Nets Provide Free Star Ledger for MCC

By Sara Faust Staff Writer

The Star-Ledger is now available, free of charge, to the college community at Middlesex County College (MCC), thanks to the New Jersey Nets basketball team.

"MCC will be getting 300 copies of the Ledger dropped off at racks at the College Center, in the doorway area of the IRC, and delivered to Raritan Hall for professors to use in Political Science classes," said Thomas Peterson, Director of Marketing and Public Info for the campus.

The 300 number may fluctuate depending on how many copies are picked up. In other words, if the *Ledger* is consistently finding that they are bringing back a number of papers, they will

Basketball team sponsors 300 copies of the paper a day

reduce it accordingly said Peterson.

This program is funded by the New Jersey
Nets because they want to encourage students to become informed about current events, and become better citizens said Peterson.

"They want to encourage the next generation of newspaper readers," said Peterson.

Studies conducted by the University of Minnesota and the Newspaper Association of America (NAA) have revealed that students who read the newspaper improve academically, participate more frequently in the classroom and become more politically and socially-conscious citizens, according to a *Star Ledger* press release.

The NJ Nets, as official sponsors of the newspapers, are working with The Star-Ledger to service their student fan base and cultivate readership habits among New Jersey's collegeage population. The program, which has been launched at eight junior colleges across the state, will run throughout the 2004-2005 academic school year, according to the press release.



Star Ledger Racks

Photo by Vanessa Leung, Staff Photographer

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Campus Internet Service Helps Students Succeed

By Jenelle Gaynor Staff Writer

It is evident that today computer technology is playing a large role in our society. It has become a helpful and useful resource to individuals in many different areas. As a result, MCC is now providing students with a helpful, easyto-use internet service called CampusCruiser to make our lives easier. However, it has become evident that perhaps not everyone is fully aware of the benefits of CampusCruiser and therefore is not taking advantage of its services.

Lynn Somers,
Manager for Academic IT
Support and Project Manager
for CampusCruiser, says,
"Many of us on Campus
believe that CampusCruiser
can help students be more
successful during their time
here at MCC. CampusCruiser/
WebAdvisor is making your
life easier."

Every student and professor is automatically signed up to CampusCruiser

upon registering for the college, said Somers. According to Somers, "when a student registers for a class for the first time or a faculty member is assigned to a class for the first time data is transferred from records system into CampusCruiser. A letter is then generated with the CampusCruiser ID and password. This is sent to the student's home address." However, after talking to students many seem to be unaware or not interested in the service.

"It's very inconvenient; it's just another password to remember. It would be great it they could forward MCC mail to our everyday e-mail addresses, I don't know if they can do that already," says student Elissa Chan, Iselin, Communications major.

On the other hand, some students say it is very helpful. Justine Bilas, Perth Amboy, Open College says "CampusCruiser is a an excellent way to check grades schedules, payments, and

look back and see what classes you've taken. It's a great system and teachers tend to reply more to an email address from the college website, as opposed to private ones.

Personally, I used it a few days ago when I was filling out a college application. I've forgotten the classes I have taken when I first came to MCC... if it wasn't for CampusCruiser I would have had to wait till the following week to see the registrar."

CampusCruiser allows
both students and faculty to
contact their entire class.
Faculty and students can
search by several different
criteria to get an individual's
CampusCruiser e-mail address.

"I use my account very often, I use it in my Writing class normally and it is very helpful" says Lindsay Walsh, East Brunswick, and Fine Arts Music major.

It is not only important that students make use of this service, but faculty members as well. In order for everyone to

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Winter Weather calls for Safety Precautions

(NAPSI) - Frigid cold, freezing rain, poor road conditions, and reduced visibility from heavy or blowing snow can all make cold-weather driving extremely hazardous. Here are some tips to help you avoid unpleasant or dangerous situations:

• Keep your vehicle serviced regularly and the gas tank at least half full at all times.

• Make sure all other fluids are topped off, and check your windshield washer fluid frequently.

 Make sure your windshield wipers work well; they may help you avoid an accident.

• When driving through isolated areas, always let someone know where you are going, when you are leaving, and at what time you expect to arrive.

• Drive more conservatively on snowy, icy, or water-covered roads. Increase the usual distance between you and the car ahead of you. Begin slowing down earlier than normal.

A number of winter deaths can be attributed to people being stranded and venturing too far from their vehicles. ACDelco urges stranded motorists to tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna and to stay with their vehicle. Emergency crews can find your car much easier than they can find you alone. You will more easily avoid frostbite and hypothermia by staying in the car and out of the elements. You should also try to avoid exposure to the cold and overexertion when attempting to push your vehicle or shovel heavy snowdrifts.

Having essential supplies can help provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers, should you become stranded. ACDelco recommends keeping a Winter Survival Kit in your vehicle at all times. It should include: a

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Biology and Psychology Departments Offer New Courses

By Elissa Chan Staff Writer

The time has come again to register for classes. MCC students should be aware of some new classes the Biology and Psychology Departments are offering.

The Biology Department will be offering Bio 206, Protein Purification and TissueCulture Techniques.

Department Head, Margaret Przygoda described this course as, "The capstone course for the new Biotechnology

degree."

The Biology Department is also offering Bio 105 for the first time at the New Brunswick Center.

The Psychology Department is offering a new Education Field Experience Course,

(EDU 280) at MCC's New Brunswick Center.

The Psychology Department has also added another Introduction to Psychology Class which will run on Friday

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MCC Campus and Community Calendar

Dec. 3-12

Gingerbread Wonderland Frelinghuysen Arboretum 53 E. Hanover Ave., Morristown (973) 326-7600

Dec. 9

Vienna Choir Boys 8 p.m. State Theatre 15 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, NJ (732) 246-7469

Dec. 11

Pet Adoption Day 11a.m. to 5 p.m. Petsmart StGeorgeAve., Woodbridge, NJ (732) 855-0600 ext.5007

Dec. 14

PersonaCards (Make Your Own Holiday Cards) Time: 10 a.m. to 2p.m. College Center, Main Lounge Sponsored by: CCPB & Social Committee

Dec. 17

End of Semester Party Time: 11 a.m. There will be DJ and Entertainment Free Refreshments Sponsored: By CCPB, Social Committee and the Retail Services Corporation.

Dec. 18

Senses Fail with Moneen 7 p.m. Starland Ballroom 570 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, NJ Tickets \$13 advance, \$15 day of show Visit www.concertseast.com for more info

Dec. 18

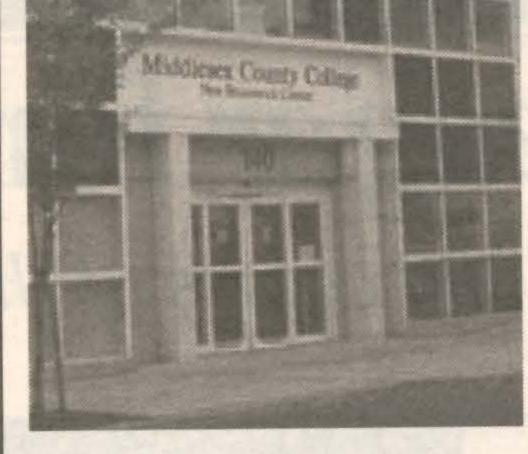
Ramona's Run, four mile race 4 p.m. Perth Amboy City Hall 260 High St., Perth Amboy, (732) 442-0335

Dec. 26

K-Rock Presents: Thursday with Glassjaw, We're All Broken Doors 7 p.m. Starland Ballrooom 570 Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville, NJ Tickets \$19.50 advance, \$22 day of show Visit www.concertseast.com for

more info. To submit events for the Campus and Community Calendar, e-mail Quo Vadis

quovadis newspaper@hotmail.com



New Brunswick News

Financial Aid workshop Room 107 at 6p.m. Dates

Dec. 8 Dec.13

Jan. 10

Jan. 12 Jan. 19

Feb. 7 Feb. 21

The New Brunswick campus offers tutoring for Mat 010 & 013 and Chemistry

Monday and Wednesdays from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Accuplacer Testing / ESL Testing

At The New Brunswick Center

Dec. 15 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Room 206

Accuplacer testing / ESL Testing

Applicants please note the following

Two Forms of ID required. Must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to testing. Application for admission to MCC

Must be submitted prior to testing.

