

Edison Hall to Expand

By **Lanette Espy**
Staff Writer

By fall 2008 there will be an addition to Edison Hall, MCC President, Dr. Joann La Pela-Morales announced at the Aug. 23 board meeting.

MCC will be adding eight new classrooms, a multi-purpose room with theatre style seating for up to 180 people, and a courtyard.

According to Donald R. Drost, the Executive Director of Facilities, the construction will begin in spring 2007, and the new buildings will be located behind Edison Hall. "This will be a great addition for the college," says Drost.

According to Drost, the existing equipment for the heat pumps is twenty years old and is going to be replaced with electronic controls. The air in the classrooms

will also improve and won't be as cold anymore.

"We got good feedback on the temperature control rooms," said Drost.

Several grants were also discussed amongst the Board at the meeting, including the Central Regional Connections, for the college's Perth Amboy Center to help people in the community find work, two for the college's Democracy House, and one for Project SPAN.

Dr. Joann La Pela-Morales also announced that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 27 celebrating the brand new Enrollment Center.

The ceremony will also be celebrating the 1st day of classes at Middlesex, which started Sept. 28, 40 years ago.

The reception will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and the actual ribbon cutting part will start around 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Enrollment Center.



NJ Transit Offers Free Rides

By **Jennifer Procanik**
Staff Writer

According to NJ TRANSIT spokesman Dan Stessel, NJ TRANSIT will be offering free rides to Middlesex County College students from September 18 through September 24, 2006.

A press release sent out by NJ TRANSIT said that MCC students can ride any NJ TRANSIT bus, rail, or light rail line for free by presenting their student identification and a free ride coupon during this week. This coupon is available at the NJ TRANSIT website (www.Njtransit.com).

NJ TRANSIT Assistant Executive Director Lynn Bowersox said, "We are building the next generation of customers by giving students a week to discover how

simple it is to use NJ TRANSIT to travel to school, work, or recreational destinations."

According to Bowersox, this coupon allows students to receive free rides to any of its scheduled destinations during this week.

This free trial also promotes the benefits of the online Student Pass program. According to the NJ TRANSIT website, this program provides full-time Middlesex County college students with a 25-percent discount on further tickets when they enroll online with the NJ TRANSIT Quik-Tik program.

According to NJ TRANSIT, this program offers students the ease of auto-pay and online account management. Students will receive their monthly pass in the mail and their **see NJ Transit page 8**

DeVry and MCC Sign Transfer

EDISON - The president of Middlesex County College and the president of DeVry University - North Brunswick have signed an agreement that allows Middlesex students majoring in Business Administration to transfer seamlessly into DeVry University.

"Middlesex business graduates can transition smoothly into the Business Administration major at DeVry University and complete their bachelor's degree," said Dr. Karen Hays, vice president for academic and student affairs at Middlesex. "They must complete the Associate's Degree at Middlesex with a grade point average of at least 2.0. DeVry will accept at least 60 semester credits toward the bachelor's degree. This makes DeVry a very attractive possibility for our students looking to transfer."

DeVry's president, Dr. Harold Y. McCulloch, said, "DeVry University is pleased to offer this opportunity to Middlesex County College graduates, especially since Middlesex is the home county of the DeVry Campus."

Betsy Pajauis, transfer advisor and articulation specialist at



Middlesex, said one exciting feature of the agreement is a DeVry scholarship covering two courses.

"These are two courses only offered by DeVry and are required for full junior status upon entrance," she said. "The Middlesex student planning to transfer to DeVry University may, up to a year in advance, take those two 'bridge courses' at DeVry at no charge. He or she would then be prepared to transfer in as full juniors."

Ms. Pajauis also said she expected other agreements between the two schools would be developed for other academic programs.

The agreement was signed by Middlesex President Joann La Pela-Morales, Dr. Hays, Dr. McCulloch, and Dr. Judith Tavel, dean of general education at DeVry.

Dean Becomes Counselor

Ricky Dworzanski
Staff Writer

Ana Class-Rivera had quite a hectic summer, but by September she will be a counselor within Middlesex County College's Counseling and Career Services Department.

"I was offered this position in August and after some deliberation, I decided to accept it," she said.

