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Authorities need to take clowns more seriously (p. 5)



Clown attacks have left people feeling threatened and scared. The most recent clown scares have been dismissed as jokes,

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Last week, Snap Inc. announced that Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs will be the lead underwriters for its IPO. With over 150 users worldwide,

Snapchat has paved the way for one of the most highly anticipated IPOs since Twitter.

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Westworld is HBO's newest addition, set in a futuristic park which is looked after by "hosts." *Westworld* is based on the 1973 Michael Crichton movie

of the same name, featuring an all-star cast that includes Anthony Hopkins and Ed Harris.

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President Barack Obama recently announced his plans to send humans to Mars and back by the 2030s. Both public

and private companies are contributing to the effort, including NASA, Boeing and Space X.

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Lady Bearcats sweep John Jay and Lehman (p. 18)



In the wake of a marvelous outing in the Baruch Tri-match, the women's volleyball team cemented itself as the second seed in the

upcoming CUNYAC tournament. The Lady Bearcats are 6-1 overall in conference play, second only to the Hawks of Hunter College.

Homecoming breeds school spirit



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Besides enjoying a live DJ and the chance to throw a pie in the face of a member of USG, students were able to paint pumpkins.

BY VICTORIA MERLINO

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Baruch College's second annual Homecoming was celebrated on Oct. 20 with festivities throughout the day, ending with the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen.

Homecoming began in the afternoon with a parade of clubs on the 25th Street Plaza. A host of clubs were present, including Ecuadorian Club, Lexicon, Transfer Student Organization, United Chinese Language Association, Vietnamese Student Association and Women in Business.

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CUNY School of Medicine inducts first class

BY JONATHAN SPERLING
NEWS EDITOR

The newly established CUNY School of Medicine recently inducted its inaugural class of 69 students, paving the way for CUNY students to attain medical degrees for the first time in the university's history.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the school's accreditation in July 2015 following approval from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, an accreditor of medical education programs throughout the United States and Canada. The school, which took students from City College's Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Engineering to form its inaugural class, will be housed on the City College campus in Harlem.

As part of its mission to provide primary care physicians to communities lacking quality medical care professionals, the school is partnered with St. Barnabas Health System in the Bronx, a 150-year-old healthcare facility that is the oldest of its kind in New York City.

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Baruch celebrates LGBT History Month with series of events



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BY YELENA DZHANOVA
OPINIONS EDITOR

The Gender, Love and Sexuality Spectrum of Baruch College hosted the opening ceremony for LGBT History Month on Oct. 13. The event occurred during club hours and consisted of an informal pride parade around the 25th Street Plaza, immediately followed by a talk given by a keynote speaker and a light reception.

Those who planned to participate in the parade met on the second floor of the Newman Vertical Campus during club hours. Members of G.L.A.S.S. brought LGBT flags and positioned them across their backs like capes to make them more visible. When the time came to march and chant, the group made its way down the stairs and out onto the plaza.

Gabe Roman, the president of G.L.A.S.S., led the parade along with Kayla Maryles, the club's advisor and assistant director of New Student Programs. With their flags streaming proudly behind them, participants made a few roundabouts along the plaza, shouting mantras such as "hey, ho, homophobia has got to go," "love is love is love is love" and "we're here, we're queer, get used to it."

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Roman spoke to the attendees of the LGBT History Month Opening Ceremony.

Baruch graduate jumpstarts educational company

BY PAUL JOH
BUSINESS EDITOR

Since graduating from Baruch College in 2012, Judah Lamm has founded two companies. He currently holds the position of the chief technology officer at the second company.

Lamm's background is in logistics and process management. Prior to enrolling in Baruch, he worked as an inventory manager and director of operations at a distribution warehouse.

He later worked as a freelance photographer for real estate companies, which eventually led to his first business SnapShotNY.

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Fear Factor introduces students to uncommon foods



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Based off the popular game show *Fear Factor*, FUSION's Fear Factor event exposed Baruch students to uncommon and exotic food that is served around the world. Students competed against one another to see who could finish their food quickly.

News Briefs

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JONATHAN SPERLING

Baruch College was recently ranked second on a list of the safest large colleges and universities in the United States. The ranking comes from *College Choice*, an independent publication that publishes annual rankings and reviews. In this particular ranking, which is *College Choice's* first campus safety ranking, Baruch's Department of Public Safety was praised for its balance of protection and communication. Baruch also received praise for general safety, fire safety, women's safety and for being anti-discriminatory.

A statement released by James B. Milliken, the chancellor of CUNY, detailed the efforts made by the university system in response to Hurricane Matthew. "We urge everyone at CUNY to generously contribute their time, energy and financial support in this evolving effort," Milliken said in the statement. The hurricane racked up a death toll of over 1,000 as it travelled across the Western Atlantic over the course of nearly two weeks. In the wake of the hurricane, CUNY colleges will be offering counseling and other forms of support to students, faculty and staff who may be concerned or affected by the disaster.

Baruch College presented a free luncheon program last week which detailed one of the most successful Wall Street corruption investigations ever documented. The event, entitled "Beyond Operation Perfect Hedge: The Roomy Khan Story," took place on Thursday, Oct. 20, and featured Roomy Khan, a former Wall Street analyst and trader. Khan cooperated with the federal government for more than six years during which she expounded the mechanics of finance and testified in a federal court. The program also featured Walter Pavlo, a Forbes contributor and white collar crime consultant.

The Wall Street Journal has ranked Baruch College second out of 500 institutions of higher education in the category of environment. Under the environment pillar, Baruch scored highly in faculty diversity, student diversity, student inclusion and international students. The college also ranked sixth out of more than 1,000 schools in the same national list. *The Wall Street Journal* used 15 individual performance metrics to calculate the rankings.

A CUNY has been gifted a \$541,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for use in faculty diversity enhancement programs. Four CUNY senior colleges are currently collaborating with the foundation to make up the CUNY Mellon Faculty Diversity Career Enhancement Initiative. The initiative looks to enhance diversity, equality and inclusion throughout CUNY campuses. "Through the Mellon Foundation's support of active scholarship and academic professionalization required to achieve reappointment, tenure and promotion, CUNY will foster a community of dedicated faculty who will in turn support our talented and diverse student body," said CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken.

Opening ceremony features parade and speaker

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Passersby and onlookers often smiled with support, some capturing photos of the fleeting group. After the brief parade, participants made their way into the building to hear the keynote speaker and attend the reception. Roman addressed the audience and was prompted by one of the members to discuss the theme of the month. "The theme is stories. We wanted to focus on stories this month because everyone has one. Even the most boring person in the world has a story but they just might not want to read it," said Roman.

Roman explained that the purpose behind the multiple events held throughout the month is to highlight as many voices as possible and give everyone a platform to share his or her story. Following Roman's opening address, the keynote speaker was directed to the front of the room. G.L.A.S.S. invited Aubrey Leukart, the former assistant director of Health and Wellness, to serve as honorary keynote speaker for the event.

Leukart delivered powerful sentiments about the reason why she identifies as a major ally to the LGBT community and urged people in the audience to learn more about the issues surrounding the community. Attendees were mostly affiliated with the club, but several non-members took part as well. Alexander Fermin, the club's marketing assistant, discussed the sense of community he felt through the event. "I got a very inclusive and also very personal [vibe from the event]. Since the club is a small organization, I feel like everyone is very



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The opening ceremony of LGBT History Month featured a reception in NVC 2-125 and signs, such as the one above.

close, like they're already becoming family to me," Fermin said. "I'm really excited for all of the events and I'm excited to be in a place where it's so LGBT-inclusive because I'm from outside of New York. I'm from the south where it's not as inclusive, so I'm just excited to be in a safe space." Toward the end of the event, Roman thanked the audience members for attending and elaborated on how the rest of the month would proceed. Roman called for last-minute sign-ups for the Open Mic Night, which happened on the night of the Opening Ceremony. Other events that have already occurred include Safe Zone Train-

ing and Gayme Night. Safe Zone Training consisted of an informational session during which common misconceptions about the LGBT community were debunked. Gayme Night consisted of team competitions and prizes. "One of the best things you can do to be an ally to a community is to get educated so you know what you're talking and what you can do for these communities," Roman said. Upcoming events include a panel titled "Queer People in Media" and a meet and greet with Baruch faculty members who are LGBT allies. Throughout the month, people

will have the opportunity to work with VideoOut, a pro-LGBT organization that works to collect and record stories from willing participants. Anyone will be able to record his or her own story or listen to the stories being recorded. The month will end with one of the most popular events, Fright Night, whose theme is storybook villains. Additionally, G.L.A.S.S. will go on an outing to the area around the Stonewall Inn and the Big Gay Ice Cream shop on Friday, Oct. 28. Students who are interested can sign up for a spot at the Office of Student Life.

Homecoming promotes unity with parade, competition

BY VICTORIA MERLINO
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Club members carried signs and banners down the plaza as they were introduced, chanting slogans or their clubs' names in support of their organizations. Vivian Wang, the Undergraduate Student Government chair of Clubs and Organizations, explained the importance of including clubs and campus leaders in the Homecoming event. "Since [Baruch is] located in the city it's definitely more difficult to foster the same type of school spirit compared to a campus school," Wang said. "The purpose of Homecoming was to show that despite being a commuter school, Baruch has a substantial amount of school spirit through our thriving and diverse club life."

Following the parade, students were able to participate in a series of games. A pie-eating contest and bobbing for apples were both featured prominently in the event, as well as a student dance competition judged by college luminaries such as Baruch College President Mitchel B. Wallerstein and USG President Daniel Dornbaum. Homecoming-themed giveaways were distributed throughout the afternoon event, with stylized bearcat foam fingers and shirts being launched into the gathered crowd of students. The afternoon event left an impression. Leondrit Mahmuti, an accounting major and recent transfer to Baruch, was excited by the event as it was something he had "never seen before in college." He continued in his praise, saying, "I think [Homecoming] brings the students together and it connects people." The evening portion of Homecoming was split into two parts: a

screening of *Casper* on the plaza and a Homecoming party in the Multipurpose Room. Out on the plaza, students could sit and watch the movie with friends or enjoy an ice cream bar staffed by USG members. In the Multipurpose Room, students were able to find biscuits, fried chicken and pies, as well as a separate bar area with free alcoholic drinks for students who were over 21 years old. Besides dancing to a DJ, students within the room could paint pumpkins, take photos at a photo booth or pay for the opportunity to throw a pie in the face of a USG member. The money—over \$100—will go to Baruch's Relay for Life charity event. However, the most anticipated moment of the night was the reveal of the Homecoming king and queen. This Homecoming marked the first year that students were able to choose a king and a queen. Four hundred and fifty individual students cast their votes in the weeks prior to the event. There were 16 king and queen couples to choose from, with 15 clubs and one sports team participating. "I like that this Homecoming is [about] student leaders who are active and that you see creating events for everyone [around campus]. That's the best part—getting recognized for that," said Kerry Swoish, an accounting major and nominee for Homecoming queen through Sigma Alpha Delta Honors Society. "It focuses on people who are giving back to the school and creating a better environment and I think that's a really healthy thing to promote." After much fanfare, it was revealed that UCLA had won the Homecoming king and queen spots, with contestants Michael



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During Homecoming, students were able to use a photo booth and paint pumpkins.

Liang and Katy Ho winning with 117 votes and 107 votes, respectively. Lexicon was the runner-up, with nominee Brandon Paillere garnering 107 votes. As a reward, both UCLA and Lexicon received gift baskets. "One of the most important things that we want Baruch students to take away from Homecoming is that just because we're a city university, it doesn't mean

we don't have school spirit," said Wang. "[USG Vice President of Campus Affairs] Nicole [Zelenko] and I wanted to throw an event where students could enjoy themselves, come out and see all these different organizations, clubs and sport teams participate in activities together." As students danced and reveled, it was clear that that mission had been accomplished.

Right Wings give forum for political discussion

BY JONATHAN SPERLING
NEWS EDITOR

Those looking to discuss conservative policy in a friendly environment can look no further than Baruch College Republicans, a relatively new club on campus that seeks to spread information and further political discussions.

The club, which is in the process of becoming chartered by the College Republican National Committee via the New York Federation of College Republicans, was originally created last year by Chaya Halberstam, the club's current vice president.

According to Vincent Gangemi, the club's president, the club's mission is "to encourage students on Baruch College's campus to promote political efficacy, to bolster a dialogue on fiscally conservative policies and to ultimately assist students in finding their voices in a democracy as remarkable as that of the United States."

Gangemi met Halberstam in a freshman English class. Other club members were recruited through hosting and co-hosting events.

Together, the two have "organized events and have watched the club grow substantially."

The club began the Fall semester with a general interest meeting that engaged students politically and exposed them to the club's mission.

The club also participated in last month's Voter Registration Rally event in the 25th Street Plaza. There, Baruch College Republicans looked to register students to vote and informed them about political candidates for various city-wide positions.

On Oct. 13, the club partici-

pated in Baruch's Black Student Union's Head of State event.

The panel discussion, which was also attended by College Democrats at Baruch, focused on the importance of registering to vote. Once again, students were given the opportunity to register to vote, a cause that is "very important" to the club.

Most recently, on Oct. 23, the club supported the Baruch Honors Council's Out of Darkness Walk at Robert Wagner Park.

The walk sought to draw attention to suicide as well as decrease future suicide rates.

Although the club does not have much outside support at this moment, club officials were sent to the NYCFR Fall Convention at Columbia University on Oct. 22.

As a whole, the club has not endorsed nor taken a firm stance on any presidential candidate. However, Gangemi believes that one should "Vote Your Conscience" on Election Day.

Gangemi noted that the club sometimes refers to itself as The Right Wings in order to better encompass its core philosophy.

"We like to accommodate the opinions of all political philosophies, specifically those to the right of the political spectrum. We make clear that we house ideologies of all kinds, namely: Conservatives, Nationalists, Libertarians, moderates and undecided thinkers," said Gangemi.

The club uses both titles—The Right Wings and Baruch College Republicans—interchangeably.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, Baruch College Republicans plans to co-host a debate with Baruch College Democrats on the issues elected officials will face.

USG establishes two new committees

BY MARIA MARKOWICZ
MANAGING EDITOR

The Undergraduate Student Government recently created two new committees, the Arts Committee and the Constitutional Review Committee, which will work to improve students' experience on campus and possibly change the principles on which USG operates.

Depending on the extent of the possible amendments to the USG constitution and the amount of resources the Arts Committee will have available, Baruch students could see major changes in how USG operates and the atmosphere on campus.

"Baruch is changing. The whole campus, the whole faculty, we're making it into a better school. I feel like it's my responsibility to jump [on] it and start something new," Nathan Lin, chair of the Arts Committee, said.

USG instated its last Arts Committee on Oct. 7, 2014, but the committee was disbanded before the academic year ended. According to Lin, the idea to recreate an Arts Committee was brought up by Daniel Dornbaum, the current USG president, who approached Lin toward the end of the Spring 2016 semester.

Last year, Lin was the vice chair of Public Relations. At that time, the chair of Public Relations planned Chalk on the Plaza and an art gallery, which helped him gain experience in working on art-based events on campus. He currently holds the position of a representative senator.

According to Lin, the committee's short-term goals are spreading awareness of the committee's existence and holding small-scale events, including hosting pop-up artists around campus and on the plaza.