New Students Information Sessions

Outlining admission requirements, recourses, financial aid,

and guidelines for being a successful student at MCC

New Non-ESL Student Orientation

6 - 7 p.m.Dec. 6 6 - 7 p.m.Dec. 14 All Sessions Held in conference room 105.

Sign up at front desk or call the school.

For more information on any of these programs Contact the Middlesex County College **New Brunswick Center** (732)745-8866

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MCC Club News

Anime Club – Meets in IRC room 133 at 2:15 p.m. on Thursdays

Next semester the club will be introducing its own magazine called The Manga Magazine. They are also planning to attend an Anime convention next semester, a possible trip to Kotsucon (Anime convention) in Feb. There will also be an Anime Music Video Contest next semester. The contest will be open to all at MCC. The music video has to be Anime and it can be mixed with anything else, making it funny, action, or any other types of videos. The video has to be a minimum of 2.5 - 5 minutes.

For more information contact JT Maguire at the jtshow@gmail.com

Caribbean Vibe Club continues its fundraiser to assist hurricane victims of Haiti. Future events include free Caribbean dance classes.

For further information contact Rose Henry at aurora 152003@yahoo.com

Computer Enthusiasts' Club

The Computer Enthusiasts' Club meets IRC room 133 from 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Their fundraiser movie date is currently being planned; also being planned is a videogame tournament. For more information contact Nirmal at hukyash2084@hotmail.com.

French Club meets Mondays at 11 a.m., Main Hall 105. On Dec. 9, the French Club will meet in Main Hall, but the time of the meeting will be at 2 p.m. The club is looking forward to attend the musical La Cage Aux Folles on Broadway, in New York City in Dec. Also in the planning stage is a combined trip sometime this year or next year with the Italian club. For more information contact ShannonMarieNYC@aol.com or just drop by the next club meeting.

Hispanic American Club meets on Mondays at 11 a.m. in the College Center room 312. The club will be collecting new and used toys in good condition for the children of the Head Start program of Perth Amboy. They ask that toys be dropped off at the modern language lab IRC 225, or Counseling Service, Edison Hall 100; donations will be accepted until Dec. 12. For more information contact Gloria Zuluaga, Modern Language Lab IRC 225 or Zoraida Calvo-Scott, Counseling and Career Services EH 100, or email Hispanicclub@yahoo.com.

Phi Beta and PIE Club The club is happy to officially announce that Professor Dzurisin has accepted the position of their secondary advisor. Meeting for the rest of this semester will be held in the lounge in front of Professor Gutowski's office, Raritan Building on Thursdays at 2 p.m. The next meeting will be Dec. 16. Tentative future events include a Christmas candy drive; all members are asked to hand in their \$20 deposit to Professor Gutowski's secretary. There are also plans for another New York City trip to see a musical in Dec. For more information contact Chibuzo Chukunta at chibuzooc6732@portal.middlesexcc.edu

Phi Theta Kappa The club is currently planning events for the spring semester. PTK will host many events including another blood drive, a food drive, more klowning, fundraisers, etc. Membership to PTK is by invitation only. Members must have a GPA of 3.7 or better, after completing at least 12 units of college credits, to qualify. Interested parties, who did not receive a letter, see their Dean.

WMCC - Blue Colt Radio

The college radio station will soon be up and running, as the new equipments have all been ordered. Its aim will be to inform and entertain the college community. Meetings are Thursdays, College Center in the radio station at 2 p.m.

Anyone who are interested in either on air or behind the scenes production work are asked to attend meetings or contact Louis Dell'Omo at Louis DellOmo@middlesexcc.edu.

Clubs interested in submitting news to Quo Vadis can email info to Quovadis newspaper@hotmail.com or put announcements in the Quo Vadis mail box in College Center, student activities office.

> The Dance Club meets on Wednesdays from 11a.m.to noon in the dance studio, PE Room 156.

On Dec. 8 from 11a.m.-noon the club will be holding an African Dance Workshop with African Dance instructor Audrey Davis in the dance studio; PE Room 156.

Also, on Dec. 16, the dance club may hold another Salsa day, due to the success of the previous salsa workshop.

Attendee's for either workshop should wear comfortable clothes that they can move in. Dance shoes or sneakers that are not black soled are acceptable as are socks.

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Maria Marshall Leads MCC Literary Magazine to Excellence

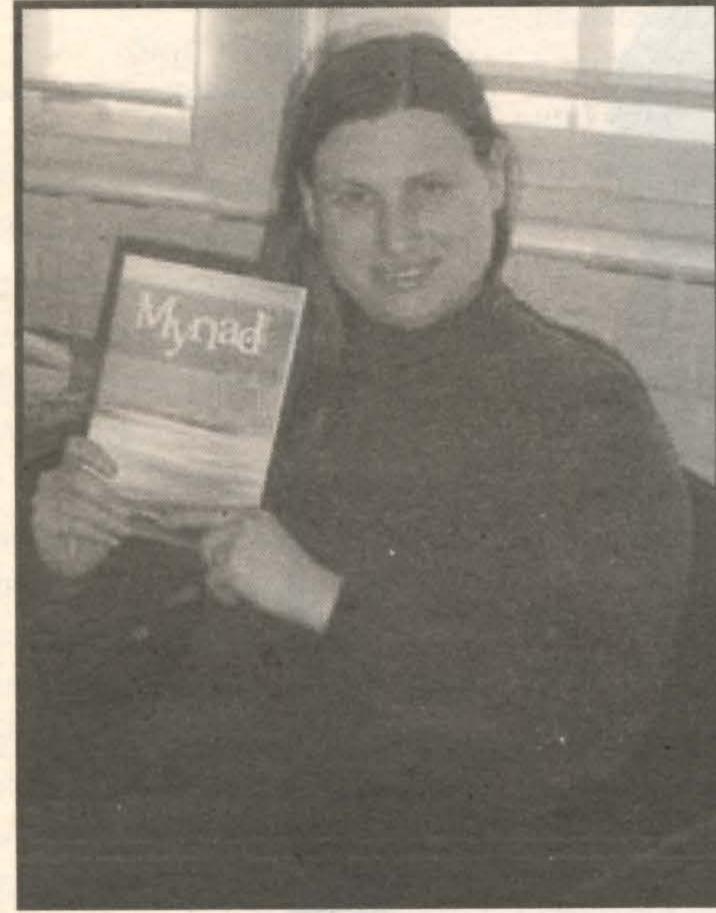


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Maria Marshall

Myriad Wins First Place in the Eastern Division of Community College Humanities Association Literacy Magazine Competition

> By James Voorhees Staff Writer

Professor Maria Marshall has helped Myriad, a MCC publication, to earn the 2004 first place winner in the Eastern Division of the Community College Humanities Association Literacy Magazine Competition.

