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Hurricane Wilma Makes History

By Krizia Colon
Staff Writer

Hurricane Wilma tortured the Caribbean islands this week as it made history for becoming one of the fastest growing storms the Atlantic basin has ever seen. On Oct. 24, towards dawn, Wilma charged into Florida's southwestern coast as a Category 3 with winds peaking at 125 miles per hour.

It weakened as it headed in land but gained strength once it moved back into the warm Atlantic water.

The storm caused major flooding, downed trees and power lines, destroyed roofs, left 3.2 million people without power and debris scattered for miles.

Wilma is being blamed for 6 deaths in Florida, although it is being blamed for over 30 deaths in Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, and Jamaica. President

Bush announced on Monday that 14 counties in Florida will receive disaster declarations.

Wilma is the eighth hurricane to pummel Florida in 15 months, the 21st named storm of 2005, and third Category 5 storm, along with hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Wilma strengthened quickly from a tropical storm into a Category 5 in just 16 hours with winds at 175 miles per hour and gusts up to 196 miles per hour. It had the lowest atmospheric pressure ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere of 882 millibars breaking the record held by Hurricane Gilbert at 888 millibars.

It has become very obvious that more hurricanes are forming and that they are becoming stronger. This hurricane season was the first to exhaust all of its 21 names provided by the National Hurricane Center since 1933. Greek letters were introduced

with Tropical Storm Alpha. Alpha struck Haiti and the Dominican Republic killing at least 5 just days after Wilma had passed.

Scientists are trying to pinpoint exactly why so many hurricanes are forming in the Atlantic. 2005 has been a record breaking hurricane season with 22 named storms, 12 of those being hurricanes, three Category 5 storms and Hurricane Vince became the first recorded tropical system ever to make landfall on the Iberian Peninsula. Climatologist Kerry Emanuel of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been conducting studies to see if global-warming has any affect on the Atlantic's intensifying storms.

According to *USA Today*, "In an analysis of sea surface temperatures and storms since 1930, [Emanuel] found that a combined measure of duration and wind speeds among North Atlantic hurricanes and North

Pacific cyclones has nearly doubled since the 1970s."

Some scientists believe that hurricane seasons fall into cycles of weakening and strengthening. The cycles sometimes lasts for decades, which have weather forecasters predicting another active hurricane season for 2006. Emanuel stated that this hurricane season was above and beyond the cycle's aptitude.

Hurricanes feed off of warm and extremely humid air found over warm oceans. In order for a hurricane to form, water temperatures need to be at least 80 degrees Fahrenheit and with the rising temperatures, water is not only getting warmer, but it is staying warmer longer allowing more storms to spawn and more areas for storms to intensify.

A hurricane starts off as a small tropical disturbance, a simple

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Photo from the Internet

Rosa Parks

By John Dempsey
Staff Writer

Rosa Parks, an American icon for her actions during the civil rights movement, has passed away at the age of 92.

It was fifty years ago this Dec. 1 that her decision to not give

Legendary American Civil Rights Activist Dies at 92

away her seat to a white man on a public bus set off a firestorm of controversy across the nation.

Her act of defiance to the segregation laws at the time resulted in her arrest and a boycott of the public transportation system in Montgomery, Ala., where she lived. It also ignited a trial that would go all the way to the Supreme Court.

Rosa Parks reluctantly became a symbol of the movement, as one act of pride and self-respect threw a very private woman into the eye of our nation. She had been a very active participant of the N.A.A.C.P., up until the winter of 2005 when she became 'the mother of the civil rights movement' as many would come to call her.

She was on her way home

from work when a white man asked four blacks to sit up so he alone could rest. Such 'requests' as these were the norm during the early fifties and before, but only three of the four complied with his demand. Rosa Parks told him no.

Elaine Steele, director of the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, said "She was fed up," according to the New York Times. "She was in her 40's. She was not a child. There comes a point where you say, 'No, I'm a full citizen, too. This is not the way I should be treated.'"

So started the myth and legend of the day Rosa Parks became a paragon among not only black women, but men as well. The bus boycott lasted over a full year, finally

ending on Dec. 21, 1956, a day after a court order arrived outlawing segregation on buses.

Unfortunately that was only the beginning of one of the most controversial times in America's history, as racist violence grew stronger towards blacks after the huge judicial victory.

Mrs. Parks was never quite comfortable with the status she received from her moral actions, but as her former employer, Representative John Conyers Jr. recently said, "There are very few people who can say their actions and conduct changed the face of the nation. . .

"... and Rosa Parks is one of those individuals."

Bird Flu a Potential Threat this Winter

By Krizia Colon
Staff Writer

As the season of influenza draws nearer and Americans begin to line up for their flu shots, there is a strain of the virus threatening Eastern Europe and Asia. Avian influenza, also known as the bird flu and H5N1, has infected nearly 120 people and half have died as a result.

The H5N1 virus is carried in the intestines of wild birds and is spread by their excretions, like nasal secretions, saliva, and feces, from bird

to bird. In most cases, the virus was found in chickens, ducks, and turkeys. Between 2003 and 2004, 100 million birds were killed in Asia in an effort to contain the virus.

It has been proven fatal when humans contract it.

So far this year, H5N1 virus was found in Asia, Russia, Turkey, Romania, and most recently in Britain. No reported cases have been found in the US.

Currently, a 7 year-old boy from Bangkok is recovering from the H5N1, but sadly his 48 year-old father

passed away on Oct. 19. A number of nations in Europe have called for a ban to prevent imported poultry while some villages are being quarantined and having their poultry farms destroyed to stop H5N1 from spreading.

