Welcome to the first issue of Awesome, our student-written and student-designed newspaper here at the IELI. The official name of the paper is The IELI Gazette, but this term our editors have decided that “awesome” would be a better title to express the energy of our team. In this paper, you’ll find some great features, such as advice on how to make your New York City apartment seem more spacious. You will read reviews of different Chinese restaurants and great Chinese specialties and learn how to make Korean food. Make sure to read the review of Bad Teacher by Jake and Kamen, and learn about a new computer game, FIFA FUN 11. We have an article on Williamsburg, a neighborhood that everyone should visit. Turn to the last page and check out a vocabulary game and the original cartoon by Jae Eun Lee. And make sure to visit our new website, ieligazette.wordpress.com, where you will see all these features and more. For example, take a look at the short video of our team walking through Williamsburg and discovering the wonderful outdoor market there. Or take a closer look at the “Drunken Crab,” a delicious specialty our hard-working team tasted and wrote about.

The IELI Gazette is also a place to discover more about our language school, which has served international students for more than 25 years here at Hunter College. I began working at the IELI 12 years ago because I wanted to work alongside the excellent teachers, and I have learned so much from them and from my students. Our teaching team at the IELI includes people with rich life experiences. We have novelists, music reviewers, musicians, dancers, former business executives, with many other skills and professions represented. Like our students, we speak a number of other languages besides English. Some of these languages are: German, Italian, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Japanese, and others. Our teachers have had extensive training and education in language teaching. We have specialists accent reduction, business English, theater skills, and English literature. I wish I had more space to talk about the high quality of our administrative staff as well.

As a teacher here at the IELI, I feel fortunate to work with so many great students from around the world. Our team represents the spirit of the IELI in its creativity and talent. As you read our first issue, consider whether you would like to contribute to future issues, where we will have interviews with students and teachers, more movie reviews, news from around the world (translated by our team), and much more. Enjoy Awesome!

- Fiore Sireci, faculty advisor for The IELI Gazette
Welcome to New York

Contribute to our newspaper!

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Home Design Lab

By Sandra Kaplanovic

Hi everybody, I’ve got some space in this awesome “Awesome” newspaper.

I come from Montenegro. My idea of happiness is the ability to be creative, to enjoy nature, beautiful spaces and the love of my family and friends. There is nothing better after busy day in the city than to come home and see beautiful open space with all things you love and make your life easy and comfortable.

Your apartment is the place where you are saving energy for next day.

As we all know the biggest problem in NYC is living space. I will give you some very helpful advice and tips on how to make your small apartment seem spacious.

If you want to breathe in your apartment try this:

1. Put the biggest piece of furniture near the largest wall in the room.
2. Always choose open pieces of furniture. Armchairs and tables with legs are a good choice, but the ones with fabric over the legs are not. Never choose sofas and armchairs with big armrests and back.
3. Take out the things you don’t need. Everything you remove means more space.
4. Put mirrors and glass everywhere you can.
5. Never use dark curtains. This would make the space appear smaller.
6. Choose light and pastel colors for your walls.
7. Tidy up your apartment frequently.

*Colors:*
Use bright colors for furniture and walls also. It’s very important that the color of the sofa and of the carpet be the same. Do not paint the walls in too many colors - it will shrink your space.
The ceiling must be white!

*Use your space very wisely:*
Install open shelves. Try to hide small things so you can’t see them. Add casters to your furniture so you can move it around and sometimes rearrange some pieces of furniture.

*Furniture*
Avoid heavy and huge pieces of furniture. Find some low furniture which is a good trick from Japanese culture.

These are the basic information. Every space is different and we all have different taste, so I presented you the rules of interior design and now it’s up to you and your creativity to see how you are going to arrange everything to feel comfortable in your apartment.

At this web site: www.resourcefurniture.com you will find the best furniture for small flats like “space savers”, sofa/wall beds, space saving tables, storage and a lot more. This furniture is designed and made in Italy by CLEI. Their store is also located here in NY at 969 3rd Avenue and 58th Street, 4th Floor, where you can go and choose the perfect color, material and pieces of furniture you need for your apartment.
**Korean Food Selection - Bibimbob**

By Christina

Have you ever eaten Bibimbob, Korean food? It tastes awesome and gorgeous! So, I’d like to introduce how to make Bibimbob. This recipe is for 6 people. Main ingredients: rice 540g, scalded bean sprouts 100g, parched young pumpkin 200g, boiled bracken 150g, parched balloon flower 100g, parched carrot 70g, parched cucumber 70g, scalded dropwort 100g, seasoned and grinded raw beef 150g, go-chu-jang (red pepper paste) 70g.