Marshall first heard about Myriad when a student came around asking for submissions.

Marshall said, "I thought it would be fun to revitalize the design of the book and also involve more students in our department on the design end."

After asking the club if they were interested in her input, she became advisor to the club last year.

Marshall worked as a graphic artist and designer for eight years before she came to teach at MCC.

Nicole Lynch, fine arts major, Fords, vice president/senior art director for Myriad, said, "She [Marshall] helped us not only improve our magazine, but gain a bit more credibility amongst the other clubs/ organizations here at MCC."

Marshall is a full time faculty member in the Media Arts & Design Department. She teaches foundation and advanced graphic design courses, including Freehand Drawing, Color and Design I and II, Computer and Studio Skills, Typography, Layout, Print Production, And Digital Pre-Press.

MCC Librarian Spotlight: Meet Emily Korb

By Valerie Mace Staff Writer

Emily Korb is a librarian at Middlesex County College's Library.

Here are some fun facts you should know about Emily Korb.

- She has been a librarian at the Middlesex County College library for over ten years.
- She became a librarian because of her love of reading.
- She has a desire to learn and help people, she said she likes the diversity the library gives her.
- She is a graduate of New York University with a B.A. in Communication.
- She also took law courses, which helped her learn how to research and find information.
- She worked at the Perth Amboy Middle School Library before coming to Middlesex County College.
- She came to MCC because she wanted to work with adults and in a more diverse library.



Photo By Vanessa Leung, Staff Photographer

Emily Korb

Visit the MCC Library for all your Research Needs.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

Middlesex County College requires all students to obtain a Picture ID card. You are responsible for carrying your photo identification card while on campus. Your student ID is required to obtain library privileges, entry into the computer labs, for processing transactions in the Office of the Registrar and for admission to all athletic events, social activities and other College functions.

You can obtain your student ID card during in-person registration in the Enrollment Center. If you lose your card, you will be charged a replacement fee of \$10.00. Replacement cards can be obtained at the Student Activities Office. Day and evening hours are available.

Please call the Student Activities Office, (732) 906-2569 to obtain the hours that this service is available.

Middlesex County College Alumni Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for the third Alumni Scholarship, which will be awarded in June of 2005. The scholarship will be one \$500 award.

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- He or she must be the dependent of a Middlesex County College alumnus. Dependents of the Alumni Board are ineligible for consideration.
- The scholarship will be awarded for the second or later year of study at Middlesex County College.
- The Alumni Board will review applications and make the decision.
- The criteria the Board would use in selecting the recipient include community service, financial need, grade point average and a brief essay. To download the application please log on to: http://www.middlesexcc.edu/about/ control.cfm?ID=1596

Fall 2005 Application Deadlines for Health Technology Programs

Applications are currently being accepted for Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiography and Respiratory Care for the fall 2005 semester. The deadline to apply to one of these programs is January 15, 2005. We are also accepting applications to our Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Medical Laboratory Technology programs. The deadline to apply to one of these programs is May 1, 2005.

Click on "Request an Application" on our home page and we will mail you a Health Technology Information Packet. You may also call us at (732)906-4243 to schedule an appointment with an Admissions Counselor. Don't wait. Call us today!

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For more information visit: http://www.middlesexcc.edu/admissions/control.cfm/ID/804



Luzmery Amador

2001 NJCU Alumna, Communication Design Senior Art Director, Women's Wear Dally - WWD Children's Business

NJCU graduates are making an impact on the arts – from graphic design studios to the fashion runways of New York. Milan, and Paris.

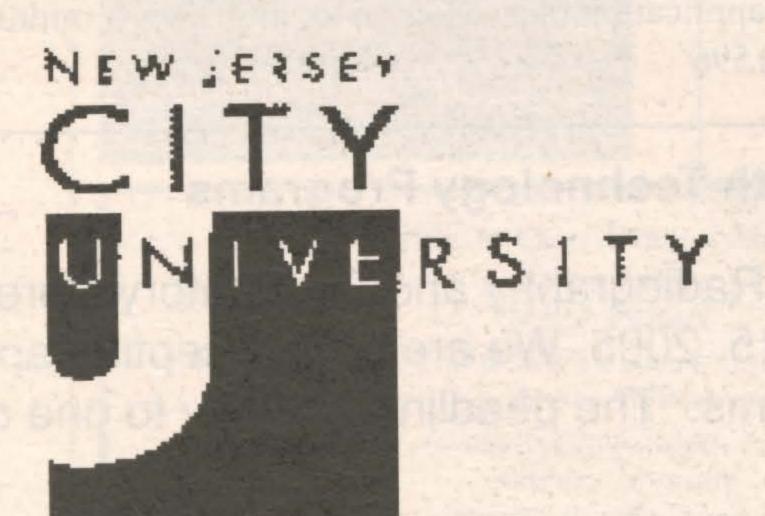
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Polar Express Cartoon Looks Real

By Elissa Chan Staff Writer

From the director of Forrest Gump and Cast Away, Robert Zemeckis has chosen to bring to life the children's book, The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg.

Within the first seconds of the movie you'll have to blink twice. The computer graphics are beyond amazing, you'll think you're watching real actors. Along with the entertaining voice of Tom Hanks, who plays five characters, this movie is a good one to see with a child you know, or a friend who wants to recapture the holiday spirit, all too often lost with time and age.

Staying true to Allsburg's classic story, the movie begins with a young

boy who is faced with the heartbreaking clues that Santa Clause may not be real. Angry and confused, the boy drifts off to sleep only to be awakened by the roaring sound and the bright lights of the train, The Polar Express, and so begins his journey to the North Pole.

While on board The Polar Express the boy meets two friends, and together they take on every obstacle that gets in between them and Santa.

The Polar Express is currently showing at IMAX theaters, I strongly suggest to see it on IMAX because there are many scenes when the children are on the train that will take your breathe away and give you butterflies in your stomach.

When the kids finally do make it to the North Pole,

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the adventures don't stop yet. There are also many funny parts that even made a twentyone year old man laugh.

The Polar Express will put you in the Holiday Spirit and make you want to believe again. It's a cute, funny, and touching movieand even if you do just go to bring a child, you'll be amazed by the graphics and most likely find yourself entertained with that "warm" feeling running through your body...plus where else can you see Steven Tyler as an elf?

"It doesn't matter where the train is going. What matters is deciding to get on," said the Conductor of The Polar Express.

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- National Chocolate Covered Anything Day (Dec.16)
- Bake Holiday Cookies Day (Dec. 18)
- Underdog Day (Dec. 19)
- Look on the Bright Side Day (Dec. 21)
- National Egg Nog Day (Dec. 24)
- Card Playing Day (Dec. 28)

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Uncle Alex and Aunt Sally Give After the Sunset Three and a Half Stars

Review

By Susan Schnitzer Staff Writer

After the Sunset was another one of those movies where my Uncle Alex and Aunt Sally got a pair of free tickets to see a preview showing, compliments of Tower Records and a local radio station.

Aunt Sally enjoyed it very much but Uncle Alex found it only mildly entertaining. The featured players are Pierce Brosnan portraying a jewel thief, Selma Hayek as his love interest and Woody Harrelson as the fumbling FBI agent who is trying to nail Brosnan. We also have Don Cheadle as a hood who has done well and now trying to score big by using Brosnan's talents to steal a \$20 million gem on display on a tourist ship in harbor in the Bahamas.

