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The New Abnormal: NYC flooding

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On September 29, 2023, torrential downpours caused flash flooding in New York City, reflecting a “new normal” due to the effects of climate change, warned by New York Governor Kathy Hochul. Almost eight inches of rain fell in some parts of the city, enough for the sea lion at Central Park to swim out.

The intense rainfall turned some streets into rivers, stranding buses and cars for hours and forcing some subway and commuter rail lines to shut down. Flights were delayed or canceled, and one terminal at LaGuardia Airport was evacuated. Hochul said a state of emergency allows faster allocation of resources to deal with a crisis and will remain in effect for the next six days after September 29.

A week after New Yorkers endured par-



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Residents walk through floodwaters in Westchester County, New York.

alyzing floods for the third time in three years, leaders in some communities aren’t taking comfort in the fact that no one died. Community leaders say there are signs that, despite the previous lessons from Hurricanes Ida and Sandy, the city remains unprepared to manage such sudden deluges and protect the public - especially those in unregulated basement apartments. Community leaders say the storm serves as another warning that the city needs

to adapt to extreme weather and do more to reach vulnerable residents in an emergency despite the challenges. Residents say they were caught off guard by a rainstorm that prompted little more than a travel advisory from city emergency officials less than 12 hours in advance.

Nearly every line in the New York subway system was partially or completely suspended, as excessive rain flow made it unsafe to use some stations and tunnels. The worst of the

impact was in lower Manhattan and Brooklyn; the Metropolitan Transportation Authority said in a statement on September 29, “Service across the MTA network has been severely disrupted today due to heavy rainfall and flooding throughout the New York region.” The MTA states that they are planning on remodeling the subway stations because of the flooding. MTA plans that NYC Transit will be on track to complete 34 station renovations by the end of June. The goal is to complete a total of 50 stations by the end of 2023.

Multiple 9th and 10th graders at Clinton stated that they were struggling to get home. One said, “All the trains were blocked, so I didn’t get home until 6:30 pm, multiple hours after school had ended.” All students at Clinton were able to make it home safely.

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Shaking up the Schedule: Timely Changes at Clinton

BY: CHIARA MOINE

48 minutes; 2280 seconds. Since the beginning of the high school program at Clinton, every high school student and teacher looked forward to those minutes that we saved every Wednesday afternoon. This past year, it was taken for granted because no one knew that it would soon be gone. To make it worse, there would be an extra 10 minutes of school every day. This adds up to almost 2 hours more per week. The Clinton community thought they would easily adjust, but it seems that the extra 10 minutes causes a real wrench in many students' and teachers' lives. Whether it causes you to be late for a train home, a doctor's appointment, or your plans, the ten minutes have a larger impact than it may seem!

This new change has caused a lot of controversy throughout the school and students have a lot to say about it. 11th grader Sadie Slocum said, "Honestly, it's taking away from student life outside of school. I believe we are going to see these effects on our extracurricu-



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Clinton lockers.

lar lives and interests. Even though it is only ten minutes, it really impacts our days." Similarly, Ben Guttenplan in the 11th grade thought, "The extra ten minutes was unnecessary; you can really feel those extra minutes at the end of the day. What happened to those early Wednesdays?" Students are not the only ones who are being affected by this; teachers are, too!

Clinton prides itself on the later start given to high school students because of the proven studies that teenagers are better fit for school when they have more sleep. Administrators at Clinton firmly believe in this and it is one of the qualities that most students admire about Clinton. Principal Mr. Levin said, "There

have been proven studies that teens in full puberty are going to be more successful in school if they get more sleep. Honestly, the later start would be instituted for the whole school but the issue is having 850 kids come in all at once." This schedule change has gone so far as to prompt students to want to start school earlier! In response to being asked about how he would feel if the high school started earlier, Guttenplan said, "I believe that 10 minutes in the morning would be much better; most students arrive at that time anyways due to office hours or sports. And class starting a little earlier would prompt kids to get to school on time if they knew that they could get out of school

at 3:30."

After further discussion with Mr. Levin, there is no real reason as to why the schedule change occurred, meaning it was not purposeful. During each school year, administrators meet with the teachers to approve a schedule for the year that is in line with the union. As they do every year, Clinton applied for a school based option (SBO) schedule, typically allowing short Wednesdays. This past year, the contract was not approved by the Department Of Education (DOE) because of timing complications. According to Mr. Levin, "If all goes right, we will be able to have shortened Wednesdays back for the future years here at Clinton." So students, there is a strong chance that the dearly beloved early Wednesdays will return.

Yondr Takeover!

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In the past year, the cell phone policy at Clinton has changed drastically. Previously, students could hold onto their phone, but if the phone was seen, they would receive a warning. After the first offense, they would then get their phone taken away for class and receive a Jupiter log. The third offense would result in the teacher taking the phone for the day, and after three infractions, the phone would go to the main office for parents to pick up. The former cell phone policy was loosely enforced, with many teachers looking the other way when they saw a phone, leading to an increased amount of phone usage. In the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year, the school introduced Yondr pouches in grades 6-8 to test out the new policy. Yondr pouches are small pouches that are used to lock a student's cell phone, airpods, or smartwatch for the school day. This year, the school has extended the policy to grades 9 and 10, which came as a disappointment to many students, who formerly laughed at the idea of the pouches.

