A FIRE WHICH STARTED MORNING of Oct. 9 severely damaged Lime Kitchen and Food Xpress, two of local food restaurants across Thomas Ave. from LaGuardia. According to LaGuardia security, the fire started in Lime Kitchen and eventually spread to Food Xpress. Numerous fire departments responded to the fire at 2:14 a.m. Monday morning.

This could not be yet confirmed by FDNY, as Monday was a holiday. The fire is currently under investigation. More info in the November edition.

Although several clubs had spent time and money on full-length banners advertising themselves which they hoped to place in front of their respective tables, organizers briefly informed these clubs that they would need to make half of their table space available for an additional club. This reduced the working/advertising space to little over 2 and a half feet. Some tried to make do, folding their banners to fit the amended, expanded ones while trying to maintain some semblance of legibility. Others ignored the organizers, hoping the club member to sit next to them wouldn’t show up or could be coerced into moving elsewhere. The Bridge staff on duty at the time – meaning low and myself – chose instead to paint our banner, in full effect in the floor in front of us. Oddly enough, this seemed to bring more interest to us than those who have normally been the case. So, of course we took advantage of it. The end.

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Government Assn. suspends member

BY LISSETT VEGA

The recently elected members of SGA are already in disputes, confrontations and are pending a court date. In an open SGA meeting held in M160 on Thursday, Oct. 11, Ivan Ortega, was recently suspended from position of Executive Secretary, by majority of SGA votes. Mr. Ortega threatened to take his alleged harassment case against President of SGA, Asha K Gupta to court in the next several months.

As of Oct. 11, Ivan Ortega has been suspended for “dragging [SGA names] members through the mud,” said Virginia Ramirez, SGA’s Program and Events Director. Ortega’s suspension was enacted immediately, for the past six months and he may or may not return office, pending judicial review.

Mr. Ortega, whose duties, include writing minutes, working on agendas for meeting with the president and keeping records of meeting reports, claims that he has been badly threatened by the president following his proposal to change the method of SGA presidential elections. The student of LaGuardia Community College who elects the members whose terms start in July and ends in the following year and then the president of SGA is elected by the governors elected.

Ortega sent in a proposal to the board office that states, “The president of SGA should be elected by the majority of eligible student voters...” to call for a referendum, instead of consulting with his associates first and having it approved within the SGA. Luis Merchán, SGA mentor said, “The proposal would have been done if he [Mr. Ortega] would have gone through the president. Instead he chose to go above the president using LaGuardia Community College Student Government Association’s bylaws without permission.”

Furthermore, Amed Adil, mediator of Clubs and Ethical Affairs seemed upset. “It has been three weeks in a row, starting Oct. 4, that the discussion regarding Mr. Ortega had not been resolved,” he said. Later on in the meeting Mr. Adil asked for a judicial review of the matter.

One of the issues that may have cost Ortega his position in office was indirectly accusing SGA president of using SGA funds for his own personal use. According to Mr. Merchán, Ortega failed to understand that the SGA has a reserve account, opening that at least six signatures from SGA members are required for a voucher, which is then taken and reviewed by treasurer of school and lastly business checks everything including the minutes, making his claim against Gupta impossible.

Gupta later cleared the accusations about the questioned money, stating, “The $1200 check in question was for a scholarship.”

In brief meeting with Malik, “D-block” Bestman of Informational Services, I asked about any disagreements in the SGA to which he responded, “Every family has disputes, but we try to work it out within the family.” Coming from the newly appointed position of Judicial Review. D-block had given great advice, saying working out problems and issues that one may have against the family would probably be better worked without the help of outside influence.

LaGuardia begins year with a bang

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is that it turned out that enough space was available since more than a few of the clubs scheduled didn’t show up.

Having struck a blow for mediocrity, I set off to interview the clubs in attendance. One thing that struck me immediately was the prevalence of clubs of the ‘cultural’ type, meaning they promoted a particular nationality or belief system. Out of around 30 or so clubs/groups in attendance I’d say at least half of these were of the ethnicity-type.

You had the Bangladeshi/Muslim Club (Ron, the VP, would like to see better promotion), the Ecuadorian Club, the Straight And Gay Alliance (who are in dire need of new members by the way: take a little time to fight intolerance, people!), the Chinese and Chinese Christian Clubs, the National Business Honor Society (also known as Alpha Beta Gamma) and the International Business Club (if membership in both of these clubs might give a thought to combining).