There are fast cars, beautiful women and underwater scenes, all of the James Bond type, which you have seen before but not done nearly as well. Uncle Alex gives this picture only two stars out of a possible four.

Vera Drake is a very well done British movie about a middle aged woman who

has a heart of gold. She works at various domestic jobs to keep her household together, takes care of an aging mother and looks in on a wheelchair bound neighbor to brew him tea and make sure he is alright. However, her fatal flaw is that she performs abortions on young women, who as she puts, "are in trouble." She does not accept any money for these services nor does she let her family know of this activity.

Her world comes apart when one of the women almost dies from her abortion and the police are called in. It is immediately evident to them and the courts that they are not dealing with a common criminal but someone who was just trying to be helpful. They have compassion for her situation but are nevertheless compelled to sentence her to prison in order to uphold the law. A social irony is displayed when a wealthy unmarried young women who has become pregnant and who has the money and connections, arranges to get what amounts to a legal abortion. This movie has a very good story and terrific acting. It rates three and a half stars.

Rockstar Software Releases New Video Game

By Matt Mironov Staff Writer

Over the past few years, in the world of video games, there have been a few titles that are now legendary. One of those is the Grand Theft Auto (GTA) series. The

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new release from Rockstar Software is entitled San Andreas.

San Andreas is a new video game, which is continuing the legacy of the Grand Theft Auto series. This game like Grand Theft Auto Three and Vice City allows the character Carl Johnson to explore the world of this game with unlimited freedom.

This game, which takes place mainly in Los Santos, San Andreas, modeled after Los Angeles, California, is about the main character Johnson coming back to Los Santos after his family has been torn apart, and his mother has been killed. This game takes place in the early 1990's amidst drug dealing, gang related crime, and police corruption.

The game's map is five times the size of Vice City which is already huge. This game also has plenty of new features. Some of these include: eating food to survive, complete control of customizing your character with clothing, tattoos, and the ability to swim.

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Quo Vadis Recommends...

The BEST Holiday Movies

- A Christmas Story
- It's a Wonderful Life
- The Grinch Who Stole Christmas
- Home Alone
- A Muppet Christmas Carol
- Nightmare Before Christmas
- The Santa Claus (1&2)
- Die Hard (Any from the series)

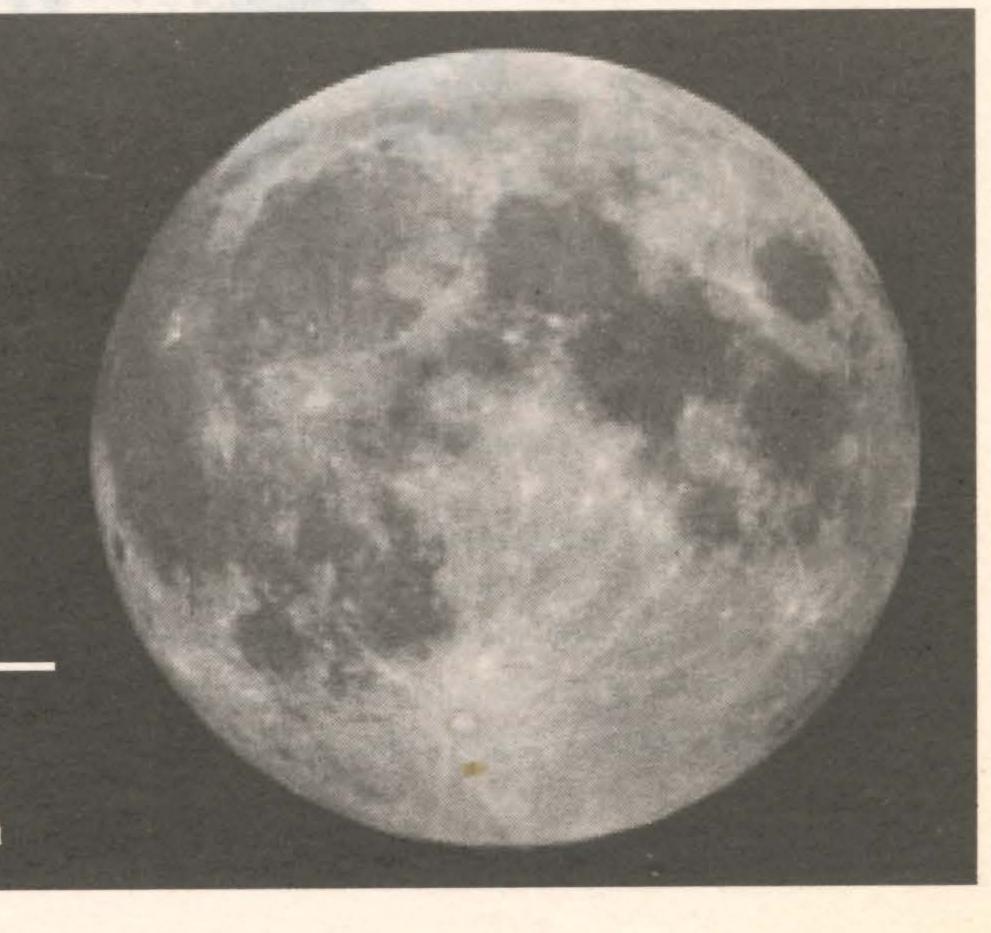
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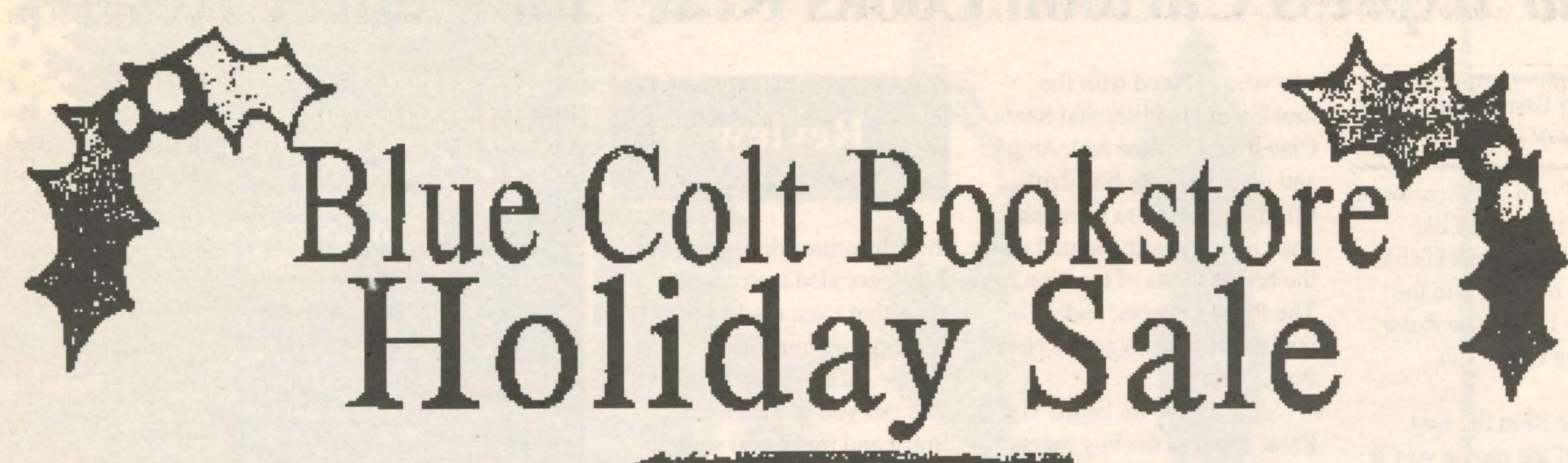
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By George Georgoulas

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Live Strong Bracelets Raise Money for Cancer Research

By Ashley Fichtelberg
Staff Writer

On Oct. 26, it was recorded that over 26 million people wear *Live Strong Bracelets* that were created by Champion Cyclist and cancer survivor, Lance Armstrong.

