

# THE BANNER

## As the Towers Crumbled So Did Our Lives

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The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 not only changed the skyscraper of New York City, it changed the lives of so many Americans. It is a day that will never be forgotten and will forever go down in history, as being one of the most tragic catastrophes to occur on the American soil. From the first plane crashing into the North Tower of the World Trade Center, to all the memorials being held post attacks, it was heartrending to see the thousands of innocent lives that were taken during this horrific event.

Venturing towards Ground Zero from the ferry triggered many memories and emotions of this disastrous day, which I have kept bottled up inside of me for many years. Although eight years have passed, the debris is gone and the thousands who worked to rescue and recover are no longer digging, visiting Ground Zero for the first time since the nightmarish event of the terrorist attacks, I felt like I was in a dream.

I was familiar of my surrounding, street signs and landmarks but

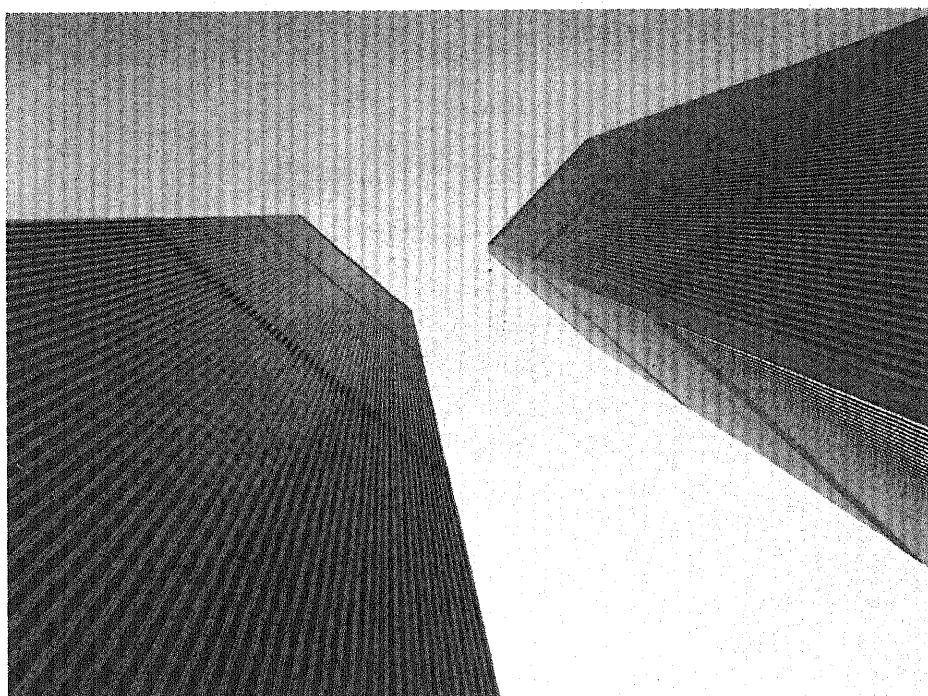


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estranged from reality. I found myself reflecting, remembering the day like it was yesterday.

It was a clear, sunny Tuesday morning, people rushing their children to school and racing to work. It was my first full day of high school and my teachers were on strike.

As the freshmen class of over two hundred students gathered into the gym in attempts to be taught Global Studies by the Dean of Students, the teachers

crossed the picket line with tears streaming down their faces in disbelief. Rumors were being spread by obnoxious teenagers that teachers were being arrested and were demanded by the police to return to the building.

Over the loud speaker, our principal explained what had happened. We sat in our desks shocked and in fear of what was to come. When I realized my parents were both working, I began to feel a

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## CAN NEWSPAPERS SURVIVE?

"The reason newspapers are becoming more and more in crisis is because people have stopped caring whether what they choose to read is totally unbiased and correct."

**BY LISA GINO**  
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Informative information through the years has always been an important part of peoples lives all over the world. Today, it seems to be taken for granted because people have so much of it from so many places. Social relevance in the news is what dignified newspapers strive for and intelligent people should look for. Before the internet and the portable laptops, there was a time of simplicity and a void of technology that left society okay with just the newspaper for their everyday lives. Now, society has become much less interested in the news and not as willing to search for the good sources.

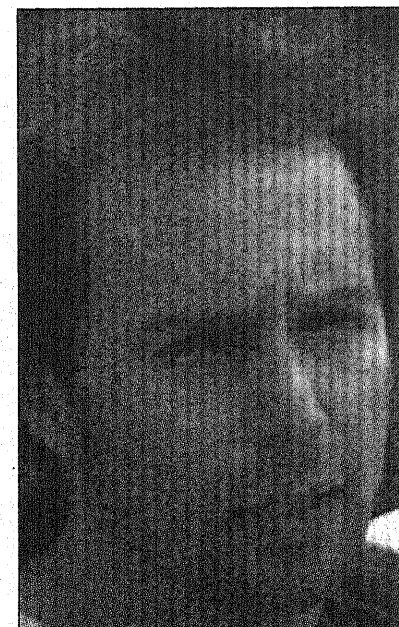
Bill Hoose, editor in chief of the Staten Island Advance, visited and spoke to a journalism class at The College of Staten Island on October 23, 2009. He stayed for almost two hours sharing his experience with the news and his view on what's going on in the media world today. The editor spoke about the difference in the journalism style in the past from now. In the 'olden' days (about 60s and 70s), the reporter and writer held different responsibilities because there were those who gathered facts and then handed them off to be rewritten in a good quality style. The editor expressed his concern for newspapers in today's world not only due to technology but now due to the economy. The national economy now puts the strain on advertisers to be in the newspaper due to cutbacks which means less money for newspapers. There is also a big demand for newspapers to all go electronic forcing journalists to write two stories for each story, one for paper and a shorter one for the internet.

By hearing this man with much experience in the journalism and newspaper field speak, it enlightened everyone in his audience to ask and comment. He taught the class that newspapers have built a reputation that people know and expect to be the truth. As an editor of a local newspaper he has seen the pressures and work that can sometimes go unappreciated. A newspaper is written and compiled by professional qualified

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Be careful who you trust!

## "Pa Que Tu Lo Sepa" (So that you know)

**BY NELIDA L. TOLENTINO**  
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"Latinos are unique beings," College of Staten Island President Tomas Morales. Yet according to some students here on campus, "Latinos are being over-shadowed. I wish I knew about ...events ahead of time because I would've liked to have learned more about my culture and where I came from," said Jessica Ramos a CSI junior and fellow Latina. Jessica isn't the only one who feels that way, Dr. Carlos Abad a professor at CSI feels that, "Latinos are treated unfairly and at times second class and unequal." This begs the question if the events committee seems to pay more attention to other races?

The lack of student participation is a huge problem here at the College of Staten Island, even though there are students who are involved, we still need to find more ways to engage students in school activities. Though obviously there are students who work or may be par-

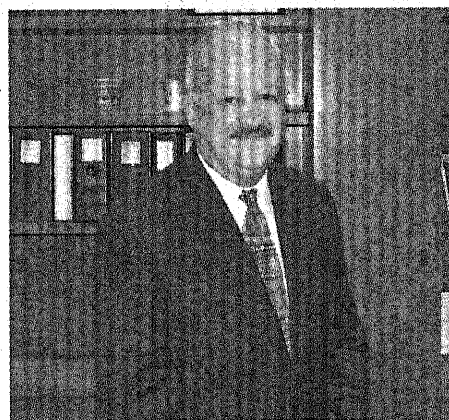


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ents. The rest are unemployed or just too lazy to even care. President Morales is working on creating opportunities for students to get involved and take pride in CSI. President Morales stated "he is trying to create an inclusive community to value our community members regardless of their background. We are a diverse campus... [and that] diversity is a strength," he said as he took me through the many ideas he feels can help

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# American Democracy Project

## Terrorism Trials To Be Held in New York City

9-11 terrorists NYC trials  
spark outrage and controversy

BY KANIKA KHANNA  
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Attorney General Eric Holder's decision to hold civil trials for the terrorists responsible for the September 11th terror attacks has baffled and angered many American elected officials and citizens. The Obama Administration has called off military proceedings often utilized by the previous presidency to try Guantanamo Bay detainees as well as the five terrorists held accountable for the terror plot in 2001. This has spurred ire for several reasons, with some Americans urging the Attorney General to alter his course of action.

Holder recently told the Senate Judiciary Committee "[The United States] need not cover in the face of this enemy. Our institutions are strong, our infrastructure is ready, our resolve is firm, and our people are ready." Senator Patrick Leahy (D) of Vermont, who also serves as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, supports the Attorney General's reasoning, due to the country's well-respected legal system. Furthermore, as noted by Senator Jack Reed (D) of Rhode Island, former President George W. Bush used the civilian court system to effectively con-



vict other terror suspects.

Those opposed to the civil court rulings argue for military trials for various reasons. Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani took note of the cost of the proceedings on providing enough security, stating to CNN "that also happens to cost millions and millions and millions of dollars." Indeed, Senator Chuck Schumer (D) told The New York Times Police Commissioner Ray Kelly estimated "the cost of providing security could top \$75 million" for a year long trial. Holder has insisted that the U.S. government will compensate the city for such costs. Some Republicans also fear that the trials will ignite a "circus atmosphere" and inadvertently highlight the beliefs and

politics of Islamic extremism. Senator Jeff Sessions (R) of Alabama said along with granting the defendants rights not given in military trials, it would give Mohammed "the position to be a martyr and a hero among al-Qaeda sympathizers around the world." Alice Hoagland, the mother of an airplane passenger killed in the attacks told Holder, "I am afraid that the theatrics are going to take over." The release of classified information in a public also serves as a problem.

Perhaps the most controversial issue surrounding the intended civilian trials for the five terrorists, including the self-proclaimed 9-11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed is the nature of the

trial itself. While Mohammed planned to plead guilty in military proceedings, lawyers now report that at least one suspect will "plead not guilty in a 'justification defense'", according to CNN. Senator Judd Gregg (R) of New Hampshire stated, "If [the terrorists] have the opportunity and were to get free, they would try to destroy this country. There's no reason we should have them in the criminal justice system."

