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# mpus Police Department Prepares For Any Crisis

By Paul Lazaro Staff Writer

On Feb. 14, a former Northern Illinois University student returned to campus and opened fire in a campus hall. The shooter then killed himself before law enforcement arrived. The incident left six dead, including the shooter, and sixteen injured.

This was the second campus-shooting incident in less than a year. Ten months ago, at Virginia Tech, another gunman killed 32 people, including himself, and injured many more. It was the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history.

In light of these recent events, students, faculty and staff can be certain that Middlesex County College's campus police are ready and equipped to deal with almost any emergency that can arrive on campus.

"Unfortunately, if someone is out to do harm, time is of the essence," said police Chief Robert Smilek. To help minimize the amount of time that passes before law enforcement arrives, MCC campus police have almost instant radio communication with several local emergency agencies. These include the Edison Police and Fire Department, New Jersey State Police and Middlesex County's Office of Emergency Management. If necessary, campus police can also request help from other local municipalities such as Woodbridge, Highland Park, New Brunswick and Perth Amboy.

Chief Smilek also said that campus police routinely cross-train with the Edison Police Department officers. This enables them to act in unison in the event of an emergency and helps to avoid confusion.

According to the campus police's website, emergencies can happen anywhere and at anytime. Our first line of defense should include familiarization with our surroundings, awareness of what is going around us and never hesitating to call 911 if we believe an emergency exists.

## MCC Makes First Visit to France

By Courtney Cerreta Staff Writer

From March 6 to 14, Middlesex County College is hosting a trip to France. Just \$1,799 provides transportation, breakfast, dinner, overnight stays and tours in Paris and St. Malo.

Travelers will visit such places as, Paris, Versailles, D-Day Beaches, Bayeux, Mont St. Michel, Loire Chateaux, and Chartres. Some of the highlights include a visit to the Louvre, Bateaux-Mouches, Paris-by-

"This is Middlesex's first trip to France, with 31 people in attendance. Last year we went to Spain and the year before we went to Italy. In spring 2009 we are planning a trip to Italy again," she said.

Professor Gloria Zuluaga, Modern Language Lab coordinator and Spanish teacher at MCC, is working in conjunction with Professor Granuzzo on coordinating the trip.

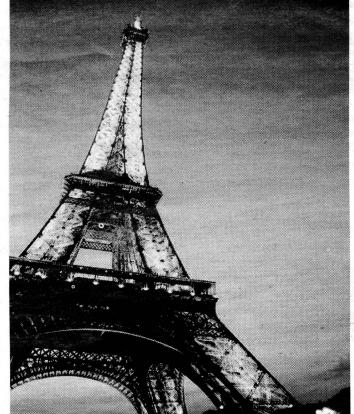
"This is a great opportunity to travel abroad and learn the culture first hand. Everyone stays in a group, making the experience safer than traveling alone.

> Also, transportation is given and there are planned tours and places to visit," she said. Even though the trip to France booked, next year's trip to Italy isn't!

"The itinerary for Italy is already made March 2009. It is open to students family, friends, faculty and staff,' Granuzzo tells

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night, and the fascinating, Bayeux Tapestry.

Italian professor, Nanette Granuzzo, will be coordinating the trip this year.

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### New Jersey Devils to Hold Blood Drive

By Jenna Uveges Staff Writer

On Saturday, April 5, 2008, the New Jersey Devils and American Red Cross will team up to sponsor a blood drive at the Prudential Center in Newark.

The blood drive will begin at 6 a.m. and last until 2 p.m. It will be an 800pint blood drive.

Fans who register online and show up at their chosen appointment time will receive a complimentary replica Devils jersey. To register, those

interested will need to provide their email address, birthday, and type of blood. There are many time slots, with new appointments beginning every 15 minutes. Slots can be filled to as many as 32 appointments in a 15 minute margin.

The Prudential Center is located at 165 Mulberry St. in Newark, New Jersey. For more information, or to sign up to give blood, please call 1-800-Give Life or visit http:// www.pleasegiveblood.org/. Fans can also log on to newjerseydevils.com.

## February Snowstorm Shuts Down County



Photo by Courtney Cerreta Snowman in a yard in Middlesex County on Friday, Feb. 22.

By Paul Lazaro Staff Writer

A winter storm blew over New Jersey on Friday, Feb. 22, leaving as much as nine inches of snow on the ground in northern and western parts of the state.

According to the National Weather Service, Middlesex County saw three to five inches of accumulation.

The snow began falling at

around 11:30 p.m. and continued through the night. The precipitation changed over to sleet and freezing rain by midday on Saturday. Middlesex County College canceled classes for Friday and Saturday, giving students, faculty and staff a couple of snow days.

Driving conditions were poor on the roads, forcing several highways to post speed restrictions. These were in place for most of Saturday.

# MCC Campus and Community Calendar

March 5

8 a.m. Drop-In Counseling and Career Services (ED-100). 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Used book buy back.

March 6

2-3 p.m. Getting Your Resume Started workshop (ED100). 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Used book buy back. 2 p.m. College Assembly meeting (LH-205).

March 8

Spring Recess begins.

March 9

Daylight Savings Time begins.

### Weather March 5th through March 11th

Wednesday, Mar 5

High: 35 °F - 33 °F Cold with partial sunshine Wednesday Night, Mar 5 Low: 26 °F - 24 °F Partly cloudy

Friday, Mar 7

High: 49 °F - 36 °F Rain, beginning after temperatures rise above freezing; windy in the afternoon Friday Night, Mar 7 Low: 24 °F - 15 °F Cold with sleet and freezing rain mixing with snow

Sunday, Mar 9

High: 37 °F RealFeel®: 28 °F
Cold with snow mixing with rain
Sunday Night, Mar 9
Low: 18 °F -1 °F
Very cold with snow

By Paul Lazaro

Staff Writer

**Empty Alcohol Bottle Found in Trash** 

ing an empty bottle in the trash can lo-

cated by the snack machines in Techni-

cal Services Building at 5:45 a.m. on Feb.

viously contained an alcoholic beverage.

Vehicles Collide in Parking Lot

hicle backed out of a parking space and

was about to come to a stop when it was

struck by another Vehicle, which was also

backing out.

either vehicle.

