

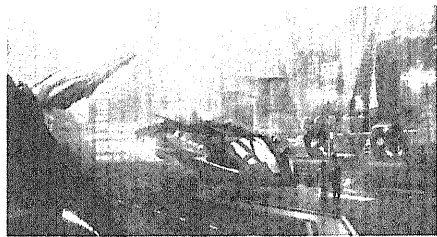
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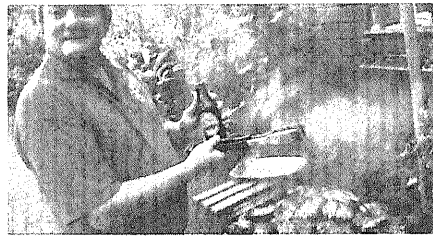
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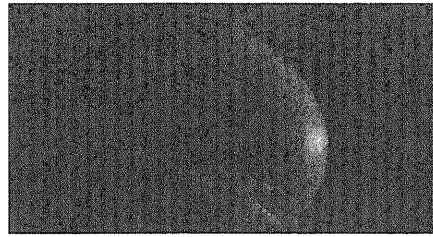
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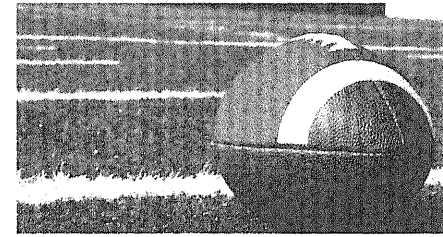
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Not So Smooth Sailing for CSI Drivers

President Fritz Makes Big Change to CSI Roadways

BY: STEVEN AIELLO

CSI's campus has been notorious for its roads and President William Fritz has made a decision that surely won't sit well with people. On March 26, 2018 Fritz announced his plans to remove all available parking lots for students and faculty alike.

When asked why he made the decision, Fritz elaborated that it was because of all the complaints CSI's roadways had received over the years. "All I hear about

this campus's roads are that they aren't smooth and are full of potholes" proclaimed Fritz, adding that many of these complaints came after all of the work done to the campus this year.

"Because you students are so ungrateful of my hard work towards this campus, I have decided that all parking lots will be permanently removed from this campus."

Fritz met with the Board of Education earlier in March, in which his movement

was unanimously approved; by reallocating money from the food and computer budgets, Fritz was able to greenlight his plan.

Although Loop Road will not be changed in any way, all connecting parking lots will be blown up using light explosives; any objects already in the parking lot such as vehicles will not be moved prior to this. The objective is to destroy the parking lots and leave them as they are with no further work required.

Additionally, mines will be placed where the parking lots used to be to enforce these changes; they will be monitored and replaced on a weekly basis. "You park where you shouldn't and I'll blow up your car!" joked Fritz.

A parking plan was instated for faculty in which their cars will be airlifted by drone and placed on top of the campus buildings for a \$100 fee. These drones can only be activated by the car owner and they will additionally attack any unknown

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College of the Damned: What Willowbrook Left Behind

This is Why Our Campus is Haunted

BY: LUCIA ROSSI & GHOSTWRITER

Have you ever felt a chilling feeling while walking on the campus at night-- or felt like someone or something was watching and following you?

It is no secret that CSI is said to be haunted, and here's the proof.

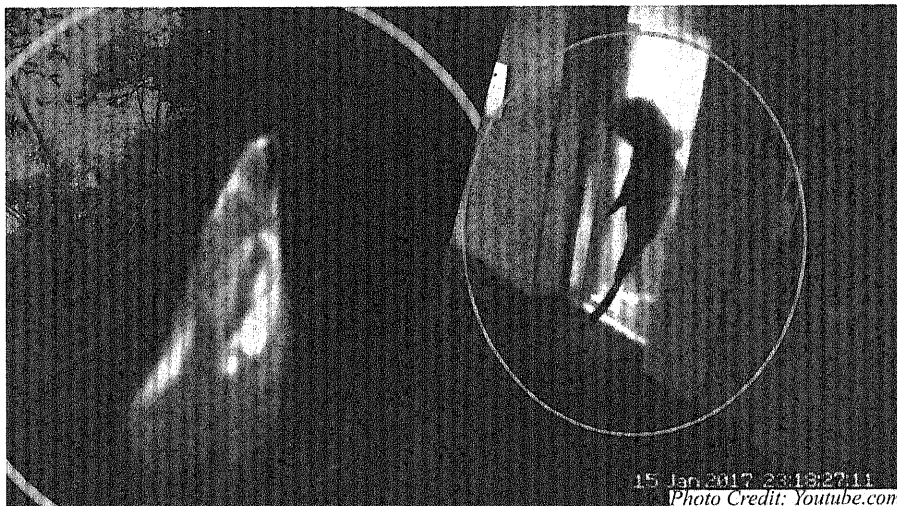
Along with photos taken from security cameras, several staff and students have come forward with their supernatural experiences.

"I work the nightshift and have seen and heard some creepy things myself," said James Grossweiner, a custodial staff member.

"We have one hallway that I refuse to go down unless somebody is with me."

Our campus has a dark past containing heinous crimes of torture and neglect; it is no wonder why spirits linger on the grounds unable to move on.

"I work in the admin building on Saturdays and I'm a bit nervous because I work there alone for a couple of hours," said Diane Dbag. "I know there's spirits here because the morgue was situated here



Real ghosts caught on our security cameras.

back during the Willowbrook days."

One of the main causes as to why CSI is haunted is because of The Willowbrook State School that resided here previously.

This institution as the furthest thing from a "school." In 1947, this facility was opened as a hospital for children with disabilities who at that time, were referred to as "mentally retarded."

During its first decade or so, illegal experiments were conducted on patients by professors Dr. Saul Krugman from NYU and Dr. Robert McCollum from Yale.

One of their studies involved feeding the live hepatitis virus to sixty healthy children, which Krugman claimed was justifiable because, according to the doctor, the

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Who Was Here First? We'll Let These Animals Hash It Out

It's a Turf War between the Deer, Geese and Skunks on Staten Island!

BY: BROOKE PRICE

Things are getting pretty heated in the CSI animal kingdom.

It all started when the deer swam over to Staten Island from New Jersey. Little did they know that the geese had already claimed their territory.

The geese were the first to migrate to Staten Island. They built nests and raised their young.

When the geese were out looking for food, they noticed some black and white creatures walking towards them. The skunks were desperate for a new place to call home since their homes had been bulldozed by construction vehicles.

The geese allowed the skunks to stay as long as they promised not to claim the geese's territory as their own; they respected the geese's wishes and made homes in logs and dens underground.

The geese and skunks decided to live together peacefully and they shared each other's resources; they helped each other find food and navigate the land in search of new resources.

However, The geese's territory would soon be invaded, and this time, the invaders did not want to compromise.

These brown four-legged animals wanted this territory for themselves and did not want to compromise. They were the deer.

The deer had trekked from New Jersey; they swam for miles in the Atlantic looking for a new home.

The forests in which the deer had lived had been cleared and all of their resources were depleted as a result of deforestation.

Eventually, they would arrive at our island: Staten Island.

When the geese and skunks saw the deer swimming towards them, they thought of building a tall wall out of sticks and other materials to barricade the deer from entering Staten Island.

They worked together to gather sticks, branches, leaves, and everything that they could find to construct this high wall against the deer. When the wall was complete, the geese and skunks felt that their

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Wakanda Open for Business

"Third World Country" Shocks Globe With Technology

BY: STEVEN MORRIS

What was initially thought as a third-world country was revealed to be the most advanced country in the world.

In a recent visit to the United Nations, Wakanda's King, T'Challa, revealed that he no longer wants the country to be in isolation and would like to share their advancements in technology with the rest of the world.

This technology, which King T'Challa revealed, is called "vibranium", a type of metal that was first carried by a meteorite that crashed down to Earth 10,000 years ago, is said to be the answer to Wakanda's advanced technology.

However, little is known about the alien metal and how the Kingdom of Wakanda is able to resource it.

According to the government of Wakanda, they have about 10,000 tons of vibranium, which according to Wakandan officials, costs about \$10,000 per gram. This, in turn, would be the biggest GDP of any existing country in the world.

The government of Wakanda describes the metal as "sound-absorbing", meaning that it could withstand any attempt of breaking. It is said that a man has tried and successfully stolen a tiny amount of vibranium from the country, but that has neither been confirmed or denied by the Kingdom of Wakanda.

Another hot rumor that has been going around since the revelation is the shield that Captain America uses is made up of vibranium, but that is not confirmed nor is there enough information as to how vibranium was "snuck" out of Wakanda.

Upon hearing these revelations, the Trump administration was just as surprised as the rest of the world.

President Trump took to twitter, to



"Wakanda Forever" has been the slogan for the secretive country, pictured above.

share his reaction to the stunning announcement, saying "Twisted T'Challa of Wakanda says they want to share their technological advancements to the world! FAKE NEWS!". In another tweet, President Trump also remarked that "vibranium is NOT THE STRONGEST METAL!! ITS AMERICAN STEEL!"

In a recent press conference, Sarah Huckabee-Sanders, the communications director, stated that the "administration is cautious of T'Challa's decision to open up to the world and fears that they would be stiff competition" in regard to trade.

Many countries that make up most of the United Nations have embraced King T'Challa's opening of Wakanda.

The United Nations Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, has stated that they "have embraced the King's reversal of isolation and are willing to work with King T'Challa and the Kingdom of Wakanda" regarding Wakanda's apparent abundance of vibranium.

Wakanda, a country that could be found north of Lake Turkana and neighboring the countries of Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda and South Sudan, was regarded as a third-world country, dissolute of a functioning economy and filled with poverty.

The Kingdom of Wakanda has not given an explanation as to how they kept their true appearance hidden. Sources within S.H.I.E.L.D have speculated that Wakanda

built a disguising doom over the country that was powered by the vibranium metal.

The explanation of vibranium by the Kingdom of Wakanda sounds like something that was pulled out of comics but they, however, insist that it is true and so far have not been wrong.

The third-world country that once was could be a key contributor to the new economy and could bring upon a world and more transformative technological revolution, according to highly regarded economists.