Indeed, the due process rights of the accused remain a question. Supreme Court cases such as Hamdi v. Rumsfeld (2004) and Hamdan v. Rumsfeld (2006) deal with the rights of enemy combatants, albeit in dissimilar scenarios. Hamdi v. Rumsfeld involved an enemy combatant retaining U.S. citizenship, and thus received full due process rights. Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, in contrast, ruled that Salim Ahmed Hamdan, driver of Osama bin Laden, was tried in violation of the Geneva Conventions for conspiracy to commit terrorism. The conflict of national procedures defying international law may be the Attorney General's reasoning to refuse military proceedings in favor of civil court.

Official charges have not been filed against the five terror suspects, but the decision to try them in New York City has been finalized.

carbon dioxide emissions optional. The United States signed the Kyoto Protocol, but did not ratify the treaty. Combined, both countries produce a startling 36.2% of greenhouse gases in the world. While China would like to see further leadership from industrialized countries, President Obama "insists China, India, South Africa and Brazil must commit to slow growth of emissions", according to BBC.

Still, some remain optimistic and see the climate conference as a step in the right direction. "This is a very significant development, which in substance and symbolism greatly enhances the prospects of a satisfactory agreement at Copenhagen," Rajendra Pachauri told the Associated Press. Pachauri heads the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and was the co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize with former Vice President Al Gore. Nevertheless, the United States will continue to strive for change in national climate change policy, which the Senate said will occur in the coming year.

responsibility in solving the climate crisis, believes the Western world must take more action. "Developed countries should support developing countries in tackling climate change," Jintao stated. He would like the West to "provide low-carbon technology" and have wealthy countries reduce their greenhouse gas level to "40% below 1990 level by 2020".

**"the president believes that continued U.S. leadership can be most productive through his participation at the end of the Copenhagen conference"**

Despite the promise of reform in the energy policies of both the United States and China's, previous commitments to climate change agreements, in addition to their massive levels of greenhouse gas emissions do not help the two countries in negotiations. China signed the Kyoto Protocol, but was classified as a developing nation, which made reducing

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improve school spirit. Supporting clubs and encouraging students to join and take part in these clubs" and the activities, that are held throughout the year. When asked about the Hispanic students on campus President Morales said, "the students I have met are very proud that they're Latino students and that they are Latino. I know I am proud to be Latino... and of the many accomplishments I have achieved throughout my years as an educator." Growing up in the city of San Sebastian Puerto Rico, President Tomas Morales challenged his level of excellence as he moved to the South Bronx in New York and earned his BA in History. As well as earning his Masters and PhD from The State University of New York in Albany for Educational Administration and Policy Studies a couple years later. Throughout his years of college, he mentioned how intrigued and involved students were, especially when it came to events such as this mambo dance class we had once every week. Students in my day were very involved and it is my goal to get this college as involved. Throughout his 32 years of teaching President Morales has accomplished so much from being awarded awards for outstanding contributions to being a part of different organizations that help out students and the community such as Project Hospitality and HACU. He has shown and given a great deal of effort in trying to diversify this campus. But it's the students who need to help make that possible.

Statistics show that the College of Staten Island is made up of a diverse student body. There are Native Americans (1%), Asians (10.9%), African Americans (12%), Hispanics (14.6%), and Caucasians (62.5%). In a recent survey that was conducted with students on campus, I found that 45 of the students surveyed were unemployed and preferred to stay home rather than be on campus. 35 of the students surveyed were employed and had no time but admitted to attending to at least one event during their time here as students. As for the remaining 20 students, they stated that they rarely saw any event calendars promoting readings, concerts or club meetings on campus, at least on the route they have been taking to their classes.

Lauren Martinez a fellow student and Latina at CSI stated, "I've been here for

two years and haven't seen, not one flyer or banner publicizing any events. The only ones I do see a lot are the swimming ones, I see on some doors on at least heard of a Hispanic event going on that I might actually go." When told about the upcoming concert of the famous Salsa Band El Gran Combo Lauren was shocked that CSI will have them here performing, but when told the price of the ticket were \$80-90.00 she stated, "that's way too much." Can that be the problem? Ticket prices are too high for the average student.

When students were asked about ways to improve the campus spirit, a variety of answers flooded through. Jonathan Lopez a sophomore here at CSI said "if we had better sports here like maybe a football team, I think we'd have a little more school spirit because then we'd have something to support, at least for me that is." Would that really help engage the students more? What really can help pursue students in becoming more involved? According to Professor Barbano, he agrees with President Morales that, "students need to take part in different clubs as well as create them." He also stated that getting students to take ownership in keeping clubs afloat will help improve and keep awareness around." Professor Abad also agrees that, "many clubs especially the Latino clubs have been cancelled due to the lack of students taking over after previous club directors graduated." He also states that Professor are limited with what they can do due to lack of office space and budgets." Now in all reality if the support isn't there, there isn't the slightest chance of spreading awareness on campus, but together we can accomplish anything we put our mind to. Like President Morales always says "today's the beginning of the rest of your life... embrace learning and begin the journey to becoming an educated person."

By lying around on your couches watching T.V or tweeting doesn't help you become more culturally aware. If you actually take the time out to get involved you'll feel more productive and have a feeling of accomplishment instead of boredom.

## So Much to Do, Yet so Little Effort

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It appears that some things in life are constants. You live, you die, you pay taxes, and the College of Staten Island sucks. But why is everyone so tough on the school. Is it because students are never happy no matter where they go school? It seems if you ask any student from junior high through college you will get the same response—"I hate it". That is not a fair judgment of anything. There is no elaborate detail or definitive reason for even why you might feel this way. Sure CSI isn't your prototypical college. There are no dorms, there is no football team, and there are no on sight parties with booze. That doesn't mean it's not a college or better yet an institutional learning facility. That's right, some people actually go to college to learn. Not everyone is interested in living it up, and throwing away thousands of dollars.

So now you ask, why are you defending CSI? The point is well taken, but consider the facts. How many students actually stick around after a class to go walk around and find things out? How many students bother to try and find a club, or try to socialize and make new friends. If you ask around, the answer is not many. Most students think the Campus Center is just a place where you can grab lunch and buy books. But they are so wrong. Next time after you leave the upstairs bookstore, don't head down the stairs. Walk past them and discover the countless rooms and organizations to explore.

Perhaps the first room you'll pass is the Center for Student Life. In here you can obtain any information

about the happenings and going on's of the school. If going in is too much excitement for one day perhaps you can take a pamphlet or flier from the door. As you continue down the hallway you'll pass numerous publications: Serpentine, Operation 3 Legged Dolphin, the Third Rail, and most importantly the Banner, which is CSI's newspaper. All of these publications are avidly looking for members to write, illustrate, or even take pictures.

If writing isn't your thing you can head to the Game Room. In the Game Room there are: two pool tables, an air hockey table, a foosball table, and two big screens. Each big screen is equipped with a Wii, an X-Box 360, and a Playstation 3. The prices to play these are relatively cheap with nothing more than five dollars for an hour. If video games aren't your thing either just out the double doors of the corridor is a movie room. There's a pretty decent sized screen up playing some of the newest releases, and it's totally free.

Still not convinced? Just about every week there is a concert, comedian, or fundraiser going on inside with free food or giveaways. CSI wants the students to come there and have a good college experience. Perhaps Brian Gonzalez Editor-and-Chief of the Banner said it best, "CSI is a commuter school, meaning that students usually just go to classes and leave when they finish. It's difficult convincing students to participate in activities on campus even with certain incentives such as food or giveaways, because of time." So next time you have a break, think about this article. Go ahead, what could it hurt? Get your real college experience.

## Obama To Attend United Nations Climate Conference

The United States' influence  
may determine success of  
forum

BY KANIKA KHANNA  
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After the debated success of the Kyoto Protocol, the United Nations announced its Climate Conference would take place in Copenhagen from Dec. 7th to Dec. 18th. Members of the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be active in negotiations, including the U.S., China, India, the United Kingdom and Brazil. The summit aims to create a foundation to establish a new agreement on climate change upon the expiration of the Kyoto Protocol.

President Obama stated before he would attend the forum in its early stages; however, The White House announced that he would attend the final day of negotiations in Denmark. "Based on his conversations with other leaders and the progress that has already been made to give momentum to negotiations,

the president believes that continued U.S. leadership can be most productive through his participation at the end of the Copenhagen conference on Dec. 18 rather than on Dec. 9." Obama has also released environmental goals for the United States, citing promises to reduce carbon emissions by "17% from 2005 levels, 42% by 2030 and 83% by 2050". Previously, the administration refused to report particular targets, with the intent to wait for Congress to pass legislation combating rising levels of greenhouse gases.

China has proposed new emissions targets as well; the country promises to "cut carbon dioxide per unit of GDP by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2020". China's goal raises some concern amongst environmentalists and world leaders alike. Many argue that this target intends to protect the nation's booming economy more than reduce carbon emissions. As of 2007, China is the largest producer of greenhouse gas in the world, while the United States holds the second place spot. Chinese President Hu Jintao, while taking some

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## BANNER BRIEFS

A Roundup of CSI News and more

### SEEK Program Art Gallery Debuts

On Thursday, November 12, faculty, students, staff, and administrators rubbed shoulders at the official opening reception of the SEEK Program Art Gallery, a new venue in Building 1A where current SEEK students and alumni will be displaying their works for all to enjoy. The Gallery's first exhibit, entitled SEEKING Perspectives..., featured photographs, paintings, and other works by nine SEEK Program artists.

The Art Gallery, located in the SEEK Program office (Building 1A, Room 112), will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The College community is invited to stop in at any time during those hours to view the art.

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### CSI Expands Students' Horizons to Italy

For over 25 years, the College of Staten Island, together with institutional partners, the American University of Rome (AUR), the Instituto Venezia, and Lorenzo de' Medici LDM in Florence and Tuscany, has enabled hundreds of students to discover the delights of Italy and to experience the life-changing effects of studying abroad.

