

**THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RALPH J. PERK  
MAYOR OF CLEVELAND, OHIO  
1971-77**

- **1914**      **Born on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4422 East Clark Ave.**
- **1914**      **Third living child of Mary B. Smirt (1885-1964) and Joseph C. Perk (1881-1964) one died earlier.**
- **1914**      **His father Joseph C. Perk a garment worker by trade also served as a union organizer for the International Ladies' Garment Workers.**
- **1914-99**    **His siblings Dorothy Pelc (1911-1982), George (1912-2004), Albert R. (Bud) (1916-2006), and Joseph G. (1924-1982).**
- **1914-99**    **A proud 2<sup>nd</sup> generation American of Czech and Slovak descent, he lived in the city's Broadway-Fleet Czech community.**
- **1914-46**    **Spent formative years at 3451 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street.**
- **1914-99**    **Lifelong member Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.**
- **1915**      **Contracted bronchial pneumonia and nearly died.**
- **1915**      **Restored to health by a St. Alexis Hospital physician George Crile Sr. who later founded the Cleveland Clinic.**

- **1921**      **Delivered The Plain Dealer store to store.**
- **1925**      **Received special eye treatments at Mt. Sinai Hospital based on the efforts of a neighborhood butcher and the Cleveland Community Chest.**
- **1926**      **Sold ice from a horse drawn wagon.**
- **1927**      **Graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes School.**
- **1927-29**   **Attended East Tech High School.**
- **1929**      **Dropped out of East Tech High School.**
- **1929**      **Swept floors part-time for \$.25/hr.**
- **1930**      **Employed by Apex Electric Manufacturing Co. for \$.25/hr.**
- **1932**      **A well known Murray Hill barber and boxing promoter Sam Gagliardo helped to promote his professional boxing career.**
- **1932**      **Won four fights at Charlie O'Connell's Ringside Club and the Shaw-Clair Gymnasium.**
- **1933**      **Part of a quartet that sang at Sam Gagliardo's barber shop/saloon.**
- **1933**      **Wood pattern maker apprentice.**
- **1934**      **Co-founded Kovaar &Perk Coal and Ice Co.**

- **1935**      **Joined the 13<sup>th</sup> Ward Republican Club under the watchful eye of City Councilman Joseph Dolejs.**
- **1938**      **Worked on Robert A. Taft Sr. first U.S. Senate campaign.**
- **1938-42**   **Office Manager Perk Realty Co.**
- **1938-68**   **Member of Cuyahoga County Republican Party Central Committee.**
- **1940**      **Married Lucille Gagliardo on May 4<sup>th</sup>.**
- **1940-99**   **Perk family included seven children, nineteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.**
- **1940**      **Elected GOP Precinct Committeemen.**
- **1941-45**   **Received military exemption due to reoccurring kidney stones.**
- **1941**      **Aided war effort as a pattern maker where he made full scale engine models at \$1.65 per/hr.**
- **1942-43**   **Attended Cleveland College at Western Reserve University.**
- **1943**      **First child Virginia Perk Bowers born.**
- **1943**      **Joined the Fraternal Order of the Knights of Columbus.**
- **1943**      **Member Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club.**

- **1944**      **Second child Ralph Jr. born.**
- **1945**      **Joined 13<sup>th</sup> Ward Republican Club.**
- **1946**      **Bought a two-family gray frame house located at 3421 East 49<sup>th</sup> Street for \$6,500.**
- **1946**      **Chaired Southeast Air Pollution Committee.**
- **1947-49**    **Assistant Fire Marshal, State of Ohio.**
- **1948**      **Partner Perk Pattern and Engineering Co.**
- **1948**      **Ran unsuccessfully for the state legislature.**
- **1948**      **National Young Republicans Presidential Campaign Manager for Senator Robert A. Taft.**
- **1948**      **Joined the Cleveland City Club.**
- **1948-49**    **Vice President Cleveland Ripon Club.**
- **1949**      **Campaign Manager for Cleveland mayoral candidate Franklin A. Polk.**
- **1950**      **Took poverty vow with Msgr. Robert Navin.**
- **1950**      **Twin sons: Kenneth and Thomas born.**
- **1950**      **Ran unsuccessfully for the state legislature.**
- **1950-51**    **Vice President and Regional Director National Young Republican Federation.**

- **1951-52** Traveled with General Eisenhower and Senator Nixon on their Presidential campaign trail.
- **1950-53** Chaired City Government Committee Citizens League of Greater Cleveland.
- **1950** Appointed trustee and lay minister at St. John Roman Catholic Cathedral.
- **1950** Appointed trustee Catholic Charities.
- **1951** Attended St. John College/Cleveland College.
- **1951** Studied political science at Cleveland College developed a keen interest in metro government.
- **1951** Joined National Alliance of Czech Catholics.
- **1951** Member Czechoslovak Society of America
- **1951-52** President Cleveland Ripon Club.
- **1951-53** Chief Investigator Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- **1951-55** Co-Chaired American Cancer Society's Annual Funding Drive, Area 13.
- **1951-58** Chaired March of Dimes Campaign, Section 15.
- **1952** Residential Appraiser First Federal Savings and Loan of Lakewood, Ohio.
- **1952** Residential Appraiser Fraternal Insurance groups.

- **1952**      **Midwest Presidential Campaign Chairman for Senator Robert A. Taft campaign.**
- **1952**      **Joined International Order of Alhambra Inc. Carmona Caravan #75.**
- **1952**      **Joined National Assoc. of Christians and Jews.**
- **1952-53**   **President Southeast Citizens Area Council of Cleveland.**
- **1952-58**   **Chaired Southeast Chapter of the Greater Cleveland Community Chest Fund Drive.**
- **1952-63**   **Part time Executive Assistant to Republican State and National Chairman Ray C. Bliss.**
- **1953**      **Ripon Club's "Republican Man of the Year."**
- **1953**      **Member Executive Committee of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration.**
- **1953**      **Served as the Fraternal Order of the Knights of Columbus representative at the St. Vincent Charity Hospital Annual Funding Campaign.**
- **1953**      **Led the St. Alexis Hospital Funding Campaign.**
- **1953-58**   **Board member University Settlement house.**
- **1953**      **Ran for City Council with the help of his friend and political mentor, Joseph F. Dolejs.**

- **1953-61** **Cleveland City Councilman 13<sup>th</sup> Ward.**
- **1954** **Testified before the U.S. Senate Banking and Currency Committee favored federal aid for communities committed to curbing pollution.**
- **1954** **Supported Congressional action calling for the rapid cost amortization of privately installation non-productive air pollution control facilities**
- **1954** **Received federal funds totaling \$80m to fight air pollution in Cleveland.**
- **1954** **Pressured Republic Steel, Jones and Laughlin, Cleveland Slag, Standard Oil of Ohio, DuPont, American Steel and Wire and others to install more than \$27m worth of non-productive air pollution control facilities city-wide.**
- **1954** **Sponsored council legislation leading to a new Cuyahoga River interceptor sewer system with new low level sewers and new pumping stations.**
- **1954** **Joined American Committee for the Liberation of Czechoslovakia.**
- **1954** **Appeared on the Citizen League Program on WTAM-TV Channel 3 dealt with new citywide recreational programs and current plans for slum clearance.**
- **1954** **Fifth child Michael born.**

- **1954**      **Joined Holy Name Society.**
- **1954**      **Named Czech community's "Man of the Year."**
- **1954-55**   **Attended Cleveland College at Western Reserve University.**
- **1955**      **Co-sponsored council legislation leading to the construction of Garden Valley estates.**
- **1955**      **Represented the City's Shade Tree Department at a special tree planting ceremony occurring near St. Wenceslaus School in lower Broadway.**
- **1955**      **Co-sponsored council legislation raising city civil service workers to private industry levels.**
- **1955**      **Introduced council legislation promoting \$100m in new industrial development within the core of the Cuyahoga Valley.**
- **1955**      **Youngest recipient of the Knights of Columbus "Catholic Man of the Year" award.**
- **1955**      **New Board Member Boy Scouts of America.**
- **1955**      **Delegate to National Convention Association of Polish Women.**
- **1955**      **Member Phillis Wheatley Association.**
- **1955**      **Member Cleveland Air Reuse Advisory Board, Cleveland Air Reserve Center.**



- **1955-57**    **Member Cleveland Council on World Affairs.**
- **1956**        **Sixth child Allen born.**
- **1956**        **Introduced council legislation providing new in-service training for building inspectors.**
- **1956**        **Appointed to City's Human Relations Board.**
- **1957**        **Received VFW #2079's Outstanding Citizenship Award.**
- **1957**        **Joined National Municipal League.**
- **1957**        **Testified before the U.S. Congress favored federal assistance through the Urban Renewal program to local governments participating in neighborhood rehabilitation and conservation.**
- **1957**        **Appraiser Cuyahoga County Probate Court.**
- **1957**        **Co-sponsored council legislation determining the feasibility of transferring the operation of the zoo from the city to the county.**
- **1957**        **Sponsored council legislation reducing the cost of Cleveland Transit Service school passes from \$1.25 to \$1.00.**
- **1957**        **Supported council legislation calling for the transfer of City Hospital, Hudson Boys Farm, and Blossom Hill Hospital from the city to the county.**
- **1957**        **Member Alliance of Poles in America.**

- **1957**      **Member Nationalities Services Center.**
- **1957-58**   **Vice President Council on State Affairs.**
- **1957-58**   **Vice President Bohemian National Hall.**
- **1958**      **Advocated of city funding being used for new major airport and lakefront improvements, improved incinerators, and water fluoridation.**
- **1958**      **Supported the use of capital improvement bonds for mall redevelopment, new off-street parking, and new freeway construction.**
- **1958**      **Lost Cuyahoga County Auditor's race by 21,000 votes to the incumbent John J. Carney.**
- **1958**      **Member Greater Cleveland Growth Board.**
- **1958**      **Member Northern Ohio Opera Association.**
- **1958**      **Founder First Friday Club of Cleveland.**
- **1958**      **Member Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.**
- **1958**      **Member Cleveland Museum of Art.**
- **1958**      **Mary Perk named "Czech Mother of the Year."**
- **1958**      **Took special Real Estate Appraisals courses.**

- **1958**      **Co-sponsored council legislation establishing a special Metropolitan Government Committee.**
- **1958**      **Chairman special Metropolitan Government Committee wanted major Cuyahoga County charter reforms.**
- **1958**      **Vice President/Delegate to National Convention Union of Poles in America.**
- **1958**      **Honorary Member, local chapter Phi Theta Pi, an international commerce fraternity.**
- **1958**      **Honorary Member, local chapter Delta Theta Phi, a law fraternity.**
- **1958-64**    **20<sup>th</sup> district representative to the Republican State Central and Executive Committees.**
- **1959**      **Endorsed council efforts to extend I-77 from Broadway Avenue to the I-90 connector.**
- **1959**      **Approached by Senator Frank J. Lausche (1895-1990) and Congressman Michael A. Feighan (1905-92) to create the American Nationalities Movement of Greater Cleveland.**
- **1959**      **Founder and Chairman, American Nationalities Movement of Greater Cleveland.**
- **1959**      **Attended St. John's College.**
- **1959-65**    **Hosted Annual Broadway Christmas Party at the Olympia Theatre.**

- **1960**      **Seventh and last child Richard born.**
- **1961**      **Worked with Senior Citizens Council to draft their own charter reform calling for reducing senior citizen bus fares.**
- **1962**      **Cleveland City Council approved senior citizen charter reform lowered bus fares for seniors.**
- **1962**      **Elected Cuyahoga County Auditor by a 20,000 vote margin.**
- **1962**      **First Republican to hold any countywide office in nearly 50 years.**
- **1962**      **Reduced Auditor's office payroll by 25%.**
- **1962**      **Hired well-qualified senior citizens part-time.**
- **1962**      **Worked with the Ohio state legislature to enact enabling legislation allowing for all counties to create their own data processing boards run by local county officials.**
- **1962**      **Modernized the Auditor's Office with a data processing board and a new IBM computer.**
- **1962-64**    **Converted Personal Property Division, Real Property Tax Division, and General Accounting Division to modern data processing.**

- **1962-64** Sought-out an outside appraisal firm to conduct fair and honest appraisals countywide.
- **1962** Introduced Cleveland City Council Resolution #1136-62 recognizing the contribution made by the American Sokol Gymnastic Organization to our community.
- **1962-71** Supervised 17 departments and 300 employees as county auditor and was responsible for nearly \$900 m in annual expenditures.
- **1962-66** Founded Cuyahoga Senior Citizens Corp. a non-profit organization.
- **1962-66** Hosted Golden Ages Outings.
- **1964** Received City Council resolution (Res # 2560-64) acknowledging the death of his mother.
- **1965** Ran unsuccessfully for Mayor of Cleveland pitted against Ralph Locher and Carl Stokes.
- **1965** Developed the Perk Plan, a strategy document that later served as the bases for his programs.
- **1965** Mrs. Perk named “Mother of the Year” by the Italian American Citizen’s club.
- **1965** Honored by Polish Veterans in Exile Association Post #2.
- **1966** Re-elected Cuyahoga County Auditor by nearly 95,000 votes carrying all municipalities.

- **1966**      **Honored by the Alliance of Poles in America.**
- **1967**      **Honored by Ohio County Auditor’s Association.**
- **1967**      **Co-Chaired Senior Citizen’s Award ceremony.**
- **1968**      **Honored with the Hungarian Freedom Fighters Federation, USA “Freedom Award.”**
- **1968**      **20<sup>th</sup> District delegate to the Republican National Convention.**
- **1968-72**   **Chaired Electorate College of Ohio.**
- **1968**      **Lecturer Republican National Convention at Princeton University, Indiana State University, and the University of Utah.**
- **1968**      **Leader Incorporation Committee the American Nationalities Movement.**
- **1968-72**   **20<sup>th</sup> District representative at the Republican State Central and Executive Committees.**
- **1969**      **Toastmaster at the “Senior Citizen of the Year Award” ceremonies.**
- **1969**      **Lost mayoral race to incumbent Carl B. Stokes by 3,500 votes.**
- **1969**      **Attended Gov. James Rhodes re-election party.**

- **1970**      **Re-elected Cuyahoga County Auditor by a voting margin of 140,000.**
- **1971**      **Ran for Mayor of Cleveland a third time with a \$600 budget.**
- **1971**      **Supported by Slovenian friend and U.S. Senator Frank J. Lausche.**
- **1971**      **Quoted as saying that “Frank Lausche was the George Washington of the nationality people of the United States.”**
- **1971**      **Chose Robert T. Bennett to run his mayoral campaign.**
- **1971**      **Participated in a Cleveland City Club debate with the two other mayoral candidates.**
- **1971**      **Defeated Republican Congressman George V. Voinovich to win mayoral primary.**
- **1971**      **Won mayoral race by 38.7% over Arnold Pickney and James M. Carney Jr.**
- **1971**      **Attended first Republican Party fund raiser as mayor.**
- **1971**      **Unveiled his new motto, “I ask not so much that you have faith in me, but that you have faith in yourselves and in your city.”**
- **1971**      **Vice Chairman Cuyahoga County Republican Organization.**

- **1972-77 Served as 52<sup>nd</sup> Mayor of Cleveland.**
- **1972-77 1<sup>st</sup> Republican Mayor of Cleveland in 30 years.**
- **1972-77 Served as Floor Manager, Republican Mayors National League of Cities and U.S. Conference of Mayors meetings.**
- **1972 Award Recipient, Cleveland Bar Association, the Court of NISI Prius Roast.**
- **1972 Nicknamed Jawbone Perk at the Prius Annual Roast.**
- **1972 Burned his hair at the opening ceremony of the American Society of Metals convention.**
- **1972 Criticized by media when Mrs. Perk turned down an invitation to a White House reception.**
- **1972 Took a 15-day tour of major European cities.**
- **1972 Met with Zdenek Zuska the mayor of Prague and received the keys to that city.**
- **1972 Visited Slovak capital city of Bratislava.**
- **1972 Stopped in Warsaw and to meet with Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski.**
- **1972 Granted a special audience by Pope Paul VI.**
- **1972 Hospitalized with pneumonia.**



- **1972**      **Mayoral Coordinator President Nixon’s Re-Election Campaign in Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.**
- **1972**      **Received National Fraternal Order of Eagles “Fiorello LaGuardia Award” for outstanding municipal leadership.**
- **1972**      **Elected 20<sup>th</sup> District delegate to Republican National Convention.**
- **1972**      **Designated Presidential Elector to Republican National Convention.**
- **1972**      **Unhurt when protestors stoned the bus he was riding at the National Convention Miami, FL.**
- **1972**      **Attended National Highway Safety Fund Raiser held in Las Vegas, NV.**
- **1972**      **Attended U.S. Conference of Mayors in New Orleans, LA.**
- **1972**      **Attended a White House dinner hosted by President Richard M. Nixon.**
- **1972**      **Predicted Richard M. Nixon would win the city’s ethnic vote in the upcoming election.**
- **1972**      **Supported Spiro Agnew for Vice President.**
- **1972**      **Participated in ground cutting ceremonies for the new \$ 10m Plaza Inn at the Cleveland Clinic.**

- **1973** Hosted the largest Annual Nationality Festival at Hanna Plaza over 300,000 attended.
- **1973** Presented to the Ukrainian Primate Cardinal Josyf the “Keys to the City.”.
- **1973** Announced that the city’s crime rate had dropped by 26% over the past two years.
- **1973** Met with President Richard M. Nixon in the Oval Office to seek out federal funds.
- **1973** Reached a tentative agreement with Cuyahoga County to erect a new and modern police headquarters within the new Justice Center.
- **1973** Elected Supreme Advisor Ukrainian National Association.
- **1973** Received the “Shevchenko Freedom Award” at the Ukrainian Independence Festival.
- **1973** Easily won re-election for Mayor with a 61.1% plurality.
- **1973** Pushed the National League of Cities to adopt a strong stance on the control of handguns.
- **1973-77** Chairman of the National Conference of Republican Mayors and Municipal Elected Officials.

- **1974**      **Enjoyed his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, over 1,500 joined in on the party.**
- **1974**      **Re-hospitalized with a new bout of viral pneumonia.**
- **1974**      **Received national acclaim for the highly touted Women’s Health Week campaign.**
- **1974**      **Led a Greek delegation to the White House to protest the latest Turkish military actions in Cyprus.**
- **1974**      **Met with President Richard M. Nixon in the White House.**
- **1974**      **Recipient of commemorate Lincoln Day plate.**
- **1974**      **Attended swearing in ceremonies for former U.S. Senator William B. Saxbe as the Attorney General.**
- **1974**      **Attacked the Republican Party leadership for its refusal to endorse his son four-term Councilman Ralph Perk Jr. for the Republican State Central Committee.**
- **1974**      **Proclaimed May 6<sup>th</sup> “Jesse Owens Day.”**
- **1974**      **Received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, IL.**
- **1974**      **Received Kiwanis Club Award, Parma, Ohio.**

- **1974**      **Given a bust by Security Federal savings and Loan Assoc. commemorating his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.**
- **1974**      **Received a federal income tax refund of \$2,000.**
- **1974**      **Suggested to President Richard M. Nixon that he furnish Congressional leaders with the information they wanted concerning Watergate.**
- **1974**      **Considered the possibility of running for the U.S. Senate based on a Burke Marketing Research phone survey showing that 61% of those polled thought he should seek higher office**
- **1974**      **Through his hat in the ring and ran for the U.S. Senate.**
- **1974**      **Won the senate primary by a two to one margin based on the following policies.**
- **1974**      **Opposed personal income tax shelters for the rich.**
- **1974**      **Wanted to impose a 60% capital gains tax on individual long-term investment and a 35% capital gains tax on corporate long-term investment.**
- **1974**      **Favored having full-time workers invest in employer's new stock issues through federally insured bank loans.**
- **1974**      **Proposed replacing the current \$750 dependent deduction on federal income tax with a flat \$200 tax credit.**

- **1974 Shuns President Richard Nixon’s assistance in campaign.**
- **1974 Favored a tax write-off for families sending their children to college.**
- **1974 Wanted to increase homeowner opportunities for the general public.**
- **1974 Supported federal subsidies for mass transit.**
- **1974 Believed that wage and price controls affect inflation.**
- **1974 Advocated strong enforcement of anti-trust laws to prevent large companies from fixing prices.**
- **1974 Wanted to eliminate foreign tax credits and oil depletion allowances.**
- **1974 Emphasized morality in his senate campaign.**
- **1974 Spoke at a “Right to Life Society” rally.**
- **1974 Hospitalized for Viral Pneumonia.**
- **1974 Lost U.S. Senate race to former astronaut and popular democratic candidate John H. Glenn, Jr. (Glen received 65.3% of the vote, Perk got 29.6%, and others got 5.1%).**
- **1974 Incurred campaign debt of \$60,000.**

- **1974** Thought Watergate was a victimless crime and that Pres. Nixon was hounded out of office.
- **1974** Refunded pay during his U.S. Senate campaign.
- **1974** Supported his colleague and friend Gerald R. Ford to replace President Richard M. Nixon.
- **1974** Opposed Nelson A. Rockefeller for Vice-President based on his pro-choice stance.
- **1974** Met with President Gerald R. Ford to discuss mass transit issues and ways to curb inflation.
- **1975** Files petition to run for mayor on May 28<sup>th</sup> names Nicholas A. Bucur his campaign chairman.
- **1975** Lashes out at chief mayoral opponent Cleveland School Board President Arnold Pinkney by attacking his predecessor Mayor Stokes who he claimed drove the city from solvency to near bankruptcy.
- **1975** Holds first political rally, a \$25 reception at Public Hall.
- **1975** Learns that Council President George Forbes is urging black-white unity to unseat him.
- **1975** Says that his opponent Arnold Pinkney should resign his seat on the election board.
- **1975** Attacks Pinckney for not stamping out crime in the public schools.

- **1975**      **Claims that the public schools have become little more than breeding grounds for criminal activity.**
- **1975**      **Attacked by Pinckney who claims that the mayor has failed to provide a positive climate favorable to small business.**
- **1975**      **Criticized for not stopping inner-city decay.**
- **1975**      **Accused of mismanagement of utility funds which will lead him to demand a 30% increase in water rates after the election.**
- **1975**      **Brought to task for not reducing crime, for not creating new jobs, and for not reversing population losses.**
- **1975**      **Accused of wrong doing regarding the purchasing of coal for MUNY-Light.**
- **1975**      **His new MUNY-Light commissioner Ralph Meister is also accused of improprieties.**
- **1975**      **Defends his actions by saying that if he is re-elected then he will use available state of Ohio-funds to promote new downtown development.**
- **1975**      **Praised as a symbol of hope and progress by the American Nationalities Movement.**
- **1975**      **Endorsed for re-election by the Ohio Polish American Congress.**

- **1975**      **Forced to leave his home bomb threat.**
- **1975**      **Greet First Lady Betty Ford at Cleveland Hopkins Airport with flower bouquet and a small gift.**
- **1975**      **Other mayoral candidates are Patrick Sweeney and James Dickerson, however, neither one enjoys the kind of popularity or funding resources of Perk or Pinkney.**
- **1975**      **Attends re-election events everywhere these include a large rally at the Italian Cooperative Association at 15901 St. Clair Avenue, an afternoon talk at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 6700 Lansing Avenue, and a garbage truck rally and traffic jam in Kamms Corner.**
- **1975**      **Endorsed for mayor by The Plain Dealer, the Municipal Workers Union, the Teamsters, Local 18 of the Operating Engineers Union, and several council members.**
- **1975**      **Receives a much welcomed endorsement from his friend and mentor U.S. Senator Frank Lausche.**
- **1975**      **Stumps the campaign trail hard he is on a crusade to make sure that everyone votes.**
- **1975**      **Suggests that the vote will be closed in primary.**
- **1975**      **Pledges to strictly enforce recently passed legislation intended to force local banks to liberalize their mortgage lending practices.**



- **1975** Loses primary elections to Arnold Pinkney 38.1% Perk 41.4% Pinkney).
- **1975** Dismayed but not out, Perk knows that under the new election laws the mayoral contest is no longer a partisan election which means the two top vote getters square-off in the November general elections.
- **1975** Intensifies his campaign effort after learning that the local Democratic Party leadership is seriously considering throwing its support to Pinkney.
- **1975** Focuses on getting the ethnic vote while Pinkney stresses his administrative and business abilities.
- **1975** Shocked by allocations made by Arnold Pinkney that suggest that he scuttled RTA because of his earlier relentless support of CTS.
- **1975** Is re-elected Cleveland mayor by 18,000 votes (61.1% majority) by defeating Arnold Pikney in the city's general elections (69% of the eligible voters voted.)
- **1975** First three-term Mayor since the incumbent Anthony J. Celebreeze was re-elected in 1957.
- **1975** Praised by Cuyahoga County GOP Chairman Robert E. Hughes as an “enormous victory, a tribute to his manner of running the city.”

- **1975**      **Congratulated on his re-election by former President Richard M. Nixon.**
  
- **1975**      **Perk's campaign manager Robert T. Bennett says that he spent about \$45,000 on this campaign while Pinckney spent over \$60,000 and accrued a \$30,000 debt.**
  
- **1975**      **Honored guest Women's City Club Salute to the new Cleveland Mayor.**
  
- **1975**      **Incorporation of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation occurs, one of the first in the city.**
  
- **1975**      **Honorary chairman of the "One World Day" celebration.**
  
- **1975**      **Participated in Jewish Federation Soviet Jewry protest.**
  
- **1975**      **Honorary member Phi Theta Pi, international commerce fraternity.**
  
- **1975**      **Honorary life member Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.**
  
- **1975**      **Board Member U.S. Conference of Mayors.**
  
- **1975**      **Initiates a letter campaign to over three hundred Republican officials urging them to join a new GOP coalition he is forming called the Republican National Mayors Conference.**

- **1975**      **Caucus chairman, Republican National Mayors Conference.**
- **1975**      **Board member the National League of Cities.**
- **1975**      **Residence underwent extensive renovations.**
- **1976**      **Hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic on January 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- **1976**      **Elected 20<sup>th</sup> District delegate to Republican National Convention.**
- **1976**      **Vice Chairman of the Platform Committee Republican National Convention.**
- **1976**      **Wrote Republican Party urban plank.**
- **1976**      **Received commemorative plaque depicting Willard's painting "The Spirit of '76."**
- **1976**      **Received Slovenian "Ljubljana Award."**
- **1976**      **Recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, OH.**
- **1976-77**    **Served on Executive Committee, Republican National Convention.**
- **1976-80**    **Served on the Policy Board of the Advisory Council on General Government for the Republican National Committee.**

- **1976-95**    **20<sup>th</sup> District Representative Republican State Central and Executive Committees of Ohio.**
- **1977**        **Received from Frank Rizzo current mayor of Philadelphia the” Liberty Tree Trophy.”**
- **1977**        **Launched 3<sup>rd</sup> mayoral re-election campaign.**
- **1977**        **Lost mayoral primary to Dennis Kucinich and Edward F. Feighan.**
- **1977**        **Honored at an “Appreciation Dinner.”**
- **1977-96**    **Member Policy Board, Republican National Committee, Advisory Council on General Government.**
- **1978**        **Board member American National Bank.**
- **1978**        **Board member of the Cleveland Cavaliers.**
- **1978**        **Board member of Catholic Charities Corp.**
- **1978**        **Founded Ralph J. Perk & Associates, Inc. to help small businesses/municipalities obtain federal funds.**
- **1979**        **Spoke at Cleveland City Club about the Perk administration’s accomplishments and discussed the advantages of instituting government reform in the form of a reduced council headed by a City Manager.**

- **1979**      **Participated in the Solon Bar Mitzvah Group visit to Israel also took a side trip to Egypt.**
- **1979**      **Received a citation and one-year appointment to the Council on General Government of the Republican National Committee.**
- **1980**      **Co-Chaired Cuyahoga County Reagan-Bush Campaign.**
- **1980**      **National Chairman for the Czech American Committee for Reagan-Bush.**
- **1980**      **Elected 20<sup>th</sup> District delegate to Republican National Convention.**
- **1981**      **Received Vitezi Reno Lifelong Achievement medal.**
- **1983**      **Member Bishop's Pacer Committee, Catholic Charities.**
- **1983**      **Chaired dedication proceedings St. John Neuman Chapel, National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.**
- **1983**      **Attended grand reopening ceremonies of the City Club in the refurbished Citizens Building.**
- **1983**      **Presented with a commemorative er weight from Mayor Richard G. Lugar of Indianapolis.**
- **1983-99**    **Recipient of "Ripon Club Presidential Award."**

- **1983**      **Named by the Greater Cleveland Knights of Columbus the “Catholic Citizen of the Year.”**
- **1983**      **Filed a \$4.5m defamation lawsuit against Reader’s Digest and an article by Eugene H. Methvin critical of the Perk administration.**
- **1983**      **Senior Vice Chairman Cuyahoga County (Cleveland) Republican organization.**
- **1983**      **Supported Roman Catholic Diocese efforts to refurbish the Chapel at Hopkins Airport.**
- **1983-99**    **Advisor Nagaland People’s Council.**
- **1984**      **Received 60<sup>th</sup> birthday congratulations from Linas J. Kojelis, Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.**
- **1984**      **Ohio Chairman of the Reagan/Bush Ethnic Voters Campaign.**
- **1984**      **Co-National Chairman Czech American Committee for Reagan and Bush.**
- **1984**      **Campaign Volunteer for Reagan/Bush National Headquarters Washington, DC.**
- **1984**      **Elected 20<sup>th</sup> District delegate to Republican National Convention.**
- **1984**      **Given the “Keys to the City” by Mayor George V. Voinovich.**

- **1985**      **Member, Republican National Committee.**
- **1985**      **Chairman National Republican Heritage Groups (Nationalities) Council.**
- **1986**      **Member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland #18.**
- **1987**      **Met with President Reagan in the White House to seek federal funds for local targeted projects.**
- **1987**      **Incorporator Ohio Republican Nationalities (Heritage) Council.**
- **1988**      **Elected 20<sup>th</sup> District delegate to Republican National Convention.**
- **1988**      **Designated Presidential Elector, Republican National Convention.**
- **1988**      **Appointed to the American Nationalities Advisory Committee the American Bicentennial Presidential Inaugural Committee.**
- **1989**      **Attended George H.W. Bush Inauguration.**
- **1989**      **Participated in Leadership Cleveland Elections, Greater Cleveland Growth Association.**
- **1989**      **Learned that his lawsuit against Reader's Digest had been dismissed by a U.S. District judge.**
- **1990**      **Honorary Pallbearer Frank J. Lausche's funeral.**

- **1990**      **Member Ticket Committee Annual Dinner Dance for the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport Chapel.**
- **1991**      **Received “Certificate of Achievement and Award” from the U.S. Congress.**
- **1991**      **Honorary Life-Time Membership Early Settlers Association.**
- **1991**      **Social Member Olde River Yacht Club.**
- **1992**      **Elected 20<sup>th</sup> District delegate for President Bush, Republican National Convention.**
- **1992**      **Member Republican Presidential Task Force.**
- **1992**      **Member National Republican Senatorial Committee.**
- **1992**      **Member National Federation of Republican Women.**
- **1992**      **Honorary Chairman, Ohio Nationalities for Bush and Quayle.**
- **1993**      **Honored by International Order of Alhambra Inc., Carmone Caravan #75.**
- **1993**      **Received “Congressional Certificate of Appreciation” by the Republican Leadership.**
- **1993**      **Received American Nationalities Movement award.**



- **1993**      **Member of the Order of American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.**
- **1993**      **Charter member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC.**
- **1993**      **Charter Member Empower America.**
- **1993**      **Member of the United We Stand America, National Citizen’s Action Group.**
- **1993**      **Honorary Member of the Ohio State Former Boxers and Associates, Incorporated.**
- **1993**      **Member of the Maltese-American Foundation.**
- **1993**      **Received Ripon Club plaque “For Being a Great Mayor under Fire.”**
- **1994**      **Served on the Ohio Delegation to the 1994 Republican Senate Mid Term Convention.**
- **1994**      **Honored with a “Certificate of Appreciation” Republican National Committee.**
- **1994**      **Received Board of Governors the Republican Presidential Task Force “Republican Award.”**
- **1994**      **Received Lifetime Achievement and Chairman’s Award Cuyahoga County Republican Party.**
- **1995**      **Sustaining Member Republican National Committee.**

- **1996 Member Order of Ahepa.**
- **1996 Received “One Nation Many Cultures” Award.**
- **1996 Honorary Host, Annual U.S. Conference of Mayors Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.**
- **1996 Member Republican National Committee, Presidential Trust.**
- **1996 Member World Jewish Congress.**
- **1996 Election Year Member: Bob Dole for President.**
- **1996 Member Republican National Committee.**
- **1996 Contributing Member Democratic National Committee.**
- **1996 Member Victory '96 Republican National Committee.**
- **1996 Contributing Member Ohio Democratic Victory Fund.**
- **1996 Sustaining Member Ohio Republican Party.**
- **1996 Member Christian Coalition.**
- **1996 Member Commanders Club Disabled American Veterans.**
- **1996 Member Seniors Coalition.**

- **1996**      **Member Black America’s Political Action Committee.**
- **1997**      **Awarded Order of the Double Cross, 97<sup>th</sup> Grand Assoze, The Court of Nisi Prius # 1997.**
- **1998**      **Named by the Republican Presidential Task Force “Member of the Year.”**
- **1998**      **Distinguished Supporter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.**
- **1999**      **Died of prostate cancer on April 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- **1999**      **Buried Holy Cross Cemetery Brook Park, OH.**
- **2001**      **Mrs. Lucille Perk died on October 9<sup>th</sup>.**
- **2003**      **Inducted into Republican Party Cuyahoga County Hall of Fame.**
- **2009**      **Cleveland City Council approved a \$1.2m project to improve the Ralph J. Perk Plaza (formerly known as Chester Commons).**

## **MAJOR PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **RALPH J. PERK 52<sup>ND</sup> MAYOR OF CLEVELAND, OHIO**

#### **1971**

- 1. Mayor Perk's recent mayoral victory is seen as a victory for the independents. (11-6-71)**
- 2. Mayor Perk appoints Andrew C. Putka, a lawyer and former savings and loan executive, as his new Finance Director. (11-7-71)**
- 3. Mayor Perk's inauguration ceremony is the largest to date with over 1,500 attending. (11-8-71)**
- 4. Mayor Perk's campaign promises no tax increase; clean river and lake; end pornography; new police and fire headquarters/precinct and fire stations; new city-wide ambulance service; free bus rides for seniors; new airport terminal; return of air shows; Playhouse Square restoration; reduced crime rate; increased dialogue between ethnic and minority groups; and placing sewer, water, transit, parks, ports etc. under regional control. (11-8-71)**
- 5. Mayor Perk, responding to a campaign pledge, creates a coalition government with persons from both parties and from various ethnic and minority groups. (11-9-71)**

- 6. Mayor Perk administers a city of nearly 650,000 residents and a county of nearly 2,000,000 with an annual budget of \$425 m; 10,000 employees; and 35 divisions. (11-9-71)**
- 7. Mayor Perk revokes 132 public housing building permits in Ward 9 based on resident opposition. (11-10-71)**
- 8. Mayor Perk and famous Hollywood Actor John Wayne host a Republican Party fund raising dinner. (11-10-71)**
- 9. Mayor Perk appoints Richard Hollington Jr., a partner at the Cleveland law firm of Baker Hostetler, to be his new Law Director. (11-12-71)**
- 10. Mayor Perk will not sever ties with Robert Weissman who he intends to use him as a troubleshooter. (11-12-71)**
- 11. Mayor Perk receives greetings from President Richard M. Nixon through his daughter Julie Nixon Eisenhower who visits Cleveland. (11-16-71)**
- 12. Mayor Perk appoints George Voinovich to be the new Cuyahoga County auditor. (11-17-71)**
- 13. Mayor Perk appoints Harry Volk to be his new Press Secretary. (11-17-71)**
- 14. Mayor Perk appoints Philip S. Hamilton to be his new Personnel Director. (11-17-71)**
- 15. Mayor Perk participates in the Cultural Garden clean-up project. (11-17-71)**
- 16. Mayor Perk reviews new city funding strategies with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. (11-19-71)**

- 17. Mayor Perk appoints Vaclav Hyumar to be his new Executive Assistant of Nationality Affairs. (11-22-71)**
- 18. Mayor Perk speaks at Park Synagogue Men's Club Breakfast Forum. (11-22-71)**
- 19. Mayor Perk names Vincent Campanella to replace Kimber Wald as his budget director at a salary of \$21,450. (11-24-71)**
- 20. Mayor Perk plans to meet with Jerris Leonard Director of LEAA to discuss possible funding options targeted towards fighting crime. (11-27-71)**
- 21. Mayor Perk reviews the Price Waterhouse audit of the city indicating a 26m deficit. (11-29-71)**
- 22. Mayor Perk announces that 500 city workers will be laid off today. (11-30-71)**
- 23. Mayor Perk answers critics by cutting his own \$35,000 salary by 10%. (11-30-71)**
- 24. Mayor Perk congratulates Ray K. Shepardson on the revitalization of Playhouse Square. (12-1-71)**
- 25. Mayor Perk furloughs 32 finance department employees. (12-1-71)**
- 26. Mayor Perk fires Deforest Brown Jr. Director Model Cities Program and dissolves his 29-member board. (12-1-71)**
- 27. Mayor Perk imposes a freeze on all city workers pay. (12-1-71)**

- 28. Mayor Perk pushes for new in-town housing to become a major new component of the city's Model Cities Program. (12-2-71)**
- 29. Mayor Perk discovers 1238 city workers not listed in the Stokes administration. (12-2-71)**
- 30. Mayor Perk's new Service Director Ralph Tyler requests an additional \$400,000 to pay his employees for weekend and overtime. (12-2-71)**
- 31. Mayor Perk unveils his Jetport plan to a very enthusiastic press. (12-2-71)**
- 32. Mayor Perk rejects the idea of increasing the city coffers by instituting a 5.8 mil levy to raise \$5.8m annually. (12-3-71)**
- 33. Mayor Perk requests snow removal help from Cuyahoga County. (12-3-71)**
- 34. Mayor Perk is urged to pay CTS stockholders the \$9.9m owed. (12-3-71)**
- 35. Mayor Perk is expected to oppose the special task force recommendation that City Council help to solve CTS's immediate financial problems by selling \$5m in bonds. (12-3-71)**
- 36. Mayor Perk does not favor income tax reciprocity with the suburbs. (12-4-71)**
- 37. Mayor Perk appoints Warren D. Hinchee as the Acting Director of the City's Utilities Department. (12-5-71)**

- 38. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of William (Bill) Petro as his new Executive Secretary. (12-6-71)**
- 39. Mayor Perk pledges he will continue to support the Model Cities Program. (12-6-71)**
- 40. Mayor Perk assigns his brother Joseph, a city employee since 1957, to the Division of Shade Trees with a \$.48 salary increase. (12-7-71)**
- 41. Mayor Perk presides over the first Landmarks Commission meeting. (12-7-71)**
- 42. Mayor Perk, heeding the advice of James A. (Dorph) Norton and his special task force, decides to meet with NOACA to see if the present feud might be resolved. (12-8-71)**
- 43. Mayor Perk ends the city's feud with NOACA begun in the Stokes administration thereby ending litigation and intra-governmental turmoil. (12-8-71)**
- 44. Mayor Perk pays back dues totaling \$43,860 and then withdraws the one-man-one-vote representation suit previously filed against NOACA. (12-8-71)**
- 45. Mayor Perk announces that another 100 city workers will be furloughed at the end of today. (12-10-71)**
- 46. Mayor Perk's Planning Commissioner Norman Krumholz bills NOACA \$4,115 for past year's expenses. (12-10-71)**
- 47. Mayor Perk appoints Slavatore Calandra as the city's new Chief Council. (12-13-71)**



- 48. Mayor Perk appoints local attorney Nicholas Bucur to replace Gaspare Corso on the Cleveland Transit System board. (12-14-71)**
- 49. Mayor Perk says that the city's sewer system is worth \$200m and that he will sell it if necessary. (12-14-71)**
- 50. Mayor Perk applies for a \$302,000 federal grant for the city's air pollution control division. (12-17-71)**
- 51. Mayor Perk appoints Deputy Inspector Gerald J. Rademaker to be his new Police Chief. (12-18-71)**
- 52. Mayor Perk furloughs 209 utility workers thereby reducing payroll taxes by \$1.8m. (12-18-71)**
- 53. Mayor Perk officially welcomes Lorin Maazel the new musical director of the Cleveland Orchestra to the city. (12-19-71)**
- 54. Mayor Perk chooses William Seawright to serve as an adviser on black affairs. (12-23-71)**
- 55. Mayor Perk appoints Ray Kudukis as the new Director of the city's Utilities Department. (12-24-71)**
- 56. Mayor Perk announces that he intends to review workers overtime to insure that no one is abusing the system. (12-29-71)**

## 1972

1. **Mayor Perk secures \$175,000 in federal grants to hire 58 police cadets, however, the Fraternal Order of Police wants this funding to be used to rehire laid-off officers. (1-1-72)**
2. **Mayor Perk responding to Amtrak pulling out of Union Terminal proposes a new Amtrak Station to be built near existing tracks under the East 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge. (1-1-72)**
3. **Mayor Perk appoints Robert Weisman to the Cleveland Civil Service Commission. (1-3-72)**
4. **Mayor Perk nominates Kenneth McGee to oversee the upcoming election of 29 Model Cities Program trustees. (1-3-72)**
5. **Mayor Perk says the city will keep its commitment to help build a New Justice Center Complex to be erected at the northwest corner of St. Clair Avenue and Ontario Street. (1-4-72)**
6. **Mayor Perk inherits a municipal budget of less than \$90m, a \$27m overall city debt, a \$13.6m operating deficit, and a \$35m federal debt. (1-4-72)**
7. **Mayor Perk congratulates Edmund J. Turk on being elected Cleveland City Council President. (1-4-72)**
8. **Mayor Perk's financial woes twofold: no federal funds flowing into the city and a bloated city budget. (1-5-72)**
9. **Mayor Perk is investigating the possibility of the city spending \$24m to erect the new Justice Center. (1-5-72)**

- 10. Mayor Perk creates a special advisory board made up of bankers, lawyers, and civic leaders to discuss the city's budget woes and how to lobby for Revenue Sharing. (1-5-72)**
- 11. Mayor Perk is informed that the new luxury service begins on the CTS rapid today. (1-5-72)**
- 12. Mayor Perk nominates Albert Bernstein to serve as the new Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Port Authority Director. (1-5-72)**
- 13. Mayor Perk must comply with a court order requiring him to rehire those police who were fired in 1966 for violating police department regulations during the Hough Riots. (1-5-72)**
- 14. Mayor Perk is criticized by the Cleveland Building Trades Commission for canceling two public housing projects slated for Ward 9. (1-5-72)**
- 15. Mayor Perk proposes the creation of a new special Citizen Finance Panel to help resolve the city's financial problems. (1-5-72)**
- 16. Mayor Perk receives a report from John Hirten of the U.S. Transportation Department saying that the Cleveland Transit System needs a subsidy now. (1-5-72)**
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- 18. Mayor Perk, upon learning that many of Cleveland's best playgrounds have been vandalized, investigates the possibility of getting federal funds to remedy this situation. (1-6-72)**
- 19. Mayor Perk authorizes the creation of three new safety units within the city's detective bureau. (1-6-72)**
- 20. Mayor Perk informs the United Auto Workers Council that he has no intention of raising city taxes. (1-6-72)**
- 21. Mayor Perk levels some harsh words against those state legislators who exempt themselves from double taxation. (1-6-72)**
- 22. Mayor Perk receives a year-end balance sheet indicating that CTS losses totaled \$800,000 in 1971. (1-6-72)**
- 23. Mayor Perk proposes the establishment of a Metro Sewer System as a positive way of lowering overall costs and improving service for all participating communities. (1-7-72)**
- 24. Mayor Perk questions whether the mounting costs of Police Towing Service units will lead to their demise. (1-8-72)**
- 25. Mayor Perk's public housing ban leads CMHA to sue the city. (1-8-72)**
- 26. Mayor Perk submits a regional sewer proposal to Common Pleas Judge George McMonagle. (1-11-72)**
- 27. Mayor Perk in an austerity move calls for the elimination of the city's Properties Department. (1-11-72)**

- 28. Mayor Perk receives media support for his new Jetport proposal in that its completion will make Cleveland an international trading center. (1-11-72)**
- 29. Mayor Perk nominates George Sperber to serve as his new Safety Director. (1-11-72)**
- 30. Mayor Perk makes it no secret that he is planning to form his own “kitchen cabinet” as a way of helping him make major political decisions. (1-12-72)**
- 31. Mayor Perk discovers that City Council has delayed the Model Cities trustees’ election. (1-12-72)**
- 32. Mayor Perk accuses the Cleveland Civil Service Board (Thomas Ryan, Arthur Heard, David Sindell, Mrs. Marnette Lee, and Walter Burkes Jr.) of gross malfeasance in office. (1-12-72)**
- 33. Mayor Perk is informed by the five Civil Service Board members that they intend to fight this dismissal. (1-13-72)**
- 34. Mayor Perk arranges for his Law Director Richard Hollington to meet with these commissioners in the hope that they might reach some compromise; unfortunately, nothing positive happens. (1-13-72)**
- 35. Mayor Perk is denounced by the Cleveland Labor Federation for firing the Civil Service Board. (1-13-72)**
- 36. Mayor Perk, responding to what he considers to be unfair criticism leveled against him for not supporting the building of additional public housing units in Cleveland, challenges the suburbs to accept such housing. (1-13-72)**

- 37. Mayor Perk fires the city's Chief Prosecutor Everett Chandler and replaces him with John Kellogg. (1-13-72)**
- 38. Mayor Perk refuses to bow to pressure from local union leaders to reverse his negative stance on future public housing construction. (1-13-72)**
- 39. Mayor Perk receives over \$20m in special federal funds to fight crime. (1-13-72)**
- 40. Mayor Perk is informed that Ralph C. Tyler Sr. the city's Service Director has decided to run for Cuyahoga County engineer later this year. (1-13-72)**
- 41. Mayor Perk's first trip to Washington, D.C. will result in the following over the next five years: a \$30m federal grant to fight crime and a \$3.4m federal grant for public service. (1-15-72)**
- 42. Mayor Perk is informed by CMHA that it has no intention of slowing down its plans for scattered site housing. (1-15-72)**
- 43. Mayor Perk places Jay Loeb on the city's payroll as Chief Examiner. (1-15-72)**
- 44. Mayor Perk discovers that the city owes the State police and Fire Pension Fund over \$100m dating back to the 1940s. (1-15-72)**
- 45. Mayor Perk is portrayed as a racist by some local black leaders based on his recent arbitrary ousting of the five Civil Service Commissioners. (1-16-72)**

- 46. Mayor Perk receives best wishes from 500 guests at his 58<sup>th</sup> birthday party. (1-17-72)**
- 47. Mayor Perk sees the current inability of the city's fire department to respond to emergencies fast enough resulting from insufficient manpower. (1-17-72)**
- 48. Mayor Perk and the city of Cleveland are sued by the five Civil Service Commissioners. (1-17-72)**
- 49. Mayor Perk announces that Park Place 1 is about to open in Glenville, the first new inner-city housing complex built in the last 50-years. (1-17-72)**
- 50. Mayor Perk intends to keep Thomas Stallworth as the city's Water and Heat Commissioner. (1-19-72)**
- 51. Mayor Perk receives a report from his Finance Director Andrew Putka saying that the city's Data Processing Center is both inefficient and wasteful and needs to be modernized quickly. (1-19-72)**
- 52. Mayor Perk is told by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association that the expansion of Cleveland Hopkins Airport should be a top priority of his administration if the city hopes to remain competitive on the world scene. (1-19-72)**
- 53. Mayor Perk plans to layoff 749 city workers by February based on a \$13.6m cash flow deficit. (1-19-72)**
- 54. Mayor Perk wants to establish a Consumer Protection department at city hall. (1-19-72)**

- 55. Mayor Perk wants to establish a good working relationship with the new City Council President Edmund J. Turk. (1-19-72)**
- 56. Mayor Perk announces layoffs of city workers to meet his new budget goals. (1-20-72)**
- 57. Mayor Perk receives a \$40,000 federal grant to train new firefighters. (1-20-72)**
- 58. Mayor Perk is denied a spot on the state Nixon ticket. (1-21-72)**
- 59. Mayor Perk's Budget/Management Director Vincent Campanella threatens to quiet his job over allegations that the mayor intends to layoff 12% of the city's current workforce. (1-21-72)**
- 60. Mayor Perk wants all city employees to accept a 10% pay cut even if City Council fights it. (1-21-72)**
- 61. Mayor Perk learns that CMHA plans to build 79 scattered site public housing units. (1-22-72)**
- 62. Mayor Perk pushes for more demolition city-wide. (1-22-72)**
- 63. Mayor Perk announces that the city losses \$26,554 on useless equipment for the Southern Treatment plant. (1-23-72)**
- 64. Mayor Perk announces that the city's jobless rate is 5.9% the highest in the nation. (1-24-72)**



- 65. Mayor Perk asks the local business community to raise \$6m to help the city move forward. (1-25-72)**
- 66. Mayor Perk offers Dr. Michael Pap the directorship of the city's department of Human Resources and Economic Development. (1-26-72)**
- 67. Mayor Perk and the city are sued by city workers for more than \$2m in back wages. (1-26-72)**
- 68. Mayor Perk announces that sewer rates will increase by \$3.67 beginning in February. (1-27-72)**
- 69. Mayor Perk pleas to local Congressmen to help the city. (1-28-72)**
- 70. Mayor Perk fights an attempt by City Council to place an income tax increase petition on the May 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot sees it as futile. (1-28-72)**
- 71. Mayor Perk is accused by Arnold Pinckney of acting like a dictator. (1-28-72)**
- 72. Mayor Perk in an austerity move will sell 278 city owned cars. (1-28-72)**
- 73. Mayor Perk is advised to turndown as prejudicial an offer by the Lionel Hampton Community Development Corp. to conduct a study of Cleveland government and new housing opportunities for the inner-city. (1-29-72)**
- 74. Mayor Perk's oldest son Ralph Perk Jr., a three-term councilman from WD 15, announces his candidacy for the office of Cuyahoga County Commission. (1-29-72)**

- 75. Mayor Perk shocked to discover that Robert E. Walker the head of the city's Task Force, failed to file tax returns for 1969 and 1970, fires him. (2-1-72)**
- 76. Mayor Perk orders the City Civil Service Commission to appear before him after they overturn his order and re-instated several city employees who had been dismissed by the Perk administration for incompetence. (2-2-72)**
- 77. Mayor Perk appoints then denies his brother-in-law Frank S. Gagliardo the post of Superintendent of Buildings. (2-2-72)**
- 78. Mayor Perk tells the Cleveland Transit System board to get its system into the black or fire its General Manager Robert T. Pollock. (2-2-72)**
- 79. Mayor Perk's initial idea of averting police layoffs by having patrolmen work 10-days and pay them for 9-days was not accepted by City Council. (2-2-72)**
- 80. Mayor Perk meets with Governor John J. Gilligan who suggests that the best source to tap for much needed funding is the federal government. (2-2-72)**
- 81. Mayor Perk receives \$41,000 in combined federal and state grants to help the elderly remain in their own homes. (2-2-72)**
- 82. Mayor Perk proclaims January 31<sup>st</sup> "I Love Lucy" Day. (2-2-72)**
- 83. Mayor Perk secures \$72,257 in federal grants to curb the rising crime rate in the Fairfax neighborhood. (2-2-72)**

- 84. Mayor Perk and Governor John J. Gilligan meet to discuss pressing urban issues since the opportunity for the city to receive yet another state windfall seems unlikely. (2-2-72)**
- 85. Mayor Perk discovers that currently the Cleveland Transit System has a \$2.5m operating deficit. (2-3-72)**
- 86. Mayor Perk's austerity moves will inevitably lead to 200 more city layoffs. (2-3-72)**
- 87. Mayor Perk chooses Harry Volk his former Press Secretary to be his new Executive Assistant. (2-4-72)**
- 88. Mayor Perk asks local unions to accept his 10% pay cut. (2-4-72)**
- 89. Mayor Perk intends to cut \$11m from his current \$85.8m city budget. (2-5-72)**
- 90. Mayor Perk names Harry Christiansen, a CTS employee, to serve as his special CTS projects manager. (2-7-72)**
- 91. Mayor Perk considers imposing a 4-day work week as an effective way of cutting city expenses. (2-7-72)**
- 92. Mayor Perk announces that a recently conducted Cleveland Harbor study concludes that Lake Erie is teaming with life. (2-7-72)**
- 93. Mayor Perk imposes a 10%-across-the-board pay cut for all city employees in an attempt to balance his 1972 budget. (2-8-72)**
- 94. Mayor Perk pressures Republic Steel Corporation to reduce its air pollution. (2-8-72)**

- 95. Mayor Perk orders 10% across the board work-pay cuts. (2-8-72)**
- 96. Mayor Perk highly critical of CEI after the latest blackout. (2-8-72)**
- 97. Mayor Perk is angered when Water Department workers stop working in order to protest the suspension of 30 of their co-workers. (2-9-72)**
- 98. Mayor Perk is notified that the city will be given more seats on the NOACA board. (2-9-72)**
- 99. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of Bailus Walker Jr. as Acting Health Department Director. (2-9-72)**
- 100. Mayor Perk announces that the city's operating expenses were amongst the lowest in the country for a city of this size. (2-9-72)**
- 101. Mayor Perk appoints Professor Michael Pap as his new Director of Human Resources and Economic Development replacing Jerry Sheehan. (2-9-72)**
- 102. Mayor Perk is informed by NOACA that it nears re-certification. (2-10-72)**
- 103. Mayor Perk unveils his new \$36m Gateway Plan (Lakeside Avenue and East 9<sup>th</sup> Street), which includes a new hotel, parking garage, luxury apartments, Exposition Center, and aerial walkways. (2-11-72)**

- 104. Mayor Perk opposes MUNY-Light Commissioner Warren D. Hinchee who wants to establish a tie-in between MUNY-Light and CEI if power should fail at the MUNY-Light plant. (2-11-72)**
- 105. Mayor Perk refuses to pay a \$380,000 CEI bill unless City Council or the State of Ohio requires it. (2-11-72)**
- 106. Mayor Perk suspends major Warrensville Workhouse officials (Commissioner Kenneth Cooley, Superintendent William Speight, and Assistant Superintendent Bailus Walker Temporary Director.) (2-12-72)**
- 107. Mayor Perk says he will not fight the tax hike as first proposed by the Cleveland Federation of Labor. (2-12-72)**
- 108. Mayor Perk is told that 150 Warrensville workhouse workers have staged a sit-in to protest recently enacted police reforms. (2-13-72)**
- 109. Mayor Perk says no reprisals will be taken against the 300 water workers currently participating in the wildcat strike. (2-14-72)**
- 110. Mayor Perk proclaims the month of February as “Heart Month.” (2-14-72)**
- 111. Mayor Perk orders police to forcibly remove more than 200 strikers from the city’s new East 49<sup>th</sup> Street Water Department Infiltration Plant. (2-14-72)**
- 112. Mayor Perk’s earlier proposal to defer safety forces wages divides the ranks. (2-14-72)**

- 113. Mayor Perk learns that the Police Patrolmen union supports an increase in the city's income tax. (2-14-72)**
- 114. Mayor Perk recoups the \$27.9 m in lost federal funds owed the city through the Model Cities Program. (2-15-72)**
- 115. Mayor Perk considers a possible takeover of the Lake Shore CEI plant to shore up MUNY-Light. (2-15-72)**
- 116. Mayor Perk announces that the city's new Utility Building on Lakeside Avenue at East 12<sup>th</sup> Street is near completion. (2-15-72)**
- 117. Mayor Perk is angered when city laborers and drivers go out on strike due to his 10% work-wage cut. (2-16-72)**
- 118. Mayor Perk is told that U.S. Court will block any and all Civil Service Commission firings until the state rules on the issue. (2-16-72)**
- 119. Mayor Perk considering using federal funds to improve the Warrensville workhouse. (2-17-72)**
- 120. Mayor Perk, abiding by court orders, demands that garbage workers go back to work immediately. (2-18-72)**
- 121. Mayor Perk seeks federal funds to hire 10,000 low to moderate income inner-city young people for available summer jobs. (2-18-72)**
- 122. Mayor Perk appoints his friend and colleague Bohdan A. Futney as Assistant County Prosecutor. (2-18-72)**
- 123. Mayor Perk scathing attack on scattered site public housing led the developer to pull out. (2-19-72)**

- 124. Mayor Perk orders a 10% cutback for the Youth Corporation. (2-19-72)**
- 125. Mayor Perk, responding to a federal court decision, says that Cleveland and the Model Cities Association must reach an accord and elect a new board now. (2-19-72)**
- 126. Mayor Perk is angered when he learns that CMHA intends to obtain HUD funding in order to buy viable private housing units in good suburban Cleveland neighborhoods and convert them into public housing. (2-19-72)**
- 127. Mayor Perk cannot legally cut safety forces wages so says Common Pleas Judge John T. Patton. (2-22-72)**
- 128. Mayor Perk does not favor the Citizen Task Force recommendation calling for lowering city workers' retirement age from 70 years to 65 years. (2-22-72)**
- 129. Mayor Perk in a further austerity move considers laying off an additional 800 to 1,000 city workers until this financial crisis is resolved. (2-23-72)**
- 130. Mayor Perk appoints Howard B. Klein as his new administrative aide in charge of community development. (2-24-72)**
- 131. Mayor Perk announces that the Sheraton Inn at Cleveland Hopkins Airport is about to open a \$4m tower. (2-24-72)**
- 132. Mayor Perk is told that the 8<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals has postponed a lower court ruling blocking the city order for a 10% work-pay cutback in safety forces. (2-28-72)**

- 133. Mayor Perk proposes to speed up utility tax collections as a way of adding \$10m to the general fund. (2-29-72)**
- 134. Mayor Perk receives a \$4.1m grant from the Emergency Employment Act to rehire 500 city employees with City Council approval. (2-29-72)**
- 135. Mayor Perk is urged by some west side citizens not to close the special residential program for heroin addicts at the Jones Hospital. (3-1-72)**
- 136. Mayor Perk announces that Robert E. Doggett will head the Model Cities Program in Cleveland. (3-1-72)**
- 137. Mayor Perk negotiates with the Police and Fire Pension Board in Columbus to pay interest at 3% per year plus an additional \$3m annually to reduce principal. (3-1-72)**
- 138. Mayor Perk working with the Police and Fire and other employee unions avoided substantial wage cuts and service layoffs by reducing the city's debt through a 10% deferred pay plan. (3-2-72)**
- 139. Mayor Perk is informed that demolition will begin for the new Justice Center beginning in April. (3-2-72)**
- 140. Mayor Perk learns that at a meeting held last night the FOP voted in favor of the mayor's wage deferred proposal. (3-3-72)**
- 141. Mayor Perk's special arrangement with these unions enables the city to submit a balanced budget to Council thereby avoiding layoffs. (3-3-72)**



- 142. Mayor Perk is told that George Forbes wants the city to sell MUNY-light to CEI. (3-3-72)**
- 143. Mayor Perk meets with the city's Planning Commission to discuss their demand for a larger voice in the Lake Jetport proposal. (3-4-72)**
- 144. Mayor Perk's reluctance to support a 1% city income tax increase may well lead to its defeat at the polls. (3-6-72)**
- 145. Mayor Perk is informed that the majority in City Council oppose the proposed MUNY-Light sale to CEI. (3-7-72)**
- 146. Mayor Perk learns that Common Pleas Judge Herbert Whiting favors continuing the heroin addiction program at the Jones Hospital. (3-7-72)**
- 147. Mayor Perk lets the media know that police layoffs are still possible. (3-7-72)**
- 148. Mayor Perk pledges \$100,000 out of a total \$750,000 budget to expedite a special regional transportation study that might result in CTS receiving \$1.6m from the feds for capital improvements. (3-8-72)**
- 149. Mayor Perk appoints Ralph Tyler Sr. to be the city's new Service Director. (3-8-72)**
- 150. Mayor Perk receives \$4m in federal funds to hire 10,000 youth for various recreational programs. (3-8-72)**
- 151. Mayor Perk is ordered by the Federal Power Commission at a cost of \$250,000 to establish a tie-in between MUNY-Light and CEI to offer MUNY-Light an alternative power when MUNY-Light breaks down. (3-9-72)**

- 152. Mayor Perk tries to convince local sports promoter Nick Mileti to locate his new sports complex in the downtown area. (3-9-72)**
- 153. Mayor Perk praises the new CSU University Center saying is the most important element in rebuilding downtown. (3-9-72)**
- 154. Mayor Perk understands that there is a move underway to reduce the size of City Council from 33 to 17. (3-9-72)**
- 155. Mayor Perk tries to convince loge-holders, many major corporate sponsors, to invest in loges in a proposed new downtown arena. (3-10-72)**
- 156. Mayor Perk receives a special \$20m grant from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to add 141 new patrolmen to the local police force. (3-10-72)**
- 157. Mayor Perk hopes this strategy will help to convince Nick Mileti's to invest in a new sports arena downtown not in Richfield, Ohio. (3-10-72)**
- 158. Mayor Perk is told by Nick Mileti that he is going to erect his new sports complex in Richfield, OH. (3-10-72)**
- 159. Mayor Perk, in an austerity move, fires 24 sewage plant workers while projecting that 1,000 other city workers might also be let go. (3-10-72)**
- 160. Mayor Perk announces that the city's new health centers are now leading out-patient medical facilities providing free tests, breast tests, and blood pressure screening. (3-10-72)**

- 161. Mayor Perk seeks to solve local health crisis by appealing to the Metropolitan Health Planning Corporation for help. (3-12-72)**
- 162. Mayor Perk outlines his program objectives to the East 89<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Improvement Association. (3-13-72)**
- 163. Mayor Perk is honored by the Federation of German American Societies of Greater Cleveland. (3-14-72)**
- 164. Mayor Perk is part of a federal class action suit filed by five black public housing tenants and two public housing applicants who are demanding equity between new east side and new west side public housing construction. (3-14-72)**
- 165. Mayor Perk leads the fight to control the proposed Lake Erie Jetport. (3-14-72)**
- 166. Mayor Perk meets with a new non-profit organization called Greater Cleveland Forward; this group is seeking \$4.8m in seed money to begin revitalizing the city. (3-14-72)**
- 167. Mayor Perk appoints Dr. Frederick Robbins, Dean of CWRU School of Medicine, to head a new special advisory committee dedicated to rebuilding the city's Health and Welfare Department. (3-14-72)**
- 168. Mayor Perk receives a \$4.8m pledge from the Greater Cleveland Growth Association targeted towards civic growth. (3-14-72)**
- 169. Mayor Perk announces that construction of the much anticipated new Huron Road mall will begin this spring. (3-14-72)**

- 170. Mayor Perk battles County Commissioner Seth Taft over future Lake Erie Jetport control. (3-15-72)**
- 171. Mayor Perk's Air Pollution Commissioner James Wilburn demands that Republic Steel speed up its mills clean-up program. (3-15-72)**
- 172. Mayor Perk is informed by the CTS board that it intends to spend \$114,000 to upgrade its system. (3-16-72)**
- 173. Mayor Perk re-institutes a traffic control mounted unit and a motorcycle unit. (3-16-73)**
- 174. Mayor Perk urges City Council to review the recent hiring by the interim Model Cities Board of Directors of the Dargan J. Burns agency; agency is to oversee upcoming board election. (3-16-72)**
- 175. Mayor Perk accepts a two-month leave of action requested by his Press Secretary Harry Volk; Volk wants to promote a French film at the Cannes Film Festival. (3-17-72)**
- 176. Mayor Perk's Acting Port Director Gunther Katzmar, in an austerity move, plans to cut \$12.3m from his current budget. (3-17-72)**
- 177. Mayor Perk announces that the city will support a new downtown traffic study. (3-19-72)**
- 178. Mayor Perk asks City Council to approve a \$6m request to buy and demolish 247 west side homes that are in the path of Cleveland Hopkins Airport expansion. (3-21-72)**

- 179. Mayor Perk announces that the city and suburb are \$30m apart when it comes to developing a new regional sewer plan. (3-21-72)**
- 180. Mayor Perk pressing state legislators to approve the city's crisis borrowing plan. (3-22-72)**
- 181. Mayor Perk in an austerity move proposes that all city trash be compacted at a reported \$2.7m savings. (3-22-72)**
- 182. Mayor Perk is preparing to ask the Cleveland Browns to pay more stadium rent. (3-23-72)**
- 183. Mayor Perk authorizes the hiring of 605 new employees based on a \$3.4m federal grant from the Emergency Employment Act. (3-23-72)**
- 184. Mayor Perk seeks a federal grant of \$2.5m to replace outmoded computers. (3-23-72)**
- 185. Mayor Perk receives word that Nicholas Bucur is going to ask the city to buy \$8m CTS bonds. (3-24-72)**
- 186. Mayor Perk learns that the Safety Forces are going to block the hiring of 44 inexperienced recruits even though the feds have offered them a \$3.2m grant. (3-24-72)**
- 187. Mayor Perk studies Toronto and Indianapolis recent switches to regional government and to see if their new forms of governance might be applicable here. (3-26-72)**
- 188. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Landmarks Commission is about to receive a \$2,000 Gund Foundation grant. (3-27-72)**

- 189. Mayor Perk supports the Army Corporation of Engineers Harbor Study which could lead to major Cleveland harbor improvements. (3-29-72)**
- 190. Mayor Perk seeks funding for extensive renovations to bring the mayor's office to its original architectural glory. (3-29-72)**
- 191. Mayor Perk suggests the erection of a new 20-story state office building on top of the proposed Willard Parking Garage. (3-31-72)**
- 192. Mayor Perk offer for infrastructure improvements using the writ of eminent domain not only keeps the Cleveland Clinic in the city; but also, leads to the building of the 18-story \$10m Park Plaza Hotel. (4-1-72)**
- 193. Mayor Perk attends the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Easter Sunday Ball sponsored by the Cleveland Federation of Music. (4-3-72)**
- 194. Mayor Perk determines that the proposed Cleveland Hopkins Airport expansion will include the taking of more than 150 homes at an estimated cost of \$10m. (4-4-72)**
- 195. Mayor Perk is informed that CTS intends to layoff 65, cut service, and drop discount tickets. (4-6-72)**
- 196. Mayor Perk announces that the \$66m new Justice Center design has been approved. (4-6-72)**
- 197. Mayor Perk turns down the proposed \$8m CTS bond sale. (4-6-72)**
- 198. Mayor Perk announces that the Ohio Assembly has approved the Emergency City Borrowing bill. (4-7-72)**

- 199. Mayor Perk is negotiating a deal for a 400-room luxury hotel for Bond Court reported price \$10m. (4-7-72)**
- 200. Mayor Perk announces that the feds approved the I-90 link to the western suburbs. (4-9-72)**
- 201. Mayor Perk's trip to Italy paid by the feds. (4-10-72)**
- 202. Mayor Perk appoints Neil McGinness, Frederick Pizzedaz, and Donald Orsini to the city's Community Development Department. (4-11-72)**
- 203. Mayor Perk discovers that any change in the sewer system will lead to lower sewer rates for the suburb. (4-11-72)**
- 204. Mayor Perk's assistant Robert Weisman probes into allegations of police brutality at the recent Phoenix Dye Company strike. (4-11-72)**
- 205. Mayor Perk convinces City Council to approve the funding for a feasibility study of a lakefront sports arena. (4-13-72)**
- 206. Mayor Perk creates a 46-member Roving Task Force and/or Juvenile Crime Strike Force that works at night to combat mounting juvenile crime within the city. (4-16-72)**
- 207. Mayor Perk announces plans to rehire 10 recently laid off policemen with a special \$3.2m Emergency Employment Act grant. (4-18-72)**
- 208. Mayor Perk receives from his assistant Howard B. Klein the positive results of a recent \$100,000 feasibility study on building a parking garage under Public Square. (4-19-72)**

- 209. Mayor Perk is upset with the haggling occurring between CTS and its unionized worker force over potential cost cutting measures. (4-19-72)**
- 210. Mayor perk and City Council argue over who will control the \$20m federal grant targeted towards crime fighting. (4-20-72)**
- 211. Mayor Perk announces a proposal to build a \$40m 1,000-room luxury hotel under Mall C. (4-21-72)**
- 212. Mayor Perk learns that Philip Gaeta, the former city's Street Commissioner, and William (Sonny) Harris, the former Executive Secretary to the city's Service Director, are found guilty of accepting bribes. (4-22-72)**
- 213. Mayor Perk seeks \$354,000 in federal funds before reopening the city's 33 swimming pools. (4-22-72)**
- 214. Mayor Perk announces that the city will borrow a total of \$12m to operate the city and in doing that the city will not raise taxes. (4-25-72)**
- 215. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland City Council has approved the issuance of bonds totaling \$9.6m to pay city employees their 10% deferred pay. (4-25-72)**
- 216. Mayor Perk in an austerity move considers freezing city employee wages for 1973. (4-27-72)**
- 217. Mayor Perk announces that eight office buildings and shopping centers will be getting tax breaks. (5-3-72)**



- 218. Mayor Perk announces that a mini-park costing \$300,000 will be constructed at the corner of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Chester Avenue. (5-4-72)**
- 219. Mayor Perk is not pleased when MUNY-Light experiences two power outages the other evening. (5-4-72)**
- 220. Mayor Perk is ordered by the Court of Appeals to pay all back wages to the 300 city workers in the building trades who were recently laid off. (5-5-72)**
- 221. Mayor Perk receives \$300,962 from the feds to rehabilitate University-Euclid area. (5-8-72)**
- 222. Mayor Perk is informed that 25 have been elected to the Model Cities board and that it is to be led by Robert Doggett. (5-8-72)**
- 223. Mayor Perk creates the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council which is a regional law enforcement planning group that qualifies for \$8m in federal law enforcement dollars. (5-9-72)**
- 224. Mayor Perk proposes \$29m in capital improvements for FY 1972-73. (5-9-72)**
- 225. Mayor Perk announces that private funding totaling \$5.6m will be used to rehabilitate 312 houses in and around Chester Avenue. (5-11-72)**
- 226. Mayor Perk convinces City Council to approve the Gateway Project on the Lake which will include a new hotel, new office space, and a sports arena. (5-11-72)**

- 227. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Impact Cities Program receives \$20m in federal grants to hire 80 additional policemen. (5-13-72)**
- 228. Mayor Perk receives \$2.5m as part of the Cleveland Impact Cities Program enlarges the existing police narcotics unit and establishes the Cleveland Drug Abuse Program to fight heroin. (5-18-72)**
- 229. Mayor Perk receives a \$200,000 Cleveland Foundation grant to find a useful police department communication system. (5-25-72)**
- 230. Mayor Perk seeks \$3m in reimbursements from the feds to operate a number of small federal programs. (5-25-72)**
- 231. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of Charles A. Crown the city's Water Pollution Control Commissioner. (5-25-72)**
- 232. Mayor Perk is informed that the MUNY-Light plant has failed again. (5-25-75)**
- 233. Mayor Perk announces that the city is to build a new \$1.6m west side multipurpose center at Loudres site. (5-28-72)**
- 234. Mayor Perk receives \$200,000 from the feds to convert Huron Road from a commercial street into a tree-lined avenue and shopping mall. (5-31-72)**
- 235. Mayor Perk leverages \$7.5m to complete the industrial project in the Gladstone urban renewal area begun in 1964. (5-31-72)**

- 236. Mayor Perk and entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. host the Highway Foundation's Annual Luncheon. (6-1-72)**
- 237. Mayor Perk appoints Mrs. Rosemary Lewis to serve as the city's new Streets Commissioner. (6-2-72)**
- 238. Mayor Perk asks his mayoral opponent James M. Carney to consider building a new Bond Court Hotel adjacent to the new Bond Court Towers. (6-3-72)**
- 239. Mayor Perk secures \$9m from the federal government to improve the Warrensville workhouse. (6-3-72)**
- 240. Mayor Perk wrests control of the \$4.6m Neighborhood Youth Corporation Summer Job Program from the Cleveland School Board. (6-5-72)**
- 241. Mayor Perk receives \$2m from the feds to fight juvenile delinquency. (6-5-72)**
- 242. Mayor Perk's action in late 1971 leads to NOACA re-certification which means that the region will qualify for HUD matching funds of about \$100,000 for both mass transit and freeway construction. (6-6-72)**
- 243. Mayor Perk secures a \$230,000 federal grant to open city swimming pools and playgrounds. (6-7-72)**
- 244. Mayor Perk learns that his Finance Director Andrew J. Putka has gained control of the city budget from his Budget and Management Director Vincent Campanella. (6-7-72)**

- 245. Mayor Perk and the Cleveland School Board are battling over who will control the Summer Job Program for Youth. (6-7-72)**
- 246. Mayor Perk is interested in a proposal calling for the merger of the city and county health agencies. (6-7-72)**
- 247. Mayor Perk suspends John Pilch the Director of the city's Weights and Measures Department for refusing to disclose public records. (6-8-72)**
- 248. Mayor Perk is informed by the city's Health Department that it has just cited 200 businesses for sanitary violations. (6-8-72)**
- 249. Mayor Perk announces that the city intends to plant trees and shrubs at the new East 12<sup>th</sup> Street park. (6-8-72)**
- 250. Mayor Perk is told that City Council plans to tighten assault and battery laws with the hope of gaining \$150,000 in additional revenue annually. (6-8-72)**
- 251. Mayor Perk gets \$12m from Washington, D.C. to purchase the houses north of Cleveland Hopkins Airport for future runway expansion. (6-8-72)**
- 252. Mayor Perk is informed that few doors are open to women who want to apply for police work. (6-8-72)**
- 253. Mayor Perk receives a \$230,000 federal grant to operate the Summer Recreational Program. (6-8-72)**
- 254. Mayor Perk meets with the city's Safety Director James T. Carney who supports those firemen who are protesting the shortage of manpower and lack of pay raises. (6-9-72)**

- 255. Mayor Perk's Law Director Richard Hollington is to appeal the most recent IRS ruling calling for annual police pay raises of \$773. (6-9-72)**
- 256. Mayor Perk orders a halt to city workers circulating petitions calling for the reduction of the size of City Council. (6-9-72)**
- 257. Mayor Perk announces an audit of the Warrensville Workhouse headed by Andrew J. Kandy will begin immediately. (6-10-72)**
- 258. Mayor Perk opposes four year terms for mayor. (6-10-72)**
- 259. Mayor Perk inherits an inefficient city-owned sewer system that provides inconsistent service and varying rates in the city and suburbs. (6-10-72)**
- 260. Mayor Perk announces that some firefighters are calling in sick (Blue Flu) in response to their not receiving their expected pay raises. (6-10-72)**
- 261. Mayor Perk unveils \$100m Gateway Project. (6-11-72)**
- 262. Mayor Perk returns to work after hospitalization for a cold brought about by overwork. (6-11-72)**
- 263. Mayor Perk is informed that the Standard Oil of Ohio Company has reached a tentative agreement with the city to buy a 106-acre site for a new \$5.6m solid waster disposal facility. (6-11-72)**
- 264. Mayor Perk announces that millionaire businessman James M. Carney has offered to help finance the building**

**of the Bond Court Hotel with no further details given at this time. (6-12-72)**

- 265. Mayor Perk is greatly upset when Dennis Kucinich pans the Jetport idea as too costly. (6-12-72)**
- 266. Mayor Perk's appointment of Mrs. Rosemary Lewis as his new Street Commissioner is questioned by five employees who had passed the Civil Service tests but were forced to withdraw. (6-12-72)**
- 267. Mayor Perk learns from the Greater Cleveland Growth Association that it has raised \$2.6m towards a \$4.8m goal for the new non-profit Greater Cleveland Forward Program which is dedicated to improving mass transit, business promotion/retention, housing, and government. (6-12-72)**
- 268. Mayor Perk meets with LERTA board to help them in its primary task finding an Executive Director. (6-13-72)**
- 269. Mayor Perk's detractors claim that he ordered the destruction of petitions calling for a smaller sized City Council. (6-13-72)**
- 270. Mayor Perk's Press Secretary Hal Morgan says that the mayor was not at fault here; but rather, the city's Law Director Richard Hollington who admitted that he had altered Perk's statements regarding the petitions. (6-13-72)**
- 271. Mayor Perk submits a \$143m budget for 1973. (6-13-72)**
- 272. Mayor Perk request \$23m from the Department of Labor to create 3,000 new jobs annually. (6-13-72)**

- 273. Mayor Perk unveils Sheldon Green's \$350m Terminal Tower development project area which calls for a premier hotel, a domed stadium, two to three office buildings, three theatres, terraced apartments, an underground parking, garage, and underground air terminal. (6-14-72)**
- 274. Mayor Perk agrees to the MUNY-Light/CEI deal whereby MUNY-Light pays a \$6,000 annual fee to CEI for the installation and maintenance of eight poles running across CEI land as part of the tie in. (6-14-72)**
- 275. Mayor Perk announces that the city tops the nation in the amount of federal funds received this year for airport expansion. (6-14-72)**
- 276. Mayor Perk meets former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell at a private luncheon held in Columbus. (6-14-72)**
- 277. Mayor Perk seeks \$2m in state income tax revenue owed the city as a way of lessening the city's debt. (6-14-72)**
- 278. Mayor Perk's summer job program will include 199 supervisors. (6-15-72)**
- 279. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cuyahoga Port Authority will receive a \$1.25m federal grant to build a \$3.9m warehouse; the authority will issue bonds to cover the cost difference. (6-15-72)**
- 280. Mayor Perk appoints Sam D. Canitia as the city's new Real Estate Tax Consultant. (6-15-72)**

- 281. Mayor Perk supports a feasibility study to be conducted by Howard, Neddles, Tammen, and Bergendorf Incorporation of a possible 2000-car Public Square underground garage. (6-15-72)**
- 282. Mayor Perk appoints Joseph L. Novak to replace Kenneth H. Cooley as the Warrensville Workhouse Commissioner. (6-15-72)**
- 283. Mayor Perk visits the CTS board to demand more loop buses. (6-15-72)**
- 284. Mayor Perk spearheads efforts to revamp current water pollution control program as authorized under the Water Pollution Control Act 1972. (6-15-72)**
- 285. Mayor Perk, recognizing the inefficiency of the present sewer system, complies with the Common Pleas Court Judge George McMonagle order to regionalize the system with the suburbs paying \$35m for this new facility. (6-15-72)**
- 286. Mayor Perk plans to take the \$35m he will soon receive from the sale of the sewer system and use it to pay the city's general operating expenses. (6-15-72)**
- 287. Mayor Perk endorses the plan due to the fact that the sewer system is running a \$2m to \$3m deficit annually. (6-16-72)**
- 288. Mayor Perk convinces CTS to extend trunk routes into Erievew. (6-16-72)**
- 289. Mayor Perk receives an FAA study that favors water jetport sites for cities like Cleveland. (6-16-72)**



- 290. Mayor Perk announces that the city will get \$80,000 from Avis and Hertz resulting from a taxpayers' suit over airport rental payments. (6-16-72)**
- 291. Mayor Perk secures \$288.5m for the new regional sewer district and a ten year capital improvement program to provide sufficient water to surrounding communities. (6-17-72)**
- 292. Mayor Perk's son Kenneth Perk receives a degree from Cuyahoga Community College-Metro Campus. (6-17-72)**
- 293. Mayor Perk seeks \$4.6m from City Council for the Schools Neighborhood Youth Corporation. (6-17-72)**
- 294. Mayor Perk announces that the new sewer system will cost \$700m and that the federal government will cover 75% of the expense between 1973 and 1982. (6-18-72)**
- 295. Mayor Perk is informed by City Council that it will override Dennis Kucinich objective to Lake Erie Jetport and will apply for a \$1m grant to conduct a feasibility study for the jetport. (6-20-72)**
- 296. Mayor Perk is pleased when an anonymous donor gives the city \$81,000 for the summer recreational program. (6-20-72)**
- 297. Mayor Perk insists that the court reimburse Cleveland taxpayers for the city's original investment in the water system and current county-wide expenses. (6-20-72)**

- 298. Mayor Perk attends “Ralph Perk Day,” an annual picnic by the American Nationalities Movement of Greater Cleveland to honor its founder. (6-20-72)**
- 299. Mayor Perk will stump for President Richard Nixon. (6-21-72)**
- 300. Mayor Perk’s \$10m court reimbursement is placed into the general fund which is used for many purposes that include paying back the deficit funding and outstanding bond debts. (6-21-72)**
- 301. Mayor Perk convinces Cleveland City Council to approve his proposal calling for the establishment of the Office of Consumer Affairs whose mission is to protect the citizenry from fraudulent business practices. (6-21-72)**
- 302. Mayor Perk’s ability to turn this regional sewer system into a profitable money maker insures that the city will retain its high credit rating. (6-22-72)**
- 303. Mayor Perk receives a \$4.9m HUD grant to create new scattered-site housing on the West Side. (6-22-72)**
- 304. Mayor Perk’s efforts enabled the newly created Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to solicit federal funds to build a dam in Lakeview Cemetery to prevent flooding in the University Circle area. (6-23-72)**
- 305. Mayor Perk efforts result in the modernization of both the Cultural Gardens and Public Square. (6-23-72)**
- 306. Mayor Perk fails to convince City Council to approve his plan calling for the construction of a new \$5.6m solid waste/refuse compacting system. (6-23-72)**

- 307. Mayor Perk is informed that public hearings will be held today on the possibility of building a new \$18m municipal garage near Terminal Tower. (6-23-72)**
- 308. Mayor Perk undaunted by City Council's rejection of his compacting system turns to the feds to build large interceptor sewers and the Southerly, Westerly, and Easterly treatment facilities. (6-24-72)**
- 309. Mayor Perk takes the initial step in creating this area's first regional sewer system by selling the city's system for \$32m. (6-25-72)**
- 310. Mayor Perk congratulates the Hough Development Corporation on receiving a 2-year \$2m U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity grant. (6-26-72)**
- 311. Mayor Perk receives a \$25,000 federal grant to remodel the Cleveland Vocational Guidance and Rehabilitation Center at 2239 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street. (6-27-72)**
- 312. Mayor Perk announces that Mrs. Rosemary Lewis is to retain her position as the new Street Commissioner. (6-27-72)**
- 313. Mayor Perk receives word that the feds approved funding a \$1.2m Lake Erie Jetport feasibility study. (6-27-72)**
- 314. Mayor Perk is pleased that City Council approved a \$10m bond issue to build the Willard Garage. (6-27-72)**