Her position will provide students with individual or group counseling and will also offer them workshops to address their needs.

"I will have some administrative responsibilities as well," Class-Rivera said.

Class-Rivera said she enjoyed her previous position of Associate Dean for Developmental Education. She said her job as Associate Dean provided her a "great opportunity" to work with many students, staff members and departments across MCC.

"I believe I gained valuable

information regarding this institution's human capital and other resources," she said.

Her position of the past two years though, was no longer being funded by a Title III grant.

"The institution was unable to fund this position when grant funding expired due to our state government's projected budgetary cutback," Class-Rivera said.

In response, she applied for two positions at the college that she felt matched her skills and experience.

Originally, Class-Rivera was selected to be Director of Grants Development before a spot for her current position as Counselor opened up. "I was offered the position and began on July 1," she said. Her job required collaborations with MCC's faculty and administration. She said there was ongoing communication with external funding agents, but minimal interaction with students, a reason why she accepted the Counselor position.

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MCC Campus & Community Calendar

September 7,8,9,10: Hoboken Italian Festival (<http://www.hobokenitalianfestival.com/>)

Sept 9 - 7:30p.m. Gospel Praise Fest at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton!
All Proceeds from the event will help provide services and support to children and adults with disabilities and will also benefit One Heaven, Inc.'s 'The Streets Can't Have Our Children' campaign.

September 11 - Last day for 75% refund (6:30p.m.) Last day to add a course

September 16 - St James Street Fair in Woodbridge, NJ 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Main, Pearl & School Streets in downtown Woodbridge

September 18 - Last day for 50% refund (6:30p.m.)

September 27
Ribbon cutting ceremony, celebrating Enrollment center and 1st day of classes In the lobby of the Enrollment center 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 29 - Oct 1 - Great Train Expo! New Jersey Convention Center on 97 Sunfield Ave in Edison

Police Blotter

Vehicle Gets Struck

Around noon on August 1, a motor vehicle accident occurred in parking lot 1. Vehicle 1 was struck by another vehicle as it backed out of a parking spot.

Officers said that each vehicle sustained minor damage, but no one was injured.

Cell phone Stolen from CC

At 11:30 a.m. on August 2, a student reported that someone had stolen her cell phone from the College Center.

She said she left her purse for ten minutes, and when she returned her cell phone was missing.

There are no known witnesses at this time.

Panic Alarm Activated

Just before 11 a.m. on August 7, 2006, a panic alarm was activated in room 013A in Raritan Hall. The officer dispatched to the room stated that an alarm button was removed and was suspended from the attached electrical wires. The staff member whom was in the room when police arrived stated that she was not the one who activated the alarm.

Penn. Resident Gets Call from MCC

Around 4 p.m. on August 8 a resident of Pennsylvania reported an unsolicited phone call from the MCC college trunk line.

The person calling from the MCC college trunk line requested personal information from the Penn. resident.

The MCC caller did not leave a name or a phone number where they could be reached.

Car Gets Splattered With Paint

At 4 p.m. on August 9 an individual reported that white paint had been splashed on her car in the handicap parking lot between Edison Hall and Technical services center.

Police said there was a paint splattered dumpster near her vehicle.

Further investigation concluded that the splatters were consistent with the paint on the vehicle.

MCC Dance Ensemble Seeks Dancers

EDISON -The Middlesex County College Dance Ensemble is looking for students who would like to dance. The Dance Ensemble showcases modern dance-based performances choreographed and danced by MCC students, former students and guests.

The auditions will be Thursday, September 7 at 2 p.m. in the Physical Education Center Dance Studio, A156.

No experience is necessary - these are open auditions.

The Fall Dance Concert will

be Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2 at 7 p.m. in the College Center Performing Arts Center. The Artistic Director is Professor Aimee Mitacchione.

If you are interested in choreographing for the Fall dance concert, please contact Professor Mitacchione Wednesday September 6. If you have already been approached in regards to choreographing, please contact her to reaffirm your interest.

For more information, please contact Professor Mitacchione at (732) 548-6000, ext. 3717.