The programs, which are offered to CSI and CUNY students, and nationally, through the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS), have been growing in popularity throughout the years. As of 2008, 415 students had studied in Italy under the auspices of the College of Staten Island.

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### CSI Celebrates Hispanic Heritage and Contributions

A diverse and standing-room-only crowd of CSI students, faculty, and staff gathered... in the Campus Center Green Dolphin Lounge to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and spotlight the vast contributions of Hispanic members of the College community. The event was presented by the SEEK for Excellence Club and the Organization of Unique Individuals (OUI) Club.

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### The bridge that forever changed Staten Island turns 45

Forty-five years ago, some 47,000 motorists turned out for what they knew would be a defining event in the borough's history:

The day the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge collected its first toll, Nov. 21, 1964. When the bridge was completed, master builder Robert Moses deemed the span's design a "triumph of simplicity and restraint." The effect of the bridge on life on Staten Island, however, was both immediate and complex.

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## 12-year case finally resolved with \$9 award

BY FRANK DONNELLY  
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Nine dollars.

That's what it took to end a free-speech lawsuit dating back a dozen years, in which a federal court had previously determined that former College of Staten Island President Dr. Marlene Springer violated the First Amendment by nullifying a 1997 student election.

The president believed a school-funded student newspaper had compromised the outcome by endorsing a slate of candidates.

A Brooklyn federal court judge has accepted Dr. Springer's motion to pay \$1 in nominal damages to each of nine plaintiffs, all former CSI students. The payout, which amounts to 75 cents for each year of the lawsuit, effectively ends the legal battle that has been waged in Brooklyn federal court since 1997.

In short-circuiting a potential damages trial, Dr. Springer made no admission of liability or wrongdoing. She retired in August 2007 after 13 years at the Willowbrook school.

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knot in my throat getting tighter and tighter.

My mother a nurse at St. Vincent Hospital and my father a fire fighter, I was unable to contact them due to the telephone lines not working.

Through the much confusion, I somehow found a way home. I was crying so hard that my entire body was trembling. I was in shocked, speechless, and unable to compose myself. I soon realized my father was suppose to work overtime and was being relocated to the firehouse blocks away from the World Trade Center that morning—I assumed the worst. Thankfully he was cancelled. Driving home on the BQE, he witnessed the plane crash into the North Tower. My father said, "I didn't know what to do. No one was home for you kids...I made a few phone calls and was authorized to return to the firehouse."

As the hours went by and the number of mortalities flourished, my heart was in the pit of my stomach. The only way I knew my father was still alive was through my next door neighbor, an EMT at the time who ran into him after the towers fell.

Three days later my father returned home. It was both a joyous and an emotional occasion for my family. My uncle a chief of the FDNY said "It is remarkable that the three of us (my father and two uncles who were on the fire department at the time) made it out alive." He painfully remembered people jumping out windows and running down the stairs as his "brothers" were running up the steps to save those who were helpless

Ronald B. McGuire, the plaintiffs' Jersey City-based lawyer, said they are considering an appeal.

"We're certainly gratified to have won the case [on the First Amendment issue], but I'm concerned the decision may give future defendants a way to avoid judgments on constitutional issues by simply paying nominal damages," he said.

McGuire said his clients, who have gone on to become teachers, computer scientists and an author, had sought symbolic monetary awards — \$500 in compensatory damages, \$2 in punitive damages and \$9 in nominal damages. The claims for compensatory and punitive damages were previously dropped, court papers said.

In sanctioning Dr. Springer's motion to enter the \$9 judgment against herself, District Judge Nina Gershon said it satisfied the plaintiffs' remaining claim and didn't require an accompanying opinion from her on the issue. She also said the decision leaves intact the First Amendment ruling against Dr. Springer.

CSI did not immediately comment on the case....

and in need.

Not only did the towers crumble, so did the lives of many. 9/11 affected countless amounts of individuals in different ways. People lost loved ones while others suffered from mental anguish as well as physical ailments.

After years of mourning and remembrance, I still feel the pain and grief of this devastation. I can not explain why I have not visited Ground Zero before this trip, but I do know that it was an uplifting experience. I feel a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. Although the towers are gone, the memories and feelings will never leave. My father explained that he has tried several times to visit Ground Zero.

He can not bring himself to go, knowing what he has lost and what he could have lost. He attended countless amounts of wakes, memorials, funeral for those who died. Each service he went to made him realize even more how lucky he was to survive and is thankful for what he has. "Till this day I have nightmares.

Digging through the rubble and ash looking for survivors, the only thing I found was a severed left hand that belonged to a female. She had an engagement ring on." My father has almost thirty years on the job and has had the opportunity of retiring. He loves his job and feels he has to pay tribute to those who risked and lost their lives, saving the people who were in danger.

## Relieve Stress the "WRITE"Way

BY DIANE ROZAS  
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Stress comes in many different forms and can be brought by many different forces. School, work and family are just a few stressors individuals may face in everyday life. College students, such as ourselves experience heaps of stress caused by deadlines, exams, GPA and personal issues.

Ann Marie Franzese, a secretary in the English Department emphasizes the importance of staying physical fit and exercise being an excellent stress reliever. She teaches cardio and weight training at the College of Staten Island on Wednesday nights at 5:30pm. She jokingly states, "We don't have a set location in 2R. Come find us. It is where the music is playing."

Her passion of staying physically fit began at the age of 12. She lived with her grandmother, "Mother Dear," and cared for her when she was ill and weak. Ann Marie was told that she inherited "Mother Dear's" physical characteristics. Knowing that she carries similar genes as her grandmother, Ann Marie religiously stays mentally and physically active, so she doesn't age like her grandmother did. "Mother Dear" developed arthritis and developed dementia at the age of 75. "I watched her fade away out of my life. I always asked, why didn't she stay active? Why didn't people make her do things? Why didn't they help her mind by playing games? Just keep her mind going...I workout. I want to live to be 102" explained Ann Marie. Ann Marie has practiced advance tap, ballet and jazz classes for ten years and is certified by the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America.

With Ms. Franzese great knowledge of stress busters, she appeared as a special guest on Writing for Everyday Living, hosted by Anna Tomasino. In the episode of "Writing Away Stress," they spoke about writing and journaling as a technique to reduce stress. Ann Marie shared her journals as far back as 1963. She uses them to record special events because "Your brain can't remember the small details of that event...It helps keep that moment special." Through writing one is able to express themselves and find their inner voice. "Typing something on a computer is just a print. It doesn't look like a human wrote it...when you actually see handwriting of a person, they spent the time and wrote it...you feel closer and can connect to that person" explained Ann Marie.

After a long day Ann Marie encourages people to, "Inhale through your nose, let the stomach rise and exhale slowly through the mouth and let all the bed tension right out and release it. The more oxygen you get into the body the more goes into the brain, the better you will feel."

## Memoirs of a Board of Elections Poll Worker: The Primary

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The Preamble - Poll Worker Training

The New York City Board of Elections (BoE) "Training Room" is also the combination cafeteria/gymnasium of PS 13 in Rosebank.

The training was simple enough. We went through the BoE "Poll Worker's Manual" discussing election laws, federal and state and learned what we must do as poll workers, what we mustn't do as poll workers, and how to ensure honest, fair elections.

Part of the evening was taken-up with learning how to set-up and close-down the Lever Voting Machines New York State has been using successfully and reliably for over a century.

Another part of the evening went to learning how to set-up and use the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) which, according to our instructors, is a very expensive pencil for marking paper ballots for those voters who may, for some reason (it doesn't matter why), be unable to vote on a lever machine.

The BMD has a variety of options for the aurally, visually, or physically impaired, and any combination of these or any other conceivable impairment, which would make an otherwise eligible voter unable to vote on a lever machine. They are amazing. BMDs do not tally votes or in any way record votes. They are not electronic voting machines. They simply mark paper ballots for those who cannot use lever voting machines or a pen or pencil. The paper ballots then have to be counted manually or, possibly, read by a scanner.

For about three-and-a-half hours we shivered, in a freezing room, through the salient points of the BoE "Poll Worker's Manual". Then we took an open-book examination on what we'd learned. The point of an open book exam was not to test how much we knew, but, rather, our

### CORRECTIONS

In issue 2 dated October 19, 2009 the article titled "Professors Peeved Over Parking Too" was printed. There are a few things that need to be corrected.

The first is that Valeria Belmonti is not the "Director" of the Modern Languages Department. Jane Marcus-Delgado is the current Chairperson and Assistant Professor of the Modern Language Department.

Second there were quotes in the article that should have not been included. They were more ideas as opposed to actual quotes. While those ideas led to addressing the concerns of available parking on campus and the costs associated with it they were still ideas and not quotes.

Here is the article reprinted with the corrections.

ability to find the answers in the "Poll Worker's Manual".

Assuming we passed, we would be notified where and when we were assigned to work. If you work the September 15th Primary, you must also work the September 29th Primary Run-Off in order to get paid for either or both days.

During the first week of September I received notice to work in Assembly District 99, Election District (ED) 99, at PS99R, which is about ten minutes walk from my house, but not where I have voted for the past thirty years.

The Primary - Round One

September 14th I set two alarm clocks for 0445 so I'd be sure to be at my assigned work location by 0530 in order to set-up for the 0600 poll opening.

September 15th I was awake at 0415. I arrived a PS99R at 0520 and found a woman waiting in a livery cab:

While she paid for her cab I walked-up to the doors of the school and found them all locked. On the right doorpost I saw a push-button, so I pushed it. I could hear the bell ringing and after a short wait, a man came to open the door.

We entered and saw piles of folding chairs, folding tables, three large grey lever voting machines and a smaller, but by no mean small BMD containing steel box on wheels.

Slowly other poll workers, there were over a dozen of us divided among three election districts, arrived. About 0550 we sorted-out the voting machines, tables and chairs and began opening them and setting-up for business.

By 0605 we had completely taken over the lobby of PS99R with all three lever machines open, and all the various meters on the machines recorded and the BMD was plugged-in and warmed up.

