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HURRICANE HELENE STRIKES FLORIDA'S GULF COAST

THE AFTERMATH OF THIS 140 MPH STORM

ADAM CONKLIN

Editor-in-Chief

Just last Thursday, disaster struck Florida's Gulf coast with hurricane Helene, with winds above 140 mph and a 15ft storm surge. Initiated estimates by insurance specialists put damages at as high as \$160 billion, and the devastation caused to towns left them permanently altered or destroyed.

Helene, the eighth named storm of the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, spent several days strengthening over the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico before dumping its full brunt on the mainland US. Currently, the death toll is at 215 souls. Of these, over half took place in North Carolina. A total of 300 persons were reported missing, but as of last Friday, the Asheville Police Department claimed that 270 of them had been located. The FBI and Department of Homeland Security are providing support to the police as they investigate 75 active cases of missing persons in the city.

The worst of it is unfortunately not over, with hundreds of communities still stranded, missing things like food, water, electricity, and their homes. Last Friday, over 700,000 residences and commercial buildings, primarily in Georgia and the Carolinas, were without electricity.

Chimney Rock is one example. Every house or structure in the village, which is located roughly 20 miles southeast of Asheville, was destroyed by the intense floodwaters. The formerly picturesque mountain community has completely collapsed, who had less than 200 people living formally there.

"Every single business, every single building has been destroyed or severely damaged," Mayor Peter O'Leary said.

"When you talk about the actual landscape of western North Carolina, there's like small towns, there's larger towns, but if you live on the side of a mountain you might like have one way in and one way out," Said 32-year-old

Jazmine Rodgers, a consultant for nonprofit groups, has been lending a hand to neighbors in the severely affected city of Asheville. "And if a bunch of large trees blow over on your main street, people are trapped... We're talking about entire mountainsides completely gone. We can't really account for how many people are missing because there's little hollows (or valleys) all over western North Carolina, little pockets of communities, little trailer parks. And if you don't have family in those areas, you probably never heard of them."



ABOVE: CHIMNEY ROCK
PHOTO CREDITS: WSOC-TV

VALUES FOR VIKINGS: WENDY'S BOO! BOOKS WENDY'S NEW PROMOTION FOR THE DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION

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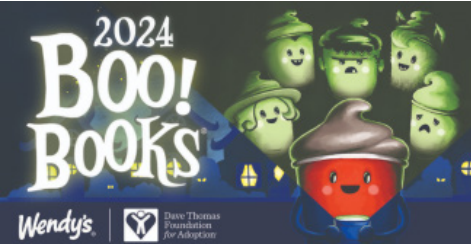
Staff Contributor

Did you hear the chilling news? Wendy's is offering a limited-time Boo! Book deal with frosty coupons that is all treats and no trick. Looking for a way to give back to your community while also snagging a good deal? Then, this is the opportunity for you.

Wendy's, the popular fast food chain located across from campus at 77 Vandenberg Ave, Troy NY 12180, is offering a special deal for October. The founder, Dave Thomas was adopted as a child, and his nonprofit, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, was founded in 1992 to serve children in search of being adopted. The promotion Wendy's is currently running allows patrons to support the cause while also getting a sweet reward.

To redeem this deal, customers must order a Boo! Book for \$1.00, 90 cents of this order will go towards the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. This one-dollar item will come with 5 free Jr. Frosty coupons. The price of a Junior Frosty without a coupon is \$1.49 meaning for the price of one Boo! Book customers receive coupons for multiple freebies. Given the price of each frosty with the coupon being just \$0.20 this deal gives us a \$6.45 discount. This is just what patrons are looking for with the return of the vanilla frosty that just became available this September since its departure for seasonal flavors. Also included is a coupon for a \$1.99 kids meal from Wendy's compared to their typically \$4.99 kids meal.

As with many fast food chains, the Wendy's app offers rewards that over time can create enough points to be equivalent to various menu items. The download also allows for mobile orders. Run to Wendy's and get the Boo! Book offer before November 3.



ABOVE: BOO! BOOKS PROMOTION
PHOTO CREDITS: WENDY'S

T-MOBILE DATA BREACH ...AND THE \$31.5 MILLION SETTLEMENT

ADEM JONES

Staff Contributor

The U.S. FCC has reached a \$31.5 million settlement with T-Mobile regarding major data breaches that impacted over 10 million U.S. customers over three years.

An investigation has found T-Mobile responsible for breaching security conditions by failing to secure data adequately and failing to report unauthorized access to consumer data. The compromised data includes consumers' names, phone numbers, account numbers, billing addresses, credit card balances, purchase history, credit card information, and device IDs.

T-Mobile was originally fined \$60 million by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. (CFIUS). The committee oversees foreign investments in the U.S. for national security reasons, with the authority to block and impose conditions and penalize violations.

T-Mobile has agreed to pay \$15.75 million in civil penalty and another \$15.75 million over the next 2 years to strengthen and secure its cybersecurity program. T-Mobile has made several statements on the matter

emphasizing its **GO TO ... T-MOBILE**

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ARMED FORCES CLUB WENT TO THE NETHERLANDS

Sean Gonzalez

In an exciting development for HVCC’s Armed Forces Club, members recently embarked on a memorable trip to the Netherlands. This trip was organized by the cities of Albany and Nijmegen, celebrating their sister city relationship since 1940.

This trip was an opportunity for the members to be civically involved, with a large focus on the definition of freedom and what it means personally to each person. Ian LaChance the interim vice president of student affairs, who went along on the trip notes,

“When you hear Dutch people talk, they seem to have a much greater appreciation for freedom, most likely because WWII was fought on their soil, and they were a city controlled by the Nazis and was later liberated, while us Americans, don’t really have the same appreciation for what it means to be captive versus being free”. The trip was very meaningful for student veterans that went along and the club members who went gained a better understanding of what it means to actually put your life on the line in order to promote freedom and making sure that other places in the world are free from harsh rule.

