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Connecting People to the World



## Prizes up for grabs during National Library Week

► The library will hold a 'Why I Love The Atlantic City Free Public Library Contest' and accept food donations in lieu of overdue fines during the week.

National Library Week is scheduled for April 13-19 — and it's a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide — and it's the perfect time to discover how you can join the circle of knowledge at your library.

"Libraries in big cities and small

towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities every day," Atlantic City Free Public Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said.

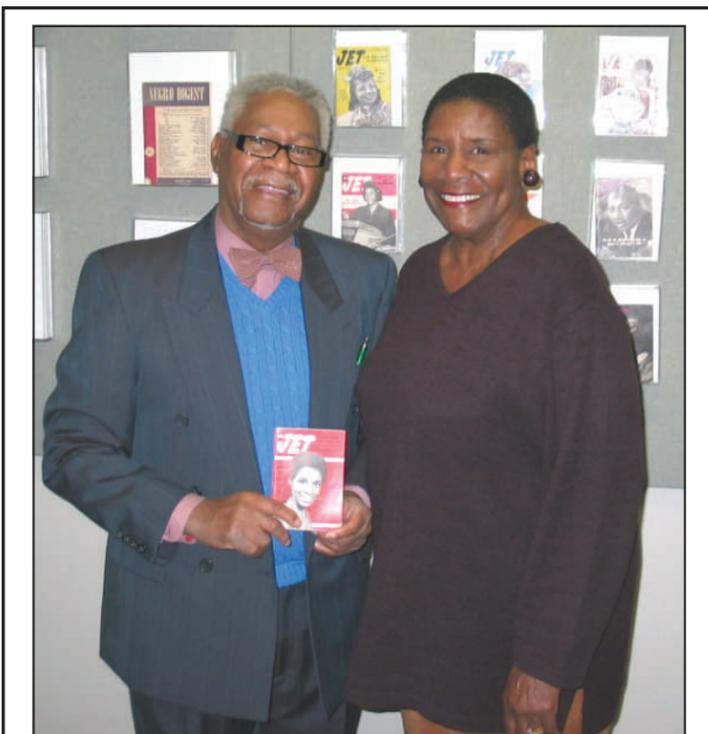
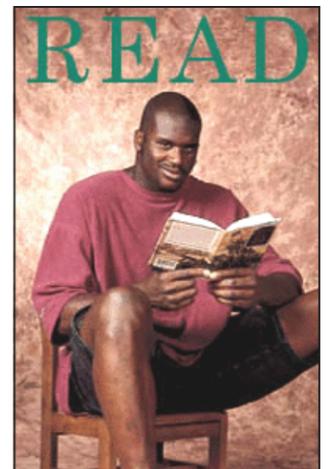
"At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together for computer training, community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get help finding a job or to find homework help."

The library has planned a contest and food drive for this special week.

*Why I Love The Atlantic City Free Public Library Contest* — Do you love the Atlantic City Free Public Library? If so, count the ways and enter our "Why I Love the Atlantic City Free Public Library Contest."

The library wants to know why we have a special place in your heart, whether it is our extensive collection of books, CDs and DVDs, fun and educational programs, vast online library, friendly service or any other reason.

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### Events that educate, entertain

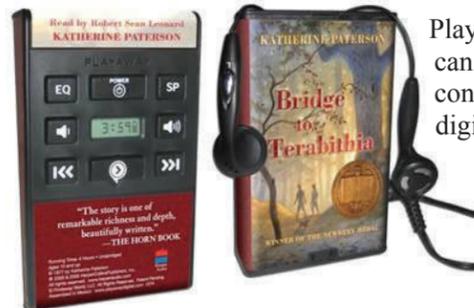
Ralph Hunter stands with Joanna LaSane at the grand opening of the Jet Black, Brown and Tan Magazine Exhibit on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The exhibit was held in celebration of Black History Month, along with a roundtable discussion, blues songwriting workshop, jazz concert and play. Hunter, shown holding a November 1966 issue of *JET* featuring LaSane on the cover, loaned the exhibit of black magazines to the library through February. The magazines are part of the African American Heritage Museum of Southern New Jersey, which Hunter founded.

## Playaway writes new chapter in audio books

► All a user needs to do to listen to this digital audio book, which is the size of a half deck of cards, is put on headphones and push play.