Prof. McMaster, the co-mediator of the IBC, noted that “a lot of students are scheduled for classes during fair hours,” and that perhaps more advertising on campus needs to be done for these sort of functions so those who have a few minutes between class can attend.

Walter, one of the nature [sic] members of the Bridge staff went around peddling a Kayak and environmental club he wished to start.

Now before you raise your hackles against me, know I have it against anyone. My concern (one of many) is that in focusing on helping our group of people you alienate others, so I’m always wary of groups where the focus is on one type of person. I’m sure there’s a need for some of the things/uses they promote, I just with a better vehicle could be devised than one that as the eyes of the freshman – would seem to exclude others by virtue of their name.

For example: I approached the Japanese Club table and discovered the club was looking for members who were not only Japanese, but interested in the Japanese culture (the desk warrier, Gaijiri, was himself a gaijin (foreign)). All well and good, especially since the extent of my knowledge of Japan includes little more than WWVII, karate/kung fu and Dragonball Z. But to the new kid, it was all foreign, (especially faren a distance) that the club is for Japanese students.

While offering such important services as job aid and cultural assistance (as does the Ecuadorian Club, the BSU and the Bangladeshi Club), Gabriel sees few Japanese students who are interested in more than schoolwork, “I went to Japan, I wouldn’t join the American Club,” he mused. I’m sure other clubs are looking for a diverse membership as well, but how can an untrained ear tell that? Can’t after all, what if the club is in question isn’t looking for just anyone? Are you bold enough to ask?

In addition to school clubs you could rop by either the table offering a chance to exchange for a questionnaire about the type of music you listen to or check out the undiscovered cow eyeball (along with some guy painted hermit crabs) at the table set up by the N.Y. Hall of Science. One item of interest I did learn was that the museum is free on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (took the family there the next Sunday, and the kids were just right about the free admission.

One bit of advice, though: parking costs $5 and everything in the lunchroom costs $2, even a small container of milk. Still, it was worth it since Bubba (my 1 year-old monster) did me proud by breaking his first museum exhibit.

One club that caught my interest was the Occupational Therapy Club (Ms. Chipling representative), which promoted student health issues and offers assistance to students with disabilities. I picked up a flyer on occupational therapy services, as job aid and cultural assistance. As did FUtastic. Starting to see a trend out there, with a promotion/table distribution and a lot of fundraising, the feels more promotion is needed for the fair.

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Sasha and the BSU (which if taken out of context sounds like something else entirely) — the Black Student Union — had an audiovisual presentation many passersby seemed to enjoy, as well as cupcakes. Since her club offers help with problems both inside as well as outside school and does a lot of fundraising, the feels more promotion is needed for the fair.

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College Senate to lose student seats

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because it’s almost impossible for a Senate to be samenonymous. As a result of the decision, the president of the college, Gail Mellow, requested Jerry Ianni and Sally Meier, the two chairpersons of the Senate in Spring 2006, to come up with a governance plan. There is a bit of confusion between the Senate and the president. Senators claim that the President is not facing the Senate as a policy-making body, while the president says that the role of the Senate, which is an advisory one, hasn’t changed.

LaGuardia’s student senators have not been known for their attendance in the Senate. Justin Pappas, a former member of the Senate and a former SGA president, said that students have work and family commitments as well as school and are sometimes too busy for the Senate.

Why aren’t student senators attending?

“LaGuardia’s students carry more baggage than LaGuardia airport baggage than LaGuardia airport passengers,” said Ahmed Adil, an SGA senator. He went on to say that 55% of LaGuardia’s students were employed in 2005. So not a lot of students have the time to come to a Senate meeting, especially during the fall semester.

5. This statement, “If your club wants to get rid of homophobia and any prejudgments about the club. This article was brought to you by S.A.G.A.

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S.A.G.A.’s plan for school year

BY IRVING FLETCHMAN

The Straight and Gay Alliance Club otherwise known as S.A.G.A. has many plans for the fall which range from discussions to events. S.A.G.A. is a safe environment where straight, gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual and people who are curious about their sexuality can come together and meet to discuss different things that are on our minds. S.A.G.A. welcomes anyone who is interested in joining the club to participate. People normally assume that S.A.G.A. is a club only for people who are gay but this club is for anyone no matter what their sexual orientation is. This fall the club plans to have a First Annual Fall Ball at LaGuardia sometime this semester. On Oct. 11 S.A.G.A. had a coming out day – a day when students can talk about people about their sexual orientation and how they feel about it. This is confidential and whatever is discussed at club meetings will not be discussed anywhere else. On Oct. 14-15 S.A.G.A. students and faculty planned to participate in the Breast Cancer Walk in Manhattan. During the Fall ’06 semester the Straight and Gay Alliance Club plans to have a sexually transmitted disease week where students can talk about different diseases like syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, human papillomavirus (HPV), and syphilis. Each day during this week we will talk about this different disease in depth. Also S.A.G.A. plans to have a Halloween party at the end of October.