When you walk into the building, the 9th and 10th graders enter Clinton through the left door, and the 11th and 12th graders go through the right door. To the left, there are typically two staff members unlocking and watching students place their phone in the Yondr pouch to make sure students lock them. Occasionally, the people at the door will "pat down" your Yondr pouch to make sure your phone is in the

pouch and not another object.

A large number of students express concern over being able to contact their parents during the school day, or in case of an emergency. Of course, there are also many students who urgently want to reply to their "snaps", and have gone as far as downloading Snapchat on their computers. To keep their phones for the day, many students have been finding unique ways to keep their phones out of the dreaded Yondr pouch. In the beginning of the year, many students were placing fake phones, old phones, graphing calculators, or a even a pack of index cards in the pouches. As high school students come in at lunch, some of them do not reseal their Yondr pouches. And if students still cannot get past "Yondr security" without putting their real phones in the pouch, some students would smack or stomp on their pouches in order to break the tight magnetic seal on the pouch. Within the first week of school, many students were caught breaking the Yondr policy and their parents were informed by the school, in an attempt to encourage students to follow the policy. This proved effective, with many students complaining that their parents have scolded them for not listening to the Yondr policy, and now must use the pouch properly.

Currently, the Yondr policy is being strictly enforced. If a student does not have their Yondr pouch when entering the building, they must put a post-it on their phone and leave it in a box with many other phones. Along with their

phones, they must leave their school ID in the box, preventing them from going to outlunch. Plus, if a student damages their Yondr pouch so it does not close, either intentionally or even by accident, they are required to pay \$25 to replace the expensive pouch.

In order to make sure the Yondr policy is clear, Mr. Ellison, The Clinton School's vice principal, along with a couple other staff members, make occasional surprise appearances in classrooms to check pouches. It came as a shock at first when they disrupted classes, shouting, "YONDR CHECK!", but it seems that this will become a regular event. During the checks, students are instructed to take out their pouches. Those who do not have their Yondr pouches on them have to go to their locker. One by one, they unlock every student's pouch, checking to make sure a student did not replace their real phone with a fake one. They ask some students to turn their phones on to show that it was not fake. Not so unexpectedly, many students were caught with their phones outside their pouches, or fake items in the Yondr pouch during the first check. Although they did catch some students with fake phones or broken pouches, many students still scraped by the surprise check with old, unusable phones. Overall, while some students secretly keep their phone outside the Yondr pouch, it appears that the policy of the Yondr pouch has significantly reduced phone usage in the classroom.

Previously, the cell phone policy was loosely

enforced, which is why many students would pull their phones out, knowing they would be let off with a warning. But if the cell phone policy was enforced as strictly as the new Yondr policy, maybe the Yondr pouches would not be necessary at all. Perhaps, if a student was caught using their phone during class, their phone could remain in a Yondr pouch for the rest of the day, instead of forcing every student to use the Yondr pouch because their peers cannot follow rules. Some teachers have even expressed that they don't think the Yondr pouches are worth it, especially because they are so expensive. Yondr pouches limit the activities available to teachers and students in the classroom, preventing students from playing education games such as Kahoot and Blooket. While playing Kahoots and Blookets used to be a popular, engaging activity in 9th and 10th grade classrooms, with the new Yondr policy, games like this are now uncommon. Yondr pouches are also an inconvenience because students sometimes need to take pictures of their own work, other students' work, or instructions on the board, but now cannot.

Regardless, the Yondr pouches seem like they are a policy that is going to remain for a while, as it pleases many teachers and parents. High school students will just have to hang on until 11th grade, when their phones will be free!

Empowering Youth: Red Ribbon Week's Impactful Stand

BY:

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Here's how you can join the movement and fight against drug-use all while representing your favorite color red! If you don't know, Red Ribbon Week is the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention campaign. It takes place from October 23rd to October 31st. The campaign promotes a drug-free lifestyle, educates the youth about the dangers of using drugs, and raises awareness for the people who lost their lives because of substance abuse in America. Enrique (Kiki) S. Camarena is the reason this foundation exists. He was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent (DEA). He transferred to Mexico from Calexico, California to work at the Guadalajara Resident Office where he would dedicate his time to exposing a drug trafficking operation in early 1985. Before he was able to do so, he was unfortunately kidnapped while going to a luncheon with his wife on February 7, 1985. Enrique was surrounded by five armed men and then thrown into a car. That was the last time anyone saw him alive but it is believed that he was killed two days after his kidnapping although his body was not discovered until March 5, 1985. He was only 37 years old and left behind his wife and their three children. In an honorable mention, Enrique received two Sustained Superior Performance Awards, a Special Achievement Award and, Posthumously, the Administrators Award



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Red Ribbon Supporters

of Honor which is the highest award given by DEA all during his eleven years as a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent. In memoriam, Congressman Duncan Hunter and Enrique's high school friend Henry Lozano, started the Camarena Clubs in Enrique's hometown of Calexico, California in late 1985. Hundreds of people who were close to Enrique joined and supported this club by wearing red ribbons made with satin and made a promise to lead drug-free lives. The Camarena Clubs eventually gained more attention, and people showed their support across the United States. Club members presented the "Camarena Club Proclamation" to first lady Nancy Reagan, causing parent groups in California, Illinois, and Virginia to wear red ribbons in late October. The campaign was formalized in 1988 by the Nations Family Partnership (NFP), which is the leader in drug prevention education and advocacy, and with Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan as chairpersons. The Nations Family Partnership

still sponsors the club to this day.

