University celebrates Hispanic heritage

ANALIA FIESTAS Contributing Writer

With more than sixty percent of the its students being Hispanic, the University is giving students the chance to experience their native cultures while celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. According to Lucas Catala, treasurer of the Student Programming Council, planning for the month’s festivities began in February with the hopes of making this year’s events the most successful yet.

Students and various club organizations gathered to watch different performances of cultural dances from countries such as Peru, Bolivia and Chile on Oct. 11 to kickoff the month’s celebrations.

Sampling of a variety of Latin food such as Cuban pasteles and Colombian empanadas were on hand for the festivities which gave foreign students such as sophomores Fausto Peña, a Dominican Republic native, a taste of her homeland.

“It is nice to know that although many of us are not in our native lands, FIU makes us feel like we are,” said Peña. Latinos Unidos, an annual collaborative event, gives students the chance to experience their native cultures while celebrating.

Flooding caused by heavy rain kills 43

Flooding in the West African nation of Benin has killed 43 people, covered over two-thirds of the country’s territory, and left nearly 100,000 people homeless in the last two weeks.

VP promotion seen as leadership sign

Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping was promoted to a key post in the Communist Party’s military committee Monday, affirming his path to be the country’s leader within three years.

Organization helps veterans move on

VINCENT FERNANDEZ Staff writer

After being a part of the United States Marine Corps for four years and enduring two combat tours in Iraq, former Marine Sergeant and current FIU student Zaccary Ruiz has created an organization aimed at providing student veterans the support to get acclimated with their civilian lives once again.

“My time in the Marine Corps as a whole inspired me to start the Future Veteran Leaders of America because I met some of the most capable and intelligent leaders I’ve ever seen. I knew that if I could get these people to come together as civilians we could really start making a difference,” said Ruiz.

The organization’s primary focus is to assist veterans in professional endeavors, which Ruiz claims is one of the hardest adjustments many of them will undergo.

“These student-veterans are trying to begin their professional careers but they really aren’t connected to each other and they aren’t being exposed to the hiring firms that are out there. I wanted to connect this amazing group of leaders,” said Ruiz.

Although FVLA has only recently become a full-fledged club this semester, Ruiz already has enthusiastic aspirations in mind.

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Former President of NBC Universal

Former NBC Universal president holds open lecture

PHILIPPE BUTEAU

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Jeff Zucker, former president and CEO of NBC Universal and Miami native, chose to keep his lecture short, instead focusing on the question and answer session, which he made “completely open.”

The lecture took place on Oct. 14 as part of the University’s Wertheim Lecture Series and was titled “Leadership Success in a Changing Media Landscape: A Conversation with Jeff Zucker.”

During the lecture, Zucker mentioned the responsibilities presented to him upon becoming an executive at the network, forming Hulu and the situation earlier this year between his company, Jay Leno, and Conan O’Brien.

Before his current position, Zucker was president of NBC’s “Entertainment, News & Cable Group” and president of NBC Entertainment. In this role, he was responsible for the network’s lineup of primetime shows, which included “Friends” at the time, and how to position them against those of other networks.

He said he came up with the idea of “supersizing” their shows.

“We had to fill up two hours of content with four shows,” Zucker said. “The only problem is that we only had three good ones.”

“Friends,” and the other shows it shared Thursday nights with, was made into a 45-minute show from its original 30 minutes.

Zucker tied in his segment on Hulu – an ad-supported video streaming website that is a partnership between NBC Universal, News Corp., and Walt Disney Co. with the digital distribution of content, which he said is the “singular issue facing media companies.”

“You can’t deny this is the way people are consuming content, and you also can’t deny that piracy is a huge issue,” Zucker said on the objections received from within NBC on the Hulu idea.

He described Hulu and supersizing the prime-time shows as “successful threats to the status quo,” but said moving Jay Leno to prime-time “did not work at all.”

“Both Jay’s show at 10 p.m. and Conan’s show [at 11:35 p.m.] did not work,” Zucker said.

He also added that a lesson from that experience is to not be afraid of making mistakes and accepting them.