Beginning this April, the Atlantic City Free Public Library will offer Playaway — the first self-playing digital audio book — adding the innovative digital format to our existing audio book collection.

Half the size of a deck of cards, Playaway is the simplest way to listen to a book on the go and — with no tapes or CDs — can hold as few as two or as many as 80 hours of content on each unit. Using clearly marked buttons, Playaway gives listeners the ability to move back and forth within or



Playaway, our patrons can enjoy best-selling content with first-rate digital audio."

There are more than 400 bestselling current and classic titles on Playaway, including many selections for children. And because Playaway's format is friendly for listeners of all ages, every patron can enjoy the new format.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library's collection includes:

- John Grisham's *Playing for Pizza*
- Bill Clinton's *Giving*
- Earworm's *Rapid Spanish*
- Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*
- S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*.

between chapters and alter the speed of a narrator's voice. It even has an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you left off. Additionally, Playaway has a universal headphone jack that works with almost any type of headphone or mobility accessory.

"Playaway's simple functionality and immediate usability separate it from other audio book formats," Library Director Maureen Sherr Frank said. "With

## N.J. Theatre Workshop for teens coming March 15

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will present an Introduction to Theater Workshop for teenagers ages 13 to 16 at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 15.

Artistic Director Gayle Stahlhuth of the East Lynne Theater Company, which is a New Jersey Theatre Alliance member, will direct the class, teaching the ins and outs of theater — everything from warm-up exercises to improve your work to scene study and playwriting.

The workshop is free, but registration is required because class size is limited. Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to register.

Stahlhuth is an actress, playwright, producer and director who has appeared off-Broadway, in regional theater, and on television and radio.

The workshop is part of Family Week at the Theatre, an annual statewide event developed to encourage families to attend profes-

sional theatre.

Throughout New Jersey and in each of the state's counties, kids will receive free tickets to performances and be able to participate in special events, such as workshops, classes and backstage tours.

The program has served more than 45,000 people since its inception in 1988.

To learn more about East Lynne Theater Company, visit its Website: [www.eastlynnetheater.org](http://www.eastlynnetheater.org).

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## Share your way with words at annual poetry reading

► The library will hold two poetry writing workshops prior to its 15th annual Poetry Reading, which is slated for Saturday, April 26.

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will continue its tradition of celebrating National Poetry Month by hosting its 15th annual Poetry Reading at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

Those interested in improving or brushing up on their writing skills will have the opportunity at two workshops at the library.

Local newspaper columnist and radio host Raymond Tyler, who is also a skilled poet, will be the instructor at these workshops. The workshops will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 and 29. The workshops, which are open to people of all ages, are free and no registration is required.

Those who want to participate in the library's poetry reading are re-

quired to submit their poems by Monday, March 31. Each person is invited to submit up to three poems in the order in which they will be read.

All submissions must be typed and single spaced on 8.5" x 11" paper and camera ready so it can be included in the library's 2008 Poetry Reading Chapbook. All poems must be suitable for people of all ages.

To submit your poems, mail them to: Atlantic City Free Public Library, ATT: Poetry Reading, One North Tennessee Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; or, you can drop them off at the Administrative Office, located on the second floor of the Main Library, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

National Poetry Month was established by the Academy of American Poets as a month-long, national celebration of poetry. The

concept was to increase the attention paid by individuals and the media to the art of poetry, living poets, our poetic heritage and poetry books and magazines. In the end, the goal was to achieve an increase in the visibility, presence and accessibility of poetry in our culture. National Poetry Month has grown over the years into the largest literary celebration in the world.

The goals of National Poetry Month are to:

- Highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets.
- Introduce more Americans to the pleasures of reading poetry.
- Bring poets and poetry to the public in innovative ways.
- Make poetry a more important part of the school curriculum.
- Encourage increased publication, distribution and sales of poetry books.

For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112.