If you are interested in celebrating Red Ribbon Week, here are some things you can do. Creating a car caravan is when you contact your local fire or police department and have each participant decorating their car with something Red Ribbon themed and driving through your neighborhood. You can also participate in the "Plant the Promise" initiative, in which you plant red flower bulbs that bloom in the spring and serve as a reminder of the importance of being healthy and drug-free. You can purchase these plants on www.redribbon.org/virtual-activities. Into something more social? Take a picture holding up the Red Ribbon Theme Sign that can be found on the Red Ribbon website or in the halls at Clinton. Upload it to your social media accounts with the hashtags #BeKindToYourMindLiveDrugFree and #RedRibbonWeek. If you want to be more extravagant, plan a building or structure illumination. Find out if your local school,

office building, stadium, or bridge lights up and see if it can be turned red during Red Ribbon Week.

At Clinton, grades 6-12 will get a chance to participate in engaging activities or informative presentations about Red Ribbon Week at the October community circles. Ms. Rabinowitz, also known as Ms. T, and an advisory will be performing at the 10th grade community circle on Tuesday October 23rd about Red Ribbon Week. I interviewed two members of the advisory about how they feel about Clinton.

Samya Chapman: Do you feel safe and protected at Clinton?

Eva Deguara Pagan: Yes, because there's good staff support and the people are nice.

Samya Chapman: How do you feel about the community circles? Do you think they are productive and educational?

Eva Deguara Pagan: I agree they are educational but what we talk about there does not extend outside of the community circles and there's no progress being made. We talk about important stuff in our advisory but I see why we have community circles.

Samya Chapman: Are you excited to perform at the 10th grade community circle?

Lola Rivas: I am kind of excited to perform because it's not something I usually do.

What Happened to Long-Form Blogging?

BY:
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Finally, I get to press play. Quickly, a roaring lion grabs my attention. A handful of popcorn makes the long slew of credits tolerable. Big blocky yellow text crawls up the screen. Bzzt. A long time ago—Bzzzt—in a galaxy far far away. Bzzzzt. Begrudgingly, I pick up my phone. Ooh, she’s just posted. Let me check the comments. Woah who’s that? Just one quick search... Luke Skywalker stares at me unblinkingly. I sheepishly look up from the trough of seemingly endless makeup, cat, dog, meme videos, not daring to look at the clock. With guilt-fueled motivation I toss aside my phone and grab another handful of popcorn. Bzzt.

Giving something your undivided attention has been harder since the advent of mobile phones. The popularity of reading books has plummeted as bright colors and attractive graphics are all vying for your attention. Short-form content, popularized by sites like TikTok, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram, overstimulates our minds thus reducing our attention span. With 28% of S&P 500 companies based in tech, the industry is only on the rise and the market is at war for clicks. The faster an ad or video is able to attract your attention, the more likely that company will stick out to you among the thousands of others. X, formerly Twitter, is a platform solely dedicated to sharing short-form content via video and text form. These iconographic Helvetica Neue retweetable 140 word messages have taken the world by storm. On the other hand, long-form blogs have upwards of 2,000 characters and are able to delve into the complexities of the discussion topic.

Dubbed a “microblog-



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Twitter and Tumblr

ging platform,” X has led to the demise of its predecessor, Tumblr. According to *The New York Times*, in the last month alone, Tumblr visits totaled 194.8 million while X raked in a whopping 5.8 billion visits. Historically, X has always yielded more traffic than Tumblr. However, Tumblr was able to rise to popularity due to its character limit of 4,096, 30 times larger than X. Tumblr recognized the demand for blogging culture during the 2010s and revolved around users dedicating hours of their time to spend and curate content on their site. Due to this large wealth of dedication, communities developed and fandom culture was able to grow and flourish. Spurred on by the advent of YouTube, GIF culture had a resurgence on Tumblr. The site popularized the ‘reaction GIF’ (Leo toasting while fireworks explode will never get old) strengthening the connection between users and uplifting pop culture and film. In a long winded Tumblr thread, a GIF could signify a bond of friendship between users. A niche GIF could help users filter out what users belonged to certain groups, and even proved as a conversation starter.

During the 2010s, the Internet was evolving. Blogger and GeoCities, the original personal webpages, were relics of the 90s and WordPress had just been rebranded.

As technology advanced, blogs required more advanced software to support the new assets. The release of the first *Harry Potter* movie during the 2000s spurred on blogging culture, with new fandoms popping up to rave on about their favorite couples in the franchise. Quickly, *The Boy Who Lived* gained international attention, driving the need for an internet space for fans from different parts of the world to connect. In 2010, Universal Studios unveiled newly constructed *The Wizarding World of Harry Potter* in Orlando, further fanning the Goblet of Fire. The whimsy decor of Hogwarts and eclectic atmosphere of Diagon Alley, two major settings in the franchise, was a major point of obsession for many fans. Fans painstakingly coded their blogs to stay in theme, inspiring the easily customizable blog design spurred on by Tumblr. Accessible and easy to use, Tumblr rose to popularity during a time where blogging was commonplace.

Today, long form blogging is no longer the main form of communication and community building yet the influence it had is still prevalent in the social media we use today. As technology develops, we as users are moving towards a short-form content economy; which threatens the long-form blogging ecosystem of ages past.