Carole K. Kurtz Receives L'Hommedieu Award from MCC



Photo from MCC Information Department

Presenting the L'Hommedieu Award: From left to right: Gerald M. Ostrov, president of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees; John Pulomena, Middlesex County freeholder, who presented a resolution from the Freeholders; Carole Kurtz; Joann La Perla-Morales, president of Middlesex County College; and Hank Bauer, College Trustee, who presented the award to Mrs. Kurtz.

EDISON - Carole K. Kurtz, former trustee and Board president of Middlesex County College, received the Paige D. L'Hommedieu Outstanding Citizenship Award at the State of the College assembly on August 28.

The award, created in 1975 to honor the memory of the founding president of the Board of Trustees, is presented annually to a member of the community who exemplifies the highest humanitarian ideals and devotion to

the betterment of his fellow citizens. "Carole Kurtz, has had a profound impact on the lives of people she encountered," said College Trustee Hank Bauer, who presented the award. "From her earliest days as a teacher, she reached out to children, one by one, and touched their spirits and gave them hope, aspirations and belief in their potential. Throughout the years she never lost sight of her commitment to young people and her belief in their creativity and intelligence. As a former member and chair of the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees, Carole has led and represented our College with distinction, for which we are all grateful."

A graduate of Douglass College, Mrs. Kurtz combined a professional career with raising a family, diverse graduate studies, civic involvement, business success and quiet philanthropy.

After a career as a teacher in the Old Bridge school system where she developed the gifted and talented program, Mrs. Kurtz established the Crighton School in 1983, a highly respected private school for gifted and talented children from 5 to 12 years old.

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MCC Democracy House Helps Plant Trees

EDISON - Democracy House, the College's service learning program, is asking the College community to support its programs by turning in used ink cartridges, toners, and mobile phones.

An organization called ThinkGreen will pay as much as \$13.50 for an ink cartridge to over \$37 for a mobile phone.

For every 12 items donated, one tree is planted.

"We're starting our fundraising program for this academic year," said

Kevin McGowan, Democracy House coordinator. "We hope that by accepting used phones, toner and ink cartridges, we will be helping to clean the environment, and also funding our activities, such as our after school programs. It will also let our students attend training conferences and seminars. I hope the College community will help us reach these goals."

Please turn in your used cell phones, ink cartridges and ink toner to Democracy House, Raritan Hall, room 003.



Classified Ads

Working mom in East Brunswick needs a morning babysitter to get kids ready for school. Please call Susan at 732-432-7693.

Place a free classified Ad in Quo Vadis if you attend MCC or work at MCC. For more information email: quovadis_newspaper@hotmail.com

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Mirror, Mirror: Dark Depiction of Snow White, a Good Read

By Jennifer Procanik
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Mirror, Mirror, by Gregory Maguire is the third installment of his imaginatively engaging series based on classic fairytales, but delivered with sinister and shady variations. *Mirror, Mirror* is a dark and mesmerizing depiction of the classic fairytale "Snow White".

The year is 1502, the location is a farm called Montefiore tucked away in the Tuscan countryside. Amongst the inhabitants are the widower Vicente de Nevada, his 7-year-old daughter, Bianca, an incompetent and feeble priest named Fra Ludovico, and the burly cook, Primavera Vecchia.

One gloomy night, the de Nevadas are visited by Cesare Borgia and his stunning sister, Lucrezia. The Borgia siblings are the children of Pope Alexander VI and are founded on authentic historical figures. This detail augments Maguire's story in which he intrepidly merges fact with fiction.

Cesare has come to send Vicente on a mission based on his self-centeredness. He orders Vicente to go in pursuit of a branch from the Tree of Knowledge, which bares the three remaining eternal apples. Yet it is the first meeting between Lucrezia and young Bianca that enthrall and

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fascinates the reader's attention. Bianca observes that their captivating caller is in love with herself, while to Lucrezia, the insipid child is of no more importance than "a saucer of spoiled milk."

Vicente leaves on his mission, leaving Lucrezia as Bianca's guardian. Years go by and one day Bianca overhears Lucrezia ask a strange mirror, which was discovered at the bottom of a lake years before, to tell her who is fairest of all. Cesare responds in place of the mirror, "Well, it's not you sister. It's that little mouse child, the daughter of our agent de Nevada. Doesn't that just make your Borgia blood boil." As in the original Grimm version, the heart of Maguire's tale is the conflict between the stepmother and stepdaughter. Here it is Lucrezia who supplies the narrative force, developing the action with reprehensible scheming and envious plotting.