Then we sat and waited. About 0615 the first voter arrived. About 0630 the second and third voters arrived and voted. By 0645 three voters had voted

on all three machines. Then the traffic started to pick-up and by 0730 12 voters in total had come, voted, and gone.

At 0730 the principal of PS99R arrived with donuts and coffee. She welcomed us to her school, gave each of us a pencil with the school's name and number stamped on it and told us to enjoy the donuts and coffee.

When the pupils began arriving the voting picked-up some as a few parents lingered behind to vote. By 0830 the pupils were all in their classrooms and cobwebs started to form around some of the poll workers.

About 1030 a man came in to vote in my Election District but he insisted that one of the poll workers from another Election District go behind the curtains with him. She wanted no part of his agenda and told him how to use the machine, while standing outside the curtains and walked away. I don't think he voted for anyone, because I didn't hear any candidate levers move while he was behind the curtain.

The cobwebs re-formed as the children went to lunch. About 0100 poll workers started going to lunch. We were all back collecting cobwebs by 1500. About 1730 people started to trickle in to vote in all three Election Districts. The rush ended about 1930. About 1945 three women arrived in my Election District: A mother, daughter and granddaughter. It was the first time the granddaughter, a CSI student, voted, turning eighteen this past spring.

About 2015 I started looking at the number of registered (Democratic) voters in my ED, 605, and the number of votes cast according to the meter on the machine, 87. I thought about making book on whether or not we'd reach 93, the number of voters needed to have a turn-out of fifteen percent in the 99th ED. I decided making book by a poll worker during an election would look bad, so I abandoned the idea.

A few people hurried in about 0820 and by 0850 we had our 93rd voter. We closed the poll at 2100 with 93 on the counter and four affidavit ballots for a total of 97 votes cast in the fifteen hours the polls were open for slightly over fif-

teen percent of the registered Democrats in this North Shore ED having bothered to choose the candidates their party would field on November 3rd.

The Primary - Round Two

Two weeks later we repeated the process in order to choose the Democratic candidates for the city wide offices of Comptroller and Public Advocate since none of the candidates for those two offices garnered at least forty percent of the votes in the primary. We had been warned that a run-off election would probably be necessary given the large number of candidates for the Democratic nomination for those two offices.

The bottom line on the run-off election was 24 out of a possible 605 voters bothered to vote in the ED I was working for a turn-out of just under 4%. The other two EDs had a turn-out of about 7.5% each.

While sitting around waiting for something to observe, I started interviewing the other poll workers. I found despite our obvious racial, ethnic and national origin differences we were a surprisingly homogenous group.

The Main Event - Election Day, 2009

A wise man once wrote, "America gets the kind of government it deserves." No one used the BMD in any of the elections at this polling site.

For all three days and the training, each poll worker will earn at least \$625.00.

"Can Newspapers Survive?"  
Continued from the front page

journalists, reporters, etc. The reason newspapers are becoming more and more in crisis is because people have stopped caring whether what they choose to read is totally unbiased and correct. What is one to do when society doesn't care anymore?

The newspaper industry is in crisis and it has been, but now it is not only due to technology, but mostly due to today's people. Busy people who have no time and no availability to read the daily paper, the ignorant teens, and those people who don't think the news affects them are a few groups who are examples of society and life today. Economics have put a strain on the newspaper companies to fire people and cutback on ads and news. The future is blurry but hopefully can turn around. In the future, maybe people will start to care more, the economy will become stable, newspapers will matter more, and society will become better informed, cultured, and conversant.

"Everyday was something different, farthest thing from working on an assembly line...I always felt that one of the things that attracted me the most was the...having no idea what news would break. It was always a sense of anticipation," the editor said about being a part of the production of the news. A journalist is passionate about what they do and the newspapers are a reflection of that dedication.

Newspapers might not be the fastest news now days but they should never be forgotten under any circumstance of their importance and reputation.

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# Science & Technology

## Drink Responsibly

*What you drink is as important as what you eat. That bottle of vitamin water may not be helping you out as much as you think.*

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It is known that more babies are born in the spring, and more weight is gained in the winter. The reasons for why this is so are bountiful and I'm sure there are statistics that back up these observations. To help balance out the over-indulgence of food and sweets that is likely to cause your gain of weight during the winter holidays, the type of drink you choose is important. According to the Harvard School of Public Health "Healthy Beverage Guidelines", six beverage categories are discussed. The latter categories that will be presented down below should be the categories of beverages you choose to drink from, health-wise and will give you the least amount of calorie intake.

Level 6 discussed in the Harvard

guidelines is called "Calorically Sweetened Beverages". This category consists of beverages that are sweetened with sugar, have high-fructose corn syrup, or other types of high-calorie sweeteners, and offer very few nutrients. The types of beverages are carbonated and noncarbonated soft drinks, lemonade, and other fruit drinks. Fruit smoothies and some kinds of flavored coffee fall in this category as well. Daily consumption of this type of beverage can lead to weight gain and Type 2 diabetes. This is the worst category to choose your drink from. I would avoid these kinds of beverages at all costs.

Level 5 category is the "Caloric Beverages with some Nutrients" category. This category consists of fruit juice, vegetable juice, whole milk, sports drinks, vitamin-enhanced waters, and alcoholic beverages. These types of beverages tend to be high in calories, and so are not recommended for daily intake. Vegetable juice is a good substitute to fruit smoothies, which are very high in calories, but may contain a lot of sodium. Whole milk offers many nutrients such as calcium and Vitamin D, but

is high in calories as well. The only people who really need sports drinks are those who exercise for more than an hour at a stretch and who sweat a lot. Also, adding vitamins to a sugary drink does not make it healthy, so beware of labels that might lead you on to think otherwise.

Level 4 is "Noncalorically Sweetened Beverages". Diet sodas and any drink with artificial sweeteners would fit in this category. These drinks are better choices than sugar-sweetened drinks because they are lower in calories. They shouldn't be consumed on a daily basis either, however. According to an article written by Dr. Maoshing Ni called "What Soft Drink are Doing to your Body", saccharin, a sweetener found in Sweet'N Low and Necta Sweet, among others, has found to be a carcinogen and caused bladder cancer in rats.

Level 3 is the "Low-Fat and Skim Milk and Soy Beverages" category. These drinks are better alternatives to whole milk because they offer the same nutrients yet are much lower in calories. For adults, though, limit glass consumption to one or two glasses a day. High levels of consumption may increase the risk of prostate and ovarian cancer.

Level 2 is "Tea and Coffee". When

drunk plain, tea and coffee are calorie-free beverages consisting of antioxidants and other biologically active substances that may be good for health. Three or four cups of this are fine. Just make sure not to add sugar, cream, or flavorings.

Lastly, the best type of beverage to consume is water. Water restores fluids that were lost during metabolism, breathing, sweating, and the removal of waste. It is the best drink to quench thirst and should be the beverage you turn to most. Six to eight glasses of water are recommended daily.

Keep these categories in mind when choosing what you want to drink with your meals. The latter categories are most favorable over the former ones discussed. These guidelines are merely advice for you. But being aware and conscious of the choices you make is important in making the healthiest decision for you. And remember to always drink responsibly no matter the kind of beverage.

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## U.S. Indicts 8 in Worldwide Hacking Ring

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Federal authorities say they've cracked an international computer hacking ring that stole more than \$9 million within 12 hours last November, securing indictments against eight people from Russia, Estonia and Moldova.

The acting U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Georgia said Tuesday that the ring hacked into payroll debit card information of Royal Bank of Scotland Group in Atlanta.

The group created 44 counterfeit payroll debit cards used to withdraw money from more than 2,100 ATM's in at least 280 cities worldwide, including the United States, acting U.S. Attorney Sally Quillian Yates said.

"This investigation has broken the back of one of the most sophisticated computer hacking rings in the world," Ms. Yates said in a statement.

Once the hackers had access to the account data, they raised the limits on the accounts and then provided a network of "cashiers" with 44 counterfeit payroll debit cards, she said.

The investigation found those "cashiers" quickly drained \$9.4 million from the payroll account.

Authorities said Sergei Tsurikov 25, of Tallinn, Estonia, was in custody but the U.S. attorney's office declined to discuss the whereabouts of the others.

Mr. Tsurikov; Viktor Pleschuk, 28, of St. Petersburg, Russia; and Oleg Covelin, 28, of Chisnau, Moldova; and a fourth individual federal authorities would not identify were each indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to commit computer fraud, computer fraud and aggravated identity theft.

Four others — Igor Grudijev, 31; Ronald Tsoi, 31; Evelin Tsoi, 20; and Mihhail Jevgenov, 33 — were each indicted on charges of access device fraud. All four are from Tallinn, Estonia.

Greg Jones, an FBI special agent, said the charges send "a clear message to cyber criminals across the globe: Justice will not stop at international borders."

The investigation is ongoing. The indictment seeks the forfeiture of \$9.4 million from the defendants.

## Firefox: Heat and the CPU usage problem

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I see it. When I'm accessing sites with multimedia content such as the CNET front door, Firefox CPU usage will bounce around between 30 and 60 percent, and sometimes spike higher (80 percent and above), as indicated by the Mac OS 10.6.2 Activity Monitor. On the other hand, the Safari CPU usage with the same pages open is much lower—typically between 2 percent and 10 percent.

My theory is that most users don't notice this because in mainstream laptops, this isn't an issue. But it can become an issue in ultraportables—typically under an inch thick—which are more sensitive to heat because of the design constraints. The ultrathin Apple MacBook Air, which I use as my main machine, is a good example.

The fan is usually an audible indicator of CPU usage issues. When I'm using Firefox and I have tabs open on multimedia-rich sites (which is par for the course these days), the Air's fan will almost invariably kick on and stay on until I close the tabs. As I write this, the

fan has finally shut down after I closed the Firefox tabs (e.g. CNET front door). Those same tabs in Safari are still open and not causing any significant spike in CPU usage or fan activity.