The trip altogether lasted about a week, starting with a flight leaving Monday night and returning on Sunday morning. The most memorable part of the trip was the bridge crossing ceremony on the Waal River, part of the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden, involving 4000 people silently crossing the bridge with lights, which created a powerful visual. This trip was a great opportunity for students to meet key figures such as the U.S. ambassador of the Netherlands, and was a great way for club members to foster civic engagement and cultural understanding while gaining a deeper appreciation of what freedom means to each individual.

NEW MEXICAN BAKERY OPENS IN ALBANY

Saima Syeda

A new bakery has opened in Albany called Daisies Pasteles where they serve sweet, savory and spicy meals and treats! Daisies Pasteles is located at 418 Madison Ave, Albany NY and they have amazing refreshers, deserts, and much more. Daisies Pasteles opened with wanting to bring in a sense of community and cherishing their culture.

When opening their bakery, they were able to represent their Mexican heritage through food. Wanting to create delicious memories Daisies Pasteles has so much to offer from their menu like Mangonada, Tres leches, Flan, Tamales, Tacos, and so much more. On the side they also sell a variation of snacks.

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commitment to protecting customer data and informing consumers that they are and will continue making major investments to ensure that breaches do not occur again.

As the need for personal data to be secure and protected increases, it is important that large companies and

corporations are held responsible for their shortcomings in this area. If companies are penalized, there will be a greater incentive for companies to strengthen the security of their data.

FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel says, “Today’s mobile networks are top targets for cyber-

criminals. We will continue to send a strong message to providers entrusted with this delicate information that they need to beef up their systems or there will be consequences.”

KRIS KRISTOFFERSON’S PASSING

BELOVED ACTOR AND COUNTRY MUSIC STAR DEAD AT 88

ADEM JONES

Staff Contributor

Kris Kristofferson, a country music star and widely recognized actor died on the 28 of September in his Maui home. He was 88 years old.

Born in the state of Texas in 1936, Kristofferson was the eldest of three children and a star student throughout his education. After high school, Kristofferson studied creative writing at Pomona College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1958. He then went on to receive a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University in England where he earned his master’s degree in English.

Kristofferson later joined the U.S. Army and served as a helicopter pilot and eventually earned the rank of captain. During his time in the military, Kristofferson played in an army band where he would sharpen his skills in singing and songwriting.

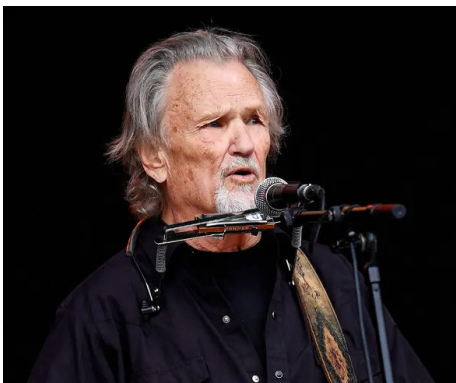
Eventually, Kristofferson settled in

Nashville, Tennessee with his family and landed a job at Columbia Records as a janitor. He used this opportunity to network and familiarize himself with prominent and successful figures in the country music industry.

Kristofferson would eventually meet Johnny Cash who would help him launch his music career. “It was electric. He kind of took me under his wing before he cut any of my songs. He cut my first record that was record of the year. He put me on stage the first time,” He told The Associated Press in a 2006 interview.

After this, his music career saw major success, winning 3 Grammy Awards and having his songs covered by artists such as Janis Joplin and Ray Price.

Kristofferson also ventured into acting, landing several major roles in his career. His first role was in Dennis Hopper’s “The Last Movie,” in 1971. He then went on to act in Sam Peckinpah’s



ABOVE: KRIS KRISTOFFERSON LIVE
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1973 “Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid,” John Sayles’ 1996, “Lone Star,” and starred alongside Barbara Streisand in the 1976 “A Star Is Born.”

Kristofferson had many talents and passions that he was able to share with the world during his time and his contributions to all of his fields of interest will have a major impact for years to come.

“What a great loss, what a great writer, what a great actor, what a great friend,” Dolly Parton said in a statement. “I will always love you.”

FEMA BUDGET DEPLETED

DISCUSSING WHAT’S NEXT FOR HURRICANE HELENE VICTIMS

ALAN CONKLIN

Staff Contributor

With the true aftermath of Hurricane Helene becoming clear, the plan for recovery and emergency assistance is in full swing. But throwing a wrench in these efforts is the fact that the Department of Homeland Security has claimed that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) does not have the funds to properly administer care to all affected areas. Seeing that natural disaster relief is one of the only reasons FEMA is deployed, the Agency is coming under heavy scrutiny for this. Not helping their case is the fact that Helene is the deadliest hurricane since Katrina, another disaster in which FEMA’s response was heavily criticized. With there still be-

ing months left of hurricane season, where did this money go, and will they receive an emergency budget increase before the year is up?

While most of FEMA’s spending for the year can be properly tracked to natural disaster relief, many are fixating on the fact that multiple sources claim that over \$600 million dollars of their budget for the year went towards areas dealing with an influx of migrants. While this number seems high, it is just a relatively small percentage of their total budget, which was requested to be over \$30 billion. But with an already unfavorable reputation, the fact that money designated for Americans in need is being spent on migrants does not bode well with many. Because of this, it might be difficult for the Agency to get allocated



ABOVE: FEMA LOGO

more money through congress. This issue has already been brought to congress multiple times over the summer, but no true bill has been passed that would ensure FEMA has funding to properly respond to hurricane Helene.

Even with all of the assistance from private citizens and companies, the lack of FEMA response thus far is not what the residents of the affected areas need. Hopefully a solution is reached quickly, for the sake of everyone involved.