In Hong Kong, the first case of spread from bird to human was in 1997. 18 people were diagnosed with the H5N1 virus and six died. Since then, cases have been reported in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. Most of the cases were from humans handling infected birds or coming in contact with contaminated surfaces.

Scientists believe that some cases may have been from human to human.

Influenza viruses are known for their rapid mutations. The pandemic has scientists fearing that the virus may mutate into a form that will be highly contagious and can jump from person to person. This mutation can happen if a person with the ordinary strain of the flu contracts H5N1, therefore the two viruses can recombine. If this was the worst case scenario, and there was no vaccine

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MCC Campus & Community Calendar

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Livingston Recreation Center
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Municipal Complex Courtyard
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Halloween Haunted House
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Old Bridge
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Department of English Co-Sponsors Conference

MCC - The Middlesex County College Department of English co-sponsored a conference of the National Council of Teachers of English October 20-22. The program, "Innovate, Collaborate, Negotiate: Global English in the 21st Century," was held in Princeton at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel.

In addition, members of the ESL and the English departments made presentations and participated in events at the conference. Dr. Howard Scheiber, department chair, led

"Special Topics in Freshman Writing: Tasting Other Disciplines," which included these presentations: Dr. Loren Hoekzema on "You Write What You Eat: Using Food to Teach the Research Paper"; Dr. Mathew V. Spano on "Whose Slipper Fits Best? Using Psychological Interpretations of 'Cinderella' to Teach Essential Composition Skills"; and Dr. Daniel Zimmerman on "Writing About Politics and Government." Dr. Carole Weisz led on panel on ESL and Accuplacer, which included Richard

Roy (of ESL) and Joyce Hollowell (of Testing).

Middlesex sponsored the conference along with Mercer County Community College and Ocean County College. A number of people from the College community participated in conference planning, including Professor Charles DiDomenico, Dr. Hoekzema, Professor Ben Marshall, Dr. Carole Weisz, Brian Richards, Steve Lakatos and Dr. Scheiber. Many faculty - full-time and adjunct - attended the event.



Constitution Day Winners

Middlesex County College celebrated the United States Constitution in September - the anniversary of its signing. Middlesex held several events to honor the founders of this nation and learn more about their work, including a Constitution Quiz, in which students had to answer 20 questions true or false - and give the correct answer for those false. From left to right: Professor Fred Hertrich, quiz winners Aja Sarmina (South Brunswick) and Tameka Pittman (Highland Park), and Grace Kehrer, dean of the Division of Social Sciences and Humanities, who created the quiz. The two students received gift certificates from the College Bookstore.

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Foundation Announces Community Investment Campaign

The Middlesex County College Foundation announced the most ambitious fundraising effort in its 39 year history, The Community Investment Campaign, at a community celebration held on Oct. 6. The goal of the campaign, \$3 million for endowed scholarships and special programs by September 2006, represents the opportunity to transform the lives of more MCC students.

In making the announcement, Campaign Co-Chairman, John V. Visceglia, Vice President of Summit Associates, received enthusiastic applause when he said "To date, nearly one-half of the campaign goal has been raised. Our success in this effort will enable us to expand our financial support to more than 1,000 students each year."

"In the next few years, Middlesex County College will play a more prominent role in educating the people of our community," according to Campaign Co-Chairman Gerald Ostrov, who is Company Group Chairman at Johnson & Johnson and the Chairman of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees. "Many of the individuals whom

this Campaign assists will someday serve as the leaders of Middlesex County."

During the past academic year, 620 Middlesex County



College students have received direct benefits from the foundation, either through one of the more than 65 named scholarships or general financial aid. The foundation seeks to increase this number to 1,000 students annually, as well as to expand its support for C.E.L.T., minority student affairs, library improvements and the New Brunswick and Perth Amboy

Centers.

The Campaign Announcement took place during an annual reception to honor scholarship benefactors, recipients and selec-

tion committee volunteers. More than 150 individuals were in the audience including students, faculty, staff, board members, and members of the local business and civic communities.

The event also served to congratulate Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales on her Inauguration. Dr. La-Perla-Morales said "Collabora-

tion with business and community leaders will be a key to the College's success in the future. I thank everyone in attendance this evening for their generous support of the College and her students."

"This campaign is about the community," said Charles T. Larsson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the College Foundation. "We seek to inspire more individuals to invest in the academic and career dreams of our students. The Community Investment Campaign offers the opportunity for friends and businesses to open the doors of higher education to more students and thereby empower the students to form a more informed citizenry and well-educated workforce."

The Middlesex County College Foundation was chartered in 1966 to provide educational opportunities for qualified students and those requiring financial assistance to attend Middlesex County College. Since inception, the foundation has provided more than \$6 million in assistance to over 9,500 students.

For more information on the Community Investment Campaign, visit www.mcc-foundation.org or call the Foundation Office at ext.



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East Brunswick High School Football Coach Resigns Because of Group Prayer Reprimand Then Rescinds His Resignation

By Nicole La Capria
Staff Writer

After resigning from his 23-year position as the head coach of the East Brunswick High School football team, Coach Marcus Borden has rescinded his letter of resignation and returned to the job.

Borden was reprimanded for leading his team in pre-game prayers, violating specific laws that separate church and state in public schools.

Although his team members insisted the prayers were non-secular and had no direct references to any gods or religion, Superintendent Jo Ann Magistro took action after receiving complaints from students, parents and teachers and forbid Borden to continue his practice. Borden proceeded to resign from his position on Oct. 7, much to his team's dismay.