A staff member reported find-

The bottle appears to have pre-

On Feb. 20 at 10:45 a.m. a ve-

Thursday, Mar 6

High: 36 °F-33 °F Mostly cloudy and cold Thursday Night, Mar 6 Low: 20 °F - 17 °F

Mostly\_cloudy

Saturday, Mar 8 High: 34 °F - 27 °F

Colder with a mix of snow, ice and rain Saturday Night, Mar 8
Low: 26 °F- 19 °F

Monday, Mar 10

Snow

High: 37 °F - 24 °F Cold with clouds yielding to sun Monday Night, Mar 10 Low: 22 °F - 23 °F

Tuesday, Mar 11
High: 36 °F RealFeel®: 29 °F
Cold with partial sunshine
Tuesday Night, Mar 11
Low: 31 °F RealFeel®: 20 °F
Cold with a mix of snow, sleet, freezing
rain, and rain

# Police Blotter Student Faints Twice

On Feb. 20 at 7:45 p.m. police were notified that there was a student who apparently had fainted twice.

Upon arrival, police found the student to be pale and sweaty. Edison First Aid was called and transported the student to a local hospital.

#### Theft Occurs in JLC

On Feb. 19 a staff member reported that a sum of money had been taken out of the Student Activities Office in Johnson Learning Center sometime between Feb. 13 and Feb. 19.

Spotswood Celebrates 100th Anniversary

By Jenna Uveges Staff Writer

Spotswood Borough, the tiny town located next to, and often overshadowed by, Monroe and East Brunswick, will be turning 100 this year.

The celebration of this historical milestone certainly has the town buzzing. Spotswood's Chief of Police, Karl G. Martin, said that he is very excited to be apart of the celebration because he loves the town so much.

Martin also said that all Spotswood residents — old and new should be just as thrilled. "We should also be excited about our future moving the door. In April, Spotswood will be conducting a 5K Centennial Run.

A Historical Sites Tour will be conducted on May 17, which will be complete with a Plaque Dedication and a Nostalgic Outdoor Movie Night. May will conclude with the Memorial Day Float Contest on May 31.

June 8 promises to be an exciting day. It will be complete with Historical Trolley Tours and the Municipal Building Open House. There will also be Vintage Photograph Portraits that residents can take, giving them the opportunity to dress up and have fun.

The Brick Walkway Dedication's will also be unveiled. The



forward into a new century, being involved with our town and watching Spotswood evolve throughout."

Barry Zagnit, the Mayor of Spotswood, said, "Spotswood still has a 'neighborhood' feel that is so hard to find today." He also said that Spotswood has great schools and very low crime numbers, something that Martin is "extremely" proud of. "It takes a lot of hard work by everyone to maintain a close nit and safe community," Martin said.

"There are going to be many activities in our community that they can interact with and become part of Spotswood's History," Martin said.

The Spotswood Cultural and Heritage Commission have put together a full agenda of events that will spread throughout the year starting with a St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 15, 2008. The Knights of Columbus will then host a wine tasting party on March 29. It will begin at 7 p.m. and require a \$10 fee at

Brick Walkway Dedication's are engraved bricks which will be installed in a new Spotswood 100th Anniversary Commemorative Walkway. It will be located at the front entrance of Spotswood's municipal building.

Spotswood residents are currently being offered the opportunity to purchase the bricks that will ultimately fill the Walkway. The bricks are available in two sizes: 4" X 8" and 8" X 8". In addition to the permanently installed brick, residents will also receive a certificate indicating their contribution to the commemorative walkway. To ensure that the bricks are ready for the June 8 ceremony, orders should be placed no later than April 21. For more information please go to http://spotswoodboro.com/bricks.html.

On July 20, there will be a Celebration Gala at Greek's Playland which

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# Counseling and Career Center Holds Workshop to Address Party Behaviors

By Matthew Paterno Staff Writer

"For a lot of college students, liking to party does not necessarily mean getting out on the dance floor, it often means the use of alcohol," said Professor Leslie Carter.

On March 26, in Room 100-B of the Counseling and Career Center, students will be given the opportunity to attend I Like to Party, a workshop devoted to the discussion of what kinds of behaviors are sometimes being practiced when young adults are at social-gather-

The event is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Its main focus is to make stu-

dents aware of the possible ramifications of making poor decisions, especially while under the influence of alcohol. Peer pressure will also be discussed in the conference, as well as the famous question, "Why drink if most people hate the taste of liquor?"

According to Carter, "The average national statistic number of drinks per week for a "B" student is about 4.4. "C" student's averages are approximately 6.6 per week and the numbers generally increase as the grade-point average decreases."

For more information on I like to Party, feel free to contact Counseling and Career Services, located in Edison

# Route 1 Soon to Have a New Bicycle and Pedestrian Route

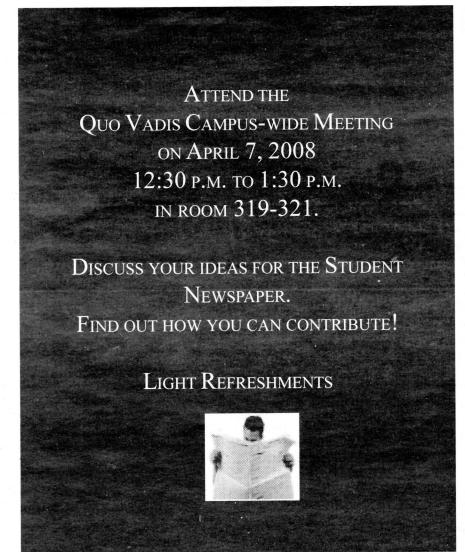
By Dereck Rivera Staff Writer

Bob Takash, president of the "Edison Greenways Group," a non-profit organization, with his organization, is working on a bicycle/pedestrian route along Route 1, known as the 7L Project.

The 30-member all-volunteer team and its 350 supporters are hoping to improve bike and pedestrian accessibility along this busy highway; Takash said he hopes to widen the pathways, allowing bicyclists and pedestrians easy and safe access along and over Rte. 1. These paths are already undergoing construction, and improvements can be seen near Amboy Ave and Tano Mall in Edison.