As for the eight nameless dwarves (as opposed to the Grimm's fairytale which only includes seven) Maguire has produced stunningly innovative creatures. Neither animal nor mineral, they are reminiscent of boulders, which are stirred to life by

Bianca's appearance at their woodland domicile. As they embark on a "lumbering life of individuality," they ultimately do choose names based on characteristics each feels they exhibit:

Blindeye, Heartless, Gimpy, Deaf-to-the-World, MuteMuteMute (whom ironically is not mute), Bitter, and Tasteless. The eighth dwarf, who is elsewhere, seeking to retrieve their missing mirror, they name Nextday.

Underlying Maguire's redolent and suggestive retelling are numerous alterations: the transformation of Bianca from childhood into adulthood, the development of the dwarves as they gradually take on human characteristics, and the escalation of Lucrezia's resentment

towards Bianca. It is a brilliant and illuminating accomplishment. Maguire reinstates the edge to this clichéd tale and permeates it with an odd, disquieting beauty.



Auditions for Urinetown the Musical will be held at the Middlesex County College

Performing Arts Center

from 7 to 10 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, Tuesday, Sept. 12 and Thurs., Sept. 14.

All roles are open.

17 great roles for men and women – age 17 to adult – who sing and dance.

Bring sheet music (no CD's) of a musical theatre song that shows your vocal range.

Be prepared to dance.

Show dates are November 15-19.

Director, Sue Dunie, Musical Director, Christopher Howett, Choreographer, Donna Mosolgo.

For details call 732-906-2589.

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Student Weighs in on Israel-Lebanon Issue

By Jennifer Procanik
Staff Writer

Column

The 2006 Israel-Lebanon dispute, according to CNN, is a series of ongoing military strategies and conflicts in northern Israel and Lebanon between Hezbollah, (a Lebanese organization and political party acknowledged as a terrorist organization) and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

On July 14, 2006, a ground delegation of Hezbollah activists attacked two Israeli armored Humvees, according to Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper. The attack named "Operation Truthful Promise" was lead by Sayyid Hassan Nasrallah (Hezbollah Secretary General). The intention of this operation was to capture Israeli soldiers and exchange them for Samir Kuntar (a Lebanese terrorist who participated in the attack on Israel civilians in 1979 and was convicted to serve four-life sentences), and other Lebanese prisoners held by Israel said CNN.

"Implementing our promise to free Arab prisoners in Israeli jails, our strugglers have captured two Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon," said a

statement released by Hezbollah.

"No military operation will return them... The prisoners will not be returned except through one way: indirect negotiations and a trade of prisoners," said Nasrallah.

According to CNN, The Israeli Cabinet sanctioned "severe and harsh" retaliation on Lebanon.

"If the soldiers are not returned, we will turn Lebanon's clock back 20 years," said Israel's Defense Forces Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Dan Halutz

According to CNN, Israel Air Force (IAF) jets were sent to bomb Lebanon's international airport near Beirut, on July 13, 2006. These bombings forced the airports closure and redirection of its incoming flights to Cyprus. Israel is now enforcing an air and sea barricade on Lebanon, and has bombed Lebanon's main highway, Beirut-Damascus.

According to Israeli Defense, the IAF has currently carried out nearly 2,000 bombing raids across Lebanon, particularly targeting transportation networks, such as roads and bridges, in hopes that these missions essentially weaken Hezbollah's rocket-launching capability. According to Halutz, the destruction of these infrastructure would fundamentally limit Lebanon's ground operations.

On July 14, 2006, following that Israeli bombing invasions that killed 60 Lebanese civilians, Nasrallah said, "You wanted an open war and we are heading for an open war. We are ready for it."

According to the IAF, after the Israeli initial retort, Hezbollah confirmed an all-out military warning, and declared that Lebanon had over 10,000 rockets capable of striking towns and systems far-off into northern Israel. Hezbollah repeatedly fired hundreds of devastating and destructive rockets into northern Israel.