- 315. Mayor Perk announces that the national accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company will conduct a survey dealing with the city's need for new hotel space. (6-28-72)**
- 316. Mayor Perk attends the opening ceremonies for the new East 12<sup>th</sup> Street park called Chester Commons. (6-28-72)**
- 317. Mayor Perk announces that 23 laid-off firemen will return to their jobs this week. (6-29-72)**
- 318. Mayor Perk informs the media that the Lake Erie Jetport will generate over 870,000 new jobs. (7-4-72)**
- 319. Mayor Perk is pushing City Council to approve a \$6m allocation to upgrade the city's waste disposal system. (7-4-72)**
- 320. Mayor Perk announces that projected tax collections for RITA during this past year will exceed \$16m. (7-5-72)**
- 321. Mayor Perk is informed that city laborers Frank Libal, William Brown, L.V. McElrath, William Dobbins, and Charles Curtis were fired for illegally paving a private driveway of a friend. (7-5-72)**
- 322. Mayor Perk's support of the Jetport is challenged by several local economists and environmentalists. (7-6-72)**
- 323. Mayor Perk will swear in the newly elected Model Cities board tomorrow. (7-6-72)**
- 324. Mayor Perk, on a legal technicality, refuses to sign City Council legislation calling for a taxi fare increase. (7-6-72)**

- 325. Mayor Perk is compelled by the Ohio Supreme Court to pay \$569,872 in back taxes and penalties to Cleveland Hopkins Airport based on illegal financial benefits the city derived from business rentals on airport land. (7-6-72)**
- 326. Mayor Perk appoints Dr. Jack C. Robertson as his new Health Department Director. (7-7-72)**
- 327. Mayor Perk receives a CTS financial operating request of \$50,000 to \$60,000. (7-7-72)**
- 328. Mayor Perk is informed that a six member City Council led by Dennis Kucinich opposes the Jetport because of its potential hazards and estimated high costs. (7-8-72)**
- 329. Mayor Perk receives word that City Treasurer Jack Cross has been suspended as police investigate a \$3,000 discrepancy concerning CTS ticket sales. (7-12-72)**
- 330. Mayor Perk is expecting the Cleveland Board of Control to award a \$405,000 contract to improve the Flats. (7-12-72)**
- 331. Mayor Perk launches a drive to restore city parks by establishing a new Civics Committee headed by a well-respected local lawyer named William Van Aken. (7-15-72)**
- 332. Mayor Perk takes action to ease present overcrowded and unsanitary conditions found in the city jail. (7-17-72)**
- 333. Mayor Perk secures \$20m to become one of eight cities to establish an Impact Cities Program that is a discretionary initiative designed to reduce assaults, burglaries, and robberies by 25% over a seven year period. (7-18-72)**

- 334. Mayor Perk is pleased when City Council approves the sale of Cleveland's sewer treatment facilities to the new metropolitan sewer district. (7-18-72)**
- 335. Mayor Perk receives a \$20m federal grant to fight crime. (7-19-72)**
- 336. Mayor Perk appoints Richard (Dick) Boylan, a well-known Washington, DC lawyer who worked for the U.S. Justice Department, to head his new crime prevention program. (7-19-72)**
- 337. Mayor Perk uses Impact Cities Program funds to create a Volunteer Auxiliary Police Force. (7-20-72)**
- 338. Mayor Perk learns that Kenneth Cooley, the former head of the Warrensville Workhouse, has filed a law suit in Commons Plea Court asking for his old job back. (7-20-72)**
- 339. Mayor Perk's Planning Director Norman Krunholz proposes to state officials the creation of a new seven county real estate sharing program. (7-20-72)**
- 340. Mayor Perk launches the "Little Europe" festival which includes a Polka Jamboree. (7-21-72)**
- 341. Mayor Perk leads the city's 176<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration with a 50-lb. cake and music. (7-21-72)**
- 342. Mayor Perk announces his support of Spiro T. Agnew for Vice-President of the United States. (7-21-72)**
- 343. Mayor Perk meets with Police Chief Gerald Rademaker to discuss the chief's proposal calling for an additional 3,000 policemen. (7-22-72)**

- 344. Mayor Perk reports that the city's crime rate has dropped by 6.8% since 1971. (7-22-72)**
- 345. Mayor Perk informs the media that the city intends to resurface 175 streets by the end of this year. (7-24-72)**
- 346. Mayor Perk's Auxiliary Police Force, headed by Vince Fiebig a retired police, recruits and trains citizens to report, deter, and prevent crime city-wide by working with the police. (7-25-72)**
- 347. Mayor Perk begins his own war on dirt, litter, and weeds. (7-25-72)**
- 348. Mayor Perk's new Consumer Affairs Secretary Joseph A Stewart will serve under Herman Kammerman. (7-25-72)**
- 349. Mayor Perk reports that the expected cost of a new expanded water system may be as high as \$2billion. (7-25-72)**
- 350. Mayor Perk announces that the long awaited \$5.5m Bohn Apartments will be completed in December. (7-26-72)**
- 351. Mayor Perk appoints the wife of the U.S. District Attorney Mrs. Frederick M. Coleman and a prominent local lawyer and Citizens League trustee David Bailey to serve on his new regional transit board. (7-27-72)**
- 352. Mayor Perk's Recreation Commissioner John Nagy blames slow police response time for the increased incidents of vandalism at the city's swimming pools. (7-27-72)**

- 353. Mayor Perk is very upset when City Council tries to take control of his new Consumer Affairs Department led by Herman Kammerman and Joseph A. Stewart. (7-27-72)**
- 354. Mayor Perk's 2,500 member Auxiliary Police Force recruits, with their special uniforms and jackets, receive training in first-aid, crowd control, and directing traffic at fires, schools, and churches. (7-27-72)**
- 355. Mayor Perk Auxiliary Police Force distributes more than 200,000 "Neighborhood Block Watch" city-wide. (7-29-72)**
- 356. Mayor Perk asks the Cleveland Rotary Club to help him expand the city's Auxiliary Police force. (7-29-72)**
- 357. Mayor Perk unveils plans for a new \$40m westerly pollution control center. (7-31-72)**
- 358. Mayor Perk seeks both federal and state funding to ease the crisis facing emergency rooms in many Cleveland inner-city hospitals. (7-31-72)**
- 359. Mayor Perk announces that a tentative agreement has been reached to build a new Bond Court hotel. (8-1-72)**
- 360. Mayor Perk seeks federal funds for his new Neighborhood Development Program. (8-1-72)**
- 361. Mayor Perk explores various funding options available for his new Consumer Protection Agency should he decide to override City Council approval. (8-2-72)**
- 362. Mayor Perk meets with disgruntle guards who work at the Warrensville Workhouse to discuss ways he might improve present working conditions. (8-3-72)**



- 363. Mayor Perk and Nicholas Bucur ask the CTS board to cancel any and all pay increase demands until the present deficit is reduced. (8-4-72)**
- 364. Mayor Perk announces that a series of petitions calling for the reduction in the size of City Council from 33 to 15 have been filed. (8-5-72)**
- 365. Mayor Perk appoints Richard T. Carmody to serve as his new Director of the Cleveland Youth Services Program. (8-8-72)**
- 366. Mayor Perk is informed that Nick Mileti, President of the Cleveland Indians, intends to construct a new warning track at Municipal Stadium. (8-8-72)**
- 367. Mayor Perk learns that Art Modell, President of the Cleveland Browns, is very upset that Nick Mileti did not consult with him first before announcing his stadium improvement plans. (8-9-72)**
- 368. Mayor Perk is pleased to learn that the State of Ohio is seriously considering erecting a new State Office Building in downtown Cleveland. (8-9-72)**
- 369. Mayor Perk is compelled by Common Pleas Judge Ralph J. Locher to pay 4,000 city workers more than \$3m in lost fringe benefits. (8-11-72)**
- 370. Mayor Perk is asked by his Director of Human Resources and Economic Development Michael Pap to create a new Urban Observatory dedicated to studying urban problems. (8-13-72)**

- 371. Mayor Perk is told that the petitions circulated to cut the size of City Council fell short by 1,000 signatures and will therefore not appear on the November ballot. (8-14-72)**
- 372. Mayor Perk seeks \$17m from Governor John J. Gilligan to keep emergency rooms open in several financially strapped hospitals. (8-16-72)**
- 373. Mayor Perk and Browns owner Art Modell discuss the possibility of building a new football stadium on city-owned land in Warrensville Township. (8-23-72)**
- 374. Mayor Perk is unhurt when a group of protesters stone the bus he is riding on at the Republican National Convention in Miami. (8-24-72)**
- 375. Mayor Perk proposes to keep industry in Cleveland by making the city a land agent. (8-26-72)**
- 376. Mayor Perk proposes to redevelop rundown Prospect Avenue by designating it an Urban Renewal area. (8-30-72)**
- 377. Mayor Perk meets with S.E. Knudsen, White Motor Company Chairman to discuss possible expansion options. (8-30-72)**
- 378. Mayor Perk says he supports the renewed efforts of the Citizen's League in circulating petitions calling for the reduction of City Council. (8-30-72)**
- 379. Mayor Perk accuses City Council President Edmond J. Turk of withholding signed petitions calling for a reduction in council's size. (8-31-72)**

- 380. Mayor Perk, after meeting with S.E. Knudsen of the White Motor Company, suggests that part of Gordon Park might be sold to that corporation for expansion. (8-31-72)**
- 381. Mayor Perk announces that the city's new Impact Cities Program will receive a \$20m federal crime grant from the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistant Administration. (9-7-72)**
- 382. Mayor Perk announces the city will not fine CEI for its failure to clean-up its own polluted sites or meet the local air code. (9-8-72)**
- 383. Mayor Perk questions why the massive cleanup of Lake Erie financed by city bond sales in 1968 has not begun. (9-9-72)**
- 384. Mayor Perk's subsequent investigation of that bond sale shows that the city has paid more interest on those bonds than it received from the sale. (9-9-72)**
- 385. Mayor Perk, hoping to generate an additional \$100,000 in city revenue annually, offers \$1.5m for a new hotel ship. (9-11-72)**
- 386. Mayor Perk unveils plans for a new \$12m development project that will include building a new shopping center, medical offices, and a condo complex at the west end of Puritas Avenue. (9-12-72)**
- 387. Mayor Perk learns that the Browns owner Art Modell is considering Strongsville as a possible site for his new stadium. (9-13-72)**

- 388. Mayor Perk seeks a \$250,000 federal grant to erect a new Nationalities Garden on the Mall based on plans by Alfred F. Cz, the Commissioner of Design and Construction. (9-14-72)**
- 389. Mayor Perk supports the Cleveland Port Authority's decision to expand along the Lake Erie shoreline by purchasing several strategically important lake sites from the financially strapped Penn Central railroad. (9-14-72)**
- 390. Mayor Perk proposes using the recently secured \$18m in federal revenue sharing to retire city debts. (9-16-72)**
- 391. Mayor Perk views the Writ of Eminent Domain as a very valuable legal tool in acquiring much needed vacant parcels for the proposed land bank. (9-20-72)**
- 392. Mayor Perk's decision to suspend an earlier agreed-upon architectural contract, on a legal technicality, may very well postpone much needed Cleveland Hopkins Airport expansion for several years. (9-21-72)**
- 393. Mayor Perk appoints George J. Wrost to replace Frank Duman as the city's Properties Department director. (9-25-72)**
- 394. Mayor Perk is informed that 3,600 members of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Local 100 voted last night to strike. (9-25-72)**
- 395. Mayor Perk learns that the Municipal Foreman and Laborers Union Local 1099 has joined the strikers. (9-26-72)**

- 396. Mayor Perk discovers that the solid financial backing he had expected for his \$154m Gateway Plan may not materialize. (9-27-72)**
- 397. Mayor Perk announces that the city will receive \$14m in revenue sharing not \$18m as reported earlier. (9-30-72)**
- 398. Mayor Perk calls for the ouster of three important CTS board members Stella G. White, William O. Walker, and Joseph F. McMacmamon based on absenteeism. (9-30-72)**
- 399. Mayor Perk secures an Emergency Employment grant of \$2.4m to hire 181 city employees, most had been laid off earlier this year. (10-1-72)**
- 400. Mayor Perk attends groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$200,000 Kalin Hall and Clubhouse. (10-2-72)**
- 401. Mayor Perk learns that CTS will not postpone its plans to extend 15 inner-city bus routes. (10-2-72)**
- 402. Mayor Perk seeks a strike injunction against the Municipal Foreman and Laborers Union Local 1099. (10-2-72)**
- 403. Mayor Perk's son Thomas C. Perk announces that he is running for state representative. (10-3-72)**
- 404. Mayor Perk announces that the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal employees' strike is over and that union members will receive 5.5% wage increases with fringe benefits. (10-4-72)**
- 405. Mayor Perk orders city police shakeup. (10-6-72)**

- 406. Mayor Perk patrols the city in secret as part of the latest police shakeup. (10-10-72)**
- 407. Mayor Perk receives a \$90,000 federal grant for a new rehabilitation center. (10-10-72)**
- 408. Mayor Perk unveils plans to accelerate public projects, establish a land bank, and reorganize manpower training programs. (10-11-72)**
- 409. Mayor Perk welcomes the new Cleveland Crusades professional hockey team to the Arena. (10-11-72)**
- 410. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland will receive \$14.5m in revenue sharing over the next five years. (10-13-72)**
- 411. Mayor Perk refuses to yield the city's control of the port authority. (10-13-72)**
- 412. Mayor Perk's hair catches on fire during ribbon cutting ceremonies at the opening of the Society of Metals Convention. (10-16-72)**
- 413. Mayor Perk announces a 5.5% pay raise for all non-uniformed employees. (10-19-72)**
- 414. Mayor Perk congratulates Cuyahoga County officials on the completion of their new \$128m Justice Center. (10-19-72)**
- 415. Mayor Perk attends groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Cuyahoga County Justice Center. (10-20-72)**
- 416. Mayor Perk reasserts the idea of using land banks to lure future industrial development to the city. (10-27-72)**

- 417. Mayor Perk has sought a record \$75.1m in federal assistance this past year. (10-29-72)**
- 418. Mayor Perk unveils plans to erect a new \$16m hotel on the Bond Court site. (11-10-72)**
- 419. Mayor Perk received the latest CTS ledgers indicating that this transit system is losing \$2,695 per day. (11-17-72)**
- 420. Mayor Perk is given the OK by the U.S. Appellate Court to fire four out of the five Civil Service Commissioners for misconduct. (11-17-72)**
- 421. Mayor Perk chooses NORCOM to develop the proposed \$36m Gateway Project. (11-20-72)**
- 422. Mayor Perk announces that the Civil Service Commission has exonerated City Treasurer Jack Cross and that he will be reinstated with full back pay. (11-25-72)**
- 423. Mayor Perk orders 954 policemen to work overtime until the present pay and working conditions issues are resolved. (11-27-72)**
- 424. Mayor Perk learns that City Councilman George Forbes might block the Gateway Project unless a systematic approach for tearing down existing structures is developed. (11-27-72)**
- 425. Mayor Perk receives a \$22m grant from HUD to resolve its incurred Urban Renewal debt for both Erieview I and II. (11-29-72)**

- 426. Mayor Perk receives praise from the press for putting the city back on sound economic footing. (11-30-72)**
- 427. Mayor Perk announces that Robert E. Doggett, a veteran city planner, has been appointed to direct the newly revamped \$9.3m Model Cities Program. (12-8-72)**
- 428. Mayor Perk plans to use \$2.9m out of Cleveland's \$14m in revenue sharing funds to offset the city deficit. (12-8-72)**
- 429. Mayor Perk testifies in front of Common Pleas Court that recent police overtime costs are justified in that it has reduced crime by 32%. (12-10-72)**
- 430. Mayor Perk learns that City Council has approved selling \$6m in city bonds to help finance the new Gateway Project. (12-12-72)**
- 431. Mayor Perk is happy to report that the Cleveland Planning Commission has just approved the new Bond Court Hotel plans. (12-12-72)**
- 432. Mayor Perk announces that Richard Hollington is stepping down as the city's Law Director to be replaced by Herbert R. Whiting, a well-known Common Pleas judge. (12-13-72)**
- 433. Mayor Perk announces that Hal Morgan is resigning as his Press Secretary to return to WJW radio. (12-21-72)**
- 434. Mayor Perk ends the year by balancing the previous year's \$13.6m cash deficit without raising taxes. (12-31-72)**



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- 1. Mayor Perk endorses local community efforts to create new neighborhood and community development corps. (1-1-73)**
- 2. Mayor Perk fails to respond to a press release by Bruce Foster, International Representative of the Amalgamated Transit Union's who said that the Mayor will most likely buy the remaining CTS bonds to prevent a bondholder takeover. (1-1-73)**
- 3. Mayor Perk announces that during his first year in office the city received an unprecedented \$52.7m in federal aid. (1-1-73)**
- 4. Mayor Perk establishes new investment procedures which earned the city \$7.5m in interest in 1972 and \$10m in the following year. (1-1-73)**
- 5. Mayor Perk announces that the City's General Fund is operating with no service reductions at \$400,000 less per week compared with 1970. (1-1-73)**
- 6. Mayor Perk encourages the Citizen's League to circulate petitions favoring the reduction of City Council from 33 members to 15 members and to bring it to a vote where it failed. (1-1-73)**
- 7. Mayor Perk received \$7.2m in federal funds last month and is expecting an additional \$7.2m in federal funds this month. (1-2-73)**

- 8. Mayor Perk announces that the city's unemployment rate dropped from 11.8% in 1971 to 10.0% in 1972. (1-2-73)**
- 9. Mayor Perk's uses these same funds to pay city employees their full earnings plus the 10% deferment accumulated from the previous months. (1-2-73).**
- 10. Mayor Perk prevents the city's financial collapse by persuading the Ohio legislature to pass a temporary law that allows the city to borrow \$10m at 2% interest. (1-2-73)**
- 11. Mayor Perk relies on this one-time only funding package to temporarily cover last year's debt while trimming next year's budget. (1-2-73)**
- 12. Mayor Perk takes further advantage of this revenue bill to borrow an additional \$9.6m for operating expenses at just under a 3% interest rate. (1-2-73)**
- 13. Mayor Perk in 1972 collected \$600,000 from delinquent taxpayers and an additional \$127,000 in interest and penalties. (1-2-73)**
- 14. Mayor Perk in 1972 reduced the number of city employees from 8,881 to 6,644 a 30% staff reduction. (1-2-73)**
- 15. Mayor Perk's swift action averts a 10% layoff of city workers. (1-3-73)**
- 16. Mayor Perk opposes Cuyahoga Commissioner Hugh A. Corrigan's proposal to erect a new \$42m sports complex adjacent to Cleveland Municipal Stadium. (1-3-73)**

- 17. Mayor Perk tells Corrigan that he continues to support Nick Mileti so long as he is willing to invest downtown. (1-3-73)**
- 18. Mayor Perk's new Law Director Herbert Whiting is sworn in. (1-3-73)**
- 19. Mayor Perk is informed that Kenneth Cooley has decided not to accept his old job as Warrensville Workhouse Commissioner. (1-4-73)**
- 20. Mayor Perk is told by the city's Civil Service Commission that Bill Mack the former Grounds Investigator for the city must be reinstated based on improprieties related to his firing. (1-4-73)**
- 21. Mayor Perk announces that a new computers system will handle daily sewer problems. (1-4-73)**
- 22. Mayor Perk, knowing that the state of Ohio does not permit deficit spending or borrowing for operating purposes, develops his own funding strategy. (1-4-73)**
- 23. Mayor Perk attends a White House luncheon with several of President Nixon's aides. (1-5-73)**
- 24. Mayor Perk learns that the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's plans to drop its investigation into City Council President Edmund Turk's allegations concerning the destruction of petitions seeking to reduce City Council's size. (1-5-73)**
- 25. Mayor Perk proposes that the city establish a Cleveland Department of Transportation which would handle transportation issues for all of Cuyahoga County. (1-6-73)**

- 26. Mayor Perk predicts that the current downtown building boom will exceed \$676.7m by 1975. (1-6-73)**
- 27. Mayor Perk's Executive Assistant Robert D. Hart resigns to become Assistant Law Director. (1-6-73)**
- 28. Mayor Perk's Commission of Architecture Zorian J. Horodysky resigns to pursue private interests. (1-6-73)**
- 29. Mayor Perk's Office of Consumer Affairs demands that perishable foods be labeled with an open date. (1-7-73)**
- 30. Mayor Perk receives a \$365,000 federal grant to reopen five recreation centers. (1-8-73)**
- 31. Mayor Perk agrees with LERTA who announced that it will make its final Jetport recommendations based on reputable feasibility studies. (1-9-73)**
- 32. Mayor Perk is informed that the recent federal band on new public housing within the city means that Cleveland will lose more than 1,000 new units. (1-9-73)**
- 33. Mayor Perk plans to hold a series of meetings with the Airport Commissioner Gunther E. Katzmar to discuss new ways to finance the modernization of the main airport terminal. (1-9-73)**
- 34. Mayor Perk asks feds for an air enforcer. (1-9-73)**
- 35. Mayor Perk pressures the EPA to lend the city an air expert who would be in charge of daily monitoring the quality of the city's air. (1-10-73)**

- 36. Mayor Perk learns that an independent group called the Consumer Action Committee opposes the restrictions proposed by the new Consumer Affairs Office. (1-10-73)**
- 37. Mayor Perk is given conditional approval by the federal Equal Opportunity Officer Elijah Wheeler to award a \$213,539 contract to an upstate New York building contractor to fix 850 city hydrants. (1-10-73)**
- 38. Mayor Perk supports City Council President Turk's idea to CTS Chairman Nicholas Bucur that CTS use \$5.4m in its reserve plus \$1.5m in expected city revenue to pay off its debt. (1-10-73)**
- 39. Mayor Perk receives word from the Nixon administration that nearly \$23m in public housing funding earmarked for new housing units in Cleveland has been frozen. (1-11-73)**
- 40. Mayor Perk's revocation of both building permits for 19 low income housing units on Crest Drive and a new \$32m 132-unit public housing project at the corner of Van Epps and Schaaf roads have been overturned by the U.S. District Court. (1-11-73)**
- 41. Mayor Perk places the blame for the neglect of the area's freeways to Ohio's Governor John J. Gilligan. (1-12-73)**
- 42. Mayor Perk is presented a petition by Mrs. Jean Fletcher and a group of residents from the 15<sup>th</sup> ward complaining about the high level of air pollution in their area. (1-12-73)**
- 43. Mayor Perk names Ina Keegan to replace Hal Morgan as his Press Secretary. (1-12-73)**

- 44. Mayor Perk appoints Michael T. Scanlon an employee of Senator Robert Dole and former campaign worker for President Nixon s to serve as his new Communication Director. (1-12-73)**
- 45. Mayor Perk proposes another \$9.8m to rehabilitate the MUNY-Light plant. (1-13-73)**
- 46. Mayor Perk believes that although MUNY-Light buys 30% of its power from CEI that that in itself will not prevent it from reaching full capacity by next month. (1-14-73)**
- 47. Mayor Perk announces that through the Impact Cities Program the city will be able to hire 45 new patrolwomen and 173 new policemen. (1-15-73)**
- 48. Mayor Perk reports that the Ohio Water Development Authority has authorized \$43.6m to build a new Westerly Sewage Treatment plant. (1-15-73)**
- 49. Mayor Perk announces that a new 120-room Marriott Hotel will be constructed next year at the southeast corner of I-71 and West 150<sup>th</sup> Street. (1-16-73)**
- 50. Mayor Perk is being considered for a possible appointment to an important Presidential Commission so says a reliable White House source. (1-16-73)**
- 51. Mayor Perk receives the \$44m Northern Ohio Community Development Corporation (NORCOM) Gateway proposal calling for a 20,000 seat arena for hockey and basketball; a 4,300-space parking garage; and moving sidewalks linking the complex to the underground Willard Garage and the Cleveland Convention Center. (1-16-73)**

- 52. Mayor Perk hopes to use the NORCOM study to convince Nick Mileti to scrap his Richfield coliseum plans in favor of the proposed downtown site. (1-17-73)**
- 53. Mayor Perk receives a positive feasibility study concerning the construction of a new underground garage at Public Square: construction cost \$17.6m with an additional \$3.5m to relocate existing underground utility wires, cables and pipes. (1-18-73)**
- 54. Mayor Perk's earlier ban on wearing Nazi armbands in City Hall drew legal criticism from City Councilman Gerald McFaul and the President of the Fraternal Order of Police Richard Farragher. (1-18-73)**
- 55. Mayor Perk celebrates his 59<sup>th</sup> birthday by participating in "A Salute to America's Heritage" one of the more colorful events of President Nixon's second inauguration festivities. (1-19-73)**
- 56. Mayor Perk congratulates Vince Campanella on being named the Man of the Year by the Cleveland Jaycees. (1-19-73)**
- 57. Mayor Perk gets a \$157,500 request from the Board of the Cleveland Public Library: to operate their bookmobile, to expand reference and foreign literature departments, to expand service to the hospitals and other institutions, to continue service to shut-ins, and to maintain Sunday hours for selected branches. (1-19-73)**
- 58. Mayor Perk backs down on prohibiting the wearing of swastikas in city hall. (1-19-73)**

- 59. Mayor Perk is accused of a conflict of interest regarding Logics Company Inc. a data processing service founded by Perk and four other stockholders in 1969. (1-20-73)**
- 60. Mayor Perk reveals a proposal to build the city's new police headquarters inside the new Justice Center. (1-21-73)**
- 61. Mayor Perk announces that a Memorial Service in honor of President Lyndon B. Johnson will be held today at 12 Noon on Public Square. (1-23-73)**
- 62. Mayor Perk lodges a formal complaint with the White House staff for not letting Cleveland's Mounted Police march in President Nixon's Inaugural Parade. (1-23-73)**
- 63. Mayor Perk's Consumer Affairs Office is preparing a set of new codes against untruthful or misleading advertising which will include enforceable fines up to \$2,500. (1-25-73)**
- 64. Mayor Perk appoints Carl Ernst as the new Director of the Project Senior Ethnic Fund, a group that assists ethnic seniors with language barriers to obtain social services. (1-25-73)**
- 65. Mayor Perk proposes that \$200,000 in federal funds be used to revamp an old factory for the training of black businessmen and that an additional \$100,000 in federal funds be placed into the existing Project Senior Ethnic Fund to aid the elderly. (1-25-73)**
- 66. Mayor Perk opposes the building of the Parma Freeway, a one mile connector from I-71 to the Shoreway. (1-27-73)**



- 67. Mayor Perk still expresses uncertainty as to whether the city should spend \$15m for a new jail in the Justice Center. (1-29-73)**
- 68. Mayor Perk negotiates an agreement with Cuyahoga County officials: the city will move the current Police Headquarters to the New Justice Center if the county agrees to give them the 13-story Cuyahoga County Jail Building at East 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Payne Avenue. (1-29-73)**
- 69. Mayor Perk and his Director of Human Resources/Economic Development Professor Michael J. Pap participate in the National League of Cities Urban Observatory Project held in San Diego, CA. (1-29-73)**
- 70. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association (CPPA) opposes the creation of a special task force to clear the city of vacant and vandalized buildings. (1-30-73)**
- 71. Mayor Perk upon further investigation finds out that the CPPA's opposition is based on the fact that the 18 special police that would be hired for this job would be given all the benefits and privileges of regular police without the extensive required training. (1-30-73)**
- 72. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting removes Benjamin Himmel as the Superintendent of Industrial Claims for the City pending current investigations of the mishandling of Workers' Compensation claims. (1-31-73)**
- 73. Mayor Perk appoints Bohdan A. Futney, the top assistant to Cleveland Prosecutor Everett A. Chandler, as the new interim Superintendent of Industrial Claims. (1-31-73)**

- 74. Mayor Perk and the Civil Service Commissioners continue to battle over next year's budget: City suggests \$200,000 annually while the Commission wants \$400,000 annually. (1-31-73)**
- 75. Mayor Perk expects that City Council will approve the new pollution pact by which the city of Cleveland would be paid \$74,500 annually with an additional \$100,000 in fees to operate the state mandated air pollution program. (2-1-73)**
- 76. Mayor Perk appoints Professor Michael J. Pap to head his new Urban Observatory dedicated to improving the city's operational function. (2-2-73)**
- 77. Mayor Perk estimates that his balanced budget for 1974 will be \$93.9m. (2-2-73)**
- 78. Mayor Perk is accused by City Council of not disclosing in his budget proposal more than \$60m in available revenue sharing bonds. (2-2-73)**
- 79. Mayor Perk's Budget Manager Vincent Campanella responds to this accusation by saying that changing federal regulations governing the use of revenue sharing funds have delayed spending. (2-2-73)**
- 80. Mayor Perk responds to Consumer Affairs office critics by suggesting that all future consumer-related regulations and rules must first be approved by a 7-member Consumer Advisory Board appointed by the mayor and City Council. (2-2-73)**
- 81. Mayor Perk is officially informed by the White House that the rules governing revenue sharing funding are about to be tightened up. (2-6-73)**

- 82. Mayor Perk receives very harsh criticism from City Councilman George Forbes regarding his alleged “sweetheart” deal with Solon Mayor Warren D. Riebe to build a new \$200,000 water tower in that prestigious southeast suburb. (2-6-73)**
- 83. Mayor Perk learns that the local Democratic Party has all but conceded the November mayoral elections to him. (2-6-73)**
- 84. Mayor Perk learns that both the county mayors and the CTS Board Chairman Nicholas Bucur favor a new county sales tax to save the nearly bankrupt CTS. (2-6-73)**
- 85. Mayor Perk appoints John Felice Jr. and Wade Shurtleff to 4-year terms on the Cuyahoga Port Authority. (2-6-73)**
- 86. Mayor Perk lends his support to the Cleveland Landmarks Commissions and its recent designation of the \$4.6m Cleveland Public Library main building as an historic structure. (2-7-73)**
- 87. Mayor Perk announces that the city has received nearly \$4m in revenue sharing funds from the feds. (2-7-73)**
- 88. Mayor Perk revenue sharing package includes a special \$900,000 grant for the Recreational Department. (2-7-73)**
- 89. Mayor Perk receives a \$32,000 federal grant to conduct a feasibility study on building a new World Trade Center here similar to the one recently opened in New York City. (2-7-73)**

- 90. Mayor Perk promises new recreational center programs for the elderly at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Golden Age Center of Cleveland. (2-7-73)**
- 91. Mayor Perk unveils his plans for a new \$118.4m health program (\$93.9m derived from the general revenue fund and \$24.5m from revenue sharing) which includes a comprehensive health plan for the poor and elderly and neighborhood “mini health centers.” (2-7-73)**
- 92. Mayor Perk proposes the creation of a new Cleveland Department of Transportation to coordinate the city’s transportation functions and to replace the current Department of Port Control. (2-7-73)**
- 93. Mayor Perk learns that the loss of federal Emergency Employment Act (EEA) funds may jeopardize the jobs of more than 725 city workers. (2-10-73)**
- 94. Mayor Perk’s Director of Human Resources Dr. Michael Papp says that the funding loss should only affect 20% of those hired by EEA. (2-10-73)**
- 95. Mayor Perk is informed that rocketing vandalism at Hopkins Airport costs the city greatly. (2-10-73)**
- 96. Mayor Perk wants to establish a 12-month port here. (2-12-73)**
- 97. Mayor Perk guarantees Youth Corp jobs this summer with \$1m already committed by the feds and another \$3m in federal grants or revenue sharing funds expected. (2-12-73)**

- 98. Mayor Perk welcomes developer Lawrence Halprin from San Francisco who is to evaluate the effectiveness of current downtown redevelopment plans. (2-13-73)**
- 99. Mayor Perk is informed that internal squabbling has prevented The Lake Erie Regional Transportation Authority (LERTA) from selecting a consulting firm to conduct the long awaited Jetport feasibility study. (2-13-72)**
- 100. Mayor Perk is accused of diverting \$10,000 from the recreation fund to modernize the mayor's office. (2-13-73)**
- 101. Mayor Perk's administration asks the FBI to investigate the disappearance of \$45,000 in treasury bills given to the city as a performance bond. (2-13-73)**
- 102. Mayor Perk's administration contends that Fredrick E.J. Pizzedaz, the new Head of NOACA and former Acting Director of Community Development, was the last person to see those negotiable bills. (2-13-73)**
- 103. Mayor Perk's administration investigates Pizzedaz who claims that he ordered the \$45,000 in negotiable bonds mailed to Cook United; however, Cook United officials say they never received them. (2-13-73)**
- 104. Mayor Perk turns to the FBI for help based on the fact that the missing securities are federal and the developed land in question was within an Urban Renewal area. (2-13-73)**

- 105. Mayor Perk's advisers inform him that Cook United has received the \$45,000 in missing negotiable treasury bills and that Fred Pizzedaz apologizes for this oversight. (2-15-73)**
- 106. Mayor Perk appoints Daniel L. Mausser, a well-known local civic affairs leader, to serve as his new Special Assistant in charge of city ceremonies and events. (2-15-73)**
- 107. Mayor Perk announces that Walter Burks Jr. the former Personnel Director under Cleveland Mayor Carl B. Stokes and presently a Civil Service Commissioner has resigned. (2-15-73)**
- 108. Mayor Perk receives a grant of \$100,000 for the Cleveland Orchestra to present concerts for low income families. (2-15-73)**
- 109. Mayor Perk unveils his newest \$3.3m crime fighting program a part of a \$20m federal grant awarded to Cleveland's Impact Cities Program. (2-15-73)**
- 110. Mayor Perk explains that his latest crime fighting program includes building 4 new wayward houses; educating 240 school drop outs through the Urban League; expanding services at the 7 citywide Police Athletic League Centers; providing additional counseling at targeted social service agencies; extending evening and week-end hours at the 21 recreational centers; and better coordinating local social work activities. (2-15-73)**
- 111. Mayor Perk announces that the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company will oversee all major Model Cities Program expenditures. (2-16-73)**

- 112. Mayor Perk opposes a new county-wide sales tax to save CTS and suggests that federal revenue sharing funds be used instead. (2-20-73)**
- 113. Mayor Perk is adamant that he will not support any regional transit authority if it means increased taxes. (2-20-73)**
- 114. Mayor Perk supports CTS in its quest to secure \$12m in local bank loans. (2-21-73)**
- 115. Mayor Perk appoints a high ranking Democrat Paul J. DeGrandis to serve as his new Service Department Project Director responsible for planning new sites for the city's solid waste disposal. (2-21-73)**
- 116. Mayor Perk appoints Dr. David H. Logan to serve as the Acting Commissioner for the Warrensville Workhouse. (2-21-73)**
- 117. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media when William H. Seawright, a friend of the mayor and a controversial figure connected to racketeering, is awarded a \$347,000 contract for ten truck chasses and twenty-five trash loaders by the City Board of Control. (2-22-73)**
- 118. Mayor Perk's son Thomas Perk gets a \$10,528 a year job with HUD. (2-22-73)**
- 119. Mayor Perk and his Police Chief Gerald Rademaker are considering moving the City's Workhouse from its present location in Warrensville Township to the former Cuyahoga County Jail Building at the corner of East 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Payne Avenue. (2-23-73)**

- 120. Mayor Perk appoints Steve Clark, a former WERE radio host, as his new Consumer Protection Agency Secretary. (2-26-73)**
- 121. Mayor Perk supports the appointment of Andrew T. Unger as the new General Manager Cleveland Regional Sewer District. (2-26-73)**
- 122. Mayor Perk's new Communication Director Michael T. Scanlon is accused of undermining the power of the city's Fraternal Order of Police by its current President Richard Farragher. (2-27-73)**
- 123. Mayor Perk receives an offer from Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell to have his organization operate the stadium concessions after the Board of Control cancels the current Restaurant Association contract. (2-27-73)**
- 124. Mayor Perk declines Modell's offer to run the concession stands at the Cleveland Stadium. (2-28-73)**
- 125. Mayor Perk announces that the Office of Consumer Protection has recovered \$90,320 for consumers in its first five months of operation. (3-1-73)**
- 126. Mayor Perk learns that the American Civil Liberties Union upholds his ban preventing policemen from wearing swastikas on their uniforms. (3-1-73)**
- 127. Mayor Perk receives an order from the Ohio Supreme Court to place the issue of reducing the size of City Council on the May ballot. (3-1-73)**



- 128. Mayor Perk asks the feds to conduct a demonstration program in Cleveland to determine the feasibility of the city becoming a year round shipping port. (3-1-73)**
- 129. Mayor Perk learns that CTS has approved a \$.10 fare hike in the hope of generating \$3m in much needed additional revenue. (3-1-73)**
- 130. Mayor Perk's official car is stolen and stripped damages exceed \$2,000. (3-2-73)**
- 131. Mayor Perk wants Estal E. Sparlin to join his staff; however, no job has surfaced yet. (3-2-73)**
- 132. Mayor Perk learns that the Planning Commission has approved legislation allowing the city to buy \$4m worth of land for the expansion of Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-3-73)**
- 133. Mayor Perk, in an important strategy move, pushes to keep Betram Gardner and Anthony J. Celebreeze on the LERTA board. (3-3-73)**
- 134. Mayor Perk is accused by CTS Manager Robert T. Pollock of using diversionary tactics to insure the demise of CTS. (3-5-73)**
- 135. Mayor Perk and City Council are informed by CTS that it intends to roll back fare hikes by \$.05. (3-6-73)**
- 136. Mayor Perk's Financial Director Andrew Putka awards four contracts totaling \$169,000 to demolish 150 structures mostly on the East Side. (3-6-73)**

- 137. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of the Women's City Club in selling its record "Cleveland Town on the Go" which includes a song sung by the mayor. (3-7-73)**
- 138. Mayor Perk is attacked by City Council President Edmund Turk and City Councilman Francis Gaul for borrowing \$9.6m last year to pay city workers since it led to no property tax reduction. (3-7-73)**
- 139. Mayor Perk receives word from the UAW that that union opposes City Council reduction on the grounds that this kind of major reduction would leave many Clevelanders without good representation. (3-8-73)**
- 140. Mayor Perk is informed that a shouting match between Commissioner Bob Weisman and Commission President David Sindell occurred at a recent Civil Service meeting based on proposed rule changes. (3-8-73)**
- 141. Mayor Perk proposes extensive renovations throughout Municipal Stadium using city bonds worth \$4m. (3-8-73)**
- 142. Mayor Perk orders CTS to reorganize itself in response CTS Board Chairman Nicholas Bucur establishes a special committee to evaluate the workings of this transportation system top to bottom. (3-9-73)**
- 143. Mayor Perk learns that Arnold Pinkney is gearing up to run for Mayor later this year. (3-10-73)**
- 144. Mayor Perk unveils a new \$36.3m proposal by the firm of Christopher Associates to not only modernize the current stadium; but also, to erect a new hotel-apartment complex next door. (3-11-73)**

- 145. Mayor Perk is informed that the election board will put the Council reduction issue on the May ballot. (3-12-73)**
- 146. Mayor Perk proclaims the week of March 13<sup>th</sup> Cleveland Business Week. (3-13-73)**
- 147. Mayor Perk and City Council both approve a \$1.4m federal grant to the Model Cities Program to provide the poor with quality dentistry through its newly created Citizen Participation Component. (3-13-73)**
- 148. Mayor Perk is about to hire 30 more policemen. (3-14-73)**
- 149. Mayor Perk announces that 60 new detectives will be aided to the police force as part of a \$20m federal grant awarded through the Impact Cities Program. (3-14-73)**
- 150. Mayor Perk orders an immediate study of the Doan Brook area to see what might be done to stop it from remaining a death trap for children. (3-15-73)**
- 151. Mayor Perk lashes out at those critics who claim the city is purposely delaying progress on the new Justice Center. (3-15-73)**
- 152. Mayor Perk agrees to buy \$7m in CTS bonds to avert bankruptcy. (3-15-73)**
- 153. Mayor Perk announces that the city will get more than \$2.2m from the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to speed up criminal cases through the courts. (3-16-73)**

- 154. Mayor Perk's Utility Director Raymond Kudikis is appointed to the National Study Commission for Water Pollution Control by the White House. (3-16-73)**
- 155. Mayor Perk announces that a new custom inspection station will be built at Burke Airport at a cost of \$17,589. (3-16-73)**
- 156. Mayor Perk sets up a Smut Squad to crack down on pornography headed by Impact Cities Program Director Richard Boylan. (3-16-73)**
- 157. Mayor Perk is told by the Cleveland Planning Commission that the high cost of land is preventing the city from creating a land bank. (3-16-73)**
- 158. Mayor Perk receives the final word: I-90 west of downtown is moving forward while the Parma and Clark freeways are dead. (3-16-73)**
- 159. Mayor Perk will soon announce that a new Cleveland police headquarters will be included within the new \$91m Justice Center. (3-17-73)**
- 160. Mayor Perk wants to restrain the use of mounted police during any labor disputes. (3-19-73)**
- 161. Mayor Perk is told that City Council's Aviation Committee will authorize \$152,000 for improvements at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-19-73)**
- 162. Mayor Perk vows there will be no further delay on the Gateway Project once the current snags in securing certain major land parcels are resolved. (3-20-73)**

- 163. Mayor Perk admonishes City Council for its reluctance to act on an available \$530,000 federal grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to haul trash and garbage away from the city by rail. (3-21-73)**
- 164. Mayor Perk lays down the conditions he wants the county to meet before the city agrees to build a new police headquarters in the Justice Center. (3-21-73)**
- 165. Mayor Perk's conditions include the following: the city will issue bonds for a new police headquarters totaling nearly \$12m; the city will pay the county \$250,000 owed; and the city will pay NOACA \$98,556 owed;**
- 166. Mayor Perk expects the following in return: the city will get the \$6m Criminal Courts Building on East 21<sup>st</sup> Street; the city will receive from the county \$100,000 in rent annually for 100years for the 4.5 acre site in back of the lakeside Courthouse; and the city will get help from the county in defraying the costs of relocating the police communication system. (3-21-73)**
- 167. Mayor Perk suggests that the city might get more than \$4.3m in federal funds to operate this year's Summer Youth Job Program. (3-22-73)**
- 168. Mayor Perk is informed through the media that the public supports his plan to erect a new Police Headquarters in the Justice Center. (3-22-73)**
- 169. Mayor Perk learns that MUNY-Light is seeking \$9.8m in improvement bond funding. (3-22-73)**

- 170. Mayor Perk's Impacts City Program Director Richard Boylan announces that most of the programs funded by a \$9.9m Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant should be up and running within 30-days. (3-22-73)**
- 171. Mayor Perk urges City Council to clean up the unsightly Gordon Park landfill. (3-22-73)**
- 172. Mayor Perk announces that the President of the Cleveland Browns Art Modell will pay the city \$300,000 to operate the food concession stands at the Stadium. (3-23-73)**
- 173. Mayor Perk meets with Cuyahoga County officials to begin the negotiation process for the new Police Headquarters. (3-23-73)**
- 174. Mayor Perk meets with Albert Bernstein, Cuyahoga County Port Authority Chairman, and the other Cleveland Trade Mission delegates to discuss their recent trip to Europe.**
- 175. Mayor Perk lashes out at a number of big city Republican mayors who have criticized President Nixon for his recent budget cuts and program reorganization plans. (3-25-73)**
- 176. Mayor Perk asks the FBI to join his smut war. (3-25-73)**
- 177. Mayor Perk's Consumer Affairs office has yet to bring its first violator to court or to issue its first cease-and-desist order. (3-26-73)**
- 178. Mayor Perk learns that the Federation of Police intends to seek overtime pay increases for its membership. (3-27-73)**

- 179. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of Tony Pianowski as the Superintendent of Organized Sports for the Cleveland Department of Recreation. (3-27-73)**
- 180. Mayor Perk intends to keep the MUNY-Light plant open despite a state order to close it based on the fact that the city's operating permits have expired. (3-27-73)**
- 181. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland Indians owner Nick Meliti is installing a new eight foot wide warning track in the Stadium despite the protests of Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell. (3-27-73)**
- 182. Mayor Perk's Planning Director Norman Krumholz lodges a formal protest against Cuyahoga County commissioners who are seeking state permission to take properties by Eminent Domain for new sanitary landfills. (3-28-73)**
- 183. Mayor Perk's Planning Director Norman Krumholz is upset when he learns that after months of negotiation the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has decided to bar the city's role from any housing tests. (3-28-73)**
- 184. Mayor Perk discovers that CTS expenses for the first two months of 1973 have exceeded income by \$213,000. (3-29-73)**
- 185. Mayor Perk is informed by the Civil Service Commission that it intends to appeal the mayor's firing of its commissioners to the Appellate Court. (3-30-73)**
- 186. Mayor Perk announces that city and county are about to make an agreement on the new Police Headquarters. (3-30-73)**

- 187. Mayor Perk seeks \$10.5m in federal funds for minority businessmen. (4-1-73)**
- 188. Mayor Perk asks City Council to approve a new \$20m Capital Improvement Program and an additional \$1m to for crime control and surveillance downtown. (4-2-73)**
- 189. Mayor Perk convinces City Council to hire a \$25,000 a year consultant to advise the city on problems occurring at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (4-3-73)**
- 190. Mayor Perk's \$118.4m budget which includes \$24.5m in revenue sharing funds is approved by City Council. (4-3-73)**
- 191. Mayor Perk successfully negotiates a one-year stadium lease with the Cleveland Indians whereby the city gets 6% to 8% of total gross receipts and the team profits from operating the stadium parking lots. (4-4-73)**
- 192. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Civil Service Commission will require the city's fire department to change its hiring practices immediately to include an 18% quota of blacks and Latinos. (4-5-73)**
- 193. Mayor Perk is informed that City Council President Edmund Turk has been appointed the new PUCO Chairman. (4-5-73)**
- 194. Mayor Perk understands that George Forbes will be replacing Edmund Turk as City Council President. (4-5-73)**



- 195. Mayor Perk secures a \$30,900 federal grant to continue two highly successful West Side Ecumenical Ministry Youth Encouragement Service programs. (4-5-73)**
- 196. Mayor Perk is informed that federal officials are attacking the Model Cities board for inefficiency in instituting major rehabilitation programs. (4-6-73)**
- 197. Mayor Perk congratulates George Forbes on being elected the new City Council President. (4-6-73)**
- 198. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the Federal Public Works Committee has approved an amendment to the national highway act that might provide Cleveland with about \$100m in federal funds for mass transit. (4-6-73)**
- 199. Mayor Perk convinces City Council to issue \$9.8m in revenue bonds to keep the MUNY-Light plant operating. (4-6-73)**
- 200. Mayor Perk realizes that the recent realignment of City Council sets the stage for Democratic Party hopeful Anthony Garofoli to run for mayor this November. (4-7-73)**
- 201. Mayor Perk asks City Council to approve an \$8.8m loan to run CTS for 16-months rather than have council issue bonds. (4-8-73)**
- 202. Mayor Perk announces that construction of the new Bond Court Hotel will begin in a few weeks. (4-10-73)**
- 203. Mayor Perk approves former Council President Edmund Turk's appointment to the PUCO. (4-11-73)**

- 204. Mayor Perk appoints Harry Volk his former Secretary to serve as his envoy to the Second Conference of the World's major Cities which is to be held next week in Milan Italy. (4-11-73)**
- 205. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Civil Service Commission intends to uphold the recent firing of Bill Mack and Joseph Rabb. (4-11-73)**
- 206. Mayor Perk receives additional information from HUD indicating that gross inefficiency affected the local Model Cities Program since 1969 and that it must revamp itself immediately or it will face possible prosecution. (4-11-73)**
- 207. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) opposes the new Gateway Project because some of the proposed buildings exceed the imposed 44-foot height restriction mandated by nearby Burke Lakefront Airport. (4-11-73)**
- 208. Mayor Perk takes control of the Model Cities program in an attempt to spend \$9.3m in federal funds before the June 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. (4-11-73)**
- 209. Mayor Perk hires two well-known accounting firms McManis Associates and Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company to help him meet federal compliance. (4-11-73)**
- 210. Mayor Perk briefs the Browns President Art Modell on current modernization plans for the Stadium with an expected price tag of about \$14m. (4-13-72)**
- 211. Mayor Perk releases the latest crime figures which indicate that major crime in Cleveland has dropped by 20% during the first three months of 1973. (4-13-73)**

- 212. Mayor Perk announces that World Trade Week will occur in Cleveland from May 21<sup>st</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup>. (4-13-74)**
- 213. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of J. William (Bill) Petro as his Executive Secretary who will return to his private law practice. (4-16-73)**
- 214. Mayor Perk is pleased that the city's Law Director Herbert Whiting and Cuyahoga County Commissioner Seth Taft have reached a tentative agreement for the new Police Headquarters. (4-16-73)**
- 215. Mayor Perk is informed that the new City Council President George Forbes intends to hold public hearings regarding possible free transit. (4-17-73)**
- 216. Mayor Perk gets City Council to allocate \$100m to build the Bedford Freeway. (4-17-73)**
- 217. Mayor Perk announces that James F. Dickerson will be replacing J. William (Bill) Petro as the mayor's new Executive Secretary. (4-17-73)**
- 218. Mayor Perk is informed by Common Pleas Judge James Kilbane that Jack Cross has been exonerated of all wrong doing and that he is to be reinstated as Cleveland's City Treasurer and given all back pay totaling \$11,500 immediately. (4-18-73)**
- 219. Mayor Perk receives an order from the Ohio Supreme Court that the City of Cleveland must pay its skilled workers prevailing private industry wages totaling about \$1m. (4-18-73)**

- 220. Mayor Perk's Prayer Breakfasts are opposed by City Council President George Forbes who claims they violate the constitutional principle of church and state separation. (4-18-73)**
- 221. Mayor Perk is criticized by CTS Board member Joseph McManamon for suggesting that the city lend CTS funding to pay off its \$7m worth of bonds. (4-19-73)**
- 222. Mayor Perk announces that he will lead the area in Interracial Day scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>. (4-20-73)**
- 223. Mayor Perk is informed that the Model Cities program financial head Edwin Williams has been suspended for ten days for not cooperating with the Director of the Citizen Participation Fannie Lewis. (4-20-73)**
- 224. Mayor Perk learns that his son City Councilman Ralph Perk Jr. favors reducing the size of council. (4-20-73)**
- 225. Mayor Perk announces that the new Impact Task Force will consist of 120 hand-picked officers who will patrol the streets. (4-23-73)**
- 226. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Andrew Putka wants to institute better coin boxes and more patrolling of the City Parking lots as a way to cut the current operating loss which exceeds \$750,000. (4-23-73)**
- 227. Mayor Perk meets with Hopkins Airport airlines to gain their approval of the new terminal layout. (4-23-73)**
- 228. Mayor Perk is informed that the League of Women Voters endorses the City Council reduction. (4-24-73)**

- 229. Mayor Perk receives the word that President Richard M. Nixon is planning to close the current Public Employee Program which places nearly 700 city jobs in jeopardy. (4-24-73)**
- 230. Mayor Perk learns that a recent dispute between Citizen Participation Director Fannie Lewis and the Citizen Component Fiscal Officer Edwin Williams led to a missing pay day yesterday for employees of the Model Cities program. (4-26-73)**
- 231. Mayor Perk is informed that CTS has reduced its staff; six major jobs combined at a savings of \$137,000. (4-26-73)**
- 232. Mayor Perk learns that in all probability James Carney will oppose him in the upcoming Mayoral elections. (4-27-73)**
- 233. Mayor Perk announces his opposition to the proposed Ohio Bell rate hike claiming it's inflationary. (4-27-73)**
- 234. Mayor Perk will ask City Council to pass new smut laws; first proposed change in the city's obscenity laws since 1942. (4-29-73)**
- 235. Mayor Perk's Planning Director Norman Krumholz claims there is no point to the recent state proposal giving private developers the Writ of Eminent Domain. (4-29-73)**
- 236. Mayor Perk announces that the latest plans for Cleveland Hopkins Airport terminal will nearly double its present size at a cost of \$13m. (4-29-73)**

- 237. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cuyahoga County Democratic Party co-chairman Anthony Garofoli for not taking a stance on the future size of City Council. (5-1-73)**
- 238. Mayor Perk proposes transferring EMS from the police to fire departments. (5-7-73)**
- 239. Mayor Perk is informed that Edmund Turk openly admits to tearing up four petitions that favored reducing the size of City Council. (5-7-73)**
- 240. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell will lease Municipal Stadium until 1998. (5-8-73)**
- 241. Mayor Perk says that under this arrangement the Browns ownership will invest \$10m in stadium improvements and provide the city with an additional \$10m in revenue yearly. (5-8-73)**
- 242. Mayor Perk is informed by CEI that MUNY-Light owes it \$1.5m in service and maintenance costs. (5-9-73)**
- 243. Mayor Perk is informed that the voters by a 54.6% vote defeated the proposal calling for the reduction of City Council. (5-9-73)**
- 244. Mayor Perk's Office of Consumer Affairs probes into allegations of shoddy construction in recent CMHA housing units. (5-10-73)**
- 245. Mayor Perk meets with Cleveland Federation of Labor head Frank Valenta to discuss his union's call for a boycott of the city's World Trade drive unless Congress stops unlimited foreign imports. (5-10-73)**

- 246. Mayor Perk will repay the \$9.6m he borrowed last year to pay city workers from the city's recent sale of its sewer system. (5-11-73)**
- 247. Mayor Perk counters FHA objections to his Gateway Plan by offering a \$40m revised plan with shorter buildings. (5-11-73)**
- 248. Mayor Perk is developing a \$400m plan to convert CTS into a regional authority which will include a new downtown subway. (5-14-73)**
- 249. Mayor Perk's proposed \$8.9m new benefit package to Cleveland police officers is not nearly enough so says the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association. (5-14-73)**
- 250. Mayor Perk and 500 Ukrainians meet Josyf Cardinal Slipys at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (5-16-73)**
- 251. Mayor Perk receives praise form Nick Mileti about the plans to revamp the stadium; however, nothing is said about a long-term stadium lease for the Cleveland Indians. (5-16-73)**
- 252. Mayor Perk to meet with President Richard M. Nixon tomorrow to discuss several funding requests including the future of the 700 EEA employees and building a new federal court house downtown. (5-16-73)**
- 253. Mayor Perk gives the Key to the City to Josyf Cardinal Slipys at a special City Hall ceremony. (5-17-73)**

- 254. Mayor Perk is hopeful that the city will receive some additional federal funds even though President Nixon did not guarantee additional money. (5-18-73)**
- 255. Mayor Perk learns that a recent Democratic Party poll indicated that he was unbeatable in the upcoming election. (5-21-73)**
- 256. Mayor Perk calls for resurrecting the Mayor's Commission on Aging. (5-21-73)**
- 257. Mayor Perk receives the word from City Council that it has approved funding to keep over 500 EEA employees as city employees. (5-22-73)**
- 258. Mayor Perk supports a \$4m Metro Health proposal to erect a new hospital within the Model Cities neighborhood. (5-22-73)**
- 259. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella denies all allegations concerning a deal made between the fire department and the mayor whereby the benefits of the fire department would improve greatly if its membership supported Perk for re-election. (5-23-73)**
- 260. Mayor Perk is informed that Council President George Forbes plans to investigate fire department allegations. (5-23-73)**
- 261. Mayor Perk learns that Council President George Forbes has denied CTS its loan request based on the fact that CTS failed to submit any workable long-term transportation plan. (5-24-73)**



- 262. Mayor Perk opposes plans to establish a Community Correctional Center in the city. (5-24-73)**
- 263. Mayor Perk announces that a new 5-level garage will be built under Mall C and the feds will pay 2/3s of the \$10m cost. (5-25-73)**
- 264. Mayor Perk announces that the first of several new drug abuse centers is opened at 3162 East 93<sup>rd</sup> Street: the center is a part of a \$1.6m Impact Cities Program federal grant. (5-25-73)**
- 265. Mayor Perk vetoes a City Council ordinance allowing the Cleveland Public Schools to operate the Summer Youth Job Program. (5-25-73)**
- 266. Mayor Perk proposes to create a municipal night court to promote fair and quick justice. (5-28-73)**
- 267. Mayor Perk reports that the Impact Cities Task Force in its first 27-days has arrested 462. (5-28-73)**
- 268. Mayor Perk learns that CTS is considering borrowing \$12m from Bernard & Co., a private international finance consulting firm with an office in Lakewood, OH. (5-29-73)**
- 269. Mayor Perk reportedly plans to raise the city's price for shippers using the Port Authority facilities. (5-30-73)**
- 270. Mayor Perk's Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. denies political favoritism in awarding Schuele-Gaspon Inc. a \$92,000 contract to study more efficient garbage collection methods. (5-30-73)**

- 271. Mayor Perk is criticized by City Council President George Forbes for not relinquishing total control of the Summer Youth Job Program to the Cleveland Public Schools. (5-30-73)**
- 272. Mayor Perk receives the findings of the Yen Enterprise feasibility study on the desirability of building and operating a World Trade Center and hotel. (5-30-73)**
- 273. Mayor Perk announces that a 20-story World Trade Center and accompanying hotel are potentially great money-makers and that 40 tenants are committed to it. (5-30-73)**
- 274. Mayor Perk still owes the city for out of town expenses he incurred during President Richard Nixon's re-election campaign. (5-31-73)**
- 275. Mayor Perk threatens the city will pullout of the Justice Center deal if an agreement is not reached by June 7<sup>th</sup>. (5-31-73)**
- 276. Mayor Perk convinces CTS to give Council President George Forbes a future plan of operations upon receipt of the \$8.7m loan. (5-31-73)**
- 277. Mayor Perk's Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. ignored the recommendation of the Division of Waste Collection and awarded a \$92,000 contract to Schuele-Gaspon, Inc., a firm accused of being linked to his earlier unsuccessful political campaign. (5-31-73)**
- 278. Mayor Perk threatens to pull out of the Justice Center deal if the two parties cannot reach an agreement by June 7<sup>th</sup>. (5-31-73)**

- 279. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of Ms. Doris O'Donnell, a former investigative reporter, to serve on his communication team. (6-1-73)**
- 280. Mayor Perk learns that CTS agrees to prepare for a long-range program to get financial aid. (6-1-73)**
- 281. Mayor Perk and Cuyahoga County officials continue to argue over some of the following issues: Who will design the new Police Headquarters? Will the city building have its own foundation, separate heating, separate air conditioning, and separate utilities? Will the city be willing to lower the rent for the 4.5 acre site adjacent to the Lakeside Court House? (6-1-73)**
- 282. Mayor Perk meets with Vice President Spiro T. Agnew who pledges his support to win GOP votes in the 1976 election. (6-1-73)**
- 283. Mayor Perk's Executive Secretaries Michael T. Scanlon and Paul Russo announce their resignation after Scanlon learns that he is to be transferred to the Port Authority to serve as the new Secretary to the Acting Ports Director. (6-2-73)**
- 284. Mayor Perk announces that the city and county have come to terms over the \$91m new Justice Center. (6-2-73)**
- 285. Mayor Perk spends \$100,000 to provide musical concerts in parks throughout the city. (6-4-73)**
- 286. Mayor Perk learns that City Council is about to approve the \$93m revised Model Cities Program budget. (6-4-73)**

- 287. Mayor Perk is informed that the old 102,000 square foot Lee-Harvard Shopping Center which once housed the Federal Department Store is being revamped. (6-4-73)**
- 288. Mayor Perk learns that the highest bidder for airport parking Emprise-Sportservice Corp. is currently under investigation for possible underworld activity. (6-5-73)**
- 289. Mayor Perk meets with Cleveland School Board officials who claim that 1/3 of the current Model Cities Program is wasteful including a proposal calling for the city to spend \$3m out of a \$93m budget to build and then operate a new recreational center. (6-5-73)**
- 290. Mayor Perk orders his staff to implement the Summer Youth Job Program for 5,000 youth. (6-6-73)**
- 291. Mayor Perk learns that U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes and the 23<sup>rd</sup> district black caucus have defied Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and have endorsed the Reverend Alfred Waller for mayor. (6-6-73)**
- 292. Mayor Perk wants Bob Weisman to be the new full-time Secretary of the Cleveland Civic Service Commission. (6-6-73)**
- 293. Mayor Perk asks the Nixon administration to designate the city eligible for federal aid to build a new World Trade Center here as part of our Bicentennial celebration. (6-8-73)**
- 294. Mayor Perk understands from Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that the city is considering bailing out CTS. (6-8-73)**

- 295. Mayor Perk's popularity still very high according to the latest polls. (6-10-73)**
- 296. Mayor Perk is warned by Cleveland City Council that it will take \$1.8m out of his budget if he continues to block attempts by the Cleveland Public Schools to operate the Summer Youth Job Program. (6-11-73)**
- 297. Mayor Perk reports that the Gateway Project may take up to 15-years to complete. (6-12-73)**
- 298. Mayor Perk learns from the Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association James C. Davis, that it endorses regional mass transit. (6-12-73)**
- 299. Mayor Perk learns that earlier Consumer Affairs Office regulations requiring all meat products to be wrapped in see-through trays will be overturned by Cleveland City Council at its next meeting. (6-12-73)**
- 300. Mayor Perk finalizes Gateway leasing arrangements with Northern Ohio Community Development Corporation whereby it will pay the city \$3m for the 17-acre site. (6-12-73)**
- 301. Mayor Perk determines that the \$3m saved by selling the 17-acre site to the Gateway developer will be used by the city to develop a new World Trade Center. (6-12-73)**
- 302. Mayor Perk supports the effort to erect a new \$1.5m FAA Building at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (6-14-73)**
- 303. Mayor Perk makes it quite clear that he will veto any legislation forcing the city to relinquish control of the Summer Youth Job Program. (6-14-73)**

- 304. Mayor Perk seeks \$1.1m in federal funds to computerize the dispatching of police cars. (6-14-73)**
- 305. Mayor Perk is criticized by City Council Majority Leader Gerald McFaul for creating a special ad hoc committee to resolve the current dilemma over the Summer Youth Job Program. (6-14-73)**
- 306. Mayor Perk appreciates the fact that federal officials have extended the time to resolve the dispute over the Summer Youth Job Program; however, if no agreement is reached by the deadline then the city will lose \$1.8m. (6-15-73)**
- 307. Mayor Perk shows concern when he discovers that the six new \$8.5m recreational centers may not receive enough funding to remain open this fall. (6-15-73)**
- 308. Mayor Perk's Personnel Director Philip S. Hamilton announces that the city plans to retire fifty city workers who are 70-years of age or older. (6-15-73)**
- 309. Mayor Perk seeks \$812,070 from federal officials to buy three new police helicopters. (6-17-73)**
- 310. Mayor Perk initially agrees to a work subcontract to insure participation by the Cleveland Public Schools in this year's Summer Youth Job Program. (6-17-73)**
- 311. Mayor Perk changes his mind and decides not to share an \$800,000 federal summer job grant with the Cleveland Public Schools. (6-18-73)**
- 312. Mayor Perk expects to be appointed to the Board of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. (6-18-73)**

- 313. Mayor Perk is warned by CTS Chairman Nicholas Bucur that if the city fails to give him a loan then the system will come to a grinding halt on July 15<sup>th</sup>. (6-18-73)**
- 314. Mayor Perk confers with the Cleveland Model Cities Program Director Robert Doggett after his meeting with HUD officials on new planning strategies his agency might want to adopt once current funding ends in 1975. (6-19-73)**
- 315. Mayor Perk learns that the City's Planning Commission has approved the plans for a new \$1.3m Near West Side Multi Service Center at West 41<sup>st</sup> Street and Bridge Avenue. (6-19-73)**
- 316. Mayor Perk is pleased when federal officials tell him that they will donate the 222-acre Tank Plant near Cleveland Hopkins Airport to the city. (6-19-73)**
- 317. Mayor Perk expresses concern when he discovers that recent HUD cuts totaling \$94,000 will adversely affect the city's pollution division. (6-20-73)**
- 318. Mayor Perk learns that HUD will ask city officials to justify the need for a \$2m multipurpose recreational center in the Model Cities Program neighborhood. (6-21-73)**
- 319. Mayor Perk is informed that Arnold Pinkney will not run for mayor because it is too risky. (6-22-73)**
- 320. Mayor Perk receives word from City Council that its finance committee is about to act on a proposed \$9.8m MUNY-Light plant bond. (6-24-73)**

- 321. Mayor Perk proposes a cap on campaign spending. (6-24-73)**
- 322. Mayor Perk is seeking \$308,000 in federal grants to create 10 neighborhood auxiliary police centers and a new 1,200 auxiliary police force in the next six months. (6-25-73)**
- 323. Mayor Perk offers all sorts of awards for those police officers who make an exceptional number of auto theft arrests. (6-26-73)**
- 324. Mayor Perk proposes the creation of a special police force to patrol the freeways. (6-27-73)**
- 325. Mayor Perk announces that the city is considering renting the former Addressograph Multigraph Building at 1300 Lakeside Avenue for \$52,500 a year. (6-27-73)**
- 326. Mayor Perk announces his intention to seek a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as mayor and he hopes that James M. Carney is his opponent. (6-28-73)**
- 327. Mayor Perk accepts FAA funds totaling \$747,580 for Cleveland Hopkins Airport improvements. (6-29-73)**
- 328. Mayor Perk's Budget Management Director Vincent Campanella announces that more than 700 city workers including 100 policemen will be laid off at the end of December if Cleveland City Council decides to provide Cleveland safety forces full hospitalization. (6-30-73)**
- 329. Mayor Perk reports that 15 new CMHA homes are defective, problem leaks and buckling. (6-30-73)**



- 330. Mayor Perk learns that CEI is helping MUNY-Light's broken boiler by supplying it power. (7-2-73)**
- 331. Mayor Perk is expected to veto Cleveland City Council's legislation providing full hospitalization to safety forces. (7-3-73)**
- 332. Mayor Perk is quite excited by the extensive riverfront revitalization plans by Herbert Strawbridge and the Higbee Development Corporation. (7-3-73)**
- 333. Mayor Perk is told that the Teamsters and the Municipal Foremen's unions may strike if the safety forces receive full hospitalization. (7-3-73)**
- 334. Mayor Perk vetoes legislation to regulate the meat packing process. (7-3-73)**
- 335. Mayor Perk's very controversial Executive Director of the Model Cities Citizens Participation Organization Fannie Lewis will not only stay on the job; but also, will wage war against trustees who suspended her. (7-4-73)**
- 336. Mayor Perk's Utility Director Raymond Kudukis claims that his \$340m plan would modernize the city's inefficient sewer system. (7-5-73)**
- 337. Mayor Perk's office modernization project cost the city \$28,000. (7-5-73)**
- 338. Mayor Perk seeks a major shipyard contract totaling \$100m. (7-6-73)**

- 339. Mayor Perk is informed by the owners of the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Indians that they will not accept any leasing arrangements and modernization plans proposed by Christopher Associates Inc. (7-7-73)**
- 340. Mayor Perk asks Art Modell the owner of the Cleveland Browns to pay stadium bonds totaling \$4.4m. (7-8-73)**
- 341. Mayor Perk learns that Browns owner Art Modell is willing to pay for \$10m worth of stadium improvements extended over a 25-year lease. (7-9-73)**
- 342. Mayor Perk, learning that City Council intends to add \$3.5m to the current budget to cover safety forces full hospitalization costs, says he will veto it. (7-10-73)**
- 343. Mayor Perk is informed that James Carney intends to run for mayor this year. (7-10-73)**
- 344. Mayor Perk understands that MUNY-Light in all probability will seek a major rate hike. (7-11-73)**
- 345. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council will not take any immediate action on his proposed CTS loan. (7-11-73)**
- 346. Mayor Perk discusses with his advisers the pros and cons of the local sewer system being taken over by a new regional board. (7-11-73)**
- 347. Mayor Perk agrees with county officials that mass transit must be expanded here. (7-11-73)**
- 348. Mayor Perk is unhappy to learn that the 49-day CEI strike continues with no end in sight. (7-11-73)**

- 349. Mayor Perk's Human Resource Director Dr. Michael Pap announces that the Summer Youth Job Program is about to be expanded based on a receipt of an additional \$2m federal allocation. (7-12-73)**
- 350. Mayor Perk as promised vetoes the controversial safety forces hospitalization bill. (7-12-73)**
- 351. Mayor Perk is informed that MUNY-Light costs have soared by 2% since 1972. (7-12-73)**
- 352. Mayor Perk and Browns owner Art Modell reach an agreement on a new 25-year stadium lease with the city getting at least \$14m in operating cost savings; a 3% admissions tax for the next 5-years;and about \$155,000 annually. (7-13-73)**
- 353. Mayor Perk is blasted by the Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association for his vetoing of the recent safety forces hospitalization bill. (7-13-73)**
- 354. Mayor Perk offers the Cleveland School Board an additional \$750,000 to operate the Summer Youth Job Program: part of an all-inclusive \$2.3m U.S. Department of Labor grant. (7-14-73)**
- 355. Mayor Perk is criticized by Councilman Gerald McFaul for allowing the Summer Youth Job Program jobholders to circulate leaflets on his behalf. (7-15-73)**
- 356. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved an \$8.8m loan to CTS. (7-17-73)**

- 357. Mayor Perk informs Cleveland City Council that he has \$11m in discretionary funds left after the \$8.8.m loan to CTS. (7-17-73)**
- 358. Mayor Perk signs a new \$32,500 Model Cities Program contract with Wolfgang S. Price, a former Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. employee, over the objectives of Model Cities Director Robert Doggert. (7-18-73)**
- 359. Mayor Perk is criticized by his opponent James Carney for approving a bad investment, the recent CTS loan. (7-20-73)**
- 360. Mayor Perk stirs up controversy with the local police when he says that the city's fiscal crisis will not last and that the city will pay full-hospitalization by 1976. (7-20-73)**
- 361. Mayor Perk meets with the Acting Chair of the Planning Commission Wallace Teare to review the newest stadium lease agreement. (7-21-73)**
- 362. Mayor Perk announces that he has secured \$1m in federal funds to upgrade streets, street lighting, and utilities throughout the Lakeside-Hamilton factory district. (7-24-73)**
- 363. Mayor Perk's veto of the safety forces hospitalization bill is fast becoming a political issue. (7-24-73)**
- 364. Mayor Perk learns that City Council failed to override his hospitalization bill veto it fell short by 22-votes. (7-24-73)**
- 365. Mayor Perk officiated over special ceremonies held at Public Square to commemorate the city's 177<sup>th</sup> birthday. (7-24-73)**

- 366. Mayor Perk is told by his Community Development Director Neil McGinness that he will resign this week. (7-26-73)**
- 367. Mayor Perk learns that Neil McGinness's resignation resulted from a dispute with Law Director Herbert Whiting over whether Whiting had the legal right to award city contracts without first consulting McGinness. (7-26-73)**
- 368. Mayor Perk pleads innocent to assault and battery charges leveled by a Cleveland police officer named Arnold V. Hovan. (7-29-73)**
- 369. Mayor Perk seeks \$12.6m from federal officials out of a total \$25m budget to build a new Trade Center on Mall C. (7-29-73)**
- 370. Mayor Perk signs a contract pledging to build a new police headquarters inside the new \$91m Justice Center. (8-1-73)**
- 371. Mayor Perk announces that Richard L. Bowen & Assoc. has been awarded two more architectural contracts for Cleveland Hopkins Airport improvements. (8-1-73)**
- 372. Mayor Perk launches his 1973 mayoral re-election drive from his front doorstep. (8-1-73)**
- 373. Mayor Perk is represented at the Hovan trial by Charles Clarke, a friend and partner at the Cleveland law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey while Officer Hovan is represented by Robert DeMarco who was hired by Herbert Whiting the City's Law Director. (8-2-73)**
- 374. Mayor Perk names Henry J. Kondrat to be his new Commissioner of Fiscal Control. (8-2-73)**

- 375. Mayor Perk announces that the Board of Control has just awarded a \$10.6m contract to Sam W. Emerson Co. to erect a new 1,500 space parking garage behind city hall. (8-2-73)**
- 376. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland's Model Cities Program Director Robert E. Doggett was shot and severely wounded outside his east side offices. (8-6-73)**
- 377. Mayor Perk announces that a fence costing \$16,800 will be built to enclose Doan Brook. (8-7-73)**
- 378. Mayor Perk informs the media that Richard L. Bowen & Assoc. has been awarded the contract to design the \$1m new police headquarters. (8-8-73)**
- 379. Mayor Perk receives protests from other architects including Peter van Dyke who claim that the selecting process for city contracts is unfair and should be changed. (8-9-73)**
- 380. Mayor Perk is harshly criticized by the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party chairman Hugh A. Corrigan for using the "Help Perk Up Cleveland" trash cans to promote his mayoral candidacy. (8-9-73)**
- 381. Mayor Perk is criticized by his opponent James Carney for pressing city employees to circulate petitions in Perk's behalf. (8-9-73)**
- 382. Mayor Perk is charged by James Carney of pressing safety forces for support. (8-10-73)**

- 383. Mayor Perk is informed by the police that they are holding Danny Greene, a former longshoreman union boss and alleged underworld figure, for the shooting of Robert Doggert. (8-12-73)**
- 384. Mayor Perk is acquitted of assault and battery charges by Cleveland Municipal Judge Lillian W. Burke based on insufficient evidence. (8-12-73)**
- 385. Mayor Perk is informed that Danny Greene has entered a non-guilty plea in the Robert Doggert shooting. (8-13-73)**
- 386. Mayor Perk is attacked by his opponent James Carney for spending more than \$5.8m in consultants since he assumed office 19-months ago. (8-13-73)**
- 387. Mayor Perk is about to sign a lease on the \$37m Gateway Project with NORCOM. (8-15-73)**
- 388. Mayor Perk makes it clear that he opposes the Cleveland Civil Service Commission's probe into recent alleged incidents of police brutality. (8-16-73)**
- 389. Mayor Perk is informed by HUD that the Model Cities Program will have 60-days in which to straighten out its program or face the possible loss of federal funds. (8-16-73)**
- 390. Mayor Perk officiates in a special city hall ceremony where he hands over \$8.8m to CTS. (8-16-73)**
- 391. Mayor Perk learns that Henry Wallace, a Model Cities Program board member, has been arrested on assault and battery charges. (8-17-73)**

- 392. Mayor Perk announces that the first Model Cities Program contract was signed today in the office of Olive K. Banister Director of Vocational Services and Rehabilitation. (8-17-73)**
- 393. Mayor Perk explains that the latest Model Cities contract totaling somewhere between \$50,000 and \$70,000 is to be used to rehabilitate the Eagles Nest Recreational Center. (8-17-73)**
- 394. Mayor Perk presides over groundbreaking ceremonies for the new \$10.6m, 5-story Willard Park underground garage behind city hall. (8-17-73)**
- 395. Mayor Perk learns that City Council President George Forbes might block the \$4.3m Model Cities Program package due to recent allegations leveled against it. (8-17-73)**
- 396. Mayor Perk signs a 25-year lease with NORCOM which means that the \$37m Gateway Project is moving forward. (8-17-73)**
- 397. Mayor Perk wants CTS to half its fares. (8-17-73)**
- 398. Mayor Perk is told that one of the prime suspects in the Robert Doggett shooting one Gerald Arthur Johnson has been found bound, shot, and tied to an anchor in the Ohio River. (8-17-73)**
- 399. Mayor Perk agrees to work with the Citizens League in selecting architects to design new city projects. (8-20-73)**



- 400. Mayor Perk finds the Robert Doggett shooting a mystery with a host of interesting suspects including Gerald Johnson, Danny Greene, Baxter Hill, Ronald (Grier) Bey, and Larry Steele. (8-20-73)**
- 401. Mayor Perk learns that Model Cities Acting Director Charles Ramsey has signed six contracts totaling \$1.8m. (8-21-73)**
- 402. Mayor Perk supports these contracts which include buying a new minibus, funding a 24-hour day care center, funding a new \$500,000 health center, building a new dental care center, conducting a project for the aged, and supporting a law/justice project. (8-21-73)**
- 403. Mayor Perk announces that the city's overall crime rate has fallen by 27% since December 1972. (8-21-73)**
- 404. Mayor Perk attends the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the newest mental health center located at 3740 Euclid Avenue. (8-21-73)**
- 405. Mayor Perk received word that the charges leveled against Danny Greene in the Robert Doggett shooting have been dropped. (8-22-73)**
- 406. Mayor Perk ends a long-time feud between Nicholas DeVito and Herbert Whiting by putting DeVito into the Department of Community Development. (8-24-73)**
- 407. Mayor Perk's office pressures Robert Doggett to pay Ron Bey's firm \$6,232.40 for consulting services over Doggett's objects. (8-25-73)**

- 408. Mayor Perk relying on traditional campaign rhetoric and strategies says that he is an Independent candidate not a Watergate Republican. (8-25-73)**
- 409. Mayor Perk discovers that the Model Cities Program has cost the city \$30m in lost funds since 1969. (8-25-73)**
- 410. Mayor Perk is led to believe that Robert Doggett was shot by a despondent ex-aide. (8-25-73)**
- 411. Mayor Perk calls a halt to the Model Cities Program and demands an immediate investigation. (8-25-73)**
- 412. Mayor Perk's liaison and troubleshooter Michael Rini insisted that Robert Doggett pay Ron Bey even though Bey's contract had expired. (8-26-73)**
- 413. Mayor Perk vows that the city will be re-paid the \$3,111 it paid to Ron Bey and his non-licensed Urban Consultants Inc. (8-28-73)**
- 414. Mayor Perk learns that his trouble-shooter Michael Rini tried to secure a second contract for Bey with the Model Cities Program. (8-29-73)**
- 415. Mayor Perk discovers that William Seawright, a leading black local businessman, Perk supporter, and one-time king pin of the city's numbers racket, has been steadily buying land parcels in the heart of the Model Cities area. (8-29-73)**
- 416. Mayor Perk is informed that Ron Bey defended his actions regarding his Model Cities contracts in front of the city's Law Director Herbert Whiting and his three member non-investigatory panel. (8-29-73)**

- 417. Mayor Perk understands that the police are about to question Ron Bey on the Doggett attack. (8-30-73)**
- 418. Mayor Perk receives pertinent information claiming that the city's Model Cities' directors overpaid their employees. (8-30-73)**
- 419. Mayor Perk's Chief of Police Gerald Rademaker discovers fraudulent land sales involving the Model Cities Program. (8-30-73)**
- 420. Mayor Perk is criticized by mayoral hopeful James Carney for not properly maintaining the city's playgrounds. (8-31-73)**
- 421. Mayor Perk discovers that HUD recommended the consulting firm of Multi-Racial Incorporated to the city's Model Cities Program. (8-31-73)**
- 422. Mayor Perk is asked by the Fraternal Order of Police to replace Bob Weisman on the Civil Service Commission claiming that he is anti-labor and anti police. (8-31-73)**
- 423. Mayor Perk is in a quandary: he wants to conduct further investigations into the Model Cities Program but his Law Director Herbert Whiting is less enthusiastic. (8-31-73)**
- 424. Mayor Perk receives from CTS a water downed version of their proposed regional transportation system. (8-31-73)**
- 425. Mayor Perk denies any rift with the city's new Law Director Herbert Whiting. (9-1-73)**

- 426. Mayor Perk's office is stormed by 150 Summer Youth Job Program employees who want their pay. (9-1-73)**
- 427. Mayor Perk is told that Michael Doggett sought a job for Ron Bey after the city rejected his \$15,000 contract. (9-1-73)**
- 428. Mayor Perk announces that major crime in Cleveland is down by 10.8% from 1972. (9-1-73)**
- 429. Mayor Perk is informed by advisors that he might not gain UAW support in the upcoming election, he expects to win the AFL-CIO. (9-2-73)**
- 430. Mayor Perk reads the latest newspaper headline "Michael Rini is city's chief labor czar." (9-2-73)**
- 431. Mayor Perk lifts the current moratorium on the Model Cities Program and will soon appoint an interim director. (9-3-73)**
- 432. Mayor Perk seeks out proposals to build a new recycling plant. (9-3-73)**
- 433. Mayor Perk and the city lend their support to the Ohio Bell proposed 20% rate increase. (9-3-73)**
- 434. Mayor Perk believes that the Robert Doggett shooting is part of a much deeper scandal involving the city's Model Cities Program. (9-3-73)**
- 435. Mayor Perk and his mayoral opponent James Carney both court the labor vote at UAW outing. (9-4-73)**

- 436. Mayor Perk meets with some of the Summer Youth Program employees who thought they might not be paid based on the recent robbery of funds earmarked for their program. (9-4-73)**
- 437. Mayor Perk then authorizes the city to issue \$3,000 in new checks to replace those stolen last week. (9-4-73)**
- 438. Mayor Perk and his Law Director Herbert Whiting are reopening Model Cities' hearings which will focus on Ron Bey's alleged over payment for services rendered. (9-4-73)**
- 439. Mayor Perk understands that Robert Doggett had no warning before he was shot, although he was pressured by Ron Bey to find him work. (9-4-73)**
- 440. Mayor Perk is expecting a \$32.3m check from the Ohio Regional Sewer by November 1<sup>st</sup>. (9-5-73)**
- 441. Mayor Perk discovers that his one time supporter William Seawright is referred to as the Model Cities' job boss. (9-5-73)**
- 442. Mayor Perk is pleased to learn that the sewer authority is taking steps to acquire city plants. (9-5-73)**
- 443. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that air pollution in Cleveland set an all time record this week and that state officials delayed calling an alert. (9-5-73)**
- 444. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting announces that Multi Racial Inc. has breached the Model Cities pact. (9-5-73)**

- 445. Mayor Perk learns that a group of Model Cities' area residents have asked the U.S. District Court to probe into illegalities in the Model Cities Program. (9-5-73)**
- 446. Mayor Perk says that he supports the decision of his advisor Michael Rini to authorize a \$3,111 Model Cities contract. (9-5-73)**
- 447. Mayor Perk meets with two very important representatives of the Model Cities program Alice Ashford and Thomas Brown who claim that William Seawright had negatively impacted the \$9.3m development program. (9-6-73)**
- 448. Mayor Perk announces that HUD is about to probe the violence and special pacts made by the city's Model Cities program. (9-6-73)**
- 449. Mayor Perk is informed that labor is divided with some supporting him and others James Carney. (9-6-73)**
- 450. Mayor Perk's Law Department never approved any of Ron Bey's contracts with Model Cities. (9-6-73)**
- 451. Mayor Perk announces that any newsperson wanting access to city contracts must first get permission from the city's Finance Director Andrew Putka. (9-6-73)**
- 452. Mayor Perk and James Carney are seeking campaign funds from some of the same sources. (9-7-73)**
- 453. Mayor Perk receives a special \$454,000 Department of Transportation grant to develop alternating current motors for three rapid transit trains. (9-7-73)**

- 454. Mayor Perk learns that one of his early supporters, a black businessman named William Seawright is to be questioned by police regarding the Doggett shooting. (9-7-73)**
- 455. Mayor Perk meets with federal officials who tell him to tighten control of the Model Cities program with a full-time monitor. (9-8-73)**
- 456. Mayor Perk is informed by the law department that the money-pinching Cleveland Indians may place Art Modell's recent stadium lease deal on hold. (9-7-73)**
- 457. Mayor Perk is sent an HUD ultimatum saying that the city has seven weeks to show some progress in cleaning up the Model Cities fiasco or possibly lose federal funds. (9-8-73)**
- 458. Mayor Perk salutes the 30-year service of Ms. Rowena Gordon who is the first woman Executive Secretary to a Cleveland mayor. (9-10-73)**
- 459. Mayor Perk learns that the Model Cities Program made illegal payments totaling \$3,425 to Coleridge O. Jones for preparing the Model City News (9-10-73).**
- 460. Mayor Perk announces that the city is suing Ron Bey for \$6,292. (9-11-73)**
- 461. Mayor Perk is sued by patrolman Arnold V. Hovan of attacking him at City Hall on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. (9-11-73)**
- 462. Mayor Perk goes on leave during his trial. (9-11-73)**