“We weren’t afraid to say we tried something, it didn’t work and we’re going to fix it,” Zucker said.

Before concluding, Modesto Maidique, president emeritus of the University, presented Zucker with the Wertheim crystal.

The crystal is a token of appreciation given to all Wertheim lecturers, according to Silvia Arrastia, events manager for the College of Business.

In a brief interview with Student Media, Zucker said he was impressed with the quality of questions students asked him.

“The questions were sharp,” Zucker said. “I hope to be invited again.”

Regarding his future after NBC Universal, Zucker said he is interested but he is still uncertain as to what he will do.

Sanjeev Udhanii, a junior international business major, said although he enjoyed Zucker’s lecture what matters most is the University’s exposure.

“It’s important that FIU gets its name out there,” Udhanii said. “Getting people like Zucker here will broaden FIU’s social perception.”

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Couple’s babies born 8/8/8, 9/9/9, 10/10/10

Having a child born on 10/10/10 is pretty cool, but having that birth follow two others on 8/8/08 and 9/9/09 — that’s got to be impossible, right?

Well, Chad and Barbie Soper, whose daughter Cora was born on Oct. 10, whose other daughter Chloe was born on Aug. 8, 2008; and whose son Cameron was born on Sept. 9, 2009.

The family from Rockford, Mich. has attracted national attention since the birth of Cameron, who was born on Sept. 9, 2009.

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“I asked because I’m doing a project on Vivendi,” said Cora.

“She answered it fairly well.”

— Compiled by Alexandra Camejo

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Jeff Zelaya, a senior marketing major, thought Zucker was very candid.

“He brought up the Conan (O’Brien) and [Jay] Leno situation without being asked.”

Zelaya asked Zucker if he had tips for the business students in the auditorium.

“He pretty much gave us information we already kind of knew,” Zelaya said.

He added that Zucker’s tip was that businessmen and women should get to know every person being asked.”

“Zucker very ‘open and candid,’ students get questions answered

Veterans aim to move deep into the community

Student Programming Council holds month full of diverse events

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Fausto Peña
Sophomore

“My hope all the activities were enjoyable and that students have the desire to relive the experience next year,” said MacAvoy.

A free comedy show open to all students will take place on Oct. 20 in the GC Ballrooms.

The south Florida comedian Oni Perez and nationally acclaimed comedian Bill Santiago will attempt to make you laugh with their Latino inspired humor.

The final SPC-hosted event, “Latin Dance Party,” featuring a live performance by Tony Succar, will mark the end to this month’s celebration on Oct. 27.
The women’s soccer team came into this weekend with just one loss in the Sun Belt Conference, and came out with two more. After losing to North Texas on Friday night, the Golden Panthers (8-7-1, 5-3 SBC) got the privilege of playing the Denver Pioneers on Oct. 17, who were undefeated in the SBC and riding a seven game win streak.

If FIU wanted to keep pace with Denver at the top, they would have to come out with a win in order to not fall too far behind. They didn’t, and their offense was halted in a 1-0 defeat.

The game proved to be one that either team wanted to give up easily, as both teams played extremely tough on the defensive side of the ball for at least the first half of play.

In the first half, both teams were only able to muster up nine shots collectively, FIU with four and Denver with five. The game remained evenly matched, statistically speaking.

The second half is when both the offensive and defensive onslaught Denver unleashed on FIU began to wear the Panthers down.

At the end of regulation, the Golden Panthers were left with just five shots in all, and only one on goal, that coming from freshman Chelsea Leiva who ended up with a total of three of the five shots on the day.

This was a huge difference from what Denver brought to the net, getting nine shots together, bringing there total to 16, with seven of them being on goal.

Though the stats after regulation were alarmingly in favor of the Pioneers, FIU still had life in them as the game remained a stalemate. This was done by Melanie Raimo’s goalkeeping, having piled up six saves in all.

As the game moved on to overtime, the Golden Panthers, who were certainly not wanting to settle for a tie, tried taking the opportunity of overtime like they have various other times this year.

