Date:* August 1, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **JERSEY CITY-McGRUFF**

Police arrested Leroy Williams during a drug sting in Jersey City. In all, police made 150 arrests, and also seized 70 pounds of marijuana and 10,000 bags of heroin. Police plan to beef up patrols in that area in an effort to make it a no-tolerance zone.

*Date:* August 2, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **BUSTED BROKERS**

Manhattan Prosecutors say eight brokers lied about stock prices for Stratus Services Group, a small New Jersey company. Though it had dropped in value, brokers sold it at inflated prices. Investigators say their customers lost at least \$13 million, but the brokers profited.

*Date:* August 3, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ PROPERTY TAX CONVENTION**

New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the Nation. And if New Jersey Lawmakers are unable to make the cut, residents may find themselves tackling the issue. It would happen during a Constitutional Convention, a rare occasion which would allow taxpayers to be directly involved in changing the Constitution.

*Date:* August 4, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CORZINE/NJ INDIANS**

Governor Jon Corzine signed an executive order in Mahwah today, creating a special commission to come up with solutions to problems faced by the Ramapoughs. Tensions between the state and the Ramapoughs had taken a turn for the worse when a tribe member was shot and killed by a park ranger in a state park back in April.

*Date:* August 4, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **TRAUMA CENTER SHUTDOWN**

A report on the special unit at Jersey City Medical Center which cannot see patients because of a problem with its license.

*Date:* August 5, 2006

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**9/11 COMMISSION-GIULIANI**

At Port Elizabeth in New Jersey, Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez kicked off a nationwide new direction tour about protecting ports. They say 95% of cargo across the country is not inspected.

*Date:* August 6, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK SHOOTING**

Police are looking for two men responsible for a triple-shooting where two children were among the victims in Newark. Residents are complaining the Mayor's plan to clean-up crime is taking too long to kick in.

*Date:* August 7, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEWARK QUALITY OF LIFE**

Newark Mayor Corey Booker wants a better quality of life for his City. So he is cracking down on bars and taverns that could be havens for crime.

*Date:* August 8, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**MEADOWLANDS TOURIST DESTINATION**

A new color guide to bird watching and fishing in the Meadowlands was released. It also includes wildlife trails in the Hackensack River watershed. State Officials say the guide is an effort to promote eco-tourism. They are free to the public in both English and Spanish.

*Date:* August 10, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NEWARK COMMUNITY MEETING**

Newark Mayor Cory Booker told residents of the Georgia King Village Apartments that he's committing more resources to fighting crime. But he's also challenging Newark's citizens to take action and help police.

*Date:* August 11, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**SAFE SUMMER-NEWARK**

The Safe Summer Initiative kicked off at the Seth Boyden Homes. Officials say the housing community has been plagued by crime, gangs and drug dealers. Activities will provide a safe place for kids to play. Similar programs will take place in other troubled areas of Newark throughout the rest of the summer.

*Date:* August 12, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**HOBOKEN COPS SLACKING**

Thirteen members of Hoboken's Police Department are accused of slacking off on the night shift. Patrol cars equipped with GPS show the officers haven't been on patrol even though that's their assignment. Punishment includes suspensions, work without pay, and reprimands.

*Date:* August 12, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**DAYCARE DANGER**

One New Jersey daycare center in Franklinville exposed kids to dangerous levels of mercury. Now some children are showing symptoms of mercury poisoning and parents are demanding answers.

*Date:* August 14, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**MENENDEZ 9/11 REPORT**

In light of the recently foiled terror plot, New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez is calling on the Federal Government to fully implement all the recommendations made by the 9/11 Commission.

*Date:* August 15, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**FAKE COP BUSTED**

Service was interrupted along the northeast corridor after police found something suspicious on the Jersey side of the Hudson River Tunnel. It turned out to be a drum of hydraulic oil that had fallen off a work train.

*Date:* August 16, 2006

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**SCHOOL BUS OVERTURNED**

A bus carrying a group of special needs students was involved in an incident with another car and a pick up truck in southern New Jersey. Police say 7 children were taken to area hospitals with minor injuries.

