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## Hudson's Mona Lisa

DaVinci masterpiece is among many reproduced on canvas by Jersey City artist. Page 3.

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With bath towels, mats and shower curtains in vivid colors, drab bathroom is out. Page 13.

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Coach Allie Sherman fears wet weather in big game with Packers Sunday. Page 17.

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## INSIDE CUBA: CASTRO IN TROUBLE

Traffic Jams Later

**Weekend Weather  
Bright, Brisk, Dry;  
N.J. Drivers Same?**

The weather outlook for the long New Year's weekend is bright. A five-day forecast calls for near-normal temperatures with little precipitation. The North Jersey norm for this time of

year is 33 degrees, the average high being 40 and the low, 26.

**CLEAR SKIES** are anticipated at least until Sunday. Tonight's low should be in the 20s, tomorrow's high about 40.

Most other sections of the country are also expected to enjoy fair, although colder, weather. This would be in marked contrast to the Christmas weekend, when snow and ice blanketed much of the nation.

Millions of Americans will take to the highways tonight for the start of the four-day holiday. But, judging from past experience, Hudson County police anticipate generally light traffic.

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**Expelled Priests**

In Dock Strike

**Wirtz to Meet Both Sides**

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz meets in New York City today with shipping industry representatives and tomorrow with International Longshoremen's Association officials in a new round of negotiations to settle the dock strike.

Elsewhere along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, the six-day-old walkout by longshoremen was marked by gunfire, threats of court action, union efforts to keep stray locals in line with national strike policy, and ship passengers lugging their own baggage.

**MANAGEMENT AND UNION** representatives estimate that 1,800 men are idle in Hoboken and 600 in Jersey City because of the waterfront strike.

Hudson longshoremen by the hundreds collect paychecks today for the last week's work.

Meanwhile, more than 100 passengers carried their luggage ashore today from the Grace Line's cargo-passenger ship Santa Rosa at the Bethlehem Shipyard in Hoboken. The vessel returned from a 13-day Caribbean cruise.

**ANOTHER GRACE LINE** ship, the Santa Barbara, was berthed



Thomas W. Gleason directs strike from 19th floor

**Rates to Rise  
For Indigent**

**Quintuplets  
Reported Born**

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Peasants  
Restless  
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Shortages Hurt**

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The dispatches said there was continued anti-Castro activity in

**It Happens  
Surprise  
For Thief**

Somebody has an unpleasant surprise in store when he manages to get a stolen 200-pound safe open. Police said Gabriel Bacianelli, 83, of 370 1st St., Jersey City, emptied the safe before it was left on the sidewalk in front of his home. He told police it was waiting to be picked up by moving men.

**A Child's  
Conscience**

A child who felt remorseful Christmas Eve sent this letter to a North Bergen store: "I took a toy that cost 35 cents. I am sorry."

The unsigned letter, printed in pencil, contained 35 cents. It was postmarked in Jersey City, Dec. 24, and addressed to: "Two Guys (from Harrison), Hudson Boulevard, North Bergen."

**Business  
Explosion**



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### 'Che' Guevara Upset

Such party stalwarts as Ernesto (Che) Guevara, generally credited with having been instrumental in getting the rockets and bombers into Cuba, were described as "enraged" over the Russian role.

Long a sympathizer of Red China in its ideological clash with Soviet communism, Guevara was said now to be openly pro-Peking in his political attitude.

# JFK to Push School Aid, Medicare

PALM BEACH, Fla. (UPI)—President Kennedy swung his legislative planning for 1963 today to consideration of how to get Congress to approve two politically significant programs it spurned this year.

Medical care for the aged under Social Security financing was understood to be high on the agenda for talks the President scheduled today with Health, Education and Welfare Secretary Anthony J. Celebrezze. So was federal aid to education.

The administration will try again next year for federal aid to public schools, as well as to higher education. This proposal has been batted down twice in Congress, but administration experts believe each passing year reduces some of the opposition.