The foundation sells 150,000 bracelets everyday to raise money for cancer research.

"I am only one of more then 10 million Americans living with and beyond cancer, so there are at least 10 million reasons why I wear my Live Strong wristband everyday," Armstrong said.

The bracelets are sold in all 50 states and are worn by Olympians, musicians, actors and political leaders as well as many Middlesex County College

students, high school students and even elementary school students.

"It has become a trend, people started to forget why they are wearing the bracelet," Crystal Anderson, East Brunswick, Fashion Mechanizing said.

An eight-year-old girl ran into the after school program at the YMHA in Highland Park shouting,

"Look what I got," and showing all her friends her Live Strong bracelet. When the girl was asked what the bracelet meant she said, "I have it because all my friends have one."

On the official site, http://www.laf.org, the bracelets are sold for \$1 with a 3-4 week wait because of the many orders received daily.
On eBay the bracelets are sold

"Even if there are those people who make a profit selling them on eBay or those people who wear them to fit in, the point is they are buying them and no matter what the reason is, the money is still going to cancer research and that should be what is important," said Samantha Schonfeild, East Brunswick, Criminal Justice.

Taking Back Sunday Sells out Three Shows

By James Voorhees
Staff Writer

On Nov. 21, Taking
Back Sunday, took over the
Starland Ballroom for their
first of three sold out shows
being performed at the same
venue.

Starland Ballroom used to be called Hunka
Bunka, but underwent a facelift and received a new name.
Situated on Jernee Mill Road in Sayreville, N.J., it has plenty of parking spaces with a large lot across the road if necessary; there is a \$2 parking fee. The venue is furnished nicely with one tier for persons over 21 with a bar and the lower floor for the younger audience.

First on stage was
New York City's Like
Yesterday, they brought
generic indie rock that was
less than desired. Their
guitar work and vocals
needed to be touched up.
They were not impressive for
starting off the show.

Next on stage was
Funeral for a Friend. Funeral
for a Friend is from a small
town in Wales, England. And
no their name is not from the
Elton John song. Already a

big success in England, they come to America with their brand of the hardcore infused with emo. Emo is best described by lyrics, either about love interest or aggression played in a mellow style.

Funeral for a Friend's sound was tight and they started to get the crowd moving. They performed songs off their newest US release: Casually Dressed & Deep in Conversation, such as Juneau, Bend Your Arms to Look like Wings, and Moments Forever Faded. They also played songs off their first US release: Seven Ways to Scream Your Name, like Red is the New Black, This Year's Most Open Heartbreak, and Escape Artists Never Die. They brought a lot to the stage with strong growling screaming from drummer Ryan Richards, complex harmonies with a tinge of metal riffs from guitarists, Kris Roberts and Darran Smith, excellent singing and screaming from lead singer, Matt Davies, and back up vocals from brother and bassist Gareth Davies.

Atreyu was next on stage. Atreyu was formed in 2002 in Orange County, California. Atreyu plays a blend of hardcore and metal.

When Atreyu hit the stage the whole crowd was moving. They brought such

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Local Garage Band Making a Name

Punk Band Young & Beautiful Develops Sound

Justine Bilas
Staff Writer

Two years ago a pop-punk band was born. Young & Beautiful began as a couple of guys sitting in a bedroom writing songs and has turned into an up-and-coming group. Consisting of only three members, Young & Beautiful manages to produce a dynamic sound.

The name is a bit arrogant, but that's why it's funny, guitarist and singer Adam Santamaria said.

"It was a joke, we laughed it off, but somehow it stuck and we realized how funny it was. We're not arrogant at all," he said.

The original line up included: Abe Caceres on drums, Josiah Santamaria playing bass, Adam Santamaria doing vocals and playing guitar, and Ozzy Perez also on guitar. Perez left the band to pursue a solo act in Puerto Rico, but the band says he might return.

An odd twist to this band is how they acquired their bassist. The group needed a bass player for a show, which was four days away. The other members bribed Josiah Santamaria into playing the show by offering to buy him a bass guitar if he helped them. Four days after the offer, the band played the show, with a bassist who had never played bass prior, and Young & Beautiful had found a bassist. Since then, Josiah Santamaria has been part of the band.

The band has recently spent time in the recording studio. They've recorded three tracks which will soon be available on their demo *Fade to Wack*, a parody on Metallica's *Fade to Black*. "Check out MySpace.com to get our demo," Josiah Santamaria said. The studio experience was different than playing live, you can mess up a note and no one notices, but in the studio ev-

ery wrong note rings out, he said.

Young & Beautiful's inspiration comes from a variety of sources. Guitarist and vocals Adam Santamaria was inspired mainly by the Beatles. He found much guidance in three member bands such as early Blink 182, Green Day, and Nirvana.

"I've liked these bands for a long time, but now that Young & Beautiful is a trio I relate more. I have to play and sing like those bands," he said.

Drummer Caceres is an amazing sight to see. His talent is superb, listening to him you'd be convinced he's pounding a double bass pedal, but it's a mind trip to realize he doesn't have one. His influence comes from the FooFighters, Green Day, and Nirvana.

"I like the style and the upbeat tunes these bands have. Dave Grohl probably inspired me the most," he said.

Bassist Josiah Santamaria is inspired by Flea, Mike Dirt, and Sting. "Flea's a virtuoso. Dirt is the best punk bass player today and he's not a show off. Sting is simply a minimalist, which I admire," he said.

The trio found guidance in a handful of bands, but they have definitely developed their own style and sound.

If you are interested in Young & Beautiful they are on MySpace.com "We play everything from punk, to pop-punk, back to punk," Adam Santamaria said.

There's a planned show for Dec. 18, which will include the CooCoo's, Hunchback, The Ergs, and Dead on Revival, other New Jersey based bands.

Visit http://www.myspace.com/ youngampbeautiful for show information, photos, and audio clips.

Winter

By Elissa Chan Staff Writer





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Winter Break Calls for Vacation Planning

By Ashley Fichtelberg
Staff Writer

New York City a Great Option

As the semester comes close to the end, it is time for Middlesex students to make plans for winter break and not everyone can afford tickets to Cancun or Hawaii, but there are ways to have fun while saving money and one way could be spending a day in New York.

A round trip ticket from the Edison train station to Penn Station is \$12. Once that is paid for you sit back for 45 minutes until you reach New York. When you step out of Penn Station you stand right across from Macy's in Harold Square.

"I always stop at Macy's when I'm in the city. It is the biggest and best Macy's around," Highland Park High school student, Dawn Arnold said.

If shopping is not for you then you can take a tour of the Statue of Liberty. Inside the statue you can visit a museum that has many objects and photographs highlighting millions of people arriving in America. The museum offers tours that are 30 minutes long and they have tour guides from Nov. 1 until March 31, 2005.

"Climbing to the top of the Statue of Liberty is an incredible feeling, everyone should experience that once in their life," said Meredith Cohen of New Jersey.

The Empire State Building stands over a quarter of a mile into the sky. On a clear day viewers can see into the states of Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York. The building offers concerts and exhibits all year. A ticket to get inside is as low as \$10 and they offer discounts for groups of 10 or more.