A controversial battle of

principles ensued, with students blaming one another for Borden's resignation. Major media, including national sports network ESPN, flocked to the town to cover the story and the heated debates.

The football team lost their game to Sayreville 21-0 without Borden, and flooded his email account with letters begging him to change his mind. A group of 50 players even made a trip to the coach's home in South River to ask for his return, but to no avail.

Now, a week and a half later, Coach Borden has returned to his position, much to the delight of his team.

"We were really happy when we saw him out there," senior running back Mike Franchino told the *Home News Tribune*.

"We were a little bit more fired up because we saw he was back, and we saw that he cares for us, and he loves football, and he wants to be

there for us."

However, Coach Borden wants his supporters to know he's not giving up the fight. He has agreed to comply with the regulations of the school, but plans to take further legal action. He's hired constitutional law expert and former dean of Seton Hall University Ronald J. Riccio to represent him and his cause.

"I have strong beliefs and principles," Borden told the *Home News Tribune*. "I don't want anybody to think that I backed down on them."

Borden feels that the laws prohibiting him from participating in prayer with the students violate his First Amendment rights.

According to the school board, the federal law states that students have the right to conduct pre-game prayers, but school officials are excluded from the practice.

"I will abide by whatever they say, and we'll do whatever we



have to do to continue."

Borden said. "If I have to walk out of the room so the kids can do what they have to do, we'll do it. But I will follow whatever guidelines they want me to follow, and hopefully we can resolve this matter and go from there."

Earthquake Rocks Pakistan and India

By Maria Mesquita
Staff Writer

A 7.6 magnitude earthquake hit South Asia on the morning of Oct. 8 and the Pakistan-India border was completely devastated by the immense force of this disaster.

Between Pakistan and India, the country most affected by this natural disaster was Pakistan.

The cities hit hardest in Pakistan were Mansera and Muzaffarabad, and in India the districts were Uri and Tangdhar.

On Oct. 9, the day after the occurrence, there were 18,000 dead, by Oct. 19 there were 79,000.

The death tolls are expected to increase, especially with winter approaching.

The needs of the Pakistan victims are; winter weathered tents, medical care, food supplies and other care, said the United Nations, according to *The New York Times*.

Over 2.5 million people need shelter at this time.

The Indian government has refused international aid,

"We ourselves are taking care of our victims," said Navtej

Sarna, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, according to *The New York Times*.

They also have been aiding Pakistan even though the needs of their own people haven't been completely met.

This earthquake is "a disaster of unprecedented proportions in Pakistan's history," said Pakistan's prime minister, according to *The Boston Globe*.



Earthquake Photo

Trenton Rally Supports Legalization of Gay Marriage in New Jersey

By Nicole La Capria
Staff Writer

The Garden State Equality, a politically focused gay rights organization, faced opposition from a coalition of church activists during a rally regarding legalization of gay marriage on Oct. 4.

The purpose of the rally was to raise awareness of a pending case before the state Supreme Court to make gay marriage legal in New Jersey. Nearly 200 Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish clergy and church activists led by John Tomicki are requesting a constitutional amendment to ban any same-sex marriage. "We are offended that such a holy institution should be used for ideological and political

purposes for which it was never intended," said Rev. David Ireland.

The Garden State Equality, led by gay activist Stephen Goldstein, insisted that Tomicki's supporters do not represent the clergy majority. The gay marriage advocates were accompanied by seven Protestant clergy members, and held a sign reading, "Two hundred and fifty New Jersey clergy and a majority of all New Jerseyans support marriage for gay couples."

In a recent poll conducted by the Garden State Equality and Zogby International, 61-33 percent of New Jersey's population opposes a ban on gay marriage, and 55-40 percent support gay marriage completely.

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Student Reminds Us Pedestrians Have the Right of Way

By Michael Austerlitz
Quo Vadis Club Staff

Have you ever heard that rule, "Pedestrians have the right of way"? Most people probably have, but it seems that the majority of drivers at Middlesex County College either have never heard of this rule (and in some towns it's a law) or refuse to accept its existence. For example, many people know about the young student here at MCC who was crossing from one parking lot to another, only to be hit by an impatient and "reckless" driver. According to what has been published in this newspaper and other sources, cars had stopped to let the man pass while this one driver decided to cut around them, sending the pedestrian to the hospital. I have one question: Where were the police?

Do we not have a police force here at MCC? I am almost positive we do. I'm being sarcastic here. You've seen their building right when you come into the main entrance to the school off of Woodbridge Ave. Had they been out patrolling, the incident mentioned in the above paragraph may never have happened. The police can be found once in a blue moon, slowly driving around the school or directing traffic when parking lots become full. However, this is not enough. An anecdote might help. I was on my way to my car, after school at about 3:30 P.M. on Wednesday, October 19, 2005. I then came upon a crosswalk for pedestrians, leading from a sidewalk to the second student parking lot, over by the baseball field. Also waiting to cross was a mother and her children. We waited, and waited...and waited, with no cars adhering to the "pedestrians have the right of way" rule. Finally, I made it a point to start walking across the street, and an oncoming driver stopped their vehicle, making it seem like they were doing us a huge favor.