Little is known about the Kingdom of Wakanda and its King but that will soon change when the world will be able to take a closer look at the mystical country.

Fake News is Now Real News

President's bombshell announcement leaves Country further confused

BY: VICTORIA IFATUSIN & STEVEN MORRIS

On March 19, 2018, at a press briefing at the White House, President Trump announced to the many Washington D.C. based journalists that they they have been "completely true" and that "Fake News" is really "Real News."

"I've realized that it is important for the citizens of the United States of America to understand that my statements about the news that is reported by the media as "Fake News", isn't really "Fake" but is factual and true."

The President, who admitted that he consulted with his staff before revealing this, revealed a more calm and somber side to him during this announcement.

President Trump made the meeting brief, as he explained that the Press Secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, will address this announcement further, after his statement to the press in the West Wing.

Huckabee-Sanders was overwhelmed with questions from the various news sources that were gathered in the press

room. The room was filled with the voices of the reporters, as they were shouting questions all at the same time to Huckabee-Sanders. To date, this was the longest press briefing so far during the Trump Administration.

One of the topics that was a popular topic of discussion during the press briefing, was if whether or not the President's scandal with adult entertainer, Stormy Daniels, was true.

"The President has already answered your questions regarding the fact that what you, the media, writes is true," Huckabee-Sanders said.

The most popular topic of discussion during the briefing, was the Russian Scandal and the investigation by Robert Mueller III. In response to questions about that topic, Huckabee-Sanders said "I cannot comment specifically about this situation but as previously mentioned, the President has already announced that what he deemed as "Fake News" is true."

The media was in a frenzy, as news stations across the country were breaking

into daytime soap operas and Dr.Phil, to report about the sudden turn of events that had happened at the White House.

This revelation by President Trump has some lawmakers on Capitol Hill, suspicious of his sudden change of heart. Sources from Capitol Hill have told The Banner that President Trump, they think, has an "underlying plan" with this announcement while others have welcomed his belief of "Fake News".

As this was happening, social media was a blaze, as twitter, in some parts of the Country, was crashing, due to the amount of traffic on the website. Supporters of President Trump have reacted in disbelief and confusion to this revelation, not knowing how they should feel about what happened. Some supporters believe that this announcement by President Trump, is "Fake News".

This announcement by President Trump also had an affect on the stock market, as Wall Street investor's went into a frenzy over the Dow Jones Industrial and the Nasdaq dipped several hun-

dred points over this.

Since this announcement, there has been a large and expected state of confusion over what had transpired.

To date, there has not been any communication from President Trump, even on Twitter, in relation to this nor has any member of the Administration, commented further on this announcement.

President Trump has been "tweeting" about other topics, such as North Korea, tariffs put on China, etc. but no further comment about his announcement regarding what he deemed "Fake News" as really being "Real News".

At a recent press briefing, Huckabee-Sanders did not respond to the many questions about the controversial announcement, saying "The President has already answered your questions regarding this and that there will no longer be any further comment about this topic by the President for the foreseeable future."

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persons within the vicinity of the vehicle.

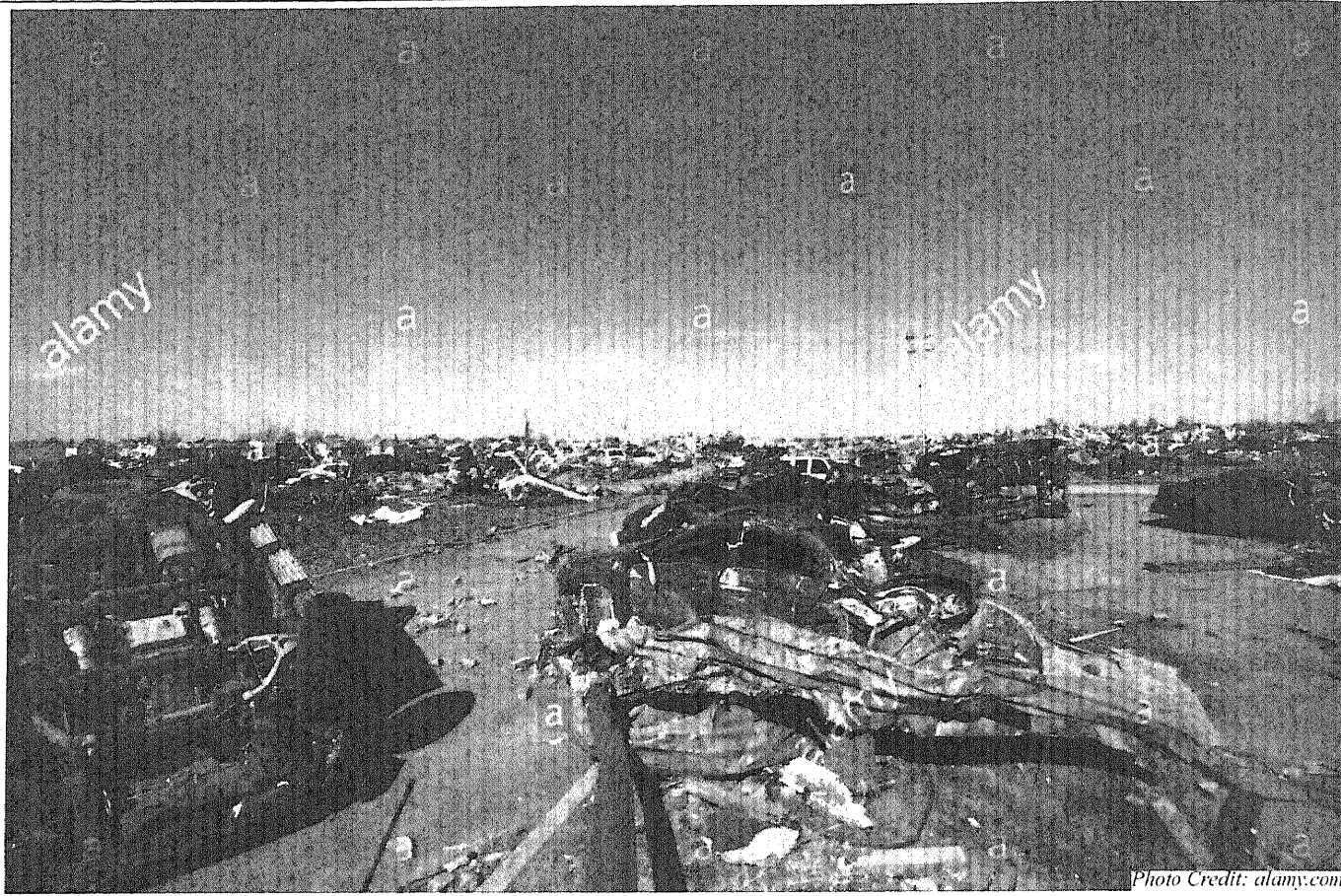
Although all of the parking lots will soon be removed, students can still park their vehicles throughout the campus. This includes on the grass itself, much to the dismay of the diverse wildlife on campus.

"You can park anywhere you want as long as it isn't where a parking lot used to be" Fritz specified. "You can park on the walkways, on the sports fields, in the nearby woods and you can even park in front of the building entrances so students have to use the windows to exit the buildings."

Although Fritz was very pleased with his decision, he was met with a variety of responses from students and faculty. Mike Rotch, a nursing major, remarked "This is the worst thing CSI has ever done. Next thing you know we'll have to take all of our classes outside."

Jacques Strahp, a health science professor, said "I think the idea is a great learning experience for students about how hard life could be. I just wish I could pay for the drone program and park my car."

The wildlife seemed visibly upset by this change but every animal declined an interview, often resorting to force and violence to avoid speaking to Banner staff. This might relate to the ongoing turf wars,



A Theoretical Look at What Will Become of CSIs Parking Lots.

Photo Credit: alamy.com

but no conclusive evidence was found.

Gary Reichard, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, came out in full support of Fritz' parking plan. "When Fritz first recommended the idea to me, I instantly agreed with him. Back then, we had to park our cars on top of other people's cars, so I don't understand the fuss."

Fritz stated that the plan will begin during Spring Break, with the expected

completion date of April 8, the last day of Spring Break. "I want to finish this as quickly as we can, because the sooner we finish, the sooner students will feel remorse for their complaints" admonished Fritz.

All ongoing road work on campus will be suspended in the meantime, resuming when all parking lots are totally demolished. The change is certainly un-

popular and controversial, but it is here to stay.

Just be wary of parking in places such as the track and baseball fields, as students will have to move their cars for practice or face a variety of punishments, ranging from having their cars towed to their car being crushed with all of their personal belongings inside.

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territory had been saved. However, this was just the beginning of the war that would soon erupt between the animals.

The geese and skunks awaited for the arrival of the deer, and stayed at their posts behind the wall. The deer began to draw closer and closer.

There was no stopping them; they jumped over the wall one by one. There were soon more deer than geese and skunks combined.

The geese and skunks started attacking the deer. The geese pecked at them, while the skunks sprayed fumes at them.

The deer violently shook off the geese and skunks, the deer struggled to get away.



The geese are sick of the deer invading their territory.

Photo Credit: backyardwilderness.net

The deer ran through the forest in a hurry, destroying everything in their path.

Finally, the deer stopped running. They had come to the end of the forest.

There was no place to run; the geese and skunks had finally caught up to the deer and surrounded them.

The deer had looked around themselves and noticed all of the destruction that they had caused.

The homes of the geese and skunks had all been trampled by the deer and they became horrified by what they had done.

They also felt remorse for their actions. They understood how it felt when they lost

their homes.

The deer asked the geese and skunks if they could help rebuild their homes. The geese and skunks were hesitant at first, and felt that the deer had already caused enough trouble.

The deer persisted and the geese and skunks felt that by rebuilding their homes, the deer could redeem themselves.

Using their hooves, the deer burrowed dens in the ground for the skunks. They also gathered twigs to make nests for the geese.

Even though their homes were rebuilt, the geese and skunks were still hesitant to

trust the deer again.

The deer have decided to hold a conference with the geese and skunks to discuss the incident; they explained that they too had lost their homes.

The skunks and geese finally gained some insight on the deer's actions. They felt bad for attacking the deer.