According to CNN, the United Nations Security Council collectively accepted UN Security Council Resolution 1701, in an effort to end the fighting on August 11. It was received by the Lebanese government and Hezbollah on August 12, and by the Israeli government the following day. The cessation of hostilities took effect in the region at 8 a.m. (5 a.m. GMT) on August 14.

According to a senior member of the Lebanese cabinet, before the ceasefire, two Hezbollah affiliates said that their militia would not deactivate south of the Litani River. According to Halutz, Israel has said it will stop retreating from South Lebanon **see Lebanon page 6**

What do you think of the War in Lebanon?



Adrienne Cole
Age: 39
Major: **Small Business Management**

"I do not agree with the war. ...I think we have enough problems here in the United States that we need to concentrate on - homeless people, our gas prices, our jobs and schools. You know there are enough homeland issues we could be focusing on versus fighting a war over in somewhere else. Because they are not coming over here to help us with homeless, the shelters the poor housing. There are a lot of homeland issues that we need to be focusing on..."



Dennis Casey
Age: 18
Major: **Undecided**

"I am against it. I really don't think we should be there right now."



M. C. Patel
Age: 19
Major: **Chemical Technology**

"Like war...(it is)very damaging. Like it's not good for all peoples- like however we are living over here, that's the same people who are there ... If there is no war and there is another way to solve the problem, it would be better for everyone."



Muhannad Quresh
Age: 18
Major: **Criminal Justice**

"I really don't are about it and I got my own problems to worry about. The government can do what they can do. And me - I got my little... I don't really care about it."



Ruchi Shuka
Age: 18
Major: **Marketing**

"I just don't like the war."



Zalak Oza
Age: 18
Major: **Bio Pre-professional**

"I don't like the war and it is just not necessary - like you know people can make it much more easier without."



LaKeisha Rogers
Age: 29
Major: **EET**

"The war in Lebanon: I don't think it's every going to end. ...this conflict - it's been going on for decades, decades and decades. Sad part is, so many kids die. It's never going to end. It's something that goes on forever."

School Starts: Vacation Ends

By Rosemary Petriello
Staff Writer

Column

"It's the most wonderful time of the year," sings a parent as he strolls down the aisle of Staples shopping for school supplies. Well, is it *really* the most wonderful time of the year for everyone? Not really! As students, we must give up the free time we had during the summer: those long, lazy days at the beach or lake, staying up all night and sleeping late, not having to worry about studying and research papers.

Now it's time to get back to reality. Register for classes, buy our books and school supplies, maybe even some new clothes... what's so wonderful about it? It's stressful! The transition from summer to fall and back to school is certainly not the most wonderful time of the year for us students!

As college students, we often feel like we have a huge amount of "stuff" that we have to juggle. Most of us have a job to squeeze in between classes, library time, reading, writing papers, and still trying to have a social life! How can we possibly do it all?

The key factors to a smoother semester are discipline and time management. If we put those to good use, we can have it made. It's time to discipline ourselves to say no to that party we would really love to go to so that we can get some needed sleep, or to schedule time to go to the library to do the research needed for a paper, even if it's not due until the end of the semester. If we manage our time properly from the beginning of the semester, the work overload we often feel toward the end of the semester can be alleviated.

If you have a research paper assigned at the beginning of the semester, but it's not due until the end of the semester, don't wait until the last minute to start writing it, and certainly don't wait until the last minute to start doing the research or to read the book(s) necessary. Pace yourself. Start gathering your research early in the semester, take some notes at a nice, slow pace. This way the information tends to "sink in" at a gradual pace, and by the time you actually start writing the paper, you will almost be an expert on your topic. You won't feel as overwhelmed if you work at a slow and steady pace, and you will be more likely to get a better grade if you didn't race to finish at the last minute. Remember, slow and steady wins the race.