*Date:* August 18, 2006

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**HISPANIC ORGAN DONATIONS**

Organizers of Jersey City's Puerto Rican Heritage Parade say many in the Hispanic community are asking Hispanics to help with donating an organ. Volunteers will be available to sign up at exchange place tomorrow.

*Date:* August 20, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SHARPE'S TRIP**

He's been out of office for more than a month, but Newark's former Mayor, Sharpe James, is being questioned for taking luxury trips with tax payer dollars. His office was contacted to comment, but no response.

*Date:* August 20, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BLUE LAW BATTLE**

Bergen County will continue to be the last county in New Jersey with Blue Laws. The Blue Laws ban the sale of things like clothing, furniture and appliances on Sundays.

*Date:* August 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**BOOKERS BUDGET**

Newark Mayor Cory Booker is cutting his own salary and proposing some major financial changes in his just unveiled city budget. He is planning on decreasing his own pay by 8.3%, which is just over \$12 thousand.

*Date:* August 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

**PERScription SHOPPING**

Governor Jon Corzine signed a bill in which New Jersey residents can soon comparison shop for cheaper prescription drugs on-line. The registry will be up and running by next fall. Three other states including New York already have an on-line registry.

*Date:* August 22, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**

**BOOKER-PROJECT PRIDE**

Mayor Booker also took time to launch project pride at Kean University, which helps the education of Newark kids through after school programs and scholarships.

*Date:* August 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**LIVINGSTON MURDER FOLO**

The man found dead in a house in Livingston, New Jersey is identified as 40 year old grandson of late mobster, "Richie the Boot" Boiardo, but investigators say they don't believe his death is mob related.

*Date:* August 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Substance Abuse**

**DWI TRACKING**

Nassau county DWI offenders will have to wear a scram unit on their ankle when they enter probation. The unit sends a message to probation officers if the offender starts drinking again.

*Date:* August 24, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**

**HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING**

Senator Frank Lautenberg is asking congress to push legislation into helping fund higher education. Right now he says Washington has hurt students by cutting college grants and doing away with tuition tax breaks.

*Date:* August 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

**NJ WEST NILE CASE**

An 82-year-old union county woman is reportedly diagnosed with West Nile Viruse. She is the first reported case of West Nile Virus this year in New Jersey. She is expected to make a full recovery.

*Date:* August 26, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CLUB SHUTDOWN**

The spirit nightclub was shutdown for repeated alcohol and drug violations. Spirit was one of 5 clubs temporarily shut down by the city back in April when a New Jersey teen was murdered after attending a Chelsea nightclub.

*Date:* August 28, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**

**NJ HIGHEST TAXES**

New Jersey is now tied for the nation's highest state sales tax after Governor Corzine signed \$2 billion in tax hikes this summer. That's a 5% increase over last year, outpacing any other state, according to a new study.

*Date:* August 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**FIERY CRASH RESCUE**

Three samaritans rescued a woman from a fiery crash involving 3 cars in long island. The rescued woman was treated for minor burns and released from the hospital. The 2 men will be recommended for special bravery awards by the Suffolk police.

*Date:* August 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**CRIME COMPUTERS NEWARK**

A hundred new computers were set up throughout the Newark Police Department. The new computers will cut the processing time for a criminal down to half, meaning there will be more officers in the streets.

*Date:* August 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**AIRPORT SCREENERS**

Senator Frank Lautenberg says hiring more airport screeners would increase security and reduce long lines. He is calling on Congress to provide more screeners at Newark Airport.

## **WWOR-TV / OCTOBER - 2006**

*Date:* October 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Sports**

### **RUTGERS AND PITTSBURGH**

There have been only two times in 137 seasons that Rutgers football has started a campaign at 7-0, 1961 and then again in 1976. The now 7-0...

*Date:* October 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **EGG SALAD RECALL**

A report on a recall involving egg salad that is sold in 17 states, including New Jersey. The recall comes after tests showed mixed results for listeria.

*Date:* October 21, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **AMBULANCE CRASH**

An out of control ambulance created quite a mess for several car owners in Weehawken. It crashed into half a dozen parked cars. The Weehawken police are investigating the accident.