Both groups of animals apologized to each other for their actions. As a result of the conference, a peace treaty was drafted and signed.

The leader of each group of animals signed the treaty. Under the "Friends of the Forest Treaty," all territory is to be shared, so that all animals can coexist peacefully with each other.

The animals must share their resources, such as food and timber, needed to survive in everyday life in the forest.

Once the treaty was signed, the animals rejoiced. In order to commemorate the day, each leader from the group of animals they represented would have their face carved into the sacred oak tree.

This monument would be titled "The Founding Fathers of the Forest." The leaders then declared this monumental event as "Forest Friends Day."

There would be harmony and tranquility in the forest, until the next visitors arrive.



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"College of the Damned" Continued from Front Page



One of the buildings at CSI notoriously known for spiritual activity.

Photo Credit: Youtube.com

-able because, according to the doctor, the children would get it anyway.

It was also reported that the patients were force-fed the virus in milkshakes and others involuntarily ingested each other's disease laden stool.

These experiments continued for a long time because many of the doctors and staff considered the patients to be "sub-human."

It was also because of this notion that many patients were physically and sexually abused by the hospital staff and attendants.

If that wasn't bad enough, Willowbrook also employed a pedophilic

child-kidnapper and serial killer, who is known as the "Hannibal Lector of Staten Island."

In 1987, Andre Rand was on the janitorial staff at Willowbrook and was spotted walking away with 12-year old, Jennifer Schweiger, a patient with down-syndrome.

Her nude body was later found in a shallow grave on the grounds of the campus.

Rand is also linked to the disappearance of Ethel Atwell an the rape and murder of Shin Lee, who were Willowbrook aides.

While in prison, Rand told his fellow inmates that, "kids entice me," and com-



Photo Credit: silive.com

Andre Rand is currently serving a 25 to life sentence.

pared himself to the notorious Ted Bundy. He was sentenced to 25 years to life and will be eligible for parole in 2037, when he will be 93-years old.

"Sometimes, monsters really do exist," said Dixie Normous, a volunteer at the Friends of Jennifer for missing Children group.

In 1965, New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy took a tour of Willowbrook and said the patients were "living in filth and dirt, their clothing in rags, in rooms less comfortable and cheerful than the cages in which we put animals in a zoo."

He also referred to the institution as a "snake pit." During this time, Willow-

brook housed over 6,000 patients when it's capacity was only for 4,000.

It wasn't until TV journalist, Geraldo Rivera, released his award winning "Willowbrook: The Last Great Disgrace" that national outrage was sparked.

After this, a class action lawsuit was filed by 5,000 parents of residents against New York State. The lawsuit led to the passage of the 1980 federal law, the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act.

Seven years later, the last children left the grounds of Willowbrook and in 1993, it started to become the college we know today.

Since then, many students have had otherworldly experiences that gave them the heebeegeebees.

Jak Goff, an undergraduate who works at WSIA, said "I've heard some strange noises around the radio station. It gives me some really unsettling feelings."

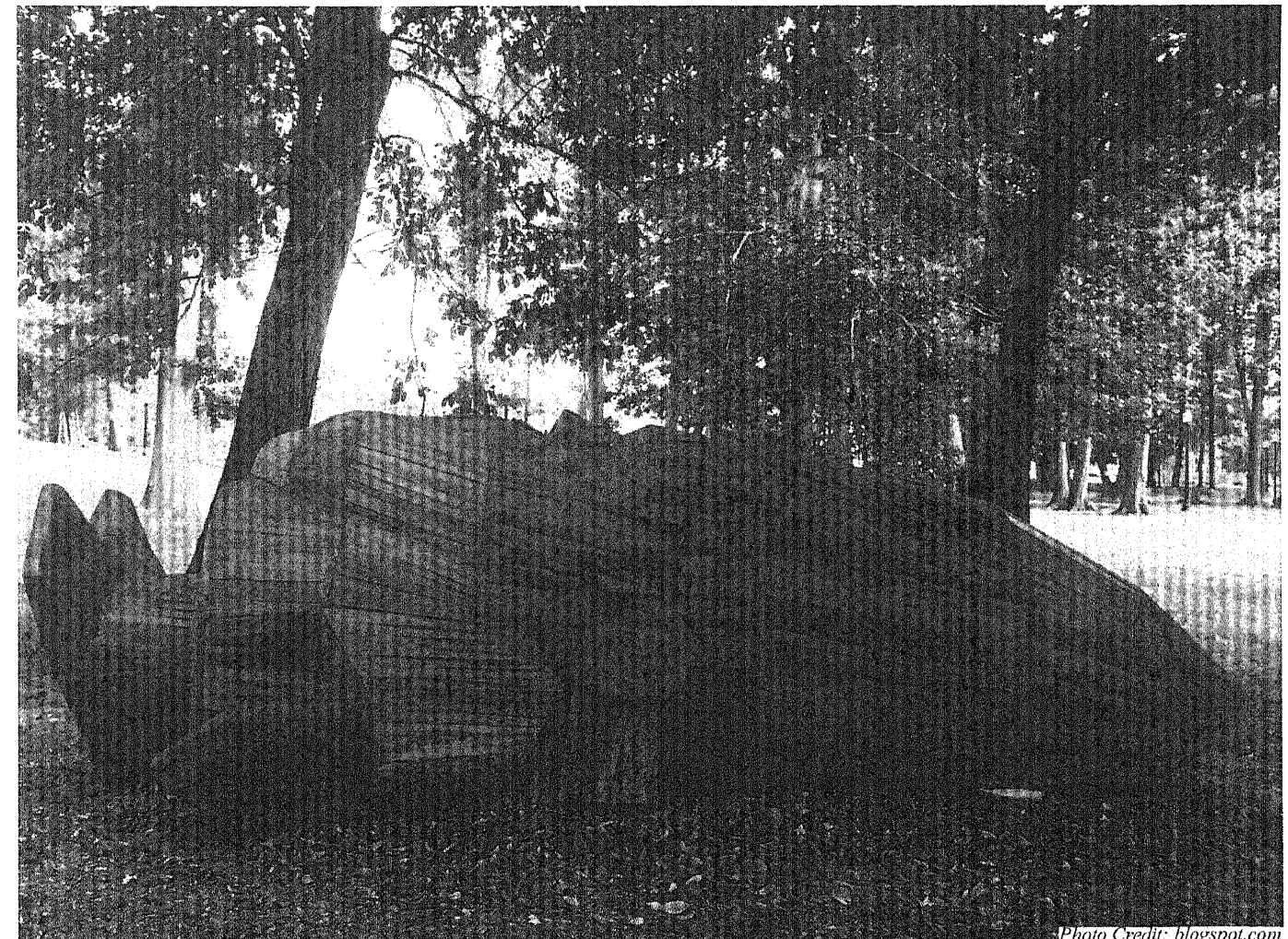
Other students aren't bothered or are skeptical ghosts exist at all.

A nursing student, Chris Guameri said, "CSI is not scary! Want to know what's scary? Those tuition payments."

There have also been rumors that the giant gnome on campus comes to life at night due to being possessed by the spirits of the children who have passed.

Anthony Mustacchio, a student who knows what his name sounds like, said "I ran over a huge pothole once and then I realized it wasn't a pothole, but a giant gnome footprint!"

There are also possible other reasons for the ghosts on campus, like the World War II hospital that was here before Willowbrook or the alleged satanists that chased and sacrificed people in the woods surrounding us, but at least you'll understand why that cold-dead hand is on your shoulder.



The gnome slumbers during the day but at night, it comes alive with the power of the supernatural.

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LIFESTYLES

Dressing Like a Dad: The Hottest Trend of 2018

Embrace Your Dad Bod with the Latest Fashion

BY: VERONICA PISTEK

Get ready to pull out those white tube socks and New Balances. This year is all about embracing your dad bod with the latest fashion trend: dressing like a dad.

The iconic dad jean has never been more in demand. These iconic baggy, light wash denim pants never go out of style. Pair these high-waisted bad boys with a brown leather belt and attach your cellphone to the buckle and you will surely feel manlier than ever.

Dad jeans have even evolved to set your legs free in the hot weather. Dad jorts. Yes, jean shorts. This summer fashion staple is equipped with several functional pockets to place all of your dad needs inside.

Have to bring that spatula to the family barbeque, but have nowhere to put it? Want to crack open a cold beer, but also need to mow the overgrown lawn?

These jorts are capable of holding both of these essentials while you embrace a beautiful summer day doing the only the best dad activities.

Dad denim is truly the highest form of fashion innovation. Barack Obama, Prince Will, Adam Sandler, George Clooney, and even Leonardo DiCaprio have rocked dad jeans effortlessly.

This trend is never going out of style and the stylish high-waisted feature will cover up the belly that you have been trying to lose, while making you feel just as confident as a supermodel.

No dad outfit is complete without white New Balance sneakers. These chic sneakers jazz up your look while also providing the greatest comfort.

Once you purchase a pair of these bad boys, those endless hours walking around Walmart and Home Depot will feel like a

breeze.

Not only do these New Balances have fashion and function, they are also affordable. Since dads all around the nation are constantly providing for their children and treating their wives, it is imperative that they save as much money as they can.

A pair of white New Balance sneakers are incomplete without white tube socks. Dig through your sock drawer deep enough and you might come across a classic old pair of Hanes.

These tube socks will lengthen your legs and define your muscular calves. Wearing these high socks will make your look pop and help you feel younger by bringing you back into the nostalgia of your college frat days.

Now that you have an overview of the bottom half of dad fashion, it's time to think about what is on top.

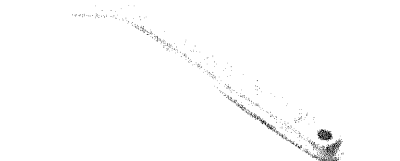
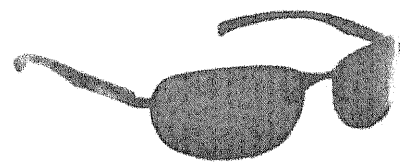
You can start by focusing on finding the most loose-fitting button down possible. What's better than feeling free while combating sweaty pits? Nothing!