"The main theme behind it is, Baruch is a commuter school. It's like New York City," Lin said. "We see subway performances in the corner, someone's playing music. We are trying to create the same thing. We're just having artists come in to the plaza or on campus just [to play music]. You can just walk [by] if you're busy, or you can take a moment and enjoy this piece, this beautiful moment."

As for the long-term goals, Lin hopes to change what people think about Baruch, showing students that the business school has an arts element to it as well.

As of press time, the Arts Committee consists of eight members and meets every Monday at 5 p.m. in the USG Lounge.

The second committee, the Constitutional Review Committee, was started by Andrew Windsor, who contemplated the idea of making changes to the USG constitution since he ran for the position of a representative senator in the Spring 2016 semester.

One of the committee's main ideas is to create a judicial branch within USG, which would require major changes in the constitution.

According to Windsor, the prospect of creating the third branch of USG was brought up at a senate meeting by Dornbaum, who heard the idea from Stony Brook students back when he was the vice president of Legislative Affairs. Though Dornbaum wanted to explore the idea further, the senate did not embrace the idea and he was too preoccupied with his duties. When Windsor ran for his current position, he made it a personal goal to delve further into the topic.

"At first, the senate wasn't entirely on board with it—I had to do a lot of convincing," Windsor said. "But we realized [that] the committee can't do any harm, it can only

make recommendations. If the senate likes these recommendations, we'll proceed with [them]... If the senate doesn't like those recommendations, no harm, no foul."

In order for the committee to amend the constitution, the proposed amendment has to go through an outlined process. First, the proposal has to be brought up to the senate table. If a senator wishes to sponsor it, he or she may speak to the chair of the senate to organize a vote on the proposed amendment, which has to be approved by a majority vote in the senate. Afterward, USG has to obtain the signatures of 10 percent of undergraduate students, which amounts to approximately 1,400 students, abide by the roles set by the Bernard M. Baruch College Governance Charter and submit the amendment as a subject of a referendum to the Office of Student Affairs. The amendment then gets put on the ballot that students fill out when they vote for the next USG in the Spring semester. Lastly, the amendment has to get voted on by 10 percent of the undergraduate student body or gain approval from the president of Baruch College.

In order to get the required number of signatures, Windsor has to have the proposed amendments ready by March. The deadline is based on the experience of a previous USG—in 2015, it took USG a month to collect the required signatures.

As of press time, 17 people signed up to receive emails from the committee, excluding Windsor. The committee meets each Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the USG Conference Room.

"I'd like to make this constitution a bit better, see what we can fix... see if there's anything else we can add," Windsor said.

CUNY students, faculty bring up rising tuition costs before board of trustees

BY NICOLE CLEMONS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The CUNY board of trustees is in the process of reviewing their CUNY Fiscal Year 2017-18 University Budget Request.

A calendar given out at the board of trustees' public hearing on Wednesday, Oct. 19, stated that, "CUNY seeks an additional investment funds of \$200.6 million for the university. This total includes \$159.4 million for the senior colleges and \$43.3 million for the community colleges."

The draft of the request states that CUNY will self-fund \$14.2 million of the budget through its Administrative Efficiencies Action Plan and asks for a "four year extension of the predictable tuition policy, with maximum annual increases \$250 at the senior colleges and \$100 at the community colleges."

In June 2011, the board of trustees voted to include the Rational Tuition Plan in the budget request, which raised resident undergraduate tuition at senior colleges by \$300 each academic year for five years—a 30.4 percent increase.

When the Rational Tuition Plan ended last year, the board of trustees along with Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed an extension to the plan, but New York State Legislature rejected the proposal in support of a tuition freeze for the fiscal year 2016-17.

With a proposal for an extension of the renamed Rational Tuition Plan for the fiscal year 2017-18, CUNY undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and alumni gathered for the public hearing held in Baruch College's Newman Vertical Campus to express their growing concerns.

Limited to only three minutes, almost 30 representatives from Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY Professional Staff Congress, Hunter College, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Lehman College, New York City College of Technology and York College testified in front of the majority of the board of trustees and other central CUNY administrators, including CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken.

The speakers touched on a range of issues, including how the rising cost of tuition is making higher education unaffordable, personal anecdotes about speaking to homeless college students about not being able to afford CUNY tuition and using illegal means to pay tuition. James Hoff, a BMCC English professor and alum of the CUNY Graduate Center, brought to light CUNY's former history of being a free university.

"I want to focus on one troubling trend that I had noticed in my 15 years of teaching at CUNY and that is the fact that CUNY is slowly transforming itself from a publicly funded institution for the public good into a university funded by individual, private investors in the form of student tuition and fees," said Hoff at the hearing.

"If these proposed tuition increases pass next week, CUNY will, in the first time in its history, become an institution in which the majority of revenue is generated through the collection of student tuition and fees. At this pace, unless we do something to reverse course, CUNY's on track to become a fully private institution around 2040."

Baruch's Undergraduate Student Government President Dan-

iel Dornbaum said that he does not believe the board will vote in favor of CUNY students and that he supports a tuition freeze, so the next step is to convince New York state legislators to invest in CUNY students.


"Students have one vote on the board of trustees and not to say that the argument with the board of trustees is useless, that's not the case, but we only have that one vote so it's very hard for us to fight tuition hikes on that level," explained Dornbaum. "The next step is obviously with the state legislature and I think over the years USG has done a great job at making connections with their state representatives and linking student experience to what legislators are hearing and seeing up in Albany."

Each February, Baruch USG joins CUNY University Student Senate on a trip to Albany to lobby state legislators at the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Caucus. There, students advocate for CUNY in convincing state legislators to freeze tuition.

"When the time comes, there will be press conferences and protests and lobbying efforts but right now the legislature is not in session so this is a great time for USS and other students to reach out to their legislatures in the districts and meet with them while they're still in [the city] and go to their office and make that connection early on so that when they're up in Albany they hopefully will remember you and remember how passionate you were," said Dornbaum.


The next meeting of the board of trustees will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26 and will call for the final votes on the university budget request.

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A BARUCH STUDENT'S GUIDE TO THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

WHAT IS USG?

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) of Baruch College is the governing body representing all undergraduate students at Baruch College.


CONTACT USG

Sentate Meetings | Every Tuesday | 5:30 pm
NVC 3-270 @USGBaruch




WHAT DOES USG DO?

- Host and Co-Sponsor various large-scale events and parties
- Create initiatives and programs to fulfill the needs of students
- Fund, regulate, and support student clubs and organizations
- Represent student interests on various college-wide committees with the school's administrators
- Advocate on behalf of Baruch and CUNY students to elected officials



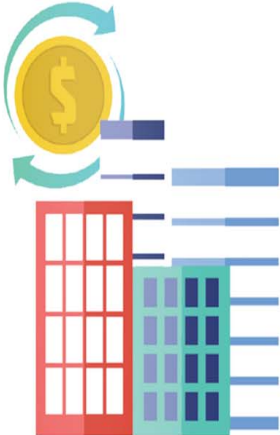
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Opinions

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

City College president resigns, raising questions over finances

City College of New York President Lisa S. Coico has resigned from her position on Oct. 7, after she was accused of misappropriating over \$150,000 in college funds. The money went toward her personal expenses, including fruit baskets, furniture and rugs.

Coico was the first CUNY alumna to become president of a college in the CUNY system.

This latest infraction caps off a divisive tenure for Coico at CCNY, filled with disagreements with staff and a dwindling budget. Dropped classes have become a common occurrence at CCNY, along with infrastructural issues such as water leaks and startling budget cuts, which dragged down student morale.

In 2015, Coico was criticized for slashing the CCNY budget by \$14.6 million, 7 percent more than the amount CUNY mandated all colleges to cut. Senior staff members at the college sent a letter to CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken during this period to urge him to investigate the “generous bonuses” and “high-starting salaries” given to certain unnamed employees, creating further suspicion.

It is not a good idea for high-level institutional leaders at CUNY to get tangled in a web of corruption allegations. It is disgraceful and it undercuts the entire idea of CUNY as a public university. With the constant threat of tuition hikes, underpaid professors and the subpar conditions of many facilities at CUNY, hardworking students are done a disservice when their allocated funds are ripped away from them and put toward an administrator’s seasonal fruit taste.

The fact that the accused administrator is a product of CUNY only furthers the embarrassment and places a responsibility on current students to take a moment to assess their college’s financial structure and struggles. It also instills a slight sense of embarrassment in attending CUNY since its alumni behave in this regard.

It is not only up to the students, but to the entire CUNY community, to watch CUNY’s funds and make sure they are flowing into the proper channels. With pressure mounting to slash costs and raise tuition across CUNY, there is no room left for missing dollars or inexplicable purchases. For many students, every cent could mean the difference between a degree and leaving college empty-handed.

CUNY as a whole should be committed to fostering higher retention and graduation rates. CUNY should strive to focus on giving students and professors all they truly need in order to have an environment conducive to learning. This can only come with diligence and vigilance. Together, the community of CUNY can stop corruption wherever it may be.

Apology from police does not suffice

Terrence Cunningham, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, recently issued an apology to minority groups who have been affected by police brutality. In his speech, Cunningham said, “There have been times when law enforcement officers, because of the laws enacted by federal, state and local governments, have been the face of oppression for far too many of our fellow citizens.” He explained that our current police force carries bad relations with minorities and they must foster understanding between the two groups.

While Cunningham’s sentiment comes from a good place, an apology does nothing to rectify the pattern of brutality that still exists. It is a good first step but much more is needed to put a dent in the problem.

IACP and other police organizations should begin advocating against legislation and rhetoric that enforces brutality against minorities, such as New York City’s stop-question-and-frisk program.

Organizations should begin employing body cameras and stricter consequences for guilty officers. Officers should not be able to simply take paid vacation and return to work after major incidents. Harder examination should also be required to become a police officer. Minorities should not have to be the victims of institutional negligence.



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Police cannot dismiss clown attacks

Authorities should address clown scares with more severity instead of regarding them as minor jokes

By now everyone has surely seen the terrifying viral videos of clowns chasing pedestrians or loitering in random places with knives. It is easy to dismiss these videos as hoaxes or pranks designed to scare people, especially as Halloween approaches.

It is not easy, however, to shrug off the actual arrests and eerie reports that have emerged from this series of strange occurrences. While the legitimacy of many of these reports is easily debatable, the fear that these creepy circus performers are instilling in people is dividing the country.

Many concepts and issues divide a country, whether they deal with politics, religion or sports, there always seems to be something pitting people against one another. Division has once again surfaced with the rise of clown sightings—an unlikely candidate to act as a purveyor of separation.

Clowns are not cute, entertaining or funny. They are just horrible. They were horrible when Stephen King’s *It* was published in 1986 and they are even worse 30 years later in 2016, especially considering the fact that they terrorize human beings in real life as opposed to in a book.

Multiple school districts have already banned clown costumes on Halloween to prevent more people from getting scared. Rumors that told of an armed clown on a campus even put a college in Massa-

chusetts on lockdown. Nowadays, it seems like dressing up as a clown is not only antagonistic, but borderline terroristic.

Of course, there are some people who find humor in watching others worry. The clown hysteria has given these troublemakers the perfect opportunity to cruelly prank those around them, though not without heavy consequences. In Alabama, at least seven people are facing felony charges due to calls reporting homicidal threats related to clown activity.

Multiple teenagers across the nation are in trouble with the law after having reported false clown attacks in disturbing attempts to scare their communities and become local celebrities. Although these particular incidents are meant as jokes, they incite terror and detract from the clowns that actually mean harm.

All over the United States, more and more people continue to feed into this ongoing threat. At first it was easy to dismiss the trend as a joke, but now the issue is finally beginning to gain gravity. While nothing has been confirmed, clowns wielding knives trying to lure children into the woods are not to be taken lightly. People should feel intimidated by clowns now more than ever, as they have become a symbol of fear.

On the other side of the spectrum, people who dress up as clowns are in just as much danger,

if not more. In addition to the obvious risk of being reported to the police, the larger peril is the reaction professional clowns will get from the public.

When encountering something scary, people either have a fight or flight response. Some people will run away in fear while others will run right at the horror and try to overpower it.

Nationwide, people have been arrested for brutally assaulting clowns. Pranksters need to realize that they are putting themselves in tremendous danger when they put on the white makeup and big red nose.

What once started as a creepy yet somewhat amusing story has now evolved into a truly troubling craze just in time for Halloween. The best advice to offer this year for safe trick-or-treating is to stay away from clowns.

Odds are that most of them are just moronic agitators looking to get some sort of reaction from those around them, but no one can ever be certain. It is also best to avoid dressing up as a clown, since the police may be called or the safety of the person dressing up may be compromised. While it may sound funny, this is a very serious matter that should be promptly addressed in an appropriate and timely manner.

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Suez Canal loses prestigious reputation

Two crises broke out 60 years ago. The first, in Hungary, was called a revolution and the second, in Egypt, was labelled a crisis.

The Egyptian crisis began when Gamal Abdel Nasser, former president of Egypt, nationalized the British and French-owned Suez Canal, raising a red flag to the already-declining British Empire. The nationalization of this canal left a lasting political impact on the Middle East.

Britain controlled the Suez Canal since the late 19th century and profited off of its revenue. Its loss was critical to the decline of Britain’s economy and infrastructure.

This occurred during the height of the Cold War, when the encirclement of the Soviet Union took place through regional treaties. Though anti-communism spread in the West, in its shortsightedness Britain, France and the United States slighted what became the Non-Aligned Movement that steadfastly refused to join one side or the other.

Nasser hoped to construct a dam along the Nile River, so he nationalized the Suez Canal to raise funds to pay for it. England plotted to overthrow him, and France and Israel joined in this enterprise.

France had its skin in the game since its oil-rich colony Algeria revolted against its century-old masters. By crushing Nasser, the French naively believed they could put a stop to guerrilla warfare in Algeria.

Israel also gladly signed on to what became a misadventure. Nasser formed a blockade at Eilat, Israel’s port to the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, denying it access to trade in Asia as a response. Moreover, France sweetened the pot by sharing nuclear secrets with Israel.

However, the tripartite invasion by Britain, France and Israel was badly coordinated and it gained condemnation from then-leader of the Soviet Union Nikita Khrushchev and then-president of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower. Israel was forced to withdraw

from the fight for the Suez Canal. England and France were humiliated as the United States began to intervene in Israeli affairs. The Eisenhower administration assumed that a non-aligned nation was synonymous with a pro-Soviet nation, so the U.S. government abruptly withdrew its offer to fund the dam. Khrushchev subsequently offered to fund it instead.

In the end, Nasser emerged with a better reputation. England lost its imperial prestige and France ultimately lost Algeria. The Canal was destroyed and along with the destruction came the crippling of world shipping and oil flow.

If the United States had been friendlier with Israel and more open to other non-aligned nations, the Suez Canal would be as major a trade route now as it once was. The canal later took years to re-open, this time under Egyptian control.

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Student attendance vital in public hearings

THE USG REPORT



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As I have mentioned in previous columns, every month the CUNY board of trustees meets on the 14th floor of the Newman Vertical Campus. The board's main function is to discuss the university's future and vote on issues that pertain to all members of the CUNY community. This month, the big item up for discussion is the proposed CUNY FY 2017-18 operating budget.