Long-form blogging culture helps provide a starting platform so writers like *So You Want To Talk About Race* author Ijeoma Oluo can grow an audience. Moreover, long-form blogging creates a space for users to come together and promotes critical thought and discussion. Blogs like *3:AM Magazine* and *Philosophy Bro* are comparable to socratic seminars of centuries past. Furthermore, the skyrocketing popularity of social media has detrimental effects on our attention span negatively impacting our mental well being and sense of fulfillment. The technological developments in recent years have made sharing information easier than ever. So go blog— you’re doing what’s right.

Return of the Writers

BY: LOLA
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On May 2, 2023, thousands of writers represented under the Writers Guild of America (WGA) went on strike against their unfair working conditions, the takeover of artificial intelligence (AI), and streaming services. 148 days later, Hollywood workers have ended their walkouts, but have disputes truly been resolved?

The new writer's contract has set minimum staff requirements for shows, minimum work durations to prevent understaffing, and wage raises between 3.5% and 5%. The contract also includes bonuses for writers whose work appears on streaming services where audiences can rewatch films without writers benefiting from the mass streaming. These bonuses also mean that platforms like Netflix, Amazon, and Disney are obligated to share their viewership statistics with the WGA.

Now that WGA protests have ended, late-night talk shows will resume like CBS's "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert," ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" and NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon."

However, division in the entertainment industry still remains. The writer's contract doesn't outlaw the use of AI as an assistant and supplement in the industry, threatening career paths of existing and new writers. Instead, it set



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Protests outside of Paramount Pictures.

up provisions to ensure the advanced technology stays away from bosses who want to replace their workers. The human versus machine battle prevails even after negotiations have been settled.

As an author, the prevalence of AI in our society is detrimental not only screenwriters but all literary professions. The increasing sophistication of technology can rival the craft and approach to language of humans and will soon displace us. The essence of creativity is at extinction with the existence and convenience of AI in our classrooms, businesses, and markets.

Even with writers back in the studios, certain Hollywood production plans remain upended courtesy of the Screen Actors Guild strike, occurring since July 14, 2023. Shows like "Interview with a Vampire" and "The Walking Dead" spin-offs are at a standstill as actors protested against labor conditions and inflation-affected wages.

The momentous halts Hollywood has been

coming to aren't recent; studio strikes have been occurring since the 1950s. But the new WGA contract has taken a pivotal step towards what the 2007–08 Writers Guild of America strike fought for: controlling new media.

New media encompasses three kinds of on-demand streaming platforms: Subscription-Video On Demand (paying a monthly fee for content on Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, etc), Ad-Supported Streaming Programs (YouTube), and Electronic Sell-Through (paying a one-time fee for downloading digital media on devices). Residual payments for writers on movies and shows available in new media means that their credited material cannot be reused without compensation.

Despite the settlement of the WGA contract, audiences shouldn't expect the concord to last. Hollywood may appear glamorous, but the entertainment industry profits from and exploits its entry-level workers. Pervasive poor labor conditions,

workplace bullying, gender pay disparities, unrestricted working hours, and mini rooms will ensue, but the persistence of protesters has proven that they will not be passive.

The “Swift Effect” Hits Football

BY: ANJA DAMON

Did Taylor Swift put Travis Kelce on the map? While many Taylor Swift fans argue yes, football fans tend to claim that Travis Kelce was well-known before recent events.

Taylor Swift, an award-winning pop singer, is suspected to be dating Travis Kelce, the tight end for the Kansas City Chiefs. Taylor Swift recently got out of a six year relationship with Joe Alwyn, an English actor. Months later, she was suspected to be dating Matty Healy, lead singer for The 1975. Swift fans view Matty Healy as the rebound guy after a long relationship which leaves Travis Kelce as the guy. He is hoped, by many, to be the man that Taylor marries and starts a family with.

Taylor Swift is famous for her intricate, beautiful song writing, which fans have taken a liking to as well. Many enjoy analyzing each and every word looking for details, known as “easter eggs”, that may hint towards something Taylor is planning. As Taylor and Travis’ relationship becomes more and more popular, Swift fans have been loving the parallels between Taylor’s songs and her love life. “You Belong With Me”, on the album *Fearless*, tells the story of a girl who has a crush on a football player. In the music video, Taylor Swift plays this girl. Today, this story has come true in Taylor’s new romance.

In “Mary’s Song”, featured in Taylor’s first album, lyrics read, “I’ll be 87 you’ll be 89”. Travis Kelce is number 87 on the Kansas City Chiefs leaving yet another detail that connects to Taylor and Travis’ relationship. Swift fans have taken to wearing number 89 jerseys to Chief football games as a reference to this lyric.



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Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce in NYC

Simple math comes into play in these parallels, as well. It is known, through her song lyrics and speech during interviews, that Taylor Swift’s favorite and lucky number is 13. We know that Travis Kelce’s jersey number is 87, so, what is $13+87$? The answer is 100. According to Swift fans, this is just another detail that alludes to Travis being Taylor’s endgame.