- 463. Mayor Perk is informed that Jerald A. Johnson, the slain ex-convict named by Robert Doggett as his assailant, had been working for a non-identified man named "Ronnie." (9-12-73)**
- 464. Mayor Perk receives a communiqué from HUD saying that it plans to audit the Model Cities program. (9-12-73)**
- 465. Mayor Perk discovers that Ron Bey helped to plan Perk's Rally for blacks in North Randall held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. (9-13-73)**
- 466. Mayor Perk returns to his duties as mayor today after being acquitted of assaulting Patrolman Hovan. (9-13-73)**
- 467. Mayor Perk tells the media that his days in court as a defendant were both interesting and valuable. (9-13-73)**
- 468. Mayor Perk is told that the alleged gunman in the Doggett shooting Gerald A. Johnson phoned Ron Bey five times during the day of the shooting before fleeing the city. (9-13-73)**
- 469. Mayor Perk fails to gain the Cleveland Federation of Labor's endorsement for mayor. (9-13-73)**
- 470. Mayor Perk is informed that Ron Bey and Gerald Johnson were seen together several times at the Sterling Hotel. (9-13-73)**
- 471. Mayor Perk unveils his latest \$4.5m Port Control lakefront development improvements which includes a reconstructed break-wall. (9-14-73)**



- 472. Mayor Perk denies ever meeting Ron Bey and dismisses any talk of a city hall shakeup. (9-14-73)**
- 473. Mayor Perk's Personnel Director Philip S. Hamilton says that Ron Bey had connections with Perk's office and that he had received a special assignment from that office. (9-14-73)**
- 474. Mayor Perk learns that the UAW plans to support James Carney for mayor. (9-15-73)**
- 475. Mayor Perk meets with the police who are demanding that he intensify the probe into the Doggett shooting. (9-16-73)**
- 476. Mayor Perk is accused by his opponent James Carney of meeting with Larry Steele, a close associate of Ron Bey, the day before Steel was killed. (9-17-73)**
- 477. Mayor Perk meets with Police Chief Gerald Rademaker who informs him that the police department is preparing charges against Robert Doggett. (9-17-73)**
- 478. Mayor Perk understands that his opponent James Carney if elected would raze vacant buildings throughout the city. (9-18-73)**
- 479. Mayor Perk is attacked by Dennis Kucinich on the mayor's handling of the Model Cities scandal. (9-18-73)**
- 480. Mayor Perk suggests that his former political ally and friend Dennis Kucinich may have been bought-out by James Carney. (9-18-73)**

- 481. Mayor Perk meets with the Model Cities Board who claims that seven contracts for social services in the Model Cities area were obtained illegally. (9-18-73)**
- 482. Mayor Perk learns that Ron Bey is to be indicted on gun trafficking and that the IRS will be auditing his pay records. (9-18-73)**
- 483. Mayor Perk is informed by close staff members that James Carney claims that some of Perk's aides have been dealing with hoodlums. (9-18-73)**
- 484. Mayor Perk meets with City Council President George Forbes who tells him that Council plans to reintroduce legislation supporting police hospitalization before the November 6<sup>th</sup> elections. (9-19-73)**
- 485. Mayor Perk's advisors tell him that Ron Bey received overtime pay for participating in a February 24<sup>th</sup> Perk political rally. (9-19-73)**
- 486. Mayor Perk visits Robert Doggett during his recuperation and tells him not to worry about his job with the Model Cities Program. (9-20-73)**
- 487. Mayor Perk is informed by the media that the Model Cities Program probe may result in a special Grand Jury. (9-20-73)**
- 488. Mayor Perk learns that Herbert Whiting, the city's new Law Director does not plan to donate to Perk's re-election campaign. (9-20-73)**

- 489. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of Warren D. Hinchee, the Commissioner of Light and Power who has taken the position of Service Department Manager in Burbank, CA. (9-21-73)**
- 490. Mayor Perk names George A. Chuplis Jr. to serve as the new Commissioner of Light and Power. (9-21-73)**
- 491. Mayor Perk is informed that in all probability there is a connection between the Doggett shooting and Ron Bey's illegal contracts with the Model Cities program. (9-19-73)**
- 492. Mayor Perk receives an enthusiastic endorsement for mayor by the Cleveland Plain Dealer. (9-21-73)**
- 493. Mayor Perk is accused by James Carney of paying off his friend and associate William Seawright with lucrative city contracts. (9-21-73)**
- 494. Mayor Perk receives an endorsement for mayor by former Cleveland City Council President and longtime leader in the Democratic Party Jack Russell. (9-21-73)**
- 495. Mayor Perk is still beseeched by summer workers who say they have not been paid. (9-22-73)**
- 496. Mayor Perk announces that the city will host four scientific conferences over the next several weeks. (9-23-73)**
- 497. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of five local airlines to obtain direct air routes to Europe. (9-23-73)**
- 498. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland is to host this year's National Trust for Historic Preservation convention in October. (9-24-73)**

- 499. Mayor Perk receives a government report saying that Cleveland Hopkins International Airport must undergo \$39m in improvements over the next five to ten years to remain competitive. (9-25-73)**
- 500. Mayor Perk accuses his opponent James Carney of spying on him. (9-25-73)**
- 501. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council plans to probe further into alleged irregularities occurring in the Model Cities Program. (9-25-73)**
- 502. Mayor Perk learns that a special Model Cities grand jury has been formed and that Charles Perry will be its foreman. (9-25-73)**
- 503. Mayor Perk and his opponent James Carney are attacked for the current Model Cities program debacle by William H. Seawright. (9-25-73)**
- 504. Mayor Perk's newly appointed Law Director Herbert Whiting and his investigatory panel accuse Mayor Perk's advisor Michael Rini of misusing his office by extending Ron Bey a \$3,111 Model Cities contract. (9-25-73)**
- 505. Mayor Perk is informed by both the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office that they will be joining in on the Model Cities investigation. (9-26-73)**
- 506. Mayor Perk is supporting efforts to bring the new Ohio Lottery headquarters here. (9-27-73)**

- 507. Mayor Perk is told there are photos showing the mayor and Ron Bey together at an April 29<sup>th</sup> city hall function. (9-27-73)**
- 508. Mayor Perk's opponent James Carney wants to establish a new city agency geared towards the needs of the elderly. (9-27-73)**
- 509. Mayor Perk claims that the city's share over the next five years of President Nixon's proposed Better Communities Act will be \$86m. (9-27-73)**
- 510. Mayor Perk's Chief of Community Health Services David Logan denies allegations that the city enticed drug addicts to use methadone. (9-28-73)**
- 511. Mayor Perk supports an emerging coalition made up of local businessmen, labor leaders, and politicians who are campaigning to have the new Ohio Lottery headquartered here. (9-28-73)**
- 512. Mayor Perk is praised by local labor leaders first for hiring former teamster leader Michael Rini as his labor advisor and then for not deserting him during the present controversy. (9-29-73)**
- 513. Mayor Perk asks Robert T. Bennett to assume a new role behind the scenes in the mayor's campaign while Nicholas Bucur remains his campaign manager. (9-29-73)**
- 514. Mayor Perk checks the latest mayoral polls indicating that he will enjoy at least a 2,000 vote victory margin in the upcoming election. (9-29-73)**

- 515. Mayor Perk realizes that Ron Bey is at the center stage at the Model Cities probe. (9-30-73)**
- 516. Mayor Perk drops the earlier charges made against three of the four Cleveland Civil Service Commissioners. (10-2-73)**
- 517. Mayor Perk is outdistancing his opponent James Carney 5 to 4 in the latest polls. (10-3-73)**
- 518. Mayor Perk announces that within a month work will begin on three computerized control systems designed to equalize the flow of water and sewage. (10-5-73)**
- 519. Mayor Perk discovers that internal squabbles led to the closing of the Model Cities Citizens Participation Organization office yesterday. (10-5-73)**
- 520. Mayor Perk learns that the Model Cities Grand Jury has broadened its investigation and has subpoenaed 28 people. (10-6-73)**
- 521. Mayor Perk decides to lobby for a special federal transit subsidy. (10-7-73)**
- 522. Mayor Perk is informed by the local police that two recent slayings in this city may have a connection with the Model Cities case. (10-8-73)**
- 523. Mayor Perk receives relevant inside information indicating that Cleveland City Council is reluctant to begin its own Model Cities probe. (10-8-73)**

- 524. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council are at odds with each other over who should be appointed the construction coordinator for the new police headquarters. (10-9-73)**
- 525. Mayor Perk wants to use Impact Cities Program funding to pay 122 additional policemen to beef up patrols. (10-9-73)**
- 526. Mayor Perk is pleased to learn that the former Citizen's League Director Estal E. Spardin is a leading candidate to become the new LERTA transit coordinator. (10-10-73)**
- 527. Mayor Perk sends Robert Doggett a memo in which he orders the Model Cities Director to reduce his workload during this investigation and to not complain to the media. (10-9-73)**
- 528. Mayor Perk is angered when Robert Doggett defies his memo and begins to work on a new \$2m Multipurpose Community Center in the Model Cities area. (10-10-73)**
- 529. Mayor Perk is informed that the Big Creek Sewer project he is supporting will cost \$20.5m. (10-10-73)**
- 530. Mayor Perk learns that Jerald A. Johnson appeared on the Model Cities payroll as a \$2.25 per hour playground director ten days before Robert Doggett was shot. (10-10-73)**
- 531. Mayor Perk is informed that Robert Doggett will be the first witness to appear before the Model Cities Grand Jury. (10-10-73)**

- 532. Mayor Perk, in a bold move, puts 61 police officers on an overtime beat without Cleveland City Council approval. (10-11-73)**
- 533. Mayor Perk welcomes the National Trust conventioners at a special city hall celebration. (10-11-73)**
- 534. Mayor Perk learns that Ron Bey has refused to testify as a prosecution witness in the extortion trial of Richard Thomas. (10-11-73)**
- 535. Mayor Perk gains Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor support in his re-election campaign something he was unable to get in 1971. (10-11-73)**
- 536. Mayor Perk understands that L.R. Abbott, a Model Cities program consultant, who has been sought since last March on charges of fraud, will appear in front of municipal court on November 15, 1973. (10-12-73)**
- 537. Mayor Perk convinces Cleveland City Council to approve the Modell stadium deal. (10-12-73)**
- 538. Mayor Perk learns that his opponent James Carney has decided to pull out of the mayoral race. (10-12-73)**
- 539. Mayor Perk is informed that his advisors Michael Rini and James Dickerson have testified in front of the Model Cities Grand Jury. (10-12-73)**
- 540. Mayor Perk receives word from HUD officials that the city's beleaguered Model Cities Program is showing some progress. (10-17-73)**



- 541. Mayor Perk's Model Cities Program Consultant Wolfgang Price is accused by William Seawright of trying to oust Robert Doggett as director. (10-17-73)**
- 542. Mayor Perk is considering the idea of the city building and operating a new large parking garage at Cleveland State University. (10-18-73)**
- 543. Mayor Perk is informed that the city's Personnel Director Philip Hamilton is to be questioned by the Model Cities Grand Jury and that he might be asked to testify as well. (10-18-73)**
- 544. Mayor Perk does not respond to charges by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that he practices racism. (10-18-73)**
- 545. Mayor Perk understands that James Carney's recent pull out from the election has led some democrats in Cleveland City Council to suggest a return to partisan elections. (10-18-73)**
- 546. Mayor Perk demands that the current Cleveland Indians owner Nick Meleti pay the city over \$100,000 in rental fees. (10-19-73)**
- 547. Mayor Perk announces a \$200,000 deficit in this year's Warrensville Workhouse budget resulting from overtime pay issued to guards. (10-19-73)**
- 548. Mayor Perk is beset by the Model Cities grand Jury trial; however, he keeps the faith. (10-21-73)**

- 549. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Andrew Putka is contacted by the Cleveland Indians Vice president Alva T. Bonda to discuss allegations that the baseball team owes the city \$144,228. (10-23-73)**
- 550. Mayor Perk announces that the Huron Road mall at a cost of \$575,000 will be completed in a few weeks. (10-25-73)**
- 551. Mayor Perk is informed that the democrats designated Cleveland City Council Clerk Mrs. Mercedes Cotner as their candidate for mayor. (10-25-73)**
- 552. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council intends to debate the safety forces hospitalization bill tomorrow. (10-26-73)**
- 553. Mayor Perk's idea of expanding the current size of Gordon Park by dumping lake dredges is approved by the Army Corp. of Engineers. (10-26-73)**
- 554. Mayor Perk is careful in that he only attacks Mrs. Cotner politically not personally. (10-28-73)**
- 555. Mayor Perk receives word from HUD officials that they are about to decide the fate of the city's Model Cities Program. (10-29-73)**
- 556. Mayor Perk learns that William Seawright will be testifying in front of the Model Cities Grand Jury. (10-29-73)**
- 557. Mayor Perk is pleased when City Council approves \$230,000 for dial-a-bus service. (10-30-73)**

- 558. Mayor Perk speaks of progress, downplays Mrs. Cotner's candidacy. (10-30-73)**
- 559. Mayor Perk is blasted by Mrs. Cotner for misusing a \$20m federal grant to reduce crime. (10-30-73)**
- 560. Mayor Perk declines to debate Mrs. Cotner claiming that his calendar is too full. (10-30-73)**
- 561. Mayor Perk watches the Democrats stage a pro-Cotner rally at City Hall, 750 people attended. (10-30-73)**
- 562. Mayor Perk's Assistant Howard Klein along with Nicholas Bucur and Philip S. Hamilton are planning the mayor's inaugural party, expected cost \$4,000 or less. (10-30-73)**
- 563. Mayor Perk might be propelled into the 1974 U.S. Senate race so says Republican State Chair Kent B. McGough. (10-30-73)**
- 564. Mayor Perk receives the news that CTS in September ran \$17,000 in the red, \$2.3m in revenues and \$1.18m deficit. (10-30-73)**
- 565. Mayor Perk informs the Cleveland Indians that they owe the city \$144,000 in back fees for using Municipal Stadium: costs include rent, property taxes, and use of stadium parking lot. (10-30-73)**
- 566. Mayor Perk's people hand out leaflets praising his programs. (10-31-73)**
- 567. Mayor Perk is informed that funds for the Model Cities Program will depend on the facts and details presented to HUD. (10-31-73)**

- 568. Mayor Perk announces that the Model Cities Program is seeking \$3.5m to be used as follows: \$150,000 Educational Enrichment; \$450,000 Land Bank; \$2.9m Multipurpose Recreational Center; \$550,000 Small Businessmen's Loan Pool; and \$500,000 Housing and Information Counseling Center. (10-31-73)**
- 569. Mayor Perk shielded from EEA criticism-no patronage evident in his administration. (10-31-73)**
- 570. Mayor Perk announces that the Model Cities Program may be the pilot site for Operation Homestead a new program which allows the city to sell abandoned buildings and homes at nominal cost to new owners willing to rehabilitate them. (11-1-73)**
- 571. Mayor Perk further explains that Operation Homestead includes more than \$700,000 in additional federal funds for home beautification. (11-1-73)**
- 572. Mayor Perk announces that the city's Model Cities Program is moving to city hall. (11-1-73)**
- 573. Mayor Perk reads the latest polls showing him winning by a landslide with at least 55% of the vote. (11-1-73)**
- 574. Mayor Perk asks the people for a mandate this election in the hope that it will serve to unify the city. (11-2-73)**
- 575. Mayor Perk receives the funding owed for the Regional Sewer Program which totals \$32,221,453. (11-2-73)**

- 576. Mayor Perk will be called by the Model Cities Grand Jury to testify about the workings of the program itself and his relationship with Ron Bey. (11-2-73)**
- 577. Mayor Perk and the Cleveland School Board are at odds over the multimillion dollar complex yet to be built in the Quincy neighborhood. (11-2-73)**
- 578. Mayor Perk proposes that CTS erect a new rapid station at the intersection of either Euclid Avenue and Mayfield Road or Cornell and Adelbert roads. (11-2-73)**
- 579. Mayor Perk's Special Assistant Howard Klein turns down an offer by Franklin A. Polk that the mayor seriously should consider accepting a \$325,000 contribution from a current city contractor. (11-3-73)**
- 580. Mayor Perk is please to learn that Playhouse Square is about to open the Palace, the area's second refurbished theatre. (11-4-73)**
- 581. Mayor Perk aims at a big victory in the upcoming mayoral race to build a state GOP image which will enable him to run for Governor or U.S. Senate seat next year. (11-5-73)**
- 582. Mayor Perk learns that Arnold Pinkney currently leads the pack for a Cleveland School Board seat. (11-7-73)**
- 583. Mayor Perk is overwhelmingly re-elected to a second term with a two to one vote yesterday, a sparse turnout. (11-7-73)**
- 584. Mayor Perk received 90,350 votes and Mrs. Cotner got 45,267 votes. (11-7-73)**

- 585. Mayor Perk announces that he hopes to become the First Executive of the yet to be created Northeast Ohio Regional Government. (11-7-73)**
- 586. Mayor Perk learns that Councilman George Forbes's resounding victory at the polls yesterday will serve to strengthen his hold on Cleveland City Council. (11-7-73)**
- 587. Mayor Perk is thinking of offering former Solon Mayor Warren D. Riebe a top City Hall post after his defeat by democrat candidate Charles Smercina in yesterday's elections. (11-8-73)**
- 588. Mayor Perk's vigilant Law Director Herbert Whiting wanting to slash East Ohio Gas Company's recent \$38.8m rate increase by 75%, asks Cleveland City Council for \$60,000 to wage a legal battle. (11-8-73)**
- 589. Mayor Perk is pleased to learn that Cleveland City Council will approve Director Whiting's latest funding request. (11-8-73)**
- 590. Mayor Perk understands that six firms have already submitted bids to erect and operate a solid waste disposal plant at an estimated cost of \$30m. (11-8-73)**
- 591. Mayor Perk's final vote count is tallied with the mayor receiving 90,736 and Mrs. Cotner getting 57,010. (11-8-73)**
- 592. Mayor Perk is angered to find out that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is knocking his regional plan claiming that it would erode recent black political gains. (11-8-73)**

- 593. Mayor Perk orders the city's Law Director Herbert Whiting and the city's Planning Director Norman Krumholz to develop a plan that would lead to the implementation of a regional government. (11-8-73)**
- 594. Mayor Perk is subpoenaed by the Model Cities Grand Jury based on his alleged connections to Ron Bey. (11-9-73)**
- 595. Mayor Perk announces that a new instrument landing system is operational today at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (11-9-73)**
- 596. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting wants the Edgewater Yacht Club to pay the city \$10,000 in rent annually for their lake site. (11-9-73)**
- 597. Mayor Perk is pressured by President Richard M. Nixon to enact fuel-saving measures. (11-9-73)**
- 598. Mayor Perk initiates fuel-saving measures in city hall. (11-10-73)**
- 599. Mayor Perk is informed by Nicholas Bucur that he can expect a big turnout at his upcoming inauguration. (11-10-73)**
- 600. Mayor Perk discovers that James Carney spent \$282,000 on his campaign while Perk only spent \$24,000. (11-10-73)**
- 601. Mayor Perk is informed that the Model Cities Grand Jury intends to question Danny Greene, Robert Doggett, Booker Tall (Model Cities consultant), Andrew Putka, and Helen Abrams (Mayor Perk's receptionist). (11-10-73)**

- 602. Mayor Perk counters and earlier restraining order and authorizes the city Water Department to raise the price of water. (11-11-73)**
- 603. Mayor Perk is sworn in the 54<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Cleveland. (11-12-73)**
- 604. Mayor Perk learns that Transit Board Chair Nicholas Bucur will call for the elimination of some bus routes if a fuel crisis ensues. (11-13-73)**
- 605. Mayor Perk tells the energy council that he has no emergency powers during the present fuel crisis. (11-13-73)**
- 606. Mayor Perk is accused by some of his critics of trying to oust Cleveland City Council President George Forbes, not substantiated. (11-14-73)**
- 607. Mayor Perk's Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr., wanting the city to eradicate five dilapidated bridges, asks City Council to hire an engineering firm to investigate at an estimated cost of \$100,000. (11-14-73)**
- 608. Mayor Perk receives a request from Nicholas Bucur asking for salary raises for all his CTS board members. (11-14-73)**
- 609. Mayor Perk appeals a Cuyahoga County Common Pleas order allowing Fairview Hospital to erect a new parking lot on land north of the main building. (11-15-73)**
- 610. Mayor Perk is criticized by Charles Perry, the Model Cities Grand Jury foreman, for his evasive testimony in front of the jury. (11-15-73)**



- 611. Mayor Perk allows certain industries located within the city to burn “soft” coal as a way of minimizing costs during the present energy crisis. (11-15-73)**
- 612. Mayor Perk receives the resignation of Dr. Michael Pap the Human Resources and Economic Development Director who is going to return to his teaching at John Carroll University. (11-15-73)**
- 613. Mayor Perk gets a pledge from the federal government that CTS and MUNY-Light will receive sufficient oil during this energy crisis. (11-16-73)**
- 614. Mayor Perk bars non-union representatives for WJW-TV from the mayor’s press conference. (11-16-73)**
- 615. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland has been designated a Bicentennial Community by the federal government which gives the city an advantage in securing the \$13m to \$15m in funds necessary to build the World Trade Center. (11-17-73)**
- 616. Mayor Perk understands that the Model Cities Grand Jury Foreman Charles Perry has been reprimanded for discussing witnesses’ testimony. (11-19-73)**
- 617. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of CTS to establish new bus lanes on Clifton Boulevard and the West Shoreway. (11-20-73)**
- 618. Mayor Perk learns that Dennis Kucinich wants to make peace and is talking about future work together. (11-21-73)**
- 619. Mayor Perk calls for stepping up minority police recruiting including a racially unbiased entrance exam. (11-22-73)**

- 620. Mayor Perk opposes Cleveland City Council's plan to allocate \$400,000 of the city's federal revenue sharing funds to the Cleveland Public Library saying the Cleveland School Board should handle it. (11-22-73)**
- 621. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland Hopkins Airport to streamline its traffic control procedures to save fuel. (11-22-73)**
- 622. Mayor Perk meeting with Nicholas Bucur expresses the opinion that CTS ridership should benefit directly from the current fuel crisis. (11-22-73)**
- 623. Mayor Perk appoints Harry Volk, former Executive Secretary in the Department of Health, to serve as the city's new Energy Conservation Director. (11-22-73)**
- 624. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland will be hosting the World Trade Show from May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1975. (11-23-73)**
- 625. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cuyahoga County agrees to provide \$154,000 to keep the public libraries opened. (11-23-73)**
- 626. Mayor Perk entrusts Harry Volk to keep vital city services going and to help industry/commerce get the necessary energy for their operations by establishing long-term alliances in the public and private sectors. (11-23-73)**
- 627. Mayor Perk celebrates 25-years as a member of the Cleveland City Club. (11-24-73)**

- 628. Mayor Perk will host downtown's New Years Eve party. (11-24-73)**
- 629. Mayor Perk names Neil J. Carothers, John Sherwin, and William Cornell to screen applications for Construction Manager of the \$20.2m new police headquarters. (11-25-73)**
- 630. Mayor Perk receives a request from CTS asking the city for \$2m to purchase 250 additional buses, the remaining \$10m would come from federal and state funds. (11-27-73)**
- 631. Mayor Perk, unable to fund the annual Christmas lighting throughout downtown, asks the federal government for help. (11-27-73)**
- 632. Mayor Perk learns that HUD auditors have accused the Model Cities Program of gross inefficiency. (11-28-73)**
- 633. Mayor Perk is informed by President Richard M. Nixon that the entire Model Cities Program is to be phased out in June 1974. (11-28-73)**
- 634. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Council is cool to the CTS request for \$2m for new buses. (11-28-73)**
- 635. Mayor Perk learns that City Council President George Forbes is threatening to stop the Model Cities program unless the mayor's special consultant Wolfgang Price is fired. (11-28-73)**
- 636. Mayor Perk is reportedly going to replace his current Finance Director Andrew Putka with Warren Riebe. (11-28-73)**

- 637. Mayor Perk's \$75,000 special efficiency study says that the mayor's budget pitfalls are holding the city back and that the city should adopt major charter reforms soon. (11-28-73)**
- 638. Mayor Perk's efficiency study criticizes the efforts of Vince Campanella, Andrew Putka, and Philip Hamilton while praising the achievements of James Dickerson, Norman Krumholz, and Neil McGinness. (11-28-73)**
- 639. Mayor Perk is being seen as governor timber. (11-29-73)**
- 640. Mayor Perk is upset that the Cleveland Indians are balking at the idea of signing a 10-year lease with the Cleveland Stadium Corporation. (11-29-73)**
- 641. Mayor Perk is warned that Art Modell will not sign the stadium deal if the Indians don't even though Modell continually denies it. (11-30-73)**
- 642. Mayor Perk hosts the 62<sup>nd</sup> Davis Cup tournament at Cleveland Auditorium. (11-30-73)**
- 643. Mayor Perk understands that the current CTS General Manager Robert T. Pollock plans to resign his post next November. (12-1-73)**
- 644. Mayor Perk learns that L.R. Abbott, a Model Cities contractor, recently indicted by the Model Cities Grand Jury, does not like to talk about his business affairs. (12-2-73)**

- 645. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland will soon enjoy a major economic upswing predicated on the high level of new construction (\$750m from 1970 to 1975) occurring here. (12-3-73)**
- 646. Mayor Perk plans to hire 104 new housing inspectors. (12-3-73)**
- 647. Mayor Perk is blamed for the recent 17% CEI rate hike by City Council President George Forbes who says the mayor should have negotiated a deal with MUNY-Light. (12-4-73)**
- 648. Mayor Perk's efficiency study concludes by saying that the mayor is not the city's problem; but rather, that confusing charter provisions have undermined this city. (12-4-73)**
- 649. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting says that the mayor is planning a cabinet shakeup soon. (12-4-73)**
- 650. Mayor Perk Mayor Perk threatens to layoff 535 city workers if Congress discontinues its \$8m Public Employment Program. (12-4-73)**
- 651. Mayor Perk says that the individual police and fire worker may owe the city \$250 each, the city's share of the cost for their new full-hospitalization program. (12-4-73)**
- 652. Mayor Perk is being checked out by the GOP as a possible candidate for governor. (12-4-73)**
- 653. Mayor Perk turns down the CTS request for \$2m claiming the city cannot afford it. (12-5-73)**
- 654. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council is going to revive gun control at its next meeting. (12-5-73)**

- 655. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Councilman Michael Zone and Council Clerk Mercedes Cotner that legalized gambling casinos would generate \$10m annually for the city. (12-6-73)**
- 656. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media for authorizing pay increases for his staff totaling \$20,000. (12-7-73)**
- 657. Mayor Perk's Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. is pleased to learn that the Cleveland Board of Control will pay Woodruff Inc. \$100,000 to inspect eight bridges and recommend repair methods. (12-7-73)**
- 658. Mayor Perk, meeting with President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania, pledges lasting friendship between Cleveland and his nation. (12-7-73)**
- 659. Mayor Perk is approached by the GOP to run for the U.S. Senate. (12-8-73)**
- 660. Mayor Perk reverses his earlier stance and says that the safety forces will not have to reimburse the city for their hospitalization. (12-9-73)**
- 661. Mayor Perk announces that he plans to renew the term of CTS Board Member Allen J. Lowe. (12-10-73)**
- 662. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council approves the following: to accept a \$442,000 state grant to operate elderly services; to extend fire insurance coverage to workers at Cleveland Hopkins Airport; to clean 9,000 catch basins; and to grant an easement for a new Scranton Road sewer. (12-11-73)**

- 663. Mayor Perk is informed by LERTA that it has approved a \$1.57m contract to conduct the second Jetport feasibility study. (12-11-73)**
- 664. Mayor Perk's Health Director Jack Robertson has been given vast powers by Cleveland City Council to regulate local abortion clinics. (12-11-73)**
- 665. Mayor Perk's Budget and Management Department employees have been awarded raises totaling over \$30,000 a year. (12-11-73)**
- 666. Mayor Perk announces the creation of a new Special Committee to recommend changes within his cabinet for the upcoming year. (12-11-73)**
- 667. Mayor Perk says that this new committee will include James Dickerson as its non-voting chair, James Carney, Herbert Whiting, George Wrost, and Michael Pap. (12-11-73)**
- 668. Mayor Perk hits a snag with City Council when he refuses to fire Wolfgang Price as the Acting Director of the Model Cities Program. (12-11-73)**
- 669. Mayor Perk announces that MUNY-Light is close to securing a deal to buy power at a more reasonable cost from a New York power source. (12-13-73)**
- 670. Mayor Perk announces that city residents will get a 7-point advantage over non-residents in the city police exams. (12-13-73)**

- 671. Mayor Perk's Consumer Affairs Director Herman Kammerman levels a \$500 fine on a furnace company that tries to coerce a Cleveland homeowner to buy its product. (12-14-73)**
- 672. Mayor Perk on a visit to Newark, Ohio is encouraged to run for governor. (12-15-73)**
- 673. Mayor Perk evades the media about his own future political plans. (12-16-73)**
- 674. Mayor Perk learns that he spent \$40,000 on his last campaign while Mrs. Cotner spent \$13,000. (12-19-73)**
- 675. Mayor Perk installs Nicholas DeVito as the new Director of the Cleveland Regional Sewer Authority. (12-19-73)**
- 676. Mayor Perk's Law Director circulates petitions for a judicial race to be held next year he lost a re-election bid for Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas in 1972. (12-20-73)**
- 677. Mayor Perk is asked by local police organizations for help in keeping agility and lie detector tests in police training programs. (12-21-73)**
- 678. Mayor Perk hosts a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Cleveland business leader Cyrus Eaton. (12-23-73)**
- 679. Mayor Perk announces that two construction firms Turner and Ozanne have been awarded a \$97,114 contract to build the new Police Headquarters. (12-25-73)**
- 680. Mayor Perk announces that the city's Board of Control has awarded Obie Elie Wrecking Company a \$67,000 contract to raze 85 structures. (12-26-73)**



- 681. Mayor Perk receives a special request from Community Development Director Neil McGinness in behalf of Frederick E.J. Pizzadaz who wants \$2,600 in back pay even though Pizzadaz knows that the city has no legal obligation to pay him that sum. (12-27-73)**
- 682. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker announces that violent crime in Cleveland has dropped by 15% over the past year. (12-27-73)**
- 683. Mayor Perk learns from union leaders that they plan to reduce their members' workweek in 1974. (12-28-73)**
- 684. Mayor Perk calls for all city departments to develop their-own 20% energy reduction plan and submit it to the mayor's office for approval by the end of January. (12-30-73)**
- 685. Mayor Perk is sued in federal court by Reverend De Forest Brown Jr. claiming he was illegally fired as the city's Model Cities Director, amount in damages sought \$23,500. (12-31-73)**

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1. **Mayor Perk and 25,000 guests bring in the New Year together in Public Square. (1-1-74)**
2. **Mayor Perk asks feds for at least \$5m to continue the Impact Cities Crime-Fighting Program. (1-1-74)**
3. **Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Citizen's League is recommending 4-year mayoral terms and that the mayor's inauguration day should be moved to January 1<sup>st</sup>. (1-1-74)**
4. **Mayor Perk tries to prod the Cleveland Indians to accept the latest stadium deal. (1-1-74)**
5. **Mayor Perk is scheduled to meet with GOP leaders later this week to discuss his future political plans. (1-1-74)**
6. **Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes agree that everyone should be able to ride RTA at no cost; however, Perk wonders who will sponsor such a major subsidy. (1-2-74)**
7. **Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Neil McGinness resigns over disputes with the city's Law Director Herbert R. Whiting. (1-2-74)**
8. **Mayor Perk names Patrick Henry to replace Neil McGinness as Community Development Director. (1-2-74)**

- 9. Mayor Perk appoints former Solon, Ohio Mayor Warren Riebe to replace Andrew Putka as the city's new Finance Director. (1-3-74)**
- 10. Mayor Perk is elated when he discovers that 61% of those responding to a recent phone poll thought he deserved higher office. (1-3-74)**
- 11. Mayor Perk, Andrew Putka, and Nicholas Bucur failed to attend any NOACA meetings the previous year. (1-3-74)**
- 12. Mayor Perk hints at a possible tax increase and also calls for a regional transit meeting within the foreseeable future. (1-4-74)**
- 13. Mayor Perk's newly devised Consumer Code is to be challenged in Municipal Court on grounds that it may be too vague. (1-4-74)**
- 14. Mayor Perks' Budget Director Vincent Campanella is considered by many to be the real power in controlling the city's funding. (1-4-74)**
- 15. Mayor Perk ponders the possibility of a 4-day work week for city employees; mandatory job retirement at age 65; a 10% pay cut; and no increase in the city's income tax. (1-5-74)**
- 16. Mayor Perk demands compensation if and when a metro government takeover occurs. (1-5-74)**
- 17. Mayor Perk learns that many GOP leaders are backing him for the U.S. Senate. (1-5-74)**

- 18. Mayor Perk tells Art Modell owner of the Cleveland Browns that he has to August 1<sup>st</sup> to make a final decision on whether he is going to renew his stadium contract or not. (1-8-74)**
- 19. Mayor Perk wants Art Modell to know that the new contract will require him to commit to \$10m in stadium renovations spread out over a ten-year period. (1-8-74)**
- 20. Mayor Perk meets with Teamster union head James Trusso who says that he will help expedite the waste disposal plan hung up in Cleveland City Council if the mayor supports a four-day workweek for municipal workers. (1-8-74)**
- 21. Mayor Perk understands that William S. Burton, a fellow Republican, is planning to challenge him for the Senate seat. (1-8-74)**
- 22. Mayor Perk prepares for the Senate plunge. (1-8-74)**
- 23. Mayor Perk receives \$14,000 for his Senatorial campaign from Kent Smith, the retired Chairman of Lubrizol Corp. and R. Livingston Ireland, the Chairman of Hanna Mining Co. (1-8-74)**
- 24. Mayor Perk learns that Art Modell and Nick Mileti intend to delay any final decision concerning Modell's proposed \$10m renovation stadium plan until August 1<sup>st</sup>. (1-8-74)**
- 25. Mayor Perk is urged by the state's GOP leadership to run for U.S. Senate. (1-9-74)**

- 26. Mayor Perk yields somewhat on the transit tax issue even though he thinks it's un-necessary since the feds would be more than happy to fund a new regional transit system here. (1-9-74)**
- 27. Mayor Perk's highly touted freeway patrol fails to gain the necessary support from Cleveland City Council and never materializes. (1-10-74)**
- 28. Mayor Perk is accused of lack of vision and leadership by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes. (1-11-74)**
- 29. Mayor Perk agrees with Senator Metzenbaum that an inquiry into the severity of the energy crisis is in order. (1-11-74)**
- 30. Mayor Perk names Joseph Furber to replace Professor Michael Pap as the Director of Human Resources and Economic Development. (1-12-74)**
- 31. Mayor Perk announces that over the past three years the Department of Human Resources/Economic Development has helped over 375 local businesses secure government assistance. (1-12-74)**
- 32. Mayor Perk learns that Mario J. Baudiera and Thomas J. Sinito have been granted immunity from the prosecution in the Model Cities Grand Jury investigation. (1-12-74)**
- 33. Mayor Perk's wife says publically that she does not want him to run for Senate. (1-12-74)**

- 34. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland is eligible for a limited amount of subsidized public housing under a new program proposed by President Richard M. Nixon. (1-13-74)**
- 35. Mayor Perk is please that Andrew Putka has taken on his new role as Cleveland Hopkins Airport Director with great enthusiasm. (1-14-74)**
- 36. Mayor Perk unveils extensive renovation plans for Cleveland Hopkins Airport's main terminal. (1-15-74)**
- 37. Mayor Perk gets the Cleveland Indians to sign a 10-year stadium lease even though it contains an unfavorable cancellation clause. (1-15-74)**
- 38. Mayor Perk is in Washington, D.C. seeking funding for CTS. (1-15-74)**
- 39. Mayor Perk receives a compromise on the safety forces hospitalization bill from Cleveland City Council whereby Council would be willing to eliminate retroactive coverage if the mayor would not veto it again. (1-15-74)**
- 40. Mayor Perk meets to discuss Forbes's hospitalization bill compromise with his Budget Director Vince Campanella and both men agree that the city cannot afford it. (1-15-74)**
- 41. Mayor Perk supports a revision to the City Charter calling for the establishment of a new Transportation Department. (1-15-74)**
- 42. Mayor Perk does not make the top ten in the city payroll derby. (1-15-74)**

- 43. Mayor Perk receives a major boost for his Senate campaign from Tennessee U.S. Senator and national GOP leader William Brock. (1-16-74)**
- 44. Mayor Perk in all probability will pick James Dickerson to run the city government in his absence. (1-16-74)**
- 45. Mayor Perk learns that James Dickerson does not want the #2 job at City Hall. (1-17-74)**
- 46. Mayor Perk is informed that Ron Bey has been indicted by a federal Grand Jury on five counts of tax evasion totaling \$11,000. (1-17-74)**
- 47. Mayor Perk meets with Vice President Gerald B. Ford to discuss establishing an Amtrak route to Cleveland and when federal funding will be available to erect the new World Trade Center here. (1-17-74)**
- 48. Mayor Perk learns that Andrew Putka and Michael Rini have been indicted for conspiracy; the conspiracy an illegal kickback of \$3111.30 involved the Model Cities program. (1-17-74)**
- 49. Mayor Perk posts a Model Cities Program legal disclaimer disavowing any and all debts incurred by the Citizens' Participation Organization. (1-17-74)**
- 50. Mayor Perk is informed by Council President George Forbes that a \$2m loan to CTS is a bad risk. (1-17-74)**
- 51. Mayor Perk, hoping to sweeten the lease arrangement with Art Modell, suggests that City Council issue \$5m in city bonds as a sign of good faith. (1-18-74)**

- 52. Mayor Perk announces that the city will not legally fight the Cleveland Civil Service suspension of Mod Squad patrolman Ronald Turner too costly. (1-18-74)**
- 53. Mayor Perk is notified that although Cleveland Ports Authority Andrew Putka has been indicted by the Model Cities Grand Jury, he is still seeking the Democratic Party nomination for Congress from the 23<sup>rd</sup> district. (1-18-74)**
- 54. Mayor Perk celebrates his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. (1-19-74)**
- 55. Mayor Perk is accused by CTS Board Member Joseph F. McManomon of blocking regional transit by not supporting local tax subsidies. (1-18-74)**
- 56. Mayor Perk accused Model Cities Grand Jury of smear tactics leveled against him. (1-18-74)**
- 57. Mayor Perk announces that the city is seeking a \$2m boost in taxes based on a re-evaluation of 115 parcels throughout the city. (1-20-74)**
- 58. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker announces that the city's crime rate fell by 14.4% in 1973. (1-21-74)**
- 59. Mayor Perk is accused by critics of altering patronage rolls by simply changing job titles. (1-21-74)**
- 60. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes wants the city to assume control of CTS. (1-21-74)**
- 61. Mayor Perk is informed that Nicholas Bucur and Gerald McFaul are clashing over the proposed \$2m loan to CTS. (1-21-74)**



- 62. Mayor Perk opposes any City Council compromise concerning the safety forces hospitalization issue. (1-21-74)**
- 63. Mayor Perk asks City Council not to veto his legislation against full hospitalization benefits for police and fire. (1-22-74)**
- 64. Mayor Perk is criticized by Lakewood Mayor Robert Lawther for demanding that the city be paid in cash for CTS, such selfish action on his part will make transferring CTS to a county-wide authority very difficult. (1-22-74)**
- 65. Mayor Perk is to announce his candidacy for the U.S. Senate later this week. (1-22-74)**
- 66. Mayor Perk announces that the city is about to receive somewhere between \$10m to \$12m in additional federal funds for job training. (1-22-74)**
- 67. Mayor Perk stages a tirade at the last City Council meeting claiming that City Council has betrayed the people's trust by passing the safety forces hospitalization bill. (1-22-74)**
- 68. Mayor Perk learns that critics of Rosemary Lewis are saying that a corrupt overtime deal set the stage for her to become the new Street Commissioner. (1-22-73)**
- 69. Mayor Perk is informed that City Council plans to add \$1.7m to the current city budget in order to cover full hospitalization costs for police and fire. (1-23-74)**
- 70. Mayor Perk learns that a city worker named John Olderman is appealing his recent layoff. (1-23-74)**

- 71. Mayor Perk complains that Cleveland City Council's passage of the safety forces hospitalization bill will bankrupt the city. (1-23-74)**
- 72. Mayor Perk learns from the Visiting Common Pleas Judge John J. Griesinger that the city charter does not allow the city to pay partial payments towards hospitalization for the safety forces. (1-23-74)**
- 73. Mayor Perk announces that he will run in the GOP primary for the U.S. Senate. (1-24-74)**
- 74. Mayor Perk says that City Council's approval of full paid hospitalization for the city's 3,480 policemen and fireman will bankrupt our city (1-24-74)**
- 75. Mayor Perk announces that he is going to run for the U.S. Senate. (1-24-74)**
- 76. Mayor Perk shuns Nixon label in U.S. Senate campaign. (1-25-74)**
- 77. Mayor Perk meets with Nicholas Bucur who is interested in serving as mayor if Perk should win the election to the U.S. Senate. (1-25-74)**
- 78. Mayor Perk is informed that several street workers deny that any political deal was made to insure the appointment of Rosemary Lewis as the new Streets Commissioner. (1-25-74)**
- 79. Mayor Perk is attacked by Vice President Gerald R. Ford for suggesting that Senator Metzenbaum not be seated until his current differences with the IRS are resolved. (1-26-74)**

- 80. Mayor Perk learns that CTS Chair Nicholas Bucar supports tax subsidies for the transit system. (1-28-74)**
- 81. Mayor Perk receives cheers from the Fraternal Order of Police membership while Senator Metzenbaum is booed at the FOP banquet. (1-28-74)**
- 82. Mayor Perk proposes to save the city \$1.5m by converting the very outdated Ridge Road incinerator into a solid waste transfer station. (1-28-74)**
- 83. Mayor Perk is criticized by the current Civil Service Chief David Sindell for sacrificing three of his Commissioners because they favored full hospitalization for the safety forces. (1-28-74)**
- 84. Mayor Perk, in a bold move, questions the right of the state to charge major cities like Cleveland 5% of new freeway construction within municipal boundaries. (1-29-74)**
- 85. Mayor Perk considers nullifying recently conducted police exam based on allegations of unfair procedural changes authorized by the Civil Service Commission. (1-29-74)**
- 86. Mayor Perk appoints Bohdan Futney as his new Director of the Greater Cleveland Bicentennial Commission. (1-29-74)**
- 87. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vince Campanella informs Cleveland City Council that it violated an unwritten rule by negotiating with the safety forces directly and then granting them fully paid hospitalization. (1-29-74)**
- 88. Mayor Perk names Vincent Francioli as the new Secretary of the Civil Service Commission. (1-29-74)**

- 89. Mayor Perk denies allegations that he purposely delayed the start of the \$1.4m Dial-A-Bus program. (1-29-74)**
- 90. Mayor Perk appoints four respected civic leaders to the Civil Service Commission. (1-30-74)**
- 91. Mayor Perk arriving late to a news briefing finds that all the newsmen have gone to lunch. (1-30-74)**
- 92. Mayor Perk again vetoes the safety forces hospitalization plan. (1-31-74)**
- 93. Mayor Perk first accepts the resignation of Richard Boylan as the federal director of the Impact Cities Crime Fighting Program and then immediately rehires him as the city's director of that same program. (1-31-74)**
- 94. Mayor Perk in allowing Richard Boylan to change his employee status from federal to city opens the way for him to run in the upcoming GOP primary for Ohio Attorney General. (1-31-74)**
- 95. Mayor Perk pledges to initiate a major cleanup campaign for the Huron Road mall. (1-31-74)**
- 96. Mayor Perk suspends the city's Service Director Ralph Tyler and Streets Commissioner Rosemary Lewis for the next two weeks for allowing their workers overtime. (1-31-74)**
- 97. Mayor Perk receives a proposal from Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to cut the salary of the new Civil Service Executive Secretary by \$10,000. (2-1-74)**

- 98. Mayor Perk offers a \$122.9 m city budget which includes both layoffs and reduced city services. (2-2-74)**
- 99. Mayor Perk is informed by the Chairman of the Cuyahoga County GOP Robert Hughes that Richard Boylan should quit the race. (2-3-74)**
- 100. Mayor Perk gets the Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell and the Cleveland Stadium Corporation to sign a 25-year lease guaranteeing the city a yearly profit of \$500,000 to \$750,000. (2-3-74)**
- 101. Mayor Perk announces that the new stadium lease requires the Cleveland Stadium Corp. to pay off the \$3.5m in city bonds used to refurbish the stadium as well as make \$10m in improvements by 1986. (2-3-74)**
- 102. Mayor Perk asks the city's Law Director Herbert Whiting whether the contract recently signed by the city should be renegotiated in light of the county's announcement calling for structural downsizing totaling \$15m. (2-4-74)**
- 103. Mayor Perk refuses to endorse four year terms for mayor or city council. (2-5-74)**
- 104. Mayor Perk and John Glenn file Senate petitions. (2-5-74)**
- 105. Mayor Perk's wife gives her bowling ball to the WWWE-St. Jude Hospital radio thon. (2-5-74)**
- 106. Mayor Perk's Port Authority Director Andrew Putka bars rental cars from busy roadways in and around Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (2-5-74)**

- 107. Mayor Perk announces that his Executive Secretary James Dickerson will be stepping down to become the city's new Executive Director of Operations. (2-7-74)**
- 108. Mayor Perk again warns Cleveland City Council not to override his hospitalization veto. (2-7-74)**
- 109. Mayor Perk is notified that the State of Ohio is about to receive \$5.3m in Model Cities funding with none of it be directed towards Cleveland. (2-7-74)**
- 110. Mayor Perk learns that the Civil Service Commission has turned down John Olderman's hearing request fearing that such a hearing might jeopardize his pending criminal trial. (2-7-74)**
- 111. Mayor Perk discovers that City Council President George Forbes will not consider any hike in city income tax to help CTS without the mayor's support. (2-7-74)**
- 112. Mayor Perk's Office of Consumer Affairs approaches Beneficial Finance Company to stop advertising to clients "instant" tax refunds because it violates the city's new conduct code. (2-7-74)**
- 113. Mayor Perk learns that the city's \$20m Impact Cities Crime Fighting Program will end in 1975. (2-7-74)**
- 114. Mayor Perk supports a county-wide effort to raise \$5m as seed money for renovating inner-city vacant or vandalized houses. (2-8-74)**
- 115. Mayor Perk asks the Cuyahoga County Commissioners for their opinion on the Justice Center pending cuts. (2-9-74)**

- 116. Mayor Perk views the current discussions about a possible hike in the city income tax to aid CTS somewhat premature especially if the feds decide to help. (2-10-74)**
- 117. Mayor Perk proposes establishing a regional transit system to replace the archaic CTS system. (2-11-74)**
- 118. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes face a showdown on the hospitalization bill veto. (2-11-74)**
- 119. Mayor Perk will ask the state for enabling legislation to create a regional transit authority. (2-11-74)**
- 120. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council is very dissatisfied with the new stadium deal. (2-11-74)**
- 121. Mayor Perk announces that the Civil Service Commission will let the police test be given as is on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. (2-12-74)**
- 122. Mayor Perk's veto of the hospitalization bill is overridden by Cleveland City Council. (2-12-74)**
- 123. Mayor Perk supports the idea of placing a regional transit tax on the November ballot. (2-12-74)**
- 124. Mayor Perk favors repealing automatic police raises as a way of covering new hospitalization costs. (2-12-74)**
- 125. Mayor Perk proposes the creation of a new regional health authority. (2-13-74)**

- 126. Mayor Perk reaches an accord with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes on the need for adopting an area-wide transit subsidy. (2-13-74)**
- 127. Mayor Perk receives an offer from Cuyahoga County Commissioners to start an area-wide transit system. (2-13-74)**
- 128. Mayor Perk expects the city to be reimbursed \$10.6m under the proposed Cuyahoga County transit plan. (2-13-74)**
- 129. Mayor Perk argues that the poor condition of Public Hall gives Cleveland a bad image. (2-14-74)**
- 130. Mayor Perk and his Budget Director Vincent Campanella are accused of obstructing the Association of Community Development Corporation's inquiry concerning the city's allocation of \$24.5m in revenue sharing in 1972 and 1973. (2-14-74)**
- 131. Mayor Perk is told that the city may pay up to \$83,000 a year to rent a site it once owed called the Addressograph Multigraph Building located at 1101 Lakeside Avenue. (2-14-74)**
- 132. Mayor Perk is home in bed with a virus. (2-15-74)**
- 133. Mayor Perk discovers that the CTS board prefers his plan over the one offered by the county. (2-15-74)**
- 134. Mayor Perk is admitted to the Cleveland Clinic with Viral Pneumonia. (2-17-74)**



- 135. Mayor Perk tries to run the city from a Cleveland Clinic hospital bed. (2-18-74)**
- 136. Mayor Perk names Nicholas Bucur to head his Senate campaign called “People for Perk.” (2-18-74)**
- 137. Mayor Perk’s Budget Director Vincent Campanella threatens that the city will withdraw from the Justice Center project unless city officials are part of the decision-making processes. (2-19-74)**
- 138. Mayor Perk’s Port Authority Director Andrew Putka urges the city to eliminate red tape so that expansion at Cleveland Hopkins Airport might proceed quickly. (2-20-74)**
- 139. Mayor Perk defying Cleveland City Council refuses to pay safety services hospitalization. (2-21-74)**
- 140. Mayor Perk knows that his refusal to pay safety forces hospitalization costs may result in a law suit. (2-22-74)**
- 141. Mayor Perk’s Port Authority Director Andrew Putka invites public input regarding proposed improvements in Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (2-22-74)**
- 142. Mayor Perk’s bid for the U.S. Senate seat is challenged by policemen and firemen state-wide. (2-22-74)**
- 143. Mayor Perk confirms the appointment of a local labor attorney John R. Climaco to LERTA. (2-22-74)**
- 144. Mayor Perk learns that the Civil Service Commission will allow Bernard Bruckner, a one time user of marijuana, the opportunity of taking the upcoming police entrance exam. (2-23-74)**

- 145. Mayor Perk's former aide Michael T. Scanlon is now the Acting Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for the Federal Energy Commission. (2-24-74)**
- 146. Mayor Perk is discharged from Cleveland Clinic. (2-25-74)**
- 147. Mayor Perk is informed that a large group of policemen and firemen are protesting the mayor's refusal to sign the hospitalization bill by blocking the main entrances to city hall. (2-25-74)**
- 148. Mayor Perk is told that the city is facing a potential \$6m budget deficit. (2-25-74)**
- 149. Mayor Perk's Income Tax Administrator Louis V. Corsi is slated to become the first Ohio Lottery Director. (2-25-74)**
- 150. Mayor Perk announces that he will prosecute those policemen and firemen who picketed city hall. (2-26-74)**
- 151. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council over his objections has allocated \$1.7m to cover the cost of safety forces hospitalization. (2-26-74)**
- 152. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. Representative James V. Stanton and Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Chair Anthony J. Garofoli are blocking the appointment of Louis V. Corsi as the new Ohio Lottery Director. (2-26-74)**
- 153. Mayor Perk received the good news, officials countrywide have approved the new transit tax (1.5% sales tax; 1% income tax; 2% utility bill tax; and 10% parking fees excise tax.) (2-27-74)**

- 154. Mayor Perk is accused by his critic Dennis Kucinich of underestimating income tax receipts now and not being able to prepare for a windfall later this year. (2-27-74)**
- 155. Mayor Perk's office receives a series of proposals to develop the lakeside. (2-27-73)**
- 156. Mayor Perk asks Cleveland City Council to join him in a campaign to persuade the State of Ohio to share future lottery proceeds with the city. (2-28-74)**
- 157. Mayor Perk is prevented by the city charter from ordering the resignation of city employees. (2-28-74)**
- 158. Mayor Perk is again blasted by Dennis Kucinich for his spending habits. (3-2-74)**
- 159. Mayor Perk returns to the Cleveland Clinic relapse of pneumonia. (3-3-74)**
- 160. Mayor Perk announces that a new suitcase claim area will be erected in the Cleveland Hopkins Airport air terminal. (3-4-74)**
- 161. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council majority whip Michael Climaco that he plans to eliminate fifty project directors and assistants as part of a larger hiring ban intended to save the city \$5m. (3-4-74)**
- 162. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council intends to vote soon on gun control. (3-5-74)**
- 163. Mayor Perk learns that some of the youth employed in last summer's youth program have still not been paid. (3-6-74)**
- 164. Mayor Perk announces the hiring of a consultant John F. Brown at \$325 per day plus expenses to negotiate the expansion of Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-7-74)**

- 165. Mayor Perk vetoes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time the safety forces hospitalization bill. (3-7-74)**
- 166. Mayor Perk learns that the UAW union will not support the candidacy of Herbert Whiting for Common Pleas Judge. (3-7-74)**
- 167. Mayor Perk's veto yesterday of the gun control referendum scuttles all attempts to place it on the May ballot. (3-8-74)**
- 168. Mayor Perk is informed that the current police probe is headed for the Grand Jury. (3-9-74)**
- 169. Mayor Perk and the Cleveland School Board are arguing over who will operate the summer job program. (3-10-74)**
- 170. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council is trying to add cost-saving measures to his current budget proposal by curtailing many of his "non-essential" programs. (3-12-74)**
- 171. Mayor Perk's Summer Youth Job Program is attacked by HUD for its gross mismanagement. (3-13-74)**
- 172. Mayor Perk supports the new Cuyahoga Plan of Ohio Inc, a non-profit local watchdog organization dedicated to fair housing in Cleveland. (3-13-74)**
- 173. Mayor Perk's close friend and personal advisor Wilson Hirschfield dies. (3-13-74)**
- 174. Mayor Perk announces the creation of a special task force to investigate allegations of police corruption. (3-15-74)**
- 175. Mayor Perk's new task force called the "God Squad" is headed by Msgr. Blair, Rabbi Rosenthal, Bishop Feghali, and Reverent Campbell. (3-15-74)**

- 176. Mayor Perk's Executive Assistant is rumored to be in line for the number two spot in the Ohio Lottery. (3-15-74)**
- 177. Mayor Perk proposes that the city pay for safety forces hospitalization from February 15<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> (the date when these employees are scheduled to get a \$75-a-month raise) and then they would pay \$50-a-month towards their own individual hospitalization through 1975. (3-15-74)**
- 178. Mayor Perk's compromise hospitalization proposal is rejected by Cleveland City Council. (3-15-74)**
- 179. Mayor Perk announces that Kustown Electronics has been awarded a \$1.2m contract to install 125 mobile computer terminals in local police cars. (3-15-74)**
- 180. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media for closing 34 city-owned pools. (3-15-74)**
- 181. Mayor Perk learns that a grand jury will begin a police probe in an undisclosed location. (3-15-74)**
- 182. Mayor Perk warns municipal unions that if they authorize a strike then he will take action to layoff 390 city workers. (3-15-74)**
- 183. Mayor Perk is criticized by Councilman Dennis Kucinich for playing "Perk" politics on sensitive issues not related to Cleveland City Council action. (3-16-74)**
- 184. Mayor Perk is informed by the Police Grand Jury that sizeable court payoffs by the local police department are common place. (3-17-74)**

- 185. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of Director Charles Russo of the scandal ridden Cuyahoga County Soldiers Relief Commission. (3-18-74)**
- 186. Mayor Perk appoints Charles Russo to serve as a \$16,500-a-year Executive Assistant in the Perk Administration. (3-18-74)**
- 187. Mayor Perk is dared by the media to veto the safety forces hospitalization bill again. (3-18-74)**
- 188. Mayor Perk vetoes the safety forces hospitalization bill for a third time. (3-19-74)**
- 189. Mayor Perk denies that he ever asked his appointees to sign undated resignation letters. (3-19-74)**
- 190. Mayor Perk understands that several prominent police organizations plan to challenge the legality of the “God Squad” to investigate allegations of police corruption within the city. (3-19-74)**
- 191. Mayor Perk announces that James Dickerson is stepping down as the city’s new Executive Director of Operations to assume the role as Assistant Deputy of the Ohio Lottery Commission. (3-20-74)**
- 192. Mayor Perk announces that 88 of the recently hired police officers will be part of this projected layoff. (3-20-74)**
- 193. Mayor Perk’s supports the Division of Air Pollution Control in its efforts to strengthen and enforce those laws pertaining to the worst local industrial polluters. (3-20-74)**

- 194. Mayor Perk's Police Prosecutor Everett Chandler advises him to drop City Hall protest action; Everett considers it a waste of time and effort. (3-22-74)**
- 195. Mayor Perk furloughs more than 100 city workers today. (3-23-74)**
- 196. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting files a \$1m federal suit against those safety forces unions who actively promoted the recent picketing at City Hall. (3-23-74)**
- 197. Mayor Perk secures a \$100,000 federal grant to create the Cleveland Crime Commission. (3-24-74)**
- 198. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Crime Commission, an outgrowth of the city's earlier task force, will be charged with the responsibility of investigating allegations of police corruption and inefficiency. (3-24-74)**
- 199. Mayor Perk vows to veto the hospitalization bill for the fourth time. (3-24-74)**
- 200. Mayor Perk is warned by Cleveland City Council that they may retaliate against him by refusing to accept the federal grant totaling \$100,000 for the "God Squad." (3-25-74)**
- 201. Mayor Perk is informed that a court ruling regarding the perjury charge leveled against Andrew Putka will soon be rendered. (3-26-74)**
- 202. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council are headed for a fight regarding the proposed cab fare hike. (3-26-74)**

- 203. Mayor Perk is told that Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan has dismissed the perjury charges against Andrew Putka. (3-27-74)**
- 204. Mayor Perk understands from U.S. Labor Undersecretary Richard F. Schubert that Cleveland may be eligible for federal funds to create new jobs. (3-27-74)**
- 205. Mayor Perk vows to avert workers layoffs if Cleveland City Council approves his budget in tact. (3-28-74)**
- 206. Mayor Perk announces that the Department of Human Resources and Economic Development has established the Cleveland Area W.R. Manpower Consortium. (3-29-74)**
- 207. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Area Western Reserve Manpower Training Consortium takes the responsibility for the distribution of all CETA regional funding. (3-29-74)**
- 208. Mayor Perk receives the word that city employees have voted to strike if union members are laid off. (3-30-74)**
- 209. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council leaders meet to bargain on budget issues including a possible layoff of 507 city workers and the safety forces hospitalization bill. (3-30-74)**
- 210. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council agree on the latest city budget after the mayor drops his opposition to the hospitalization bill and council restores \$3.2m for city department budgets. (4-1-74)**



- 211. Mayor Perk's Port Control Director Andrew Putka says the current Cleveland Hopkins Airport project may not get going until 1975 due to current bureaucratic red tape. (4-1-74)**
- 212. Mayor Perk is informed that the city garbage workers and their drivers are threatening to strike if the potential layoff of 120 laborers occurs. (4-1-74)**
- 213. Mayor Perk and Ohio Transportation Director J. Phillip Richley preside over the opening of the I-71 airport spur. (4-1-74)**
- 214. Mayor Perk is very upset to learn that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich is the lone opposition to his 1974 city budget. (4-2-74)**
- 215. Mayor Perk greatly admires the city's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker who is an honest man living a frugal life. (4-2-74)**
- 216. Mayor Perk's pending trip to Washington, D.C. to speed up federal allocations to pay 507 city workers is deemed unnecessary by U.S. Congressmen Louis Stokes and William Minshall. (4-3-74)**
- 217. Mayor Perk is informed that the Police Grand Jury under foreman Samuel Miller of Forest City Enterprises has moved to indict six police officers on charges of corruption. (4-3-74)**
- 218. Mayor Perk expands the Cleveland Crime Commission by adding Charles Clarke, Lindsey Cowen, and Mrs. John Manning. (4-3-74)**

- 219. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Air Pollution Board plans to shut down four Wabash Smelting Inc. furnaces at 4365 Bradley Road. (4-3-74)**
- 220. Mayor Perk gives \$6,000 annual raises to eight members of the Cleveland Community Relations Board. (4-3-74)**
- 221. Mayor Perk learns that the city is late in paying \$3m in utilities (MUNY-Light \$1,268,000 and East Ohio Gas/CEI \$1,691,111). (4-3-74)**
- 222. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland City Council's Utilities Committee is going to investigate the officials of the Utility Department on the \$3m owed by the city to purchase power from MUNY-Light power. (4-4-74)**
- 223. Mayor Perk appoints Reverend A.E. Campbell of Temple Baptist Church to Chair the new "God Squad." (4-4-74)**
- 224. Mayor Perk is unable to get federal funds for city jobs. (4-4-74)**
- 225. Mayor Perk is infuriated to learn that CEI intends to keep polluting the environment claiming there is no significant health problem in the city. (4-4-74)**
- 226. Mayor Perk is informed that former Governor Michael V. DiSalle and Cleveland City Councilman Charles V. Carr endorse John Glenn not him for the U.S. Senate. (4-4-74)**
- 227. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that the city has issued an abortion clinic license to a facility located at 11955 Shaker Boulevard. (4-4-74)**

- 228. Mayor Perk and James Rhodes receive the Cuyahoga County GOP endorsement for U.S. Senate and Governor respectively. (4-5-74)**
- 229. Mayor Perk is angry with the GOP for not supporting Ralph Perk Jr. in his bid for the Republican State Central Committee. (4-5-74)**
- 230. Mayor Perk is infuriated when Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich demands that he fire the Police Chief Gerald Rademaker base on the increase in vice citywide. (4-6-74)**
- 231. Mayor Perk is relieved when Vice Squad Captain Carl I. Delau undermines Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich's charges against Chief Rademaker by saying that the quality of a police department and its chief is much more than the number of annual arrests. (4-6-74)**
- 232. Mayor Perk and John Glenn receive endorsements from The Cleveland Plain Dealer for the upcoming U.S. Senate race. (4-7-74)**
- 233. Mayor Perk expects any day to receive federal funds ranging from \$1.5m to \$2m to bail out the city from its present financial crisis. (4-8-74)**
- 234. Mayor Perk reviews the recent legislation passed by city council which includes a new home loan program and the issuance of notes totaling \$28m for the updating of the Cleveland Hopkins Airport terminals. (4-8-74)**

- 235. Mayor Perk, pleased with the joint efforts of Finance Director Warren Riebe and Budget Director Vincent Campanella in running Operations, still has not picked a successor to James Dickerson. (4-8-74)**
- 236. Mayor Perk announces that the city intends to rent the former Addressograph Multigraph Building located at 1101 Lakeside Avenue for \$100,000 a year, an office complex that the city once owed and sold for \$7,500 in 1970. (4-9-74)**
- 237. Mayor Perk is criticized by Congressman James V. Stanton for his failure to promote better transit here. (4-9-74)**
- 238. Mayor Perk hears rumors that MUNY-Light is up for sale again. (4-9-74)**
- 239. Mayor Perk learns that George A. Fuller Co. the Project Manager of the new Justice Center is being closely watched by Cuyahoga County officials after they discover major cost overruns totaling \$600,000. (4-9-74)**
- 240. Mayor Perk receives an order from the Federal power Commission demanding the city to pay the back bills owed CEI or Cleveland may face the loss of critical emergency power during an outage. (4-9-74)**
- 241. Mayor Perk approves recently approved Cleveland City Council legislation calling for the Water Department to install brand new \$20 outside water meters throughout the city by FY 1975. (4-9-74)**
- 242. Mayor Perk is informed that four city policemen enter innocent pleas concerning the recent police scandals. (4-10-74)**

- 243. Mayor Perk reassigns his Finance Director Warren Riebe to Administrative Officer and his Budget Director Vincent Campanella to Executive Director of Operations. (4-10-74)**
- 244. Mayor Perk receives word from Cleveland City Council that it plans to hire former FBI men to investigate the city's police department. (4-10-74)**
- 245. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council that it intends to create a special five member panel which will make recommendations leading to the overhaul of the current police department. (4-10-74)**
- 246. Mayor Perk meets with Cleveland City Council to reassure them that he about to purchase 47 houses off Rocky River Drive so that the proposed \$28.4m expansion of Cleveland Hopkins Airport may proceed. (4-12-74)**
- 247. Mayor Perk's Port Authority Director Andrew Putka vows legal action if Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is picketed by the Teamsters. (4-13-74)**
- 248. Mayor Perk is angered when the city garbage workers go out on strike. (4-15-74)**
- 249. Mayor Perk orders the truckers back-to-work. (4-16-74)**
- 250. Mayor Perk suggests to President Richard M. Nixon that he furnish Congress with any information it requires. (4-17-74)**
- 251. Mayor Perk asks Common Pleas Court to level contempt charges and a \$3,000 daily fine against Teamsters Local 244 for authorizing this unlawful strike. (4-17-74)**

- 252. Mayor Perk learns that the city's garbage workers are willing to call off their strike under threat of a \$3,000 daily fine. (4-17-74)**
- 253. Mayor Perk fines the city garbage truckers \$3,000 for defying the city's back-to-work order. (4-18-74)**
- 254. Mayor Perk's Port Authority Director Andrew Putka announces that every day not spent on the Cleveland Hopkins Airport expansion project costs the city \$5,000 to \$8,000. (4-19-74)**
- 255. Mayor Perk is pleased to know that Cleveland City Council intends to fully fund the expansion project at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (4-19-74)**
- 256. Mayor Perk is attacked by the former President of the Teamsters Union James Hoffa for his unwillingness to negotiate with the strikers. (4-19-74)**
- 257. Mayor Perk signals the layoff of 700 city workers and 550 other city employees call in sick. (4-19-74)**
- 258. Mayor Perk reports that talks with the drivers have reached a stalemate. (4-20-74)**
- 259. Mayor Perk is attacked by Peter Voss another candidate for the Republican Senatorial nomination for labeling himself an independent not a party man. (4-21-74)**
- 260. Mayor Perk discovers that the firefighters recently asked the Board of the Cleveland Federation of Labor to hold an emergency meeting as a way of preventing union infighting during negotiations with the city. (4-22-74)**

- 261. Mayor Perk counters the firefighters move by approaching the current President of the Teamsters Frank Fitzsimmons to intervene in the strike. (4-22-74)**
- 262. Mayor Perk watches as the last floors of the new Holiday-Inn Lakeside are completed. (4-22-74)**
- 263. Mayor Perk is informed that City Council has approved the selling of \$9.1m in bond notes to begin the Cleveland Hopkins Airport terminal expansion, expected cost \$28.4m. (4-23-74)**
- 264. Mayor Perk learns that the drivers' strike costs the city \$80,000 a day in lost wages. (4-23-74)**
- 265. Mayor Perk disavows any attempts by his cabinet to repeal the current city charter provision guaranteeing that local safety forces will remain the highest paid of all large cities in Ohio. (4-23-74)**
- 266. Mayor Perk's accord with the strikers falls apart when he announces additional possible layoffs. (4-23-74)**
- 267. Mayor Perk learns that repair delays at the Crown Point water intake tank means that the water coming from that site will remain foul tasting. (4-23-74)**
- 268. Mayor Perk is preparing to layoff several hundred salaried employees as a way of quieting the strikers. (4-24-74)**
- 269. Mayor Perk begins negotiations with small groups of union leaders representing all nine unions. (4-25-74)**

- 270. Mayor Perk is challenged by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes on his plan to establish 20 to 30 scattered sites where residents may dump their uncollected garbage. (4-26-74)**
- 271. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich and several union leaders are working together to wreck his temporary neighborhood garbage removal program. (4-26-74)**
- 272. Mayor Perk announces to the media that negotiations in the 13-day workers' strike are scheduled to resume today. (4-27-74)**
- 273. Mayor Perk is criticized by Cleveland City Councilman Robert Getz who sees his proposal to spend \$2.1m for a new computer for the city's Budget and Management Department as fiscally irresponsible when that same funding could be spent to improve the city's recreational areas. (4-29-74)**
- 274. Mayor Perk's financial woes are worsened by the state required annual 3% wage increase for safety forces. (4-29-74)**
- 275. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is withdrawing his opposition to his neighborhood garbage dumping plan. (4-30-74)**
- 276. Mayor Perk turns down a compromise proposed by the strikers which would have reduced the requested pay increase from \$.45 per hour to \$.35 per hour retroactive to January 1, 1974. (4-30-74)**



- 277. Mayor Perk hammers out an agreement with the strikers which resulted in a \$.25 per hour raise retroactive to January 1, 1974. (5-1-74)**
- 278. Mayor Perk plans to layoff 525 city workers generating a savings of \$4m which in turn would then be used to cover this pay raise. (5-1-74)**
- 279. Mayor Perk learns that strikers will vote on ending the strike tonight. (5-1-74)**
- 280. Mayor Perk announces that the garbage strike is over and the drivers will return to work tomorrow. (5-2-74)**
- 281. Mayor Perk and Peter Voss, the other Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate seat, crisscross the state seeking voter support. (5-2-74)**
- 282. Mayor Perk leads the efforts to push for speedy action by state legislators in creating a new area-wide subsidized transit system. (5-3-74)**
- 283. Mayor Perk meets with City Councilman Michael Zone who argues rather convincingly that the city needs a 1% to 1.6% income tax increase if it intends to bail itself out of debt. (5-3-74)**
- 284. Mayor Perk favors equity planning as detailed by City Planning Director Norman Krumholz in Cleveland Policy Planning Report. (5-3-74)**
- 285. Mayor Perk receives word that the City Planning Board is calling for a delay on the Tower City Project. (5-4-74)**

- 286. Mayor Perk quiets the fears of the bridge operators that they might be next to lose their jobs by saying that the various bridges crossing the Flats will remain opened. (5-4-74)**
- 287. Mayor Perk understands that the 525 recently laid-off will qualify for unemployment benefits. (5-6-74)**
- 288. Mayor Perk declares “Jesse Owens Day.” (5-6-74)**
- 289. Mayor Perk’s Ports Control Director Andrew Putka approves the Wright Airlines proposal to construct a new \$1.5m hanger at Burke Lakefront Airport. (5-8-74)**
- 290. Mayor Perk in increasing the salaries of Summer Youth Job Program participants may limit the number hired. (5-9-74)**
- 291. Mayor Perk learns that Charles Russo resigned as the Democratic committeeman in Precinct L Ward 2 following Civil Service Commission allegations that he held two jobs one political and one governmental at the same time. (5-9-74)**
- 292. Mayor Perk discovers that the AFL-CIO holds a grudge against him based on his poor handling of the recent strike. (5-9-74)**
- 293. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Councilman George L. Forbes are about to reach a truce on local police reform: previously Perk favored reform and Forbes did not. (5-10-74)**

- 294. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to erect a new recreational building in the Collinwood neighborhood. (5-10-74)**
- 295. Mayor Perk opposes the state of Ohio taking over and modernizing the city's lakefront parks using Clevelanders money. (5-10-74)**
- 296. Mayor Perk reaches an agreement with school board officials that allows the Cleveland Public Schools to operate the youth jobs program this summer. (5-11-74)**
- 297. Mayor Perk is criticized by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich for not averting the latest round of layoffs by dipping into the current budget. (5-11-74)**
- 298. Mayor Perk positive of victory in the Republican primary over his opponent Peter Voss maps out his strategy against John Glenn. (5-12-74)**
- 299. Mayor Perk arranges for a grand reception for Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty. (5-12-74)**
- 300. Mayor Perk angered with the escalating construction costs associated with the new Justice Center threatens to pull the city out. (5-15-74)**
- 301. Mayor Perk's Director of Consumer Affairs Herman Kammerman is force to impose budget restraints which includes the laying off 9 out of his 39 employees. (5-16-74)**
- 302. Mayor Perk is informed that major local labor leaders are insisting that public utilities pay their 4% gross receipt tax on-an up-to-date basis as a way of generating \$6m to \$8m annually and thereby averting further layoffs. (5-16-74)**

- 303. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cuyahoga County Auditor George V. Voinovich in cutting off all city payments pertaining to Justice Center construction contracts until the present economic difficulties are resolved. (5-16-74)**
- 304. Mayor Perk, wanting to see the city fulfill its potential as a world trading port, lends his full support behind current efforts to modernize the port facilities. (5-20-74)**
- 305. Mayor Perk is criticized for the new prisoner techniques he uses in the Warrensville Workhouse including the new transfer procedures imposed on female inmates in half-way houses. (5-21-74)**
- 306. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich is interested in probing into the latest Warrensville Workhouse boss William Hull. (5-21-74)**
- 307. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council in approving the \$350m Tower City project. (5-21-74)**
- 308. Mayor Perk strives to make Cleveland Hopkins Airport a future supersonic link to Europe and beyond. (5-23-74)**
- 309. Mayor Perk sees Cleveland Hopkins Airport playing a vital role in the city's future growth while LERTA officials do not. (5-24-74)**
- 310. Mayor Perk, seeing that high bids might bog down future construction, suggests that the city takeover the building of the new Justice Center. (5-24-74)**

- 311. Mayor Perk's suggestion that the city might takeover the construction of the new Justice Center was not warmly greeted by Cuyahoga County Commissioners. (5-25-74)**
- 312. Mayor Perk provides press credentials to three aides as a way of easing their access to press conferences and political rallies. (5-25-74)**
- 313. Mayor Perk receives very disturbing news that the George A. Fuller Company, the firm in charge of construction at the Justice Center was fired last summer from a similar \$30m project in Illinois. (5-26-74)**
- 314. Mayor Perk and the Cuyahoga County Commissioners, alarmed by the sudden disclosure of last summer's firing of the George A. Fuller Co., sit down to discuss the mayor's construction proposal. (5-26-74)**
- 315. Mayor Perk receives advice from Cleveland City Council Basil Russo calling for the city to collect an additional 1% income tax from all local banks and selected businesses. (5-27-74)**
- 316. Mayor Perk learns that bond counsels for both Cleveland and Cuyahoga County will meet this week to determine the best and most effective ways to generate much needed new revenue to finance the Justice Center. (5-28-74)**
- 317. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission, unsure about the city's future financial responsibility, voted to block Tower City legislation totaling \$350m. (5-29-74)**
- 318. Mayor Perk announces that the God Squad is to widen its scope of investigation to include the city's fire department and the Warrensville Workhouse. (5-29-74)**

- 319. Mayor Perk's critics see his current balancing act as hiding a very shaky budget where the city's tax base is shrinking while local service needs continue to grow. (5-29-74)**
- 320. Mayor Perk learns that James D. Nolan, a prominent local businessman and outspoken critic of MUNY-Light, has asked the U.S. District Court to prevent Cleveland City Council from selling \$8.9m in renovation bonds. (5-30-74)**
- 321. Mayor Perk offers to mediate the 31-day old carpenters' strike; however, union negotiators were cool to the idea. (5-30-74)**
- 322. Mayor Perk says budget needs must be trimmed now to avoid a more serious economic crisis in 1975. (5-30-74)**
- 323. Mayor Perk is angered when he learns that Common Pleas Judge Lloyd O. Brown has approved a 37% water rate hike. (5-30-74)**
- 324. Mayor Perk leads the 71<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrations for Bob Hope at the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel. (5-30-74)**
- 325. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting met with Cleveland City Council to tell them that the mayor fully approves the \$350m Tower City project request. (5-31-74)**
- 326. Mayor Perk announces that the city is requesting a water rate hike of \$1.00 per month per household. (5-31-74)**
- 327. Mayor Perk's Impact Cities Program Director Richard Boylan claims that the recent federal grant of \$2.7m saved 188 police jobs. (6-1-74)**

- 328. Mayor Perk is preparing to evoke Eminent Domain as a way of securing land for new commercial, industrial, or residential development. (6-1-74)**
- 329. Mayor Perk learns that Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich although still unsatisfied as to why the Justice Center construction manager George A. Fuller Co. has experienced such significant overruns in that project, has decided to continue paying expenses. (6-1-74)**
- 330. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker and Safety Director James T. Carney praise the Police Grand Jury Report demanding police department changes and said they will comply. (6-1-74)**
- 331. Mayor Perk is informed that the Planning Commission and the Cleveland City Council will oppose the Tower City project based on who will fix the streets. (6-1-74)**
- 332. Mayor Perk accepts a bust of Pericles from Basil Makedon, the Community Development Minister of Greece, to honor the one-world celebration held at the Greek Gardens in Rockefeller Park. (6-3-74)**
- 333. Mayor Perk names prominent business and civic leader Samuel Miller to serve on the newly created Cleveland Crime Commission. (6-3-74)**
- 334. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Crime Commission dubbed by the media as the God Squad" is led by Richard Boylan and chaired by Msg. Robert Blair and includes two Catholic priests; two Protestant ministers; one black; one Jewish rabbi; and Charles Clarke from Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey. (6-3-74)**

- 335. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Crime Commission reports that the public's perception of police corruption far exceeds actual corruption and that tighter control by local police leadership is essential. (6-4-74)**
- 336. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council eliminates certain land restrictions allowing U.S. Realty to purchase the 35-acre site. (6-4-74)**
- 337. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker, Assistant Police Chief Lloyd Garey, and Safety Director James T. Carney set up a meeting with Samuel Miller, the foreman of the Police Grand Jury. (6-4-74)**
- 338. Mayor Perk asks Rademaker, Garey, Carney, and Miller to discuss important reforms including lower the retirement age from 70 to 65 or 60 and limiting the tours of duty to two years. (6-4-74)**
- 339. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Crime Commission recommends revisions throughout including a new Director of Police position through charter reform, and a new affirmative action policy. (6-5-74)**
- 340. Mayor Perk is criticized by the Chairman of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor Frank Valenta for not promoting state legislation to make Ohio utility companies pay a 4% gross receipt tax immediately. (6-5-74)**
- 341. Mayor Perk empowers Cleveland City Council Safety Commissioner Caesar Moss and former Law Director Richard Hollington to search for a new Police Department head as part of a larger reform package. (6-5-74)**



- 342. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Crime Commission proposes a probationary period for all new appointments, more in-depth training; more in-service training; an education program for children; a new speaker's bureau; and awards/merit pay for heroism. (6-6-74)**
- 343. Mayor Perk meets with Impact Cities Program Director Richard Boylan who tells him that he would like to be the city's first Police Director. (6-6-74)**
- 344. Mayor Perk is informed that Cuyahoga County is waiting for a bond ruling by the courts before issuing new bonds, totaling somewhere between \$12m to \$15m, to complete the Justice Center. (6-6-74)**
- 345. Mayor Perk learns that the courts uphold the right of Cuyahoga County Commissioners to sell new bonds to complete the Justice Center. (6-6-74)**
- 346. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland is one of several major cities to receive federal finds for mass transit, total package worth \$24b. (6-6-74)**
- 347. Mayor Perk projects that the city will have an additional \$3m by the end of FY 1974 based on the first six month revenue gains derived from the 1% income tax increase. (6-6-74)**
- 348. Mayor Perk meets with Cuyahoga County Commissioners who agree to sell an additional \$20m in bonds to guarantee the completion of the Justice Center. (6-7-74)**
- 349. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes intends to block any pay raises for either the Perk Administration or City Council. (6-7-74)**

- 350. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has no intention of increasing the architect's fee for the Cleveland Hopkins Airport Project by more than \$322,000. (6-8-74)**
- 351. Mayor Perk criticizes revised Justice Center Plan saying it is another bungled job. (6-9-74)**
- 352. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich, a foe of LERTA, refuses to testify in front of that organization. (6-9-74)**
- 353. Mayor Perk is not happy to learn that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich wants Council to hold its own hearings to review the LERTA feasibility study. (6-9-74)**
- 354. Mayor Perk submits the police reform bill to Cleveland City Council. (6-9-74)**
- 355. Mayor Perk agrees with the Ports Director Andrew Putka who claims that Cleveland Hopkins Airport would be an ideal landing site for the Concorde. (6-10-74)**
- 356. Mayor Perk faces the reality that the city might be facing a \$12,000 tab for nine layoff city workers if the courts indeed find these layoffs were illegal. (6-11-74)**
- 357. Mayor Perk supports the idea of placing a referendum on an upcoming ballot seeking an additional 1% city income tax levied on banks, utilities, and insurance companies. (6-11-74)**

- 358. Mayor Perk receives a report from a LERTA aide saying that Cleveland Hopkins Airport may remain an adequate facility through the year 2000. (6-11-74)**
- 359. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich and other City Council representatives were barred from entering the Warrensville Workhouse by one of its guards. (6-11-74)**
- 360. Mayor Perk learns that the defense has asked Common Pleas Judge Philip C. Barragate if the Model Cities Grand Jury was improperly impaneled last year. (6-11-74)**
- 361. Mayor Perk learns that GM is considering purchasing the Brook Park tank factory and converting into an assembly plant that will employ 8,000 and have a \$100m annual payroll. (6-12-74)**
- 362. Mayor Perk is relieved to discover that the Fraternal Order of Police has no plans to investigate a recent TV advertisement involving 13 policemen who support Perk for the U.S. Senate. (6-12-74)**
- 363. Mayor Perk is criticized by the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee for running a very slow paced Senate race and may be dropped as the GOP candidate. (6-12-74)**
- 364. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cuyahoga County Commissioners have just fired the Justice Center construction management team George A. Fuller Co. and that Turner Construction out of Providence, R.I. will complete the project. (6-12-74)**

- 365. Mayor Perk pledges a cleaner downtown in the wake of harsh criticism by downtown merchants. (6-12-74)**
- 366. Mayor Perk learns that the Dennis Kucinich tour of the Warrensville Workhouse was anything but impressive. (6-12-74)**
- 367. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council and Councilman Dennis Kucinich that a major revamping of the Warrensville Workhouse is very much in order. (6-12-74)**
- 368. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Ohio House and Senate pass the regional transit authority, next step voter approval. (6-13-74)**
- 369. Mayor Perk is asked by 500 veteran firemen to delay a week of their vacation in order to keep open two fire houses scheduled to be closed. (6-13-74)**
- 370. Mayor Perk ousts Harrison Dillard, winner of four Olympic gold metals, from the Cleveland Boxing and Wrestling Commission allegedly on political grounds. (6-13-74)**
- 371. Mayor Perk receives the results of a Market Opinion Research Poll indicating that John Glenn is ahead by a 3 to 2 margin. (6-13-74)**
- 372. Mayor Perk appoints Dr. Vladimir Russ to serve as the city's new Director of Human Resources and Economic Development replacing Joseph Furber. (6-14-74)**