UPDATE ON THE STORRS WOMAN MISSING IN JAPAN

AIDAN DURIE

Staff Contributor

More than a year ago, a woman from Storrs, Connecticut went missing in Japan on a hiking trip, and up until very recently the search for Pattie Wu-Murad had been considered a lost cause. Just this past week her husband Kirk received new information regarding her disappearance. He received three pictures of items of hers, a photo of one of her shoes, her backpack, and of a ziplock bag; in an interview with

News 8’s Brittany Schaefer, Kirk confirmed that all of them had belonged to his wife. Kirk had also stated that



her things were said to have been found on a trail different from the one she was supposed to be on.

“That was found by a fisherman in a stream, not on the trail we thought she was on but it just raised more questions,” said Kirk in his interview. These new items provide a small glimmer of hope in a previously dormant search. For now all we can do is extend positivity to her family, and hope that more updates arrive soon, so that she and her family may be reunited in some way.

LEFT: NEW BELONGINGS FOUND
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POLITICS

THE WALZ-VANCE DEBATE: A CONFOUNDING RETURN TO NORMALCY
A POLITICAL OPINION PIECE ON THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

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“Remember when politics was boring?”

This sentiment has remained a common refrain since the 2016 election redefined politics both within America and worldwide. It’s become a recurring catchphrase as Americans grow jaded from the world of global pandemics, attempted coups and pet-eating urban legends that they have had to accept as the “new normal”. Under every social media headline, you can find dozens of posters waxing nostalgic for a time where the average citizen could comfortably tune out the constant hum of democracy. The “good old days”.

And indeed, the 2024 election started off with an uninspiring continuation of incumbent President Biden’s 2020 “return to normalcy” campaign. While the campaign worked for a new candidate in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when Americans could still believe Trump would be out of the news as soon as he left office, this idea fell flat before Biden even set foot in the White House. The Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol destroyed the notion that Trump would leave American politics so soon.

By 2024, a “return to normalcy” campaign did zero favors for Biden as an incumbent president. Americans understood that “normalcy” no longer meant a pre-Trump America—it meant a return to the status quo, four more years of the same. Clearly Americans are not satisfied with this, with Biden’s approval rating hovering around 40% since September 2021.

The Trump campaign was able to capitalize on this low approval and point to high interest rates and a worsening housing crisis as proof that Biden’s status quo wasn’t working. As a former POTUS himself, however, Trump could not (and still cannot) take advantage of

being the wild card candidate to pull undecided voters the way he could in 2016.

The race overall was stuffy, stagnant, and the failing physical and cognitive health of both candidates seemed to reflect that. Biden’s embarrassing performance during the debate this past June marked the peak of despair for engaged Democrats.



So when Kamala Harris suddenly stepped up to replace Biden, the entire vibe shifted. It was a breath of fresh air for Democrats who had felt resigned to the lesser of two evils.

What was most interesting, though, was an apparent rejection of old Obama-era “When they go low, we go high” tactics. Democrats were able to take advantage of their new candidate—and the fact that the Trump campaign had no good attacks against her yet—and go on the offensive against Republicans who had long since taken advantage of aggressive us-vs.-them posturing.

“These are weird people on the other side,” said Walz of MAGA Republicans in a July TV interview. Meanwhile, “We’re not going back”, the Harris’ campaign’s sleeper-hit slogan, only gained more good vibes when it came out that their campaign advisors had rejected the message for not being “positive” enough.

In the face of this race up until this point, which has been called “the clos-

est race of a generation” by the New York Times, the VP debate was strikingly...boring. Far from the September debate, in which the Presidential candidates made jabs at each other, JD Vance and Tim Walz acted positively pre-Trump. Vance, after claiming “millions of illegal immigrants” were taking away housing and jobs from Springfield citizens in Ohio, quickly followed it up with, “I actually think I agree with you [Tim]...I think you want to solve this problem, but I don’t think that Kamala Harris does.” Walz acted similarly civil towards Vance, a far cry from the “weird”

claims motivating liberal voters the past 10 weeks. He went hardest on abortion, but the messaging was a carbon copy of Kamala’s speech in her own debate. Vance was able to put his politician skills to good work and appear much more reasonable than Trump did in his debate, as Walz did not bring up any of the incriminating remarks Vance has made on wanting a national abortion ban or saying “childless cat ladies” should not be able to vote.

This debate marked the end of the honeymoon period for the Harris and Walz campaign. The GOP has found its footing in attacking Harris by tying her to the stagnant Biden presidency, and the new campaign has settled down as it tries to appeal to centrist voters in the close swing state races. But while this may not move the needle on the election itself—the polls have been steady for the past few weeks—it is disheartening for young and progressive voters high on “good vibes” to see a return to normalcy after all.

LEFT ABOVE: VANCE AND WALTZ-
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WHAT MADE RFK JR. SWITCH?

AN ANALYSIS OF RFK JR’S ENDORSEMENT OF DONALD TRUMP

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Robert F. Kennedy Jr. made history last month, going against countless generations of family political traditions and endorsing Donald Trump for president. The Kennedy family is one of the most prominent families in the Democrat party, with members holding virtually all available positions in the US over nearly 150 years. This includes the highest elected office, as RFK’s uncle was the 35th president of the United States, John F. Kennedy. So after all this, as well as running for the democratic nomination for president himself, what made RFK switch his alliance?

Despite a fairly recent entry into politics, RFK has always lived his life in support of his beliefs. His first career utilized his law degree from Harvard and the University of Virginia, as he became the chief attorney for Riverkeeper, a nonprofit committed to cleaning up and preserving waterways. He was with the organization for over 30 years, and during his tenure also involved himself in other preservation and cleanup efforts. While

Trump does not hold the same passion in this area, RFK has stated that they share the same basic goal of environmental preservation.