There is so much variation when it comes to picking out a top: a wacky pattern, a bold color, or a nifty neutral—you will find it hard to choose the hottest one.

Even better, you can wear a classic white tank top underneath so when you get home after a long day at work, you can relax and unbutton while still sporting freshness.

Let's not forget the endless amount of accessories dad fashion has to offer. Whether you decide to pair your jorts with a classic fedora, or take your children to a baseball game and wear a dad cap: your head is always going to be protected and look trendy.

Speaking of protection, your eyes are an especially important feature that you



A classic Dad outfit that will surely never go out of style. can dress up. Get ready to wear some edgy eyewear.

It does not matter if it is thirty degrees and snowing outside, or you are on vacation in Florida: a pair of polarized sunglasses are going to be your best friend.

Whether you are hunting, fishing, biking, or even going to a fancy restaurant, you are going to see greater, look greater, and feel greater.



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So, are you convinced yet? Dressing like a dad is the most freeing, confidence-boosting, and bold choice you can make in 2018.

If you are ready to take all of these Instagram models out of business, all you need to do is embrace your dad bod and show off this hottest trend of modern fashion.

The Air Diet: The Newest Diet Craze Sweeping the Nation

This New Diet Plan is the Answer to All of Your Weight Loss Prayers

BY: CLARA PEREZ

Many of us struggle with our appearance and are always on the hunt for a new diet that will help us meet our weight loss goals.

Men and women everywhere have tried countless lifestyle changes in order to lose weight. While some are successful, many have no luck and become quickly discouraged.

It seems that new diet fads are always making headlines, as celebrities are constantly publicizing their incredible body results.

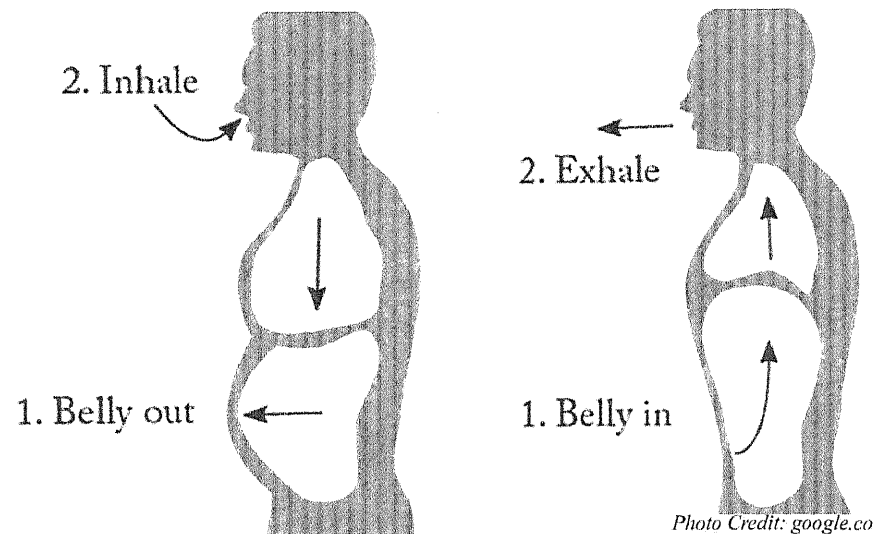
The inspiration throughout social media gives spectators hope that a diet can change their lives.

While that hope is usually false, there is a groundbreaking new diet that is so versatile and adaptable that may truly be the magical solution to all of our weight issues.

The "Air Diet" is doctor recommended, FDA approved, and even easier to follow than the directions for making Ramen noodles.

This diet has a number of promising testimonials. Users claim that the Air Diet has helped them lose more weight in a short period of time than they thought was ever possible.

So, let's get into what the Air Diet is and how you can start to shed weight in



Inhale your body goals, exhale all of your hungry thoughts.

stantly.

The "Air Diet" plan is a multi-step procedure that helps control your daily urges to indulge into unhealthy food and instead trains your mind to want to achieve your goals.

Here's how it works: whenever you feel hungry, stop moving. Exuding your energy will only make you hungrier.

Take a seat if possible, and take a long, deep breath through your nose.

Exhale that heavy breath through your mouth, releasing all of the hungry thoughts from your brain.

The number of breaths you take is

based on your hunger level. If you have the urge to splurge on a bunch of snacks, doctors recommend taking at least 4-5 deep breaths.

If you are only just beginning to feel hungry, 2-3 breaths are recommended.

Once you have taken your recommended number of deeply reaching breaths, your hunger will have passed and you can move on to other activities with the highest of your energy.

With no major side effects and the easy-to-do steps, the Air Diet is a definite crowd pleaser.

Not to mention this diet allows for

maximum caloric deficit, since deep breathing burns more calories than what you are actually consuming.

Since air is approved by the FDA and doesn't appear to contain any artificial hormones, fillers or flavoring, this diet is the perfect substitute for the unhealthy food that makes you feel lazy and bloated.

It has been proven that air dieters have had significant results in their weight loss journey of just a few days or weeks. Many "breathers," as they are often referred to, claim that the diet has allowed them to keep up with their daily lives with minimal to no disruption of activities.

This seamless, yet highly effective diet change can be incorporated into any schedule regardless of a sedentary lifestyle or an overly active one.

Anyone interested in the diet should still consult their medical professional to ensure a healthy set of lungs and unblocked nasal cavity before starting the Air Diet.

So, what are you waiting for? Keep inhaling your positive goals so that you can exhale all of your tempting, hungry thoughts.

With summer just around the corner, starting the Air Diet just might be what we all need in order to jumpstart our weight loss goals and get our beach-ready bikini bodies just in time for vacation!

LIFESTYLES

A Guide to Fixing All of Your Problems

Learn to Free Yourself From Life's Negativity

BY: LUCIA ELMI

Let's face it, life isn't so easy. Some days, you get caught up in the daily magic of living that time flies by so fast you don't even have a moment to stop and think.

But other days can be a drag, full of uncertainty and a dullness that bleeds grey onto everything. For some of it is a series of long days, but for others it could even be years.

We don't want to feel like our life is at a standstill. We want to be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, signifying better days to come.

So, fear not, for there is a solution to all your problems. Here is a simple guide that will be sure to help you out in any tough situation you are in, all methods tried and tested.

Vent, don't be afraid.

Go ahead and interrupt everyone's conversations with your problems, they won't have the heart to tell you that they were in the middle of speaking.

Let it break free, whether it is onto your friends, your coworkers, spouses, kids, or even your pet goldfish; just spread your feelings all over.

Give your problems all of your attention.

This will enable you to excuse yourself from daily responsibilities, so you can devote yourself to your dilemma. It's just another way of saying that need a "mental health day."

Have a get together with friends tonight? Cancel it. Need to visit your grandpa in the hospital? Scratch that, too. Your



This could be your perfect life if you ditch all of your problems.

problems come first, above all.

Break up the load.

That's right, blame your issues on others, because after all, you are only human and simply cannot carry such a dragging weight alone. Generously lend it to another helping hand.

Give yourself positive affirmations over and over again until you actually start believing it.

Our inner dialogue has the power to shape our reality. If someone asks if you're okay, by all means, tell them you're doing "super-duper."

Picked up an expensive spending habit lately? Have no fear.

Your bank account isn't important for your happiness, self-indulgence is. Having an empty wallet is not nearly as bad as hav-

ing an empty void in your heart.

Label yourself. Labels have an immense power to help define our identity, but sometimes they can do the exact opposite. They can spiral us down into an even deeper place of confusion and self-doubt.

But in this case, it will help give you an extra boost of self-confidence. Call yourself the unruly victim; let the world know where you stand, and let them know that you mean business.

Remember- you are always right. Never let anyone tell you otherwise.

No one understands your struggles, as they don't see the things you see or feel the things you feel.

It's not because they don't want to understand you, it's because they can't. This struggle is yours and only yours to keep.

Top Rated Recipes for Broke College Students

Dig Into Your Appetite, Not Your Wallet

BY: LUCIA ELMI

The spring semester is in full swing, finals are slowly arriving right around the corner and the race to advisement begins.

Your life is in a constant state of motion, barely giving you a chance to enjoy the simple things, like a measly dinner after a long day or a nice snack to munch on while you write that pesky paper.

As a college student, many areas of your life are lacking, but it is important to

Ice, ice, baby! Yes, you should learn how to make ice. Don't laugh, this is actually quite difficult to do, if you really look at it.

It is simple, cheap, and healthy (no calories), so this is a perfect snack for the typical broke college student.

All you'll need for this recipe is a container to hold your frozen water. Tap water, bottled water, or toilet water will do- but I think rain water sounds best.

It has, shall I say, an earthy taste to it,



A chilling snack that has zero calories.

know how to improve your daily cuisine on a low budget.

Time is your key investment, whether you're a college student or not. So, let's break down how to spare enough time for other important daily tasks, while giving yourself a luxurious bite to eat for a change.

Best of all, these are recipes are no-hassle that anyone can make. If you can follow a set of directions, then you are good to go.

giving it that extra pop of flavor. Don't believe me? Try it for yourself.

For the first step, add water to your makeshift ice tray.

Depending on how big you want your ice to be, you'll need to find a container that suits the preferred size. If you're going for flat ice like bread slices, you can use a simple cat food tray.

You can also use plastic Easter eggs if you're going for an egg shaped ice: a clas-

sic cuisine.

It's totally up to you what you want to use as an ice tray, so get creative with it!

The next thing you'll need to do is to go bring your loaded ice tray to a remote, below freezing location. The colder the place, the better.

Using a freezer is for lazy people. So, hurry up and get yourself a plane ticket to the coldest place you can think of- and don't forget your coat and gloves.

After that's all set and done, take out of your tray and decorate your dish however you like. Maybe sprinkle some fancy spices on it with a pinch of salt or sugar.

Now you have yourself a nice snack to chew on, so enjoy!

To a college student, nothing is more poetic than the directions for making Ramen Noodles.

This is a perfect meal if you're in the mood for some comfort food when your wallet is looking pretty empty.

This American-Asian infused favorite is a popular one amongst students because it's quick and easy to make, ideal for when you're in a rush to get to class.

The preparation kit is easily under 50 cents in many local stores and comes with everything you'll need.