Much the same thinking was behind the President's decision to push again for medicare. He and his advisers sense what they regard as slowly growing public support for the plan.

This was Kennedy's third day of talks on the vacation White House with cabinet officials and other high administration aides on next year's budget, reported at an all-time high in excess of \$99 billion and the 1963 legislative program.

# Touch Football, Skis, What Next?

ASPEN, Colo. (UPI) — Two prominent vacationers swooped down the slopes above this Rocky Mountain town and won the distinction of being "better than average" skiers from Aspen residents.

Robert and Edward (Teddy) Kennedy "handle themselves darn well," said Bill Dunaway, editor of the Aspen Times yesterday. Dunaway and other Aspen residents watched the attorney-general and senator weave their way down crowded slopes in shirt-sleeve weather.

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## Bob Hope in Taipei

TAIPEI, Formosa (UPI)—Bob Hope and a troupe of holiday entertainers arrived here by air today to give one quick show before moving on to Manila.

## Liz Montgomery, Martin Co-Star

Broadway and television actress Elizabeth Montgomery, daughter of actor Robert Montgomery, has been signed by producer Jack Rose to co-star in his forthcoming Paramount release, "Who's Been Sleeping in My Bed?"

Miss Montgomery will play the part of Dean Martin's sculptress-girl friend.

## Dean No Longer Dean of Daddies

Dean Martin has lost his title as the champion father of Hollywood.

Dean, who has seven children, has had to yield the crown to John McGiver, the actor who plays a comedy judge with him in "Who's Got The Action?"

## Alcatraz Closing Set for Next July

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The federal penitentiary on Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay will be closed by next July and its prisoners will be confined in other U.S. prisons.

U. S. Prisons Director James V. Bennett announced Thursday night that most of the Alcatraz prisoners would be sent to Leavenworth, Kan., and Atlanta, Ga. Alcatraz is being closed because of deterioration of its physical plant.



**DUE AT STANLEY**—Rosalind Russell and Karl Malden play one of the quieter scenes in 'Gypsy', the technicolor splash opening Monday at the Stanley Theatre in Journal Square. Natalie Wood, as Gypsy Rose Lee, co-stars.

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**TARAS BULBA**



# 1962 Marks End of Era For Churches

By LOUIS CASSELS  
United Press International

For America's churches, 1962 marked the end of an era.

It was an era in which "religion" achieved unprecedented popularity, and church membership rose at a spectacular rate.

Since 1946, when the postwar "religious revival" got underway, American churches have gained about 42 million new members.

FOR 15 consecutive years, the annual growth in church membership substantially exceeded population growth. During this period, the proportion of Americans affiliated with religious bodies increased from less than one-half to nearly two-thirds.

The Yearbook of American Churches, the most authoritative compilation of religious statistics, gave clear warning last year that the tide was beginning to ebb. Its figures showed that church membership gains were only slightly greater than population growth.

THE NEW Yearbook of American Churches is out this week. It reports that church membership gains, for the first time since World War II, have fallen below the rate of population growth.



**FAREWELL** — President Kennedy bids farewell to Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir, following an early morning talk at the oceanfront vacation White House. In background is Myer Feldman, presidential assistant on the Near East.



# The Journal Pre-Views Tonight's TV

## 7:30 2 RAWHIDE

Doug Lambert, winning young actor, gives a nice performance here as a crippled youngster who won't let his infirmity get in the way of his ambition. He wants to be a drover, and in his mind he can be one.

## 7:30 4 INTERNATIONAL SHOWTIME

There is a decided Spanish accent to "The Circus Goes Latin," as the famous Circus Schumann of Copenhagen does acts with a peppery flavor. Probably the act which will delight the youngsters the most is the Knie Football Dogs, in which two teams of dogs play a football game.