*Date:* October 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **BANNING METAL BATS**

A call tonight, for an aluminum bat ban in area city high schools. City Council members say they are more dangerous than wooden bats

*Date:* October 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **ESSEX CSI TOUR**

Essex County has a new weapon in its fight against crime; a new state-of-the-art crime lab was put on display today. The new facility has several hi-tech rooms for gathering and processing evidence.

*Date:* October 23, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **SETON HLL FIRE TRIAL**

After seven years, jury selection has begun in the Seton Hall fire trial. The jurors will decide if former students Sean Ryan and Joseph Lepore are guilty of murder and arson. The fire killed three students and injured several others.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**INTREPID PLANES WRAPPED**

Revised plans for the intrepid move to Bayonne for a face-lift

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**NJ CHEAPEST GAS**

Good news in the garden state—gas in New Jersey is the cheapest in the nation.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ TRANSIT – MORE TRAINS**

Report on an increase in New Jersey transit trains during rush hour. NJ transit is adding two morning express trains on the northeast corridor and two extra morning trains on the north jersey coast line. New trains are also being added to the main-Bergen line and the Morris and Essex line in all four thousand extra seats will be available to commuters.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**TOWERS MAKEOVER**

A new plan is in the works to restore a blighted part of Newark. It includes new housing and commercial space in an area that was once infested with drugs and crime.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**PIZZA SHOP PARKING**

A pizza shop is at odds with the city of Livingston, New Jersey over where a delivery bike is parked. Last week, the pizza shop was told to pay a 300 dollar fine in municipal court. The restaurant owner says he'll continue to fight the ordinance.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**ITALIAN COMMERCIAL CONTROVERSY**

A TV ad about us senate candidate Bob Menendez is causing a controversy with some Italian Americans.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**IMPACT ON OTHER STATES**

Report on court ruling in New Jersey on constitutional amendments to ban same sex marriage and that ruling's impact on other states.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

## **SAME SEX MARRIAGE**

New Jersey gay and lesbian activists say while the Supreme Court ruling is a major step forward, a legal walk down the aisle is still out of reach. Same sex couples will now have the same rights as married couples, but the decision on exactly what to call that union is now in the hands of New Jersey lawmakers. There are more than 20-thousand gay and lesbian couples in New Jersey, raising more than 12-thousand children.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **NJ TRANSIT BUS FIRE**

A bus fire causes traffic headaches in New Jersey. My9's chopper was over the scene in Elizabeth as smoke and flames poured out of a New Jersey transit bus near one of the entrances to the New Jersey turnpike during the morning rush.

*Date:* October 25, 2006

**ISSUES: Health**

### **NJ TRANSIT BUS FIRE**

Dozens of New Jersey rite aid stores are pulling outdated products off the shelves tonight. The move comes after the state consumer affairs department accused the company of selling expired drugs, baby formula and over the counter medications.

*Date:* October 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **ROBBED AND KILLED**

Police are hunting for a criminal involved in the murder of a woman beloved in her Jersey City community

*Date:* October 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Sports**

### **UCONN AND RUTGERS**

Rutgers home game against the University of Connecticut.

*Date:* October 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NJ BEAR HUNT**

A bear hunt in New Jersey this year could be shot down. Governor Corzine has yet to re-adopt regulations authorizing a one week bear hunt that would take place in December.

*Date:* October 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**NJ CITIES REAL ESTATE**

Real estate trends are looking up for New Jersey's cities.

*Date:* October 29, 2006

**ISSUES: Education**  
**COLLEGE TUITION TAX**

College tuition in New York and New Jersey has hits an all time high.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**SAFEST CITY**

A new survey says the Ocean County town is the safest place in the country.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**BODY IN SUITCASE**

A Middlesex County mother pleads not guilty to new charges in murder case.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**JAYSON WILLIAMS – SUPREME COURT**

The New Jersey Supreme Court hears arguments in the case of Jayson Williams, the former New Jersey Nets is accused of attempting to cover-up the 2002 shooting

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**NEWARK DEADLY WEEKEND**

A seventeen year old boy and 24 year old man was shoot over the weekend and Newark police still have no leads. Police say there are ties between both shootings.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**BEAR HUNT COULD APPEN**