Travis Kelce has presented himself as a romantic which Swift fans love to see. As a result of the lyric “so make the friendship bracelets” in the song “You’re On Your Own Kid” on the album *Midnights*, Swift fans make and trade friendship bracelets at her concerts. Kelce took note of this trend and, before attending *The Eras Tour*, made a friendship bracelet with his phone number on it with the intention of giving it to Taylor as a way to ask her out. While he was unable to meet this goal, as Taylor doesn’t talk to anyone before the show, Swift fans loved the romantic behavior.

Swift’s appearance at the Kansas City Chiefs vs. the Los Angeles Chargers game on September 20th, as well as the Kansas City Chiefs vs. the New York Jets game on October 1st, excited many Taylor Swift fans. After Taylor was spotted at the Chiefs vs. the Chargers game, ticket prices

went through the roof at the suspicion that Taylor might be attending the Chiefs vs. Jets game. The stands on October 1st were filled with cameras searching for the familiar face of Taylor Swift. As many fans missed the first leg of *The Eras Tour*, seeing Taylor Swift in the stands of a stadium she had just recently performed in was their second chance. Fans showed up to the game with “Swift” football jerseys, or signs reading “Where’s Taylor?” and “I Flew From Boston for Taylor Swift”.

While fans obsess over the viewing of Taylor Swift and her suspected dating life, Travis Kelce has become beloved by fans. *New Heights*, a podcast by Travis Kelce and his brother, Jason Kelce, increased by 1 million YouTube viewers due to the “Taylor Swift effect”, according to number 1 on all Apple Podcasts. Swift fans analyze each and every word of the podcast looking for new, interesting information about Taylor’s new love interest. Taylor Swift fan pages on TikTok are now populated with videos such as “Football 101” or interviews with Travis Kelce.

Kelce’s Instagram followers have increased by 400,000, which is double the amount of following increase for Kelce during the Superbowl, and Travis Kelce jersey sales have increased 400%.

24.3 million people watched the Chiefs vs. Jets game, and there were about 2 million more female viewers, and likely Taylor Swift fans, than in previous games. It is right to assume that most of the numbers from Instagram followers increase and jersey sales also come from Taylor Swift fans.

Travis Kelce’s popularity has increased immensely. The question is, how many people just recently learned who Travis Kelce is? Did Taylor put Travis Kelce on the map?

Recent TikTok videos have featured Taylor Swift fans telling a football fan, typically a family member or friend, that Taylor Swift made Travis Kelce famous. The football fan typically gets defensive, saying things like “Travis Kelce was already famous” or “He is a big-time football player, everyone knows who he is”. While football fans knew who Travis Kelce was, did Taylor Swift fans? Events from these past few weeks have merged two different worlds: Taylor Swift and football. This combination we never thought we would see has made both Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce more famous as both have become known by each other’s fans.

Travis Kelce himself made a comment on his popularity increase in a recent interview: “As all the attention comes it feels like, you know, I was on top of the world after the Superbowl and right now I’m even more on top of the world” and continues to talk about Taylor Swift’s popularity: “You got a lot of people that care about Taylor and for good reason”.

5 Ways to Warm Your Heart and Fill Your Stomach

BY: VASILIA LASKOVA

As someone who goes out to lunch almost every day of the school week, I have some recommendations to deliver. The usual outlunch choices seem to be Chipotle, Little Italy Pizza III, Pret, and Starbucks. Don't get me wrong, these places are great. I love Pret's ham and cheese sandwiches, Starbucks' strawberry açai refreshers, Chipotle tacos, and a few slices of Margherita pizza from Little Italy Pizza III. But if you find yourself constantly going to the same cafes, it might prove worthwhile to broaden your horizons and try out new places. I enjoy trying foods and drinks that other people recommend. It's one thing to recommend a place, and another to recommend specific items off the menu. I'm much more likely to go somewhere new if I know what's worth ordering, and it saves me the trouble of having to go through the process of trial and error to find something I like. Sure, you might not like all the recommendations you get because everyone has different tastes, but the more places you know, the more likely you are to fall in love with more dishes and drinks.

To start off with the place that won my heart, Breads Bakery! Breads Bakery is the place to go when you are craving something sweet. They have countless desserts

worth trying. My personal favorites include the chocolate rugelach (mini chocolate croissants), the plain croissant, and babka bread. Babka bread is a filling, sweet chocolate bread you are sure to love. I also adore their chocolate chip cookies. The combination of a hard and crunchy outer crust and tasty, soft middle that Bread's bakery offers earns a high spot on my chocolate-chip cookie tier list. Not only does Breads Bakery have filling, satisfying, and appetizing desserts, but they also have the perfect coffee to enjoy on the side. Breads Bakery also offers nice outdoor seating, as well as plenty of indoor seating in a warm, clean, and aesthetically pleasing location. There's a bathroom and free cold water. Breads Bakery is a great place to go when you feel like eating something sweet and flavorful or enjoying some good-quality coffee. It's located on 18 E 16th Street. It's a short walk from Clinton, and worth visiting.

Swiftly moving on, I recommend Vanilla Gorilla. If you have a soft spot for sandwiches, Vanilla Gorilla is the place to go. It is a cafe located at 546 6th Ave. Many assume it's a long walk, but by walking straight down six avenue from Clinton, you will see Vanilla Gorilla sooner than you can say Vanilla Gorilla. This cafe has lots of sandwiches, such as the Pizza Pasterino, Smoked

Salmon, Chicken Club, and Tomato Mozzarella sandwiches. Vanilla Gorilla also offers delicious cookies, my favorite being the s'mores cookie with melted marshmallow inside. As for drinks, Vanilla Gorilla doesn't disappoint. There are 11 kinds of coffee (hot or cold), hot chocolate, iced chocolate, 5 types of hot teas, and 6 types of iced teas, as well as specialty coffees and milkshakes. There are bathrooms, plenty of seating, and it isn't a very busy place, especially compared to out-lunch hotspots like Starbucks, which are always full of people.