From 2011 through 2016, CUNY's tuition increased at a rate of \$300 per year. In 2016, Baruch's Undergraduate Student Government joined with other student governments from across the university to call for a tuition freeze and to prevent further tuition hikes. We were successful in our campaign and the state legislature passed a budget that did not allow the trustees to raise the tuition. In this year's draft budget, the CUNY chancellery has included another plan to raise tuition. This time, the plan is to raise tuition at senior colleges at a rate of \$250 per year while two-year community colleges will see their tuition increase at a rate of \$100 per year.

There is a request for an additional \$58 million from the city to support the rising cost of sustaining senior colleges. Last year, as

part of the budget negotiations, Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed a \$485 million cut from state funding for CUNY. He made the point that since Mayor Bill de Blasio appoints a third of the members of the board of trustees, the city should be paying a third of the costs of the university. This proposal was scrapped by the legislature in the final rounds of negotiations.

When items come before the board of trustees, they are first voted on by a committee and, if passed, brought to the full board for a public hearing.

When the budget was brought to the Fiscal Affairs Committee, questions were raised by student members of the committee, which led other trustees to seriously question parts of the budget. After a nearly two-hour long meeting, the committee did not come to a consensus and chose not to recommend anything to the full board. It instead decided to use the public hearing as a way to gather more feedback on the plan and agreed to meet as a committee once more to determine the correct course of action.

Last month, I stood alongside many students in our university and delivered a testimony to the board of trustees at the public hearing against the new tuition hike proposals. We are ready for another budget season filled with surprises, twists and turns, but we will not back down. We will continue to advocate for the affordability and accessibility of this university.

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Police should not ask for private data

THE POLITICKER



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It truly is no wonder that some citizens believe they live in a police state where their rights are constantly under scrutiny. Basic rights, as dictated by the Constitution in the United States, are under the scrutiny of abusive powers like the police and other groups.

One such group is Geofeedia, a data analytics group that was paid to monitor the social media of black protesters and submit data to police, according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California. An ACLU representative said that police had been monitoring various neighborhoods for signs of activity they may deem necessary upon which to act.

Geofeedia is, according to its website, a "location-based analytics platform" that has helped with the protection of citizens in major public safety logistical nightmares such as the Boston Marathon bombings and the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

In a message recently posted to its site, the company says that it will work with organizations, such as the ACLU, to assure the proper use of its software in order to protect the civil liberties of anyone and everyone.

This sounds totally believable, especially after Facebook, Twitter and Instagram cut Geofeedia's ac-

cess to its data in the wake of the ACLU's report.

These may have been the same agencies that said they would no longer provide user information to the NSA following the Edward Snowden leaks. They most likely were the same agencies, seeing as that promise was under the condition that the citizens avoid scrutinizing the continuing mass collection of their data.

It is a major collusion between police, social media and private companies that has unraveled in the most grotesque and unconstitutional manner. It is especially troublesome because it was carried out in such an obvious move against citizens.

Citizens, for that matter, have the right to protest unfair conditions in their country. The police response to these protests, however, have been almost automatic, whether it comes in the form of violence against the protesters or calculated efforts to track down their behavior.

Perhaps there is a baffling idea floating around that says that protesters would not meet such action from police if they simply stopped being a public nuisance. Protests, however, are not supposed to be comfortable; they are arduous, painful criticisms of flaws in republics.

The path to rebuilding the "trust with communities," a phrase that keeps being passed around like a baton between politicians nowadays, is to understand that when the body of power fails those communities, those same bodies of power will react, perhaps rather violently.

These immense bodies of power failed the families of every victim of unnecessary police violence and they have failed once more by literally asking for the informa-

tion from the private lives of the very people they have sworn an oath to protect.

The signs for the future may be the most worrisome aspect of this report. Our lives have become littered in digital fingerprints to the point where social media platforms probably have the ability to disclose much more about an individual than any individual may want. The information might be used to do a lot of damage.

In their pursuit, the police do not simply turn to social media for information about where one hangs out with one's friends last night or where one was born. The police are looking for someone they can track. They take the job with the expectation of finding someone who exhibits some kind of threat to a way of life to which they have accustomed. It may not end at the police; imagine the government being able to access the personal data of every citizen in the country.

The government was, in fact, able to access the private information of every citizen in the country three years ago in the widely publicized and legally problematic case of Snowden.

The U.S. government has evidently learned nothing from such blatant attacks on democracy. Local governments as well seem to have forgotten entirely that the NSA leak was a thing. It is curious to think about how long it will be before there is a leak of protester information, from personal addresses to whereabouts to times and dates of events.

Now imagine what would happen if that information was used by those less-than-accepting of calls for justice in the black community. Unfortunately, people like that are often much closer than one would hope.

Trump's actions belittle female voters

Backlash against Trump showcases his misogyny and potentially damages his presidential candidacy

The second presidential debate proved to be a spectacle for U.S. voters to determine which candidate truly deserves their support. For Hillary Clinton, it was a chance to respond to allegations that she has been dishonest throughout her political career, to which she smoothly rebutted, dispelling many myths which have surrounded her campaign. For Donald Trump, it was an opportunity to prove to women that he respects them. Trump ultimately failed at this objective.

In 2005, Trump was recorded speaking with *Access Hollywood* host Billy Bush about his "romantic" connections with women and how they find him simply irresistible. In the recording, he said, "I'm automatically attracted to beautiful [women]—I just start kissing them. It's like a magnet. Just kiss. I don't even wait. And when you're a star they let you do it. You can do anything...Grab them by the pussy. You can do anything."

As expected, U.S. citizens were both shocked and disgusted by Trump's repulsive comments. His rhetoric implies that sexually assaulting women is not only acceptable, but even encouraged. During the debate, moderator Anderson Cooper prompted Trump to discuss his lewd comments, asking, "You bragged that you have sexually assaulted women—do you understand that?" Trump dismissed the comments as "locker

room talk" and said that he was misunderstood.

For Trump, however, this is not just a phase. He has been hateful throughout his entire lifetime and will continue to oppress women for as many years he has left. This has been proven time and time again through the comments he has made about women, to women and in relation to women. His behavior and rhetoric reveal that Trump is nothing short of a bully, and a powerful one at that.

The most pivotal moment—the culmination of every misogynistic thing he has ever said—came when he was forced to respond to Cooper's question. Trump's prompt dismissal of the comments is perhaps the most telling hand he could have played.

Sexual assault is not something that should be dismissed as "locker room talk," as if the locker room is a sacred space among men where they have the right to degrade and objectify women. By averting a real dialogue about the treatment of women in this country and how the nation views sexual assault, Trump answered the pressing question as to why Brock Turner and so many others like him are able to rape women and escape justice.

Any undecided voters should imagine this scenario: Trump and one of his billionaire friends have just finished up a round of golf and enter one of those sacred spaces to engage in some enriching com-

mentary. As he slaps his friend on the back, Trump tells the legend of grabbing women inappropriately. Just then, someone's daughter, mother, sister walks by the room and overhears these comments. Imagine how she would feel. As a country, the people have to decide whether to stand by the comments of a candidate who may become the next president. Should the leader of a country reflect the moral values held by a nation?

After Trump's fiasco in the locker room, many of his right-wing supporters have called for a repeal of the 19th Amendment, which would take away a woman's right to vote. This is because his supporters are well aware that after hearing Trump's dismissal of sexual assault, most women in their right minds would not vote for him. This being said, it is important to note that the 19th Amendment will never be repealed. Therefore, all women will continue to have the right to vote in the United States. How they choose to use that right is the most important aspect.

This is a call for all women to consider Trump's comments against them. Consider how your daughters, mothers, friends would feel if these comments were said about them. Now take a step back and realize that they are. So, on Nov. 8, use the 19th Amendment in the way it was meant to be used and instead of allowing Trump to get away with "grabbing women by their pussies," vote against him and make sure that he does not get the opportunity to be the face of this great nation. Do it for all the little girls who are not yet old enough to vote.

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Tax creates healthier diets

Sugar consumption should be regulated to curb growing obesity

In a not-so-sweet move, the World Health Organization recommended that countries use taxes to increase the prices of sugary drinks in an attempt to curb the growing obesity pandemic spreading the globe.

"Consumption of free sugars, including products like sugary drinks, is a major factor in the global increase of people suffering from obesity and diabetes," says Dr. Douglas Bettcher, the head of WHO's Department for the Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases. WHO, as part of the United Nations, timed the statement for World Obesity Day.

Between the years 1980 and 2016, obesity in the world nearly doubled. Currently, 40 percent of the world's population is overweight. The organization has previously held off on recommending taxes, until now.

The recommendation was based on a 36-page report in fiscal policy and diet. WHO cites strong evidence saying that subsidies that reduce prices for healthier foods such as fruits and vegetables can improve diets. The report recommended a 20 percent tax on sugary drinks, which would result in an equivalent reduction in sugar consumption by consumers. Other benefits to the imposed tax include increased health benefits for consumers and more tax revenue for world governments.

Mexico and Hungary have already put a tax on their sugary products, with South Africa slated to do the same. WHO has noted a large increase in consumption in China and sub-Saharan Africa. According to WHO, 60 percent of children in these nations consume soft drinks daily. In the United States and Europe, that number

ranges from 20 to 40 percent of the adolescent population.

The United States attempted to mirror the recommendations of WHO. Studies showed that residents of Berkeley consumed 21 percent less sugary drinks after the tax took effect. The tax was approved by voters in November 2014. It was the first city to pass a soda tax. The city of Philadelphia has also levied a tax of 1.5 cents per ounce on sugary products. It used the revenue to fund the city's pre-kindergarten program.

A campaign supporting the new tax in Berkeley was funded in part by Michael Bloomberg, New York City's former mayor. He had a similar, albeit more draconian, plan for the city.

Both Bloomberg and his successor Bill de Blasio, the current mayor, strongly supported a plan that would have banned the sale of sugary drinks that are over 16 ounces in weight. This was met with strong opposition from New Yorkers and soda companies. It was overruled because it exceeded the regulatory authority of the New York City Department of Health.

The findings in Berkeley showed just how successful a tax could be. Not only does the tax deter consumers from purchasing sugary substances, but it also informs consumers of the dangers behind these kinds of drinks.

There is nothing wrong with the WHO making these recommendations, which attempt to help civilians live healthier and longer lives. These recommendations are fair and are strongly supported by direct scientific evidence. Adopting them would only improve society.

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Undersea cables need maintenance

Transoceanic communication cable lines are vulnerable to damage and need more attention and care

Almost 99 percent of transoceanic communication is reliant on a sprawling network of undersea cables. Phone calls, emails, instant messages, streaming and the like are all transmitted to and from internet-connected devices through these cables. They span thousands of miles, and can cost hundreds of millions of dollars to lay across the ocean floor.

For the last couple of decades, the vast majority of international telecommunications has been dependent on these cables.

Today, undersea cables mainly provide easy access to internet services internationally. The first transoceanic cable was a copper telegraph wire laid across the Atlantic Ocean in 1866. Subsequent cables were laid across old colonial shipping routes, where modern cables are still laid across today. In the 1950s, coaxial cable became the standard due to its ability to carry telephone conversations.

However, coaxial became obsolete in the 1990s when fiber optic cables came about, which could transmit large amounts of data in the form of light. Compared to the electrical transmission though copper or coaxial wire, fiber optics have numerous benefits, including larger data transmissions, faster transmission rates, an immunity to electromagnetic interference, electrical resistance, corrosion resistance, lighter weight and smaller cable size. It also has the ability to be laid across long distances with no signal repeaters.

Electrical transmission is preferred in some instances for its lower cost and ability to carry electricity as well as signals. Fiber optic cables, however, have revolutionized the telecommunications in-

dustry, and play a large role in the rise of today's age of information.

There are over 200 undersea cables that serve as the foundation of modern international telecommunications network. Everything from cellular connections to the internet rely on these cables.

The average fiber optic undersea cable can transmit 100 gigabytes per second and comes in two types. Shallow water cables are the diameter of a soda can, while deep water cables are about the diameter of a dry erase marker. Shallow water cables are thicker and more protected than deep water cables because more problems can befall them.

The cables are installed using special boats called cable layers. The best route must be determined to avoid any potential hazards to the cables, such as caverns and trenches. Most cables are laid by consortiums of providers and the largest members of these are internet providers like Verizon.

However, many cables under construction today are receiving significant funding from internet giants like Facebook, Google and Microsoft. These companies consume so much bandwidth that they need their own private transoceanic connections in order to benefit us technologically.

Unnecessary and irritating problems abound around these undersea cables. They are susceptible to damage because of natural disasters, like earthquakes and tsunamis, and human disruption via the accidental or deliberate cutting of cables. Sharks and other fish may also gnaw at the cables.

However, the most common problem, accounting for 60 percent of cable breakage, are dropped anchors. Compounding these prob-

lems is the fact that most of the cables are concentrated in very few areas, so whatever problem affects one cable tends to affect multiple cables. Solutions have been devised for some of these problems. For example, cables are marked on navigational maps so ships do not drop anchors on them. To prevent aquatic animals from gnawing on the cables, companies have also shielded them with shark-proof wire wrappers.

Regardless of all the problems undersea cables face, they are still a more reliable foundation for the internet than satellites, the alternative. Although using satellites would allow us to avoid all of the problems that plague cables, they come with two large problems of their own: latency and bit loss.

It takes time to send signals to and from space via satellite. Cables are able to convey information readily and quickly, and it is much more cost-efficient to use cables over satellites.

If satellites were used in place of cables, bandwidth would become much more limited, and the price for internet from local service providers would increase exponentially. To see what a cableless internet looks like, go to Antarctica, the only continent without a cable connection to the internet.

Without cables, researchers would rely on satellites instead and, therefore, the bandwidth each researcher is allotted would be considerably smaller than what is offered by the average provider. This is why it is so crucial to maintain the current state of cables and to take preventative measures in order to avoid excessive damage.

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Workers need payment

Cafeteria employees call for an increased salary and more benefits

Dining hall workers began a strike on Oct. 5 in a dramatic move against Harvard University due to a dispute over wages and benefits.

The strike broke out after almost six months of failed negotiations between the workers' union Unite Here Local 26 and the university. The workers are demanding a salary of \$35,000 guaranteed for year-round workers, as well as no extra costs for healthcare. Harvard planned to increase the monthly health insurance price for its employees since it was below the average national cost.

One of the biggest concerns for the dining hall workers is summer employment. Some employees are laid-off after classes end in the summer and cannot collect unemployment since Harvard is a nonprofit institution. The university tried to negotiate stipends of \$150 to \$250, which summer dining hall workers would receive weekly. Harvard also proposed a 10 percent increase to wages over five years to appease the protesting workers. The union rejected these proposals.

Rather, Local 26 is asking for stipends of \$450 a week during the summer and winter breaks and a 22.5 percent increase in salary compensation over a four-year period. The university, which has an endowment of \$35.7 billion, is more than equipped to satisfy the demands of its workers, and should do so soon to facilitate the smooth running of its campus during this Fall semester.

In anticipation of the strike, Harvard allegedly stockpiled three days' worth of frozen food, but officials never expected the strike to last so long. The university has had to rely on volunteer employees to

work the dining halls and has been offering reduced food options as well as boxed lunches.