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Bush Election Reactions: Negative and Positive View Points

Nation Divided: But Bush Won Students Question Iraq Decision

By Albert Ac Staff Writer

Column

For the second time George W. Bush was elected.

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Four years ago America saw the closest Presidential Election in history. Weeks went by following the election before a winner was finally declared, both sides knew that the nation was heavily divided. For whichever candidate would be declared the winner, half the nation still would have favored the opposing candidate. Finally, George W. Bush was declared the winner and half of America was furious. CNN reported eggs being thrown at the presidential limousine on Bush's Inauguration Day. They stated no other president in history had such a lousy inauguration. Nearly every news station at the time reported that it would be extremely difficult for Bush to get reelected. And yet on Nov. 2, 2004 Bush was reelected. George W. Bush getting reelected even though so many Americans had for years been opposed to him stunned many Americans (MSNBC). PBS

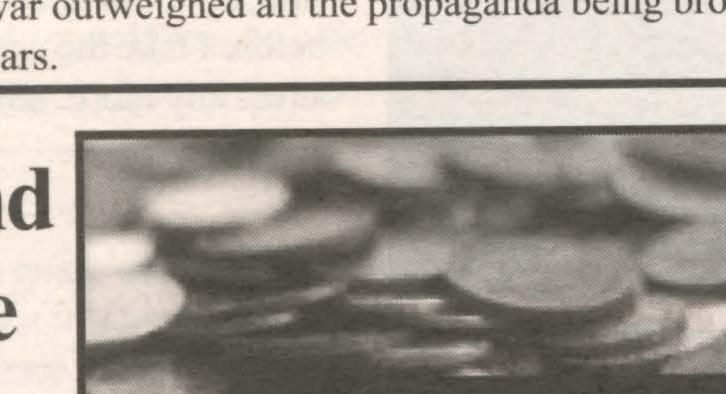
reported that Bush was able to get reelected because he is President during time of war, and he handled 9/11 fairly well.

In fact, Bush's approval ratings skyrocketed immediately following 9/11 and they went up even further after we began the War on Terror (cnn.com). Americans have traditionally not voted against a president during time of war and this time was obviously no exception.

All of the criticism President Bush has endured over the past four years did not register in the minds of the majority of the voters. Michael Moore was one of Bush's main critics. He criticized everything from his domestic and foreign policies. His book, "Stupid White Men" was the bestseller of the year according to the New York Times and his movie "Fahrenheit 9/11" was a box office hit.

Michael Moore has not been the president's only critic. There are websites such as toostupidtobepresident.com and wheresgeorge.com who offer endless negative propaganda on the President. Not to mention the hit show Saturday Night Live who has provided the public with a great deal of propaganda and humor demeaning the president.

Nevertheless, the outcome of the election has been in the President's favor. Clearly the fact that we are at war outweighed all the propaganda being brought against him for the past four years.



Servers Demand Tips for Service

By Valerie Mace Staff Writer

The majority of people enjoy going out to a restaurant and have a bite to eat whether it is at a diner, Friday's or a fine dining restaurant.

Most people are aware that servers or bartenders are tipped 15 percent of the check, 20 percent at a fine dining restaurant or if the service is extremely well.

I am a server and a bartender and it has come to my attention that a vast majority of people are unaware of the tipping system or they just don't feel it's necessary to tip.

I will receive some criticism for this next statement but truth be told, servers don't want to serve a guest when they are being intolerable. Yes, it's our job but guests who are being unruly are the people who don't tip.

People need to be aware of the tipping system. I've heard people make excuses like they leave change as a tip; they don't believe in tipping; or they don't bring enough money to pay for the bill and leave a tip. People expect this perfect dinner and want servers to cater to them. But we as servers are people too, with only two hands. We are waiting on five tables at a time. Those who work in the food industry system know that this is standard in order to make money and there is no getting around it.

Column

We as servers are trying to give you a comfortable happy experience. But we don't cook your food, we don't make the rules, or the prices of items, and we don't do the food ordering. If a person has a problem with any of this, they should talk to management. That's their job.

But yet guests blame the servers. We are ridiculed most of the time by guests and we must all by the while keep smiles on our face.

Now of course we do make mistakes. All, as servers, have

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For the second time George W. Bush was elected. Enough Citizens believed in him to elect him for another four years.

What is it about Bush that influenced people to give him their votes? How can anyone look into his eyes and not ask questions?

How do those who voted for him in 2000 feel about going to war for oil war in Iraq?

Before invading Iraq, Bush claimed in press conferences, that there was a direct connection between the events that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001 and Iraq. He insisted Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction (WMD's). He also said they might harm us. Well, the CIA released a statement that Saddam Hussein in fact had no WMD's, and they didn't seem to have any plans to create them.

The question remains, why did Bush declare war on Iraq? Is it "all about the Benjamin's"? Some believe Bush profits from the oil industry and Iraq has large quantities of this liquid gold. The conspiracy doesn't end with Bush; his

right hand man Vice President Dick Cheney was the CEO of Halliburton.

Halliburton is a huge oil company which gave over \$2 billion to reconstruction projects to help rebuild Iraq's oil industry.

Let's focus on these mysterious weapons of mass destruction. When the President was talking about these WMD's and the imminent threat, don't you think Hussein would have "let it rip" to show off what he has? Or while US troops looked for Hussein, and he was realizing his reign was nearing an end, why not go out with a bang?

Shall we delve deeper? Please, let us. According to reports, a week prior to 9/11 Richard Clarke, former top anti-terrorism advisor to Bush, sent a letter to Condoleezza Rice, the National Security Advisor. Clarke's letter pleaded for Rice to take into consideration the terrorist attacks which may occur in the future. He also noted procedures that should have been taken. Clarke claims Bush neglected terrorism issues because he was infatuated with pursing war in Iraq. He ignored it once and innocent people died on 9/11. What happens if another country wants to attack the U.S. and he neglects to take action when the first "chatter" is heard? It seems that the President will ignore something that can be prevented, then turn around and send U.S. soldiers to another country to die for a frivolous war.

Some might be thinking, "wait, pursing war with Iraq prior to 9/11?" The former Secretary of Treasure Paul O'Neill claims Bush held meetings as soon as he entered office, discussing plans to invade and take control of Iraq. How long has this war been an open discussion? For all we know maybe since Daddy Bush held office.

The war in Iraq is claiming thousands of lives. Many people who remember watching television during the Vietnam War believe the soldiers dying are not being given proper respect. During the Vietnam War, every night the names and pictures of those killed scrolled down the television screen. Today it is not permitted to show caskets draped in the American flag. Those who lay in those caskets are not allowed to show the country how many innocent lives are being lost. The young men who gave everything they were and could have been, will never see a day when money-hungry mad men aren't in office.

There have been three periods to this war. From March 30 to May 1 was the first period of major combat. May 2 through June 28 was the official turnover of sovereignty.

