LaG joins forces with DeVry

By WALTER IWACHIW

MOON (Merger Out Of Necessity): DeVry University and LaGuardia Community College complete talks on a merger. The two plan to combine and consolidate DeVry University, Middle College High School in the L Building and International High School in the M Building with LaGuardia Community College. The plan would create a true four-year program of study.

The President of the College denies the merger has occurred but also won’t comment on the interoffice memo leaked to this reporter on the master plan. The memo identifies that DeVry University participated in talks for monetary reasons. The note further stipulates that the merger of administrative functions and operational consolidations would result in savings of $12 million annually in salary and pension charges.

The savings are being offset by the initial construction of four new elevated pedestrian causeways on the third floor level, supplementing the existing pedestrian causeway in the DeVry building, and connecting all of the buildings on an elevated

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MySpace unleashes diseases

By JENNIFER MORNON

A disease known as Herzitzges is believed to be developing in the brains of many people across the world due to the popular website MySpace. On March 22, a college faculty member noticed a student was in a trance, staring at his computer screen, according to Dr. Cybyll Merriwether, Centers for Cyber-disease Control (CCC), said.

The young student, Erick Jerpes, was removed from his seat in a C Building classroom this afternoon after continuously spending time on the popular website MySpace for a consecutive eight hours.

His rapid clicking noises and great deal of typing caught the attention of Jackie Hems, a college faculty member. "He was staring so closely to the monitor and was rapidly whispering to himself in amazement. It became a concern. This did not seem like normal behavior," she said.

Ms. Hems checked to see if Jerpes needed any assistance, but he did not respond. His eyes read quickly from either side of the computer screen as his right hand scrolled down the sparking page filled with pictures. While he was on the computer, he did not show any signs of needing to go to

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Stadium to be built on Sunnyside yards

By ALEKSANDR SIDOROV

Soccer fans all over New York are ecstatic about former Brazilian soccer player Pelé’s donation of $500 million to build a new soccer stadium over the Sunnyside Yards, where Red Bull New York will play.

The plan came as the West Side Stadium plans are losing interest from investors and the public. The company that will build it, Blue Cow, Inc., said that an investment of $13 billion would be needed from the city in order to complete the project. The city of New York agreed to pay the amount, after a week of negotiations and $300 billion in lawyers’ fees.

According to the plan, the stadium would take up to 1800 square feet of space and the seating will be available for up to 7000 people. There are also plans to build a movie theatre and a shopping mall near Queens Plaza in order to further entertain the visitors.

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HorrorScope
By ANGIE ORTIZ

Don't take everything so seriously. You might regret it. These predictions are strictly made up for a jovial manner, any actual truth to these predictions to the assigned zodiac sign is purely coincidental, so it probably sucks to be you.

Aries (3/21 - 4/19)
It looks like congratulations are in order! You're well known for your recognized personality and your fiery temper. And that fiery temper will get you fired - at your job! Good luck at your next job and this time, don't demand a raise on the first week of work just because you gave a customer an extra fry with his biggie sized order.

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)
Your stubborn side has helped you get your way most of your life, which is more than most can say. Now that people you know it's either your way or no way at all, by the end of the year you'll be bringing in the 2007 with Dick Clark himself...on TV. Your friends will be at a party you will never know about because you won't take the subway on a holiday. Oh yeah, and by that time, they won't be your friends anymore.

Gemini (5/21 - 6/21)
Those who are jealous say you're two faced, but those who truly know you say that you're eccentric. In reality, you have multiple personalities. That's right, you have several souls in one body and didn't even realize it. That's why you constantly have mixed emotions about everything. Simone, Julia, Max and you can't agree on anything. And if you thought this message was serious, you're going to need more than a shrink.

