

Saturday's Quiz

The Quiz will enjoy a stress-free Big East Saturday

1 ■ Lt. Gov. Richard Ravitch laid out a five-year plan this week to restore fiscal integrity to the state. What did the plan entail?

- a) Cutting the state budget by at least 10 percent each year.
- b) Cutting taxes and holding budget increases to the cost of living.
- c) Borrowing billions and putting strict controls on spending.
- d) Raising taxes and continuing to spend like drunken sailors.

2. The state Education Department discussed a radical move to cut costs. What was it?

- a) Consolidating the state's hundreds of school districts into 62 county districts.
- b) Eliminating some high-stakes Regents exams.
- c) Shutting down school cafeterias and forcing all students to brown-bag it.
- d) Closing a school in each district and shipping the students to Pennsylvania.



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8. TRUE OR FALSE: Syracuse Mayor Stephanie Miner (*right*) shows Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney a city ledger during a rousing game of "My Deficit Is Bigger Than Your Deficit" in City Hall Tuesday.

- c) "When he wasn't suspecting it, I shoved an ink balloon down his pants. It was awesome!"
- d) "After a meeting he started debriefing me, so I debriefed him."

3. Syracuse University approved a 4 percent tuition increase for next school year. Which is true about the increase?

- a) It's the second year in a row tuition has gone up by the same amount.
- b) It's the biggest percentage increase in 12 years.
- c) It's the smallest percentage increase in 44 years.
- d) It will keep total student costs below \$50,000 a year.

4. The village of Skaneateles is cracking down on people who don't pay their parking tickets. What will the punishment be for scofflaws if they don't pay up?

- a) They'll be towed even if they are parking legally.
- b) They'll have to pay double for any outstanding tickets.
- c) They'll be banished from Doug's Fish Fry for a year.
- d) They'll be required to talk with Dickens characters for at least an hour a day during the next Christmas season.

5. U.S. Rep. Eric Massa, D-Corning, who resigned from Congress last week, admitted groping one of his staffers but insisted it wasn't sexual. What did he say happened?

- a) "The other guys and I thought it would be funny to give him a wedgie. But obviously he didn't have a sense of humor."
- b) "Not only did I grope him, I tickled him until he couldn't breathe and four guys jumped on top of me."

accompanying me, so I declined him.

6. Wholesale electricity prices fell by 50 percent last year. How much did National Grid's residential customers see their electric supply charge drop?

- a) 50 percent.
- b) 30 percent.
- c) 15 percent.
- d) 5 percent.

7. Two weeks into his investigation of Gov. David Paterson, state Attorney General Andrew Cuomo has recused himself and appointed an independent counsel instead. What reason did he give?

- a) The polls showed that most people wanted him to.
- b) Some African-American leaders urged him to.
- c) He was concerned about the appearance of a conflict of interest.
- d) He realized the probe could extend for months, interfering with his run for governor.

Answers:

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. c
- 4. b
- 5. b
- 6. c
- 7. c

8. False. Miner and Mahoney were looking at signatures in the Mayor's Autograph Book at the Onondaga Historical Association. The book contains the signatures of all the Syracuse mayors and Onondaga County executives.