Another one of RFKs primary issues is the health of Americans. Right after his endorsement of the Trump ticket, the phrase “Make America Healthy Again” was coined. Kennedy has a long past of casting doubt on “Big Pharma” and government agencies for the role he perceives they play in the rapid decline of American health. His thoughts on this range from criticizing the increase in consumption of processed foods, to a skepticism of vaccines. These views largely went against the grain of his former party, and align much better with what the republican ticket runs on. They align so well that, if elected, Donald Trump might appoint Kennedy to be his Health Secretary.

Focusing a bit more on the endorsed party, one of the largest issues of focus for Trump is immigration. Promising a complete revamp of the system, as well as the largest mass deportation in American history. While Kenne-

dy does not echo these beliefs entirely, his immigration stance is certainly further right than the vast majority of the democrat party, as he also pushes for reform and more border security. This aligns with his general belief that the United States should be more isolationist. Which is especially seen in his foreign relations policy where he and Trump believe that diplomacy should take preference over military involvement. He has been critical about funding given to Ukraine, another stance that separated him from the democrat party.

But despite the numerous policies that Kennedy and Trump agree on, perhaps their greatest likeness does not come from their policy stances at all. Both men represent an “outsider” approach, with a minimal background in politics, and a status quo that did not align with the traditional views of their party, which has given them both cult followings. With the election nearing, only time will tell how much RFK Jr’s endorsement meant to the Trump campaign, and if this is the beginning of a historic Kennedy party switch, or just a one off instance.

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ED GEIN: THE GRISLY REALITY BEHIND LEATHERFACE

A FURTHER INSIGHT INTO THE ORIGIN OF THIS ICONIC HORROR FILM

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This week, on the 11 of October, the infamous horror film “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” celebrates its 50th anniversary. Despite the campy title, the film is a mostly bloodless, psychological horror as well as slasher. The film tells the story of Sally Hardesty and her friends as they get lost in the Texas wilderness and stumble across the Sawyers, a family of cannibals. However, today we are not discussing the Sawyer family. Instead we will be discussing the infamous villain of the Texas Chainsaw Massacre franchise, Leatherface. Did you know that Leatherface and his hobbies as a slasher were inspired by the brutal events surrounding a real serial killer? Leatherface’s inspiration comes from the criminal Ed Gein, also known

as the Butcher of Plainfield. But who was Ed Gein? Ed Gein was born on the 27 of August, 1906, and didn’t have an easy going childhood. His father was an alcoholic and his mother was verbally abusive. Nevertheless, he had a great love for his mother, which would later inspire his dark acts. This difficult childhood inspired an adulthood that would go on to inspire horror films and disgust within the hearts of many looking back on his career. Ed Gein first was noticed by police in 1957 when a hardware store owner disappeared. The police went onto Gein’s farm after he was spotted with her shortly before the disappearance. What they had found was enough to solidify Gein as a horrific true crime figure. Along with the decapitated body of Bernice Worden, the hardware store owner,

they found body parts from robbed graves that Gein used to make masks, clothing, and other household items. Gein was later arrested and explained to authorities that he killed two women because they looked like his mother. He eventually died in a mental hospital in 1984 after being charged with only one of the murders. Despite not taking as many innocent lives as Ted Bundy or Jeffrey Dahmer, the impact Ed Gein left on the true crime world was unforgettable. Ed Gein’s crimes would go on to inspire Norman Bates in “Psycho,” Buffalo Bill in “Silence of the Lambs,” and most importantly Leatherface from The Texas Chainsaw Massacre franchise. He even will be receiving more modern notoriety appearing on season three of Netflix’s “Monsters.” From the masks made from deceased faces to his unsta-

ble admiration for his mother, Gein really did live up to being a real life horror villain. A broken childhood turned what could’ve been a humble farmer into a disturbing murderer and felon, and now the fictional horror industry will never be the same.



ABOVE: PHOTO OF ED GEIN
PHOTO CREDITS: GETTY IMAGES

ALBUM REVIEW: LESSERAFIM

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Opinions Editor

K-Pop sensation LESSERAFIM came out with their 4th mini album on August 30th of this year and here’s what I’ve got to say. (fun fact: one of the members, Huh Yunjin, went to Niskayuna High School!) Chasing Lightning (3:25): To be honest, I’ve never exactly liked these types of intro songs but the beat to this one is addictive. The lyrics to Chasing Lightning work nicely with the concept of this album. Many of the spoken lyrics say things like “I miss my dog so much’.../I wanna cuddle him just for a little while/You’ll see him when you’re free, we’ve got more/important things to do” and “Time sure flies when I crochet/You’ve got time for that?/You have so many more important things to do”. Recently LESSERAFIM went through a period of hate because of some underwhelming performances but they really pulled through and these lyrics speak to the haters. Later in the song, they say “Don’t hesitate, follow your racing heart/I’m gonna change it now/Change the ground we are standing on”. LESSERAFIM are saying they can and will follow their dreams, no matter what happens.



CRAZY (2:45): It is so sad that this song is so short because it is incredible. The beat, the lyrics, the flow, even the music video and choreography is fun! The lyrics hint at a similar meaning to Chasing Lightning, the idea that you are your own person and you have free will. Lyrics like “No more games, you’re going crazy/Why can’t you stop?/Don’t know why, but deep inside, this may be/The real me, baby” and all of verse 2! “Back in the days, poor old me/Didn’t know what to believe/Now I can see, I am that girl/Baby, she’s all that I need/Saying I’m this and saying I’m that/Talk is so cheap, I’m so over this sh*t, huh/Yeah, me and my girls keep living it up/We blow a kiss staring into the sun, mwah”. LESSERAFIM will continue doing their thing and I’m here for it!