Study Finds Dog Food Good
By SHANTAVA INABINET

Attention health fanatics:
Everybody hears about different alternatives to obtaining essential vitamins and minerals that will keep you healthy and strong. Whole grain, zero trans fat, low carbs, fruit, vegetables, and low fat are familiar terms to individuals who are trying to live a healthy lifestyle. However, there is a newly discovered resource where other necessary vitamins and minerals can be extracted from and has been scientifically proven to contribute to good health.

According to the National Association of Nutritional Awareness (or NANA), as of March 3rd 2006, a new food has been discovered than can add years to your life, make your hair shiny and healthy, and help reduce tartar on your teeth. This new phenomenon is dog food! That's right, dog food. Who would have guessed that your puppy's beloved Alpo, Kibbles-n-Bits, and Breeder's Choice is packing the nutrients that humans need for survival? Now you and your dog can literally have dinner together! NANA recommends that you add at least a four-ounce serving of dog food (canned or dry - the choice is yours) in addition to exercise into your current lifestyle if you want to stay healthy.

NANA also argues that 1 out of 10 Americans are not receiving proper dietary supplements. As a result, cases of anemia are up 30% and due to the high consumption of sugar, type II diabetes rates are skyrocketing. Herman Shepard, public relations representative of NANA, declared, "This is a joyous occasion for the health of Americans. Dog food is easily attainable and can simultaneously contribute to your dog as well as your life expectancy."

Shepard also submitted the following recipe to help people assimilate the new found health crave into your current diet.

Caesar Salad Topped with Crunchy Alpo
- One large fresh Romaine lettuce
- 4-5 teaspoons of lemon juice
- 1/2 cup of chicken flavored Alpo
Combine lettuce, lemon juice, and Parmesan cheese into a large salad bowl. Toss ingredients and then top with crunchy Alpo. Add a light drizzle of Caesar dressing. Salad serves approximately 4.
History of April Fools’ Day

By GLENDAL PALMA

All Fools’ Day, or April Fools’ Day, is the only day of the year during which you can let your imagination run wild and your deviousness run crazy by playing pranks on your family, friends, co-workers and enemies. However, as the saying to the right says, most people don’t really know why the first of April is called All Fools’ Day. For this mystery, there is an answer.

During ancient times, tricks and tomfoolery were a major part of celebrations. But while these celebrations may have been predecessors to April Fools’, the actual story of why we celebrate April Fools’ can be traced back to France when the New Year was celebrated in March by most European countries. This celebration, which celebrated the beginning of spring, generally began around March 25, where people would dress up, party and drink ale for a week ultimately ending on April 1, the beginning of the New Year.

In 1582, under the rule of Charles the IX, the Gregorian calendar was introduced. While not very popular, the backing of Pope Gregory the XIII helped it to become established as the new calendar first in France, then in Scotland in 1660, and Germany, Denmark, Norway, and England during the 1700’s. Under the pope’s decree for the adoption of the new calendar, the New Year was moved from April 1st to January 1st and, lacking the ever-speedy e-mail or even post offices, some people simply did not get the memo concerning the date change. As a result, for many years, there were people all over Europe who were still celebrating the New Year on April first. Some out of pure ignorance, while others because they refused to adhere to the new calendar.

Never one to miss an opportunity, the public used this as an excuse to mock and laugh at those whom they saw as “fools” for celebrating the New Year on the wrong date. People began to harass and play tricks on the people whom they considered to be ridiculous for not following what had become the new norm. As more countries adopted the new calendar, this process was repeated over and over again and pretty soon the first of April came to be collectively and commonly known as “All Fools’ Day.”

So as you get ready to set your prank in motion, be glad to know why you are planning it and be vigilant of pranks planned for you. And if you should find that you have fallen for a prank, remember what Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux said, “However big the fool, there is always a bigger fool to admire him.”

The first of April some do say Is set apart for All Fools’ Day; But Why the people call it so, Nor I, nor themselves, do know, But on this day are people sent On purpose of pure merriment - Poor Robin’s Almanac, 1760

HOROSCOPES

Cancer (6/23-7/22)
Mood swings suck, don’t they? They can mess with your friendships, your relationships, and even your health. People think a psychiatrist will do the trick, but that’s just you. Your attitude of “I’m so lost in the world” is actually going to get you lost when you take a nice walk in the woods to contemplate your life looks like it was the wrong time for your short attention span to kick in. Good luck finding civilization!