Best of all, it takes less than 10 minutes to make. All you need is a bowl and a decently functional microwave.

First, you'll need to measure up to two cups of water in a medium sized bowl.

Then, place the bowl into the microwave and boil for three minutes.

The hotter it is, the more effective it will be to get your block of noodles to soak up the water and soften with ease.

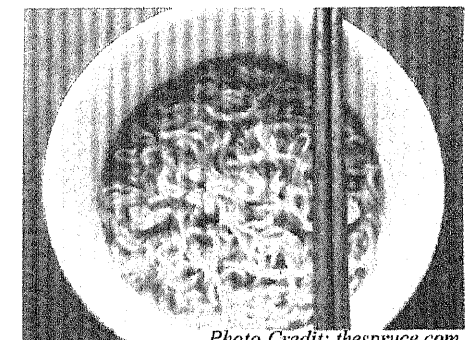


Photo Credit: thespruce.com
A broke college student's religion in a bowl.

After that, place the noodles into your bowl of hot water and warm up in the microwave for an additional 5 minutes.

It is recommended that at the two and half minute mark you take it out and stir it a little, that way your noodles can break up more easily.

You can then go ahead and put it back in the microwave for an additional two and half minutes, or until your noodles are full soaked.

Lastly, add flavoring condiments and stir thoroughly. Depending on what ramen pack you've picked up, it will come with a small pouch of flavoring powder, such as beef or vegetable. Tear it open and pour it in gradually as you stir the noodles.

Voila! You have yourself a delicious meal. Eat in one sitting or take with you on the go, its up to you. Don't forget your chopsticks! You'll want to feel authentic as you eat this.

So, that concludes this year's list of top recipes for every broke college student. Share with your friends!

BANNER ARTS

Beatles Set to Reunite with Holograms

Technological Breakthrough Completes the Fab Four Again

BY: ERIC RANSOM

Help! I need somebody... like John Lennon and George Harrison perhaps?

In a stunning breakthrough of holographic miracle work, The Beatles will be brought back together for the first time in almost 50 years.

Two state-of-the-art holograms of deceased Beatles John Lennon and George Harrison will pave the way for a nine month world tour, giving a proper goodbye to the fan base, and add closure for Sir Paul McCartney and Sir Ringo Starr.

Thanks to the scientists and developers from Space X, Google, and a private laser corporation, Beatle legends Lennon and Harrison will be recreated into holograms called L.I.F.E forms, or Laser Intelligent Force Energy.

Not only will these holograms be realistic, but they have been programmed to be completely conscious and responsive to the world around them whilst only on stage, as well as imitate the exact characteristics of the individual.

McCartney and Starr, the living members of the Beatles, each donated \$10 million to the "Hello, Goodbye, Hello Fund," aimed to raise money to further the production of these Lennon/Harrison models.

"I was so shocked to find out where technology is taking us that I just had to help," said McCartney. "I know we could never bring John and George back, but this is the next best thing, man. It's incredible that it worked. I'm very, very excited, and



John Lennon (far left) and George Harrison (left) will perform as the Beatles for the first time since the band split in 1970.

I hope I don't cry."

Starr, though, was initially hesitant on bringing back help from his friends, but has recently come around.

"I've let them go, you know. They both left this Earth and I'm at peace with that. But what convinced me was how much I missed playing music with us together as a foursome that I decided to give it a shot – and now it actually will happen!"

Lennon and Harrison will be brought back as their 1973 versions of themselves, to fully ensure they are equipped with the full repertoire of Beatles classics from

1958-1970, as well as some solo work.

The dead members of the Beatles aren't the only musicians brought back as holograms. Earlier, more primitive models resurrected Tupac Shakur, but only by using live footage of him from an old concert. Here, Lennon and Harrison will have their own consciousness while on stage.

Not only were Lennon and Harrison designed, but musicians like Kurt Cobain, Louis Armstrong, Michael Jackson and even Ludwig van Beethoven have been created and are in alpha stages.

Recently, Beethoven even gave a brief

interview with members of the music press, translated into English.

"I cannot understand what you are saying," shouted Beethoven.

Many have speculated that if young versions of dead musicians can be resurrected, that young versions of the living can be made as well. Die-hard Beatle fans have called for creating the 1964 version of the Beatles with four holograms depicting the Fab Four in their prime.

"That won't be happening anytime soon," said a spokesperson from the Space X program. President Trump even commented on Twitter, lending his insight on the development.

"Just found out about the BEAUTIFUL holograms successfully made of the Beatles – all thanks to yours truly. Only made possible with my presidential approval that they were created by AMERICAN workers in AMERICAN companies – NOT possible with Crooked Hillary as president!!!"

Lennon's sons Julian and Sean, as well as Harrison's son Dhani, have publically approved of the tour to happen, though the results of an interaction with their fathers' holograms is unknown. Yoko Ono, Pattie Boyd and Olivia Harrison have declined to comment.

The first leg of the tour will take place in England from June 8-23th, including venues like the O2 Arena and the Royal Albert Hall. The Beatles are set to play at Madison Square Garden in September.

A Classic Case of "Switch"eroo

Nintendo Gives Old Product another Shot

BY: STEVEN AIELLO

The Nintendo Switch has been a great success story for Nintendo as of recent, propelling them back into the spotlight.

With all of the recent success Nintendo has received, the company has opted to move in a more ambitious direction for the future.

Starting sometime this summer, Nintendo will bring back the Wii U, but with a catch: the Nintendo Switch will be cancelled indeterminately. This includes any and all Switch titles, which will remain unplayable unless they were already on the Wii U.

The Wii U was an innovative product that never lived up to expectations and it failed both critically and commercially. With classics such as "The Letter," "Sonic Boom," "Meme Run," "Mario Party 10," and many more, it's anybody's guess as to how the Wii U sold just over thirteen million units.

Reggie Fils-Aimé, the President of Nintendo, opened up about the decision. "Nobody really appreciated the Wii U when it was first released, so we decided to give it the success it deserves by making it the only option" Fils-Aimé attested.

Fils-Aimé went on to state that Nintendo's goal is to make the Wii U the best-selling console in video game history. This means selling 150 million units, which would put it ahead of the PlayStation 2.

In order to outsell the undisputed best game console of all time, Nintendo has included a variety of features that are sure to blow consumers socks off. One of the biggest features is the new virtual reality option, where players use the gamepad as a VR headset.

Players can use the headset along with

motion pads they put on their hands and feet to play some of their favorite games in a first-person viewpoint. This only applies to moving, as more complex features are still tied to pressing buttons.

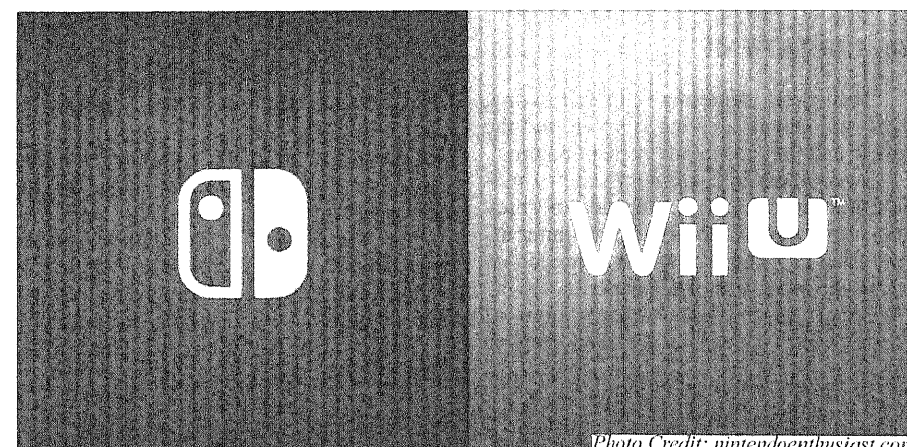
The VR option lacks a head strap for the gamepad, so players will have to find other ways to secure the gamepad onto their face. There is, however, a "Virtual Boy" feature that makes the graphics resemble those of the Virtual Boy, another old Nintendo product.

Rare amiibo will also be re-released for a short promo event, albeit for ten times the base price. The amiibos sound expensive, but it's all worth it as Nintendo has printed these amiibos with different color palettes than before.

The console will ship out with a master of Sonic Boom, in which the graphics have been updated to 4k; Sonic Boom editions of the Wii U will also be shipped for a limited time along with other Sonic Boom related merchandise. Nothing else appears to have changed, including the glitches: Sega argued in favor of keeping the glitches so the game would "stay true to its roots."

Speaking of Sega, Nintendo is not reviving the Wii U alone, as they have teamed up with Sega to complete the project, hence Sonic Boom as a release title. If the project fails, Sega will assume all debt and financial burden; if it succeeds then Nintendo will take all profits from Wii U sales.

Not that it's likely to fail, as Nintendo has also teamed up with lawmakers across the world to outlaw the possession and use of anything related to the Switch. Everyone will have their house or apartment searched by members of the FBI for a Switch, at



Despite the success of the Switch, the Wii U will come out on top after all.

which point it will be destroyed in the style of a firing squad.

Failure to comply with authorities will result in a prison sentence, ranging from 5 to 100 years. Nintendo has gone on record stating that prison sentences could potentially last "for as long as the PlayStation 2 is ahead of the Wii U in units sold."

Nintendo pushed for a universal out-law regarding the sale of non-Wii U related products, but the motion was defeated by the slimness of margins. Nintendo was still able to outlaw the sale of Switch related products, as well as the resale of any Nintendo products that existed prior to the Wii U.

"I know it sounds extreme but we worked very hard on the Wii U" confirmed Fils-Aimé. "I don't want to see any of that work go to waste, and I don't care what measures we have to go to see that happen."

Fils-Aimé added that in order for people to appreciate the effort put in the Wii U,

no new titles will be released for the system. All Wii U titles will receive remasters and updates at best, but no other games will be added to the library.

This means that games like Mario Maker might finally get slopes, or that Smash will finally see the return of Ice Climbers. Nintendo has also teased several new versions of Smash, stating that they "wanted the series to become the next Street Fighter."