## 8:30 2 ROUTE 66

"Ever Ride the Waves in Oklahoma?" makes its own analogy in the course of the action. It's all about a beach bum, a top surfer, and Buz' efforts to wrest the championship from him because of a grudge. This is a strangely effective show, despite the fact that it is hard to feel too much sympathy for the beatniks who people it.

## 8:30 4 SING ALONG WITH MITCH

Against a stylized setting of blocks and mobiles, the gang does a series of nonsense songs with Leslie Uggams offering two selections. Then the set changes to a Southern mansion of the post-Civil War era for a salute to Stephen Foster, with Bob McGrath soloing "Beautiful Dreamer."

## 9:00 7 I'M DICKENS . . . HE'S FENSTER

Tonight's show is less slapstick than usual. The comedy develops out of the funny characters who people the script. Harry's big problem is to shake Arch long enough to buy a present for the tenth anniversary of their meeting.

## 9:30 2 FAIR EXCHANGE

This is the final show for this series. It is a continuation of last week's episode, in which the two families fly from London to New York and vice versa, to surprise each other. Once that joke is out of the way, the show settles down to tedium.

## 9:30 7 77 SUNSET STRIP

"The Show Job Caper" is a trite little excursion into double-crosses among the snow banks of a ski resort. The setting, and a few snow scenes, add interest to a plot about two men involved in the theft of \$250,000 and the wife of one of the men who steals the money and runs off to a ski resort to meet her new lover.

## TV Tee-Hees



"... and it will also let you control your neighbor's set in the event they keep their TV too loud!"

# TV Tonight and Tomorrow

## FRIDAY EVENING

- 6:00 7 News—Bill Beutel, Jim Burnes.  
 11 Three Stooges Firehouse.  
 13 What's New.
- 6:15 7 Weather—Rosemary Haley.
- 6:20 7 Sports—Howard Cosell.
- 6:25 7 Bill Beutel.
- 6:30 4 News—Gabe Pressman.  
 5 Mickey Mouse Club.  
 7 News—Ron Cochran.  
 9 Zoorama.  
 11 Robin Hood—"The Healing Hand."  
 13 Profile: New Jersey—Sen. Clifford Case.
- 6:40 4 Weather—Pat HERNON.
- 6:45 2 News, Weather.  
 4 News—Huntley, Brinkley.  
 7 News—Beutel-Burnes.
- 7:00 4 Whiplash—"Storm River."  
 5 Assignment Underwater—Search for cylinder of radioactive radium chloride.  
 7 Hennessey—Chick discovers beautiful nurse causes confusion in hospital.  
 9 Merrytoons.  
 11 News—Kevin Kennedy.  
 13 Russian for Beginners.
- 7:10 11 News—John Tillman.
- 7:15 2 News—Walter Cronkite.
- 7:25 11 Weather—Gloria Okon.
- 7:30 2 Rawhide—"Incident of Decision."  
 4 International Showtime.  
 5 Roaring 20's—"Judge Seward's Secret." Blackmail plot threatening judge's life and wife's sanity is uncovered. (1 hr.)  
 7 Winston Churchill—"The Valiant Years—Sand and Snow." Action on North African and Russian fronts.  
 9 Movie—"Crimson Pirate." (Color)  
 11 Jeff's Collie—"The Doghouse."  
 13 Compleat Gardener.
- 7:45 13 To be announced.
- 8:00 7 Father Knows Best—The Andersons move to desolate island and want home.

