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Monday, July 14

Yonkers - Environmental officials plan a \$1.6 billion, environmentally friendly roof over Hillview Reservoir, just north of New York City. The 90-acre reservoir will be topped with a dirt- and grass-covered concrete cap to keep bird droppings out of the city's water supply. The soil also will protect the concrete from cracking in the sun.

Friday, July 11

New York - The Long Island Rail Road has made \$3 million since 2006 from the sale of salvaged scrap metal. Most of the scrap is rail replaced during maintenance, train wheels, copper wire and railroad tie plates. The program is part of efforts to meet environmental goals set by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Thursday, July 10

New York - Residents of the Hunts Point neighborhood in the Bronx are suing the city and a private waste recycling company. They say putrid odors from two sewage facilities infiltrate homes and schools, preventing them from enjoying their yards and hanging clothes out to dry. One plant is city-run. The other, New York Organic Fertilizer, turns sewage into fertilizer pellets.

Wednesday, July 9

Albany - A new report said the state's hospitals had a higher rate of infection in surgical intensive care units than the national average in 2007. The national figure was 2.7 infections per 1,000 days of treatment with lines in a major vein, while New York surgical intensive units had 3.7 per 1,000. **New York** - The police department is testing a fleet of hybrid SUVs, electric scooters and battery-powered three-wheel transporters. It unveiled the first of 20 hybrid sport-utility vehicles as part of efforts to curb energy consumption.

Tuesday, July 8

New York - The city health department launched an Internet campaign to help teenagers deal with depression, drugs and violence. The NYC Teen Mindspace page is posted on MySpace, the online social networking site. Health officials said the Web page uses interactive features to help teens combat any stigma against asking for help when they have problems. **Albany** - More than 500 cyclists from 35 states are participating in a bicycle tour along the historic Erie Canal this week. The 10th annual "Cycling the Erie Canal" ride from Buffalo to Albany kicked off Sunday. Cyclists will travel 400 miles along the canal's banks and on paths. The tour finishes Sunday at Albany's Corning Preserve.

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