Leo (7/23-8/22)
Finally, after the world kept looking at your talent and good looks your whole life, you’ll finally get your 15 minutes of fame when your professor puts you on the spot in front of the whole class for the most ridiculous paper they’ve ever read on the Industrial Revolution. Maybe it’s not the exposure you’re looking for, but beggars can’t be choosers.

Virgo (8/23-9/22)
There’s a surprise on its way. A huge surprise that will forever change the path of life you walk on right this second. It could come at any time. No one will tell you what it is, but since you were so nice to your family the other day, you’ll get to know first hand right now! You’re going to fail a class maybe even more than one.

Libra (9/23-10/22)
You would never expect what’s about to happen to you. It’s not a big deal, there will just be a new addition in your life. Make room in the house, the little ones are coming your way. No, not a baby. Roaches, and they’ll be moving in within the next few weeks. Told you, it wasn’t a big deal, but you might want to get the Yellow Pages and start comparing prices for exterminators.

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If you would like to learn more about the history of April Fool’s you can visit:
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Scorpio (10/23 - 11/21)
You’re an enigma to the Homo Sapien population of the planet. Any species that dislikes your existence is truly an abysmal sight to behold. Take a sanctioned sabbatical from those who misunderstand the inner workings of your cranium. By the way, put down the dictionary already, everything that was said was a joke. Simply put, study more, because at your age you shouldn’t need to carry a dictionary everywhere for simple words.

Sagittarius (11/22 - 12/21)
The saying goes, “Age ain’t nothing but a number.” Which is true. Still, the higher the number, the older you are. So stop lying about your age already, because to be honest, you’re not fooling anyone. By the way, the line, “I’m the same age as my 15 year-old cousin” doesn’t go over too well while trying to impress the cutie who sits next to you in class, so drop it.

Capricorn (12/22 - 1/19)
Here are just a few of the many things you should start taking into consideration: “Sooner or later” isn’t a good response when asked where your assignment is; you can’t make time go faster because it doesn’t exist; glancing at the textbook doesn’t count as studying; candy alone is not lunch ... or breakfast ... or dinner; and yes, paranoia will destroy ya!

Aquarius (1/20 - 2/18)
Good things do come in small packages after all! Chocolate bars, MP3 players, cell phones, etc. The epitome of this famous quote will come to mind when you look at your bank statement this month and see the lack of funds displayed there. Don’t be bad. You got good packages from all the money you spent, like chocolate bars, an MP3 player and a cell phone. This time when you get that Pell check, try not to splurge it all in one day.

Ways to die in fifty states

By ALEKSANDR SIDOROV and ANGIE ORTIZ

Some people move out of Florida to escape hurricanes. Some people move out of California to escape earthquakes. Here is proof that no matter where you live in the USA, you’re pretty much doomed. Sorry!

Alabama – Die from mad cow disease.

Alaska – Freeze to death.

Arizona – Get killed by spiders and fall into the Grand Canyon.

Arkansas – If a flying house lands on you – you are not in Kansas anymore.

California – Get killed by the Governor.

Colorado – Drown in the Colorado River.

Connecticut – Get killed by the hounds released by rich people or their robot replicas.

Delaware – Drown in the Delaware River while trying to run away from the British.

Florida – Die from a hurricane and from an old person beating you with a cane telling you to keep it down, while you scream for your life.

Georgia – Get hit by a peach.

Hawaii – Get killed by a volcano.

Idaho – Get killed by a potato.

Illinois – Be blown away in Chicago. Literally.

Indiana – Be blown away. Only this time by a tornado.

Iowa – Get killed by boredom.

Kansas – Get killed by a tornado. Yes, again.

