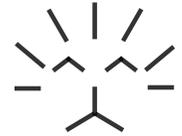


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SPEEDING DRIVERS POSE RISKS TO PEDESTRIANS

BY TIFFANY LUI

We live in the city that never sleeps, and speeding never stops.

Some might think speeding isn't a big deal, but people actually receive tickets for it, and each offense is marked on your driving record.

Speeding tickets are given out by officers in person. When officers aren't around, cameras work as a replacement, and fines are mailed to drivers by looking at the license plate. It's much harder to fine drivers via camera because cameras make it harder to tell who did the speeding.

Aarya A. in class 741 reacts to the tickets by saying, "I think that officers hand out speeding tickets so that the driver won't make the same mistake they did by speeding."

Rong Lin, a student also in class 741 agrees that when "people speed their cars... it then causes injuries to other people. It also causes drivers to pay a lot of

money and go to jail."

There are many excuses people give for speeding. According to Road Driver people speed because they are in a bad mood, they are impatient, or they just don't care.

Ethan L. in 741 said, "I guess that sometimes they are late so they rush and sometimes they want to get somewhere pretty fast."

In 2013 in New York City, 16,059 pedestrians and cyclists were injured and 178 killed by drivers. To reduce this number, Mayor Bill de Blasio created the Vision Zero Initiative. Among other things, Vision Zero lowered the speed limit in the city from 30 mph to 25 mph. According to the mayor, this new speed limit will result in fewer injuries and decrease the number of deaths. Because of the new law, if any drivers go above 25 mph, they will be fined at least \$150—up from \$100—adding an additional worry to people driving.

SUBWAY STATIONS NEED CLEANING

BY AARON ZHENG

Some of the subway stations in New York City are very dirty.

"There's gum on floor and it's kind of dusty," stated Henry A. from class 741.

He added, "I think people should clean it up, but I don't think it should be people who are getting paid.

I think it should be people who are doing community service or if they did, like, a crime and they have to do like thirty hours of community service."

Amanda Kwan, a spokesperson from the MTA, said crews clean the stations about two times a week.

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APPLE RELEASES TWO VERSIONS OF THE SAME PHONE

BY BRIDGET DUCEY

Apple released two new iPhones, the iPhone 6 and the iPhone 6 Plus, on September 19. People were waiting outside the Apple store for days to buy these new phones. The sales of both phones two weeks after the release date were 21 million. Apple's has a goal of delivering 80 million new iPhones by the end of the year.

The iPhone 6 and 6 Plus have a new operating system called iOS 8, which has new ways to respond to notifications, ways to edit pictures right from the photo gallery and messaging abilities that allow you to add your voice. The phones also come with new applications such as books, tips and health.

The new iPhones have an A8 chip and a M8 core processor, which makes the iPhone to be more powerful. Touch ID makes the phones more secure. The only main differences between the two new Apple phones are the size, thickness, and resolution.

According to Aaron from class 741, "I bought

the iPhone 6 Plus because of the larger screen and faster abilities." But then he ended up wanting to return the iPhone because it was too thin, which caused the phone to the bend and the screen was freezing in Safari.

Another problem is the size; the phones aren't practical if they are so large because it won't fit in people's pockets.

Samsung has recently published a new Samsung Note 4 which is similar to the iPhone but has fewer sales. Still, the Samsung is becoming a brutal competitor for Apple.

Various websites have released some spoilers on the Apple phones due to come out next year, including how the phone's body might be made of a stronger metal, which could prevent some issues such as cracking. Also, it might have 256 GB of memory and a 14MP camera on the back of the phone. Finally, it will have a fuller screen with less space around it.

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Ms. Kwan also said the MTA has a pilot program that went into effect in April of this year designed to make the rat population decrease and to make the stations cleaner. This program only affects the M line that runs in Queens. The results remain to be seen.

Ethan Ling from class 741 said, "I think it would be cleaner if they actually did this because right now all the subway stations are dirty everywhere and there's trash everywhere."

Do you think subway stations are clean enough?

5 SECONDS OF SUMMER TAKES THE WORLD BY STORM

BY JENNY HO

5 Seconds of Summer, or 5sos, formed in 2011 in Sydney, Australia in their high school. The members include Luke Hemmings, Calum Hood, Aston Irwin, and Michael Clifford. They covered a video of One Direction's song, *Teenage Dirtbag*, and that caught One Direction's attention. One Direction brought them on tour and their fame started.

