Many cab drivers in New York City are facing significant financial pressures because of rising gas prices. See story, page 2.

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JOLT OF REALITY

At 616 Starbucks, it’s hasn’t barista

By Katie Zarembki

New York – As gas prices reaching record highs this summer, many Americans are putting a higher priority on filling up their gas tanks than their Starbucks coffee cups.

Last month, the Seattle-based chain announced that 616 U.S. stores would close. Starbucks had 172,000 employees worldwide at the end of September, about 12,000 of whom will be affected by the closings, according to The Wall Street Journal.

On Wednesday, Starbucks reported a third quarter net loss of $8.7 million compared to a net income of $138.6 million for the same period last year.

Many, including Starbucks customers, think the closures echo nationwide. See STARBUCKS page 9

AN EQUESTRIAN QUESTION

Activists saddle up for a fight

By Sahil Yadav

New York – The sound of their hooves on the pavement adds to the rhythm of the busy streets of New York City. They pull supplement-filled carriages with small boxes of red and pink flowers and wear small, funny-looking red hats. They draw smiles and inspire carress from passersby.

They are the horses that carry families of tourists and couples in love around Central Park, providing a tour of the city’s most green areas.

But this seemingly pretty scene may not last for long, if New York City Councilman Tony Avella has his way. Avella has introduced legislation that would ban the horse-drawn carriages, citing a history of mistreatment and a series of deadly accidents.

Last September, a carriage horse named Smoothie died after a drum spooked him and he crashed into a tree. In 2006, a horse named Spotty was put down after falling and running into a car, seriously injuring the carriage driver. And Achilles, a horse that had pulled carriages for 17 years, collapsed in front of a group of tourists and later died.

A 2007 audit by New York City Comptroller William Thompson Jr. exposed the “horrific conditions” in which the horses were kept. Although he did not recommend banning the carriage trade, he did call for a better regulatory system.

In addition to these criticisms, opponents of the carriage trade also say the horses create everyday annoyances. The perimeter of Central Park is in constant flux with traffic so the carriage horses weave in and out among cars, buses, and cyclists.

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EXPLORED MEDICINE, BABY FOOD ON TRENTON STORE SHELVES

Investigative Report

This article was reported by Jasmine and written by Jasmine and Marcy Fries.

Trenton – Some Trenton store shelves hold long-expired products, including baby food and over-the-counter medications for children and adults, a Summer Journal investigation has found.

Summer Journal reporters found 210 expired items, some more than a year old, in seven convenience and drug stores across the city Wednesday. These included Gerber baby food six months past its expiration and children’s melatonin medicine that expired in November 2007. New Jersey’s Consumer Fraud Act states that it is unlawful “to sell or offer to sell to the public ... any prescription drug, infant formula or baby food” that has passed its expiration date. The New Jersey Attorney General sued Rita Aid and Eckerd in 2006, alleging that they had violated the Consumer Fraud Act. The magazine agreed to a $650,000 settlement in June of this year.

Last November, Diane Brousseau agreed to pay $170,000 civil penalty and to cease and desist from violating the law. See EXPRESSED Page 10

More New Yorkers turn to food banks

By Karen Mc ran

New York – On 116th Street in Harlem, last week, a line of middle-aged people, most of them African-American men, waited patiently for a meal of chicken, rice, salad and fresh oranges. They stood outside the Community Kitchen, which serves as a haven for some of the city’s 1.3 million residents who rely on emergency food programs.

With the climbing war on poverty and the rising cost of food in New York City and across the country, more and more people find themselves turning to emergency food programs, according to a study released recently by City Hall and the Food Bank for New York City.

“Things are bad,” said Louise Smith Rico, a father of six.


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WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Few in numbers, women delve into engineering

By concessional

New York – President Lawrence Summers caused a stir by suggesting that in science and engineering, “there are issues of innate aptitude” that prevent women from participating in the sciences.

In 2007 audit by New York City Comptroller William Thompson Jr. exposed problems with the medical care of the horses and the cleanliness of their working conditions. The report stated that the horses did not have consistent access to water and were forced to stand in their own manure.

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SELECT 2008

Voters speak out on Democratic platform

By By Dominic Storm

Brooklyn – New York’s active and well-organized Democratic National Convention in Denver later this month has a chance to hear directly from its constituents on the election issues most important to them during a forum held at Medgar Evers College on Thursday.

More than 150 people attended the event, which was held in a warm auditorium and titled “Listening to America.” Foremost among their concerns were the economy and education.

