

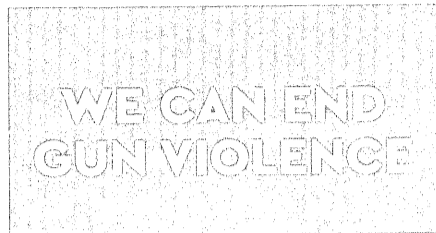
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Bread N Butter Poetry Club Smells Delish

Got a Passion for Poetry?

BY: PHILIP SANZONE

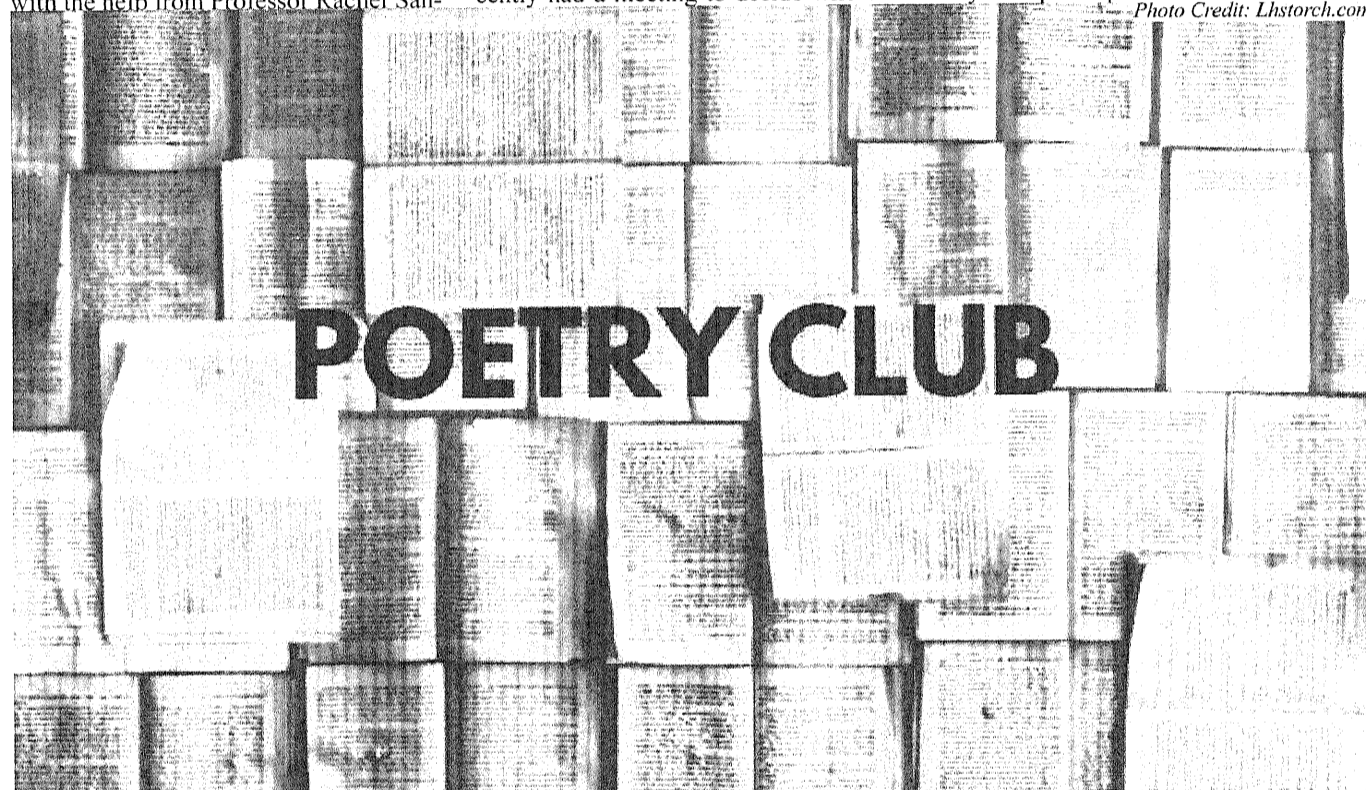
A poetry club is springing up on campus with the help from Professor Rachel San-

chez.

The Bread N' Butter Poetry Club recently had a meeting to decide who will

be in the club and who will contribute to its birth. There has already been a temporary staff put in place.

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Ignite your passion for words with CSI's new poetry club.