Harvard's half-hearted attempts to function without its workers have not gone unnoticed. Students have spoken out saying that they are eating undercooked meals prepared by untrained workers. There have also been complaints that the volunteer staff pay no attention to allergies.

With such a large endowment, asking employees and volunteers to work for free while the strike blows over is not a good look for the renowned member of the Ivy League. Harvard will have to give in to the demands of the union soon to save face, but also because the workers are backed up by all of the other Harvard employee unions. They also gained the support of the students who are currently attending the university.

"They've actually been feeding the strikers," said Tiffany Ten Eyck, a spokesperson for Local 26. "For the first few days we had about 16 picket lines out across campus. Students have been out feeding workers who typically feed them."

Although Harvard students support the strike, the movement should not be their main concern. Students should focus more on preparing for midterms. According to freshman Sofia Garcia, the strike's purpose is understood, but at the moment, students should not have to worry about from where their food is coming. Likewise, Harvard should be focusing on more important matters rather than continually denying the demands of their workers without cause.

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Baruch offers liberal arts majors opportunities

Baruch College is a school known for its business-oriented majors such as accounting, economics, finance, international business, marketing and real estate. However, despite not being well known for fields of study outside business, the college still manages to offer a place where liberal arts majors can thrive.

Franklin Rosario, a sophomore majoring in Business Administrative Marketing, expressed his fondness for Baruch. He said, "When I think of Baruch, I think of business professionals. I also think of a learning environment where my expectations can be met or exceeded." Rosario is currently enrolled at Bronx Community College but aspires to complete his undergraduate studies at Baruch. He continued, "It's the top school for me because I am really interested in their Digital Marketing Track."

Although Rosario plans on going into business, his commentary reflects the universality that Baruch provides or instills within its students. He also cites Baruch's affordability and familiarity as a school within the CUNY system as major factors for his desire to attend the college.

Each of the schools within the CUNY system have separate academic personalities. John Jay, for example, is geared toward criminal justice. Others perhaps may seem more inclined toward fields such as liberal arts, business or nursing. Nonetheless, even colleges that team with a specific focus offer courses for many other majors—Baruch is no exception.

Baruch is in fact known for its outstanding business program. The school, however, offer extensive options for students who are

not interested in pursuing business. Prior to doing research on Baruch, students may wonder how they would be able to fit into the Baruch community. Humanities-oriented students may want to take an interest in writing and reading, philosophy, history or psychology.

Although Baruch has facilities dedicated to business and stock exchange, there are a variety of majors represented in the college. The very impressive Wasserman Trading Floor in the Subotnick Center, for example, does not intimidate liberal arts majors; liberal arts majors still end up attending Baruch.

Attending Open House events at Baruch can help prospective students discover the many options available to them aside from business. The Weissman School of Arts and Science offers extensive classes in film, history, English, psychology and philosophy.

For psychology majors or those interested in psychology, Baruch has research laboratories located on the eighth floor of the Newman Vertical Campus. It is impressive and unexpected that Baruch has research spaces for psychology majors.

The 23rd Street building plays host to many science classes such as biology, chemistry and physics. Baruch gives many students, pursuing a wide variety of majors, the ability to continue their education, no matter where their interests lie. Students can expand on their interests in a diverse and well-rounded atmosphere that does not solely accommodate one professional field.

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Poland rejects unfair abortion laws

Restrictive measures prohibiting women from receiving legal abortions have been rightfully outlawed

Poland's parliament repealed a prospective bill that would have placed a prohibition on abortion on Oct. 5. Representatives in the lower house, the Sejm, struck down the legislation by 352 votes to 58.

In 1993, Poland's government instituted a confining abortion law. Poland has some of Europe's most stringent abortion regulations. The law permits abortion through the 12th week of pregnancy if the woman's health is in jeopardy, the pregnancy is the outcome of rape or incest or if the fetus has an unrecoverable injury. Approximately 1,000 legal abortions are carried out annually, though the number of forbidden abortions ranges from 10,000 to 120,000.

Many doctors decline to perform an abortion on their clients, citing moral objections as their reason for declining. Doctors who assist in abortion can also face up to five years in jail. Instead, Polish women receive abortions in Germany or comb through the internet for pills to induce an abortion.

The devoted Catholic nation has proposed to make abortion illegal with the help of Stop Abortion, an organization committed to preserving traditional values. Under the proposed bill, termination would only be allowed if pregnancy places the woman's life in peril. The anti-abortion proposition collected 450,000 signatures and received support from the Roman Catholic Church.

Abortion, defined as a medical procedure to end pregnancy and cause the death of the fetus, is a sensitive topic. People often take either the pro-life stance or defend the pro-choice argument. Individuals should divert their attention away from these two sides

and instead ask themselves how a woman who wishes to receive an abortion must feel about having to go outside of her homeland to get it done safely.

It is an unfair perception to think that a woman who has an abortion is licentious. Regardless of whether she goes through with the abortion, giving birth is ultimately her choice. She may receive an abortion because there is no other way out and she fears that the decision will stick with her for the rest of her life. Having an abortion is a difficult resolution for a woman to make, so society should not place further baggage on women by condemning their actions.

Polish citizens set out to protest the suggested abortion ban. On Oct. 3, masses of women took the day off from school and work to express their disapproval. They were inspired by Icelandic women who skipped work in 1975 to dispute discrimination in the work field. The women who participated in the Icelandic protests sent a video that demonstrated their support to the Polish women. The women chanted "Jestesmy z wami," a line that translates to "We are with you." Kenyan women broadcasted a similar message of support.

Some waitresses dressed in black to stand in solidarity as protestors marched toward Warsaw carrying black flags, a movement which was termed "Black Monday" by its supporters. The black color was intended to symbolize the oppressive and restrictive measures enacted by legislature. Twenty-four thousand Polish men and women participated in the demonstration outside of the mayor's office in Castle Square. On Facebook, the protests attracted 116,000 participants from 90 cities.

Mixed views have been circulating regarding the topic of abortion in Poland, especially among officials. Mariusz Dzierzawski, a Stop Abortion spokesperson who initiated the notion, said, "Murdered children lost," referring to Poland's near-complete prohibition on abortion. Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski said, "Let them have their fun."

Poland should be praised for revoking the abortion ban. People are permitted to openly voice their views on abortion. It is completely acceptable to disagree with an opposing opinion, as this discloses that we are fortunate to live in a world where we can challenge judgment. As long as pro-choice and pro-life supporters do not harshly denounce one another, it is healthy to have different ideas.

Nevertheless, illegalizing abortion seems like a strange strategy. Poland's overturn of the suggested law is key to the development of human rights around the globe. If the country had limited a woman's reproductive choices, it would have opened dangerous territory. It would be baffling to entitle the government to supervise a medical policy. If the government can make a woman continue her pregnancy, does that mean it can make her go through sterilization too? It is a doctor's role to inform their patients about proper courses of action and to provide insight.

Poland understood that pro-choice is not synonymous with pro-abortion. The past few weeks reveal the celebration of persistence, the triumph for civil rights and the embodiment of a determined spirit.

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Networking benefits professional success

There is an old saying that many business students may be sick of hearing by now: “It’s not what you know; it’s who you know.” While this dictum may have some legitimacy, it is very misleading since it suggests that effective networking alone is the sole reason for an individual’s success in his or her career.

In a more distant time when nepotism and cronyism ran rampant, this saying may have been much more accurate. In these more modern times, however, the game is changing rapidly and relying on this outdated advice will likely bring disappointment to the believer.

Over the course of history, networking has always played an important role in the developing one’s personality and career.

Now that the human race has entered the technological age, it is imperative to adapt old ways of thinking and behavior to fit this era.

A person with a high school degree was once able to land a job on Wall Street because of the connections that he or she had. While those days are gone for the most part, the prospect of gaining employment solely based on the people one interacts with still dominates the ideology of many people.

In fact, there have been many innovations that have capitalized on the concept of networking. LinkedIn is the most prominent example; the website boasts a market cap of \$25 billion and a network that holds just shy of half a billion users.

LinkedIn is, more or less, the professional version of Facebook and the medium through which

modern day businesspeople practice networking.

The biggest criticism against networking is that many people feel it lacks substance. Far too often the individual who is attempting to network is driven by self-serving ideals.

The relationships that stem from networking are strictly transactional, which is frankly a waste of time for all parties involved.

No one ever wants to feel like a means to an end.

This seems to be one of the biggest complaints among fellow students who attend networking events at Baruch College and at other locations. Instead of fostering superficial relationships, students should aim to build long-lasting relationships with others with the intention of helping, not simply meeting them.

Buddha was believed to have said, “When the student is ready, the teacher will appear.” This does not mean one should simply sit idly and wait for the right person to enter his or her life, but rather he or she should spend time and effort cultivating the mind in preparation for the opportunities that may arise.

A professor once said that it is not who you know, but rather it is those who know you who will lead you to great success.

This requires knowledge so the individual can be seen as valuable and thus reap the benefits that networking provides. Ultimately, to be truly successful in any ambition, it is imperative to be well-balanced in both knowledge and networking.

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Public vote cannot settle gay marriage

Legislators have to address same-sex marriage in a manner that does not infringe on human rights

The legalization of gay marriage in Australia is currently facing debate as a result of outrage expressed by citizenry.

Over the last couple of years, many world powers took the initiative to legalize same-sex marriage. It is imperative to recognize that the laws for same-sex marriages are changing for the better, albeit slowly. The United States and Colombia legalized gay marriage in 2015 and 2016, respectively. Other countries, such as Belgium, Canada and the Netherlands, legalized this crucial right over a decade ago.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull leads the conservative Liberal Party—the coalition government that is deciding whether to hold a public vote on the issue in February 2017. The entire country will vote on whether to amend their constitution to reflect the legalization of gay marriage.

Giving every citizen a direct vote does not sound particularly extreme or groundbreaking, but it is important to take into account the fact that Australia has only ever launched three plebiscites to test public opinion, two of which have failed. There is obviously something wrong with this form of polling.

It is certainly true that a plebiscite acts as a non-binding referendum and that the government does not actually have to go through with the results. However, plebiscites are incredibly problematic because they come with a lot of hassle.

According to The Economist, two-thirds of the population believe in legalizing gay marriage. Only 39 percent of Australians, however, approve of holding a plebiscite, even though they would potentially get what they want if

they do hold a public vote.

The people of Australia, many of whom are supporters of same-sex marriage, feel that the plebiscite would open the door to an increase in “homophobic rhetoric,” a term coined by BBC that describes hatred toward the gay community. In other words, the few people who do oppose it might get all fired up over the issue and take it out on the LGBT community and its supporters. The situation may escalate to violence.

Plebiscites cost taxpayers a lot of money; taxes collected for the vote would amount to the Australian equivalent of \$120 million.

If the majority of the public votes in favor of keeping same-sex marriage illegal, the progressive legislation could be set back by years. If it comes down to this, approximately 34,000 same-sex couples in Australia will have to wait even longer to get the rights they deserve.

Opponents of the plebiscite want legislators to vote on the issue, rather than leaving the decision to the general public. That way, the change would be swiftly instituted without the extra expenses or disruption.

This is not unlike the United States’ method, where citizens elect representatives and senators to vote on their behalf. Most laws in Australia are passed this way. It is strange that Turnbull believes that the plebiscite is a good idea, especially since simply raising the idea of a vote has caused major conflicts between the different parties. It may be difficult to leave such a crucial decision up to the public, especially considering the most recent example of the decision to end the drug war in Colombia.

The LGBT community has

been vocal about its opposition to the plebiscite. Australian Marriage Equality, a major equal rights group in the country, stated its lack of support for the plan in a joint-group statement.

“Our shared goal is simple—we want marriage equality as soon as possible at the lowest cost. The most efficient and effective way of achieving marriage equality is a vote in Parliament, a power confirmed by the High Court in 2013. Marriage equality is about people, not politics,” the statement read.

The Sydney Morning Herald also reports that nearly 200 doctors who treat members of the LGBT community have banded together to show their opposition. The article stated that “individuals and groups who are opposed to same-sex marriage on ideological grounds could attempt to stigmatize Australians with diverse sexuality and gender identity during a publicly funded plebiscite campaign, including misrepresentation of the positive health and happiness outcomes of children of same-sex couples.”

The political impact is alarming. In the same article, former High Court Justice Michael Kirby said, “A plebiscite on same-sex marriage will create a dangerous political precedent in Australia where MPs avoid making decisions on controversial issues, instead opting for unnecessary and expensive popular votes.”

Thankfully, Australia’s Labor Party has decided to oppose the plebiscite, which makes the vote unlikely to happen. Nonetheless, it might be time to do away with harmful plebiscites altogether.

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Business

Disappointing trade data signal deep woes in China’s economy

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The Chinese trade data released by the General Administration of Customs on Oct.13 displayed unsatisfactory figures, hinting an underlying panic in both the domestic Chinese market and its impact abroad.

The export figures in the world’s second largest economy fell by 10 percent, in dollars, from September 2015 to September 2016, and imports shrank unexpectedly by 1.9 percent, a sudden shift after it was up 1.7 percent in August.

This shows a shrinking level of demand both home and abroad. The Chinese exports’ estimate is expected to fall around 3 percent due to a poor demand for Chinese goods in all major markets including the United States, Europe and Asia.

The weak data is an indicator of the low level of consumption as well as concerns over the depreciation of the yuan against the dollar, which is at a six-year low. The Chinese markets shrugged off figures showing the alarming rates. The Shanghai Composite Index was up by 0.09 percent and gained 0.241 percent after briefly slipping into the negative territory. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index remained under pressure and was down by 1.27 percent.

This creates panic over the strength of the Chinese currency, which is currently facing a 3 percent depreciation of the yuan against the dollar and a 6 percent decrease against the broader basket of cur-



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Chinese exports took a sharp fall in September amid weaker global demand. Imports dropped after picking up a month ago.

rencies. The figures are expected to face a gradual decline as opposed to a sudden change that could scare away investors. The decline in investors will increase capital outflow and spur financial instability that could deepen the current crisis.

This led to a trade surplus of \$41.9 billion—the lowest in the past 6 months—much to the dismay of global markets where the average analyst expectation was set at nearly \$53 billion. This figure raises concerns on a global level about the projection of other September trade data that is set to follow along with the third-quarter

GDP figure.

In September, the World Trade Organization cut its future forecast of expected trade growth by more than a third to 1.7 percent. This was due to uncertainty over the Chinese economy fueled by low levels of consumption in the U.S. market for Chinese goods.

The trade data released just days before the announcement of the country’s quarterly GDP figures disrupted global markets and disquieted the outlook for China’s economic growth. This aftermath of Chinese trade data was followed by weak South Korean trade data figures. After the data was released,

Asian stocks performed poorly, closing at a three-week low. The poor performance shadowed the international arena where the U.S. stock futures and treasury yields traded low.

The recent level of performance raises anticipation of whether the year-end shopping season would change the current downturn momentum. According to consensus estimate, Chinese exports are expected to further fall by 3 percent in the following year.

Unlike the exports, the fall in import figures came as a shock. Just a month back in August, imports were up by 1.5 percent, the first in

the past two years.

The positive figures in August were a result of the construction boom led by an increase in demand for coal and commodities like iron ore.