**Recipe:**

1. Cook rice.
2. Combine raw beef together with soy sauce 5ml, refined rice wine 5ml, sesame oil 5ml, some grinded garlic, sesame, sugar.
3. Combine bean sprouts together with some salt, garlic, sesame, and sesame oil. And also combine dropwort as bean sprouts.
4. Slice young pumpkin and then parch it. Also do balloon flowers as young pumpkin.
5. Soak brackens in water for one or two hours, and then chop it shortly.
6. Slice cucumbers and carrots.
7. Put some rice on a dish, and then put all of the ingredients on the rice.
8. Put some go-chu-jang and mix all of them.

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**The Young Spirit of Williamsburg**

By Maria, Lawrence, Jake, Kamen, Yen

It was our first time in Williamsburg, where it used to be an area full of factories in 1960; Hispanics and Jews were the type of population living there at time. Many years later, Williamsburg become one the most popular neighborhoods in Brooklyn because of its unique flavor.

It’s a neighborhood full of different types of people, with many restaurants, beautiful parks, and great vibe all around. It’s a perfect place to visit, and also to live in.

We were walking in the street, and we experienced an artistic spirit. We saw historic buildings, many people selling different things, especially old and used books, people playing music, drinking coffee and enjoying the food in restaurants.

For us the most spectacular place was the Brooklyn Flea Market, where there were a lot of stands selling organic food, fresh drinks, handmade stuffs, vintage cloths and antiques, among other things. The environment of the market was pretty chill and fun; families and young people were having a great time. You can’t miss this kind of places that you will definitely enjoy.
## Chinese Restaurants

*By Sooli, Yen, Lawrence*

There are many different types of Chinese restaurants in NYC. We select some of them and are going to recommend good choices to our readers.

### Joe’s Shanghai (鹿鳴春)(Restaurant Chain)

**136-21 37th Avenue Flushing, New York 1354.**
**Phone:** 718-539-3838, 718-539-4429
**Fax:** 718-460-8258

**Chinatown, NYC 9 Pell Street**
**New York, New York 10013**
**Phone:** 212-233-8888
**Fax:** 212-233-0278

**Midtown, NYC**

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<td>Besides soup dumplings, we recommend one more special dish, “Drunken Crab.” It is fresh and subtly salty, without any smell of crabs, exactly flavorful. I guarantee that you are going to lick every drop of sauce on the shells and on your plate!</td>
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### Fu Run Restaurant (賦潤東北美食)

**40-09 Prince St. Flushing, NY 11354**
**TEL:** 718 321-1363
**FAX:** 718 939-3803

**MENU**

**Sweet and Sour Pork**
When we’re talking about the dishes in the Northeast Chinese Restaurant, the most typical and impressed food here is sweet and sour pork. As it name, this dish taste sweet and sour.

**Cumin Lamb Ribs**
Because of the premium materials, it’s really juicy and tender. Furthermore, the cumin enhances its flavor. You can’t miss it!!!!

### Famous Sichuan (老四川)

**10 Pell Street New York, NY 10013**
**TEL:** 212 233 – 3888
**FAX:** 212 233 – 3588

**MENU**

**Ma-Po Tofu**
Ma-Po tofu is one of the most famous Chinese foods. With some hot peppers and “douban,” a traditional Chinese sauce, of course, it’s very spicy and salty, but when the weather is getting hot, this spicy flavor can help your appetite. **Hot Fish**
Different from a “hot dog,” hot fish is a typical Sichuan dish, and is famous for its spicy flavor. If you’re a spice addict, you’ll regret if you don’t order this.
Union Square Green market - Farmers market

By Sujin Kim

Union Square is a great public place in New York City, which is one of my favorite spots in the city and I think many of you would like it, too. This place is always crowded with young and funny people both by day and by night. So it is pretty fun to do nothing but sitting on the stairs with friends talking and looking on people (you can see skate boarders, b-boys and various kinds of performers).