Pierrot (2:50): Please bring back long songs!!! Anyways, this song follows the similar theme of we do what we want and we’re good at it. This song is also partly dedicated to big faces in the Korean entertainment industry such as Kim Wansun, Uhm Junghwa, IU, and Lee Hyori. In fact, Pierrot samples Kim Wansun’s “Pierrot Laughs At Us” which is about doing what you want and pushing through. Lyrics like “Even when you look at the/shabby me and laugh/I think I look so beautiful” Kim Wansun sings about preferring the smiling Pierrot who understands what you’re going through. Back to LESSERAFIM, the girls sing to all those who are tired of being put down and want to stand up with lyrics like “Ready to run, where my girls?/So where, my where my girls at?/Where my, where my boys at?/Let the reins go loose”. Basically, this song is about having fun

just ‘cause you can. 1-800-hot-n-fun (2:53): This is by-far my favorite song in this album!! I’ve replayed it countless times. There’s not much to it, this song is really a party and hype song. Once again with that theme of “I want to have fun and no one can stop me” with lyrics like “I’m not tryna leave until they kick us to the road/But if they do, it’s cool though, got an address in my phone”. This song shows a new side of LESSERAFIM with a rock type beat. Crazier (2:59): This song is vastly different compared to any other song in the album, this one is slower like a ballad but sings about the same theme with a twist. Lyrics like “Wanna go crazy/But it’s too late, worried what others might think of/me/Another day of chasing her on the screen/Then it all ends, don’t want to let go/It’s become a luxury/Movie cliché that I’ve written in my journal/I was happy back then, free to dream no strings attached/Now I ask what all this means”. While still singing about being yourself, the lyrics talk about the past as well and how they’ve grown. And with that I leave you with this lyric from Crazier, “If you love something beyond sanity/Someday look back and see/A flower which bloomed/On this field of thorns.”

LEFT ABOVE: ALBUM ART
PHOTO CREDITS: LESSERAFIM



RUBY EATON
Staff Contributor

2024 has been a fantastic year for movies, whether that be the highly anticipated Beetlejuice Beetlejuice, or the acclaimed Deadpool and Wolverine, I’d argue that one of the standout films of this year is Transformers One, the newest film in the long running Transformers franchise. Released only a few days after the franchise’s 40th anniversary, the movie takes place years before the “War for Cybertron” and shows us the origin of Optimus Prime and Megatron, known

in this film as Orion Pax and D-16. The film is gorgeous, offering some of the best visuals I’ve seen from a CG Movie, with stunning backgrounds, gorgeous set pieces, and beautiful character designs, though I’d say where this movie really shines is with the Voice Cast, with special focus to Brian Tyree Henry as the courageous and ultimately tragic D-16/Megatron. He delivers such a fantastic performance, you can feel every emotion he pours into his role. Chris Hemsworth also does an amazing job as Optimus Prime/Orion Pax, as he goes from a rebellious and charismatic miner to the heroic and noble Leader of the Autobots.

Special mention to Keegan-Michael Key and Scarlett Johansson as B-127, the loveable and wisecracking yellow bot, and Elita-1, the no nonsense, get stuff done bot. Both kill it in their respective roles, giving this movie a touch of comedy and a whole lot of tragedy, with some amazing action in between. If you’re a fan of all of this, or just wanna see a fun film over the weekend, then this film is a must see for any avid filmgoer, and especially for any fans of The Transformers. I give it a 5/5!

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Minecraft, a game that has captured the hearts of millions, is set to release its anticipated movie on April 4, 2025. Initially, the announcement thrilled fans who hoped for an official adaptation that could mirror the charm of the game. With engaging storytelling and memorable characters seen in Minecraft: Story mode, many fans were eager to see what the studios could do with Minecraft. The blueprint for a beautifully made movie had already been set within the community

through countless inspired fan animations that demonstrated the game’s rich narrative potential and creativity. The whole concept behind Minecraft is a place where freedom of expression and creativity is endless. However, the release of the two Minecraft trailers has left fans mortified, primarily due to the decision to make it live-action. The visuals due to the realistic live-action format altered the iconic looks of the monsters, animals, and even characters from the beloved “blocky” appearance to horrifying realistic/fantasy creatures. The film follows four misfits who find them-

selves transported into the Minecraft universe, where they confront the uncomfortable-looking mobs and the legendary Steve. The visual style has been the subject of heavy criticism, similar to the Sonic movie, due to its unappealing style. All the mobs appear strangely realistic in contrast to the game’s pixel aesthetic, creating an unsettling and noticeable contrast. The image of the mobs the viewers have is vastly different from the ones the studio has given, creating a disconnect between the movie and its viewers. Moreover, the choice to have the four human characters keep their 3D form does not pair well with the coherence within the Minecraft world the movie created. They look very out of place. It is also strange that a pre-existing character in the Minecraft world, such as Steve, would be a 3D character and not also a combination of realistic/fantasy that the animals have. The consistency in the movie seems strange and would have been better if it stuck to making Steve an animated “blocky” character. Overall, the movie lacks many characteristics that a normal Minecraft game would have, making the movie feel like a Minecraft-inspired movie and not THE Minecraft movie. This movie does not embrace the blocky, pixelated design of Minecraft and reflects a missed opportunity to honor the game’s original aesthetics. Though it is to be con-

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sidered this based on the two trailers that we have seen. The Super Mario Bros. movie is an example of a movie that can be considered THE movie to its franchise. It contains relevant and factual connections to its inspired game counterpart. For example, the 2D animation, the callout to Mario’s power-ups, and silly characters who look similar to the game. The movie even takes creative liberties to make the story more entertaining, one being making Mario dislike mushrooms. This movie is a good model of how to make a movie based on a game, even if it took creative liberties. Even if the movie keeps the realistic aspect, I feel it would be better if the movie had the people, upon entering the Minecraft world, turn into Minecraft-related skins based on their appearance. It’s bizarre the studio decided to make the movie live-action when Minecraft translates so beautifully in animation. Without a strong commitment to the game’s essence, the movie may struggle to resonate with fans who have long cherished Minecraft. It is important to realize that this is what I have observed through the trailers and that this may not be the final outcome of the movie. Nothing is set in stone, as the movie is still in progress, and has time to make changes to it from the trailer.