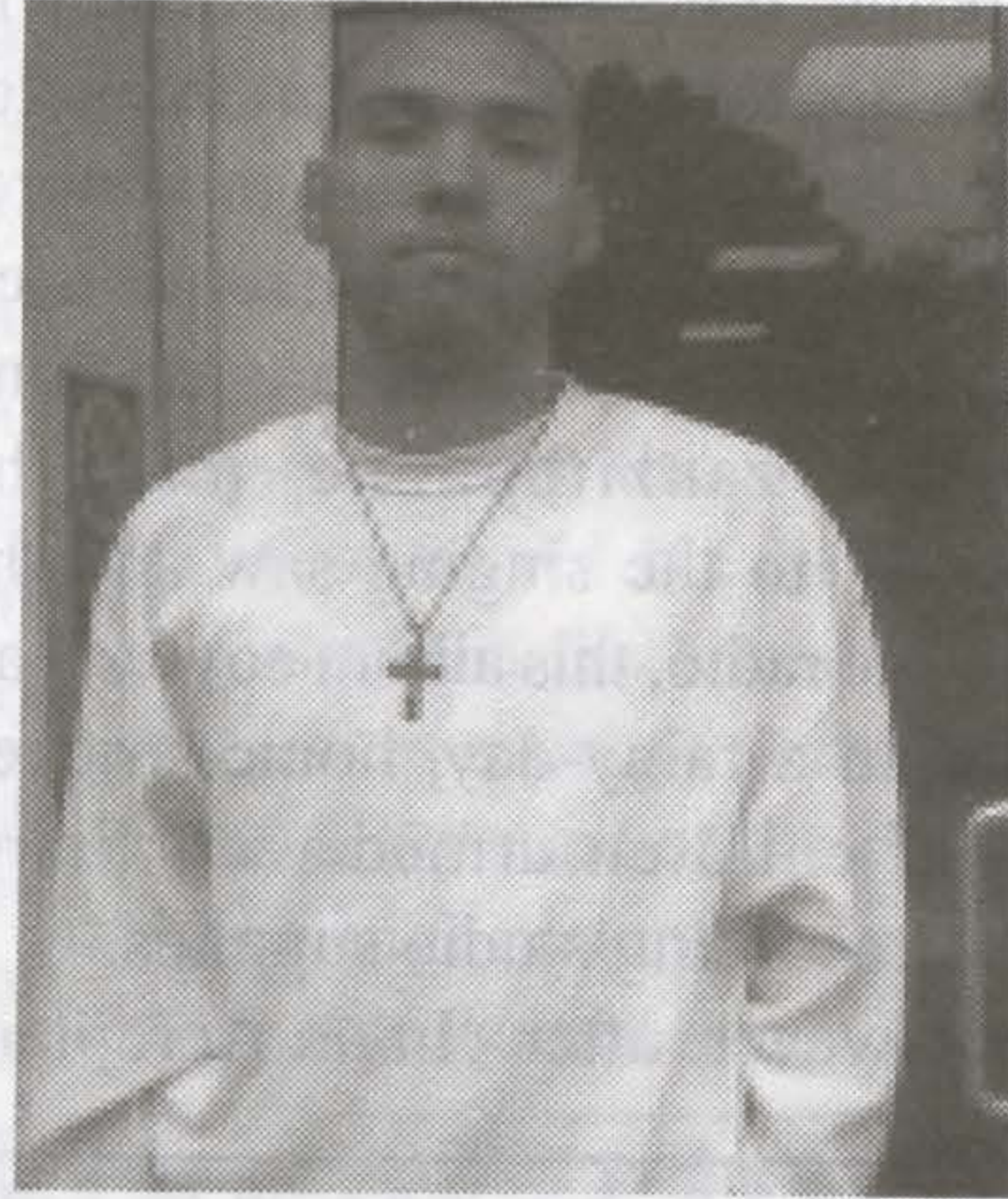
I know I'm not alone in my distaste and utter fear of the drivers here at Middlesex. Other students have said that they are afraid to walk from the sidewalks to the parking lots, for fear of being hit. People go way too fast and do not even realize that they are in a place where walking is more prominent than driving. Maybe their mothers did not teach them proper driving etiquette, but I know I learned it when I began driving and had it pounded into my head for the past two years. Perhaps if the police would make it a point to be out surveying the lots, people would not have to be so fearful of performing a simple task, such as crossing a street.

Therefore, if there are any students who agree with me on this issue, please let me know. We can do something about it by talking to the school's administration or the police

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What is the Craziest Thing You Have Ever Done on Mischief Night?

Photos and Interviews
By Maria Mesquita



Elvis Amarante, 20, Perth Amboy

"Bombed house with eggs, waited until owner opened his front door and bombed his new BMW, ran away, came back later and bombed his house again."



Kenny Barber, 17, Islen

"Paint ball man hunt throughout the whole town."



Kathleen Sasse, 43, Old Bridge

"Used to throw eggs at people as they were getting off the train station."



Caridad Lempfert, 27, New Brunswick

"Destroyed my ex-boyfriends car, put Head and Shoulders all over it, egged it and toilet papered it."