Kentucky – Get killed by anti-tobacco activists who burned Kentucky’s tobacco fields.

Louisiana – You don’t want to know.

Maine – Get killed by Canadians who claimed this state as their own.

Maryland – Get killed by going for a walk and falling off the edge of the state.

Massachusetts – Drink too much tea at a Boston tea party. Now, you have to ask yourself, was that really tea?

Michigan – Get hit by a car made in Detroit.

Minnesota – Drown in Lake Superior.

Mississippi – Get killed by the Indians trying to resettle Indians.

Missouri – Get killed by a herd of cattle.

Montana – Get killed in the mines trying to find treasure in the treasure state.

Nebraska – Die from bleeding through the ears from all that banjo music. Ugh!

Nevada – Get killed by strippers. Next time tip in bills, not change!

New Hampshire – Go skiing for the weekend. And not watching out for that tree.

New Jersey – Get hit by a New Jersey driver.

New Mexico – Get probed by an alien and die.

New York – Oh, gosh, there are so many! Unlike Ohio.

North Carolina – Stand on a platform and shout “Give me Liberty or Give me Death!” and apparently someone chose the latter for you.

North Dakota – Camp in the woods, and die from being bitten by a rabid raccoon.

Ohio – Die from boredom.

Oklahoma – Get killed by white people trying to resettle Indians.

Pennsylvania – Take a vacation, realize it’s more of a historic tour than a vacation, and knock your head through a wall for not going to Florida instead.

Rhode Island – What’s in Rhode Island?

South Carolina – Death by suicide, because you’re not sure why you visit there in the first place.

South Dakota – Attempt to climb Mount Rushmore and split your head on the tip of Lincoln’s nose.

Tennessee – Visit Graceland and get killed by a mob of Elvis fans when you claim he’s dead.

Texas – Get shot and die because down there everyone has a gun.

Utah – Get killed by trying to be monogamous.

Vermont – Get killed while skiing. Choose your slopes a little better next time.

Virginia – Get a house on the coast, and die by a massive tidal wave.

Washington – Visiting the space needle and it gets struck by lightning.

West Virginia – Climb a mountain and make it to the top, only to freeze to death.

Wisconsin – Death by cholesterol, because no one there told you pizza is not a part of a complete breakfast.

Wyoming – Get killed by coyotes.

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mezzanine floor. These causeways will be providing direct indoor access to the Flushing-bound #7 Train platform with a scheduled December 2007 completion date. The longterm plan also covers the purchase of the old Swingline and TLC buildings with the addition construction of a new 60 floors of dormitory studio rental space, replacing the L Building - a first for LaGuardia students beginning in 2008. The unknown benefactor, possibly new oil money, is seeking to encourage the education of the cities international citizens thru the Pell charitable trust foundation and additional funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (U.S. HUD).

This project will seek to expand the current 30,000 student bodies to 87,000 by 2010, the projected construction completion date. Interviews with anonymous sources in the School Senate confirm something big is in the works, but he is barred by student senate salary contracts from disclosing the details. The custodial workers are all concerned about the short-term salary effects of construction but have been assured by union representatives that talks are underway to guarantee job security during the first year of construction and mergers.

Middle College High School secretary, Mary MacGowan, confirms that plans are being drawn up to move the student body to the upper floors of the M Building and the LaGuardia tech support staff have been notified that they will be moving there offices to the newly finished spaces in the C Building. Additionally, officials at RCN confirm that the street work on Thomson Avenue this past winter was to provide fiberoptic cables to the buildings along Thomson Avenue in anticipation of the increased demand related to the moving of the computer classrooms from the L Building into the DeVry Building this summer. The city of New York also has incorporated the plans by disclosing the construction of new LIRR station in LIC with exits on both pedestrian causeways leading to Queens Plaza and Court Square stations with an electric golf cart people mover system, similar to those in Disney parks, running from Steinway St and Queens Blvd to Jackson Ave, Queens Plaza South to Court Sq and West along Thomson Ave to the C Building providing better access for students and workers. This April seems to be the season for Other Onetime Links.