With only 1:03 into extra play, Nichole DiGiacomo of Denver got the ball off a cross from Cassidy Larson and shot the ball towards the goal. The ball was then deflected off Raimo, leaving Kayt Van Lieshout there for the put back and lone goal of the day to end the match right then and there.

The five shots in all tied the lowest amount for FIU this year, the other coming against Tennessee, Western Kentucky, and North Carolina. Asprilla left the school. The team finished last in the SBC in blocked shots.

When Phil Gary Jr. suited up for the Golden Panthers first practice of the season on Oct. 15, the dynamic of the team was noticeably dissimilar.

That can be attributed to the presence of Erick Frederick and Brandon Moore. The 6-foot-10 Moore is eligible after sitting last season on Oct. 15, the dynamic of the Golden Panthers first practice of the season on Oct. 15, the dynamic of the team was noticeably dissimilar.

This is a huge step up from what we had last year with our big men,” Gary said. “We gained like four of five inches from last year with our big men,” Gary said. “We gained like four of five inches from

The team is pleased to have a clean slate after a 7-25 season.

“It was great. We still have a lot of work to do but it was a great way to start the season,” Gary said. “I mean I know what to expect now. New guys come up to me now and ask questions. I kind of know what to expect from coach and how practice goes.”
Panthers lose in soccer; dominate in tennis, swimming

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Una Trkulja has an intense look on her face. It can be seen whether she is running suicides in practice, warming up during pregames, or spiking the ball for a kill in match, her look is still the same. There is a determination on her face. It can be seen whether Una Trkulja diggs on the defensive side.

Trkulja replaces Rosa adequately

Nota: The Golden Panthers capped off a successful weekend in the Panther Invitational, picking up four of five victories in singles matches against rival Florida Atlantic on Oct. 17.

The Freshman Sabrina Beaucup broke the Biscayne Bay Campus pool record for the 1-meter dive with a score of 298.72 and also won in the 3-meter dive, earning a score of 291.45.

Despite slew of rumors, Thomas insists he is staying

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Will continue to lead the Golden Panthers. In his second year as a Golden Panthers’ coach, Thomas ended up backing off of the Knicks consultant job after conflict of interest issues arose.

“We’ve been together a year now, so we understand people will say things and we’ll deal with them,” Thomas said.

Gary said the team is at peace with the situation.

“I mean, coach got such power that anything he say’s, people are going to run with it,” Gary said. “He let us know all the time not to listen to what’s going on and just listen to his word and he tells us all the time he isn’t going anywhere.”

ON TELEVISION

FIU’s game at Denver on Jan. 15 will be broadcast on Fox Sports Network Rocky Mountain. This is the only regular season meeting between the two teams, with the Golden Panthers winning eight of 14 games in the series’ history.

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Panthers seek to enter post-season tournament

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Texas, and are also on a three game slide.

With only three games left on their schedule, no chance can be had at getting the number one seed come playoff time. Second place is still feasible, and that is what the Golden Panthers will aim for next.

There would most likely require them to win the rest of the way out, which is not impossible.

There is good news for the Golden Panthers, though. Their next opponent is last place University of Louisiana Monroe, who has yet to secure a win in conference this season.

No team should be taken lightly, but to end a three game losing streak, it seems like the scheduling gods picked a good time for the Golden Panthers to play the Warhawks.

The game is scheduled for Oct. 21 with a 7 p.m. kickoff.
On Oct. 16, psychedelic rock group The Flaming Lips brought their visually spectacular show to Sunset Cove Amphitheater in Boca Raton. Drawing on their extensive discography while focusing mostly on their last four albums, the group put on a show that featured lasers, disco balls, dancers dressed in Yo Gabba Gabba costumes, and a multitude of other details adding to the spectacle. The show kicked off with lead singer Wayne Coyne walking across the crowd in a plastic bubble and didn’t let up for a rollicking two hours.

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SPC Heritage Month brings hispanic comics to stage

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As per SPC tradition, the committee has organized another comedy show featuring comedians Oni Perez and Bill Santiago. When searching for a headliner, SPC decided on Bill Santiago, a comedian from Puerto Rico.