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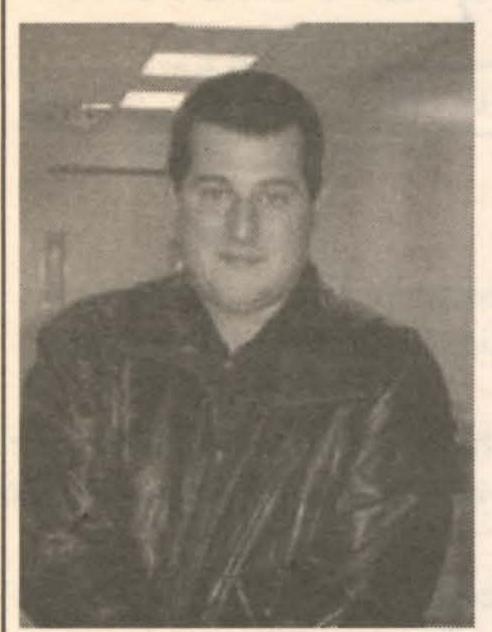
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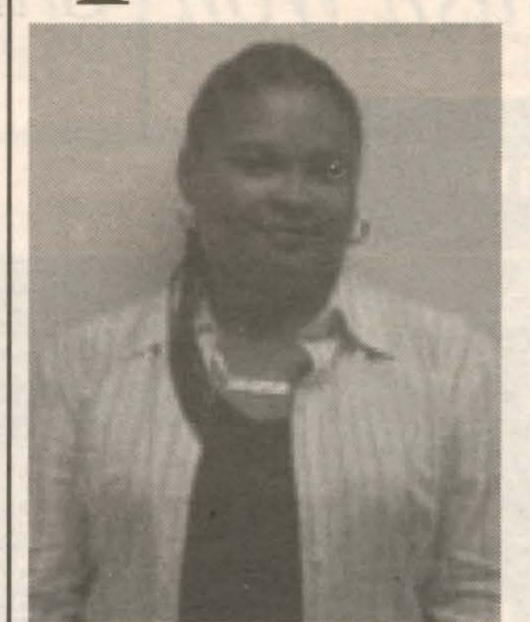
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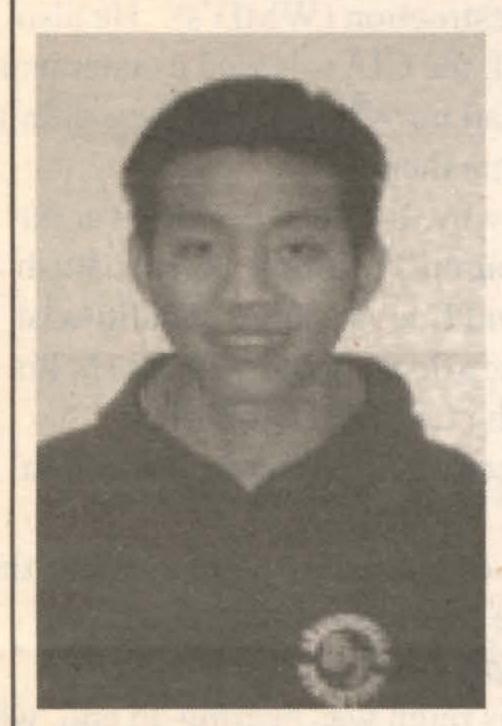
"During the semester I've taken notes always, and I study during my breaks at work. At this time I now start to go back over those notes. Then just before each exam I'll cram a bit."

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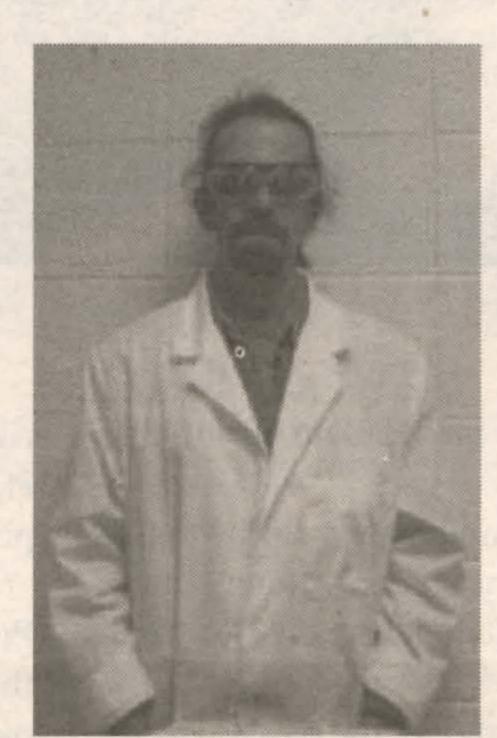
"I prepare for finals with the help of God and my hi-liter markers. I use different colors to denote varied degrees of importance, example: yellow-most important, then green, orange etc. I also study throughout the semester, no cramming at last minutes."

Michele Underwood, New Brunswick, Education



"I try to study a little always. I also try to guess what will be on the finals. Close to finals I still do not study too much, I try to stay relaxed."

Melvin Wong, Edison, Computer Network



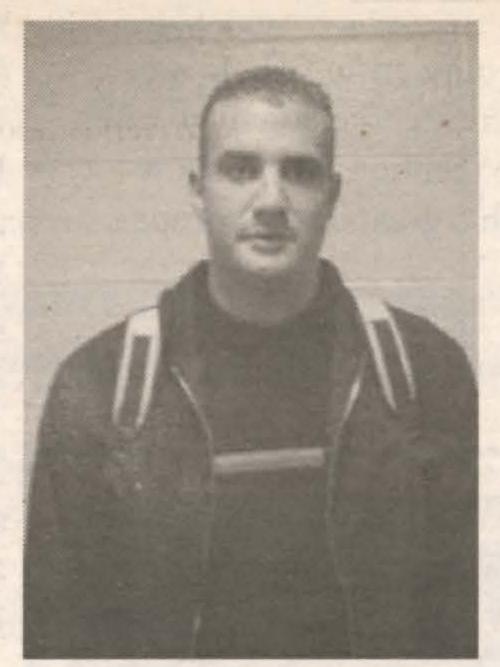
"I literally read through chapters, especially the higher hard concepts. I also pull out my lecture notes and go over them all. The week of the finals I'm usually up until two in the morning. Before each final I never forget to eat a good breakfast; one with lots of sugar. Others may talk about protein; for me it's all about the energy, you know. After that I'm ready."

Carl Ferullo, Key Port, Environmental Science



"Generally, I sleep six hours each day, but when I study for finals I only get two or maybe three hours of sleep each night. The week before finals, I cram a lot. I find that I also need to go over each and every possible problem before exams, also, once the instructor hands it out, I go over everything on the exam syllabus several times."

Prachi Modi, North Brunswick, Computer Science



Vincenzo Trani, Dayton, Business

"Close to finals I panic a lot, and then get nervous from the previous night right up until about an hour before the finals. For about a week before, I will study a lot, with the paper in front of my face. As I said, after doing an all night, an hour before I take the exam I do nothing. Why stress any more, now it's a matter of pass or fail."

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Brian Matusiewicz, Edison, Liberal Arts Education major, says he plans to use CampusCruiser to register for spring classes in 2005.

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According to Somers students can also e-mail your professor, advisor or other students, view posted syllabi and assignments, use campus-wide and classroom specific chat rooms and message boards, view college calendars and read important campus-wide and classroom specific announcements.

The service is easy to use and if you don't get the hang of it you can use the "help" features to show you exactly what everything is for.

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Courses con't from page 1 nights from 6-8:50 p.m.

For the Spring II semester there are three new courses just recently activated.

An Intro to Psychology and a Child Psychology will both meet at Old Bridge High School.

The course, Social Psychology will now be offered over the internet, according to Department Head, John Gutowski.

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forgotten extra sauce or not been quick with getting drinks for the table, but we are doing our best to serve you and make sure you do enjoy your dining experience.