**OLDER ADULTS SPECIAL INTEREST SERIES**

**10:30 A.M. ON MONDAYS**

**March 3, 2008**

**Contact Reassurance Program**

Guest: Mike Nees, Reassurance Coordinator

**March 10, 2008**

**Veterans Benefits**

Guest: Lou Green

**March 17, 2008**

**Tax Advice for Seniors**

Guest: Karen DiPalma, H&R Block

**March 24, 2008**

**eBay 101 — Part I**

Guest: Ed Bonek

**March 31, 2008**

**eBay 101 — Part II**

Guest: Ed Bonek

**April 7, 2008**

**Morning with the Mayor**

Guest: Scott Evans, City of Atlantic City Mayor

**April 14, 2008**

**Creative Writing — Part I**

Guest: Raymond Tyler, *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist

**April 21, 2008**

**Creative Writing — Part II**

Guest: Raymond Tyler, *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist

**April 28, 2008**

**Introduction to TaiChi**

Guest: Susan Cramer, Certified Natural Health Professional

## Library to continue English as a Second Language sessions in March

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will once again offer ESL (English as a Second Language) at the Main Library, which is located at 1 North Tennessee Avenue.

The sessions are scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays. Monday sessions will be held 2 to 3 p.m., and Tuesday sessions will be held 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. These sessions focus on the English language a person might use in their everyday life.

All sessions are free and no registration is required.

- **Monday, March 3** – Giving directions.
- **Tuesday, March 4** – Giving directions.
- **Monday, March 10** – Taking the train or bus.
- **Tuesday, March 11** – Taking the train or bus.
- **Monday, March 17** – Going to the post office.

- **Tuesday, March 18** – Going to the post office.

- **Monday, March 24** – Going to the grocery store.

- **Tuesday, March 25** – Going to the grocery store.

- **Monday, March 31** – English you need at your job.

Please call Reference Department Supervisor Julie Senack at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3063, for more information.

## COMPUTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

Training will be held in the Main Library meeting room

<b>Tuesday, March 4</b> Internet for Beginners 3:30 to 5 p.m.	<b>Saturday, April 5</b> Introduction to Computers Internet for Beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b> Internet for Beginners 6 to 7:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, April 7</b> Introduction to Word Introduction to Excel 4 to 5:30 p.m. 6 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, March 8</b> Introduction to Computers Internet for Beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<b>Saturday, April 12</b> Find it! At Atlantic City Library 9:30 to 11 a.m.
<b>Monday, March 10</b> Introduction to Computers Introduction to Word 4 to 5:30 p.m. 6 to 7:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, April 15</b> Online Applications 3:30 to 5 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 11</b> Find it! At Atlantic City Library E-mail Accounts 10 to 11:30 a.m. 3:30 to 5 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 16</b> Introduction to Computers 6 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 12</b> E-mail Accounts 6 to 7:30 p.m.	<b>Friday, April 18</b> Introduction to Computers Internet for Beginners 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
<b>Saturday, March 15</b> Resumes Online Applications 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<b>Saturday, April 19</b> Resumes Online Applications 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, March 18</b> Resumes Online Applications 3 to 4:30 p.m. 5 to 6:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, April 21</b> E-mail Accounts Resumes 4 to 5:30 p.m. 6 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 19</b> Resumes 6 to 7:30 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 23</b> Internet for Beginners 6 to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, March 22</b> Introduction to Computers E-mail Accounts 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<b>Friday, April 25</b> E-mail Accounts Resumes 9:30 to 11 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b> Online Applications 6 to 7:30 p.m.	
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b> E-mail Accounts 3:30 to 5 p.m.	

**You must pre-register by visiting the Computer Help Desk at the Main Library.**  
**You may sign up for each session a maximum of two times in a six-month period.**

## Tyler and special guests to discuss music, media and poetry at library

The Atlantic City Public Library will hold roundtable discussions led by *Atlantic City Weekly* columnist Raymond Tyler in March and April.

Tyler and a panel will discuss music and the media 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8. The panel will include Lisa Johnson, owner of Johnson Communications and a former anchor at TV 40; Lew Steiner, founder of *Atlantic City Weekly*; Nathan Davis, contributor to "The O'Reilly Factor," and DJ Do It All, who can be heard on Buzz 99.3 FM.

A poetry roundtable will be held 3 p.m. April 5. Please check [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org) for confirmed guests.

Those in attendance will be able to share their opinions and ask the panelists questions.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information.

**CLOSED**

**THE ATLANTIC CITY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MARCH 21 AND 23.**

## 'Magical Chad' brings bag of tricks to library March 24

The Atlantic City Free Public will celebrate the birthday of the legendary Harry Houdini with a magic show at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 24.