BALDUR’S GATE 3: DEV TOOLS UNLOCKED

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Even before winning game of the year for 2023, everyone knew Baldur’s Gate 3 would go down as one of the legends in the gaming industry. And now, with the most recent developments, it is possible for BG3 to have a place amongst games like Elder Scrolls and Fallout, famous for their longevity due to the zealous modding community they boast of. Larian Studios, BG3’s parent developers, released built in mod support with the most recent patch. Everyone

knows that having a thriving mod community is a huge part of a game’s longevity. However, that is not the only thing that Larian changed. Along with this long awaited update, devoted modders of Baldur’s Gate discovered a new feature that could completely change the game forever. Pre-launch of the mod support program, moderators had to surf through the many files in this game to make their modifications, so even with the built in system, modders still went through all the new data included with the update, things not immediately visible. Because of this dedication, the community was able to find out

Larian also included access to the Dev Tool Kit, hidden deep in the files of the game. For those of you unaware, this is the software Larian themselves used to design and playtest the game. Most importantly, the software came with a fully workable level editor, meaning that players won’t be restricted to the game’s already insanely large maps and storylines, but will have a chance to create entirely new campaigns, meaning that this game could theoretically have infinite levels of future content. Especially since Larian decided to discontinue more Baldur’s Gate 3 work in favor of new projects, fans won’t have

to worry about the future of this game, as it is in very capable hands. The hands of an enormous group of online 20-somethings that have rudimentary coding skills, too much time on their hands, and a passion to work on other peoples projects. But you’ll never see me complaining.



ABOVE: BALDUR’S GATE PROMO

LARGE LOCAL CAR SHOW NEXT WEEKEND

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Next weekend, from 9am to 4pm in downtown Ballston Spa, is the 22nd annual “The Way We Were” vintage car show. It is one of the largest annual car shows in the area, and is a great way to spend a Sunday. Not often advertised, many not local to the town might be hearing of the show for the first time. It certainly does not feel like an under the radar event in person though, as over 400 vastly different cars and trucks attend annually. After attending the event last year, there is certainly enough present to keep you occupied throughout the full seven hours. The town organizes merchandise and food vendors, as well as live entertainment. They also present trophies to the winners of each category near the end of the event. All in all, I highly recommend the event for not only car enthusiasts, but people just looking for something to do. The event is free to attend and has a rain date of October 20th.



HIKE REVIEW: HURICANE MOUNTAIN
Sean Gonzalez

The Adirondack Mountains of New York are a hiker’s paradise, offering stunning views and diverse ecosystems, and a range of trails for all skill levels. Among many gems in this vast wilderness, Hurricane Mountain stands out as a must-see destination for new to experienced hikes and those who love nature. Rising to an elevation of 3,694 feet, Hurricane mountain is part of the High peaks region and offers a breathtaking and rewarding view of the surrounding “high peaks” and known ski mountain “Whiteface” while also having a view of lake Champlain in the distance. The hike features a fire tower at the top with a 360 view of the mountains nearby. Over the weekend I had the joy of hiking the “East Trail”, approximately 2 hours north of the Hudson Valley campus, for a inexperienced hiker like me, it took about 2 hours and was relatively easy but was steeper than the easier “Southern Trail”, if given the opportunity I highly recommend hiking this mountain to everyone, it was the best view I have ever seen atop any higher elevation. This trail can be done by anybody, so hike away!

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ARTS & LIFE

Cabin Fever SPOOKY TAILS By M.M. Stephens

Back when I was allowed to go outside of this comfy prison, on a night just like tonight, I was out for a little stroll when, just my luck, some black cats crossed my path. It was none other than Big Billy and his gang.



RECOGNIZE ME SAMARUN SUHANA Staff Contributor

A carnival turned crime scene. A serial killer using a weapon so rare not much research has been done on it. The cautious one in the friend group lives to tell the tale. The odd one in the friend group is nowhere to be found.

Chapter 1: BODIES

Carnivals, a place of happiness and deep-fried everything. Ferris wheels, dart boards, roller coasters, plushies as prizes, rigged games, all the things that make carnivals fun. I wake up in a small white car --- a white Honda Civic. Four people sat in the car, Elly, Sam, Mason, and me, Hana. Elly, 18 y.o., an extremely hard-working student who is almost always busy. Honestly, it was quite shocking she was able to come hang out. Sam, 18 y.o., the biggest procrastinator you'll ever meet but the sweetest person you'll ever meet. Currently, Sam has 3 assignments due today but he's here at the carnival instead. Mason, 18 y.o., a quiet, straight-A student. Although I've known Mason for years, I don't actually know that much about him. Hana, me, 18 y.o., a law school student who craves

justice. I've been a true crime fanatic for as long as I could remember. A loud voice and gust of wind was heard and felt throughout the carnival on the loud-speakers and air as we stepped out of the car. The warm sun and cool breeze was comforting. We had arrived at the park. "Welcome to the fair! Enjoy your stay and all students are free." This obviously spiked my interest being that I'm a broke college student. I went on a few rides. Some rides were short and more of an in-the-moment type of ride. Other rides were long and had suspense. Then there were the rides I didn't dare go on so I just stood there in amazement and watched my friends twist and turn on the rides. After about an hour of fun, a different elderly male voice came onto the loud speaker. "This is the police, a body has been found. Please do not leave the area and please cooperate." At this point I tried keeping my friends close to me. Two of them weren't there though. I still don't know where they went. I help too many people without realizing it. This is my weakness. Time passes and the killer is still in the park. The weapon of choice has been discovered. A rare poison that has to be ignited to completely disfigure someone beyond recognition. As I was walking around and helping the authorities,