- Prioritize your list of "things to do" and work your way down, beginning with the most important or earliest deadline
- Squeeze in trips to the library after or between classes - the college library is open until 10 pm on most evenings, and it is open on weekend days
- Carry an assigned book with you at all times - reading even a page or two while waiting in line somewhere or in a doctor's waiting room will help you make progress when you least expect to
- "Schedule" time to study - it can be difficult to do until the last minute when you are forced to, but if you study at a slow, steady pace, you will be more apt to retain the information you study
- Make time for enough rest and healthy meals- your body needs sufficient rest and nourishment for your brain to work to capacity
- In addition to scheduling study time, schedule time for recreation - if you are happy with your social life, your grades will reflect this, provided there is an equal balance

Welcome Back to School

From Quo Vadis

Letter from the Editor:

Welcome back to another stimulating and constructive year at Middlesex County College!

On behalf of the Quo Vadis staff, I personally would like to thank our avid readers for their support and encouragement over the years, and wish each and every student the best of luck this coming year.

For the Fall 2006 semester, the Quo Vadis has added a great deal of young journalistic talent, including the newest editors; Jennifer Procanik, Lannette Epsy, Richard Dworzanski, Daniel Coch, and Bill Lavallo (not to forget the returning editor Anthony Gonzales).

My goals for the Quo Vadis paper are simple and yet elaborate. First off, I plan on working closely with my Co-Editors to produce a newspaper that is worthy of its readers. I also plan on working hard and doing the best job possible to provide you, the readers, with the best newspaper achievable. The 2006-2007 academic year will generate a newspaper that educates and instills honor and pride in its community.

The Quo Vadis will be featuring more hard-hitting intellectual articles, book reviews, and MCC news. Some new features to look forward to in our upcoming issues are; advice columns, applications for internships, information on scholarships to four-year universities, and hopefully an internet publication of the Quo Vadis at the MCC Website. As always we will be offering games, comics, opinion columns, and movie/music reviews from our very diverse and talented staff.

Secondly, I hope that we can expand our Quo Vadis family to include all members of MCC. The members of the Quo Vadis staff appreciate and support the student body's previous involvement in our newspaper over the years and would like to persuade students to take a more active role in the paper. We not only accept but encourage students to submit their personal written and art work, we love to display the talents of our gifted student body.

Overall, the Quo Vadis staff and I would like to wish the student body the best of luck this semester, and we hope to be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Procanik,
The Co-Editors-In-Chief,
and The Quo Vadis staff.

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non if Lebanese troops are not positioned there within a matter of days. Although the ceasefire had been put into affect the fighting had not stopped, according to the Associated Press. Hezbollah fired approximately 10 Katyusha rockets into southern Lebanon, although the IDF had stated that the bombs had not crossed the border and that there were no casualties. Additional battles have left six Hezbollah guerrillas dead and United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon have reported that the IDF fired a tank shell into a Lebanese village, but there was no response from the other side.

According to Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia, as of August 20, 2006, over 1,500 people have been killed and approximately 5,000 people injured. The vast majority of deaths have been civilians.

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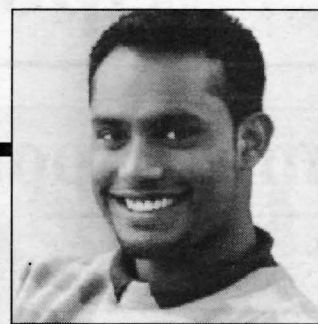
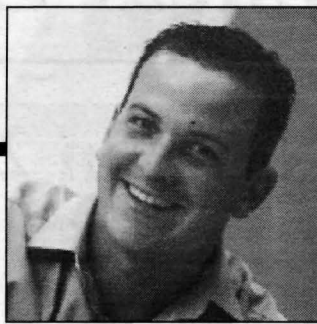
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Summer Sports Fill the News in 2006

David Weiss
Staff Writer

Like Dwayne Wade sprinting through an open lane, summertime has just blown by, but not before leaving a deep impression on the world of sports.

Even the casual sports fan had to take notice of all the huge sports headlines in just the past few months.

They ranged from come from behind victories to championship runs to doping scandals (and that's just the Tour De France).

This was a summer of sports like no other. Just think about how many unbelievable things have happened in such a short period of time.

On the greatest international stage we saw one of the biggest meltdowns by one player in the history of sports when the French's Zinedine Zidane, the MVP of the World Cup and a soccer icon, got himself ejected from the championship game for head-butting Italy's

Column

Marco Materazzi.
Italy won the World Cup and Zidane is now battling chronic headaches (hey, it could be true).