When I contacted Mozilla, a technical support person guessed that Safari is possibly better at optimizing Flash-based sites compared to Firefox. And that may be true. However, I had similar issues

before when I was using a Hewlett-Packard business ultraportable (also very thin like the Air) that were not necessarily tied to Flash usage. In short, Firefox was less efficient with CPU usage compared to Microsoft's IE 8. And the behavior was similar. The HP laptop would

quickly heat up and the fan would kick on.

Finally, let me reemphasize that I'm guessing that most users don't notice this because heat dissipation is not a big issue for mainstream laptops that are not necessarily thermally-challenged when accessing multimedia-rich Web pages. That said, this has been a steady problem for me because I use ultraportables almost exclusively and has forced me to limit my use of Firefox.



# Business

## The BRIC Nations' Effect on Global Commerce Going Forward

BY TOM BRIGANDI  
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When people in the Business World think of future economic growth, they tend to think about developing or emerging countries rather than developed countries. The developed world is also known most commonly as the Western World; in particular Western Europe and The United States. However, it is the view of many Business people that the developed world has had its day in the spotlight. Now it's time to usher in a new age of economic growth, led by the emerging markets.

Essentially, the emerging market nations of Brazil, Russia, India and China are most widely associated the acronym BRIC. This acronym was coined by Jim O'Neill, the Chief Economist at Goldman Sachs, one of the premier financial services institutions in the world. Back in 2001, Jim O'Neill was one of the leading visionaries regarding the huge monetary potential that economic globalization would have moving forward.

## Job Losses Mount, Enduring and Deep

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The rise in unemployment that has occurred in the current recession has been hardest on young workers, while having a smaller effect on older workers than previous downturns. Women have been more likely than men to hold on to their jobs.

The overall unemployment rate, which reached 10.2 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis last month, remains below the post-World War II peak of 10.8 percent, reached in late 1982. But the proportion of workers who have been out of work for a long time is higher now than it has ever been since the Great Depression.

The persistence of joblessness for so many people — 5.6 million Americans have now been out of work for more than half a year even though they have continued to seek employment — may provide the greatest challenge for the Obama administration if it decides to seek a new economic stimulus program.

The short-term unemployment rate — the proportion of the work force that has been jobless for less than 15 weeks — has begun to decline, however, and stood at 4.5 percent in October after peaking at 4.9 percent in May.

That decline is a signal that the recession, which officially began in December 2007, probably has ended. In past recessions since World War II, the National Bureau of Economic Research has always dated the end within two months of the peak in short-term joblessness.

Over the last three years — since October 2006 — the overall unemployment rate has risen by 5.8 percentage points. That is the largest such increase since the Great Depression, providing another indication of the rapidity and severity of the current downturn.

Before this cycle, the sharpest 36-month increase since World War II was a 4.9 percentage point rise in the period that ended November 1982.

The accompanying charts show the short- and long-term unemployment

the emerging countries versus the developed countries.

This is a critical point for these emerging market countries. They are still largely dependant on investment and demand for goods coming from the developed world. Generally, these countries have export and commodity driven economies, which means that their economies are susceptible to any decrease in demand from their primary, secondary or tertiary markets; however, they have been very resilient in their ability to come roaring back thus far in the current cyclical economic downturn.

For example, China is by far the largest of the emerging economies with regard to its Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which is a fancy way of saying its total economic output in terms of products and services. Additionally, China is also the largest of the emerging markets nations based on population, with just over 1.3 Billion citizens according to the CIA World Fact Book. This enormous population may be China's biggest asset.

This enormous population is climb-

ing the ladder as we speak with regard to accessing better jobs, which means more pay, which then leads to increased consumption. Thus, increased consumption by China's enormous number of citizens coupled with one of the most pro-business governments in the history of the world could lead to, an economic superpower that will rival the United States and the European Union in the not so distant future.

One quintessential notion that supports this assertion quite profoundly is what happened on October 9th, 2009. According to Reuters, a Chinese company by the name of Tengzhong agreed to buy Hummer from GM. This type of foreign acquisition of domestic names will be something to get used to, with Hummer being the latest example of a foreign takeover in our domestic market. Thus, this instance is mostly likely a sign of things to come.

The essence of this article is to state the opinion of many people in the business field that the emerging market nations will be the future driver of staggering rates of economic growth going forward. This concept is reinforced due to a plethora of reasons which range from huge populations to vast natural resources. These countries, and in particular, the developing countries in Asia, China, and India, will continue to drive the global growth story in the years, decades, and perhaps centuries to come.

rates during the three cycles since World War II when the unemployment rate rose above 8 percent, and reflect how different groups of workers fared in each.

Each of the charts begins in the month when the broadest measure of employment — the proportion of people over age 16 with jobs — hit a cyclical peak. The first two end when that measure reached a cyclical low, several months after the recession was later deemed to have ended. The final chart runs through October, the latest month available.

With each chart are calculations on the proportion of jobs that were added or lost from the peak through the bottom for differing groups of workers.

This cycle has been the worst over all, with the government's household survey in October finding 7.7 million fewer jobs than in December 2006, when the employment-to-population ratio reached its high for the current cycle. The declines during the two earlier cycles, from November 1973 to June 1975 and from December 1979 to March 1983, were 0.8 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively.

Women have held on to jobs better than men have during this downturn, reflecting a pattern that prevailed during the previous cycles.

One major difference is how older workers have fared. The number of jobs held by men over 55 is up 5.6 percent since the cycle began, and the number of jobs held by women of that age has risen by 9.3 percent.

There are fewer jobs for workers age 54 to 64 than when the cycle began, but that group has done much better than younger workers.

By contrast, younger workers were more likely to hold on to their jobs in the two previous downturns.

It is not clear why that pattern has changed. It is against federal law to discriminate against older workers, but that law was passed in 1967, before either of the previous downturns. It could be that the plunge in real estate and stock prices in 2008 led fewer older workers to decide to retire.

The proportion of the work force out of work for more than 15 weeks reached 5.7 percent in October, well above the 4.2 percent figure reached in 1982. That had been the highest such figure since the government began calculating the number in 1948.

The proportion that has been out of work for at least 27 weeks — half a year — is now 3.6 percent, also a record.

# LIFESTYLES

# BANNER ARTS

## A NOVEL BECOMES A MOVIE

BY JOHN ADRIAN  
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Novels have been made into movies since Edison invented movies, or shortly thereafter. That's why the Motion Picture Academy has an Oscar for best screenplay adapted from another medium.

In 1965 Random House published a novel, *The Cook*, by a Harry Kressing. I write "a Harry Kressing", because the dust jacket admits the author's name is a pseudonym. Forty-four years later none of my sources seem to know who Harry Kressing is or was. Random House has remained silent on the subject.

*The Cook* is a dark comedy about a cook who takes a job with a reasonably wealthy family because they possess a half interest in a castle the other half of which is owned by distant relatives who are also reasonably wealthy. The half interests are the result of a feud between descendants of the castle's builder. The basis of the feud is lost to history. The only thing keeping the castle from being re-opened and re-occupied is the fact that there was a feud and each branch of the family; the Hills who control the uplands; the Vales, who control the lowlands; have prospered sufficiently to live comfortably.

Conrad, the title character, is traveling in the district and falls in love with the castle, known locally as *The Prominence*, because it is on top of a mesa. He takes a job cooking for the Hills. In due course Conrad establishes himself as the best cook in the land with the result that both the Hills and the Vales, who regularly dine at each other's houses, end-up eating out of his hand almost literally.

The entail that forbids the sale of *The Prominence* requires that the feud be settled and the family re-united before *The Prominence* can be re-inhabited. The only way the family can be re-united is by marriage. The Hills have a son and a daughter. The Vales have a daughter. It's easy to see how the entail can be satisfied, except that the Hills' son has no interest in marrying the Vales' daughter because she's morbidly obese.

It was customary that the Vale daughter spend her summers living with the Hills. Conrad takes advantage of this custom providing her with a special diet which causes her to lose weight. Soon enough she is thin enough that the Hills' son is interested in her sufficiently that he is persuaded to marry her.

The wedding is announced and there is much jubilation in both families

and in the village. Soon it becomes evident that the wedding date must be moved-up, but not for the reason you're thinking, you dirty-minded readers.

The new wedding date is set and a grand celebration planned with many guests. There are even guests from *The City*. It is the grandest celebration for miles around, in many generations and it's held in *The Prominence*.

Up to this point the novel is a riveting, page turning, read as Conrad convives in a series of short, easy-to-read chapters that bring the reader along as his grand plan, worthy of a Machiavelli, unfolds. The surprise ending, however, is something of a let-down. It's as if Kressing got to the climax of his plot, decided he had to quickly tie-up some loose ends, without much, if any, consideration for his reader's hopes and aspirations for the characters. There is an epilogue, which reads like a forced finish to what, up until twenty pages before, was a great deal of fun.

Enter Hugh Wheeler, who wrote the books (and won Tony Awards) for the Stephen Sondheim musicals/operas "A Little Night Music" and "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" among over two dozen other musicals, films and television shows, and Harold Prince, the legendary Broadway producer and director.

Which of them first read *The Cook* and thought it adaptable for film I don't know. I do know that Wheeler wrote a screenplay and Prince filmed it in Austria with an American, Austrian, English, German and Greek cast second to none.

Conrad (Michael York), a pleasant-looking, unethical country boy in post-war Austria, charms his way into the position of footman at the castle of the widowed Countess von Ornstein (Angela Lansbury) who has lost her fortune. Before long he insinuates himself into the position of butler and is running the household.

Conrad starts affairs with Anneliese Pleschke (Heidelinde Weiss), the daughter of a wealthy businessman, and the countess's son, Helmuth von Ornstein (Anthony Higgins) (working under his mother's maiden name, Corlan).

Conrad hatches a plot to get his two lovers to marry each other, something with enormous appeal to Frau Pleschke, because she will be the mother of a countess and to Herr Pleschke, because it may stop his wife's perpetual nagging. It also appeals to the countess because it will make the house wealthy again.