Having seen Santiago on Comedy Central, the members of SPC enjoyed Santiago’s brand of comedy, which was described as a cross between George Lopez and Carlos Mencia.

“He appeals to the middle class,” says Robert Brown, the SPC’s programming director, “and many of his jokes center around cultural differences in the Hispanic culture.”

Santiago, having worked with The New York Times and the Post as well as having written a book called Pardon My Spanglish, was more than willing to participate in the SPC’s Hispanic Heritage Month events.

Having won over the crowd the last time he was at the University, Oni Perez was invited back to entertain the student body once more.

Oni Perez is a South Florida comedian best known for his participation in the South Beach Comedy Festival and for being a member of the Miami Comics, a comedy troupe consisting of six South Florida comedians.

His comedic routine took him to the finals of the Lucky 21 contest in Las Vegas, NV.

In choosing the various artists which attend the events, Robert Brown, the director in charge of coordinating the event, says, “It’s a very interactive process with the students. We are more about the community and programming for the school.”

First, it is decided what type of event people want to see, then with the use of tools such as surveys, which encourage students to voice their opinions about which artist(s) they want to see, SPC goes back and votes on which they want to bring to the school.

The comedy show took plenty of work, and not all of it was pretty.

“We [SPC] have to come up with the idea, envision what we want to do, what crowd we want to appeal to, book the artist, set up contracts, plan the event, have AV set up the room, all unseen work which makes sure the students attending the events enjoy themselves. Much as they did this semester with the first Dive in Pool event with Iron Man 2, RHA sometimes comes together with SPC to help create events,” says Brown.

The comedy show takes place Wednesday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the GC Ballrooms and tickets are available for free with your Panther ID in the Campus Life office in GC 2240.

The month of October marks Hispanic Heritage Month, and the Student Programming Council has dedicated a month full of events to recognizing Hispanic culture.

“Even though it’s a Hispanic heritage event, it is open to everyone. We want to expose our students to the Hispanic culture and teach them about what is out there, the culture and difference between cultural aspects,” says Brown.
Comic yields jolly theme

The entire DC universe has been going through some major changes. The evil Max Lord has come back from the dead and is preparing to wipe all the super-powered beings in the world off the map.

Bruce Wayne is lost in time without his memories, and even Superman is planning on taking a road trip through America to reconnect with the normal “working” man.

With all this turmoil going on, it might be hard to find a reason to take a distracting, non-sequitor trip to jolly ol’ England where business is running as usual.

The smooth operations over in England are due largely in part thanks to the dynamic duo of the U.K.: Knight and Squire.

Originally created during a minor story arc in a Batman comic as the “Butman and Robin” of England, DC’s newest mini series sheds light on the mysterious duo and their goings on.

Despite being unrelated to most of the current story arcs within the DC universe, readers will find a welcome breath of comedic relief and levity within the pages of Knight and Squire.

From the very first page the reader is thrust into a world values moderation. Due to age-old magic, provided by none other than Merlin himself, all super powers and weapons are deactivated within the bar. This illustrates a major difference, as Squire explains to the newest pub goer, between the British superheroes and the Yanks in the colonies who are always knocking over buildings and the like.

The difference is that the British super-powered world values moderation. Who better to explain moderation to a bunch of Americans than the British?

Don’t be afraid you’ll be bored to tears, before the issue is over, some dastardly meddler disengages the magic protection of the pub, and all the moderation goes out the window to provide room for a good old fashioned bar fight.

If you’re a reader who’s tired of the dramatics on the American side of the DC universe, take a break with Knight and Squire’s limited 6 issue run.

1 myself with DC would practice less moderation with gems like these and commit to an ongoing series, but either way if you’re interested, grab this comic before your local retailer pulls the plug.