- 373. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James T. Carney turns down the firemen's request to delay their vacation since this would not insure that the fire houses in question would remain open. (6-14-74)**
- 374. Mayor Perk is being pressured by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to accept an upcoming piece of City Council legislation mandating gun control. (6-14-74)**
- 375. Mayor Perk is informed that one of the Cleveland Crime Commission members Rabbi Rudolph M. Rosenthal will ask his fellow committee members to investigate whether newspaper articles focusing on police corruption adversely affected the police department's corruption probe. (6-14-74)**
- 376. Mayor Perk is sent the results of another poll from Ohio Governor John J. Gilligan indicating that if the election was held today John Glenn would win the Senate race. (6-14-74)**
- 377. Mayor Perk receives a memo from the Cuyahoga County Commissioners saying that in all probability the former Justice Center construction management team of George A. Fuller Co. will not sue over its termination. (6-17-74)**
- 378. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council intends to vote on a proposal offering them up to \$225-a-month to cover on-the-job expenses. (6-17-74)**
- 379. Mayor Perk understands that the Police Grand Jury intends to subpoena 113. (6-17-74)**

- 380. Mayor Perk is criticized by the Fountain Arts Festival committee for not letting that organization use the Hanna Fountains area for their event. (6-18-74)**
- 381. Mayor Perk thinks it is highly inappropriate for Cleveland City Council to approve a \$107,000 yearly benefit package which includes full hospitalization insurance. (6-18-74)**
- 382. Mayor Perk supports efforts to keep open the Cuyahoga County Nursing Home located at 3305 Franklin Avenue. (6-18-74)**
- 383. Mayor Perk is notified of an upcoming Cuyahoga County Commissioners' meeting which is to layout plans for the new regional transit system. (6-18-74)**
- 384. Mayor Perk understands that the city has been offered a large University Circle house for \$1.00 a year with the idea of making it into the Mayor's Mansion. (6-19-74)**
- 385. Mayor Perk suggests a tank plant compromise whereby Brook Park would get to use the plant itself for industrial purposes while Cleveland would get to use the remaining acreage for a new airport cargo facility. (6-19-74)**
- 386. Mayor Perk is informed that two assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutors Robert E. Feighan and Peter H. Hull plan to appeal the Common Pleas court ruling yesterday freeing Michael Rini and L.R. Abbott of all charges related to the Cleveland Model Cities Program scandal. (6-19-74)**
- 387. Mayor Perk meets with Nicholas Bucur, the CTS Board Chairman to discuss the possibility of CTS selling out to the new area-wide transit system for \$7.3m. (6-19-74)**

- 388. Mayor Perk receives \$16.4m in federal funds to fight high unemployment. (6-20-74)**
- 389. Mayor Perk wages an economic and political battle to keep the city viable as a shipping port. (6-20-74)**
- 390. Mayor Perk learns from U.S. Congressman James V. Stanton that the feds intend to offer the tank plant to General Motors and that the site cannot be reclassified from industrial use to airport use. (6-20-74)**
- 391. Mayor Perk announces that the city is expecting \$16.4m from the feds to fight growing unemployment. (6-21-74)**
- 392. Mayor Perk describes other federal incentives targeted for this city including \$1.3m from the Employment Emergency Act to prevent future city employee layoffs and \$2.7m from the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act to help finance much needed additional manpower training. (6-21-74)**
- 393. Mayor Perk is informed that the State of Ohio is thinking about leasing Gordon and Edgewater parks from the city. (6-21-74)**
- 394. Mayor Perk understands that the expansion of the main terminal at Cleveland Hopkins Airport is scheduled to begin in late August. (6-21-74)**
- 395. Mayor Perk drops his opposition to the federal plan to lease the tank plant to General Motors Corporation since it would lead to somewhere between 3,000 to 5,000 new jobs and up to 25,000 new jobs in auxiliary businesses and industries. (6-21-74)**

- 396. Mayor Perk discloses that it cost his campaign \$3.4 cents a vote (\$11,572 totally) to obtain the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate. (6-21-74)**
- 397. Mayor Perk is told by Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan that there were no improprieties concerning the Grand Jury probe of the Police Department. (6-21-74)**
- 398. Mayor Perk pledges the city's support for a new regional transit system. (6-21-74)**
- 399. Mayor Perk plans to lead a dozen business and city leaders on a trip to Europe to promote Cleveland as a world trade center. (6-22-74)**
- 400. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker announces that his department will undergo a significant shakeup including reassigning inspectors, deputy inspectors, and captains; decentralizing the vice squad; and creating a new bureau to keep the police efficient and honest. (6-22-74)**
- 401. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that this police shakeup will not in anyway halt more significant reform plans. (6-22-74)**
- 402. Mayor Perk supports efforts of local officials to create a task force that will not only recommend the kind of area-wide transit authority the county should adopt; but also, who should serve on it. (6-22-74)**
- 403. Mayor Perk and the Planning Commission approve the city's share \$90,000 (\$50,000 in cash and \$40,000 in staff time) of the \$315,000 Lawrence Halprin and Associates' Downtown Cleveland Study. (6-22-74)**



- 404. Mayor Perk reports that local Urban Renewal efforts over the past 20 years netted the city \$21m in taxes. (6-23-74)**
- 405. Mayor Perk is told by General Motors Corporation that it might want to utilize the tank plant if Cleveland, Brook Park, and the feds can resolve their differences. (6-25-74)**
- 406. Mayor Perk's Property Director George Wrost responds to outside pressures and agrees to clean-up every park and recreational area in the city by next week. (6-25-74)**
- 407. Mayor Perk is attacked by the Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council Charles Pinzone who claims that the mayor did not act in good faith when he laid off 525 city workers last week. (6-26-74)**
- 408. Mayor Perk receives national attention when he defends the actions of President Richard M. Nixon. (6-26-74)**
- 409. Mayor Perk says that Cleveland was forced to close two of its most popular playgrounds at dusk after Westinghouse Company refused to sell the city the transformers needed to generate the power for outside night lighting. (6-27-74)**
- 410. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that labor leaders throughout Ohio are joining the John Glenn bandwagon. (6-27-74)**
- 411. Mayor Perk receives a memo from Nicholas Bucur saying that CTS plans to accept a \$7m federal grant in order to buy 160 new buses. (6-27-74)**
- 412. Mayor Perk congratulates John Bustamante at the grand opening of the first locally-owned black S & L, First Bank and Trust of Cleveland. (6-28-74)**

- 413. Mayor Perk and James Rhodes jointly announce that they are running as a team. (6-28-74)**
- 414. Mayor Perk rejects the idea of the city renting a mansion for the mayor saying it would be a burden on the taxpayer. (6-30-74)**
- 415. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council may overrule his opposition and lease the large University Circle house as the Mayor's Mansion. (7-1-74)**
- 416. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James T. Carney opposes the appointment of new police inspectors from outside the department not good for morale. (7-2-74)**
- 417. Mayor Perk is against the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor Chairman Frank Valenta proposal to create a new six member board with the responsibility of mediating disputes and overt strikes. (7-2-74)**
- 418. Mayor Perk understands that recent city firing violations may cost as much as \$43,000. (7-2-74)**
- 419. Mayor Perk receives \$220,000 in federal funds which is to be used for repairing tennis courts throughout the city. (7-3-74)**
- 420. Mayor Perk names Republican State Senator Robert Taft honorary chairman of his campaign. (7-3-74)**
- 421. Mayor Perk learns that Cuyahoga County Commissioners will hold hearings for the expressed purpose of seeking an area-wide transit system agreement no later than July 19<sup>th</sup>. (7-3-74)**

- 422. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella hammered out a new \$1.5m wage agreement with Local 100 of the Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. (7-3-74)**
- 423. Mayor Perk confirms that new hiring occurred during the most recent period of layoffs; however, the number of new hires was less than the number laid off. (7-3-74)**
- 424. Mayor Perk names Luke Owens as the new Assistant Director Consumer Protection Office. (7-3-74)**
- 425. Mayor Perk in a cost cutting move urges Congress to cut the number of overseas troops to reduce the outflow of American dollars. (7-4-74)**
- 426. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella hopes to rehire 109 laid-off workers within the next two weeks. (7-4-74)**
- 427. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council plans to limit the police reform package so that only police captains could be promoted to inspector or deputy inspector. (7-5-74)**
- 428. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella authorizes overtime pay for city mechanics so that they may tackle the backlog of police car repairs. (7-6-74)**
- 429. Mayor Perk's Property Director George Wrost plans to erect a \$60,000 fence around the Highland Golf Course to insure that golfers pay the \$4.00 grounds fee. (7-6-74)**

- 430. Mayor Perk, after reading the Cleveland Legal Aid Society report that criticizes the city for selling over 183 acres of parkland between 1960 and 1970, announces that he will not sell any parkland. (7-6-74)**
- 431. Mayor Perk complies with a ruling issued by U.S. District Judge William K. Thomas ordering the Cleveland Police Department to develop a plan ending job bias by October 15<sup>th</sup>. (7-8-74)**
- 432. Mayor Perk gains support for his Senate campaign at a German Central Farm rally called “Ralph Perk Day.” (7-8-74)**
- 433. Mayor Perk announces that the city will be receiving an additional \$100m in federal revenue sharing funds for housing rehabilitation and neighborhood improvements beginning next year. (7-8-74)**
- 434. Mayor Perk is told the Model Cities Grand Jury is about to adjourn with mixed results: no indictment in the Robert Doggett shooting and only one indictment against Ron Bey for receiving \$3,111 in misappropriated funds. (7-8-74)**
- 435. Mayor Perk meets with federal prosecutors who say they are not done with the Model Cities investigation, there is more to uncover. (7-8-74)**
- 436. Mayor Perk announces that the Warrensville workhouse crisis is costing the taxpayers \$22.50 a day per inmate. (7-8-74)**
- 437. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Moral Claims Commission has authorized \$10,000 to cover Port Director**

**Andrew Putka's legal fees, fees incurred while he was indicted for the Model Cities scandal. (7-9-74)**

- 438. Mayor Perk receives an offer from the Greater Cleveland Growth Association to help Cleveland resolve its latest financial crisis. (7-10-74)**
- 439. Mayor Perk asks a well-respected well-known Montpelier, Ohio businessman Robert C. Winzeler Jr. to serve as his campaign finance chairman. (7-10-74)**
- 440. Mayor Perk is told by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association that if the city continues without some tax increase or windfall, it will in all probability be in the red by more than \$18m by the end of 1975. (7-10-74)**
- 441. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council is currently investigating the operations of the Atlanta transit system. (7-10-74)**
- 442. Mayor Perk's Highway Safety Foundation has a \$5m deficit which the accounting firm of Ernst and Ernst will cover. (7-12-74)**
- 443. "Mayor Perk and Council President George Forbes support of a proposed city charter amendment calling for the reorganization of the Police Department represents nothing more than the spoils system," so says Samuel Miller the Police Grand Jury foreman. (7-12-74)**
- 444. Mayor Perk receives advice from the city's former Safety Director Joseph F. McManamon that a city hall agent and not the police department should recruit local policemen. (7-13-74)**

- 445. Mayor Perk meets with local labor leaders who ask him to support General Motors' bid for the tank plant. (7-13-74)**
- 446. Mayor Perk is upset when he discovers that the Ohio AFL-CIO supports John Glenn for the U.S. Senate. (7-13-74)**
- 447. Mayor Perk is not happy when a group of downtown merchants complain about the ineffectiveness of the new Mod Squad, a detail of plain clothed officers assigned to walk through the district looking to stop petty crime. (7-14-74)**
- 448. Mayor Perk, living up to earlier promise, receives a \$1.1m federal grant which is used to rehire 109 out of the 401 city workers laid off nearly two months ago. (7-15-74)**
- 449. Mayor Perk after learning of a potential conflict of interest for Luke Owens, new Assistant Director of the Consumer Affairs Office, asks the city's Law Director to look into it. (7-15-74)**
- 450. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting proposes eliminating a part of the new Consumer Code which would allow Luke Owen to retain his job in the Consumer Affairs Office. (7-16-74)**
- 451. Mayor Perk's Campaign headquarters was evacuated after campaign workers received an anonymous bomb tip; a police search revealed nothing. (7-16-74)**
- 452. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich is fighting any plan to change the new Consumer Code. (7-17-74)**

- 453. Mayor Perk is told that CTS and its transit union have reached a tentative wage agreement. (7-17-74)**
- 454. Mayor Perk's Port Director Andrew Putka announces that three bidders are in contention for construction manager in the Cleveland Hopkins Airport project. (7-17-74)**
- 455. Mayor Perk welcomes Nigerian Folk Dancers to city hall. (7-17-74)**
- 456. Mayor Perk is criticized by U.S. Congressman James V. Stanton for demanding that Cleveland control the new regional transit board. (7-17-74)**
- 457. Mayor Perk learns that the CTS union expects to receive \$.80 per hour two year wage package. (7-18-74)**
- 458. Mayor Perk congratulates Cleveland public school officials on the completion of their \$5m Aviation High School which will be dedicated on September 1<sup>st</sup>. (7-18-74)**
- 459. Mayor Perk is please when Cleveland City Council and Cuyahoga County officials announce that the Cuyahoga County Nursing Home will remain open under the auspices of Catholic Charities. (7-19-74)**
- 460. Mayor Perk receives a request from Herman Kammerman, the Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, for a special meeting to find out why the Law Director Herbert Whiting suspended him. (7-20-74)**
- 461. Mayor Perk is informed that the Warrensville workhouse currently has a guard shortage. (7-20-74)**

- 462. Mayor Perk leads a city-wide effort to reach an agreement with Brook Park, OH which would permit General Motors Corporation to lease the tank plant. (7-21-74)**
- 463. Mayor Perk presides over the opening ceremonies for the All Nations Summer Festival. (7-22-74)**
- 464. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich wants to serve as the mediator between Herman Kammerman and the mayor. (7-22-74)**
- 465. Mayor Perk, unhappy with Herman Kammerman's work as Director of the Consumer Affairs Office, will not reinstate him. (7-23-74)**
- 466. Mayor Perk is warned by Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes not to interfere with city council plans to pass a new city-wide gun control bill. (7-23-74)**
- 467. Mayor Perk's Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. orders the environmentally unsafe Ridge Road Incinerator closed immediately. (7-23-74)**
- 468. Mayor Perk's critics claim that the passage of his proposed 0.2% income tax increase might jeopardize current area-wide transit talks. (7-23-74)**
- 469. Mayor Perk projects that the Ohio Senate will appropriate \$262,000 this fiscal year to maintain both Edgewater and Gordon parks. (7-23-74)**
- 470. Mayor Perk is informed that the drafters of the regional transit plan intend to sweeten the deal for both the mayor and Council President George Forbes by making the city the majority on its new board. (7-23-74)**



- 471. Mayor Perk is asked by an influential consumer group to take steps to either revise or eliminate the conflict of interest clause in the new city consumer code. (7-24-74)**
- 472. Mayor Perk's critics contend that next year's projected CTS deficit will wipe out 70% of the mayor's tax boost. (7-24-74)**
- 473. Mayor Perk announces that due to recent staff layoffs the Warrensville workhouse will no longer be able to offer rehabilitation programs. (7-24-74)**
- 474. Mayor Perk while on a campaign swing through the heart land suggests to voters that it would be in their best interest to elect a proven leader and big city mayor like himself to the U.S. Senate. (7-24-74)**
- 475. Mayor Perk's announces pay hikes for his thirteen top administrative aides, totaling \$27,000. (7-25-74)**
- 476. Mayor Perk receives a Cleveland City Council panel report indicating that the Warrensville Workhouse is being mismanaged. (7-25-74)**
- 477. Mayor Perk was angry when Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich tried to have the city's Fire Chief William Barry arrested for gross negligence. (7-25-74)**
- 478. Mayor Perk was relieved when Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich failed in his attempt to oust the Fire Chief William Barry. (7-26-74)**

- 479. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Nicholas De Vito tries to outmaneuver Brook Park, OH by seeking federal aid to buy the tank plant. (7-26-74)**
- 480. Mayor Perk meets with representatives of Local 1099 of the Municipal Foremen and Laborers union who want a \$.25 per hour raise if the transit tax is approved. (7-26-74)**
- 481. Mayor Perk is upset that the bids submitted by contractors to complete the new Justice Center which are far below earlier estimates. (7-27-74)**
- 482. Mayor Perk is angry that Cleveland City Council passed a "double-barrel" gun control bill. (7-30-74)**
- 483. Mayor Perk is expected to veto the recent gun control bill passed by Cleveland City Council. (7-30-74)**
- 484. Mayor Perk and the City of Brook Park, OH plan to meet with federal officials to discuss the future of the tank plant. (7-30-74)**
- 485. Mayor Perk announces his support of a federal ban on abortion. (7-30-74)**
- 486. Mayor Perk is pleased when City Council approves the construction of a new Mall at the northwest corner of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Chester Avenue cost of \$250,000. (7-30-74)**
- 487. Mayor Perk cuts CTS price tag to \$20m in cash and free elderly transportation. (7-31-74)**
- 488. Mayor Perk offers to rehire about 65 laid off tradesmen if they agree to a 15% pay cut. (7-31-74)**

- 489. Mayor Perk on a campaign swing through Cincinnati discovers that many Cincinnatians have an identity problem when it comes to who is the Mayor of Cleveland they think that Carl Stokes is still mayor. (7-31-74)**
- 490. Mayor Perk is not happy when the local press hails the gun control bill recently passed by Cleveland City Council as a landmark piece of legislation. (7-31-74)**
- 491. Mayor Perk's mayoral opponent and Cleveland School Board President Arnold Pinkney urges the creation of an area-wide transit pact as soon as possible. (7-31-74)**
- 492. Mayor Perk is criticized by Arnold Pinkney for proposing a CTS tax plan. (7-31-74)**
- 493. Mayor Perk's audit indicates that the city owes \$90,534 to the suburbs. (8-1-74)**
- 494. Mayor Perk learns that Robert Pollock plans to resign his post as CTS General Manager no later than August 16<sup>th</sup>. (8-1-74)**
- 495. Mayor Perk announces that he will veto City Council's recent gun control ordinance. (8-1-74)**
- 496. Mayor Perk in an attempt to gain rural votes downstate plays up "down home" act. (8-4-74)**
- 497. Mayor Perk is harshly criticized by the press for not signing the gun control bill it is the right time to do it. (8-6-74)**
- 498. Mayor Perk takes a strong stance against draft amnesty. (8-6-74)**

- 499. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting argues that the mayor's demand that he draft an ordinance broadening police shakedown powers to include arresting suspected gun carriers is unconstitutional. (8-6-74)**
- 500. Mayor Perk sees no direct advantage in turning over city held parks to the state of Ohio since the state allocation of \$262,000-a-year for park maintenance is identical to the city's allocation. (8-7-74)**
- 501. Mayor Perk requests a CTS payroll tax and a .30 of a 1% city income tax increase to offset CTS deficits. (8-7-74)**
- 502. Mayor Perk's campaign funding remains low in spite of a \$12,000 loan made by his Campaign Manager Robert T. Bennett. (8-7-74)**
- 503. Mayor Perk is angered when he discovers that Cleveland Browns owner Art Modell plans to levy a \$5.00 parking fee for all CTS buses parked in stadium lots during a game. (8-8-74)**
- 504. Mayor Perk's proposal to increase the city's income tax receives the official support of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. (8-8-74)**
- 505. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Sheldon B. Guren President of U.S. Realty Investment Inc. to revive the \$350m Tower City Project. (8-8-74)**
- 506. Mayor Perk is informed by the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee that it is scratching him from the senate race which means he cannot win. (8-8-74)**

- 507. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council may reject his proposed tax hike claiming that it would be too costly for the voters. (8-8-74)**
- 508. Mayor Perk's recent veto of Cleveland City Council's gun control legislation may mean a battle is looming with City Council President George Forbes. (8-9-74)**
- 509. Mayor Perk sees a CTS subsidy as an effective way of offsetting its mounting deficit. (8-9-74)**
- 510. Mayor Perk sat motionless as President Richard M. Nixon resigns. (8-9-74)**
- 511. Mayor Perk is seeking \$103,763 in federal funds to furnish the God Squad with a staff. (8-11-74)**
- 512. Mayor Perk is attacked by critics for not caring about the city's parkland. (8-11-74)**
- 513. Mayor Perk proposes to move the city's ambulance service from the Police Department to a new civilian unit of the Fire Department which would free more policemen to fight crime. (8-11-74)**
- 514. Mayor Perk is asked by Cuyahoga County officials if they could take over the operations of the 300-acre Warrensville workhouse by leasing some of the land from the city. (8-12-74)**
- 515. Mayor Perk's City Health Director Dr. Jack Robertson says that the recent feud between city officials and county commissioners continues as to which group should operate the Warrensville workhouse. (8-13-74)**

- 516. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting bans fund raising for the mayor in Perk's office. (8-13-74)**
- 517. Mayor Perk's campaign for the U.S. Senate runs from one county fair to another. (8-13-74)**
- 518. Mayor Perk's Office of Energy Conservation Director Harry Volk is honored for his service to the city at a Cleveland Engineering Society luncheon. (8-13-74)**
- 519. Mayor Perk wants to conduct additional environmental studies aimed at improving the quality of city water. (8-13-74)**
- 520. Mayor Perk receives a \$48m federal grant for public housing and community development. (8-14-74)**
- 521. Mayor Perk learns that Assistant General Manager of CTS Leonard Ronis was blasted at a recent senior citizens' meeting for high fares and poor service. (8-14-74)**
- 522. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich for allowing his staff to keep secret 244 long distance phone calls originating from his office: such action is illegal since all calls are of public record. (8-14-74)**
- 523. Mayor Perk meets with President Gerald R. Ford at the White House to discuss possible federal funding options for local transit and community development. (8-15-74)**
- 524. Mayor Perk is impressed with the warmth, openness, and candor of President Gerald R. Ford. (8-15-74)**

- 525. Mayor Perk is informed by the U.S. General Services Administration that Brook Park, OH outbid Cleveland, OH (\$16.5m to \$5m) for the tank plant. (8-15-74)**
- 526. Mayor Perk's City Health Director Dr. Jack Robertson announces his resignation to take a similar federal post in Dallas, TX. (8-15-74)**
- 527. Mayor Perk announces that Richard Boylan Director of Cleveland Impact Cities is stepping down to become the new Director of the Warrensville Workhouse. (8-16-74)**
- 528. Mayor Perk receives a \$19m federal grant for various neighborhood preservation programs. (8-16-74)**
- 529. Mayor Perk receives a communiqué from former CTS General Manager Robert Pollock asking the mayor to establish an area-wide transit system as soon as possible. (8-16-74)**
- 530. Mayor Perk remains hopeful when he discovers that his campaign workers were able to raise more than \$9,000 on the heels of President Nixon's resignation. (8-17-74)**
- 531. Mayor Perk is unhappy to learn that suburbs are going to fight a \$1.5m across-the-board water rate increase. (8-17-74)**
- 532. Mayor Perk is told that Common Pleas Judge Francis E. Sweeney, in an attempt to protect city workers from potential pay cuts and loss of civil service protection, has temporarily barred the transfer of skilled tradesmen from the city water system to the new regional sewer district. (8-17-74)**

- 533. Mayor Perk meets with the newly appointed Consumer Affairs Office Director Luke Owen to discuss funding options available to expand Consumer Affairs programs. (8-19-74)**
- 534. Mayor Perk understands that U.S. Senatorial hopeful John Glenn will not relax in the slightest despite the fact that the latest polls indicate that the former astronaut enjoys a 20% lead over the mayor. (8-19-74)**
- 535. Mayor Perk is informed that Cuyahoga County officials will pay the City of Cleveland \$5m to renovate the existing Warrensville workhouse and to erect a new rehabilitation building on that site. (8-20-74)**
- 536. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has appointed Dennis Kucinich, William Franklin, Charles V. Carr, and James Willis to serve on a special committee to resolve the current transit impasse. (8-20-74)**
- 537. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker assigns two policemen to full-time duty at the Warrensville workhouse based upon a request by the workhouse's newest Director Richard Boylan. (8-21-74)**
- 538. Mayor Perk understands from U.S. Congressman James V. Stanton that a recently passed House bill providing \$11b for public transit should provide Cleveland approximately \$205m in transit operating funds. (8-21-74)**
- 539. Mayor Perk learns that the tough minded Leonard Ronis will become the new CTS General Manager today. (8-21-74)**



- 540. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that crime could not flourish downtown without the passive agreement of the police. (8-21-74)**
- 541. Mayor Perk responds to Cleveland City Council President George Forbes attack on the local police by having the police force begin an intensive downtown patrol. (8-21-74)**
- 542. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is dropping his earlier demand that the city must control the new transit board. (8-21-74)**
- 543. Mayor Perk announces that the city no longer wants to buy the tank plant. (8-22-74)**
- 544. Mayor Perk holds a fund raising rally at the Cleveland Stadium that nets him nearly \$30,000. (8-22-74)**
- 545. Mayor Perk at a Rotary Club meeting proposes to make college tuition tax deductible if he is elected to the Senate. (8-22-74)**
- 546. Mayor Perk is accused on political trickery by an elderly group who claims his proposal offering free transit rides for senior citizens is too good to be true and will never happen. (8-22-74)**
- 547. Mayor Perk announces that last night the Cleveland Police Department made 30 downtown arrests. (8-23-74)**
- 548. Mayor Perk is preparing to send his heralded income tax hike proposal to Cleveland City Council by September 4<sup>th</sup>. (8-23-74)**

- 549. Mayor Perk reads in the local papers that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and a group of his cronies have bought WERE radio for \$4m in cash. (8-23-74)**
- 550. Mayor Perk announces that the police crackdown last night nabbed 33. (8-24-74)**
- 551. Mayor Perk is informed that the sale of the Warrensville workhouse site would generate \$10m for the city. (8-24-74)**
- 552. Mayor Perk proposes that the city issue industrial bonds as a way of promoting new development at the Warrensville workhouse site. (8-24-74)**
- 553. Mayor Perk is considering campaign help from Vice President designate Nelson Rockefeller provided that Rockefeller stays clear of the abortion issue. (8-24-74)**
- 554. Mayor Perk meets with Cleveland Safety Director James T. Carney who tells him that he opposes an American Civil Liberties Union request to place observers in police cars during the current crime crackdown downtown. (8-24-74)**
- 555. Mayor Perk is upset when he discovers that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and a group of influential local black leaders have decided to support the candidacy of John Glenn for the U.S. Senate. (8-24-74)**
- 556. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that Cleveland City Council George Forbes is going to hold a cocktail party for John Glenn on September 9<sup>th</sup>. (8-24-74)**
- 557. Mayor Perk's transit plan gains support from influential Cleveland City Councilman, Charles V. Carr. (8-24-74)**

- 558. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes get police protection after both receive death threats. (8-25-74)**
- 559. Mayor Perk receives a consultant's report indicating that the city's lack of capital has sapped Cleveland of its vital assets and political clout. (8-25-74)**
- 560. Mayor Perk's miffed that he was not invited earlier this summer to a Nelson Rockefeller bash honoring Henry Kissinger suggests to President Gerald Ford that he not pick Rockefeller as his Vice President. (8-26-74)**
- 561. Mayor Perk gets advice from the press suggesting that the police should blanket two vice ridden districts as soon as possible. (8-26-74)**
- 562. Mayor Perk orders the city's Safety Department to establish a telephone complaint line. (8-26-74)**
- 563. Mayor Perk announces that the city will receive \$2.4m from the feds to buy the land and remove the homes in the path of the new Cleveland Hopkins Airport approach. (8-26-74)**
- 564. Mayor Perk introduces two bills in front of Cleveland City Council: one calls for a city income tax increase the other for the city to issues bonds to cover expenses. (8-27-74)**
- 565. Mayor Perk favors a proposed special utility tax to be levied on local utilities, banks, and other businesses; however, Cleveland City Council is split on this issue. (8-27-74)**

- 566. Mayor Perk's proposed tax hike is criticized by Cleveland City Councilmen Charles Carr, Francis Gaul, and Robert McCall who claim that the approximate \$15m in revenue generated from this bill falls far short of the needed \$25m to \$30m. (8-28-74)**
- 567. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council's three member transit committee plans to meet with Cuyahoga County officials tomorrow to discuss establishing a new regional transit board, determining its membership size; and board membership criteria.**
- 568. Mayor Perk's police reform efforts are biracial. (8-28-74)**
- 569. Mayor Perk is pleased to learn that Cleveland City Council supports his police reform efforts. (8-29-74)**
- 570. Mayor Perk is informed that the latest polls indicate that John Glenn enjoys a 28% lead over the mayor. (8-29-74)**
- 571. Mayor Perk is asked by Cleveland City Council to testify in front of that body on why the need to increase the city income from 1% to 1.5%. (8-29-74)**
- 572. Mayor Perk announces that a people mover will be tested in the south corridor of the main terminal at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (8-29-74)**
- 573. Mayor Perk understands that a Cleveland City Council task force studying weapons bounty is scheduled to go to Baltimore where such a program exists. (8-30-74)**
- 574. Mayor Perk receives little direct support from Cleveland City Council regarding his new tax initiative. (8-30-74)**

- 575. Mayor Perk and his assistants ill prepared when they meet with Cleveland City Council to discuss the income tax hike ask for an extension. (8-30-74)**
- 576. Mayor Perk and his administration are attacked by the President of the Citizens League James Wilsman for their lack of leadership. (8-31-74)**
- 577. Mayor Perk reads in the press that a gun bounty program similar to the one in Baltimore may be too costly. (9-1-74)**
- 578. Mayor Perk's police crackdowns are considered by many to be discriminatory. (9-2-74)**
- 579. Mayor Perk scoffs at rumors suggesting that he will quit the U.S. Senate race. ((9-3-74)**
- 580. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich who claims that the tax debt facing the city is due partially to its abandonment crisis. (9-4-74)**
- 581. Mayor Perk announces that if the tax hike fails then the city will be forced to do the following: cut services; layoff somewhere between 1,200 to 1,400 workers; authorize no pay raises; abolish all summer recreational programs; limit garbage collection days; limit street repairs and snow removal; curtail demolitions; and eliminate health and recreational center jobs. (9-4-74)**
- 582. Mayor Perk is attacked by a group of senior citizens who claim that his free transit for the elderly contains a major flawed it is only good for one year. (9-4-74)**

- 583. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has decided not to cut police wages based on the success of his crime crackdown program. (9-4-74)**
- 584. Mayor Perk has decided to seek additional funds from the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee. (9-4-74)**
- 585. Mayor Perk's Summer Youth Job Program employees seek summer employment opportunities with the city for FY 1975 with mixed results. (9-4-74)**
- 586. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes is seeking \$200,000 in private funds to operate a local gun bounty program similar to the one in Baltimore. (9-4-74)**
- 587. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that Cleveland City Council will put the income tax hike on the ballot. (9-5-74)**
- 588. Mayor Perk's tax hike is hammered by the UAW. (9-5-74)**
- 589. Mayor Perk is considering replacing the new CTS General Manager Leonard Ronis with the current CTS Board Chairman Nicholas Bucur. (9-6-74)**
- 590. Mayor Perk is not disheartened by the latest polls showing John Glenn ahead of him 4 to 1. (9-6-74)**
- 591. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich has introduced an ordinance that would halt all utility hikes. (9-6-74)**

- 592. Mayor Perk is upset to discover that CTS Board Chairman Nicholas Bucur offered Stella White a CTS Board Member the \$29,000-a-year post as CTS Personnel Director; this is a direct conflict of interest. (9-6-74)**
- 593. Mayor Perk's tax hike is supported by the city's different unions. (9-6-74)**
- 594. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilmen Dennis Kucinich and Basil Russo are trying to sabotage his tax hike proposal. (9-7-74)**
- 595. Mayor Perk's tax hike proposal will have rough sledding ahead due to a myriad of economic and legal obstacles so says the press. (9-8-74)**
- 596. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is adopting a new strategy regarding the proposed utility tax whereby he will support its passage and then lead the effort to declare it unconstitutional. (9-9-74)**
- 597. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting has gone to court to close Adult Physiological Studies Center at 5905 Broadway Avenue and Erotic Book Store at 415 Prospect Avenue on charges of selling pornography. (9-10-74)**
- 598. Mayor Perk's Budget and Management Director Vincent Campanella announces that Cleveland City Council has agreed to dismantle its Bureau of Complaints thereby allowing the Perk administration to take it over. (9-10-74)**
- 599. Mayor Perk is informed that 200 prominent local black leaders have decided to support John Glenn for the U.S. Senate. (9-10-74)**

- 600. Mayor Perk appeals to President Gerald R. Ford for a portion of the \$415m Congress recently allocated to assist poverty-ridden cities like Cleveland lessen the impact of high unemployment. (9-12-74)**
- 601. Mayor Perk is informed that the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee is willing to support his candidacy for the U.S. Senate by offering him \$10,000 now. (9-12-74)**
- 602. Mayor Perk is unsuccessful in convincing the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee to up the ante. (9-12-74)**
- 603. Mayor Perk's critics claim that he cannot run the city effectively based on the fact that his campaign has kept him away from here anywhere from 60% to 70% of the time. (9-13-74)**
- 604. Mayor Perk asks President Ford to aid his campaign at a special 15-minute White House meeting. (9-13-74)**
- 605. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting reminds Cleveland City Council that all Consumer Affairs Office employees including its new Director Luke Owens are violating the conflict of interest clause in the new city code. (9-13-74)**
- 606. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting takes this legal issue to the next level by threatening to fire all Consumer Affairs Office employees unless Cleveland City Council repeals the conflict of interest clause in the new city code. (9-13-74)**



- 607. Mayor Perk allegedly wants to rehire Phil Gaeta the one time City Street Commissioner to a City Hall post. (9-14-74)**
- 608. Mayor Perk's critics point out that Phil Gaeta is untrustworthy based on earlier bribery and mail fraud convictions. (9-14-74)**
- 609. Mayor Perk tries to salvage the \$3m federal grant for the Gateway project by having that developer combine the original federal funds with a yet to be secured additional \$3m federal grant to erect a new World Trade Center here. (9-14-74)**
- 610. Mayor Perk thinks it is highly inappropriate for the unions to ask this money strapped community for a \$1.00 per hour raise for their city workers. (9-14-74)**
- 611. Mayor Perk's political strategists think that the 11,159 city workers might be used more effectively to promote his latest income tax hike proposal. (9-15-74)**
- 612. Mayor Perk and John Glenn are drifting in their senatorial race without much party funding. (9-15-74)**
- 613. Mayor Perk learns from his advisors that current record breaking utility rates are going to get even higher in the next several months. (9-16-74)**
- 614. Mayor Perk receives a Federal Aeronautics Administration grant of \$2.4m to buy 124 land parcels as part of the latest expansion effort at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (9-18-74)**

- 615. Mayor Perk's City Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis claims that low water rates have prevented city officials from modernizing the local water system. (9-18-74)**
- 616. Mayor Perk announces that the \$1,485,423 building contract for Cleveland Hopkins Airport's terminal expansion is awarded to Turner Construction Company and Ozanne Construction Company. (9-18-74)**
- 617. Mayor Perk trails John Glenn in the senate race by 150,000 votes according to the latest GOP poll. (9-18-74)**
- 618. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is investigating the Tower City street dilemma to see if a reasonable compromise might be reached between city officials and project developers. (9-19-74)**
- 619. Mayor Perk learns that the expansion at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport terminal is schedule to begin in October. (9-19-74)**
- 620. Mayor Perk announces that he will hire 100 new policemen if the voters approve the tax hike. (9-19-74)**
- 621. Mayor Perk's City Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis requests that the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers put up warning lights around the offshore dike construction site. (9-19-74)**
- 622. Mayor Perk is upset when the EPA denies Cleveland a full approval rating for its water system. (9-19-74)**

- 623. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Councilman Paul T. Haggard intends to introduce a new gun control bill similar to the one he recently vetoed. (9-19-74)**
- 624. Mayor Perk says that he will veto any gun control bill passed by Cleveland City Council. (9-20-74)**
- 625. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of City Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis who is seeking a \$3.8m loan from the city for much needed MUNY-Light repairs and new CEI connectors. (9-20-74)**
- 626. Mayor Perk is not depressed by the latest polls he predicts that he might win the election if he is able to secure the majority of ethnic and GOP votes. (9-20-74)**
- 627. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that the city will hire more policemen even if the proposed take hike fails. (9-20-74)**
- 628. Mayor Perk gains the support of the CTS Board on his latest tax hike proposal. (9-20-74)**
- 629. Mayor Perk earns the support of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor on his new tax proposal. (9-22-74)**
- 630. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting is persistent he wants Cleveland City Council to override the conflict of interest clause in the new city code. (9-23-74)**
- 631. Mayor Perk is asked by Cleveland City Councilman Francis Gaul to appoint a special Drug War panel to review how our local legal system deals with drug related crimes and criminals. (9-23-74)**

- 632. Mayor Perk supports the write-in campaign of Assistant Law Director Robert P. Hansen who is trying to unseat Common Pleas Judge Frank Gorman. (9-23-74)**
- 633. Mayor Perk learns that Municipal Court Judge Sara Harper has threatened Cleveland City Council President George Forbes with contempt of court for his failure to properly sanitize the Central Police Station court rooms. (9-24-74)**
- 634. Mayor Perk appoints Dr. Ruth Miller as the new Director of the city's Health Department. (9-24-74)**
- 635. Mayor Perk wants to consolidate the city's existing rehab services under a single new umbrella organization called the Department of Rehabilitation Services which would be led by Richard Boylan. (9-24-74)**
- 636. Mayor Perk is told that a shouting match occurred last night between Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and City Councilman Paul T. Haggard over Haggard's proposed gun control bill. (9-24-74)**
- 637. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is seriously considering ousting City Councilman Paul T. Haggard for his recent outburst. (9-24-74)**
- 638. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting is happy when Cleveland City Council finally repeals the consumer conflict section of the city's new code. (9-24-74)**

- 639. Mayor Perk announces that the feds are going to back mass transit here based on the fact that President Gerald Ford did not veto the \$8.6m in transit subsidies. (9-26-74)**
- 640. Mayor Perk let it be known that he plans to add 78 policemen to the city patrol units. (9-27-74)**
- 641. Mayor Perk sees his victory in the current senate race as crucial to foes of abortion. (9-27-74)**
- 642. Mayor Perk orders his aides to push for his tax hike proposal with the voters. (9-28-74)**
- 643. Mayor Perk is pleased with Common Pleas Judge John T. Patton ruling allowing his income tax hike proposal to be placed on the ballot. (9-28-74)**
- 644. Mayor Perk learns that United Airlines plans to expand service which means its annual payroll will be increased by \$2m and that that carrier will hire 100 more employees. (9-30-74)**
- 645. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes intends to proceed with the ousting of Cleveland City Councilman Paul T. Haggard. (9-30-74)**
- 646. Mayor Perk's income tax hike proposal receives a major endorsement from the Cleveland Citizen's League although this organization expresses concerns about its adequacy and timing. (9-30-74)**

- 647. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich has asked the Court of Appeals to overrule Judge John Patton's ruling allowing the tax hike to remain on the ballot claiming its wording is misleading. (10-1-74)**
- 648. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council instead of suspending Councilman Paul Hazzard decided to censor and fine him for his outburst. (10-1-74)**
- 649. Mayor Perk discovers that MUNY-Light lost \$3.8m in FY 1973. (10-1-74)**
- 650. Mayor Perk asks city workers to go door-to-door and to contribute \$1.00 for every \$1,000 in salary to fund an advertising campaign favoring the tax. (10-1-74)**
- 651. Mayor Perk says that no one will be punished for non-compliance to his campaign funding request. (10-1-74)**
- 652. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council is split on the income tax hike. (10-2-74)**
- 653. Mayor Perk's Washington insiders inform him that President Gerald Ford, refusing to support a temporary transit fund solution totaling \$600m, insists that Congress reach its own agreement by the end of the year. (10-2-74)**
- 654. Mayor Perk is told by Washington insiders that the city may qualify for \$7m in federal funds if Senator Clifford P. Hansen succeeds in correcting that he says is an inequity in the formula used for setting levels of federal aid for local sewer projects. (10-3-74)**
- 655. Mayor Perk secures \$1.7m in federal grants to avert 400 city workers from being laid off. (10-3-74)**

- 656. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council to lease MUNY-Light for 25-years. (10-3-74)**
- 657. Mayor Perk seeks \$103,765 from the feds to fund his nine-member Cleveland Crime Commission. (10-3-74)**
- 658. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has softened his opposition to federal funds being used for the Cleveland Crime Commission. (10-3-74)**
- 659. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will support any decision made by the Utilities Committee regarding the MUNY-Light plant. (10-3-74)**
- 660. Mayor Perk will refund his pay totaling \$3,000 while he is running for the U.S. Senate. (10-3-74)**
- 661. Mayor Perk's Bicentennial Director Bohdan Futey plans to take himself off the city's payroll while running for the 23<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Congressional District seat. (10-4-74)**
- 662. Mayor Perk is ordered by Common Pleas Judge Harry T. Marshall to increase the pay of patrolmen to 3% above the salary level for patrolmen in Kittering, Ohio retroactive to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. (10-3-74)**
- 663. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting says that the city will appeal the retroactive patrolmen's pay raise. (10-3-74)**
- 664. Mayor Perk and other major city officials are planning to lease MUNY-Light to CEI for 25 years at an estimated value of \$125m. (10-3-74)**

- 665. Mayor Perk's former Executive Operations Director James Dickerson says that internal checks and balances within the city's Model Cities program itself should have been enough to prevent Ron Bey from receiving \$3,111 in special fees for services he never provided. (10-3-74)**
- 666. Mayor Perk's Director of Human Resources and Economic Development Dr. Vladimir Rus announces that the city is to receive \$1.7m in federal job assistance to prevent the layoff of 500 city workers. (10-3-74)**
- 667. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Paul T. Haggard plans to introduce legislation calling for regional gun control planning. (10-3-74)**
- 668. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of the Cleveland Police Department which is investigating fire and vandalism occurring recently at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (10-4-74)**
- 669. Mayor Perk may restrict his Senate campaign activities to Cuyahoga County based on pressure from some supporters who would like him to campaign for the tax issue as the city's mayor. (10-5-74)**
- 670. Mayor Perk is updated by the local police and the Federal Aeronautics Administration on an incident that occurred yesterday involving several policemen who are accused of knocking over lockers, damaging office equipment, and smashing glass in the Security Office located in the south concourse of Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (10-5-74)**
- 671. Mayor Perk is informed that although Ronald Bey has been acquitted of larceny in the Model Cities dealings he is still awaiting a court decision on tax evasion. (10-5-74)**



- 672. Mayor Perk's current Campaign Manager Robert Bennett also serves as the First Vice President of the Cuyahoga County Republican Executive Committee and as a member of the State Central Committee for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. (10-5-74)**
- 673. Mayor Perk announces that he is in the Senate race to win. (10-6-74)**
- 674. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar, who believes strongly that police officers are better at their jobs if they live in the city, is going to ask Cleveland City Council to re-consider its current policy allowing police to live outside the city limits. (10-7-74)**
- 675. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James Carney met with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and Safety Committee Chair Caesar Moss yesterday to warn Carney not to whitewash the current airport probe. (10-8-74)**
- 676. Mayor Perk's Executive Utilities Commissioner James B. Cunningham gains the approval of Cleveland City Council to add a \$10.00 cross-the-board surcharge to all water bills as an effective way of coping with rising costs. (10-8-74)**
- 677. Mayor Perk's new Health Director Dr. Ruth Miller has a series of goals she would like to accomplish which includes the following: expand the J. Glen Smith Health Center; use volunteers to gather information on all health services locally; open her office to the public; and establish a group family counseling program. (10-8-74)**

- 678. Mayor Perk plans to hold a press conference today to reaffirm his determination to remain in the U.S. Senate race. (10-8-74)**
- 679. Mayor Perk is informed that someone in his administration has been stealing MUNY lot funds this past year estimated loss perhaps as much as \$50,000. (10-9-74)**
- 680. Mayor Perk and other city officials wonder if the proposed 5% federal income surcharge might jeopardize the passage of the city's income tax hike. (10-9-74)**
- 681. Mayor Perk is not happy to learn that Ohio Bell is seeking a 33% rate hike as part of a \$200m budget increase package. (10-10-74)**
- 682. Mayor Perk supports the city probe of lost MUNY lot funds. (10-10-74)**
- 683. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting plans to challenge the proposed phone rate hikes. (10-10-74)**
- 684. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Patrick Henry suggests the city spend its \$16m in federal revenue sharing funds for important programs not listed under general operating expenses even though the required public hearings have not been held. (10-10-74)**
- 685. Mayor Perk agrees with Community Development Director Patrick Henry's strategy for to do otherwise might jeopardize the proposed income tax hike. (10-10-74)**
- 686. Mayor Perk's income last year was \$82,945 with no big debts. (10-11-74)**

- 687. Mayor Perk opposes the confirmation of Nelson A. Rockefeller as the new Vice-President based on his pro-abortion stance. (10-12-74)**
- 688. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes intends to hold public hearings on how the \$16m in revenue sharing funds should be spent. (10-12-74)**
- 689. Mayor Perk seeks federal aid to hire 59 additional meter maids. (10-13-74)**
- 690. Mayor Perk understands that CTS needs additional funds now and that its expected deficit for 1975 is \$8m. (10-14-74)**
- 691. Mayor Perk is informed by his Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis that a city water truck was taken on a demolition derby spree at the city's west side compound. (10-14-74)**
- 692. Mayor Perk follows the missing MUNY lot quarters to an area bank where the teller recalls the deposits. (10-14-74)**
- 693. Mayor Perk is unhappy to learn that George P. Kucsma, the MUNY Parking Lot Coordinator, appears to be the one behind the robbery. (10-14-74)**
- 694. Mayor Perk is told by U.S. Senator Robert Taft that his chances of victory in the upcoming election are zero. (10-15-74)**
- 695. Mayor Perk takes some time out of his hectic schedule to test out a solid brass 19<sup>th</sup> century megaphone that was recently donated to the city's archives. (10-15-74)**

- 696. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe attempts to secure a greater share of the \$28.6m in local government funds at the expense of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District. (10-16-74)**
- 697. Mayor Perk and John Glenn exchange jabs in the first of several TV debates. (10-17-74)**
- 698. Mayor Perk learns that a \$3m combination restaurant and shopping complex on the lakefront pier is stalled due to damages at the site. (10-17-74)**
- 699. Mayor Perk claims the John Glenn at one time favored gun control even though he denies it today. (10-17-74)**
- 700. Mayor Perk is chastised by the press for his support of the God Squad which at times appears ill-defined. (10-17-74)**
- 701. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland Municipal Judge Salvatore R. Calandra has ordered the eviction of the 730 Lounge from its Vincent Avenue site to make way for the expansion of the National City bank headquarters next door. (10-18-74)**
- 702. Mayor Perk thinks it is unfair for Joseph Bartunek, the Democratic Party challenger for the Cuyahoga County Commission seat currently held by Republican Seth Taft, to accuse Taft of ineptness in office due to Justice Center cost overruns and the lack of an area-wide transit system. (10-19-74)**
- 703. Mayor Perk understands that the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) is about to be investigated by the FBI for alleged illegal activities by several of its employees. (10-19-74)**

- 704. Mayor Perk contends that it is unfair for those businesses excepted from city income tax not to pay their share of the tax burden. (10-19-74)**
- 705. Mayor Perk accuses John Glenn of a cover up when it came to the bad check writing done by a former Glenn campaign aide. (10-20-74)**
- 706. Mayor Perk suggests that John Glenn take a lie detector test based on the tarnished activity of his former aid who bilked Glenn supporters of \$65,000. (10-21-74)**
- 707. Mayor Perk agrees with Cleveland City Council during these hard times it is important for the city to boost traffic court penalties. (10-21-74)**
- 708. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Councilman Michael P. Climacs who is seeking a \$10m to \$20m recreational bond issue which he wants placed on the May ballot. (10-23-74)**
- 709. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Parking Coordinator George P. Kucsma has plead non-guilty to the charge of stealing more than \$57,000 in quarters from MUNY lots. (10-24-74)**
- 710. Mayor Perk discovers that CTS is about to ask the feds for \$105,000 in order to buy 300 bus shelters with CTS adding \$45,000 next year. (10-24-74)**
- 711. Mayor Perk is informed that thirty foreign correspondents attended the Perk/Glenn City Club debate at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel today. (10-25-74)**

- 712. Mayor Perk's Ports Director Andrew Putka announces that the people mover will be removed from Cleveland Hopkins Airport too costly at \$1,000 per day. (10-25-74)**
- 713. Mayor Perk learns that a group headed by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich opposes the income tax hike saying it discourages local business expansion. (10-26-74)**
- 714. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes both support the income tax hike now that the mayor is back in town. (10-26-74)**
- 715. Mayor Perk supports the idea of the city hiring an outside consultant for \$100,000 to help MUNY-Light resolve its latest fiscal crisis. (10-26-74)**
- 716. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is backing a search law as a way of halting police killing. (10-29-74)**
- 717. Mayor Perk leads an inaugural ceremony at Cleveland Hopkins Airport marking the beginning of a major terminal expansion costing about \$40m. (10-29-74)**
- 718. Mayor Perk reads a recent Cleveland Press poll indicating that 64% of the voters are against an income tax hike. (10-30-74)**
- 719. Mayor Perk learns that the Finance Committee wants to place this \$3.5m into a special contingency fund as a way of averting potential bankruptcy. (10-30-74)**
- 720. Mayor Perk is against Cleveland City Council President George Forbes's latest gun control law that carries a six month jail term. (10-30-74)**

- 721. Mayor Perk is happy to know that John Glenn received a lukewarm reception when he campaigned at the Slovenian National Hall last night. (10-30-74)**
- 722. Mayor Perk and Richard Celeste who is running for Ohio Lieutenant Governor receive backing from the “Right to Life” group. (10-30-74)**
- 723. Mayor Perk is dishearten by a Plain Dealer poll indicating that 49% of the voters think that he is unqualified to serve as a U.S. Senator. (10-31-74)**
- 724. Mayor Perk learns that a 12 year old Brenda Clinton is suing the mayor and the city’s Parks and Recreational Commissioner John S. Nagy in U.S. District Court for discrimination, she wants to play football with the boys. (11-1-74)**
- 725. Mayor Perk understands that the city’s former finance analyst Thomas J. Maracy has been indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury on two counts of grand theft. (11-1-74)**
- 726. Mayor Perk’s Budget Director Vincent Campanella, paints a very gloomy picture if the income tax hike fails which would include spending cuts up to \$16m; massive layoffs, no raises, no summer youth program, limited garbage collection, inadequate street repairs, and unstaffed recreational centers. (11-1-74)**
- 727. Mayor Perk announces the opening of the new \$75,000 indoor baggage claim area at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (11-1-74)**

- 728. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo that his tax hike is doomed without the support of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and that George Forbes is supporting a special tax on certain businesses, banks, trucking firms, insurance companies, and utilities. (11-2-74)**
- 729. Mayor Perk's Law Director Herbert Whiting is suing the Cleveland Regional Sewer District in Common Pleas Court for \$1.5m for alleged damages in Edgewater Park. (11-6-74)**
- 730. Mayor Perk learns that the proposed revision to the City Charter intended to stimulate business development in Cleveland was defeated 2 to 1 at the polls. (11-6-74)**
- 731. Mayor Perk defeated by John Glenn at the polls. (11-6-74)**
- 732. Mayor Perk's increase in the city income tax also was defeated 73,568 votes to 41,580 votes. (11-6-74)**
- 733. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich lost his bid to unseat Representative Louis Stokes in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Congressional district. (11-7-74)**
- 734. Mayor Perk's Planning Director Norman Krumholz develops a plan for lakefront development. (11-15-74)**
- 735. Mayor Perk explores the idea of converting the current \$8.9 m CTS debt to the city into an asset. (11-30-74)**
- 736. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella suggests that the feds pay off the CTS debt in monthly installments which the city would deposit into its general fund with the idea of withdrawing set funds and returning them to CTS as grants. (11-30-74)**



- 737. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella announces that nearly all of the 1100 city workers laid-off nine days ago will be rehired by mid 1975. (12-23-74)**
- 738. Mayor Perk warns Cleveland City Council that it must approve his plan by January 1<sup>st</sup> or all hope for any federal subsidies will be lost. (12-23-74)**
- 739. Mayor Perk hears unsubstantiated rumors that the city's Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis may be offered a job by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller. (12-23-74)**
- 740. Mayor Perk confronts elderly demonstrators on the steps of Cleveland City Hall who want free transportation on the new area-wide transit system. (12-24-74)**
- 741. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who demands that one of the provisions of the new transit system agreement is that the city has majority control on its board. (12-26-74)**
- 742. Mayor Perk's Personnel Director Philip S. Hamilton resigns to become the State of Ohio Personnel Director. (12-27-74)**
- 743. Mayor Perk receives assurances from Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that City Council will resolve the transit issue before the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. (12-27-74)**
- 744. Mayor Perk urges President Gerald Ford to approve the federal funding bill which would result in the creation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. (12-27-74)**

- 745. Mayor Perk meets with a group of CTS riders who tell him they want a regional transit system. (12-27-74)**
- 746. Mayor Perk presents a report to Cleveland City Council describing the many benefits regional transit would provide including a \$.25 fare; greater safety; and a new community response transportation system. (12-27-74)**
- 747. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of his Bicentennial Celebration Czar Bohdan Futey who may run for Parma City Council. (12-27-74)**
- 748. Mayor Perk learns that the opposition in the Cleveland City Council may be strong enough to scuttle the present regional transit plan. (12-28-74)**
- 749. Mayor Perk announces among protests that the work hours for firefighters will change as of January 1<sup>st</sup> from 24 hours on and 48 hours off to 10 hour to 14 hour shifts. (12-29-74)**
- 750. Mayor Perk announces that the city, county, and suburbs have reached a tentative agreement which means that regional transit is on the way. (12-30-74)**
- 751. Mayor Perk describes the benefits of the transit agreement which include qualifying for federal funds; free senior citizen passes; a \$.25 fare for all others; \$11m from the sale of CTS; and 50% of all future transit improvements to be done in the city. (12-30-74)**
- 752. Mayor Perk's annual New Years Eve party will begin at 10:30 p.m. tonight. (12-31-74)**

## 1975

1. **Mayor Perk announces that over 190,000 city residents have utilized the city's five health centers this past year. (1-1-75)**
2. **Mayor Perk is informed by Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan that he has rejected the city's motion calling for 289 policemen and firemen to be laid-off. (1-1-75)**
3. **Mayor Perk, complying with Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan's order, grants a 10-day stay of execution on the order to stop pay checks for 900 temporary workers. (1-1-75)**
4. **Mayor Perk announces that James B. Davis is the city's new Law Director replacing Herbert Whiting who was elected to serve as a Domestic Relations Judge in the Common Pleas Court. (1-1-75)**
5. **Mayor Perk unveils his new \$16m austerity program by announcing the laying-off 830 city workers. (1-2-75)**
6. **Mayor Perk is told that Leonard Ronis, CTS Assistant General Manager since 1970, is its new General Manager. (1-3-75)**
7. **Mayor Perk receives the latest Federal Power Commission report indicating that MUNY-Light may be beyond salvage. (1-3-75)**
8. **Mayor Perk requests that the city unions delay wage talks for two months due to the current financial crisis. (1-3-75)**

- 9. Mayor Perk meets with a strong advocate of the mounted police Carol A. Mongello who wants the mayor to enlarge this police unit. (1-3-75)**
- 10. Mayor Perk's Director of Human Resource and Economic Development Dr. Vladimir Rus receives \$ 4m in emergency federal funding which may help to save the jobs of 500 city workers. (1-3-75)**
- 11. Mayor Perk receives a \$6.7m State of Ohio plan which calls for using fill dredged from Lake Erie to add 150 acres to the existing 117-acre Gordon Park. (1-4-75)**
- 12. Mayor Perk continues to push for the development of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. (1-6-75)**
- 13. Mayor Perk is criticized by some leaders for the city-wide garbage pile up resulting from his lay-off of 350 sanitation workers last week. (1-6-75)**
- 14. Mayor Perk learns that the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Co-Chairman Anthony J. Garafoli is still undecided whether he will run for mayor. (1-6-75)**
- 15. Mayor Perk meets with city union leaders to try and negotiate a fair wage settlement as garbage piles up. (1-6-75)**
- 16. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis files a notice with the Ohio Court of Appeals (8<sup>th</sup> District) saying that the city plans to appeal the order removing 900 temporary workers from the city payroll. (1-7-75)**

- 17. Mayor Perk develops an emergency plan to pick up garbage. (1-7-75)**
- 18. Mayor Perk proposes the establishment of a 9-member regional commission to deal with prisoner confinement and rehabilitation within the Warrensville workhouse. (1-8-75)**
- 19. Mayor Perk's proposal for the Warrensville workhouse also includes converting the Nike site in Warrensville Twp. into a new satellite correctional center. (1-8-75)**
- 20. Mayor Perk pledges to use 48 street division workers to pick up garbage on the West Side. (1-8-75)**
- 21. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Paul T. Hazzard will be resigning from City Council to become the head of Governor Rhode's Equal Opportunity office. (1-8-75)**
- 22. Mayor Perk meets with several black Republican leaders who are promoting Ralph Tyler Sr. for Assistant Director of ODOT. (1-8-75)**
- 23. Mayor Perk receives a communiqué saying that the Ohio Court of Appeals will decide on the city's bid to stall the layoffs. (1-9-75)**
- 24. Mayor Perk learns that Allen J. Lowe is retiring from the CTS board. (1-9-75)**
- 25. Mayor Perk proposes establishing a regional commission for computer operations that would save the city \$600,000 and the county \$400,000. (1-9-75)**

- 26. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich wants the regional transit system to begin. (1-9-75)**
- 27. Mayor Perk is accused by the press of pushing for Joseph Kreinberg resignation from the Zoning Appeals Board to make room for a political appointee. (1-9-75)**
- 28. Mayor Perk's Chief Police Prosecutor Everett A. Chandler resigns to enter private practice. (1-9-75)**
- 29. Mayor Perk receives a ruling from the Ohio Court of Appeals (8<sup>th</sup> District) saying that the city may retain the 561 temporary workers; however, it may not lay-off 170 policemen and firemen. (1-10-75)**
- 30. Mayor Perk's Budget and Management Director Vincent Campanella claims that the safety forces reduction, which would have saved the city \$500,000 a month, was intended to be temporary and would have permitted the city to qualify for \$8m to \$9m in federal aid. (1-10-75)**
- 31. Mayor Perk is got in the regional transit frenzy as many prominent leaders vie with each other for a seat on the 10-member RTA board. (1-11-75)**
- 32. Mayor Perk meets with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who informs him that James Bell, an independent Cleveland City Councilman, has been appointed to head City Council's Utilities Committee. (1-11-75)**
- 33. Mayor Perk within the next five weeks plans to use a part of a \$3.6m federal grant to rehire 810 city workers. (1-12-75)**

- 34. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council President George Forbes efforts to hold public hearings where the Federal Power Commission will be asked to show prove that the MUNY-Light plant cannot be salvaged. (1-12-75)**
- 35. Mayor Perk receives MUNY-Light's Annual Report that indicates that its current deficit of \$950,000 is the lowest in four years. (1-13-75)**
- 36. Mayor Perk learns that the Fraternal Order of Police President Richard A. Faragher, tired of being harassed by Cleveland City Council, will campaign aggressively to reduce the size of Cleveland City Council from 33 to either 15 or 11. (1-14-75)**
- 37. Mayor Perk appoints his special adviser and friend Howard B. Klein to LERTA. (1-14-75)**
- 38. Mayor Perk supports the Air Pollution Office, Cleveland Board of Standards decision to extend the MUNY-Light plant air pollution cleanup deadline for another year. (1-14-75)**
- 39. Mayor Perk recognized that the extension of the MUNY-Light plant pollution cleanup deadline was necessary based on the city's inability to sell the much needed revenue bonds to finance major plant improvements. (1-14-75)**
- 40. Mayor Perk's Budget and Management Director Vincent Campanella has been asked by Cleveland City Council to draw up enabling legislation authorizing the layoff of 170 policemen. (1-14-75)**

- 41. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Gerald Rademaker is rumored to be the frontrunner to head the new Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association. (1-14-75)**
- 42. Mayor Perk is told by leaders in the Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association that Gerald Rademaker does not have the inside track to head that group. (1-15-75)**
- 43. Mayor Perk is informed that city, county, and suburban leaders are planning to meet this Friday to begin the process of drafting an agreement whereby CTS will be transformed from a traditional city-run transit authority into a new regional transportation system. (1-15-75)**
- 44. Mayor Perk discovers that the Fraternal Order of Police fearing pay cuts has launched a campaign to reduce the size of Cleveland City Council. (1-15-75)**
- 45. Mayor Perk celebrates his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday at the Holiday Inn-Lakeside where a roast beef dinner is served, tickets range-in-price anywhere from \$25 to \$75. (1-16-75)**
- 46. Mayor Perk uses his birthday celebration to solicit much needed contributions which will be used to pay-off debts incurred in his recent Senate race. (1-16-75)**
- 47. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland's unemployment rate has dropped from 7.1% in 1973 to 5.2% in 1974. (1-16-75)**
- 48. Mayor Perk is angry when he learns that five Warrensville workhouse guards have accumulated a total of 446 hours of overtime within a two week period costing the city \$3,066. (1-16-75)**



- 49. Mayor Perk receives permission from the U.S. Department of Labor to recall 310 trash workers. (1-16-75)**
- 50. Mayor Perk appoints Almeta A. Johnson, an attorney at the law firm of Benesch, Friedlander, Mendelson, and Coplan, to serve as the city's first women police prosecutor. (1-16-75)**
- 51. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James T. Carney suspends six policemen anywhere from 40 to 68 days for leaving their post at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (1-17-75)**
- 52. Mayor Perk discloses that the \$76.4m safety forces cost exceeds city tax revenues that are \$74.9m. (1-17-75)**
- 53. Mayor Perk is chastised by the press for installing a new \$15m computer center in city hall that makes it virtually impossible for the public to access city spending records. (1-17-75)**
- 54. Mayor Perk hears rumors that the Cleveland Public Library may ask the city to pay \$50,000 annually for the Public Administration Library at City Hall. (1-17-75)**
- 55. Mayor Perk presides over dedication ceremonies at the new \$360,000 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street Mall which features special landscaping, unique murals, and an observation desk. (1-17-75)**
- 56. Mayor Perk reaffirms his support of Police Chief Gerald Rademaker after learning that Chief John E. Mullaney of Pepper Pike, OH and not Rademaker will serve as the new Director of the Cuyahoga County Police Chief Association. (1-17-75)**

- 57. Mayor Perk, following a meeting in his office with city, county, and suburban leaders, is confident that a regional transit system agreement is about to be finalized. (1-18-75)**
- 58. Mayor Perk urges Cleveland City Council to adopt a resolution against East Ohio Gas Company's proposed service cuts. (1-20-75)**
- 59. Mayor Perk launches a major Clean-Up Campaign by hiring 71 "White Wings" to patrol the city for trash and litter. (1-20-75)**
- 60. Mayor Perk's "White Wings" are recently laid off waste collectors who are being paid by federal funding. (1-20-75)**
- 61. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council action allowing the MUNY-Light plant to tie into CEI. (1-21-75)**
- 62. Mayor Perk announces that a recent meeting of city, county, and suburban officials may result in a flat \$.25 fare. (1-21-75)**
- 63. Mayor Perk is attacked by Arnold Pinkney for not signing gun control legislation following the recent shooting death of an 18 year old East Tech High School student. (1-21-75)**
- 64. Mayor Perk announces the resignation of the temporary part-time head of the Warrensville workhouse Richard Boylan who will reassume his full-time duties as Director of the \$20m Impact Cities Crime Fighting Program. (1-21-75)**
- 65. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council voted to idle 169 policemen; however, it did not approve laying-off 119 firemen. (1-21-75)**

- 66. Mayor Perk announces that the layoff of 169 policemen means that Cleveland now qualifies for \$3.5m in special federal aid. (1-21-75)**
- 67. Mayor Perk's police layoff will mostly impact traffic and neighborhood patrols. (1-21-75)**
- 68. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes intends to cut the size of City Council through attrition. (1-21-75)**
- 69. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council's new no nonsense approach regarding the strict enforcement of a recently enacted law requiring 360 local businesses, banks, insurance companies, trucking firms, and utilities to pay an additional 1% city income tax yearly. (1-22-75)**
- 70. Mayor Perk understands that the Civil Service Emergency Association has filed a suit in Common Pleas Court to overturn non-competitive testing which the Civil Service Commission approved last week. (1-22-75)**
- 71. Mayor Perk is informed by the local press that the pay for Police Chief Gerald Rademaker and Fire Chief William E. Barry this June will exceed his by \$112. (1-23-75)**
- 72. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and representatives of the Safety Forces have met to discuss various options to the current pay hike stalemate. (1-23-75)**
- 73. Mayor Perk contends that the current shortage of natural gas is playing havoc on airport expansion and downtown development. (1-24-75)**

- 74. Mayor Perk commends the efforts of Cleveland City Councilpersons John Barnes, James Boyd, Robert Getz, John Lynch, and Mildred Madison who have launched a major petition campaign aimed at repealing that part of the city's charter granting an automatic annual pay raise for safety forces. (1-24-75)**
- 75. Mayor Perk is sued in Common Pleas court by the local Fraternal Order of Police who wants to stop the layoff of 169 policemen scheduled for midnight tonight. (1-24-75)**
- 76. Mayor Perk is pressed by the media to take a stand on the proposed salary increase for the city's safety forces. (1-25-75)**
- 77. Mayor Perk learns that the Ohio Supreme Court has reopened the Model Cities scandal by reviewing the cases of Michael Rini, Ronald Bey, and L.R. Abbott. (1-25-75)**
- 78. Mayor Perk, with the support of the city's union head Paul Wells, asks state officials to consider allocating an expected state surplus of \$50m to impoverished cities like Cleveland in order to avoid future layoffs. (1-27-75)**
- 79. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved the layoff of 119 firemen effective this Saturday. (1-28-75)**
- 80. Mayor Perk is sued in the Court of Appeals by the city's firefighters union which wants to block the laying-off 119 firemen. (1-28-75)**
- 81. Mayor Perk reviews recent political polls indicating that he might be in for the fight of his life in November. (1-29-75)**

- 82. Mayor Perk orders increased police protection for local churches based on recent robberies. (1-29-75)**
- 83. Mayor Perk calls on religious leaders to develop their-own plans to provide elderly housing near their houses of worship. (1-29-75)**
- 84. Mayor Perk at a West Side meeting announces a new traffic enforcement plan. (1-29-75)**
- 85. Mayor Perk is told that President Gerald Ford will not be able to join him for breakfast. (1-29-75)**
- 86. Mayor Perk is forced to lay off 169 police. (1-30-75)**
- 87. Mayor Perk is assured by the White House that \$1.25m in federal funds will be made available right away in order to rehire 72 of the 169 laid-off policemen by February 8<sup>th</sup> and that the rest will be reinstated no later than February 24<sup>th</sup>. (1-30-75)**
- 88. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Firefighters' union intends to ask the Ohio Supreme Court to review and if possible reverse the Common Pleas court order allowing the layoff of 119 firemen. (1-31-75)**
- 89. Mayor Perk and Mayor Stanley Cmich of Canton, OH ask the U.S. Congress to renew the General Revenue Sharing Act as quickly as possible. (1-31-75)**
- 90. Mayor Perk proclaims February 2<sup>nd</sup> "Bobby Vinton Day." (1-31-75)**

- 91. Mayor Perk approaches the U.S. Labor Department about the possibility of Cleveland safety forces losing benefits if they agree to work payless. (2-1-75)**
- 92. Mayor Perk learns that the Cuyahoga County Republican Co-Chair Robert Hughes supports expanding the terms of the mayor and city council to four years. (2-1-75)**
- 93. Mayor Perk is informed that the firefighters union failed to get the Ohio Supreme Court to reverse the lower court's decision barring the layoff of 119 firemen. (2-1-75)**
- 94. Mayor Perk meets with Senator-elect John Glenn and finds him amicable. (2-1-75)**
- 95. Mayor Perk is told by the U.S. Labor Department that policemen cannot work if not paid. (2-2-75)**
- 96. Mayor Perk's Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis argues that the recent statement made by CEI solicitor Donald Hauser to MUNY-Light ordering MUNY-Light to either pay up or be closed down is just another political ploy and nothing more. (2-4-75)**
- 97. Mayor Perk's Community Director Patrick Henry, after conducting an extensive investigation of the city's building inspectors for graft and corruption, determines there are no grounds for these charges. (2-4-75)**
- 98. Mayor Perk announces that John Wooten the former Cleveland Brown lineman and Cleveland Planning Commission member resigned from the commission due to business conflicts. (2-4-75)**

- 99. Mayor Perk sets aside \$81m for the safety forces in his budget, no budget reduction there. (2-4-75)**
- 100. Mayor Perk does not ask NOACA to speed-up the latest CTS request for \$1.6m in federal funds. (2-6-75)**
- 101. Mayor Perk seeks \$35m in state funds for port and harbor improvements. (2-7-75)**
- 102. Mayor Perk bids to host the 1976 Democratic National Convention in Cleveland. (2-7-75)**
- 103. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilwomen Carol McClendon proposes the establishment of a new specialized rape unit within the Police Department. (2-8-75)**
- 104. Mayor Perk agrees with the Planning Commission and its insistence that four conditions be met before the city will agree to turn over Edgewater and Gordon parks to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. (2-8-75)**
- 105. Mayor Perk announces the four conditions for transferring Edgewater and Gordon parks are the following: 1) both parks will continue to operate both baseball and softball playfields; 2) both parks will not charge admission; 3) both parks will continue to grow and expand based on new needs; and 4) both parks will be leased long-term to the state, no property transfer. (2-8-75)**
- 106. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Patrick Henry proposes that \$8m in federal revenue sharing funds be directed towards rent subsidies for low to moderate income groups seeking broader housing opportunities. (2-8-75)**

- 107. Mayor Perk submits to Cleveland City Council a six year \$24m proposal calling for the upgrading of many poor inner-city neighborhoods. (2-8-75)**
- 108. Mayor Perk presides over a special ceremony at city hall honoring VISTA workers. (2-9-75)**
- 109. Mayor Perk meets with his advisers who inform him that twenty-five Cuyahoga County communities have voted to seek countywide gun control. (2-9-75)**
- 110. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Civil Service Commission will reopen filings for 31 job examinations which will mean permanent status for temporary workers. (2-10-75)**
- 111. Mayor Perk announces that the 1975 Air Show promises to be the biggest and best yet. (2-10-75)**
- 112. Mayor Perk's Public Properties Director George Wrost plans to meet with a group called Active Cleveland Together to discuss ways to keep the two Westside Recreational Centers opened. (2-11-75)**
- 113. Mayor Perk announces that the U.S. Justice Department is scrutinizing the possible sale or lease of MUNY-Light to CEI to insure that any deal would not violate antitrust and/or monopoly laws. (2-11-75)**
- 114. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich for supporting a ruling calling for the city to pay Michael Rini's \$3,000 in legal fees incurred during the Model Cities scandal. (2-11-75)**



- 115. Mayor Perk is disappointed that Cleveland only received \$5.5m in federal revenue sharing funding for rent subsidies. (2-12-75)**
- 116. Mayor Perk proposes a \$20m plan to make Cleveland a super port it includes: \$50m for new docks and related equipment; \$50m for a new conveyor belt to carry ore from the boats to the steel mills; and \$20m for a new breakwater. (2-12-75)**
- 117. Mayor Perk meets with Michael Rini who says that he will not accept the \$3,000 offered by the city to cover his legal fees until he is exonerated by the Ohio Supreme Court. (2-12-75)**
- 118. Mayor Perk receives a proposal from Ohio Governor James Rhodes to help finance a new 15,000 to 20,000-seat domed stadium and adjacent parking lot on lake property to the east of the present stadium provided that the voters approve a \$40m bond issue. (2-13-75)**
- 119. Mayor Perk is informed that the domed stadium is part of a larger \$200m capital improvement campaign that will include an expanded port and a new world trade center for the city. (2-13-75)**
- 120. Mayor Perk announces that only 165 of the 1100 laid off city workers will not be rehired. (2-14-75)**
- 121. Mayor Perk further announces that 369 of those city workers laid-off will be recalled this Monday with another 240 scheduled to return to work in March. (2-14-75)**

- 122. Mayor Perk receives a guarded endorsement for the new \$40m bond issue from the Executive Secretary, Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor Sebastian Lupica, although he has not seen it yet. (2-15-75)**
- 123. Mayor Perk reads in the Plain Dealer that the future of downtown revitalization rests with the proposal submitted by Lawrence Halprin Association's. (2-16-75)**
- 124. Mayor Perk is attacked by local Democratic Party leaders who claim that he cannot ride on the coattails of Governor James Rhodes. (2-17-75)**
- 125. Mayor Perk is criticized by the city's firefighters union who claims that crews cannot properly handle fires without enough manpower. (2-18-75)**
- 126. Mayor Perk announces that city hall remodeling efforts totaling \$300,000 will begin in two months and will include the rehiring of 20 laid-off city workers. (2-20-75)**
- 127. Mayor Perk is ordered by the Court of Appeal to remove 1,000 illegally employed city workers from the roster immediately. (2-20-75)**
- 128. Mayor Perk received bad news the Cleveland Convention Center Parking lot lost about \$6,000 in revenue in January 1975 the first month after the new \$4.00 all day parking charge was initiated. (2-20-75)**
- 129. Mayor Perk is pleased when the U.S. Justice Department rejects Representative Louis Stokes's request to cut off \$18.2m in federal funds earmarked for the Cleveland Police Department. (2-21-75)**

- 130. Mayor Perk will defy the Court of Appeal ruling requiring the city to fire 1,000 illegal employees now. (2-21-75)**
- 131. Mayor Perk is ordered by Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan to rehire 169 policemen and 119 firemen who were laid-off last month and to drop 800 temporary city employees from the city rolls. (2-21-75)**
- 132. Mayor Perk is invited by Cleveland Public School Superintendent Paul W. Briggs and Arnold Pinkney to go with them to Washington, D.C. to seek federal funds to open the city's recreational centers. (2-21-75)**
- 133. Mayor Perk defends President Gerald Ford's energy strategy to use incentives rather than direct federal sanctions. (2-22-75)**
- 134. Mayor Perk suggests raising gas prices to encourage mass transit and not raising homeowners heating bills. (2-22-75)**
- 135. Mayor Perk proposes raising industrial fuel and energy prices as a way of stimulating new energy research and development. (2-22-75)**
- 136. Mayor Perk proposes that Cleveland City Council loan him \$9.6m as a stop gap measure estimated city deficit is \$10m. (2-22-75)**
- 137. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Convention Center lost \$600,000 last year with 284 days empty. (2-22-75)**
- 138. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of the city's Impact Cities Crime Fighting Program Director Richard Boylan**

**who will become a private land development consultant.  
(2-24-75)**

- 139. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council that it will not approve his \$9.6m loan request since it will not solve the city's economic woes. (2-25-75)**
- 140. Mayor Perk reviews a recent U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations report that suggests gross negligence on his part during his first year in office for not raising the city income tax preferring instead to seek out state assistance. (2-25-75)**
- 141. Mayor Perk would consider leasing Cleveland Public Hall if a good offer was to come along. (2-25-75)**
- 142. Mayor Perk sends a letter to over 300 Republican officials urging them to attend a special meeting to form a new national GOP coalition of urban leaders. (2-26-75)**
- 143. Mayor Perk learns that CEI cannot afford to buy or lease MUNY-Light. (2-26-75)**
- 144. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that Cleveland City Council has approved \$100,000 to purchase a mobile air pollution measuring unit. (2-26-75)**
- 145. Mayor Perk announces that Amtrak will stop in Cleveland beginning this fall. (2-26-75)**
- 146. Mayor Perk learns that Common Pleas Judge Norman Fuerst said that \$75,000 to \$90,000 may be owed some former city workers who had sued a 1971 city resolution claiming that the Cleveland Board of Control could not retroactively rescind their pay. (2-26-75)**

- 147. Mayor Perk is told that the U.S. Justice Department is continuing its probe of both CEI and MUNY-Light. (2-26-75)**
- 148. Mayor Perk asks the Ohio General Assembly to allocate \$50m in an anticipated budget windfall to help financially strapped cities like Cleveland. (2-27-75)**
- 149. Mayor Perk orders all street chuck holes filled. (2-27-75)**
- 150. Mayor Perk is informed that two police officers Laurence J. Choura and Captain David Kerr are suing the city over the mandatory retirement of safety forces workers over the age of 65. (2-27-75)**
- 151. Mayor Perk learns that State Representative Patrick Sweeney is planning to run for mayor. (2-27-75)**
- 152. Mayor Perk request new flight patterns over Cleveland Hopkins Airport to lessen noise over crowded areas of the city. (2-27-75)**
- 153. Mayor Perk supports Cuyahoga County Commissioner nominees Carol Hoover, Bernard Stuplinski, and William Bouffand for the RTA board. (2-27-75)**
- 154. Mayor Perk's Police Intelligence Unit is investigating the February 14<sup>th</sup> theft from a city warehouse of 2,600 water meters worth \$92,000. (2-28-75)**
- 155. Mayor Perk's \$40m in CETA funding supports over 1,500 city employees. (3-1-75)**

- 156. Mayor Perk appoints Joyce Whitley, the first black women architect, to the City Planning Commission. (3-1-75)**
- 157. Mayor Perk receives a memorandum from the Federal Aeronautics Administration saying that their organization is doing all that they can to minimize the noise at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-1-75)**
- 158. Mayor Perk's Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis, fearing water contamination, requests federal official to monitor current nuclear plant construction along Lake Erie. (3-1-75)**
- 159. Mayor Perk's brings his nominees for the RTA board in front of Cleveland City Council they are Harry Alexander, Clarence Rogers, William Norris, and George Blaha.**
- 160. Mayor Perk announces his support of the new RTA board which not only includes his nominees; but also, William Bouffard, Carole Hoover, Dale Finley, Bernard Stuplinski, Richard Stoddart, and Frederick Lynch. (3-1-75)**
- 161. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council demands RTA to institute a \$.25 fare or it will not support area-wide transit. (3-1-75)**
- 162. Mayor Perk introduces his own gun control ordinance in front of Cleveland City Council. (3-3-75)**
- 163. Mayor Perk expresses confidence that federal generosity regarding municipal programs will continue indefinitely. (3-3-75)**

- 164. Mayor Perk receives assurances from Cuyahoga County Commissioners that they will support a \$.25 fare for local buses with extra charges for express buses and rapid transit. (3-4-75)**
- 165. Mayor Perk travels to Washington, D.C. in search of \$7.5m in federal funds to hire 18,000 youth for the city's Summer Youth Job Program. (3-4-75)**
- 166. Mayor Perk is surprised to learn that Cleveland City Council has been invited by Nick Meleti to dine with him at the Richfield Coliseum. (3-4-75)**
- 167. Mayor Perk is led to believe that Arnold Pinkney and Tony Garofoli will drop out of the mayoral race based on recent disappointing political polls. (3-5-75)**
- 168. Mayor Perk's Chair of the Mayor's Commission on Aging Howard I. Cheslar is criticized by HUD who claims that he is unqualified to head this organization. (3-5-75)**
- 169. Mayor Perk losses appeal to Ohio Court of Appeals (8<sup>th</sup> District) to keep 800 temporary city employees. (3-5-75)**
- 170. Mayor Perk learns that the city deposited \$1m into the new defunct Northern Ohio Bank in 1974 even though another institution Euclid National Bank offered a higher interest rate. (3-5-75)**
- 171. Mayor Perk is told by CEI that it will need an additional \$3m from the city plus a 163% increase in current rates in order to complete the tie-in with MUNY-Light. (3-6-75)**
- 172. Mayor Perk appeals to the Federal Power Commission to rescind the outrageous CEI rate hike request. (3-6-75)**

- 173. Mayor Perk dissatisfied with the inactivity of the Office of Consumer Affairs decides to cut its budget allocation from \$345,000 to \$195,000. (3-7-75)**
- 174. Mayor Perk meets with the former Director of the Impact Cities Program Richard Boylan who is currently seeking downtown office space for his new development consulting business. (3-7-75)**
- 175. Mayor Perk understands that Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan will work with him to determine which of the 986 temporary workers are essential to the city. (3-7-75)**
- 176. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council acknowledges the efforts of the Warner Unit, Cleveland Auxiliary Police. (3-7-75)**
- 177. Mayor Perk asks Cleveland City Planning Director Norman Krumholz to see if RTA will be able to sustain itself for the next four years at a \$.25 fare rate. (3-7-75)**
- 178. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council's Finance Committee has all but approved his 1975 budget after shuffling \$500,000 around. (3-7-75)**
- 179. Mayor Perk's Budget Manager Vincent Campanella announces that he has budgeted \$1,054,897 for police raises and \$103,724 for firemen. (3-8-75)**



- 180. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that the Cleveland Crime Commission also known as the God Squad is dissolving having failed to secure U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Association funds and the votes necessary to amend the city charter to create a new police directorship. (3-9-75)**
- 181. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Council's Utilities Committee has shelved MUNY-Light's plan for billing fuel costs after the Federal Power Commission approved the 168% CEI rate hike. (3-11-75)**
- 182. Mayor Perk gains a victory when Cleveland City Council approved his proposal to hire minority plumbers. (3-11-75)**
- 183. Mayor Perk's city budget totaling \$126.5m is approved by Cleveland City Council it includes \$17m in anticipated federal job funds and \$18m in revenue sharing. (3-11-75)**
- 184. Mayor Perk is criticized by the press for booking 99 flights last year with his friend Andrew Hudak of Adventure International Services Incorporated. (3-11-75)**
- 185. Mayor Perk launches a special drive to honor the life and times of a great Clevelander Louis Seltzer. (3-13-75)**
- 186. Mayor Perk is under scrutiny for the sudden, unexpected \$20m increase in the cost of the Cleveland Hopkins Airport project this past year. (3-13-75)**
- 187. Mayor Perk's Port Director Andrew Putka announces the suspension without pay of the city's Airport Commissioner Gunther E. Katzmer. (3-13-75)**

- 188. Mayor Perk is informed by the Cleveland School Board President Arnold Pinkney that he plans to crackdown on student troublemakers. (3-13-75)**
- 189. Mayor Perk announces the hiring of Richard Boylan as a special advisor at \$135-a-day duties include securing federal grants, ending the Impact Cities Program, and advising on law enforcement problems from free office space in Erieview Plaza. (3-13-75)**
- 190. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that the Greater Cleveland Growth Association will oppose the RTA rate of \$.25 claiming it is far to low; suggests instituting a \$.35 fare to guarantee sufficient funding. (3-14-75)**
- 191. Mayor Perk favorite architect Richard L. Bowen is censored by the AIA for unethical conduct. (3-14-75)**
- 192. Mayor Perk is criticized for allowing taxpayers to pay a \$500 tab for a U.S. Senate Campaign Committee reception honoring him last June. (3-14-75)**
- 193. Mayor Perk is told by Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich that the city will be receiving \$800,000, the first of several installments of this year's Ohio estate tax. (3-15-75)**
- 194. Mayor Perk is accused by Cleveland City Councilman Michael Climaco of underestimating inheritance tax withholding: Perk's figure \$376,000 while Climaco thinks its \$843,000. (3-15-75)**