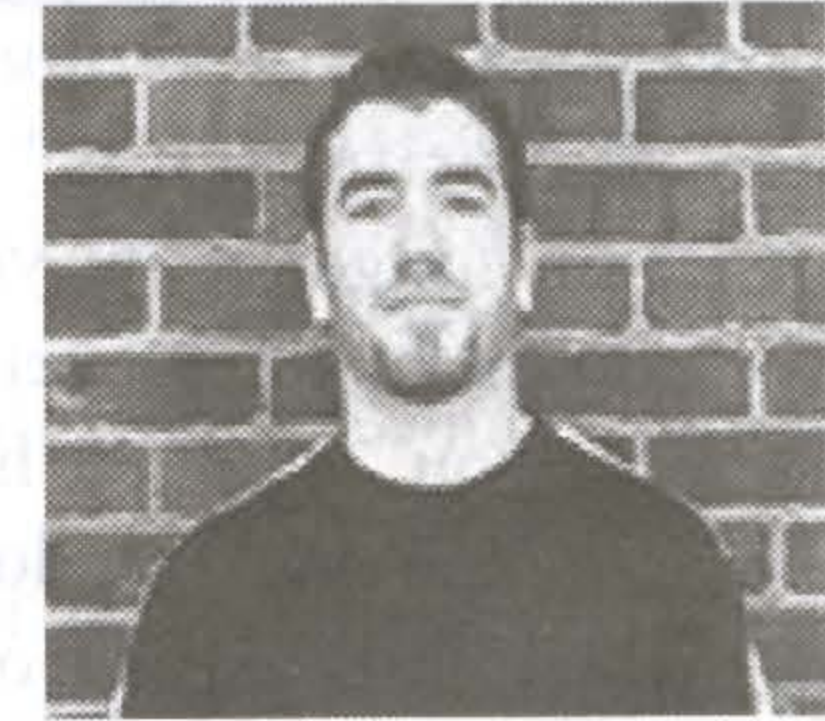


Arsama Raju, 20, New Brunswick

"Egged my next door neighbors house and they still don't know who did it."

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Does the NBA Need a Dress Code?



By John Dempsey
Staff Writer

The National Basketball Association has issued a new dress code for players, from the moment they leave their home or hotel to the time they get back, and it has been met with mixed reviews from the athletes.

Players are now required to wear "business casual" attire when traveling to their home arena or team chartered flight for games and league activities, including media interviews, and opinions are flying high everywhere.

Some of the most outspoken critics of the new dress code are Stephen Jackson of the Indiana Pacers and Phil Jackson, coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, both on opposite sides of the ball. Part of the new dress code is an exclusion of "chains, pendants, or medallions worn over the player's clothes," according to a memo released by the league.

Stephen Jackson maintains that this particular rule is a racist statement made by Commissioner Bud Selig, since the majority of the players wearing such jewelry are black. However, Phil Jackson claims that the players have been "dressing in prison garb for five or six years," so it was definitely time for a change, and as a New York Knicks fan, I finally have something in common with a Lakers man.

These athletes are commonly referred to as professionals, yet only a few of them dress the part. Players like Grant Hill and Jalen Rose were a dying breed before the induction of this new dress code, two men who have always dressed in stylish suits not because of necessity, but because they felt comfortable dressed up and they were respectful of what was once an unwritten code of the league.

Playing for the NBA is still a job, and players should act like it and dress accordingly, as if they were going to their job at an office. You wear your suit to and fro.

Not only that, these "professionals" are getting paid an exuberant amount more to play a game than most men and women who are in positions of such that they affect the shape of our planet's future.

Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs called the new code "retarded," a surprising comment from one of the league's quietest, yet most influential people. "I understand what they're trying to do with hats and 'do rags and jerseys and stuff.'"

"But I don't understand why they would take it to this level."

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QUO VADIS

Add Neutral Milk Hotel to your list, NOW, and then thank them

By Mike Witkowski
Staff Writer

Just when you thought your Myspace "favorite bands" listing couldn't get any longer, it hits you. Like a (insert clever metaphor not yet thought of for "it hits you" here), it hits you. You've overlooked one. But don't start inducing that self-inflicted pain over your careless disregard just yet my friend; you're not alone. Your title of observing the most obscure, unheard bands is not completely at stake.

In 1997, a man by the name of Jeff Magnum released his album "In the Aeroplane Over the Sea" with his band/orchestra Neutral Milk Hotel off of

Merge records. His inspiration: none other than a grade five required read - "The Diary of Anne Frank." Apparently, his inspiration does come easily since his album, though never reaching a vast amount of ears, was, and still is, an indisputable triumph.

Eight years later, in our present day, Domino records re-released "Aeroplane," (like we really needed another release of an exact copy) sending Neutral Milk Hotel's fan base from a fistful of undistinguished city dwellers to a world-wide frenzied mob.

At first listen, the combination of Magnum's magnetic (possibly alluring, easily repelling) voice and assortment of instruments fed into a lo-fi environment makes "Aeroplane" honestly

sound like the most horrendously recorded album the music industry has ever encountered. It's so appalling, that you would probably go out of your way just to ruin my day for wasting your precious time, that is, until you mind the joyous 40 minute album one or two more times; And another time, and another. You will begin to appreciate the untimely melodies, the eclectic lyrics, and the unpredictable burst of horns frequented throughout the album. With everything from the zanzithphone and the flugelhorn, to the singing saw and the short-wave radio, this album covers it all better than a rainy-day, home-stricken group of children armed with Frank Zappa's recording studio supplies.

However, after "In an Aeroplane

over the Sea" was initially released, Neutral Milk Hotel soon disbanded. Magnum claims in interviews that he was dissatisfied with all of his following written music.

Maybe his palette for self-written music has changed since moving out of a closet that he lived in for several months during the construction of "Aeroplane." Maybe he needs to move on to a more advanced read; try "Where the Red Fern Grows" or "Beowulf" for example. Maybe he should become an anthropologist, or take up acting, or blatantly critique critics such as myself.

Whatever the case, we have an album that is so tangible to perceive, yet so distant in insight. Thank you Jeffery Magnum, wherever you are.