The dichotomy between classes in post World War-II Europe was never more accurately portrayed in film. On one hand there is the starving, eager, willing-to-do-anything Konrad. On the other the Countess von Ornstein, a descendant of Attila the Hun and the widow of a descendant of Barbarossa. Countess or not, she is, figuratively starving, clinging to a faded past which at any minute threatens to disintegrate entirely. With poor prospects, she does what she must, marry her son, who now has the title (or will, when he marries) to the only child of very wealthy parents who are willing to in effect, sell their daughter for a title. (This, by the way, is "the traditional marriage" some American political-religious leaders are hell-bent on preserving.)

Something For Everyone" is one of the most over-looked American classics of the 70's. This blackest of comedies, it is NOT for everyone. Prince's theatrical touch is felt at every turn and lends a strong hand in telling the tale and keeping tight reign on what could easily have been an out-of-control experience. This is a taut, thrillingly wry comedy — one of the best of the genre. It combines the fantasy of fairy tale with the social repression and economic dire straits of post World War-II Europe it provides an enormously entertaining, dark, hilarious look at subject matters forbidden at the time of the tale, and at the time the film was made, including the issue of former Nazis, social pariahism, class distinction and sexual appetite.

Lansbury's Countess is priceless. She plays it, with a combination of superego and hopeless despair, brilliantly. York is no less brilliant, as are Higgins, and Jane Carr as Lotte von Ornstein, the countess' younger child who is as un-attractive as her brother is attractive.

If it were released today it would be at the top of every "10 best" list. When it was released, 1970, it was largely disparaged by the critics. During the mid-1970s it regularly appeared at that most eclectic of revival houses, *The Elgin* (now *The Joyce*), and that bastion of sophisticated culture, "The New Yorker", regularly repeated the original mini-review which started "Not much for anyone . . .".

With Nazis hiding in the woodwork, sexual weaponry, romantic feelings, murder, and social climbing combined with Austrian panoramas, castles, beer gardens, and Wagnerian opera, Prince gave us a fairy tale gone wondrously, terribly, gloriously wrong.

The film is, and has been for many years, unavailable in the United States. I found a copy on a DVD, made from a well-worn celluloid print, in Spain on ebay. Despite the faults, it was well worth the wait and expense.

## "Untitled" and Unimpressive

BY STEVEN VOLPE  
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After a two year hiatus from the music industry, R. Kelly is back with a brand new album strategically named "Untitled." Originally supposed to be released as "12 Play Fourth Quarter" in 2008, "Untitled" is the follow up record to "Double Up" (2007). The album is R. Kelly's first release since his acquittal from his long and highly publicized child pornography case. "Untitled" is an album for the fans," according to Kelly and "they can name it whatever they like." Well personally, as a huge R. Kelly and R&B fan I would respectively title this album "Half of a CD". Right from the jump, any avid R. Kelly fan would tell you this album sounds mediocre. The record opens with "Crazy Night" a fast paced track, where Kelly sings about a night out drinking and partying in the club. "Crazy Night" is a respectable intro for any album but for R. Kelly the self proclaimed "Pied Piper of R&B" this song should be an album filler.

"...after waiting two long years for another R. Kelly album, I am highly disappointed."

Much of "Untitled" is a mix between fast paced tracks and ballads. Unfortunately, the fast paced tracks don't help this album in any way. Fast paced tracks like "Supaman High," "Be My #2," and "I Love the DJ" sound like something that a wannabe recording artist like Diddy would put on his record. If it wasn't for the ballads on this album, I don't know how it would have debuted in the top 5 of the Billboard 200. The ballads are this album's selling point. The ballad tracks "Go Low," "Pregnant" (feat. Robin Thicke, Tyrese, The-Dream), and the singles "Number One," and "Religious" are the songs that R. Kelly fans will keep on repeat in their playlists. They will be the songs that people will use to get in the mood for a nice bedroom session and perhaps a new addition to the family.

Overall, after waiting two long years for another R. Kelly album, I am highly disappointed. Instead of a mix of fast-paced songs with overbearing beats and smooth ballads, Kelly should have constructed "Untitled" like his earlier releases. Kelly should have come stronger with more raunchy songs like the ones that made his career, such as, "Bump and Grind" and "Half on a Baby."

## Why You Should Never Trust a Sex Addict

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Danny is a 25 year old Queens native, a Devry medical school student, a raging alcoholic, a pornographic film director, and a self-proclaimed sex addict.

She knew she should have never trusted him. Everything about Danny seemed sketchy from the start, starting with the way they met (through a random friend request on MySpace), to his profession, to the fact that he was always drunk after 10 p.m. But she wouldn't figure out any of this until later. He looked cute in his pictures (he had medium length dark brown hair, a scruffy beard and good fashion sense), so she accepted the request. Then the messages followed. Awkward small talk lead to him giving her his screen name.

And that's how this whole thing started.

The first conversation they ever had, he asked her where she worked. She confessed that she worked in retail, asked him the same question and he admitted that he films porn for a living. He tried to play it off, saying that he only did it for the money so he could put himself through medical school, but his interest in everything sex proved otherwise.

"Ever thought about becoming an actress?," he asked. She told him no, so he eventually dropped it. Despite everything she knew about him, there was still something about him that she was drawn to. He was a real-life Victor Mancini. She couldn't help herself, she started to like him.

For about six months, they skirted around the topic of meeting up in person. She was nervous, he was persistent. But he was able to persuade her and she gave in. He drove to Staten Island, parked in front of her house and they hung out in his car. They made out for a few hours, and he went back to Queens.

After that night, they started hanging out a lot more. And the more time she spent with him, the more she realized that Danny really did have a problem. Danny was always trying to find a way to get off, no matter what situation, where they were or who was around. He asked

her (rather politely, because he's always proper, as much of a gentleman anyone like him could be) to give him head behind bushes at a park in broad daylight, to jerk him off behind a copy of the Village Voice on the E train, and to blow him in a movie theater numerous times. Sex was almost like an obsessive compulsive habit for him. But he never said anything about wanting to change.

The last time she saw him was a few weeks ago.

He had been consistently trying to make plans with her, and after exhausting every excuse in the book, she finally said yes and agreed to meet him in Woodhaven. By the time she walked in and saw him waiting at the bar, he was already drunk. His eyes were bloodshot, his kiss hello tasted strongly of vodka, and the scent of alcohol was emitting from his pores. He bought her drinks, then suggested they go to a motel. The two cranberry vodkas she had were strong (more like vodka with a splash of cranberry), so she just grabbed onto his hand and followed him out of the bar and onto the street.

His house was on the way to the motel and he asked if she needed anything from his apartment. "You know, Ambien, Vicodin, Viagra?" She just looked at him incredulously and he responded with "What? I steal them from my job." He was recently hired as a nurse in a hospital in a bad part of Queens. And this is the kind of person they trust with their patients.

She declined his offer of pain killers, sleeping pills and erectile dysfunction medication and they kept walking to a liquor store and bought more vodka and cranberry juice.

They finally got to the building and it was only about four stories tall, with a sign that just said "Motel." He held the door open for her and she walked in.

Danny walked up to the Asian man at the desk and paid forty five dollars for two hours. She listened to their exchange and watched him, trying to shake the nagging thought from the back of her head—the one that kept telling her he's done this before. The man gave Danny the key to room 206, and Danny led her upstairs.

The room was seedy, as seedy as any room with mirrors covering all four walls from top to bottom, and silky, green

sheets on the bed can possibly get. There were even mirrors on the ceiling. There was an old TV in the corner that didn't have a remote or a knob, so you had to jam a key in to change the channel. The only ones that came through the bunny ears antenna, which was hanging off the top of the TV, were local stations and a channel dedicated to porn. The girls on the porn channel were fat and disgusting, so they watched 90210 and Project Runway instead. He starting rambling and slurring his words, telling her they really didn't have to do anything, he just wanted to be with her. She knew not to believe a word he said, especially because of the vodka on his breath. Her instincts were right because in a course of five minutes, he started asking (politely, again) if he could ejaculate on her face, "pee" on her, and "have anal sex."

"I don't know...we'll see," she said, even though she already knew her answer was no. She wasn't paying attention and he grew impatient, asking "So, do we get to make out yet?" She was on her fourth drink, said yes, and got on top of him.

Neither of them had a condom, so he settled for oral sex—but only if she agreed to let him ejaculate on her face. When you're that drunk, nothing seems like that big of a deal anymore. She just nodded yes.

He never pulled out of her mouth, though. He must have been either too drunk to remember or he might have chickened out. She didn't have time to ask because right after, the Asian man at the front desk called, telling them their time was up.

They got dressed and he walked her to the train station. She was still really drunk and it was cold. He let her wear his navy blue hoodie, then rode the train all the way to the ferry with her to make sure she was okay. They sat side by side and talked drunkenly about where their relationship was going. He never gave her a straight answer. She decided right then and there that this was pointless, he was never going to change and she was tired of trying.

They said goodbye and he walked down to the other side of the platform and she walked up the stairs, towards the ferry terminal. She sat outside on the boat, hoping the cold air would help her sober up. Her nose was running and she absentmindedly wiped it with her sleeve. She looked down and realized she was still wearing his hoodie—she forgot to give it back. And all she could think about on the way home was "how will he ever get his hoodie back?"

*Do you have question or seek relationship advice? Would you like to comment on one of Emma's columns or have some advice of your own to share? Send all questions and comments to the.BANNER.csi@gmail.com*

## Boot Camp

BY DANIEL WATSON  
FASHION COLUMNIST

Finding the perfect pair of boots to get you through this fall is going to be TOUGH. Connecting presentation and practicality in footwear has been an endeavor many of us have yet to conquer. Now most of us are faced with having to choose between style and comfort luckily brands such as Dr. Martens and Nike are both amongst a long list of designers who truly put their foot into their designs for this fall. Before you have to pull out the snow boots this winter finding a comfortable way to sport some of the latest trends in footwear could have you looking like a true fashionista this season.

The punk phenomenon is a continuing influence in the fashion and music markets. The punk chick with the wicked haircut and style is becoming the new face of the entertainment industry. Everywhere you turn, you see some new singer with an "F. U." kind of attitude, and tons of personal style.