We watched Tiger Woods deal with the loss of his father, hit the low point in his professional career when he failed to make the cut at the U.S. Open, and still manage to win two major championships, moving into second place all-time with twelve.

Floyd Landis tested positive for abnormal levels of testosterone after completing the 17th stage of the Tour de France, a stage which some had regarded as the greatest one-day comeback in the history of cycling. Landis' Phonak team has since released the disgraced rider, but rumor has it the Dallas Cowboys are interested.

We saw a new regime take over the NBA playoffs in Wade and

Lebron James who now have teamed up with Carmelo Anthony on team USA at the World Basketball Championships (Good luck, world).

Hockey returned and produced an exciting seven-game Stanley Cup Final and first-time champion Carolina Hurricanes.

The AL Pennant and NL Wild Card races are more unsettled than Alex Rodriguez's stomach when he hears the "boos!!" at Yankee Stadium.

The Yankees do still own a healthy lead over the rival Red Sox after a historic five game sweep at Fenway Park two weeks ago.

So many exciting and impactful events have taken place they couldn't possibly all fit in this article.

The NFL season is starting, along with baseball playoffs and the winter sports soon to follow.

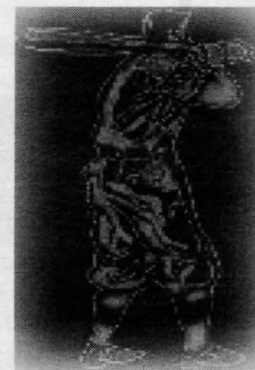
It's a different kind of reality television, one I exceedingly prefer; and it never ends. However with all that has happened recently it does beg the question, "What else can we possibly see?" My guess is a lot.

Barry Bonds Chasing History with a Twist

By Philip Matthew
Staff Writer

Column

Barry Bonds, the San Francisco Giants slugger, is chasing one of the great records and players in baseball. "Homerin" Hank Aaron and the record 755 Home Runs for a career is the record and at the present time, Bonds is at 725 as of August 21.



There are a couple of problems with this chase.

One is the way Bonds has been with the media and his alleged steroid use.

Bonds has a history of being difficult with the papers and TV in San Francisco and Pittsburgh, the two cities he's played professionally.

Bonds has been accused of steroid use because his friend and physical trainer Greg Anderson is in prison because of steroid distribution, and his leaked testimony in a Grand Jury about BALCO where he said he used "the cream" and "the clear" substances that Anderson gave him during the 2003 season.

Bonds has never tested positive for a banned substance, and has proclaimed innocence even after the testimony was leaked.

For the now 42 year old slugger, the question is can Barry Bonds get the 31 home runs necessary to break Aaron's mark?

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Sat	Sept	30	William Paterson University	A	Garrett Mountain Clifton, NJ	10am
Sat	Oct	07	Monmouth University	A	Holmdel Park Holmdel, NJ	TBA
Sat	Oct	14	West Point Prep XC Invitational	A	Holmdel Park Holmdel, NJ	TBA
Sat	Oct	21	East Stroudsburg Univ.	A	East Stroudsburg, PA	TBA
Sat	Nov	04	District XC Championship	A	CCRI Warwick, RI	TBA
Sat	Nov	11	NJCAA Div. III Cross Country Championship (Must Qualify)	A	Alfred State Alfred, NY	TBA

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In April 1994, Mrs. Kurtz was named to the Middlesex County College Board of Trustees where she served for 11 years, including two, 1999 to 2001, as its chair. She also headed the By-Laws and Nominating Committees, participated on the Academic, Student and Alumni Affairs, Facilities and Human Resources Committees and represented the College as a member of the Board of School Estimate and Trustee Ambassador. Mrs. Kurtz and her family endowed a special Foundation scholarship, awarded annually to a South Amboy resident pursuing a nursing degree. She also endowed a scholarship at Douglass College in memory of her mother.

Mrs. Kurtz continues to be engaged in community-based organizations, family, club and sports activities. She is active in the Douglass College Alumnae Association, the New Vernon Garden Club and the Garden Club of New Jersey which presented her with its Silver Trowel Award for her home vegetable garden. She has been certified as a Landscape Design Consultant by the National Garden Club.

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