The Straight and Gay Alliance Club has been around for years at LaGuardia and has always been a safe environment for students. S.A.G.A. hopes to get rid of homophobia and any prejudgments about the club.
SGA's Study Hall still underused

BY ANDRE MAFIOLETTI

As the semester starts to pick up speed, the doors of the Study Hall remain firmly closed and unmoved, despite millions of dollars spent on computers and furniture as it stood as a buried treasure. However, it is about to emerge from hiding, thanks to new initiatives led by Malik "D-Block" Bestman, SGA's Judicial Review Governor. He is unwilling to budge, safeguarding the hall so far has been ineffective on Sep. 11, but because of the Hall's presence, it is also now a competition [with the library].

Last year, about $3.3 Billion dollars were spent by Americans towards Halloween items, which represented a rise of 5.4% from 2013 and continued increase from previous years. Retailers attribute this increase to the brisk sale of adult costumes, elaborate make-up, wigs and other accessories. Consequently, it has become the third largest adult party day in America after New Year and the Super Bowl.

The practice of wearing costumes on Halloween day started in the United States as mass-produced costumes, began to appear in retail stores around the 1950s to outline the children's trick-or-treating tradition. The night became established in popular culture around that time and children dressing in costumes was a way to house making innocent threats to receive sweets. Traditionally, the role of adults was to give our candy and perhaps sneak a child who might appear too old to be enjoying the holiday. But now, the involvement of adults in Halloween festivities keeps growing.

It's clear that every year a shopping hall prior to Christmas has been filled with the approach of Halloween. In the same way, a market has been created in which American consumers spend billions of dollars on decorations, parties, greeting cards, food, and costumes. These costumes, and other activities have been made easy for children to use in house, because parents house is also home to house making innocent threats to obtain sweets. Traditionally, the role of adults was to give our candy and perhaps sneak a child who might appear too old to be enjoying the holiday. But now, the involvement of adults in Halloween festivities keeps growing.

As these practices become more widespread, some are pointing them out as examples of the mobilization of American culture, in which children's activities become adopted by much older participants. Along with TV, shows, cartoons, music, movies, and video games, the distinction of what's enjoyed by children and adults becomes less clear. Halloween allows people to transform themselves and provides an easy escape in which adults can act like kids. A 2009 poll by Time magazine lists that 90% of adults admit to stealing candy from their kids' Halloween bags.

So, is all this part of a regression phenomenon? Halloween is a relatively recent American celebration. There are just some mentions of it in the early 1900s, though its origins come from a distant place and time: the British Isles and its blend of European pagan traditions with some Christian beliefs. Nevertheless, it's elements construct what's thought of as better-left-to-teach for children. Mr. Bestman is very excited of Fe r a limited amount of 10 copies, and if the student wants more copies after the limit, then he can go back to the library. The new SGA, the Hall will be furnished with a small library, composed of books from the most varied sources, as Mr. Bestman relates, "We're thinking about going to the library, getting some books that are not being used or that people don't want, we're getting them and putting them in our library section."

On the other hand, Mr. Gupta was more cautious in his assertions. When queried about the opening of the Hall, he replied, "We're not sure we're in the process of do it as soon as possible. Maybe in one month. I can't confirm you [sic] anything, but we're really working on it." Similarly, Mr. Gupta gave no definitive answer when questioned about how much money has been spent so far on improvements to the Hall, confessing not being sure of the figure. Mr. Bestman is very excited though, and shared with us several plans the SGA intends to put into practice once the Hall is finally open. Among other things, the Hall will be furnished with a small library, composed of books from the most varied sources, as Mr. Bestman relates, "We're thinking about going to the library, getting some books that are not being used or that people don't want, we're getting them and putting them in our library section."

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Thus far, Halloween proves to be a malleable celebration. It came into being as a product of different traditions, comprised of Irish, Celtic, Roman, and Christian traditions. Thus, it's one that provides a tangible form of collective expression which changes and it's used for many purposes. The Greenwich Village Halloween Parade is a celebration in which participants' costumes have a thin tie, if any, to the spirits and monstrous typically associated with Halloween. And after the Sept. 11 attacks there were fewer sales on gory items as people opened for patriotic themes.

