

teer, paced in front of the four tables of elementary school kids working on math problems and reading biographies of Amelia Earhart and Sojourner Truth. It was 4:21 in the afternoon, and Power Hour, the Boys & Girls Club of Central Pennsylvania's mandatory

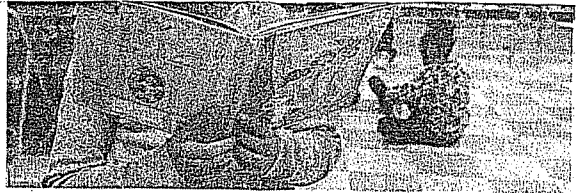
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children filed upstairs, ready for dinner and more than an

Potter said. "A little bit longer. Hang in there."

When the time was up, a whistle blew, the books went away and the



Nigeria Lincoln, 7, reads a Disney Princess book, "One True Love," during Power Hour at the Boys & Girls Club.

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# Shane's to stay open — minus dancers

**A Derry Twp. landlord drops its lawsuit against a bar after the operator agrees to no more scantily clad women prancing onstage.**

BY NICK MALAWSKEY

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The twin golden poles — the source of so much controversy in recent weeks — have been removed from Shane's City Limits in Derry Twp.

On Thursday, the bar and its landlord, Room One Corp., reached a settlement in a lawsuit against the bar by the landlord.

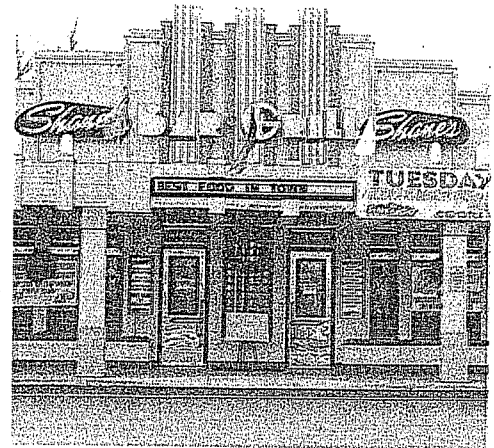
Room One attorney Paige Macdonald-Matthes announced the settlement just before testimony was to

resume in an emergency-injunction hearing in Dauphin County Court.

"There will be no more strip clubs in Derry Twp.," she said, later adding her client was "very satisfied" with the outcome.

The resolution brings to an end a week of outcry not only from the bar's landlords but from the community, where concerns were raised about the proximity of the establishment to residential areas and the impact it could have on Hershey's image as a family destination.

Located off Hersheypark Drive, the business featured dancers at least four nights in the past week, women



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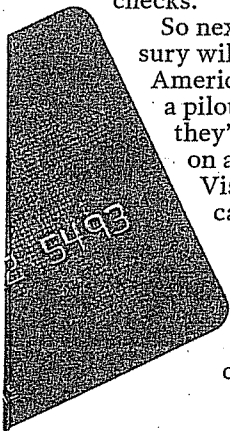
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## A SPEEDIER TAX REFUND

The federal government figures it can save around \$40 million if it doesn't have to send out paper tax-refund checks.

So next week, the Treasury will ask 600,000 Americans to take part in a pilot program in which they'd get their refunds on a MyAccountCard Visa pre-paid debit card.

Not only would the government save money, but taxpayers would have quicker access to their money.



# New HACC chief appreciates co

**John Sygielski, who starts in July, said he's seen the institutions provide a great service to their hometowns.**

BY NICK MALAWSKEY

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When John "Ski" Sygielski takes the reins at Harrisburg Area Community College in July, he'll be walking into a higher-education organization with growing enrollment, five campuses and a \$150 million operating budget.

It's a different environment than in his previous position, Mount Hood Community College, where the institution faced declining enrollment, a tight reserve fund and a campus that hadn't changed in almost 30 years.



SYGIELSKI

system, Sygielski was to turn around the school enrollment trends, increase its fund balances, establish academic programs and construct facilities.

At HACC, he will grapple with the opposite of some of the challenges he faced in Oregon: record enrollment pressures and a dynamic five-campus system.

He doesn't see any sweeping changes right off the bat.

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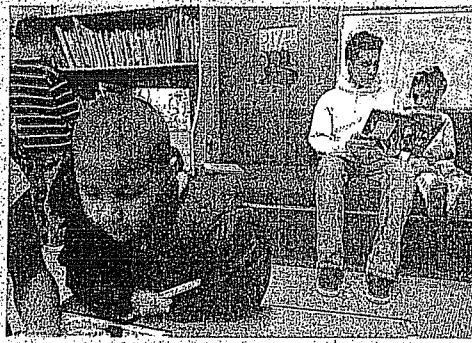
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Angelo Marshall, 6, left, looks over a book as Ricky Tran, 17, reads "The Cat in the Hat" to Kerynna Evans, 6, at the Boys & Girls Club.

JOE HERMITT, The Patriot-News

Midstate outlook

The Capital Region was not the only United Way in the midstate to benefit from a bounce in the economy.

• **The United Way of York County** met its \$6.9 million goal after two years of falling short, said Executive Director Robert Woods.

**To donate:** [www.unitedway-york.org](http://www.unitedway-york.org)

• **The United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County** will announce its total next week, but Executive Director Sherrie Davis said it is very close to its \$1.4 million goal, which she said is a

big improvement over last year.