My last personal favorite is Rainbow Falafel, located at 26 E 17th St. Their reasonably priced and heavenly falafel will no doubt make your day a little better. Rainbow Falafel doesn't have seating, nor falafel that is actually rainbow, but they make up for it with their delectable dishes. They also have special plates, soups, pies, desserts, cookies, and beverages I've yet to try myself. The service is fast and friendly, and its kitchen stands out in the swarm of sandwich shops around Clinton. If you are a fellow falafel lover, be sure to check this place out.

As a last bite, I present an item from my personal to-go list. Tompkins Square Bagels! Located at 23 E 17th Street. According to legend, it bolsters an adequate

amount of seating. Based on reviews, pictures, and words passed through the grapevine, Tompkins Square has great bagels with a huge variety of house-made cream cheese spreads. Showcasing unique flavors like espresso, birthday cake, jalapeno cheddar, pumpkin, cookie dough, fresh bacon scallion, sundried tomato, and more. Their menu also includes lots of pastries and drinks. I'm excited to try this place out, and plan on getting an everything bagel with bacon scallion cream cheese, or sundried tomato. I'll race you to it.

Those are all the lunch recommendations I have to offer for now. Whether you do take my recommendations to heart or skim over them on your way to later articles, I will remain content. As long as I have my rugelach, I am impervious to external judgment.

Entertainment Refresh! What's New?

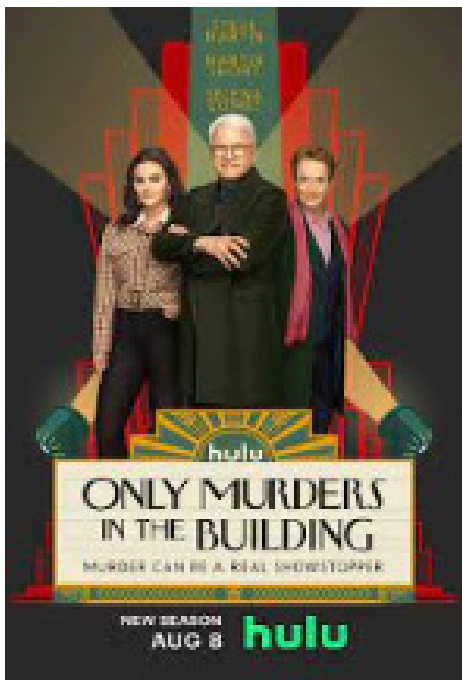
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Only Murders In The Building

Are you looking for a murder mystery with a comedic twist? Only Murders in the Building is the perfect show for you! Many people have been raving about the third season finale.

The show stars various popular actors such as Selena Gomez (as Mabel Mora), Martin Short (as Oliver Putnam), and Steve Martin (as Charles Haden Savage). The mix of generations in the show help produce the perfect comedic trio! The star studded cast helps attract viewers, with additional guest stars that include Cara Delevigne, Meryl Streep and Paul Rudd!

In the comedy, neighbors Mabel, Oliver and Charles, who meet the night of a murder in their building, bond over their love of podcasts and collaborate to create one in an attempt to solve the murder in their building. As more murders unfold, their podcast continues to be recognized. This series is an amazing show to laugh with and keep you on the edge of your seat! If you have yet to see it, you can stream it on Hulu anytime!



The Eras Tour Film

If you're looking to see a movie this month, Eras Tour the film is the 1.

The Eras Tour film is the latest example of Taylor Swift's legendary career. Swift's film reportedly already has made over 100

million dollars in box office sales. It is certain, the Eras Tour Film has A Place In This World.

After witnessing Swifties go through The Great War to buy Eras Tour tickets last November on Ticketmaster, AMC was worried about a Glitch in the system and even upgraded their website in anticipation of the release of tickets for the film. Tickets went on sale in August, but the film will premiere October 13.



AMC will carry exclusive Taylor Swift merchandise, including Eras Tour cups and popcorn buckets. AMC will pass out free mini posters, and it is speculated that they will participate in the Swiftie tradition of trading friendship bracelets by passing out AMC bracelets! The trading of friendship bracelets, which began in March, at the start of The Eras Tour, was inspired by lyrics from one of Swift's songs from her latest album *Midnights*. The trend was inspired by Swift's song, "Your on Your Own Kid", when she sings, "So make the friendship bracelets take the moment and taste it". Swifties who attend the film are certain to have The Best Day!

AMC's stock has been on a rise since the announcement of Swift's film. This is yet another example of Taylor Swift's unprecedented economic impact. Over the summer, Taylor Swift's Eras Tour stimulated the local economies of many towns located near stadiums where Swift

performed. The Federal Reserve even recognized Swift's undeniable impact, and Canada's Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau even asked Swift to come to Canada to spread her positive financial impact! After Taylor announced her 2024 European leg of her tour this summer, Trudeau shared on X (formerly known as Twitter), "It's me, hi. I know places in Canada would love to have you, So, don't make it another cruel summer. We hope to see you soon." Taylor is now set to perform in Canada in November of 2024! Amid dating rumors about Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce (tight end for the Kansas Chiefs and 2 time superbowl winner), along with Swift's appearance at two Kansas Chiefs games on September 24 and October 1, Chiefs ticket sales have risen by 40 percent, according to CNN Business. Taylor Swift has an impact never seen before!