Takash said he is looking forward to continuing work on the developing "12,000th Mile Rail-Trail" named the Middlesex Greenway, which spans 3.5 miles in our area. "This multi-use trail extends from Metuchen, NJ through Edison and into Woodbridge along the former Leigh Valley rail corridor," said Takash. He said he would like to see the trail extend into South Plainfield and stretch to Perth Amboy's waterfront. This is an environmentally driven organization that promotes, through transportation alternatives, lower emissions options, and links neighborhoods, schools, parks, and shopping centers, while offering family oriented recreational areas.

According www.edisongreenways.org, plantings and park cleanups are additional community projects EGG is involved with. "We like to guide people along the greenways and multi-use pathways as they hike or bike in and around our communities," said Takash. Soon everyone will be able to enjoy a walk along the Rte.1 "Power Trail."



# Blast From the Past

By Courtney Cerreta and Paul Lazaro Staff Writer

20 years ago: March 4, 1988

"College Assembly Proposes Ficket Hike" - In their fifth meeting of he semester, the C.A. discussed several important issues. The subjects included an increase in the fine for parking in disabled spaces, the installation of ramps and drive-up windows at Police Headquarters, the insufficient number of parking spaces for staff members and closng the circle parking lot in front of the College Center.

"Middlesex County College: The Health Club Alternative" - A Fitness Club membership used to cost \$17 per semester at the Physical Education Center, compared to as much as \$1000 annually at local fitness centers. Students, faculty and staff were able to use he facilities at no charge between 7 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. Some of the amenities available included a weight-lifting room, a swimming pool, racquetball courts, indoor track and sauna.

10 years ago: March 2, 1998

"Students Speak Out at Faculty Attended 'Town Meeting'"-For the first time, students were allowed to express their displeasure directly to members of the faculty. Some of the topics included professors, the math department, the learning disabled, student apathy and parking.

"WMCC Lists Top 10"-Blue Colt Radio has been playing the hits for a while. As proof, some of the top 10 played songs from 10 years ago included: "Criminal" by Fiona Apple, "Silver Springs" by Fleetwood Mac, "Anybody Seen My Baby" by the Rolling Stones, "Breathe" by Prodigy and "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" by Green Day.

5 years ago: March 3, 2003

"Tuition Hike Possible for Summer of 2003" - The college decided to increase the cost of tuition based on the outcome of the state's budget on June 30. There was a \$1.5 million deficit projected in the college's budget. According to the college, the tuition increase was based on inflation and increases in teacher's salaries.

"Pedestrian is Killed Crossing Mill Road"- A 59-year-old woman was hit and killed by an automobile while crossing Mill Road. The driver of the vehicle was an MCC groundskeeper. The victim was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick and later pronounced dead.

## Anime Club: A Friendly Organization

By Derek Gean Staff Writer

The Anime Club, which meets each Thursday in the Instructional Resource Center in room 131, at 2 p.m. attracts various types of students. Twenty to 35 members show and they say that they like the atmosphere within the club because it is friendly.

"The goal of the Anime club is to help spread interest in Anime, a form of Japanese animation that has become popular in the United States. The members view Anime showings, play video games using anime graphics, attend trips, conventions and other anime related activities and sponsor a variety of contests at college wide Student Activities events," as stated in MCC Campus Cruiser official description.

Christine Chow, former presi-

there is much that the club offers. One such thing would be the Cosplay Corner, which is the act of dressing as close as possible to a character or characters of fictional story and assuming their personality to your own, according to Mohan Bavona of South Plainfield and current member of the Anime club.

Chow said, "It's a little clique/ group within the group. I wanted to reach out to those who wanted to Cosplay, but weren't able to because they didn't know how to sew or they just didn't know how to go about it themselves and wanted an opinion," when she was still president of the Anime club.

The Anime club also offers video gaming on the side as well as tournaments within members. They would include "Street Fighter", "Guilty Gear", "King of Fighters 2007", "Super Smash Brother Melee", "Beat Mania", "Guitar dent of the Anime club of Spring 07 said Hero", "Rock Band", and "Halo".

# "Bad Girls" Hooks Student

By Melissa Varela Staff Writer

#### COLUMN

For those who have Direct TV may know that they have about a million channels of the same channels with the same shows at different times. But those who do know Direct TV also have interesting channels that have the craziest shows.

My personal favorite, aside the E channel, has to be Oh! (Oxygen). I really did not know much about the channel until a dear friend had told me that I needed to watch The Bad Girl's

Club and that I would become a committed fan EVERY Tuesday that it airs. Indeed this was true I saw one episode and after that I could not stop.

The show is about seven girls who are living in a beautiful house in LA with little room to sleep with and bad attitudes to conquer.

The house separates into two different cliques, the hyena sisters which are Tanisha, Hanna, and Naveen. The party girls are Cordelia, Darlen, and Jennavecia. Lyric is the only one who stands alone. Tanisha is the loudest girl in the house who is from Brooklyn and she makes sure everyone is aware of that

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Quo Vadis

# Meet the DJ: Week Four: Georgio Mantouclakis & Ashley Martin

By Corina Lombardi-Adamousky
Staff Writer

Georgio Mantouclakis is a 23year-old Communications major at Middlesex County College. Mantouclakis grew up in South Amboy, where he currently resides.

"I've spent most of my life listening to music, the radio, and watching television. That's how my interest for broadcasting was developed," said Mantouclakis.

He not only enjoys listening to music, but, whenever he is not on the air, sings and plays the guitar, as well composes. Mantouclakis has been working for Blue Colt Radio since Fall of 2005. This will be Mantouclakis's last semester at MCC and he plans to continue with his broadcasting career after he stops D.J.'ing for B.C.R.

"Being on air, overall, is something that I enjoy doing. The best part of my job is the interaction between my listeners and me. I love entertaining people," said Mantouclakis.

According to Mantouclakis, working on B.C.R. has been an amazing



Georgio Mantouclakis, who has been working for Blue Colt Radio since Fall of 2005 and majors in Communications, in the studio.

opportunity for him, and he is looking forward to his future in the broadcasting business. By Ashley Martin Guest Writer

My name is Ashley. I'm 21 years old and lived my entire life, thus far, in Metuchen, New Jersey. My major in college is Media Arts & Design for Photography with a minor in Communications in Radio.

