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**Up to 20% hike**

Higher payroll tax to kick in Wednesday for state employers. **BUSINESS, B5**

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**"They have a huge credibility gap with their own people as to the election process. And I don't think that's going to disappear by any finding of a limited review of a relatively small number of ballots."**

— Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, questioning a recount of Iran's disputed election

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**THAT'S ODD**

**Check your change**

**LONDON** — The Royal Mint admits it's made a rare error, producing coins without a date on them for the first time in centuries.

The mint said Monday that at least 100,000 of the year-less 20-pence coins, normally worth 33 U.S. cents at face value, slipped into circulation at the end of last year. If found, one coin would garner hundreds of times more on the collectors' market.

Numismatists say the last time the Royal Mint accidentally left out the year on a coin was in 1672.

*The Associated Press*

**ON TEMPORARY BASIS**

Michael Jackson's mother named guardian of singer's three children. **STORY, PAGE A7**

**REVERSES PRIOR RULING**

Supreme Court rules that white firefighters in Conn. were unfairly denied promotions. **STORY, PAGE A4**



**WEATHER**

Mostly sunny  
High: 80; low: 63  
**FORECAST, PAGE A2**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Crime news from the Shore and beyond can be found on the Jersey Mayhem page on APP.com.

## Madoff gets the max: 150 years

**FEDERAL JUDGE: Fraud 'extraordinarily evil'**

**PROBE: Continues; 10 others could be charged**

By **TOM HAYS** and **LARRY NEUMEISTER**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK** — A federal judge rejected Bernard Madoff's plea for leniency Monday, sentencing the

71-year-old swindler to spend the rest of his life in prison for an "extraordinarily evil" fraud that took a staggering toll on thousands of victims.

U.S. District Judge

Denny Chin cited the unprecedented nature of the multibillion-dollar fraud as he sentenced Madoff to the maximum of 150 years in prison, a term comparable only to those given in the

past to terrorists, traitors and the most violent criminals. There is no parole in federal prison so Madoff will most likely die there.

"Here, the message must be sent that Mr. Madoff's crimes were extraordinarily evil and that this kind of irresponsible manipulation of the system is not merely a bloodless financial crime that takes place

just on paper, but it is instead ... one that takes a staggering human toll," Chin said.

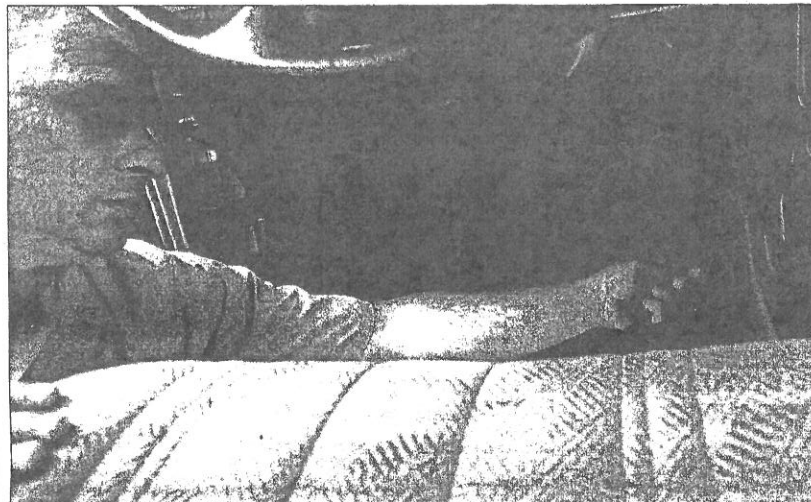
The massive Ponzi scheme run by Madoff since at least the early 1990s demolished the life savings of thousands of people, wrecked charities and shook confidence in the U.S. financial system.

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**N.J. MVC ORDERS EQUIPMENT UPGRADE**

**\$8,000 FOR EMISSIONS-TESTING EQUIPMENT:**

Owners of private garages doing inspections say they only got 10 days' notice that they need to pay up or be dropped from program.



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**Jack Pontoriero** plugs a computer lead into a car to check emissions at his **Holiday City Service Center** in **Toms River** Monday. He and other private inspection station owners are upset at the short notice given by the state Motor Vehicle Commission for purchasing new testing equipment.

## STATION OWNERS FUMING

By **MICHAEL AMSEL**  
TOMS RIVER BUREAU

Some private inspection station owners at the Jersey Shore are angry that the state Motor Vehicle Commission is requiring them to purchase new emissions-testing equipment by today at a cost of about \$8,000.

"We were given a heads-up six, eight months ago that things were going to change, but it really came to a head the last 10 days," said Jack Pontoriero, owner of Holiday Service Center in Toms River. "We were mailed packets that had to be signed and mailed back in 10 days. If they (the commission) didn't receive it by June 30, you were out of the program. The whole thing is ridiculously unreasonable."

**DEADLINE TODAY**

About 1,400 private motor vehicle inspection stations throughout the state must meet a deadline today of purchasing new emissions testing equipment, at a cost of about \$8,000, or face exclusion from the inspection program. Some station operators are upset that they have to lay out the entire amount for a system they said may not reach them until 2010. Owners who can't raise the entire amount can opt for a financing plan.

entire system, but then you have to wait months to receive it," Bernal said. "We will see the old one in



## Lawsuit: Priest molested 2 teens

Allegations date to '80s

By **KATHLEEN HOPKINS**  
TOMS RIVER BUREAU

**TOMS RIVER** — A sexual abuse lawsuit against a former pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in Freehold has been amended to include a second plaintiff who has come forward with allegations that he was sexually abused by the Roman Catholic priest during an overnight trip to a spa resort about 25 years ago, when the clergyman was assigned to St. Veronica's Church in Howell.

The new plaintiff, now 38 and living in Pennsylvania, alleges in the amended lawsuit that the Rev. Richard Milewski pulled down his bathing suit while roughhousing with him in the pool and squeezed his genitals until he was motionless with pain.

The plaintiff, identified in the lawsuit only by initials "S.J.," alleged that Milewski made the group of boys he took to the spa resort in northwest New Jersey strip naked before going into a whirlpool tub and steam room with him.

The trip, in 1984 or 1985, was separate from one detailed by the first plaintiff, who has alleged he was sexually abused by Milewski during an outing to the Poconos with a group of boys, also in that same two-year period, said Toms River attorney Robert R. Fuggi Jr. He filed the lawsuit on behalf of the two plaintiffs.

Both plaintiffs were parishioners at St. Veronica's