The club desires to highlight different creative abilities of students either in rap form or storytelling through poetic lyrics. The club is also looking to attend open mics, and maybe even compete in competitions.

This club even strives to help struggling poets by offering writing workshops. Hopefully, the club wants to also help young writers by inviting various speakers. These speakers can potentially showcase fluent, methodical words that might even inspire participating poets to come up with their own ideas.

With strong passion already, the club wants to start activities that show how young talented writers can further develop their skills.

One idea involves meeting with published writers who can set a great foundation for growing a career.

These writers have the potential to change some students' views on what they might want to do in their future.

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What's the Buzz with CSI's Gaming Community?

Celebrating CSI Gamer's Club Success

BY: ANTHONY "TONY" ACEVEDO

At CSI students frequently gather in 1C in the space next to the Green Dolphin

Lounge along the tables in the back. Sitting side-by-side playing laptop games, appraising Yu-Gi-Oh cards, giggling over

a funny joke together, playing chess, and watching anime together are among many activities students do to bond.



Photo Credit: Anthony Acevedo

The CSI Gamer's Club Officers in The Game Room in 1C: (Left to Right) Victor Martinez-Treasurer, Brandon Kien-Secretary, Vincent Lorretta-President, and Erin Bonner-Vice President.

Like the olden days before the advent of online gaming, when split screen with your buddy on the couch at home was mainstream or Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) was the MMO of the day, now at CSI the old ways have returned.

"One day I saw these guys playing Yu-Gi-Oh, and they let me join in. We've been playing together ever since." Shared Joey Wheeler as he goes by due to his favorite deck being of the same-name-sake character from the Yu-Gi-Oh television show.

As Joey shares how passionately he loves goat decks, which are decks made up from classic and original Yu-Gi-Oh cards, he emphasizes that the thrill of a good duel can be all you need to forget your troubles. Joey gathers in 1C to duel

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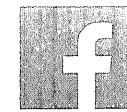
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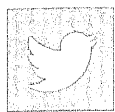
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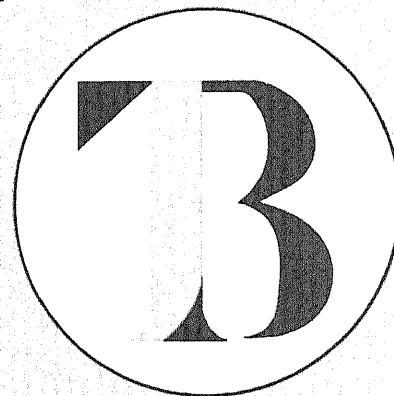


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BANNER POLITICS

Commentary: What You Need To Know About The Orange Weekend

Why You Should Support The Cause

BY: VALERIE GONZALEZ

Why go orange? The color symbolizes peace and is used to represent the movements around the United States against gun violence.

Let's state the facts: According to WearOrange and Amnesty USA, more than 30,000 men, women, and children are killed with guns each year in the U.S.

The US accounts for 80% of all gun deaths in the world. Of these deaths, 86% are women and 87% are children. In the US every day 46 children are shot in murders, assaults, and suicides.

The US has had more mass shootings than any other country. In a study of 11 countries over the past 14 years, 1.15 million Americans have been killed by guns since John Lennon.

If this wasn't enough for you to join the Orange Movement then let's talk about the mass shootings of last year.

Just in 2018 we witnessed 323 shootings. 387 people were killed and 1,274 were injured. 3 of these mass shootings occurred in schools.

This means that 88.9% of the year we've witnessed a crime that we've ignored, and it's becoming a crisis for the entire nation. There was an average of 26 shootings per month and an average of 40 deaths each month.

No to mention the statistics based on race, skin color, sexuality, and even religion. This is a crisis that we are all suffering from and we should all step in to abolish it.

Photo Credit: WearOrange.org



#WearOrange Weekend starts June 7th.

The more we try to make this issue relevant for Washington and politicians, the more steps we take backwards. Every shooting becomes a high-profile tragedy

until an even bigger one occurs, but no one has done anything that will provide security for every citizen, not even the kids.

Kids don't feel secure in their own schools, and the methods we've ap-

If we don't raise our voices and show the entire nation that gun control is needed then there will be triple the victims in 2019. We will get to a point where mass shootings will become the norm.