Teenager Chad Juros will bring his special musical magic show, which includes juggling, yo-yos and classic tricks, to the Main Library second-floor meeting room.

"Magical Chad" has performed throughout the country for many celebrities, including United States President George W. Bush, and has appeared on Criss Angel's show "Mindfreak" for the A&E Network. A cancer survivor, Juros founded the Spread the Magic Foundation, a nonprofit corporation that performs magic for pediatric cancer patients.

This program is free and for people of all ages.

For more information about this program, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.



Teenage magician Chad Juros delighted a large crowd at the library's Tricks and Treats Halloween Party last October.

## Meet and touch 'Cool Creatures with Amazing Features'

Children will have the opportunity to touch and pet sea animals at the library's special Earth Day After-school Program at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.

The Wetlands Institute will bring in "Cool Creatures with Amazing Fea-

tures" and teach the children all about these sea animals in this hands-on educational experience.

The Wetlands Institute, which is based in Stone Harbor, promotes the conservation and preservation of coastal ecosystems by

providing a fun and educational experience for families, school groups and vacationers of all ages.

This program is free. For more information, please call the Youth Services Department at (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

# Just for Teens

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** — Join this teen group which has a say in what goes on at the library. Discuss programs, books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. The group also has monthly projects. Lunch will be served.

- March 15 at 1 p.m.
- April 19 at 2 p.m.

**Home-schoolers Meetings** — Parents who home school their children can have the opportunity to meet other parents who have home-schooled kids, share ideas and learn about resources available at the library. Refreshments will be served.

- March 18 at 10 a.m.
- April 8 at 10 a.m.

**Painting Portraits** — Learn how to paint portraits and self portraits with the International House of Blues Foundation. Participants will use the techniques utilized by artist Sybil Gibson, who primarily worked in tempura paint on brown paper

bags and old newspapers, and other self-taught folk artists featured in the House of Blues Folk Art Collection. Space is limited, so please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050, to pre-register for this workshop.

- March 25 at 12 p.m.

**Nutrition** — Caterer Loretta Geary will help children experience that nutritional food can be fun to make and taste good.

- March 28 at 1 p.m.

**Poetry Workshop** — Representatives from the International House of Blues Foundation will give children some helpful tips to writing poetry.

- April 10 at 3 p.m.

**Writing Haiku and Cinquains** — Loretta Geary will teach children what haiku and cinquains are and how to write them.

- April 16 at 3 p.m.

For more information about these programs, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3050.

## Kids Corner

### Homework help

4 p.m. Tuesdays  
March 4, 11, 18 & 25  
April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

### After-school arts and crafts

3:30 p.m. Wednesdays  
March 5, 12, 19 & 26  
April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

### Pre-school story times

10:30 a.m. Thursdays  
March 6, 13, 20 & 27  
April 3, 10, 17 & 24

### Comic drawing with Joe Del Beato

3:30 p.m. Thursdays  
March 6, 13, 20 & 27  
April 3, 10, 17 & 24

# FUN DAY SUNDAY EVENTS

The Atlantic City Free Public Library will show movies in March and April on Fun Day Sundays.

People of all ages are welcome to attend. There is no charge.

• **Sunday, March 2** — Evan Almighty.

• **Sunday, March 9** — Underdog.

• **Sunday, March 16** — Daddy Day Camp

• **Sunday, March 23** — The library is closed.

• **Sunday, March 30** — Game Plan.

• **Sunday, April 6** — Bee Movie.

• **Sunday, April 13** — Hannah Montana — One in a Million.

• **Sunday, April 20** — Enchanted.

• **Sunday, April 27** — Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

## Check out CD collection to find recent Grammy-winning albums

Those who want to hear the hottest and latest albums in the music industry will want to check out the Atlantic City Free Public Library's CD collection. The albums of recent Grammy Award winners such as Alicia Keys, Rihanna and Amy Winehouse can be found and are available for our library members to check out.

Here is a list of the most recent Grammy-winning music that's available at the library:

**Album of the year** — *River: The Joni Letters* by Herbie Hancock; **Rap album of the year** — *Graduation* by Kanye West; **Female R&B performance** — *No One* on the *As I Am* album by Alicia Keys; **Rock album of the year** — *Echoes, Silence, Patience and Grace* by Foo Fighters; **Song of the year** — *Rehab* on the *Back to Black* album by Amy Winehouse; **Country album** — *These Days* by Vince Gill; **Compilation soundtrack album** — *LOVE* by the Beatles; **Rap/sung collaboration** — *Umbrella* on the *Good Girl Gone Bad* album by Rihanna.