**To donate:** [www.carlisleunitedway.org](http://www.carlisleunitedway.org)

• **The United Way of Lebanon County** is about \$231,000 short of its goal, said Executive Director Mark Hoffman, but is accepting donations for two more weeks.

**To donate:** [www.unitedwaylebco.org](http://www.unitedwaylebco.org)

• **For more information** or to donate to the United Way of the Capital Region, visit [www.uwcr.org](http://www.uwcr.org)

Tyon Evans is just happy some of that money makes its way to the Boys & Girls Club on Berryhill Road in South Allison Hill. His four children have gone there for years.

"They used to be nonsocial, but they started going to the club, and they started to meet people and loosen up a bit," Evans said.

Shadaya Reynolds doesn't get home from work until 5:30 at night. Neither does the father of their three children.

"By the time I get home and cook dinner," Reynolds said, "I don't have to help the kids with their homework so much. Instead, I just re-check it."

That's because of Power Hour, the time from 3:30 to 4:30 when every kid at the club, from those in elementary school to the recent high school graduates, have to study.

"As long as you're reading, do-

ing math, science or social studies, something academic, it's going to help them," Hollins said.

Fourth-grader Ariel Peterson spent part of Thursday's Power Hour working on an art project for school.

"I'm having fun, but I'm getting my work done at the same time," she said.

And if she weren't at the club? "I'd just be bored," she said.

For some of the older boys, the club is a safe haven.

"It's better being in here than out on the street and getting in trouble a lot," said Scott Comreg, 18.

Power Hour is one of the programs that the United Way pays for, Hollins said.

The club members aren't the only ones getting to work. Planning for the United Way of the Capital Region's 2011 campaign begins next week.

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\$210,000-a-year salary as the commander in chief of Pennsylvania's oldest and second-largest community college.

But, Sygielski said, though his most recent position took him to Oregon, he's not unfamiliar with HACC.

"HACC has been a part of my world for over a decade," he said, referring to his work with the American Association of Community Colleges. "It has a very solid reputation. ... It's a phenomenal place."

A veteran of the community college world, he's served as a president at two other community colleges and as a vice chancellor for the Virginia Community College system.

His foray into higher education followed several years as a teacher and corporate trainer.

A graduate of Northern Illinois University, where he received his doctorate, Sygielski said he chose a career in community college education because of the good those schools do in their communities.

Growing up in a former steel town in Ohio, he saw several friends gain access to an advanced

education through the local community college.

Aside from his knowledge of the community college system, Sygielski said he will bring his "ears" when he joins HACC in July.

His first goal will be to "listen and understand what is going on."

"I don't know enough yet," he said. "I don't know the real issues. You have to be there to know it ... to really understand it."

Sygielski has a while before he lands in central Pennsylvania. He said he hasn't started house hunting.

But he's looking forward to moving to the area, attracted by some of the recreational opportunities he saw while visiting.

An avid outdoorsman, Sygielski enjoys running and bicycling, two sports the area offers ample opportunity to indulge in.

While he missed this year's Pennsylvania Farm Show, he said he was looking forward to visiting it next year, right across the street from his new office.

But he seemed a bit mystified by the idea of a gigantic butter statue.

And for the record, it's pronounced "suh-GILL-ski."

SHANE'S

scantly clad in bikinis or thongs dancing on a raised stage.

The taproom operator agreed to stop hosting dancers and will comply with all Derry Twp. zoning requirements. In exchange, Room One will forgive the bar a large part of its unpaid rent and end its lawsuit to potentially expel its tenant.

Under the terms of the agreement, Room One settled Shane's unpaid rent and taxes, roughly \$36,000, for \$6,000. Once the \$6,000 is paid, Room One will formally dismiss its lawsuit against Shane's City Limits, according to the settlement.

Room One sought the injunction after it learned that the bar had started to feature bikini-clad dancers last week.

The company said it filed the injunction to protect itself from a potential zoning citation from Derry Twp., which issued a violation notice to Shane's and Room One on Monday. The township zoning ordinance bars nightclubs.

If the bar was found to be in violation, it and its landlord could have been fined up to \$500 per day until the bar came into compliance.

With the settlement announced Thursday and the cessation of dancing, the bar should be back in compliance with the township.

Derry Twp. Director of Community Development Ed Small said the township likely will cease pressing a zoning violation against the bar and its landlord.

Small said the township might take another look at its zoning ordinances once the matter is closed.

A point of contention between the bar and the township was the definition of the term "nightclub" and the lack of a definition for the term "entertainment" in its zoning ordinance.

Small, who found out about the settlement at the courthouse, said the township was satisfied with the outcome of the case.

"As long as he is in compliance," Small said. "That's the goal."

Bar owner Shane Mrakovich described the settlement as a "win-win" for everyone involved. Neither Mrakovich nor his attorney, Bruce Warshawsky, were present for the settlement announcement.

When reached by phone, Mrakovich said he was pleased with the outcome and felt that both parties had been able to reach a middle ground.

Mrakovich will continue to operate his business as Shane's City Limits, although he will be restricted to doing so as a bar and restaurant.

He said Shane's likely will continue to feature its usual food and drink specials, and karaoke — just no dancers.

He said that's fine with him. "We already took down the poles," he said. "We'll go back to business as usual."