

MT. PLEASANT STREET  
FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT  
ANNOUNCEMENT

JULY 19, 2003

A GREEK PHILOSOPHER 2000 YEARS AGO SAID “PUBLIC SERVICE IS NOT A PUBLIC CHORE TO BE GOTTEN OVER WITH. IT IS A WAY OF LIFE.”

I THINK THAT DEFINITION IS MORE DISCRIPTIVE OF OUR GOVERNOR THAN ANYTHING I COULD IMAGINE. WE ARE SO VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO IS DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE LOT OF OUR CITIZENS AND HAS THE INATE ABILITY TO KNOW HOW TO DO THAT AND TO SET COURSE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, REGARDLESS OF THE OBSTICALS. THE ONGOING DRAMA PLAYING OUT IN HARRISBURG AROUND THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS IS A

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PRIMARY EXAMPLE OF HIS CONSIDERABLE  
DETERMINATION AND SKILL.

I THINK THIS PROCESS IS ANALOGOUS TO TRYING TO  
MANAGE A CHINESE FIREDRILL CONDUCTED ON THE  
PARKWAY EAST OUTBOUND, AT RUSH HOUR, IN FEBRUARY,  
ON A FRIDAY AFTERNOON, IN THE MIDDLE OF A SNOW  
STORM WITH A 18 WHEELER STUCK IN THE SQUIRAL HILL  
TUNNELS WITH FOUR FLAT TIRES, A SEEMLY IMPOSSIBLE  
SCENARIO TO EXTRICATE YOURSELF FROM. BUT YOU  
KNOW WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO IT (HAS DONE IT). AND  
HE'S DOING IT IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH ARE SERVED, AND SERVED WELL,  
PARTICULARLY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. HIS SKILLS ARE  
BEING USED TO PROVIDE EDUCATION REFORM AND  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF THAT PENNSYLVANIA'S FAMILIES  
HAVE BEEN CLAMORING FOR -ASKING FOR HELP FOR OVER  
THIRTY YEARS. AND HE'S GOING TO JUMP START

hast night  
3:30 AM.

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PENNSYLVANIA'S THROUGH A VERY AMBITIOUS ECONOMIC  
STIMULUS PACKAGE .

BUT REGARDLESS OF HIS UNBELIEVABLE SCHEDULE, THE  
NEED FOR HIM TO REMAIN AT THE NEGOTATING TABLE, HE  
STILL HAS FOUND THE TIME TO COME TO GBG TO MAKE AN  
ANNOUCEMENT ABOUT MUCH NEEDED AND OVERDO  
PROJECT, ONE THAT WILL AFFECT THE ~~LIVES OF NUMBER~~  
~~OF~~ <sup>Business</sup> FAMILIES IN SUCH A POSITIVE WAY. TO PROVIDE FOR  
~~THE FREEDOM FROM FEAR OF A CLOUD BURSTS AND WHAT~~ <sup>much needed security from RAFTING</sup>  
~~DAMAGE THEY HAVE CAUSED AND WILL CAUSE IN THE~~ <sup>floods</sup>  
~~FUTURE FOR THE HOMES ALONG JACKS RUN WITHOUT~~ <sup>tributary</sup>  
THESE FUNDS. BUT BY VIRTUE OF THE STATE, THROUGH  
THE GOOD OFFICES OF OUR GOVERNOR, WITH THIS  
PRESENTATION TODAY WE ARE GOING TO ALAY THOSE  
FEARS. WE ~~SAYING TO THE PEOPLE ALONG THAT STREAM~~  
YOU WILL HAVE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY YOU DESERVE.