The library also has many of the most recent bestselling books available, including:

**Fiction** — *The Appeal* by John Grisham; *Duma Key* by Stephen King; *Plum Lucky* by Janet Evanovich; *Sizzle and Burn* by Jayne Ann Krentz.

**Nonfiction** — *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan; *An Inconvenient Book* by Glenn Beck and Kevin Balfe; *Real Change* by Newt Gingrich; *Tom Cruise* by Andrew Morton.

## National Library Week

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The library will award prizes to entrants based on their answers. The deadline to enter the contest is Monday, April 14. The winners will be notified following National Library Week.

Entry forms are available at the Main Library and Richmond Branch Library locations. If you can't make it to the library, you can e-mail your contest entry to [dlatham@acfpl.org](mailto:dlatham@acfpl.org). You must include your name, age, mailing address, phone number and reason you love our library to be eligible.

By participating in this contest, entrants give the library permission to use the information they provided in promotional materials and on our Website, [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org). Winners also agree to be photographed so the library can use their pictures in promotional materials and on our Website.

**Food for Fines** — The library will accept non-perishable food donations during National Library Week in lieu of fines for overdue materials at its Main Library and Richmond Branch Library locations. For each non-perishable item donated, the accrued fines for one overdue item will be waived. The food will be donated to the Community FoodBank of N.J. — Southern Branch.

Please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3112, for more information.

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## ONLINE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Atlantic City Free Public Library members can access almost every resource in our online research library from any computer with an Internet connection 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org). Non-members can access the online library from a library computer. Here is a sampling of the resources that are available online:

- BUSINESS**  
**Business Source**  
More than 1,000 publications.
- GENERAL RESEARCH**  
**Gale Virtual Reference**  
Books online! Encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks and more.
- Grolier's Online**  
Search four encyclopedias at the same time.
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Biography and critical analysis.
- MAGAZINES AND PAPERS**  
**EBSCO Host**  
Magazines and journals covering health, political, educational and consumer topics for students.  
**\*Newsbank**  
Press of Atlantic City articles from 1988 to present. (*Only available in library*).
- Opposing Viewpoints**  
Find articles to support either side of a controversial topic.
- REPAIRS**  
**EBSCO Home and Auto Repair**  
Fix it right with illustrated guides.
- SCIENCE**  
**Popular Science**  
News, biographies, projects on all areas of the sciences.
- STUDY HELP**  
**Tutor.com**  
Get homework help from professional tutors seven days a week from 4 to 9 p.m.
- Learning Express Library.**  
Practice tests for SATS, GEDS, citizenship, civil service and more.

## Did You Know? Adult library members are eligible to join the Film Society

The Atlantic City Free Public Library created our very own Film Society in 2006 — and it's a group that is very unique to this area and even the state.

The Film Society meets twice per month. The group watches a film on a Saturday and then discusses it as a group. The group also learns some of the nuances of the film that might go unnoticed by some people.

The Monday meeting is a classroom session that involves learning about some aspect of cinema. To join the Film Society, you must be an adult Atlantic City Public Library member in good standing. Library and Film Society applications are available at [www.acfpl.org](http://www.acfpl.org) and the Main Library Circulation Desk.

For more information, please call (609) 345-2269, ext. 3070, and ask for Film Society coordinator Theresa Hawkins.

● **Saturday, March 1, at 1 p.m.** — The Film Society will view and discuss "Chinatown." This 1974 crime classic, starring Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway, is rated R and runs 131 minutes.

● **Monday, March 3, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Screenplays, Part IV, Page-by-page analysis. This session will focus on the first 10 pages of China-town in detail. This script is considered by some to be the greatest screenplay ever.

● **Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m.** — The group will watch and discuss "Battleship Potemkin." This 1925 Russian masterpiece, arguably the most influential silent film ever, is not rated and runs 70 minutes.

● **Monday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m.** — Classroom session: Film restoration. Learn how classic films are restored to their original condition and given audio and visual technological updates. The restoration of "Battleship Potemkin" will be used as an example.

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Free Parking  
Ask for Details

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday  
12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
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