China is not self-sufficient and is the largest importer where it consumes nearly 40 percent of the global copper supply. The price of copper has been falling recently and is still one of the most oversupplied commodity. Due to the lack of supply cuts and the stagnant level of demand, the best-case scenario copper producers can hope for are prices to be range-bound. Investors lack reason to push prices to \$5,000 per metric ton until the end of this year.

Recently, China’s economy picked up after a top-level initiative was taken to create a better outlook in the upcoming years. The Chinese government made a decision to increase infrastructure spending, which contributed about 8.6 percent of the total GDP, and to pursue an “accommodative monetary policy.”

Even though the Chinese economy was predicted to improve with the recent recovery in domestic demand, the recent figures have investors around the world worried of the level of stability in the Chinese markets. Is the recent figure representative of the Chinese markets losing momentum?

Immediately a day after the stumble in markets worldwide, the global markets rose after official data showed an increase in China’s factory output prices for September.

Tensions escalate amid new talks over hard Brexit consequences

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In his most recent speech at the European Policy Centre conference, Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, warned that the United Kingdom had two options to pick from—a hard Brexit or no Brexit.

A hard Brexit, as it became known, is a term used to describe a scenario in which the United Kingdom rejects the economic agreements that it previously benefitted from as a member of the European Union. This scenario is particularly harmful for businesses, which will experience higher taxes, tariffs and other costs associated with conducting business with members of the European Union.

“We will conduct the negotiations in good faith, defend the interests of the EU 27, minimize the costs and seek the best possible deal for all,” Tusk said. “But as I have said before, I am afraid that no such outcome exists that will benefit either side.”

Following the Brexit vote, Prime Minister Theresa May promised to activate Article 50—which dictates the process for withdrawing from the European Union—by March 2017. Article 50 gives a country two years to negotiate new terms before it formally withdraws from the European Union. Though there are several possible outcomes of the decision, each is bound to have a major influence on the U.K. economy.

In her speech to the Conservative Conference, May laid out her view of the United Kingdom’s post-Brexit future.

“We are going to be a fully-independent, sovereign country, a country that is no longer part of a political union with supranational

institutions that can override national parliaments and courts,” May said. “We are going, once more, to have the freedom to make our own decisions on a whole host of different matters, from how we label our food to the way in which we choose to control immigration.”

A hard Brexit could have severe economic consequences for the United Kingdom, though there is no agreement as to how badly the EU and U.K. economies will be hurt by the decision.

An analysis published by the U.K. treasury prior to the Brexit vote analyzed the annual loss of GDP per household as a result of a Brexit. The document considers three existing models: a membership in the European Economic Area, a negotiated bilateral agreement and trading under the rules set by the World Trade Organization. The results claim that after 15 years of leaving the European Union, each household will lose 2,600 pounds if the United Kingdom enters an EEA membership, 4,300 pounds if it negotiates a bilateral agreement and 5,200 pounds if it follows rules set by the WTO.

“The negative impact on GDP would also result in substantially weaker tax receipts, significantly outweighing any potential gain from reduced financial contributions to the EU,” the analysis states.

The analysis goes on to claim that even after the United Kingdom stops contributing to the European Union, the tax receipts would drop by 20 billion pounds a year if the country had an EEA membership, 36 billion pounds under a negotiated bilateral agreement and 45 billion pounds as a WTO member.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development had its own take on the consequences of a hard Brexit.



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The president of the European Council warned the United Kingdom that the only real alternative to a hard Brexit would be no Brexit at all.

“Brexit would, rather like a tax, hit the wellbeing and the pockets of UK citizens. Unlike most takes, however, this one will not finance the provision of public services or close the fiscal gap. The ‘Brexit tax’ would be a purely deadweight loss, a cost incurred with no economic benefit,” Angel Gurría, OECD secretary-general, said.

The OECD document, titled “The Economic Consequences of Brexit: A Taxing Decision,” predicts that by 2020, United Kingdom’s GDP will be over 3 percent smaller than what it would have been if it stayed in the Eurozone, resulting in a cost of 2,200 pounds per household.

In the long term, capital, immigration and technical progress will be negatively impacted. Labor productivity will drop due to decreases in foreign investment and the number of skilled workers will fall as a

result of lower immigration rates. By 2030, the GDP will be 5 percent smaller, resulting in a cost of 3,200 pounds per household. In a more pessimistic scenario, the cost could reach 5,000 pounds per household.

The OECD notes that the future of the U.K. economy will be influenced by access to the single market, along with the costs that the United Kingdom will pay to access it. This means that the next two and a half years will have a strong impact on the future of the U.K. economy and the fall in the value of the pound, which fell to its lowest rate against the dollar in 31 years.

The effects of the Brexit are already being felt by the U.K. businesses and their customers. Most recently, the BBC reported that Unilever would raise the prices of its products in the United Kingdom to compensate for the falling price of the pound.

In response, Tesco, one of the U.K.’s largest retailers, pulled Unilever products off its website, though they are still available for sale in stores.

The article also cited a survey in which 75 percent of respondents noticed a price increase on some of the most commonly used household items.

Toward the end of his speech, Tusk referenced a cake metaphor used by some U.K. politicians who hope that they could leave the European Union without losing membership benefits.

“The words uttered by one of the leading campaigners for Brexit and proponents of the ‘cake philosophy’ was pure illusion: that one can have the EU cake and eat it too. Too all who believe in it, I propose a simple experiment. Buy a cake, eat it, and see if it is still on the plate,” Tusk said.

Snapchat prepares for \$18 billion IPO

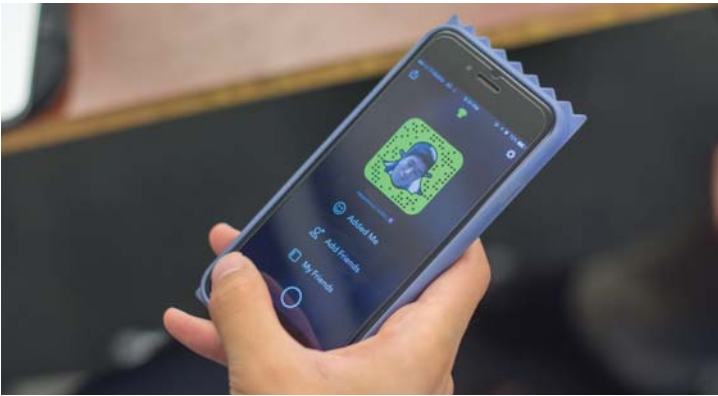
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Snapchat commissioned Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. and Morgan Stanley to lead its highly anticipated initial public offering, scheduled as early as March 2017.

Valued at \$18 billion, Snapchat is expected to be the largest technology IPO since Twitter Inc. in November 2013. In the latest round of private funding, the company managed to raise over \$1.8 billion.

The Los Angeles-based company laid out the groundwork for an IPO when it took out a line of credit with Morgan Stanley in September. The investment services titan partnered with Credit Suisse on Alibaba Group's record-breaking \$25 billion stock market debut. According to *The Ringer*, private startup companies tend to shift from equity financing to bank-secured debt in preparation of an IPO. Debt financing also provides an influx of funds while the firm's investors retain their proportion of ownership, thus preventing the dilution of their stake in the company. Citing anonymous sources, TechCrunch reported Snap Inc.'s revenue in 2015 at \$59 million, but noted that "the company has estimated that revenues will be between \$250 million and \$350 million for 2016, and between \$500 million and as much as \$1 billion for 2017."

Snapchat forecasted those numbers based on its growing advertising streams. Brands, such as National Geographic and ESPN, pay a premium to be featured on the Discover tab of the app. The NFL inked a two-year deal with Snapchat to share Live Stories from every game. Sponsored filters and lenses paired with 10-second clips embedded into a user's story



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Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley were chosen by Snap Inc. to lead its IPO.

also serve as additional sources of revenue.

What makes Snapchat so appealing to advertisers is its reach to millennial and Generation Z demographics. As of February 2016, 60 percent of its users were between ages 13 and 24, according to data released by the company. Furthermore, in a Piper Jaffray survey of 10,000 respondents whose average age was 16, "80 percent said they used Snapchat at least once per month and 35 percent said it was their favorite platform." With over 150 million daily active users, Snapchat has the right ingredients for growth.

Snap Inc. brands itself as a camera company. However, the company announced that it would try its hand at hardware with Spectacles, a name given to sunglasses equipped with a camera designed to capture video clips. These clips are then directly uploaded as a Snapchat memory. Pricing the sunglasses at \$130, the company made them comparable in price to designer sunglasses and more affordable than a GoPro camera. The phantom of Google Glass still haunts wearable technology

but Snap Inc. is willing to test the waters to potentially strike gold. While Snap's expanding product line and fertile advertising space has it poised for a fruitful 2017, it may have another tech company to thank for warming the market to IPOs.

In the early months of 2016, the market was bearish on IPOs due to depressed oil prices, the U.S. presidential election and Brexit woes. Twilio, a cloud communication platform, revived the tech markets in a stellar fashion.

After an IPO of \$15 per share, the stock soared 92 percent to close at \$28.79 as the Brexit referendum was underway. Unicorns—the term used to describe private companies with a market value of over \$1 billion—were a dying breed until Twilio's successful debut stirred interest in tech IPOs. Palantir's recent buyback of its employee's stock at a premium could signal prospects of an IPO for the \$20 billion data firm.

From Picaboo to Snapchat, the five-year-old company has evolved into one of the tech darlings of the world. The company currently boasts 150 million daily users.

Baruch graduate co-founds Skill Silo

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"From a young age, I was exposed to two very different worlds," said Lamm, comparing his experience working at the warehouse to working at his own company.

He liked not having to sit in front of a computer for 10 hours a day and instead enjoyed doing work for himself and his customers in his own way. Lamm's early experience building the new company equipped him with the know-hows of starting a new business that later helped him seek out future ventures.

"I learned a lot," said Lamm. "I was getting work, making money and hiring people, but I was bored and it was a lot [of] repetition. It was like I hit a ceiling, and I couldn't grow anymore."

While working in his photography business, Lamm tested out beta sites for a new company he was developing. After finding a bit of success with his new project, Lamm decided to shut down SnapShotNY to focus his efforts on Skill Silo.

Lamm teamed up with Josh Aharonoff and Akiva Gordon to jump-start the new company. Skill Silo, an online platform that connects students and educators via live one-on-one sessions over video conferencing, currently provides courses in up to 12 different languages.

The mission of Skill Silo, as Lamm put it, is to "empower users via education."

In the coming months, the company is expecting to expand to other subject areas such as mathematics and music. Lamm hopes that his company can help users "enrich their lives by connecting with other people and learning about different topics, subjects



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Lamm is one the three co-founders of Skill Silo, a language learning company.

and cultures."

Users have the option to schedule their own lessons at a time that is convenient for them and with an instructor of their preference. Each lesson is entirely customizable and focused on the needs of the student.

"If you want to learn a language for a specific business, you can focus on industry jargon," said Lamm. "If you want to learn grammar, syntax and sentence structure, you can do that too."

Over the past couple of years, Lamm and his partners have worked hard to distinguish their company from its competitors by focusing on software and technology. At Skill Silo, two-thirds of the staff members are full-time software engineers and full-stack developers, meaning that they are capable of doing both the front-end and back-end work.

Lamm also pointed out that the success of his company is largely attributed to their investment in customer service.

"We sit on top of our emails all day long," said Lamm. "We treat everyone how we would want to

be treated. If you contact us, you're going to get a response within 24 hours."

When the company first launched, Lamm personally contacted users who violated the cancellation policy to refund their lost credits.

Moving forward, the company hopes to internalize the video chatting software and improve the vetting system so that more eligible instructors will be encouraged to join. Recently, the company introduced a coupon program that gives users discounts and savings on their lessons. New users have the chance to sign up for a free 30-minute session with an instructor before determining whether or not they want to purchase the lessons.

"What really drove me to entrepreneurship was that I got to decide what the vision of the company would be," said Lamm. "I'm passionate about learning new things and if I get to share that with others and enable other people to learn better and quicker, to me that's what gets me going everyday."



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Arts & Style

Dystopian drama inspired by 1973 sci-fi film releases on HBO

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With *Game of Thrones* approaching the end of its lengthy run and other shows like *The Newsroom* and *Vinyl* ending abruptly after achieving less-than-stellar reviews, HBO is looking for the next big budget program to fill in the shoes of the George R.R. Martin-based series. It looks like they have found it with *Westworld*, inspired by the 1973 science fiction thriller film from the late novelist Michael Crichton.

When one looks back on the original movie, which focuses on amusement park animatronics that malfunction and go on a rampage where they brutally murder guests, there really is not much in its premise that could warrant anything more than film remake. Executive producer J.J. Abrams and show creator and co-showrunner Jonathan Nolan recognized this, and rather than simply stretching out the basic premise of the movie to fit a 10-episode season, they decided to expand the overall world of Crichton's original story.

The first noticeable difference is the slight location change. The 1973 movie had the titular park spread out across three distinct themed areas: Ancient Rome, Medieval Europe and the Wild West.

This show jettisons the first two lands and focuses primarily on the faux Western town. While it would have been nice to see how the Roman and Medieval worlds would look, especially with modern CGI technology at the producer's dis-



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Evan Rachel Wood plays Dolores Abernathy, a Western girl who discovers her life is an elaborately constructed lie.

posal, the Western town looks amazing.

The second major difference is the change in plot focus. The original *Westworld* was primarily a by-the-numbers sci-fi horror movie that focused on a vaguely characterized rich guest trying to outwit the malfunctioning animatronics.

Other than a quick bit of exposition on how they work and how a computer virus made them turn against their programmers and guests, Crichton never fully dived into the complexities of artificial intelligence. Nolan and co-showrunner Lisa Joy decided to make the robots, now called "hosts," as the main focus of the series.

Throughout the first episode, several of the hosts in the town start acting up and gained self-awareness. But rather than a park-wide computer virus causing the trouble, it stemmed from a software patch created by one of the park's scientists, played by Jeffery Wright.

Their newfound free will is summed up with one of the hosts giving the engineers a foreboding warning in the form of a quote from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Real humans are relegated to either supporting roles in the park's operations facilities, including a park owner played by Sir Anthony Hopkins with the air of a mad scientist, or as the aforementioned wealthy

park guests.

There is also a bit of a change in the story's sense of morality. The original movie made it perfectly clear that the humans were good and the androids were evil. For Nolan and Joy's interpretation, there is an element of sympathy given to the hosts. One of the ideals marketed toward visitors of *Westworld* was the ability to do anything humanly possible in the world without any repercussions or retaliation from the robots.

While the park offered a predetermined "heroic" storyline for guests to follow, most repeat customers decide to forgo the story and opt to raise chaos in the town.

After each day, the android's memories are wiped and the cycle restarts with every passing day.

This element of social commentary toward the human mind and condition is not too far removed from the works of Nolan's highly successful brother Christopher. In essence, the humans are now seen as the true villains of *Westworld*, always looking for ways to sink further into their own desires now that the element of consequence has been removed from the equation.

This is further supported by the reimagined Gunslinger, a mysterious man in black played by Ed Harris in a haunting performance. Originally portrayed as an android by Yul Brynner in the original movie, the show reimagines him as a human with a mysterious motivation, but still retaining the sadistic and cruel tendencies that made the original one of science fiction's greatest villains.

