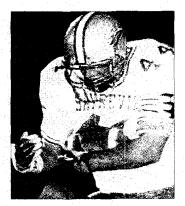
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Local man has passion for baseball memorabilia

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Applying to college 'ain't what it used to be'

Students now applying to a greater number of schools

BY SETH MANDEL Staff Writer

ollege applicants looking to follow in the footsteps of their older brother or sister have recently been faced with a harsh reality it may be necessary to blaze their own trail.

"I think we've noted that if a sibling has gone to a particular college two or three years ago with certain credentials, the younger brother or sister needs stronger credentials to get into the same school, and I think that's hitting home with the families," said East Brunswick High School guidance counselor Ian Hodos.

One reason for the recent shift is the sheer number of applicants, according Allentown High School guidance counselor Rich Freccia.

There's an increase of the 17-, 18-year-olds applying to college. There's just more of them," Freccia said, adding that not only has the number of applicants increased, but the number of applications each student sends out has multiplied as well.

"A kid might be applying to maybe, instead of three or four schools, six to eight schools, or some kids 10 to 12," he said.

Charles Geran, director of student services for the Brick Public School Township District, said guidance counselors used to advise students

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to apply only to three, four or five schools, but now "that's being blown out of the water."

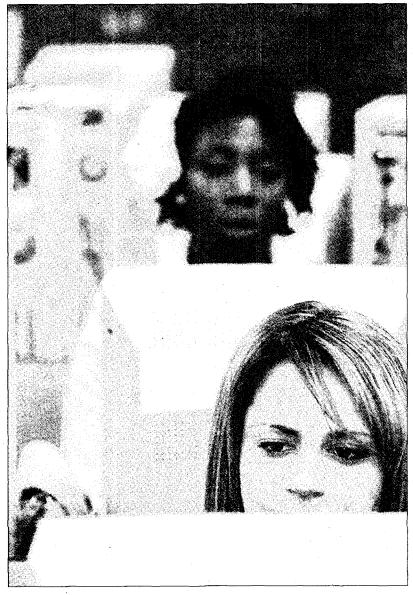
Sharon Kenny, a guidance counselor at East Brunswick High School, said that applying for early decision, a binding agreement to enroll upon acceptance, used to afford those students a certain advantage, but that advantage has since diminished consider-

Kenny said that students with high test scores, who would normally be accepted through the regular application process, are applying for early decision, thus strengthening the early applicant pool and making it harder for other students to be accepted through the same process.

Freccia said that while the well-known schools receive the bulk of the applications, many smaller schools offer an education that is comparable, if not superior, to many state schools.

"I think what happens is that students and their parents are more consumer-conscious, so they will apply to the 'name' school that has a high known quality, a reputation. The more popular schools have gotten more popular," the Allentown High School guidance counselor said.

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The ever-increasing volume of high school students applying to college has made getting accepted much more of a challenge.

Land at park entrance bought to avoid homes

Some officials express concerns that cost of land is high, given its size

BY LAUREN MATTHEW Staff Writer

ld Bridge officials voted Monday to buy land at the entrance to Veterans Park, located off Englishtown Road, in an effort to keep park-goers safe.

The land, owned by Dennis Pinkiewicz, was previously approved by the township Zoning Board of Adjustment for the development of four houses, with driveways connecting to the road leading into Veterans Park. In order to avoid the need to build other roads leading into the park and to keep the entrance safe, Old Bridge will pay \$350,000 for the land.

"I think it's needed because if you know the property, three houses or four houses built on the road going into the park becomes a real safety issue for me," said Ward Councilman G. Kevin Calogera.

Vehicles backing in and out of driveways, he said, would cause potential problems in terms of children playing in the

Calogera explained that the road going into Veterans Park is an old publicly owned

paper road that can be developed.

"We have our back against the wall," he said, noting the prior subdivision approval by the Zoning Board.

"It's a mistake we have to live with as council people," Calogera said of that ap-

However, the cost of the land was also a consideration. At less than an acre, and an asking price of \$350,000, the Pinkiewicz property seemed expensive to some.

"The amount of property that we are buying here is less than an acre ... that's a pretty steep price," said council Vice President Patrick Gillespie, who described the location of the property as important. Gillespie also mentioned that this land was previously offered to the township at a lower price.

"I don't see how we cannot [purchase] it." Gillespie said, "because it would have a detrimental impact on the park itself.

Safety aside, four houses going up so close to the park would detract from the lure of the area itself.

This would really upset the aesthetics of the park as well as the roadway," said Ward 5 Councilman Richard Greene.

As a result of the purchase, none of the

"I am most definitely for this," said Ward 6 Councilwoman Lucille Panos. Veterans Park is a part of her ward. "This was a mistake that I am glad was cor-

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Old Bridge teacher has been running exercise program for 16 years

BY LAUREN MATTHEW Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE — Gary Sapir could be spending mornings getting extra sleep before the school bell rings.

Except that the Carl Sandburg Middle School teacher supervises some 43 members of the Sandburg Boys' Fitness Club during workouts at the Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center beginning at 6:45 a.m. Sapir, who has been teaching eighthgrade social studies at Sandburg for 34 years, cares about what he's doing.

"It takes a great deal to get kids interested, but the program draws kids," Sapir said. "They want to come."

The Boys' Fitness Club is Sandburg's

oldest club, at 16 years, and it has the largest membership, 125 students. Some 60 to 70 boys on average attend each session, Sapir said. The Fitness Club is designed to keep kids active and to promote the school's sports teams.

"It was originally founded as part of the wrestlers' workout," Sapir said. "But other kids wanted to participate, so it expanded."

Jerry Politi, 11, tries his boxing skills.

Now, there are fall and spring sessions that meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings each week, beginning at 6:45 a.m. and running until 8 a.m. There's also a club for girls.

Sessions are tailored to the student, Sapir said.

"Each [student] has an individual workout sheet. He's got to do 50 percent of the activities on the sheet before he can leave the weight room," Sapir explained.

From there, students can use the gym for basketball or volleyball or, weather permitting, go outside for football. Students also run laps around the cafeteria, where they later have a breakfast provided by the school.

There are two trips each session like the one Sapir supervised Nov. 18 — one to Head Over Heels Gymnastics and one to the Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center.

"The trips are not only for fitness, but a reward for attendance," Sapir said.

Sapir worked with B.J. Yurkiewicz, an assistant head trainer and youth program

coordinator at Bayshore, to put this particular trip together. It was months in the making, Yurkiewicz said, right down to what sports conditioning classes and other activities the boys would have waiting for them.

"I think this is something these kids are going to need in the future," Yurkiewicz said. "They say obesity has doubled in the last 10 years. This starts them off on the right foot."

Recruiting for the club is year-round, relying on a grapevine type of system. Members draw other members, Sapir said. "That's what makes the club grow."

"We encourage current members to bring their friends to see the club," he continued. "The idea here is that enthusiasm is contagious."

While it may be tough to imagine a preteen getting up earlier than normal, just for a workout, Sapir motivates the kids through the activities planned for them

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and through the values he's working to instill.

"We're working to achieve health and fitness, as well as self-reliance and leadership qualifications," Sapir said.

Additionally, the club is meant to foster a sense of brotherhood among its members. There's a system of eighthgrade captains and

seventh-grade CITs (captains-in-training) in place; the boys look out for those younger than they are.

Shawn Bracht, a gym teacher and soccer coach at Southwood School, is now Sapir's assistant and helps run the club. When he was a Sandburg student, he was a member.

"It's grown much more than what it was when I was involved," Bracht said.

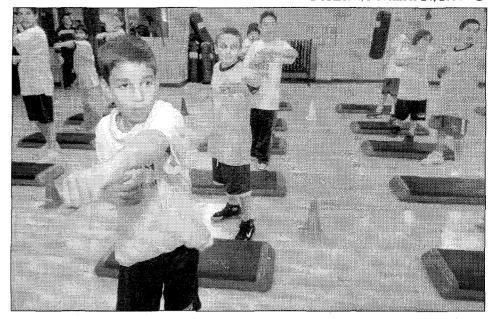
Bracht kept in touch with Sapir throughout high school and college, and was quick to comment on how much Sapir cares about his club members.

"Gary's always been like a second father to me," he said.

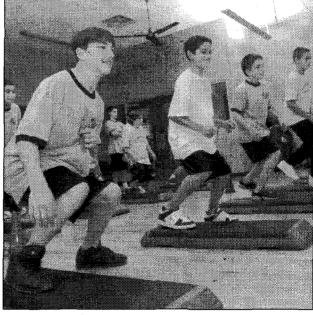
Bracht also mentioned the immense responsibility that comes with supervising so many students. But both Sapir and Bracht take that in stride.

"It's a pleasure to see these kids growing and developing, being active and involved," Sapir said, watching his charges filter out of a conditioning class for a water break.

The boys were all smiles and energy. Enthusiasm really is contagious.







Top, seventh-graders James DelVecchio and Joe Sansone were among the students testing their boxing skills during a trip to Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center, Route 9 in Old Bridge, after school last Thursday. Above, Frank Pluchino, 13, a student at Carl Sandburg Middle School, Old Bridge, works on his triceps with classmates. At left, eighth-grader Chris Coffman (left) works on his balance using the stepper.

Sidewalk project set to go in Kennedy Park

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE — Why drive to Kennedy Park when you can walk or bicycle?

The borough is hoping to make this a reality when the Greenbelt Sidewalk Project gets under way.

Large gaps along the roads connecting Kennedy Park on Ernston Road to borough hall on Main Street are lacking sidewalks, with the bulk of the nonsidewalked section in the area of Kennedy Park and Ernston Road.

The Greenbelt Sidewalk Project's intention is to fill in the gaps, essentially making it possible to walk from the park to borough hall without ever leaving a sidewalk, Borough Engineer Jay Cornell said.

"The intention is to open it up for all residents," he said.

The project is not new. According to Cornell, it was actually discussed in a

master plan a number of years ago. A prior plan to convert the old railroad right of way into walkways was long since abandoned, in part because residents felt uneasy about people walking behind their homes, he said.

The project is expected to cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000, Cornell said. The borough has a \$100,000 grant from the state Department of Transportation, which Cornell said prompted officials to move forward with the project.

The borough has applied for another grant to cover the remainder of the costs, he said.

"[The sidewalk] is probably not heavily used because of the gaps," Cornell said.

However, once they are filled, it will be open for anyone, from school-children, to joggers, to cyclists to enjoy, he added.

He said the borough would like to begin the Greenbelt Sidewalk Project by spring 2005.



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Sayreville schools plan cuts in administration

School board expects future savings as result of reorganization

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE - Amid stalled contract negotiations and the unrelated departures of two administrators, the school board is arranging a reorganization within the administration.

"In the interests of educational improvement and cost savings, the Sayreville Board of Education is reorganizing its central office team," Board President Al Cox said in a prepared statement. "The reorganization will focus the administration's energy on curricu-lum and facilities — two significant areas of parental concern."

Of those concerns, according to Cox. "Parents have expressed an interest in seeing a more current curriculum that conforms to the New Jersey Core Content Standards and that a consistent assessment policy be implemented to evaluate mastery of those standards.

As a result, the board will be creating a new part-time director of curriculum and instruction. This position, according to Cox, will assume overall responsibility for those objectives, and the result will be "dynamic and engaging discussions in classrooms throughout the district.'

Cox said the part-time position will be paid with a stipend of \$10,000 annually.

This comes on the heels of the announcement of the retirement of Superintendent of Schools Dennis Fyffe, who will go on paid administrative leave in January and officially retire Aug. 31.

The board unanimously appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools Frank Alfano to serve as acting superintendent beginning Jan. 1.

"Dr. Alfano brings a wealth of knowledge to this critical leadership [position]," Cox said.

According to the statement, Alfano, who currently earns \$124,900 annually, will be filling the roles of both superintendent and assistant superintendent through August 2005.

Alfano will earn an extra \$10,000 through a stipend as acting superintend-

Beginning with the 2005-06 school year in September, the board will abolish the current assistant superintendent position. In its place, the board will establish a new position of director of planning/research and evaluations, which will handle long-term facility and maintenance planning, as well as everyday operations, Cox said.

Also part of the reorganization will be the abolishment of the assistant buildings and grounds supervisor position, in order to make way for a director of facilities and operations. According to Cox, that position will be filled in January.

Each of the new positions carries potential maximum salaries of \$65,000 a

"Sayreville has frequently struggled in its ability to maintain its facilities, and its plan for long-term maintenance and planning has been minimal in the past,' Cox said. "The person in [the director of facilities and operations] position will work hand-in-hand with the supervisor of buildings and grounds."

He said both positions would report directly to school Business Administrator Emidio D'Andrea.

In late October, the board fired Ennio Rocco, who for more than 20 years had been supervisor of buildings and grounds for the district. He has charges pending against him for an alleged theft from the

According to school officials, the net cost to this year's budget for implementing the entire reorganization plan is about \$2,000.

But a much greater amount of money is expected to be saved in the future.

"More importantly," Cox said, "according to current salary guides, the plan will generate over \$670,000 of available funding during the next three years in salaries and benefits, [excluding] the new superintendent's salary and compensation package."

The school board has been faced with an array of new challenges regarding its

The state Department of Education has implemented a new budget restriction, the controversial S-1701 law, which became effective July 1. The law prohibits a school district from having more than 3 percent of its total budget in surplus for the 2004-05 school year.

The state requires that we do more with less," Cox said. "We simply don't have the financial resources to devote to salaries and benefits, and we need to come up with innovative solutions to meet our students' needs. This plan accomplishes just that.'

The new cap arrived at a time when the school board and the Sayreville Education Association have reached a fact-finding phase in their contract negotiations. The employees' union has continued to send a message regarding its displeasure with the lack of a contract. An estimated 400 school employees overflowed from the Board of Education's Nov. 16 agenda meeting, and many were not allowed inside the library for the meeting due to fire code regulations.

The board will have a detailed presentation of its reorganization plan for the Dec. 21 meeting and officials are encouraging the public to attend.

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Sayreville prepares for Dec. 5 holiday parade

The Sayreville Recreation Department Street and the Municipal Building. will sponsor its annual holiday parade beginning at 6 p.m. on Dec. 5. The parade will start at Outlook Avenue and travel down Washington Road to Main

Refreshments will be served at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center, Dolan Street. For more information, call (732) 390-7092 or (732) 390-7096.

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Mayor confident budget will have no tax hike

BY LAUREN MATTHEW

OLD BRIDGE — The township will receive an additional \$300,000 to help officials achieve their stated goal of a zero tax increase in the fiscal year 2005 municipal budget.

The sum comes in the form of state extraordinary aid, doled out by the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) at the request of the township.

The Township Council is currently working on the budget for the fiscal year, which began July 1 and ends June 30. The budget was introduced last summer after being turned over to the council by Mayor Jim Phillips.

"I'm confident we will not submit or approve a budget with a tax increase," Phillips said.

Township Council Vice President Patrick Gillespie echoed the mayor's ambition.

"It's been our commitment all along to have no tax increase," he said.

According to Gillespie, council members are taking steps toward the final adoption of the budget.

"We broke ourselves into groups of

three," he said, "and we've been holding workshops on the various budget sections."

Gillespie added that the council has also been going over the budgets of different township departments.

After the council makes changes to the budget, a date will be set for public hearing and approval.

"It will happen sooner rather than later," Gillespie said. "We were waiting for the state's announcement of the grant."

The award from the DCA comes on the heels of a previous award of \$140,000, which came in July. That sum was awarded to help pay for increased public safety and has already been incorporated into the budget.

The \$47.7 million budget initially carried a proposed tax hike of 3 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation — prior to the receipt of the latest extraordinary aid — but officials had said from the start that additional state aid and some budget cutting could eradicate that increase.

Phillips noted that a zero increase would apply only to the municipal tax rate, which is separate from school taxes and other components of the local property tax bill.

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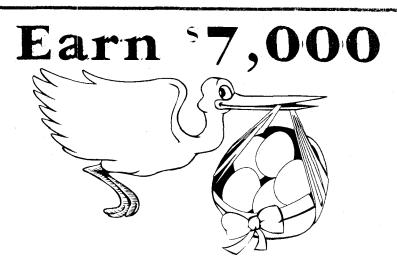
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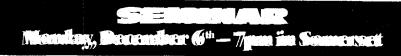
The event will feature a buffet breakfast, arts and crafts, a sing-along, prize drawings and photos with Santa.

Cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child age 5-10, \$2.50 per child age 2-4; youngsters under age 2 will be admitted free of charge. Advance ticket purchase is required by Dec. 7. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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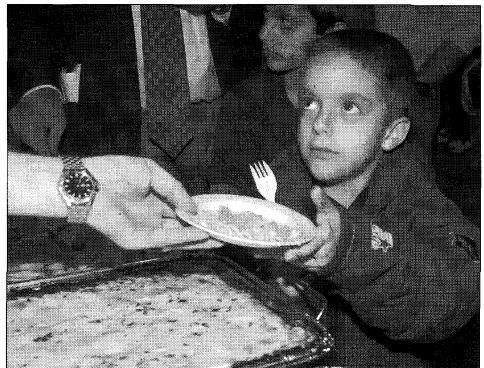
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Rachel, 12, and Brooke Chlebowski, 7, dig in to some of the Chicken Holiday items during the Taste of Old Bridge event, held recently at the municipal complex.



Alex Bruno, 7, takes a sample of penne vodka from Jeremy Gravitz of Double D deli and caterers at the recent event, A Taste of Old Bridge.

Boro to monitor parks with donated cameras

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

SAYREVILLE - Several dozen surveillance cameras may soon be installed in two borough parks for increased security.

The Borough Council unanimously approved a resolution Monday that will

pave the way for the arrival of 49 security cameras to be placed in Kennedy Park, located on Ernston Road, and the 571-acre Julian L. Capik Preserve, Bordentown Avenue.

'With what's happening in the world, the need for security is growing," Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said. "[This is] a wonderful opportunity for the borough of Sayreville."

The borough has had its share of vandalism this year, particularly at the expansive nature preserve. Officials have made an effort to crack down on the use of all-terrain vehicles, which are not permitted in the parks, due to issues such as noise pollution and property damage.

The cameras and related equipment, with an estimated value of \$500,000, is being donated to Sayreville by CSI Security, an England-based security firm, as a beta site for the company to establish itself in the states. This includes mounting polls and digital recorders, as well as all the computer technology required to set the system

According to O'Brien, the sophisticated wireless system represents the very latest in surveillance. He said the system has the ability to read a license plate from 100 yards.

Officials learned about the program through a connection with another security firm, New York-based PEI, whose owner is friends with O'Brien. PEI has provided security for various financial institutions and, among other sites, the Statue of Liberty.

The only costs the borough will incur, O'Brien said, would be related to ongoing maintenance services, for which bids will be solicited.

The cameras will be monitored by borough police, with the potential option of a password-accessible Web site that anyone could view at any time.

O'Brien said the equipment will be easy to install and he hopes to have the cameras in operation this winter, weather permitting.

"I think it's very positive," he said.

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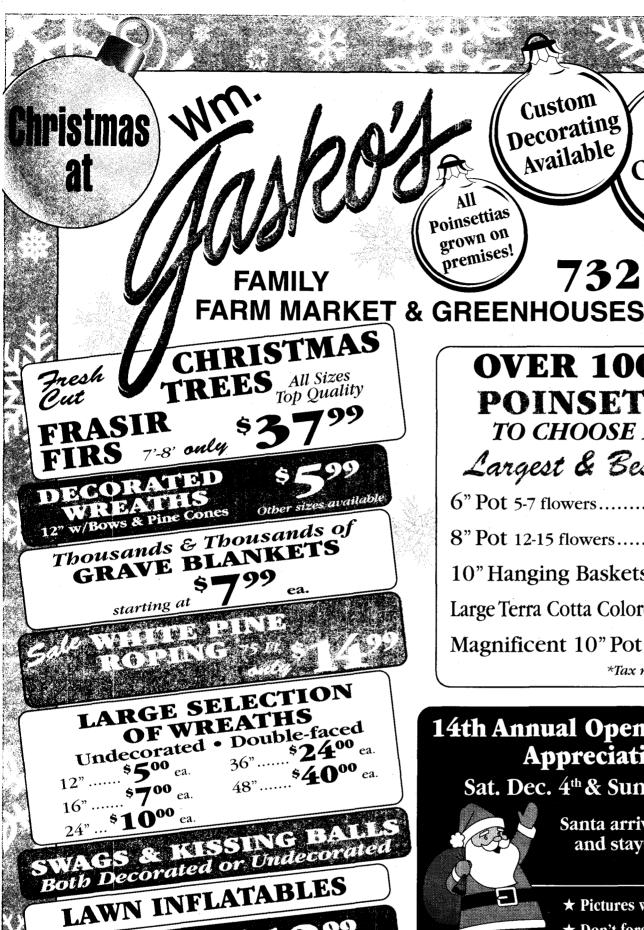
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Parents, staff learn about gang activity

BY JOHN DUNPHY Staff Writer

gangs recruit in Middlesex You better County schools? believe it.

That was the message conveyed by John Rodriguez, an investigator with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, who gave a PTO-sponsored presentation on gang violence at the Upper Elementary School in Sayreville last

According to Rodriguez, who grew up amid gang violence in Perth Amboy in the late 1960s, some 25 percent of bias crimes are committed by those between the ages of 10 and 17.

"I've arrested kids that were 8 years old," he said.