This shows the creative and personal engagement that the holiday elicits and each year more people are willing to embrace it, here as well as abroad. It appears that Halloween will keep on transforming.
Graduation Celebration

Graduation Cruise well-received by students

The graduates either came alone, together with families or they brought outside friends to celebrate. The buffet was in a total of four stations. What was on the menu? Chicken Marsala, fluffy white rice, smoked andouille sausage and other delicious foods. Chef Gaspari sliced rob's smoked ham and necessary sound roast. Throw in roasted pineapples and some desserts, and you have reached the end of the buffet line! Cash bar to the meantime was doing some business, which continued through the night.

The bad news is that it was raining heavily during dinner, the good news is that it turned into a light drizzle and nearly disappeared after dinner, up until the cruise ship docked.

For entertainment, well the DJ on stage threw in a fabulous mix of Latin American culture with modern pop and hip-hop. A lot of r&b, house, hip-hop choices were featured.

Dance floor was full of action where by the end of the night the downstairs dining hall was jammed packed with dancers. Couples groups, solo, they were all there. Live entertainment was provided by three singers/dancers who performed classic American numbers from Going to the Chapel and Leader of the Pack to Diana Ross, impersonations included!

One of the graduates, Melanie, was celebrating her birthday on board - she turned 22. All you had to do was glance on the dance floor and from the moment the party started, well, let's just say she was the one who started the party.

Outside there were decks on each of the two dining boats and a rooftop deck. The view provided great entertainment, ceremony and romance for everyone. We cruised by the Statue of Liberty, downtown, and uptown perhaps about 5 or 6 times throughout the event.

BY RADICA LAZIC

Arriving at Chelsea Piers 7:25 p.m. on the dot, I was relieved to find The Spirit of New Jersey NY Dinner Cruise still docked. Upon boarding an overhead sign read: “What time can we leave?”

“7:30 is the plan, but you can leave whenever.”

With that, at 7:55 p.m. the emergency instruction protocol was delivered and the ship set sail at 8:00 p.m., half an hour behind schedule.

Two floors of elegant dining were filled to almost full capacity.

Graduation ceremony not so well received

The graduation ceremony was a mess, attendees said, despite Senator Charles Schumer's appearance. The ceremony was very disruptive and disorganized, especially with students leaving right after going on the stage. Details in the November issue.

Congratulations to all graduates (we know it's kind of late)

All pictures by Marida Zapata
Nextfest’s highlight was the Spaceshiptwo (cutaway on the bottom), a derivative of Spaceshipone (top), which was the first commercial manned spaceflight. The flight won a $10M Ansari Xprize, but the more lucrative offer came from Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin brand, to create Virgin Galactic out of a fleet of Spaceshiptwos.

Nanoparticles seen here in black liquid are being attracted to a magnet. The liquid and the nanoparticles, which are made of iron oxide (rust), have adhesive properties, like water in a drop.

Seen here, the drop of the magnetic liquid aligns itself along the magnetic field of the magnet that’s in the tube.

The project is part of GE’s innovation projects and “might be used as magnetic resonance imaging agents to better analyze tissue in human body,” Amit Kulkarni of GE’s Global Research Blog wrote.

General Motors presented its line of futuristic-looking alternative fuel vehicles. GM promoted two kinds of fuels: hydrogen and E85, ethanol that’s derived from corn.

GM also featured a Saturn pavilion, which was promoting E85-fueled cars, while deemphasizing the impact of hybrids.

Cars that were featured are still some 10 years before being used on the road.

Meet the new personal vehicle - Wheelsurf. The entire machine is a wheel, which is powered by a gasoline engine and is steered by leaning the body. The Wheelsurf is made by a Dutch company and is available for €4500. But it takes three months to deliver one, as they are produced and sold in Europe.
Doctors Without Borders launch interactive exhibition

BY BETTY BENITEZ

Doctors Without Borders/ Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF), an organization that offers humanitarian and medical aid throughout the world designed an outdoor exhibition, A Refugee Camp in the Heart of the City to advocate, teach and help visitors develop awareness and imagine how millions of refugees live daily as they flee war, persecution and violence around the world.