I always wanted my own radio show, and back in September I mentioned it to somebody. They told me about the Student Activities Fair, and the next day I went to sign up. I stopped by the station one afternoon and left my number.

Later that day I received a call that mentioned coming in and training. I've now been a DJ for Blue Colt Radio since September of 2007. When I do transfer, I definitely plan to stay in touch with Blue Colt, but also continue broadcasting at the college or university I attend in the fall.

There are many skills that go into being a DJ. For one, it is crucial to speak clearly and enunciate. When I'm on the air, I must make sure that I speak clearly so everybody can understand me, and I have to make sure I run the board smoothly and calmly.

I also must speak quickly so I can say everything I need to in a short amount of time. Some of my responsibilities include being focused and staying on top of things. Staying focused is just one out of many priorities when you're in the studio, because there are many different things going on. Organization is also key. I always have to make sure I play the right music at the right time. Staying organized helps me know what comes next and what I need to do for the rest of my show.

I enjoy my job very much. I've never had as much fun as I have with the people at Blue Colt Radio. They make me feel like part of the family.

The best part working as a DJ is announcing college activities, promotions, and all the other cool stuff Blue Colt Radio offers. I don't think there is a "worst part of my job"; I love everything about being a DJ.

I graduated from Metuchen High School in 2005 and entered Middlesex already knowing, or thinking I knew, what



Ashley Martin, who majors in Media Arts and Design for Photography and minors in Communications in Radio, spends time in the studio.

I wanted to major in. As time passed, I changed my major 3 times and finally realized that Photography and Radio are exactly what I would love to do for the rest of my life.

Hearing the DJ's on other stations, I always told myself, "I can do that." I have always wanted to be a DJ because it provides the opportunity to talk about certain topics, but it also allows me to talk to and meet new people.

The benefits I reap from this experience are the chance to hone my communication skills and having a rewarding position as a leader, so that one day I can teach others.

# "Semi-Pro" Proves to be a Typical Ferrell Movie

By Michael Anton Staff Writer

"Semi-Pro" is a lackluster comedy and a typical Will Ferrell movie where he's trying to be number one. If you really think about it, the last few movies that Will Ferrell has starred in have the same story.

Here are a couple examples. In "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby", he was trying to be number one (remember the line, "If you're not first you're last!"), in "Blades of Glory", Will Ferrell, again, was trying to be the number one ice skater, and now in "Semi-Pro," he's trying to take his team to the NBA: To be number one. Will Ferrell plays a middle-aged man with a dream to be number one in every movie he does! It's cheesy and raunchy comedy that only his die hard fans will enjoy.

The movie takes place in the 1970's. The only thing Ferrell does well is his attire. He has the fro and the "short shorts" down pact. Ferrell's character is Jackie Moon and like every Will Ferrell movie, he a clown and does not realize it. After creating one successful song, Moon is living his dream: He's the owner, coach, and star player of a Flint, Michigan basketball team. The Tropics semi-professional team is really all about Moon. He sings and choreographs the team's dance numbers. He does not care about strategizing for the game and can care less if he loses as long as he does well. The Tropics are overshadowed by Moon and have no real identity in the movie.

#### Movie Review

The National Basketball Association is looking for four top teams for a merge. The commissioner decided to already take four ABA teams (the league that the Tropics are playing in now). However, Moon has a proposition that makes some sort of sense.

The best four teams should be in the NBA and Moon thinks that he and his team can make the leap.

To get better (kind of) Moon trades in the team's washing machine for Monix (Woody Harrelson), a former "star" player with a bad knee who really spent most of his career on the bench. Along with winning games, the semi-pro teams must bring in 2,000 paying customers. Considering that Moon's games are usually played in empty arenas, this is the biggest challenge he team has. Moon will have a flurry of ideas of his sleeve

The real flaw in the movie is the directing. The movie just has multiple flaws.

I understand that it's a comedy and the story is supposed to be stupid, but it doesn't even make sense. Where did Harrelson's love affair come from? It comes out of nowhere. Perhaps Ferrell's rabid fans will make a hit out of this cheap, lazy production. Not to mention, it's not funny. It's the same jokes recycled from Will Ferrell's previous movies. Ferrell has got to re-think his movie persona. He is the same character in every movie he's in! It just does not change. See this movie IFYOU REALLY LIKE WILL FERRELL, otherwise, wait for it on DVD or even better, save yourself the pain and don't see it at all.

# Students Embrace Their Love of Music

By Jennifer Lyman Staff Writer

Having a passion outside of school is a great way to balance your academic and personal life. Members of a local New Jersey band Sirena, composed of siblings Steve, and Pete Cipparulo, as well as band members Mike Dermek, Mike Cammarota, and Rich Holland have discovered and embraced their love for music on and off the campus, here at Middlesex County College.

The main goal of the band is to meet new people and have fun. They did mention that they wouldn't mind getting signed. According to Steve, "It's a bit of both. I love what I do and have fun doing it. I want to get signed so I can live my life doing what I love, with who I love." Throughout the years, and many lineup changes later, they have certainly come out ahead and are one of the most recognized local bands here at MCC.

Despite being a college band, Pete Cipparulo, lead guitarist, believes their music targets more than just students, but has the potential to appeal to everyone. "Music is a way to escape the realities of this sometimes rough life we all have to deal with," he said. His brother, Steve adds that they do whatever they can, all by themselves. From instruements to supplies the band funds and operates itself. "Everything we got, we've earned. It wasn't handed to us," he adds.

Sirena would love to expand their number of fans on the MCC campus. The band believes their support from friends and family is vital to further success. "Without them, we are nothing. We wouldn't be able to make shows amazing without them," says Pete.

Currently Sirena is involved in the Jersey Fresh TV Theme Song Contest. In the winter of this year or early next year, the band plans to release a new CD. Additionally, on March 15, thanks to a grueling series of Battle of the Band shows, the band secured their spot at Taste of Chaos, which will stop in Asbury Park and features bands from all over the country.

For more information on upcoming shows or just to meet the band, visit them at http://www.myspace.com/sirenarock or email them at sirena\_rocks@yahoo.com.

