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PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE IN SEPTEMBER  
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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS ROSE BY 8 PER CENT AND 7 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY IN SEPTEMBER 1980 COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE DOMESTIC EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) IMPROVED SLIGHTLY BY 1 PER CENT. HOWEVER, A MUCH LARGER INCREASE IN VOLUME WAS REGISTERED FOR IMPORTS (+ 15%) THAN FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS (+ 4%). ON THE OTHER HAND, THE PRICES OF RE-EXPORTS INCREASED BY 7 PER CENT, WITH VOLUME UP BY 50 PER CENT.

IN RELEASING THE FIGURES TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT PRICES WERE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF THE GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE WERE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING SEPT 1980 WITH SEPT 1979

	EXPORT VALUES	EXPORT UNIT VALUES	EXPORT VOLUMES
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 7%	+ 10%	- 3%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 4%	- 1%	+ 5%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	- 18%	+ 5%	- 22%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 1%	+ 9%	- 8%
ALL TRANSISTORIZED RADIOS	+ 16%	+ 3%	+ 12%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 55%	+ 13%	+ 38%
FOOTWEAR	+ 2%	+ 12%	- 9%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 30%	+ 17%	+ 12%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+228%	+ 2%	+222%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 37%	- 9%	+ 50%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 12%	+ 8%	+ 4%

APART FROM WATCHES AND CLOCKS, TEXTILE FABRICS, THE EXPORT PRICES OF WHICH DROPPED BY 9 PER CENT AND 1 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, EXPORT PRICES OF THE MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED AT VARYING RATES, FROM A 2 PER CENT INCREASE FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP TO A 17 PER CENT INCREASE FOR METAL MANUFACTURES.

CONSIDERABLE GROWTH IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WAS NOTED FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+ 222%), WATCHES AND CLOCKS (+ 50%) AND ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+ 38%). HOWEVER, AN APPRECIABLE DECREASE WAS REGISTERED IN THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (- 22%).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING SEPT 1980 WITH SEPT 1979

	IMPORT VALUES	IMPORT UNIT VALUES	IMPORT VOLUMES
FOODSTUFFS	+ 26%	+ 9%	+ 15%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 40%	- 1%	+ 41%
FUELS	+ 29%	+ 36%	- 5%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 10%	+ 7%	+ 3%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 27%	+ 7%	+ 19%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 23%	+ 7%	+ 15%

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FUELS, THE PRICES OF WHICH JUMPED BY 36 PER CENT, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY CHANGED MODERATELY, RANGING FROM - 1 PER CENT TO + 9 PER CENT.

MOST IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS ROSE IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONES BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, TEA AND COFFEE, SUGAR AS WELL AS MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, FOOTWEAR, RADIOS, TELEVISION SETS, GRAMMOPHONES, RECORDS AND TAPE RECORDERS, AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS. ON THE OTHER HAND, TOBACCO MANUFACTURES AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FELL SUBSTANTIALLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS DROPPED BY 5 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF VARIOUS KINDS OF RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES SHOWED A MIXED TREND. WHEREAS PURCHASES OF WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, WOOLLEN YARN AND MIXTURES, FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES AND BASE METALS (EXCLUDING IRON AND STEEL) ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY, DEMAND FOR RAW COTTON, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS AS WELL AS DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS DECLINED.

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AS FOR CAPITAL GOODS, MAJOR INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND OFFICE MACHINES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUES, UNIT VALUES AND VOLUMES OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHANGES COMPARING SEPT 1980 WITH SEPT 1979

	RE-EXPORT VALUES	RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUES	RE-EXPORT VOLUMES
FOODSTUFFS	+ 4%	+ 1%	+ 3%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 66%	+ 4%	+ 60%
FUELS	+162%	+ 40%	+ 86%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 46%	+ 10%	+ 33%
CAPITAL GOODS	+120%	+ 7%	+107%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 60%	+ 7%	+ 50%

APART FROM FOODSTUFFS, THE VOLUMES OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, RANGING FROM 33 PER CENT TO 107 PER CENT.

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## EXCO AND LEGCO APPOINTMENTS

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MR JOHN BREMRIDGE WILL RETIRE FROM THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS ON DECEMBER 2, 1980.

HE WILL BE REPLACED IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY MR DAVID NEWBIGGING, CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR NEWBIGGING'S APPOINTMENT WILL BE FROM DECEMBER 2, 1980 TO AUGUST 31, 1982.

MR BREMRIDGE'S PLACE ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE TAKEN BY MR STEPHEN CHEONG.

MR CHEONG, AN INDUSTRIALIST, SERVES ON SEVERAL PUBLIC SERVICE ORGANISATIONS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TEXTILE ADVISORY BOARD, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS OF THE ICAC AND THE AVIATION ADVISORY BOARD.