The presentation, made before several dozen people in the school cafetorium, came on the heels of recent information provided by the Prosecutor's Office and the New Jersey State Police suggesting that rival gangs the Bloods and Crips were planning to fight during a late-October football game at Sayreville War Memorial High School. The game was postponed as a result of the information and later went off without incident.

Despite the fact that any possible altercation was avoided, Rodriguez said it is a fact that gangs have ties "all over the county.

"There's no school that's exempt from

Rodriguez presented a pair of slide shows featuring actual gang members and discussing signs of gang activity and membership, as well as the consequences of joining one.

"There are no former gang members," he said. "They're either in jail or in the cemetery."

Rodriguez attempted to debunk some general misconceptions about gangs, notably their specific links to only certain ethnic groups.

He also spoke about a pre-med stu-dent from Middlesex County who, while waiting for a bus, was shot 14 times by gang members who thought he was a member of a rival gang simply because of the clothes he was wearing.

"Just because your kids are in [a certain gang's] clothing doesn't mean they're [part of that gang]," he said. "Don't go by clothing."

Rodriguez said children need proper guidance at home.

"Parents, don't play the blind side," he said. "Know what they're doing, who they're hanging out with.

We talk about violence all over the world; we have a much stronger fight in our own society," he added.

An audience member, who believed her neighbors might be members of a gang, was told by Rodriguez to call the Prosecutor's Office so they could follow

up on it.
"They're within our school system," Rodriguez said. "It is up to you as parents to monitor your children.'

Rodriguez has given the presentation in a number of other school districts and hopes to speak with youngsters in Sayreville about gang violence.

Shortly before the conclusion of the presentation, Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien, who was in attendance, said borough Police Chief John Garbowski had been instructed to draft a report on gang activity in the borough. This will help to determine what needs to be done to deal with the situation, O'Brien said.

"I think everyone is taking a very serious look at this," he told the audience. 'We [the governing body], are absolutely prepared to go ahead and spend the money to deal with this crisis.

Rodriguez stressed a number of times the need for parents to be aware of their children's activities.

"Parents, you are our eyes and ears; we can't be everywhere," he said.

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Fund-raiser to benefit Brain Injured Children

Savreville Brain Injured Children (BIC) will benefit from a fund-raising sale set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 27 at Black Belt Academy, ShopRite Shopping Center, Washington Road, Parlin section of Savreville.

Laurie McInerney of Old Bridge, an independent consultant for Tastefully Simple Inc., a direct sales company offering convenience-driven gourmet foods, will conduct the event. Sayreville BIC will receive 50 percent of all profits from the sale.

For more information, call (732) 310-5838. Individuals who are unable to attend the event but would like to help Sayreville BIC may order at www.tastefullysimple.com/web/lmcinerney write BIC next to their name on the

DelForno to perform at Old Bridge Library

The Old Bridge Public Library, Route 516 and Cottrell Road, will present guitarist Anton DelForno in concert beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 4.

DelForno will perform a mix of origi-

nal compositions and classical favorites. Admission to the concert is free of charge. Registration is not required. The public is welcome. For more information, call (732) 721-5600, ext. 5033.

'It's a Wonderful Life' coming to Sayreville

The Sayreville Main Street Theatre Company will present its production of "It's a Wonderful Life" at 8 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Step Inn Ballroom, corner of MacArthur and McCutcheon avenues, Sayreville.

Advance tickets cost \$18 for adults,

\$16 for seniors and students. An additional \$2 will be charged for tickets purchased at the door. Prices include dessert and beverage.

For more information and to reserve, call (732) 553-1153 or log on to www.smstc.org.

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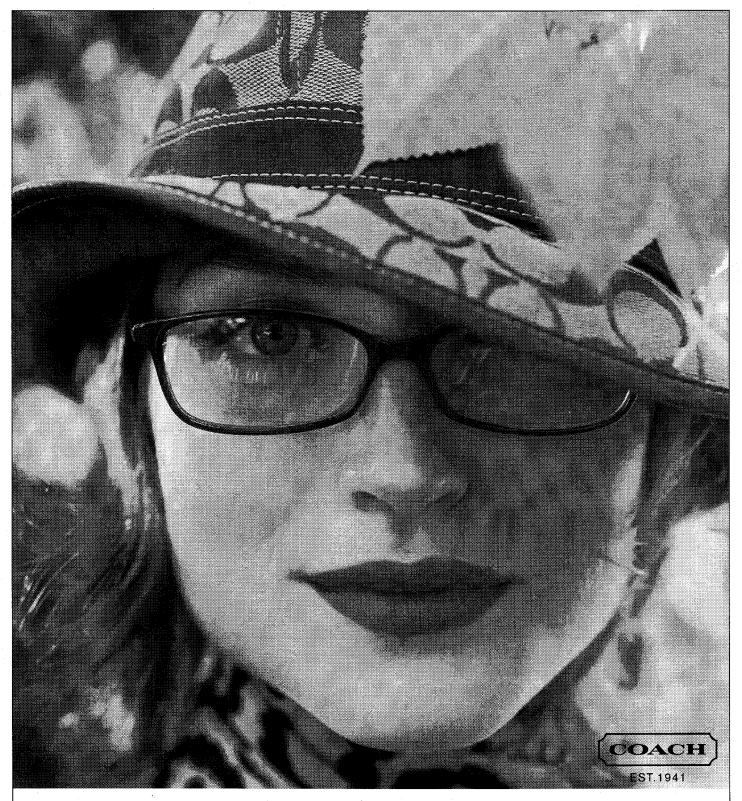
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Land bought

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"The owner of this property could have pushed us more," Panos continued.

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She noted that Pinkiewicz could have gone ahead and built the houses without offering the land to the township.

"I do want to say thank you to the

"I do want to say thank you to the owner for coming back and offering [the land] again and again," Panos said.

The authorization for the purchase of the property was approved 7-0. Councilman Edward Testino and Councilman Dennis M. Maher were not present for the vote.

During last week's agenda meeting, council members discussed the possibility of building roads around this property leading into Veterans Park in order to keep the park entrance area safe without having to buy the land.

"As I understand, it would be rather expensive if [the council didn't vote to] buy it and had to build a couple of roads," said Anne Miller, a Cottrell Road resident present at both meetings.

"I have three words to say: location, location, location," council President and Ward 2 representative William Baker said during the meeting. "Whether you're playing Monopoly or looking for real estate, you pay more for location, and this is location."

Veterans Park was the location of the township's summer concert series this year.

Community Bulletin Board

'A Christmas Carol' coming to Playhouse 22

Playhouse 22, 210 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, will present its 11th anniversary holiday production of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Dec. 10-19, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 7 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m.

The production is adapted and directed by Tony Adase.

Tickets cost \$10 each. Group discounts are available. Birthday parties and Scout, Brownie and fund-raising groups are welcome. For more information and to reserve, call (732) 254-3939.

Dinner fund-raiser to benefit cheerleaders

The Comet All-Star Cheerleaders, Old Bridge, will host a fund-raising Homemade Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Elks Lodge No. 2229, 67 Old Amboy Road, Old Bridge.

All are welcome. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Youngsters invited to Breakfast With Santa

The Fathers Club of Immaculate Conception Church will host a Breakfast With Santa from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 12 at Immaculate Conception School cafeteria, 23 Manalapan Road, Spotswood.

The event will feature a buffet breakfast, arts and crafts, a sing-along, prize drawings and photos with Santa.

Cost is \$10 per adult, \$6 per child age 5-10, \$2.50 per child age 2-4; youngsters under age 2 will be admitted free of charge. Advance ticket purchase is required by Dec. 7. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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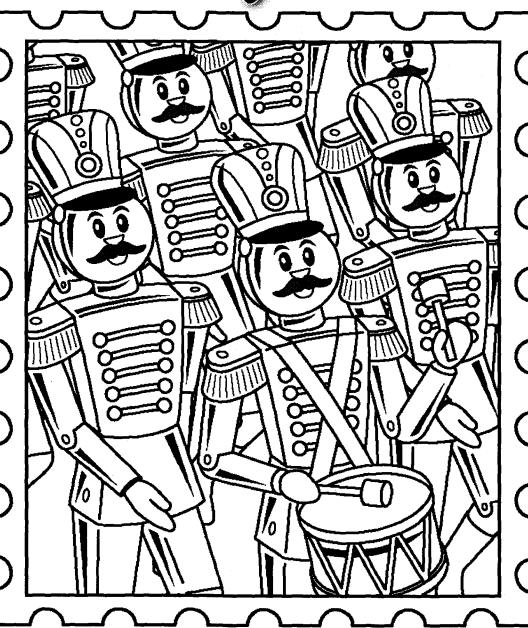
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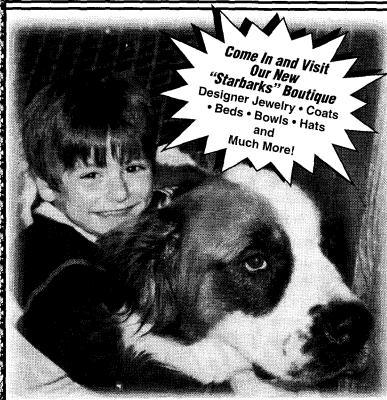
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OPINION

Supply and demand driving admissions

n the tradition of the SAT, we ask our readers to answer this multiple-choice question: Trying to summarize your life's story on a few sheets of paper and distinguish it from a stack of 40,000 others is: A) frightening; B) one of the most important tasks in a teen's life; C) the act of filling out college applications; D) all of the above.

High schoolers trying to move on to higher learning institutions are now faced with a process as competitive as the corporate world. With more graduates applying to college than ever, students are finding that no edge is too small in the struggle to separate themselves from the pack.

This week, Greater Media Newspapers takes a look at some of the many facets of the modern college application process. We interviewed students of all abilities and desires, from star athletes being wooed to play at bigtime universities, to stellar students trying to fulfill their dreams of attending a top school, to everyday teens happy to attend a community college close to home.

We also asked admissions officers and guidance counselors what today's students have to do to set them apart.

Through our research, a few lessons emerged that college hopefuls should heed:

Start early. While conventional wisdom holds that junior year is the time to get serious and show progress, it's simply no substitute for showing consistency from freshman year. Also, if you challenge yourself with tough courses from the start, admissions officers will take note.

 Get involved with as many extracurricular activities as possible. Admissions officers are people, not machines, and you never know what nugget may catch their eye and put an applicant over the top.

• Be realistic. It's fine to take your chances on a couple of "reach schools," but students should apply to a variety of institutions they have a good chance of being accepted to and would be happy attending if their dream scenario doesn't work out.

To our student readers, we wish you luck and hope these stories offer food for thought as you prepare for college. It's a difficult and stressful period, but it will seem well worth it the moment you get that envelope in the mail, bring it up to your room and read the good news.



JERRY WOLKOWITZ staff

Alice Hansen, of Monroe, signs a note on a box of Girl Scout cookies to be sent to U.S. soldiers in Iraq after being stopped by members of Old Bridge Girl Scout Troop 1917 outside the Lowe's home improvement store in Marlboro Saturday.

For the Record

An article in the Nov. 18 issue of the Suburban incorrectly identified a member of the Old Bridge Board of Education as the board's president. The actual board president is Annette Hopman, whereas Gail Kubicke is a regular board member.

Letters

Patriotism is alive and well in Sayreville area

the commander of A Sayreville Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post No. 4699, I would like to say that patriotism certainly isn't dead.

Veterans Day, or should I say "Veterans Week," started out with our honor guard visiting Emma L. Arleth Elementary School, Sayreville, on Tuesday, Nov. 9. On Wednesday, Nov. 10, we attended two programs at Sayreville Upper Elementary School and a Veterans Day at Lie. School, Assembly Eisenhower Elementary Savreville.

On Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, there was a service at our VFW post. Then we were off to Sayreville Borough Hall for an 11:11 a.m. Armistice Day service. After that, we went to St. Ambrose School in Old

That night, the honor guard at Sayreville American Legion Lenape Post No. 211, Purple Heart War Veterans Post No. 10, Catholic War Veterans, the Sayreville Emergency Squad, Sayreville Engine Company No. 1, Boy Scout Troop No. 96, Cub Scout Troop No. 4699 and the local Girl Scout troop were joined by Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and the Borough Council at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street

On Friday, Nov. 12, the honor guard at American Legion Lenape Post No. 211 and the John Basilone Marine Detachment attended

Veterans Day performance at St. Stanislaus Kostka Sayreville.

On Sunday, Nov. 14, we visited Messiah Lutheran Church, Parlin section of Sayreville, for a program titled "A Tribute to Our Veterans.'

We were welcomed by the six schools, the two churches, the ministers, the principals, the teachers, but most of all, by all the students.

Patriotism certainly isn't

Thank you, and may God bless America.

Charles Woods

commander Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post No. 4699 Sayreville

Military personnel rate insurance, benefits

am writing about something that we, the people, do not know about.

Did you know that our military men and women have no life insurance or death benefits? If they die in combat, they get a pine wooden casket, a flag, and they are buried.

My son, a member of the U.S. Army National Guard, died out-of-combat in August in a car accident. I was unable to reach anyone who cared. They did not send anyone to the funeral to salute him into heaven the way he deserved. To this date, no one has contacted me or asked for a death certificate - it's as if he never existed.

Why is it that our tax

money goes to pay for welfare, food stamps and that whole system that many people take advantage of by committing fraud?

I believe that we, the taxpayers, would not mind at all if we paid into a life insurance policy of \$50,000 for these military men and women. Give them the option to increase it, and pay the difference.

We should be ashamed that we pay our military personnel minimum money and ask them for the maximum -

> Sandra Lamourt Old Bridge

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Shaun Redding



— Tommy Force Toms River



Letters

Holiday food project best ever, thanks to Rotary Interact

he Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Club has assembled food baskets for many needy families in the community for more than 30 years.

Names are obtained from agencies, churches and synagogues and are kept confidential. The Rotary Club takes pride in the fact that members also deliver these baskets to ensure that the items reach their proper destinations.

The Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Club sponsors a student-version service club called the Rotary Interact at Old Bridge High School (OBHS), and the club has greatly enhanced the annual food basket project.

For the past 10 years, the Rotary Club has teamed up with the Rotary Interact Club in this joint community effort. Members of the Rotary Club of Old Bridge-Sayreville were very surprised to discover that this year's food basket project would be the best ever.

Thanks to the Rotary Interact service club, more than 3,000 food items were recently collected from OBHS. These contributions, along with other various food items from the Rotary Club, helped to make up more than 50 food baskets that provided a variety of items to make wholesome meals.

On the morning of Saturday, Nov. 20, turkeys, hams, bread and pies were

added to help provide nourishing meals for each family. Interactors also joined in to help the Rotary members assemble these baskets and carry some of the food to load on a truck that transported the items to the local food bank in Old Bridge.

In addition, in an effort to promote literacy, the Old Bridge Public Library provided books donated to the youngsters of these needy families.

On behalf of the Rotary, I would like to thank the OBHS administration, faculty and students, including the Student Senate, Future Business Leaders of America and the Business Cooperative, for their support of this annual community service project.

Special thanks to school advisers for the Rotary Interact Club, Stefanie Trela and Virginia Hamlin, who have helped make this project very success-

Rotary International promotes the Four Avenues of Service — club service, vocational service, community service and international service — to further peace and understanding. The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self."

Joseph Tarallo Rotary Club adviser Old Bridge High School Interact Club

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Local woman, 23, charged in hit-and-run

A South River woman has been charged in connection with a hit-and-run accident that seriously injured a Sayreville teenager who was riding his bike.

Police said Jessica Strucich, 23, of Darrow Street, was arrested at her home Saturday on charges her car struck a 14-year-old Sayreville male while she drove on Main Street in East Brunswick at 8:30 p.m. last Thursday. Strucich, police said, fled the scene following the accident, which left the teen with a head injury.

The victim, whose identity was withheld, was in stable condition at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, following the accident, according to East Brunswick police. The teenager had been wearing a helmet, and police said that may have saved his

"Certainly this could have been a lot worse otherwise," East Brunswick Lt. Geraldine Garrett said.

The accident occurred when the boy, who was riding his bike east on Main Street near River Road, attempted to cross the street. The suspect was driving a green 1998 Pontiac Sunfire east on Main Street when she hit the teenager, according to police.

Police investigating the accident had no suspect and only a vague car description — that it was a green or teal-colored car with a damaged front end. After a published account of the accident appeared in a local newspaper, the Spotswood Police Department received an anonymous call directing them to Strucich's Darrow Street home.

After Spotswood contacted East Brunswick, township Patrolman Ted Klouser responded to the home and found a green car with a damaged front end parked in the street, Garrett said.

After a brief investigation by Klouser, Strucich was charged with leaving the scene of an accident involving a serious injury, and being involved in an accident with injuries while driving with a suspended license. In addition to the two fourth-degree crimes, Strucich was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, and driving uninsured and with a suspended license. She was released on \$15,000 bail.

Community Bulletin Board

Arts panel to present Imperial Music Band

The Sayreville Cultural Arts Council will present the Imperial Music Band in concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St.

Admission is free of charge. The public is invited. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (732) 613-

'Nutcracker' ballet set for Dec. 11 at EBHS

The New Jersey Dance Theatre Ensemble, in conjunction with the East Brunswick Education Foundation, will present performances of "The Nutcracker" at 1 and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 11 at East Brunswick High School (EBHS), Cranbury Road.

Tickets cost \$17 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens and children under age 10, \$12 for groups of 20 or more.

For more information and to reserve, call (732) 254-3233.

Chamber of Commerce sponsoring food drive

The East Brunswick Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a holiday food drive from Nov. 26-Dec. 17.

Donations of nonperishable kosher and nonkosher food items are sought.

Businesses in East Brunswick, Milltown, South River and Spotswood have been designated as donation dropoff centers. For a list of sites, call (732) 257-3009.

Shelter sets open house, holiday gift boutique

Sayrebrook Pet Adoption Center, 1400 Main St., Sayreville, will host a Home 4 the Holidays open house from noon to 7 p.m. on Dec. 13.

The event will feature a holiday gift boutique offering new gifts for pets and pet lovers. Free refreshments will be served.

The boutique also will be open from noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays and noon to 2 p.m. on Sundays during the month of December. For more information, call the shelter at (732) 727-3895 or Anna at (973) 220-8656.

Breakfast With Santa on tap at O.B firehouse

The Madison Park Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary will offer a Pancake Breakfast With Santa from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Madison Park Firehouse, 3011 Cheesequake Road, Parlin section of Old Bridge.

Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Santa will appear on a fire truck. For more information, call Danielle at (732) 679-1909 or Brooke at (732) 553-0320.

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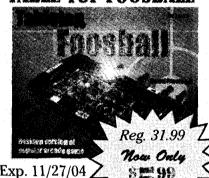
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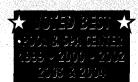
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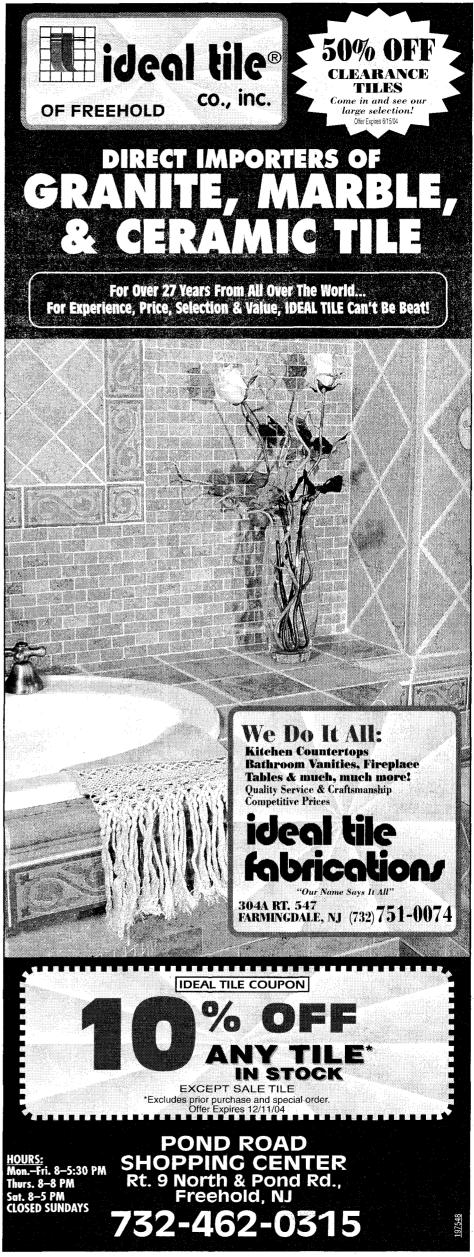
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Making friends



Above, Amanda Whiting, 8, signs a card to be sent with Girl Scout cookies to soldiers in Iraq. Amanda and other members of Old Bridge Troop 1917 were at Lowe's on Route 9 in Marlboro Saturday selling cookies to be donated to the troops. Below, Valerie Bechtold, 9, makes a note to attach to a box of cookies. Members (I-r) Amanda, Emily Moschowits, Cara DiMaggio and Melissa Jerome offer suggestions.





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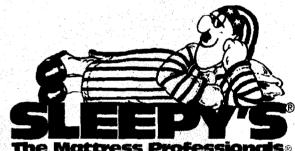
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The A&P supermarket, Route 9, reported the theft of a packet of 1,000 \$5 bills on Nov. 16. The money was taken out of a safe in the bookkeeper's office between 8 a.m. Nov. 9 and 8 a.m. Nov. 10, according to the supermarket staff. An employee is recorded on surveillance tape entering the manager's office and turning off surveillance video equipment a few minutes later. The employee was suspended for turning off the equipment, and according to the police report maintains that he did not take the missing money. A&P workers told police that they did not report the theft earlier because they were trying to solve the problem internally. The investigation has been turned over to the Old Bridge Police Department's detective division.