I got separated from the group and found two people in a gray Porsche 918 Spyder that was so badly burnt it was hard to discern what kind of car it was. The way I saw them haunts me to this day. Their faces practically slipping off the bodies, the muscles in the face visible, it truly looked like a mask. They were beyond dead but something in me said "I can still save them!" My weakness shows. I tried opening the car door these lifeless bodies were in. Only to be dragged away by police because I hadn't realized the poison was still in the air in the car. The killer almost got me without knowing they had another victim. It hit me then...one of the bodies was Elly. My friend who had finally gotten a day off, my friend who deserved the day off. Once the car door was opened, Sam became so violently nauseous, he vomited blood. The EMS that had already been on the scene took him away to treat him. Then there were two. I still could not find Mason so I started shouting for him. He came out of absolutely nowhere saying he's been trying to help find the killer and that's why he went missing for a few hours. Thinking back on it now, this should've been suspicious and red flag #1 but at the time, I was just happy my only other friend with me was alive and well. This mass serial killer had no

remorse whatsoever. I couldn't even think of a motive. They just wanted to kill and that was all. It was at this moment I put on the government-given hazmat suit and started looking for this heartless being who was terrorizing this town. As I was walking around in this god-awfully big and uncomfortable hazmat suit, I found pictures...of me. These pictures were of me with other people but the other people were cut out or scribbled on. I didn't think much of it and assumed it was a prank by my friends before this all happened. If only I had known...



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VENDETTA

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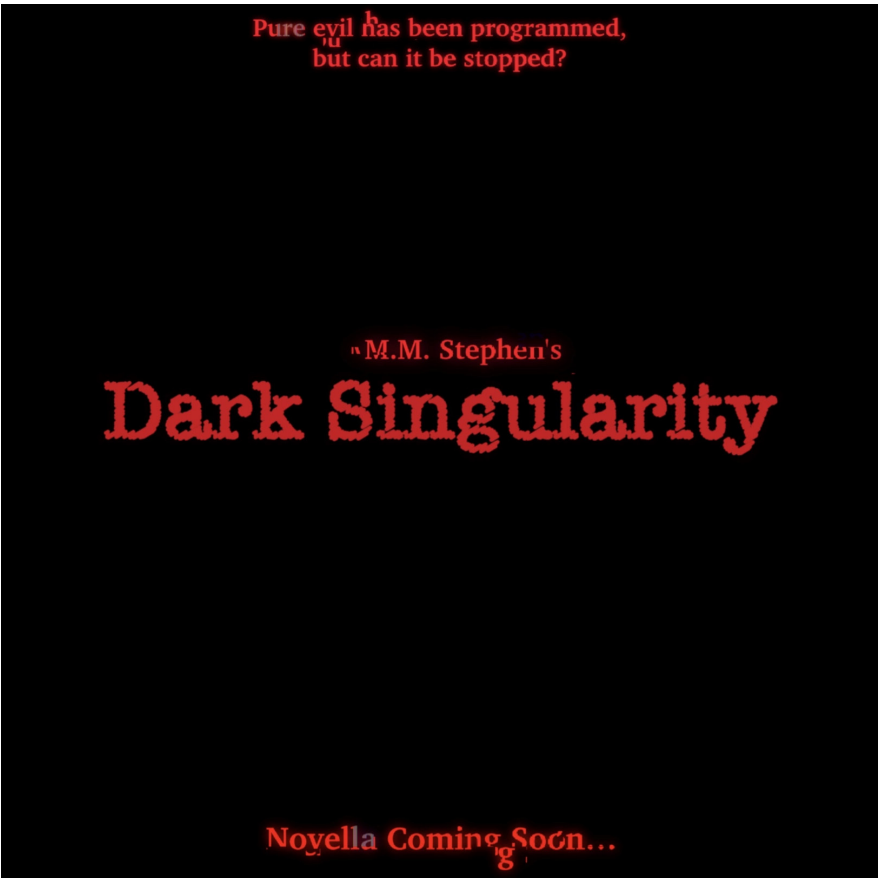
“Mister Jason... Vendetta?”
I hurriedly walked over to the front desk. The lady there sighed and punched something into her computer. I fumbled with my wallet for a few seconds before grabbing my ID card and managed to stick it in the machine. The lady taped a few more times and her eyes seemed to regain a spark of interest. “Say here ya’ some kinda’

press?”.
“Uhh yeah, I'm a journalist.”
“Not every day we get press.” The lady slid a slip through the gap under the glass screen separating us and she pointed to a door. “Show this to the guard over there and he’ll take you to the interview room.” I took the slip and walked towards the door. A massive steel door barred the way, manned by two heroically buff guards. I went up to one with gilded skin and I showed my pass. The guard grunted and keyed something on his forearm computer and the door opened with a groan.
“Somebody will escort you to the cell.”

I nodded my thanks and stepped in. A massive man with thick shaggy hair in a familer blue uniform approached me from down the hall.
He inhaled deeply,
“Your Clean. Jason Vendetta I presume?” I nodded.
“Right this way sir.”
Soon we arrived at our destination. The guard punched something in a keypad and the door slid in and to the side, revealing a small living cell connected to a room clearly set up for an interview, with a few tasteful decorations and two chairs facing one another. One was occupied.

Almost the entire wall was a one way mirror, and as the guard walked to the left side to open the door that led into the cell, he paused for the first time.
“Can’t imagine what you’ll get out of him. He already got an interview with the biggest shows and papers, and he’s getting released tomorrow, on account of the whole witness thing.”
I shrugged, “Call it intuition, but I think I’ll get something. You know what they say, better late than never!”
The guard stared at me and I felt my joke jump and smack the floor dead on arrival.

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SPORTS

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Women's Volleyball played against Genesee Community College and Jamestown Community College, going on the road to Jamestown Pod. They played on September 28, winning their games with a final score of 3-2 (Gene-see) and 3-0 (Jamestown). Their first game found success by leading players Emma Burr, Abbigail Newell, and Gabriella Kholstinin. Burr had 6 over-all kills, Newell having 6 overall digs, and Kholstinin having an impressive 7 service ace's. During their second game, the team was led by players Abbigail Newell, Emily Coffey, and Geena Fratangelo. Newell having a spectacular 13 kills, Coffey having a total of 10 digs, and Fratangelo having a sum of 4 service ace's.

