

## Higher Learning's Higher Competition

By: Baltimoresun.com

In college admissions it is the year of unprecedented uncertainty.

Akua Abrah, a talented senior at Annapolis High School, tried to guess how many top schools she would need to apply to in order to get in somewhere she really wanted to go. She chose 10.

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## SAT Changes Policy, Opening Rift with Colleges

By: Sara Rimer – *NYTimes.com*

This March, high school juniors taking the SAT will have the option of choosing which scores to send to colleges while hiding those they do not want admissions officials to see.

The new policy is called Score Choice, and the [College Board](#) hopes it will reduce student stress around the SAT and college admissions.

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## Private Colleges Worry About a Dip in Enrollment

By: Tamar Lewin – *NYTimes.com*

First came the good news for St. Olaf College: early-decision applications were way up this year.

Now comes the bad news: the number of regular applications is way down, about 30 percent fewer than at this time last year.

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## California: Law School Lure: No Tuition

By: The Associated Press – *NYTimes.com*

A law school opening next fall in Southern California is offering a big incentive to top students who might be thinking twice about the cost of a legal education during the recession: free tuition for three years. The offer is part of a strategy by Erwin Chemerinsky, a renowned constitutional law scholar and dean of the new school at the University of California, Irvine, to attract [Ivy League](#)-caliber students to the first new public law school in the state in 40 years.

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## **Saving for College Amid the Financial Turmoil**

By: Ron Lieber – *NYTimes.com*

Saving for college is one of the most vexing problems in all of personal finance.

Putting any money away is hard enough for parents worrying about keeping their jobs, making the mortgage payment and financing their own retirement accounts. If there are any leftover funds, it is not always easy to select among the confusing array of college savings vehicles.

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## **Home Schooling Grows**

By: Janice Lloyd – *USA TODAY*

The number of home-schooled kids hit 1.5 million in 2007, up 74% from when the Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics started keeping track in 1999, and up 36% since 2003. The percentage of the school-age population that was home-schooled increased from 2.2% in 2003 to 2.9% in 2007. "There's no reason to believe it would not keep going up," says Gail Mulligan, a statistician at the center.

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## **The Depressed History Job Market**

By: Scott Jaschik – *insidehighered.com*

NEW YORK — This year's decline in academic jobs in history may be 15 percent or higher, according to preliminary data presented Sunday at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association. The figures came as no surprise to the graduate students here seeking jobs. Reports abounded of job searches being called off, or of people in interviews being warned of the strong possibility that the openings might not be filled this year.

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## **Economy Puts Epic Yale Eating/Drinking Club at Risk**

By: USA TODAY/Associated Press – *universitybusiness.com*

Mory's, a legendary Yale University eating and drinking club that traces its roots to the U.S. Civil War, has a powerful membership that includes two presidents named Bush. But Mory's has fallen on tough economic times and has temporarily closed and laid off its employees. The club may not reopen after the winter break.

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