It is not normal for people to die because some irresponsible person has a gun, civilians openly walk around with guns, and hide them in their homes.

There's no need for that and we have to end it, 2019 is the year where we will be heard and we will end gun violence together.

Wear Orange is a movement where gun sense activists come together to fight for a future free from gun violence. The Orange Weekend is an opportunity for regular people like you to get involved and show support to the gun violence victims.

The movement represents people coming together to show the government that we all want change and we will work together for our kids and our next generations.

Get ready for the Orange Weekend starting June 7th. Be sure to come out and support the future of the U.S.

There will be tons of events all around the country so make sure to check out wearorange.org and sign up for an event near you! Come out, wear orange, and say no to gun violence!

proached to stop this include giving guns to teachers, clear backpacks to students, and more police forces to schools.

Are these methods working?

The Shake-Up At The Department Of Homeland Security

Trump's Tough New Immigration Move

BY: DEJON VIRGO

President Donald J. Trump is shaking up the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) by firing Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen who led the department in the beginning of April.

He also decided to withdraw his Immigration and Customs Enforcement pick, remove the Secret Service Director, and threaten more terminations.

These moves by Trump come because he has grown frustrated with illegal immigration at the southern border which has reached the highest numbers seen in a decade, according to Politico.

The Administration has tried different ways to stop the number of migrants arriving at the border and illegal immigration but it looks like these methods failed.

One of these policies probably deemed the most famous is the family separation policy, which Secretary Nielsen oversaw and defended as a deterrent for migrants going to the border.

The policy was repealed by an Executive Order after backlash from the general public and Trump's own family members like Ivanka and Melania Trump. Secretary Nielsen was under extreme pressure by Trump to stop the increase in illegal immigration and everytime the numbers increased she would be held responsible.

Nielsen's firing also came at a time



President Trump talking with immigration officers at a meeting.

when the President said he would shut down the southern border with Mexico but he backed out of that idea because of the impact that it could have on the economy, as Mexico is the U.S.'s third largest trading partner.

Another idea Trump had was to bus migrants to the so called "sanctuary cities" that are mostly governed by Democrats as political payback for the lack of progress on immigration with Congress.

This comes following reports from CNN and the New York Times that Trump told his new Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Kevin McAleenan that he could break the law for implementing his immigration policy and would be pardoned.

The numbers are putting stress on DHS with 95,000 migrants attempting to cross

the border in March. In April the number could reach 100,000.

These numbers show that there could be about one million attempted border crossings this year which shows a real humanitarian crisis on the southern border. DHS has expressed this crisis, saying they are running out of space to hold these migrants and beds are filling up.

There are also reports that DHS is building more tent cities to hold more migrants. The President has responded to this by saying the country is filled up and there is no room to house migrants in the detention facilities.

The increase in migrants at the border and a court case that says child migrants can't be detained for more than 20 days have led the Administration to release mi-

grants with a court order, or what Trump calls "catch and release."

Congress can only help stop this crisis, but they don't seem willing to compromise on anything, especially immigration which is the only way the Administration can solve this problem legally.

The purge of DHS officials shows that Trump is becoming upset about the growth of illegal immigration and wants to take a harder stance on this issue. People should expect more action from the Administration on this issue and the President will surely use this in his reelection campaign.

Whoever is the next confirmed Secretary of Homeland Security will have their hands full addressing things that don't have anything to do with the border and keeping Trump happy.

"Bread N Butter Poetry Club" Continued from Front Page

Specifically either by shining their talents within the club, and even finding acclaim among people who can help neuter that talent.

Professor Sanchez is hopeful for students posting poetry on Inkwel and through the English Department's magazine. On top of that, hosting Open Mic sessions can offer a means to show off the talented poets within the club.

This idea is perfect for showcasing the talented poets within CSI. This may even provide more avenues to people who want to find success within creative fields such as poetry.

Some might even join the club as an outlet for emotional strifes to aid with mental health. Others might join to create a sense of community surrounding the art of poetry writing.

The club at this point in time has garnered a sizable amount of participants, but having more to join the party would be wonderful for the young club that is kickstarting.

Plus, there are many Professors within the English Department who have amazing talents (some even published) who might come and help support Professor Sanchez.

So, if you are a student at CSI who has a passion for creativity, words, and storytelling, there is no reason not to be hyped over this.