One of the major moments in the pilot episode involves one of the hosts, played by Evan Rachel Wood, being interrogated by the park's scientists about how she was able to break her programming. The plot line of the first season is gradually building up to this moment, kicking off with her gradually receiving clues from newcomers and her malfunctioning "father."

While the cold opening was enough to hook viewers in, the end of the pilot will definitely leave people wondering how her voyage of literal self discovery unfolds throughout the inaugural season, if not the whole show.

Guest disappoints with Netflix's new mockumentary *Mascots*

REEL REVIEWS



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As television shows continue to leave the exclusivity of the set-top box, heading instead toward the internet, film has begun to join the movement. Beyond issues like the controversial start-up Screening Room, which would bring new movies into consumers' homes while they would still be showing in theaters, some internet-based streaming services have begun creating new and original films which eschew the standard Hollywood process.

Amazon Studios released films including *Chi-Raq*, *Elvis & Nixon* and *The Neon Demon*. Netflix's releases include *Beasts of No Nation*, *Pee-wee's Big Holiday* and their newest film *Mascots*.

Sports mascots, at least according to the film, are the unsung heroes of the game. They provide entertainment, under heavy costumes and oversized heads, and are watched by fans, even if the team itself will not be. Despite being watched, mascots are not known out of costume and their contributions tend to go unrecognized. As the movie tells it, there is a point in the year where this ends.

The story sounds like the slightly more mature version of a Disney Channel original movie. Contestants from across the United States and around the globe gather to compete in the World Mascot Association championship for a chance

to win the coveted prize of the Gold Fluffy Award.

The film is shot in the mockumentary style—that of a fictional documentary, pieced together with interviews of the characters. By now, it will be recognizable to anyone who watches popular shows like ABC's short-lived *The Muppets*, *The Office* or *Parks and Recreation*. The style leaves opportunity for humor that is unique to the documentary format, though *Mascots* does not contribute much in the way of innovation.

It is funny and entertaining, but it does not provide anything very new. There are many good jokes delivered in deadpan, especially through actor Zach Woods, whose comedic style tends toward that direction. The interviews have moments of silence, providing tense awkwardness, and the pauses evoke laughter tinged with sadness or second-hand embarrassment.

Christopher Guest is the director, this being his first feature film in 10 years. His films usually include certain recurring actors and the use of the mockumentary style. In a 2012 interview with Collider, Eugene Levy, a common member of Guest's troupe, remarked, "Everybody is doing that fake documentary style now." He told the website that because "there's nothing novel about that, anymore," he and Guest would need to find a project that moved them in order to use the style again. Levy does not appear in *Mascots*.

One of Guest's most well-known directorial attributes is his tendency to include a lot of improvisation. While shooting on film, he would let the camera roll until the reel finished and then would sift through everything that had been filmed to turn it into a movie.

Some referred to his method as a "screenplay without dialogue."



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Contestants don big heads and furry costumes to compete for the title of World's Best Mascot in Netflix's newest comedy.

It is unclear how much of *Mascots* is planned, but some moments come across as underdeveloped or unnecessary, possibly as pure improvisations which were kept in the movie for the humor they bring to it.

The first third of the movie is almost entirely introductions. With six mascots, their families and the characters' backgrounds as the support of their respective teams, the movie begins with a large chunk devoted purely to meeting everyone. This is not a problem though, as the humor works just as well in the preliminary moments as it does once all the performers are at the competition.

Interactions between characters provide pleasant entertainment, especially involving characters who are not competing. Michael Hitch-

cock plays the president of the World Mascot Association, who is running the championship event. Some of the best moments are his attempts to weed out the undesirable and get the event to actually be televised. The stakes in this championship are a lot lower than might be expected, but it works to the film's benefit.

With these low stakes, the competition still includes some genuine entertainment. One performance feels particularly real and does more emotionally than all the other acts. Among buffoonery, mishaps and an actual modern dance number, there is a pleasant and powerful scene of a mascot doing something great.

Mascots feels like a made-for-TV movie. It entertains in the moment but leaves no lasting impression

afterward. It is the kind of movie that does not feel like a waste of time, but provides nothing much in return. Netflix is such a purveyor of quality productions like *House of Cards* and their slate of Marvel shows that *Mascots* feels like an unfair representation of the potential of online content. The recently released Marvel's *Luke Cage* can be used as an example of something unique and diverse.

Though *Mascots* itself is not disappointing, the way it is presented creates different expectations by which it can be judged. Many viewers may find *Mascots* to be perfectly adequate.

However, when movies are becoming increasingly unbound from traditional systems, streaming services like Netflix have more to offer than this.

Dylan wins Nobel Prize in Literature

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Bob Dylan was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature on Oct. 13, marking the first time a musician has received the accolade. Dylan joined a distinct group of notable authors, such as Ernest Hemingway, Pablo Neruda and Toni Morrison—the last American to win the prize in 1993.

However, Dylan’s accomplishment has been met with some scrutiny. Many are left wondering whether Dylan’s legacy in the music realm is substantial enough to transpose his presence into literature. Best-selling author Jodi Picoult voiced the public’s growing disagreement with the Swedish Academy’s decision by tweeting, “I’m happy for Bob Dylan. #ButDoesThisMeanICanWinAGrammy?”

Many other writers, such as Stephen King and Salman Rushdie, have been quick to support Dylan, reestablishing the idea that the musician’s lyrics have made him deserving of the award. The Swedish Academy, the organization that bestows Nobel prizes, backed its decision by citing that he was awarded “for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition.”

Dylan was transformed into a U.S. music staple after his humble beginning in the early 1960s, when he sang songs of protest in Greenwich Village cafes and lounges. At the time, the United States was in an uneasy state; the counter-culture movement was gaining momentum and the political youth was defying generations of baby-boomer values.

However, Dylan’s most popular protest songs, “Chimes of Freedom” and “The Times They Are a-Changin’,” targeted the country’s

global concerns, specifically the anti-communist agenda. Dylan’s album, *The Freewheelin’ Bob Dylan*, released in 1963, had a central theme against the country’s war initiative. As a result, Dylan’s image was bolstered by the time and his passion to create a valuable message.

Since his prime years, Dylan has recorded several albums and is currently touring the United States, utilizing the same craftsmanship and finesse to compose his lyrical messages. Upon speculation, it seems that Dylan has only dabbled in literature, his song lyrics being the only thing to show for his Nobel Prize.

But he has inconspicuously written allusions and poetic references into his work. His songs are filled with strong metaphors and deliberate literary structure. Nothing is done accidentally.

Outside of his music, Dylan published *Tarantula*, a collection of consciousness written in prose and poetry. Dylan’s successive work, *Chronicles: Volume One*, is a memoir that was published in 2004. Each piece of work has received literary praise from critics as well as fans.

Furthermore, Dylan’s work has served as the backbone for scholarly study. *The Oxford Book of American Poetry* used Dylan’s song “Desolation Row,” an 11-minute tirade of characters both fictional and real, that composes a whirlwind of a story in its 2006 collection of poetry.

In 2009, the Cambridge University Press published *The Cambridge Companion to Bob Dylan* in order to analyze the artist’s literary and stylistic methods. This all culminates into the idea that the academy has broken a barrier by electing Dylan for the prize.

Literary aficionados claim that

Dylan’s work is beneath the fine art category that encompasses literature. For years, literary and musical experts have observed the shrinking gap between high art such as paintings, sculptures and literature, and commercial art like music, architecture and cinema.

It appears that the divide between art forms stems from how accessible they are to the public. The more reserved the art is to the upper classes of society, the more highly regarded the art becomes. Because Dylan appealed to the mass public, he was automatically shuffled into the pool of low artistry.

With Dylan winning the award, it seems that the long-time gap has officially been closed. However, it would be an overstatement to claim that the academy is acting as a progenitor in defying the status-quo with Dylan’s nomination. Winston Churchill was awarded the prize in 1953; the academy praised his political speeches as substantial additions to oral literature.

More recently, Svetlana Alexievich, a Belarusian journalist, won the prize in 2015 for depicting essential narratives based on oral history. Both Churchill and Alexievich stirred the literary community, similar to what Dylan accomplished over the last week. The academy has remained firm in their decision to award another non-fiction writer. Sara Danius, the permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, praised Dylan in her announcement of the award, comparing him to famous Greek poets Homer and Sappho.

Dylan will receive an 18-karat gold medal and a monetary prize worth roughly \$925,000. It is not confirmed whether Dylan will appear in Stockholm on Dec. 10 to receive the prize in person.

CoverGirl makes history

The iconic beauty brand just announced its first male spokesmodel

BY TAFANNUM RAHMAN
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For many years, CoverGirl’s spokespeople have been known to be role models and fearless boundary-breakers, constantly giving new definition to what it means to be beautiful. James Charles is no exception.

Charles is the first male CoverGirl in the company’s nearly 60-year history, joining the ranks of celebrities such as Ellen DeGeneres and Rihanna. The announcement came through in classic millennial fashion, with Katy Perry breaking the news with multiple selfie videos and photos with Charles that were posted on Instagram, marking an iconic moment in beauty history.

Charles, 17, a high school senior from Bethlehem, New York, often found himself doing makeup for his friends at no charge. He gained attention last month when he posted on social media that he was retaking his senior pictures because he did not like how the highlight on his cheekbones looked in the originals.

When retaking his pictures, Charles brought his own ring light to the set. His post went viral on Twitter, grasping the attention of singer Zendaya.

His Instagram profile reads that he is an “aspiring makeup artist,” but he can now change that to “inspiring makeup artist.” Charles has made a name for himself after rising to popularity from amassing a huge following on YouTube and Instagram.

He has gained nearly 650,000 followers on Instagram and more than 90,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel in the past year. Charles’ social media accounts

showcase his different makeup styles including his daring pixelated lips and signature bold galaxy look.

CoverGirl’s selection of Charles shows that the beauty industry is becoming genderless, making the push toward equal opportunities for everyone regardless of gender, race and sexuality. There has been a lot of progress when it comes to gay rights, gender inclusivity and self-expression. It is about time the world got a male spokesmodel for cosmetics.

Charles’ accomplishment is a big deal for not only gender inclusivity, but for himself as well. At first, it was difficult for his family to understand his passion for makeup as a concept separate from his gender identity.

The fashion and toy industries have been working hard to tackle gender stereotyping. The idea that a boy or girl should only enjoy or engage in activities typically suited to their gender is sexist and outdated. Nowadays, inclusivity is the main focus for certain industries. Gender-neutral fashion is certainly gaining fast popularity and it is refreshing to see this extended into the beauty industry.

Charles will be the new face of CoverGirl’s mascara, “So Lashy,” which is launching later this month. As part of his contract, he will appear in next month’s campaign “So Lashy,” which is formulated to be universally flattering and work on all lash types.

Charles will post tutorials and tips on his and the CoverGirl’s social media channels throughout the rest of the year. CoverGirl said it hopes that having Charles as a spokesperson will inspire others to go against the norm and be true to themselves.

Alter bridge releases highly anticipated album *The Last Hero*

BY LUIS LUCERO
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Alter Bridge, the commercially successful and critically acclaimed spiritual successor to Creed, has returned with a fifth studio album *The Last Hero*.

The previous three years have seen the band members, namely lead guitarist Mark Tremonti and lead singer and guitarist Myles Kennedy, take part in various side projects that produced music that was noticeably different from the material of Alter Bridge.

For this new album, the band decided to both pay tribute to its early days and latest material to take its sound into the future. While the band is the furthest thing from a progressive rock band, or even a progressive metal band, a lot of

the band’s albums have had some loose underlying concept in terms of lyrics. From religion and faith to addictions and the pain it causes, Alter Bridge’s lyrics never shy away from hitting listeners’ raw nerves.

For the new album, a lot of the songs tackle subjects like leadership and the overall ideas and philosophy of heroism. With a very intense U.S. presidential election, the lingering war on terror and drastic global warming dominating the headlines all over the world, *The Last Hero* is an album that often hits close to home.

The opening song and lead single “Show Me A Hero” starts the concept off with a very anthem-like hook and song structure that focuses on humanity’s weariness toward political leadership in the turbulent modern world. “Writing

On the Wall” is a harsh song attacking those who deny climate change that mixes the band’s modern sound with the rougher tones of classic metal bands such as Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden.

While the first half of the album features the strongest heavy hitters, the last half features some gems in the form of two of the album’s ballads. “My Champion” and “You Will Be Remembered” are surprisingly moving songs that pay tribute to the armed forces and the ultimate sacrifice they made.

If there is any real flaw in this album, it is its length. At 66 minutes—75 for the Best Buy exclusive version that contains two additional songs—it is certainly the longest album the band has ever released. While all the songs are good in their own ways, the album could have

benefited if one or two songs had been dropped from the track list.

While it is nice of the band to try and give the fans their money’s worth of songs in the album, bands like Rival Sons and Royal Blood have shown in the last two years that sometimes less is more in terms of album quantity.

Musically, *The Last Hero* shows the band stretching its talents further, while stopping occasionally to pay tribute to its well-known roots. Several songs feature Tremonti playing a seven string electric guitar for the first time and the end result puts him in a whole new league alongside contemporaries like Joe Satriani and John Petrucci of Dream Theater.

His skill is also significantly less rough around the edges compared to the last few records. One could

say that his time and effort with his self-titled solo band has really helped to smoothen out his already excellent style.

A couple of the other songs on the album, namely “Losing Patience,” will bring long-time fans memories of the band’s 2004 debut *One Day Remains*.

The rest of the band is just as strong as it has ever been. Kennedy’s lead vocal range is still vast and melodic, making him the modern equivalent of classic rock vocalists like Bruce Dickinson, Roger Daltrey and Robert Plant.

But the biggest surprise is that his guitar playing has also changed dramatically since the band’s inception. In the past, his guitar parts were largely improvisational in their structure and arrangement, especially compared to Tremonti’s leads.

Kennedy spent several years on the side creating two highly successful collaborative albums with Guns n’ Roses guitarist Saul Hudson, also known as Slash. The time that he spent with Slash turned out to be quite beneficial to his skills, as it has with Tremonti and his solo band.

Kennedy’s solos now sound and feel like they were thoroughly written and planned out before he went into the studio to record them. Backing up both Kennedy and Tremonti are the amazing rhythm section of Brian Marshall on bass guitar and Scott Phillips on drums, providing the heavy handed groove that drives the band.

Since it came together, most of the members of Alter Bridge have spent their entire careers trying to escape the shadow of Creed. With *The Last Hero*, it looks like the band has not only escaped it, but also became much larger than the original band in terms of skill and songwriting.



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The Last Hero is a front-loaded album, meaning that its strongest songs are in the first half, full of powerful ballads.

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Science & Technology

Obama announces plans to send humans to Mars by 2030s

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In President Barack Obama's first presidential address, he vowed to return science to prominence in U.S. society. Now, at the end of his second term, Obama has renewed his vow by setting a clear goal to send humans to Mars and back by the 2030s.

In his first few months in office, Obama made multiple attempts to boost science within the United States, calling for a reinvigoration of U.S. space programs to further explore the solar system and to "look deeper into the universe than ever."