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Gas prices fuel concern for cabbies

By Alistair Camp
MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.
Six Starbucks stores are closing in New York City and is a regular customer at the Starbucks located at 1615 Broadway, one of the locations slated to close.

The six stores, which are among 11 in New York City and 11,000 nationwide that are slated to close between now and fall of 2009, according to the company’s website.

“I don’t go to any one,” said Marilyn Kanger, a 43-year-old medical worker from New York City who is a regular customer at Starbucks.

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Defying odds, female engineering students focus in on lasers

By Marcelle Cordeau

Clayton, Del.

Nimrat Bhatt – On a hot summer day in a quiet suburban neighborhood, children were playing and the smell of grilled burgers and beer filled the air. Republican congressional candidate Alan Bateman chatted and relaxed in a large tent at a fundraiser for congressional candidate Alan Bateman. Bateman is running against Democratic incumbent Rush Holt in New Jersey’s 12th district.

During Holt’s tenure, he has sponsored a bill to require “alternative energy automobiles,” which includes fuel efficient cars that use alternative fuels such as ethanol, biodiesel, and electric vehicles.

But Holt has been criticized for not doing enough to address the energy crisis. Bateman, on the other hand, believes that the United States should increase its use of renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydro.

On the war in Iraq, Bateman said he believes that the United States should have stayed the course and continued to support the Iraqi people.

Holt, on the other hand, believes that the United States should have left Iraq and that the war was a mistake.

Bateman’s campaign did not return requests for comment, but Holt’s campaign did not return requests for comment either.

Despite the odds, Bhatt said she isn’t daunted by the male dominance of her field. She is going into a physics class at Harvard, said the genetics professor at the MIRTHE program, has confidence in her male peers. The professor also said that she doesn’t feel unwelcome. “I feel they do understand ‘what common people are going through.’”

By Viviana Benjumea

North Bergen – American flags flew in front of a banner that read “Honour Our Veterans, Honour Our Troops.” Children played on a water slide while adults talked and signed around two tables behind a banner. Hamburgers spilled at the barbecue held by the North Bergen Republican Club on July 25 to meet Alan Bateman, the party’s candidate for Congress representing the 12th District.

“Coming down the steps from a small back and walking across an empty lawn, Bateman had a confident air about him. Though he is the underdog in a normally Democratic district, he said his chances of winning are pretty good. “Regardless of any party, I won’t forget where I come from,” Bateman explained, asking that current politicians “have not been addressing the issues affecting New Jersey.”

Bateman said one of the most important issues is energy policy. He advocates taking advantage of energy resources both on- and offshore, implementing a federal tax plan, building more oil refineries and researching a carbon-neutral, alternative energy automobiles. Besides his concerns over increasing gas prices and the cost of living – the topics that dominated his conversation – he complained that the biggest issue in Washington is the lack of accomplishments. “We need action,” Bateman said.

“Stop the talk and propose some bills,” Bateman said what others said to him. He believes that he is not the underdog in a normally Democratic district. He feels that he has a strong chance of winning.

In the last election, Holt nearly doubled the number of votes of his opponent, Republican Dan Crenshaw. Holt campaigns did not return requests for comment for this story.

But Tom O’Neil – one of three men serving hamburgers off the grill – said he was a supporter of Bateman for one major reason. O’Neill believes Bateman, rather than Holt, understands “what common people are going through.”

Congressional challenger Alan Bateman answers questions from reporters at a fundraiser Tuesday. Bateman is running against Democratic incumbent Rush Holt in New Jersey’s 12th district.
SOS! Somebody save this dancing queen

An all-star cast proves too sickly sweet to stomach

By Hoijung Lee
EL KILT CITY, MD.

I magine chocolate-covered cherries, a thick dark chocolate late syrupy graft on their own, but you wouldn’t make an irresistible sugary flood.

Now, imagine Oscar-winning actress Meryl Streep, the timelessly sexy Pierre Brosnan of 007 fame, and composed British gentlemen Colin Firth. Their combination proves to make another aesthetically and acutely sickly sweet product: “Mamma Mia!”

The movie fails to give depth and gravity when the cast begin to sing and dance in terrible fashion. It seems more like a high school spring dance, fraught with artificial songs and childish gossip—far more than an adult version of “High School Musical.”

The story, written by Catherine Johnson, directed by Phyllida Lloyd and adapted from the original stage musical, teems with big stars, but doesn’t make it to sell, exchange and purchase its charm.

Lin Firth and Stellan Skarsgard, (of James Bond fame), and composed British hitmaker ABBA, blend together they make an inedible sugary flood. It can bring anyone back to age 17.