MR CHEONG'S APPOINTMENT WILL BE FROM DECEMBER 2, 1980 TO AUGUST 31, 1981.

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CNA A ASSESSMENT OF POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES BEGINS IN JANUARY  
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THE COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL ACADEMIC AWARDS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE SENDING VALIDATING ADVISORY TEAMS IN JANUARY TO BEGIN AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF COURSES IN BAPTIST COLLEGE AND LINGNAN COLLEGE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE THIS AFTERNOON, SIR JACK SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY APPROVED A COMMITMENT OF NEARLY \$1 MILLION TO MEET THE COSTS OF THE TWO-YEAR VALIDATION EXERCISE.

HE SAID MUCH OF THE PREPARATORY WORK HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND THE ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TEAMS WOULD BE CAREFULLY STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+IT IS IN FACT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION THAT INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT SHOULD BECOME A PERMANENT RECURRENT FEATURE SO AS TO ENSURE THAT A MINIMUM LEVEL OF STANDARDS IS ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES IN ALL OF THE APPROVED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, AS BEFITS THEIR NEW ROLE AND STATUS,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION THAT THE POSITION OF THESE COLLEGES SHOULD BE SO DEFINED AS TO GIVE A TRUE REFLECTION OF THEIR NEW ROLE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND IN SERVING THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

+IT IS PROPOSED THAT AN APPROVED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE SHALL BE AN INSTITUTION OF PUBLIC CHARACTER AND CHARITABLE STATUS IN THE LEGAL SENSE AND, IN CONSEQUENCE OF THIS, ITS LICENSING SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

+IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO INCLUDE PROVISION FOR A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD AND COUNCIL TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INVOKE THIS PROVISION UNLESS THE COLLEGE IS IN RECEIPT OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY WAY OF GRANTS ALLOCATED FOR THE PROVISION OF SPECIFIC PLACES OR COURSES.

+I BELIEVE THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE SEEN TO BE REASONABLE,+ SIR JACK SAID.

SPEAKING TO THE GRADUATES AT THE CEREMONY, SIR JACK SAID YOUNG HONG KONG HAD TO BE EQUIPPED TO FACE THE CHALLENGE OF OUR RAPID GROWTH +WITH RESOURCEFUL RESILIENCE, INDEPENDENCE OF THOUGHT AND ACTIVE, THINKING MINDS+.

HE SAID HOWEVER THAT THESE ATTRIBUTES WERE IN THEMSELVES ALONE NOT ENOUGH FOR THEM TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN LIFE.

+IT IS AT LEAST AS IMPORTANT THAT YOU SHOULD ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN YOUR NEIGHBOUR, TO NURTURE A SENSE OF SERVICE AND GOODWILL TO ALL,+ HE SAID.

/HE TOLD .....

HE TOLD THEM THAT THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG IN +GETTING ON+ OR IN MAKING MONEY WHEN THEY LEAVE COLLEGE, BUT IT WAS WRONG WHEN THIS WAS THE ONLY MOTIVATION IN ONE'S LIFE WHEN MEN ARE JUDGED NOT BY THEIR CHARACTER BUT BY THEIR OSTENSIBLE WEALTH.

+SO I COMMEND THIS TO YOU TODAY : THAT YOU STICK TO YOUR IDEALS, STICK TO PRINCIPLES, AND ABOVE ALL -- ABOVE ALL ELSE -- BE TRUE TO YOURSELVES,+ SIR JACK SAID.

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### FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY IN SAI KUNG

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SAI KUNG IS TO HOLD A FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE LOCAL INTEREST IN ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY.

THE FESTIVAL, WHOSE THEME IS 'RESPECT THE ELDERLY', WILL OPEN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 2 PM AT SAI KUNG SUNG CHUN SCHOOL.

A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN, MISS CARRIE TSANG, SAID MORE THAN 4 000 OF THE LOCAL POPULATION OF 40 000 WERE OLD PEOPLE.

THE SCATTERED LOCATION OF VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT AND THEIR REMOTENESS HAD FORMED A BARRIER TO LOCAL ELDERLY TO ENJOY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, MISS TSANG SAID.

HOWEVER, IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH THE FESTIVAL THEY WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND THAT VOLUNTARY BODIES SUCH AS VILLAGE MAC'S WOULD ORGANISE MORE ACTIVITIES FOR THEM, SHE ADDED.

A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FESTIVAL WAS FORMED A MONTH AGO. IT IS CHAIRED BY LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR CHAN KWAI-SANG, AND INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU DISTRICT RURAL COMMITTEES.