So, why not try something new and re-invent your look with a pair of kick ass Dr. Martens? These boots have been a staple in punk fashion since the 70s. Why not update the trend, and add some flair to your closet by stepping into gear with a pair of apple green patent leather boots.

Robin Antin (creator of the Pussy Cat Dolls) found a way to make these sassy boots "Gir-licious" in the video for her new pop group's song "Stupid S\*\*\*". Pair these Doc Martens with a ripped pair of Levis and a tank, and you'll be ready to rock! They'll run you about \$115 a pop.

When dabbling in footwear, men tend to be a little more reluctant to following trends. So what better way to end the tough decision-making by creating a sneaker-boot fusion? I bring to you the Nike Air Max 90' Boots. With its sleek design, and ever-so-sporty appearance, the Nike-Jordan Spizike keeps the fellahs feelin' fresh, but just be ready to drop about \$150 to tip toe in these bad boys. Gentleman, no one said good style was cheap! Try these items on for size, and see how it feels to step out in style!

# In Cheap We Trust

The Story of a Misunderstood American Virtue  
by Lauren Weber

BY JOHN ADRIAN  
ARTS & COPY EDITOR

Last year I reviewed "A Short History of the American Stomach" by CSI Journalism Professor Frederick Kaufman, which gave a history of America's quixotic relationship with food and food fads from the time of the Pilgrims to the present day.

When I heard about Lauren Weber's new book, "In Cheap We Trust" I thought I'd found a perfect companion piece to Professor Kaufman's book, and, indeed, I had, but I also found a great deal more.

About two-thirds of the way through "In Cheap We Trust" I suffered an epiphany—the American economy is a very delicately balanced, living organism.

I don't know why this was such a revelation to me. I am a World War II baby. Born to parents who both lived through the prosperities of two World Wars and the Korean War Police Action, the recessions that naturally followed them, and The Great Depression of the 1930s.

When we cleaned-out the apartment she'd lived in for eighteen years, in preparation for her move into assisted-living at ninety, my mother, amazed at what she'd collected, said, "I know I must have lived through The [Great] Depression. I've saved anything that might remotely prove 'useful someday'."

Yet this extremely "thrifty" woman ran a household and, with my father a business, through the post-World War II recession, the Korean Conflict, the recession and ultimate prosperity that followed it and managed to, over the space of fifteen years, purchase three monochrome television sets, a kitchen range, a refrigerator, a dishwasher, two washing machines, two dryers, a country home, four cars, and a mink stole.

At ninety she was astounded by the realization that she was an economic paradox. No s-t Sherlock! She was simply an American consumer.

America and Americans have, since the time of the Pilgrims, lived, both as a nation and as people, the same paradox. We applaud thrift with our right hands, and spend, simultaneously, with our left hands.

But that "very delicately balanced, living organism" I referred to above now, in 2009, seems to be in serious trouble. The key words in my last sentence are "seems to be". In Chapter 7, "Spendthrift Nation", Weber, paraphrasing economist Mark Skousen, writes, "Consumption is key to the equation, but—and this is the

piece that gets lost in the media and in political debate about stimulus packages—so is savings."

Up to this point Weber has written a relatively brief, yet sufficiently detailed, economic history of America over almost four centuries. The story is no surprise to historians and economists, although it may surprise some younger readers and those with short memories.

The problem with America's "boom and bust" economic cycles is that, while once confined to America, the coming of an increasingly globalized economy in the years right after the end of World War I, America's economic cycles have had rippling or cascading effects throughout the industrialized world. As more of the world became industrialized more nations and their peoples were affected by the American Economy.

In the aftermath of World War I, and through The Great Depression, America's economic woes had a profound effect on industrialized Europe and, in part, led to the rise of Fascism in Europe.

In the last third of "In Cheap We Trust" Weber shifts gears writing about the contemporary American economy and various "grass-roots" attempts by small numbers of Americans to metaphorically go "off-line", opting out of the American economy, raising frugality to new heights while plummeting new depths by dumpster diving for food and clothing as she examines "cheapskate

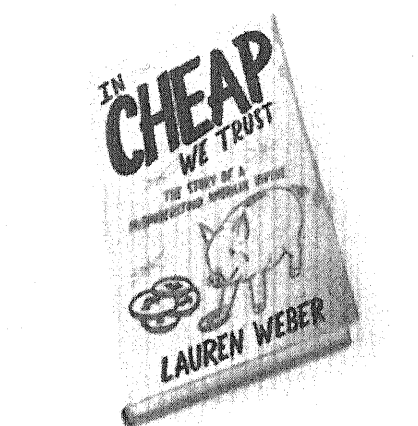


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psychology".

The last chapter provides "A Primer on Frugal Living". It is a compendium of sources for those who want to live cheaply, and some advice: "... I'd boil it down to two sentences: 'Don't buy stuff. Don't spend money.' (My three exceptions are physical health, mental health, and winter boots.)"

In "The Importance of Being Earnest" Oscar Wilde has Miss Prism, governess to Miss Cecily Cardew, instruct Cecily to, "... read your political economy. You may omit chapter seven, 'The Decline and Fall of the Rupee'. It is much too sensational for a young girl."

"In Cheap We Trust" is far from sensational and, in my opinion, should be read before graduation to give America's graduates a basic understanding of the economy they're graduating into.

giving and was by far the best and most reactive crowd we ever played in front of.

To quiet things down into the next set was Mickey Mouse Hands ([myspace.com/mmhands123](http://myspace.com/mmhands123)), who is an outstanding solo artist. He performs with his acoustic guitar and sings an assortment of different songs and unlikely covers like Destiny's Child.

At about 10:45 EveryNight Drive ([myspace.com/hearteverynightdrive](http://myspace.com/hearteverynightdrive)) took the stage with the lights off and the Saw theme playing. The lights came on and they immediately went into their first song. As always the crowd went crazy for them as they jumped around and conversed with the audience. They played around forty minutes and lost no energy from beginning to end. They also wore sequenced gym uniforms of their respected high schools.

The last band of the night truly was a treat. They were a cover band called Groove Revival. They played songs ranging from Jimmy Eat World's The Sweetness to the Offspring's The Kids Are Alright. They clearly loved performing and the crowd was really into them. It was their first show performing as a band, and they were solid. All the covers were spot on and songs that everyone can sing along to.

Overall I'm not the one to go crazy for Halloween, but I now know where my next few are going to be spent. Hopefully all works out and these shows can continue yearly. I encourage everyone to come check it out next year.

stage a certain aura of anticipation could be felt. Manny scurried around the room making sure everything was perfect for the first of what may be a great yearly showcase of Staten Island's best talents.

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Static Effect ([www.myspace.com/staticeffectband](http://www.myspace.com/staticeffectband)) led off the night with their emo punk/grunge infused style of rock. They sound like a cross of modern Green Day and Senses Fail. They segued nicely into the next band, Kick! ([www.myspace.com/kickrocknroll](http://www.myspace.com/kickrocknroll)) who are a more traditional punk/grunge band. True to their form they covered a Nirvana song that flowed nicely with the rest of their set.

To continue on the punk tangent was I V Not Taken ([myspace.com/ivnottaken](http://myspace.com/ivnottaken)) who sounded more like the classical punk rock our parents listened to like the Ramones and the Sex Pistols. They performed originals along with a Rancid cover. They believed in having fun and putting on a good show as the lead singer Kenny said.

Up next was my band, Process of Fusion ([myspace.com/processoffusion](http://myspace.com/processoffusion)). We are unique in the way we conduct and write songs. We're a progressive metal/rap band. We played one of our better shows, but for some reason had technical difficulties with the amps and guitars. Nevertheless the crowd was for-

# Sweets For the Ear

BY JUSTIN SARACHIK  
CONTRIBUTOR

What do Ash Ketchum, Abe Lincoln, Cinderella, Hurricane Helms, a Pirate, and a Rastafarian have in common? Keep reading for the answer, and maybe next time you can be a part of it. While most kids were out trick or treating, I was in for a different treat all together. On October 31st a.k.a. Halloween, the Cup on 388 Vanduzer Street hosted the first annual "EveryNight Drive Halloween Bash and Costume Party". The Cup formerly known, as "The Muddy Cup" is a coffee house and lounge with a secret back room that host parties and concerts almost daily. EveryNight Drive is one of the Island's brightest and popular upcoming bands. The show came together mostly through the efforts of E.N.D. drummer Manny Mavrakis, who wanted to start a new tradition of playing music and hanging out with friends.

The night started as an eclectic group of monsters, celebrities, and shady looking people piled through the double doors of the concert room. Amongst the roadies and bands bringing in equipment and setting up the

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# BANNER OPINION

## Pardon the Interruption

A RESPONSE TO  
"WHAT  
THE HELL IS WRONG WITH CSI"  
Originally Printed on Nov. 9, 2009

BY WASHIEKA TORRES  
CONTRIBUTOR

While it does seem like a good portion of your anger towards the various aspects of the school may be a bit harsh. I would like to beg your pardon at the various erroneous statements that you seemed to have made against the College of Staten Island's Student Government. I will respond to each in the order of statements you have made, which may prove to be difficult since it seems that your statements were redundant.

I believe that attacking the government that you strived so hard to join was a bit crude. I also do believe that you have the freedom to express your opinions in any way that you see fit. It seems that when looking at the facts your figures seem to be understated, over exaggerated, or completely wrong. As to the number of scholarships that

Student Government provides to the students I would like to assure you and the rest of the student body that we give out a significant number of scholarships every year.

The allocation for the general student government scholarship fund is \$20,000. Now while this may not seem like a lot, please be aware that the commissions of student government also give out scholarships. The Academic and Curricular Affairs Commission gives at least \$12,500 in scholarships every year of which \$10,500 of this allocation is given to a different major every month for seven months.