Although the lack of new games is slightly disappointing, the ten upcoming re-releases of Smash should make up for it. At the very least you can still play Mario Kart 8 and Smash, so the Wii U is good in terms of titles.

Nintendo's plan is a move that is ultimately ambitious, but it is likely to pay off because of Mario Kart and Smash alone. If it doesn't work, then Nintendo can just bring back another old system like the Virtual Boy or the Game and Watch.

BANNER ARTS

The Bible Plans On Changing The World

New Text Will Have People Questioning Life

BY: BRIELLE SPARACINO

A brand new book that will supposedly shape humanity for future generations has just been released across the world on March 20th, 2018.

This work, simply titled The Bible, has no single author and is around 1200 pages in length. This is also the only book that's been immediately translated into every single language imaginable.

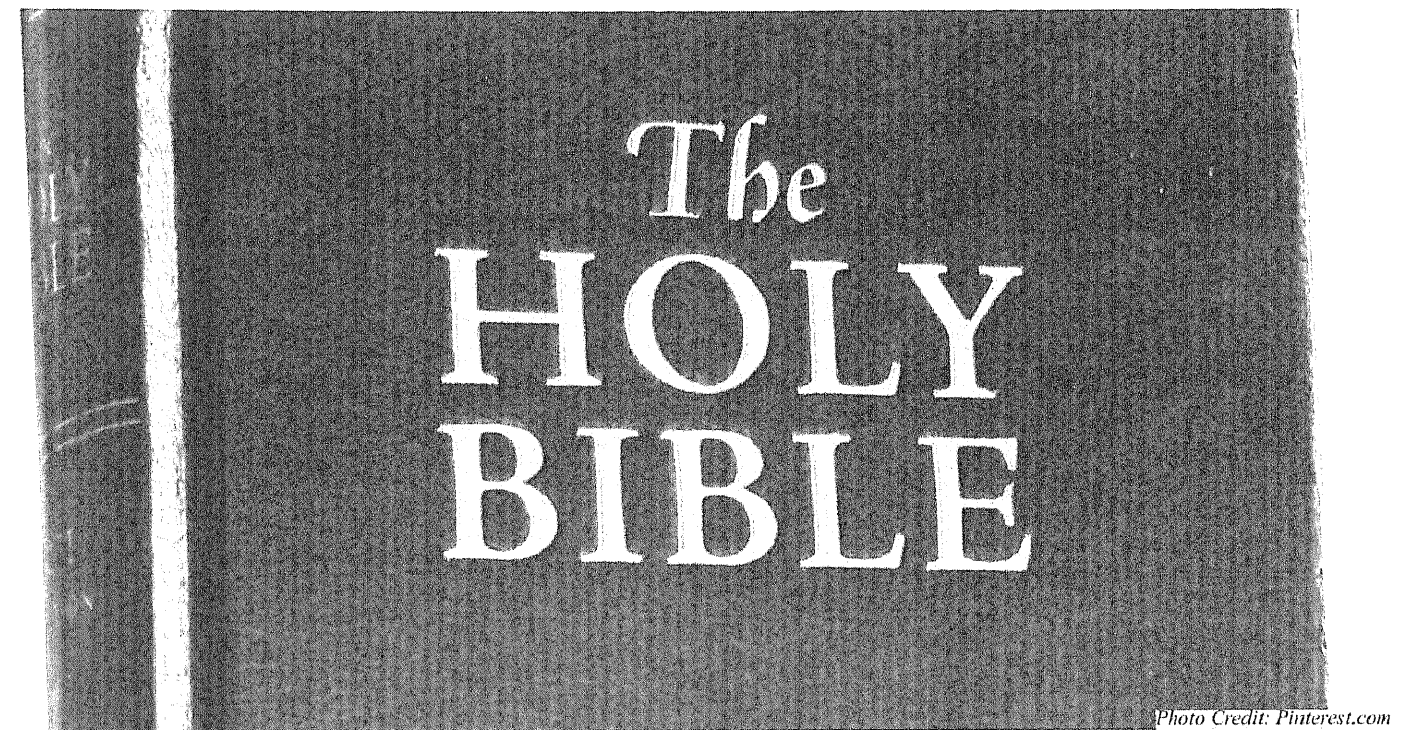
According to an article on wordcounter.net, the typical Bible, which already has multiple versions but its most popular is the King James version, contains 1,189 chapters and 31,173 verses which come from individuals supposedly called "disciples," but no one is really sure what those are.

Unbeknownst to many, myself included, there is even a website for the King James version of the Bible; the website is supposed to make understanding the book a little easier since it is supposedly translated from Hebrew and because there are so many sections of the book. There is also a section on the site for Bible trivia.

Apparently, the two most prominent sections in The Bible are the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament tells the story of everything that happened in the world before the main character, Jesus Christ, was born, and the New Testament recounts the life of Christ, from birth to death.

There is even a concept called "resurrection" discussed in the New Testament, which is spoken about when Christ comes back from the dead: that's sure to cause some controversy across generations.

One of the most popular stories in The Bible is Genesis, in which a primary character in the first half of the book named God creates the entire universe in seven days. There are others, but I wasn't able



With its general title and riveting stories, the general public are inquisitive but intrigued by its mysterious allure.

to get through the entire book since my schedule was so busy; I never would've finished it anyway.

Something interesting about The Bible is that people are beginning to build these "places of worship" called "Churches" across the United States as well as the rest of the world. This book is supposed to represent the workings of an entire religion called Christianity.

It gets even more complex than the one religion, however. According to experts, Christianity is broken down into what is known as Catholicism, and even that is broken down further into different types of Catholicism. It's highly recommended one does their own personal research on the subject.

Even though I didn't make it halfway

through the book, there are supposed to be songs one can sing to accompany many of the passages in the work. Hopefully, these songs can be recorded and distributed to the public; Rihanna and Beyonce's voices would fit perfectly.

What's most interesting about this work is that once the masses have finished reading it, there seems to be an unspoken rule in place that individuals are supposed to actually believe all the information they read and apply it toward political and social situations in everyday life.

It's almost like if the Harry Potter books were meant to be taken seriously, even though it's a proven fact, which was told to us by J.K. Rowling herself, that the only tangible form of Hogwarts' School of Witchcraft and Wizardry resides in Uni-

versal Studios in Orlando, FL.

Because The Bible is a brand new text, many are not sure how far other people will go to defend certain ideas while using the texts from The Bible as evidence to back up their ideas. Regardless, it seems like many people have been enjoying it for the most part, but aren't taking it too seriously.

From what I was able to actually retain and comprehend, which unfortunately wasn't too much, I enjoyed The Bible and would rate it four out of five stars for descriptiveness, use of characters going only by one name (God and Satan, you two were such a dynamic duo and my favorite characters by far), and the amount of songs littered throughout the book. It's definitely worth a read, but don't take the story to heart.

Cardi B Says "Bye, Bye, Bye" to Music

Singer's New Gig May Be Her Craziest

BY: CLARA PEREZ

It has been rumored lately that Cardi B and her fiancé, Offset are expecting their first child together.

These rumors seemed to come out of nowhere as Cardi B has still been very much active and showing plenty of skin on her social media.

However, with Kylie Jenner's secret pregnancy still fresh in our minds, fans began to speculate if those pictures were current or older photos to throw us all off.

Well those rumors have since been put to rest as Cardi B announced this week that not only is she expecting, but her and Offset are expecting a set of twins!

The singer has been uncharacteristically quiet about the bundles of joy to come, but she assured fans that she's super excited for her new journey as Cardi B with twins.

What Cardi did make sure to mention in the midst of the pregnancy news was her plan to quit music to be a full-time mom!

But, Cardi has no plans to leave the spotlight. She plans to take a step back from music to mother her newborns but all while posting all of her experiences on her "Cardi Mommy" YouTube channel.

The rapper plans to use her realer than real personality to share her new mom ex-



With babies on the way, Cardi B hints at a big change on the way - and not just the dirty diapers.

periences with fans and moms alike.

Her videos will be appropriately named to entertain as she revealed some of her ideas for videos she hopes to make once her babies are born.

Her new mom workout video "I don't dance now; I make mommy moves" is sure

to be a viral hit!

If workouts aren't your style, Cardi also plans to record a video entitled "Cardi took your ham, you upset" where she discusses her weird cravings during and post-pregnancy.

The last gem that Cardi shared with

Hits! interviewers was a YouTube sensation in the making called "Drop top chest, droolie on my wrist, babies up and down my brain" where she hopes to share her new mom bod and how to self-care when she has two babies to worry about.

Fans were obviously elated that not only are two Cardi clones on the way, but we can count on seeing the new mom throughout her pregnancy and immediately after which hasn't been typical of a lot of new celebrity moms.

While it might be odd not to hear new Cardi B music on the radio, you can almost guarantee that sound bites and clips from her "Cardi Mommy" videos will be all over the airwaves and screens of the world.

The rapper mommy-to-be concluded her interview with a very typical rant about how she will not be paying attention to any haters that plan to tell her how to raise her babies or judge what kind of mom she will become.

In true Cardi fashion, she has fans wrapped around her finger waiting for next winter when this one hasn't even ended yet since November 2018 is the rappers baby times deux debut!

Dropping two babies in nine months, what mom do you know is working as hard as Cardi?! Honestly.

BANNER OPINIONS

Is a Hot Dog a Sandwich?

The Debate is as Heated as Ever

BY: MARK DEUTSCH

Everyone knows about the famous hot dog: that all-too famous piece of cylindrical meat between a bun.

Since it does consist of a kind of meat with bread, this question has been raised - do hot dogs belong in the sandwich category?

This is a debate that has been looked over for far too long and must be decided soon.

Too start off, the definition of a sandwich must be known according to common knowledge. Anything that's between two slices of bread is considered to be a sandwich. This "anything" ranges from eggs to ice cream, according to one's taste or what one wants for lunch.

While a sandwich can be literally any type of food, most would disagree about a hot dog being a sandwich.

For starters, most people think of hot dogs as being separate from the sandwich group anyways. It's even eaten differently, so that separates it from the sandwich group for good.

Sometimes, a hot dog isn't even eaten in a bun, but is instead eaten as a cocktail.