Governor Corzine says he's opposed to a bear hunt but hasn't ruled out the possibility of one. The Governor had until today to authorize a bear hunt next month. Instead, he extended the deadline and ordered environmental officials to review the state's bear management plan.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**SAFEST CITY**

Have no fear when you walk the streets of Brick New Jersey. That's because a new survey says the ocean county town is the safest place in the country.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**BODY IN SUITCASE**

A Middlesex County mother accused of killing and dismembering her husband pleads not guilty to new charges in connection with the case. Melanie mcguire who is free on bail is charged with hindering the prosecution. Investigators say she wrote an anonymous letter and sent a package containing items in an effort to throw detectives off her trail.

*Date:* October 30, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**ROBBED AND KILLED**

Police are hunting for a cold-blooded killer after a murder in a Jersey City corner grocery store. The victim: a woman beloved by the community. Someone fatally shot her at point blank range in the store she owned.

*Date:* October 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**WALLET THIEVES**

Police in Hoboken are looking two women and a man caught by surveillance cameras using stolen credit cards at a Jersey City target. They are also accused of stealing wallets from people in two different office buildings.

*Date:* October 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**TRAIN HITS TANKER**

A tanker truck carrying thousands of gallons of kerosene was hit by a Conrail train, spilling half of its fuel as it was crossing tracks in Newark. The terminal was evacuated for a while and fortunately, the driver walked out with minor aches and bruises.

*Date:* October 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION**

With 7-days until election 2006, it looks like some of New Jersey's top Republican candidates are brushing up their campaign.

*Date:* October 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NEWARK TEEN SHOOT**

Police in Newark are investigating another shooting that left a seventeen year old boy teenager wounded. Sources on the scene tell My9 news the shooting may be drug related.

*Date:* October 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

**DOCTOR SHOOTS IN ER**

Tonight a four year resident doctor at Saint Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick faces attempted murder charges after she pointed a loaded gun at the emergency room security guard. She pulled the trigger several times but the gun didn't fire. No word on a motive or whether walker and the security guard knew each other.

*Date:* October 31, 2006

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

**AIRPORT- NEW LIGHT**

Two planes ended up on the grounds of newark-liberty airport after their wings were clipped on the taxiway.

## **WWOR - TV / JANUARY - 2007**

*Date:* January 5, 2007

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**  
**HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS**

After combining New York and New Jersey into one region, New York may get extra money to fight terrorism. Senator Chuck Schumer says New York may still not have enough.

*Date:* January 8, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**  
**NJ-NO JUNK FOOD VOTE**

The New Jersey State Assembly followed the State Senate's lead and passed a bill to outlaw the sale of junk food in school. The ban is set to take effect in September.

*Date:* January 14, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**EDWARDS AT NYC CHURCH**

Presidential hopeful, John Edwards was at the Riverside Church in New York to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also criticized the war in Iraq.

*Date:* January 25, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**  
**HELPING THE HOMELESS**

With the low temperatures, dozens of New Jersey residents volunteered to count the state's homeless citizens to then later place them in homeless shelters. The count is required to determine the size of federal grants.

*Date:* January 25, 2007

**ISSUES: Education**  
**HARLEM MEDICAL SCHOOL**

After more than 30 years, Harlem welcomes the Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. Its mission will be to recruit more minority students and to provide care to those in Harlem.

*Date:* January 29, 2007

**ISSUES: Education**  
**TESTING FOR BOOZE**

Peaquonnock High School becomes the second school in New Jersey to test students for alcohol usage after returning to school from their weekend or vacations.

*Date:* January 29, 2007

**ISSUES: Taxes**

**PROPERTY TAX PLAN**

The New Jersey assembly began considering legislation to give many homeowners a proposed 20% property tax cut.

## **WWOR - TV / FEBRUARY - 2007**

*Date:* February 10, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**  
**HEALTH WEEK**

A special week-long segment was done for Black History Month focusing on health. Topics included doctors' advice to help you live longer, breast cancer, preventing prostate cancer, infertility and sexual health in the black community, cosmetic surgery and HIV.

*Date:* February 17, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**ABOLISHING THE "N" WORD**

Paterson, New Jersey has been added to the list of places who want to abolish the "N" word.