A red 1995 Eagle Talon parked in the rear lot of the Outback Steakhouse on Route 9 was broken into around

10:20 p.m. Sunday. The car, owned by an Outback employee, was found with its passenger door ajar and the stereo compartment of the dashboard pried apart. The owner told police that she parked her car in the lot at 2:20 p.m. when she arrived at work, and when she went out to her car at 10:20 p.m., she found it had been broken into. The lock on the outside of the passenger door was pushed in, and paint around it was scratched. A JVC stereo/CD player, value estimated at \$300, was taken from the car. Also missing were pay stubs and an envelope of photographs.

The owner of Ray's Excavating reported to police Wednesday night that someone broke four windows on his CAT backhoe, which had been left at a construction site at the end of Westley Road. The suspect also broke open the backhoe's engine compartment cover, though it is unknown whether there was any damage to the engine. Estimated damage on the backhoe totaled \$1,500. Police are investigating.

Community Bulletin Board

Concert to feature works of Handel, Bach

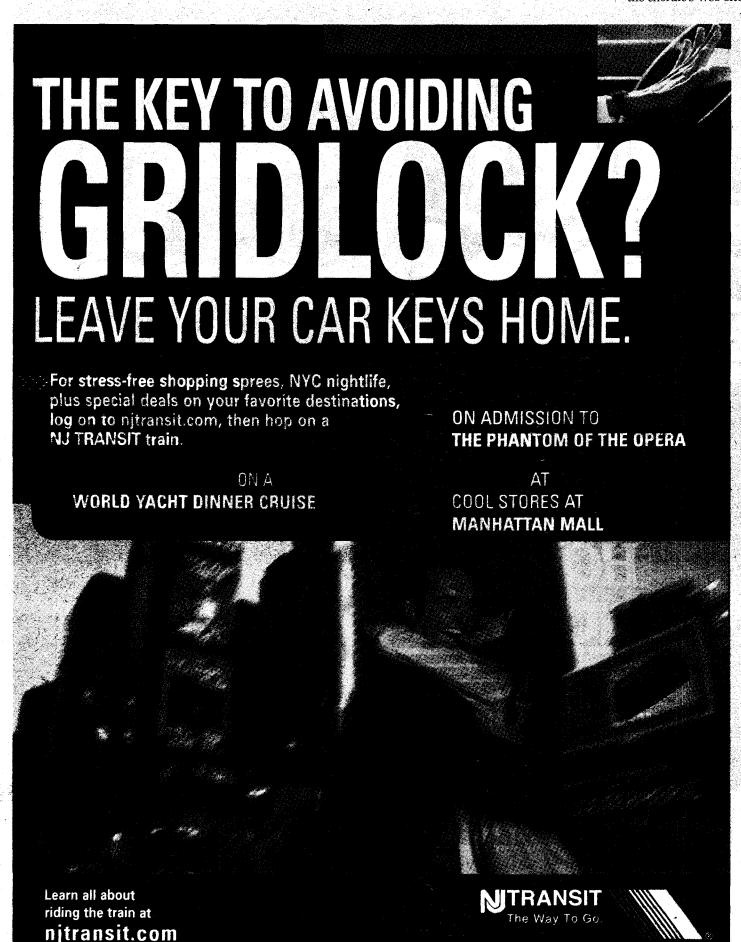
The Philomusica Chorale, East Brunswick, will present its winter concert, "Rejoice Greatly: Musical Gifts From Two Baroque Masters," at 8 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Our Lady of Peace Church, 1740 Route 130, North Brunswick.

Concert highlights will include Handel's "Messiah" (Christmas portion) and J.S. Bach's seldom-performed Cantata BWV 63, a festive work for Christmas Day with chorus, soloists and chamber orchestra.

The 40-member chorale is under the direction of Dennis Boyle. Tickets cost \$18 for general admission, \$16 for senior citizens and students. There is a \$2 discount on advance purchases. The site is wheelchair-accessible.

The program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information and tickets, call (888) 744-5668 or visit the chorale's Web site at www.philomusica.org.



Widows and Widowers will hold Dec. 5 social

The Widows and Widowers (WOWs) Chapter of Middlesex County West will hold a social from 7-11 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Belarussian American Center, Whitehead Avenue, South River. Socials are held on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise specified.

Admission is \$8 for members and nonmembers.

The group is nonprofit and nonsectaran.

For details, call (732) 238-5678.

Columbiettes to host Dec. 12 Christmas Tea

St. Bartholomew Columbiettes will host its annual Christmas Tea at 2 p.m. on Dec. 12 in Robert Frey Hall, Willow Street, East Brunswick.

The event will feature music, holiday stories, tea and cookies.

Admission is \$10 and a dozen cookies to share. A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase socks and foot powder for New Jersey residents serving with the U.S. military in Iraq.

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Space is limited. Reservations are required.

For more information and tickets, call (732) 583-3595 or (732) 254-4195.

Church to offer cookie walk, holiday bazaar

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 568 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick, will hold its annual Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Dec. 11.

Homemade cookies will be offered at \$5 per pound. Handcrafted holiday gifts and decorations will be available. A breakfast bar will open at 8:30 a.m.

For directions, call (732) 254-7361. For details, call (732) 462-4111.

Hospital to sponsor HIV group meeting

The Raritan Bay Medical Center Immunology and Infectious Diseases Department will sponsor HIV support group meetings on Nov. 29 at the hospital's Perth Amboy division, 530 New Brunswick Ave.

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Ruth, Dimaggio help man recapture youth

East Brunswick collector selling off Yankees memorabilia

BY SETH MANDEL Staff Writer

 ${\it EAST~BRUNSWICK-A~stroll~down}$ memory lane with Harvey Wildstein can seem more like a marathon down the nostalgia turnpike. A storage room filled with baseball memorabilia goes on for-

That's just fine, for any real baseball

"It got out of hand," Wildstein said of his propensity to buy baseball bats, baseballs, cards, photographs and figurines with the autographs of the game's legends, as well as any player currently donning Yankees pinstripes. "I'll buy 'em. Whether I need them or not is irrelevant. I just buy 'em."

Wildstein grew up in Brooklyn, but was drawn to the crosstown rival New York Yankees

"Everybody was a Brooklyn Dodgers fan, and I just happened to like Joe Dimaggio, so I became a Yankees fan," Wildstein said, adding that his love for the Yankees fulfilled one of the three interests shared by his peers.

"In Brooklyn, when you grow up, there's three main things in your life: sports, girls and gambling," he said. But Wildstein found a way to combine

at least two of those passions.

"We were kids, we gambled a lot, and I always bet, of course, [on] the Yankees when they played the Brooklyn Dodgers, he said, recalling his repeated success,

and how, when his Yankees lost, he avoided losing big by coincidentally moving out of state.

"In 1955, when the Brooklyn Dodgers finally beat the Yankees in the World Series, I [had already] moved to Vineland. So I didn't get any bets in or anything. I had just left that year when they finally beat the Yankees for the first time."

Wildstein opened a bakery in Vineland, the first of two such shops he would own.

Though betting on the Yankees may have won him some money during his childhood, Wildstein's love for the team helped him win something even more valuable.

We met over a Yankee game, on the beach many years ago," said Wildstein's wife, Frances.

She was sitting on the beach in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, with a few friends, overheard the Yankee game

being broadcast on her radio and sat down next to her.

"We were sitting, just a group of guys and gals. I was probably a senior in high school, and I thought he knew the boys, but he didn't. He brazenly sat down, Frances said.

The two talked and Wildstein asked her out, and they have now been married 47 years.

They moved to East Brunswick 27



she said, when Wildstein Harvey Wildstein jokes about his "low resistance" when it comes to baseball collectibles.

years ago, where Wildstein continued to amass so much memorabilia that he is now selling some of it.

"I have to. I have no alternative," Wildstein said. "I have nowhere to put

Wildstein doesn't like to stand on line for autographs, so he usually obtains the autographs through reliable dealers, at times traveling all over the country to find them.

"They call me, and they know my resistance is very low," he said. "That is my problem. My resistance is very, very Iow when it comes to anything I can collect in baseball."

But Wildstein makes sure the items come with a certificate of authenticity, although that isn't always as simple as it

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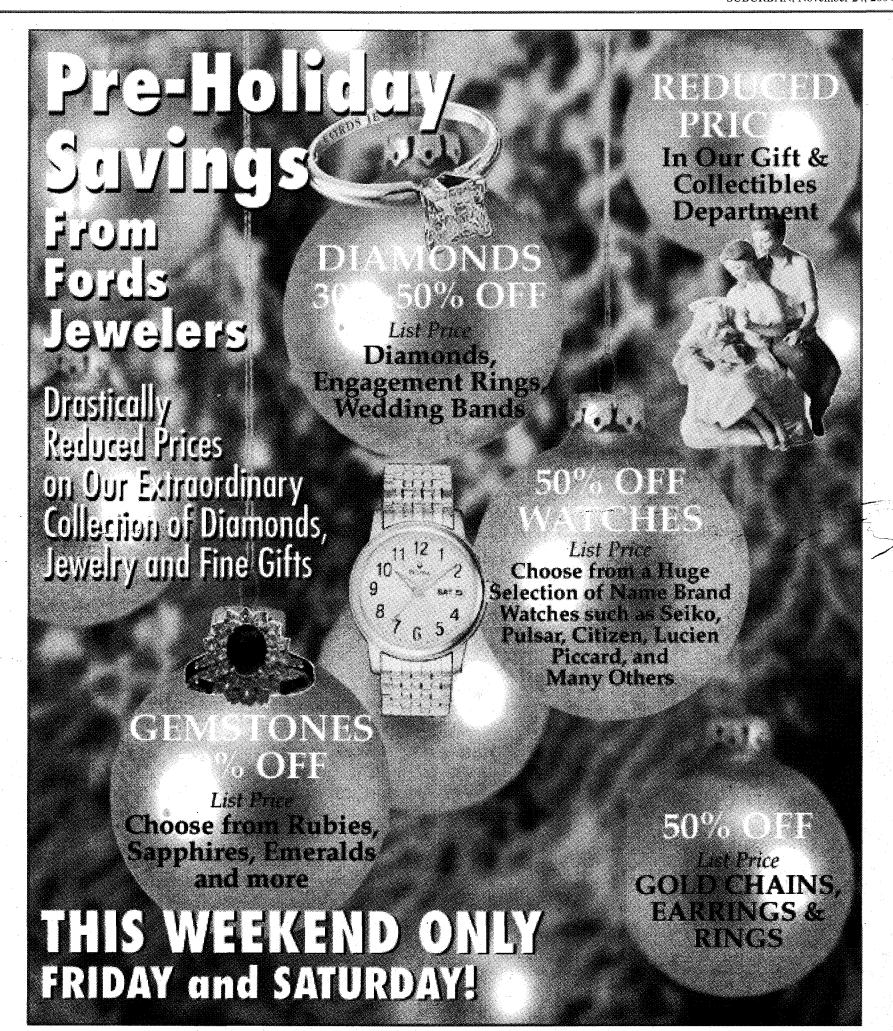


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Collector

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He points to an autographed picture of Babe Ruth.

"It got a Field of Dreams authentication," Wildstein said. "That got a book of forensic DNA.

All the traveling may seem arduous, but Wildstein wouldn't have it any other

"It's a labor of love for me," he said. "You know what it does? This stuff brings back your youth, that's what it does. It really brings back your youth. Because you grew up with these ballplayers and all this, and to this day I'm a big Yankees

Wildstein reminisced about what it was like to be a baseball fan when he was a kid, and what the players were like when they were making \$5,000 a year instead of \$5 million a year.

The ballplayers, when I was growing up, they had to work in the wintertime to make ends meet," he said. "The Brooklyn Dodgers, they traveled by subway to get to Ebbets Field. They related to the common person, and that's why we related to them because we were on the same level, and that's the great difference now - a lot of the young ballplayers think they're above the fans.

Wildstein said that when fans would say hello to Micky Mantle, Mantle would smile and return the greeting.

"Mantle was a different kind of person," he said.

Despite the size of his collection, Wildstein does have a few favorites.

Hanging on one wall of the storeroom is a picture of Willie Mays making a play that baseball historians simply refer to as "The Catch," signed by Mays himself. During the eighth inning of game one of the 1954 World Series between the New York Giants and the Cleveland Indians, Mays made an over-the-shoulder basket catch in deep centerfield, preventing two runs from scoring and preserving the tie score. Mays' Giants went on to win the game and the series.

He also has a photograph of Micky Mantle on which Mantle not only signed his name, but wrote a few of his statistics as well.

He also loves the autographed picture of Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez together, and the autographed picture of David Cone celebrating after he threw a no-hitter, but admits that he is partial to the picture of Ruth.

"It's just something from the past. It's part of a youth that you look back on, and the good times you had, and it brings back great memories," he said. "It makes you nostalgic about the whole situation."

Wildstein's daughter, Gail Rizick, said her father's hobby has given him a unique connection to the team, as well as a stronger bond as a fan.

"My father always dreamed he'd be a Yankee player. Sometimes I think he thinks he was a Yankee player; he's just living out his dream in a different way," she said, adding that Wildstein has even convinced Rizick's 6-year-old daughter, Arynn, that he played for the Yankees

Wildstein said that his frequent visits to his baseball treasury can snap him out of any funk and restore his youthful energy that seems to be contained in the

"Sports was always the main thing growing up as a child, and I'm still into it," he said. "Here I am, 70 years old, and I'm still into it. I don't know if it keeps me young or what, but I always feel young."

He said his collection has the same effect on just about everyone that visits it, and that it serves as an infallible pickme-up to him and his friends.

"See, that's my life," he said. "It's very good, I enjoy it, and people appreciate it too. Because you know that they have the same feeling. It brings back their youth, it brings back nostalgia, it brings back memories. And what is life all about? When you come to the end, what is life all about?

The look on Wildstein's face betrays that he is going to answer the question himself.

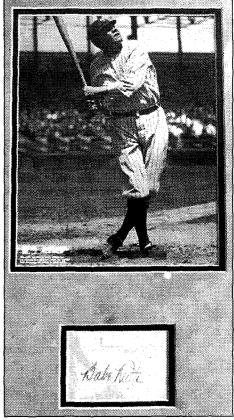
"Being happy and having memories," he said, beaming. "What else is there in

Wildstein's infectious appreciation and the effort he puts into supporting his beloved Yankees has spread beyond his circle of friends, according to New York Yankees spokesman Jason Zillo.

"You know, he shares in the passion that a lot of people do, and he's been around long enough to see a lot of great Yankees teams. We're glad he's on our side," Zillo said.

Even with all the autographed photographs, bats, baseballs, figurines and cards, Wildstein's life would never be complete without his family, he said. His smile grows even wider as he talks about his loving wife, his two daughters, and his grandchildren.

As he spoke of his family and glanced at his memorabilia, Wildstein was once



FARRAH MAFFAL staff Babe Ruth photo, framed with his signature, is Wildstein's favorite.

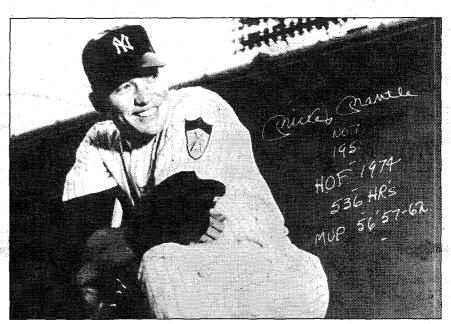
again poised to pose another of his rhetorical questions

"Hey," he said, flashing that knowing smile, "What else do I need?"

Anyone wishing to contact Wildstein about his collection can call him at (848)



Signed baseballs and baseball cards are among the most common items in Harvey Wildstein's expansive collection of baseball memorabilia.



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One of Wildstein's favorites is a signed photo of Mickey Mantle, who wrote down some of his own stats in silver ink.

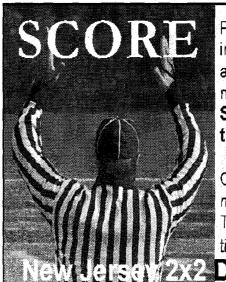


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Because of this, Freccia said, applicants fail to "cast a wide net." They may be applying to a large number of colleges, but those schools often happen to be the same schools to which everyone else is

Also, Freccia said, "A lot of students and their parents will only apply to schools that are reach schools or high target schools, [and] now they basically limited their chances to get into schools.

Kenny said that the price tag attached to a college education affects the applicant pool as well. She said that because of the reasonable tuition fees charged by many of the state schools, and the skyrocketing tuition fees at many top-tier and Ivy League schools, the state schools receive the lion's share of the applica-

Additionally, many students with toptier-caliber qualifications can only afford to attend their local state school. This is

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responsible for a domino effect of sorts - the quality of the state school applicant rises, which in turn decreases the chances of acceptance for most applicants.

For students applying to target schools schools for which acceptance is neither a long shot nor guaranteed they may benefit greatly by including in their application something

that sets them apart from the other applicants.

Kenny said that an applicant may request an interview, though the school would not be required to oblige, or send first quarter or semester grades from their senior year, a time when many students slow their pursuit of perfect grades.

"They can say, 'Here are my grades. I'm very serious about being a student, and here's proof," Kenny said.

Freccia said that a student's participation in extracurricular activities could convince admissions officers to accept them. He said that while colleges do look

for well-rounded students, sometimes a specific extracurricular activity

will catch their attention. "If I'm a 'Dartmouth,' it might be one thing to accept a whole

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of the application process can be overwhelming, Kenny said, a student's parents and counselors must be encourag-

"You know, it's the admissions office. We tell the kids it's not the denial office, it's not the refusal office. These are admissions officers," Kenny said.

Freccia said that the students should understand that their parents and guidance counselors are there to help the process, not hinder it.

"As counselors, we have to be reassuring to the students that we're there for them. Basically, we're a valuable resource," he said.

Freccia also said that just being proactive will help alleviate some of the pressure the student may be feeling

"Action relieves anxiety," said Freccia. "I think a student has to have a game

plan, an action plan, to research and schools.

Geran said that the Brick school district purchased a computer program called Naviance that organizes the stuapplication dents' process.

Naviance keeps track of the students' test scores, college applications, scholarship applications, and school preferences. The program can

be prompted to list colleges that most closely match the criteria entered by the student.

Kenny said that having the student work on one application at a time can also help.
"We've found that some kids will do a

little of this, a little of that, and they're not getting anything done," she said, adding that since much of the applications are similar, once a student completes one, a good portion of the others will already be done.

Freccia said that once students have completed their applications, they should not be stressed out by the waiting process, but relieved that their part of the application is over.

"If a student has done all their research and visited schools, and they've done a conscientious job on the application process, we try and get them to a point where, 'Hey, you've done everything possible now. You can't control the strength of the applicant pool," Freccia said.

Once the application process is completed, and students receive their letters of acceptance or rejection, a new stage of the journey begins: choosing which college to attend.

East Brunswick's Hodos said that students should spend time on the campus of each school they are considering attending before making their final

decision.
"You certainly get a different perspective when you're actually on the campus, versus looking on a computer or seeing a video or something to that effect,' Hodos said.

Brick's Geran said that he reminds students that 'college is not a prize to be won — it's a match to be made."

Allentown's Freccia said that applicants are looking for "not the best school, but the right school. So I think you're looking at size, location, type of academic program. If I happen to get into the school, would I flourish academically?"

Hodos said that applicants should take their time \mathbf{when} choosing schools, between and attempt to find out as much possible about the schools prior to making a commitment.

'I think they really have to do their research, bottom Hodos said. shouldn't go just by name, I don't think name recogni-

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> still allow them to succeed, and the campus would be a place where the student not only feels comfortable and happy, but where he or she can contribute to the student community.



4-year colleges sound off on the admissions process

As more students apply to college, admissions has become cutthroat

BY JENNIFER DOME

High school students spend a lot of time researching colleges — they send away for pamphlets, search the Internet, and go on campus visits. While colleges must do their best to sell themselves to students, students are also faced with presenting their résumé, so to speak, to a prospective school.

Nowadays, it seems as if everyone is going to college. And, as the number of applications a school receives increases, changes must be made as to how students are selected. Greater Media Newspapers spoke with representatives of four universities and colleges in New Jersey and one out-of-state school to find out if their admissions process has changed over the years.

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"Every year that I've been here it has become more competitive," said Lisa Angeloni, dean of admissions.

About 20 years ago, the school's goal was to provide the best education in New Jersey. Now, Angeloni said, the school, which was formerly called Trenton State College, is aiming for national recognition.

"Because of that, it yields different types of students applying to your school," she said.

The number of applicants has undoubtedly increased over time, leading the school to be more selective about whom it chooses. But it's not TCNJ that expects more from the students, Angeloni said, "it's the students that are raising the bar."

"Students that apply here are already pretty strong," she said. Therefore, the admissions office has taken a "holistic" approach to admissions, examining all factors in a student's background.

"It's finding unique things about these kids that will make them successful on this campus," she said.

While the school does look at a prospective student's SAT scores and grade-point average, class rank weighs more heavily, Angeloni said.