Panel Panel is a bi-weekly comics column. Look for it every other Wednesday.
Organized religion has solved many of society’s problems for thousands of years. With its concept of a perfecting of the popula-
tion involved in organized religion in some way, there has to be something to it.
But in today’s modern society, religion doesn’t feel the same way.
In the past, many used religion and their various interpretations of God to explain the meanings of certain phenomena that occurred here on our planet, such as the rising of sun, rain, and sudden deaths of fellow man to name a few simple examples.
These instances can now be explained rather easily by the long period of the scientific processes that they allow. This leaves little room for an all knowing and all powerful being pulling the strings behind the scenes.
Although the applications of science do not rule out the possibility of intelligent design, it does provide a much more logical explanation for worldly events.
Organized religion, in many cases, has provided modern man with a set of rules to abide by to be an ideal citizen. While “thou shalt not kill” and “thou shall not steal” may come to mind for some, it is unlikely that guidelines for living such as these have to be passed down and taught by religious figures.
They are necessary for a society to thrive successfully under the presence of religion or otherwise and therefore, will be passed down by the society itself through social reinforcement.
Religion is undoubtedly still something that brings many people together, however. Yet in light of many events that still happen routinely around the world, it seems that reli-
giousness is a cause for bloodshed instead of brotherhood.
The world is a much smaller place than it was a thousand years ago, and with so many groups of people constantly in contact with each other, disparities will ensue.
With advancements in technology and transportation, the damage, or progress for that matter, that one group can accomplish is compounded and the message is widely spread.
However, when one group feels they must use force and violence to convince the other of their God’s superiority, and it is allowed, and sometimes encouraged, by their religion, there is a problem.
That leaves the all too puzzling question of what happens to a person when they die.
While it seems it is impossible to answer this question for sure, as there is no hard evidence supporting any explanation, it may be a waste of time to even attempt to do so. It is a waste to limit one’s choices in life while trying to be the perfect candidate for a utopian afterlife that may or may not exist.
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Easy money lending led to crash

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The infamous recession that the United States is currently experi-
encing was a catastrophe waiting to happen. Honestly, it is one of the most apocalyptic crises that our nation has ever faced.
Much has been written about the many factors that contrib-
uted to this tragedy. I believe one factor stands out: the availability of “easy money” to consumers.
Essentially, lenders made funds easily available and extremely cheap.
With interest rates at historic low levels for a prolonged period of time, many homeowners and businesses expanded beyond their means without the proper financial qualifications.
Home prices were going up with no end in sight, supported by very low interest rates. The growth was easy toly sustainable, but no one wanted to believe it. Euphoric buyers never stopped thinking they could actually afford their loans.
People got themselves into massive debt without consid-
ering the consequences. To me, it was an unprecedented oblivion on the consumer’s part.
I am not blaming this recess-
ion only on consumers. It is also denied that many lending institutions took advan-
tage of unsophisticated citi-
zans and lured them into large mortgages.
I simply believe that consumers were the ones signing up for the loans and they should have known better.
The lending and borrowing party came to a sudden crash in 2008 when the money available to support this euphoria dried up.
Now, borrowers and lenders are feeling the pain.
With insufficient income to pay their monthly mortgage payments, many homeowners have lost or are in the process of losing their homes. Bankrupt-
cies and foreclosures sky-rock-
eted and created a domino effect which resulted in the failure of many banks which further desta-
bilized the economy.
RealtyTrac, a data firm, esti-
mates that foreclosure filings were about 2.8 million in 2009 and are proceeding at a pace that could exceed 3.9 million by the end of this year.
The availability of easy money did not stop at the door steps. With a larger home comes more furniture and because most consumers did not have the cash to purchase furniture, more loans were taken out, yet again.
Loans at zero percent interest rates and deferred payment plans where ubiquitous. This enticed consumers to purchase even more without giving consider-
aton to the ability to pay back the debt.
Presently, those consumers are in a state of shock prospects for an easy recovery, just lost of furniture.
Today, able consumers are still paying off their loans while others have lost their homes and many of their possessions to foreclosure and bankruptcy.
According to the Organiza-
tion for Economic Coopera-
tion and Development, “The Federal Housing Administration has been authorized to guarantee repayment of $300 billion in existing mortgages, provided that lenders agree to write down significantly the amount of the loan.”
The FHA program is esti-
ated to help up to 400,000 borrowers.
However, let’s be realistic:
their help is not going to make a significant difference for our economy since 3.9 million mort-
gage loans may enter foreclosure by the end of this year.
This borrowing trend continued until the system could no longer bear its weight. An implosion occurred and every-
thing came crashing down. No one should be surprised by these prospects for an easy recovery.