MySpace disease unleashed

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10,000 people, including those under the age of 14, have developed Hertigles.” Hertigles is a mental illness that is caused by significant exposure to one activity for a prolonged period of time. “Everyone is hooked on it. Who doesn’t have a MySpace profile nowadays?” said Jamie Baribello, student and friend of Eric. The young boy along with other teens are in critical condition at a local hospital. They are reported as being treated with antibiotics. FBI agents and parents are dropping any charges made to the MySpace as long as they shut it down as soon as possible.

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Confessions from pranksters

By BIANCA CHAVARRIA

Let’s face the facts people: there is not one person in this world, let alone this very school, that has not either played a prank on someone or has been the randomly chosen victim of a prank that is suppose to be played on this wonderful holiday. Most people you can say see pranks as a double-edged sword, which prankster must consider whether you can say see domly chosen victim of a prank as a double-edged sword, which throw eggs at her. This is the type that is suppose to be played on more often. What I can tell you, that has not either played a prank there is not one person in this not say which result comes out the rest of the day or scar you for the rest of your life. Personally I cannot say which result comes out more often. What I can tell you, is that if one is thinking about playing a trick on someone, the prankster must consider whether or not the “pranke” has a sense of humor that can overlook the certain cruelty that a prank may consist of. For example, if a guy was to play a trick on a girl, the prank shouldn’t be him asking her out on a date and then when she’s outside waiting for him throw eggs at her. This is the type of prank that would scar a person and believe me, you don’t want to be the cause of scaring someone. If you want the trick to end up in a laugh, place a spider in a locker or put salt in soda. Sometimes best way to go is light­wussy, but sometimes it’s better to play it safe.

Making my way around the campus, I decided to ask a few people the one question that pertains to this joyous holiday: Looking back, what was the funniest or worst trick you’ve played on someone, or that someone played on you?

In my travels, this is what I found:

Former elementary school­mate of mine, and former Ozone Park resident Lauren Nicosia admits to committing a prank on her mom one year that had her laughing, and scared to death.

“I was about 7 years old, and we had an April Fools’ party at school. My mom came to pick me up, and while she was talking to some of the other parents, I took this fake animal that I got from a store, placed it in the back seat, put fake blood on it, and then took my brothers fart spray and sprayed it all over the animal. Luckily enough for me, the smell didn’t kick in until my mom started driving. We drove maybe for a few seconds, and then she was asking me what the smell was. Once she took a look in the back seat, she screamed so loud that two of the other parents rushed to us and asked what was happening. She was pacing back and forth wondering how it could have happened. I just couldn’t help myself. I broke out laughing. I think she completely forgot what day it was. Once I said, “April Fools’, Mom!” she just stood there, and then she started laughing. One because I got her good, and two, it was my dad’s car we were in, so he had to deal with the smell, and the fake blood stain on the back seats. All I could think was, thank God it was my mom that picked me up and not my dad. If it was my dad, I would have gotten in so much more trouble.”

Once I got to the LaGuardia campus, I got the chance to interview two students and friends of mine. I got to hear what their own April Fools Day experiences brought them. Here’s what they had to say regarding my question:

Jack Flurt:
“One time I put fake blood around the floor and on my face then put my ladder on top of me and started yelling. My mother came up to check on me and I was just screaming profusely about me falling off the ladder and then going April Fools.”

Jacqueline Dover:
“This was April 2002. I got a phone call on my dorm phone from a man saying that he was a recruiter for the army. He told me that President Bush ordered a draft and that my then boyfriend had to go and report to some headquarters so that he could go to Iraq. I was hysterical and got really scared since it was right after September 11 and who knows what could’ve happened. About a half hour after that phone call, I received another phone call from campus security telling me that there was some guy playing pranks on girls and to not be alarmed. The security guard ended up coming to my dorm and taking down a report. I was still scared and hurt that someone could play that kind of prank on me. But the next day, the head of security, who was a friend of mine but was off duty the prior night, told me that it was all a dirty prank directed towards me because I was the only girl from New York City at that school. It was horrible!”