Eat like a Texan Without Leaving the Tri-State Area

By Reginald Grant
Staff Writer

For all you carnivores out there, if you are looking for some delicious food and a great atmosphere for a low price than I must highly recommend Dallas B-B-Q's. Dallas is a small New York City chain with franchises in areas from the upper Westside to Brooklyn. The particular restaurant I had the pleasure of dining in was located in the Chelsea dis-

trict in Manhattan at 261 8th Avenue on the corner of 23rd street.

The first thing you notice when you enter B-B-Q's, besides the intoxicating aroma of fresh barbecue, is the large throngs of people all around. The room was alive with conversations and laughter which put me in a rather jovial mood. Despite the crowded conditions of the restaurant, my dining companion and I were seated almost immediately at a window table looking out at the city.

Restaurant Review

After being led to our seats, we were greeted by our incredibly charming server Joanna, who was pleasant and helpful despite the large volume of tables she was dealing with. My friend and I decided to begin our evening with a couple of Dallas' trademark frozen margaritas. For those future patrons 21

and up, these drinks are the deal of the century!! For just \$7.99 you can get an enormous frozen delight that will last you your whole meal and dessert. And what's better is you can add a shot for free!! Needless to say I found this deal extremely "satisfying".

After we finished our drinks, my compatriot and I were ready to order.

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The 37th Annual MCC Transfer Information Fair will be held in the Gallery Lobby of Edison Hall on November 1st - 4th.

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MySpace Fever: On par with "bird flu" in Internet pop culture

By Dave Sturchio
Staff Writer

What do 32,939,042 people do in their spare time? They go onto a computer or a lab top and log on to the fastest growing website in the World Wide Web history, www.Myspace.com. Myspace.com was designed by a guy named Tom who lives in Santa Monica, California. Here's a 29 year old guy who must have been bored enough one day to think of something like this. He put together a website where you can create your own personal profile filled with things such as the basic; name, age, location. Then, if the registered member is feeling good enough about themselves, they can post pictures of themselves on

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this personal profiled webpage.

Some pictures are humorous, yet some are serious and have drawn the attention of any member. For instance, there is a member by the name of "FORBIDDEN". She is a model from California who doesn't talk to many people but posts enough pictures for the male members of Myspace.com to gawk at. Myspace.com also allows the member to post music videos, displaying their personality via the sound of music. Some members even go as far as making sure the background of their whole webpage has a huge picture of a super model, letting the viewer know, this guy is into

women.

Myspace.com is a great way to meet women and find possibly the girl who is most compatible with you" said Johnny Grande, a business major at Middlesex County College. He may be right in a sense where you can meet a whole new variety of people but I don't know if you can find the "one" for you on the internet?

At first I was very skeptical about joining this. At first I also mocked all my friends calling them things like, "Losers with no lives" and "Computer geeks". However about a month of calling my friends names, I was one to be sucked right into the Myspace.com frenzy. I filled out all the information possible and soon enough I was seeing so

many people who I haven't seen since high school.

"It's a great service on how to make new friends and keep in touch with those you may not see for a while" says Kayla Kuzma, an English major at Middlesex County College.

Myspace.com is indeed one of the most popular websites in the entire web. Any class room I step into this semester all I hear is, "Do you have a Myspace account?" or "What's your Myspace name?". It's spreading like chicken pox and I feel as if it's only getting bigger. Every minute of every day, more and more people are coming down with a case of what I like to call, "The Myspace.com Fever".

The Industry Manufactures more Faulty Horror Movie Remakes

By Mike Witkowski
Staff Writer

Oh God, no. First you took take the mangled leather mask of a psychotic, chainsaw-bearing slaughterer and turn it into an actual flesh face. Then you continued your spree, massacring the quintessential of zombie flicks with new renditions (suddenly, deranged zombies that stagger like the first steps of a two-year-old toddler gain acceleration that Jesse Owens would envy). Now, your generating the unthinkable.

Someone must have been brushing up on their "The Little Engine That Could" book lately because if anyone "think they can" recreate the mas-



terpiece we know today as "Evil Dead," they either have to be the original director Sam Raimi or, well, that optimistic "little engine." Unfortunately for all you movie buffs and my teary-eyed self, Sam Raimi is M.I.A. to the production of his own invention (and I'm quite certain that an overly confident blue train can't partake in a horror film, at least on today's standards). However, as odd as it may sound, premier actor Bruce Campbell, who's aged 24 years since the first release in 1981, has

been noted to make his comeback as our favorite horror-film character, Ash (Ashly J. Williams for all you new-agers).

Hmmm, interesting. Could this remake be (gasp) bearable, possibly even (double gasp) likeable? No, No, No. Get a hold of yourself, Mike. Did you see what the industry did to Amityville Horror? Was that even the same movie? I could of sworn the house was originally the possessed monster, not a Charles Manson resembling demon donned with a shotgun.

And we have to take into consideration that this movie was disturbingly humorous for several reasons, one of them being the fact that this was a "low-budget" movie. You know, the old

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blood for ketchup kind of deal. Where every prop was an accumulation of Halloween store discounted merchandise. How are they going to continue these classic, yet consistent ideas? Oh wait, don't tell me. We've got to sit through another 90 minutes of computer-generated effects and awe in its amazing glory? Frightening, hair-raising, horrifying...sarcasm.

For now, we wait. But for heaven's sake if anyone participating in this sad, sad event sees this column, please, whatever you do, just don't pull another Paris Hilton House of Wax ordeal.

Doom Game Becomes Movie and Sees Success at the Box Office

By John Dempsey
Staff Writer

Movie adaptations of comic books and video games are the trend in Hollywood these days, and the weekend's #1 movie, "Doom, is no exception to the fast growing cliches of the genre.