*Date:* February 22, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**NJ CIVIL UNION CEREMONIES**

Thousands of same sex couples in New Jersey finally exchanged vows after a 72-hour legalized waiting period.

*Date:* February 22, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**CORZINE BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT**

Governor Corzine presented his new budget plan for New Jersey and it contains no new or increased taxes. The new budget, totaling \$33-billion, includes more money for schools and towns as well as property tax relief.

## **WWOR - TV / MARCH - 2007**

*Date:* March 26, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **CORZINE GENEROUS TO DEMOCRATS**

Records show Governor Corzine has donated \$869-thousand overall to Democrats and party organizers last year. Since taking office, he has given approximately \$761-thousand to state democrats and \$108-thousand on the federal level.

*Date:* March 28, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**

### **BLACKMON EVENT**

My9 Anchor Brenda Blackmon was Mistress of Ceremonies for the annual "Celebrate Volunteers." The annual ceremony, held by The Volunteer Center of Bergen County, acknowledges people for going above and beyond the call of duty.

## **WWOR - TV / APRIL - 2007**

*Date:* April 10, 2007

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**  
**RUTGERS RESPONDS**

The ladies basketball team from Rutgers University held a press conference addressing their feelings towards the controversial comments made by radio jock, Don Imus.

*Date:* April 11, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**CELEBRATING GREEK**

My9 exclusive live broadcast of the Greek Independence parade hosted by Megan Vega, Ernie Anastos, Rosanna Scotto and Nick Gregory.

*Date:* April 17, 2007

**ISSUES: Taxes**  
**TAX DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The tax deadline is being extended an extra 2 days for storm victims in New Jersey to file. The IRS will honor paper returns that say "April 15th storm" and electronic returns that use the "disaster" feature.

*Date:* April 23, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**  
**NJ TOURING THE DAMAGE**

Acting Governor Richard Cody and FEMA Officials toured areas in New Jersey that were affected by the Nor'easter.

*Date:* April 24, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**  
**RUTGERS STEPS UP SECURITY**

In light of the Virginia Tech shootings, Rutgers University in Rutgers, New Jersey has created a new program where students can register their cell phone numbers on their website to receive emergency alerts.

*Date:* April 25, 2007

**ISSUES: Taxes**  
**PROPERTY TAX CUT IN NEWARK**

For the first time in more than 20-years, Newark's budget was unanimously passed on time. The city council passed the \$785-million budge, calling for a decrease in city taxes, a reduction in overall spending without cutting services and an increase in spending for police and fire.

*Date:* April 25, 2007

**ISSUES: Children/Youth/Crime/Law Enforcement**

**NO SMOKING IN CARS**

The town of Keyport, New Jersey has banned smoking in cars while children are inside.

## **WWOR - TV / MAY- 2007**

*Date:* May 1, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **COUNTERFEIT CONDOMS**

A My9 I-Team investigation has revealed that a New Jersey neighborhood is selling counterfeit condoms. The company that makes Trojan condoms has confirmed they are not the real thing.

*Date:* May 4, 2007

**ISSUES: Economy**

### **MORE NJ AIRPORTS**

Acting New Jersey Governor Richard Codey signed a legislation allowing the Port Authority to buy and expand Stewart International Airport in Newburgh. It will also allow the Port Authority to build a new airport somewhere in New Jersey.

*Date:* May 5, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority**

### **CINCO DE MAYO**

Ballet Hispanico held a special event in the Upper West Side in New York to give free dance lessons in commemoration of Cinco de Mayo.

*Date:* May 8, 2007

**ISSUES: Children/Youth/Competition**

### **FIRE BOWL COMPETITION**

My9 co-anchor Harry Martin hosted the Second Annual New Jersey Fire Bowl competition. Students from Bayonne and Toms River participated in this competition testing their knowledge of fire safety.

*Date:* May 11, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **MANDATORY HIV TESTS - NJ**

New Jersey Legislators are planning to pass a bill requiring all pregnant women living in New Jersey be tested for HIV in the first and third trimester. If passed, New Jersey will become the first state to have such law.