Outdoors educational exhibit will embark on a national tour beginning in New York City and stopping in Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, Nashville, and the West Coast to raise awareness of how 33 Million people are currently uprooted by war and stopping in Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, Nashville, and the West Coast to raise awareness of how 33 Million people are currently uprooted by war and persecution and violence throughout the world.

Public education has become an essential alternative for Doctors Without Borders. MSF staff also known as Doctors Without Borders.

The 8,000 square foot exhibit is a replica of refugee camps and is designed with real life materials. Visitors can taste high-energy-biscuits used for refugees, who suffer from malnutrition. tours and guides are conducted by MSF staffs, (Doctors, Nurses, and Logistical) which have worked in the field in places like, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, and Chechnya. The MSF staff explains the function of each section based on their experiences in the field.

The exhibit is designed to be very interactive and tangible. Tour guides allow visitors to go inside each tent to touch real life materials. Visitors can taste high-energy-biscuits used for refugees, who suffer from mal-nutrition, younger children are encouraged to pick up five gallons of water, which six gallons lifted by children and women as they travel extreme long distances in and out of the refugee camps. Fake corpses are also exhibited to show the death rate caused by war borne cholera as well as the malaria testers used on refugees.

The Refugee Village, Food Distribution Area, Latiawe Area, Water Supply, Health Clinic, Cholera Tent, Vaccination Tent, Nutrition Tent, Landmines, and Photo Display. The detailed information of shelter building, decontamination of water, waste disposal, and malnutrition children stations bring to light real life scenarios of a refugee camps.

The exhibit will last for one year for one country to only per person.

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Getting a working holiday visa

BY SEUNG-HEE JOO

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However, many people cannot carry out the plan because they don't have money, they don't know how to get a visa, and they don't know how long they will be traveling. It's time to stop talking and begin doing. I have good news: a special visa program, called a Working Holiday Visa. Working Holiday Visa is a travel permit which allows travelers to undertake employment in the country issuing the visa for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds. This special visa will last for one year for one country to only per person.

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What was your memorable Halloween?

"I went to a K-Mart and picked a Ninja Turtles suit. The suit didn't fit. I ended up wearing a girls' costume. I looked like a hooker.

- Lee"

"When I was a kid, I dressed as a Star Wars superhero

- Saijad"

"In 1996 I was dressed as a Blue Belt in Karate. We got more candy than usual.

- Alex"

"Last year I came home after trick-or-treating with my nephews and we were going up the stairs. There was a young man, wearing a wig, a skirt and a bra with holes in it, masturbating and singing Rolling Down the River by Tina Turner.

- Armand"

"It was four years ago. I had my first dance contest and I won.

- Dre"

BY NATALEE BRODERICK AND ALEX IRISH
An open appeal for UN Peacekeeping Troops

Dear Secretary-General Anan,

I am writing to you today out of desperation. You see, conditions have gone from tense to downright hostile in my Statistics class, and I am stepping up to the plate to secure some much-needed support. I think you know that in the past, the deployment of peacekeeping troops to my classroom has been quite beneficial. I have yet to complete the course with the juntas.

After several minutes, the teacher left the classroom to rejoin the other instructors. The one officer who responded seemed to care little about the situation, instead making light of the arguments' sides and stating that they were there to simply see if the class was in 'chaos'. When they did not see any apparent 'chaos', they left. The teacher returned soon after and continued the class.

At the end of the class, the security officer returned with a complaint form for the teacher to fill out. When the teacher expressed that they were going to insist the student not be allowed to return to class, the officer had no response to that except to leave before the student could say anything. The remainder of the class was filled with tension, as you may have guessed.

While I doubt this student will be back on the following Tuesday, there remains the possibility for similar incidents of this nature, including (possibly) a guerrilla action by the ousted student. At any rate the atmosphere necessary for learning has been tainted and it is with this concern in mind that I humbly request the aforementioned forces, Mr. Secretary-General. I understand you and your organization have a lot on your plates already, what with Darfur, North Korea and Iran reprising the lion's share of attention. However, I believe that the average student is not going to be made to feel that all those instruments of policy have worked for your august body in recent years and perhaps you will, for once, respond in a timely manner with the required assistance.

Let's save Darfur

BY BETTY BENITEZ

The crisis in the Darfur region in Western Sudan has worsened. An estimated 400,000, women, men, and children have died. In addition, 2.5 million civilians have been forced to flee their homes due to the violence and war. 3.5 million rely on humanitarian aid.