- 195. Mayor Perk learns that the Cuyahoga County Chief Administrator William S. Gaskill is leading the charge against HUD who is attempting to modify its federal housing and community development programs. (3-15-75)**
- 196. Mayor Perk rescinds the 7% West Side Market rent hike recently approved by Cleveland City Council. (3-17-75)**
- 197. Mayor Perk supports the initiative by five banks and 12 savings and loans to offer \$500,000 in improvement loans to qualifying inner-city homeowners. (3-18-75)**
- 198. Mayor Perk's Legal Council Richard Hollington drafts special legislation enabling the city and county to create a regional transit authority with the legal power to solicit funds through the popular vote. (3-19-75)**
- 199. Mayor Perk sees the recent alliance forged between Louis Stokes and Arnold Pinkney as a sign that Pinkney is going to run for mayor later this year.(3-19-75)**
- 200. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes opposes Sheriff Ralph Kreiger assuming control of the Warrensville workhouse claiming that the sheriff is a racist. (3-19-75)**
- 201. Mayor Perk claims that his hectic schedule prevents him from meeting with RTA officials today to hammer out fares and services. (3-20-75)**
- 202. Mayor Perk's earlier efforts culminate in the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA) which includes a \$.25 base-fare for three years and free rides for senior citizens. (3-20-75)**

- 203. Mayor Perk fails to comply with the order of the Common Pleas court to dismiss 1,000 city workers. (3-20-75)**
- 204. Mayor Perk faces possible contempt charges if he insists on not firing 1,000 workers so says Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan. (3-20-75)**
- 205. Mayor Perk also is required by this court order to reinstate 750 other city workers and place them under a special 30-day emergency employee list. (3-20-75)**
- 206. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission Director Norman Krumholz claims that with the help of a 1% county sales tax, RTA would generate \$8.9m and could retain its \$.25 fare through 1978. (3-20-75)**
- 207. Mayor Perk plans to copter to the Richfield Coliseum to see the upcoming Ali-Wepner fight. (3-20-75)**
- 208. Mayor Perk announces that MUNY-Light and CEI will tie-in on March 31<sup>st</sup>. (3-20-75)**
- 209. Mayor Perk wants to use federal CETA funding totaling \$272,000 to hire 110 medical technicians. (3-21-75)**
- 210. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis has scheduled a meeting with Chief justice C. William O'Neill to see if the Ohio Supreme Court will stay the Common Pleas court order requiring the mayor to fire 1,000 city workers. (3-21-75)**
- 211. Mayor Perk is attacked by the press for not suspending the Ports Director Andrew Putka on grounds of incompetency. (3-21-75)**

- 212. Mayor Perk is not surprised when Cleveland City Council shelves legislation calling for the creation of a rape unit in the police department. (3-21-75)**
- 213. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes intends not to support the upcoming public library levy drive if it decides to close its Glenville branch. (3-21-75)**
- 214. Mayor Perk meets with the County Management Program Director Lawrence Stewart who says that his organization, founded in 1970 by the Cleveland Bar Association to assist city and county agencies in the administration of justice, will close later this year if it does not receive \$63,000 in operational funding from the city. (3-22-75)**
- 215. Mayor Perk announces that CTS will go on the trading block tomorrow. (3-23-75)**
- 216. Mayor Perk appoints Bruce Akers a well-known Pepper Pike City Councilman to serve as his Executive Assistant. (3-24-75)**
- 217. Mayor Perk learns that U.S. Representative Louis Stokes is pushing HUD to reject the mayor's proposal to divert some of the city's housing funds towards paying the salaries of 190 policemen. (3-24-75)**
- 218. Mayor Perk secures an additional \$84.4m from the feds for RTA. (3-25-75)**

- 219. Mayor Perk is told that Chief Justice C. William O’Neill of the Ohio Supreme Court signed an order yesterday that bars the city from firing 1,000 temporary workers this stay gives the court leeway to decide whether further action is warranted. (3-25-75)**
- 220. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has created a committee headed by Councilmen Dennis Kucinich and Michael Climaco to investigate how his administration handles federal funds. (3-25-75)**
- 221. Mayor Perk, in response to mounting public pressure, proposes more flexible RTA fares and allowing RTA to increase fares if the tax revenues are less than expected. (3-25-75)**
- 222. Mayor Perk supports the Board of Control which has just approved a \$39,000 contract with the accounting firm of Touche, Ross, and Company to help the city prepare federal grant applications. (3-26-75)**
- 223. Mayor Perk endorses the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of Greater Cleveland who yesterday approved a plan that called for the spending of an additional \$3m in federal funds to fight crime in Cuyahoga County. (3-26-75)**
- 224. Mayor Perk refuses to talk about a recently released state report alleging that as county auditor he owed \$2,129.60 in overtime pay and travel expenses. (3-27-75)**
- 225. Mayor Perk seeks \$2,088,020 in federal funds to retain 188 policemen who would be part of 19 new 24-hour crisis intervention teams to be deployed in newly established crisis zones within all six police districts. (3-27-75)**

- 226. Mayor Perk meets with the head of the federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Richard Velde to see if he will expedite a special grant application enabling the city to reinstate those laid off police. (3-27-75)**
- 227. Mayor Perk is denied an earlier city request to use HUD funding designated for housing development to pay 190 policemen whose salaries expired on April 30<sup>th</sup>. (3-27-75)**
- 228. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland did not make the short list of potential sites for the 1976 Democratic Party National Convention. (3-27-75)**
- 229. Mayor Perk expects Cleveland City Council to accept his 1975 budget once the \$9.6m loan to the city is approved. (3-27-75)**
- 230. Mayor Perk faces a new conflict of interest probe over Logics link he is accused of profiting from a \$5,000 investment he made in that company while serving as county auditor, he claims it was only a loan. (3-27-75)**
- 231. Mayor Perk is accused of authorizing retroactive pay increases to 173 employees as county auditor. (3-28-75)**
- 232. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council has approved his 1975 budget; however, 19 of the 32 councilmen oppose his \$9.6m loan request. (3-28-75)**
- 233. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to hold public hearings concerning the repeal of the law guaranteeing automatic pay raises to the safety forces. (3-28-75)**

- 234. Mayor Perk meets with local businessmen including the General Manager of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel John J. MacDonald and the Teamster's Representative Jackie Pressman to discuss new ways of upgrading Public Hall to attract major conventions. (3-30-75)**
- 235. Mayor Perk receives the latest MUNY-Light plant audit indicating that this utility lost \$3m last year. (4-2-75)**
- 236. Mayor Perk announces the establishment of the city's new Manpower Department which will be directed by the Civil Services Executive Secretary Vincent C. Francioli and Elsa Ransom will serve as his Community Information Officer. (4-2-75)**
- 237. Mayor Perk's appointment of Richard Boylan as a city consultant is contested by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich who claims that a former city employee cannot receive such a contract within a year of leaving office. (4-2-75)**
- 238. Mayor Perk accepts the resignation of Richard Boylan who quits his \$135-a-day consulting post with the city. (4-3-75)**
- 239. Mayor Perk announces that 28,000 chuckholes have been filled this spring. (4-2-75)**
- 240. Mayor Perk focuses on bringing the 1976 GOP national convention to Cleveland by seeking \$12m in capital improvements including \$1.5m to renovate Public Hall. (4-3-75)**
- 241. Mayor Perk is told by Communist leaders in Moscow not to advise Polish officials to seek greater authority within their own communist government. (4-3-75)**



- 242. Mayor Perk's wife Lucille walks from her home to her part-time job at the Ohio License Bureau located at the corner of East 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway Avenue. (4-3-75)**
- 243. Mayor Perk will receive Taipei Mayor Feng-shu Chang and the Deputy Governor of Gdansk, Poland later this week. (4-3-75)**
- 244. Mayor Perk offers vacant lots to residents interested in growing vegetables. (4-4-75)**
- 245. Mayor Perk meets with GOP leadership to pitch the city for the 1976 National Convention. (4-5-75)**
- 246. Mayor Perk begins talks with the city's 17 unions this year's issue a \$7m wage package. (4-6-75)**
- 247. Mayor Perk meets with Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan who informs him that he will continue to investigate allegations of illegal activities conducted by the mayor when he was county auditor. (4-6-75)**
- 248. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council supports a state-wide Women's Equal Rights Bill. (4-8-75)**
- 249. Mayor Perk claims that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich offered him continued support if the mayor gave a controversial member of the Civil Service Commission Bob Weisman a \$12,000 pay raise. (4-8-75)**
- 250. Mayor Press is informed by the press that the current city debt is \$369m and that he added \$46m to that debt since assuming office in 1971. (4-8-75)**

- 251. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe is informed by Cleveland City Council that it will not hire an outside accounting firm to audit federal programs here. (4-8-75)**
- 252. Mayor Perk wants to replace the long-term chair of the Cleveland Board of Ethics Lockwood Thompson claiming that Thompson is a pawn of Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich. (4-9-75)**
- 253. Mayor Perk's Executive Assistant Bruce Akers announces that time constraints have forced him to resignation as a Pepper Pike City Councilman. (4-10-75)**
- 254. Mayor Perk reads that Ohio State Representative Patrick Sweeney will open his mayoral campaign today in his own home ward, Ward 21. (4-10-75)**
- 255. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to trim the size of city council down from 33 to 21 members through attrition. (4-10-75)**
- 256. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Councilmen Gerald McFaul, Michael Climaco, and Dennis Kucinich oppose council reduction by attrition claiming that it infringes upon the voters constitutional rights. (4-10-75)**
- 257. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council is going to discuss legislation that may lead to a reorganization of the Cleveland police department. (4-10-75)**
- 258. Mayor Perk defends President Gerald Ford's latest energy strategy which relies on incentives rather than controls by a Congressional subcommittee. (4-11-75)**

- 259. Mayor Perk encourages the MUNY-Light plant to bid on the new RTA rapid system electrical contract. (4-11-75)**
- 260. Mayor Perk is not pleased with the legislation Cleveland City Council is preparing that will require high ranking police officers to live in the city. (4-11-75)**
- 261. Mayor Perk questions the motivations of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who castigates Fire Chief William E. Barry and his small arson unit for being highly inefficient in stopping arson-related fires, while at the same time saying that the arson unit's inefficiency stems from the reluctance of council to pass legislation increasing its size from 3 to 15 men. (4-11-75)**
- 262. Mayor Perk learns that the local GOP powers-to-be are pushing for a four year term for mayor. (4-11-75)**
- 263. Mayor Perk announces that the World Trade Center agency directed by Nicholas Bucur will be incorporated here tomorrow. (4-13-75)**
- 264. Mayor Perk appoints Judge Robert Chamberlin, former Cleveland City Councilwomen Jane Zbrowsky, and East Side Civic Leader Ruby McCullough to the Cleveland Board of Ethics. (4-15-75)**
- 265. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council has approved the hiring of an outside accounting firm to audit federal programs here. (4-15-75)**

- 266. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis prepares a lawsuit against Medical Mutual of Cleveland to block proposed premium increases, ranging from 5% to 60%, that will affect 300,000 Cuyahoga County subscribers. (4-15-75)**
- 267. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that council is willing to compromise on its demand that RTA provide a four year \$.25 fixed fare if that will expedite the process. (4-15-75)**
- 268. Mayor Perk announces that construction will begin this fall at the northwest corner of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and St. Clair Avenue on the new, privately funded, \$20m Ohio World Trade Center which will include a 22-story office building and a 210-room hotel. (4-16-75)**
- 269. Mayor Perk is less than optimistic about saving the jobs of 188 policemen as the prospects for a \$2.2m federal grant dims. (4-16-75)**
- 270. Mayor Perk understands that the Cleveland Public School Board President Arnold Pinkney is about to announce his plans for the mayor's race. (4-17-75)**
- 271. Mayor Perk will receive a federal income tax refund of \$2,000 for last year's taxes. (4-17-75)**
- 272. Mayor Perk's Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis claims that MUNY-Light plant repairs will cost \$13m. (4-17-75)**
- 273. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Citizen's League thinks that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes' plan to reduce council's size is an insult to the intelligence of voter and may be unconstitutional. (4-17-75)**

- 274. Mayor Perk attacks Councilman Dennis Kucinich claiming that Kucinich wants to stack the Cleveland Board of Ethics against City Councilman Francis E. Gaul. (4-18-75)**
- 275. Mayor Perk explains that the Cleveland Board of Ethics should not be political; it is intended to oversee in a just manner potential conflicts of interest cases involving city employees and officials. (4-18-75)**
- 276. Mayor Perk announces that the city and CEI have signed an agreement to install a new \$1.5m backup power system for MUNY-Light. (4-18-75)**
- 277. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has passed a police pay raise plan, pending a voter-approved city charter revision, whereby the patrolmen will retain their automatic raises while their superiors will lose their guaranteed raises. (4-18-75)**
- 278. Mayor Perk accuses CEI of being less than truthful in the recent U.S. Justice Department investigations concerning negotiations between CEI and MUNY-Light. (4-18-75)**
- 279. Mayor Perk learns that the emergency linkage between MUNY-Light and CEI eliminating 90% of MUNY-Light failures will be operative as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. (4-18-75)**
- 280. Mayor Perk meets with Cuyahoga County Commissioner Seth Taft who claims that the current transit rift is about over. (4-21-75)**

- 281. Mayor Perk proposes in front of Cleveland City Council four pieces of legislation intended to establish a city-operated ambulance service by September 4<sup>th</sup>. (4-21-75)**
- 282. Mayor Perk argues that federal aid is essential to avert a 20% layoff in the police force (438 patrolmen) layoff anywhere from 15 days to 30 days. (4-21-75)**
- 283. Mayor Perk claims he has the Cleveland City Council votes necessary to pass his own version of the gun control law and that he is going to ask for public hearings. (4-22-75)**
- 284. Mayor Perk learns that the city's police unions want to have the temporary employees removed from the payroll so that 438 policemen may stay on the job. (4-22-75)**
- 285. Mayor Perk is informed by the city's Law Director James B. Davis that the Ohio Department of Insurance will seek a court order to block the \$3.5m rate increase proposed by Medical Mutual of Cleveland. (4-22-75)**
- 286. Mayor Perk travels to Washington, D.C. seeking \$2.2m from the feds to stop police layoffs. (4-23-75)**
- 287. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella announces in a press conference that the federal decision on police funding is uncertain. (4-24-75)**
- 288. Mayor Perk is told that the Cleveland Public School Board President Arnold Pinkney may run for mayor based on some recent unfavorable voters' polls on Perk. (4-24-75)**
- 289. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is in no hurry to save the jobs of 450 policemen without \$2.2m in federal funds. (4-25-75)**

- 290. Mayor Perk is informed that the GOP has told George Voinovich that it will not support him if he should decide to run for mayor. (4-25-75)**
- 291. Mayor Perk meets with the President of the Municipal Foremen and Laborers Union Local #1099 who wants the mayor to secure HUD funds for his membership. (4-26-75)**
- 292. Mayor Perk reneges on an earlier promise to hire Clarence C. English Jr. to a \$19,500-a-year post with the city after discovering that English was the previous President of Logics, Inc. (4-26-75)**
- 293. Mayor Perk's plan to redirect \$2.2.m in federal housing funds to cover police salaries is in peril as Cleveland City Council voices strong opposition to it. (4-28-75)**
- 294. Mayor Perk pays special tribute to the Society for Crippled Children in a city hall ceremony yesterday. (4-29-75)**
- 295. Mayor Perk reiterates his support of his police plan in spite of the mounting opposition in Cleveland City Council. (4-30-75)**
- 296. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council passes a new smut crackdown law. (4-30-75)**
- 297. Mayor Perk announces that non-uniformed city workers have been offered a \$.10 pay raise for this year. (4-30-75)**
- 298. Mayor Perk is attacked by the media for paying his bodyguard Patrolman James McHugh \$37,000 in overtime pay. (4-30-75)**

- 299. Mayor Perk may be willing to compromise on the police pay plan in order to avert the layoff of 445 policemen. (4-30-75)**
- 300. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council are informed that the Convention Center will need a \$7m facelift to remain competitive in the convention business. (5-1-75)**
- 301. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council approved his proposal to pay the 190 policemen with \$1.05m in HUD Community Development funds. (5-1-75)**
- 302. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has been urging blacks and whites to unite to unseat him as mayor this fall. (5-1-75)**
- 303. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Councilman John Barnes is about to launch a petition campaign to place gun control on the November ballot. (5-2-75)**
- 304. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council's Transportation and Finance Committee that it about to put the finishing touches on regional transit legislation which will guarantee \$.25 fares and service improvements in both the city and suburbs. (5-2-75)**
- 305. Mayor Perk meets with the Area Councils Association, a civic group comprising 13 neighborhood councils, who endorse the repeal of the charter provision insuring an automatic pay increase for safety forces so that these vital funds may be used for other needy services. (5-2-75)**



- 306. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that a group of garbage workers, members of the Municipal Service and Laborers Local 1099, disgruntle over the \$.10 hourly increase offered by the city for next year, stage a sick-in that results in no garbage collection for over 50,000 residents. (5-3-75)**
- 307. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission approves wheelchair curb ramps throughout downtown at a cost of \$22,500. (5-3-75)**
- 308. Mayor Perk's Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. announces that the city expects refuse pickup to resume on Monday. (5-3-75)**
- 309. Mayor Perk commends the city's Planning Commission for approving \$331,000 for site preparation for the Gateway Project which is scheduled to begin by August 15<sup>th</sup>. (5-3-75)**
- 310. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland School Board President Arnold Pinkney will challenge him in this year's mayoral race or so says the press which claims that Perk is beatable and that Arnold Pinkney will receive strong political and financial support from the Democratic Party both locally and nationally. (5-3-75)**
- 311. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis announces that his office will conduct a full investigation as to who has been dumping tons of dirt and rubble along the Edgewater Park scenic drive. (5-4-75)**
- 312. Mayor Perk announces that the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County are thinking of joining forces to fight smut. (5-4-75)**

- 313. Mayor Perk is informed that the one-day work stoppage by the garbage collectors is over even though the pay issue remains unresolved. (5-5-75)**
- 314. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Councilmen Basil Russo and Joseph Kowalski who want to introduce legislation in front of Cleveland City Council that will keep gambling within the privy of local charities. (5-6-75)**
- 315. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes' target date for Council to approve the regional transit bill is next Monday with a special Cuyahoga County transit tax vote occurring around August 4<sup>th</sup>. (5-6-75)**
- 316. Mayor Perk announces that unpaid parking tickets cost Cleveland \$1.5m annually and that it is the responsibility of the Clerk of Council to take strong action to collect what is owed. (5-6-75)**
- 317. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes supports a 21% water rate increase not the 39% hike proposed by the city's Water Commissioner Thomas E. Stallworth. (5-6-75)**
- 318. Mayor Perk authorizes stepped up salary negotiations with the Municipal Foremen and Laborers Local 1099 after their one-day sick-out. (5-6-75)**
- 319. Mayor Perk's potential mayoral challenger and attorney Richard Kay, questioning the legal right of the city to pay salaries to city officials who are not eligible to vote in the city based on state precedents, presents his case in front of Common Pleas Judge Adrian Fink. (5-6-75)**

- 320. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis, claiming that Richard Kay has no legal stand because state precedents are secondary to city precedents as set forth in the city charter, says that Cleveland is a home-rule municipality and that the residency requirement, although once required, is no longer a part of the city's charter. (5-6-75)**
- 321. Mayor Perk meets with a group of civic leaders who want to create an ombudsman office to represent residents in dealing with Cleveland and Cuyahoga County agencies. (5-6-75)**
- 322. Mayor Perk, after reviewing the recent study by Cresap, McCormick, and Paget questions, the long-term value in repairing the MUNY-Light's plant. (5-7-75)**
- 323. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council who is urging the public to join in on crime fighting. (5-7-75)**
- 324. Mayor Perk is not happy when the federal EPA Regional Administrator Francis Mayo fails to approve Cleveland's drinking water saying that the water facilities must be upgraded as soon as possible to meet federal standards. (5-7-75)**
- 325. Mayor Perk uses the EPA rejection to legitimize raising the city water rates to fund needed water improvement projects. (5-7-75)**

- 326. Mayor Perk along with other city, county, and suburban officials will meet again this Friday to try and hammer-out an agreement on transferring CTS to RTA and to resolve current stumbling blocks which include a reasonable fare and Cleveland's entitlements over the next five years. (5-7-75)**
- 327. Mayor Perk learns that a local group called the Concerned Ministers Inc. has asked Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan to investigate why Cleveland City Council is delaying on voting on legislation that would lead to the buying of land for the construction of a new waste disposal transfer station. (5-7-75)**
- 328. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media for his reluctance to welcome South Viet Nam refugees to Cleveland. (5-8-75)**
- 329. Mayor Perk commends students and teachers at St. Leo Catholic School for their participation in a special toy safety program. (5-8-75)**
- 330. Mayor Perk asks why Cleveland City Council has delayed for nearly two years special legislation that would protect property owners of fire damaged properties from the unscrupulous practices of unreliable repair companies. (5-8-75)**
- 331. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council President Basil Russo who has introduced a bill intended to pressure banks and savings and loan institutions into investing more in Cleveland's inner-city. (5-8-75)**
- 332. Mayor Perk orders a war on parking violators by prosecuting those with 20 or more unpaid tickets. (5-8-75)**

- 333. Mayor Perk proposal to collect unpaid parking tickets includes assigning 20 patrolmen and one officer who will do the following: collect fines; notify all persons with 100 or more unpaid tickets that warrants for their arrest will be issued unless they pay these outstanding tickets within 48-hours of notification; and make identifications of cars with unpaid tickets on the spot through special information furnished by small computers installed in some police cars. (5-8-75)**
- 334. Mayor Perk announces that the city has collected about \$2,500 in back fines since the mayor's crackdown on parking violators began yesterday. (5-9-75)**
- 335. Mayor Perk calls for the suspension of any city workers with unpaid parking tickets until they are paid up. (5-9-75)**
- 336. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes, aware of the economic plight of the city, is thinking about asking for a 1% increase in the city income tax without a city vote. (5-9-75)**
- 337. Mayor Perk realizes that much of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes' thinking is prompted by the failure of the voters twice to approve earlier proposals calling for a city income tax increase. (5-9-75)**
- 338. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. Representative Louis Stokes wants HUD to reject his proposal calling for \$1.1m in federal funds earmarked for Cleveland's housing to be used to pay the salary of 190 policemen. (5-9-75)**

- 339. Mayor Perk's Waste Collection Commissioner Robert Beasley criticizes City council for its failure to pass legislation to allow the city to purchase land for an East 79<sup>th</sup> Street waste transfer station. (5-9-75)**
- 340. Mayor Perk announces that an RTA agreement has been reached and now the voters must decide its fate. (5-9-75)**
- 341. Mayor Perk outlines the agreement provisions which include a \$.25 fare for three years; \$.10 surcharge on express buses and rapids; elderly ride free non-peak hours half price other times; students/handicapped ride half price. (5-9-75)**
- 342. Mayor Perk further explains that Cleveland will get 50% to 60 % of service improvements first five years of which 15% is to go to Community Response Transit. (5-9-75)**
- 343. Mayor Perk concludes by saying that the transfer will occur within 45 days after the tax issue passes; RTA will pay back 1973 \$8.6m city loan; and RTA will pay back to city \$1.2m it invested in the rapid transit parking lots. (5-9-75)**
- 344. Mayor Perk receives a rejection from HUD on his latest request for \$1m in federal community development funds which he wanted to use to avert the layoff of 190 policemen. (5-10-75)**
- 345. Mayor Perk's other federal projects to be rejected by HUD include \$504,450 for elderly services; \$200,000 for neighborhood health centers; \$228,950 for public housing residential social services; \$458,055 for an emergency medical program for indigents; and \$455,055 for a new day care center. (5-10-75)**

- 346. Mayor Perk reapplies for a HUD grant to pay the 190 policemen saying that the city is draining \$12,000 a day from the general fund to pay them. (5-10-75)**
- 347. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes' proposal to institute an additional income tax without voter approval may be a direct violation of the state constitution. (5-10-75)**
- 348. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council Transit Committee has approved the RTA agreement. (5-11-75)**
- 349. Mayor Perk orders city officials to issue 110 warrants to current delinquent tax payers, last year the city collected \$353,000 in back taxes. (5-12-75)**
- 350. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of Dr. Henry Hunter to the five member transit board. (5-12-75)**
- 351. Mayor Perk arrives in Washington, D.C. to participate in a political seminar a part of the Republican Nationalities Council national convention, President Gerald Ford and Vice President Nelson Rockefeller will attend. (5-13-75)**
- 352. Mayor Perk meets with his advisors to discuss the impact Ohio Lottery Commissioner James Dickerson might have on his re-election bid should Dickerson decide to run for mayor. (5-13-75)**
- 353. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved the RTA agreement. (5-13-75)**

- 354. Mayor Perk is angered when the Chair of the Transit Board Nicholas Bucur announces that the CTS board will not be able to approve the RTA agreement based on the fact that its membership did not receive the proposal enough time in advance to analyze it. (5-13-75)**
- 355. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis approaches him to intercede in the CTS Board dispute.**
- 356. Mayor Perk, again rejected by HUD for federal funds, turns to his Community Development Director Patrick Henry to see if he is any luckier in securing \$1.05m in federal housing funds to be used to pay police salaries. (5-14-75)**
- 357. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved adding eight firemen to the fire department arson unit immediately. (5-14-75)**
- 358. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes opposes the proposed fire chaser law claiming that it will potentially hurt both blacks and black businesses. (5-15-75)**
- 359. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald Mc Faul wants all downtown flower vendors off the streets claiming that they have an unfair advantage over competing florist shops in that these vendors are able to sell their flowers at a reduced cost based on the fact that they have no additional business or overhead expenses. (5-15-75)**



- 360. Mayor Perk announces that the 33-year veteran of the Cleveland police department Chief Gerald Rademaker will step down to become the city's first Executive Assistant of Police Affairs. (5-16-75)**
- 361. Mayor Perk names Lloyd F. Garey as the new Chief of Police. (5-16-75)**
- 362. Mayor Perk announces a smaller Summer Job Program for 1975, program cost \$4m and it will serve 8,000 inner-city teenagers. (5-16-75)**
- 363. Mayor Perk wants to forge a new alliance with Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes or so says the press. (5-17-75)**
- 364. Mayor Perk learns that the Civic Group promoting a local ombudsman program has pledged \$45,000 to cover a three year trial period. (5-17-75)**
- 365. Mayor Perk is informed by HUD that the city has an extra week to come up with an acceptable \$16m Community Development Program. (5-17-75)**
- 366. Mayor Perk is told that Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan indicated that a decision is imminent on a recent report implying that the mayor and Warren Riebe may have been involved in possible illegal activities while working for the county. (5-17-75)**
- 367. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Patrick Henry seeks the option of a tax delay as a way of spurring on new construction, this leads to abatement. (5-18-75)**

- 368. Mayor Perk meets with the Japanese Ambassador to the U.S. Hiroji Yasukawa to discuss the new World Trade Center. (5-19-75)**
- 369. Mayor Perk's World Trade Center Director Nicholas Bucur announces that the opening of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Trade Center Show will be tomorrow. (5-19-75)**
- 370. Mayor Perk understands that the Greater Cleveland Growth Association supports 4-year terms for the mayor. (5-19-75)**
- 371. Mayor Perk wants former Police Chief Gerald Rademaker to remain a police department watchdog with or without Cleveland City Council's approval. (5-20-75)**
- 372. Mayor Perk hosts a Romanian Trade Mission reception as part of the World Trade Show opening festivities. (5-20-75)**
- 373. Mayor Perk learns that locally-based Union Commerce Bank is threatening to foreclose on MUNY-Light bonds totaling \$22.5m. (5-20-75)**
- 374. Mayor Perk is informed that the League of Women Voters agrees with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that the size of council should be reduced. (5-20-75)**
- 375. Mayor Perk is informed that the current council-police feud appears unrelated to public safety issues more of a power struggle among the leadership of both camps. (5-20-75)**
- 376. Mayor Perk is told by the CTS Board that it is ready to approve the RTA agreement. (5-20-75)**

- 377. Mayor Perk intends to provide the GOP panel a royal tour of the city in the hope of hosting the national convention here next year. (5-20-75)**
- 378. Mayor Perk is angry when fifty five nurses call in sick to protest the lack of a contract. (5-20-75)**
- 379. Mayor Perk is unhappy to learn that pay back for the safety forces nears \$1m. (5-21-75)**
- 380. Mayor Perk asks the police department to pick a single bargaining unit. (5-21-75)**
- 381. Mayor Perk learns that the CTS Board has approved the RTA agreement. (5-22-75)**
- 382. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Michael Climaco supports the idea of an in-depth study of the city's charter as the first in a series of steps culminating in major government reform. (5-22-75)**
- 383. Mayor Perk receives a thank you from the GOP panel who is very impressed with the city. (5-22-75)**
- 384. Mayor Perk is attacked by the press for his reliance on federal funds, nearly half of the city budget totaling \$150m this year is paid by the feds. (5-23-75)**
- 385. Mayor Perk's new Police Chief Lloyd Garey fires Patrolman Janet Kennedy who is charged with receiving stolen property. (5-23-75)**

- 386. Mayor Perk is informed that a recent poll showed that if Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich chose to run for mayor that he would win a runoff spot in the primary and would stand a very good chance of winning the general elections in November. (5-23-75)**
- 387. Mayor perk announces that Fogg Development Corp. plans to build a new 64-acre industrial park at West 143<sup>rd</sup> Street and Puritas Avenue. (5-23-75)**
- 388. Mayor Perk is attacked by the local black community for seeking HUD housing funding to pay 190 policemen. (5-24-75)**
- 389. Mayor Perk proposes a fee cut for senior golfers at two city courses. (5-24-75)**
- 390. Mayor Perk calls for a major shakeup in the Cleveland Police Department. (5-25-75)**
- 391. Mayor Perk denies snubbing twelve black ministers who with no scheduled appointment had decided to visit him in his office at city hall. (5-26-75)**
- 392. Mayor Perk seeks mandatory penalties for crimes committed under his new crime reform package. (5-27-75)**
- 393. Mayor Perk receives a consultant's study indicating that city waterlines are still deteriorating while the regional sewer system has improved since 1971. (5-28-75)**
- 394. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland School Board President Arnold Pinkney has announced his candidacy for mayor. (5-28-75)**

- 395. Mayor Perk is attacked by Arnold Pinkney for the jumping crime rate which is up 19.8% since 1974. (5-28-75)**
- 396. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Auxiliary Police may end this year after receiving \$353,000 last year. (5-29-75)**
- 397. Mayor Perk is informed by the Cleveland City Council that it will pass a new gun bill within the month. (5-29-75)**
- 398. Mayor Perk is criticized by the press for not activating the 31-member Drug War Council. (5-30-75)**
- 399. Mayor Perk is attacked by former Councilman Francis E. Gaul who claims the mayor's actions are purely political. (5-30-75)**
- 400. Mayor Perk is admonished by Judge Alvin I. Krenzler, Ohio Court of Appeals (8<sup>th</sup> District) for not activating the Drug War Council. (5-30-75)**
- 401. Mayor Perk announces that 16 policemen will be promoted based on their high scores in the recently held promotional exams. (5-30-75)**
- 402. Mayor Perk gets a communiqué from Leonard Ronis, CTS General Manager saying that CTS will go broke within the month unless it receives \$2m in federal funds. (5-30-75)**
- 403. Mayor Perk receives a report from Congress indicating that federal assistance in the form of public employment programs costing \$ 1b annually offer little direct benefit to recipients. (5-30-75)**

- 404. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission has hammered out a tentative agreement between the city and the Union Terminal Company regarding the Tower City project. (5-31-75)**
- 405. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission says that under this agreement the city would pay \$2.6m in bridge repairs while the Union Terminal Company would pay \$600,000. (5-31-75)**
- 406. Mayor Perk is informed by state officials that they will not take control of Edgewater or Gordon parks. (6-1-75)**
- 407. Mayor Perk intends to ask Cleveland City Council to approve an additional \$540,355 allocation to complete the new Police Headquarters in the Justice Center. (6-1-75)**
- 408. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich will fight his plan to obtain a \$9.6m loan from the city to payoff city operating costs. (6-2-75)**
- 409. Mayor Perk opens 41 new pools citywide. (6-2-75)**
- 410. Mayor Perk suspends Ralph Tyler Sr., a holdover from the Carl Stokes administration, as his Service Director due to poor Westside waste collection service. (6-2-75)**
- 411. Mayor Perk receives a ruling from Municipal Court Judge Clarence Gaines that the six month statute of limitations applied to parking tickets which means no fines for tickets older than six months. (6-3-75)**
- 412. Mayor Perk receives criticism from the media for not accepting the \$300,000 the state offered to improve the two lakefront parks. (6-3-75)**

- 413. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council intends to overrule the 3% automatic pay increase for safety forces defying the city charter which mandates it. (6-3-75)**
- 414. Mayor Perk learns that after much debate Cleveland City Council has decided not to overrule the city charter which requires a 3% automatic pay increase for safety workers. (6-3-75)**
- 415. Mayor Perk meets with the Assistant Secretary of HUD to discuss a possible funding package of \$2.8m to rehire 450 laid off policemen. (6-4-75)**
- 416. Mayor Perk is concerned that the financial panic hitting New York City might negatively impact future negotiation efforts with financial investors here. (6-4-75)**
- 417. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis recommends a public censure of the Public Defender's Office Director Roger S. Hurley based on his 30 unpaid parking tickets. (6-4-75)**
- 418. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey issues a seven page set of new rules governing conduct, discipline, and performance of police officers. (6-4-75)**
- 419. Mayor Perk's Health Director Dr. Ruth Miller says that garbage currently piling up at the closed Ridge Road incinerator is a health hazard. (6-4-75)**

- 420. Mayor Perk receives a \$20,000 National Endowment of the Arts study that recommends retaining the commercial buildings on Prospect Avenue and adding new medium income residences, restaurants, craft shops, and boutiques to this famous historic through-fare. (6-4-75)**
- 421. Mayor Perk understands that the Cleveland Landmarks Commission would like to renovate the Prospect Avenue streetscape as its bicentennial project. (6-4-75)**
- 422. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis is asked by Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo to draft legislation making parking tickets a 4<sup>th</sup> degree misdemeanor. (6-5-75)**
- 423. Mayor Perk honors Marguerite Duncan the head and creator of the city's first professional ballet company. (6-5-75)**
- 424. Mayor Perk and Arnold Pinkney are scheduled to testify on gun control at a U.S. Congressional hearing to be held in Cleveland on June 16<sup>th</sup>. (6-5-75)**
- 425. Mayor Perk is allowed to introduce tax abatements qualifying 1, 2, and 3 family houses may receive abatements up to 30 years while qualifying redevelopment projects involving apartment houses, commercial buildings, and factories may receive abatements up to 20 years. (6-5-75)**
- 426. Mayor Perk is informed that former Cleveland City Councilman Francis Gaul is leaving his new job at a local trucking firm to devote his energy to defeating Perk in the fall elections. (6-5-75)**



- 427. Mayor Perk is told by his advisors that MUNY-Light ran up \$3m of the city's \$5.3m total debt to CEI. (6-5-75)**
- 428. Mayor Perk learns that a local attorney named Richard B. Kay is running for mayor and that he favors four year terms for the mayor and a 15-member Cleveland City Council and that Kay is a big supporter of Alabama Governor George Wallace. (6-5-75)**
- 429. Mayor Perk is characterized by his opponent Arnold Pinkney as a desperate man after his suspension of the Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. (6-5-75)**
- 430. Mayor Perk secures \$16m from the feds to pay the salaries of the 190 policemen in question. (6-6-75)**
- 431. Mayor Perk's Chief of Police Lloyd Garey favors his proposed gun control legislation and hopes that its passage will cut the city's homicide rate significantly. (6-6-75)**
- 432. Mayor Perk is happy when the Service, Hospital, and Nursing Home and Public Employees Local 47 is the first city union to sign its new wage package which includes a \$.10 hourly raise retroactive to January 1st. (6-6-75)**
- 433. Mayor Perk understands that the Cuyahoga County Auditor Republican George Voinovich will not run for mayor without the support of the two dailies. (6-6-75)**
- 434. Mayor Perk approaches the Associate Director, President's Domestic Council James H. Falk for an additional \$3m in HUD discretionary funds. (6-7-75)**

- 435. Mayor Perk plans to use these discretionary funds to lower interest rehabilitation loans; provide new neighborhood development and preservation; clean up debris in blighted areas; and purchase land for renewal. (6-7-75)**
- 436. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey plans a vice war which will include padlocking any violators. (6-7-75)**
- 437. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission approves the sale of 13.8 acres of city-owned land near the corner of Clark Avenue and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Jones and Laughlin Steel Company to be used to store rolled steel. (6-7-75)**
- 438. Mayor Perk understands that 30% of the city's current funding is derived from the feds. (6-7-75)**
- 439. Mayor Perk is denied a federal Impact Cities grant of \$2,088,020 to cover reinstatement costs. (6-7-75)**
- 440. Mayor Perk and his Budget Director Vincent Campenella are accused of hampering an Association of Community Development Corporation inquiry concerning the city's allocation of \$24.5m in revenue sharing in 1972 and 1973. (6-7-75)**
- 441. Mayor Perk, after learning that President Gerald R. Ford has vetoed a \$5.3b proposal that would have among other things have subsidized this year's Summer Youth Jobs Program, authorizes a \$4m shift in funds from CETA to the Summer Youth Jobs Program. (6-7-75)**

- 442. Mayor Perk receives the go-ahead from the feds to erect 400 emergency phones on the city's interstate highways total cost about \$1m in which the federal government will assume 90% of the cost with the city and state assuming 5% each. (6-8-75)**
- 443. Mayor Perk asks Cleveland City Council to approve the request made by Amtrak to lease a site north of City Hall between East 9<sup>th</sup> and West 3<sup>rd</sup> streets in order to erect a new \$600,000 one-story, no frills station. (6-8-75)**
- 444. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council Service Committee is investigating complaints leveled against the city's Disposal Division for its negligence in collecting garbage. (6-8-75)**
- 445. Mayor Perk is told that Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan is about to render a decision regarding the 27-month investigation of alleged improprieties in the Logics case. (6-10-75)**
- 446. Mayor Perk meets with his advisors who tell him that Cleveland City Council's Finance Committee has tabled a \$177,000-a-year building lease to house the new Manpower Training Program when it was discovered that the site in question, the old Schmidt's Brewery at 5900 Train Avenue, had been vandalized. (6-10-75)**
- 447. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland City Council has approved his gun control bill and that Clevelanders have the next thirty days to surrender their small handguns. (6-10-75)**

- 448. Mayor Perk proclaims the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June “Bob Hope Week in Cleveland” and gives the visiting celebrity a certificate of appreciation. (6-11-75)**
- 449. Mayor Perk receives a report compiled by the accounting firm of Ernst and Ernst that indicates that if the city had acted earlier to cure the problems plaguing MUNY-Light it could have generated a profit. (6-11-75)**
- 450. Mayor Perk’s Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis wants to establish a new city regulatory agency dedicated to helping MUNY-Light. (6-11-75)**
- 451. Mayor Perk’s Service Director Ralph Tyler Sr. resigns says that working for the city was like being in the army. (6-11-75)**
- 452. Mayor Perk says that if Arnold Pinkney is a real mayoral candidate then he should quit his post on the Cuyahoga County election board to avoid potential conflict of interest charges. (6-11-75)**
- 453. Mayor Perk learns that Cuyahoga Prosecutor John T. Corrigan will file a civil suit with the Common Pleas court to recover more than \$6,000 allegedly owed the city by Cleveland’s Finance Director Warren Riebe and two other former county employees who were embroiled in the Logics Inc. controversy. (6-11-75)**
- 454. Mayor Perk is informed that Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich decided not to run for mayor claiming that it is impossible for any two-year mayor to pull the city out of its current financial straits. (6-12-75)**

- 455. Mayor Perk's Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis will hold a special Saturday seminar on transactional analysis led by Kenneth O'Connell of Republic Steel Corp. (6-12-75)**
- 456. Mayor Perk announces that the city's Utilities Department will launch a new seven point program intended to make MUNY-Light profitable. (6-12-75)**
- 457. Mayor Perk then explains that for this to happen MUNY-Light will need \$9.8m in capital improvement funds which will be used to refurbish the entire plant. (6-12-75)**
- 458. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Zunt who wants City Council to approve unit pricing in local retail stores. (6-12-75)**
- 459. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council is ready to received bids to erect a new incinerator plant expected cost \$20m. (6-13-75)**
- 460. Mayor Perk's Chief of Police Lloyd Garey announces that Mounties will patrol all sections of the city starting today. (6-13-75)**
- 461. Mayor Perk endorses a proposal made by Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar to fine truant parents. (6-13-75)**
- 462. Mayor Perk's current political strength has convinced GOP leaders in Cuyahoga County to push for 4-year mayoral terms. (6-13-75)**

- 463. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis, prompted by a recent police shooting, will meet with police officials over the next several weeks to develop new guidelines pertaining to the proper use of firearms by city safety forces. (6-13-75)**
- 464. Mayor Perk's colleagues Warren Riebe and Robert T. Bennett, accused of wrong-doing in the Logics Inc. case, release a 125-page report in which they not only deny any criminal activity; but also, criticize the Ohio Auditor for making such accusations. (6-14-75)**
- 465. Mayor Perk is exonerated of all charges related to Logics Inc. based on an 18-month \$30,000 investigation conducted by the Ohio Auditor. (6-14-75)**
- 466. Mayor Perk learns that the prosecutor's civil suit against Warren Riebe and Robert T. Bennett is predicated on their alleged use of their public office to help Logics Inc. to gain a competitive edge over its competitors. (6-14-75)**
- 467. Mayor Perk proposes a city charter revision to create semi-independent public authorities for water, power, and airport operations. (6-15-75)**
- 468. Mayor Perk would like the voters to approve these new authorities quickly through petition rather than through the tedious procedures of gaining city council approval. (6-15-75)**
- 469. Mayor Perk's new authorities would be 5-member boards each with five-year overlapping terms; members would be subject to mayor appointment; no more than 3 members from the same party; and that each board would be able to issue its own bonds and notes based on anticipated revenue without council approval. (6-15-75)**

- 470. Mayor Perk discovers that fifteen community and labor leaders favor a four year term for mayor. (6-16-75)**
- 471. Mayor Perk testifies in a Congressional hearing that he wants to ban Saturday night specials; insist on a cooling off period between gun purchase and delivery; prohibit guns from public places; provide mandatory jail time for gun control violations; and educate the public on the dangers of firearms. (6-16-75)**
- 472. Mayor Perk having received \$5.5m in federal funds to operate the annual Summer Youth Job Program plans to hire about 12,000 inner-city youth who will be paid \$2.10 an hour. (6-16-75)**
- 473. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that a number of sewer contractors have been accused on doing shoddy work at very high prices. (6-16-75)**
- 474. Mayor Perk asks the Ohio Secretary of State Ted Brown if the refusal of Arnold Pinkney to resign from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is a direct violation of state law. (6-16-75)**
- 475. Mayor Perk asks Cleveland City Council to approve the hiring of 500 college-age youths as Summer Youth Job Program supervisors. (6-17-75)**
- 476. Mayor Perk understands that recent accusations leveled against certain sewer contractors led Cleveland City Council to delay legislation leading to open bidding on catch basin cleaning contracts. (6-17-75)**

- 477. Mayor Perk senses that the four year term for mayor appears to be heading for a November vote. (6-17-75)**
- 478. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission Chairman Wallace Teare asks Cleveland City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring the inclusion of works of art in all new municipal buildings. (6-17-75)**
- 479. Mayor Perk sends several city officials to represent him at the ground breaking ceremonies for the expansion of the Southerly Sewage Treatment plant at a cost of \$235m. (6-17-75)**
- 480. Mayor Perk would like the city to consider renting the old Schmidt Brewery on Train Avenue even though it has been vandalized extensively. (6-17-75)**
- 481. Mayor Perk's Property Director George Wrost is attacked by several Cleveland City Councilmen who blame him for the poor condition of our city parks and playgrounds. (6-17-75)**
- 482. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has decided to delay curbing ice cream vendors by suggesting that these vendors limit their business hours to 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (6-17-75)**
- 483. Mayor Perk is accused by Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich of misusing public funds by subverting \$25m in Congressional manpower funds. (6-18-75)**
- 484. Mayor Perk allegedly directed \$10m in manpower funds towards vocational training with the rest being used to bailout the city. (6-18-75)**



- 485. Mayor Perk is attacked by the press for his excessive spending habits when it comes to renting office space. (6-18-75)**
- 486. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland and Cuyahoga County are still at odds over operational procedural changes at the Warrensville workhouse, the deadline imposed by the court to resolve the issue is June 30<sup>th</sup>. (6-19-75)**
- 487. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the City of Shaker Heights has approved the RTA agreement which sets the stage for the passage of the 1% transit sales tax. (6-19-75)**
- 488. Mayor Perk's wife Lucille joined the Mt. Sinai Hospital diet program in January and has lost 75 lbs. (6-19-75)**
- 489. Mayor Perk discovers that the city is still in the running for the GOP convention. (6-19-75)**
- 490. Mayor Perk is considering the possibility of the city raising \$100m in bonds to buy into the privately owned Davis Besse nuclear station. (6-20-75)**
- 491. Mayor Perk welcomes the GOP leadership which is giving the city a second look as the site for the 1976 national convention. (6-20-75)**
- 492. Mayor Perk announces the Senior Citizen Prom and antique auto show which will be held at Hanna Mall on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. (6-20-75)**
- 493. Mayor Perk is attacked by mayoral candidate Patrick Sweeney who claims that high ranking GOP officials and not the mayor are running city hall. (6-20-75)**

- 494. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved the new lakefront Amtrak Station. (6-21-75)**
- 495. Mayor Perk uses \$10,000 in federal Cities Impact funds to distribute 150,000 leaflets promoting his anti-crime legislation bill. (6-22-75)**
- 496. Mayor Perk suggests the use of firm dock hotels for the 1976 GOP convention. (6-22-75)**
- 497. Mayor Perk criticizes his contender Arnold Pinkney of running his political campaign by consensus. (6-22-75)**
- 498. Mayor Perk receives a report from the Ohio Secretary of State Ted Brown suggesting that if Arnold Pinkney is a serious mayoral candidate then he should resign from the Cuyahoga County Election Board, on mention about the legality of Pinkney's candidacy. (6-23-75)**
- 499. Mayor Perk is not happy to learn that the new State Office Tower has been temporarily sidetracked based on a study that indicated that the new \$26m 15-story building may not be fully rented upon completion. (6-24-75)**
- 500. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the Greater Cleveland Growth Association has started a drive to save the state office tower for the city. (6-24-75)**
- 501. Mayor Perk receives good news from Moody's Investors Service which rates the city tops for loans. (6-24-75)**

- 502. Mayor Perk's Human Resource Equal Employment Officer William F. Crockett, who lied in his employment application about his conviction on a misdemeanor, has pleaded guilty to a single reduced charge of falsifying the records of food deliveries to the main Post Office in September 1972. (6-24-75)**
- 503. Mayor Perk is informed that the city's safety forces get \$2m in pay hikes under the regulations found in the city charter. (6-24-75)**
- 504. Mayor Perk discovers that petitions supporting four year term for the city's mayor are being circulated. (6-24-75)**
- 505. Mayor Perk is informed that the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District caucus endorses the proposed 1% RTA sales tax increase. (6-24-75)**
- 506. Mayor Perk is told by the Cuyahoga County prosecutor John T. Corrigan that he has gone to court to recover \$4,338.91 owed the county by Cleveland Finance Director Warren Riebe. (6-25-75)**
- 507. Mayor Perk receives good news from Moody's Investors Services Inc. which awards the city the best rating possible on \$27.5m in notes up for refinancing tomorrow, this may save the city hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest. (6-25-75)**
- 508. Mayor Perk hears rumors that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich may be running for Municipal Court clerk. (6-25-75)**

- 509. Mayor Perk announces that the city will receive \$10.3m from the Department of Labor as an emergency job grant for 1976 which is almost \$3m more than 1974. (6-25-75)**
- 510. Mayor Perk's Properties Director George Wrost announces that the city's playgrounds and swimming pools are ready for use. (6-25-75)**
- 511. Mayor Perk meets with Civil Service Commissioner Robert Weisman who tells him that he is supporting Arnold Pinkney for mayor Weisman and Perk were at odds for years. (6-25-75)**
- 512. Mayor Perk attends an all-day session in Washington, D.C. at the HUD offices on the new Urban Homestead Act and how the city might qualify as a demonstration community carrying out various neighborhood restoration projects. (6-26-75)**
- 513. Mayor Perk's former strongman James Dickerson will announce his mayoral candidacy at a 9:30 a.m. press conference today. (6-26-75)**
- 514. Mayor Perk wanting to host the Republican National Convention tries to raise \$850,000 to bring three cruise ships to Cleveland to serve as floating hotels. (6-26-75)**
- 515. Mayor Perk unofficially announces that a major hotel operator has agreed to run a new 680-room luxury hotel on the lakefront a formal announcement will be made by Northern Ohio Community Development Corporation's President Willis Boyer Jr. and Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau President Lee C. Howley tomorrow. (6-26-75)**

- 516. Mayor Perk suspends William F. Crockett for five days without salary after a disclosure that he had concealed a criminal record. (6-26-75)**
- 517. Mayor Perk attacks Ohio Governor James Rhodes for delaying the construction of the new state office tower in Cleveland. (6-26-75)**
- 518. Mayor Perk's recent letter writing campaign leads Cleveland City Council to create a special ad hoc committee to investigate alleged improprieties by the mayor. (6-27-75)**
- 519. Mayor Perk's Chief Council Malcolm Douglas's ruling saying that this committee had no powers to subpoena witnesses or to demand sworn testimony ends the council's inquiry concerning the mayor's conduct. (6-27-75)**
- 520. Mayor Perk participates in a White House strategy session with 24 other key Republican mayors in preparation for the upcoming Conference of Mayors in Boston, MA. (6-27-75)**
- 521. Mayor Perk is informed that CTS will receive \$1.8m in federal grants which will keep it in operation through September 1975. (6-27-75)**
- 522. Mayor Perk's latest opponent in the race for mayor James Dickerson launches a salvo at him claiming that the city is unclean and poorly run and that mediocrity in municipal government is no longer acceptable. (6-27-75)**

- 523. Mayor Perk supports the current efforts of Cleveland City Councilman David Trent who is preparing legislation that would create an emergency phone hotline for parents with sick children. (6-28-75)**
- 524. Mayor Perk is criticized by Arnold Pinkney on two fronts: first for hiring college age youth who may not fit the income qualifications stipulated in the Summer Youth Job Program and second for not disclosing what happened to the \$600,000 left over from last year's program. (6-28-75)**
- 525. Mayor Perk is informed by Common Pleas Judge Daniel O. Corrigan that William F. Crockett attempted to bribe a judge last week while he interceded in behalf of Donald Roberts a known heroin dealer, Crockett denies it. (6-28-75)**
- 526. Mayor Perk understands that former Cleveland City Councilman Francis Gaul may decide to run for mayor this year. (6-29-75)**
- 527. Mayor Perk orders William F. Crockett to resign his city post within seven days or be fired. (6-30-75)**
- 528. Mayor Perk reads in the press that the downtown crime rate has increased this last year but so has the number of arrests. (6-30-75)**
- 529. Mayor Perk announces that he has received a \$20m federal grant from the Impact Cities program which means that the city's auxiliary police will continue for another year. (6-30-75)**

- 530. Mayor Perk is praised by the U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon for keeping city expenses within budget constraints. (7-2-75)**
- 531. Mayor Perk and his administration file a suit against CEI to get out-of-state power for MUNY-Light. (7-2-75)**
- 532. Mayor Perk hosts a visit by President Gerald R. Ford in which Ford indicates that the GOP may choose Cleveland as its site for the 1976 National Convention. (7-4-75)**
- 533. Mayor Perk travels to Boston where he begins to campaign for a nationwide adoption of Cleveland's new gun control law. (7-6-75)**
- 534. Mayor Perk launches a drive for \$2b in emergency aid for the city. (7-6-75)**
- 535. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich is planning to run for clerk of Municipal Court this fall and his brother Gary is going to run for Cleveland City Council. (7-7-75)**
- 536. Mayor Perk becomes the first head of the GOP Mayors caucus. (7-7-75)**
- 537. Mayor Perk tangles with Senator Edward M. Kennedy regarding President Ford's vetoes of specific pork barrel amendments. (7-8-75)**
- 538. Mayor Perk is disappointed that only 39 handguns have been turned in to date, the deadline is July 10<sup>th</sup>. (7-9-75)**

- 539. Mayor Perk's mayoral opponent State Representative Patrick Sweeney pledges to abolish the job of safety director and reduce the number in Cleveland City Council from 33 to either 5 or 6 members if elected. (7-9-75)**
- 540. Mayor Perk announces that a former CEI engineer Ralph Meister will head MUNY-Light. (7-9-75)**
- 541. Mayor Perk's Chief of Police Lloyd Garey orders added police at the Warsaw Playground a site of racial strife. (7-10-75)**
- 542. Mayor Perk announces that the U.S. Mayors GOP caucus supports Gerald R. Ford for President and urges Congress to renew Revenue Sharing as soon as possible. (7-10-75)**
- 543. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland city workers, not satisfied with the city's \$.10 per hour wage increase offer, threaten to strike on July 21<sup>st</sup>. (7-10-75)**
- 544. Mayor Perk is informed that 91 guns have been turned in by the July 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. (7-10-75)**
- 545. Mayor Perk announces that the city's new Emergency Medical Service will begin a four year program on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. (7-10-75)**
- 546. Mayor Perk reads in the press that former Cleveland City Councilman Francis Gaul has decided to quit the mayoral race to become an executive with Wenham Transportation Inc. (7-11-75)**



- 547. Mayor Perk's supporter Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo proposes that the city enter into the health business and compete against Blue Cross and Blue Shield by offering its own affordable health care for the city's 8,000 employees. (7-11-75)**
- 548. Mayor Perk is criticized by the President of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Jerry Wurf who faults the mayor for a poorly run city known for its many layoffs and its \$9m deficit. (7-11-75)**
- 549. Mayor Perk is praised by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association for keeping the city financially sound and for handling its \$369m debt with current city income. (7-12-75)**
- 550. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of a Westside Citizen's Committee that has launched a petition drive to install a new safety fence in the Edgewater Park. (7-13-75)**
- 551. Mayor Perk announces that MUNY-Light has just established a bill appeal system to handle customer complaints. (7-13-75)**
- 552. Mayor Perk is criticized about forcing the 12,000 Summer Youth Job Program employees to wear T-shirts with the City Seal and Mayor Perk's name prominently displayed on them. (7-15-75)**
- 553. Mayor Perk supports the idea of creating a new RTA hotline where county residents would be able to receive important information regarding RTA and its operations. (7-15-75)**

- 554. Mayor Perk is told that about 20 callers an hour took advantage of the new RTA hotline during its first 24-hours. (7-16-75)**
- 555. Mayor Perk's new Executive Utilities Commissioner James A. Cunningham, after calling for a one-day furlough for all his employees, has begun to pay his workers again. (7-17-75)**
- 556. Mayor Perk is informed by the GOP committee that the city leads as the site for the 1976 National Convention. (7-17-75)**
- 557. Mayor Perk is attacked by Arnold Pinkney for taking a vacation now instead of campaigning for the transit sales tax. (7-18-75)**
- 558. Mayor Perk learns from the Chair of the Cleveland City Council's Utilities Committee James H. Bell that the city will keep MUNY-Light and that Cleveland City Council will authorize \$11.4m in capital improvements. (7-19-75)**
- 559. Mayor Perk while on vacation pleads with the voters to approve the transit sales tax. (7-19-75)**
- 560. Mayor Perk is faced with a major strike as 3,000 garbage men walk off the job. (7-21-75)**
- 561. Mayor Perk is criticized by Arnold Pinkney for not averting today's workers' strike. (7-21-75)**
- 562. Mayor Perk learns that the repeal of the automatic pay raise for safety workers may be placed on the November ballot if Cleveland City Council approves. (7-21-75)**

- 563. Mayor Perk meets with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Local 100 District Council Director Robert A. Brindza who is demanding among other things a cost of living escalator clause in the new agreement, a two-year contract with a built-in wage increase in year two, and an adjustment of wage inequities within pay classes. (7-21-75)**
- 564. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council has decided to delay for another year action on repealing the controversial automatic pay raises formula for safety forces claiming it is too controversial.**
- 565. Mayor Perk meets with union officials and Common Pleas Court Judge Frank J. Gorman with the hope of reaching an agreement; however, nothing happened. (7-23-75)**
- 566. Mayor Perk's Waste Commissioner Robert Beasley is complaining that tons and tons of garbage are piling up throughout the city and must be removed as soon as possible. (7-23-75)**
- 567. Mayor Perk announces that RTA service will begin in two weeks and that the new fares will begin this September. (7-23-75)**
- 568. Mayor Perk is pleased when the voters approve the 1% transit sales tax. (7-23-75)**
- 569. Mayor Perk and Mary Bacon, a descendent of Mose Cleaveland, cut a birthday cake in Public Square to commemorate the city's 179<sup>th</sup> birthday. (7-23-75)**
- 570. Mayor Perk understands that Arnold Pinkney has resigned from the Cuyahoga County Elections Board. (7-24-75)**

- 571. Mayor Perk realizes that the new transit tax will bring \$10m to the city. (7-24-75)**
- 572. Mayor Perk's city architect Samuel Sturniolo claims that the Willard Garage currently under construction will be as attractive as possible. (7-24-75)**
- 573. Mayor Perk is scheduled to resume talks with the striking union today. (7-25-75)**
- 574. Mayor Perk is criticized by two of his mayoral opponents Richard Kay and James Dickerson for using city funds to buy whistles, T-shirts, and leaflets all intended to promote his re-election. (7-26-75)**
- 575. Mayor Perk presents the Keys to the City to the mayor of Taipei, Taiwan. (7-27-75)**
- 576. Mayor Perk uses his new GOP clout to pressure the GOP to choose Cleveland as the site for the 1976 National Convention. (7-27-75)**
- 577. Mayor Perk announces a tentative pact with city strikers in which they get \$.10 hourly raise increase for 1975 which will increase to \$.25 in 1976 and increase another \$.25 in 1977, and a cost of living increase of up to \$.05 in 1976 and up to \$.10 in 1977. (7-28-75)**
- 578. Mayor Perk is told that the workers accept the new agreement and have returned to work. (7-28-75)**
- 579. Mayor Perk seeks labor peace by offering all city unions a three year pact. (7-29-75)**

- 580. Mayor Perk is disappointed when the various city unions balk at his three year pact. (7-29-75)**
- 581. Mayor Perk approves the construction of a new \$9.2m residential facility for the mentally retarded at the Warrensville workhouse site. (7-30-75)**
- 582. Mayor Perk announces that the All Nations Festival will begin tomorrow on at the Hanna Fountains. (7-30-75)**
- 583. Mayor Perk is expected to give a year's extension to the developer of the proposed \$37m Gateway Lakefront project rather than have NORCOM lose its lease. (7-31-75)**
- 584. Mayor Perk announces that Cuyahoga County will pay the city's share of I-90 construction running between West 44<sup>th</sup> and West 123<sup>rd</sup> streets. (7-31-75)**
- 585. Mayor Perk is accused by the Urban League of Greater Cleveland of dragging his feet when it comes to signing up new minority voters. (7-31-75)**
- 586. Mayor Perk suspends the newly appointed MUNY-Light Commissioner Ralph Meister after he is brought up on moral charges. (8-1-75)**
- 587. Mayor Perk's Special Assistant Bruce Akers announces that the city will install a fence in Edgewater Park if state officials approve. (8-1-75)**
- 588. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland and Solon have agreed to erect a new \$3.5m water tower. (8-2-75)**
- 589. Mayor Perk is reportedly looking for someone to head the Bi-Centennial Celebrations here. (8-2-75)**

- 590. Mayor Perk wants the Chairman of the CTS Board Nicholas Bucur to be the next appointee to the Cuyahoga County Port Authority. (8-2-75)**
- 591. Mayor Perk receives complaints from several downtown merchants who have had their stores looted during the All Nations Festival they want this to be the last year for this event. (8-2-75)**
- 592. Mayor Perk fires MUNY-Light Commissioner Ralph Meister after his conviction on moral charges. (8-2-75)**
- 593. Mayor Perk keeps the All Nations Festival going. (8-3-75)**
- 594. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich has joined a group of concerned citizens who are cleaning up Brookfield Park. (8-3-75)**
- 595. Mayor Perk learns that the Citizens League of Greater Cleveland supports four year terms for both the mayor and city councilmen. (8-5-75)**
- 596. Mayor Perk's Director of Community Development Patrick Henry is pushing Columbus developer John Galbreath to make good on his earlier pledge to begin construction on an Erieview renewal site. (8-5-75)**
- 597. Mayor Perk endorses the efforts of a west side senior group who are seeking a 15% discount at local grocery stores. (8-7-75)**
- 598. Mayor Perk is optimistic that a new hotel proposed by Stouffer Corporation will be erected soon near the corner of East 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Lakeside Avenue. (8-7-75)**

- 599. Mayor Perk is informed that nominating petitions for him as mayor are being circulated by the Cuyahoga County GOP Organizational Chairman Robert E. Hughes. (8-8-75)**
- 600. Mayor Perk amidst controversy proposes that several recently recovered flag poles should be installed in front of city hall. (8-9-75)**
- 601. Mayor Perk blast Arnold Pinkney for not providing cheap lunches for the elderly. (8-9-75)**
- 602. Mayor Perk plans to ask Cleveland City Council to fund GOP ships as part of the city's bid for the 1976 Republican National Convention. (8-9-75)**
- 603. Mayor Perk enjoys the RTA parade on Euclid Avenue yesterday to celebrate the passage of the county-wide sales tax increase. (8-9-75)**
- 604. Mayor Perk is excited when over 10,000 people attend the RTA Victory Party held at Hanna Fountains. (8-9-75)**
- 605. Mayor Perk orders a suspension of payment totaling \$400,000 for coal delivered by the Seasons Coal Company until an investigation determines whether the coal supplied to the MUNY-Light power plant met contract standards. (8-10-75)**
- 606. Mayor Perk announces the establishment of a local Women's Committee headed by Mrs. Lucille Perk and Mrs. Mercedes Cotner to sell this city as the site for the 1976 GOP National Convention. (8-11-75)**

- 607. Mayor Perk receives bipartisan support from George Forbes, Arnold Pinkney, and James Dickerson for the city's GOP Convention bid. (8-11-75)**
- 608. Mayor Perk is informed that Arnold Pinkney has opened his campaign headquarters at a "lucky location" the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel it is lucky because that was the headquarters for John Glenn's successful senatorial campaign last year. (8-12-75)**
- 609. Mayor Perk wants the city to finance two ships for the GOP Convention. (8-12-75)**
- 610. Mayor Perk learns that a number of prominent Democrats have united around Arnold Pinkney and will help him launch his mayoral campaign today. (8-12-75)**
- 611. Mayor Perk is criticized for high administrative costs related to the Summer Youth Job Program. (8-12-75)**
- 612. Mayor Perk is happy that the Ohio City Home Day celebration last weekend proved so successful. (8-12-75)**
- 613. Mayor Perk's Emergency Medical Services Director asks paramedic recruits to sign petitions nominating Perk for mayor and for placing four year terms for mayor and council on the November ballot. (8-13-75)**
- 614. Mayor Perk is alarmed when he learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to oppose the \$3m loan to finance the cruise ships for the GOP Convention unless the GOP and mayor drop plans to place the four year term for mayor and council effectively immediately on the November ballot. (8-13-75)**



- 615. Mayor Perk welcomes the Ohio Muscular Dystrophy Association poster children to city hall. (8-14-75)**
- 616. Mayor Perk meets with 16 local clergymen to discuss ways in which the city might help them after two East Side churches were robbed last Sunday night. (8-14-75)**
- 617. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman William Franklin and a group of his voting constituents intend to picket city hall to protest the city's failure to tear down abandoned and vandalized buildings in their ward. (8-14-75)**
- 618. Mayor Perk is informed by the Cuyahoga County Democratic leadership that it plans to keep party neutrality during the September 30<sup>th</sup> mayoral primary. (8-14-75)**
- 619. Mayor Perk fears that the current feud brewing between George Forbes and Robert Hughes may scuttle all his attempts to get the 1976 GOP Convention here. (8-14-75)**
- 620. Mayor Perk meets with the Chairman of the Cuyahoga County Republican Committee Robert Hughes who says straight-out that the GOP will not pay the ransom demanded by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to get the three cruise ships. (8-14-75)**
- 621. Mayor Perk announces that he will try to avert future robberies in East Side churches by increasing the number of patrol units in those neighborhoods. (8-15-75)**
- 622. Mayor Perk is attacked by his opponent Arnold Pinkney for making the issue of church crimes political. (8-15-75)**

- 623. Mayor Perk's other opponent State Representative Patrick Sweeney says the mayor has it all wrong: downtown development should take precedent over neighborhood development not the other way around. (8-16-75)**
- 624. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes, in a sweeping gesture showing that the Democratic party does not favor Arnold Pinkney over other candidates, offers to introduce State Representative Patrick Sweeney to a West Side party club. (8-17-75)**
- 625. Mayor Perk announces that the Notre Dame vs. Navy football game will be played in Municipal Stadium on October 30, 1976. (8-18-75)**
- 626. Mayor Perk announces that the 4-year term issue with the proviso that it begins in 1977 heads to the voters this fall. (8-19-75)**
- 627. Mayor Perk leaves today for the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting at Sun Valley, Idaho. (8-19-75)**
- 628. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council pledges \$3m for the cruise ships (8-19-75)**
- 629. Mayor Perk announces that the \$3m loan to the city means that there will be 16,000 rooms available for the 1976 GOP Convention. (8-20-75)**
- 630. Mayor Perk learns that the GOP is threatening legal action if Cleveland City Council fails to place the 4-year term for mayor beginning immediately on the November ballot. (8-20-75)**

- 631. Mayor Perk is informed that Arnold Pinkney and James Dickerson have filed their candidacy for mayor along with Robert Bresnahan of the Socialist Workers Party and Joseph Pirincin of the Socialist Labor Party. (8-20-75)**
- 632. Mayor Perk reads an editorial saying that the Public Hall needs to be run efficiently like the Cleveland Stadium Corporation under Art Modell. (8-20-75)**
- 633. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Patrick Henry attends the dedication ceremonies for the new \$20m Bond Court Hotel yesterday. (8-20-75)**
- 634. Mayor Perk learns that Fannie Lewis is resigning from her post in the Model Cities Program to run for the Cleveland City Council seat currently held by David Collier. (8-21-75)**
- 635. Mayor Perk is informed that the Ward 7 Democratic Club endorses State Representative Patrick Sweeney for mayor. (8-23-75)**
- 636. Mayor Perk is criticized by the local press for practicing cronyism and that cronyism has prevented the mayor from attacking his opponent James Dickerson. (8-24-75)**
- 637. Mayor Perk is presented a proposal by the Cleveland Cuyahoga County Port Authority calling for converting the old Coast Guard Station on Whiskey Island into new offices for Cleveland Water Quality rental cost per month is \$200. (8-25-75)**
- 638. Mayor Perk is to attend a dedication celebration officially opening the new softball field at Brookfield Park. (8-26-75)**

- 639. Mayor Perk's Special Assistance Bruce Akers announces that the city will offer 1,000 new modular homes to be located near Municipal Stadium if the GOP decides to hold its 1976 National Convention here. (8-27-75)**
- 640. Mayor Perk's Public Health and Welfare Department Director Dr. Ruth Miller offers free vaccinations for children who are about to enter the Cleveland Public Schools for the first time. (8-27-75)**
- 641. Mayor Perk is attacked by one of his opponents in the mayoral race State Representative Patrick Sweeney who claims that the taxpayers are paying \$10m to bid on the GOP Convention which would only help to make the mayor look like a big shot with his GOP cronies. (8-28-75)**
- 642. Mayor Perk discovers that the Democratic Party is endorsing Francis E. Gaul, the former Cleveland City Councilman, to succeed Cuyahoga County Treasurer Frank M. Brennan who resigned yesterday. (8-28-75)**
- 643. Mayor Perk learns that the city is fading in the race to secure the GOP Convention with Kansas City gaining the momentum. (8-28-75)**
- 644. Mayor Perk understands that the contempt fine of \$2,500 a day levied on the city by Federal Judge Robert Krupansky on August 22nd, based on the inability of the both the city and county to reach an agreement on leasing land at the Warrensville workhouse, may remain unresolved for weeks to come. (8-29-75)**
- 645. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Malcolm Douglas says that the city has appealed Judge Krupansky's ruling to the federal Appeals Court in Cincinnati. (8-29-75)**

- 646. Mayor Perk's new plan to offer module homes near Municipal Stadium keeps the city on the list for GOP conclave. (8-30-75)**
- 647. Mayor Perk's appointment of Anthony Liberatore to the Cuyahoga County Regional Sewer District becomes highly controversial when the press discovers that he was paroled in 1958 after serving a twenty year sentence for the slaying of two policemen. (8-30-75)**
- 648. Mayor Perk is informed by the Clerk of Cleveland City Council Mercedes Cotner that the GOP petition for a 4-year term immediately did not receive enough votes. (8-30-75)**
- 649. Mayor Perk appeals for disaster funds following the devastating recent rain storm. (8-30-75)**
- 650. Mayor Perk announces that the city's chances are growing dim for storm disaster relief based on overestimates submitted by the city. (8-30-75)**
- 651. Mayor Perk may call in IOUs including important local GOP fund raisers who are able to pressure President Gerald Ford to get the GOP Convention to locate here. (9-1-75)**
- 652. Mayor Perk receives some good news from Forest City Enterprises that it will pledge 1,500 suites in a yet to be built new apartment house for GOP delegates. (9-2-75)**

- 653. Mayor Perk is the lead-off witness in the United Labor Agency committee hearing delving into the drug abuse and inefficiency of the local justice center in handling it. (9-3-75)**
- 654. Mayor Perk decides not to overburden the GOP by sending them the Forest City plan. (9-3-75)**
- 655. Mayor Perk is optimistic that the city will qualify for both state and federal disaster aid even though the state disaster team cancelled its inspection of the storm damaged areas. (9-3-75)**
- 656. Mayor Perk reads in the press that Arnold Pinkney is not Carl Stokes in fact he is his own man. (9-3-75)**
- 657. Mayor Perk meets with a group of Beachwood residents who oppose plans to temporarily house 125 inmates at the old Nike site in Warrensville Township. (9-3-75)**
- 658. Mayor Perk swears in Anthony Liberatore as the newest member of the Cuyahoga County Sewer Board claiming that he received in 1972 from Ohio Governor John J. Gilligan vindicates him of the murder charge. (9-4-75)**
- 659. Mayor Perk learns that Arnold Pinkney is calling for the establishment of a new police-civilian complaint review ombudsman. (9-4-75)**

- 660. Mayor Perk's mayoral opponent Arnold Pinkney calls for eliminating the safety directors job, making the police chief directly responsible to the mayor, establishing foot patrol units in high crime areas, creating one man patrol cars in low crime areas, shifting paperwork to other departments, and using civilians in the radio room. (9-4-75)**
- 661. Mayor Perk announces that the city will fix up and update Public Hall if the GOP Convention comes to Cleveland. (9-4-75)**
- 662. Mayor Perk learns that the 2,000 membership of the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police are seeking Anthony Liberatore's resignation from the Regional Sewer Department based on his conviction for slaying two officers. (9-4-75)**
- 663. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Western Reserve Manpower Consortium is to fund the new West Side Training Center program beginning in December. (9-4-75)**
- 664. Mayor Perk attends the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Amtrak Station located in back of city hall. (9-4-75)**
- 665. Mayor Perk is told that the city's offer of \$4.5m in free facilities and services places it in the lead again to host the GOP National Convention. (9-4-75)**
- 666. Mayor Perk proposes that RTA offer free bus service for GOP delegates if the 1976 Convention is held here. (9-5-75)**
- 667. Mayor Perk announces that CTS will transfer to RTA today. (9-5-75)**

- 668. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland police will picket in front of city hall next week if Anthony Liberatore is not unseated from the county sewer board. (9-6-75)**
- 669. Mayor Perk is about to name the current Waste Collection Commissioner Robert Beasley to serve as the new Service Director, a post made vacant by the recent resignation of Ralph Tyler Sr. (9-6-75)**
- 670. Mayor Perk is hailed for his tenacity by the GOP; however, the committee in charge of the 1976 Convention site will not be swayed by his actions. (9-7-75)**
- 671. Mayor Perk announces to the Cleveland police that he has no intention of ousting Anthony Liberatore from the county sewer board. (9-7-75)**
- 672. Mayor Perk is informed that the 1976 GOP National Convention will not be held in Cleveland, Kansas City is the site. (9-8-75)**
- 673. Mayor Perk is attacked by his mayoral opponent State Representative Patrick Sweeney on his GOP parley promises he has not delivered. (9-9-75)**
- 674. Mayor Perk is commended by the press for his sincere efforts in trying to secure next year's GOP National Convention here. (9-9-75)**
- 675. Mayor Perk receives the first set of Bicentennial coins to be distributed to mayors of cities through which the Around the World Auto Race will pass. (9-9-75)**



- 676. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes wants to hold city council meetings at different locations throughout the city even though some councilmen and the Clerk of Council Mercedes Cotner are against it. (9-9-75)**
- 677. Mayor Perk learns that the lack of hotel rooms and the negative attitude of President Gerald Ford towards having it here insured that Cleveland would not be the site of the 1976 GOP Convention. (9-9-75)**
- 678. Mayor Perk's Chief of Police Lloyd Garey is against the Cleveland Civil Service Commission's idea of eliminating lie detector tests and psychiatric exams from the screening process for potential police cadets. (9-9-75)**
- 679. Mayor Perk transfers 13.8 acres to Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation for \$1.4m. (9-10-75)**
- 680. Mayor Perk is upset when 25 policemen picket city hall this morning over his refusal to oust convicted police killer Anthony Liberatore from the county sewer board. (9-10-75)**
- 681. Mayor Perk is informed that the Democratic leadership has chosen Francis Gaul to be the new county treasurer. (9-10-75)**
- 682. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar to utilize some left-over HUD funding to build the new Lorain Recreational Center. (9-10-75)**

- 683. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that a group of near West Side businessmen has pledged their support to repair \$50,000 worth of vandalism at the Greenwood outdoor swimming pool. (9-11-75)**
- 684. Mayor Perk is surprised when his mayoral opponent James Dickerson proposes an increase in the city's income tax from 1% to 2% as a way of bolstering Cleveland's sagging economy. (9-11-75)**
- 685. Mayor Perk's Acting Utilities Commissioner James Cunningham informs Cleveland City Council that 20,000 storm basins/sewers must be cleaned immediately. (9-11-75)**
- 686. Mayor Perk's mayoral opponent Arnold Pinkney and Catholic Bishop James A. Hickey join a drive to ban redlining in Cleveland. (9-11-75)**
- 687. Mayor Perk does not get a mayoral primary endorsement from the AFL-CIO Federation of Labor who is dissatisfied with his anti-labor stance. (9-11-75)**
- 688. Mayor Perk will preside at the opening of four renovated sites. (9-12-75)**
- 689. Mayor Perk gets a mayoral endorsement at the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress convention. (9-13-75)**
- 690. Mayor Perk uses pesticides to battle the battalions of mosquitoes that have recently plagued the city. (9-13-75)**

- 691. Mayor Perk's opponent Arnold Pinkney leads in campaign spending with \$50,577 in expenses and \$51,214 in contributions. (9-13-75)**
- 692. Mayor Perk tells his legal staff to wait on the desegregation case until after the November elections. (9-14-75)**
- 693. Mayor Perk and Arnold Pinkney are endorsed for mayor by the Plain Dealer. (9-14-75)**
- 694. Mayor Perk and the Cleveland Fire Department are considering new voice activated fire alarm boxes at a cost of \$1.6m. (9-14-75)**
- 695. Mayor Perk is blasted by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes for ordering the city's Law Director to enter the NAACP's desegregation lawsuit on the side of the Cleveland School Board. (9-15-75)**
- 696. Mayor Perk receives a study just completed by Kohrman and Jackson a local law firm that pinpoints MUNY-Light's problems which include inefficient management, a padded workforce, and poor equipment. (9-15-75)**
- 697. Mayor Perk is informed that city probers seized the city's utility records to investigate irregularities in the awarding of over a \$1m in recent city contracts. (9-15-75)**
- 698. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council Clerk Mercedes Cotner accepted additional signatures on the GOP sponsored petition calling for a four year term for mayor beginning now. (9-16-75)**

- 699. Mayor Perk's Waste Collection Commissioner Robert Beasley admits that the city dumped garbage illegally behind the old West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street city incinerator but that ended today. (9-16-75)**
- 700. Mayor Perk's Labor Advisor Michael Rini and the city's Utilities Department Chief Investigator Verdan Kruger are criticized for illegally assisting Seasons Coal Company to obtain a \$1.3m city contract. (9-16-75)**
- 701. Mayor Perk is ripped by the NAACP for his pro school board stance in the current desegregation case. (9-16-75)**
- 702. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis claims that the city's resources and most especially the Police Department would be heavily strained if a desegregation order was imposed here. (9-16-75)**
- 703. Mayor Perk owes \$33,771 for his unsuccessful U.S. Senate bid. (9-17-75)**
- 704. Mayor Perk despite all the criticism announces that the city will continue to oppose the NAACP suit charging segregation in the Cleveland public schools. (9-17-75)**
- 705. Mayor Perk's Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis blames former MUNY-Light Commissioner George Chuplis for not reporting the coal test findings of Seasons Coal Company. (9-18-75)**

- 706. Mayor Perk is informed by George Chuplis that Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis was personally warned that Seasons Coal was delivering inferior coal before that company got their \$1.3m contract. (9-18-75)**
- 707. Mayor Perk's highly influential Lake Erie Regional Transportation Authority (LERTA) scuttles the earlier Jetport proposal due to lack of federal funds. (9-18-75)**
- 708. Mayor Perk orders Police Chief Lloyd Garey to meet with a group of blacks who are currently staging a city hall sit-in. (9-19-75)**
- 709. Mayor Perk opens his downtown campaign headquarters at 1026 Euclid Avenue. (9-20-75)**
- 710. Mayor Perk's view on school busing is flawed so says the local press which argues that the mayor assumes that the Cleveland School Board will be found guilty of fostering racial segregation. (9-20-75)**
- 711. Mayor Perk's request for an extra \$3m in federal funds earmarked for inner-city housing rehabilitation is denied. (9-20-75)**
- 712. Mayor Perk's opponent Arnold Pinkney says if elected he would sell MUNY-Light; reduce the number of city employees; eliminate Port Control and Public Properties departments; not fill a vacant safety director position; and hire a new assistant dedicated to police affairs. (9-20-75)**
- 713. Mayor Perk discovers that a number of prominent black leaders are rallying behind Arnold Pinkney. (9-21-75)**

- 714. Mayor Perk approves sending 200,000 voters a letter from the mayor, a brochure, and phone stickers at a cost of \$12,000 announcing the city's new Emergency Medical Service. (9-21-75)**
- 715. Mayor Perk learns that this extravagant promotional campaign for the new medical service has led Cleveland City Council to delay action on the bill. (9-23-75)**
- 716. Mayor Perk's Emergency Medical Services Director Lee Nathans and the city's Budget and Management Director Vincent Campanella inform Cleveland City Council that the ambulance service is set to go. (9-23-75)**
- 717. Mayor Perk is to debate with the other mayoral candidates at the Cleveland City Club this Friday. (9-23-75)**
- 718. Mayor Perk warns the U.S. Senate Joint Economic Committee that aid to New York City must not occur because it could happen anywhere and that city's must learn not to spend beyond their means. (9-24-75)**
- 719. Mayor Perk's opponent Arnold Pinkney favors repealing the 3% police pay formula if the police prove unable to reduce the city's crime rate within a 3 to 6 month period after his election. (9-24-75)**
- 720. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media for spending \$7,832 in city funds to send a letter to 50,000 senior citizens advertising his new anti-crime bill. (9-25-75)**
- 721. Mayor Perk is chided for requiring youth in the Summer Job Program to wear T shirts with his name on them. (9-25-75)**

- 722. Mayor Perk is informed that the Interdenominational Ministers Association with a membership of 70,000 has endorsed Arnold Pinkney for mayor. (9-25-75)**
- 723. Mayor Perk's opponent Arnold Pinkney says a split black vote in the upcoming election will jeopardize his chances of becoming mayor. (9-25-75)**
- 724. Mayor Perk supports the city which has filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to review an earlier Ohio Supreme Court decision allowing CEI to receive a \$4.3m rate increase. (9-25-75)**
- 725. Mayor Perk is running second to his mayoral opponent Arnold Pinkney in the latest street poll. (9-25-75)**
- 726. Mayor Perk is criticized by the press for suggesting that senior citizens will have less difficulty summons the police by blowing their city-issued whistles a part of the new "Whistle for a Cop" program. (9-26-75)**
- 727. Mayor Perk learns that RTA will begin studying various ways to cooperate more directly with Amtrak this may include the return of passenger service to Union Terminal. (9-28-75)**
- 728. Mayor Perk announces a close race with Arnold Pinkney in the primary; however, he predicts victory in November. (9-28-75)**
- 729. Mayor Perk orders a study to determine whether drilling for natural gas on city-owned land would preserve jobs here. (9-28-75)**

- 730. Mayor Perk plans to attack banks and other lending institutions practicing redlining and to push for community stability to ensure that residents remain in their neighborhoods. (9-29-75)**
- 731. Mayor Perk reads in the press that U.S. Representative James V. Stanton is not only going to support Arnold Pinkney for mayor, but may also campaign for him. (9-29-75)**
- 732. Mayor Perk is not alarmed by his second place finish in the mayoral primary or Arnold Pinkney's victorious press release in which he announces that he is close to achieving his goal to be Cleveland's mayor. (10-1-75)**
- 733. Mayor Perk and Arnold Pinkney will square-off in the November elections. (10-1-75)**
- 734. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. Representative Patrick Sweeney and his former aid James Dickerson will support Arnold Pinkney in the upcoming elections. (10-1-75)**
- 735. Mayor Perk vows to wage a strong battle to get re-elected. (10-3-75)**
- 736. Mayor Perk attends a special Nationalities Banquet held at the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel where thirty different ethnic groups announce their support for him. (10-6-75)**
- 737. Mayor Perk receives a \$16m HUD grant earmarked for community development programs. (10-7-75)**



- 738. Mayor Perk unveils his new \$100m new garage plan. (10-7-75)**
- 739. Mayor Perk is going to Washington, D.C. to seek funding from the Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman. (10-7-75)**
- 740. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James Carney announces that all campaign signs must be removed immediately from utility poles throughout the city. (10-7-75)**
- 741. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey support of police quotas is shocking so says Cleveland Civil Service Commissioner Robert Weisman. (10-7-75)**
- 742. Mayor Perk plans to enhance the Halprin Downtown Study by erecting five public garages downtown, costing \$100m. (10-8-75)**
- 743. Mayor Perk plans to connect these new garages with a federally subsidized monorail. (10-8-75)**
- 744. Mayor Perk's critics claim that his garage plan with connecting monorail might violate the city's agreement with RTA which prevents the building of a subway or elevated transit system for at least five years. (10-8-75)**
- 745. Mayor Perk appeals to the RTA President Richard S. Stoddard to earmark \$672,000 in federal grant to continue the three neighborhood dial-a-bus operation for another year. (10-8-75)**