Pregnancy centers deceptive

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New York City Council is passing legislation that would mandate “abortion pregnancy centers” upon arrival to inform women that they do not offer abortion, referral to abortion services, or contraceptives, and only offer non abortion related options counseling.
It is essential that this bill is passed and repli-
cated on a national level to demonstrate the need to protect pregnant women from being manipulated and duped by anti-choice organizations that politi-
cize women’s health.
The rise of these centers is to manipulate preg-
nant women seeking options counseling in think they are in a medical clinic, but in reality are in an anti-choice environment that propagates misinfor-
mation by non-trained “counselors.”
According to the National Abortion Federation, Crisis pregnancy centers, “deceptive tactics extend to their physical appearance as well. CPC’s often design their facilities to look like actual health care facilities, bien like an “ultrasound check-
desk, and an ultrasound machine.”
Advertisements on billboards that read, “Preg-
nant? Scared? We Can Help.” lure women into centers where they are offered counseling and free pregnancy tests.
However, in a study conducted by National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, the “counseling” women received could be more accurately described as a bombardment of non-
factual “statistics” about the trauma and harm of abortion.
Why are these crisis pregnancy centers so outraged by this proposed legislation? If they have no hidden agenda to guard against, why is it so problematic and offensive about clarifying the ideology that is inherently part of their business?
According to The Wall Street Journal, Marcy Sarnick, executive director of a Bridge to Life crisis-pregnancy center, said, “I don’t think we should be forced to [tell clients we are not a medical clinic].” She also expressed concern that women could “just walk out.” These women would presumably “walk out” because the centers are not what they originally thought they were, proving that this legislation is vital to stop the lies.
When calling “Option Line,” and inquiring what kind organizations I could be referred to and which services were offered, the operator informed me that I should refuse to “find out what your concerns are. They won’t refer you to an abortion clinic but they will answer your questions.”
When I asked if there was a medical doctor at the clinic, I was informed that there was not, just “options counselors.” When I pressed further and asked if they were psychologists or trained thera-
pists, I was informed that “they are people who deal with your situation, everyday.”
Intentionally vague, I immediately thought of the danger of vulnerable girls who are seeking abortion services and instead being handled by non-trained therapists.
The potential misinformation and infliction of guilt is not only morally wrong but also detri-
tmental to the women’s health; the longer an abor-
tion is delayed, the more risk for complications there is. This legislation is simple and needed; it pre-
vents centers from operating under a facade and illuminates an ideology that denies choice.

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Humility has outgrown religion

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“[The poorest billion people in the world] are falling behind, some of them are falling apart, and when they fall apart they are a nightmare for everyone. So both compassion and en-
lightened self-interest should tell us ‘do something about this.’”
Dr. Paul Collier, Professor of Economics at Oxford Speaking at FIU Geopolitical Summit
**CHILE**

**Chile ponders what to do with capsules**

Chilean officials are trying to decide what to do with the three rescue capsules built specially to bring out the 33 miners who were trapped a half-mile underground for 69 days.

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**HAITI**

**Violence erupts at Haiti prison**

Two inmates were shot to death trying to escape from the roof of Haiti's quake-damaged national penitentiary and a third was trampled to death inside during a prison riot Sunday, authorities said.

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**MEXICO**

**Borough makes world’s biggest enchilada**

Residents of Iztapalapa cooked up a 230-foot-long (70-meter-long), almost 11-ton enchilada on Oct. 17. Guinness record official Ralph Han- nach announced that it was the world’s biggest.

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**Student cooks learn to run a restaurant from start to finish**

**FOODGASM**

**Pizza from scratch: making your own is the best option**

**GENE KRAVETS**

**Contributing Writer**

In the U.S. there seems to be a rift in pizza preference. The two main kinds are New York’s classic thin crust and Chicago’s more substantial Jeanty variety: the deep-dish. No matter your preference, good pizza is always a foodgasm.