There are many different ways to eat a hot dog, so there is no need to classify a hot

dog as a sandwich. The hot dog is eaten in Germany without a bun in their culture, although the hot dog is eaten mainly in a bun in most cultures.

This debate isn't about how many different types of hot dog there are out there in the myriad of cultures throughout the world.

It's about whether a hot dog in a bun is considered to be a sandwich or not. The evidence points to hot dogs belonging to the sandwich category, that it in fact fits into that sandwich category.

Hot dogs come with many toppings, such as relish, mustard and ketchup for starters. A sandwich has a chunk or slices of meat along with vegetables between two slices of bread. Doesn't it sound like these two food items have a lot in common with each other?

The hot dog stands alone in its own category that is separate from the classification of a sandwich.

According to everyone, a hot dog is separate because it is eaten in a different manner than that of a sandwich. Also, the fact that hot dogs are different has been embedded into the mind of the American culture for decades.

Even if the hot dog would be defined as a sandwich, most people would still think

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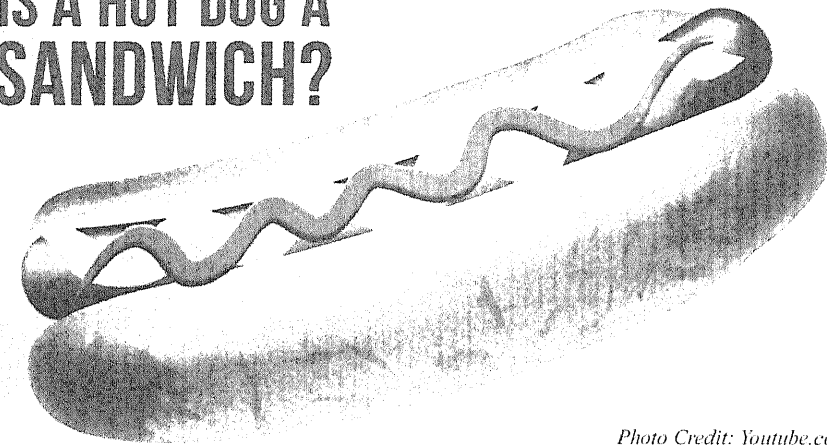


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Could a piece of meat between buns actually be considered a sandwich?

that a hot dog is separate from sandwiches.

The hot dog has so many variations that it forms its own class of food. An example of this is sausages, which are served at breakfast but usually eaten at any point of the day.

The amount of vegetables in a hot dog is depending on the person that orders a hot dog,

whereas a sandwich also varies upon the person that is crafting it.

This is something that sandwiches and hot dogs have in common, but still do place hot dogs in the same category as sandwiches.

Hot dogs are similar to sandwiches but can not be considered as a sandwich because of several reasons, some of which were mentioned earlier.

A piece of tube - like meat is not called a sandwich, it is just a hot dog without a bun.

To those who hold their own opinions about hot dogs are about as right as those who consider hot dogs to be sandwiches. There is no right or wrong answer to whether a hot dog is a sandwich or not. Either way, they're both delicious.

My Opinion is Better Than Yours (Part II)

From a Woman's Point of View

BY: ROSEANNE CASSAR

Yes, everyone has opinions. People give their opinions even when they are not asked for.

Opinions shape who you are. For a person who thinks they know how to solve everyone's problems but can't for their own life need to get their act together.

Steven Aiello wrote an article about his opinion being better than others. But what people do not know is this: as a woman, I outrank you.

Sorry, Steven!

I will always have the last word. You, dear Steven, may have the "balls" but I have the "boobs."

Your opinions may matter on everyday living but my opinions save lives and can change lives.

I am thrilled that our school newspaper has an Opinions section. In fact, it should have another section called "Advice Section," it would be perfect for you!

I do think that my opinion is better than yours because my motto for myself is "I'm a mama - I make things happen."

It's simple: I have expensive taste which I try very hard to curb. But, if I ever marry a "daddy war bucks," only then will I feel guilty of spending money so foolishly.

I would not like living a life of luxury. I prefer to be comfortable.

Other people's opinions mean nothing to me but my opinions will mean a lot more to others. Sorry Steven, I am more awesome than you despite my few flaws,

and the amazing gift that I was born with.

Who am I? My name is Roseanne Cassar, you may call me "Roe" for short. I am the girl next door.

I can be dry, blunt and pretty straight forward. I know there are a lot of other young women out there who wish they could do what I can do on a professional level, but I was the chosen one at birth.

I also have a very high IQ. Even though I am much older, I still have men drooling over me when they see me.

I may be a senior here at CSI, but I don't feel the need to use bribery, just a wink from my blue eye will melt all the professors hearts.

All the professors here at CSI know how special I am and it shows through how they just adore me.

The editor who is currently with our school newspaper knows how special I am. He should give me the job of writing the Opinion Section and allowing me a crack at an advice section too.

I know I'll do well enough and will get the job considering I'm a woman, and will do the job better than a man.

All staff members here at the newspaper knows that I am the kind of person who "don't give up, won't give up, don't give up and I'm the greatest" person ever to have working as a staff member because "I have stamina" to keep going.

Actually, I am the one who is going to be extremely well known throughout the world. One day, I will walk down the street and people are going to recognize who I am.



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It's no coincidence that Rosie the Riveter and I have a similar name in common - we're basically the same person!

I will be signing my name on every single piece of contract known to man. My face will be plastered on everything.

Maybe you will see my face on the back side of someone's shirt one day.

Plus, I've been told I should be famous. I plan on living that dream real soon.

Maybe I will allow myself to try televi-

sion and have my own show. Maybe I will write my autobiography on what I will do in my professional life.

I will show this world the meaning of what a woman can do. From now until I'm on my deathbed, it will forever be known - the one with the "boobs" will be considered the greatest ever in the world.

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

An Asshole's Manifesto

The Neglected Hole

BY: DOMINICK WOJTAS

For years we have seemingly neglected this small hole that is so crucial to our existence. Its nature makes our repulsion seem warranted. But alas, we have been too quick to judge.

Take a practical example: few individuals truly show love to the sanitation department. They work long hours shoveling up your trash from one container into the next. All we think is, "out of sight, out of mind;" that's our train of thought, meanwhile they live it.

We treat our assholes the same way, "out of sight, out of mind." However if you think about it, this statement is in complete lack of fairness when considering our other body parts. What about the penis? It is also a crucial disposer of waste and yet, men run around rampant, trying to convince a second party to attend to it. The same holds true for the female vagina; that flower begs to be watered just as much!

But what about a body part that both sexes uniformly share? We can't see it without the help of a reflective surface. It's on our rear so, "out of sight, out of mind," but let me tell you, this is blasphemy. Our anus desires to bask in the pleasure of another's tongue, just as our selfish genitals do.

The asshole is shy, too timid to beg for attention, complacent as it carries out its daily duties.

Yet it yearns, and you must listen when it from time to time, lets out a soft cry for attention. Be attentive, and respond.

You will soon learn that this is not a self-less pursuit. For your asshole is a kind being and it would never do anything for its own sake (even though it deserves it).

A masterful tongue will send immense pleasure waves, some even tsunami size, reaching crevices in your body that you didn't even know existed.

But even the touch of an amateur tongue will send spine tingling, lightning-like pleasure shocks that are sure to tense up your muscles before a gradual relax, as if one was undergoing a deep tissue massage only to realize that no one is at their sides.

And just like your ass, you must not be selfish. Take a page out of its book. If one gets, one should also give. No one will keep giving to a sole taker, play both roles.

My mother always said, a wholesome individual will find just as much satisfaction in providing pleasure as in receiving.

Be that wholesome individual and your partner may permanently alter their gaze at you; a pious individual staring into

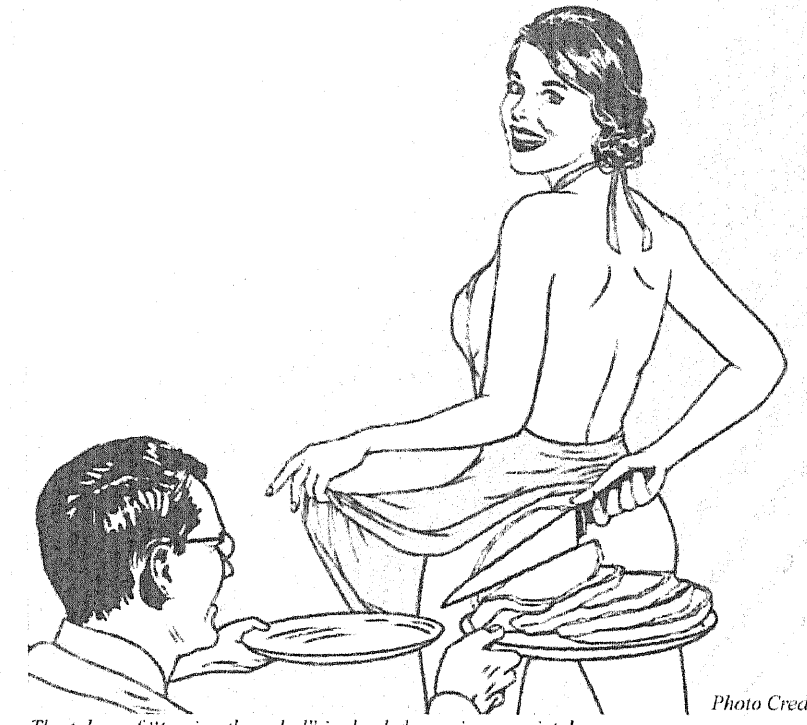


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The taboo of "tossing the salad" is slowly becoming a societal norm covering a new sensation in a once foreign territory.

Pop culture has awakened this movement with rapper, Jhene Aiko requiring her suitor to "eat booty like groceries" and pop icon Nicki Minaj being no stranger to lyrics glorifying this sacred act.

The tongue is in our court now and millions of Americans everyday are dis-

covering a new sensation in a once foreign territory.

Let this message resonate far and wide, for we must carry this sacred credo of pleasure and enthrall the sensory nerves that have lain dormant for centuries!

Being Gay is the Only Way

Homosexuality Leads to a Happier, Healthier Life

BY: JESSICA SCARIMBOLO

It is 2018 and the truth has come out: being gay is the only way!