- 746. Mayor Perk claims that Cleveland is entitled to about 50% of all RTA service increases and that 15% of it should go towards responsive neighborhood busing for senior citizens and the handicapped. (10-8-75)**
- 747. Mayor Perk is told by RTA President Richard Stoddard that his proposal will be given due consideration. (10-8-75)**
- 748. Mayor Perk argues that the city has the right to make its own transit improvements irrespective of other RTA agreements. (10-8-75)**
- 749. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has criticized the RTA board for its hiring of off-duty Cleveland police officers as security personnel. (10-8-75)**
- 750. Mayor Perk gets what he requests from RTA Community Response Transit which is a pre-notification door-to-door service for senior citizens and the handicapped. (10-9-75)**
- 751. Mayor Perk in a Rotary Club debate emphasizes the poor administrative performance of Arnold Pinkney during the Carl Stokes era. (10-10-75)**
- 752. Mayor Perk warns six local law firms that if they defend CEI and four other utility companies against monopoly charges then the city may be forced to bring conflict of interest charges against them. (10-12-75)**
- 753. Mayor Perk endorses the new EMS plan, the first such plan in the country. (10-13-75)**

- 754. Mayor Perk's new EMS system provides well-trained technicians and a fleet of fully-equipped ambulances able to reach any area in the city in six minutes. (10-13-75)**
- 755. Mayor Perk appoints the Greater Cleveland Growth Association President James B. Davis to serve as the city's new Law Director. (10-13-75)**
- 756. Mayor Perk unveils his Cleveland Vocational Educational Project geared to provide appropriate jobs for juvenile offenders, parolees, and drug abusers. (10-13-75)**
- 757. Mayor Perk may be forced to drop all ties with the law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey since it represents CEI in a \$327m suit against the city. (10-14-75)**
- 758. Mayor Perk learns that the UAW and Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor disgruntle over his anti-labor stance, are supporting Arnold Pinkney for mayor. (10-15-75)**
- 759. Mayor Perk is attacked by Arnold Pinkney for allegedly covering up investigation results pertaining to the buying of coal for MUNY-Light. (10-16-75)**
- 760. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis is lauded by the National Commission on Water Quality for effectively utilizing federal guidelines to clean up lake pollution. (10-17-75)**
- 761. Mayor Perk conducts his own poll that shows him 6% ahead of Arnold Pinkney. (10-17-75)**
- 762. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media for his pro-school board stance concerning school desegregation. (10-18-75)**

- 763. Mayor Perk orders two flag poles to be erected in front of city hall despite Planning Commission opposition. (10-18-75)**
- 764. Mayor Perk contends that any school busing used to end segregation in the public schools would be bad in that it would be disruptive, make pawns out of children; take police away from high crime districts; accelerate white flight to the suburbs, impose a heavy tax burden for those remaining, and heighten racial tensions. (10-18-75)**
- 765. Mayor Perk learns that the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party and Co-Chairman Anthony J. Garofoli unanimously endorse Arnold Pinkney for mayor. (10-18-75)**
- 766. Mayor Perk is informed that any Democratic in Cleveland City Council who continues to support the mayor will be punished by the Pinkney forces. (10-18-75)**
- 767. Mayor Perk is endorsed for mayor by the Plain Dealer for maintaining city services with decreasing revenues; helping the downtown rebound; overseeing the building of the new Bond Court Hotel; completing the new Criminal Justice Center; expanding Cleveland Hopkins International Airport; introducing the first city wide ambulance service; working well with federal officials, and getting along with Cleveland City Council. (10-19-75)**
- 768. Mayor Perk is told by Arnold Pinkney that if he should win the election then he would like to conduct an orderly transition from Perk's administration to his. (10-19-75)**

- 769. Mayor Perk announces that if Governor James Rhodes's multimillion dollar spending package is approved by the voters this November then he would concentrate on new downtown development and re-development of Public Square, two proposals first suggested by the Halprin plan. (10-20-75)**
- 770. Mayor Perk is criticized by Arnold Pinkney for his high priced police car repairs. (10-21-75)**
- 771. Mayor Perk announces that he will go on half pay through the November elections it is the right thing to do. (10-21-75)**
- 772. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis predicts that the city's Water Division should generate a \$1.5m profit this year. (10-21-75)**
- 773. Mayor Perk insists that he is very cost efficient when it comes to operating police cars. (10-22-75)**
- 774. Mayor Perk distributes whistles to the citizenry as a way of fighting crime. (10-22-75)**
- 775. Mayor Perk is informed that Arnold Pinkney will not hike the water rate if he is elected. (10-22-75)**
- 776. Mayor Perk learns that the Hungarian Democratic League is one of several ethnic groups supporting Pinkney. (10-22-75)**
- 777. Mayor Perk understands that one of Arnold Pinkney's major campaign strategies is to debunk racial polarization so much a part of traditional Cleveland politics. (10-22-75)**

- 778. Mayor Perk discovers that his opponent Arnold Pinkney is trying to woo the West Side Irish votes. (10-23-75)**
- 779. Mayor Perk is informed that Pinkney's campaign debt is nearly \$30,000 while his campaign is breaking even. (10-24-75)**
- 780. Mayor Perk learns that Arnold Pinkney was warmly received at two West Side rallies this week where he blasted the Perk Administration for its corruption. (10-24-75)**
- 781. Mayor Perk asks voters to get out and vote it is a crusade. (10-24-75)**
- 782. Mayor Perk and Mrs. Perk greet First Lady Betty Ford with a bouquet of flowers at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (10-25-75)**
- 783. Mayor Perk brings his campaign to ethnic neighborhoods. (10-25-75)**
- 784. Mayor Perk learns that Dennis Kucinich holds a West Side press conference where he endorses Pinkney for mayor. (10-24-75)**
- 785. Mayor Perk is upset when his opponent Arnold Pinkney demands that he fire Anthony Liberatore from the sewer board. (10-26-75)**
- 786. Mayor Perk is informed that Pinkney's campaign strategy is simple to seek a big black voter turn-out at the elections. (10-26-75)**

- 787. Mayor Perk and Arnold Pinkney pledge no new taxes if elected. (10-27-75)**
- 788. Mayor Perk rips into Pinkney's failure to run the Cleveland Public Schools effectively. (10-27-75)**
- 789. Mayor Perk is accused of neglecting the average person much like Presidents Nixon and Ford did. (10-27-75)**
- 790. Mayor Perk gets former Senator Frank Lausche to campaign for him. (10-27-75)**
- 791. Mayor Perk understands that Arnold Pinkney would like to renovate five buildings city-wide and then lease them to private health clinics which would provide continual inexpensive health benefits to the poor. (10-27-75)**
- 792. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Patrick Henry announces that the city spent \$1500 in federal funds to print a new housing loan pamphlet but had to discard it because of a legal error. (10-28-75)**
- 793. Mayor Perk learns that the Reverend Jesse Jackson has endorsed Arnold Pinkney for mayor claiming that he has the intelligence, integrity, experience, and confidence to handle the job. (10-28-75)**
- 794. Mayor Perk is happy when the latest Cleveland Press poll shows him ahead of Pinkney by 10%. (10-28-75)**
- 795. Mayor Perk is disappointed when the Teamsters union backs Pinkney for mayor. (10-28-75)**
- 796. Mayor Perk receives the endorsement of the Hungarian newspaper Szabadseg. (10-28-75)**

- 797. Mayor Perk and Arnold Pinkney debate on familiar issues on Channel 5. (10-29-75)**
- 798. Mayor Perk announces a \$1.4m federal grant which will be used for the following: \$320,315 for 37 motorized beat patrolmen; \$296,400 for police; \$307,262 to fight air pollution; \$166,748 to repair city hall and the West Side market; and \$350,000 to hire thirty city workers to demolish vandalized and vacant buildings condemned by the city. (10-29-75)**
- 799. Mayor Perk learns that former Vice President Hubert Humphrey is endorsing Pinkney for mayor. (10-29-75)**
- 800. Mayor Perk supports the Downtown Development Corp. which is trying to implement the Lawrence Halpern and Associates Plan. (10-30-75)**
- 801. Mayor Perk is attacked by Pinkney for administrative inefficiency at the final City Club. (10-31-75)**
- 802. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis is chastised for not ordering the inspection of sewer closings done by demolition contractors who are accused of falsifying records. (10-31-75)**
- 803. Mayor Perk receives \$18.7m in federal funds which will retain city workers through September 30, 1976. (11-1-75)**
- 804. Mayor Perk learns that Pinkney if elected will fire the Ports Director Andrew Putka, Law Director James B. Davis, and Properties Director George Wrost. (11-2-75)**



- 805. Mayor Perk's Special Assistant Bruce Akers announces that the city will work with the Near West Side Tremont Manpower Coalition to hire a new training program director. (11-4-75)**
- 806. Mayor Perk easily wins re-election: final vote count Perk 97,892 Pinkney 81,028. (11-5-75)**
- 807. Mayor Perk is congratulated by the press on his latest victory his success predicated on balancing the city's budget, retaining city services, and fostering a sustained downtown boom. (11-5-75)**
- 808. Mayor Perk in an interview says that he opposes an income tax increase and wants to keep the current safety forces pay formula. (11-5-75)**
- 809. Mayor Perk's other objectives described in this interview include: introducing city charter reforms, continuing federal funding for programs, extending the mayor's term to four years but not city council, and celebrating the Bi-Centennial through his civic/business organization known as "Group 76." (11-5-75)**
- 810. Mayor Perk does not elaborate on rumors that George Wrost, the City Properties Director; Michael P. Rini, the Mayor's Labor Adviser; Rosemary Lewis, the Acting Service Director; Ina Keegan, the Mayor's News Secretary; and James B. Davis, the Law Director are leaving their posts. (11-5-75)**
- 811. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Dennis Kucinich won the Clerk of Courts race with 49,774 votes. (11-5-75)**

- 812. Mayor Perk is happy when the GOP announces that they may seek a special election to extend his newly won term from two to four years. (11-5-75)**
- 813. Mayor Perk's opponent Arnold Pinkney says that he will not run for mayor again. (11-5-75)**
- 814. Mayor Perk's victory was due in part to the fact that he was able to get 70% of the white vote out. (11-5-75)**
- 815. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will retain his leadership role despite election upsets in several wards. (11-5-75)**
- 816. Mayor Perk openly invites all Clevelanders to attend his inauguration on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cleveland Music Hall. (11-6-75)**
- 817. Mayor Perk is congratulated on his victory by former President Nixon. (11-6-75)**
- 818. Mayor Perk's former MUNY-Light Commissioner Ralph Meister is put on two years probation by the Common Pleas court after receiving two charges of gross sexual imposition on an eleven year old boy. (11-6-75)**
- 819. Mayor Perk promises to establish a new business and labor coalition to promote new industry here. (11-6-75)**
- 820. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that the earlier détente is dead and that Council will find its own solutions. (11-6-75)**

- 821. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Cuyahoga County GOP Vice-Chairman Robert Bennett calls for a special December 9<sup>th</sup> election intended to extend his current mayoral term from two to four years. (11-7-75)**
- 822. Mayor Perk is assured by the Cleveland City Council caucus that George Forbes will be re-elected Council President. (11-7-75)**
- 823. Mayor Perk learns that the Planning Commission has approved the purchasing of 50-acres in the Lee-Seville area for new housing and apartment development total cost \$125,000. (11-8-75)**
- 824. Mayor Perk receives repeated threats on his life which leads to tighter police security at his home, office and upcoming inauguration. (11-9-75)**
- 825. Mayor Perk is sworn in for his third term as mayor by Associate Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Judge John P. Corrigan approximately 2,000 attended the event. (11-10-75)**
- 826. Mayor Perk's Inauguration Master of Ceremonies is Common Pleas Judge George J. McMonagle other speakers at the event include: former U.S. Senator Frank J. Lausche; Cleveland City Councilman Basil M. Russo; Perk Campaign Chairman, Nicholas A. Bucur; and Cuyahoga County GOP Chair Robert E. Hughes. (11-10-75)**
- 827. Mayor Perk hands Miss World USA Annelise Ilschenko "The Key to the City" which she will give to the Lord Mayor of London next week. (11-10-75)**

- 828. Mayor Perk promises city charter reforms, Civil Service reforms, new building codes, and administrative and legislative re-structuring at city hall. (11-10-75)**
- 829. Mayor Perk attacks Cleveland City Council President George Forbes for doing the city disservice by ousting Cleveland City Councilmen Basil Russo and Robert Getz from the Democratic Party Caucus because they supported him for re-election. (11-11-75)**
- 830. Mayor Perk is threatened with a city-wide garbage strike unless he orders 17 laborers from an outside union to stop driving city-owned garbage trucks. (11-12-75)**
- 831. Mayor Perk denies allegations by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that racism underlines a charter revision proposal calling for a city-wide Cleveland City Council President election next year. (11-13-75)**
- 832. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who claims that a four year election term for mayor is merely a hoax. (11-15-75)**
- 833. Mayor Perk fights a proposed National League of Cities resolution favoring a federal bailout of New York City. (11-16-75)**
- 834. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to reject his \$400,000 request to meet current payroll needs for the rest of the year. (11-17-75)**

- 835. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis is told by Cleveland Council President George Forbes that the funds he requests could be better used by other departments with little or no funding. (11-17-75)**
- 836. Mayor Perk and his Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis are criticized for not resolving the growing controversy surrounding the Utility Department and its Executive Utilities Commissioner James Cunningham. (11-18-75)**
- 837. Mayor Perk fails to resolve the dilemma facing the Utilities department even though he is very familiar with the case. (11-18-75)**
- 838. Mayor Perk is advised by the press to work with George Forbes and council to resolve the MUNY-Light situation; stress neighborhood renewal; fight crime; and keep city services high. (11-19-75)**
- 839. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis announces the suspension of his Executive Commissioner James B. Cunningham. (11-20-75)**
- 840. Mayor Perk congratulates the Cleveland Ballet on its Cleveland Foundation grant totaling \$120,000. (11-20-75)**
- 841. Mayor Perk is assured by the feds that the Cleveland Tank Plant will soon be turned over to the city. (11-21-75)**
- 842. Mayor Perk is informed by the Planning Commission that the West Side will not be getting a new recreational center after all, insufficient funds. (11-22-75)**
- 843. Mayor Perk's recent junket to the League of Cities meeting cost the city \$7,400. (11-26-75)**

- 844. Mayor Perk announces that the Commissioner of Purchasing and Supplies Walter F. Liesegang will be retiring after a 25-year career with the city. (11-26-75)**
- 845. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul is planning to run for Sheriff. (11-27-75)**
- 846. Mayor Perk and his Assistant Law Director Nicholas DeVito plan to meet with the Public Buildings General Services Administration Commissioner Nicholas Pannuzio on November 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss purchasing and renovating the Tank Plant. (11-27-75)**
- 847. Mayor Perk wants to convert the former tank plant into an aircraft maintenance and international freight distribution terminal. (11-27-75)**
- 848. Mayor Perk intends to hire 5,000 new city workers if the city is successful in securing the tank plant. (11-27-75)**
- 849. Mayor Perk endorses a bill in the state legislature that would allow municipally-owned power companies to create their own power authority. (11-27-75)**
- 850. Mayor Perk plans several meetings with the city's Finance Director Vincent Campanella to try and convince him not to leave City Hall. (12-1-75)**
- 851. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes announce a two-day administrative summit at the Marriott Hotel later in January. (12-3-75)**

- 852. Mayor Perk breaks the ice with Cleveland City Council at the Miami National League of Cities meeting by renting a \$350 yacht and taking council on a four-hour cruise down the Indian River to Biscayne Bay. (12-3-75)**
- 853. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes want this upcoming summit to establish a two-year program of priorities aimed at moving the city forward. (12-4-75)**
- 854. Mayor Perk's specific agenda at the summit includes: MUNY-Light upgrades; police reforms; new gun control legislation; neighborhood redevelopment; city finances; possible tax increases; and airport expansion. (12-4-75)**
- 855. Mayor Perk is informed by GSA that a decision will be reached by Christmas as to whether the tank plant will be turned over to Cleveland or Brook Park. (12-4-75)**
- 856. Mayor Perk is told by HUD Secretary Carla Hills that Cleveland will again receive \$15m in no-strings federal funds next year through Revenue Sharing. (12-4-75)**
- 857. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey says that he will gladly comply with a recent federal ruling on new Civil Service rules if so ordered by superiors. (12-4-75)**
- 858. Mayor Perk announces that the rates and rental fees at Cleveland Hopkins Airport will be increased immediately to help finance the \$26m construction project. (12-5-75)**
- 859. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Safety Forces may not be receiving their 3% automatic pay increases. (12-5-75)**

- 860. Mayor Perk supports Congressional efforts to renew the General Revenue Sharing Act saying that without it cities like Cleveland would be in severe economic crisis. (12-5-75)**
- 861. Mayor Perk is caught in the crossfire between the Law Director James B. Davis and the Utilities Director Raymond Kudukis regarding James B. Cunningham suspension. (12-5-75)**
- 862. Mayor Perk approves vacation time and compensatory service pay for Assistant Utilities Commissioner James B. Cunningham pending his civil service hearing. (12-5-75)**
- 863. Mayor Perk's efforts to establish a permanent accord with Cleveland City Council is praised by the press who hopes it will last. (12-5-75)**
- 864. Mayor Perk is informed that the Planning Commission has reversed its stand on the West Side Recreational Center and has approved the project. (12-6-75)**
- 865. Mayor Perk contends that the GOP convention try helped the city's image greatly. (12-7-75)**
- 866. Mayor Perk is told by the feds that Cleveland might lose \$30,000 in federal grants due to misappropriation. (12-8-75)**
- 867. Mayor Perk's Crime Fighting Task Force takes full credit for pushing greater civilian activities in crime prevention. (12-8-75)**
- 868. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cuyahoga County mayors will decide this Friday whether they will seek a court order forcing Cleveland to revitalize its water system. (12-8-75)**



- 869. Mayor Perk is angry when Cleveland City Council President George Forbes stalls on a \$26m city bond request to finance improvements at Cleveland Hopkins Airport claiming that the plan is unclear. (12-9-75)**
- 870. Mayor Perk's Assistant Utilities Department Director James B. Cunningham denies all sixteen charges leveled against him and places the blame on other city utilities officials and the city's law department. (12-9-75)**
- 871. Mayor Perk hears rumors that his Budget Manager Vincent Campanella may run for Cuyahoga County Commissioner. (12-11-75)**
- 872. Mayor Perk is told that the city may drop all 16 charges brought against Assistant Utilities Department Director James B. Cunningham based on inconclusive evidence. (12-12-75)**
- 873. Mayor Perk is angry when he learns that any substantial delay in airport construction may cost the city \$10,000 a day. (12-12-75)**
- 874. Mayor Perk learns that the suburban mayors will seek a court order demanding the merger of local water systems. (12-13-75)**
- 875. Mayor Perk meets with the city's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis who says that the merger of local water systems will not happen. (12-13-75)**

- 876. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland City Council has approved the city's bond request insuring that the Cleveland Hopkins Airport expansion program will continue unabated. (12-13-75)**
- 877. Mayor Perk learns that the city owes \$27m on the Justice Center and the debt may reach \$4.4m before the end of the year. (12-13-75)**
- 878. Mayor Perk's Campaign Manager Robert T. Bennett reports that Citizens for Perk spent around \$180,000 on the campaign of which \$93,000 was spent on the general election with an accrued debt of \$12,500. (12-17-75)**
- 879. Mayor Perk's Campaign Manager further states that Arnold Pinkney spent \$141,463 on his campaign, \$73,264 on the general election, and an accrued debt of \$36,155. (12-17-75)**
- 880. Mayor Perk's city law department gives up on six charges leveled against the Utilities Department Assistant Director James B. Cunningham. (12-17-75)**
- 881. Mayor Perk is surprised when Cleveland City Council fails to vote on the highly contested automatic annual 3% raise for all safety forces. (12-17-75)**
- 882. Mayor Perk learns that Police Chief Lloyd Garey has approached Cleveland Safety Director James Carney not to allow civilians to operate the police communications room. (12-17-75)**

- 883. Mayor Perk, with the approval of the Police Chief Lloyd Garey, announces that he will veto Cleveland City Council legislation calling for transferring 76 policemen from the Communication Room to patrol duty and replacing them with civilians at a cost of \$900,000. (12-18-75)**
- 884. Mayor Perk gets Cleveland City Council's to approve the hiring of Dr. Michael Pap as a consultant he will advise on community development, neighborhood revitalization, and Bicentennial Programming issues. (12-18-75)**
- 885. Mayor Perk is angered when Cleveland City Councilman John Barnes suggests that Dr. Michael Pap's consulting job is a political payoff and that the funds could be used more effectively to help the poor. (12-19-75)**
- 886. Mayor Perk filed a request with the U.S. Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman Jr. to speak at a Public Hearing on January 5, 1976 in which he welcomes the supersonic air transport called the Concorde to land at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (12-19-75)**
- 887. Mayor Perk argues that NASA Lewis Research scientists have found that the Concorde supersonic transport poses no harm to the ozone layer. (12-20-75)**
- 888. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland's ranking as a national city has dropped from 10<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> based on the last census. (12-20-75)**
- 889. Mayor Perk announces that the Community Development Director Patrick Henry is resigning to take a major post at the Cleveland Foundation. (12-21-75)**

- 890. Mayor Perk's Health Director Dr. Ruth Miller is resigning to become the new Community Development Director. (12-21-75)**
- 891. Mayor Perk's Robin Hood Charity Ball featuring Woody Herman's Thundering Heard and Joe Oberaitis's Polka Band will be held in Public Hall admission price is four cans of food per person. (12-24-75)**
- 892. Mayor Perk is seeking a law that will exempt parking tickets from the required six months statute of limitations. (12-24-75)**
- 893. Mayor Perk is told that U.S. Congressman James V. Stanton has won a major legislative battle limiting the landing rights of the supersonic aircraft Concorde to Dulles or National airports for at least six months. (12-26-75)**
- 894. Mayor Perk announces that the annual New Years Eve celebration will be held on Public Square. (12-26-75)**
- 895. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Nicholas DeVito is praised by the press for keeping the Perk team going. (12-29-75)**
- 896. Mayor Perk stars at Lucille Perk's clan party. (12-29-75)**
- 897. Mayor Perk's Smut Squad success grows as it closes 19 more stores selling pornography. (12-29-75)**
- 898. Mayor Perk receives \$150,000 in federal grants which will be used to pay police officers to work overtime patrolling the downtown on scooters. (12-30-75)**

- 899. Mayor Perk is informed that the Residents Board of Trustees for the Model Cities Program has asked the U.S. District Court to keep the board alive. (12-31-75)**
- 900. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Vincent Campanella announces an indefinite leave of absence. (12-31-75)**

## 1976

1. **Mayor Perk along with Dr. Vladimir Rus and the Human Resources/Economic Development Department plan to establish a new International Relations and World Trade office led by Dr. Elena Vassiliou. (1-1-76)**
2. **Mayor Perk enters the Cleveland Clinic to remove polyps and small growths in the nasal area. (1-1-76)**
3. **Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland firemen will begin eight hour shifts on March 1<sup>st</sup>. (1-1-76)**
4. **Mayor Perk unveils the new MUNY-Light Customer Complaint Board. (1-1-76)**
5. **Mayor Perk declares the Robin Hood Ball a great success with 2,000 bags of food delivered to the poor. (1-1-76)**
6. **Mayor Perk is very proud of World Trade Week with its parades, Mall exhibitions, trade shows, and banquets all dedicated to international commerce and culture. (1-2-76)**
7. **Mayor Perk's International Relations office establishes Sister City programs and trade missions in Gdansk, Ljubljana, Brasov, Guadalajara, Ibadan, Bangalore, Cleveland County (UK), Holon, Milano, Taipei, and Alexandria. (1-2-76)**
8. **Mayor Perk's performance in 1975 was the same as 1974 or so days the local press. (1-2-76)**

- 9. Mayor Perk is criticized by the new Clerk of Municipal Courts Dennis Kucinich for failing to fire patronage employees like Eileen Gallagher and for not demanding that all civil service employees not accept any gifts or bribes. (1-3-76)**
- 10. Mayor Perk asks the state to accelerate the construction of the I-490 Bridge over the Cuyahoga Valley. (1-3-76)**
- 11. Mayor Perk reads a Plain Dealer article decrying the poor physical condition of Public Square and the need for it to be cleaned up. (1-3-76)**
- 12. Mayor Perk is told by U.S. Representative Ronald Mottl that the idea of making Cleveland Hopkins Airport a regular stop for the supersonic carrier is absurd and would only compound the existing jet noise problems found at the airport. (1-5-76)**
- 13. Mayor Perk's plan to bring the Concorde supersonic plane to Cleveland is opposed by U.S. Representative James V. Stanton who urges the U.S. Department of Transportation to scuttle the idea. (1-5-76)**
- 14. Mayor Perk learns that the new Clerk of Courts Dennis Kucinich has awarded an employee bond contract to Arnold Pinkney's insurance company. (1-6-76)**
- 15. Mayor Perk undergoes a partial hair transplant to repair a bald spot resulting from the earlier metal ribbon cutting accident that had set his hair ablaze. (1-7-76)**

- 16. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe charges the local law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey with trying to sabotage the city's \$4.4m bond issue by claiming that it had reached its debt ceiling as set for municipalities by the state of Ohio. (1-7-76)**
- 17. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland Municipal Judge Salvatore Calandra has struck down the city's new gun law claiming it is unconstitutional. (1-7-76)**
- 18. Mayor Perk receives complaints through the Fraternal Order of Police that the scooters used by some officers are unsafe and virtually useless in chasing vehicles in traffic. (1-8-76)**
- 19. Mayor Perk reads the latest Press poll showing a 3 to 1 margin against the SST landing here. (1-8-76)**
- 20. Mayor Perk's Law Director James Davis says that the city's gun control law will remain mostly intact despite the negative court ruling and that the city will appeal the ruling. (1-8-76)**
- 21. Mayor Perk announces that the city might qualify for a \$1m federal pilot program to restrict downtown auto traffic. (1-8-76)**
- 22. Mayor Perk is informed that the Press wants the city to pass a new gun control ordinance with teeth in it. (1-8-76)**
- 23. Mayor Perk is upset that with a growing crime rate (up 27% from 1968) the city has 150 fewer police. (1-9-76)**



- 24. Mayor Perk realizes that the Gateway Project is all but dead a victim of the struggles between U.S. Representative Louis Stokes and Cleveland City Council over who has the authority to initiate city funding. (1-9-76)**
- 25. Mayor Perk's Fire Chief William Barry, after ordering his safety forces to work eight hour days six days a week, is unceremoniously voted out of office by 500 firemen. (1-9-76)**
- 26. Mayor Perk announces a new state law the Impact Cities Act that favors developers. (1-9-76)**
- 27. Mayor Perk explains that the new Impact Cities Act allows big cities like Cleveland to offer full or partial property tax abatements for up to 30-years for one, two, and three family development and up to 20-years for apartment, commercial, and industrial construction. (1-9-76)**
- 28. Mayor Perk's Executive Secretary Bruce Akers announces that the city plans to layoff 400 city workers by month's end due to CETA funding cutbacks. (1-9-76)**
- 29. Mayor Perk's Fire Chief William Barry derides resignation petitions. (1-10-76)**
- 30. Mayor Perk's Human Resources Department Director Vladimir Rus announces that the city's share of federal Manpower Training Program funds have lessened greatly over the last two years with funds being directed towards high unemployment suburbs and farming communities. (1-10-76)**

- 31. Mayor Perk's Planning Director Norm Krumholz rejected the East 6<sup>th</sup> Street Mall project as less than cost efficient. (1-10-76)**
- 32. Mayor Perk says that it is unlikely that the city will hire additional new safety forces this year. (1-10-76)**
- 33. Mayor Perk wants new investors for two parcels north of city hall reclaimed from the now defunct Gateway Project. (1-10-76)**
- 34. Mayor Perk's Public Defender Roger S. Hurley who last summer was summons to court for thirty unpaid parking tickets is again the object of the traffic bureau this time for ten neglected citations, arrest warrants have been issued. (1-11-76)**
- 35. Mayor Perk will meet with six other mayors in Atlanta to discuss how to reverse the trend decreasing CETA funding. (1-11-76)**
- 36. Mayor Perk's Accounts Commissioner Ralph Muntz resigns to become the city's new advisor on city spending projects. (1-12-76)**
- 37. Mayor Perk, in an attempt to overturn a Cleveland City Council ordinance to use civilians in the radio room, may go to court to keep police stationed there. (1-12-76)**
- 38. Mayor Perk vows to ignore Cleveland City Council's vote overriding his veto of legislation transferring policemen from the police radio room saying that Council's actions are illegal under the city charter. (1-13-76)**

- 39. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that Cleveland City Council has approved both his \$16m CDBG application and his \$1.1m contingency fund request for social programs. (1-13-76)**
- 40. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Councilman Ralph Perk Jr. for allegedly doing a disgraceful job of snow removing from the streets. (1-13-76)**
- 41. Mayor Perk's Airport Director Andrew Putka announces that the \$53m expansion of Cleveland Hopkins Airport will make it one of the best airports in the world. (1-13-76)**
- 42. Mayor Perk nominates Charles Lawrence III to replace Louis Seltzer as the Chairman of the Greater Cleveland Bicentennial Commission. (1-13-76)**
- 43. Mayor Perk hopes that Charles Lawrence will be able to generate at least \$300,000 in business donations for the Bicentennial Commission within the next several weeks. (1-13-76)**
- 44. Mayor Perk is criticized by the press for not approving the police transfer ordinance based on the growing crime rate; potentially significant federal cutbacks, and the increasing number of policemen ready for retirement. (1-14-76)**
- 45. Mayor Perk names Nicholas A. Bucur as Chairman of the new advisory committee on International Relations and World Trade. (1-14-76)**
- 46. Mayor Perk will testify in front of the National Gambling Commission to clear-up any misunderstandings about gambling. (1-14-76)**

- 47. Mayor Perk and five other big city mayors meet in Atlanta to discuss effective new strategies they might use in their upcoming testimony before Congress on federal allocations for new job training and recreational programs. (1-14-76)**
- 48. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that he is boycotting the mayor's summit scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. (1-15-76)**
- 49. Mayor Perk discovers that the boycott led by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes's resulted from the mayor's opposition to transferring police from the radio room. (1-15-76)**
- 50. Mayor Perk's new Budget and Management Director Mark L. Driscoll announces that the Cleveland Convention Center lost \$1.1m in 1975. (1-15-76)**
- 51. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to withhold \$1.3m in federal crime fighting funds unless the mayor and police department agree to support the police transfer ordinance as past by council. (1-15-76)**
- 52. Mayor Perk is informed by the city's Law Department that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes's latest action to withhold \$1.3m in federal crime fighting funds is legal based on the city's charter. (1-15-76)**
- 53. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Councilwomen Carol McClendon for neglecting the Cleveland Convention Center which she claims needs \$10m in renovations. (1-15-76)**

- 54. Mayor Perk pays off \$23m in bond indebtedness owned by the airport for past construction. (1-16-76)**
- 55. Mayor Perk tells a federal panel investigating gambling laws that a city-run not state-run lottery would not only undercut illegal gambling activities here; but also, provide millions of dollars for city operations. (1-16-76)**
- 56. Mayor Perk announces that he and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will soon reach an agreement concerning the transferring of the police from the radio room. (1-16-76)**
- 57. Mayor Perk unveils plans to combine the Model Cities Dental and Medical clinics into one facility. (1-16-76)**
- 58. Mayor Perk celebrates his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday party in-style at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel where guests may spend anywhere from \$25 to \$75 a ticket birthday party theme is The American Tribal-Love Rock Musical "Hair." (1-17-76)**
- 59. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland Hopkins Airport revenues for 1975 reached an unprecedented level of more than \$12.7m which includes a cash surplus of \$2.3m. (1-17-76)**
- 60. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey disagrees with the mayor's testimony at the National Gambling Commission hearings there is organized crime in this city. (1-17-76)**
- 61. Mayor Perk listens to Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo who asks the mayor to hire 12 civilians as temporary dispatchers while reassigning the 12 policemen for patrol duty; with time more civilians may be hired as dispatchers. (1-17-76)**

- 62. Mayor Perk agrees with Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo's idea and further suggests that if Cleveland City Council President George Forbes does not agree with this sensible compromise or withholds \$1.3m in federal crime-fighting funds then he has the legal right to sue him. (1-18-76)**
- 63. Mayor Perk congratulates Playhouse Square Foundation on turning a profit of \$80,000 for FY 1975. (1-18-76)**
- 64. Mayor Perk announces the hiring of a consultant William A. Silverman to evaluate the Civil Service Commission and to recommend ways to modernize and restructure the city's government. (1-18-76)**
- 65. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council that it is considering taxing imported goods. (1-19-76)**
- 66. Mayor Perk learns that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision has overturned a 105-year decision which had disallowed American cities from taxing imported goods. (1-19-76)**
- 67. Mayor Perk announces that in an efficiency move the Police and Fire Arson Units will be merged. (1-19-76)**
- 68. Mayor Perk adopts a new political strategy of no more fighting with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes instead the mayor will rely on legal precedents and the law to dictate his actions. (1-20-76)**
- 69. Mayor Perk and Governor James Rhodes attend a special briefing by President Gerald Ford on his latest budget. (1-21-76)**

- 70. Mayor Perk learns that the media intends to test the new Ohio sunshine law which prohibits closed meetings with certain exceptions at the scheduled two-day summit. (1-23-76)**
- 71. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is backing U.S. Representative James V. Stanton in the upcoming senate race. (1-13-76)**
- 72. Mayor Perk holds a series of small private meetings with councilmen to discuss the city's future because the state's new sunshine law cancelled the two-day summit. (1-24-76)**
- 73. Mayor Perk's Chief of Police William Barry announces that an East Side Firehouse is going to be closed and that its black firemen will be transferred to the West Side. (1-23-76)**
- 74. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis may be forced to resign if he decides to work on Nelson Rockefeller's Presidential campaign should the Vice President decide to enter the race later this year. (1-24-76)**
- 75. Mayor Perk and Ohio Treasurer Gertrude W. Donahey testified in front of the House Ways and Means Committee on January 22<sup>nd</sup> saying that the feds should not subsidize highly priced city and state bonds. (1-25-76)**
- 76. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council has reaffirmed the 24-hour work day for firemen. (1-27-76)**
- 77. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes discuss fire safety workers assignments. (1-27-76)**

- 78. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis claims that the city charter gives the Perk administration not Cleveland City Council the legal right to determine firefighters work schedules. (1-27-76)**
- 79. Mayor Perk hires a New York law firm Rosewell Dikeman as bond counsel replacing the Cleveland based law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey. (1-28-76)**
- 80. Mayor Perk believed that the law firm of Squires, Sanders, and Dempsey engaged in a conflict of interest when it represented CEI in the recent MUNY-Light case. (1-28-76)**
- 81. Mayor Perk's Airport Director Andrew Putka announces that the city's rescue and first aid services at Cleveland Hopkins Airport will be maintained at full strength. (1-28-76)**
- 82. Mayor Perk orders 10 asphalt patching unit machines at a cost of \$9,054 per unit to eliminate potholes. (1-28-76)**
- 83. Mayor Perk meets with the Cleveland Police Department Vice-Division Head Captain Carl I. Delau who thinks that Ohio should crackdown on professional gamblers who operate bingo games under the guise of charity. (1-29-76)**
- 84. Mayor Perk and 125 other American urban mayors travel to Washington, D.C. to lobby both the White House and Capitol Hill to enact public employment and revenue sharing legislation. (1-29-76)**



- 85. Mayor Perk announces that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$3.8m to the Cleveland Regional Sewer District to build a new electrical power substation at the Southerly Sewage Treatment plant. (1-29-76)**
- 86. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland Hopkins Airport rescue crew is going to sue the city for \$1m in back pay. (1-29-76)**
- 87. Mayor Perk proposes that the feds develop a municipal bond insurance corporation sustained by premiums paid by the cities selling the bonds. (1-30-76)**
- 88. Mayor Perk breaks with President Gerald R. Ford by supporting a public works-urban bill that would provide Cleveland with more than \$8m in federal economic help. (1-30-76)**
- 89. Mayor Perk and other Republican mayors endorse Gerald Ford for President; however, he will not withdraw his threatened veto of a public works bill totaling \$6.2b. (1-31-76)**
- 90. Mayor Perk is prevented by Common Pleas Judge Eugene Sawicki from closing the firehouse at East 105<sup>th</sup> Street and Superior Avenue and reassigning its crew. (1-31-76)**
- 91. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will meet with the heads of the city's Safety Department on January 27<sup>th</sup> to try and reach a reasonable compromise on the assigning of police and firemen. (1-31-76)**

- 92. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis is accused by the law firm of Kohrman and Jackson of slowing MUNY-Light plant repairs by withholding \$67,000 in needed repair funds. (1-30-76)**
- 93. Mayor Perk and Law Director James B. Davis said that recent city council legislation setting the 24-hour workday for firemen on duty followed by 48-hours off violates the City Charter which specifies that the administration has the right to determine work hours. (1-31-76)**
- 94. Mayor Perk announces that the city will receive \$3.2m in federal anti-recession grants over the next 15-months. (2-1-76)**
- 95. Mayor Perk officially endorses Gerald R. Ford as the GOP nominee for President over former California GOP Governor Ronald Reagan. (2-1-76)**
- 96. Mayor Perk and his administration are only lukewarm to the Cuyahoga Plan of Ohio Inc. plan to integrate housing countywide. (2-1-76)**
- 97. Mayor Perk presents prize fighter Ollie Downs with a special recognition plaque following his induction into the AAU Boxing Hall of Fame. (2-1-76)**
- 98. Mayor Perk's Personnel Director Dean J. Schanzel announces that a decrease in CETA funds will force the Parks and Recreations Department to furlough 155 workers by mid-February. (2-1-76)**

- 99. Major Perk's announces that his new budget will be \$2m less than last year with the following breakdown: \$111.6m to be spent from General Monies and \$55m to be spent from federal funds. (2-2-76)**
- 100. Mayor Perk suggests that the city's current financial shortfall of \$26m might have been averted had the feds renewed General Revenue Sharing, consolidated various grants into one block grant and increased aid through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. (2-2-76)**
- 101. Mayor Perk holds out little hope that Cleveland will agree to establish a regional water system. (2-2-76)**
- 102. Mayor Perk's former Budget and Management Director Vincent Campanella and Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd are running for the Cuyahoga County Commissioner post. (2-2-76)**
- 103. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey objects strongly when Cleveland City Council announces plans to hire civilians for the radio room. (2-2-76)**
- 104. Mayor Perk along with Brook Park Mayor Angelo Wedo plan to woo Volkswagon AG to the tank plant. (2-2-76)**
- 105. Mayor Perk and U.S. Representative James Stanton are pressing for the establishment of local land banks. (2-2-76)**
- 106. Mayor Perk will be on a special mayors panel as part of an Urban Crime Symposium held in Louisville, Ky. (2-3-76)**

- 107. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council in an attempt to generate much needed additional revenue has proposed legislation to end the tax exempt status for persons under the age of 18, a popular legal initiative begun in 1967. (2-3-76)**
- 108. Mayor Perk discovers that the Cleveland Civil Service Commission has for the third time in two months approved recommendations for new police screening procedures. (2-3-76)**
- 109. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council meet with Cleveland State University Professor David M. Dougherty who argues rather convincingly that the proposed contract to hire a private firm to operate the city's computers is far too expensive. (2-3-76)**
- 110. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council are instructed by Common Pleas Judge George White that the city must pass an ordinance requiring tests for all people seeking to buy one or more handguns. (2-3-76)**
- 111. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council approves a new stringent gun control bill requiring all firearms to be registered. (2-3-76)**
- 112. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe suspends City Accountant Howard L. Williams while the police investigate his possible involvement in payroll fraud totaling over \$100,000 in illegally issued checks. (2-4-76)**
- 113. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council in its efforts to adopt a new law intended to fine the parents of habitual truants. (2-4-76)**

- 114. Mayor Perk offers to appear in federal court as an “expert witness” to defend the Cleveland School Board’s actions in its NAACP suit. (2-5-76)**
- 115. Mayor Perk announces that the city will receive a \$100,000 federal grant to run the Economic Development program. (2-5-76)**
- 116. Mayor Perk’s offer to rebut former Mayor Carl Stokes’s testimony attacking the School Board’s segregation policies is refused by the School Board lawyer Charles Clarke. (2-5-76)**
- 117. Mayor Perk names Richard Jablonski to a five year term on the Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals. (2-5-76)**
- 118. Mayor Perk learns that Howard L. Williams is officially charged with payroll fraud which now exceeds \$150,000. (2-5-76)**
- 119. Mayor Perk again vetoes legislation passed by Cleveland City Council keeping firemen on 24-hour workdays claiming its illegal. (2-6-76)**
- 120. Mayor Perk is told that Cuyahoga County Commissioners have rejected all the five-month old bids for suburban garbage disposal. (2-6-76)**
- 121. Mayor Perk is informed that the Street Commissioner John D. LaRiccia was a co-owner of rental property with the suspended payroll clerk Howard L. Williams. (2-7-76)**
- 122. Mayor Perk considers seeking a city income tax hike as a way of insuring quality safety services city-wide. (2-7-76)**

- 123. Mayor Perk at the Urban Crime Symposium in Louisville, KT reverses his earlier stance against handgun registration by saying that he will now support Cleveland City Council's legislation demanding gun registration. (2-8-76)**
- 124. Mayor Perk's new attitude favoring handgun registration is the result of public demand. (2-8-76)**
- 125. Mayor Perk follows up on an earlier proposal made by Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich to ask the Ohio legislation to allow Cleveland to set up a land bank for vacant inner-city parcels. (2-9-76)**
- 126. Mayor Perk's land bank idea becomes a broader-based state plan to establish land banks in all Ohio cities with more than 50,000 people and to allow title to tax delinquent land in three rather than the traditional 15 years. (2-9-76)**
- 127. Mayor Perk's quick signing of the latest gun registration measure surprised the city's Safety Department since it will thin the ranks of the police with many officers being reassigned to register weapons. (2-10-76)**
- 128. Mayor Perk and his Police Chief Lloyd Garey think the new gun registration law is merely cosmetic and will accomplish very little. (2-10-76)**
- 129. Mayor Perk announces that all handguns must be registered with the city by April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

- 130. Mayor Perk discovers that record construction within the city now surpassing \$169m will not produce the kind of a property tax windfall once thought because much of this new construction is occurring on tax exempt land. (2-10-76)**
- 131. Mayor Perk announces that HUD will subsidize new construction and rehabilitation of 1,500 inner-city housing units. (2-10-76)**
- 132. Mayor Perk is informed that the city's Acting Service Director Rosemary Lewis played a part in the Howard L. Williams case by arranging for Williams to meet a couple who sold him an apartment house for \$18,300. (2-10-76)**
- 133. Mayor Perk gets the news that the suspended Utilities Department Executive Director James B. Cunningham is exonerated of all charges of wrongdoing and is to be reinstated immediately with full back pay. (2-11-76)**
- 134. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis is attacked by the press for not gaining a conviction in the Cunningham case. (2-11-76)**
- 135. Mayor Perk is to officiate in the First Black Recognition Day at city hall. (2-11-76)**
- 136. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes recently told the Buckeye-Woodland Community Congress that the city will soon have an ordinance penalizing savings and loan institutions that deny residents home improvement loans within certain areas of the city. (2-12-76)**

- 137. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo intends to force Cleveland City Council to vote on the school busing issue very soon. (2-12-76)**
- 138. Mayor Perk is hell bent to get a new state office building erected in Cleveland. (2-13-76)**
- 139. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council intends to introduce legislation to keep the present work schedule for city firefighters. (2-13-76)**
- 140. Mayor Perk and Fire Chief William Barry oppose such legislation claiming that local firefighters should work six eight-hour shifts per week rather than the current schedule of 24-hours on and 48-hours off. (2-13-76)**
- 141. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey prepares to enforce the new gun registration law. (2-13-76)**
- 142. Mayor Perk offers Volkswagon AG \$1m in cash if the auto manufacturer will locate in the tank plant. (2-15-76)**
- 143. Mayor Perk is attacked by the media for not ordering a complete overhaul of the city's bookkeeping system recent check foul ups mandate such an inquiry. (2-15-76)**
- 144. Mayor Perk's Head of Consumer Affairs Luke Owens is castigated by the mayor for his agency's recent lethargy. (2-16-76)**
- 145. Mayor Perk believes that a two-acre parcel behind city hall is the logical site for a new state office building. (2-18-76)**



- 146. Mayor Perk, aware that the city may lose \$20,000 if it fails to open the new Willard Garage on schedule next Monday, wants to know why city officials have not reached a final decision as to who will operate it. (2-18-76)**
- 147. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Executive Director James B. Cunningham asks the city to pay all the legal fees he incurred while fighting to retain his post. (2-18-76)**
- 148. Mayor Perk is criticized by the press for suggesting that the new state office building be built behind city hall when the original site on Superior Avenue between Huron Road and West Prospect Avenue is much better. (2-19-76)**
- 149. Mayor Perk's suggestion to construct the new state office building behind city hall is supported by Governor James Rhodes. (2-19-76)**
- 150. Mayor Perk receives a low bid to operate the new Willard Garage from a young businessman and parking lot owner James Kassouf. (2-19-76)**
- 151. Mayor Perk announces that his administration is working on an affirmative action plan to hire more minorities and women in accord with the 1972 Civil Rights Act. (2-19-76)**
- 152. Mayor Perk suggests that the city run the Willard Garage until a suitable operator is found. (2-20-76)**
- 153. Mayor Perk's Head of the Consumer Affairs Office Luke Owens appeals to Cleveland City Council for a larger staff and a bigger budget. (2-20-76)**

- 154. Mayor Perk receives assurances from Governor James Rhodes that the state will provide direct aid for the new \$26m state office building. (2-21-76)**
- 155. Mayor Perk announces that the Willard Garage will open on schedule and that the city will run it until an iron-clad agreement is signed with a private operator. (2-21-76)**
- 156. Mayor Perk says that stationed guards will be present at the opening of the Willard Park garage. (2-21-76)**
- 157. Mayor Perk is informed that former Parking Coordinator George P. Kucsan was arrested after he was discovered inside a parking meter repair shop. (2-22-76)**
- 158. Mayor Perk proposes the establishment of a new parking division which would be responsible for managing the 29 city-owned surface lots and garages. (2-22-76)**
- 159. Mayor Perk is informed that few drivers utilized the new Willard Garage on opening day. (2-23-76)**
- 160. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Councilman Joseph P. Cannon who has introduced legislation in Cleveland City Council calling for the establishment of a new task force to keep industry in Cleveland. (2-24-76)**
- 161. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis submits a plan to hike water rates as a way of generating an additional \$10m in revenue which would in turn enable Cleveland to issue \$20m to \$25m in capital improvement bonds. (2-24-76)**
- 162. Mayor Perk discovers that Cuyahoga County mayors have decided to fight the proposed water rate hike. (2-24-76)**

- 163. Mayor Perk said that he has made tentative plans to join the Ohio delegation of business and government leaders on its European Trade Mission in March. (2-25-76)**
- 164. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council continue to fight over staffing the police-radio room this kind of in-fighting may cost the city \$600,000 in federal funds. (2-25-76)**
- 165. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar to fight obscenity. (2-25-76)**
- 166. Mayor Perk is curious to see if newly elected Cleveland City Councilman Benny Bonanno's proposal calling for the breakup of the 42-year old Yellow Cab monopoly will go beyond the committee stage. (2-26-76)**
- 167. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey says his new complaint procedures process for Cleveland City Council is not in retaliation against councilmen who are pushing for police reform. (2-26-76)**
- 168. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the city's credit rating is tops for note sales that may save the city \$100,000 in additional interest payments. (2-26-76)**
- 169. Mayor Perk is considering buying an arsenal of riot control weapons. (2-27-76)**
- 170. Mayor Perk uses a Cleveland Foundation grant of \$50,000 to develop the city's first land bank program. (2-29-76)**

- 171. Mayor Perk introduces House Bill 1327 which calls for the foreclosure and sale of tax delinquent properties once the owner misses three payments. (2-29-76)**
- 172. Mayor Perk's House Bill 1327 also establishes a land bank of foreclosed properties that the city has obtained legally without owner compensation. (2-29-76)**
- 173. Mayor Perk announces that the current land bank consists of 4,000 parcels. (2-29-76)**
- 174. Mayor Perk suggests that the city, county, and school board share the proceeds from any future land bank sales. (2-29-76)**
- 175. Mayor Perk's purpose in taking this trip to Germany is to convince Volkswagon AG to locate in the Cleveland Tank Plant. (2-29-76)**
- 176. Mayor Perk and Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes will visit Volkswagon AG headquarters in West Germany on March 10<sup>th</sup> and present their case. (2-29-76)**
- 177. Mayor Perk learns that the Ohio Municipal League and U.S. Congressman James V. Stanton support his land bank plan and that a similar federal proposal had been vetoed by President Gerald R. Ford. (2-29-76)**
- 178. Mayor Perk is attacked for vacationing at a cabin owned by a local architect named Herk Visnapuu who is being investigated for receiving over \$50,000 in fees and illegal kickbacks from city contracts. (3-2-76)**

- 179. Mayor Perk denies any wrong-doing regarding his recent Canadian vacation since arrangements had been made by the GOP Vice-Chairman Robert Bennett not him. (3-2-76)**
- 180. Mayor Perk learns that the new Cleveland Emergency Medical Services Program will be headquartered at 2140 St. Clair Avenue N.E. at a rental cost of \$1,800 a month. (3-2-76)**
- 181. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council begin public hearings today on the mayor's proposed \$166.4m city budget. (3-2-76)**
- 182. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis argues that Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar's questioning of the safety of the city's water is irresponsible. (3-2-76)**
- 183. Mayor Perk's son Cleveland City Councilman Ralph Perk Jr. wants to become a Common Pleas clerk. (3-3-76)**
- 184. Mayor Perk's Parks and Recreation Commissioner Obie Richardson told Cleveland City Council Finance Committee at the budget hearings that he does not have sufficient funds to maintain the parks properly this summer. (3-3-76)**
- 185. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes vows budget help for community relations, parks, and recreation which includes rehiring furloughed parks and recreation workers and giving community relations up to \$100,000 in additional allocations. (3-4-76)**

- 186. Mayor Perk announces that he has secured a \$179,000 U.S. Department of the Interior grant which will be used to steam clean the exterior of city hall. (3-4-76)**
- 187. Mayor Perk, a target of Bob Hope's jokes since his hair caught on fire, plans to give the famous comedian a lock of his hair the next time he comes for a local GOP fund-raising event. (3-4-76)**
- 188. Mayor Perk's reluctance to support Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis's request for a water rate hike convinces Cleveland City Council to table the issue for the time being. (3-4-76)**
- 189. Mayor Perk understands that harsh criticism has been leveled against the new Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich for hiring staff persons who live outside Cleveland and demanding a \$2m budget. (3-4-76)**
- 190. Mayor Perk is considering abolishing the Civil Service Commission and centralizing all personnel matters within his cabinet to eliminate unproductive employees. (3-5-76)**
- 191. Mayor Perk vetoes the 24-hour shift plan for firefighters claiming that it would interfere with the Fire Chief's authority as guaranteed in the city charter. (3-5-76)**
- 192. Mayor Perk without telling his law director met with a federal judge two weeks ago to lay the groundwork for a negotiated settlement of the city's \$320m law suit against CEI. (3-6-76)**

- 193. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council's Finance Committee has not reached consensus on the \$26m request to continue expansion at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-6-76)**
- 194. Mayor Perk receives 1976 Cleveland City Council budget recommendations which include decreasing the Municipal Court Clerk's budget by \$225,000; increasing Community Relations Department by \$100,000; increasing Planning Commission by \$15,000; increasing Municipal Judges to \$225,000; increasing Parks and Receptions Department to \$300,000; increasing Finance Department allocations by \$25,217; and increasing Harbors Department by \$38,000. (3-6-76)**
- 195. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council is considering impounding \$14.5m of this year's \$25m budget for MUNY-Light until the mayor determines the future of the plant. (3-9-76)**
- 196. Mayor Perk reads a Plain Dealer editorial strongly suggesting that Cleveland City Council approve the issuance of \$26m worth of bonds to expand Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-9-76)**
- 197. Mayor Perk announces that the city's crime rate dropped by 10% in January 1976 as compared to January 1975. (3-9-76)**
- 198. Mayor Perk hears rumors that Dennis Kucinich may push to reduce the size of Cleveland City Council in retaliation for council recommending a \$225,000 budget cut for his department. (3-9-76)**

- 199. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council's Aviation Committee will hold hearings Friday to discuss effective ways to improve Cleveland's lakefront. (3-9-76)**
- 200. Mayor Perk is pleased to know that Cleveland City Councilman Michael Climaco, a candidate for the 20<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat, says that if elected he would push for legislation guaranteeing that large cities like Cleveland would continue to receive substantial federal assistance. (3-9-76)**
- 201. Mayor Perk's Ports Director Andrew Putka explains that Sanitas Triangle Services of Ohio wildcat strike involving its Cleveland Hopkins Airport cleaning crew was due to the fact that Sanitas had not received any payment from the city in six months. (3-10-76)**
- 202. Mayor Perk and Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis were conveniently out of town when the Board of Control unanimously approved a hike in the water rates. (3-10-76)**
- 203. Mayor Perk meets with police officials who tell him that the investigation of Howard L. Williams has yielded an additional 197 illegal checks totaling \$82,000. (3-11-76)**
- 204. Mayor Perk's son Thomas Perk is considering running for U.S. State Representative Patrick Sweeney's seat even though Patrick Sweeney is running for re-election. (3-11-76)**
- 205. Mayor Perk's Energy Chief Harry Volk proposes that Cleveland should use the 7,000 tons of solid waste collected daily to help fuel the MUNY-Light plant. (3-11-76)**



- 206. Mayor Perk announces that the new home for the West Side Manpower Center is the Sanford Mansion at 2843 Franklin Avenue. (3-11-76)**
- 207. Mayor Perk's former MUNY-Light Commissioner Ralph Meister convicted of two moral charges wants his old job back. (3-13-76)**
- 208. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Assistant Director James Cunningham says that he doubts the legitimacy of Ralph Meister's request; however, he has the right to plead his case in front of the Cleveland Civil Service Commission and the Common Pleas court. (3-13-76)**
- 209. Mayor Perk is happy that the recent Cleveland Home and Flower Show at the Convention Center generated new revenue for the Willard Garage. (3-14-76)**
- 210. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis in an effort to cut costs related to daily garbage pickups moves to block the automatic renewal of a \$1.3m landfill contract to be replaced by competitive bids. (3-14-76)**
- 211. Mayor Perk announces that Computer Sciences Corp. of El Segundo, CA has just signed a one year \$2.8m contract with the city to operate the new data processing center. (3-14-76)**
- 212. Mayor Perk hears rumors that the local law firm of Bartunek, Bennett, and Garofoli was instrumental in sealing the data processing deal although Cleveland City Council President George Forbes denies it. (3-14-76)**

- 213. Mayor Perk in an attempt to settle the \$330m antitrust suit against CEI encourages further discussions between the city and CEI. (3-15-76)**
- 214. Mayor Perk hopes that further discussions between the city and CEI may result in CEI buying the MUNY-Light plant. (3-15-76)**
- 215. Mayor Perk is very optimistic about the Volkswagon AG deal while Mayor Wede is more cautious. (3-15-76)**
- 216. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James Carney will ask the mayor to take court action in order to stop the struggle with Cleveland City Council over the firefighters work hours. (3-16-76)**
- 217. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved the \$35 per run fee for EMS. (3-16-76)**
- 218. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes strongly disagrees with the Law Director James B. Davis that the sale of MUNY-Light to CEI is a guarantee. (3-16-76)**
- 219. Mayor Perk, a follower of the Howard L. Williams case, discovers that a city laborer named Anthony M. Bonarrigo received three checks from Williams totaling \$1,700 unfortunately these checks were issued to Bonarrigo after he had taken a medical leave of absence. (3-17-76)**
- 220. Mayor Perk proudly announces that he has been elected President of the new National Republican Conference of Mayors. (3-18-76)**

- 221. Mayor Perk asks Ronald Reagan to withdraw from the GOP race and to throw his support behind President Gerald R. Ford. (3-18-76)**
- 222. Mayor Perk is upset that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is holding up the \$26m airport expansion allocation request unless the airlines drop their insistence that future airport revenue be earmarked for airport purposes. (3-18-76)**
- 223. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is prodding Municipal Foremen and Laborers Local 1099 and the county to reopen talks in the hope of ending the laborers' four day old strike. (3-18-76)**
- 224. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council plans to retain the law firm of Bartunek, Bennett, and Garofoli to represent the city of Cleveland in a law suit tangle with the Perk administration over fire department salary and hours issue. (3-19-76)**
- 225. Mayor Perk is disappointed when the bids to construct the new addition to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport passenger terminal fall far below the \$3.1m estimates. (3-20-76)**
- 226. Mayor Perk establishes a new precedent by asking some city officials to sell \$100-a-plate tickets to a fund raising dinner for Democratic Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo who is running for the 20<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat. (3-20-76)**

- 227. Mayor Perk reads a Plain Dealer editorial claiming that the recently elected Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich is a very shrewd politician who is putting together a grand political strategy that will not only give him clout; but also, assure his election as mayor. (3-20-76)**
- 228. Mayor Perk announces that the Tall Ships will sail her as part of the Bicentennial Celebration later this year. (3-20-76)**
- 229. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Fiscal Officer Henry A. Kondrat claims that without an immediate water rate hike his division is heading for a \$500,000 deficit. (3-21-76)**
- 230. Mayor Perk questions the validity of Kondrat's argument since the official city record indicates that his division has a cash surplus of \$32,401. (3-21-76)**
- 231. Mayor Perk's reluctance to support a water tax increase does not escape Cleveland City Council who would prefer to use the funds for other pet projects. (3-21-76)**
- 232. Mayor Perk understands that a revised air pollution code which restricts steam emissions has been presented to Cleveland City Council for its consideration.(3-22-76)**
- 233. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has tabled two motions one to charge a \$35 fee for EMS ambulance service and a second to eliminate the tax exemption for city residents under the age of 18. (3-23-76)**

- 234. Mayor Perk receives the latest financial findings on the city-operated Willard Parking Garage where daily revenues are inconsistent and disappointing (during the Home and Flower Show at the Convention Center daily revenues averaged from \$1,500 to \$3,000 while on non-event days revenues averaged \$300). (3-23-76)**
- 235. Mayor Perk understands that the Democratic Party has not selected a candidate to run for the Cuyahoga County Commissioner's seat made available after Frank Pokorny announces his retirement. (3-23-76)**
- 236. Mayor Perk listens to Frank Pokorny's press conference in which he announces that he will run for re-election as county commissioner. (3-24-76)**
- 237. Mayor Perk watches with great interest the struggles between Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and the Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich: Forbes and Kucinich enjoyed a brief truce when Forbes added the \$225,000 to Kucinich's budget however Forbes broke the truce by accusing Kucinich of ruining the reputation of Councilman Robert McCall by publicizing his debt problem. (3-24-76)**
- 238. Mayor Perk meets with his former official Richard Boylan who plans to enter the race for county prosecutor against the incumbent John T. Corrigan. (3-25-76)**
- 239. Mayor Perk learns that there are 12 challengers seeking to unseat Cuyahoga County Sheriff Ralph Kreiger. (3-26-76)**

- 240. Mayor Perk's Ports Director Andrew Putka makes it known that if Cleveland City Council fails to release the airport expansion funds this week then the whole project might come to a grinding halt. (3-26-76)**
- 241. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that Cleveland City Council has approved a measure that would allow the police to use riot control weapons that fire rubber bullets. (3-26-76)**
- 242. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis proposes turning over the city's network of small sewer lines and its limited rate-making authority to the Cleveland Regional Sewer District. (3-26-76)**
- 243. Mayor Perk sees a political battle shaping-up over control of the county commission it will pit Anthony Garofoli and Robert E. Sweeney against Vincent Campanella and George Voinovich. (3-26-76)**
- 244. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilmen Michael Climaco is running for Congress in the 20<sup>th</sup> district. (3-26-76)**
- 245. Mayor Perk has the police escort Milt Schulman, a local lawyer representing Westside residents who oppose the building of a new neighborhood public housing project, out of his office. (3-27-76)**
- 246. Mayor Perk had Schulman thrown out of his office when discussions turn vicious. (3-27-76)**
- 247. Mayor Perk is told that a Cuyahoga County Welfare Department employee Mary Ann Lecate will succeed Michael Climaco in Cleveland City Council. (3-28-76)**

- 248. Mayor Perk seeks \$677,109 from the feds to operate the new EMS program. (3-28-76)**
- 249. Mayor Perk, fearful of riots if school busing is ordered by the U.S. district court, asks the U.S. Army to lend the city its new lethal grenade for crowd control. (3-28-76)**
- 250. Mayor Perk announces his support his son Cleveland City Councilman Ralph Perk Jr., who is running as the GOP candidate for County Treasurer. (3-29-76)**
- 251. Mayor Perk's son Cleveland City Councilman Ralph Perk Jr. introduces legislation in council to prevent Republic Steel Corporation from operating a new battery of coke ovens without complying to the city's air pollution codes. (3-29-76)**
- 252. Mayor Perk announces the retirement of Acting Service Director Rosemary Lewis who was the former Streets Commissioner. (3-30-76)**
- 253. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of Anthony Pecyk a former Cleveland City Councilman and current Service Department official as the new Service Director. (3-30-76)**
- 254. Mayor Perk is told that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich plans to actively campaign against the three Democrats running for county office they are Francis Gaul, Gerald McFaul, and Robert E. Sweeney. (3-30-76)**
- 255. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that Cleveland City Council has approved the \$26m to continue the airport expansion project. (3-30-76)**

- 256. Mayor Perk is informed that the Board of Control has approved construction contracts totaling \$13.2m to expand the passenger terminal at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (3-31-76)**
- 257. Mayor Perk's home decorator Richard Eberley has been hired to supervise the remodeling of Cleveland City Hall at a cost of \$800,000. (3-31-76)**
- 258. Mayor Perk is considering placing Cleveland Public Hall in private hands. (3-31-76)**
- 259. Mayor Perk supports the continued efforts of Giff Dyer and Jane Watson two local architects who were hire last August to improve Cleveland Public Hall. (3-31-76)**
- 260. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis announces that the city will sue Cleveland City Council for illegally passing an ordinance setting the hours of firemen at 24-hour duty followed by 48-hours off. (4-2-76)**
- 261. Mayor Perk has been asked to be the keynote speaker at the upcoming International Conference of Mayors in Milan, Italy from April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>. (4-2-76)**
- 262. Mayor Perk announces that the powerful local law firm of Bartunek, Bennett, and Garofoli has represented the city twice on major law suits, he does not elaborate on the statement. (4-4-76)**
- 263. Mayor Perk announces that the city plans to join the City of Boston's side in the school busing issue. (4-4-76)**



- 264. Mayor Perk learns that Frank Pokorny has made it official he is not seeking re-election to the Cuyahoga County Commission and that he made even resign before the election. (4-5-76)**
- 265. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council plans to vote tonight on whether to place a charter revision on the May ballot calling for four year terms for the mayor and council or to table it. (4-6-76)**
- 266. Mayor Perk's Law Director James B. Davis announces that the City of Boston has asked the mayor to join them in an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court of the recent busing order. (4-6-76)**
- 267. Mayor Perk is criticized by the press for his ill timed decision to join the Boston, MA in a Supreme Court appeal against court-ordered school busing. (4-6-76)**
- 268. Mayor Perk's Press Secretary Ina Keegan denies that the mayor has had anything to do with the rescinding of air pollution shut down order against Metal Blast Company. (4-7-76)**
- 269. Mayor Perk announces that gun registration begins this Friday at any of the six police district headquarters. (4-7-76)**
- 270. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Councilman John Barnes that he will block HUD funds for local community development unless his administration does something about the deplorable conditions of city parcels in his ward. (4-8-76)**

- 271. Mayor Perk plans to travel to Milan next Tuesday in order to address the annual meeting of the International Conference of Mayors. (4-9-76)**
- 272. Mayor Perk is pleased when HUD raises Cleveland area rent ceilings in an attempt to bolster CMHA's floundering rent subsidy program. (4-9-76)**
- 273. Mayor Perk is informed by state officials that they want the land parcel in the backyard of city hall to be the site for the new state office building. (4-9-76)**
- 274. Mayor Perk is ordered by federal Judge Frank Battisti to restore a building permit for a controversial scattered site public housing project in Ward 22, the issue first surfaced with the attorney Milt Schulman and his concerned citizen group. (4-10-76)**
- 275. Mayor Perk appoints Vincent Campanella former city budget director to serve as the city's latest Law Director replacing James B. Davis who has resigned to return to private practice. (4-11-76)**
- 276. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe in a bold move plans to shift as much as \$70m from short-term to long-term debt within the year. (4-11-76)**
- 277. Mayor Perk expects a battle with Cuyahoga County over elderly aid and service which the county would like to consolidate. (4-12-76)**
- 278. Mayor Perk agrees with Cleveland City Councilwoman Mary Rose Oakar who is demanding that CEI rescind its latest rate increase application. (4-12-76)**

- 279. Mayor Perk unveils in the city hall rotunda the new “Spirit of ‘76” painting, a bicentennial project by New York City artist Carol Wald. (4-13-76)**
- 280. Mayor Perk’s Police Chief Lloyd Garey institutes a major crackdown on youth who violate the city’s curfew laws by issuing citations to the violators. (4-13-76)**
- 281. Mayor Perk is upset when Cleveland City Council delays action on important legislation intended to penalize lending institutions that deny mortgages and home improvement loans to Clevelanders. (4-13-76)**
- 282. Mayor Perk announces the official resignation of the city’s Law Director James B. Davis who is to become a partner in the law firm of Hahn, Loeser, Freedheim, Dean, and Wellman. (4-13-76)**
- 283. Mayor Perk also announces that James B. Davis may stay on as an advisor to the city in negotiations to sell MUNY-Light to CEI. (4-13-76)**
- 284. Mayor Perk is shocked and surprised that legislation requiring future city employees to live in the city is headed for Cleveland City Council’s floor for a vote. (4-14-76)**
- 285. Mayor is unsure whether he will sign or veto any bill passed by Cleveland City Council requiring all future city employees to live within the city’s boundaries. (4-14-76)**
- 286. Mayor Perk opens the Conference of Mayors of World’s Major Cities with greetings from President Gerald R. Ford. (4-15-76)**

- 287. Mayor Perk announces that the city has lost a bid for federal aid to curb automobile travel downtown. (4-15-76)**
- 288. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland is under federal investigation it is accused of violating Labor Department guidelines regarding the use of federal public employment funds. (4-15-76)**
- 289. Mayor Perk will get a refund totaling \$963 from the Internal Revenue Service based on overpayment in his 1975 federal income tax. His salary was \$35,000. (4-16-76)**
- 290. Mayor Perk sends an ultimatum to Columbus, Ohio developer John Galbreath telling him to either build on two urban renewal sites he controls or vacate. (4-16-76)**
- 291. Mayor Perk in Milan raps Congress saying that cities such as Cleveland should be allowed to use their own revenues free of federal intervention and excessive federal taxation to generate unprecedented new growth. (4-16-76)**
- 292. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe authorizes a city audit of paycheck distribution within the city's streets division. (4-16-76)**
- 293. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis claims that 138 businesses and homeowners owe the city water department amounts ranging from \$1,021 to \$5,038. (4-16-76)**
- 294. Mayor Perk, admitting the need for a water rate increase, may recommend a rate increase to Cleveland City Council as a way to insure that the system remains in the hands of the city. (4-17-76)**

- 295. Mayor Perk is informed that the city's rental outlays for office space nearly tripled since 1973 due to the growth and expansion of the health, data processing, and community development departments. (4-17-76)**
- 296. Mayor Perk receives a reply from the Columbus, Ohio developer John Galbreath saying it would be unwise to build on two vacant parcels in Erieview. (4-19-76)**
- 297. Mayor Perk hopes to legally pressure CEI into a more favorable electrical power agreement by holding up its operating license for the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant until all of the antitrust issues are resolved. (4-19-76)**
- 298. Mayor Perk after leaving Milan travels at his own expense to Jerusalem to attend Easter Sunday Mass as a guest of Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollak. (4-19-76)**
- 299. Mayor Perk's critics say his support of the parcel behind city hall for the new state office building is not in keeping with local planners' recommendations. (4-20-76)**
- 300. Mayor Perk learns that CEI plans to keep the MUNY-Light plant open if CEI wins the suit. (4-20-76)**
- 301. Mayor Perk does not approve the actions of 130 members of Local #310 of the Laborers Union who blocked the entrances to the MUNY-Light plant over wages paid to workers for the Akron-based non-union salvage contractor hauling scrap from the abandoned plants. (4-20-76)**

- 302. Mayor Perk is informed that the non-union salvage contractor Benny S. Hirsch of Summit Scrap Iron Co. plans to seek a court order limiting picketing at the abandoned MUNY-Light plant where a labor dispute broke out yesterday. (4-21-76)**
- 303. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey complains on the reluctance of Municipal Court to jail prostitutes. (4-21-76)**
- 304. Mayor Perk is informed that Volkswagon AE is now allowed to build plants in America. (4-22-76)**
- 305. Mayor Perk agrees with Councilman Benny Bonanno who criticizes CMHA for investigating its security guards to see who leaked information to the press regarding possible fraud. (4-23-76)**
- 306. Mayor Perk while in Israel becomes the first American mayor to visit the 200-manned U.S. peacekeeping mission in the central Sinai Desert. (4-23-76)**
- 307. Mayor Perk is rumored to be scheming to be mentioned as a possible running mate for President Gerald Ford as a way of gaining national recognition and to pave the way for a big federal post. (4-23-76)**
- 308. Mayor Perk announces that the city will spend \$468,000 of its community development funds on three new parking lots in three ethnic neighborhoods. (4-23-76)**
- 309. Mayor Perk is informed that Anthony Liberatore was unsuccessful in his bid to get his old 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder conviction expunged, a probate able offense may be expunged; however, 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder is considered a non-probate able offense and can never be erased. (4-24-76)**

- 310. Mayor Perk toured the Lebanon border, the outskirts of Jericho and visited Rome, Italy on this trip. (4-25-76)**
- 311. Mayor Perk approves a major shakeup of the police department led by Chief Lloyd F. Garey. (4-25-76)**
- 312. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Community Relations Board in what could be a split with the mayor has decided to do whatever the court mandates in the school desegregation case. (4-25-76)**
- 313. Mayor Perk discovers that the guidelines established for screening applicants to the Cleveland Police Department have been overturned base on a racial discrimination suit. (4-26-76)**
- 314. Mayor Perk blames both CEI and MUNY-Light for their high pollution readings last Saturday. (4-26-76)**
- 315. Mayor Perk intends to sign a bill which allows the city to withdraw its savings from financial institutions that fail to make sufficient loans in inner-city neighborhoods. (4-27-76)**
- 316. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council passes a redlining bill that requires some lending institutions to increase their mortgage lending by 40% within the inner-city this year. (4-27-76)**
- 317. Mayor Perk orders his Finance Director Warren Riebe and his Executive Assistant Bruce Akers to investigate which city workers have participated in the number rackets. (4-28-76)**

- 318. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council has just passed legislation making it mandatory for all policemen to wear sewed on badges at a cost of \$60,000. (4-29-76)**
- 319. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey expresses concern as the local economic crisis tightens, crime rises, and the number of policemen patrolling the streets drops. (4-30-76)**
- 320. Mayor Perk swears in Vincent Campanella as the city's new Law Director. (4-30-76)**
- 321. Mayor Perk's former MUNY-Light Commissioner Ralph Meister resigns his post in disgrace. (5-1-76)**
- 322. Mayor Perk's 1975 campaign received funding from a many affluent sources including \$60,000 from city employees and major company executives. (5-2-76)**
- 323. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella announces that the city will fight to place the residency requirement for new city employees on the May ballot and most especially a clause stating that department heads would be personally liable for an employee's salary if that worker was not a city resident. (5-3-76)**
- 324. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella further states the Perk administration opposes the residency requirement ordinance on the grounds that it might negatively impact the interest rates on a \$50m pending bond sale. (5-3-76)**
- 325. Mayor Perk travels to Washington, D.C. to confer with HUD officials regarding local neighborhood preservation programs. (5-5-76)**



- 326. Mayor Perk congratulates The Press on its first edition of Community Weekly. (5-5-76)**
- 327. Mayor Perk is seeking \$4m to \$15m from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to build and operate the “people mover.” (5-5-76)**
- 328. Mayor Perk hires Dr. Michael Pap to a \$24,000-a-year post as Cleveland’s Bicentennial Program Chair replacing Bohdan Futney who quit last year. (5-5-76)**
- 329. Mayor Perk vetoes the Cleveland City Council measure requiring all new city employees, with the exception of those approved by the lawmakers, to reside in the city. (5-5-76)**
- 330. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council will override his residency requirement veto. (5-6-76)**
- 331. Mayor Perk’s Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis disputes a recent consultant’s report indicating that MUNY-Light is beyond repair. (5-6-76)**
- 332. Mayor Perk’s Assistant Law Director Robert Hart intervenes in the East Ohio rate case claiming that the city bears the cost of subsidies for outlying areas and that a rate hike would adversely affect East Ohio’s biggest single customer the city. (5-6-76)**
- 333. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of Colonel Carl C. Johnson as the Airport Commissioner replacing Gunther Katzmar who has held the post since 1968. (5-7-76)**
- 334. Mayor Perk is not happy that the rusty turbine at the MUNY-Light plant might cost \$1.5m to repair. (5-7-76)**

- 335. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Robert Hart plans to file an antitrust suit against CEI in order to block its building permit for a new Berlin Heights nuclear power plant. (5-7-76)**
- 336. Mayor Perk is informed by the Ohio Building Authority that it has voted unanimously to return to the proposed Superior Avenue – Huron Road site for the new state office building and that Workers' Compensation has been asked for a \$500,000 loan to cover initial building costs. (5-7-76)**
- 337. Mayor Perk orders an immediate probe into why a fire destroyed nearly two city blocks of frame houses in the Kinsman neighborhood. (5-8-76)**
- 338. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes urge solidarity and unity against CEI during the MUNY-Light fight. (5-8-76)**
- 339. Mayor Perk sends up a trial balloon by asking the city's Planning Director Norman Krumholz if it is feasible to sell the municipally-owned Highland Golf Course for needed funding. (5-8-76)**
- 340. Mayor Perk is informed that CEI has quit talks with the city and that court proceedings will resume on June 14<sup>th</sup>. (5-8-76)**
- 341. Mayor Perk and the city are blamed by Republic Steel Co. for stalling on granting them permits to complete their coke oven battery. (5-8-76)**

- 342. Mayor Perk announces that he is joining forces with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to declare an all-out war against CEI. (5-10-76)**
- 343. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella says he will make a final decision by Saturday regarding whether the city will pay the \$400,000 owed Seasons Coal Co. for the substandard coal they delivered to MUNY-Light last year. (5-10-76)**
- 344. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Councilwoman Mary Rose Oakar who wants City Council to restore the six men to the Police Arson unit in the wake of the Kinsman neighborhood fire. (5-10-76)**
- 345. Mayor Perk after reviewing the recommendations of his Planning Director Norman Krumholz says that the city-owned Highland Golf Course is not to be sold unless a lower-priced replacement can be found. (5-10-76)**
- 346. Mayor Perk denies the Utilities Department Executive Director James B. Cunningham's request that the city pay his accrued legal fees not enough information provided. (5-11-76)**
- 347. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council has approved hiring additional attorneys to fight CEI. (5-11-76)**
- 348. Mayor Perk opposes Cuyahoga Community College's proposal to erect a new \$20m eastern campus on city-owned land in Warrensville Township claiming that the college could not afford the asking price which ranges from \$80,000 to \$100,000 an acre. (5-11-76)**

- 349. Mayor Perk reviews a 1972 report by Planning Director Norman Krumholz stating that although the city would have to pay \$300m now to take over CEI it would be well worth it later since the utility is expected to generate a \$165m profit over a 30-year period. (5-11-76)**
- 350. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey says that he needs an additional 200 certified applicants to fill 53 patrolmen vacancies and that these applicants should not be limited to city residents. (5-11-76)**
- 351. Mayor Perk's morning prayer meeting results in a new program whereby local clergymen will observe city leaders at work as a way of promoting more effective leadership by Cleveland's religious leaders. (5-12-76)**
- 352. Mayor Perk learns that a recent Cleveland Press poll indicates that the public generally believes that the mayor is wrong in not selling Cuyahoga Community College the requested acreage in Warrensville Township. (5-12-76)**
- 353. Mayor Perk will veto the recently passed city ordinance on employee residency requirement by claiming that it would prompt higher interest rates on future bond sales. (5-12-76)**
- 354. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis suggests a meeting with Fire Chief William Barry to discuss new ways to rectify insufficient water supplies within six inner-city districts as soon as possible. (5-12-76)**
- 355. Mayor Perk is informed by the current CEI President Karl H. Rudolph that there is no possibility of a negotiated settlement with the city and therefore a jury trial will be necessary. (5-12-76)**

- 356. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis questions the validity of a 1970 city study indicating low water pressure throughout the city. (5-12-76)**
- 357. Mayor Perk vetoes the employee residence requirement bill claiming the people are against it. (5-13-76)**
- 358. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey takes the initiative and cites 100 youngsters and 44 parents and guardians for curfew violations. (5-13-76)**
- 359. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council intends to override his veto of the employee residency requirement. (5-13-76)**
- 360. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is dead set against selling any city-owned land in Warrensville Township to Cuyahoga Community College Forbes thinks that the college should build its campus in a white suburb such as Beachwood or Pepper Pike. (5-13-76)**
- 361. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Downtown Cleveland Corporation announces that it will join in with the city to secure funds for the people mover. (5-13-76)**
- 362. Mayor Perk meets with Cuyahoga County Commissioner Robert Sweeney who wants the city to pay \$4.9m it owes for the new Justice Center Court Towers. (5-13-76)**

- 363. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar has labeled Cleveland City Council President George Forbes a racist due to his recent comments concerning the possible location of the new Cuyahoga Community College-Eastern Campus. (5-14-76)**
- 364. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes have not set a time to meet with the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees to discuss possible sites for the proposed Eastern Campus perhaps they are reluctant because the college is insisting on buying city-owned Warrensville Township land so says the Cuyahoga Community College Board Chairman Robert Lewis. (5-14-76)**
- 365. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director John Kless will soon decide whether to sue the Columbus developer John W. Galbreath for defaulting on two Erieview Urban Renewal parcels (one at the southeast corner of East 9<sup>th</sup> St. and St. Clair Ave. the other at the southwest corner of East 12<sup>th</sup> St. and St. Clair Ave.) (5-15-76)**
- 366. Mayor Perk receives prepared recommendations from the Cleveland Foundation, the Growth Association, and the Study on Racial Isolation on May 15<sup>th</sup> suggesting that he remain neutral on the Galbreath issue. (5-16-76)**
- 367. Mayor Perk announces the creation of a new task force aimed at getting investment dollars flowing into the city's commercial strips and areas with older housing. (5-16-76)**
- 368. Mayor Perk is expecting Columbus developer John W. Galbreath to present a proposal for new development on urban renewal land that the city is about to repossess. (5-16-76)**

- 369. Mayor Perk's World Trade Week was praised by the local press. (5-16-76)**
- 370. Mayor Perk announces pay increases ranging from \$500 to nearly \$4,000 for all but two of his cabinet members Safety Director James Carney and Properties Director George Wrost. (5-18-76)**
- 371. Mayor Perk is informed by the White Motor Company Board Chair Semen Knudson that White Motor's must slash \$38m in expenses with the fate of the local facilities uncertain. (5-18-76)**
- 372. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has stopped polygraph tests for police applicants and that these tests will only be allowed in the future if they are given to all officers who are seeking promotions. (5-18-76)**
- 373. Mayor Perk discovers that the city has been paying \$6,500 in rent over the past several years to a non-profit company founded by Cleveland City Councilman John E. Barnes the site is a police outreach center. (5-18-76)**
- 374. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council to decrease pinball playing in local taverns claiming that gambling addiction often begins with pinball playing. (5-19-76)**
- 375. Mayor Perk in a bold move to provide new city revenue sources asks Cleveland City Council for permission to drill for natural gas in city-owned Warrensville Township land. (5-19-76)**

- 376. Mayor Perk encourages city officials to join in with John Galbreath in seeking a new developer for the two Urban Renewal parcels held by the Columbus businessman. (5-20-76)**
- 377. Mayor Perk learns that the two unused Urban Renewal parcels in Erievew are valued at \$30 per square foot and that John Galbreath is only paying \$4.50 per square foot. (5-20-76)**
- 378. Mayor Perk denies that he instructed his aides to bribe Cleveland officials including Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Zunt to sustain his residency requirement veto. (5-21-76)**
- 379. Mayor Perk learns that Utilities Department Executive Director James B. Cunningham has used every pressure tactic he could imagine to persuade Cleveland City Council to sustain his employee residency requirement veto. (5-21-76)**
- 380. Mayor Perk again denies any wrong doing in upholding his veto of the residency requirement and he will not consider any formal complaints made against his staff for alleged bribery. (5-21-76)**
- 381. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Councilwoman Mary Rose Oakar, who is running for Congress from the 20<sup>th</sup> District, will announce her opposition to forced busing later today. (5-22-76)**
- 382. Mayor Perk orders an investigation to see if the city has the legal right to break a contract with a non-profit organization established by Councilman John E. Barnes. (5-23-76)**



- 383. Mayor Perk asks the U.S. Attorney General Edward H. Levi to enter into the Boston school case appeal currently before the U.S. Supreme Court to challenge court-ordered busing. (5-23-76)**
- 384. Mayor Perk is criticized by the local press for suggesting that the city assume control of CEI based on the MUNY-Light debacle. (5-23-76)**
- 385. Mayor Perk plans to meet later this week with Mrs. Vivian Wu Yen, a resident of Taipei, who is the chair and chief executive officer of an automobile plant and a textile mill. (5-24-76)**
- 386. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council that John Lansdale, a senior partner at the Cleveland law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey and former legal counsel for the city, is barred from future city hall meetings based on a potential conflict of interest arising because his firm represented CEI in its lawsuit against MUNY-Light. (5-25-76)**
- 387. Mayor Perk announces that the city is considering buying and reselling to a developer Union Terminal and the adjacent railroad property extending from West 32<sup>nd</sup> Street to Fulton Road. (5-26-76)**
- 388. Mayor Perk understands through the local press that a great many consumers plan to attend the CEI hearings scheduled for tomorrow. (5-26-76)**
- 389. Mayor Perk, Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and CEI President Karl H. Rudolph meet for the first time. (5-26-76)**