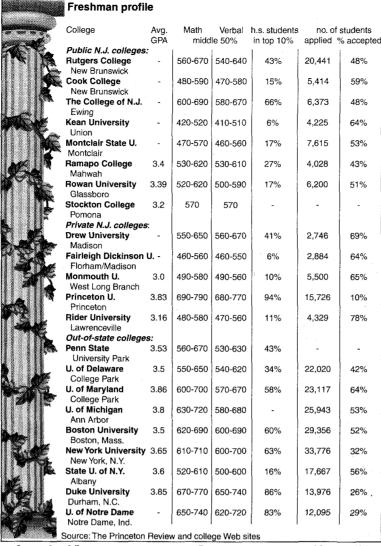
The school also looks at whether a student has the potential to be a leader, to change the world in some way. Angeloni said the admissions staff gets a hint of this through students' essays, letters of recommendation and interviews.

The school typically accepts less than half of its applicants.

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Main Campus — New Brunswick, N.J.

"We're getting a better caliber of students who are applying and choosing to come here," Sandra Lanman, a spokeswoman for the university, said. "It's no longer a



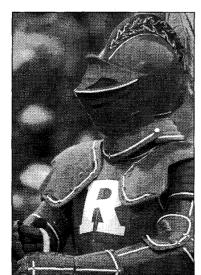
safety school.

There are many more students applying to the school for about the same number of spaces, Lanman said. So the university recently changed its application to include a mandatory personal statement.

"It shows us more than facts and figures," Lanman said about the personal statement. "It's to get a more total picture of the applicant."

While a student's class rank, test scores and high school courses are all factors in the school's admissions process, the university is paying close attention to other aspects of the application. There is now more room on the application to list activities and work experience.

Students used to apply to Rutgers University as a whole and check off the three colleges (Cook, Rutgers, Douglass,



Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Livingston, etc.) they'd most like to attend. Now, Lanman said, a prospective student applies to certain colleges first. There is also a separate admissions process for the technical and professional schools. And, some programs, such as the business school and the school of communications, only offer acceptance to their programs based on performance during the first and second college years.

One of the university's most vigorous programs is pharmacy— Lanman said it's one of the best programs in the country.

"It's a doctoral program from the start, so it is hard to get into," she said. "The students who come into that program are very accomplished."

The engineering program and the Mason Gross School of the Arts are also harder to get into. Students applying to the School of the Arts are brought in for auditions and portfolio reviews.

"Highly qualified art students who are applying to Mason Gross will be looked at for those talents but [we're also looking at those] who can do well in liberal arts," Lanman said.

Because Rutgers offers a good education at a lower cost, the university is dealing with capacity issues, like many other schools, Lanman said.

"It's competitive out there," she said.

Monmouth University

Main campus — West Long Branch, N.J.

"In the last 11 years, we have not only increased the number of our applications, we've doubled them, and we've doubled enrollment," Miriam King, vice president for enrollment management, said.

Last year the school offered admission to 65 percent of its applicants, out of approximately 5,500 prospective students. Because the number of applicants has increased, King said admission to the school is more competitive.

The university concentrates mostly on a student's SAT score, grade-point average and coursework when deciding to offer admission. Last year's freshman class had an SAT range of 990-1120, with 25 percent of the class falling below the lowest score and 25 percent falling above the highest score. King said the average SAT score has gone up by 100 points in the last 10 years or so.

"But we also evaluate the complete application," she said.

Another factor they take into consideration is Advanced Placement or honors courses.

"AP classes will definitely impact an admissions decision," King said.

King acknowledged that the school was once mostly populated with students from Central Jersey, but says that's no longer the case.

"The geographic diversity has been enhanced," she said. And since more students are coming from outside the Monmouth County area, the admissions process has become more competitive.

Whether or not a student

housing on campus or lives in the area is not a factor that the admissions office considers when looking at a student's application. King said it is not easier for a student to get into the school if they are commuting or living off campus.

"The location of their permanent home is not a variable in the application," King said. "We just want the best students."

So while students may have thought of Monmouth as a safety school or a sure-thing, especially if they lived in the area, that presumption has now gone out the window.

"Now there are more students who want to be at Monmouth," King said. And this change can't just be attributed to the school's recently implemented and highly popular football program. King said they've worked on many things at the school to make it attractive to prospective students.

One attractive quality is that with the help of the university's merit scholarship program, students find they can afford the private institution more easily. The scholarships that are given out help Monmouth compete with larger state schools such as Rutgers University, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland, King said.

"We're definitely competing with the publics because of the scholarships," King said.

Montclair State University

Main campus — Montclair, N.J.

"We really start at the beginning with every applicant,"
Dennis Craig, director of admissions, said.

One of the main indicators that the admissions office looks at is consistency in a student's high school performance. With an applicant pool of 9,000 people competing for just 1,700 spaces, Craig said it's not enough for prospective students to have made a small improvement from their freshman to their junior year.

The university looks closely at the student's curriculum, especially at the core units that a student has completed, such as math, science and English. SAT scores do come into play, however, "because it's the one standardized thing that all applicants have in common," Craig said.

Ideally, the university would like its incoming students to be in the top quarter of their high school class, have an SAT score of at least 1100, and have a B+ average.

"If they're weak in one area, then they should be over the top in other areas," Craig said.

Several of the school's programs are highly competitive, such as the school of arts; the pharmacy program, which is run in conjunction with Rutgers



Monmouth University, West Long Branch

University; and the medical and dentistry program, which is run with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Other areas of study, especially business administration and elementary and early childhood education, are very popular, Craig said.

"More students are competing for the same number of seats at colleges and universities," he said about the increasingly competitive nature of college admissions. "So that makes a more competitive back drop."

While the university looks at many different factors to decide if an applicant will succeed academically and go on to graduate from Montclair, there is no specific formula that the admissions office can follow, Craig said.

"If admissions were a science, then we could plug this all into a computer," he said. "But we don't; there's a human looking at all applications."

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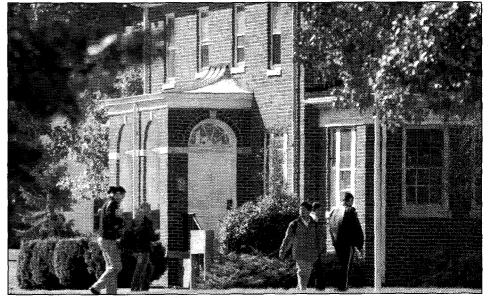
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Community colleges becoming increasingly popular choice

2-year programs gaining respect as gateway to 4-year schools

BY COLLEEN LUTOLF

s college-application deadlines loom, many New Jersey high school seniors will visit four-year schools, send out expensive applications and scramble to write that perfect college essay — but many others will not.

An increasing number of graduating high school seniors in New Jersey, more than 50 percent of them, will attend a community college come September, according to the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC).

"It is a fact that the senior colleges [in New Jersey] do not have enough space and capacity to serve all students who want to enroll in them," said Lawrence Nespoli, president of the NJCCC.

More students than ever before are enrolling in county colleges, Nespoli said.

"The growth is really dramatic," he said.
"There have been several growth spurts in enrollment. We're in the middle of one now.
We're at an all-time record high, and there seems to be no slowing down."

Nespoli said of the 350,000 students attending a community college in New Jersey last year, 200,000 of them were enrolled in

an academic transfer program, where the student will take two years of academic classes, then transfer to a four-year school to complete their bachelor's degrees.

"Community colleges have come of age," he said. "They've gained a better reputation, and they're becoming the college of choice for many students because they have affordability and accessibility."

Gone are the days of referring to community colleges as junior colleges or the 13th grade. With the creation of the NJS-TARS program, unveiled earlier this year, by then-Gov. James E. McGreevey, Nespoli said the best and brightest high school students are turning to community colleges.

"Community colleges are historically the calling card of affordability and accessibility," Nespoli said. "But now, the state is saying to high school students, 'Check out your local community college and the state will provide your tuition.' There's not a program like that in the country," he said.

Created when McGreevey signed the current year's budget into law, NJSTARS will provide up to five free semesters of classes to high school graduates who rank in the top 20th percentile of their graduating class, Nespoli said.

"The notion that a community college is a place you go for reasons of accessibility and affordability is changing. Now you have valedictorians with high SAT scores enrolling. That's a new theme," he said.

This year, Middlesex County College accepted 40 students through the NJS-TARS program, said Peter Rice, dean of admissions at Middlesex County College.

Rice said he expects more high school students to take advantage of the program as it becomes more publicized.

"It's still a little soon. Now that the word is out, we expect that number to increase," he said.

But even before the creation of NJS-TARS, county colleges were experiencing an admission increase. Rice said MCC has

> experienced a 3 percent increase in its overall enrollment figures since 2001

"Right now, we've had the most full-time students we've ever had at the college. For the first time ever, we have over 13,000 attending at one time. It's high," he said.

Rice hypothesizes the enrollment growth at community colleges is due in part to the 9/11

terrorist attacks.

— Lawrence Nespoli

of County Colleges

president of the N.J. Council

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record high, and

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no slowing down."

"September 11 had a lot to do with people reassessing their careers," Rice said. "Whatever they were doing was not as important as helping people, so that nursing and health-related programs have had tremendous increases."

At MCC, Rice said the number of nursing program applicants has tripled since 9/11.

"Nursing has become tremendously competitive," he said.

This year, 700 applicants vied for one of 60 seats in MCC's nursing program. In 1998, MCC received only 150 applications for 40 open seats, Rice said.

"In a good year, we'd get 200 applications, so that number has tripled," he said. Other regional community colleges

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Aspiring anchorwoman expects to fulfill dreams

Stress of doing well on SAT balanced by support from family, friends

BY SUE M. MORGAN Staff Writer

or one teen who hopes to be the next Katie Couric, getting into the college of her choice means clearing the hurdle of those pesky college

Nonetheless, Old Bridge High School senior Cory Johnston presses on in her pursuit of an acceptance letter from Boston University.

Cory, 17, is so determined to meet the university's acceptance criteria, particularly its required scores for the SAT, that she has sat for the grueling examination three times since May. Each time, the prospective broadcast journalism major has raised her cumulative score by about 20 points, thanks in part to a tutor and studying with other college-bound peers.

"I'm much better in the verbal [section] than I am in the math," said Cory, who currently ranks in the top 10 percent of the high school's expected graduating class of 736 students.

In preparation for her future career, Cory is enrolled in journalism, publication design and honors English classes. She is the features editor of Knight Life, OBHS's student newspaper, and a member of the yearbook staff.

Her other classes include honors marine science, pre-calculus, peer leadership and a course focusing on the history of the Holocaust.

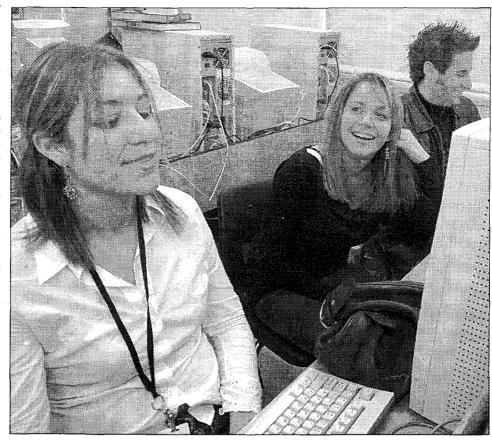
In October, Cory was inducted into the school's National Honor Society. A member of the French Club, she also previously earned acceptance into the French Honor Society. Her other extracurricular activities include the Senior Class Council and the Ski Club.

Outside of school, Cory volunteers at Raritan Bay Medical Center's Old Bridge division. Plus, she works about eight hours weekly at Children's Dental Care in the township.

Yet it is those SATs that have the otherwise happy-go-lucky teen concerned that she will not be at Boston University (BU) next year. She is hoping her most recent cumulative score of 1150 will meet the university's benchmark.

"It all comes down to that test," Cory said with a sigh. "You work so hard for your grades, and then it all comes down to the SAT.

Initially, Cory applied to Florida's University of Miami soon after achieving



Cory Johnston (center) shares a laugh with classmates Alyssa Ciameriello and Brent Vader during journalism class at Old Bridge High School's west campus.

Class rank: top 10%

School newspaper-features

Honor Society, French Club, French Honor Society, Senior

Raritan Bay Medical Center Job:

Colleges applying to: Boston University, Mass. Northeastern University, Mass.

editor, yearbook, National

Class Council, Ski Club Volunteer job:

Children's Dental Care

Rhode Island University

New York University

Rutgers University
Quinnipiac University, Conn.

SAT: 1150

Clubs/sports:

1100 points on the SAT last spring. When the college's admissions representatives subsequently interviewed her, they

advised her to retake the test for a higher

"They told me that if I improved about another 20 points, I'd have a better chance of getting in," Cory recalled.

Cory admits she does not "test well." Regardless, $_{
m she}$ dreams of one day hosting the "Today" show or working as a high-profile anchorwoman.

"I want to be like Katie Couric," she said.

Not one to pin all her hopes on one school, Cory has applied altogether to 13 colleges. Northeastern University, also

Boston; Rhode Island University; Rutgers University New

Connecticut's Quinnipiac University; and New York University, all prestigious schools, round out Cory's list of top choices.

Most high school seniors only submit applications to about half that many col-leges, noted Lori Luicci, Cory's journalism teacher.

"The average student does five or six applications," Luicci said.

Older brother Drew, a 2004 OBHS graduate, is a freshman at NYU. Cory believes that he is a tough act to follow academically.

"[Drew] is doing very well so far," she

Most of Cory's relatives have attended well-regarded colleges, and her grandfather is

a professor at Princeton University. She wonders if she will be able to meet

the high expectations of her family.
"I have some very smart relatives," Cory said. "I'm under a lot of pressure to succeed.

Most of that pressure comes from within, Cory admitted, stressing that her family and friends have stood behind her through the nerve-wracking multiple testing and application process. Her sister, Kelly, 15, now an OBHS sophomore, will begin the same process soon enough.

"They are very supportive. They feel very confident in me," Cory said. "They are my support system through it all. But at the same time, I want to impress them so much.'

Acceptance or for that matter rejection letters will probably not be arriving in the mail addressed to any of the college-bound seniors until January or February, Luicci pointed out. In the meantime, Cory and her like-minded friends patiently wait and hold each other's hands.

"My friends are going through the same thing as me," Cory said. "It's good to have people to talk to."

To gear up for each round of the SAT, Cory and her peers met in study groups, another effort which seems to have paid off with steadily rising test scores.

As for Miami, Cory decided that she wanted to be closer to home, preferably in England and preferably in Beantown.

A tour of the BU campus helped hasten her first choice. If that in-person visit, numerous application essays, and multiple teacher recommendations carry some weight in terms of acceptance, all the better, Cory believes.

"I'm glad I took the tour. The fact that was there to see their school, I would hope that they take that seriously," Cory

"I wrote more than one [application] essay and [submitted] more than the number of teacher recommendations required," she went on. "But I also don't want to look like I'm shoving things in their face, so I kept the essays short.

"Senioritis" has not affected Cory, who pledges to keep hitting the books.

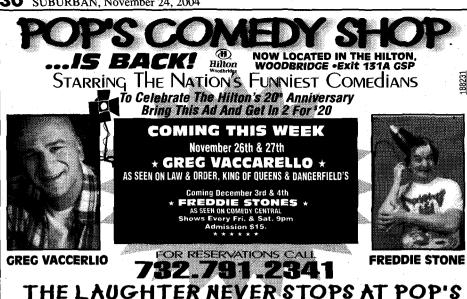
"The first two marking periods of your senior year matter, whether you think it does or not," she pointed out.

Of course, Cory wants to enjoy every single minute of her last year at OBHS, despite the waiting for acceptance let-

"I've had a lot on my mind, but I'm glad I got all my applications done early,' she said. "In September, all of this will be







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Spotswood H.S. senior has sights set on engineering

Scores of colleges have expressed interest in the talented teen

BY JOHN DUNPHY

e's something of an ace in the hole. But planning for college is no easy task, even for the most academically inclined.

Spotswood High School senior Ryan Dunn knows this, as he has begun the arduous task of applying for college.

Of course, it's made a little easier when you're a straight-A 17-year-old. For example, nearly 200 colleges reached out to him before he got started.

I have a big shopping bag with tons of college [brochures]," he said.

It's no wonder many colleges and universities throughout the nation have taken notice of the Milltown native. Besides boasting a cumulative GPA of

GPA: 4.3

Clubs/sports:

of America (FBLA) Volunteer/job:

Octagon Club

National Honor Society-treasurer

League, History Club, Math League,

member of the community service

Colleges applying to:
University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University, Pa.
Cornell University, N.Y.
Carnegie Mellon University, Pa.
Rutgers University
Villanova University, Pa.

Pep Band, Jazz Band, Science

Future Business Leaders

4.30. Ryan has taken part in a massive number of activities

The senior is treas-urer of the school's National Honor Society chapter, of which he is particular-ly proud. He is also a member of the Pep Band, Jazz Band, a member of the community service Octagon Club, the Science League, the History Club, the Math League the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

When he can find the time, Ryan enjoys spending it away from

academics by seeing movies and going to amusement parks, the latter of which he has been able to go all over the country to

But for now, all attention is being focused on academics. Earlier this month, Ryan had narrowed down his choices to six: Bucknell University, Cornell University, Carnegie Mellon University, Rutgers University, Villanova University and the University of Pennsylvania, where he has already applied for early decision. Should he be accepted by Penn, that is where he expects to be come fall 2005

His major of choice will be chemical engineering, something which Ryan felt Penn outclassed its competitors.

I really enjoy the engineering part," he said of his decision to choose that major. "It's more mathematic and hands on than regular chemistry would be. [It's] more open ended."

Ryan's college application adventures have already been far different than those of his siblings - Greg, 24, and Colleen, 27.

"I think it's all a little harder," said Lisa Dunn, Ryan's mother. "[Greg and Colleen] both went to Middlesex County Community College first [which has open enrollmentl.

Both of them would later move on to Rutgers once they received their associate degrees.

"This time around, it's like a whole new thing for us," she said.

Lisa said Ryan has had straight A's since kindergarten.

"We're extremely proud. We can't believe it," she said of youngest son's accomplishments. 'It's amazing. He's so beyond us, we can't get over it.'

Ryan said he's looking forward to college, not only for the education but as a chance to meet new people, as well as to continue playing the trumpet.

"I really want

to be out of the state," said Ryan, who will turn 18 in July, "to just experience what it's like to be away from home.'

After college, he wants to work for Merck & Co. Inc. as a chemical engineer. His father is employed there as a media specialist.

And he still wants to continue playing his trumpet.

"I really like to play all different types of music," he said.



Snotswood High School senior Ryan Dunn enjoys the trumpet, amusement parks, the Jazz Band, the Science League, and the Future Business Leaders of America, among a myriad of other activities, while maintaining a 4.3 grade-point average.

Busy schedule prepares senior for college

Well-rounded teen has full course load, a job and plenty of activities

BY VINCENT TODARO Staff Writer

T t's all in a day's work for Katharine Pluta.

The East Brunswick High School senior is taking her college application work in stride, saying that though it is somewhat stressful, she prefers being busy.

And busy she is, with a full course load of classes, plus extracurricular activities and a job three days a week.

But Katharine has her eyes on the prize — acceptance to the college of her choice.

And in her eyes, that would be Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., where Katharine would spend 5 1/2 years working toward a degree in physical therapy. Most college physical therapy programs actually run seven years, so she hopes the busy nature of her schedule now will prepare her for a compacted college load.

In addition to Quinnipiac, she also recently mailed out applications to Drexel and Rutgers universities.

But all the work, stress and prepa-

GPA: 3.5

SAT scores: 1220

dance team- captain,

Women's Club-treasurer, GASP

East Brunswick Youth Council-

community service chair

administrative assistant

Colleges applying to:

Drexel University, Pa.

Rutgers University

Quinnipiac University, Conn.

Clubs/sports:

Volunteer/job:

at Coldwell Banker

rations that go into getting into college have not fallen entirely on Katharine's shoulders. Both her parents, who are firstgeneration Polish immigrants, have been helping, and her father, Jaroslaw, notes the process is not easy.

"It's pretty stressful to put it mildly," he said.

Jaroslaw, who attended college in Poland, said the American process is new to him, so he and his wife,

Rohualda, are learning "on the fly." Some of the decisions they face are how much they can afford to pay for college and what colleges their daughter will be accepted to.

With her 1220 SAT score and 3.5 GPA, Katharine is in a good position to be accepted to a competitive school. But she knows it's not just numbers that colleges are looking at.

"They say they are looking at everything, and everything takes on an equal value," she said. That includes extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, and community service.

So Katharine is making sure her calendar is full. She is the community service chair for the East Brunswick Youth Council, a captain for the dance team, treasurer of the Women's Club, and a member of GASP.

And oh, did we leave out that she also works three days a week at the Coldwell Banker office on Summerhill Road. She said she works two weekdays and one day on the weekend as an administrative assistant.

Of course, there's also schoolwork. Katharine said she is taking psychology, sociology, economics, humanities and physics, in addition to English composition and calculus, both of which will count for credit at Middlesex County College.

The good part about her course load is most of it was chosen by her and not the result of school requirements, she said. She fulfilled most requirements during her earlier high school years.

One casualty of her college prep program was her dancing, though. She said she used to dance competitively but had to stop during her junior year because her schoolwork had become "overwhelming."

Her father said he's not only concerned with helping his daughter find the right school, but also the right career

"We don't want to make a wrong decision, where she goes to an expensive college and doesn't get what she wants when she graduates," he said.

Katharine said she got the idea of being a physical therapist after she suffered a torn leg muscle.