*Date:* May 16, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **MEDIVAC HELICOPTERS**

Laws in New Jersey state that Medivac helicopters can only respond to emergencies if accident is within their contract vicinity. Certain Medivac helicopters are more expensive than others. Politicians are now arguing to change this law and have the closest helicopter available respond to an emergency, regardless of cost.

*Date:* May 18, 2007

**ISSUES: Consumer/Community**

**INTRO NJ MY WAY**

An introduction to an online publication called "NJ My Way" giving readers health, social, and economic information based in New Jersey.

*Date:* May 19, 2007

**ISSUES: Government**

**SAME SEX MARCH**

New Jersey homosexual couples along with New York Legislators went to Albany to introduce a new bill giving marriage rights to same sex couples in New York.

*Date:* May 25, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

**CORZINE PRESS CONFERENCE**

A live coverage of Governor Jon Corzine's press conference about seat belt safety after being released from the hospital for injuries caused by a car accident where he was not wearing a seat belt.

*Date:* May 29, 2007

**ISSUES: Economy**

**CORZINE – HIGHER GAS TAX**

New Jersey Governor, Jon Corzine says gas taxes may have to rise to help pay for mass transit and highways repairs. New Jersey drivers are currently paying the third lowest gas taxes in the country at 14.5%.

*Date:* May 31, 2007

**ISSUES: Housing**

**HOUSING INSPECTIONS**

Residents of a housing project in the Bronx are getting better living conditions and city leaders are calling for more housing inspections after My9 exclusively uncovered their poor living conditions.

## WWOR - TV / JUNE - 2007

*Date:* June 4, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**  
**50 YEARS OF HISTORY**

A look back into the 50-year history of the National Puerto Rican Day Parade, including where it began and when and how it became national.

*Date:* June 6, 2007

**ISSUES: Economy**  
**CORPORATE SUPPORT**

Corporate America has joined the celebration of the rich diversity of the Puerto Rican Culture. With companies like Jetblue, Bank of America, American Airlines, the New York Post and local mom and pop stores; this year's celebration promises to be the biggest one yet.

*Date:* June 6, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**  
**TROPICAL NIGHTS**

Puerto Rican pride continues with the celebration of Tropical Nights at the Copacabana in New York. This concert featured the most popular Latin stars at the moment.

*Date:* June 9, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**  
**PR PARADE PREP**

Puerto Ricans in New York and New Jersey have begun celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary of The National Puerto Rican Parade with the Pre-Puerto Rican Day Parade festival at 116<sup>th</sup> street in Manhattan. This festival is celebrating this year it's 25<sup>th</sup> year in production.

*Date:* June 9, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**  
**IN DA HEIGHTS**

A special feature on the new Off-Broadway hit, "In Da Heights" about Hispanic-American teenagers living in Washington Heights, New York.

*Date:* June 10, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority**  
**PUERTO RICAN PARADE**

Fox 5 and My9 were the exclusive broadcasters of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Puerto Rican Day Parade. This is considered the largest and most populated parade in New York City.

*Date:* June 19, 2007

**ISSUES: Children/Youth**

**SUMMER JOBS IN NEWARK**

Mayor Cory Booker says over 100 local companies are offering job opportunities for kids in Newark this summer. The city has already put in nearly 2-million dollars for the summer jobs program.

*Date:* June 24, 2007

**ISSUES: Taxes**

**FEMA AID DEADLINE**

A reminder to victims of the Nor'easter flood in New Jersey. The deadline to file for the Nor'easter Federal Disaster Aid is tomorrow.

*Date:* June 24, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**

**KATRINA KIDS**

The Saint Paul Missionary Team of New Jersey invited 20-students from the Progress Elementary School in Louisiana, who also suffered from Hurricane Katrina, spend their summer vacation in New Jersey, free of cost.

## **WWOR - TV / JULY - 2007**

*Date:* July 1, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **PARAMUS SCHOOL CLEANUP**

Specialty crews were on site to remove pesticide laden soil from Westbrook Middle School in Paramus. Parents learned of the contamination in May, but school officials have known of it since January. Testing showed the contamination levels were 39 times what safety guidelines permit.