Not quite the splatter-fest one might expect from a film about a shoot 'em up video game, "Doom" mixes the familiar story line its fans have come to love, and mixed it up with the same premise that drove "Resident Evil."

In the game, the unseen soldier takes on demons and monsters created from hell, as opposed to the monsters from the movie which are the results of genetic tampering in order to create a super-human race.

Taking place in 2026, a group of soldiers travel up to Mars through the 'Arc,' a type of portal some might remember from the family sci-fi flick, "Galaxy Quest." They've received orders to wipe out the monsters at all costs, and the man in charge makes sure the orders are followed.

Dwayne Johnson, or more commonly referred to as The Rock, stars as Sarge, and he's a little more

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volatile 'Rock' than were used to from films such as "The Rundown." The movie also stars Karl Urban as Sarge's second in command, from the "Bourne Supremacy" and "Lord of the Rings Trilogy."

Although the movie combines a weak story with average special effects, any fan of the game series should enjoy this movie, just for the fact that it you are a fan of the series, it's probably your type of movie anyways.

Once you get past the fact the original story line is butchered, possibly not to confuse the actors and directors about a battle between good and evil (as good a guess as any), you'll be treated to the movie's most awesome scene, in which the camara switches to first person mode as if you were sitting in front of your computer playing the game.

This was a movie many had been waiting for, not many more so than myself, and although you would've liked to have seen more, you can't really ask for it with movies such as Super Mario Bros., Mortal Kombat, and Street Fighter.

Tomb Raider is the only movie in the same league, which isn't saying much.

It might not sound like it, but I was impressed with the movie

overall.

I guess that happens when you don't expect much going into it.

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Poetry Corner

All Hallow's Eve
by Maria Mesquita

The Moon rises high
The winds cry out
At this time of night
No human should be about

Hunters in the Night
All soar high
Hunters that prey from night
Prey with no more plight

Evil Prey that hunts for blood
Born a predator
Born from the will of a lustful Cur
For that I now cry tears of blood

Bound to evil
With only my soul protecting me
I've stared in the eyes of the devil
While his darkness spread through

By inhuman hands
My heart ripped out
My soul it wants to brand
My soul it wants to in pain howl

Rising from the light is me
Into darkness I will not give
Tonight all is possible so I will live
For tonight is All Hallows Eve!!!

Dragon Spell
by George Georgoulas

Wonders they are
Soaring towards the pinnacles
Creatures who ruled
Burned men's fields
By their sharp claws

Majesty they roar
Of their enormous power
The beasts have command
For many years
They thrive of victory
The eyes of the legendary
Flaming tornadoes
Thunderstorms they are
When they battle

Enlighten leaders
Gods of the crowd
Eternally they battle
As heroic and extraordinary
They are

Eli Manning Finally Living Up to Promise

By Jason Vass
Staff Writer

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Eli, Eli, Eli. Giants franchise QB Eli Manning is finally showing the talent that made him the first overall pick in the 2004 NFL draft, and the pedigree that has made his family football royalty.

Manning led the Giants to an improbable comeback victory over the red-hot Denver Broncos Sunday at Giants Stadium.

With the Broncos on their way to a sixth consecutive win, Manning led the Giants on an improbable, breathtaking 83-yard march downfield igniting the Meadowlands crowd and Giants fans alike. With 3:29 left on the game clock, Manning rounded up his offense and engineered a calm, methodical drive, moving his team downfield with a barrage of short accurate passes and a couple of hand-offs to Tiki Barber.

With :27 remaining and the Giants at Denver's 32 yard-line, Eli heaved a bomb down the right sideline for speedster Tim Carter. With all of New York and New Jersey in silence, Carter made a valiant attempt coming up inches short. You would think that this would rattle the young QB and frustrate him, but on the next play Eli hooked up with star TE Jeremy Shockey for 24-yards

putting the Big Blue Wrecking Crew 8 yards away from the impossible. With :17 left in the game the Giants tried a screen pass to Barber which looked like a TD until he was drilled at the 2-yard line by Broncos safety John Lynch.

The G-men now had two chances left on third down from the 2-yard line with :10 left to play. Manning dropped back to pass and fell under intense pressure from the aggressive Denver D, side-stepping to the right and ran in a small semi-circle before finding a cutting Amani Toomer for a Giants TD.

Adulation filled Giants Stadium and millions of living rooms in the tri-state area, the Giants had won. Eli Manning had also finally arrived. Manning is showing what made the Giants mortgage off their future to get him from San Diego in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Why exactly the Giants held him on such a pedestal in a QB deep draft, and why they traded away so much to get him (the Giants sent fourth overall pick QB Phillip Rivers, a third rounder in 2004 and first and fifth round picks in 2005 to San Diego) on April, 24 2004.

Last season was not at all a walk in the

Meadowlands for Eli, having one of the worst rookie seasons in years leading the Giants to just one win in seven starts.

He had three more interceptions then TD passes and an abysmal QB rating of 55.4. In addition to these less than stellar numbers Eli's completion percentage was 48.2 (quite horrible for the NFL) and managed to throw for just 1043 yards averaging a low 5.29 yards per attempt.

Giant Team Officials kept an up-beat tone towards Manning saying experience would fill the holes in his game, while fans and football guru's kept an apathetic but hopeful outlook on Eli's future. Now, Giants fans are starting to realize they may have a pretty good football player on their hands. Those same guru's who were apathetic while taking a wait-and-see attitude with Eli are now all over ESPN saying how he may even have more talent than his all-world brother Peyton (QB for the Indianapolis Colts, who holds the record for most TD passes in a season).