She said what she likes about the job is that you "get to talk to people and it's not sitting behind a desk or computer."

She's also done some career research. She said her uncle is a physical therapist and told her the field is growing.

Her parents have an interesting

purview because of their time in Poland. Jaroslaw said the college system here is a "night and day" difference from the one he went through.

On the negative side, the Polish system included the final exams based on the curriculum only — they were not SAT-type tests. On the positive side, college tuition back then was free, he said. Students were also allowed

to choose what they studied.

However, a poor showing on the final exams meant having to wait for college.

"You went to the Army basically if you didn't make college," he said.

"I think [the American system] is slightly easier, but still confusing," he said.

Katharine said she still finds time to squeeze in family events, and that most of her friends are also involved in the activities she takes part in. Though she has her eyes on Quinnipiac, she is keeping her options open.

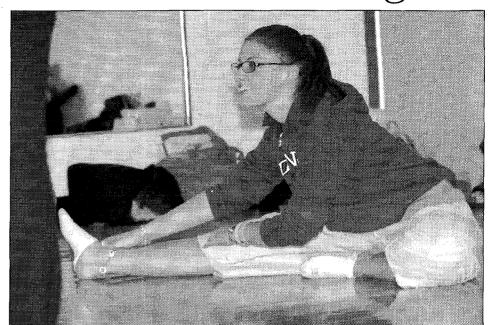
And of course she'd love to get a scholarship, she said.

Her job helps her save money for college, she said, and despite all the demands on her time, she still sometimes finds free time.

As for the college-prep experience, she has mixed feelings.

"To some extent it is stressful because so many things are expected from you," she said. "At the same time it's kind of fun because you're going places and getting ready for the rest of your life, basically."

"I think we're all pretty nervous," her father added.



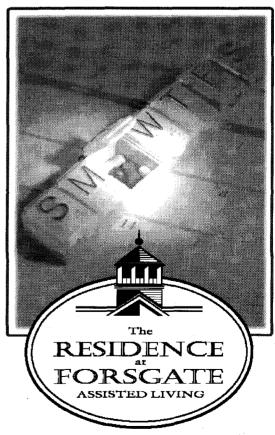
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Katharine Pluta stretches in preparation for a dance team practice recently at East Brunswick High School

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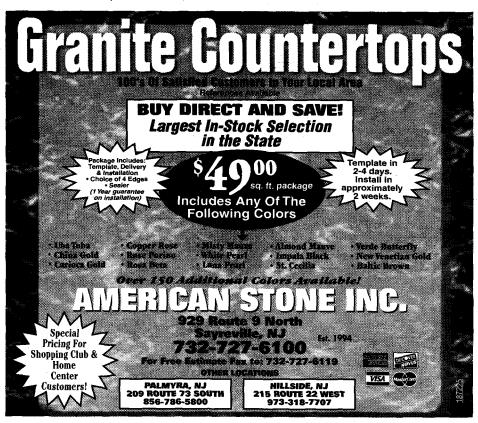
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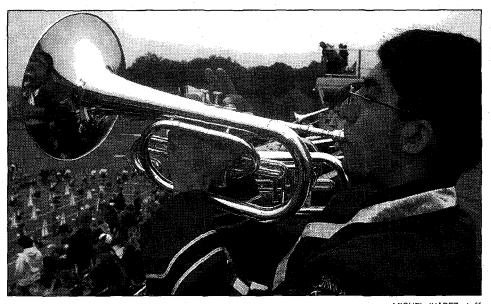




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Simranjeet S. Sran enjoys his favorite activity, playing the mellophone in the Monroe Township High School marching band, as he and band mates perform "The Hey Song" during a football game.

Stellar student has a good idea where his future lies

Senior wrangling for top spot but finds time for favorite activities

BY SETH MANDEL Staff Writer

or many high school seniors, participation in the school marching band and the math, science, mock trial, Model United Nations, and tennis teams might be a little overwhelming.

For Monroe Township High School senior Simran Sran, it wasn't enough, so he helped form an additional early-morn-

We actually started doing a club before and after school where we do science projects; last year we met about once a week, in the morning at about 6 o' clock,' Simran said.

GPA: 101.764

Clubs/sports:

SAT scores: 1520

High school marching band

mock trial, Model U.N., tennis

math team, science team,

Colleges applying to:

Rutgers University
The College of New Jersey
University of Pennsylvania
Columbia University, N.Y.

possibly: Pennsylvania State University

If that doesn't put pressure on him, then surely the heated competition for top class rank, a spot currently occupied by Simran, would rattle him.

basically healthy competition [between him and the student with the second-highest GPA]; nothing too big. We talk to each other, share notes; it's not really a competi-

tion," Simran said.
"It's fun. People have been congratulating me. I keep reminding them that it's not settled yet, but it's nice. People give me a pat on the back. It feels good to have done something; it feels like an

So there are no surprises, then, when Simran talks about what he wants to do with those unshakable nerves.

T've been interested in some type of surgery, cardiothoracic," he said, adding that he is also considering pediatrics. But whatever field he decides to enter, he knows he wants to make an impact.

I would like to do something where we don't know a lot about that field, like neurology, or something where everything is not yet known, and there's still room for us to improve," Simran said.

Simran has always been a good student, and since his family moved to Monroe from Piscataway three years ago, he has continued to thrive.

His grade-point average currently stands at 101.764 on a 100-point scale, and he scored a 1520 - 800 math and 720 verbal - on the SAT on his second attempt. On his first try he yielded a 1470 total, 770 math and 700 verbal.

His scores show a clear tendency to be stronger in math, but Simran has the most interest in science.

"One of my chemistry teachers jokes that by becoming a doctor, I'd be a waste of a scientist," he said.

Simran is applying to Rutgers University, The College of New Jersey, Princeton, the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia, and possibly Pennsylvania State as well.

He said he would like to attend Princeton, but the pricey tuition there is out of his range, and he would not quali-

fy for financial aid Simran's Bhupinder, said the family had to make a financially practical decision concerning

the tuition. "He's planning on going to medical school; it doesn't make sense to go into great debt at the undergraduate level,' Bhupinder said.

Although he admires "the prestige that goes with Princeton, and any of the Ivy Leagues," Simran said he may

even be happiest at Rutgers, which is where he will probably enroll.

'It is a great school, and UMDNJ [the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, which is affiliated with Rutgers] is a great medical school, and the only medical school in New Jersey, so there's nothing wrong with that. It's very close, very easy to get to, and I'd proba-

bly meet a lot of people like me," he said. Simran said that the application process has been more "tedious and annoying" than stressful, since most of the schools each have its own distinct application, but concedes that he may have unique benefits that most applicants do not.

Bhupinder is a professor at DeVry University, and Simran's mother, Manjit, teaches at the high school. Manjit's father was also a law professor in India before moving to the United States, and Bhupinder's father is a professor at the

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New Jersey Institute of Technology.

'So you've got a whole family of educators that have seen a lot of this stuff from different angles, and there's benefit to being able to talk to each other," Bhupinder said.

Simran's mother said that, with the high-level classes he is taking, she and her husband cannot offer him much help with his homework.

"I think he's at a higher level than either one of us, at his age, ever were,' Maniit said.

But, added Bhupinder, the college application process is a different story.

"I don't know the inner workings of these other colleges, but I know the kind of stuff I look for as a professor, and I know what my professors looked for in me as a student when I was at LSU [Louisiana State University]. And those are pretty much the kind of things that I try to pass on to him," Bhupinder said.

Regardless of what the colleges are looking for in Simran, he knows exactly where he would like to be in four years.

"I plan to be a good student, so that I can get into medical school easily and become a good doctor, but at the same time still be having fun, still be meeting people, and not be secluded," he said.

Simran said that although his parents never put any pressure on him, they did teach him fundamentals, such as the ability to memorize the multiplication tables, and values, like Bhupinder's reminders that "There's no such excuse as 'I didn't have a good teacher' just doesn't exist in this house.'

Of all Simran's activities, he said he most enjoys his time in the marching band because, although it is a team-oriented activity, it allows each member to shine individually as well.

"Anyone who is in marching band is always in something, and they're always meaningful to the show," he said. "Every individual either adds to the show or detracts from it, so everyone has to do their best, and when you do win, it feels really good."

He said he will miss the camaraderie of the "tight-knit environment" of his high school but is looking forward to being able to focus mainly on the subjects he enjoys in college.

Wherever he does enroll, Bhupinder is confident that Simran will be able to flourish both academically and socially.

"I know where the learning does take it's one student and one teacher," Bhupinder said. "And pretty much every school, at the undergraduate level, has all the facilities that are needed to provide a very good education. It's really a matter of him hooking up with the right teacher and having the right attitude, and just succeeding, and he will be fine.

Hoops prowess puts ball in Calhoun's court

Coaches pursue Raritan H.S. star as he works to improve academically

BY DAN NEWMAN Staff Writer

'e've all been guilty of seeing a really tall person and thinking, Yup, he plays basketball."

Many know the 6-foot-9 Qa'rraan Calhoun because he averaged 17 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots per game last season at Raritan High School, Hazlet, statistics that have made college coaches from Arizona, UConn and

Missouri, along with many others, salivate over him. Even with a college scholarship waiting in the wings, his polite demeanor sets him apart.

"He's so nice to everybody in this school. He's always smiling, and that's why people like him - he's just such a friendly person," Qa'rraan's teammate, Dave Lonnay, said.

Not a bad assessment of somebody who was in an entirely different situation just three years ago.

While Qa'rraan calls Hazlet his home now, his previous hometown of Asbury Park was not what he considered an ideal spot for somebody who aspired to go to college one day.

"Nobody down there cared about anything," the senior said. "Kids wouldn't even go to school ever, and so it was time for me to get out.'

Since coming to Raritan, his grades have improved to "about a B-minus average," according to Qa'rraan. For this, he thanks the people who have made it possible.

"The teachers here are great. They're always around to help the kids out if they ever need individual help. That's what I really like about this school," he said.

Even though his grades have improved and he is working hard to become eligible to participate in college athletics as a freshman under NCAA guidelines, there is a possibility that he may have to go to a prep school for a year.

"Qa'rraan has a very unique situation in that he transferred schools and he is still trying to get his grades up," Raritan head basketball coach Sean Devaney said. "Some colleges have been in touch

Grades: B- at RHS

Sport: Basketball

Actively recruited by:

University of Arizona University of Connecticut

University of Missouri

and said that he may need to go to prep school and better himself academically, and Qa'rraan understands that."

Unlike some studentathletes who neglect their studies, Qa'rraan, who considers English his favorite subject, is able to find a daily balance between academics and athletics.

"I go to school and after that, I come

home and rest for a little while. Then I'll go play basketball, and when I come home, I do my homework. This is what I do on most days," Qa'rraan said.

Besides having a composed school life

now, Qa'rraan said he has an improved home life, living with teammate and cousin Marques Johnson and his uncle, Brock Johnson, who doubles as his AAU summer league coach with the Trailblazers.

"If I do go to a prep school, maybe my cousin will come with me and it

will be like a package deal," Qa'rraan said. "I think that would be fun with the

two of us already playing together Raritan]."

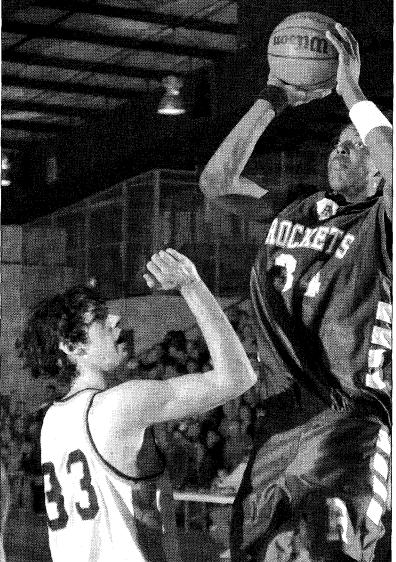
"My uncle has helped me a lot also. He's given me a lot of lectures on basketball and life. It's helped me out a lot," Qa'rraan said.

Even with a good family structure and a solid foun-dation at school, it seems like Qa'rraan has everything going for him. But in a small community like Hazlet, it's clear that he's the biggest fish (literally and figuratively) in a small pond, and sometimes may not know how to handle his growing popularity. To deal with that, he can look to a buddy who, while living in a bigger area, deals with a similar situation.

friends "I'm [Middletown South football starl Knowshon [Moreno]. and I know what he goes through," Qa'rraan said. "It's kind of the same thing for both of us because we're both being recruited right now.

matter Qa'rraan rolls with or where he goes to school in the future, those around him know he'll still be the same kid with the ear-toear grin at all times.

"It's like he has rock star status at school - that's how popular Everybody likes him, and I



CHRIS KELLY staff

Raritan's Qa'rraan Calhoun goes up for a shot during last year's playoffs. think that will take him a The 6-foot-9 senior hopes to lead the Rockets even deeper than last long way in life," Coach year's state semifinals appearance. The unsigned senior hopes to Devaney said. elevate himself into the upper echelon of college recruits.







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Football stand-out looks to continue winning ways

Athletics adds different kind of pressure in selecting a college

BY DAN NEWMAN Staff Writer

ention Knowshon Moreno's name anywhere in Middletown, or anywhere in New Jersey, and it conjures up images of the junior running back tearing through opposing defenses on his way to another big gain.

That's how it's been for three seasons, since Knowshon came on the Middletown High School South scene as a freshman. But making plays on the field is not all Knowshon has been known to do to his opponents. He can also make it happen in the blink of an eye on the board as well.

"Sometimes, before practice, we'll play chess," Knowshon said. "It's just something we like to do to keep things relaxed.

Knowshon labels himself as a "pretty good player" if asked. Poll anybody else and "pretty good" would be pretty much an understatement.

The shifty tailback is well on his way toward rewriting the state record books. Following Friday's 7-0 state playoff semifinal win over Long Branch, Knowshon had 4,273 career rushing yards, 2,260 yards short of the record set last year by Keyport's Kenny Cattouse. If Knowshon can continue this kind of performance next season, that record will be well within his reach. He also came out of Friday's game with 560 career points, just 96 points behind the state mark.

For the season, Knowshon has 220 points, 34 points behind the state mark set in the state mark of 101 set in

With the win over Long Branch Friday, and the promise of another two games (on Thanksgiving against Middletown North and the Central Jersey Group III championship game next week), the single-season records for points could be in danger.

As for school records, not something to be taken lightly at a school with such a rich football tradition, Knowshon already owns the records for most rushing yards (420) and touchdowns (seven) in a game. He actually shares the single-game touchdown record with legendary Eagle Stephen Michael Pitts, who accomplished the feat in 1989. It is Pitts' career rushing record that Knowshon is chasing and should surpass it next year. Following Friday night's game, Moreno was just 611 yards shy of Pitts'

"Since I have been here, he's been the best player we've had," seventh-year head coach Steve Antonucci said. "He's a toplevel competitor on the field, and I'm sure he'll be that way once he gets to college."

Although only a junior, Moreno is already starting to get plenty of correspondence from college coaches who would love to have his services at the next level.

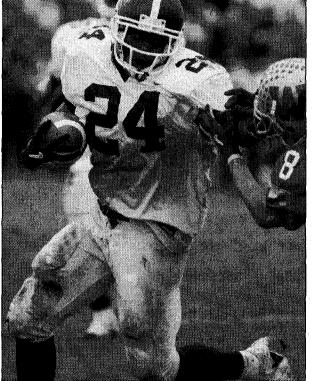
Td say about 20 schools are in the mix right now, and that number will probably go even higher as time goes by," Antonucci said. "Many of the schools involved are toplevel Division 1 programs like Florida State, Virginia and Maryland."

While the college programs want him for his athletic ability, Knowshon knows his academics will be a priority as well.

"What I'm learning here at Middletown will prepare me for what happens in college. I think the teachers at this school are good, and they've been able to help me a lot along the way," Knowshon said.

A day in the life of a big-time high school athlete does not commence with afternoon football practice. It starts well before the first snap of the ball or the first instructions yelled out by Antonucci

"I get up each day around 6:20 and go right to school. After that, we have practice until about 5:30," Knowshon explained. Then I do my homework (math is his favorite subject) and relax a bit. I normally go to bed around 10."



1976, and his 92 touchdowns Big-name colleges are already expressing interest in the this season are approaching talents of Knowshon Moreno, a junior at Middletown **High School South.**

"Once he gets to college, Knowshon has two goals, to get a college education and to be able to play football," Antonucci said. "I really want him to have the full college

experience. Knowshon has taken the PSAT and is preparing to take the SAT later this year, while handling his regular course load. What separates him from the rest of his classmates is that everybody is watching him — opponents, college coaches and even Knowshon himself.

"I realize that everybody expects this team to go undefeated again this year, and it's a big goal for us," Knowshon explained. Tve been working hard at everything I do this year, school and football. It's not tough for me because I've been used to that for a while now.'

It also helps that Knowshon's personality is jovial and easygoing, something that is not lost on those around him.

"In the hallways, people always are around him," Antonucci said. "People outside of our school may know him for foot-ball, but inside, he's just a well-liked person because he's so friendly."

"I need to continue to work hard, and hopefully things work out for us. Right now football is the big thing for me, and I want to help our team win," Knowshon said. "At the end of the season, I want to be able to say that we're state champions."

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Junior year plays key role in admissions process

Advisers: Goals should be clubs, community service and good grades

BY ADAM RIBACK

unior year in high school is the most important year to rack up the points for extracurricular activities, community service and acceptable grades, according to Helene Unger, an educational consultant from Manalapan. Junior year is the year to impress colleges by showing long-term commitments and leadership qualities in order to strengthen your college application.

Christina Biagioli, a junior at Marlboro High School, has done many things to improve her chances of being accepted to the college of her choice. "I have been secretary of our class for three years; I'm in Select Ensemble, Spanish Club and chorus. I also have

ADAM RIBACK

Marlboro H.S. junior

played the piano for nine years, danced for 13 years and have continuously done community service, such as helping out at a religious school," she said.

Christina says that one of her motives for doing these things is to stand out from other students, but she also enjoys doing activities. "It

helps for college, so why not do all of these things you enjoy as well," she said.

According to Unger, most good universities are

looking for a three- or four-year commitment to an area of interest. "They would rather see a solid commitment in a small number of activities than someone who does a lot of different things," she said. "Good schools look for leadership, creativity and students who take the initiative and create community-service projects on their own that are different from the norm. It is very critical that you do something unusual to set yourself apart."

Students now must start thinking about their résumé well before the end of their junior year. Sameer Govil, a junior at Marlboro High School, has been doing community service and has been active in organizations for his entire high school career. He has volunteered at Raritan Bay Medical Center, he takes part in club fund-raisers, and he is co-president of ADAPT (Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Prevention Team) and Asha, a service club. Sameer is also the chairman of the board of the statewide REBEL (Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies) program, which creates public awareness of tobacco and other drugs.

"Part of my motive, of course, is to make my college application stand out from the others. You want to do

whatever you can to make the colleges look upon your application favorably," Sameer said. "Since you are going to be spending four of the best years of your life in college, you want to make sure you do whatever you can to ensure you go to the best college possible.'

It isn't just a question of being active in school activities or performing community-service projects, it is also a question of dealing with the pressure.

"I feel nervous that every step I take ... everyone is watching me," Sameer said. "You are hoping you do everything right so you can live the best life possible. You just don't know what's coming at you.'

"It's very nerve-racking," Christina said. "When you think about it, college is less than two years away and everything has to be done at once. Those nights where you stay up until two in the morning studying seem endless.

Stephanie Goldberg is also a junior at Marlboro High School. "It scares you," she said of the significance of junior year. "You think you aren't doing

enough because you don't know exactly what colleges are looking for." Stephanie has been in the Octagon Club for three years and this year she is on the board. She is also part of the Spanish Club, manager of the girls softball team, and a teacher assistant for a religious school.

> Now that students realize everything they do counts toward their future, it makes them want to become

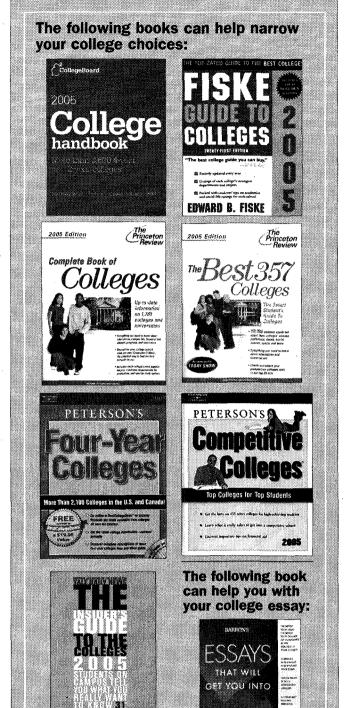
more involved in activities and organizations in order to boost the chances of getting into a good school. "Sometimes I'm a little more cautious in what I choose to do or not do," said Sameer. "I'll go the extra mile to make sure I do better on that test or project.'

"Junior year is the year to show you've improved significantly," Christina said. "I discuss it with my friends and family, and it puts a lot of pressure on me. A lot of people want me to do my best, and that is exactly what I plan to do. If you put in minimal effort, in the long run it will affect your decision school-wise. I was talking to a sophomore in college and she said that teacher relationships are most important junior vear because of recommendations.'

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Spare time hard to find for multi-sport athlete

Mary Lynn Skarzenski juggles application process, hectic schedule

t's around this time of year when most students unwind from the hectic schedule of filling out college applications. During much of the first half of their last year of high school, seniors spend days and even weeks writing down their names and Social Security numbers and trying to ad lib their way through yet another essay, explaining why they want to attend a particular college or university.