This catastrophe is government-sponsored, according to the Sudanese government officials. Mr. Secretary-General, you may feel that it is unreasonable to allocate forces, that diplomacy and possible sanctions should be our initial response to this crisis. I am sure there are people who perform genocides with the lives of those who live internationally and lack aid. It was a relief to witness the atmosphere necessary for the United Nations peacekeepers to step in and protect Darfur.

As a believer in advocacy for people living under unjust rulings I was proud to see how much people came out to the rally. I was glad to see so many people are concerned with the men of those who live internationally and lack aid. I was a relief to witness the atmosphere necessary for the United Nations peacekeepers to step in and protect Darfur.

At any rate, I will be requisitioning a silk jacket from the local National Guard until I receive a reply from your office. One can never be too sure of government's effectiveness, especially in light of recent events. I swept your prompt and hopefully positive response.

Respectfully Yours,

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LOVE & LIFE

Let Go

BY NICHOLAS KARASOULIS

People say that there are times in our lives when we just need to let go and let life take its course. I have always disagreed with that... until now. A lot of you readers probably read my "hit" article "Never Let Go," where I argued the fact that we should hold tight to the people that we love and care about. I'm here to tell everyone that sometimes you do have to let go.

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We don't know what the future holds, so we all really need to just let go. Let go and just go with it. Go with the flow. Really, what else does any of us have to lose?
Baseball Playoffs Predictions

By Alex Irish

As Major League Baseball's regular season comes to a close, teams are either getting ready for the playoffs, or they are getting ready for a long off season. The different teams that are going to the playoffs will be facing a different type of animal, because the playoffs have a reputation of destroying pitching staffs, and everyday line ups. I will give a prediction of what I believe will happen in MLB playoffs.

AL Playoff preview

AL East: New York Yankees

AL Central: Minnesota Twins

AL West: Oakland A's

AL Wild Card: Detroit Tigers

AL Division Series:

Competitors

New York Yankees VS Minnesota Twins: Yankees in 6 games.

New York Mets VS St. Louis Cardinals: Mets in 6 games.

New York Mets VS Los Angeles Dodgers: Mets in 3 games.

NY Mets VS St. Louis Cardinals: Cards in 6 games.

NL Playoff preview

NL East: New York Mets

NL Central: St. Louis Cardinals

NL Wild Card: West: San Diego Padres

NL Wild Card: Los Angeles Dodgers

NL Division Series:

Competitors

New York Mets VS Los Angeles Dodgers: Mets in 3 games.

New York Mets VS St. Louis Cardinals: Cards in 6 games.

NL Championship Series:

Competitors

New York Mets VS St. Louis Cardinals: Cards in 6 games.

National League MVP Shaun Alexander

Best 5

1. Chicago Bears - This team is on a roll, and they have the best defense in the league. They have the young players growing up and the defense is on another level. They should be in the Super Bowl.

2. Seattle Seahawks - The team is playing well this year, and they have a good defense. They are on the up and they should be in the Super Bowl.

3. Indianapolis Colts - Even with the loss of Edgerrin James, the Colts still have a good team. They are on the up and they should be in the Super Bowl.

4. San Francisco 49ers - The team is playing well this year, and they have a good defense. They are on the up and they should be in the Super Bowl.

5. Houston Texans - David Carr is playing well this year, and they have a good defense. They are on the up and they should be in the Super Bowl.

Top and bottom of the NFL

BY ALEX IRISH

The end of August only signifies one thing to NFL fans: Canton. Canton that really matter. No more pre-season, no more T.O. doesn't practice today. Those are gone until next year. When T.O. won't practice and the pre-season will be upon us once again. I have evaluated the teams and the off season moves, along with some of the Preseason games and have formed a list ranking of the best teams in the league, the worst teams in the league, and the reasons why I have placed them this way.

Best 5

1. Pittsburgh Steelers - After last years' run to the Super Bowl and then winning it, this team has lost some key components, but still has Fast Willie Parker, Joey Porter, and Ben Roethlisberger running the team. Roethlisberger's career record is 24 wins - 2 losses, he just doesn't lose.

2. New England Patriots - And while we are talking about guys that don't lose, Tom Brady has led this team to three superbowl titles in five years, winning each time. After that, there isn't much you can say about this scrappy bunch, they get the job done in crunch time.

3. Indianapolis Colts - Even with the loss of Edgerrin James, the Colts still possess the most dominant air attack the NFL. They have a good team. They are on the up and they should be in the Super Bowl.

4. San Francisco 49ers - The team is playing well this year, and they have a good defense. They are on the up and they should be in the Super Bowl.