When good pizza is a challenge to find, you can make your own. Anyone can pop a frozen pizza into the oven, but putting in a little more effort makes a world of difference.

The base of any pizza is the crust. For the crust, you can make your own dough, buy pre-made pizza dough or buy a ready made pizza crust. The next crucial part is tomato sauce. Store bought pizza sauce is the easiest option, yet making your own can be very rewarding.

The last essential part of a pizza is the cheese. Mozzarella cheese is the type typically used, but it can be combined with Romana or Parmesan. I find that fresh mozzarella is a great choice. Start the process by readying the dough, if needed. Roll it out to the desired thickness, which for me is as thin as possible. A little bit of olive oil drizzled on the dough will help it crisp in the oven.

Next, spoon a thin layer of sauce on top of the dough, leaving some space around the edges. Cover the sauce with your desired amount of cheese. Any other toppings you might want to add go on after, then the pizza goes into a preheated oven of around 400 degrees. The pizza can be cooked on a pizza stone, if one is available, or on foil with some flour on it so it doesn’t stick. The cooking time will depend on the thickness of the pizza, but the crust should look golden brown when it’s ready. It can take anywhere from 5-15 minutes to bake.

For pizza lovers who don’t want to go through the trouble of making their own pizza, I can recommend a place. Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza makes a delicious crispy pizza. Although I don’t typically go for chain restaurants, going to Anthony’s will most often result in a pizza-induced foodgasm.

Happy pizza making and eating. If anyone knows of a good pizza shop, please email me this valuable information at jkravet@fiu.edu.

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**Meek’s College Tour included the University**

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The University was the second stop of U.S. Senator Kendrick Meek’s College Tour and upon his arrival he had a roundtable discussion with students from various organizations on campus.

The discussion was held on Oct. 18 in room 155 of the Wolfe University Center. In attendance was not only Meek, Democratic nominee in the 2010 Senate elections for the seat vacated by Mel Martinez, but also members of the Student Government Council at Biscayne Bay Campus, the Black Student Union, and College Democrats at FIU.

In between occasionally alluding to his senatorial race and discussing his campaign platform, Meek briefly discussed issues that pertained to students on the collegiate level, particularly the negative impact on students who fail to vote in non-Presidential elections.

Meek is currently the Democratic State Representative of Florida’s 17th District as well as the democratic nominee.

With SOC-BCB President Chrispin ‘Cici’ Battle asked Meek to explain the importance of young voter turnout, he answered saying, “Voting is a state issue, not a federal issue…if needed. Roll it out to the desired thickness, forming the base of any pizza. For the crust, you can make your own dough, buy pre-made pizza dough or buy a ready made pizza crust. The next crucial part is tomato sauce. Store bought pizza sauce is the easiest option, yet making your own can be very rewarding.

The last essential part of a pizza is the cheese. Mozzarella cheese is the type typically used, but it can be combined with Romana or Parmesan. I find that fresh mozzarella is a great choice. Start the process by readying the dough, if needed. Roll it out to the desired thickness, which for me is as thin as possible. A little bit of olive oil drizzled on the dough will help it crisp in the oven.

Next, spoon a thin layer of sauce on top of the dough, leaving some space around the edges. Cover the sauce with your desired amount of cheese. Any other toppings you might want to add go on after, then the pizza goes into a preheated oven of around 400 degrees. The pizza can be cooked on a pizza stone, if one is available, or on foil with some flour on it so it doesn’t stick. The cooking time will depend on the thickness of the pizza, but the crust should look golden brown when it’s ready. It can take anywhere from 5-15 minutes to bake.

For pizza lovers who don’t want to go through the trouble of making their own pizza, I can recommend a place. Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza makes a delicious crispy pizza. Although I don’t typically go for chain restaurants, going to Anthony’s will most often result in a pizza-induced foodgasm.

Happy pizza making and eating. If anyone knows of a good pizza shop, please email me this valuable information at jkravet@fiu.edu.

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