- 390. Mayor Perk is guardedly optimistic that the city will be able to negotiate a settlement with CEI. (5-26-76)**
- 391. Mayor Perk is attacked by Cleveland City Councilman and Majority Leader Gerald McFaul for suggesting that the city purchase Union Terminal Councilman McFaul does not trust the mayor. (5-26-76)**
- 392. Mayor Perk announces that he has invited President Gerald R. Ford to speak at the National Conference of Christians and Jews annual meeting here on June 6<sup>th</sup>. (5-26-76)**
- 393. Mayor Perk understands that the Republic Steel Company coke oven agreement will be approved as soon as Cleveland City Council signs off on it. (5-26-76)**
- 394. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe, thinking that the city might be able to obtain lower interest rates on city bonds, cancels the \$52.4m bond offering at the last minute. (5-27-76)**
- 395. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe cancels the \$52.4m bond offering and then he borrows city treasurer funds to buy \$30m in short term notes due next month. (5-27-76)**
- 396. Mayor Perk receives a tentative offer from the owner of the Cleveland Browns Arthur Modell who says that he is willing to operate the Cleveland Convention Center in a way similar to the Cleveland Stadium; however, Modell's commitment to the convention center will be far less than the \$10m he has pledged to the stadium. (5-27-76)**

- 397. Mayor Perk plans to challenge in U.S. District Court recently approved Cleveland City Council legislation on the use of polygraph tests by the police department. (5-28-76)**
- 398. Mayor Perk is willing to buy the Cleveland Arena with federal funds in order to prevent its demolition. (5-28-76)**
- 399. Mayor Perk challenges lie detector test rules claiming its invalid and unenforceable. (5-29-76)**
- 400. Mayor Perk wants the city to purchase the Cleveland Arena for \$1m and then lease it to a business group headed by a local lawyer Max M. Axelrod who plans to invest at least \$250,000 in renovations. (5-29-76)**
- 401. Mayor Perk is informed by Cleveland City Council that a prominent Washington, D.C. law firm Dickstein, Shapiro, and Morin will represent the city in its \$330m antitrust suit against CEI. (5-29-76)**
- 402. Mayor Perk is told that recent cutbacks in the local police force have adversely affected the mounted police unit which plans to auction off nearly half of its horses. (6-1-76)**
- 403. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller speaking at the Women's City Club noted that full employment is a prerequisite for solving the city's housing problem. (6-2-76)**
- 404. Mayor Perk criticizes the charter amendment calling for extending the terms of the mayor and council to four years as a tactic designed to confuse the public. (6-3-76)**

- 405. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella wants the Ohio General Assembly to reduce the notice-of-sale period to advertise municipal bonds from 21 to 5 days so that the city will be able to get its bonds on the open market sooner than its competitors. (6-3-76)**
- 406. Mayor Perk's layoff of 1,118 city employees in November 1974 was upheld by the Ohio Supreme Court which says that the city of Cleveland has the right to furlough safety forces in times of great financial stress. (6-3-76)**
- 407. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the city and Republic Steel have signed an agreement leading to the opening of the new \$35m coke oven battery. (6-3-76)**
- 408. Mayor Perk is informed by the Cleveland Landmarks Commissioner John Cimperman that his agency is actively preserving the city's legacy to date sixty-six sites and two neighborhoods have been designated. (6-5-76)**
- 409. Mayor Perk plans to use federal manpower funds totaling \$420,000 which includes a \$144,000 subsidy to support the Center Repertory Theatre of Cleveland to be housed in the Convention Center's Little Theatre. (6-5-76)**
- 410. Mayor Perk pushes for Republican mayors nationwide to endorse President Gerald R. Ford for re-election. (6-6-76)**
- 411. Mayor Perk is criticized by Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes for using federal manpower funds for the new Center Repertory Theatre. (6-7-76)**
- 412. Mayor Perk questions CEI's new fuel cost fee claiming that the extra cost is not necessary. (6-8-76)**

- 413. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar is leading in the Congressional race in the 20<sup>th</sup> district. (6-9-76)**
- 414. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman and Majority Leader Gerald McFaul leads in the race for Cuyahoga County Sheriff. (6-9-76)**
- 415. Mayor Perk is pleased when the voters reject the latest city charter revision calling for four year terms for mayor and council: final vote 28,903 no and 19,998 yes. (6-9-76)**
- 416. Mayor Perk plans to pay B&B Wrecking and Excavation Company \$5,505 to move eleven houses in the path of runway expansion at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (6-10-76)**
- 417. Mayor Perk attends opening ceremonies for the new Police Headquarters in the Greater Cleveland Justice Center. (6-11-76)**
- 418. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Area Arts Council will create a new task force to study the proposed repertory theatre in Public Hall. (6-11-76)**
- 419. Mayor Perk along with city and county officials plan to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Conference sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Growth Association at the Aquamarine Ramada Inn in Avon Lake, Ohio. (6-11-76)**
- 420. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will deny any and all job promotions to non-city residents even though Cleveland City Council is considering easing the restriction. (6-11-76)**

- 421. Mayor Perk reviews a \$50,000 report from the national consulting firm of Cresap, McCormick, and Paget that claims that MUNY-Light is dead. (6-12-76)**
- 422. Mayor Perk's proposal to create a municipal governments' council to distribute federal aid to the elderly is opposed by Northeast Ohio Area-Wide Coordinating Agency who wants to be the sole regional agency. (6-13-76)**
- 423. Mayor Perk creates a dress code for his staff after his Executive Assistant Bruce Akers is caught wearing shorts at work. (6-13-76)**
- 424. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella proudly announces that Cleveland City Council has approved the Summer Youth Job Program; however, increased costs means the lowering of hourly wages from \$8.00 per hour to \$4.50 per hour for select supervisors. (6-15-76)**
- 425. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe testifies in court that the current conflict that has arisen between the city and the law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey over the recent CEI suit against MUNY-Light. (6-15-76)**
- 426. Mayor Perk announces that the city is waiting for final approval from Cleveland City Council on a new thirty year lease with the nine airlines at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (6-15-76)**

- 427. Mayor Perk explains that the new airport lease is part of a more extensive financial package which includes issuing \$78m in revenue bonds to be paid-off exclusively from airport income and leases; converting \$23m in previously issued general obligation bonds for airport debt and improvements; and debt assumption resulting from the issuing of \$26m in general obligation notes to cover current expansion costs. (6-15-76)**
- 428. Mayor Perk announces the resignation of his Properties Director George J. Wrost due to city pressures and recent budget cuts. (6-15-76)**
- 429. Mayor Perk plans to hire 9,500 inner-city youngsters this year for the Summer Youth Jobs Program costing \$6.1m. (6-15-76)**
- 430. Mayor Perk learns that twenty-two suburbs have filed a suit in Common Pleas court asking that the city's water system be merged with the Cleveland Regional Sewer District or put under a separate authority. (6-16-76)**
- 431. Mayor Perk understands that the Summer Youth Jobs coordinators met yesterday to discuss how they might fight Cleveland City Council's salary reduction order. (6-16-76)**
- 432. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller approves low-interest home improvement loans totaling \$409,000 for ninety Clevelanders. (6-16-76)**
- 433. Mayor Perk plans to ask the feds for reimbursements totaling \$40,186 to cover the cost of guarding visiting Presidential candidates since January 1976. (6-16-76)**

- 434. Mayor Perk wants to know if the rumors claiming that suburban officials want Common Pleas court to order joint ownership of the Cleveland Water without them having to pay the city anything are true. (6-17-76)**
- 435. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey intends to wave the \$1,000 fine and the possible one-year jail sentenced for those who have not yet registered their handguns. (6-18-76)**
- 436. Mayor Perk is angry that the Summer Youth Job Program Coordinators remain off the job based on salary disputes. (6-18-76)**
- 437. Mayor Perk is told that the Cleveland Teachers Union which represents the Summer Youth Job Program Coordinators has accepted the city's salary offer of \$7.50 an hour. (6-19-76)**
- 438. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis is skeptical that city officials will be able to raise the funds needed to clean-up the black smoke belching from MUNY-Light plant chimneys before the June 1977 federal deadline. (6-19-76)**
- 439. Mayor Perk is criticized by the American Society of Interior Designers for awarding a \$50,000 city hall renovation contract to Richard Eberling the designer who had modernized Perk's house without going through the open bidding process. (6-19-76)**
- 440. Mayor Perk announces a major decrease in the city's crime rate down 23.8% from 1975 levels. (6-19-76)**



- 441. Mayor Perk is told that a major shakeup in the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party has occurred and that Anthony Garofoli has replaced Cleveland City Council President George Forbes as its top leader. (6-20-76)**
- 442. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella orders a moratorium from June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> on police enforcement of a new state law regulating bingo due to the backlog of requests for state licenses. (6-20-76)**
- 443. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has resigned as co-chair of the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party, Perk wonders whether that will signal an exodus of black leaders from that party. (6-21-76)**
- 444. Mayor Perk names Robert Beasley as the city's new Service Director replacing Acting Director Anthony Pecyk who will become the Executive Secretary of the Service Director. (6-21-76)**
- 445. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella suggests that Cleveland City Council table any legislation calling for the city to spend up to \$244,000 on MUNY-Light repairs. (6-21-76)**
- 446. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved a water rate hike which is expected to yield \$14m in additional revenue annually. (6-22-76)**
- 447. Mayor Perk is encouraged when the city and CEI renew negotiations over MUNY-Light city hopes to sell MUNY-Light to CEI. (6-22-76)**

- 448. Mayor Perk supports the idea of the city acquiring 5,000 or more scattered site vacant and/or tax delinquent lots and then assembling them into larger parcels for possible resale on the open market. (6-22-76)**
- 449. Mayor Perk knows that any buying and selling of vacant or delinquent lots is predicated on Ohio Governor James Rhodes signing a new bill granting cities more powers. (6-22-76)**
- 450. Mayor Perk realizing that a renovated Public Hall is vital to downtown redevelopment has asked the feds to match the \$3m city grant already invested in the site. (6-23-76)**
- 451. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has instructed council to set up a meeting with Cleveland public school officials in order to find sufficient funding to pay the coordinators of the Summer Youth Job Program the agreed wage of \$7.50 per hour. (6-23-76)**
- 452. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe attempts to sell \$26m in long-term bonds following the May 26<sup>th</sup> sale postponement brought about by the \$125m Massachusetts bond issuance. (6-23-76)**
- 453. Mayor Perk's Port Director Andrew Putka announces that the Teamsters Culinary Union has held up bids on a new lease for the restaurant and bar concession at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (6-23-76)**
- 454. Mayor Perk is informed by the PUCO that the city may be able to set CEI rates once a new law takes effect. (6-23-76)**

- 455. Mayor Perk understands that this new law will not only permit a community to name its own utility rates; but also, to establish its own new guidelines for determining these rates. (6-23-76)**
- 456. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. District Judge John M. Manos has ordered the Cleveland Sewer District to follow proscribed guidelines regarding the bidding process for the new Southerly Waste Water Treatment plant. (6-25-76)**
- 457. Mayor Perk is upset with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who claims the complexities associated with developing a new air pollution code will prevent City Council from adopting any new ordinance until next year. (6-25-76)**
- 458. Mayor Perk hopes that the newly created Reinvestment Tax Force led by Planning Director Norman Krumholz and Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller will be able to find cooperative lenders interested in inner-city residential stability. (6-27-76)**
- 459. Mayor Perk announces that the sale of MUNY-Light to CEI depends on whether the best interests of the citizens are served by such a deal. (6-27-76)**
- 460. Mayor Perk receives a tentative commitment from federal officials of more than \$1m to renovate the Cleveland Arena predicated on Cleveland City Council approval. (6-29-76)**
- 461. Mayor Perk expresses outrage at the proposed Humphrey Hawkins Bill which would reduce the unemployment rate to 3% over several years and make the feds the employer of last resort if private firms fail to provide sufficient jobs. (6-29-76)**

- 462. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey defends himself against those who claim he has been too lenient when it comes to arresting persons who have not registered their handguns by saying that Cleveland City Council agreed to this time extension. (6-29-76)**
- 463. Mayor Perk is attacked by the Vice President of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters Jackie Presser and the Executive Secretary of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor Sebastian J. Lupica for opposing the Humphrey-Hawkins bill. (6-29-76)**
- 464. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella instructs Fire Chief William Barry to begin paying overtime to twenty firefighters as a way of preventing the closing of any fire stations. (6-30-76)**
- 465. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella announces that the city will charge a \$35 fee for EMS Service. (6-30-76)**
- 466. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has agreed to the requested city water rate hike it should generate \$14m in additional revenue annually.**
- 467. Mayor Perk understands that the water rate hike will vary greatly with Cleveland households expecting a \$7.00 per year increase while suburban households may expect anywhere from an \$8.00 to \$30.00 increase per year. (6-30-76)**
- 468. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council along with the Cleveland Public Schools has agreed to pay the Summer Youth Job Program coordinators \$7.00 per hour not \$7.50 per hour as reported earlier. (6-30-76)**

- 469. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe's bond strategy will save the city \$1m in interest costs. (6-30-76)**
- 470. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe sold \$25.9m in general obligation bonds to a well-known underwriting company headed by Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago at a net interest cost of 7 3/8 %. (6-30-76)**
- 471. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland will be hosting the Annual Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 1979. (7-1-76)**
- 472. Mayor Perk is informed that although Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has stepped down as the Co-Chair of the Cuyahoga Democratic Party that does not mean that he has lost his clout in that party. (7-1-76)**
- 473. Mayor Perk seeks HUD grants as part of a nationwide competition to develop new and innovative community development projects. (7-5-76)**
- 474. Mayor Perk's Ports Director Andrew Putka announces that twenty-five early American Revolution flags will be flying at Cleveland Hopkins Airport as part of the city's Bicentennial Celebration. (7-5-76)**
- 475. Mayor Perk wants to pay some unpaid members of city boards and commissions up to \$2,100 annually while offering fully-paid hospitalization to others. (7-7-76)**
- 476. Mayor Perk praised President Gerald Ford for vetoing a \$3.95b public works job bill because it is inflationary and will not generate the 300,000 jobs as promised. (7-8-76)**

- 477. Mayor Perk officiates at the ceremonies at the Cardinal Mindszenty Plaza north side of Lakeside Avenue at East 12<sup>th</sup> Street. (7-8-76)**
- 478. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Mark L. Driscoll announces that the Ohio Supreme Court plans to uphold the city's appeal and that Cleveland will be receiving up to \$500,000 in local government funds. (7-8-76)**
- 479. Mayor Perk announces that he plans to seek a fourth term as mayor. (7-9-76)**
- 480. Mayor Perk reports that the Planning Commission has approved the construction of a \$4.8m 200-suite elderly apartment building at the corner of Spring Avenue and Jennings Road. (7-9-76)**
- 481. Mayor Perk wants to extend East 17<sup>th</sup> Street south from Euclid to Prospect avenues as part of a new major \$2.2m downtown traffic loop. (7-10-76)**
- 482. Mayor Perk supports buying the former WJW Building at 1630 Euclid Avenue as the first step in extending East 17<sup>th</sup> Street. (7-10-76)**
- 483. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe includes a \$20m nest egg for future airport improvements as part of a \$100m revenue bond request to expand Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (7-10-76)**
- 484. Mayor Perk evaluates the damage caused by a vicious rain storm with wind gusts up to 50 mph. that hit the city last night. (7-12-76)**

- 485. Mayor Perk congratulates a grassroots organization called Active Clevelanders Together for helping Near West Side property owners obtain more than twice as many home improvement and mortgage loans as compared to last year. (7-13-76)**
- 486. Mayor Perk understands that a group of senior citizens successfully appealed to the PUCO for exemption from Ohio Bell's latest rate increase of \$2.70 per month. (7-13-76)**
- 487. Mayor Perk is informed that Buckeye-Woodland residents intend to hold a citywide meeting tomorrow to oppose city plans to spend more than \$1m in discretionary funds to buy the Cleveland Arena. (7-14-76)**
- 488. Mayor Perk is advised that these Buckeye-Woodland residents want this \$1m in discretionary funding to be directed towards helping low to moderate income residents get low interest home improvement loans. (7-14-76)**
- 489. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Board of Control has awarded a \$1,051,700 contract to Aveni Construction Company to install a new roof and remodel eighty-eight dressing rooms in Public Hall. (7-14-76)**
- 490. Mayor Perk understands that over 200 participants at the Buckeye Woodland meeting last night denounced the purchasing of the Cleveland Arena. (7-16-76)**
- 491. Mayor Perk announces that the city has adopted a \$219m budget for 1977 with a projected revenue need of \$120m serves as the basis for the city's request for government funding. (7-19-76)**

- 492. Mayor Perk accepts an additional federal grant totaling \$859,000 for the Summer Youth Job Program. (7-19-76)**
- 493. Mayor Perk is very upset when Cleveland City Council President George Forbes delays action on a new thirty-year leasing arrangement with nine airline carriers which includes shifting the financing of Cleveland Hopkins Airport improvements to airport income. (7-19-76)**
- 494. Mayor Perk appoints Gunther E. Katzmar to serve as the new Harbors Commissioner. (7-21-76)**
- 495. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella plans to sue former City Parking Coordinator George P. Kucsma and a bonding agency called the National Grange Mutual Insurance Company in Common Pleas court to recover \$26,309.50. (7-22-76)**
- 496. Mayor Perk let it be known that sports entrepreneur Nick Mileti will need \$940,000 to buy the Cleveland Arena if Perk's plan is rejected by Cleveland City Council. (7-22-76)**
- 497. Mayor Perk officiates at the cake cutting ceremonies on the mall celebrating the 180<sup>th</sup> birthday of the founding of the city of Cleveland. (7-22-76)**
- 498. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul is asking for a probe into allocations that someone is shaking down numbers operators in the city for contributions to McFaul's campaign for Cuyahoga County Sheriff. (7-23-76)**



- 499. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella filed suit in Common Pleas court to invalidate the new city residency requirement law based on the fact that it conflicts with the city charter which says the city cannot sue itself. (7-23-76)**
- 500. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella accuses Cuyahoga County Treasurer Francis Gaul of aiding CEI and of receiving gifts from CEI. (7-23-76)**
- 501. Mayor Perk receives a federal grant totaling \$100,000 to install new technology at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (7-24-76)**
- 502. Mayor Perk announces that the thirty-year leases with the nine airlines at Cleveland Hopkins Airport along with a \$100m bond issue are ready for Cleveland City Council to sign. (7-27-76)**
- 503. Mayor Perk is angered when the airline lease is delayed by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who claims that one of the air carriers Allegheny discriminates against blacks, Allegheny denies the charges. (7-28-76)**
- 504. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council will begin to accept bids on the airport restaurant in September. (7-28-76)**
- 505. Mayor Perk understands that the sale of the Cleveland Arena to the city is on hold until the fall when the proposal will go before several committees in council it will be a slow process even though the City Planning Commission and HUD have signed off on it. (7-29-76)**

- 506. Mayor Perk thinks it is very suspicious that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul just happened to introduce legislation for police promotions right after these same policemen contributed \$10,000 towards his campaign for county sheriff. (7-30-76)**
- 507. Mayor Perk is informed that the Election Board is going to probe Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul to see if he received illegal campaign contributions. (7-31-76)**
- 508. Mayor Perk discovers that grassroots activist Fannie Lewis is about to organize a new organization called the Office of Community Resources and Problems to help unwed mothers and the elderly. (7-31-76)**
- 509. Mayor Perk announces that for the second year youngsters in the Summer Youth Jobs Program will be wearing T-shirts with either his name or some other leading politicians name printed on the back. (8-1-76)**
- 510. Mayor Perk is deemed unfit by the Buckeye-Woodland Community Congress to oversee the urban issues plank of the Republican National Committee platform. (8-1-76)**
- 511. Mayor Perk understands that a special federal grand jury is investigating organized crime and possible corruption within the Cleveland Police Department. (8-2-76)**
- 512. Mayor Perk is shocked to learn that former mayoral candidate James M. Carney is defending Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul by saying that he lent McFaul \$4,500 on the day of the alleged police unions sponsored raffle. (8-3-76)**

- 513. Mayor Perk apparently wants to appoint James A. Zingale of Fairview Park, OH to serve as the city's new Properties Chief. (8-3-76)**
- 514. Mayor Perk learns that Federal Judge Robert Krupansky has rejected the city's motion to disqualify the local law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey from representing CEI on the grounds of conflict of interest. (8-4-76)**
- 515. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Robert Hart announces that the city will appeal Judge Krupansky's ruling overturning a conflict of interest charge made by the city against the law firm of Squire, Sanders, and Dempsey who represented CEI in a case against the city. (8-4-76)**
- 516. Mayor Perk announces that Amtrak has awarded a \$551,950 contract to Jance & Company of Willowick, OH to erect a new passenger station behind city hall. (8-4-76)**
- 517. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who criticizes Judge Krupansky's decision which instructed the city to pay CEI \$9.5m in back bills owed. (8-5-76)**
- 518. Mayor Perk backs Cleveland City Council President George Forbes based on the fact that Forbes claims that the money owed by the city (May 1975-February 1976) is highly inflated by CEI who charges the city higher rates than regular consumers. (8-5-76)**
- 519. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Robert Hart plans to file an appeal with the PUCO to block higher phone rates by claiming that a rate hike discriminates against the city. (8-5-76)**

- 520. Mayor Perk hopes that Police Chief Lloyd Garey's offer of special overtime pay for those officers who volunteer to work overtime as a way of boosting police patrols in the face of declining department size is only for a short time. (8-5-76)**
- 521. Mayor Perk's Assistant Law Director Nicholas DeVito claims that the city's offer for the Cleveland Arena has tripled the county's appraised value of the site and that these overly inflated appraisal figures are very unrealistic. (8-5-76)**
- 522. Mayor Perk learns that the Ohio Court of Appeals (8<sup>th</sup> District) upheld a lower court decision rejecting a challenge that would have required Cleveland to stop paying non-resident employees. (8-6-76)**
- 523. Mayor Perk is informed that at a recent hearing held by the Election Board that evidence was introduced showing that Gerald McFaul's campaign profited handsomely from a special raffle sponsored by a group called the Citizens for Good Government. (8-6-76)**
- 524. Mayor Perk and city officials brought to task by the EPA for not properly controlling the pollution levels emitted from the MUNY-Light plant. (8-7-76)**
- 525. Mayor Perk plans to seek additional federal funds for the Summer Youth Job Program if the Cleveland School Board is unable to get sufficient funding to keep the youngsters employed for a full workweek. (8-8-76)**

- 526. Mayor Perk wants his colleagues on the Republican platform committee to adopt a plank that will allow the GOP to run effectively against the Democratic-controlled U.S. Congress. (8-8-76)**
- 527. Mayor Perk takes a two-week absence to serve on the Republican Party Platform Committee. (8-8-76)**
- 528. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis criticizes the city for not following a Federal Power Commission order requiring the city to place disputed CEI payments into a special escrow account. (8-8-76)**
- 529. Mayor Perk after consulting with the city's Human Resource Director Vladimir Rus announces that CETA funds will be secured to continue the Summer Youth Employment Program on a full 20-hour workweek basis. (8-8-76)**
- 530. Mayor Perk is informed that Robert Berman a Workmen's Compensation Office employee and friend of the mayor's aid Michael Rini has been indicted on 12 counts of grand theft for allegedly filing fake compensation claims. (8-11-76)**
- 531. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul strongly opposes the city buying the Cleveland Arena with community development funds such funding should be used for more important neighborhood projects. (8-11-76)**

- 532. Mayor Perk is informed by the U.S. Department of Labor that Cleveland may lose \$170,000 targeted for the Summer Youth Job Program if it is discovered that the consulting contracts paid by the city to evaluate and assess that program are improper. (8-13-76)**
- 533. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella announces that the city faced with a \$4m to \$5m deficit for 1977 may be forced to layoff 500 city workers. (8-13-76)**
- 534. Mayor Perk hears rumors that CEI and PUCO agreed earlier this summer on CEI's \$103,956,100 annual rate hike request. (8-13-76)**
- 535. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella announces that Cleveland City Councilman John E. Barnes did not violate conflict of interest laws by voting to rent office space in a building owned by a non-profit organization he founded. (8-13-76)**
- 536. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella defends the \$170,000 consulting contracts questioned by the Department of Labor claiming that \$144,000 of it is being used to hire young people. (8-13-76)**
- 537. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will not authorize the purchase of the Cleveland Arena on the grounds that the city will not bail out private enterprises for a bad business deal. (8-15-76)**

- 538. Mayor Perk is informed that Nick Mileti plans to demolish the Cleveland Arena and that the city's Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller will in all probability redirect federal funds which might have been used to buy this structure towards other neighborhood developments. (8-16-76)**
- 539. Mayor Perk is criticized for his anti-abortion stance by the press which claims that the majority of the GOP Platform Committee favors it. (8-17-76)**
- 540. Mayor Perk disagrees with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who argues that the recent attack on the McFaul campaign by Cleveland Police Chief Lloyd Garey is politically motivated. (8-17-76)**
- 541. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that Cleveland City Council has finally approved the new 30-year leases at Cleveland Hopkins Airport which will help to finance the \$55m airport expansion that is underway. (8-17-76)**
- 542. Mayor Perk may be forced to layoff classified city employees due to recent economic downturns. (8-18-76)**
- 543. Mayor Perk throws out the first ball at the Cleveland Indians and Kansas City Royals game in Kansas City. (8-18-76)**
- 544. Mayor Perk addresses the National Conference of Republican Mayors in Kansas City. (8-18-76).**

- 545. Mayor Perk is ordered by Common Pleas court Judge George J. McMonagle to become directly involved in the contemplated layoff of up to 500 city workers including the illegal layoff of Deputy Air Pollution Commissioner Robert Herrmann on economic grounds. (8-18-76)**
- 546. Mayor Perk is told by the GOP leadership that Cleveland's vacillation convinced the party to hold its national convention in Kansas City. (8-18-76)**
- 547. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella recommends that the Board of Control postpone for a week the awarding of an annual contract with Morton Salt Company to purchase 50,000 tons of rock salt based on whether that distributor is able to make speedy deliveries. (8-19-76)**
- 548. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella overrides the city's Service Director Robert Beasley who argues that Cleveland would save \$63,000 if it bought its rock salt from International Salt not Sterling Salt. (8-19-76)**
- 549. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland plans to host the annual meeting of the Prince Hall Shrine Assembly in 1980. (8-21-76)**
- 550. Mayor Perk is reassured when he reads a Plain Dealer editorial supporting his plan to layoff city-workers based on current city budget woes. (8-21-76)**
- 551. Mayor Perk's successful airport negotiations result in a 30-year \$100m financial plan which includes: \$55m for expansion, \$14m in outstanding general obligation bonds, \$11m in capitalized interest, \$3m for a replacement fund, \$8m for security, and \$9m for inflation. (8-22-76)**



- 552. Mayor Perk attacks Governor James Rhodes for recent allocations that city officials have not sought federal funds for parks and recreation for the past eleven years. (8-22-76)**
- 553. Mayor Perk is criticized for not securing \$700,000 in matching federal funds preventing the city from saving \$350,000 in current recreational programs and park renovations. (8-23-76)**
- 554. Mayor Perk learns that State Senator Charles L. Butts has introduced a resolution co-sponsored by the five other Cuyahoga County State Senators calling for a Legislative Service Commission study to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state park along the lake. (8-23-76)**
- 555. Mayor Perk attacks Governor Rhodes claiming that the governor treats Cleveland as a second rate city by his refusing to build a state office building here. (8-25-76)**
- 556. Mayor Perk plans to appoint a civic commission to campaign to bring the 1980 Republican and Democratic national conventions to Cleveland (8-25-76).**
- 557. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of Robert Bennett, James M. Carney, and William Tanner to this civic commission to bring national conventions here. (8-26-76)**

- 558. Mayor Perk announces that the city has won a federal competition worth \$241,800 and that the funds will go to the Buckeye Area Development Corporation for its Neighborhood Commercial Preservation Project which includes new benches, street planters, trees, and other physical amenities throughout the district. (8-26-76)**
- 559. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey's feud with Cleveland City Council President George Forbes heats up when Forbes threatens to cut police funds. (8-26-76)**
- 560. Mayor Perk insists that the current 280 MUNY-Light employees must be hired by CEI before any sale is finalized. (8-27-76)**
- 561. Mayor Perk announces that the odds are 50-50 that the city will sell MUNY-Light to CEI in the near future. (8-27-76)**
- 562. Mayor Perk responds to criticism of the city's failure to secure funding through the state for parks and recreation by saying that he relies on direct federal aid. (8-27-76)**
- 563. Mayor Perk is warned by the President of Local #1099 of the Municipal Foremen and Laborers Union Paul W. Wells that there will be major labor headaches if city layoffs only affect service department workers. (8-27-76)**
- 564. Mayor Perk announces that since 1972 the city has received \$1.4m from the Open Space Administration, a part of HUD. (8-27-76)**

- 565. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to meet with police officials to discuss pending legislation on police promotions. (8-27-76)**
- 566. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey is threatened with further budget cutbacks by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes unless he agrees to hire more police. (8-28-76)**
- 567. Mayor Perk predicts that the Cleveland School Board will appeal the desegregation ruling handed down by U.S. Judge Frank J. Battisti and that remedies other than forced busing will be considered. (8-31-76)**
- 568. Mayor Perk attends the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Amtrak station in back of city hall. (8-31-76)**
- 569. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey plans to suspend FOP President Richard Faragher and Cleveland Police Patrolman's Association President G. William McNea for their alleged involvement in the McFaul campaign. (8-31-76)**
- 570. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director and Chair of the Cleveland Regional Sewer District Raymond Kudukis leads the fight to oust the Cleveland Regional Sewer District Director Andrew Unger who he claims is not fulfilling the mission of the commission. (9-1-76)**

- 571. Mayor Perk learns that the Fraternal Order of Police and the Police Patrolmen's Association have sued Police Chief Lloyd Garey in U.S. District Court in an attempt to restrain him from suspending certain policemen based on department rules prohibiting political activity. (9-2-76)**
- 572. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Robert McCall has been indicted on grand theft allegedly he pocketed \$4,100 from an east side teacher. (9-3-76)**
- 573. Mayor Perk is closely following the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections probe of the McFaul campaign including police Lieutenant Edward A. McNamara's testimony that he paid a North Olmsted, OH caterer \$2,600 in cash for a May 20<sup>th</sup> police dinner benefit in behalf of McFaul. (9-3-76)**
- 574. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Mark L. Driscoll adds 200 more to the city's layoff list latest total nearly 700. (9-5-76)**
- 575. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Mark L. Driscoll justifies his latest layoffs saying it will head off a \$2m deficit by reducing the workforce from 13,300 in 1971 to 10,400 by 1977. (9-5-76)**
- 576. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella announces that the number affected by this layoff will be less than first announced. (9-5-76)**
- 577. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Zunt is not buying the arguments justifying the layoffs and that she intends to fight any and all layoffs. (9-5-76)**

- 578. Mayor Perk orders the city's personnel department to explore ways to reduce the number of proposed layoffs from nearly 700 employees to about 500. (9-5-76)**
- 579. Mayor Perk is considering asking for federal aid to prevent the expected layoffs. (9-5-76)**
- 580. Mayor Perk is informed by the Municipal Foremen and Laborers Union that it will strike on September 17<sup>th</sup> unless he rescinds the layoffs. (9-7-76)**
- 581. Mayor Perk is told that city policemen over the past several months have piled up deferred overtime pay worth \$10m. (9-7-76)**
- 582. Mayor Perk announces that the city and CEI have reached a tentative agreement whereby CEI would buy MUNY-Light for \$158,500,000 over a 30-year payment schedule. (9-8-76)**
- 583. Mayor Perk announces that if the CEI goes through then the city would drop its \$327m antitrust suit against CEI. (9-8-76)**
- 584. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes favors the CEI deal he sees MUNY-Light as a liability. (9-8-76)**
- 585. Mayor Perk is informed that a recent debacle over the proper way to clean the exterior of historic city hall may force the National Park Service to withhold its program funding; apparently, the city used sandblasting rather than water blasting in the cleaning process. (9-8-76)**

- 586. Mayor Perk in an attempt to disquiet opposition to his proposed cutback announces that he will order 10% pay cuts across the board and seek federal financial assistance. (9-9-76)**
- 587. Mayor Perk announces that United Airlines will add 1,000 jobs at Cleveland Hopkins Airport which will increase the airline's payroll here by \$33.5m annually. (9-9-76)**
- 588. Mayor Perk announces that Amtrak officials in Washington, D.C. are not opposed to a \$10m legislative request to transfer the passenger station from the Lakefront to Terminal Tower. (9-10-76)**
- 589. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella unveils a plan which will avert a city laborer's strike while reducing planned layoffs to 302 workers. (9-10-76)**
- 590. Mayor Perk's plan requires a 10% across the board salary cut; reallocation of Community Development contingency funds totaling \$950,000; mandatory retirement of city workers at age 65 not 70; and schedule re-assignments. (9-10-76)**
- 591. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul thinks that the current election probe will not adversely affect his chances of being elected sheriff in November. (9-11-76)**
- 592. Mayor Perk seeks \$100m in federal work grants for a number of city projects including improved health centers, recreation, streets, and other public services. (9-11-76)**

- 593. Mayor Perk's budget proposals are going to be scrutinized very carefully by Cleveland City Council so says Cleveland City Council President George Forbes. (9-12-76)**
- 594. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey is attacked by Cleveland City Council for not better protecting Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul following threats on his life. (9-13-76)**
- 595. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey is criticized further by Cleveland City Council for upholding special regulations barring religious and political discussions between the police and Cleveland City Council. (9-13-76)**
- 596. Mayor Perk defends Police Chief Lloyd Garey by reaffirming his order prohibiting police officials from meeting with public officials including Cleveland City Council without written consent. (9-14-76)**
- 597. Mayor Perk continues to boost Vincent Campanella the Republican candidate for Cuyahoga County Commissioner against the incumbent Robert E. Sweeney. (9-14-76)**
- 598. Mayor Perk is informed by the local press that the city's workforce is down 41 persons since he took office in 1971. (9-14-76)**
- 599. Mayor Perk is informed by County Administrator William Gaskill that the county will not approve Justice Center furniture for the city until city officials pay Cleveland's \$3.4m Justice Center debt. (9-14-76)**
- 600. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey issues an order allowing off-duty police to serve as drivers or bodyguards for political candidates. (9-15-76)**

- 601. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council is increasingly opposed to the sale of MUNY-Light do not think it is a good deal. (9-15-76)**
- 602. Mayor Perk receives the Department of Labor latest ruling that payments made by the city for a consulting job related to the Summer Youth Job Program and the issuance by the city of T-shirts to youth program recipients were illegal. (9-15-76)**
- 603. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella and his Human Resources and Economic Development Anthony A. Di Pietro deny any wrongdoing related to the Department of Labor's latest ruling. (9-15-76)**
- 604. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey, undaunted by Cleveland City Council who wants him to change police department operations, says he runs a "virtually corrupt free" department. (9-16-76)**
- 605. Mayor Perk understands that Police Lieutenant Edward A. McNamara, who told the Cuyahoga Board of Elections that he had organized a fund raising event for Gerald McFaul, has been demoted from Commander of the Burglary Robbery Unit to street patrol. (9-16-76)**
- 606. Mayor Perk is informed that the city commissioners are challenging the 10% pay cuts he authorized on the grounds that these cuts are unfair in that they only affect employees making more than \$17,500. (9-17-76)**
- 607. Mayor Perk learns that the city commissioners want to meet with him in closed session to present their cases for not reducing their salaries. (9-17-76)**



- 608. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland AFL/CIO Federation of Labor Executive Secretary Sebastian Lupica is calling for a PUCO investigation of the city's proposed sale of MUNY-Light to CEI. (9-17-76)**
- 609. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council is prepared to approve the bidding process for food service concessions at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (9-19-76)**
- 610. Mayor Perk announces that the city can expect to save about \$250,000 a year from these salary cuts and those commissioners who refuse to comply with his order may find themselves receiving permanent salary cuts. (9-19-76)**
- 611. Mayor Perk boosts the city's Law Director and GOP candidate Vincent Campanella for county commissioner over the incumbent Democrat Robert E. Sweeney. (9-19-76)**
- 612. Mayor Perk learns that the media is saying that the city's Civil Service Commission is little more than a puppet of political patronage. (9-20-76)**
- 613. Mayor Perk is accused of covering-up the recently released study which is critical of the city's Civil Service and Personnel System. (9-20-76)**
- 614. Mayor Perk is upset that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has barred reporters from attending the Cleveland City Council's Democratic Party caucus which is a direct violation of the state's new sunshine law. (9-21-76)**

- 615. Mayor Perk is angry when Cleveland City Council rejects his bid to divert \$930,000 in Community Development funds to avoid layoffs on the grounds that he blamed City Council for the layoffs. (9-21-76)**
- 616. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has overridden his earlier veto of the residency requirement ordinance. (9-21-76)**
- 617. Mayor Perk disagrees with critics who argue that the GOP holds the upper hand in city hiring and that this period is the worst for hiring since the spoils system of the 1930s. (9-21-76)**
- 618. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella makes it quite clear that the refusal of Cleveland City Council to divert Community Development funds to avoid layoffs means that an additional 100 workers will be furloughed. (9-21-76)**
- 619. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council is whittling away at requests from various groups who are seeking a share of the \$1.1m in Community Development funds. (9-22-76)**
- 620. Mayor Perk announces that the following groups will receive Community Development funding Collinwood Multipurpose Center and the Sterling Recreational Center will receive \$50,000 each, the proposed Idalia Playground will get \$70,000, and the Police Athletic League will receive anywhere from \$60,000 to \$100,000. (9-22-76)**

- 621. Mayor Perk is informed that the Transit Coordinating Committee has approved the \$124m capital improvement program submitted by RTA over the objections of the Planning Director Norm Krumholz who claims that this program does not set priorities or consider where local funding might be raised for its various projects. (9-22-76)**
- 622. Mayor Perk understands that the Ohio Elections Commission plans to investigate whether there was a deliberate attempt to hide loans made by businessman James M. Carney to Gerald McFaul's campaign for sheriff. (9-23-76)**
- 623. Mayor Perk backs Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo as a write-in candidate for sheriff. (9-24-76)**
- 624. Mayor Perk announces that the Federal Aviation Administration has awarded the city a \$1.3m grant to purchase new technology instruments at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (9-24-76)**
- 625. Mayor Perk is informed that the Fraternal Order of Police has accused Police Chief Lloyd Garey of violating the Constitutional rights of at least 75 police officers during the McFaul probe and also of trying to destroy its union. (9-24-76)**
- 626. Mayor Perk is told that Police Chief Lloyd Garey will not allow those police officers the right of counsel during their interrogation. (9-24-76)**
- 627. Mayor Perk learns that the Ohio Elections Commission may not take any action on questionable loans made by Cleveland businessman James M. Carney to the McFaul campaign until after the elections. (9-24-76)**

- 628. Mayor Perk announces that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual New Year's Eve celebration in Public Square will not be held due to financial and security reasons. (9-25-76)**
- 629. Mayor Perk confirms rumors that Police Chief Lloyd Garey and former Chief Gerald Rademaker were asked earlier this week to run as write-in candidates for sheriff. (9-25-76)**
- 630. Mayor Perk's veto of an ordinance permitting city workers to discuss religion and politics and allowing them to meet with public officials angers Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who threatens to block the proposed sale of \$28.5m in bonds next week. (9-25-76)**
- 631. Mayor Perk is informed by the U.S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration that the city's proposed people mover still qualifies for federal funds, the city wants \$50m. (9-25-76)**
- 632. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections in a surprising move allows Basil Russo to run for sheriff. (9-27-76)**
- 633. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. District Judge William K. Thomas ruled yesterday that Police Chief Lloyd Garey and former Police Chief Gerald Rademaker violated the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment by discriminating against minority police officers in both job assignments and transfer policies. (9-28-76)**

- 634. Mayor Perk understands that the Fraternal Order of Police has sued the city in Common Pleas court in the hope that the court will order city officials to fill 14 vacancies in currently in the police department. (9-28-76)**
- 635. Mayor Perk is told by Cuyahoga County Treasurer Francis E. Gaul that he intends to collect \$48,000 in back taxes owed by Nick Mileti the present owner of the Cleveland Arena. (9-28-76)**
- 636. Mayor Perk knows that Nick Mileti bought the Cleveland Arena in 1968 for \$1.5m and that he mortgaged it for \$950,000 with U.S. Realty. (9-28-76)**
- 637. Mayor Perk is informed that Nick Mileti wants to auction the Cleveland Arena's contents, level the building, and sell off the land. (9-28-76)**
- 638. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey in response to Judge Thomas's ruling says that he has always placed the best qualified people in all police positions. (9-28-76)**
- 639. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella protests Cleveland City Council's refusal to issue \$5m in notes to pay a part of Cleveland's share of the Justice Center cost even though the city has a contract with the county that requires such payment. (9-28-76)**
- 640. Mayor Perk is honored when the Knights of Columbus name its current class of membership initiates the "Sir Ralph J. Perk Class." (9-29-76)**

- 641. Mayor Perk in a last ditched effort to prevent Cleveland City Council from withholding the sale of \$25.8m in city bonds calls for Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and Police Chief Lloyd Garey to meet in a mid-day session to iron out their differences. (9-29-76)**
- 642. Mayor Perk, prompted by possible legal action, relents on his earlier statement requiring all city workers earning more than \$17,500 annually to take a 10% pay cut instead he asks all such employees to donate 10% of their net pay annually to the city. (9-29-76)**
- 643. Mayor Perk is informed that the U.S. Office of Revenue Sharing is about to probe into the allegedly improper use of revenue sharing funds by the city for police operations. (9-30-76)**
- 644. Mayor Perk, seeing a potential violation of Clevelanders Constitutional rights to travel freely on publically-owned streets both inside and outside their municipality, plans to sue the City of Shaker Heights, OH over blocked streets. (9-30-76)**
- 645. Mayor Perk's Law Director and GOP candidate for county commission challenges the integrity of the Democratic incumbent Robert Sweeney by criticizing him for taking a Mediterranean junket at taxpayers expense while a lame duck Congressman ten years ago. (9-30-76)**
- 646. Mayor Perk's new tax abatement formula is predicated on a graduated scale (0-5 yrs. only the existing taxes on the land/bldg; 5-10 yrs. 25% of new taxes; 10-14 yrs. 50% of new taxes; 15-19 yrs. 75% of new taxes; 20+ yrs. 100% of new taxes). (10-1-76)**

- 647. Mayor Perk hopes to receive sufficient funds to build a city hall annex and a world trade center with proceeds from a \$3.9m federal public works program. (10-1-76)**
- 648. Mayor Perk expresses interest in State Senator's Charles Butt's crusade to build a multimillion dollar Lakefront Park here. (10-1-76)**
- 649. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey charges both the President of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association William J. McNea and the President of the Fraternal Order of Police Richard J. Faragher with playing politics. (10-1-76)**
- 650. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council President George Forbes ends his block of the \$25m city bond sale and Cleveland City Council approves it. (10-1-76)**
- 651. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland regional Sewer District will pay the city \$30,000 for equipment it has used free for the last eight months. (10-1-76)**
- 652. Mayor Perk understands that the local Democratic Party beset by financial problems may be forced to close its headquarters. (10-1-76)**
- 653. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. District Court Judge John M. Manos has struck down as unconstitutional a city regulation that prohibits Cleveland police from discussing politics and religion; however, he upholds as constitutional a city regulation that prohibits partisan political activity by police. (10-1-76)**

- 654. Mayor Perk is told that Paul Tkacz, an independent candidate for state representative from the 6<sup>th</sup> district, has filed a suit in Common Pleas court seeking to prevent Cleveland City Council President George Forbes from closing Cleveland City Council caucuses to the media. (10-1-76)**
- 655. Mayor Perk understands that Cuyahoga County Auditor George Voinovich supports Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo for sheriff. (10-2-76)**
- 656. Mayor Perk is upset when Police Chief Garey vows to quit if the federal court orders him to end discrimination against minority police officers is reversed on appeal. (10-2-76)**
- 657. Mayor Perk reprimands Police Chief Lloyd Garey for threatening to quit unless a federal court ruling charging the Cleveland Police Department with discrimination is overturned. (10-5-76)**
- 658. Mayor Perk announces that he will appeal last week's federal court decision declaring there is discrimination against minority policemen in the Police Department and ordering it stopped immediately. (10-5-76)**
- 659. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes wants peace between Cleveland City Council and the mayor. (10-5-76)**
- 660. Mayor Perk will comply with the federal court ruling declaring police discrimination; however, he will appeal the decision based on a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that "unequal distribution of minorities is not a prima facie case" of discrimination. (10-5-76)**



- 661. Mayor Perk urges lower shipping rates for inland ports like Cleveland so that they might directly compete with East Coast cities. (10-5-76)**
- 662. Mayor Perk is informed that the recent flooding occurring along the Euclid Creek was due in large part to recent overbuilding in the suburbs. (10-5-76)**
- 663. Mayor Perk is informed that County Administrator William Gaskill has been appointed chair of a special task force seeking to resolve the continual flooding problems along the Euclid Creek. (10-5-76)**
- 664. Mayor Perk requests U.S. Representatives Charles Vanik and Louis Stokes to sponsor legislation for about \$61m in emergency flood control and sewer projects. (10-5-76)**
- 665. Mayor Perk learns from the city's Police Chief Lloyd Garey that Patrolman Joseph McManamon may be suspended from the force for allegedly violating civil service rules by agreeing to run for sheriff. (10-6-76)**
- 666. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey announces the suspension of Patrolman Joseph McManamon, a twenty year member of the force, until a hearing is held with Cleveland Safety Director James T. Carney. (10-7-76)**
- 667. Mayor Perk meets with a dozen councilmen in the hope of ending the feud between his administration and the city's lawmakers. (10-7-76)**
- 668. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is weary and may not seek re-election to his present Cleveland City Council post. (10-7-76)**

- 669. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey in a similar matter does not suspend five officers who attended a convention in which political endorsements were made. (10-7-76)**
- 670. Mayor Perk is told that the Cleveland Arena's equipment is being auctioned off. (10-8-76)**
- 671. Mayor Perk understands that the President of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association William McNea is going to appeal the charges leveled against him by Police Chief Garey on the grounds that the chief is trying to destroy his union. (10-9-76)**
- 672. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella meets with the Chief of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Treasury Malaku Steen and one of his civil rights specialists Horace Burnett to discuss current city employment practices. (10-9-76)**
- 673. Mayor Perk will go travel to Washington, D.C. tomorrow to seek federal aid for the elderly from HUD Secretary Carla A. Hills and to give campaign advice to President Ford on the importance of the ethnic vote. (10-10-76)**
- 674. Mayor Perk wants the Ohio General Assembly to make it a felony with a mandatory jail sentence for anyone convicted twice for soliciting and prostitution. (10-10-76)**
- 675. Mayor Perk meets with a local business group called the Greater Cleveland Motel and Hotel Association who want him to support its demand that the Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau be totally revamped. (10-10-76)**

- 676. Mayor Perk introduces legislation in Cleveland City Council which calls for the sale of MUNY-Light to CEI. (10-12-76)**
- 677. Mayor Perk's MUNY-Light legislation stipulates that the city receives an immediate payment from CEI totaling \$38.5m and then annual payments of \$4m for the next thirty years. (10-12-76)**
- 678. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey issues an order saying that the police department will pursue any and all serious crimes committed in the city even if the victim or victims decide not to prosecute. (10-12-76)**
- 679. Mayor Perk continues to support citywide inoculation against swine flu even though three deaths were reported in Pittsburgh, PA immediately following vaccination. (10-13-76)**
- 680. Mayor Perk learns that the Ohio Teamsters have endorsed Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul for sheriff. (10-14-76)**
- 681. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey receives bitter criticism from the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor for suspending leaders of two police unions for their political activity since his actions impinge upon their freedom of speech as guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution. (10-14-76)**
- 682. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission Norman Krumholz is pleased when Cleveland City Council approves a proposal allowing the city to acquire thousands of tax delinquent abandonment parcels virtually free with the idea of selling these repackaged sites for sale to developers. (10-15-76)**

- 683. Mayor Perk may be questioned in the Richard Faragher hearings about how the city used the Civil Service Commission to promote workman compensation campaigns. (10-15-76)**
- 684. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey announces that 112 police officers will be transferred. (10-15-76)**
- 685. Mayor Perk promises there will be no snow removal problems this winter. (10-17-76)**
- 686. Mayor Perk announces the appointment of Nicholas Bucur to serve as the new Manager of International Trade at a salary of \$26,300 annually. (10-18-76)**
- 687. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council has passed a motion allowing all city workers the right to an attorney at any and all disciplinary hearings which is a direct attack against Police Chief Lloyd Garey's order forbidding such representation. (10-19-76)**
- 688. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe receives congratulations from the press on selling all of the \$91m of the city's airport expansion bonds at an average interest rate of 7.05%. (10-20-76)**
- 689. Mayor Perk meets First Lady Betty Ford at Cleveland Hopkins Airport she is here for an overnight campaign visit. (10-22-76)**
- 690. Mayor Perk supports RTA's proposed \$124m capital improvement campaign the same campaign harshly criticized by the city's Planning Director Norman Krumholz earlier. (10-22-76)**

- 691. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey orders a complete investigation into a series of violent events that indicate a power struggle within the local organized crime syndicate. (10-23-76)**
- 692. Mayor Perk presents the keys to the city to Congressman Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill. (10-25-76)**
- 693. Mayor Perk endorses Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Rose Oakar for Congress. (10-25-76)**
- 694. Mayor Perk proclaims this Friday as "Bob Hope's World of Comedy Day." (10-26-76)**
- 695. Mayor Perk learns that Common Pleas Judge John T. Patton has ordered the city to promote 20 police officers to higher ranks and higher salaries such action. (10-26-76)**
- 696. Mayor Perk expresses concern regarding Judge Patton's ruling in that it sets an uneasy precedent by which the city will be able, in certain instances, to sidetrack the Civil Service Commission by using this same tactic. (10-26-76)**
- 697. Mayor Perk understands that Police Chief Lloyd Garey's motion to transfer 113 police officers has been rescinded by Cleveland City Council part of an ongoing feud between Garey and Forbes. (10-26-76)**
- 698. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey reassigns eighty Tactical Unit patrolmen to zone car duty as a way of curbing street crime. (10-28-76)**

- 699. Mayor Perk's son Thomas yells foul when the incumbent State Representative Patrick Sweeney prints an unofficial health department brochure "Influenza '76" featuring his picture on the cover. (10-29-76)**
- 700. Mayor Perk vetoes legislation yesterday that guaranteed all city employees the right to legal counsel in disciplinary hearings he claimed it usurped powers reserved for the executive branch. (10-29-76)**
- 701. Mayor Perk learns that Common Pleas Judge Joseph J. Nahra has overturned an earlier ruling made by the Cuyahoga Board of Elections allowing Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo to run for sheriff as a write-in candidate. (10-30-76)**
- 702. Mayor Perk suggests hosting a regional workshop for mayors in order to discuss new, effective ways in which suburban school systems might override any court order requiring school busing between districts. (10-31-76)**
- 703. Mayor Perk's idea for such a regional meeting is a direct reaction to U.S. District Court Judge Frank J. Battisti's recent ruling that both Cleveland and state school officials actively promote racial segregation within their respective school districts. (10-31-76)**
- 704. Mayor Perk is told not to intervene in the school busing issue; it is a school board responsibility only. (11-1-76)**
- 705. Mayor Perk is criticized by a member of the Ohio State Board of Education Walter A. Burk for calling an area-wide mayoral meeting to discuss how they might be able to avoid any court plan requiring forced busing. (11-1-76)**

- 706. Mayor Perk learns that Common Pleas Judge Paul E. Riley has declared the city's residency requirement law invalid it conflicts with the city charter. (11-2-76)**
- 707. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Gerald McFaul has been elected sheriff 264,487 McFaul and 146,415 Kreiger. (11-3-76)**
- 708. Mayor Perk's two sons Ralph Jr. and Thomas lose their respective races. (11-3-76)**
- 709. Mayor Perk learns that Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan found no evidence warranting criminal prosecution of the police officers involved in the dinner and raffle on behalf of Gerald McFaul. (11-4-76)**
- 710. Mayor Perk realizes that the election of Jimmy Carter as our nation's next president may hinder his chances to gain much needed federal funding. (11-4-76)**
- 711. Mayor Perk minimizes the impact high fines on industrial pollution may play in relocating major steel corporations. (11-5-76)**
- 712. Mayor Perk understands that the reluctance of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to endorse the administration's proposed real estate abatement plan stems from mounting public opposition to it. (11-5-76)**
- 713. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved hiking the limousine fare from \$2.25 to \$3.25 in order to save the service. (11-5-76)**

- 714. Mayor Perk meets with Safety Director James T. Carney who informs him that all charges against the police union officials who raised funds for McFaul's campaign must wait until the city's Law Department makes a ruling. (11-6-76)**
- 715. Mayor Perk announces that the Western Reserve Manpower Consortium has received a \$211,750 grant which is targeted towards the elimination of duplicate unemployment programs (11-7-76)**
- 716. Mayor Perk is criticized by the media for trying to host an area-wide mayoral brainstorming session to see what action might be taken to fight school busing, it's pointless. (11-7-76)**
- 717. Mayor Perk revises his earlier stance on the residency requirement by saying that he will uphold the law with certain exceptions. (11-7-76)**
- 718. Mayor Perk further explains that qualified workers drawn from the ranks of the Civil Service Commission will be hired for city jobs regardless of their residency. (11-7-76)**
- 719. Mayor Perk asks Cleveland City Council to erect a new \$1m footbridge that would connect the new Municipal Parking Lot along the south side of the Shoreway with the new Utilities Building located at the northeast corner of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Lakeside Avenue. (11-8-76)**
- 720. Mayor Perk is told by Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich that the MUNY-Light plant sale is a rip off, the biggest local swindle ever. (11-8-76)**



- 721. Mayor Perk discovers that two Cleveland City Councilmen and the Cuyahoga County Clerk are among 1,303 owners of automobiles who owe the state of Ohio \$1.7m in auto license plate fees. (11-8-76)**
- 722. Mayor Perk seeks \$95m in U.S. Economic Development Administration public works funds for the following projects: city hall annex and World Trade Center \$5m; Warrensville Workhouse improvements \$4.8m; Public Hall renovations \$4.9m; city hall renovations \$4.9m; street resurfacing \$9.1m; and water system improvements \$5m. (11-8-76)**
- 723. Mayor Perk is informed that the GOP is considering endorsing Vincent Campanella for Cuyahoga County Auditor in the next election. (11-9-76)**
- 724. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis announces that Cuyahoga Disposal Incorporated, an associate of Municipal Power Source, would like to bid on MUNY-Light. (11-9-76)**
- 725. Mayor Perk understands that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich wants the voters to approve the proposed sale of MUNY-Light saying that it is a city asset. (11-10-76)**
- 726. Mayor Perk agrees with the media that Cleveland City Council should sign-off on the MUNY-Light deal. (11-10-76)**
- 727. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Robert C. McCall who is indicted on two counts of grand theft has agreed to pay the state the \$35,412.50 he owes for overdue license plates. (11-10-76)**

- 728. Mayor Perk reviews a recent study conducted by the former MUNY-Light Commissioner and current Ohio Municipal Electric Association employee Warren Hinchee indicating that the city's reluctance to fund MUNY-Light properly has been the light company's undoing. (11-10-76)**
- 729. Mayor Perk announces that Cuyahoga Disposal Company has offered the same \$158.5m deal as CEI for MUNY-Light; however, unlike CEI, Cuyahoga Disposal will return the light plant to the city in thirty years. (11-11-76)**
- 730. Mayor Perk learns that the 15-ton Clarence E. Van Duzer sculpture for Cleveland Hopkins Airport will cost \$69,000. (11-12-76)**
- 731. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis and Labor Advisor Michael Rini argue that the Cuyahoga Disposal Company's proposal sounds like it could work. (11-12-76)**
- 732. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey claims it's too early to judge the effectiveness of having more police cars on the streets during peak crime hours in reducing crime. (11-13-76)**
- 733. Mayor Perk learns that his labor advisor Michael Rini is a close associate of persons linked to Cuyahoga Disposal Corporation, the company seeking to lease MUNY-Light. (11-13-76)**
- 734. Mayor Perk is pushing his son Ralph Perk Jr. to run for Cuyahoga County Auditor in the upcoming election. (11-14-76)**

- 735. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella loses in his bid for Cuyahoga County Commissioner. (11-14-76)**
- 736. Mayor Perk pushes son Ralph Jr. as county auditor. (11-14-76)**
- 737. Mayor Perk expects federal aid to be about \$60m annually under Presidential-elect Jimmy Carter. (11-14-76)**
- 738. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis reverses his earlier positive stance by saying that he now thinks Cuyahoga Disposal would be unable to finance the MUNY-Light deal. (11-14-76)**
- 739. Mayor Perk agrees with Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis that Cuyahoga Disposal Company would be unable to finance and operate MUNY-Light after that corporation purposely falsified data on its application form. (11-15-76)**
- 740. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey needs to further analyze the proposal to hire private airport guards before he can express an opinion on that idea. (11-15-76)**
- 741. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council sidetracked legislation yesterday to appraise MUNY-Light because it felt that passage of that bill might be construed as an eagerness to sell the utility. (11-16-76)**
- 742. Mayor Perk is angered when he learns that United Airlines is having trouble with Cleveland City Council in securing an additional five year lease option on its new regional headquarters building at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (11-16-76)**

- 743. Mayor Perk is told that the legality of the entire United Airlines lease at Cleveland Hopkins Airport is questioned by Cleveland City Council. (11-16-76)**
- 744. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis spurns the Cuyahoga Disposal Corporation bid for MUNY-Light on the grounds that the company in question does not have the credibility or financial stability needed to operate the electric facility. (11-16-76)**
- 745. Mayor Perk remains undecided as to whether he should fire or transfer his long-time friend Ports Director Andrew Putka because of a recent dispute with the newly hired Airport Commissioner Carl Johnson that led him to resign. (11-17-76)**
- 746. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is hell bent on repealing the safety forces automatic 3% pay raise which he thinks kills initiative. (11-17-76)**
- 747. Mayor Perk is informed by the Recording Secretary of the Ohio Conference of Teamsters Jackie Presser that his union intends to campaign to organize the local police if the state decides to enact public employees collective bargaining next year. (11-17-76)**
- 748. Mayor Perk learns that William J. McNea has been elected President of the 1,100 member Cleveland Patrolmen's Association for the third time. (11-18-76)**
- 749. Mayor Perk is told the Municipal Courts Clerk Dennis Kucinich has led a rally of 200 supporters who want to save MUNY-Light. (11-18-76)**

- 750. Mayor Perk receives a letter from a Cleveland School Board Member William T. White who wants to know why he favors a tax abatement ordinance that may mean the loss of millions of dollars of real estate tax revenue for the schools. (11-18-76)**
- 751. Mayor Perk is informed by the Planning Commission that a public hearing on selling MUNY-Light will be held in its offices today. (11-19-76)**
- 752. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland is one of 11 cities being considered for a \$50m elevated monorail project by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. (11-21-76)**
- 753. Mayor Perk is informed by the feds that Cleveland needs to speed-up its urban spending it has only spent \$9.1m out of \$32m. (11-22-76)**
- 754. Mayor Perk has been asked to meet with Shaker Heights, OH officials to discuss the controversial Lomond-Sussex traffic rerouting plan. (11-23-76)**
- 755. Mayor Perk receives a communiqué from Cuyahoga County Commissioners saying that if the city should sell MUNY-Light then the county should be credited for the cost of installing and maintaining a dual electrical system in the new Justice Center. (11-23-76)**
- 756. Mayor Perk is told that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich and his allies have attacked Cleveland City Council for trying to sell MUNY-Light in the hope that the courts will strike down the Planning Commission's approval of its sale. (11-23-76)**

- 757. Mayor Perk uses a golden trowel to lay the cornerstone of the new Cleveland Hopkins passenger terminal at a special groundbreaking ceremony yesterday. (11-24-76)**
- 758. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes have agreed to propose legislation that would move the city's Recreational Department to the Cleveland Arena which would pave the way for a \$1.2m sale of the arena to a group headed by a Lyndhurst realtor named Rocco Neri. (11-25-76)**
- 759. Mayor Perk said that the city's Recreation Department would pay \$1.00 per year rent on the Cleveland Arena with a ten-year option. (11-25-76)**
- 760. Mayor Perk understands that Sheriff-elect Gerald McFaul is seeking funding from the Cleveland Foundation to investigate the county's Budget Commission's proposed staff increases for the sheriff department. (11-25-76)**
- 761. Mayor Perk wants a meeting with President-elect Jimmy Carter before inauguration day. (11-27-76)**
- 762. Mayor Perk is informed that a storm is brewing between the city and Local 1099 of the Municipal Forman and Laborers Union over the failure of city officials to recall 68 furloughed laborers and if left unresolved may jeopardize future snow removal. (11-27-76)**
- 763. Mayor Perk seeks \$2.6m in federal funds to improve the major dock located at the north end of West 9<sup>th</sup> Street. (11-27-76)**

- 764. Mayor Perk meets with President Ford in the hope of securing a \$40m federal grant to erect a new monorail in downtown Cleveland. (11-30-76)**
- 765. Mayor Perk supports amending the current Cleveland, RTA, and Cuyahoga County Memorandum of Agreement so that RTA may run the people mover. (12-1-76)**
- 766. Mayor Perk's Law Director Vincent Campanella and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes are sure that CEI will honor its earlier commitment to buy MUNY-Light for \$158m even if the expiration date for purchasing the system has expired. (12-1-76)**
- 767. Mayor Perk's Dog Warden George Buehl hopes to raise \$50,000 for his new kennel. (12-1-76)**
- 768. Mayor Perk announces that the city plans to buy Fenway Hall in University Circle for \$130,000 as way of helping CWRU offset recent financial losses. (12-1-76)**
- 769. Mayor Perk disagrees with a recent study conducted by Dr. David T. Stanley of the Academy for Contemporary Problems Brookings Institute that claims Cleveland is heading for a financial collapse similar to the one affecting New York City in 1975. (12-1-76)**
- 770. Mayor Perk reassures some of his colleagues that the MUNY-Light sale is not dead since CEI has not pulled the plug on it. (12-2-76)**
- 771. Mayor Perk's administration is investigating the possibility of issuing city revenue bonds in order to buy the \$3.4m mortgage owed on the financial failing Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. (12-2-76)**

- 772. Mayor Perk is informed that the EPA has cited the MUNY-Light plant for violating acceptable Sulfur Dioxide levels. (12-2-76)**
- 773. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey claims that the Cleveland police department arrests men as well as women for prostitution. (12-3-76)**
- 774. Mayor Perk unveils his "Twenty-Point Economic Development Program." (12-4-76)**
- 775. Mayor Perk's Twenty-Point Economic Development Program calls for establishing the following: a community development corporation, a land bank, a land use task force, intra-city industrial parks, an equitable tax abatement system, greater cooperation between the Community and Economic departments, and host more meetings with local CEOs. (12-5-76)**
- 776. Mayor Perk's new plan also includes creating a Business Advisory Council, better utilizing retired businessmen and professionals as consultants, establishing a new Cleveland Commission of young executives who advise the mayor, drawing on expertise from leaders outside Cleveland, and supporting a new Office of International Trade. (12-5-76)**
- 777. Mayor Perk's final program recommendations include the following: creating a Technical Advisory Committee on Economic Development, establishing a Reinvestment Task Force, promoting a city-wide 3% loan program for home rehabilitation, enforcing accelerated demolition programs, and appointing a new Economic Development Commission. (12-5-76)**



- 778. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe is currently considering filing a suit against David Stanley over a study he authored which claimed that Cleveland suffers from inept financial leadership. (12-5-76)**
- 779. Mayor Perk along with the Greater Cleveland Growth Association has targeted two areas for new industrial development: Lee-Seville and along Penn Central tracks near West 130<sup>th</sup> Street. (12-6-76)**
- 780. Mayor Perk announces that officials from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration will be here tomorrow in order to discuss Cleveland's plans for a new \$50m people mover for downtown. (12-6-76)**
- 781. Mayor Perk congratulates the Executive Director of the Playhouse Square Foundation Gordon E. Bell on receiving a \$20,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation. (12-8-76)**
- 782. Mayor Perk receives a less than promising report from the law firm of Kohrman and Jackson suggesting that the city would only net \$28.1m from the MUNY-Light deal after all accrued debts had been paid off. (12-9-76)**
- 783. Mayor Perk's plan to erect a new \$2m Recreational Center at the corner of West 117<sup>th</sup> Street and Linnett Avenue was scuttled by Cleveland City Council. (12-9-76)**
- 784. Mayor Perk is angered when the media attacks his Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller for continuing to hold public hearing weeks after Community Development Block grants have been completed. (12-9-76)**

- 785. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller response to media criticism by saying that these additional public hearings provide her the opportunity to explain what her department is currently doing to improve Cleveland. (12-9-76)**
- 786. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Mark Driscoll announces that the city has not received any bids on its \$100,000 employee honesty insurance package. (12-10-76)**
- 787. Mayor Perk opposes a reduction in sentence for Richard N. Robbins who orchestrated the racially motivated slaying of Marlene Steele in 1969. (12-12-76)**
- 788. Mayor Perk's victory in Cleveland City Council to exclude lie detector tests from both police entrance exams and police promotional exams has prompted him to use federal funds to hire 53 new patrol officers with federal funds. (12-13-76).**
- 789. Mayor Perk understands that Dennis Kucinich is charging that city hall is trying to force the sale of MUNY-Light by not allowing other city departments pay their electric bills on time to the troubled utility. (12-13-76)**
- 790. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Patrick J. Henry resigns to become the new Civic Affairs Program Officer at the Cleveland Foundation. (12-14-76)**
- 791. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and Cleveland City Councilman Gary Kucinich were involved in a heated debate regarding ethics stemming from a recent incident involving the Greater Cleveland Growth Association. (12-14-76)**

- 792. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes intends to suspend Cleveland City Councilman Gary Kucinich for his outburst at the last council meeting even though Forbes may not have the legal right to suspend Gary Kucinich. (12-15-76)**
- 793. Mayor Perk is absent from a big cities mayoral gathering in Atlanta, GA called to discuss new approaches and strategies designed to help them gain some of the \$3.5b in emergency federal funds available for public works. (12-14-76)**
- 794. Mayor Perk announces that the city plans to end its \$1.9m contract with a local manpower agency known as AIM-JOBS based on that agency's alleged misuse of funds. (12-14-76)**
- 795. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council is strongly against the MUNY-Light sale based on recent negative information that has surfaced. (12-15-76)**
- 796. Mayor Perk is advised by Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo to fill the three vacancies on the city's three-member Ethics Board, a group which had been inactive since 1971. (12-16-76)**
- 797. Mayor Perk learns that what prompted Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo to suggest the rejuvenation of the Ethics Board was that it would be an ideal conduit for investigating rules of conduct as pertaining to city workers. (12-16-76)**

- 798. Mayor Perk understands that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Director Robert W. Teater's latest budget request includes \$5m in capital improvement funds and \$2m in operating funds targeted for Cleveland park development. (12-17-76)**
- 799. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes thinks that the proposed Cuyahoga Community College-East Campus plan falls short in that it fails to address minority problems. (12-17-76)**
- 800. Mayor Perk is to lead this year's Christmas Parade in a stagecoach pulled by horses. (12-17-76)**
- 801. Mayor Perk gains much needed labor support after rescinding his opposition to state-operated parks in Cleveland. (12-18-76)**
- 802. Mayor Perk paints the town red with a full day of ethnic parties. (12-19-76)**
- 803. Mayor Perk admits a murky outlook for the MUNY-Light sale even though his administration still supports the deal. (12-19-76)**
- 804. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council when it hikes its own annual pay from \$12,500 to \$18,000 and his annual pay from \$35,000 to \$50,000. (12-21-76)**
- 805. Mayor Perk also supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to reduce the size of Cleveland City Council from 33 to 21. (12-21-76)**
- 806. Mayor Perk is awarded a \$41m federal grant to build the highly controversial downtown people mover. (12-22-76)**

- 807. Mayor Perk receives an 11 hour offer from American Municipal Power Ohio to stay-off the impending sale of MUNY-Light to CEI. (12-22-76)**
- 808. Mayor Perk explains that under this special arrangement American Municipal Power will manage MUNY-Light for five years with Cleveland getting either 20% of the net revenues or \$600,000 whichever is the lesser amount, or this outside utility will sign a 30-year lease worth \$58.5m with the city getting a reduced street lighting cost after 15-years. (12-22-76)**
- 809. Mayor Perk announces that the city will be receiving federal funds totaling \$4.99m for Public Hall renovations. (12-23-76)**
- 810. Mayor Perk is considering closing MUNY-Light pending its sale. (12-29-76)**
- 811. Mayor Perk announces that the Willard Garage will be open and free for New Years Eve party goers. (12-30-76)**

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- 1. Mayor Perk secured \$16m in CDBG funding for the city last year. (1-1-77)**
- 2. Mayor Perk supports U.S. Representative Elect Mary Rose Oakar who is protesting the inequities in federal public works grants to cities with high unemployment such as Cleveland. (1-1-77)**
- 3. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Citizens League supports the plan proposed by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to shrink the size of council and to extend council's term-length. (1-1-77)**
- 4. Mayor Perk, wanting to close the MUNY-Light plant, rejects the American Municipal Power Association plan to lease that facility for 30-years at \$58.5m. (1-3-77)**
- 5. Mayor Perk's Budget Manager Warren Riebe warns that a layoff of 1,000 city workers looms in the horizon if the city is forced to pay CEI the \$9.5m it owes. (1-4-77)**
- 6. Mayor Perk wins a favorable verdict in court when CEI is found guilty of rigging MUNY-Light's grid connections causing power failures. (1-4-77)**
- 7. Mayor Perk discovers that unlike most carriers MUNY-Light has no interconnection to other power grids. (1-4-77)**

- 8. Mayor Perk's court victory enables MUNY-Light to buy cheaper power from CEI, New York State, and other carriers over existing wires. (1-4-77)**
- 9. Mayor Perk learns that U.S. District Court Judge John M. Manos will be making a ruling later this month regarding the legality of suspending Gary Kucinich from Cleveland City Council. (1-6-77)**
- 10. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes are accused of cronyism for choosing ex-Cleveland City Councilman Charles Carr to serve on the RTA Board. (1-8-77)**
- 11. Mayor Perk is attacked by Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich who claims that he is trying to give MUNY-Light away to CEI. (1-8-77)**
- 12. Mayor Perk understands that the Executive Assistant to the Cuyahoga County GOP Chairman David R. Harbarger may withdraw as a candidate for County Auditor. (1-8-77)**
- 13. Mayor Perk is informed that CEI has gone to the U.S. District Court to add \$5.2m to the city's overdue electric bill making it \$14.7m. (1-8-77)**
- 14. Mayor Perk is told that the added cost is for electrical power supplied to the city from March through December 1976. (1-8-77)**
- 15. Mayor Perk announces that the feds have awarded RTA \$55.1m which will be targeted towards replacing 165 old buses and 60 rapid cars. (1-13-77)**

- 16. Mayor Perk wants Cleveland City Council to act quickly on the MUNY-Light deal failure to do so may lead to the city's financial ruin. (1-13-77)**
- 17. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that Cleveland City Council has rejected the MUNY-Light sale and that it is still pursuing its \$325m anti trust suit against CEI. (1-13-77)**
- 18. Mayor Perk testifies in Congress that the city's current high unemployment and inadequate tax revenue will require fast and generous federal aid. (1-14-77)**
- 19. Mayor Perk is angry when CEI demands that the city pay \$17.5m in unpaid bills now. (1-14-77)**
- 20. Mayor Perk unveils his new LDC program funded through Community Development Block Grants. (1-15-77)**
- 21. Mayor Perk announces that the LDC program will afford technical assistance to qualified groups who are able to prepare comprehensive plans for the revitalization of their own commercial areas. (1-15-77)**
- 22. Mayor Perk explains that seven of the fourteen LDC's are controlled by the city's Economic Development District while the others are under the auspices of the Economic Development Administration. (1-15-77)**
- 23. Mayor Perk sees the main purpose of LDC's to emphasize industrial unity and job stabilization while maintaining the residential character of its neighborhood. (1-15-77)**



- 24. Mayor Perk's son Ralph Jr. plans to withdraw from the County Auditor's race assuring Vincent Campanella's victory. (1-15-77)**
- 25. Mayor Perk learns that the city's Law Director Vincent Campanella edged out Deputy Cuyahoga County Auditor Robert B. Michalski on the 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot (485 votes to 436 votes) to become the new auditor. (1-16-77)**
- 26. Mayor Perk plans to close MUNY-Light's generating plant by April 1<sup>st</sup> because the cost of generating electricity in that plant exceeds profit. (1-16-77)**
- 27. Mayor Perk's church called Our Lady of the Loudres was vandalized. (1-17-77)**
- 28. Mayor Perk understands that the failure of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to bring the MUNY-Light sale up for a vote means that the deal is not dead. (1-18-77)**
- 29. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis contends that moisture and salt-spray emanating from the Cleveland Shoreway resulted in this morning's MUNY-Light power failure which affected more than 30,000 customers. (1-19-77)**
- 30. Mayor Perk along with other leading GOP mayors asks President Gerald R. Ford to run for President in 1980. (1-19-77)**
- 31. Mayor Perk will attend President-elect Jimmy Carter's inaugural. (1-19-77)**

- 32. Mayor Perk expects to get even more federal aid under the Carter administration. (1-20-77)**
- 33. Mayor Perk receives \$47m annually in federal revenue sharing and block grants which is targeted towards financing public services, community development projects, job programs, and other special anti-recession programs. (1-20-77)**
- 34. Mayor Perk understands that the Cleveland City Council's Public Safety Committee Chairman Caesar Moss wants to expand the city's current police gun code to increase its effectiveness. (1-20-77)**
- 35. Mayor Perk celebrates his 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. (1-23-77)**
- 36. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to save the city's highly profitable water system from suburbs who are attempting to divert it. (1-24-77)**
- 37. Mayor Perk proclaims next Saturday as the "Right to Life Day." (1-25-77)**
- 38. Mayor Perk is threatened by the Abortion Free League's founder William A. Baird with a law suit if he does not rescind his prolife proclamation. (1-25-77)**
- 39. Mayor Perk announces the awarding of a special contract to Monarch Energy Co. to drill five gas wells on city-owned land in Warrensville Township. (1-25-77)**

- 40. Mayor Perk learns that CEI has asked the feds to freeze all city bank accounts and MUNY-Light plant bill payments until the \$9.5m debt owed by the city is paid in full. (1-25-77)**
- 41. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes wants to disband the city's Ethics Board. (1-25-77)**
- 42. Mayor Perk created the Ethnics Board in 1964; however, it had not met since 1971. (1-25-77)**
- 43. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes sees the city's Ethics Board as nothing more than a meddling group intent on harassing public officials for the benefit of the press. (1-25-77)**
- 44. Mayor Perk contends that the MUNY-Light plant is bankrupt even though it recently paid the city's General Fund \$700,000 owed. (1-26-77)**
- 45. Mayor Perk faced with certain defeat from Cleveland City Council plans to drop plans to sell MUNY-Light to CEI. (1-26-77)**
- 46. Mayor Perk is informed that the U.S. Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has charged CEI with deliberately rigging interconnections causing MUNY-Light power failures and that CEI then tried to sign up MUNY-Light customers affected by the outages. (1-26-77)**

- 47. Mayor Perk's threat of condemnation leads CEI President Karl H. Rudolph to meet with him and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes in the hope of delaying further court action regarding the collection of the city's \$9.5m debt until March 15<sup>th</sup>. (1-27-77)**
- 48. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council are blamed for the failure of Cuyahoga Community College to purchase land for its new \$20m Eastern Campus. (1-27-77)**
- 49. Mayor Perk understands that Patrolman William McNea has filed a \$1.25m law suit against him, Police Chief Lloyd Garey, City Safety Director James Carney, and Inspector Steven Szereto contending that his constitutional rights were violated when he was forced to submit a written statement about his alleged campaign activities without the benefit of counsel. (1-28-77)**
- 50. Mayor Perk understands that MUNY-Light is requesting a 15% rate increase to generate an additional \$1.5m to \$2m this year. (1-28-77)**
- 51. Mayor Perk asks Cleveland City Council to grant him broad emergency powers to deal with disasters. (1-30-77)**
- 52. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Benny Bonanno has asked President Jimmy Carter not to name Cleveland City Council President George Forbes as a U.S. Attorney claiming that Forbes's unfair attacks on the Ethics Board show that he has no integrity. (1-30-77)**
- 53. Mayor Perk pays tribute to newspaper correspondent Robert W. Crater on his retirement from the Cleveland Press. (1-31-77)**

- 54. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has changed his mind on the MUNY-Light sale now he wants to sell it. (1-31-77)**
- 55. Mayor Perk will swear in Vincent Campanella as the new Cuyahoga County Auditor tomorrow. (2-1-77)**
- 56. Mayor Perk congratulates Lamson and Sessions on its acquisition of Youngstown Steel Door Company. (2-1-77)**
- 57. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is requesting CEI to include an additional \$20m upon the signing of the MUNY-Light sale with the added funding to cover MUNY-Light's total bonded debt. (2-1-77)**
- 58. Mayor Perk praises Cleveland City Council President George Forbes for supporting the MUNY-Light deal and feels very confident that the sale will occur soon. (2-1-77)**
- 59. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey lashes out at a controversial proposal made by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes to lower the police retirement age from 65 to 64 or 33 years of service whichever comes. (2-3-77)**
- 60. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilmen Robert Getz, John Lynch, and Earle Turner want to establish a county-wide disaster plan at an estimated cost of \$200,000. (2-3-77)**
- 61. Mayor Perk learns that the city plans to hire the local law firm of Bartunek, Bennett, Garofoli, and Hill to represent it in its fight with the suburbs over the Cleveland water system. (2-4-77)**

- 62. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has informed City Council that MUNY-Light bondholders are just about to declare the plant in default and to authorize foreclosure. (2-4-77)**
- 63. Mayor Perk suggests that RTA buy and operate the Yellow taxicab service. (2-6-77)**
- 64. Mayor Perk proposes bringing jai alai to Cleveland as a way of stimulating much needed revenue. (2-7-77)**
- 65. Mayor Perk is told by the State Examiner Donald R. Lesiak that city officials have been illegally destroying MUNY-Light and Water Division records since 1970. (2-8-77)**
- 66. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved \$350,000 for snow removal. (2-8-77)**
- 67. Mayor Perk receives \$254,000 from the U.S. Department of Labor to hire three hundred temporary laborers to remove ice and snow from the city's bridges. (2-8-77)**
- 68. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council is split over the MUNY-Light sale. (2-9-77)**
- 69. Mayor Perk learns that County Commissioners Robert Sweeney and George Voinovich oppose the People Mover contending that it is too costly. (2-10-77)**
- 70. Mayor Perk attacks County Commissioner Robert Sweeney for denouncing the \$50m People Mover. (2-11-77)**

- 71. Mayor Perk is informed by Federal Judge John M. Manos that Gary Kucinich's constitutional right to free speech had been violated when Cleveland City Council President George Forbes suspended him. (2-11-77)**
- 72. Mayor Perk learns that Senator Howard Metzenbaum wants the city to delay the MUNY-Light sale pending an investigation by the U.S. Attorney General's office.**
- 73. Mayor Perk is informed that this pending investigation is the result of CEI being found guilty of violating antitrust laws by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board. (2-12-77)**
- 74. Mayor Perk discovers that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes, in an attempt to make up the \$2m deficit caused by the county's refusal to support the People Mover, will ask Ohio Governor James Rhodes to help out in this effort. (2-13-77)**
- 75. Mayor Perk realizes that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes's support of the People Mover is based on a simple axiom the city cannot afford to turndown \$41m in federal funds that would generate much needed new jobs, taxes, and income. (2-13-77)**
- 76. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council will vote on the MUNY-Light sale on February 28<sup>th</sup>. (2-13-77)**
- 77. Mayor Perk introduces legislation in Cleveland City Council calling for the erection of a new \$1m hanger at Burke Lakefront Airport. (2-13-77)**

- 78. Mayor Perk learns that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich wants the Federal Power Commission to hold hearings on the proposed sale of MUNY-Light in the hope that these hearings will lead to a federal order prohibiting the sale. (2-15-77)**
- 79. Mayor Perk secures a \$4.9m federal grant targeted towards the renovation of Public Hall. (2-15-77)**
- 80. Mayor Perk is told that the city's recent snub of Cuyahoga Community College officials may foil that college's attempt to erect a new \$20m Eastern Campus. (2-16-77)**
- 81. Mayor Perk's Budget Director Warren Riebe contends that the city must sell MUNY-Light if it hopes to remain solvent. (2-16-77)**
- 82. Mayor Perk and U.S. Senator John Glenn are threatened by an ex-mental patient. (2-17-77)**
- 83. Mayor Perk supports the countywide effort to establish a new disaster preparedness agency with Cuyahoga County assuming 80% of the initial staff costs estimated at about \$50,000. (2-17-77)**
- 84. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will attack Senator Howard Metzenbaum in the black community if he follows through with his threat to vote against the candidacy of George Forbes for U.S. Attorney. (2-17-77)**



- 85. Mayor Perk supports Cleveland City Council President George Forbes who wants the public to vote on a 5 mills tax levy to save MUNY-Light on April 26<sup>th</sup>. (2-17-77)**
- 86. Mayor Perk will use the additional revenue from the 5 mills levy to pay-off the \$9.5m in unpaid electric bills. (2-17-77)**
- 87. Mayor Perk is upset when County Commissioner George Voinovich begins legal action against the city and RTA to stop the People Mover. (2-18-77)**
- 88. Mayor Perk understands that County Commissioner George Voinovich opposes the People Mover because it violates the 1974-75 city/community resolution and the memorandum of agreement which prohibited all federal subsidies including the erection of new subways/monorails in the city for at least five years. (2-18-77)**
- 89. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is issuing a call to local blacks to oppose Senator Howard Metzenbaum. (2-18-77)**
- 90. Mayor Perk may boycott a Greater Cleveland Growth Association meeting of Congressional leaders unless Senator Howard Metzenbaum apologizes to Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes for asking him to delay the MUNY-Light sale. (2-19-77)**
- 91. Mayor Perk agrees with Cleveland City Council George Forbes who wants to submit the pay formula for safety workers to the voters. (2-19-77)**