# Horoscopes March 5th - March 12th MCC Hosts All College Night

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb18) Your ideas have always been ahead of their time. Be warned that this month you should not get carried away by your own imagination. You may have big ideas for an upcoming event but think realistically on what can get done.

Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) You will be dreaming of getting away. Your list of commitments whether it is school, work or friends will overbear this dream. Stay strong throughout the month for soon you will be rewarded with that getaway you deserve.

Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) This month will be extra stressful for you. Avoid taking your strife out on others. If you keep your cool, others will be very impressed with the way that you are handling yourself that by the end of the month, you will forget the hard-times that you have faced.

Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) Someone you met earlier in the month will contact you to meet up. Before long you will have a lasting friendship

Gemini (May 21-June 20) Your life is all business this month, and you will have little or no free time to do what you love. Make an effort to get your work done as accurately and as soon as possible to get the time to spend doing things that are more for you.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You will get positive attention throughout the whole month. Your creativity will be flowing more than ever and you will find yourself performing better than ever at life tasks.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22) Don't be surprised if people start picking fights this month for no reason at all. Keep your ego strong enough to withstand whatever is thrown at you. Be the bigger person and ignore all the hurtful and negative things they say.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) Miscommunication and confusion are headed your way this month. Take the lead and stay on top of things so that things don't become a complete

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) You will find yourself getting rid of the old and starting off fresh whether this is with friends or just things around the house. You will have the sense of moving on and making room for newer, happier things.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) You've avoided telling the person that you are most upset with your true feelings. It's going to weigh on your mind for most of the month. Let them know how you feel whenever you get the chance otherwise your friendship will be on the rocks.

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) You will be in the spotlight this month but for negative things. Try to make the best of it and focus on things that you have let slide recently.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) You will be radiating confidence this month and people will be able to see that. Take advantage of the attention that you will be getting and try to make new friends and re-establish old ones.

# Movie Listings for March 5

By Courtney Cerreta Staff Writer

#### 10,000 BC-PG-13

In the year 10,000 B.C., a hunter (Steven Strait) loses his woman (Camilia Belle) to an evil warlord. He gathers together a massive army to cross the wilderness, fighting all manner of man and beast to find a lost civilization and mount a daring rescue.

#### The Bank Job-R

Terry (Jason Statham) is a car dealer who just wants to put his old crooked life behind him and start all over with a new family. However, when Martine (Saffron Burrows) offers him the job of a lifetime — robbing a bank on London's famous Baker Street — Terry can't resist. After breaking into the bank and stealing cash and jewelry from dozens of safety deposit boxes, only then does Terry find out what he's really being used to steal: sexy photos taken of a royal family member. The movie based on true events.

#### Bar Starz-R

Barry (Derek Waters) has been feeling a little down in the dumps since breaking up with his girlfriend and moving away to college, but at least he has his best friend Douglas (Charlie Finn) to help keep him motivated — i.e. motivated to meet girls and become the big party man on campus. When the ultra-hip clique Bar Stars is looking for a new intern, Douglas immediately signs Barry up to try out for the job. If Barry can beat out his fellow wannabe competitors, not only will he become a hard partying superstar, but he'll land the new girl of his dreams, Ryann (Jana Kramer).

#### By Jennifer Ortiz Staff Writer

The Social Committee at Middlesex County College is hosting All College Night on Friday, April 11, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. There is a \$7 admission with school ID. Everything is free once you are inside.

Events and activities to be expected are a talent show, a fashion show, Mr. and Mrs. MCC contest, movies, games (such as Dance Dance Revolution), Playstation, Wii, anime, and computer games, almost any video game you can imagine according to William Santiago, President of The Social Committee.

There will also be a DJ, a t-shirt man who will take students' pictures and print them on t-shirts, and maybe a psychic. Students are being asked to come dressed in a Greek toga or white and gold clothing, which will be the theme of the All College Night event. It is not required to come dressed up, but Ayushi Rajpurohit, treasurer of The Social Committee recommends it. "People really get into it," she said. Free togas will be given to the first 50 people who arrive. There will be free drinks as well as free food. MCC students are allowed to bring two guests.

As for 21-year old MCC student, Joseph Quartararo, he said, "I'd go. It sounds like a lot of fun. I'm looking forward to the free food and drinks, and the Xbox 360 video games."

If interested in joining The Social Committee and helping plan this event, meetings are at College Center, Room 314, Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### TV Guide March 5th through March 10th

#### Wed., Mar. 5

Project Runway—Bravo, 10 p.m.

The winner of season 4 is crowned, with Victoria Beckham appearing as a guest host for the finale.

#### Thurs., Mar. 6

Lost—ABC, 9 p.m.

An unwanted figure from Juliet's past appears and she is told to stop Faraday and Charlotte from completing their mission.

#### Fri., Mar. 7

#### 25 Sexiest Beaches—Travel, 9 p.m.

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#### Sun., Mar. 9

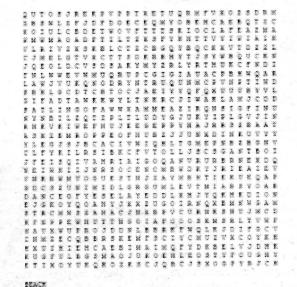
Oprah's Big Give—ABC, 9 p.m.

The nine remaining contestants have to use their imaginations to distribute money within 48 hours in a major U.S. city where they know no one.

#### Mon., Mar. 10

Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives—Food Network, 10 p.m. A New Jersey diner is highlighted.

#### Spring Break



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# The Great Hamburger Challenge Continues Lusts for Grease

By Marianne McGarrity Staff Writer

I got a tip to try a newly opened place in Edison in my quest to find the best burger at a reasonable price in the county. This unnamed source promised me that I would be very happy if I gave Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries a try. I drove over to Wick Plaza in Edison for my burger sampling.

It's a very simple space in a strip mall with sparkling white tile walls accented with red, light wood chairs and basic tables of no less that four chairs. In the large window huge bags of Idaho potatoes were "artfully" piled up. Each table has a pail of peanuts in the shell on it. I'm sure they're delicious, but you better save room for the good stuff.