We are only making \$2 an hour, but the government assumes that a server is given a 15 percent tip from every check so that when taxes are taken out of our checks it is based on that assumption. A server's check is really between \$0-\$20 a week. A \$20 check is like winning the jackpot.

Servers are also responsible for tipping the bussers, bartenders and in some restaurants hosts and food runners at the It is an hour long tour and behind the scenes look at NBC's New York station. end of every shift.

But unfortunately we aren't tipped 15 percent on every check and that causes us to literally work a whole shift to make no where as much money as we should be walking out with. We are working people too. We have families, rent, car insurance, and half of us are paying our way through school.

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"The Star-Ledger is delighted at the enthusiastic response to the newspaper we have received from both students and administrators. Our goal is to ensure that our young people have the tools to understand their world and are prepared to be active citizens of their communities," said Maxine Lyle, Associate for Planning and Development at The Star-Ledger.

"I think it is great that The Star Ledger is being aggressive in going after the college reading market by providing complimentary papers to the entire campus at numerous locations. It is important for students to sit down and read the newspaper and being able to save a few cents doesn't hurt," said Melissa Edwards, Quo Vadis advisor at MCC.

In addition to the free newspapers, the Ledger will also be giving the campus tickets to New Jersey Nets games for students to use. The Student Activities office will announce when the tickets are available. Tickets will only be given out to students who show a valid school ID and a maximum of two tickets will be given per student ID.

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energy to the stage and are a hard band to perform after. The blend of lead vocalist, Alex Varkatzas screaming and drummer/vocals, Brandon Saller singing, it is hard not to like this band. Guitarists, Daniel Jacobs and Travis Miguel, brought heavy and articulated riffs and even guitar solo.

Their performance is memorable because their moves are reminiscent of 80s metal bands, with synchronized moves and playing each other's guitars side by side. They performed songs such as Ain't Love Grand, Bleeding Mascara, Right Side of the Bed, The Crimson, This Flesh a Tomb, and You Eclipsed by Me. During their last song, Lip Gloss and Black, the singer and bassist from Funeral for a Friend came on stage to perform with them.

Finally, Taking Back Sunday hit the stage with much excitement from the crowd. Taking Back Sunday has been the definition of rock music mixed with emo. They have sold out venues across the country, but being from Long Island, they have a tight connection with New Jersey.

The crowd was singing along to every song, and at some points they were so loud, you couldn't hear the singer.

Taking Back Sunday started back in 2001, have grown their fan base and now have as much media coverage from TV channels like FUSE and MTV2.

The lead singer, originally the bassist, Adam Lazarra brings wailing vocals and moves back and forth constantly on stage keeping the energy of the crowd. Guitarist Fred Mascherino also helps with the vocal duties. Lazarra and Mascherino sing vocals back and forth in their brand of emo. Taking Back Sunday played an equal amount of songs from both of their CDs, Tell All Your Friends and Where You Want to Be. They performed favorites such as; Bike Scene, Great Romances of the 20th Century, Ghost Man on Third, Timberwolves at New Jersey, Your So Last Summer, Set Phasers to Stun, Bonus Mosh Part II, A Decade Under the Influence, This Photograph is the Proof (You Know I Know), and One-Eighty by Summer.

Overall the show was very good. Funeral for a Friend's and Atreyu's performances pumped up the crowd and made the show well rounded with their metal, hardcore and emo sound. Taking Back Sunday had an excellent set and their performance was felt by everyone in the venue.

NYC con't from page 7

New York has plenty of museums and on your day there you may want to visit one. "I usually hate museums, they are all the same to me, but the Museum of the City of New York was actually kind of cool, it was like a tour of the city," said Steven Korban, New Jersey.

The Museum of the city of New York tells a story of the city through different paintings, photographs and memorabilia. It begins when New York began and goes through different changes of the city until the present time. It features old furniture, doll houses, fire engines and old theater costumes. Admission is as low as \$5 and it is located on 5th Ave and 103rd Street.

If museums do not interest you then the walk through tour of NBC Studios just might.

The station includes shows like: The Today Show, Nightly News, Dateline, NBC Sports, Late Night with Conan O'Brien and Saturday Night Live. Visitors may see shows in production or a television celebrity. The end of the tour features photographs and facts of the 75 year history of the show.

"There is just so much to do in New York, it is definitely a place worth visiting," said New York resident Amy Jensen.

San Andres con't from page 5

This game was highly anticipated, but it has its competition.

Tom from the Gamestop in Wick Shopping Plaza, Edison, said, "It could be. Halo 2 on Xbox might be bigger, but "GTA" could be a bigger title once it's all said and done."

This game has been so anticipated that there has been a waiting list for about eight months. Tom said, "...there was a big waiting list...can't get it at the moment."

A significant amount of copies of the game have been sold already.

Tom said, "No specific number, but at least 150 in the first two days. First day, 100 were sold." One hundred and fifty copies sold in two days; at fifty dollars apiece is good money for the store.

Tom said about the games popularity: "It started over from three (GTA), it's the freedom factor, every game that comes out now, rips it off. Each 'GTA' improves with more options. It's a revolutionary game."

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Click on "Log In" and then enter your ID and Password.

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First name, middle initial (if used), the first initial of your last name (in lower case) and the last 4 numbers of your student ID number.

Your Password:

Last 6 numbers of your Social Security number (unless you have changed the initial password to a new password).

For Example:

John S. Doe - Student ID # 0123456 Social Security Number # 123-45-6789

Would be entered as: ID: johnsd3456 Password: 456789

Click on the "Web Advisor" tab on the top tool bar and then click on "Student Services"

*Many students will be eligible to use the internet service for registration starting on October 25th . If you are a continuing student who meets the following criteria then you are eligible to web register:

- completed developmental course work with the exception of only Algebra I
- do not have an academic standing of probation, restriction or suspension
- not enrolled in ESL courses
- have no holds or encumbrances such as missing immunization record, parking fines, library fines or other monies owed.
- Do not have a major of Automotive Technology, Dietetic Technology or any health technology program associated with UMDNJ

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION LAUNCHES FBI SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Beginning December 1, the Common Knowledge Scholarship Foundation (CKSF) partnered with the FBI, will launch its month-long \$1000 weekly scholarship program on its web site www.cksf.org.

The scholarship is open to all college students around the country. Requirements include free registration with CKSF and the completion of a 15-question quiz. The quiz covers information found at the FBI's web site (www.fbi.gov).

The four week high school pilot program, held in October, resulted in over 400 students competing for a \$500 scholarship. "We had so much interest in the pilot program we immediately created a national scholarship," said Daryl Hulce, CKSF President. "With CKSF, all students have an equal opportunity to earn money for college based on what they know," added Hulce.

Since launching in 2000, CKSF has awarded \$70,000 to high school and college students all over the country. CKSF is a non-profit organization administered through Nova Southeastern University's Fischler School of Education and Human Services in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. For more information on CKSF visit www.cksf.org or contact CKSF President, Daryl Hulce (954) 262-8553.

Myriad, the MCC literary and arts magazine publishes short fiction, essays, poetry, and a variety of artwork. Myriad accepts submissions from all members of the campus community.

Myriad is now accepting submissions for the Spring 2005 issue.

If you do creative work, this is your chance to get it published!

Submission deadline is January 31, 2005

All writing submissions can be emailed to latreshadb3529(a portal.middlesexec.edu.

For art submission guidelines, pick up flyers in the Student Activities Office, Contact us by e-mail or stop by a meeting.

Submission Guidelines also posted on door of Collège Center 317.

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