While some students tell horror stories of handling this tedious task, Woodbridge's Mary Lynn Skarzenski has

Class rank: 3rd in class

cross country (9" - 11" grade)

Duquesne University, Pa. James Madison University, Va.

Colleges applying to:

Bucknell University, Pa.

Clubs/sports:

soccer (12" grade)

Basketball

spring track

no such tales — yet.

"I haven't filled out any of my applications,' Mary Lynn said recently. "There are actually a few that I haven't even received yet. I know I'm going to have to do it

The senior's plight is not due to laziness or lack of concern. She's proved over three-plus years that

she can handle her business when it comes to academics - she's ranked third in a class of about 300 at Woodbridge High School. It's her athletic career that has kept her from those college applications. Make that careers.

Since entering Woodbridge, Mary Lynn has been a member of the school's crosscountry, track, basketball and soccer teams. As if that were not enough, she wants to branch out even further in the spring.

"I've always done track in the spring, but I'm thinking about maybe doing softball instead. I think I just want to try something else," Mary Lynn said.

A new challenge that Mary Lynn has already conquered this year is playing soccer. After many tries by the team's coach to get her to play, she obliged, and in the process helped the team set a school record for wins in a season while qualifying for the postseason.

"It was a blessing to have her finally come out and play soccer," coach Glenn Lottmann said. "My only concern was that she'd run out of steam at some point in the

season, but it hasn't happened. That's how good of an athlete she is.

Mary Lynn's athletic endurance may be the secret to how she gets through her 16hour days.

"I'm up at 7 each day for school. After that, I have soccer practice, and sometimes there are fall-league basketball games,

When you're ranked third in your class though, your day is not nearly over.

When I get home, I still have homework to do. I normally don't go to bed until about 11:30," she explained.

Mary Lynn knows that as much time as she has devoted to academics throughout her life, it may take even more work next year to be not only a student, but an ath-

lete as well.

Duquesne, James Madison, Lehigh and Bucknell are a few of the schools that Mary Lynn is interested in playing basketball for next year. Although she hasn't visited any of these schools yet, she knows what she's looking for when choosing her home for the next four years.

"I'd like to go somewhere that has a nice campus and good academics. I want to be a math teacher, and so the program has to be a good one," she said.

In addition to thriving under the guidance and support of parents and her coaches, Mary Lynn also gives credit to those who are with her more than anybody during the school day.
"The teachers here are very good.

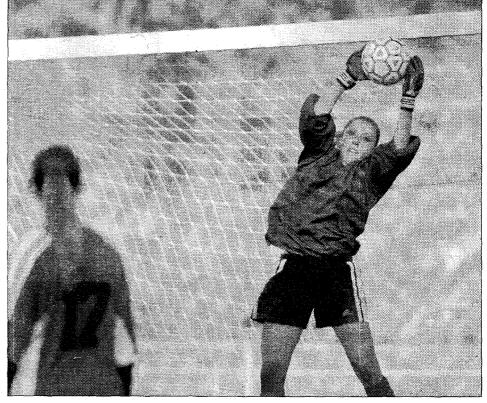
They're always available to help the kids out when they need it," she said.

Her soccer coach thinks no matter where his star athlete ends up a year from now, she'll be ready to take on whatever comes her way.

"She's not the kind of person who likes to lose in anything she does, and that will help her a lot when she goes to college. She's faced challenges before, and she'll face them next year. And I expect her to do well no matter what her choice is," Lottmann said.

With her track record, filling out those college applications should be just another hurdle she clears with ease.

- Dan Newman



Woodbridge goalkeeper Mary Lynn Skarzenski has shown her athletic prowess not only in soccer, but in basketball as well, the sport that she hopes to play once she goes to

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have reported similar increases in their nursing programs.

Ocean County College (OCC) in Toms River received 800 applications from county residents looking to become nurses, said Jim Brown, OCC's dean of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

There are only 60 seats available.

Because of the growing demand for nurses and the increasing number of applications, OCC will expand its nursing program to offer 20 more seats with the One Day Per Week R.N. Program. Adding 20 seats a year for the next two years, the program will allow nursing students to receive the bulk of their technical training through a Web-assisted program, plus work one day a week at a local hospital, where they will receive hands-on, clinical experience.

Brown said the program, the only one of its kind in New Jersey, may be the way to end the nursing shortage in the state.

"If it works, it could really be the answer to the nursing shortage," Brown said. People realize nursing is a good profession that is going to be growing.

"When the economy is really good, people do whatever they feel like trying. When the economy takes a downturn, they come back into nursing because there is a stability there, and the pay is good.'

Two years out of nursing school, a nurse can expect to take home \$50,000 a year, Brown said.

'A lot of people like to get into the field right away. As soon as they get out of school, they go into the hospitals," Brown said. "Then the hospital can pay for their R.N. (registered nurse) completion — from an R.N. to a B.S.N. (bachelor of science in nursing). What they have to pay for college is cut in half. The county college rates

it's the best bargain in town."

And potential nurses are not the only ones taking advantage of them, said Tara Kelly, OCC's executive director of public

"We accept everyone," she said. "County colleges have an open, rolling enrollment, so it's not competitive. You only have to be 18 or have a high school diploma. All county colleges have the same admissions.

To become a student at a county college, Kelly said prospective students only have to take a basic skills test, called the Accuplacer. No matter what the results, anyone interested in obtaining an education at a community college will not be turned away.

Nespoli said one advantage community colleges have over the four-year schools is the caliber of educators hired at county col-

"We hire teachers — people who aspire to be the best teacher, not the best

tenured based on how many articles and ooks they publish, Nespoli said.

Not so at community colleges.

"That's not how they're promoted here," he said. "They're promoted here because they are excellent teachers. Teaching is the

Kim Toomey has been the registrar at

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researcher," he said. Four-year school faculty are hired and

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highest priority, not how many books they publish. We look at teaching evaluations."

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"No one will be told they can't come to college based on the results," she said. "It's a placement test.

Anyone who does not score well on the test may have to enroll in developmental classes that would strengthen math, reading or writing skills before they begin taking college-credit classes, Kelly said.

We make sure students are prepared to succeed," she said.

Kelly said the education those students receive is comparable to the education students attending a four-year public or private college institution would receive.

"It's the same content, just a different location, really. Don't cheat yourself; you really get the same education at a county college as at a four-year school," she said.

Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County since 1993.

She sees several reasons for an increase in community college enrollment.

The SAT requirements are getting more stringent and more competitive. More students are going to school, and with the population explosion, acceptance to four-year schools is becoming more difficult," she said.

"County colleges offer a highly affordable education. Students can stay home and complete their first two years of their bachelor's degree," she said. "But we offer a lot of options for different kinds of students. Open enrollment also [offers admission to students who need a brush-up in basic skills.

Applying

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"We want them challenged, just like we want them challenged in the classroom, but you don't want them so stressed that they're not able to accomplish their goals," Kenny said.

Hodos also said that members of each year's East Brunswick High School graduating class return to the school after their first year in college to speak to the seniors about their personal experiences at various colleges.

He added that a common misconception is that there is one perfect school for every student. Hodos feels that there are often several schools that can offer the applicant a good education, an enjoyable atmosphere, appropriate post-graduate job placement and graduate school opportunities.

"I think too many students sometimes focus in on the one school that is going to somehow make or break their life or their career, and I think that's not necessarily the case," he said.

Hodos also advises the applicants to continue to participate in school activities and not completely neglect their hobbies throughout the application process. He said they must afford themselves some leisure time, and not eat, sleep, and breathe college applications, as long as they are still able to get the applications, and their school work, done on time.

"Everything in due measure," Hodos said. "[Realize] how important the whole application process is, but allow time for other things as well. Enjoy your senior year, if you can."

4-year colleges sound off

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Pennsylvania State University Main campus - State College, Pa.

"Our applicant pool has been more talented than in the past ... ever," Kim Libby, the New Jersey recruiter for Penn State, said.

Although the number of applicants for the school has gone up, the way the university makes its admissions decisions has always been the same. Two-thirds of the decision is based on a student's grade-point average. The rest of the decision is made from a combination of test

scores, class rank, the personal statement and activities list, among other fac-

"For a big school like us, grades means a lot," Libby said.

A student's grade-point average in ninth, 10th and 11th grades is a huge factor. Even if a student starts off shaky but improves over time, that won't necessarily fly with Penn State.

The reason is, there are 20 campuses in the Penn State system and a freshman class of 13,000 students. Most of the students want to go to University Park, the main campus, but only 6,000 freshmen are admitted there. While 6,000 students in the freshman class sounds like a lot, Libby said it's really not when you look at the total student population of 42,000.

So while many prospective students can go to Penn State, they may not get accepted to the main campus. But, Libby said, the quality of education is just as good at the satellite campuses.

One up side is that, even if your SAT scores weren't so great, being a good student during high school really will help if your dream is to be a Nittany Lion.

"A student who has that situation usually fares pretty well with Penn State," Libby said.

Libby, who talks to many students looking to go to Penn State, says many of them have what she calls a "laundry list" of activities. While those do come into play in the admissions process, the decision mostly comes down to grades.

"The bottom line is the bottom line," Libby said.

There are 29 Division IA sports at University Park, but Libby said it is just a rumor that only student athletes get accepted to the main campus. Student athletes have their own criteria to meet when it comes to SAT scores and gradepoint average. That minimum is set by the NCAA - a standard that Penn State subscribes to, Libby said.

Many people also think it's hard for out-of-state students to get accepted, but that's just a rumor," Libby said.

"It doesn't matter where you live, if you live in India, or Pennsylvania or New Jersey," she said. "It is just as difficult for you to get in [as everyone else]."







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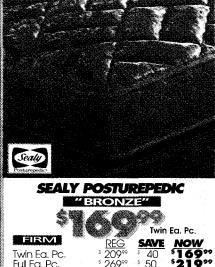
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BY LAYLI WHYTE Staff Writer

hristopher Lee Covert was standing on line at the supermarket when he noticed a tabloid with a story that splashed across its front page, claiming Elvis Presley is still alive.

Inspiration struck.

He bought 10 copies of the tabloid and started cutting them up and gluing them down. The next day he went out and bought more.

"I thought, 'That's kind of weird that he's in the news,' so I made him out of the news," said Covert. "It all made sense at the time.

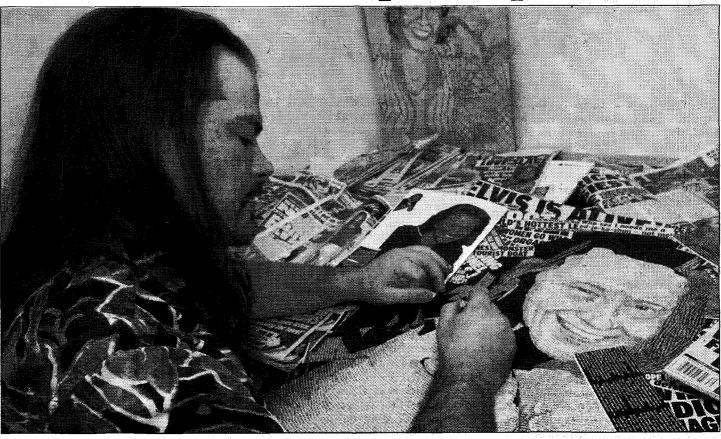
After months of putting down the work and picking it back up again, he finally fin-ished an almost life-sized portrait of "The King" out of the tabloid that keeps his memory alive.

"He's still in the tabloids all the time," said Covert, holding up the latest issue of The Weekly World News that has a cover story about Elvis.

Covert opened The Covert Gallery on Monmouth Street, Red Bank; recently to display his celebrity portraits, many of which are crafted out of the tabloid that first inspired him.

To date, Covert has completed at least 30 celebrities out of scraps of paper and glue, and has 25 of them autographed by the celebrities themselves.

On the walls of the gallery hang pictures of subjects from Cindy Lauper to the



Artist Chris Covert uses the pages of newspapers and books — including the Bible — to create portraits of famous people,

Mona Lisa, from Howard Stern to Jesus.

Lauper and Mona Lisa are created out of the usual materials, but Covert crafted Stern out of "Private Parts," Stern's autobiography, and Jesus was created using pages printed with the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.





"They are Jesus' own words," said

He prefers to use people's own words to create their faces, so he prefers doing portraits of people who have written their own books, like George Carlin whose portrait Covert made out of the comic's book, "Brain Droppings."

Covert's process for creating the pieces begins when he chooses an individual to

"It's got to be someone I like and someone I can probably meet," said Covert. "I get the heads up on who's going to be at Fameabilia or Count Basie Theatre because I feed everybody in town."

When he's not at his gallery working on a new piece or helping care for his 10-month-old son, Christopher Lee Covert Jr., he works at Elsie's Sub Shop next door to the gallery.

Elsie's is a Red Bank institution, owned and operated by Tish Reddington, Covert's girlfriend and mother of the son he affectionately calls his best piece of art yet.

I was used to doing it all for me and Tish," said Covert. "Now everything I do is all for him. He just makes me want to do the best stuff. And Tish has been an incredible wife, incredible inspiration, and my best friend.

Covert said that a portrait of Chris Jr. is in the works, and it will probably be made out of Elsie's menus.

Once Covert has his subject in mind, the process begins.

From there I go on the Web, find a billion pictures of the person, find a good one. I'll sketch it out on a blackboard and then start cutting," said Covert.

Although Covert prefers to work from books, because of the correlation between

the medium and the subject, he works mainly with newsprint.

"The Weekly World News" has everything. They have the blacks, the grays, even the different types I use. They have it all," said Covert. "I've basically got it down to a science now. I know where everything is, because it's basically the same paper every week, they just change the words around."

The artist became part of his own source materials when he was interviewed by The Weekly World News in May.

Covert said that one of the questions he is frequently asked is whether his portraits are made totally from newspaper articles about the subject.

"I say, 'No, I wish it was.' I don't have a staff of a million people to be going through 10,000 newspapers," said Covert. "I like doing people out of their books, their own words. Or, like I did Penn and Teller out of playing cards ecause they're magicians.

Covert has been creating his whole life, en before he discovered the joys of collage.

"I do paint and I air brush. I just don't think it's good enough," said Covert. "You know us kooky artists, nothing's ever good enough."

Covert credits his artistic style with impressing on him the importance of patience, something that may come in handy as a new father.

"Every other artwork I have done usually had to be done that day," he said. "You watch TV and you see Bob Ross do something in 20 minutes, and you're like I can do that.' And then, you don't do it. Doing this, you put three weeks into it, and

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Marcinczyk comes down on Board of Ed

SAYREVILLE — An exiting Borough Council member says he is concerned about the recent direction of the Board of Education.

"Something is wrong - I just don't know where the Board of Education is headed," Thomas Marcinczyk said at a recent council meeting. "We're in the midst of asking taxpayers for God knows how much again, we have teachers still working without a contract. It's incumbent of someone on this council to look into this."

Marcinczyk's recent comments come at a time when public attention to the school board is coming from multiple

Sayreville school employees have been working under a contract that expired in June and has in large numbers publicly displayed their dismay at school events. Also, Superintendent of Schools Dennis Fyffe recently announced he will go on administrative leave come Jan. 1, and retire next sum-

Assistant Superintendent Frank Alfano has been named acting superintendent to serve while Fyffe is on

Also, the school district will hold a referendum in April asking residents to support a potential \$45 million plan to renovate overcrowded Sayreville War Memorial High School.

Marcinczyk said he felt the announcement of Fyffe's retirement had come abruptly. Fyffe had been given a new three-year contract last year. The contract raised concerns with some due years.

Fyffe said his retirement was anything but abrupt, saying he had been discussing it for several months.

"This is not new," he said. "First of all, any perception that my retirement is abrupt would be based on no knowl-

The councilman said he remains concerned about the current state of the

"To me, money is being wasted tremendously," he said. "It always seems like Monty Hall. Let's make a

Data from the state, recently provided by Assistant Superintendent Carla Sutherland, showed that, among New Jersey's 103 K-12 districts that have more than 3,500 students, Sayreville ranks 12th from the bottom in terms of administrative costs. Among such districts in Middlesex County, state data ranks Sayreville as second-lowest in this area of spending, beyond Edison.

In addition, Alfano previously said construction for the Upper Elementary School, Ernston Road, had been completed at \$24 million, \$4 million below the approved referendum of \$28 million, with the remaining funds expected to go to tax relief.

During the meeting, Marcinczyk, however, said the council should look into the board's dealings.

Borough Attorney Judy Verrone stated the school board, like the council, are elected officials and are an autonomous body unto themselves.

"I don't know of a way the council can take over the Board of Education,' she said. "That board is totally indeIn the Service

Edward J. Marion, son of Deborah and Edward Marion of the Parlin section of Sayreville, recently graduated from the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps(ROTC) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The course provides professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of military life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development are included in the curriculum, the primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader. Marion is a 2001 graduate of St. Joseph's High School, Metuchen.

Navy Seaman James S. Miller Jr. of Sayreville recently was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle, which included classroom study and

practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also was placed on physical fitness. Miller is a 2001 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High

Air Force Airman 1st Class Steven J. Smith, son of Carol Smith of Old Bridge, recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, Smith studied the air force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. Additionally, airmen completing basic training earn credit toward an associate's degree through Community College of the Air Force. Smith is a 1999 graduate of Old Bridge High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from The College of New Jersey, Ewing.

pendent of this board."

Marcinczyk has asked that a letter be sent to the board asking that it be represented at a future council agenda meeting for a discussion about the board and its current business.

Although no such letter has been sent to the board, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said during Monday's regular meeting that he had spoken with Board President Al Cox. He noted that both sides agreed to establish an open dialogue between the council and the

"Promises, promises," said Marcinczyk, whose three-year term on the council expires Dec. 31. "The best thing is to get [the board] in front of us [with] honest, hard commitments.'

Fyffe said that if anyone has an issue with the board, they should speak to either himself or Cox directly.

"I think that's the most appropriate way to address this," he said.

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you're like 'I'm not quitting now.' It's the only thing in my life that I have followed through with.'

Covert has also learned a great deal about paper preservation, like how to keep the newspaper from yellowing.

My first Elvis has yellowed a lot," said Covert. "For that I used rubber cement. I used to love that because you could change your mind after you put the paper down."

Now he can choose which pieces he wants to yellow, and how yellow he wants them to get.

"Some I want to yellow, like the Mona Lisa, I want her to yellow, get kind of antique looking," said Covert. "Willie Nelson yellowed; I didn't want him to, but he did. It looks all right. I picked out a frame to suit it, to pick up the yellows in there. It kind of looks rustic. Most of the frames I picked out myself, and I tried to get it to go with the picture.

Covert has a frame with a design resembling metal spikes for pro-wrestler King Kong Bundy and a rustic western-style frame for Kenny Rogers, both of whom have autographed their portraits.

Although Covert says he does not do what he does because he gets starstruck, he has gotten to meet celebrities like comedians Bill Maher and John Leguizamo, magicians Penn and Teller and Court TV's Rikki Klienman.

"I love comedians. I find comedians to be the realists of the entertainment types," Covert said. "I've never, ever had a hard time getting an autograph from a comedian, or from anybody for that matter. Nine times out of 10 I get to meet them."

Despite his proximity, Covert has yet to meet Bruce Springsteen, but has his portrait, as large as Elvis' up on the

Because The Covert Gallery is just a stone's throw away from the Count Basie Theatre and Fameabilia, it is the perfect location for Covert to work from to get autographs.

I just did Joy Behar from 'The View.' I did her out of her book. She was just at the Count Basie. Nice girl, very sweet," said Covert. "When I get the autograph, it all comes together.'

He has already sold a few prints since opening the gallery last month. But Covert is unwilling to part with some of his works.

"I don't ever sell my autographed pieces," he said.

Covert said he is better at selling pieces by the other artists exhibited in the gallery. Mike Harper, an air brush artist, who has several pieces of Mr. Potato Head visiting famous artists like Salvador Dali, Andy Warhol and Zeet Peabody, who paints bold, botanical panels, have been welcomed into the

"It's nice to have someone bring some color into this place," said Covert.



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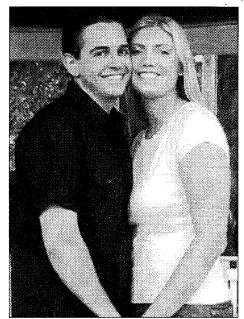


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McKinney-Gahagan



Shaun Gahagan, Lauryn McKinney

Pat and Tom McKinney of San Diego announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauryn Patricia McKinney, to Shaun Patrick Gahagan, son of Diane and John Gahagan of Old Bridge.

The future bride is a graduate of Poway High School, San Diego, and Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y., where she earned a dual bachelor of arts degree in education and English. She is a ninth-grade English teacher at Escondido (Calif.) High School, where she also serves as freshman volleyball coach.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft section of Middletown, and Manhattan College, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering. He is pursuing a master of science degree in chemical engineering at the University of San Diego.

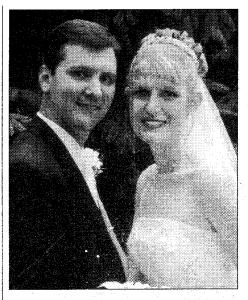
A July wedding is planned.

Stork Club

Deborah and James Levy of the Somerset section of Franklin announce the birth of their son, Jaden Myles, Oct. 23 in St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Grandparents are Lenore Resnick of Old Bridge and Ilysa and Arthur Levy of Manalapan. Greatgrandmother is Shirley Goldberg of the Bronx, N.Y.