According to Alina A. from class 752, "I went to a 1D concert and 5sos opened up for 1D and that night, I did more research and started liking 5sos."

The 5sos single, *She Looks So Perfect*, came out on March 23, 2014, and that song brought millions of fans.

According to Daily Record, "2015 will see them play to over 240k fans across the UK & Europe in their biggest run of headline shows for their Rock Out With Your Socks Out tour."

They have accomplished a lot over the years. For example, 5sos has performed at numerous music award ceremonies and on television shows. They also won many awards including three MTV European Music Awards and one MTV American Music Award for



These are a couple of posters of 5sos in the latest magazines.

the song *What I Like About You*. They also earned the title of Best Australian Act of 2014.

Other than awards and screaming girls, 5sos has special talents. Haters might think they get their fans because of their looks, but instead, 5sos plays instruments. According to Crushable, "Luke and Michael play guitar, Calum plays bass, and Ashton plays drums." So although the boys' looks do earn fans, 5sos does produce fantastic music. According to Hollywood Life, "In fact, the four-man act all plays their own instruments and write their own songs!"

According to Gabby G. from class 793, "My favorite member is Luke because he has a nice voice and is really good at playing the guitar. Also he has a funny personality."

Skylar W. from class 742 adds, "They have great music and they are really nice."

5 Seconds of Summer are one of the hottest boy bands around the world. They started from a small band in school and now they are the most popular boy band from Australia. Fans are screaming when they are in public areas.

This is the power of 5 Seconds of Summer.

Winter Dance

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Shout out to Mrs. Akkerman and the 70's house!)

RE: OUT-LUNCH

If the student in the middle school across the street from us is safe, then we will be safe too.

-Xin L

..what if there is a shooting or an assault outside. What will the staff have to do to find all the [k]ids and keep them safe.

-Josue F

I think students should not be allowed out-lunch, because it will increase the difficulty to manage students, school authority would be hard to ensure all the students are safe and not causing trouble.

-En-Chieh W

RE: PEDESTRIAN KILLED

I do feel the man who killed the woman should be held responsible for the death of the woman. Maybe not go to jail, but he should be punished for what he did accidentally and reflect on his actions.

-Sarah D

RE: CHEERLEADING

I like this article because it is a smart way to prevent injuries. I also like the way they let the students stretch before cheering because it will help them be more flexible.

-Souksaveuy P

You Said It On the Simon Baruch Pride Forum!

RE: DEREK JETER RETIRES AFTER DISTINGUISHED CAREER BY KRISTOPHER NUNEZ

even though he is gone no one will forget him... -Alan D

RE: CHEERLEADERS PREPARE FOR DANGER, PREVENT INJURIES BY GEORGIA BOMAR

I can tell that cheer leading is a very dangerous task and lots of people would get hurt. Then why would you join? even though it is fun you should worry about your safety first! -Simon Y

I am on Junior Varsity cheerleading. We are very safe and we always stunt with mats. Just like Audrey stated.
-Olivia M

STUDENTS HUNGER FOR OUT-LUNCH BY SAOIRSE SULLIVAN

I seem to agree that we should have outside lunch because students do it in the morning all the time. I see students with Starbucks, McDonald, Dunking Doughnuts everywhere I look and it is all from outside. So, if we can do it in the morning then why not at lunch?! I understand Mr. Macri is trying to keep us all safe but, we need a little more freedom than recess. We need to learn responsibility and independence. Also, it gets a little too crowded in the lunch room as well and the smells are a little gross but i am not complaining too much. We should have a time limit and have a stop point. We should be able to go for outside lunch and have more room and space. Also, we would be able to get food that students would like to eat. I have seen some kids not eating because of the food, they say "It tastes gross" or "I am not eating this" so it also affects kids and their health. -Ella D

I agree that students should go out for lunch. We are now in middle school I think we are responsible enough to go outside for lunch. Students even take subways and buses to attend school so we should be able to walk outside of school. One thing that teachers should do is that they should only let students that they feel that they are responsible enough go out for lunch some students don't deserve going out for lunch and if they do they might cause some trouble.
-Keitatsu F

CYCLIST KILLS PEDESTRIAN IN CENTRAL PARK BY ALNAW ELNAW

Riding a bike on a sunny day in Central Park is a wonderful experience and just because an accident happend that does not mean the everyone eles that rides a bike in Central Park has to be punished and not be able to ride their bikes.
-Grace M

I think that it's both of their faults because the pedestrian wasn't looking at where she was going and the man should have stopped when he saw her. -Eliza W

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