Swift has ended the United States Leg of her tour, which began in March, performing an impressive setlist that is over 3 hours at each show. She is set to be on her international tour until November of 2024, with The Eras Tour expected to be one of the highest earning tours of all time!



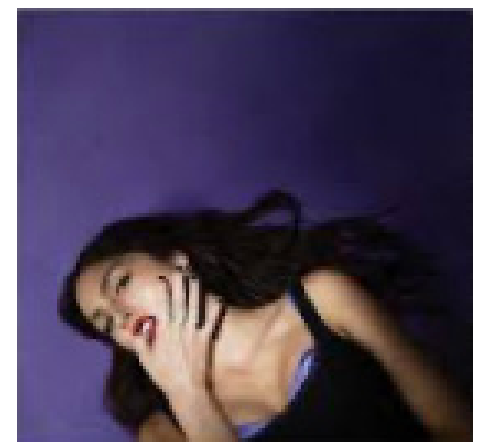
As if The Eras Tour the film was not enough, Taylor Swift releases 1989 (Taylor's Version) on October 27! Since 2021, Swift has been re-releasing her past albums as "Taylor's Version". Swift re-releases her own music in order to own her own albums and their masters (rights to the

music) and also releases new music in vault tracks (unreleased music that Swift has decided to release). Swifties have a lot to anticipate in the month of October!

Clinton students who plan on attending Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour Film, can buy tickets online from AMC, Regal, Cinemark and more! You can watch the film in Union Square at Regal at 850 Broadway or AMC at 890 Broadway!

Guts

The highly awaited sophomore album of 5 time Grammy winner Olivia Rodrigo, *Guts*, was released on September 7. Pop sensation Olivia Rodrigo rose to fame in 2020 after the release of her hit single "drivers license". Olivia's relatable music expresses growing pains and hardships of being a teenager in this modern day.



Guts features 12 tracks, from the graceful and jealousy filled song "lacy", to the fast paced and relatable "love is embarrassing". Olivia reflects on her experiences as a teenager in homeschool ("ballad of a homeschooled girl"), and growing up in stardom in *Guts*. In the closing track "teenage dream" Rodrigo elegantly reflects on if her fame will be short lived, and wonders how expectations and the way society perceives her will change as she grows older.

With *Guts*' wide range of sounds and rhythms, many listeners can find a relatable earworm that will be stuck in their heads!

Olivia Rodrigo announced her highly anticipated *Guts* World Tour on September 13th! If you enjoy *Guts*, consider picking up tickets to attend the *Guts* World Tour, beginning next February!

Club of the Month: The Clinton School Key Club!

BY: LUCIA SANTIAGO

At this September's club fair, The Clinton School Key Club was a prominent table. Gaining over 100 signups, they started off the year with a bang - their first meeting overflowed the library with the sheer amount of members. This success has brought a lot of attention to the club, and a lot of questions- leaving students asking: What does Key Club do?

Clinton's Key Club is included in a larger group that volunteers with an international organization called The Kiwanis. The Kiwanis are part of a global network of clubs, partnered with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and Red Cross, dedicated to helping the world and their local communities. There are over 240 Key Clubs in New York



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The Clinton Key Club executive members from left to right: Ariana H., Leila M., Bailey W., Erica R., Nicholas B., Anna L.

State alone, who are helping to promote the importance of community service and teach leadership to others.

In The Clinton School Key Club, members volunteer with a variety of organizations. "We have volunteered with Heart of Dinner, a nonprofit that addresses food insecurities and social isolation among Asian American seniors who live in underfunded communities. We are planning on vol-

unteering with Blankets of Hope to make blankets and donate them to a homeless shelter. Blankets of Hope is a nonprofit that helps students practice empathy and kindness," says Erica Roxas, co-founder and vice president of Clinton's Key Club, in an interview. "We are planning on doing a Halloween fundraiser for UNICEF; we are planning a bake sale and hosting a movie night."

Besides just contribut-

ing to the community, Clinton Key Club builds leadership skills by giving students a chance to become active members in their communities. The Key Club offers another thing for Clinton students - the opportunity to earn CAS hours. CAS (Creativity, Activity, Service) is an important aspect of the IB Programme at the Clinton School, necessary for students to complete their IB diploma. The Clinton School Key Club offers these through many community service opportunities, fundraisers, and projects.

When asked what they were most excited about this year, the executive members were positive they were in for a great year. President of Key Club, Nicholas Belida, states, "I am so excited to meet all the new underclassmen and lead a bunch of new volunteering events!"