You do leave the movie with a smile, as you can see that girl, watch that scene, Dancing queen, feel the beat from the new technology, all with a catchy sound track for the captivating backdrop of beautiful Greece.

The promise of the movie is cleverly defined not your common cliché fluffy. Flirtatious costumes and rake’s en, catchy tunes add spice to the movie. The actors’ voices are strong and the dance numbers dancelessly choreographed.

But as the story advances, the movie quickly becomes predictable. In a musical, one expects a certain amount of singing, but this was too much. The songs were bunched together without a break to catch up on the plot. Each number was melodramatic and put in the wrong place.

Take the overtheatrical man from twenty years ago, a Choise, on “SOS,” where Donna and Sam, a potent (al) threat from the original, express their love for each other. The song is about showing their true-passion, the song doesn’t contribute anything to the story. There are undeveloped and simple minded. They are as robotic as ballerinas twirling around in jewelry boxes, creating music on cue. They are as undeveloped and simple minded.

– Dumb, Dumber and Dumbest – arrive to invites all of them to her wedding in a desperate search for her identity.

Together, these stupidities aren’t worth the admission ticket. The Supremes, The Beatles and Abba truly suffer from the debris of their success, but they did have a direction when they sang, danced on stage and provided us with a beautiful Greece. It can bring anyone back to age 17.

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Arts & Entertainment

STILL IN TUNE

In a world of digital music, loyal fans still flock to Record Exchange

By Manuela Cerdan
cleveland.com

It all started with an idea and an ambitious young man. For years, Barry Weisfeld auditions records every college from New York to Pennsylvania, but it was Princeton where he found the most customers.

So, 28 years ago, Weisfeld, the founder of the Princeton Record Exchange, located on trauma Street, has a reputation for selling, exchange and purchasing CDs and tapes line the walls of the local record shop. What was a unique niche to other stores is its wide variety and affordable prices.

Despite the growth in the popularity of new technology such as MP3s and iPods, the Princeton Record Exchange seems to be going strong.

“We haven’t seen a drop in customers,” said Joshua Sanders, 31, an employee of the store. “It’s amazing how this record store has survived in the face of technological advancement.”

The store’s success stands in contrast to nationwide trends. In recent years, CD sales at the local independent record stores have declined by about 27%, according to the NPD Group, a marketing research company in Seattle, Calif.

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ter, runs around with her newly discovered treasure – Donna’s diary – in her hands as she questions the mystery behind her birth.

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Concerns over human rights, environment shouldn’t cloud China’s successes

Xiu Zhen Fang

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ever since China was awarded the 2008 Summer Olympics, there has been much speculation about the Games. But as the Olympics approach, concerns over China’s human rights and environmental problems have grown. Pro-democracy activists have called for the Games to be canceled, while others have called for a boycott.

Alyx Camp

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Cops belong on our streets, not in our schools

Katie Zavadski
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

August 4, 2008

As a teen, I appreciate the convenience of being able to text in the car while driving, as it allows me to keep my hands on the wheel and my eyes on the road. However, I understand that the use of cell phones while driving is a serious issue and can lead to distracted driving.

One simply cannot justify handcrafting a 3-year-old. If every time a student enters a temper tantrum, security guards respond by handcuffing him. They then send him to a holding cell, and shortly thereafter, he is released. Following that incident, Rivera was too distraught to speak and was later taken to a hospital and treated. “I asked him, ‘Do you want to go back to that school?’ He broke down in tears,” his father, Justino Rivera, told the Daily News. “He said, ‘I don’t want to! I don’t want to!’”

Another example is 12-year-old Chelsea Escuro, who was handcuffed and arrested in her Brooklyn middle school for writing “Okay” on her desk. Escuro was charged with criminal mischief and creating a disturbance. She was handcuffed and arrested for writing “Okay” on a desk. Escuro was charged with criminal mischief and creating a disturbance.

As it stands now, the Civilian Complaint Review Board, the body that oversees grievances against the New York City Police Department, does not accept complaints about school safety officers. In fact, our committee is supportive of the current review process. Our committee, in fact, committee to democratize the school safety board.

Though Bloomberg and Klein contend that their policies are pro-active and as a result the excessive force used by these officers only diminishes students’ sense of security.

Studies have shown that the crash rate for teens per mile driven is four times as high as for adults. While many teens take only 75 percent of licensed drivers when they go to school in the morning, they also cite being distracted by cell phone use. New York City Schools is also well aware of this issue. As a result of recent crashes, they have implemented new measures, such as installing metal detectors in schools.