5. Houston Texans - David Carr is now playing for a former coach and their defense has the ability to turn over the ball, not too great pitching staff, but still has a few key components, but still has Shaun Alexander, who plays more like a wide receiver (he ran a 4.2 40-yard dash), and Peyton Manning commands the offense. They should be in the Super Bowl.

Bottom 5

1. Oakland Raiders - With their team of misfits, the Raiders will not compete in this league where you must plan, a pessimism on attempting to run the ball, not throw 45 yards down the field.

2. Arizona Cardinals - With a team of misfits, the Cardinals will not compete in this league where you must plan, a pessimism on attempting to run the ball, not throw 45 yards down the field.

3. New York Jets - The team has a lot of problems on offense and defense. They should be in the Super Bowl.

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Uncle Johnny's Silver Screen Review:
The Black Dahlia

BY JOHN KNOX

Who Made It: Brian De Palma

Who's In It: Josh Hartnett, Scarlett Johansson, Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank.

The Black Dahlia: his rise, his fall, his murder (real enough at the time; the night he died became lost in the shuffle). The starlet's murder (real enough at the time; the mystery was never solved) and subsequent investigation unravels over the remainder of the film, with De Palma throwing in plenty of what I like to call 'WTF?' moments. Especially weird was Hartnett's relationship (if you could call it that) with Swank and her family, a gang of unbalanced misfits I haven't seen since, well, ever! Mom alone is a freak show and becomes even worse over the remainder of the film, if that was possible. Essentially, the film is more about Hartnett's character than anyone else, including the Black Dahlia: his rise, his fall, the corruption and slime that surrounded almost every piece of his existence. There are more than a few plot holes, especially when one of the major characters dies and is disposed of in a manner that is never satisfactorily explained. His character, or more precisely Hartnett's acting, is often wooden: remember that short bit at the beginning of 'Sin City'? Think two hours of that, including the first-person narrative.

The violence and sex scenes in this film actually have the effect of numbing you to the outcome of the case and the characters' fate, which is sad. Nothing is particularly surprising or shocking, just nasty. And since no one is innocent, Hartnett, you don't need to end up sympathizing with anyone. That's kind of a letdown. As for the ending I'll just say we have a piece of fiction based on true crime it felt plonker that it should have.

I left the theatre feeling a bit numb, not really wanting to remember much about 'The Black Dahlia.' It certainly isn't going to go down as one of De Palma's better films. That's too bad, because you get a sense he really put himself into this film, as the cinematography was pretty good, the dialogue authentic and the score present but not overwhelming. But in the end it's a sleazy film about sleazy people doing sleazy things to each other. I can't imagine the real story being as thrilling as it if is, then maybe Hollywood is really the largest cesspool in the world, turning the good, bad and the bad way worse. If that's the case then I feel really bad for any starlet who ever set foot in that town.

Kung Fu Girls visit LaGuardia

BY LISSETT VEGA

Homecoming 2006 started off with a kick from the Kung Fu Girls. A 2-piece powerpop/indie rock band from Huntington, Long Island gave us a buoyant performance with their hits Hey (Baby Baby), Black and White, and You Had Me At Goodbye. A fifteen minute set filled with softspun lyrics about love, "I'm thinking of you/If you only knew/I'm thinking of you/You're always on my mind/It's a love song hard to find/" and power cords driven guitar riffs.

After the set I caught up with the black and blonde streaked guitarist and vocals, Mia Koo and backup vocalist on guitar and keyboard, Ava Koo. The energized Girls, who showed no signs to slowing down after their set, stopped for a short interview with The Bridge.

Bridge: "How long has the Kung Fu Girls been a band?"

Mia: "It's been about two and a half years now."

Bridge: "Who are some of your musical influences?"

Mia: "The Plain White T's, Match, and The Beatles."

Bridge: "When should we be expecting your full length album?"

Ava: "Our EP will be coming out next month entided Thinking of You, you can purchase our stuff at merchdirect.net/thekungfugirls."

Eager to catch the following act I hit the Atrium's stage, the girls left us with a encouraging message for the students here at LaGuardia, "Stay in school, don't do drugs, listen to the Kung Fu Girls forever, buy the album and I love you!"

You can catch up the band at myspace.com/thekungfugirls. First Kung Fu Girls should be back in LaGuardia in November."