- 92. Mayor Perk expresses great confidence that Cleveland's share of community block grants will double during the Carter Administration. (2-19-77)**
- 93. Mayor Perk proposes putting the People Mover issue on the ballot as a referendum right after Cleveland City Council appropriates its initial funds. (2-20-77)**
- 94. Mayor Perk appoints a well-known East Side funeral director Pernel Jones to serve on the Cleveland Civil Service Commission he will replace Bruce Foster who joined the Ohio Lottery Commission. (2-21-77)**
- 95. Mayor Perk meets with several neighborhood and environmental action groups who oppose the sale of MUNY-Light sale on the grounds that CEI practices monopolistic practices. (2-22-77)**
- 96. Mayor Perk announces that the Cleveland Area Arts Council will received a \$200,000 CETA grant in order to hire artists who will teach their crafts to 1,000 youngsters participating in the city's summer youth program. (2-23-77)**
- 97. Mayor Perk is criticized by the Ohio Division of the Polish American Congress for not supporting Robert Michalski in his recent bid for County Auditor. (2-23-77)**
- 98. Mayor Perk, contrary to the city's law director's advice, meets with U.S. District Judge Robert B. Krupansky with the idea of establishing the groundwork for a negotiated settlement of the city's \$320m lawsuit against CEI. (2-24-77)**

- 99. Mayor Perk is criticized by the Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Building and Trades Council Charles Pinzone for proposing that jobs related to the \$5m renovation of Public Hall must first be offered to Clevelanders. (2-24-77)**
- 100. Mayor Perk announces that the city has received a \$5.8m U.S. Labor Department grant to hire 5,000 disadvantaged youngsters for this year's summer's youth program. (2-24-77)**
- 101. Mayor Perk is told that the county prosecutor's office plans to investigate allegations that the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Chairman Dr. Carl E. Wasmuth paid City Councilman James H. Boyd \$20,000 to rezone a land parcel for the Clinic's new luxury hotel. (2-24-77)**
- 102. Mayor Perk opposes a decision by Fire Chief William Barry to move the hook and ladder unit from the Pearl Road Fire Station. (2-25-77)**
- 103. Mayor Perk is attacked for his lack of management skills by Gerald L. Terry who has launched a recall referendum. (2-25-77)**
- 104. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will recommend Cleveland City Councilman Richard Harmody for the majority leader's post recently vacated by Gerald McFaul. (2-25-77)**
- 105. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Earle Turner wants the bankrupt Mark I Restaurant be evicted from Burke Lakefront Airport for failure to pay rent. (2-25-77)**

- 106. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis plans to initiate a \$4m house-by-house program that will relieve basement flooding. (2-26-77)**
- 107. Mayor Perk proposes that the city adopt stiff obscenity laws to ensure more convictions. (2-27-77)**
- 108. Mayor Perk will submit a proposal to Cleveland City Council targeted towards improving the Ohio City neighborhood its cost \$431,290. (2-28-77)**
- 109. Mayor Perk and the Cleveland Police Department are sued by the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association in the U.S. District Court for allegedly trying to destroy it damages sought \$100,000. (2-28-77)**
- 110. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey argues that recent attacks lodged against the city's Police Narcotics Unit by Cleveland Safety Director James Carney are uncalled for and that the unit should not be eliminated. (3-1-77)**
- 111. Mayor Perk is informed that the two police unions will fight the repeal of the safety forces pay formula. (3-1-77)**
- 112. Mayor Perk presents his \$125.6m budget to Cleveland City Council an increase of \$6m over the 1976 budget. (3-1-77)**
- 113. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Richard Harmody is the new majority leader. (3-1-77)**
- 114. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Benny Bonanno wants the vacancies on the city's Ethics Board be filled immediately or he will seek a court order. (3-1-77)**

- 115. Mayor Perk is ordered by Common Pleas Judge James J. McMonagle to fill two vacancies on the city's Ethics Board by tomorrow afternoon. (3-2-77)**
- 116. Mayor Perk's Safety Director James Carney, meets with Police Chief Lloyd Garey and admits he was wrong about the Police Narcotics Unit it will not be eliminated. (3-2-77)**
- 117. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis announces that missing funds totaling as much as \$10,000 has compelled him to begin a major investigation of past Water Department's records. (3-2-77)**
- 118. Mayor Perk is informed by Chancellor Nolen Ellison that Cuyahoga Community College is ready to negotiate with the city for another site for their \$20m Eastern Campus. (3-3-77)**
- 119. Mayor Perk's Service Director Robert Beasley announces plans to have a private firm SCA Services Inc. build and operate the city's new \$2.5m to \$3m East Side rubbish collection plant. (3-3-77)**
- 120. Mayor Perk's Service Director Robert Beasley explains that the city's debt ceiling prohibits it from financing its own rubbish collection facility with municipal bonds. (3-3-77)**
- 121. Mayor Perk is criticized by Cleveland City Councilman Lonnie Burten for not stopping graft and corruption within the city's Vice Squad. (3-4-77)**

- 122. Mayor Perk's Budget Manager Warren Riebe accuses Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich of illegally withholding \$1.5m in unclaimed public funds which must be turned over to the city treasurer by April 1<sup>st</sup>. (3-5-77)**
- 123. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd, who is currently being investigated for allegedly receiving a \$20,000 payoff from the Clinic, called a press conference yesterday but failed to show up after talking to Cleveland City Council President George Forbes. (3-5-77)**
- 124. Mayor Perk understands that the Cleveland police force voted yesterday to fund a political campaign to convince voters to defeat the pay issue on the next ballot. (3-5-77)**
- 125. Mayor Perk informs Cleveland City Council that the MUNY-Light rate increase might have to be as high as 20% to pay off its \$11m debt to CEI. (3-7-77)**
- 126. Mayor Perk is angry to learn that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich plans to shut down all the court offices early next month if Cleveland City Council slashes his current budget from \$2m to \$1.5m. (3-8-77)**
- 127. Mayor Perk receives a report by one of the Administrative Aides to Cleveland City Council Michael R. White who suggests that deliberately inflated Cleveland Convention Center revenue projections may mean that it's running a deficit of up to \$1m this year. (3-10-77)**
- 128. Mayor Perk says that Clevelanders for some inexplicable reason walk around with an inferior complex which the media loves to exploit. (3-11-77)**

- 129. Mayor Perk is urged by Cleveland City Councilman Benny Bonanno to veto any and all legislation that would abolish the city's Ethics Board. (3-11-77)**
- 130. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland Municipal Judges that the clerk's office will stay open even if Dennis Kucinich should layoff workers due to a \$1.5m budget cut. (3-11-77)**
- 131. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd has been indicted for allegedly accepting a bribe from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. (3-12-77)**
- 132. Mayor Perk announces his support of the yet to be built trans-Canadian oil pipeline route. (3-12-77)**
- 133. Mayor Perk is praised by the media for his proposal calling for the establishment of a new International Relations and World Trade Office in the city. (3-13-77)**
- 134. Mayor Perk learns that the Lake Erie Regional Transportation Authority (LERTA) has adopted a \$722,300 budget to complete its jetport feasibility and site study. (3-15-77)**
- 135. Mayor Perk is told that the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration may suspend \$1.1m in promised funding based on a federal court ruling ordering the Cleveland Police Department to end discriminates against blacks and minorities. (3-16-77)**
- 136. Mayor Perk's Acting Law Director Malcolm Douglas contends that the city has complied with the federal orders and that it should receive the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration funding. (3-16-77)**

- 137. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey announces that the major crime rate city-wide is down by 13% from a year ago. (3-16-77)**
- 138. Mayor Perk is informed that the safety forces have raised \$130,000 for their political campaign against the repeal of the automatic 3% pay increase. (3-16-77)**
- 139. Mayor Perk proposes restructuring the police department to include six hundred more police officers for street duty; however, financial problems may undercut it. (3-17-77)**
- 140. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis announces that 57 MUNY-Light employees will be furloughed as the city begins to mothball its generating plant. (3-17-77)**
- 141. Mayor Perk gets no immediate response to his proposed revamping of the police department. (3-17-77)**
- 142. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich will ask Common Pleas court to decide who should receive the unclaimed funds held by Kucinich. (3-18-77)**
- 143. Mayor Perk announces that the new Southern Passenger Terminal at Cleveland Hopkins Airport will be opened by April 1<sup>st</sup>. (3-19-77)**
- 144. Mayor Perk as part of his police revamping package wants Cleveland City Council to approve the hiring of 250 new parapolice, 100 new traffic controllers, and 100 new firefighters. (3-21-77)**



- 145. Mayor Perk wants to keep the automatic pay raise formula for the city's safety forces in tact as a way of preventing future work stoppages and strikes. (3-24-77)**
- 146. Mayor Perk is criticized by the local media for his support of automatic pay raises for the safety forces. (3-25-77)**
- 147. Mayor Perk's support of automatic pay increases for safety workers may strain the Perk-Forbes honeymoon. (3-25-77)**
- 148. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council plans to investigate why Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport is losing \$1m annually. (3-26-77)**
- 149. Mayor Perk proposes the establishment of a new Energy Control Office which would include a special air pollution division and an advisory board. (3-27-77)**
- 150. Mayor Perk also proposes the creation of a new Consumer Affairs Office with an advisory board. (3-27-77)**
- 151. Mayor Perk fights efforts to return the Hungarian royal crown to the country of Hungary. (3-28-77)**
- 152. Mayor Perk believes that only very distressed areas in the city should receive the \$4.4m in Community Development Block Grant funding. (3-29-77)**
- 153. Mayor Perk is accused by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes of possibly jeopardizing other important city projects based on his support of the automatic pay raise for all safety forces. (3-30-77)**

- 154. Mayor Perk appoints James Zingale as the city's new Properties Director. (3-30-77)**
- 155. Mayor Perk is informed that that Cleveland City Council voted to cancel the Mark Restaurant lease at Burke Lakefront Airport. (3-30-77)**
- 156. Mayor Perk unveils a full modernization program at Cleveland Hopkins Airport which is to be financed through rentals and fees derived from re-negotiated leases with airlines and concessionaires. (4-1-77)**
- 157. Mayor Perk learns that the Citizens League of Greater Cleveland has reprimanded Cleveland City Council for abolishing the city's Ethics Board and for repealing the city's conflict of interest ordinance without first holding public hearings. (4-1-77)**
- 158. Mayor Perk calls on safety forces to fight the charter repeal of the 3% pay increase scheduled for the April 26<sup>th</sup> ballot. (4-3-77)**
- 159. Mayor Perk disagrees with the press who claims that his tax abatement program is only collecting dust it has not excited developers. (4-3-77)**
- 160. Mayor Perk announces that the city owes his body guard James McHugh \$83,000. (4-4-77)**
- 161. Mayor Perk attends the opening ceremonies for the new Cleveland Hopkins Airport terminal. (4-4-77)**

- 162. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council will prepare its own advertising campaign to urge voters to repeal the 3% automatic pay increase for safety forces. (4-5-77)**
- 163. Mayor Perk's International Relations Office announces "Matchmakers Conferences" which are intended to bring merchants, manufacturers and agents together to discuss new ways to expand world trade here. (4-6-77)**
- 164. Mayor Perk's latest budget of \$168,212,820 is approved by Cleveland City Council. (4-10-77)**
- 165. Mayor Perk acknowledges that the feds cover 32% of Cleveland's General Operating Revenues last year and that the safety forces receive 54% of total collected revenues. (4-10-77)**
- 166. Mayor Perk reports that he received \$10m in CETA funding in 1975. (4-10-77)**
- 167. Mayor Perk announces that RTA paid the city \$4.4m in 1976. (4-10-77)**
- 168. Mayor Perk reports that the Cleveland Convention Center lost more than \$1.8m in revenues in 1976. (4-10-77)**
- 169. Mayor Perk states that the city employed 9,967 at the end of 1976 as compared with 13,000 in 1970. (4-10-77)**
- 170. Mayor Perk welcomes celebrity and talk host Dinah Shore who is currently on a promotional tour. (4-12-77)**
- 171. Mayor Perk is informed that off-duty safety forces plan to work at the polls on April 26<sup>th</sup>. (4-12-77)**

- 172. Mayor Perk is told that the Polish American Congress voted last night to oppose the mayor and any of his family members who decide to run for public office. (4-14-77)**
- 173. Mayor Perk receives a Cleveland Convention Bureau report strongly suggesting that the mayor take immediate action to resolve the current Cleveland Convention Center labor disputes which might even include the possible closing of the Convention Center until an amicable agreement is reached. (4-14-77)**
- 174. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes boycott a Citizens League of Greater Cleveland meeting where that group endorsed a plan to streamline county government calling for an elected executive and seven or more commissioners. (4-14-77)**
- 175. Mayor Perk lashes out at Polish critics who oppose him by saying that they are nothing more than two-bit politicians and that the majority of Poles view him favorably. (4-15-77)**
- 176. Mayor Perk, threatened with a lawsuit, rescinds his earlier permission allowing safety forces unions to campaign for the 3% pay formula issue on city time. (4-15-77)**
- 177. Mayor Perk is informed that a 25% taxicab fare increase awaits Cleveland City Council approval without it the local cab company would go out of business. (4-15-77)**
- 178. Mayor Perk learns that the Citizens League of Greater Cleveland opposes the 3% pay increase formula for safety forces. (4-15-77)**

- 179. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Councilman John Lynch is pushing for a reduction in the size of Cleveland City Council once the pay formula for safety forces is resolved. (4-16-77)**
- 180. Mayor Perk gains valuable political support from Robert Michalski a central figure in the current dispute between the mayor and the city's Polish community. (4-17-77)**
- 181. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo introduces legislation prohibiting local electric and gas suppliers from cutting off service to un-paying customers during the winter. (4-17-77)**
- 182. Mayor Perk understands that Euclid Avenue merchants are divided over the issue of creating a walking mall on their street. (4-17-77)**
- 183. Mayor Perk learns that the FBI is investigating allegations that local labor unions have strangled convention business here through exorbitant service charges, theft, and vandalism. (4-20-77)**
- 184. Mayor Perk is happy when National City Corporation announces plans to build a new \$30m 34-story office tower with attached parking garage and smaller office buildings to be located at the northwest corner of East 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Euclid Avenue. (4-20-77)**
- 185. Mayor Perk realizes that the National City project is the first downtown development scheme to incorporate the city's new abatement program. (4-20-77)**

- 186. Mayor Perk is informed that if the city's present billing practices are not improved it may place the future of the Cleveland Home and Flower Show in jeopardy and this is important since it brings 150,000 visitors to downtown annually. (4-21-77)**
- 187. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Albert Balleu opposes the efforts to repeal the 3% pay increase for safety forces he wants to retain it until the future of collective bargaining is determined at the state level. (4-21-77)**
- 188. Mayor Perk for the first time in his 25-year political career begins his re-election campaign in the black with a \$50,000 kitty. (4-22-77)**
- 189. Mayor Perk is upset when he learns that Cuyahoga County Commissioners Robert Sweeney and George Voinovich may take their fight against the People Mover to the U.S. District Court. (4-22-77)**
- 190. Mayor Perk is chastised by the Plain Dealer for putting some of his political friends on the payroll of the Cleveland Convention Center even though it lost \$1.8m last year. (4-22-77)**
- 191. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes has accused the local Rotary Club of being racist when it announce its support of three white police detectives who shot it out with two black patrolmen on February 18, 1976. (4-23-77)**
- 192. Mayor Perk reads in the Cleveland Press that Cleveland City Council is about to probe into the operations at the Cleveland Convention Center. (4-23-77)**

- 193. Mayor Perk knows that Police Chief Lloyd Garey stands unloved in the world of politics and the police his record a mix of successes and failures. (4-24-77)**
- 194. Mayor Perk is criticized by Cleveland City Council for announcing the appointment of 60 new police officers on the eve of the special election. (4-26-77)**
- 195. Mayor Perk intends to save the 16 baseball and softball diamonds in Gordon and Edgewater parks. (4-26-77)**
- 196. Mayor Perk's Convention Center Head Frank Duman is questioned by the federal Grand Jury on the alleged Cleveland Convention Center scandal. (4-26-77)**
- 197. Mayor Perk reads in the newspapers that off-duty safety forces put in a full day at the polls yesterday. (4-27-77)**
- 198. Mayor Perk knows that the MUNY-Light tax levy failed. No vote – 48,772 vs. Yes vote – 15,287. (4-27-77)**
- 199. Mayor Perk anticipates that Cleveland City Council will begin the process of selling MUNY-Light within weeks. (4-27-77)**
- 200. Mayor Perk learns that voters repealed the 3% automatic pay increase for safety forces. Yes vote – 43,374 vs. No vote – 23,050. (4-27-77)**
- 201. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey says that the city charter repeal will kill his department's morale. (4-27-77)**
- 202. Mayor Perk is told by safety forces that they will walk off the job if their new salary demands are not met. (4-27-77)**

- 203. Mayor Perk instructs Frank Duman and the Properties Director James Zingale to testify in front of the Grand Jury on their alleged involvement in the Cleveland Convention Center scandal but only after the questions have been submitted in writing. (4-28-77)**
- 204. Mayor Perk knows that collective bargaining with the safety forces is about to begin at city hall. (4-28-77)**
- 205. Mayor Perk knows that the safety forces want not only a 2% or \$3,500 increase in salary; but also, time and half for overtime; full paid dental service and a formal grievance process. (4-28-77)**
- 206. Mayor Perk is informed that the 8<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals Judge Alvin I. Krenzler has appointed the President of the Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor Mel J. Witt; Cleveland City Councilman Richard Harmody; the President of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association Campbell Elliot; and the President of the Black Women Lawyers Association Annette Butler to study Cleveland Convention Center problems. (4-28-77)**
- 207. Mayor Perk realizes that the city safety forces are angry and that they are demanding a salary of \$ 18,500-a-year. (4-28-77)**
- 208. Mayor Perk announces that the first wells dug in and around the Warrensville workhouse produce oil and gas. (4-29-77)**



- 209. Mayor Perk's Head of the Cleveland Convention Center Frank Duman says that his powers were curbed after he refused to sell \$25 tickets for Common Pleas Judge Sam A. Zingale the brother of Duman's boss Properties Director James A. Zingale. (4-29-77)**
- 210. Mayor Perk knows that city and suburban officials plan to meet soon to discuss establishing a regional water district this meeting originated with Common Pleas Judge George McMonagle. (4-29-77)**
- 211. Mayor Perk hopes that city and suburban officials will establish meaningful dialog at that meeting concerning the maintenance, operation, and improvement of the current water system. (4-29-77)**
- 212. Mayor Perk understands that the almost finished LERTA Jetport Study cost \$4,222,427 not the expected \$4,500,000, a savings of nearly \$300,000. (5-1-77)**
- 213. Mayor Perk approves the hiring of 60 new patrolmen of which 22 are minorities. (5-2-77)**
- 214. Mayor Perk swears in 57 police rookies today in the city hall rotunda. (5-2-77)**
- 215. Mayor Perk is told that his son Ralph Perk Jr. was robbed of \$5,000 at his Deputy Registrar's Office. (5-2-77)**
- 216. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council is balking at closing the Cleveland Convention Center. (5-2-77)**

- 217. Mayor Perk receives the final word from Cleveland City Council that it will close the Cleveland Convention Center unless the current labor and management crises are resolved quickly. (5-3-77)**
- 218. Mayor Perk is informed that local labor leaders are up in arms over the decision by Cleveland City Council to close the Cleveland Convention Center. (5-3-77)**
- 219. Mayor Perk responds quickly by saying that the Cleveland Convention Center will remain open despite its current labor and management turmoil. (5-3-77)**
- 220. Mayor Perk is criticized for keeping Public Hall open based on its current financial difficulties. (5-3-77)**
- 221. Mayor Perk orders the Budget and Management Office and the Properties Department to cut existing payrolls and staff; tighten-up on payroll padding and theft; establish a new finance system with better billing practices, limited concession revenues, and better parking; revise current rate schedules; create a new orientation team to advise shows; and advertise it nationally. (5-3-77)**
- 222. Mayor Perk learns that Dr. Thomas Campbell, a CSU History Professor, will be running for mayor. (5-4-77)**
- 223. Mayor Perk's Properties Department Director James Zingale announces new tighter financial controls on the Cleveland Convention Center. (5-4-77)**
- 224. Mayor Perk learns that the federal Grand Jury has subpoenaed the records of the Cleveland Convention Center concessionaire. (5-4-77)**

- 225. Mayor Perk is attacked by the press for not eliminating lenient billing practices and for not charging higher rents for shows in the Cleveland Convention Center. (5-5-77)**
- 226. Mayor Perk is chastised for subsidizing every show at the Cleveland Convention Center to the tune of \$60,000 or more. (5-5-77)**
- 227. Mayor Perk blames Cleveland Convention Center Head Frank Duman for the site's financial problems. (5-7-77)**
- 228. Mayor Perk's Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller supports a strong neighborhood policy that pushes for commercial strip and housing revitalization. (5-7-77)**
- 229. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes plans to recapture control of the Cleveland Convention Center through sweeping legislation that will end abuses and mismanagement including the suspension of the concessionaire's contract. (5-9-77)**
- 230. Mayor Perk unveils the \$540,000 Urban Homesteading Act whereby the city will provide houses in move-in condition for \$1.00 apiece. (5-10-77)**
- 231. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes promise that Cleveland Convention Center operations will be improved within 30 days. (5-10-77)**
- 232. Mayor Perk's Planning Commission approves the \$11,000 Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty bust by E. Gjuri Hollosy of Tulane University. (5-10-77)**
- 233. Mayor Perk receives from the U.S. Department of Labor an estimated \$25m grant for public service jobs. (5-11-77)**

- 234. Mayor Perk reads in the Plain Dealer that County Auditor Vincent Campanella knew that the concessions at the Cleveland Convention Center were poorly run for years. (5-12-77)**
- 235. Mayor Perk learns that the Yellow Cab Company, in a move to retain its market dominance, will break its 40-year monopoly and lease cabs to independent drivers. (5-12-77)**
- 236. Mayor Perk understands that concession prices at the Cleveland Convention Center continue to rise annually without Board of Control approval. (5-12-77)**
- 237. Mayor Perk wants to deregulate cab service in Cleveland to improve service and job opportunities. (5-13-77)**
- 238. Mayor Perk, in an effort to encourage perspective drivers to apply for cab permits, plans to introduce in Cleveland City Council an ordinance that removes the limit on the number of taxicab permits the city may issue annually. (5-14-77)**
- 239. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will block his first affirmative action plan claiming that its hiring goals to overcome discrimination should be determined by the number of persons in the city's general work force rather than its overall population. (5-16-77)**
- 240. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council will approve a taxicab fare increase of about 16% or \$1.55 per mile. (5-17-77)**

- 241. Mayor Perk receives from the feds \$5.6m for the summer youth program that will enable him to hire 13,000 inner-city youngsters. (5-18-77)**
- 242. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Cleveland City Council Finance Committee authorizes him to spend \$2m on the People Mover Council has already put up \$500,000 towards that project. (5-18-77)**
- 243. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis is about to resign so that he may head Willard F. Schade and Associates, a private local engineering firm. (5-18-77)**
- 244. Mayor Perk receives the results of a survey conducted by Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Zunt that indicates that there will be a Perk-Kucinich mayoral runoff this fall. (5-18-77)**
- 245. Mayor Perk will host a \$100 roast beef campaign dinner on June 3<sup>rd</sup> while his opponent Thomas F. Campbell plans to host a \$.99 kielbasa campaign dinner. (5-19-77)**
- 246. Mayor Perk receives the latest election polls showing him slightly ahead of the other candidates. (5-19-77)**
- 247. Mayor Perk is authorized by Cleveland City Council to offer up to \$15m for the Cleveland Tank Plant which he hopes to convert into a cargo center. (5-19-77)**
- 248. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Browns owner Arthur Modell expressed interest in running the Cleveland Convention Center. (5-19-77)**

- 249. Mayor Perk learns that the Cleveland City Council Utilities Committee Chair James Bell wants Cleveland City Council to place another levy on the ballot asking for 1.3-mill and a modest rate increase rather than sell MUNY-Light to CEI. (5-19-77)**
- 250. Mayor Perk announces that a new People Mover for the South Concourse at Cleveland Hopkins Airport received the approval of Cleveland City Council. (5-19-77)**
- 251. Mayor Perk meets with a food service interested in becoming the new Cleveland Convention Center concessionaire. (5-20-77)**
- 252. Mayor Perk cut the ribbon yesterday to open the new Red Dragon Restaurant at 3040 Chester Avenue. (5-20-77)**
- 253. Mayor Perk officially opens the new Cleveland School Department Supplementary Education Center and Space Center at the southeast corner of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Lakeside Avenue. (5-20-77)**
- 254. Mayor Perk reviews Krenzler committee recommendations suggesting that the operations of the Cleveland Convention Center be handed over to an independent commission which would hire a private management company to run it. (5-20-77)**
- 255. Mayor Perk announces to the press that the recent pornography poll distributed by city garbage collectors will be tabulated later this week. (5-22-77)**
- 256. Mayor Perk names his new Polish ally Robert Michalski as the new Assistant Director of the Port of Cleveland. (5-23-77)**

- 257. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council has sold MUNY-Light to CEI at a cost of \$158.5m. (5-24-77)**
- 258. Mayor Perk is told that the MUNY-Light sale to CEI will occur within 40-days unless Dennis Kucinich's referendum petition to place this issue on the ballot wins. (5-24-77)**
- 259. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Lloyd Garey is stripped by Cleveland City Council of an estimated 1,000 hours of overtime (\$15,000) accumulated in his two years as chief. (5-25-77)**
- 260. Mayor Perk says that the city has struck a gusher in the gas wells dug on municipal land near the Warrensville workhouse. (5-25-77)**
- 261. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd will stand trial on June 1<sup>st</sup> for allegedly soliciting \$19,000 in bribes from the Cleveland Clinic Foundations to rezone the site of the new Park Plaza Hotel. (5-25-77)**
- 262. Mayor Perk is informed that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich has launched his drive yesterday to get a referendum on the ballot to block the sale of MUNY-Light to CEI he needs 18,500 valid signatures. (5-25-77)**
- 263. Mayor Perk receives advice from the Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Building Trades and Construction Council that the troubled plagued Cleveland Convention Center can be helped through a county-wide hotel room tax, better management, and a safer downtown. (5-26-77)**

- 264. Mayor Perk learns that the powerful United Auto Workers union opposes the MUNY-Light sale claiming that CEI is attempting a monopoly power grab. (5-27-77)**
- 265. Mayor Perk is the guest speaker at the Summer Sprout '77 rally at the corner of East 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Martin Avenue. (5-27-77)**
- 266. Mayor Perk is urged by the Teamsters International Vice President Jackie Presser to establish an impartial panel to run the Cleveland Convention Center. (5-28-77)**
- 267. Mayor Perk announces the firing of Cleveland Police Chief Lloyd Garey on the grounds that the chief's insensitivity to community needs promoted new racial problems. (5-29-77)**
- 268. Mayor Perk elaborates on the firing of Police Chief Garey by saying that the chief was insensitive to the needs and wants of his employees, and that he threatened once too often to resign unless he received full support in his fights with both Cleveland City Council and the courts. (5-29-77)**
- 269. Mayor Perk appoints a 26-year Cleveland police veteran Robert Michael Gallagher to serve as the Acting Police Chief until a full-time successor is named. (5-29-77)**
- 270. Mayor Perk claims that a recent poll showing growing citizen dissatisfaction with the police department and its chief did not influence his decision to fire Garey. (5-30-77)**
- 271. Major Perk is pleased when the Home and Flower Trustees decide to return to the Cleveland Convention Center next year. (6-2-77)**



- 272. Mayor Perk is happy when NOACA approves Cleveland's application for \$2m in federal funds to conduct a People Mover feasibility study for downtown. (6-2-77)**
- 273. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Zunt is quitting the mayoral race cannot raise enough money. (6-2-77)**
- 274. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that County Commissioners Robert Sweeney and George Voinovich were defeated in their attempts to kill the People Mover, the County Commissioners overwhelmingly voted in favor of its feasibility study. (6-2-77)**
- 275. Mayor Perk learns that Arnold Pinkney has not ruled out the idea of running for mayor again if the Democratic Party drafts him. (6-3-77)**
- 276. Mayor Perk is lauded by two prominent black religious organizations the Concerned Ministers Inc. and the Baptist Ministers Conference on his recent firing of Chief Garey. (6-3-77)**
- 277. Mayor Perk, Cleveland City Council, and the Control Board approve a \$50,000 contract with Russ & McGee Inc. to publicize the activities of these officials. (6-3-77)**
- 278. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has completed its probe of the alleged Cleveland Convention Center improprieties even though it has not been able to question one of the key figure a Teamster official named Thomas E. (Eddie) Lee. (6-3-77)**

- 279. Mayor Perk discovers that U.S. District Judge Frank Battisti welcomes public comments on the proposed plans for integrating the Cleveland Public Schools all comments must be received before June 17<sup>th</sup>. (6-4-77)**
- 280. Mayor Perk is told by U.S. District Judge Frank Battisti that he has ordered the Cleveland Public Schools to begin integrating its staff now and to develop a comprehensive orientation program designed to integrate its entire staff by July 11<sup>th</sup>. (6-4-77)**
- 281. Mayor Perk plans to introduce two ordinances in front of Cleveland City Council one will call for setting higher insurance liability requirements for cab drivers while the other will call for creating four new job classifications and pay scales for civilians in the police force with the idea of freeing police officers for patrol work. (6-5-77)**
- 282. Mayor Perk, the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, U.S. Representative Charles Vanik and U.S. Senators Howard Metzenbaum and John Glenn are trying to stop the loss of 500 jobs in the Defense Contract Administration eliminating these jobs would result in an \$8m a year loss in wages and a \$80,000 reduction in city payroll taxes. (6-5-77)**
- 283. Mayor Perk reads in the press that the fifty Yellow Cab Company drivers who staged a wildcat strike three days ago over the possibility of instituting a day-to-day leasing plan may end their strike if the company is willing to negotiate. (6-5-77)**
- 284. Mayor Perk receives criticism for the poor condition of Willard Park located at the corner of East 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Lakeside Avenue. (6-6-77)**

- 285. Mayor Perk's Service Director Robert Beasley dumping costs would jump from \$6-a-ton to \$11- or \$12-a-ton if the city is forced to truck the bulk of its garbage to outlying land fills. (6-6-77)**
- 286. Mayor Perk adds the first women Captain Violet Novak to his list of 37 police officers being considered for the post of police chief. (6-7-77)**
- 287. Mayor Perk also adds the first black Captain Ralph Burks 3<sup>rd</sup> District Platoon Commander to his list of potential candidates for the position of police chief. (6-7-77)**
- 288. Mayor Perk is considering all Cleveland police captains as potential candidates for the position of police chief with the exception of Harry Leisman who has been too involved in controversial shooting incidents. (6-7-77)**
- 289. Mayor Perk and the city's Acting Law Director Malcolm Douglas without the authorization of Ports Director Andrew Putka decide to send the city's Assistant Law Director Nicholas DeVito on a two week junket to Europe to attend an International Aviation Conference and Air Show. (6-7-77)**
- 290. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis indicates that the nearly \$200m cost of improving Cleveland's small sewer system means that it must be transferred to the Cleveland Regional Sewer District. (6-7-77)**

- 291. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes's entry into the mayoral race is little more than a tactical move designed to scuttle the candidacy of Dennis Kucinich. (6-7-77)**
- 292. Mayor Perk presides over the opening ceremonies of the new Discovery Playground located in Woodland Hills Park even though the playground has already been criticized by neighborhood leaders who contend that the site is unsafe, unsupervised, and improperly lighted. (6-8-77)**
- 293. Mayor Perk criticizes a GRI study indicating that there are 59 agencies employing 16,000 with budgets totaling \$260m annually that are either accountable to or controlled by the voters. (6-9-77)**
- 294. Mayor Perk initiates a new program called CASH in which eleven local lending institutions and the city's Community Development Department offer 3% rehabilitation loans for qualified older homes in Cleveland. (6-9-77)**
- 295. Mayor Perk receives from the Economic Development Administration funding totaling \$9.5m for new public works construction projects. (6-9-77)**
- 296. Mayor Perk is one of eleven appointed by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners to its Advisory Council on Aging term lasts until December 31, 1978. (6-9-77)**
- 297. Mayor Perk understands that lagging ticket sales have forced the Democratic Party to cancel its \$100-a-plate fund raising brunch scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>. (6-9-77)**

- 298. Mayor Perk learns that the city's highest ranking black police officer Captain Ralph Berks is dropping out of the race for police chief claiming that the mayor's decision to nominate him was politically motivated not based on merit. (6-9-77)**
- 299. Mayor Perk reads in the press that Dennis Kucinich has already collected over 5,000 of the 18,500 valid signatures necessary for his petition to be sent to Cleveland City Council for action. (6-9-77)**
- 300. Mayor Perk is well aware that Kucinich's petition will require Cleveland City Council to either repeal its ordinance selling MUNY-Light or place the issue on the ballot for the voters to decide. (6-9-77)**
- 301. Mayor Perk may look outside the Cleveland Police Dept. for a new chief rumor has it that the current Cleveland Heights Police Chief Martin Lentz is being considered for the post. (6-10-77)**
- 302. Mayor Perk is challenged by the Cleveland Presbyterian Church to speak out in support of a peaceful integration of the Cleveland Public Schools. (6-10-77)**
- 303. Mayor Perk's recent ban on the selling of adult magazines on city owned property may prompt a law suit filed by the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union one Benson A. Wolman who claims that garbage men passing out polls on pornography to the citizenry may not only be illegal; but also, a great waste of taxpayers money. (6-10-77)**
- 304. Mayor Perk orders the closing of the revue "Oh! Calcutta" claiming that the show violates the city's law against nudity in public places. (6-11-77)**

- 305. Mayor Perk prepares to mobilize smut fighters again. (6-11-77)**
- 306. Mayor Perk's proposed new obscenity law will be aired at a special City Council hearing although Cleveland City Council President George Forbes thinks the proposed changes as drafted up by Assistant Law Director Bruce Taylor are too broad and the penalties not severe enough. (6-11-77)**
- 307. Mayor Perk is lauded by several local churches for his strong anti pornography stance. (6-11-77)**
- 308. Mayor Perk is pleased that the city's Planning Committee has approved \$10m abatements for the proposed 35-story National City Bank tower and building complex in-spite of picketing occurring outside city hall. (6-11-77)**
- 309. Mayor Perk is happy to learn that the annual Mid America Industrial Show will be held in the Cleveland Convention Center again in 1978 even though attendance dropped this year. (6-12-77)**
- 310. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council will be holding public hearings beginning on June 16<sup>th</sup> that will focus on problems facing small businessmen who try to operate neighborhood shopping centers within the central city. (6-12-77)**
- 311. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will challenge his recent ban on "Oh! Calcutta" on the grounds that the mayor's actions may not be legal. (6-12-77)**

- 312. Mayor Perk's porn poll is being published under tight security at the city's printing facilities at 1735 Lakeside Ave. (6-13-77)**
- 313. Mayor Perk sends his plan as to how to effectively operate the Cleveland Convention Center to Cleveland City Council for its consideration. (6-13-77)**
- 314. Mayor Perk's Cleveland Convention Center plan as submitted to Cleveland City Council is derived primarily from recommendations made by the Krenzler committee; however, he would like the independent commission to run it rather than turn it over to a private operator. (6-13-77)**
- 315. Mayor Perk announces that the U.S. Conference of Mayors at its annual meeting in Tucson, AZ will discuss among other things the viability of city-owned vs. privately-owned utilities. (6-13-77)**
- 316. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Convention Center concessionaire Oscar Zimmerman will appear before the federal grand jury this month to defend his record against allegations of violations. (6-13-77)**
- 317. Mayor Perk appoints Patrick J. Sullivan as the new Executive Commissioner of the city's Utilities Department replacing James Cunningham who has become a political aide to Cuyahoga County Engineer Ronald Stackhouse. (6-14-77)**
- 318. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman Earle Turner is facing charges of soliciting a bribe from an organization wanting to stage a jazz festival in his ward. (6-14-77)**

- 319. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Earle Turner wants his accusers to be forced to take a lie detector test. (6-14-77)**
- 320. Mayor Perk is angry when he learns that Cleveland City Councilwomen Mary Zunt has introduced legislation in council prohibiting sanitation workers from distributing the mayor's pornography questionnaire. (6-14-77)**
- 321. Mayor Perk learns from the HUD Assistant Secretary of Community, Planning and Development Robert C. Embry that sweeping changes in the dispersal of CDBG funding is in the offing. (6-14-77)**
- 322. Mayor Perk receives \$7m extra in revenue sharing funds. (6-15-77)**
- 323. Mayor Perk's critics claim that his war on pornography is little more than an election gimmick. (6-15-77)**
- 324. Mayor Perk receives Cleveland City Council's final report on the Cleveland Convention Center which exonerated Properties Director James Zingale and Convention Center Commissioner Frank Duman from any wrong doing. (6-15-77)**
- 325. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Benny Bonanno is seeking funding from the city to clean up Sunrise Playground. (6-15-77)**
- 326. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes will provide very lucrative tax incentives to the Stouffer Corporation if it should decide to build a new first-class hotel at the northwest corner of East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Lakeside Avenue. (6-16-77)**



- 327. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman Thomas Keane has been reappointed to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for a new term that will expire on December 31, 1979. (6-16-77)**
- 328. Mayor Perk is pleased that the number of protestors remains few at the recent People Mover public hearings. (6-16-77)**
- 329. Mayor Perk is happy when the three major Cleveland City Council committees approve the \$9m tax abatements for the \$59m National City Bank complex. (6-16-77)**
- 330. Mayor Perk is angry when he learns that one of the members of the Cleveland Board of Education Berthina Palmer opposes the National City tax abatement claiming that this special tax break is occurring at a time when the Cleveland public school system is facing a possible \$15m deficit. (6-16-77)**
- 331. Mayor Perk's highly controversial porno questionnaire is published ahead of time by The Press. (6-18-77)**
- 332. Mayor Perk's challenger Tom Campbell announces that he will circulate his-own poll. (6-18-77)**
- 333. Mayor Perk discovers that Tom Campbell's poll is nothing more than a jibe at him. (6-18-77)**
- 334. Mayor Perk is informed by the judges of the Cleveland Municipal Court that the findings derived from his city-wide pornography poll would not be admissible in court. (6-18-77)**

- 335. Mayor Perk is told that one of the candidates for the Chief of Police Captain Albert Landreth allegedly made racist comments at an east side crime scene. (6-18-77)**
- 336. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Earle Turner still denies any wrong-doing regarding recent alleged bribery charges. (6-18-77)**
- 337. Mayor Perk welcomes any and all television networks who want to film the distribution of his obscenity poll. (6-19-77)**
- 338. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George L. Forbes has banned the media from a council strip show this Tuesday. (6-19-77)**
- 339. Mayor Perk meets with the city's Planning Director Norm Krumholz to discuss various options available to the city regarding the rejuvenation of the lakefront parks after the devastation of Hurricane Agnes. (6-19-77)**
- 340. Mayor Perk's Community Task Force recommends that the city transfer all its lakefront parks to the State of Ohio. (6-19-77)**
- 341. Mayor Perk seeks help from the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources in refurbishing the city's lakefront. (6-19-77)**
- 342. Mayor Perk promotes the idea of leasing lakefront parks to the state. (6-19-77)**
- 343. Mayor Perk and Ohio Governor James Rhodes sign a 99-year lease turning over the city's four lakefront parks to the State of Ohio. (6-20-77)**

- 344. Mayor Perk announces the beginning of the Summer Arts Program, a \$613,500 CETA project that will serve 1,000 poor inner-city youth. (6-20-77)**
- 345. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman Earle Turner has been cleared of all bribery charges. (6-21-77)**
- 346. Mayor Perk warns all airlines to settle with Cleveland Hopkins Airport officials as soon as possible since expansion costs are escalating 15% annually. (6-22-77)**
- 347. Mayor Perk speaks at the dedication of the new United Airlines \$1m flight crew base. (6-22-77)**
- 348. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council is expected to approve a revised air pollution code soon, first code revision since 1969. (6-22-77)**
- 349. Mayor Perk is angry when he learns that the Ohio Senate President Oliver Ocasek opposes spending \$16.5m in state funds to build a world trade center and a lakefront theatre in Cleveland. (6-22-77)**
- 350. Mayor Perk promised that the Cleveland police will protect school buses if the cross-town transporting of students is ordered by federal court. (6-23-77)**
- 351. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe announces that the city's borrowing power is the best it has been since 1971 based on yesterday's sale of \$25.58m in bonds at less than 6% interest. (6-23-77)**

- 352. Mayor Perk supports the new Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau President Philip A. Dempsey who wants to advertise the benefits of this city more aggressively and to appreciably increase his bureau's annual budget from \$350,000 to \$850,000. (6-23-77)**
- 353. Mayor Perk attends a special press conference where the Downtown Cleveland Corporation unveils its latest \$7.5m plan to reconfigure Public Square. (6-24-77)**
- 354. Mayor Perk realizes that this new Public Square plan by Don M. Hisaka and Associates of Cleveland, OH and Sasaki Associates Inc. of Watertown, MA improves upon the existing site plan in that it offers vast amounts of open space, broader walkways, and more spacious sitting areas. (6-24-77)**
- 355. Mayor Perk is not surprised when Cleveland City Councilman Basil Russo announces that Cleveland Trust Bank and National City Bank have the worst records when it comes to issuing low to moderate home mortgages in Cleveland, while Cardinal Federal Bank's record is the best. (6-25-77)**
- 356. Mayor Perk learns that Dennis Kucinich is running for mayor. (6-27-77)**
- 357. Mayor Perk announces that he will use CETA funding to hire sixty new security monitors to stop vandalism at the city's forty-four recreational areas. (6-28-77)**
- 358. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council has approved \$8.2m in tax abatements for the new National City Bank project. (6-28-77)**

- 359. Mayor Perk's Press Secretary Ina Keegan announces that the mayor will not participate in a censorship debate with the American Civil Liberties Union. (6-29-77)**
- 360. Mayor Perk announces the first phase of the People Mover project costing \$2.2m is about to begin and that two local architectural firms Richard L. Bowen and Associates and Dalton, Dalton, Little, Newport Inc. will work on it together. (6-29-77)**
- 361. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Council, angered over the MUNY-Light deal, may triple the price on a 5.5 acre city-owned Warrensville Township site wanted by CEI. (6-29-77)**
- 362. Mayor Perk learns that the new owners of the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel headed by Arthur Modell are seeking tax abatements from city council to aid them in their current redevelopment efforts. (6-30-77)**
- 363. Mayor Perk refuses to debate his anti-obscenity campaign at the City Club. (6-30-77)**
- 364. Mayor Perk learns that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich will ask Cleveland City Council for \$10,442 to move his offices from city hall to the Cuyahoga County Justice Center. (6-30-77)**
- 365. Mayor Perk's Finance Director Warren Riebe says that the failure of the MUNY-Light deal will not endanger last week's bond sale; however, it might play havoc on future bond sales. (6-30-77)**

- 366. Mayor Perk participates in the formal dedication of the new \$250,000 Mark Tromba Playground located in the Collinwood neighborhood. (6-30-77)**
- 367. Mayor Perk announces that the new Mark Tromba Playground includes a swimming pool, basketball courts, tennis courts, a picnic pavilion, and a large playing area. (6-30-77)**
- 368. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis announces that Cleveland City Council has approved the installing of a \$3,000 overhead plumbing system in the basement of homes that frequently flood. (6-30-77)**
- 369. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis says under this new arrangement the city will pay \$2,700 of the \$3,000 installation cost. (6-30-77)**
- 370. Mayor Perk quiets critics by saying that the city's \$327m antitrust lawsuit against CEI filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the federal district court has not been dropped. (7-1-77)**
- 371. Mayor Perk announces that the city's Department of Public Health and Welfare will receive a federal grant totaling \$68,065 to operate a senior volunteer program. ((7-1-77)**
- 372. Mayor Perk and Cleveland City Council President George Forbes are attacked by the Ohio Public Interest Campaign Cleveland Director Jay Westbrook for trying to steamroll abatements through council without proper discussion. (7-1-77)**

- 373. Mayor Perk realizes that Jay Westbrook's Ohio Public Interest Campaign Cleveland opposes SOHIO receiving tax abatements for its multimillion dollar headquarters. (7-1-77)**
- 374. Mayor Perk is told by SOHIO that it will erect a \$70m headquarters on the site of the Union Terminal. (7-1-77)**
- 375. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich has successfully filed his petition that requires City Council to either repeal its ordinance selling MUNY-Light to CEI or to place it on the ballot. (7-1-77)**
- 376. Mayor Perk reads in the newspapers that Edward Feighan is the odds-on favorite to win the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party's nomination for mayor. (7-2-77)**
- 377. Mayor Perk announces the establishment of a new panel to narrow down the number of nominees for Police Chief from 27 to 3 members. (7-4-77)**
- 378. Mayor Perk says that this nominating panel includes the Chief Counsel Howard Fishkin; Safety Director James T. Carney; Finance Director Warren Riebe; and Budget Director Mark Driscoll. (7-4-77)**
- 379. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland City Council's reluctance to follow through with the MUNY-Light sale may spell legal disaster for the city. (7-4-77)**
- 380. Mayor Perk plans to use \$45,000 in Law Enforcement Act Assistance Act funds to empower the city's Crime Fighting Task Force which will offer free locks to home owners as a way of deterring future home burglaries. (7-5-77)**

- 381. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman John Barnes's home was burglarized and that thieves stole \$1,500 worth of items. (7-5-77)**
- 382. Mayor Perk invites 300 cities to attend his first National Conference on the Blight of Obscenity to be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bond Court Hotel. (7-6-77)**
- 383. Mayor Perk announces that the city and the Transit Union have agreed on allowances for any and all transit workers displaced by the People Mover. (7-7-77)**
- 384. Mayor Perk asks County Commissioners Robert Sweeney and George Voinovich to stop challenging the legality of the People Mover claiming that public funds will be wasted in their effort. (7-7-77)**
- 385. Mayor Perk reads in the newspapers that Dennis Kucinich considers himself the only hope the Democrats have to defeat Perk in the upcoming mayoral election. (7-7-77)**
- 386. Mayor Perk, Acting Police Chief Robert Gallagher, and Safety Director James Carney will meet with community groups on city hall steps later today they want more aid from the city/police to combat juvenile delinquency. (7-9-77)**
- 387. Mayor Perk understands through Thomas H. Smith a co-founder of the National Gay Task Force that Cleveland City Council will soon be grabbling with gay rights issues. (7-9-77)**
- 388. Mayor Perk receives federal funds to revamp Public Square. (7-11-77)**



- 389. Mayor Perk is angry that County Commissioners Robert Sweeney and George Voinovich want to investigate the People Mover and the no-bid feasibility contract recently awarded to two well-known Cleveland firms. (7-11-77)**
- 390. Mayor Perk joins an anti busing petition drive hoping that the courts will determine its legality. (7-11-77)**
- 391. Mayor Perk is told that Ed Feighan is running for mayor. (7-11-77)**
- 392. Mayor Perk learns that U.S. Congresswomen Mary Rose Oakar; County Treasurer Francis Gaul; and State Senator Tim McCormack want Ed Feighan for mayor. (7-11-77)**
- 393. Mayor Perk supports the efforts of the new owners of the Sheraton Cleveland Hotel who want \$10m tax abatement for twenty years before investing \$1.6m in improvements and \$900,000 in property taxes. (7-12-77)**
- 394. Mayor Perk is informed by the Common Pleas Court that jury selection will begin today in the James Boyd bribery trial. (7-12-77)**
- 395. Mayor Perk is told that the Kucinich petition is legal and that Cleveland City Council has 60 days to either repeal the ordinance selling MUNY-Light or to place the question before the voters. (7-12-77)**
- 396. Mayor Perk is chastised by U.S. Congressman Louis B. Stokes for urging U.S. Representative Ronald R. Mottl to join him in his anti-school busing crusade. (7-13-77)**

- 397. Mayor Perk is told that a local businessman Winston E. Wills has filed a \$100m law suit against the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, University Circle Inc., and others for monopolizing real estate activity in University Circle and violating anti-trust laws. (7-13-77)**
- 398. Mayor Perk appoints Acting Law Director Malcolm Douglas as the city's 3<sup>rd</sup> Law Director in 15-months. (7-13-77)**
- 399. Mayor Perk's latest public opinion poll indicates that 80% of Clevelanders agree with his hard line approach towards pornography. (7-14-77)**
- 400. Mayor Perk learns that the witnesses at the Cleveland City Councilman's James Boyd trial substantiate the claim that he sought out a \$40,000 pay off from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation for a zoning variance. (7-14-77)**
- 401. Mayor Perk is told that Arnold Pinkney will run for mayor from the 13<sup>th</sup> ward if the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Convention is deadlocked. (7-14-77)**
- 402. Mayor Perk learns that Dr. Carl E. Wasmuth, the former Chief Executive of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, claims that the Clinic gave Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd \$19,370 to underwrite his 1971 campaign. (7-14-77)**
- 403. Mayor Perk assails Dennis Kucinich for trying to recall the MUNY-Light sale on the grounds that voters had already approved the sale. (7-14-77)**

- 404. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Cuyahoga County Commissioners approve the creation of the first County Coordinated Disaster Agency, Cleveland will commit \$10,000 and Cuyahoga County will commit \$40,000. (7-14-77)**
- 405. Mayor Perk learns that Cuyahoga County Commissioner George Voinovich is demanding that the People Mover issue be put on the next ballot. (7-15-77)**
- 406. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd is considered by some to be the victim of selective prosecution by County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan who has apparently granted immunity to white administrators from the Cleveland Clinic and white developers from the Park Plaza Hotel but not Boyd. (7-16-77)**
- 407. Mayor Perk is criticized by Thomas Campbell for his poor handling of the Consumer Protection Department which has lost twenty workers in recent years. (7-16-77)**
- 408. Mayor Perk is attacked for his anti busing stance by the Baptist Ministers Conference of Cleveland and Vicinity an organization with a 250,000 membership. (7-16-77)**
- 409. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes may be an outsider for mayor. (7-17-77)**
- 410. Mayor Perk is informed by the courts that the Assistant Properties Director James Westfall has been ordered to run the Cleveland Convention Center properly. (7-17-77)**

- 411. Mayor Perk wants to combine its Air Pollution Control Division, Office of Consumer Affairs, and Office of Energy Conservation to create a new department called Energy Control and Environmental Protection. (7-18-77)**
- 412. Mayor Perk refuses to rescind his anti school busing stance after meeting with angry black leaders. (7-19-77)**
- 413. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd has denied any wrong doing in the Cleveland Clinic case. (7-19-77)**
- 414. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is encouraging Cleveland School Board President Arnold Pinkney to run for mayor again. (7-19-77)**
- 415. Mayor Perl learns that the city's 29<sup>th</sup> ward, a heavily black district, is supporting Edward Feighan for mayor this fall. (7-20-77)**
- 416. Mayor Perk and Ports Director Andrew C. Putka are issued a restraining order by U.S. District Judge Robert Krupansky which temporarily prohibits them from banning the sale of Penthouse at Cleveland Hopkins Airport and other port facilities. (7-21-77)**
- 417. Mayor Perk and Director Putka are informed that their recent removal of Penthouse magazine from the shelves of the airport gift shop violates that publisher's rights of free speech and press. (7-21-77)**
- 418. Mayor Perk meets with 15 black protestors on the steps of City Hall who want him to retract a racist letter he sent recently to U.S. Congressman Ronald M. Mottl. (7-21-77)**

- 419. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that over 6,000 MUNY-Light customers lost their electrical power during the latest heat wave. (7-21-77)**
- 420. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis announces that the petition drive to save MUNY-Light may negatively impact the pending sale of \$72m water bonds. (7-21-77)**
- 421. Mayor Perk's Utilities Department Director Raymond Kudukis continues by saying that if that occurs then it may negatively impact Cleveland's position in Common Pleas court where the suburbs are currently trying to secure a ruling ordering regulation. (7-21-77)**
- 422. Mayor Perk announces that Cleveland Trust Bank and National City Bank may lose their share of the city's cash deposits unless they increase mortgage lending within inner-city neighborhoods. (7-21-77)**
- 423. Mayor Perk is told that the jury is deadlocked in the bribery trial of Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd and that it has been sent home for the evening with deliberations continuing in the morning. (7-21-77)**
- 424. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd has been found guilty of bribery and according to visiting Common Pleas Court Judge Robert Tague faces one to ten years in jail for each bribery count and fines totaling up to \$5,000 for each count. (7-22-77)**
- 425. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd will not resign his council seat and that he plans to appeal the conviction. (7-23-77)**

- 426. Mayor Perk's upcoming National Conference on the Blight of Obscenity will include representatives from twenty-seven states. (7-23-77)**
- 427. Mayor Perk understands that a group of prominent black delegates to the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party have drafted Cleveland City Councilman James Bell for mayor, Bell represents the 11<sup>th</sup> ward. (7-23-77)**
- 428. Mayor Perk is informed by both Cleveland Trust Bank and National City Bank that they comply with the city's anti-redlining rules; however, Cleveland City Council is skeptical. (7-23-77)**
- 429. Mayor Perk supports the Cleveland Planning Commission which has just submitted to Cleveland City Council \$2m 20-year tax abatement calling for the renovation of the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel. (7-23-77)**
- 430. Mayor Perk is informed that the Cleveland Convention Center heads (Frank Duman, David Riley, Roger Krupa, and Gordon Gifford) have joined a new union called the Inter-Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees which will represent them in future city negotiations. (7-23-77)**
- 431. Mayor Perk is praised as a great mayor by the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy at the Cuyahoga County Democratic convention. (7-24-77)**
- 432. Mayor Perk understands that the city's black wards swept Edward Feighan to victory over State Representative Patrick Sweeney at the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party Convention (338 votes to 245 votes). (7-24-77)**

- 433. Mayor Perk is expected to be weak on Election Day so says his mayoral opponent Edward Feighan. (7-25-77)**
- 434. Mayor Perk's endorsement of a constitutional amendment against school busing will not affect desegregation here so says the Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy. (7-25-77)**
- 435. Mayor Perk's Para-Police Program receives Cleveland City Council approval although it withholds another \$2.5m which would have been used to erect 27 neighborhood Para-Police stations. (7-25-77)**
- 436. Mayor Perk's Para-Police Program calls for the hiring of 350 persons between the ages of 18 and 27 to handle non-hazardous police work at a salary somewhere between \$7,200 and \$9,600. (7-25-77)**
- 437. Mayor Perk learns that Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan will not investigate the alleged ransacking of the desk of one of his assistance in which secret indictments of gambling suspects were kept. (7-26-77)**
- 438. Mayor Perk discovers that the search for a new Police Chief has been narrowed down to eleven candidates. (7-26-77)**
- 439. Mayor Perk expresses great disappointment when he learns that one of his supporter and businessman William H. Seawright may be guilty of wrongdoing. (7-27-77)**

- 440. Mayor Perk uses CETA-funding to create the Cleveland Economic Coordination Commission which will pool the resources of local business, labor, neighborhood groups, universities, and foundations with the idea of attracting new industry to the city while preserving current jobs. (7-27-77)**
- 441. Mayor Perk appoints James B. Davis as the Chairman of the Cleveland Economic Coordination Commission other members will include Bruce Akers, Dr. Vladimir Rus, and William H. Kohlberg an Assistant Secretary of Labor under President Gerald R. Ford. (7-27-77)**
- 442. Mayor Perk expects 75 cities to be represented at the National Conference on the Blight of Obscenity which will open tomorrow. (7-28-77)**
- 443. Mayor Perk is informed that Cleveland City Councilman James Boyd has resigned. (7-28-77)**
- 444. Mayor Perk is pleased when Cleveland City Council approves legislation to issue \$72m in mortgage revenue bonds for water system improvements and another \$640,000 in notes to buy new police communications equipment. (7-28-77)**
- 445. Mayor Perk creates a 19-member Commission dedicated to Neighborhood Revitalization which plans to meet once a month with the city's Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller. (7-28-77)**
- 446. Mayor Perk expects a final decision from LERTA by August 1<sup>st</sup> concerning the future of the jetport. (7-29-77)**



- 447. Mayor Perk expects that LERTA will recommend building the jetport on a manmade site approximately four miles off-shore. (7-29-77)**
- 448. Mayor Perk understands that five local groups are asking HUD to probe into the mayor's recent use of CDBG funds specifically the \$1.05m used in 1975 to avert police layoffs. (7-29-77)**
- 449. Mayor Perk is considering asking Common Pleas Judge Robert Krupansky to extend the city's deadline to pay-off its current \$13.4m debt to CEI from July 29<sup>th</sup> until after the general elections. (7-29-77)**
- 450. Mayor Perk reads in the newspapers that Tom Campbell is quitting the mayor's race saying that he is throwing his support behind Edward Feighan. (7-30-77)**
- 451. Mayor Perk understands that there was a shouting match between Cleveland City Council President George Forbes and Community Development Director Dr. Ruth Miller during a community development committee hearing when Dr. Miller said no federal funds for Forbes's ward. (7-30-77)**
- 452. Mayor Perk is under the impression that many of the city's residents want him to establish porn districts. (7-30-77)**
- 453. Mayor Perk uses the National Conference on the Blight of Obscenity to attack gay rights. (7-30-77)**
- 454. Mayor Perk lists the 26 pornography enterprises at the National Conference on the Blight of Obscenity. (7-30-77)**

- 455. Mayor Perk proposes to place Cleveland Public Hall, the Cleveland Convention Center, and the Cleveland Stadium under the control of a seven-member commission which would hire a manager to operate them. (7-30-77)**
- 456. Mayor Perk, Governor James Rhodes, and other dignitaries tour the proposed site for the new waterfront park. (7-30-77)**
- 457. Mayor Perk is informed by the consulting firm of Needles, Tamon, and Bergendoff that the U.S. Airport and Airway Trust Fund is considering giving up to \$1b to the city to build the new lake jetport. (8-1-77)**
- 458. Mayor Perk learns that U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes the keynote speaker at the Carnegie Roundtable warns that the Civil Rights gains may be wiped out as white America feels that blacks received too much. (8-1-77)**
- 459. Mayor Perk reads in the press that William Seawright who has been recently indicted by the Cuyahoga County grand jury for his alleged involvement in the numbers operations. Gained \$1.5m in city contracts in 1975. (8-2-77)**
- 460. Mayor Perk is pleased that Cleveland City Council has approved a \$10m tax abatement which will enable SOHIO to erect its new \$70m headquarters behind Terminal Tower. (8-2-77)**
- 461. Mayor Perk is told that Cleveland City Council Clerk Mercedes Cotner has filed an official protest with the Cuyahoga County Election Board against placing the MUNY-Light plant sale on the October 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. (8-3-77)**

- 462. Mayor Perk understands that the submitted petitions calling for a public vote were misleading and inaccurate. (8-3-77)**
- 463. Mayor Perk disavows any knowledge of a current FBI probe of Traffic Commissioner Henry E. Doberstyn for allegedly receiving kickbacks. (8-4-77)**
- 464. Mayor Perk's critics claim that the access roads leading from the shore to the future jetport would cost somewhere around \$2b and would eliminate Burke Lakefront Airport. (8-4-77)**
- 465. Mayor Perk is angered when the Clerk of the Municipal Court Dennis Kucinich asks the permission of the Federal Power Commission to interview CEI before its acquisition of MUNY-Light. (8-5-77)**
- 466. Mayor Perk understands that the highly outspoken owner of the Cleveland Plaza Hotel William J. Burns has been elected chairman of the Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau. (8-5-77)**
- 467. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Greater Cleveland Growth Association announces that it is willing to pay up to \$150,000 for a complementing uses study for land s adjacent to the new jetport. (8-6-77)**
- 468. Mayor Perk vows to kick prostitution out of the city. (8-7-77)**

- 469. Mayor Perk is informed that U.S. District Court Judge John Manos is demanding that Teamster Union Local 407 turn over all its records for the past 5-years to a federal grand jury which is investigating labor problems at the Cleveland Convention Center and Public Hall. (8-7-77)**
- 470. Mayor Perk is pleased when the Shriners announce that they will hold their 1980 national convention in Cleveland this will bring 50,000 members who will spend about \$40m while visiting our town. (8-9-77)**
- 471. Mayor Perk directs much of the city's CETA funding towards the Public Service Employment Program which places unemployed people in jobs in both public and non-profit agencies. (8-10-77)**
- 472. Mayor Perk orders the city's Law Department to appeal a federal ruling that would allow "Oh! Calcutta" to play at the Music Hall this October. (8-10-77)**
- 473. Mayor Perk is ordered by the court to rent the Music Hall from October 21<sup>st</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the "Oh! Calcutta" production. (8-10-77)**
- 474. Mayor Perk's CETA-efforts help over seventy-five local civic, educational, and non-profit organizations ranging from the Boys Clubs of Cleveland and Catholic Charities to Karamu House and the CSU Institute of Urban Studies. (8-10-77)**
- 475. Mayor Perk announces that the city's Traffic Commissioner Henry E. Doberstyn is no longer being considered for Police Chief. (8-11-77)**

- 476. Mayor Perk is pleased that the Cleveland Board of Control has authorized the city to purchase 225 new police cars mostly Ford LTDs from Marshall Ford at a cost of \$1.4m. (8-11-77)**
- 477. Mayor Perk is notified that the city has been granted an extension beyond the October 4<sup>th</sup> deadline to settle its court ordered payment of its MUNY-Light debt. (8-11-77)**
- 478. Mayor Perk wants to rush police car delivery. (8-12-77)**
- 479. Mayor Perk announces that the number of candidates for the Police Chief post has been cut to four. (8-12-77)**
- 480. Mayor Perk steps up war against prostitution by ordering more police and more arrests. (8-13-77)**
- 481. Mayor Perk's Ports Director Andrew Putka says the city needs to begin direct flights to Europe due to the growing number of trans-Atlantic charter flights. (8-13-77)**
- 482. Mayor Perk attends a Hough Community Picnic that celebrates the opening of a new neighborhood park. (8-13-77)**
- 483. Mayor Perk creates a special 11-member panel headed by the past President of the Greater Cleveland Growth Association Campbell Elliot to operate and eliminate abuses at the Cleveland Convention Center. (8-14-77)**
- 484. Mayor Perk announces that he will order a police raid if the play "Oh! Calcutta" violates any city and/or state laws on obscenity. (8-14-77)**

- 485. Mayor Perk announces that he will meet August 23<sup>rd</sup> with the city's principal energy suppliers to insure that the energy shortages of last winter are not repeated. (8-15-77)**
- 486. Mayor Perk announces the creation of a new Citizens' Action Center at City Hall which will computerize all complaints and requests. (8-15-77)**
- 487. Mayor Perk authorizes the city to probe allegations made against City Harbor Commissioner Gunther Katzman that while he served as Airports Commissioner he had run a private investment club whose members included airport concessionaires. (8-15-77)**
- 488. Mayor Perk is informed that a former Mod Squad policeman Ronald L. Turner has filed a \$1m law suit in Common Pleas Court against the city and the police department claiming that harassment forced him to resign his post. (8-16-77)**
- 489. Mayor Perk is criticized by State Representative and Democratic Party candidate for Mayor Edward Feighan for not naming a new police chief he claims that inaction has lowered police morale. (8-16-77)**
- 490. Mayor Perk appoints controversial local Teamster leader Jackie Presser as the eleventh member of Perk's new panel to oversee the Cleveland Convention Center and Public Hall. (8-17-77)**
- 491. Mayor Perk learns that Edward Feighan has asked Ohio State Auditor Thomas Ferguson to investigate city dealings with the heavy equipment agent William H. Seawright claiming that the mayor's earlier probe was merely a cover up. (8-17-77)**

- 492. Mayor Perk learns that Dennis Kucinich at a recent rally in the Collinwood neighborhood announces that the MUNY-Light sale will be on the October 4<sup>th</sup> ballot. (8-18-77)**
- 493. Mayor Perk accuses the FBI of conducting background checks on Police Chief Candidates, the FBI denies it. (8-18-77)**
- 494. Mayor Perk fights to deny liquor license renewals to bars on Euclid and Prospect avenues where known prostitutes hang out. (8-19-77)**
- 495. Mayor Perk's Labor Adviser Michael Rini announces that he will meet with representatives from the Stagehands union if that will avoid a strike. (8-19-77)**
- 496. Mayor Perk is expected to name a new police chief this week. (8-21-77)**
- 497. Mayor Perk understands that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes intends to eliminate jobs for Stagehands union members at the Cleveland Convention Center should they decide to strike. (8-21-77)**
- 498. Mayor Perk announces that the first sixty police officers hired in the last four years will graduate from the Police Academy today. (8-22-77)**
- 499. Mayor Perk learns that U.S. Representative Edward Feighan has filed for the mayor's race. (8-23-77)**
- 500. Mayor Perk learns that Municipal Court Clerk Dennis Kucinich has filed for the mayor's race. (8-23-77)**

- 501. Mayor Perk files for re-election. (8-24-77)**
- 502. Mayor Perk receives a ruling from U.S. District Court Judge Robert Krupansky denying the mayor the right to use a contract clause to prohibit the sale of Penthouse and any other sex magazines at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (8-24-77)**
- 503. Mayor Perk is informed by the Cuyahoga County Election Board that it is delaying until next Monday a ruling as to whether the MUNY-Light plant sale should be placed on the October 4<sup>th</sup> primary ballot. (8-24-77)**
- 504. Mayor Perk learns that the Downtown Development Corporation intends to erect a new fountain, widen existing sidewalks, and install new trees as part of a \$2.6m Public Square redevelopment project. (8-25-77)**
- 505. Mayor Perk is shocked to learn that his friend William Seawright is being accused of playing a behind-the-scenes role in selecting the next Police Chief. (8-25-77)**
- 506. Mayor Perk is informed that city officials and union leaders are presently discussing how to better run both the Cleveland Convention Center and Public Hall. (8-26-77)**
- 507. Mayor Perk is told by Cleveland City Council President George Forbes that City Council will have the final say when it comes to any agreements made by city officials and union leaders at those meetings. (8-26-77)**
- 508. Mayor Perk is upset to learn that William Seawright has been indicted for his alleged involvement in the numbers racket. (8-26-77)**



- 509. Mayor Perk announces that Michael Ahrens, a 28-year veteran of the police department and current head of the city's Inspector Bureau, has been named the city's new Police Chief. (8-26-77)**
- 510. Mayor Perk's new Police Chief Ahrens indicates that he might have to slash the number of men in the Inspector Bureau and to weigh the effectiveness of the 6 p.m. to 4 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> platoon. (8-27-77)**
- 511. Mayor Perk and Police Chief Ahrens announce that they will try and bridge racial gulfs in the department and community by being more sensitive to the needs of minorities in general. (8-27-77)**
- 512. Mayor Perk is told by mayoral candidate Edward Feighan that he should fire the Service Director Robert Beasley for his meeting with William Seawright who is currently under indictment for his alleged involvement in the numbers racket. (8-29-77)**
- 513. Mayor Perk is informed by the Cuyahoga County Election Board that the sale of MUNY-Light is off for the October 4<sup>th</sup> ballot based on the fact that the wording in the Kucinich's petitions violated state law. (8-29-77)**
- 514. Mayor Perk's opponent Edward Feighan wants to reactivate the police department's Juvenile Unit even though Police Chief Ahrens opposes it. (8-30-77)**
- 515. Mayor Perk understands that one of the petition lawyers Jack M. Shulman is heading a drive to ask the Ohio Court of Appeals to rule on the ballot issue. (8-30-77)**

- 516. Mayor Perk learns that Cleveland City Council President George Forbes is one of a dozen urban leaders invited to the White House to discuss national urban policies with top officials of the Carter Administration. (8-30-77)**
- 517. Mayor Perk and Public Safety Director James T. Carney name the EMS Acting Director William H. Rudd as that agency's new director. (8-31-77)**
- 518. Mayor Perk's Police Chief Michael Ahrens appoints the former Police Chief Robert Gallagher to replace him as the Chief of Detectives and names Inspector Edwin Nagorski as his assistant. (8-31-77)**
- 519. Mayor Perk named 15 prominent executives and union officials to an economic coordinating commission aimed at setting priorities for Cleveland's growth. (9-4-77)**
- 520. Mayor Perk is awarded \$3.1m in public works funds from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to revive the Cleveland Gateway Project. (9-7-77)**
- 521. Mayor Perk does not respond to petitions brought into his office by Edward Feighan calling for the mayor to debate him in the city's neighborhoods. (9-8-77)**
- 522. Mayor Perk asks family-oriented drug and convenience stores to remove sexually explicit magazines from their display shelves and to store them under the counter. (9-8-77)**
- 523. Mayor Perk accepts an invitation to a debate tomorrow at the City Club with the other three candidates. (9-8-77)**

- 524. Mayor Perk proposes a new program to spend \$10m in federal funds on an annual basis for the next five years in two selected neighborhoods. (9-9-77)**
- 525. Mayor Perk defends his record as mayor against the other three mayoral candidates at a debate held at the City Club. (9-9-77)**
- 526. Mayor Perk is developing a new voting strategy by courting the black vote for the first time. (9-9-77)**
- 527. Mayor Perk confident of victory at the polls decides to take the high road during the campaign or so says the press. (9-10-77)**
- 528. Mayor Perk is hit with a pie in the face by Susan Kucklick who later pleads innocent to the assault and battery charge. (9-14-77)**
- 529. Mayor Perk's outer office door is kicked by Daniel Crawl Jr. a disgruntle city employee with medical problems who thinks he has lost his job. (9-16-77)**
- 530. Mayor Perk takes his campaign to the black community with mixed results. (9-19-77)**
- 531. Mayor Perk campaigns at several of his favorite ethnic stops. (9-19-77)**
- 532. Mayor Perk and the other two candidates tell the elderly at the Euclid Beach Apartments what they are going to do for them if elected. (9-20-77)**

- 533. Mayor Perk learns that the 115,000-member Cleveland AFL-CIO Federation of Labor predicts that a majority of their unions will support him in the primary. (9-20-77)**
- 534. Mayor Perk greets his campaign workers at their new headquarters at 3736 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street. (9-21-77)**
- 535. Mayor Perk brings his new police chief Michael P. Ahrens and school desegregation special master Daniel R. McCarthy together for lunch in City Hall. (9-21-77)**
- 536. Mayor Perk will appear at the Carnegie Roundtable Forum with Edward Feighan and Dennis Kucinich to discuss issues pertinent to the black community. (9-21-77)**
- 537. Mayor Perk hires Chicago Title Insurance Company to learn who owns adult bookstores and movie houses. (9-21-77)**
- 538. Mayor Perk hits the campaign trail by stressing the dangers of pornography to an elderly group at St. Rocco Roman Catholic Church. (9-22-77)**
- 539. Mayor Perk addresses a crowd at the Carnegie Hotel bar about the importance of equal job opportunities for minorities, equal opportunities not favoritism. (9-23-77)**
- 540. Mayor Perk mingles with black voters hopes to gain their support. (9-23-77)**
- 541. Mayor Perk has raised \$117,027 for his campaign with nearly half of it coming from city employees. (9-24-77)**

- 542. Mayor Perk poses with grads trained by the West Side Training and Referral Service, a 24-week job-training program funded by CETA. (9-24-77)**
- 543. Mayor Perk and Edward Feighan receive local press endorsements for mayor in the upcoming primary election; both possess integrity and a strong sense of civil concern. (9-25-77)**
- 544. Mayor Perk emphasizes his recent achievements such as a \$100m capital improvement project at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (9-25-77)**
- 545. Mayor Perk, pledging to do everything he can to help the local steel industry, plans to meet with the leaders of the city's steel industry as soon as possible. (9-26-77)**
- 546. Mayor Perk receives the Police Department's Shield Club endorsement for mayor, Shield Club consists of 200 minority policemen. (9-26-77)**
- 547. Mayor Perk changes direction by debating Dennis Kucinich on the future of MUNY-Light. (9-26-77)**
- 548. Mayor Perk receives the endorsement of the prestigious Baptist Pastors Council and the Baptist Ministers Conference, both black minister associations. (9-27-77)**
- 549. Mayor Perk's surprise decision to attack Dennis Kucinich is based on Kucinich's sudden rise in the polls. (9-27-77)**
- 550. Mayor Perk's Community Relations Director Earl Williams acknowledges the importance of the Baptist Ministers endorsement. (9-27-77)**

- 551. Mayor Perk covers wide voter spectrum. (9-28-77)**
- 552. Mayor Perk's career is going to change because of the upcoming election or so says Madame Z, the astrologer. (9-28-77)**
- 553. Mayor Perk meets with steel industry executives to discuss marketing problems and future employment prospects. (9-28-77)**
- 554. Mayor Perk emphasizes his primary goals next term: more jobs less crime. (9-28-77)**
- 555. Mayor Perk's future revenue strategy should include city income taxes, real and personal property taxes, and federal funding. (9-28-77)**
- 556. Mayor Perk is booed at Patron Saint's Day festivities. (9-29-77)**
- 557. Mayor Perk sends 10,000 letters to city employees asking them for their votes in the upcoming primary election. (9-29-77)**
- 558. Mayor Perk proposes a meeting of local steel leaders with President Jimmy Carter once he is re-elected. (9-29-77)**
- 559. Mayor Perk and City Council President George L. Forbes discuss business at the dedication of the new \$1.2m Charles Carr Multi-Purpose Center. (9-29-77)**
- 560. Mayor Perk attempts to discredit Dennis Kucinich by saying that MUNY-Light cannot be saved. (9-29-77)**

- 561. Mayor Perk wants RTA to reconsider the \$30.9m contract recently awarded to an Italian firm to build new Shaker rapid cars; he feels an American coach company should build them. (9-30-77)**
- 562. Mayor Perk plans to lead a protest to Washington, D.C. asking the feds to rescind their requirements that all RTA contracts must be awarded to the lowest bidder regardless of that bidder's national origins. (10-1-77)**
- 563. Mayor Perk uses the opening ceremonies of the three-day Homemaker's Fair sponsored by the Call and Post to promote his own political agenda. (10-1-77)**
- 564. Mayor Perk gets the federal government to forgive the city's \$ 35m Urban Renewal debt and this opens up a new federal programs and new funding opportunities formerly not available. (10-1-77)**
- 565. Mayor Perk is sued by adult book store owners. (10-1-77)**
- 566. Mayor Perk expresses confidence that he will win the primary election even though the polls indicate that he is in second place. (10-2-77)**
- 567. Mayor Perk makes 10 campaign stops in various ethnic neighborhoods. (10-3-77)**
- 568. Mayor Perk is eliminated from the mayoral race in the primary election by two Democrats. Preliminary tallies show Kucinich with 37,765 votes, Feighan with 36,699 votes, Perk with 34,806 votes, and Kennedy with 1,092 votes. (10-5-77)**
- 569. Mayor Perk concedes the election at 10:00 p.m. (10-5-77)**

- 570. Mayor Perk says, “I like being mayor and it is a success story I’d like to continue. I would like to be mayor the rest of my life.” (10-5-77)**
- 571. Mayor Perk’s loss means that others will lose their jobs. (10-5-77)**
- 572. Mayor Perk reviews the final vote count which shows Kucinich ahead with 40,003 votes (34.0%); Feighan second with 39,724 votes (33.85%); Perk third with 36,389 votes (31.01%) and Kennedy fourth with 1,225 votes (1.04%) (10-5-77)**
- 573. Mayor Perk is praised by the Plain Dealer for his deep love of the city, a self made man he is very likeable; unfortunately, over time he lost touch with the people and his insistence on granting multimillion dollar tax abatements to downtown development, saving MUNY-Light, and pushing the People Mover hurt him with the voters. (10-5-77)**
- 574. Mayor Perk does not respond to rumors saying that he may assist Edward Feighan in the election based on his dislike of Dennis Kucinich who George Forbes claims is a racist. (10-5-77)**
- 575. Mayor Perk is again praised for his ability to persuade voters to cross party lines and support a Republican, it’s uncanny. (10-5-77)**
- 576. Mayor Perk is defeated in a non-partisan primary election he helped to create in 1971. Had it been one candidate per party then he would still be in the race. (10-5-77)**



- 577. Mayor Perk says to his followers “The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.” (10-5-77)**
- 578. Mayor Perk is praised for his shrewdness in that he persuades voters to cross party lines and support a Republican. (10-5-77)**
- 579. Mayor Perk has a reputation for hard work and simple living spending seven days a week, 16 to 17 hours a day at his job so says the New York Times (10-6-77)**
- 580. Mayor Perk will not challenge the election results based on alleged instant voter registration fraud, too hard to determine. (10-6-77)**
- 581. Mayor Perk’s cabinet divided over the role played by the media in killing his chances for re-election. (10-6-77)**
- 582. Mayor Perk continues daily routine does not act like a lame-duck want transition to be smooth. (10-9-77)**
- 583. Mayor Perk leaves swarm of projects uncompleted. (10-11-77)**
- 584. Mayor Perk order department heads to cooperate with former foes to create a smooth administrative transition. (10-13-77)**
- 585. Mayor Perk post election campaign promise to win Civil Service job protection for 560 loyal workers will fail; however, the new mayor will not be able to fire at least half of them since they are protected in lower paying job classifications. (10-14-77)**

- 586. Mayor Perk learns from Mayor-elect Kucinich that Harry Volk who has a \$27,000-a-year job as Perk's Energy Administrator in the Health Department will be the first to go. (10-14-77)**
- 587. Mayor Perk criticizes a report released to the Ohio Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights saying that women and minorities are paid less and have less job opportunities than their white male counterparts saying that it is prejudicial since many of the interviewees were political adversaries. (10-18-77)**
- 588. Mayor Perk at a Sigma Delta Chi journalism society luncheon warns that the city might lose its water system based on its failure to pay its \$18m debt to CEI for MUNY-Light electricity. (10-19-77)**
- 589. Mayor Perk says news media is blind on MUNY-Light and the Kucinich and Feighan fail to understand the financial complexities facing MUNY-Light. (10-20-77)**
- 590. Mayor Perk believes that if the two mayoral candidates understood the problem facing MUNY-Light then they would agree with him that the city has no recourse but to sell the plant to CEI for \$158m. (10-20-77)**
- 591. Mayor Perk criticizes Edward Feighan's bailout plan for MUNY-Light which calls for capital reserves to be diverted to pay MUNY-Light debts would undercut recreational center improvements, swimming pools, police cars, and fire equipment and Dennis Kucinich's plan to use income tax receipts which although legal might well lead to an increase in the city income tax. (10-20-77)**

- 592. Mayor Perk's long-time friends are being asked to give \$250 each to a trust fund which is to be used by the mayor to rent an office, hire a secretary, and provide him a small salary while he puts his official ers in order for donation to the Western reserve Historical Society. The mayor has no accumulated wealth or any great assets so says Robert Bennett. (10-20-77)**
- 593. Mayor Perk receives \$332,825 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for three city park projects. (10-20-77)**
- 594. Mayor Perk's most recent funding request originated with Bruce Akers and Dr. Ruth Miller and only came to light when Cleveland Personnel Director Dean J. Schanzel sent a request letter to city employees urging them to purchase \$15 to \$250 patron tickets to a special Appreciation Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>. (10-21-77)**
- 595. Mayor Perk appoints Anthony Russo, a former state representative as the new harbors Commissioner. (10-22-77)**
- 596. Mayor Perk signs a contract with WEWS-TV as a political expert on the city's mayoral race on election night Tuesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. (10-25-77)**
- 597. Mayor Perk and some of his singing buddies will get together at city hall for a combined dinner and songfest scheduled on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. (10-24-77)**

- 598. Mayor Perk during an interview with Brent Larkin of the Plain Dealer says that he is most proud of the fact that racial harmony is better today than ever before also that he is considering becoming an urban consultant, and that he prides himself on choosing qualified people for posts many of them brighter than he is. (10-28-77)**
- 599. Mayor Perk announces that he will never run for office again and that in all probability he will not endorse either of the two mayoral candidates. (10-28-77)**
- 600. Mayor Perk presents the following legislation to City Council at his last session: cut property taxes by 10%; amend Gateway proposal for an apartment-office complex north of the Press Building; and seek competitive bids for a new game room to be built at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. (10-30-77)**
- 601. Mayor Perk lavished with praise by the Forbes-led City Council. (11-1-77)**
- 602. Mayor Perk says in response to George Forbes that he is “the finest council president I have ever known heard of or seen in this council.” (11-1-77)**
- 603. Mayor Perk learns that City Council took no action on MUNY-Light; however, it is his understanding that its sale is eminent also council action cutting property taxes has been held over as was the possible bid process for the game room at the airport. (11-1-77)**
- 604. Mayor Perk endorses Ed Feighan for mayor. (11-3-77)**
- 605. Mayor Perk is praised by NOACA for his help. (11-3-77)**

- 606. Mayor Perk's new Port Director Bruce Akers appoints Police Detective James McHugh, most recently a bodyguard to the mayor, as the new Chief of Airport Security. (11-10-77)**
- 607. Mayor Perk's People Mover project is dead with the election of Dennis Kucinich as mayor. (11-10-77)**
- 608. Mayor Perk is criticized by some for his last minute appointments not based on their competency but rather that they may not be the persons the new mayor might want to see at those posts. (11-11-77)**
- 609. Mayor Perk's aides criticized for collecting \$63,000 on his last day in office. (11-11-77)**
- 610. Mayor Perk and his wife Lucille are saluted by about 500 friends at a special Appreciation Dinner held at the Cleveland Plaza Hotel. (11-12-77)**
- 611. Mayor Perk swears in 50 new policemen and 52 new firefighters as his last act as mayor. (11-12-77)**
- 612. Mayor Perk discovers that some of his troops including Assistant Law Director Nicholas DeVito and William B. Lechecka, and Thomas R. Skulina, two Civil Service Commissioners, have deserted early. (11-13-77)**
- 613. Mayor Perk announces that the city received about \$35m in federal economic stimulus money in 1977. (11-13-77)**
- 614. Mayor Perk left City Hall at midnight last night, for the first time in 25 years he will not be a public servant. (11-14-77)**

- 615. Mayor Perk is invited to Kucinich inauguration at the last minute. (11-14-77)**
- 616. Mayor Perk's staff considered the last minute invitation an insult. (11-14-77)**
- 617. Mayor Perk on October 13<sup>th</sup> was faced with a problem: Ports Director Andrew C. Putka refused to appoint Gunther Katzmar Airports Commissioner and Putka refused to resign as requested by Perk. Putka claimed Katzmar was unfit suspended from a similar job. Perk fired Putka and offered Ports Director post to Robert Michalski if he would sign off on Katzmar. Michalski refused and Perk turned to Bruce Akers. Akers became Ports Director and quickly signed off on Katzmer. (11-17-77)**
- 618. Mayor Perk says that the CETA program generated annual funding levels ranging from \$60m to \$70m and provided 885 industrial jobs. (11-18-77)**
- 619. Mayor Perk's right to issue tax abatements to the Euclid-Ninth Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation to offset National City Center \$59m building costs is upheld by the federal court system. (11-19-77)**
- 620. Mayor Perk announces that he is now an urban consultant and that he has opened his own downtown office. (11-26-77)**
- 621. Mayor Perk balances the city budget each of six years as mayor and reduces the city's short-term debt from \$148m in 1971 to \$38m by 1977. (12-1-77)**