This goes to show you that, no matter what, you have to be careful with what you choose to do as your annual April Fools prank. Sure, no one means any harm if a prank goes wrong, but you cannot prevent it if something does go sour. Your best bet is to play a prank on someone whom you know has a sense of humor, and someone that you know has certain little fears that you can use to your advantage. Whatever the case may be, remember there is nothing wrong with a little prank or two among friends because in the end, you will look back on it and laugh. Sure it may take a year or two, but you will laugh at it. Just ask yourself this question, if we didn’t have a sense of humor, why is there a day dedicated to laughter? Think about it.

Happy April Fools’ Day!
LaG builds sports ground for its new team

By ALEKSANDR SIDOROV

March 32 marked a special day for all of us. It's a day when LaGuardia first competed against another in the most difficult sport of all: XCross.

Some people are not familiar with this game and those who are, like to call it Dodge or Run For Your Life. The sport involves running and playing with cars on our favorite intersection – (mmhmmm that's right) Van Dam Street and Thomson Avenue. Seattle Café and 7 Eleven are sponsoring the event. You can even see their banners floating all around the school and the newly created field, which is a circle surrounding the whole LaGuardia Campus (see map).

The objective of the game is to run around a particular area that is given to the runners, while playing with but still avoiding cars. The team that has the most people left over wins.

Some people have come up to the coach of the team, Bobby Brown, to ask him what he has been smoking to come up with such a crazy sport. Mr. Brown simply replied, “Crack.” When mentioned that crack is not normally smoked, he made a dumb face and added, “I don’t care.”

The newly-built arena consists of yellow and white stripes on what we now call “The Asphalt,” which was bought by LaGuardia after its merger with DeVry. “Who cares about cars?” said Khan McDonald, one of the fans. Another fan, Dennis Kwaq, commented on the recent merger, “We [LaGuardia students] no longer own just this side of the street, we own the entire street.”

Thomas Madison, a LaGuardia student, says, “It’s a wonderful sport. It has more blood than WWE.” The sport is, indeed bloody. But who cares when the people are being driven over? That’s even more fun. It’s professional wrestling meets football meets monster trucks.

Many consider it a morbid sport, but to its fans, it’s spectacular! The sport also has overtaken football in its popularity.

On March 32nd, LaGuardia’s team, the Apples, were battling Florida Community College’s (FCC) team, the Oranges. Oranges have their own “asphalt” and it is a better one - Interstate 95. The two teams met in a friendly manner and shook hands during a red light before they started running on Van Dam Street. However, three of Florida’s teammates didn’t hear the horn of the UPS truck and were carried away by it. It was not a pretty sight. Making their way on Thomson to 29th Street, one of Apple teammates, George Martinez, got hit by a limo. A police report, released on March 33rd, indicates that he then crawled into the limo and beat the driver up for hitting him. Upon the team making their left turn on 29th Street, it got really ugly. Mr. Anthony Watt of the FCC team, got desperate because the team was losing and started pushing the Apples. Our home team showed FCC how they do it in New York and about half of the Oranges ended up on the LIRR tracks. The solution for response of the Oranges was clear: run back where they came from, and they did.

This became yet another victory for our home team, and due to it, the Apples will be in the XCross playoffs this summer. The playoffs will be held in none other than New York’s death strip - Queens Boulevard!

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MARS EXPLORATION ROVER OPPORTUNITY found a lifeform on the planet Mars. At first, NASA scientists couldn’t believe what they saw: President’s Bush clone! It seems that George Jr. is not only on Earth, but on Mars too. Scientists and exobiologists are baffled at this phenomenon and think it’s some kind of a secret Air Force project.

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