The Ocean

The Ocean is deep, blue and mysterious, Its waves ring like magic to one's ears

The Ocean is plentiful and full of fish, The Ocean can make true any wish. Just close your eyes and dare to dream

Christine

By Alex Irish

I built this car from the scrap in the yard I built my love from the scrap in the yard I blessed it with a curse from above I blessed her with a curse from below I tried to make nice, but instead paid a price now I'm stuck in a grave, a foot too low I tried to make nice, but I rolled

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THE OCEAN
Places to dine near LAG

BY ALEKSANDR Sidorov

There are a lot of food places near LaGuardia. But what would a poor student get something to eat for a decent amount of money? 

First, let's look at the "Thomson Strip." There is Lime Kitchen, Pizza Xpress, College Convenience, 7-Eleven and Aroma Y Sabor. All five are close to the college, but it depends what you call close, considering the time it takes just to cross Thomson Avenue.

Lime Kitchen – the food is decent and cheap. The food quality is similar to LaGuardia's cafeteria (see below). The place doesn't exactly shine with outstanding service, cheap food or cleanliness, but it's alright. The bad thing we found is expired chips and a dirty bathroom. Take use bathrooms in LaGuardia. They're actually better. They don't accept credit cards, but an ATM is available. Specials range from $2.50 - $5.00.

Pizza Xpress – Probably one of the best places on the Strip. Pizza is very good and priced right $1.75 per slice. They don't have any specials and they don't replenish their drink shelves often enough. For entertainment, they have two TVs and the smoking area is quite comfortable. Their service is quick and polite. The bad thing: floor can use some cleaning and there was some rotten fruit. Food prices: Pizza slice: $1.75 - $1.85, Sandwiches: $4.50 - $4.95, Burgers: $3.50 - $5.50 Coffee: $1.95 - $1.50

Hours: Mon – Fri: 6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. Closed due to fire.

College Convenience – The store has too many things for its own good. One of the good things about them is that their subs are good. But they usually have a strange smell and I didn't want to know what exactly it was. The food quality and prices are comparable to Lime Kitchen, so go there if you want, but try to choose something else. They do have some school supplies but not as much as LaGuardia's bookstore or MDS supply store near Seattle Cafe, which is a good thing – there aren't that many stores that sell school supplies around here.

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Aroma y Sabor – The restaurant is comparable with Seattle Cafe in terms of comfort, but the food is much better. The service is quick; there are plenty of seats, including some outside seating, which is useful when it's warm outside. To my knowledge, there is no restaurant around here that has that. A 10% student discount is also available when you show your school ID.

Food prices: Pizza slice: $4.75, Sandwiches: $1 - $2.50, Burgers: $2.95 - $5.75

Hours: 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Seattle Cafe – A restaurant that has proven itself quite popular among LaGuardia students, but unlike some other popular places, it's not very clean. Seattle, however, has a wide variety of food: hamburgers, pizza, sandwiches. You name it, they got it (well, almost). However, the restaurant has received a few health warnings in the past, so watch out. Seattle has a good, attentive service and a 10% discount for students.

Food prices: Combos: $2.99 - $4.95, Burger or panini: $4.95, Pizza slice: $1.65

Hours: Mon - Fri: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

LaGuardia Cafeteria – When you go to the cafeteria, you get what you pay for. The cafeteria offers a nice seating area, although the color is strange and I didn't want to know what exactly it was. The food there isn't great, except for a few items, like their fries and coleslaw. The cafeteria does offer comfort on a rainy day.

Food prices: Pizza: $1.75, Sandwiches: $1.65 - $2.75, Coffee: $1.65

Hours: Mon – Fri: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

And then there are also places that require some walking or taking the bus, if you're willing to wait for one. These places are best if you're done with classes or have an hour break between classes or your work.

Quintos' – Quinto's is my favorite place to eat. Given the fact that it's all away near Court House, subway station, it's kind of out of the way. But it's worth it: the food is awesome. I'll admit though – it's expensive. A meal would probably cost you around $10, which is something not every college student can afford, but it will fill you up.

Food prices: Hamburger meal: $4.99, Pizza slice: $1.90, Garlic napkin 5 for $1

Hours: Mon – Fri: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Down on Queens Blvd, there is Wendy's near 44th Street (40th Street Station - 7), McDonald's on 38th Street (40th Street Station), Burger King on 40th Street (45th Street Station), and finally Subway and Dunkin' Donuts near Queensboro Plaza. I don't think I need to describe them, as these brands are quite popular nowadays. Question is: are they enough to make you take the train or the bus?