- 13 Computer.
- 10:00 4 Jack Paar—Guests: Phyllis Diller, Dickie Henderson, Genevieve. (Color, 1 hr.)  
 5 Yancy Derringer—River pirates steal necklace from Mexican government.  
 11 Mr. Adams and Eve—Eve and Howard asked to emcee TV program for winners of a "perfect marriage contest."  
 13 News.
- 10:30 2 Eyewitness—"Bossa Nova," the new musical craze with guests: Antonio Carlos Jobim, composer-pianist-singer, and Jerry Mulligan, jazz-ite.  
 5 Mr. Lucky—Criminal lawyer tries to smuggle his daughter out of country in Lucky's boat.  
 7 The Third Man—Strange group of travelers surround Lime.  
 11 Inside Giants Football—Allie Sherman.  
 13 Images—"Chaucer: The Pardoner's Tale." Illustrated with woodcuts.
- 11:00 2 News—Douglas Edwards.  
 4 News—John K. M. McCaffery.  
 5 News.  
 7 Bill Shadel.  
 11 News.  
 13 Art of Film. (Repeat)
- 11:10 4 Weather—Tex Antoine.  
 5 Movie—"Roaring 20s."  
 7 News—Chet Gould.
- 11:15 2 Pro Football Madness—Guests: Green Bay Packers' Paul Hornung, Jim Taylor, Vince Lombardi and NFL Comm. Pete Rozelle discuss growth of pro football. (1 hr.)  
 9 Movie—"Crimson Pirates." (Color)  
 11 Steve Allen Show—Guests: Frankie Laine, Rowan and Martin, Molly Bee (90 mins.)
- 11:30 4 Tonight—Guests: Della Reese, Irwin Corey, The Baker Twins, Johnny Carson, host. (Color, 105 mins.)  
 7 Movie—"Reach for the Sky."

# Power's 7-1 Giant Fails to Faze Prep

## St. Peter's Must Stop Alcindor Barbezat Also Major Menace

By FRED CRANWELL

St. Peter's Prep coach Jerry Halligan should find out how many calories there are in a basketball because his players may have to eat a few tomorrow night when they play Power Memorial in the championship game of the fourth annual St. Peter's College Invitation Tournament.

The Marauders qualified to meet the unbeaten New York City team by ousting St. Aloysius, 71-59, in the semi-finals before 2,900 at the Jersey City Armory last night. It was like earning the right to meet Sonny Liston in a street fight.

**POWER MEMORIAL, 8-0** on the season, stormed into the finals with an 85-63 victory over previously undefeated Trenton Cathedral in the first game of last night's doubleheader. The game had been rated a toss-up.

It was an awesome and artistic display by Power which operates around 7 foot 1 Lou Alcindor and six foot George Barbezat. Alcindor set a tournament record for goal tending by a 15-year-old sophomore when he plucked the basketball off the rim of the hoop on a shot by Doug Hice in the first period. It was the sixth time in two nights that the opposition picked up a goal that way.

Lou had 21 points and 14 rebounds but it was Barbezat who won game scoring honors with 33 points. It was just two short of the tourney record which was set the night before by Hice.



Power jumped to a 6-0 lead on baskets by Alcindor and Barbezat and never trailed. It did everything with the basketball but put it into orbit. Power shot 34 for 72 from the floor and made the Cathedral defense look like a spaghetti strainer.

St. Peter's had trouble with St. Aloysius for a half but outscored the Aloysians by 16-6 in the third period. St. Al's lost its spark in the third period and faded. Coach Bob O'Connor's youngsters led by 12-8 in the first period after running off seven straight points but the Prep caught up for a 16-16 deadlock at the period. It finally went ahead for keeps at 22-20 on a pair of free throws by Dennis DiFeo in the second period.

While it is difficult to conceive of either team looking forward to a meeting with Power Memorial, Halligan expressed satisfaction at the result of the opener. "I'd rather play them than Cathedral," Halligan said. "I think we can beat this team."

St. Peter's shot well enough to win most any game on its schedule by sinking 27 of 48 field goals against St. Aloysius. The Prep also outrebounded the Cardinals, 34-18, and that was probably the biggest factor.

Keith Hochstein had 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead the winners. Dennis Richardson had 21 points for St. Aloysius and seven of his team's 18 rebounds.