Audra and Brian Zapoticzny Sr. of Sayreville announce the birth of their son, Anthony James ("AJ"), Nov. 1 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. The baby weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and joins his brother, Brian Michael Jr., 13 months. Grandparents are Patricia and Gunter Wordel of Mount Olive, N.C., and Micki and Jerry Zapoticzny of the Morgan section of Sayreville. Greatgrandparents are Helen and Hugh Campbell of Morgan and Florence Zapoticzny of Cape Coral, Fla. Godparents are Susan Sprague-Novosel of Morgan and Jesse McCrea of Hillsborough.

Givand-Richardson



Keith and Laurie Givand

aurie Elizabeth Richardson, daughter of Connie Richardson of the Basking Ridge section of Bernards and Guy Richardson of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was married July 24 to Keith Michael Givand, son of Joanne and Ted Givand of Sayreville.

Monsignor Terrance Lawler performed the ceremony at St. James

Church, Basking Ridge, where the bride was given in marriage by her parents.

Maid of honor was Kathryn Richardson, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Elise Givand, sister of the bridegroom, and Dana Edelson. Flower girls were Olivia Mertz, Madeline Mertz and Emma Mertz, all cousins of the bride.

Best man was Jeffrey Givand, brother of the bridegroom. Groomsmen were Gil Richardson, brother of the bride, and Keith Barrack. Ring bearer was Connor Holten, cousin of the bride.

After a reception at the Primavera Regency, Stirling, the couple left for a wedding trip to Aruba.

The bride is a graduate of Westfield High School and Rutgers University, Piscataway, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. She is the office manager at CBIZ KA Consulting Services, East Windsor.

Her husband is a graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School and the University of Delaware, Newark, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He is employed by CBIZ KA Consulting Services.

The couple resides in North Brunswick.

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Obituaries

Greater Media Newspapers prints obituaries as a free community service, at no charge to the families of the deceased or to the funeral homes that provide the information.

Frank Krupa Mr. Krupa, 80, of South Brunswick, for-merly of Milltown, died Nov. 18 in Applegarth Care Center, Monroe. He was a millwright at National Lead Industries, Sayreville, before retiring in 1981. Surviving are his wife, Gloria Pizzaia Krupa; two sons, Frank Krupa of Lavalette and James Krupa of the Toms River section of Dover; three daughters, Sonia Krupa of South Brunswick, Cheryl Tucciarone and Gloria Gant, both of Toms River; a sister, Ann Cegielski of South River; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Interment was in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnytown section of North Hanover. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, 1502 N.W. Ninth Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, FL 33136.

Gene S. Olszewski

Mr. Olszewski, 83, of the Laurence Harbor section of Old Bridge, died Nov. 18 at Raritan Bay Hospital, Old Bridge division. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Betty Luzzi Olszewski; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene T. and Alice Olszewski of Laurence Harbor, and Robert and Shirley Olszewski of the Leonardo section of Middletown; four daughters and sons-in-law, Lynn and Joe Dafcik of Springville, Pa.; Susan and Farrel Beacher of Albrightsville, Pa.; Betty Gene and Bob Smith of Middletown; and Elaine and Mike Bastedo of the Cliffwood Beach section of Aberdeen; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie and Mike Palughi of Long Branch, and Veronica and Robert Illig of Belvidere; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church, Laurence Harbor. Interment followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Keyport. Arrangements were by Day Funeral Home,

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Mary Katherine O'Sullivan O'Connor

Mrs. O'Connor, 82, of Old Bridge, died Nov. 19 at home. Her husband, Francis, died in 1978. Surviving are three sons, Francis of Neptune, Stuart of Old Bridge and Michael of Sayreville; two daughters, Pamela Lewis of Marlboro and Lorraine Graf of Pennsylvania; a brother, Michael O'Sullivan of Kearny; a sis ter, Margaret Nolan of Old Bridge; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Mass was offered at St. Ambrose Church, Old Bridge. Cremation was private. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., or Haven Hospice, Edison.

Margaretta "Marge" Savage Buchanan

Mrs. Buchanan, 81, of Sayreville, died Nov. 18 at home. Prior to her retirement in 1982, she was employed as a secretary with the Sayreville Board of Education, where she worked for 20 years. Her husband, Kenneth W. Buchanan Sr., died in 1991. Surviving are a son, Kenneth Jr.; a daughter, Joyce Carrion; three grandchildren; and two great-grand-daughters. A Mass was offered at Our Lady of Victories Church, Sayreville. Interment was in New Calvary Cemetery, Parlin section of

Mary Chojnacki

Mrs. Chojnacki, 43, of Jackson, died Nov. 13 at home. Surviving are her husband, Robert John Chojnacki Jr.; a son, Robert John Chojnacki III, at home; her parents, Robert N. and Catherine Battaglia Rider of Old Bridge; a brother, Robert Rider of East Brunswick; three sisters, Ellen Harris of Freehold, Rita Birardi of Jackson and Janet Babbitt of Magnolia, Ark.; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Carol Chojnacki of Marlboro; and eight nieces and nephews. A funeral liturgy was offered at St. Aloysius Church, Jackson. Interment was in Harmony Cemetery, Jackson.

Raymond W. Coderre Sr.

Mr. Coderre, 76, of the Cliffwood Beach section of Old Bridge, formerly of Brick and Summit, died Nov. 18 in Raritan Bay Medical Cemetery, Old Bridge division. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as supervisor of engineering at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy division. His wife, Marie Tedesco Coderre, died in 1998. Surviving are two sons, Raymond Jr. of Jackson and William of Freehold; two brothers, Walter of Galloway and William of the Millington section of Passaic Township; a sister-in-law, Florence Allocco of the Forked River section of Lacey: five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A Mass was offered at St. Bernadette's Church, Parlin section of Old Bridge. Entombment was in Holmdel Cemetery.



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Desmond W. Cawood

Mr. Cawood, 84, of Sayreville, died Nov. 19 in Care One, East Brunswick. His wife, Thelma Rainbow Cawood, died in 1983. Surviving are two sons, Clifford Cawood of Sayreville and Brian Cawood of Monck's Corner, S.C.; a brother, Gordon Cawood of Vermont; two sisters, Monica Cawood of California and Cherie Lempriere Washington. Services were held Washington. Services held Maliszewski Memorial Home, Sayreville. Cremation was private.

Rosemarie Livor Oberuch

Mrs. Oberuch, 73, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, died Nov. 18 in Victoria House, Matawan. Prior to her retirement in 1996, she was a cashier at ShopRite of Sayreville, where she worked for 17 years. Surviving are her husband, John; a daughter, Leslie Arnold of Tempe, Ariz.; three sons, Patrick J. of Edgecom, Maine, John M. of Carlsbad, N.M., and William of Hoboken; a stepsister, Judith Wilkie of Plattsburg, N.Y.; and seven grandchildren. A Mass was offered at St. Bernadette's Church, Parlin section of Old Bridge. Interment was in Chestnut Hill Cemetery, East Brunswick.

William J. McGowan

Mr. McGowan, 70, of Hollywood, Fla., for-merly of South Amboy, died Nov. 19 in Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach, Fla. Prior to his retirement in 1993, he was employed for 15 years as chief financial officer for the city of South Amboy. Before that, he worked as warehouse manager for Cheeseborough Ponds, East Brunswick. Surviving are his wife, Jeanne Fox McGowan; a son, William J. McGowan of South Amboy; a daughter, Sandra Klein of South Amboy; a brother Andrew McGowan of Bayville; two sisters, Dolores Anderson of Hobe Sound, Fla., and Jean Collingnon of Laurel, Md.; and six grandchildren. A Mass was offered at St. Mary's Church, South Amboy. Cremation was private. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent dePaul Society, c/o St. Mary's Church, 256 Augusta St., South Amboy, NJ 08879.

Walter C. Osowski

Mr. Osowski, 88, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, formerly of South River, died Nov. 17 at home. Prior to his retirement, he was a millwright at Hercules Inc., Parlin section of Sayreville. A granddaughter, Kathleen M. Osowski, died in 2002. Surviving are his wife, Lorraine Osowski; two sons, Michael of Edgewood, Ky., and Jeffrey of Glen Gardner; a sister, Sophie Grossweiler of South River; three grandchildren; a great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews. A Mass was offered at Our Lady of Victories Church, Sayreville. Interment was in New Calvary Cemetery, Parlin.

Phyllis DiMaria Candela

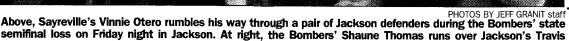
Mrs. Candela, 85, of the Parlin section of Sayreville, died Nov. 20 in Briarwood Care Center, Sayreville. Her husband, Salvatore, died in 2001. Surviving are a son, Salvatore of Parlin; a half-brother, Salvatore DiMaria of Columbia, S.C.; two half-sisters, Rose Butler of Belleville and Nancy DiMaria of the Fords section of Woodbridge; and two grandchildren. Services were held at Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home, Parlin. Interment was in Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield.

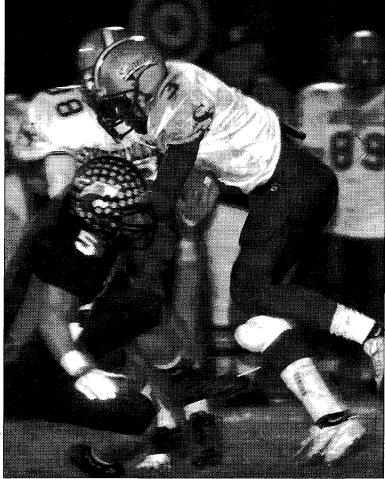
Grace E. Weinman Alu Diaz Mrs. Diaz, 84, of Old Bridge, died Nov. 21 in Old Bridge Manor. Her husband, Andrew Diaz, died in 1966. Surviving are two sons, Richard Diaz of Old Bridge and Andrew Diaz of Dunwoody, Ga.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A Mass was offered at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Old Bridge. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover.

William G. Baumann
Mr. Baumann, 42, of Jamesburg, died Nov.
6 in Robert Wood Johnson University
Hospital, New Brunswick. He was employed as a shipping clerk with Blonder Tongue Labs, Old Bridge. Surviving are his brother, Larry Baumann of Lopatcong; his fiancée, Peggy Christensen; a niece, Meghan; and two nephews, Bryan and Christopher. Services were held at Rezem Funeral Home, East Brunswick. Interment was private.

SPORTS







Bears win another close one, advance to finals

Sayreville can't keep up with unbeaten Jaguars

BY DOUG McKENZIE Staff Writer

EAST BRUNSWICK - The East Brunswick Bears are no strangers to exciting football games.

Head coach Marcus Borden has found his team in tightly-contested battles throughout this season, and has watched his team respond time and again en route to a 9-1 record, and a berth in the Central Jersey Group IV championship game.

Last Friday night's state semifinal game with Hillsborough was no exception. The Bears and Raiders battled back-and-forth through four quarters and into an overtime period before East Brunswick's Jim McCloskey sealed a 28-21 win for the Bears with his second interception of the game after the Bears scored on their first possession of the extra session.

After Hillsborough forced the overtime by knotting the game at 21-21 with just over a minute remaining in regulation, the Bears found the end zone in overtime to put the pressure on the Raiders. Quarterback Matt Mariano (26 carries, 143 yards, two touchdowns) ran to the Hillsborough 11yard line, before the Bears faced a thirdand-two from the 3-yard line. McCloskey, who only had four yards rushing for the game, picked the ideal time to get half of them, giving the Bears the first down by about an inch.

On the next play, Mariano found the end zone, giving the Bears the lead. Mariano then made 28-21 with the PAT kick.

On Hillsborough's possession, the Bears' John Parke stopped running back Chris Jordan for a one-yard loss on the first play, before McCloskey picked off a pass over the middle to end the game, and send the Bears into the Dec. 5 final against 10-0 Jackson.

East Brunswick opened the scoring in the first when Mariano scampered into the end zone from five yards out. EB then fumbled the ball on its own 18 (their only turnover of the game) in the second quarter, leading to a game-tying Raider touchdown with 2:31 left in the half.

Hillsborough took a 14-7 lead in the third, before the Bears got within one on a Nick Dzielak one-yard run that capped a 63-yard, eight-play drive. East Brunswick then took the lead with 8:52 left in regulation when they took advantage McCloskey's first interception and drove 73 yards on 13 plays, with McCloskey fittingly capping the drive with a two-yard TD run on fourth down. Dzielak then made it 21-14 game with a one-yard, two-point conversion run.

he Bears will have their work cut out for them on Dec. 5when they travel to Rutgers Stadium in New Brunswick to face the undefeated Jaguars.

Jackson knocked off the Bears GMC Red Division rival Sayreville, 38-7, on Friday, overcoming an early deficit to dominate the Bombers on both sides of the ball.

The Bombers took the early lead when Vinnie Otero rumbled into the end zone from 25 yards out, and the Sayreville defense looked strong early on en route to a 7-0 lead after the first quarter.

But it was all Jackson from there, as the Jaguar offense exploded for 407 total yards of offense, led by running back John Reggio, who rushed for 234 yards and three touchdowns on 32 carries.

Reggio, who scored on runs of 55, two and 12 yards, has rushed for more than 1,000 vards this season. In fact, it was Reggio's dazzling 55-yard TD run in the second quarter that sparked the Jackson offense, Jackson coach Mike Smith said.

Jackson trailed 7-3 at the time Reggio broke off the scoring run.

"I think that play let us settle into the game and relax a bit," Smith said. "I think that our kids were a little nervous coming out. We didn't move the ball well at first. We needed that kind of play to wake us up. We began executing at both ends of the field much better after that score."

When Reggio wasn't running wild over Sayreville's defensive front, Jackson quarterback Bill Fenimore was busy shredding the secondary.

> The senior signal caller completed 11-of-18 passes for 130 yards. Fenimore tossed TD passes to his two favorite receivers, Joe Arneth and Bobby Cole

"We looked real good on offense," Smith said. "Between Reggio and Fenimore and our receivers, we couldn't do anything wrong. Bill made a number of good

reads and threw the ball well.'

Of course, Smith admitted offensive linemen Kevin Solomon, Barry Murphy, Asil Mulbar, Scott Marshall, Tim Nolan and Mike Schoch made it all possible.

It marked the first time this season Jackson had all of its linemen healthy and in the lineup at the same time, which should be a cause of concern for the Bear coaching staff as they prepare for the state

However, before the Bears can concern themselves with the Jaguars, they have to focus on tomorrow's rivalry game with Old

And if you think the Bears will be looking past this game, think again.

The Bears have plenty of incentive to give it their best tomorrow. With a win, the Bears would match the school record for

wins with 10 (1984). But more importantly, the Bears are looking for their first win over the Knights since 1994, as Old Bridge has taken the last nine meetings of these two neighboring rivals.

As for the 5-4 Knights, a win over the Bears would provide a fitting end to another solid season, and would allow head coach Bob DeMarco's squad to hold on to the all-important bragging rights for at least one more year. Game time is 11 a.m. in Old Bridge.

Rams run out of steam in semifinals

The South River High School football team ran into an impressive New Providence team in its sectional final on Saturday, and the results were not what the Rams had hoped for.

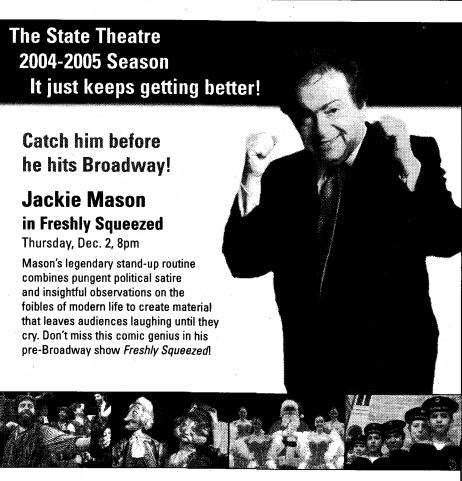
·South River's offense struggled against a big, quick Pioneers defense, which shut down the Ram rushing game, and continually pressured quarterback J.J. Adelino, who struggled a bit in his final game at South River, completing just 7-of-14 passes for 81 yards, and reaggravating a foot injury that has nagged him throughout the season.

New Providence jumped ahead early, turning a Ram fumble into a touchdown drive and a 6-0 lead just 6:45 into the game. Another Ram fumble in the second quarter led to another Pioneer touchdown, and a 12-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Pioneers put the game way with a third score, while the Rams continued to struggle to get anything going offensively, eventually losing 33-0 the worst Ram defeat since the playoff format began in 1974.

With the loss, the Rams' season came to a close at 8-3, but it was anything but a lost season for head coach Rich Marchesi's squad, who will return a number of starters next year, when they look to continue the success the Rams have enjoyed over the past several years.





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Old Bridge boys prove themselves once again

HOLMDEL - The Old Bridge Knights boys cross country team certainly knows how to give an encore.

Just one week after shocking a loaded

field en route to winning a Group IV team championship at Holmdel Park, the Knights came back to give another outstanding performance at Holmdel on Saturday, this time taking third place at the Meet of Champions.

In doing so, the Knights set a school record with a fiveman average of 16:43, one second better than the average for the 2001 team that took second at the MOC.

Bridge finished behind Parochial A champion Christian Brothers Academy (69 points) and Group III champion Morris Hills (96). The Knights were led by Umar Saeed, who finished seventh among a field of 180 in 16:08. That time bested his previous personal best by 11 seconds, and set the new standard for Old Bridge harriers. His seventh-place finish was also the best MOC performance for a Knight since Kevin Stengle took fifth in

Next up was Glen Li, the Knights' third runner all year, who ran a personal best 16:42, good for 41st place. Chris Bezeg came in 50th in Ciambriello (73rd, 17:03), both of whom also ran person-

The Knights' third-place finish did more than just put a cap on another strong season; it proved that their performance at the Group IV championships was no fluke. There were those who

thought maybe the Knights caught Toms River North and Cherokee, the third- and fourth-ranked teams in the state going into that race, on an off day.



16:49, followed by Frank Vulpis (66th, 16:56) and Matt Ciambriello (73rd, 17:03), Above, Old Bridge's Umar Saeed races to a seventh-place finish at Saturday's Meet of Champions at Holmdel Park. Below, the Knights' Glen Li holds off a pair of competitors en route to his 41st-place finish.

> On Saturday, the Knights proved their place among the top three boys teams in the state.

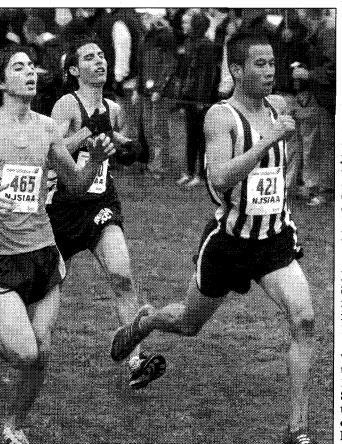
> The Spotswood Chargers boys team made the most out of its first appearance

in the MOC by taking 13th place out of 20

The Chargers were led by senior Chad Vidal, who finished in 45th place with a time of 16:32. Junior Brad Shepise was next across the line for the Chargers in 86th place (17:11), followed by junior Garret Andren (119th, 17:37), senior Steven Farapan (127th, 17:46), junior Chris O'Dwyer (131st, 17:49) and senior Jim DeMarco (141st, 18:03).

Old Bridge's Sarah Root also competed on Saturday and finished in 30th place after running a personal best

Her effort got her within four seconds of the school mark of 19:32 held by Linda Sanders mark that the Knight harrier will certainly challenge next season.



Pingry holds on to knock off gutsy Lancers

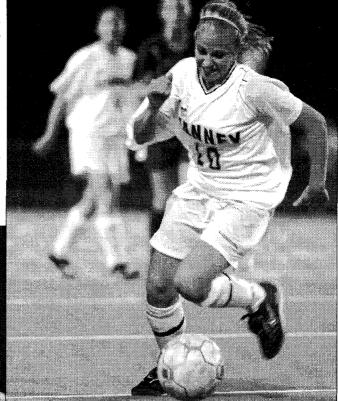
EWING — The St. John Vianney girls soccer team was 10 minutes late to its Non-Public A Championship game at The College of New Jersey on Thursday, after the bus driver got lost on the way to

the school. That left the Non-Public A South champion Lancers with only 10 minutes to warm up before taking on Pingry, con-

sidered by many the top girls soccer team in the state.

You would expect a slow start for the Lancers as a result. But like they have throughout the postseason, the Lancers overcame those expectations, and dominated action for the first 15 minutes of the contest, proving from the first whistle that they were ready to compete with the top-ranked Big

> Unfortunately, despite keeping the ball in the Pingry end of the field through a big chunk of the first half, the Lancers were unable to break through with the game's first goal. And then the Big Blue made an adjustment that changed the complexion of the



Above, St. John Vianney's Theresa Ferraina struggles to control the ball during one of the few Lancer attacks on the Pingry net during Thursday's Non-Public A Championship game at The College of New Jersey. At left, Alisa Apo tries to chase down the ball in front of Pingry's Jennifer Soo Hoo during the Big Blue's win over the Lancers in Ewing.

The Big Blue used four defenders, and kept them back, instead of trying to control play within the Vianney half of the field. Pingry used the speed of its

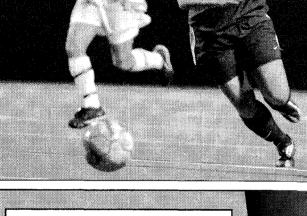
offensive players to launch runs at SJV goalie Kaila O'Donnell.