THE COST OF ORGANISING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES AMOUNTS TO \$55 000, OF WHICH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS PROVIDING \$15 000 AND MR CHENG CHEK CHEE \$10 000.

ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL INCLUDE PICNICS, GAMES DAYS AND VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE AGED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A HOME ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, IN WHICH VOLUNTEER WORKERS WILL VISIT HOUSES LIVED IN BY OLD PEOPLE TO DO REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK.

TOMORROW'S OPENING WILL INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, IN WHICH WORKS OF THE ELDERLY WILL BE ON DISPLAY, AND A TALENT CONTEST.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR COLIN BOSHER, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR LAM KOK-WAN, AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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NTSD SETS UP NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY SET UP A NEW DISTRICT OFFICE -- NORTH DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICE -- TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO RESIDENTS OF FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING.

THE NEW ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH IS THE NINTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT, IS ACCOMMODATED ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MEI TAK BUILDING, 1-17 KWONG FOK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, AND WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

MR LAW WAI-MING, URBAN SERVICES OFFICER (NORTH), HEADS THE NEW OFFICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE MAIN PURPOSE OF SETTING UP THE NEW OFFICE WAS TO MEET INCREASING DEMAND FOR VARIOUS SERVICES AS A RESULT OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA FORMERLY COVERED BY THE TAI PO URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.

+IT ALSO AIMS TO IMPROVE CO-ORDINATION AND LIAISON WITH THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DAY OF FUN AND GAMES FOR PWD STAFF

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TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WILL BE A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES FOR STAFF OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE OCCASION IS THE THIRD PWD FUN FAIR. THE PLACE IS THE GARDEN ROAD OPEN AIR CAR PARK.

THOUSANDS OF PWD STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES WHICH WILL START WITH A LION DANCE BY THE HO LAP TIN MARTIAL ARTS OF HUNG STYLE ASSOCIATION LTD.

THE FAIR WILL THEN BE OPENED OFFICIALLY BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY INCLUDES MODERN DANCES BY THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION LTD., A KARATE SHOW BY THE ALL JAPAN BUDO FEDERATION SEIBUKAN ACADEMY (THE HONG KONG DOJO), CHILDREN'S CHORAL SINGING BY CHAI WAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CHINESE FOLK DANCES BY THE BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL DANCE GROUP, AND A BEER DRINKING COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE SAN MIGUEL BREWERY LIMITED.

THERE WILL BE 24 GAMES STALLS AND TO ADD NOVELTY TO THE OCCASION THERE WILL BE A HOT-AIR BALLOON DISPLAY AND MULE RIDES FOR THE CHILDREN.

THE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A RAFFLE DRAW BY MISS HONG KONG 1980, WANDA TAI, AT 3.40 PM. PRIZES TO BE WON RANGE FROM VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDERS AND REFRIGERATORS TO HAIR DRYERS AND MINI-LAMPS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PLENTY OF FOOD AND DRINKS.

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MOST NT BATHING FACILITIES TO CLOSE  
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THE KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND LIFEGUARD SERVICES AND OTHER FACILITIES AT ALL 12 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND AT OUTLYING ISLANDS WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE BATHING FACILITIES WOULD BE RE-OPENED TO THE PUBLIC NEXT MARCH.

COMMENTING ON THE CLOSURE, HE SAID IT WOULD NOT CAUSE MUCH INCONVENIENCE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS VERY FEW PEOPLE SWIM DURING THE COOL WINTER MONTHS.

THE KWAI CHUNG SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL UNDERGO ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WHICH INCLUDE CLEARING REFUSE FROM INSIDE THE FILTRATION PLANT, REPLACING THE DAMAGED MOSAIC TILES AND CHECKING THE CHLORINATOR AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED SWIMMERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MAKE USE OF THE HEATED POOL IN FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHICH WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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SHA TIN PUBLIC DUMP OPEN FROM MONDAY  
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A PUBLIC DUMP ON THE RECLAMATION NEAR SIU LEK YUEN, SHA TIN WILL BE OPEN FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

ACCESS TO THE NEW DUMP WILL BE FROM SIU LEK YUEN ROAD OFF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

DUMPING MAY BE CARRIED OUT AT THE SITE BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

DUMPING PERMITS MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON APPLICATION TO THE PROJECT MANAGER (SHA TIN), SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER, THE ORIGIN, TYPE AND APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF MATERIALS TO BE DUMPED AND THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR A PARTICULAR JOB.

ALL DUMPING MUST BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE DUMP SUPERVISOR.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK  
AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED  
FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING TIMES OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE 10 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY, 8 AM TO  
6 PM ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, AND 8 AM TO 11 PM ON  
THURSDAY.

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