ST. PETER'S PREP				ST. ALOYSIUS			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
DiFeo	2	8	12	Richardson	9	2	21
Compa	4	0	8	Means	4	0	8
Heskin	5	0	10	Trudell	2	5	9
Ward	4	2	10	Gleason	4	2	10
Hochstein	8	6	22	Lancellotti	1	0	2
Hehlem	4	1	9	Finnerty	0	0	0
Dougherty	0	0	0	Niglio	1	1	3
				Martin	3	0	6
Totals 27 17 71				Totals 34 11 59			
St. Peter's 16 24 16				15 71			
St. Aloysius 16 17 6				20 59			
CATHEDRAL				POWER MEMORIAL			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Hice	9	1	19	Barbezat	14	5	33
McLeod	7	2	16	Beltridge	4	1	9
Phelan	1	0	2	Alcindor	8	5	21
Panella	3	1	7	Sanchez	0	0	0
Morawski	3	0	6	Erickson	6	4	16
Fesko	1	0	2	Norcis	0	0	0
Kovach	4	2	10	Kenney	1	0	2
Niul	0	1	1	Mannari	0	2	2
				Straining	1	0	2
Totals 28 7 63				Totals 34 17 85			
Cathedral 13 17 14				19 63			
Power Memorial 22 16 19				28 85			

Spoiler Alert!

SPP v. Power - Results on next page

## Prep Routed

# Alcindor, Power Memorial Too Much for St. Peter's

It looks like a long reign as six straight points by Alcindor St. Peter's College Christmas broke open the margin. Tournament champion for Power Memorial of New York City.

Power and its fabulous 7-foot-1 sophomore whiz Lou Alcindor won the SPCIT with a 58-40 win over previously undefeated St. Peter's Prep Saturday night at the Jersey City Armory. In the opener, Cathedral Catholic of Trenton captured third place with a 58-49 win over St. Aloysius.

**ALCINDOR**, the tourney's MVP, scored 26 points in the title contest. The rangy soph will be back against next year with Power and the two figure to dominate this tourney for the next two years. Alcindor was joined on the all-tournament team by teammate George Barbezat, St. Peter's Keith Hochstein and Cathedral Catholic's Doug Hice and Terry Marowski.

Two foul shots by Gary Compa with two minutes remaining in the first quarter gave St. Peter's its last lead at 10-9. The Prep closed the edge to 15-14 before

St. Aloysius stayed with Cathedral for a half before the Trenton's height began to tell. Bob Gleason with 20 points and Dennis Richardson with 14 points were tops for the Cardinals with Hice pacing Cathedral with 21 markers.

The score:

CATHEDRAL			ST. ALOYSIUS				
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Hice	8	5	21	Richardson	5	4	14
Marowski	8	2	16	Means	1	0	2
Panea	3	0	6	Trude	2	0	4
McLeod	1	1	3	Geason	8	4	20
Nitti	0	0	0	Finnerty		0	2
Kovach	0	0	0	Niglio	1	0	1
Phean	4	2	10	Martin	2	1	5
				Manzione	0	0	0
Totas	24	10	58	Totas	20	9	49
Cathedra					15	15	16
St. Aloysius					10	16	10

POWER			ST. PETER'S				
G	F	P	G	F	P		
Barbezat	6	3	15	DiFeo	1	0	2
Bettridge	4	2	10	Hesdin	6	0	12
Alcindor	12	2	26	Ward	3	2	8
Sanchez	0	1	1	Hochstein	3	2	8
Erickson	0	2	2	Compa	2	4	8
Kenney	1	0	2	Mehlert	0	2	2
Norcia	1	0	2				
Straining	0	0	0				
Mannari	0	0	0				
Totals	24	10	58	Totals	15	10	40
Power Memorial	13	2	17	16	58		
St. Peter's Prep	12	10	5	13	40		

But Power  
wouldn't have  
had a chance  
against:

Frank  
Stu  
Brian  
Bob  
Greg



# Giant Coach Cracks Jokes, Hopes for Dry Field Sunday

By NORMAN MILLER

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—Coach Al Sherman of the New York Giants huffed on a pair of frost-nipped hands, cracked a joke to bystanders and sighed a fervent hope that Sunday "doesn't come up wet."