*Date:* July 4, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

### **NEW CITIZENS**

Dozens of immigrants are celebrating the 4th of July by becoming American citizens. Fifty immigrants became Americans today in Newark. They took the oath of allegiance and recited the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Cory Booker helped give out citizenship papers.

*Date:* July 6, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **DIRTY NJ BROOKS**

Reports of contaminated brooks could cause a water warning for some New Jersey residents. Two brooks reportedly have high levels of fecal bacteria that could run from faucets. Nearly one million residents in Bergen and Hudson counties could be affected. United Water says the water is treated before it gets to customers. The Health Department and Rutgers University researchers are working on restoring the waters by getting rid of the contamination.

*Date:* July 6, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime**

### **NEWARK CRIME DOWN**

Newark is reporting a 20% overall reduction in crime. Mayor Cory Booker and police director Garry McCarthy say the decline came over the past six months. Murders dropped by 6% and shootings went down 30%, but both admit more work needs to be done.

*Date:* July 20, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **STEAM CONTINUING COVERAGE**

My9 continuous coverage of the steam explosion aftermath.

## **WWOR - TV / AUGUST- 2007**

*Date:* August 3, 2007

*Date:* August 4, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **WATER WOES**

Last night's rain caused major damage to a water treatment plant in Northern New Jersey. Residents are now being asked to boil and conserve water.

*Date:* August 5, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime**

### **NEWARK EXECUTIONS**

Complete coverage of the execution-style shootings of four college students in Newark, leaving three dead and one wounded. Police begin a search for the suspects.

*Date:* August 8, 2007

**ISSUES: Environment/Commuters**

### **SUMMER STORM**

Team coverage of the heavy rains flooding train tracks and knocking out service to more than a half a dozen subway lines leaving thousands of commuters stranded.

*Date:* August 15, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics/Homeland Security**

### **FEDERAL SECURITY GRANTS**

The Homeland Security department says New York and New Jersey will share \$37-million dollars for transit security. About \$15-million dollars of the grant money will go toward protecting our ports. It's not clear exactly how the funds will be split between the two states.

*Date:* August 16, 2007

**ISSUES: Homeland Security**

### **RADIATION TESTS**

State troopers in New Jersey have a new tool tonight to test trucks for hazardous materials. Troopers say this new radiation detecting SUV will be the first line of defense. Checkpoints are set up just outside the New Jersey Turnpike on Route 3.

*Date:* August 19, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime**

### **NEWARK EXECUTION ARREST**

A sixth suspect has been arrested for the senseless murders of three college students. Eighteen year old Melvin Jovell was captured in Elizabeth. Police say he is the final suspect sought for the August 4th triple homicide at Mount Vernon Elementary School.

*Date: August 23, 2007*

**ISSUES: Homeland Security/Politics**

**TUNNEL FUNDING**

New Jersey is using monetary might to make train tunnels safer. Senator Frank Lautenberg fought to get \$160 million to provide the Hudson River rail crossings with a stronger infrastructure. Lautenberg toured the Lincoln Tunnel Weehawken facility with officials from Amtrak and NJ Transit, showcasing a ventilation emergency escape system.

*Date: August 24, 2007*

**ISSUES: Youth**

**FIGHTING VIOLENCE-NEWARK**

The United Youth Council - an anti-violence group - is taking its mission to the next level, laying out a 12 point plan to present to city council in the wake of the execution-style murders of 3 college students in Newark.

*Date: August 26, 2007*

**ISSUES: Economy**

**PULASKI REPAIRS**

Ten million dollars is going towards fixing the deteriorating Pulaski Skyway Bridge, which stretches over Kearny, Jersey City and Newark. Parts of the bridge deck and railings will be replaced. The project is expected to be completed by August of next year.

*Date: August 29, 2007*

**ISSUES: Health**

**CANCER CLUSTER**

A special meeting was held in Sayreville, New Jersey where there are four superfund sites. State health officials say the air and water are safe and there is not an elevated cancer rate, but some disagree with their reports!

## **WWOR - TV / SEPTEMBER - 2007**

*Date:* September 4, 2007

**ISSUES: Education**

### **NEWARK-NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

A new catholic high school in Newark is giving its students some real world experience. Christ the King Preparatory is a school in which students from low-income families will go to school for four days and then work one day a week. The money will help off-set the cost of their tuition. Parents and students are excited.