Union Square Word Search

BY: ANNABEL BLUMENFIELD



Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

BARNESANDNOBLE
MANHATTAN
MARKET
MCDONALD'S

PARK
PIGEONS
SEPHORA
SQUARE

STARBUCKS
SUBWAY
UNION

STARBUCKS (N,3,16) UNION (SE,12,8) SUBWAY (S,5,5) MCDONALD'S (S,23,6) MARKET (N,20,14) MANHATTAN (E,4,12) BARNESANDNOBLE (N,2,16) PARK (W,8,14) PIGEONS (W,18,5) SEPHORA (W,12,9) SQUARE (W,16,16)

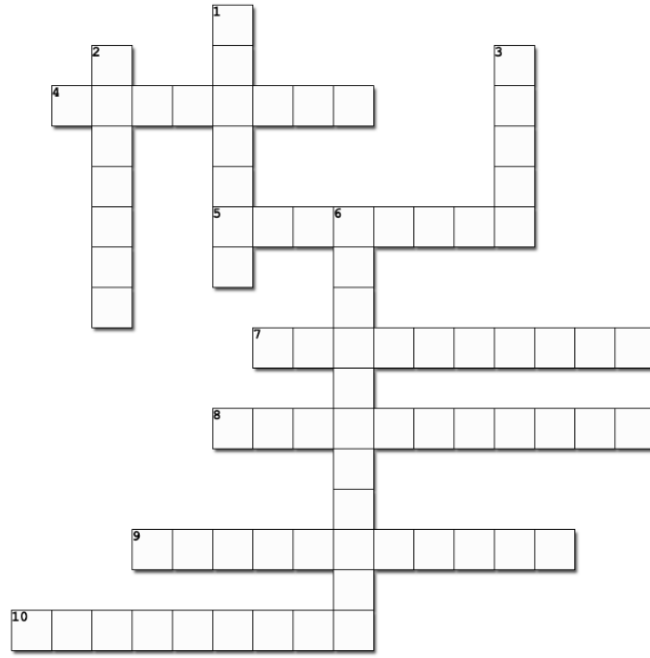
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Answers:

Clinton Crosswords

The Clinton Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle below



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Across

- 4. Never a dull class with this 9th Grade teacher
- 5. Our school motto
- 7. Phone Jail
- 8. Where our school is located
- 9. A nickname for the students from Mr Levin
- 10. The eighth floor

Down

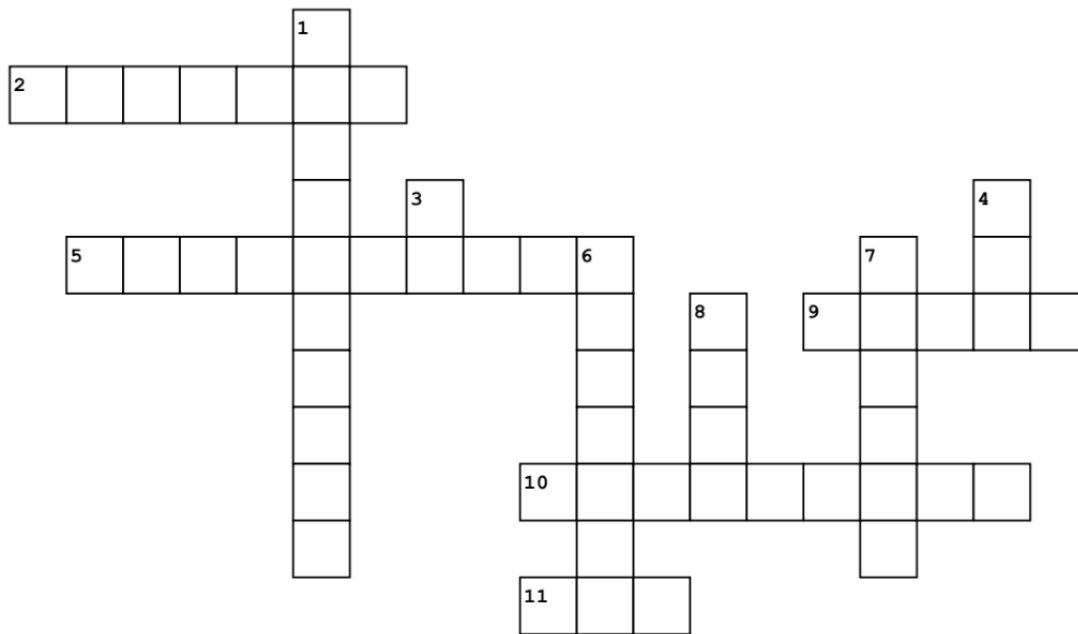
- 1. Best lunch place
- 2. Our principle
- 3. Our school mascot
- 6. The best club at the school (who made this amazing newspaper)

10. HAWKS NEST
 9. CLINTONIANS
 8. UNION SQUARE
 7. YONDR POUCH
 5. CREEMOS
 4. MR SNYDER

4. CLINTON POST
 3. HAWKS
 2. MR LEVIN
 1. LENWICH

Across

Down



Across

- 2. Tall red school right by Union Square
- 5. A sport that involves a hoop
- 9. Green and gray magnetic pouches
- 10. One of the two places to have P.E.
- 11. A part of the school that can be divided into two parts

Down

- 1. Bump, Set, Spike!
- 3. The program offered at Clinton in 11th and 12th grade
- 4. One of our two school colors
- 6. Place with books, books, and more books
- 7. Gooooo!
- 8. Our school mascot

11. GYM
 10. HAWKS NEST
 9. YONDR
 5. BASKETBALL
 2. CLINTON

8. HAWK
 7. SOCCER
 6. LIBRARY
 4. RED
 3. IB
 1. VOLLEYBALL

Across

Down

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