"They're as fit as they'll ever be," Sherman said after the Giants had gone through a snappy hour and 15-minute workout yesterday in 30-degree weather at the foothills of snow-covered Bear Mountain.

"IT DOESN'T MAKE much difference any more, just as long a sit isn't wet Sunday," he stressed. Obviously, he felt rain or snow and slippery footing would upset his planned offensive for the National Football League championship game against the favored (6½ points) Green Bay Packers.

Someone asked Sherman whether he had achieved his objectives after two days of practice at this rustic winter sports resort 50 miles north of New York City.

NO SNOW WAS FORECAST for the New York area Sunday and the temperature was expected to be around the freezing point. That would make it about 12 degrees warmer than last year's playoff game at Green Bay.

The weather also appeared to be on the mind of Tittle, who turned in a lackluster performance in last season's 37-0 Green Bay rout. In discussing that game, Tittle said:

"No team is that much better than any other team in this league. But there are those days. On a slippery field when you're trying to do something different a lot of unfortunate things can happen."

SHERMAN and the Giants' players for the most part shunned any talk of the Packers. Although it was obvious that last year's defeat still rankled, they did not want to be quoted for any kind of a story that might be used to steam up the Packers.

Linebacker Sam Huff, for example, when asked if his defensive assignment will be to "key" on (concentrate on)

"Yes," Sherman smilingly replied, "we accomplished everything we set out to do physically and we got ourselves confused enough."

HE REFERRED TO THE INTENSE film-watching and skull sessions of the past two days.

"Look at me, telling funny stories on Thursday," he joked. "I wonder what I'll be doing next Sunday afternoon around 4:30."

Two of the Giants' concerns dissolved yesterday. Reserve quarterback Ralph Guglielmi's sprained right knee showed enough improvement to indicate he will be in shape for Sunday's game. And star quarterback Y. A. Tittle showed no harmful effects from a tumble he had taken during Wednesday's practice.

Guglielmi said: "I can still feel it when I plant my right foot to pass, but it feels better than yesterday and I hope tomorrow it will be better than today."

Green Bay fullback Jim Taylor, replied: "Please don't ask me to comment on anything about the Packers."

When the newsmen persisted, Huff replied: "Well, let's say that the Giants' defense will be out to stop Taylor's rushing."

THE GIANTS, who returned to Yankee Stadium late today, also return to their press clippings. Nailed on the front door of the clubhouse entrance and on a beam inside the dressing room are clips which don't speak highly of the New York outfit.

One out of town writer refers to the Giants as "The best tag football team" in the country, adding that Green Bay is the "best football team" in the country.

Then there's a clip from an Oct. 2 paper which quotes the Packers Jim Taylor: "I don't believe there is a defense in football that can stop us."

The Lions already have proven there is such a defense. The Giants have yet to prove it.



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## No Other Way?

Jersey City's decision to replace school windows shattered by vandals with more durable plexiglass windows is a surrender by society to hoodlumism.

The explanation for the surrender is that it has been costing the city \$2,000 a month to provide rock-throwing punks with new glass targets.

This is a lame excuse for failing to face up to the real problem—juvenile irresponsibility—and doing something about it.

Why not apply a paddle to the more impressionable and more durable bottoms of the young vandals? If parents, who should, will not, then existing laws which coddle delinquents should be changed to let a police special service unit take over.

If paddling fails to help, why not send the rock-throwing ruffians somewhere for work and training that will make better use of their ballistic energy and maybe even rehabilitate them into decent, useful citizens?

Not only are the plastic panes an evasion of the real problem, they are an invitation to further destruction.

The Board of Education notes that they cannot be dusted, because they scratch, and that they discolor within a few years. So, scarred by hoodlum-hurled rocks to test the challenge, and discolored by time, the plexiglass windows will become a reminder to every child in school that hoodlumism has won.

This just does not seem right.

# SAMSON'S ANNIVERSARY