Men's Cross Country competed in the Bard College Fred Pavlich Invitational, coming in 8th place overall.

This invitational was hosted on Sep-tember 28th. The team had runner Drew Schroeder leading them, coming in 9th place for the men's 8 kilometer race, with a time of 29:09.9.

Women's Cross Country also com-peted in the invitation at Bard College, coming in 12th place overall. They were led by runner Athena Seebald, who came in 21st place in the women's 6 kilometer race, with a time of 27:53.0.

Men's Football played in a game against Erie Community College in Buf-falo, winning with a final score of 37-7. The team is now left with a 6-0 stat for the season, after winning their recent game. The offense for the game totaled 346 yards with 248 passing yards and 98 rushing yards. The Vikings defense is now ranked first in the NJCAA for total offense, with 2,393 yards, and in passing yards, with 1,559 yards. The team also added three interceptions to their tally, which were completed by athletes Brandon Gillard, Logan Hardt,

and Eugene Sheppard. This puts the team on the national leaderboard, with a total of 10 interceptions.

Women's Soccer played against Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, on September 28, with a final score of 5-0. The team scored 3 goals in the first period, two by ath-lete Brooke Naylor, and one by Katie Gross, all goals unassisted. During the second period, Lauren Foglia scored the final two goals, one as-sisted by teammate Katelyn Visone, and the other unassisted. Goalie Lily Brennan saved the only shot on the goal from the opponent, leaving the team with an impressive win. ration and conditioning, during their unof-ficial season. Coaches Bruce Perry and Joseph Chamberlain have wel-comed three new athletes this sea-son, with hopes of strengthening the team for the official season begin-ning this coming spring. Last years players were granted the opportunity

to attend NJCAA Tennis Nationals, and the team is currently working their way towards that goal for 2025.

Men's Soccer played a game against SUNY Broome Community College on Wednesday afternoon, September 25, the away game being hosted in Binghamton. They com-batted their previous loss on Sep-tember 22nd with success, winning with a final score of 7-1.

Women's Soccer also played SUNY Broome Community College on Wednesday evening, September 25, winning their game, with a final score of 3-2. Their success was sup-ported by stellar player Meaghan Casabonne, goalie for the team. There were a total of 9 shots on goal, with 7 saves, and in result only 2 goals allowed. Players Lauren Fogo-lia and Abigayle Yetto helped make the goals of the games, with assists from player Alison Rimes.

VIKING-ATHLETES OF THE MONTH: SEPTEMBER

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The HVCC Athletics Department announced on Tuesday, October 1, the recipients of the Vikings Student-Ath-letes of the Month award. These desig-nated athletes for September were the first to be awarded of the season.

One award was given to sophomore athlete Lauren Foglia, who plays on

the women's soccer team. Foglia is from Watervliet, NY, and is currently a psy-chology major. She has taken on the role of team captain for the 2024 season, and currently leads the team with nine goals, which includes a 3-goal performance in a game against Albany Pharmacy.

Last season, Foglia played in all 15 games, and was a leader in goals, assists, and points. She was also named to the NJCAA All-Academic Third Team, after

an impressive academic year, ending with a 3.65 cumulative GPA.

The other award was given to sophomore athlete Dillon Halvax, who plays on the men's soccer team. He is a native of Maple Hill, NY, and has continually demonstrated strong leadership and perseverance on the men's soccer team. This season, the dedicated player, has participated in every game, repeatedly showing his love for the game on the field.

Halvax is a 2023-24 NJCAA All-Aca-

demic Third Team and All-Region 3 All-Academic selection, and he keeps his classroom performance up, with a 3.65 cumulative GPA. He currently studies in the Auto Technical Services program.

The Vikings Student-Athlete of the Month Award is presented on a monthly basis, September until May. The award helps commemo-rate the hard-working athletes for their stellar performance on the field, and in the classroom.

RENATO MOICANO'S RESURGENCE AN ANALYSIS OF RENATO MOICANO'S RECENT FIGHTING SUCCESS

DILLON WASTIKA

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With his recent dominant win over rising star Benoît Saint Denis, Renato Moicano seems to be experiencing a late-career resurgence, reminiscent of Glover Teixeira's success at light heavy-weight. At 34, Moicano is showing that age is just a number in the UFC, and his skills continue to evolve.

After racking up six impressive vic-tories in the lightweight division, he's

firmly in the conversation for a title eliminator. Moicanos striking accuracy and grappling prowess have made him a formidable opponent, and his recent performances highlight both his techni-cal improvements and his relentless de-termination. Currently, with champion Islam Makhachev seemingly booked to face Arman Tsarukyan, the path ahead for Moicano may lead him to a match-up against the ever-popular number 15 ranked fighter, Paddy "The Baddy" Pimblett. This potential clash could not only elevate Moicano further into title

contention but also provide a capti-vating narrative, as both fighters have substantial fan bases and contrasting fighting styles. In his post-fight inter-view, Moicano didn't hold back, tak-ing aim at number 5 ranked fighter Dan Hooker, belittling him and ex-pressing his desire for higher-stakes matchups. This confidence is crucial as he navigates through the compet-itive landscape of the lightweight di-vision. With each victory, Moicano is not just climbing the rankings but also solidifying his legacy as one of

the top fighters in the sport. As he prepares for his next bout, fans are eagerly anticipating how far he can go. With a potential show-down against Pimblett or Hooker, the stakes are high, and Moica-nos blend of experience and skill could very well lead him to a title shot in the near future. Each fight adds to his storied career, and with the right opportunities, he could become a champion, prov-ing that the twilight of his career might just be its brightest chapter.



ABOVE: RENATO MOICANO
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