O'Donnell held strong through the first half, and the game was deadlocked at 0-0 at the break. But just under four minutes into the second half, Pingry finally broke through, getting the eventual game-winner from Brittany Bartok on a perfect feed from Marisa Stock. O'Donnell, who made 11 saves on the night. had no chance as the Big Blue finally found a way to beat the savvy keeper.

The tempo of the game remained in Pingry's favor until the very end when, with about two minutes left, the Lancers put forth one last charge. With 10 players in the offensive zone, Vianney got its best scoring chance of the game on a corner kick, and Alisa Apo had a chance to knot the game with a header, but this time it was Pingry goalie Casey Rupon who stepped up and made the big save, sealing the win for the Big Blue.

With the win, the Big Blue completed its championship season with a 21-1 mark, while the Lancers finished at

In the end, they lost to the best the state had to offer, and did so with a championship-caliber effort.



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Chamber News

Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center

Thanks to the staff of the Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center in Old Bridge. On Tuesday evening, November 16th, they hosted a business card exchange at their facility. We had a great turnout and got to tour their first class center and spa

If you are interested in hosting a business card exchange at your place of business, please call Eileen at the Chamber office to make arrangements. This is a great way to showcase your business and do some networking.

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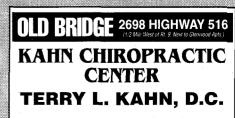


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In a strong Fall Season showing the Old Bridge U14 Warriors have taken first place in the MOSA National 1 flight. The Warriors record of 7-1-2 propelled the team to a slot in the Premier division for the upcoming spring season. The Warriors' defense only gave up 12 goals all season and the offense put 33 goals in the back of the net, with 9 different players contributing to the goal scoring. It was a strong showing all season long, with the team taking first by 7 points

clear of the second-place contender.

The Warriors lineup is as follows: goalkeeper; Philip DiMauro, defense; Hursh Vasant, Liem Nguyen, Henry Stuhler, Rich Einwechter and Kevin Ripoll; midfielders; Kevin Reseter, Kal Issa, Dave Abrams, Albie Ramku, Tony Pahumi, Mike Joilibois, T.J. Glynn and Victor Kamara; forwards; Paul Schuster, Colton Gerdon, Michael Winderman and Dan Albrecht

The Warriors coaching staff is Joe DiMauro, Rich Einwechter and Al

The Old Bridge Tornados, a U9 travel soccer team, defeated the Holmdel Rockets 8-1 in the final game of their 2004 fall season. Playing in the MOSA Soccer League, the Tornados compiled a perfect 10-0 record this fall earning them first place in their flight. Their success can be attributed to a total team effort, as evidenced by the fact that each team member tallied at least one goal during the season. The Tornados are: T.J. Amalbert, Nicholas Carrington, Kevin Casari, Mike Guzzo, Anthony Indelicato, Peter Krzewinski, Tanner Lyons, Bhairav Mehta, Amando Moreno, Tristan Norcutt, Drew Orzechowski, Greg Ruby, Christina Shannon and Andrew Stetson.

The U11 boys Sayreville Thunder travel soccer team finished its season in first place. The players are Brendan Earls, Emeka Eze, Olisa Eze, Daniel Lee, T.J. Mastrella, Grant Newbold, Oren Pechyony, Ajani Phillips, Taariq Phillips, Nade Retal, Deron Stephenson, Eric Weber and Brandon Woods. The head coach is Wayne Woods, and the assistant coaches are Tom Mastrella and Keith Woods.

The U8 Old Bridge Thunder girls soccer team finished in first place in the Jersey Coast Soccer League Premier Division with an undefeated record of 8-0-2. The final win came Saturday against the Freehold Freedom, 2-0, at home in Old Bridge. Goalies Gina Colamonico and Alyssa Somohano, and defenders Nicole Velez, Angelique Giglio, Kerri Caruso and Vanessa Mantione, provided superior defense to preserve Saturday's shutout and a goal each by Alexis Suarez and Gianna Taranto clinched the newly formed U8 girls soccer team their first league title. Taylor Carroll, Kristen Failla, Kristina Hourican, Meaghan Kenny, Alyssa Kramer and Tanvi Lodhia consistently attacked the ball and pressured the defense all afternoon, as they have done the entire season. The team's first place finish is the result of heroic goalkeeping, stellar defense, accurate passing, teamwork, and a lot of hard work and dedication from the entire team.

The Old Bridge U7 team Australia finished in first place in its division and clinched a perfect recreation season by winning the Old Bridge Soccer League Cup on Saturday. The players are Danica Almendares, Omar Atieh, Ricky Bustamante, Nicholas Cutro, Jimmy Howarth, Michael Khodash, Tyler Mazza, Steven Murawski, Brenden Palacios, Anthony Purge, Danny Rubin, Gabrielle Vasquez and Brooke Weber, and the coaches are Mario Mazza and Melane Vasquez.

Cheesequake Baseball and Softball, Old Bridge, will be having registration for the 2005 season on the following Saturdays: Dec/11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cheesequake Fields, Route 9 north and Schulmeister Road, Old Bridge. Bring two checks (separate checks are needed for the registration fee and workbond). Applications can be obtained at the field during registration. For details, call (732) 727-7079.

The Sayreville Athletic Association is accepting registration for its spring baseball/softball season for girls and boys ages 5-16. Registration can me mailed in or dropped off in person from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Jan. 8, Feb. 5 or March 5 (final day to register) at the Athletic Association on Woodland Avenue in Morgan. Registration fees is \$60 for one child, plus \$20 raffle fee and \$80 refundable work bond; \$90 for two children, plus \$40 raffle fee and \$80 work bond; and \$110 for three or more children, plus \$40 raffle fee and \$80 work bond. There is an early-bird special — \$20 discount for registration fee if registered on or before Feb. 5.

Two separate checks are required at time of registration, one for registration and raffle fee, which will be cashed immediately, and the other to be dated July 1, 2005, for work bond, as well as a selfaddressed, stamped envelope for the work bond check to be returned. Registration forms can be obtained at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Center or from the Web site. There is no uniform bond. Opening day will be April 23. For details, call (732) 721-2301 or go to the Web site www.leaguelineup.com/sayrevilleAA.

The Central Jersey Saints, a group of 14U baseball players from Sayreville and Old Bridge, recently completed a highly successful fall season with a 20-4 record. Fresh from winning the Tournament at the Beach in Delaware, the Saints finished second in the Toms River Labor Day Tournament. Played in two weekend leagues, the Saints came in first place in the highly competitive Champion Baseball Conference of New Jersey. This past weekend, the Saints won the playoff round of the USSSA League. They defeated the Bergen Thunder, 7-3, Morris County All-Stars, 2-1, and beat the Jackson Sluggers for the title, 3-1. Sticking to a format of timely hitting, good pitching and solid defense, the Saints allowed only five runs, gave up four walks and committed only two errors, and allowed just 11 hits in three games.

The team consisted of Tom Berardi. Joe Bongiorno, Matt DiPoalo, Trevor Haughney, Jeff Jacobs, Dan Klinsky, Matt Kondratyk, Nick Panon, Jesse Gross and Marc Teel. The coaches were Bob Berardi, Trevor Haughney and Dan

The last chance to register for the Sayrewoods South Little League's (SWSLL) 2005 season will be on Dec. 4 (9-10:30 a.m.) at the SWSLL Clubhouse on Fox Street. Registration fees are \$65 for one child, \$85 for two or more and \$50 for T-ball (5-year-olds). A work bond of \$100 is due at registration — upon completion of 12 hours of work, your money will be promptly refunded. The 2005 season includes all boys and girls born between Aug. 1, 1988, and July 31, 2000. A copy of his/her birth certificate is required at registration for all new players and will be retained for future references. For more information, call the clubhouse at (732) 679-6500 and leave a message.

ooking for the best strategy to eat your Thanksgiving dinner?

Dr. Vishal Mehta, attending physician and bariatric surgeon at Raritan Bay Medical Center, with divisions in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, offers suggestions on how to get the most out of your seasonal feast.

Dr. Mehta said the traditional Thanksgiving dinner is chock full of carbohydrates and fats, and the typical person consumes some 3,500 calories, 50 percent more than the recommended daily intake. The goal is to avoid calories, whenever possible. Figuring one gram of fat is nine calories, while one gram of carbohydrates and proteins are just four calories each, here is a suggested road map for success.

Start the meal early. Avoid the appetizers; they fill you up. Wait for the main meal, and try to eat everything in a concise time period. It will give your body the most time to digest.

Hit the turkey or ham first. Then focus on the vegetables, such as cranberries, green beans and steamed carrots, Dr. Mehta said.

When you have polished off the turkey and trimmings, it's time to taste the carbohydrates. Now is the time for a hot, buttered roll, the stuffing and the creamy mashed potatoes. Go for the thinner gravy over the potatoes, as thicker gravies, while delicious, have much more

Now, according to Dr. Mehta, try some dessert. Avoid the pecan and apple pies, which are jammed with calories. Opt for the lemon meringue pie or the angel food cake. Still tasty, but not filled with all the

For a drink, water or diet soda is the best bet. Avoid fruit juices, which are floating in sugar. For those who enjoy an alcoholic beverage with the holiday feast, go for vodka or gin mixed with tonic. Avoid wine or beer.

Stop eating by halftime of the second football game of the day. This year, when the Dallas Cowboys and Chicago Bears head off the field around 6:30 p.m., you should head away from the dining room

If sleepy after eating, don't take that nap. Instead, help with the dishes or take a nice long walk. This will help your body digest the feast quicker, burning those extra calories, Dr. Mehta said.

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Guest speakers will be Susan Young, president, Susan Young Media Relations, East Brunswick; Denise Anderson, associate professor of communications at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Pomona section of Galloway; and Gloria Covino, owner/president, Energy Fundraising and Event Planning.

Topics will include various areas of marketing, including public relations, branding and event planning. Cost is \$25. A continental breakfast and networking will precede the program and a light lunch. To register, call the United Way of Central Jersey at (732) 247-3727.

Suzanne Katz recently joined the staff at Davis Realtors, East Brunswick, as a Realtor-associate.

A lifetime member of the New Jersey Association of Realtors Distinguished Sales Club, Katz earned many prestigious production awards during her career. She received the NJAR Million Dollar Club Silver Award once again in 2003.

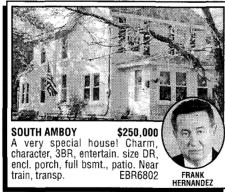
A longtime resident of Middlesex County, Katz also lists and sells propin Somerset, Mercer and Monmouth counties.

Re/Max Champions, Aberdeen, has announced Jacqueline Reyes-Kasai has joined its office as a sales associate. Prior to Re/Max, she was employed at Weichert, Realtors. She specializes in the listing and sale of residential properties and relocation clients in Monmouth, Middlesex and Ocean counties. A resident of Old Bridge, Reyes-Kasai has been

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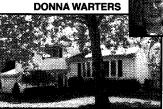


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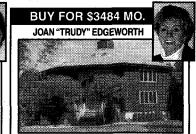
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BY VINCENT TODARO Staff Writer

SPOTSWOOD - Those who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones unless they have some adhesive from Spotswood's own Morgan Whitney Creations Inc.

The company, owned by Monmouth Junction resident Dennis Sibley, is conducting a nationwide launch of its Crystal Bond Instant Glass Adhesive, which is meant to repair broken glass without leaving any trace. The business, located off Summerhill Road on American Way, is also launching its new Mirror Accents beveled glass art, designed to transform ordinary glass into something special.

Working with glass is nothing new for Sibley, a native of Yorkshire, England, and someone who has been in the glass business for years. He said he was looking for an alternative to super glue when he found the crystal bond adhesive, which was designed by an acquaintance of his in

"A colleague of mine was developing the product in England," he said, adding that the man is working toward establishing a patent.

The adhesive is designed to fix glass ornaments without showing any signs of there ever being a crack, or any glue. The seamless transition from broken glass to a new-looking ornament is possible only with the product, he said.

Other strong glues do not cure op tically clear, he said, or they need a UV light to properly cure. He feels he has found a cleaner and safer alternative than glues that need UV light.

"We are very excited about the new products," he said. "In my 20 years in the glass industry, Crystal Bond is the first high-quality, glass-to-glass adhesive that I've come across that cures without the need to expose it to any special UV lights. Our glass adhesive is permanent, fastbonding and water resistant.'

Sibley noted that the substance will not bond skin.

He said he has met many people who were turned off by other types of adhesives used for glass-to-glass applications.

"They are really nothing more than repackaged super glue, and not permanent when bonding glass to glass," he

And for glass that isn't broken, Sibley

has a another unique product. His Mirror Accents are described as "a glass bevel kit that transforms glass and mirrors into decorative art glass.

The glass shapes have beveled edges and come in various forms, including the shapes of animals. They are meant to be glued to glass or mirrors to create a more decorative appearance.

"It makes an old mirror go 'Wow," he

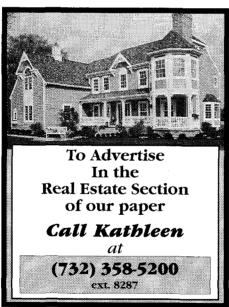
"Our Mirror Accents beveled glass kits give homeowners the opportunity to create their own decorative glass designs out of ordinary glass and mirror surfaces throughout the home. They are also perfect for anyone interested in unique craft projects," he said.

Sibley used his experience in England to come up with the idea to market his products in the United States

"In England, decorative glass is very popular," he said. "It is widely used in kitchen cabinets, doors and windows to create truly unique home designs.

Morgan Whitney Creations, founded in 1999, specializes in stained glass and stained glass overlay, and has become popular with people looking for glass repairs and replacement. Sibley also owns Yorkshire Leaded Glass Inc., which supplies the industry with traditional leaded and textured glass.

He said the Spotswood studio is undergoing a makeover, but people who are interested can still make an appointment to stop by and check out the various products sold by the company. The studio will be totally redone over the next few months.







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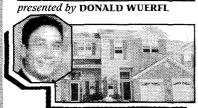
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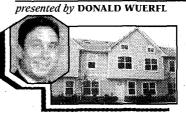
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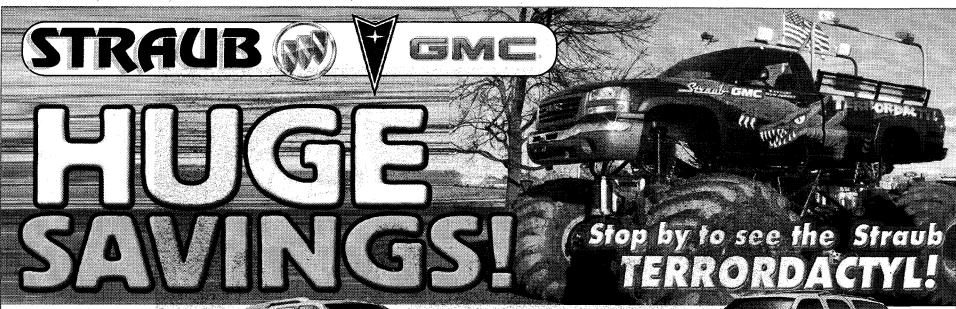
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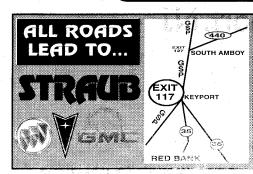


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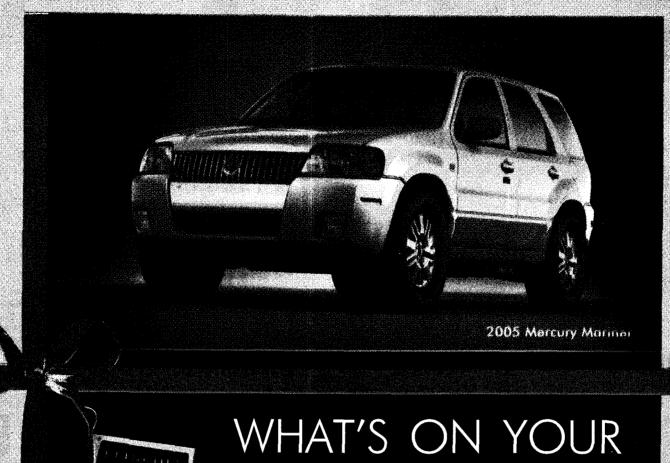
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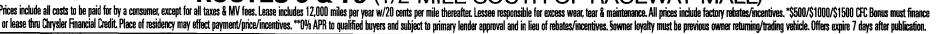
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/lks, cruise, ed, 1/spoiler, alloys, 27,967 mi.	VN #3F165001, Sik #4816, V6, auto, a/c, p/s/ABS/ winds/Vs, cuice, cass, spoller, 31,609 mi
'99 Toyotá Camry CE VN #XU473778, Stx #4995, 4 cpt., asie, a/e p/s/b/winds/ Ns. cass, 67,173 mi.	
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'03 Chevy Cavaller Ls VN #37274666, Sik #5605, 4 cpl., auto, a/ s. p/s/ABS/winds/ Ro, cd, allaye, 25, 450 mi	9 VM #49321231, Six #4962, Vb, auto, a/c, p/s/b/winds/ks, \$12,899
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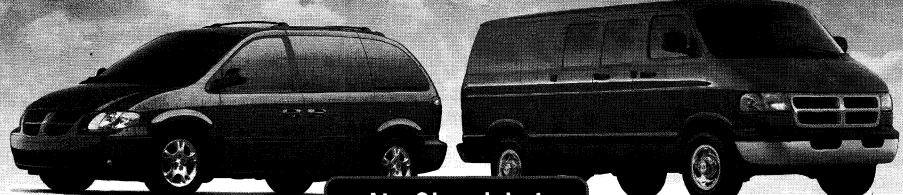
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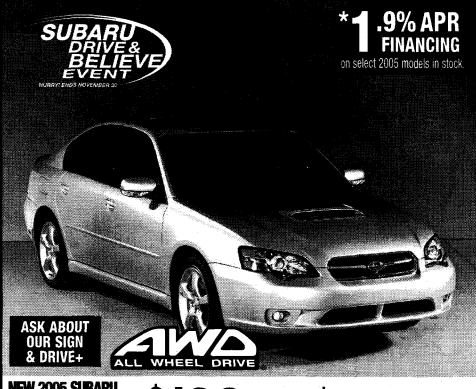


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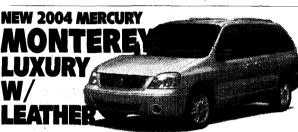
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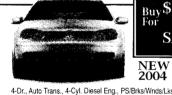
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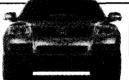
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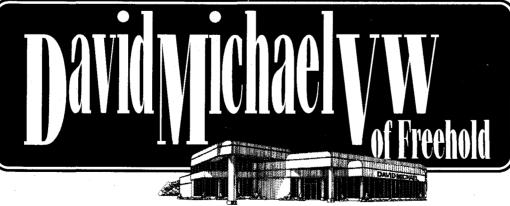
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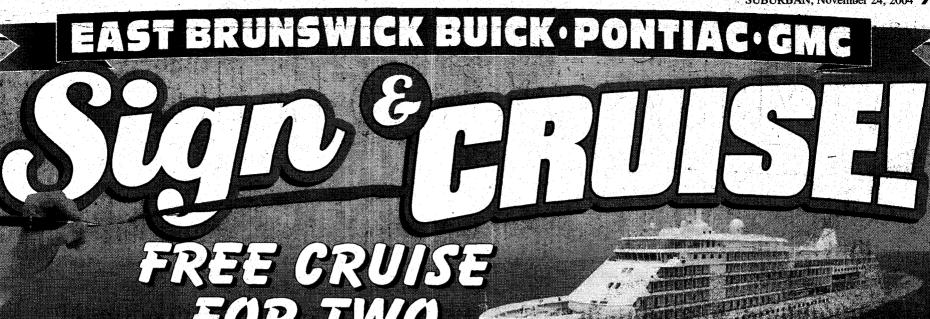


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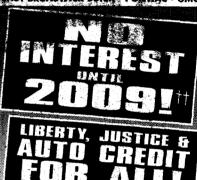


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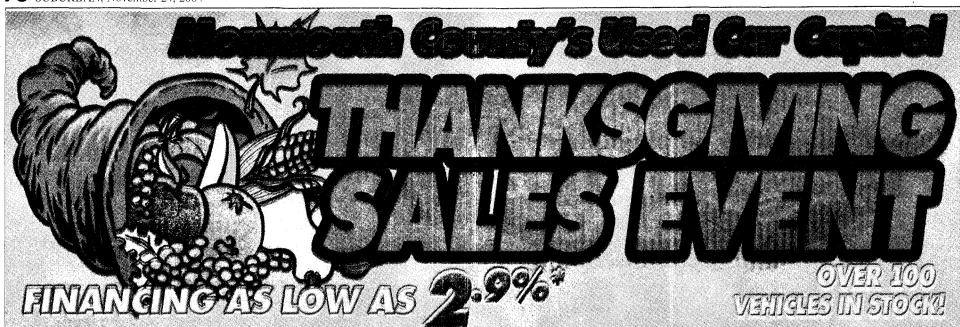


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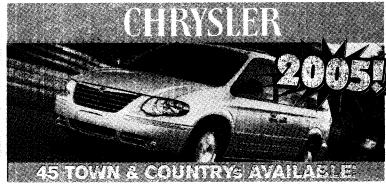
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