Under Obama's presidency, NASA's technological innovations have flourished. The life of the International Space Station was extended, flowing water was discovered on Mars and evidence of ice was found on one of Jupiter's moons.

With the new goal of getting humans to Mars in mind, Obama traveled to Pittsburgh to host the White House Frontiers Conference on Oct. 13.

This conference was co-hosted by the Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh and the White House. The main goal of the conference was to push frontiers and progress in space.

However, ventures to space are costly and not without risk. Obama understands that successful space exploration and travel cannot be accomplished without collaboration with private companies.

"Getting to Mars will require continued cooperation between



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NASA is planning to create habitats that can sustain human life both on the journey to Mars and on the planet itself.

government and private innovators, and we're already well on our way," said Obama.

This cooperation has already been seen in the current space program, allowing NASA astronauts to install a new dock on the ISS in August. Furthermore, the space station has a goal of receiving crewed spacecrafts from aerospace company Boeing and private spaceflight company SpaceX in 2017 and 2018.

Currently, NASA is working with commercial companies to develop a habitat system to keep humans alive during a voyage to Mars and a system to eventually allow hu-

mans to colonize the planet. This program has a coalition of six companies working on prototypes for deep space habitat modules.

According to NASA Administrator Charles Bolden, the goal for the project is to create habitats that could evolve into spacecraft that have the capacity to transport astronauts on long space missions while properly sustaining their life functions. This project is only in its testing stages, but it is an important start to NASA's research focused on Mars.

Private companies are also playing major roles in space travel and exploration. SpaceX is currently de-

veloping a rocket and capsule large enough to transport 100 passengers on each voyage to Mars. The company is still investigating its recent explosion of a rocket carrying an Israeli satellite in early September, but CEO Elon Musk remains persistent in his plans to colonize the red planet.

In 2018, SpaceX plans to launch its first unmanned mission to Mars to test descent, entry and landing systems. This mission will be supported by NASA, which will be providing deep space and Mars communication relays and consultation services in exchange for flight data.

SpaceX, however, is not the only

private company in the race to Mars. In the beginning of October, Boeing boasted that it would beat SpaceX to the red planet.

The company's plan to travel to Mars involves putting a crewed space station in orbit around the moon to serve as a type of midway point in sending astronauts deeper toward the planet.

Boeing's plan is to assemble the station between 2021 and 2025 by using available space on NASA's Space Launch System and Orion spacecraft. The Mars mission would follow in the 2030s.

Blue Origin also aims to contribute to the Mars initiative. Blue Origin is designing a heavy-lift launch vehicle and capsule called New Armstrong, which will be capable providing transportation on Mars.

Aside from these three major contributors, there are more than 1,000 companies across all 50 states and certainly many more abroad that are working on private space initiatives, according to Obama.

"When our Apollo astronauts looked back from space, they realized that while their mission was to explore the moon, they had 'in fact discovered the Earth,'" said Obama.

With so much cooperation between NASA and private companies, as well as a healthy competitive edge urging them along, no one knows what the future will hold and what will be discovered from these multiple space exploration projects. What is certain, however, is that humanity will benefit from a better understanding of Earth and its place in the universe.

Finger length reveals personality traits

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A recent study reveals that finger length can determine athletic and intellectual aptitude as well as recall abilities.

Dr. Carl Pintzka from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, the author of the study, asserts that the secret behind this is the level of testosterone. Pintzka set out to prove this by conducting a study. A group of 53 right-handed women were recruited from the university and were unpredictably split into two groups.

The first group was presented with a sublingual testosterone solution, and the other was given a sublingual placebo solution. This approach meant that the study was double-blinded; both solutions had a similar appearance and taste, and were in indistinguishable containers labeled A and B. The researchers took three small portions of each participant's blood prior to and after distributing the testosterone and placebo.

The women were then given four maneuvering tasks that would challenge their cognitive skills. The tasks included navigating a virtual maze and mentally revolving three-dimensional objects under functional magnetic resonance imaging.

This cross-sectional examination reinforced the belief that testosterone impacts spatial cognition and brain movement in women. The findings verify that the relationship between the index finger and ring finger marks how much testosterone one had been in contact with while in the womb. An index finger that is shorter than the ring finger illustrates that the individual was introduced to a lot of testosterone in



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Finger length can reveal a person's athletic and intellectual aptitude.

the utero, while a longer index finger shows that one was exposed to low amounts of testosterone in the womb.

Women and men with shorter index fingers are more successful in resolving mentally difficult endeavors, possess better athletic talent and score higher on standardized math examinations, but are more susceptible to attention deficit disorder and Tourette's syndrome. Conversely, when the index finger is longer, that person has better memory capability and scores better on verbal sections of examinations, but is in jeopardy of depression.

Pintzka's analysis provided groundbreaking information for males. Men with a shorter index finger have a stronger sense of direction, but are at higher risk for prostate cancer. Men with smaller ring fingers, however, demonstrate excellent recollection and intellectual abilities, but are in danger of anxiety. Testosterone detection in the womb was also discovered to shape facial growth. The higher the volume of testosterone in the womb, the more

likely a male is to have a masculine impression. Similar studies were administered in Canada and England. McGill University discovered that men with longer index fingers were kinder toward women. Oxford University also uncovered that men with longer ring fingers were more likely to cheat, but men who had index and ring fingers of similar length were devoted.

The investigation drew inspiration from the fact that both males and females are exposed to testosterone in the womb. The brain operates differently in men and women, and Pintzka sought to create a hypothesis involving the power of finger length and how the brain functions.

He concluded that there was a connection between testosterone quantity and temporal lobe activity. Testosterone alters both rational and emotional thinking, which is distinctly seen in physical and athletic aptitude. This innovative data communicates that the number of hormones present in both the utero and adulthood are instrumental.

CUNY medical school offers new opportunities

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According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, demand for primary care physicians—such as the ones who will graduate from the CUNY School of Medicine—will outnumber the supply of primary care physicians by an estimated range of 12,500 to 31,000 doctors by 2025. This statistic is compounded further by the demand for non-primary care physicians, who are estimated to fall short of the demand by 46,000 to 90,000 doctors.

CUNY students wishing to attain a medical degree will no longer be forced to transfer to medical schools outside of the CUNY system. The 69 students who make up the school's inaugural class are aided by a campaign to raise \$20 million in interest-free loans to go toward their tuition.

"The new medical school is a logical and necessary expansion of the college's prestigious 40-year-old biomedical program that has gained recognition as a leader in educating underrepresented minorities for medical practice," said CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken. "CUNY and City College will award the MD degree for the first time in its nearly 170-year history."

The school is one of several steps on the path that CUNY is taking to develop a variety of new degree programs. City College's Grove School of Engineering has recently debuted a master's program in translational medicine, a subject that revolves around the development of biomedical tools and treatments. Outside of City College, other CUNY colleges are creating additional science, technology, engineering and mathematics degree programs.

York College has recently begun offering students the chance to attain a master's degree in pharmaceutical science as well as a master's degree as a physician assistant. Other new STEM degree programs include a bachelor's degree in technology in applied chemistry at City Tech and associate of arts degree programs in exercise science. Also included are bachelor's degrees in earth and environmental science at Bronx Community College, earth science/adolescence education at College of Staten Island, bachelor's of science degree in toxicology at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, professional science master's degree in physics and photonics at Queens College and associate's degree in public health at Queensborough Community College.

These new programs will serve to better prepare students for employment in STEM fields, which are expected to grow exponentially in the near future. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, approximately one in every 18 workers in the United States were employed in a STEM field, accounting for more than 7.5 million workers. By 2018, STEM occupations are estimated to grow by 17 percent when compared to statistics from 2008.

The continued introduction of science degree programs throughout CUNY will likely serve to better prepare students for an employment climate that demands STEM majors. Whether it is benefitting communities in need of high-quality primary care physicians or creating a fresh wave of employable STEM degree-holders, CUNY may see an influx of students pursuing science degrees in the near future.

Planet Coaster, Final Fantasy XV among Novemeber releases

BY LUIS LUCERO
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November has arrived, bringing the holiday shopping season with it. With an eclectic mix of returning fan favorites, long-awaited second installments and spiritual successors, the month looks to be another exciting month for gamers.

Despite the lower-than-expected reviews, Ubisoft's open world hacking game *Watch Dogs* is receiving a sequel, *Watch Dogs 2*. When making the sequel, developers at Ubisoft Montreal made it a priority to acknowledge all the issues that gamers had with the original and aimed to make the game more than just a rehash of the previous installment. The original game's protagonist Aiden Pierce has been replaced with a completely new character named Marcus Holloway, a hacker who has been framed for a crime he did not commit.

The rendition of San Francisco in the game is twice as big as the original game's rendition in Chicago world in the original game and will be available to explore in its entirety from the start of the game. In regard to the criticized driving mechanics in the previous game, the *Watch Dog* team is receiving assistance from Ubisoft Reflections, the team behind the company's *Driver* series. Additionally, it is one of several games branded with "forward compatibility" with Sony's new PlayStation 4 model that support s 4K high definition TV when the game releases on Nov. 15.

One of the most prolific series of games on PC is, without a doubt, the *RollerCoaster Tycoon* series. However, the latest installment of the series, *RollerCoaster Tycoon World*, has been delayed indefinitely after the public beta released during the summer received overwhelmingly negative reviews

from testers. At the same time, the third game's developer, Frontier Developments, has taken up the main concept of the series and completely changed it to create an entirely new franchise separate from *RollerCoaster Tycoon*, called *Planet Coaster*.

As is typical from any amusement park management simulation, players can create whatever type of park they can imagine. While the custom coaster builder is a pivotal part of the gameplay, the classic piece-by-piece method of building has been fused together with a new spline mechanic, more akin to modern coaster builders. Custom roller coasters and park buildings can be easily shared online. The new game includes a feature called "global village" to make sharing more widely available and easy to do.

Also new to this game is a play mode called "crash mode." One of the unintentionally popular elements of *RollerCoaster Tycoon* was the ability to intentionally build coasters in a way that would result in them crashing and hurting guests.

This new mode explicitly makes this goal the main objective of the game. While the game is slated to come out on Nov. 17, many have already played the game via the two alpha builds that Frontier released during the summer, with the early reviews being very promising, especially compared to those of *RollerCoaster Tycoon World's* public beta.

Right in the middle of the *Pokemon Go* craze, *Pokemon Sun* and *Moon* have finally arrived for the Nintendo 3DS. The first games of the seventh generation in the *Pokemon* franchise, *Sun* and *Moon* continue where *Pokemon X* and *Y* left off, shifting gameplay from a two-dimensional to a three-



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Planet Coaster includes a new "crash mode" that allows players to intentionally build roller coasters that will crash.

dimensional format. Other than that, the games have everything that fans have come to expect from the franchise's 20-year existence. One interesting difference between the two games is that the in-game clocks in both games are set 12 hours apart, with *Sun* operating in real time and *Moon* taking place 12 hours in the future.

The game will also be compatible with Nintendo's cloud service *Pokemon Bank*. One major addition is that any *pokemon* caught in the Virtual Console ports of generation one *Pokemon* titles will be transferrable to the new games, including *pokemon* caught in *Pokemon X* and *Y* and the enhanced remakes of *Pokemon Ruby* and

Sapphire. This feature, however, will not be available to players until Jan. 2017, long after the games' Nov. 18 launch.

Three years after it was revealed during Sony's reveal for the PlayStation 4, and over 10 years after development began, the long-awaited installment of Square Enix's legendary role playing game series is finally arriving in the form of *Final Fantasy XV*.

The previous major console game in the series, *Final Fantasy XIII*, received polarizing reviews from fans and critics, and the developers are looking to win back the fans that were taken aback by *XIII*. While the game is branded as a sequel, *XV* is actually a standalone

installment that operates as if its predecessor never happened. In a stark contrast to previous games in the series, the overall atmosphere is significantly darker and more foreboding. There is also a greater emphasis on more realistic environments and human characters within the game.

Several of the locations in the game are based on real-life locations like the Bahamas, Tokyo and Venice. Even the storyline takes a subtler approach than previous titles, with its group adventure story eschewing the typical story within the series of a lone warrior who meets others through destiny. *Final Fantasy* is slated to close off the month on Nov. 29.



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Sports

Bearcats dominate in CUNYAC, secure second seed in playoffs

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Although Baruch students took off on Columbus Day, the Lady Bearcats took to the college's Athletics and Recreation Center Arena to face off against John Jay College and Lehman College for the CUNY-AC Tri-Match. The women's volleyball team hosted the doubleheader, which featured two key in-conference opponents. Coming off a grueling road schedule of five games in three days, the Bearcats welcomed a return to the friendly home turf.

The John Jay Bloodhounds entered their match against the Bearcats with a respectable 7-9 record and a deep bench filled with freshman talent. Baruch struck first to kick off the match, but John Jay countered with a four-point stretch that put the Bearcats in a hole.

The Bearcats hit the ball well in the first set as noted by their 14 kills, but also committed 10 errors to keep the Bloodhounds within arm's reach. Six of those errors accounted for John Jay's 8-4 advantage early on. The two sides mirrored each other in the game; whether it was a scoring streak, substitutions or an untimely mistake, the rivals battled each other blow-for-blow. Tied at 23-23, Baruch subbed in junior Sophia Shahipour who immediately hammered the ball for a kill. Co-captain Akilah Meulens sealed the opening set with her patented overhand smash.

The second set mimicked the gameplay of the first, although it was the Bearcats who jumped ahead 10-4. Six-time CUNYAC



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The Lady Bearcats will have a good shot at the CUNYAC title thanks to a strong defensive outing at the Baruch tri-match.

Rookie of the Week Stephanie Cornwell dealt back-to-back aces after she set up co-captain Alessandra Chavez for a wicked kill to open the set. John Jay called a time-out in order to regroup defensively and to slow down the Bearcats' momentum. It seemed to work as they rallied to bring the set within two points. After a Baruch time-out, the sloppy play accounted for four consecutive errors leading to a surrender of the lead to John Jay, only to rebound with a four-point run of their own. The Bearcats played with the lead for the remainder of the set as the Cornwell-Chavez tandem shined in a 25-20 second set victory.

John Jay pressed in the third set to make the match competitive, but

it was all for naught as compounding mistakes gave them a disadvantage. On the other hand, Baruch limited their errors to just five and ran out to a 20-10 lead. With such a large margin and a two-set advantage, it was understandable for the Bearcats to get a bit complacent as the Bloodhounds fervently clawed their way back into the match. The deficit narrowed to six points, but a Bridgette Sarco service error solidified a comfortable 25-18 third set win and 3-0 match victory.

Up next for Baruch was the Lightning of Lehman College who had not won a match in nearly a month. The Bearcats outmatched their opponent in every aspect of the game en route to their second straight three-set sweep, finishing

25-9, 25-17 and 25-16. The team gained steam off of the stellar play of Muelens and Cornwell, who finished with 10 kills and 21 assists, respectively.

Cornwell has proved to be an asset to the Bearcats heading into the future; in just her freshman year, the Kings Park native is putting together a tremendous stat sheet. Given that the roster is currently skewed with seniors, it is reassuring for Baruch faithfuls to know that Cornwell will be available for years to come.