There's a counter with visible grill where you go to order your food. They're very pleasant and polite, take your payment and hand you a slip with a number. I went and took a seat, keeping my eyes off the peanuts and paying attention to COLUMN

the wonderful burger aroma. Actually, I'm so American even Mickey D's smells good! On the walls are laminated awards and magazine articles. It turns out that Five Guys is a chain and they're routinely voted Best Burger in town all over the east Coast. Who knew? Not me.

The menu is simple. They offer four types of burgers in two sizes; plain, cheese, bacon and bacon and cheese. The sizes are little or regular. Unless you're starving, stick to the little size. They also have hot dogs, beverages and two types of fries in regular and large sizes. They offer Five Guys Style or Cajun. Don't even think about ordering the large fries unless there are at least four people in your group. Prices for the food range from \$2.19 for the regular size fries up to \$5.39 for their huge "regular size" bacon cheeseburger. Any other toppings are free, such as fried onions,

sautéed mushrooms, tomatoes, etc. This is a nice touch.

When my number was called (I waited no longer than five minutes), I went back to the counter and was handed a rather heavy paper bag. Inside the bag was a mountain of the best french fries I've ever tasted! Thin, but not as thin as fast food fries, piping hot, very crispy with nice dark edges and perfectly seasoned, they immediately won me over. I dug under this tasty pile and pulled out my burger and unwrapped it. It had a great beefy smell that combined nicely with the fried onion scent. Yum! The bun is a fairly soft sesame seed type, but not as soft and sweet as the drive through chains. The burger was juicy and delicious, everything a good burger should be. I was somewhat amazed because it was cooked through and that's the only way they serve them. Personally, I'm a medium rare kind of burger lover, but it didn't matter at all.

As I was relishing my feast, I read the signs they had on the walls. The meat is never frozen and the Idaho potatoes are cut in the shop. They even have excellent Zagat's ratings. My only disappointment is that I didn't "discover" the place on my own.

I didn't even make it through a third of the fries, sadly. I did finish my burger, though, and was proud that I refrained from licking my fingers. I dropped off my still heavy paper bag in the trash container as I took my leave. This lunch cost me \$6.08. Well worth it!

While they aren't open 24/7 like the White Rose System, they are open from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. There are two locations in our area. You need to try one.

I bet you go back again, too! It's going to be hard to top Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries, but I'll keep on trying! If you have a favorite place for a burger, please email me at www.quovadisnewspaper.com and I'll

# Dear Veronica: The MCC Guru

Dear Veronica,

I don't like to be called a snitch but I can't stand it when people take advantage of a good thing. I always enjoy going to the cafeteria on campus but lately I've noticed some deceitful things going on. During the lunch hour, the café tends to be busy and a lot of things go unnoticed. I've noticed different people from time to time walking out without paying for their items. It's not fair that I have to stand on line and overpay for food while I watch other people eat for free. I don't want to be labeled a snitch but I'm tired of watching people get away with stealing. What should I do?

Sincerely, Paying Customer Dear Paying Customer,

Definitely inform someone. You are right to feel that it is unfair to pay while someone else gets the same thing for free. Even thought it seems insignificant to many because the price of cafeteria food will not result in a grand larceny charge, it still may have a direct impact on the students here at Middlesex.

If people continue to steal the cafeteria's food, the profit made by the sellers will decrease over time. That is the last thing sellers want, but in order to compensate for their loss, our prices must go up. So now think about it—instead of just standing in line paying for your items, you will also be waiting in line to pay for the thief's items too.

You don't have to roam the college halls making citizens' arrests to stop the problem. Inform the proper authorities and let them handle the situation. Nobody can label you a snitch if nobody knows it was you who reported it.

Sincerely, Veronica



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# Coach Q and Women's Basketball Team Progress Towards Ultimate Goal

By Philip Mathew Staff Writer

Assistant women's basketball coach Curtis James, aka Coach Q, is in his first season alongside head coach Michel Powell at MCC, and progress towards the ultimate goal is apparent. Part of this progress has to do with the team and their connection.

"[Coach Powell and I] have tried to create an atmosphere where the team can feel safe to grow as players and as people. The connection they have is due to their strength of character and will," Coach Q said. At a recent game versus Camden, while speaking to a few of the players, you could sense this was the case. On the court, Freshman Suannette Rios said, "We are developing the chemistry." Sophomore teammate Carissa Meyer added, "We all [have] become best friends."

Being friends on and off the court, developing relationships, and enjoying the experience are all a part of what Powell and Coach Q are trying to instill in the team. "We have made it a priority to create a life experience for these women that they can be proud of and hopefully look back on when their playing days are over. We want them to know how special they are as individuals and that their contribution makes the whole experience better for everyone,"

Coach Q said. Freshman Meggie Ferrara at the Camden game said, "[It is] all about having fun."

Playing well under pressure is crucial when it comes to winning big games. "I believe it comes down to capitalizing on our opponent's mistakes and taking advantage of our talent. Sometimes our players do not recognize their own ability, and we play at the level of our competition," Coach Q said. "We are working to establish the discipline and setting higher standards so we can utilize the great potential we have in this team."

Coach Q's chief position in player development also impacts team athleticism. "My background developing basketball players has affected the preparation that we take for games as well as technique and execution. [Coach] Powell lays out the path to follow, and I get involved by helping individual players with their execution of that path," said Coach Q.

The first season as an assistant is one that Coach Q will never forget. "It has been a great learning experience. I have a better understanding of how to teach and encourage players transitioning into college. This team has some really good players who happen to also be really good people and that has inspired me as well. With all of that, I say the season has been a blessing and a success."

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# Roger Clemens: Did He Do Steroids?

# Editorial

It is hard to decide who is telling the truth, in what has turned into the case of Clemens vs. McNamee, seeing how each side has its flaws and potentially inaccurate information. It would seem that this is more a matter of who is lying the least—a former police officer or one of the greatest pitchers of all time.

On Dec. 13, 2007, a 409-page document known as the Mitchell Report was released to the public after a 20-month investigation into steroid use in baseball, led by former senator George J. Mitchell.

The report describes motivations for its preparation;

including the health effects of steroid use, legal issues, fair play and reports that Major League Baseball players acted as role models for child athletes.