Eli's improvement is obvious on Sundays, on the stat sheet, and on SportsCenter. After all, this was the second consecutive game in which Manning orchestrated a game winning/tying drive in the closing seconds of a hotly contested, high profile, gridiron

war. He has upped his QB rating by a whopping 33.3 points (it's now up to 88.7), thrown for 400 more yards, six more touchdown passes, five less picks, all while improving his completion percentage by five points and sending his yards per attempt number up two yards to 7.29.

The most amazing part of these accomplishments is that he has done all of this in six starts, one less start than he had last year.

This isn't even the best part of the Manning saga. The most salivating thing we have to munch on is the fact that he is only 24-years-old and if those gurus are right and he does have more raw talent than the impressive Peyton he's going to get much, much, much better than he is right now.

New York has been awarded the 2010 Super Bowl (contingent on the fact that a dome style stadium will be constructed in time). Who knows? Eli might just be the first guy to take his team to the Super Bowl in it's own hometown and hoist that Lombardi Trophy high in the air for the entire city to see (from whatever bar or party they are watching from as the new Giants Stadium is planned to be erected adjacent to the current wind tunnel the Giants currently call home in East Rutherford, NJ).

Hurricane *con't from page 1*

thunderstorm, which then begins to organize. The Coriolis force, which is the deflection of air from its path as a result of the earth's rotation, gives the disturbance a spin which inevitably churns into a tropical storm and then into a hurricane.

Hurricane season does not end until November 30th. The names Beta, Gamma, and Delta will continue in line with the Greek alphabet if any other tropical disturbances form.

Bird Flu *con't from page*

available, the pandemic can possibly take millions of lives, leaving it to be compared with the tragic Spanish flu of 1918. "When looking back into history, the flu has caused disasters in the past, and there is a good chance that the same thing will happen again," said Jennifer Lamkie, a biology professor at MCC. In contrast, Dick Thompson, a spokesman for the World Health Organization stated "The risk is pretty much the same as it has been, it is very low to humans, but we're worried about the transformation of the virus into a human pandemic strain."

Two vaccines, Relenza and Tamiflu, were used on patients suffering from H5N1 proving it does work but only when administered in the early stages. The symptoms of the bird flu are similar to those of the typical flu. Fever, cough, sore throat and muscle aches all occur but pneumonia, eye infections, and severe respiratory diseases lead to major complications and death.

900 million doses of the common flu vaccine are produced yearly. Scientists are scrambling to find a vaccine that can help protect against the deadly H5N1. Unfortunately, these vaccines are possibly not due for another year or two. Many Americans are wondering if it is safe to eat their Thanksgiving turkey this year with the threat of the bird flu lingering over-seas. "I will still be eating my Thanksgiving dinner with my family", says Lamkie, "Transmission of the bird flu from bird to human is most likely when living with infected animals."

Pedestrians *con't from page 5*

themselves. But, even if none of you will come out and say this bothers you, I know it truly does. The next time you cross the street to get to your car, just watch how fast the drivers go and how many actually stop to let you cross. It will definitely surprise you.

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Dress Code *con't from page 5*

Now to conduct an examination of this *incomprehensible* level.

A dress shirt or sweater. Ouch. Slacks, pants or dress jeans. Yikes.

Aww, no slippers either.

No shirts, shorts, headgear, or sunglasses while indoors. Great, now players are gonna be straining their eyes before they play, so unfair.

And to address Stephen Jackson's comments about racism, I say let him wear his chains. I'm not a fashion stud but I'd love to see the combination of that and a business suit. He's really going out of his way to cause a ruckus and make himself look like a fool at the same time.

As Phil Jackson said, many players the last several years have dressed like thugs on their way to a game, but Stephen Jackson, who has no problem making himself look like a thug, shouldn't fret. He could always run into the stands and attack a smaller man to gain his "street-cred."

Sometimes we forget that professional athletes are paid to play what most of them love. Sometimes they forget that they should still assume responsibility for being a role model, even if just to one child who thinks of him as an idol.

I wouldn't have called the dress code a necessity, but I'm happy there now is one, especially after the reactions it has received from many.

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Texan *con't from page 5*

While reviewing my menu to see what entrée I would order to satiate my growing hunger, I slowly began to realize that Dallas B-B-Q's is not a place for the vegan or vegetarian. Fortunately, I am neither. The menu is comprised entirely of popular southern culinary favorites like hamburgers, chicken, ribs and even pulled pork. This particular evening I chose a BBQ turkey burger. This monstrosity is not recommended for anyone except for the extremely gluttonous. It is a colossal piece of ground turkey topped with lettuce, tomato, onion rings, barbecue sauce and served with your choice of salad or fries.

The meal was delicious, well-prepared and extremely filling.

The most satisfying point of the evening was ironically when the bill came. For two extremely filling meals and gigantic frozen alcoholic beverages our damage was just under \$40 bucks. Our satisfaction far outweighed the price. And after we finished eating and paid our bill there was no feeling of urgency to get us out of our seats, we were in fact allowed to let our food digest peacefully.

I would highly recommend Dallas B-B-Q's to anyone who is a fan of southern style barbecue or just an old fashioned meat and potatoes type of meal. While the menu is not the most eclectic one available, the food they do offer is delicious and affordable and the service is great. Don't forget about the cheap drinks. So hurry down to B-B-Q's and bring a friend. You will not regret it.