The atmosphere at Union Square on market day is full of energy with lots of people walking around and enjoying the market. You can find everything such as fruits, vegetables, flowers and plants, wine, homemade cheeses, breads, jams, pickles, honey, maple syrup and so much more. Most of them are organic, naturally-grown or local and so fresh.

I think it is interesting to talk with the local farmers, bakers and harvesters, and learn how they made their produce. They come from the upstate for green market driving a long distance with a great pride of their products. Don’t forget to ask their favorites and the secret recipe. Besides, for us who are learning English, it’s a good opportunity to practice.

Thus, you can enjoy yourself eating and shopping, or it could be fun just walk around with your friends. Isn’t it amazing that there are these kinds of places that sell green things and organics? What about going shopping for groceries this weekend to Union Square Green market? You will definitely have a different experience and learn something new.

⇒ Location:
North and West side of Union Square

⇒ Hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat
8am-6pm

⇒ Transportation:
4,5,6,L,N,Q,R,W lines to Union Square

FIFA Fun 11

“We are 11”

By Gerardo Marquez

For this game, you must be very dexterous and be able to learn the control combinations to maneuver the players. Unless you catch on to the controls quickly, you will watch your players dance all over the field! After trying this game on several gaming consoles, I found it does not play well on PSP. Despite these flaws, the graphics and sense of reality in the game are amazing! Regardless of the high price, this game is great for soccer fans who love gaming! This video game was one of the most anticipated games for soccer lovers. EA Sports however, didn’t fulfill our expectations. The control over the players is confusing and difficult to learn.
JIN-Woong Kim (JAKE) and Man-Gi Jo (KAMEN) are active guys who like to watch movies and play sports. One day, they went to a theater to watch a new comedy movie of Jake Kasdan, “Bad Teacher”, without any hesitations when they saw the advertisement about the movie they found it interesting. After they watched “Bad Teacher”, they had a conversation about it.

Jake: “The movie, ‘Bad Teacher’, was the greatest movie I’ve seen this month!! What do you think about it?”

Kamen: “It was pretty good. Especially, I like the act of Cameron Diaz. It was quite humorous as much as I expected. I think her acting skills are getting better than before.”

Jake: “Right, when I was a high school student, if she were one of my teachers, my adolescence could have been more enjoyable. Have you ever had that kind of teacher?”

Kamen: “No, and I wish I had had a teacher like her. In the movie, she is a different type of teacher; She is addicted to drugs and often drunk in class, taking bribes from student’s parents and so on.. She is very ridiculous!! Don’t you think so?”

Jake: “Yeah! But I like these things from her. She is hot! She has unique characteristics, and always makes troubles with her co-worker; Molly Shannon competes with her for getting a rich guy.”

Kamen: “Right, In order to attract him, she took all possible and unpredictable steps. The ideas are so fresh! But, I think the connections of the episodes were not enough to understand. I feel that some parts were missed.”

Kamen: “Yes, did you feel same with me?”

Jake: “I did. Because of each episode is fully interesting. Also, it’s easy to understand the story for foreigner students like us. It feels like I’m one of the students in the movie:”

Kamen: “Something that I learn from the movie is to not intrude into any fight of women whatever the situation is.”

Jake: “Anyway, I want to recommend it to others especially, teachers!!”

This movie is…..

Awesome….
Here are some words that you may not know. AWESOME newspaper wants to help you to increase your vocabulary with this easy puzzled. Match the correct definition with the right word.

1) Bribes [todayhotmovies] A) problems or imperfection
2) Leisure [todayhotmovies] B) the most classic example
3) Dexterous [fifa11] C) wheels that you add to chairs or tables
4) Flaws [fifa11] D) be surrounded by a good feeling short of vibration
5) Luscious [unionmarket] E) it is Korean food based in rice beef with soy sauce
6) Harvesters [unionmarket] F) farm workers who collect crops such as grain vegetables or fruit
7) Casters [homelab] G) delicious taste or smell
8) Bibimbob [thebestkoreanfood] H) the ability to move the hands or body in coordination
9) Iconic [realrestaurantreport] I) to give money in order to get a favor
10) Vibe [williamburg] J) have free time to relax without hurrying

Answers: 1i, 2j, 3h, 4a, 5g, 6f, 7c, 8e, 9b, 10d