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## Your Parents' Money

A nosy investigation into the multitrillion-dollar wealth transfer that's quietly subsidizing the city.

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# THE APPROVAL MATRIX

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies.  
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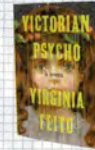
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Elon Musk's petulant **stealth government**.



Everyone saying **"tariffs"** instead of just "taxes."

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Virginia Feito's **governess-slasher** romp, *Victorian Psycho*.

Robert Yarber's gross **neon '80s-ethos** retrospective at Nicodim Gallery.



The eggs are **disappearing**...

... And **human flu** is causing havoc, too.



The coming **Cuomo storm**.

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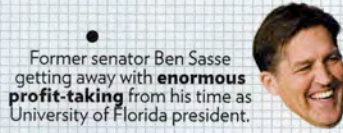


Rachel Syme's guide to **letter writing**.

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Hope you like it **warm and humid** because Trump is all in on Gitmo.



Former senator Ben Sasse getting away with **enormous profit-taking** from his time as University of Florida president.



Biden signs with CAA. Great **time to cash in** on that spotless legacy...

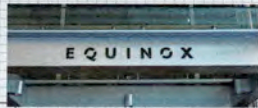


... Just as the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens' **rotting-corpse flower** rotted again.

The **fun and filthy** *Urinetown* at New York City Center.



One of the Kirke sisters has a new memoir, **Wild West Village**.



The **biggest retail tenant** in Manhattan is now ... Equinox? Could be worse!

Beyoncé is ready to tour her way to another **half-billion bucks**.



Oh no, **DeepSeek** likely trained itself on OpenAI! How could they steal like that?

DESPICABLE



Best and worst movie director Chloé Zhao to bring back, **possibly ruin, Buffy**.

They're going to **try to take congestion pricing** away from us if we let them.



Letitia James calls on New York's hospitals to **keep treating trans youth** ...



... And Kathy Hochul signs law taking doctors' names off prescriptions of **abortion meds**.



Still reeling that the **Grammys**, from Comrade Chappell with her notebook to Kendrick with his Drake Burn Book, was so on point.



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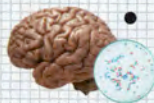


Everyone's boyfriend is **destroyed** over the Luka Dončić trade.

Biologique Recherche's beloved P50 1970 toner has been **discontinued**.



"Our brains today are 99.5 percent brain and the rest is **plastic**," says brain-plastic-study author.



No more **arguing about the Chiefs** (until August).



**New Gaga**.

Thai spot **Hungry Thirsty** opens in the old Ugly Baby.



Liza Treyger's refreshing hourlong special, **Night Owl**.



Guess we better cancel the **St. Patrick's DEI Day Parade** next month.

Sundance pulled Audience Award winner *Twinless* offline because **horndogs posted the sex scenes** on social media.



We've actually all agreed to **not watch Emilia Pérez** no matter how many headlines it produces.

Bustle Digital Group getting sued for \$3 million in back rent is the **first truly relatable** thing to happen to it.

Barnes & Noble is opening 60 stores, presumably to keep up with **fairy-and-monster-smut** demand.



Aja Wilson's **hot Nikes**.



Ratproof garbage bins **not ratproof**.

## LOWBROW

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