In the report, 89 players were linked to using performance enhancing drugs. The list included star athletes such as Miguel Tejada, Andy Pettitte, Jason Giambi, Barry Bonds, and Roger Clemens.

A day after the report was released, Roger Clemens quickly denied the allegations made against him, stating that he used a human growth hormone (HGH), Deca-Durabolin, Winstrol, Sustanon and possibly Anadrol, during the 1998, 2000, and 2001 MLB seasons. The report stated that he obtained some of these drugs through Brian McNamee, his former trainer, and from Kurt Radomski, a

former New York Met's clubhouse assistant.

R a d o m s k i confirmed these allegations and admitted to selling performance-enhancing drugs to McNamee in amounts that were clearly for redistribution. Clemens has said, through his attorney, that 'the substances mentioned are "a dangerous and destructive shortcut that no athlete should ever

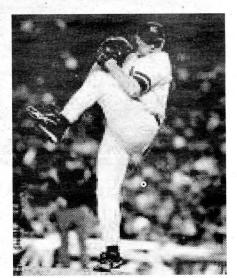
take." These allegations may have hurt Clemens's chance at the Hall of Fame, something he was not willing to sacrifice along with his once immaculate reputation.

Roger William Clemens was born on August 4, 1962, in Dayton, Ohio. He was a starting pitcher who has played for the Boston Red Sox, Toronto Blue Jays, Houston Astros, and the New York Yankees. Clemens is said to be one of the preeminent pitchers in major league history.

In 2006, a poll of 32 ESPN analysts named Clemens the greatest living pitcher. Clemens has won seven Cy Young Awards; two more than any other pitcher and is clearly

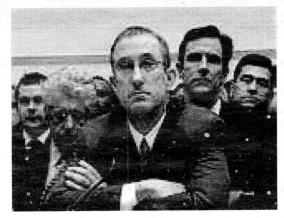
a lock for the Hall of Fame. His reputation is obviously stained thanks to the Mitchell Report and the media circus surrounding him. During a 60 Minutes interview, Clemens denied the accusations on national television for the first time. The night the interview was released to the public, Clemens filed a defamation suit against McNamee in a Texas state court and one of McNamee's attorneys responded by saying that McNamee would likely countersue in New York.

Brian McNamee was a strength and conditioning coach from 1998 to 2001 for the Toronto Blue Jays and the New York Yankees. His clients included



former Yankees Chuck Knoblauch, Andy Pettitte and, most notably, Roger Clemens.

The Mitchell Report alleges that McNamee helped acquire performance-enhancing drugs including steroids, amphetamines, and HGH for some or all of the players he personally trained. McNamee told the Mitchell Commission that he began injecting Clemens with steroids in 1998. He claims to have injected Clemens with these supplements (HGH and steroids) on-16 to 21 different occasions between 1998 and 2001.



#### Roger Clemens con't from page 7

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, the two men appeared on national television in front of Members of the House Committee of Oversight and Government Reform for the first time together, each supporting their own side of the story. McNamee came out confident and robust while Clemens looked a bit nervous and bewildered. The Committee badgered Clemens with a number of questions and allegations, but Clemens quickly denied all of them and supported the Committee with information of his own.

"It's hard to believe you, sir," Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., told Clemens. "I hate to say that. You're one of my heroes. But it's hard to believe."

Conversely, McNamee was not hit hard with questions until the Republicans of the Committee had their say.

"You're here under oath, and yet we have lie after lie after lie," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

Each story had its fair share of holes. McNamee really has nothing at stake, when he should be prosecuted for illegal drug dealing.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., calls McNamee, a former New York City police officer, a cop who became a drug dealer. "Mr. McNamee, you are a drug dealer."

"That's your opinion," McNamee says.

"Yes," McNamee says.

"And they were illegal." Shays continues.

"Yes."

Clemens, on the other hand, has his whole reputation in a loop. It is said that after all the allegations made against him, his image is permanently stained. So is Clemens lying to save himself or does McNamee have false information about the former All Star pitcher? Stay tuned.

#### Spotswood con't from page 2

is an open invitation for all families in the community to join. Mayor Zagnit believes that this family day is the biggest event of all the celebrations throughout the year. "There will be many activities and lots to do," said Zagnit.

"This is all geared to families and we hope that many will visit with us that day. Spotswood is a wonderful place to live and raise a family," Zagnit said. "If everyone gets together, the sky's the limit," Martin agreed.

Martin is also hoping that this will impact generations to come. "When the next generation looks back 100 years from now hopefully they will see the good that has been done," he said.

"I am honored to have been Mayor for the last 12 years and it is a special privilege to hold this position on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary," said Zagnit.

The Spotswood Cultural and Heritage Commission are currently selling hats, shirts, and magnets to help raise funds for the Anniversary Celebration. For more information please visit http://www.spotswoodboro.com/anniversary.html.

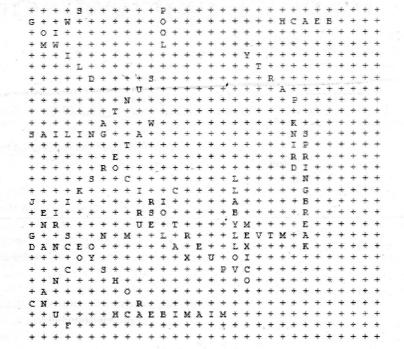
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#### Puzzle Answers from page 5

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#### TV con't from page 3

Her favorite line is "pop off" when ever she decides she wants to pick a fight with another girl in the house.

Hanna is also from Brooklyn and gets along very well with Tanisha and has almost the same attitude except she isn't as crazy. Naveen gets along well with both Tanisha and Hanna, but does not care at all for the party girls. She may seem a little quiet but she loves to get under the party girls skin and when she is angry she blows up.

Cordelia is from Connecticut and is always made fun of by the hyenas because she is a stripper back home. Darlen is one of the wildest party girl who enjoys getting trashed every night they go out. She ends up starting problems every time when she gets home from drinking. Jennavecia is the oldest of the group but probably the most immature.

She hates being told what to do and doesn't care what these other girls have to say about her. Lyric gets along with all the girls equally but she tries to distance herself from all the drama.