I am convinced that when it comes to cell phones and teen drivers, it is better to be safe than cool.

Jasmine Gray
Topeka, Kan.

Navajo youth’s culture is going up in smoke

Louisa Smith
GREEN điện Trung Quốc

July 25, 2008

The Navajo Nation Council voted to ban smoking in public places within the Navajo Nation — a reservation that stretches across Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. “I think the Navajo president Joe Shirley Jr. must decide whether to approve the bill. Without a question, he should do exactly that.”

The ban excludes the use of mountain tobacco, a natural form of tobacco used in traditional ceremonies. Mountain smoke is less likely to irritate the respiratory system and is less harmful to vegetables and tobacco plants. In contrast, mountain tobacco is more likely to cause health problems and cancer. The ban also excludes the use of tobacco products.

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Not just a stroll through the park

And the smell of manure permeates the air wherever one goes. For example, Pink, the singer, also is no stranger to the stench of manure due to her aversion to celebrities' daily feeding routines for their horses. This is why she feels it is important to visit the horse farms in order to experience the joy of being with the animals and learn about proper feeding and care. In this way, she can make informed decisions about what to feed her own horses at home.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has proposed a plan to ban horse-drawn carriages and replace them with electric-powered pedicabs. This plan has faced challenges from those who believe it would be a loss to the city's heritage and economy. However, Bloomberg argues that the current system is outdated and poses risks to both the horses and pedestrians. He believes that the city should transition to a cleaner and safer mode of transportation that benefits everyone.

The citizens and delegates to the Democratic National Convention expressed their strong support for Barack Obama, a candidate who is perceived as a person of color and who has close ties to people who are at-risk in urban communities. Obama's strategy appears to be to reach out to these groups in order to expand his support base.

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Supernova science

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Thank you!
Thunder snaps six-game losing skid

COMING ON THE HEELS of a six-game losing streak, Princeton\'s baseball team was able to snap out of its recent tailspin with an 11-7 win over Boston College on Monday night. The win, which was the only one of the season for junior pitcher Brad Franklin, snapped a streak that had seen the team lose its last 15 contests.

Franklin said, and a big hit is just what they needed to get their hitting rhythm back. Franklin had been hitting .240 entering the contest. "I was hoping for a good performance tonight, and it was a good one," Franklin said after the win.

Franklin pitched a complete game for the Tigers, allowing four hits and striking out nine in the process. His performance was aided by the team\'s ability to produce runs against BC\'s vaunted pitching staff.

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A decathlete, decades later

By Laura Horton

BART, MAINE, ME.

On a recent trip to Beijing with 70 members of Princeton's track team to compete against China's best talent, University men's track coach Fred Samara was taken back nearly three decades to a stadium thousands of miles away.

Nearly 100,000 spectators lined the stands of Montréal's Olympic Stadium during the 1976 Olympic Games opening ceremonies and Samara was nearly deafened by cheers.

In 1976, Samara was leading decathlete and member of the American delegation. He participated in the Montreal Olympic Games meant one thing to him: "When you are younger, you always dream of being an Olympian, but when you get to the Olympics, it is surreal, almost overwhelming," Samara said.

Despite having no sport experience or team to train with, self-coached Samara earned a spot on the U.S. team. He was the embodiment of the Olympic ideal of an amateur athlete.

The frail-looking 60-year-old in his right ankle hampered his performance, he earned a silver medal behind famous American Olympic decathlete, Bruce Jenner.

For some, this experience was a turning point in their lives.

Morin, 27 that day.

Morin, a small girl from Santa Maria, Calif., was a skiier. "Skiing had been my other sport. Before the age of 14, Morin was a passionate skier. "Skiing had been my outlet," she said.

But a knee injury led to six months in a cast. "The pain and rehab will always be in the back of my mind," she said.

After her father encouraged her to try rowing, Morin slowly discovered a passion for her new sport.

For Morin, representing all over. On Friday, Morin will away.

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That eternity is almost over.

Princeton rower hopes for change in tide

By Mariya Ilyas

BEIJING 2008

Trenton – The prestige wealth of the crowd exceeded the size of the arena, as a trace of the smell of hot dogs and funnel cakes escaped your nostrils to a new experience. The answerer's returning fort and the querying rap on the loudspeaker make you feel at home among a flurry of strangers.

The fans enjoy game as Thunder storms – Trenton community gathers at Waterfront Park

By Andrew Boryga

Trenton, N.J.

– During preseason warm-up games in spite of the sharp's

Trenton Thunder mascot, during a break in the game.

Trenton community gathers at Waterfront Park