Yes, homosexuality used to be seen as a psychological and mental disorder, so let's be risk takers.

While homosexuality is not a choice for many, it's very interesting to wonder what life would be like if everyone at least tried it out!

Why would you want to be with someone of the opposite sex? They do not understand you the way your partner in a homosexual relationship will.

On a serious (and sexual) note, no one knows a woman's body quite like a woman

and no one truly knows a man's body like a man does. It is basically confirmed that homosexual sex is way better than heterosexual.

Homosexuality has in incredible benefit when it comes to the holidays and gift-giving! There is more to relationship than the great gifts you'll get for Christmas or anniversaries, but being with someone of the same sex will definitely get you the best gift.

They will know exactly what you've been loving lately or products and presents that are in at the moment; another reason being gay is better.

I'm sure all of your heterosexual friends will tell you, "her boyfriend has

gotten her a lipstick shade that doesn't match her skin tone" or, "his girlfriend bought him the wrong golf club." Save yourself the trouble and go gay.

Homosexuality was listed as a sociopathic personality disturbance by the American Psychiatric Association in 1952 and wasn't officially removed from the DSM, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, in 1987.

In 1953, President Eisenhower signed an executive order that banned homosexuals from working in careers in the federal government because they were seen as a security risk.

Comedian Ellen DeGeneres came out in a Time Magazine cover in April 1997,

leading to an influx of efforts to eventually create equality for the community. Still today, Ellen is regarded as an influential woman in the community, though it is still difficult for gays.

It wasn't until 2004 that the first legal same-sex marriage took place in Massachusetts. However, in September 2005, the California legislature attempt to pass a bill allowing marriage between same-sex couples which was vetoed by then Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In 2008, just a decade ago, homosexuality and same-sex marriage was still seen as unconstitutional.

It was only until June 2015 that all states in the US were forbidden from banning same-sex marriage.

Still to this day, homosexual rights are being fought for all around the world.

With the current administration in the country, it's definitely still difficult to be gay in this day and age; but there's something exciting about being in the community for this reason.

Being heterosexual doesn't have a cool and difficult history like homosexuality does; it only seems like common sense to say that gay is the best way.

The difficult history only makes being gay that much more interesting.

It can even be a really solid resume builder. You can put it right next to your educational credentials; being gay is definitely more important than your high school diploma.

Look, the facts are clear: being gay has been proven to lead to happier, more successful lives and relationships.

Proven by who? Me.



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A happy lesbian couple hugging on the beach together because they are just that happy.

SPORTS

CSI Finally Gets Football Team

Rising Demand Helps Seal the Deal

BY: ERIC RANSOM

At long last, The CSI Dolphins will finally toss around the pigskin.

In an unprecedented turn of events, The College of Staten Island has agreed with CUNYAC to create a football team, the first of its kind for the college.

Other sports like baseball, basketball, softball and tennis are staples at CSI, with football being an obvious hole unfulfilled.

After getting the OK from CUNYAC executives, the Dolphins will suit up in their pads and helmets, sharing the soccer field for a 12-game season that will begin next summer, lasting from August to October.

CSI will join the Wagner Seahawks in having their own football team, with rumblings that an exhibition may be played between the two as a yearly tradition.

Plans have already been made to construct another turf field on campus within the next two years, college officials say.

Students at CSI have collectively voiced their opinion, all echoing the same statement: it's about time.

"I can't wait," said Dick Johnson, junior at CSI. "I'm a Jets fan, so I can finally have an alternative to watching that ridiculous team."

Professor Kardashian, an avid football fan, said of the new team, "I may start cancelling classes to watch these games. Nothing like live football!"

Students can watch the games for free, although fans of each road team must purchase a \$30 ticket and a Dolphin plush toy.

Volunteers will be accepted to join the

coaching staff, although a head coach will be selected by the end of May.

According to reports, CSI has shown strong interest in hiring a bevy of potential suitors, including Bill Nye, Prince William and Samuel L. Jackson.

Nye has drawn the most interest, given his knowledge of physics and his awesome bow tie.

Within just a few days, hundreds of students have signed up for tryouts, aiming to become a player on the inaugural football team. Tryouts will officially be held from May 12-13 on the soccer field from 3am to 9pm.

The official rosters are expected to be posted on Blackboard around June 1, barring any near-certain website problems.

Initially, a hockey team was in the works, fueled by a similar amount of demand as a football team, but fell apart after it was determined that CSI would only get a "field hockey" team.

Each year, six teams will play in a CUNYAC Division to compete for a new, 15 foot trophy named in honor of Danny DeVito, because why not.

The Danny DeVito Championship Trophy will be presented to the winner of the CUNYAC Division II Championship game, sponsored by Preparation H.

In response to the decision, CSI will be promoting their new team on social media leading up to the inaugural season. Over 80 students have been hired to work as PR and social media interns to promote the upcoming tryout and opening game, primarily with the use of the hashtags, #CSIFoot-



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Football was the most requested new sport to be added to CSI athletics next to hockey, golf and curling

ball and #DolphinsGotBalls.

They will also be working hard on trying to differentiate the CSI Dolphins from the Miami Dolphins, an actual NFL team, with the hopes that CSI students aren't led to believe that they can see a free Dolphins game in Miami.

President Trump weighed in on the football team on Twitter.

"What a great day for Staten Islanders.

Worked hard and finally got The College of Staten Island a football team – you're welcome! Some truly WONDERFUL people from SI who voted for me in the election. There will be absolutely NO kneeling during these football games – that I can tell you! covfeve"

Students, faculty and the CSI wildlife will eagerly be awaiting for the season to start in August.

MLB to Instill First Ever "Meme" Weekend

Teams Will Be Named After Memes in August

BY: ERIC RANSOM

That feeling when you watch an MLB game between the Dabs and the Tide Pods- yeah, it's a thing now.

With the success of last year's first ever "Players Weekend" during the final weekend of August, Major League Base-

ball will follow in the pattern of alliteration after votes from millions of fans on MLB.com/memes.

The Detroit Tigers will become the "Dabs," the Texas Rangers will turn into the "Tide Pods" and the Seattle Mariners have chosen to become the "Spaghet."

mal logo, only replaced with their meme of choice.

The remaining teams, including the Mets and Yankees, have not yet determined a name, possibly waiting for the next few month's new memes to unfold and find inspiration.

As for the players - they are absolutely loving it.

Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper said, "It's hilarious. I can't wait for the announcers to be completely confused when trying to understand it all. They'll be like, 'What the hell is a 'Spaghet?' - you know, stuff like that. It's gonna be lit, fam."

"I've never been more proud of Major League Baseball," said Mets pitcher and social media star Noah Syndergaard. "I just hope the Mets don't consider Mr. Met a meme and name the team after him. That would be an utter tragedy."

Syndergaard and Mets mascot Mr. Met have had a running beef over the last few years, enough for Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson to interject and voice his support of Syndergaard's distaste for the anthropomorphic baseball head.

Some managers, though, just don't understand millennial humor.

"I've talked with my wife, my kids and even my friend's dog and I still don't know what the hell "bae" means," said Cubs manager Joe Maddon.

Astros manager and World Series winner A.J. Hinch exclaimed, "This shouldn't distract from the players too much I don't think, but it really doesn't make any sense to me. These names are ridiculous. Thank goodness that at least it's just a weekend."

Just like last year, the players will also have custom nicknames on the backs of the special jerseys, as well as freedom to wear any colored cleats or accessories. Since Players Weekend was such a hit last year, Commissioner Rob Manfred felt it was a "no-brainer" to expand upon it.

"Major League Baseball has been trying to compete with the more engaging sports like football and basketball for some time now. It seemed pretty obvious to not only engage viewers, but also intrigue a younger audience to watch something relatable involving baseball for once. Even I fall asleep during these games."

President Trump, fittingly, took to Twitter to voice his opinion on the matter.

"Proud to announce I have successfully curated this year's MLB Players Weekend. Our distracted youth will be exposed to our GREAT national pastime again. FAKE NEWS will surely not give me the proper credit. The Democrats couldn't get this done if they tried. SAD!"

Player's Weekend will take place from August 24-26, 2018.

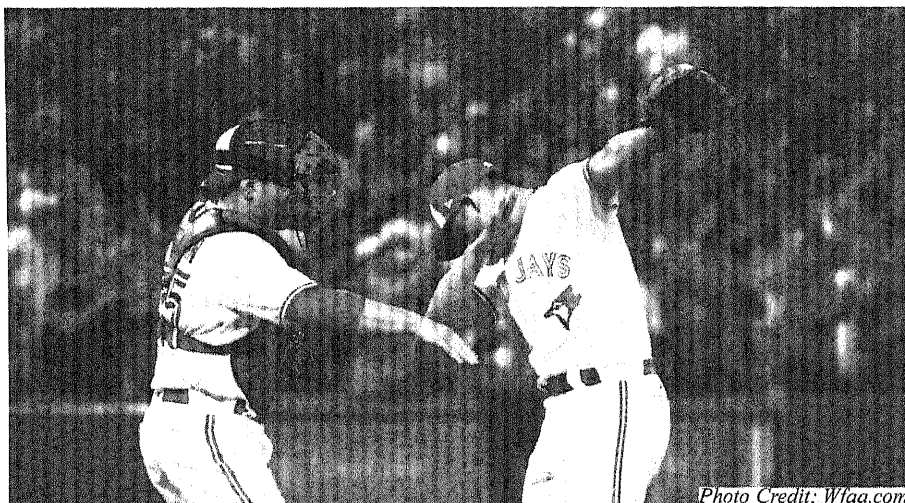


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Organizations will take inspiration from meme culture to rename their teams, something no other major sport has ever done.

ball has decided to take it up a notch.

As a way to keep up with the younger crowd, this year's Players Weekend will be centered on "fire memes." Each team will temporarily be renamed after a popular internet meme from the likes of Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and more.

Teams have already come out and announced their names for the weekend.

The Colorado Rockies, being that their home stadium is Coors Field, will go as the "Cold Ones," referencing "cracking a cold one open with the boys." Finally, the Boston Red Sox will grab hearts in changing their name to the Bae's.

The names will be written out across the jersey in the same way as their nor-