I am sorry you were not able to receive those because you are a student working towards a degree. The discretion of who receives this award is left to the chair of that department and they usually choose students who are known within the department for outstanding work. Another commission that also gives scholarships is the Student Service Commission. They provide memorial awards of \$2,000 and commission essay contests which equates to \$2,000 worth of scholarships in its budget. It is important to note that these commissions have a line for commission incentives which they use for either more scholarships or for other things that may enhance the lives of students relating to their commission. I would also like to point out that we

also have a budget line called the "Graduate School Assistance Program". This program allows students who wish to take graduate exams such as the GRE, MCAT, LSAT, or GMAT. They each receive 400 dollars and there is no expiration date on when they can submit an application for the money and they are given money till the fund runs out, we allocate 5,000 dollars to that account every year. We also set aside \$10,000 for funding special proposals. Events such as the Kwanzaa event are funded through this line as well as others that members of the CSI community bring to us when they wish to provide a special service to our students. Most of the scholarships that are given out are between \$500 to \$1,500. I'm sure you can do the math of approximately how many scholarships are given out.

There are also academic conferences that the government funds for the sciences in the spring. Please understand that student government members are not allowed to receive any of these awards for obvious ethical reasons. Another thing I wanted to address is the amount of parties we have had this semester which has equaled zero. Student government put together a party last year to help students relax before their finals called the "Winter Wonderland Dance". The party was well attended and the president came and

congratulated us and wished everyone good luck on their finals. While student government members may or may not collect stipends keep in mind that depending on eligibility senators are mandated to keep office hours. As far as the things you say you have seen at meetings that you have not attended so far this year or in the previous ones most of the work we do is for the betterment of the students.

Hence this is why we agree on a lot of issues. The other issues you bring up are not issues that Student Government can fix with its allocation. The problems you have with buildings and ground should be addressed with buildings and grounds. While we are thankful that you have brought this issue to our attention we would also have liked for you to inform one of your student government representatives so that we could write a letter to the head of whichever agency is not doing their job. All of our meetings are free and open for anyone to come in and listen to the plans we have for the school, ask for assistance, ask questions, and put in their own creative ideas. Each of us is here to advocate and represent every student and we try to do that every day. Just like this college, your student government is nothing without the diverse and unique students that we serve every day.

OP-ED

## H1N1-TAKE IT SERIOUSLY

BY KATHLEEN SEBELIUS  
U.S. SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

As you head towards finals and the holidays, there's an important step you should take to stay healthy: get the H1N1 flu vaccine.

This year's flu season is the worst in many years, and young adults have been especially hard hit by the H1N1 flu. Who is in the age group most likely to get H1N1? People under 25. Who get so sick they need to be hospitalized? Half of them are under 25. And who is least likely to get a flu shot? People under 25.

I am writing today to urge you to take H1N1 flu seriously, not just as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services who has read lots and lots of scientific studies saying this is a young person's pandemic, but also as a mother of two sons who not long ago were sitting exactly where you are today.

I know it's easy to believe that flu is something that only the very old or the very young need to worry about, that catching the flu is no big deal. No flu should ever be dismissed as "just the

flu." The regular, seasonal flu is responsible for 36,000 deaths every year—mainly people over 65. But H1N1 mainly hits the young. And even though most cases are mild, some can be quite severe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that about 540 children and teenagers have died from H1N1 flu since April, and we are only at the beginning of the official flu season. Some of them were perfectly healthy when they caught the flu.

So what can you do to protect yourself and people around you from flu? Get vaccinated. It's the most effective way to prevent the flu. The H1N1 flu vaccine is made the same way as the seasonal flu vaccine, which has a decades-long safety track record. And, it's undergone more testing than other flu vaccines.

If you're someone with a health condition like diabetes or asthma, the CDC says you should get vaccinated as soon as your community has vaccine available. Other groups at high risk for serious complications include young children and pregnant women. Also, people who care for babies under 6 months, health care workers, and emergency medical personnel should go to the head of the vaccination line.

In addition, many people do not realize that simply being younger than 25 also puts you in a priority group to receive the vaccine. So look into getting

vaccinated at school or when you go home for the holidays. Check out the flu.gov flu vaccination locator to find the best place for you to go to get vaccinated quickly.

Stay home when you're sick. If you do get the flu, there are things you should do to protect yourself and those around you. College campuses—dormitories, classes, wherever a lot of people are indoors together—are places flu can spread. If you get sick, don't go out, and don't invite visitors in.

If you live on campus but your home is not far away, consider going home until you're well to avoid spreading the flu. If you live too far to go home, check to see if your college has alternate housing for ill students.

Seek medical attention immediately if you have diabetes, asthma, or some other medical condition and you notice flu-like symptoms. You should also ask your health care provider about antiviral medication. If you already have flu symptoms, antivirals have been very effective at keeping flu from getting worse.

Even if you don't have a chronic illness, if you have symptoms, and they get worse—your fever spikes, you have difficulty breathing or you're breathing too fast, if you have chest pain—call a doctor or other health provider right away.

Make it part of your daily routine to

keep flu from spreading. The H1N1 vaccine may not have arrived in your area yet, so keep doing the simple things everyone does to keep germs in check: wash your hands, cough and sneeze into your sleeve, not your hands, and disinfect surfaces like computer keyboards and countertops.

Go to flu.gov. Check out our self-evaluation link to help you understand if your symptoms are really serious. There's a flu locator for where vaccine will be in your community; tips on prevention, including videos that give you critical information you can use, even a section to help you know how to tell a flu fact from a myth on the Internet. There are widgets, buttons, Public Service Announcements, and a Facebook page, so you can spread H1N1 information—not the virus—to people you know.

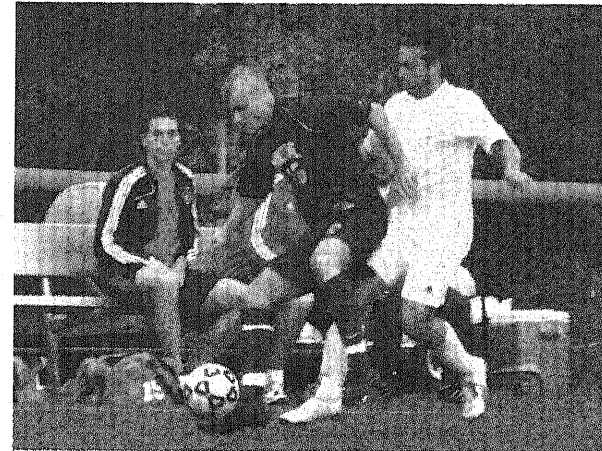
In addition, we just released a new video featuring students, young people, and others talking about why they chose to get vaccinated. You can also tell us why you got vaccinated by submitting your own video at [YouTube.com/group/TheFluandYou](http://YouTube.com/group/TheFluandYou).

No one knows whether this wave of H1N1 will get worse, taper off, or be followed by another wave later in the season. But we do know that preventing flu depends on all of us, and everyone will be safer if each one of us is serious about preventing and reducing H1N1 flu.

# BANNER SPORTS

## Dolphins' Soccer 2009

*The hits, the triumphs and the losses. (With a touch of pink!)*



In his second season as Head Coach, Armen Simonians wasn't able to lead his team to the CUNYs. Ending with a record of 3-16 overall and 2-7 in CUNY play, the men's soccer team saw another chance roll away.



Senior captain, Dimitri Sidiropoulos, celebrates his final home game as the Athletic Department and coaches honor him on Senior Day, Oct. 21, 2009.

The seniors, Kelly Kenny, Tina Chechel, Ednita Lorenzo and Jennifer Griffin, were honored by the department, coaches and teammates on Senior Day, Oct. 24th, 2009.



Five-year champs saw their chance at another title slip away in a season finale match-up that had the winner advance to the CUNY Championship. It was the visiting Medgar Evers Cougars that stunned the Dolphins in a 3-1 end at the CSI Soccer Complex. The Lady Dolphins ended their 2009 season at a surprising 3-11-2 overall record and 0-2-2 in the CUNY Conference. This is the team's first losing season since it's creation in 2004.



In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Dolphins held their 1st Annual *Kicking For A Cure Game*, where the members raised money for the cause. Baseball coach, Mike Mauro, and his boys came out to support the team and event.

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## Fun For The Non-Athlete

BY EDNITA LORENZO  
SPORTS EDITOR

On campus all day and have nothing to do? Tired of being lazy and going to the game room? Want to try a new sport, but can't commit to a team? Well it's time you head over to the Sports and Recreation Building, 1R and get some information on the Intramurals Program from the Athletic Department.

The intramurals program is a fairly new program set by the Athletic Department that offers several recreational activities to all CSI students, faculty and staff. Activities range from basketball to tennis, a walking club, free-swimming lessons, Texas Hold 'Em tournament, a game area plus more. The program allows participants to join any activity with no cost and simply have fun and enjoy.

If you are a beginner, there are different levels to the activities from just-for-fun to tough competition. "It's a place to have fun and provide a positive atmosphere," said Intramural coordinator and women's basketball coach, Marguerite Moran.

Participants may also suggest a new activity to start up. Most popular ones include aerobics, basketball and other programs linked with the gym. Along with access to the trainer, participants can at times see athletes join in on the fun.

"If you can't make a commitment to a team then this is a good alternative," said Moran. "Our goal is to get more student participation. We want to get more people aware of what [the athletic department has] to offer."

Last year, the intramural program held a CSI Olympics that incorporated different activities and in the end held an award ceremony with several incentives.

If you or a group of friends are interested in joining the intramurals program, you can do so by signing up during club hours in the upstairs offices of 1R. You may speak to one of the secretaries at the desk or get in touch with coordinator and women's basketball coach Marguerite Moran at [gualtieri@mail.csi.cuny.edu](mailto:gualtieri@mail.csi.cuny.edu) or at her office (718) 982-3164.

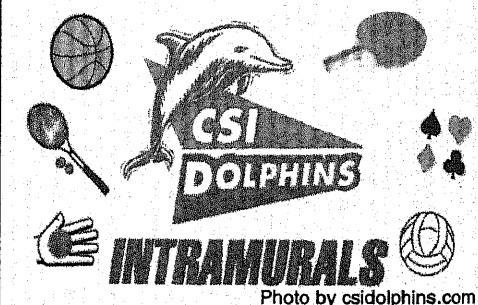


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