Leaving the Baruch tri-match with a spotless record, the Bearcats simultaneously guaranteed a second seed playoff birth for the upcoming CUNYAC playoff tournament. The team is second only

to the Hawks of Hunter College, who beat Baruch early in the season and remained atop the entire CUNYAC slate ever since. Their second place finish is enough to guarantee a bye-week during the quarterfinal round.

The Bearcats' triumphant in-conference play can be attributed to the philosophy of head coach Carrie Thomas, who intentionally arranges tough non-conference games to sharpen team skills before CUNYAC play. After the Baruch Tri-match, the Bearcats held a very underwhelming overall record of 8-18. The team lost a bevy of matches to admittedly superior teams, but players have bought into the notion that these losses are only setting them up for success later at in-conference play. This notion certainly merits attention, as indeed the Bearcats hold an exceptional CUNYAC record of 6-1.

The team is in the backstretch of their season, with only a handful of games left before they compete in the semifinals of the CUNYAC Tournament. The majority of these games will be non-conference matches, with many hoping the team's antics will lift them to the championship. The trio of senior captains in Chavez, Marisa Bou and Meulens will look to finish off their collegiate careers by avenging their heartbreaking championship loss to John Jay the previous season. The combination of veteran experience from the seniors and raw spark from the young talent gives the Bearcats a good chance of making good on their ultimate goal.

Warriors add to already-stacked roster as Durant shocks in departure

BY STEVEN TSAKANIKAS
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LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers got out of the 52-year championship drought in the cursed city of Cleveland this June. The drought came to an end as they geared up to defend their title against the 29 other teams in their way.

Cleveland retained the nucleus that took them to where they are right now as they re-signed James, J.R. Smith and Richard Jefferson to multi-year contracts.

Still, the Golden State Warriors stole the spotlight when they announced that they had successfully lured megastar Kevin Durant away from Russel Westbrook and the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Up three games to one in the championship with two of the three remaining games at home, Golden State could not complete what would have been the greatest overall NBA season in history.

In the regular season, they hit the most three-pointers as a team ever at 1,077, Steph Curry accounting for 402 of them breaking his own record by 116. Not to mention, the Warriors only lost nine times in their 82-game campaign.

In the so-called "summer of Durant," teams lined up hoping to sign the superstar, but only a handful were successful at securing a meeting with the former OKC hero. Durant ultimately left the franchise that drafted him to join the already-dominant trio of Curry, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson on the Warriors.

Durant faced a fury of backlash over his decision, as his former team did hold a 3-1 lead over Golden State in the Western Conference Finals. Durant's running mate Russel Westbrook was among the crit-



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With Durant, the Warriors are undoubtedly the best team in the league, with the opportunity to stockpile championships.

ics, seeing Durant's move as a weak cop-out from the city that depended on him for so long.

In the wake of Durant's departure, Westbrook takes sole spotlight in the Thunder's starting lineup; the young baller is primed for a monster season. Few play the game with as much passion and heart as Westbrook, and an even more motivated player will undoubtedly be seen this year thanks to the departure of his previous teammate. It is a relatively safe bet to pencil the Thunder point guard in for MVP before the season even tips off.

Elsewhere around the association, many high caliber players packed their bags and hit the road. Lifelong Miami Heat star Dwyane

Wade signed with his hometown team the Chicago Bulls, Al Horford took his talents to Boston, Dwight Howard is now the Atlanta Hawks' problem, Pau Gasol will replace Tim Duncan in San Antonio and the Knicks traded for Derrick Rose.

Along with the signing of Rose, the Knicks made some intriguing moves this summer to bolster their stagnant starting five. Phil Jackson signed Joakim Noah to man the paint on a \$74 million contract, while journeyman Courtney Lee is set to assume the starting shooting guard role. Brandon Jennings was brought in to back up D-Rose.

New York is going to be a team with a ton of potential as Kristaps Porzingis now has a full

NBA season under his belt and Carmelo Anthony continues his evolution as a shoot-first player. The roster is the most talented since they won 54 games in 2012-13.

Anthony, Noah and Rose have all missed their fair share of games over the past few seasons so health will be a key indicator as to whether or not this team plays up to its potential.

On the other side of the East River, the rebuilding Nets will look to discover which players will be in Brooklyn for the long-run. Newly hired general manager Sean Marks spent his first summer in New York signing Jeremy Lin to be Brook Lopez's sidekick, giving former No. 1 draft pick Anthony Bennett a

two-year contract and introducing Kenny Atkinson as the head coach. Shooting guard Sean Kilpatrick returns as he looks to continue his impressive scoring from last year where he averaged 21.4 points per 36 minutes.

Since the Nets do not have their own first-round draft pick until 2019, thanks to the Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett trade, Marks will have his work cut out for him in developing players and scouting the D-League for talent like Kilpatrick.

The team also drafted hometown hero Isaiah Whitehead, the Lincoln High School product, as a point guard and shooting guard hybrid. Whitehead is sure to draw in crowds eager to watch Coney Island's very own, much like Lance Stephenson does.

As far as this season goes, expectations are mild for the Nets, especially considering how the Eastern Conference continues to improve from top to bottom.

It is not as easy to make the playoffs on the east side of the country given the recent creation of numerous super-teams; the Nets simply do not have what it takes to compete for one of those last spots.

Barring significant conflict, it would be a shock not to see the Cavs and Warriors face off in the NBA Finals for the third consecutive year. The Warriors are banking on the tremendous boost Durant brings to their already elite-level roster to make the 2016-17 final a sure win, rather than a fierce battle.

Although a Warriors vs. Cavs championship does not seem to fall out of style, fans will look to the rest of the pack to at least make it tough on these two elite level clubs. Given that these two teams will be favorites to win every season, it will be important that more teams step up to maintain interest in the playoffs.

Mets fall to Giants after late homerun in thrilling NL Wildcard

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The New York Mets looked to make good on a rather dismal season when they took on the San Francisco Giants in the National League Wild Card game. Despite a tremendous defensive display, the game went down to the wire and ended with heartbreak for The Amazins, who saw their post-season cut short to the delight of their West Coast counterparts.

A battle of the bullpens, the 2016 NL Wild Card featured two of the game's premier pitchers taking the mounds. Mets' ace Noah Syndergaard surrendered just one hit through seven innings, yet a high pitch count convinced manager Terry Collins to insert Addison Reed in the eighth.

A combination of Madison Bumgarner's relatively low pitch count, postseason pedigree and the Giants' lackluster relief pitching granted him more leeway to pitch deep into the game. He even got in on the defensive action, snagging a line drive off the bat of Asdrubal Cabrera before throwing a furious fist pump to end the eighth.

The Mets dialed up Jeurys Familia in relief, who quickly found himself in trouble late in the game. Although he was able to fight out of a slump earlier, Familia opened up the ninth inning by surrendering two hits.

With a 96 mph fastball screaming toward him on a 1-1 pitch count, Giants' infielder Conor Gillaspie did not flinch. The 28-year-old blasted the elevated fastball deep toward the right foul pole, as Mets' fans looked on in agony.

Citi Field went numb as fans quickly realized that three runs on the board were two more than Bumgarner needed. Whatever hope that fans had for a come-



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The Mets hoped to ride the Wildcard all the way to the championship for the second straight season, but surrendered the win late.

from-behind win quickly subsided as Bumgarner made quick work of the Mets' would-be saviors. The Mets, for the second time in as many years, witnessed another team celebrate playoff success on their home turf.

Gillaspie is the definition of a journeyman player, suiting up for three different teams in six years including two stints with his current team. He has hit 31 home runs and 150 RBIs in his career, which is not a particularly strong overall performance.

The majority of Gillaspie's playing time came in pinch-hit spots, but with Eduardo Nunez out with a strained hamstring, he found his way into the batting lineup for the NL Wild Card game, a decision that paid off well for the Giants.

The New York Mets entered 2016 with elevated expectations after falling three games short of a World Series title last fall. After they signed Neil Walker and Cabrera, retained Yoenis Cespedes and projected a midseason return of Zack Wheeler, a playoff berth seemed all but guaranteed.

Two weeks into the season, the injury bug spread around the locker room, claiming Travis d'Arnaud as its first victim. David Wright, Juan Lagares and Lucas Duda played a combined 163 games and just as Walker and Wilmer Flores began to heat up at the dish, they too were out for the final stretch of the season.

The pitching staff was not immune either: Jacob deGrom, Matt Harvey and Steven Matz all missed

extended periods of time with shoulder and elbow issues. The Mets patched up their rotation with rookie right-handers Seth Lugo and Robert Gsellman who performed better than anyone could have hoped. Fellow rookie T.J. Rivera was equally impressive at the plate with a .333 batting average and a .812 on-base and slugging percentage in 105 at bats.

The glaring cause for the Mets 2016 woes, however, lay in the team's inability to hit with runners on base. The Mets hit .228 with runners in scoring position, good for last in the majors.

The team ranked 12th in runners left in scoring position with 3.30 per game, combined with a seventh-worst on-base percentage, which indicates they rarely had

anyone primed to score. The Mets' allergy to stringing together base hits often assigned the bullpen the tough task of holding razor-thin leads.

Surprisingly, Reed's precision and Familia's explosive sinker formed a devastating tandem in the eighth and ninth innings. Familia set a Mets single-season record with 51 saves and escaped high leverage situations with opponents on base more often than any closer in baseball. He attempted to extend his Houdini act in the Wild Card game, but it came to a thunderous end.

To the envious delight of Mets fans, the San Francisco Giants went on to lose in the divisional series in an embarrassing 1-3 rout by the surging Chicago Cubs. The Giants' exceptional pitching proved no match for the electric batting lineup of the Cubs who put together 17 points throughout the four-game series.

The Cubs are currently in a neck-and-neck series with the Los Angeles Dodgers, with the winner primed to visit the Cleveland Indians in the World Series.

Entering the offseason, the Mets will shift their attention toward retaining their prized acquisition Cespedes. The Cuban native previously signed a three-year deal, but has a player option which he may elect to exercise.

Queen's favorite Jose Reyes will be returning to the team after the Mets announced they will recognize their league-minimum option over the veteran shortstop.

While the season ended in disappointment, the lights-out play of Syndergaard and the revamped bullpen give the Mets hope looking into the future. The team is just a few pieces away from returning to their winning ways of two seasons ago.

Giants get much needed win against Ravens to keep up with NFC East

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A dark cloud of uncertainty formed over Metlife Stadium last offseason when the New York Giants announced that they would sever ties with head coach Tom Coughlin. A hometown hero, Coughlin engineered two memorable Superbowl seasons for Big Blue, but failure to make the playoffs in the four consecutive seasons following their last Lombardi Trophy prompted the front office to look elsewhere. Giants fans were left with uncertainty, leaving behind a team favorite but nonetheless eager to turn the tables on their losing slate.

Offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo stepped in and quickly racked up two wins to start his head coaching career. Sitting at 2-0 to kickoff the season, many forgot all about Coughlin and began to think of what was to come. Quarterback Eli Manning seemed comfortable throwing the ball and rarely turned the ball over, an active offseason had brought new talent to a weak defense and the return of beloved wide receiver Victor Cruz brought hope to all for the season.

Immediately after, the Giants hit a tough stretch. It began in Week 3 when Manning surrendered a series of costly interceptions to the Washington Redskins during the storied face-off between bitter rivals Odell Beckham Jr. and Josh Norman.

The Giants had surrendered a big first-half lead over the Redskins. The team had been in scoring position and on the heels of a come-from-behind victory. Manning threw a routine screen pass into the arms of the rookie safety Sua "Suzy" Cravens, which spelled the first loss of the season



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Beckham bailed out the Giants with a pair of long touchdowns that stole the win from an unsuspecting Ravens team.

for New York.

The following week, Big Blue hit the road for their first appearance in the U.S. Bank Stadium, the brand new home of the Minnesota Vikings. Overall, the team was lost on the field and played weakly as they trailed the majority of the game. A surprisingly elite-level Vikings defense effectively neutralized the Giants' passing game and repeatedly forced them into punting situations. Held to just 10 points, the offense forced the defense on to the field and numerous injuries in the secondary spelled the second loss for Big Blue.

By this time, flashes from the losing past were beginning to haunt the Giants. The team was

now sitting at 2-2 and an uncommonly strong NFC East division had the Giants slipping down the standings.

Even more disheartening was the fact that megastar receiver Beckham had yet to find the end-zone since the start of the season. The electrifying product of Louisiana State University and arguably the best receiver in the league, Beckham was overwhelmed with frustration over the lack of production, even citing that he was no longer enjoying football.

Still, the hemorrhaging continued in Week 5 when the team traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin to take on Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. The offensive inefficiency

continued and again forced the defense into tough situation in which they ultimately faltered. Beckham did find the end zone, scoring for the first time in the season, although it was a lost effort, with the Giants falling to 2-3.

On the edge of breakdown, Big Blue returned home in Week 6 to host the Baltimore Ravens. This was a critical game for the Giants to remain in the divisional mix. The team got off to a shaky start and found itself trailing late in the fourth quarter. On a fourth down and one, the Giants needed to convert or else the game would have ended in their fourth straight loss.

With Beckham flanked wide-right, Manning took the snap and

dropped back in search of his favorite receiver. Meanwhile, Beckham exploded off the line and, with a firm plant of his right foot, immediately beat his defender on a textbook slant route. Manning decisively tossed the ball over to Beckham for a sure catch, breathing a sigh of relief that the team would extend the drive and their chances of winning.

But Beckham was not done; with Ravens' Eric Weddle accidentally taking out his teammate, Beckham swiftly eluded a tackle with his sight set on the end-zone. After burners at full throttle, Beckham dashed toward the goal line while Metlife Stadium was overcome by a thundering roar of onlookers cheering on their prized receiver. Beckham had converted the fourth and one quick slant into a game, saving 66-yard catch-and-sprint.

Big Blue escaped disaster with a narrow win to advance to 3-3. Had they dropped to 2-4, they would have slipped far behind the pack in the division and locker-room tensions would have began to boil over. The team is still last place in the division, but well within striking distance at just two games behind the top seed currently occupied by Dak Prescott and the resurgent Dallas Cowboys.

The Giants are traveling to London to take on the Los Angeles Rams for a special Week 7 edition of Thursday Night Football on Sunday at 9 a.m. Despite a tough start of the season, the Rams have since fought back to beat many of the league's strongholds thus far into the season. The Giants cannot keep relying on late-game heroics to win games and ultimately make the playoffs. If they wish to advance this season, they must play smash-mouth football during all four quarters on both sides of the ball.

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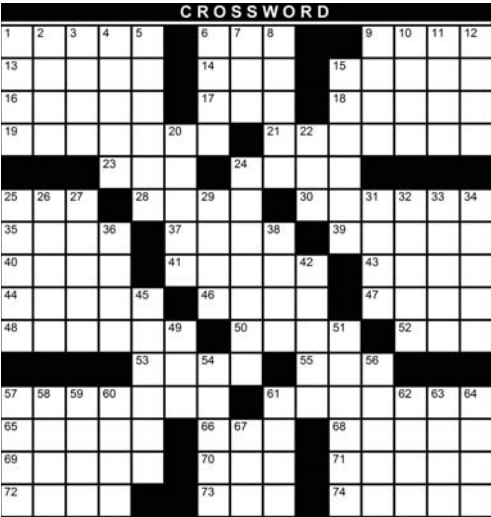
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