*Date:* September 7, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime**

### **MIMS HACKET RESIGNS**

State Assemblyman Alfred Steele says he will resign on Monday. His announcement comes just one day after assemblyman Mims Hackett stepped down. Both democrats were arrested in a federal corruption sting. But Hackett, who is also the Mayor of Orange, has not said if he will step down from that post.

*Date:* September 20, 2007

**ISSUES: Minority Issues**

### **MARCHING IN NEWARK**

The plight of the so-called Jena six sparks a show of solidarity in Newark. Jena six supporters marched through the city streets. Mayor Cory Booker also voiced his concern about the crisis in Jena.

*Date:* September 27, 2007

**ISSUES: government/Politics**

### **MEGAN TYRA INTERVIEW**

My9's Megan Vega was given exclusive access to the taping of the Tyra Banks Show in New York along with special guest, Presidential Candidate Hopeful Barack Obama.

## **WWOR - TV / OCTOBER - 2007**

*Date:* October 2, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **NEWARK LAYOFFS**

Newark Mayor Cory Booker is trying to close a \$50-billion deficit by laying off dozens of city workers.

*Date:* October 4, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement**

### **TEANECK BOMB THREAT**

Police are investigating a bomb threat at Teaneck High School in Teaneck, New Jersey.

*Date:* October 7, 2007

**ISSUES: Gas**

### **GAS PRICES**

The latest Lundberg survey shows the cost of a gallon dropped four cents in the last two weeks. And the cheapest gas can be found in Newark, where a gallon of regular goes for an average of \$2.52. That's a quarter below the nationwide average.

*Date:* October 16, 2007

**ISSUES: Community**

### **HISPANIC PARADE: TANGO**

My9 Anchor Brenda Blackmon learns how to dance the Tango in connection to the My9 broadcast for the Hispanic Day Parade.

*Date:* October 21, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics**

### **OBAMA VISITS NEWARK**

Democratic Presidential hopeful Barack Obama will be in Newark campaigning tomorrow at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. Tickets for Obama's "Countdown To Change" Fundraiser with Mayor Cory Booker are just \$15 for students and seniors and \$25 for all other citizens.

*Date:* October 21, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

### **KIDNEY WALK**

A thousand walkers came out for the Sixth Annual Kidney Walk. 20-million Americans suffer from kidney disease with nearly 9-thousand awaiting transplants. My9's Vice President and General Manager Lew Leone walked today as well as My9's Vanessa Alfano. Almost two thousand dollars was raised at the event.

*Date:* October 26, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

**NJ DRUG REGISTRY**

The Garden State has created a website comparing pharmacy prices for 150-common medications prescribed. Patients can find the drug stores with the lowest and highest prices. The registry is updated every week; you can log onto [www.njdrugprices.nj.gov](http://www.njdrugprices.nj.gov) or call 1-800-242-5846.

*Date:* October 30, 2007

**ISSUES: Health**

**NEWARK CASE OF MRSA**

Cleaning crews are disinfecting Roberto Clemente Elementary School in Newark, New Jersey after a security guard tested positive for MRSA on Friday.

## **WWOR - TV / NOVEMBER - 2007**

*Date:* November 6, 2007

**ISSUES: Government/Politics  
ELECTION 2007**

My9 coverage of the New York and New Jersey races.

*Date:* November 8, 2007

**ISSUES: Commuters  
NJ TRAFFIC ALERTS**

Starting tomorrow you can sign up at the Port Authority website, [www.panynj.gov](http://www.panynj.gov), to get e-mail or text message alerts. The notifications will be in real time and cover any kind of traffic delay, police activity and even bad weather conditions.

*Date:* November 9, 2007

**ISSUES: Crime/Law Enforcement  
TEENS OUT WINDOW – NO CHARGES**

Newark police say there will be no charges filed in the accidental fall that left two teens with broken bones. Police say the 14-year-old girls attempted to escape from a fifth floor apartment window after one of their parents, caught them drinking and threatened to call police.