She ends up leaving at one point because she feels she doesn't belong in the house at all. Overall the show is awesome. It is jam packed with drama, fight scenes, pranks, crying and laughter. You would get addicted to this dramatic reality show.

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# English Professor Becomes Renowed Poet

By Jennifer Lyman
Staff Writer

To most at Middlesex County College, Emanuel di Pasquale is known as an English professor, but a closer look into the college bookstore will tell you he is also a published, noteworthy author. His two books available on campus are "Cartwheel to the Moon," a children's book published in April 2003 and "Writing Anew," a poetry book (geared towards an adult audience) set in print last October.

"Cartwheel to the Moon" follows the author on his emotional journey through his childhood in his home land of Sicily. "Writing Anew," his most recent publication, is a beautifully written compilation of over forty years of original poetry. In describing his writing, di Pasquale believes college students, "like it because it is human, it is always close to the human condition. It is not 'cool' poetry, it is real poetry."

A former student of di Pasquale, Jessica Alcid spoke about the professor's emotional writing. "Di Pasquale was always big on emotional writing in class. It puts things into perspective knowing the professor who taught you has learned firsthand what it is like to write from the heart," she said.

At the age of 15, alone in America, di Pasquale started writing. When he started seeing poetry all around him, he

was confident that he could become a poet. Di Pasquale trusts that through being sensitive, tender, and in tune with your emotions, the poetry comes to you.

As students pick up his books, he hopes they will realize "life is worth living, despite all the void and stupidity, the misery and cruelty." Di Pasquale firmly believes "poetry can infuse human beings with a sense of beauty and order."

At 6 p.m. on March 12, 2008, di Pasquale will be reading selections from "Writing Anew" at the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute in Manhattan. For further information, call the Calandra Institute at 212-642-2094 or visit http://www.qc.cuny.edu/calandra.



Emanuel di Pasquale

## Faculty Profile: Timothy Dey of the Accounting Department Exercises his Politcal Interest

By Samantha Evans Staff Writer

Different kinds of faculty members work on the Middlesex County College Campus, many who have other activities that they like to do on the side to keep involved.

One such faculty member, Timothy Dey, of the Department of Accounting and Legal Studies, is involved with

many things outside school.

Dey is a registered Republican and is involved with the NRA and the Federalist Society.

Being a member of the Federalist Society, Dey speaks about what it is and how he contributes in the organization.

Dey said, "It is a national society that takes a particular interest in promot-

ing/protecting constitutional rights. It consists of judges and attorneys (like myself). I specialize in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment issues (searches of persons, homes, cars –guns & drugs- and Miranda / confession issues)."

These things are very important due to the fact that some of these things can affect many people.

The NRA (National Rifle Association) is another great group that helps

protect the rights of others.

"Speaking of amendments there is the 2<sup>nd</sup>, which protects our right to bear arms. I believe that we should protect that right and that we should be allowed to protect ourselves, homes, and families with guns if necessary," Dey said.

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# Letter to the Editor

An otherwise accurate profile of me in the February 20<sup>th</sup> issue of *Quo Vadis* (p. 3) gives a misleading impression of E-Prime, a revision technique I ask my students to use to improve their writing. E-Prime requires students to rewrite their papers without any forms of the verb *to be*. They need to find ways to express their ideas more accurately and more eloquently than be-based sentences usually permit.

The article offered the following example as an acceptable revision: "'John is tall.' When E-Prime is used: 'John exists tall." "John exists tall" sounds silly and, while technically an example of E-Prime, it does not represent an acceptable grammatical construction. The verb exist does not take an object; one does not exist something. The examples come from an essay of mine about E-Prime (available at http://www.ctlow.ca/E-Prime/zimmerman.html), but "John exists tall" illustrates how not to revise in E-Prime—as an instance of failing to recognize the transitivity or intransitivity of a 'replacement' verb.

Later in the article, I offer a revision that answers the question "So what?" that readers might ask when told that "John is tall": "Because of his height, John reached the fire extinguisher on the top shelf fast enough to save the lives of twenty people."

I have used E-Prime for 16 years. It has improved my writing, as well as that of many of my students. It deserves more serious consideration than "John exists tall" might suggest.

Dan Zimmerman Chair, English Department

# Happy Women's History Month



By Jennifer Ortiz

# **Person on the Street**

By Jennifer Ortiz Staff Writer

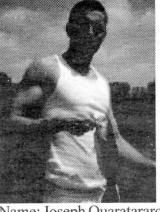
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Name: Joseph Quaratararo City: Parlin, NJ Major: Criminal Justice

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"I think Hillary might have a better chance at winning but I want Obama to win. I think Hillary will win because America thinks if we pick her it will be like having Bill Clinton again because he's going to be her right hand man and help her make decisions. America just wants to pick something they're sure about. America isn't in any shape to take chances right now."



"It's Obama obviously! He's charismatic, he seems cool, and I like him."

Name: Nevetha Rajendran City: Edison, NJ Major: Engineering Science



"I would say Hillary but I don't know why. I guess because we've never had a woman president."

Name: Sumra Khan City: Sayreville, NJ Major: Biology Preprofessional

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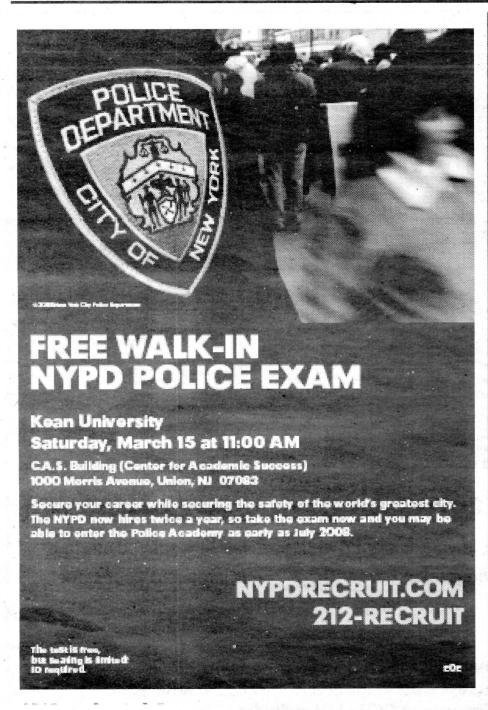
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