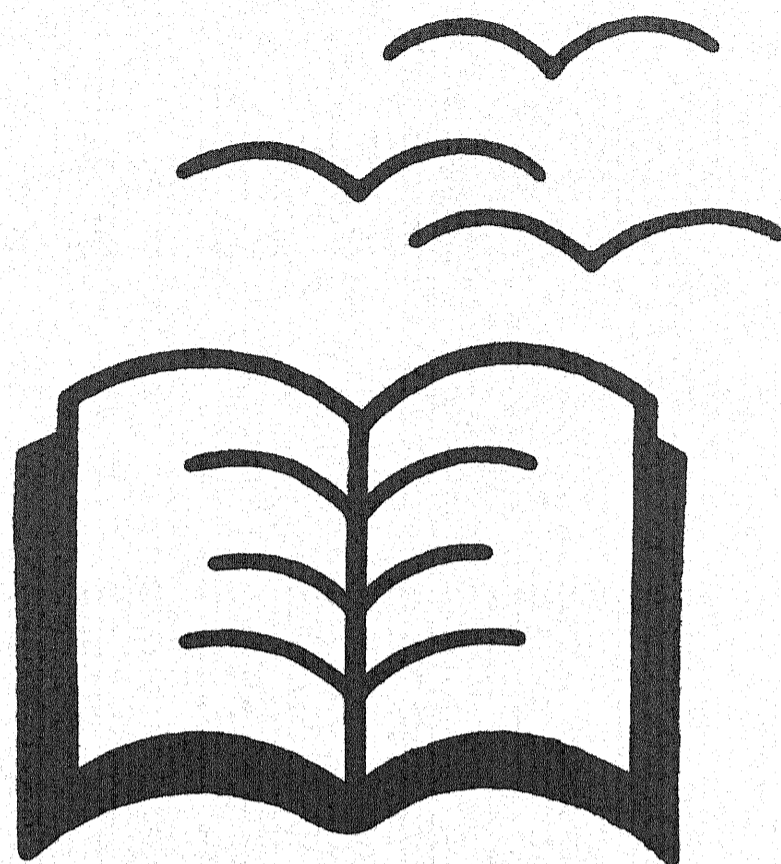
To be a poet doesn't mean to be the best rhymers nor lyrical genius--it is to put feelings into words and create boundless interpretation.

Poetry is deep, it takes a powerful voice from within to create something so raw. With this club, each members' voice

will be able to shine like a gem.

No matter the type of poem or rap, this is a wonderful way for students on campus to be able to express their internal passions.

This is the only poetry club that has been seen on campus and promises a lot. The Bread N' Butter Poetry Club can



POETRY

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definitely deliver as long as there is an interest.

The support and backing for the club is there, now all it needs is more members and to have basic club documents finalized. This is being done by the temporary Presidents and Vice President, until actual elections for positions can be done.

This will be an exciting club to join and definitely will be fun for all members and expose some people to open up their creative vision. The club is newly starting and will be up by next semester-so keep a keen eye out for poster or club events that Bread N 'Butter might attend.

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"CSI's Gaming Community" Continued from Front Page

with other friends who frequent the gaming scene there.

They all have formed their own community of mini-communities and niches.

"I've thought about starting a chess club," admits Edison Chow, a friend of Joey's among this group, who loves chess and cubing. He even sports a four-way chess board!

CSI has become a safe place for gaming-in-person regardless of the game. As there are many small groups of students that gather near the tables in IC to game, they all share a common passion for good fun and friendship.

Throughout the day varying pockets of this gaming community overflow the tables with a welcoming environment. Even though IC has many students gaming at these tables, they are not with an official club.

There is, however, a gaming club called CSI Gamer's Club, which does serve to officially celebrate and embrace the gaming in person experience. Recently this Spring 2019 Semester The Gamer's Club acquired

bond over a game I never heard of."

The truth is many students are running to the gaming club, since the Fall 2019 Semester their membership has grown. During this semester that trend does not seem to slow down as their members easily overpopulate the small gaming room in IC. They may need a bigger room or even a gymnasium if this trend continues.

Jay, Editor-in-Chief of The Catalyst, offered to sponsor the gaming club after hearing their budget couldn't support food for meetings. When I asked why he would do this he shared, "I feel like it's a safe haven, a great place for people to come together."

Jay tried starting a chemistry club on campus, but it didn't garner enough interest among the student body. In fact, I myself revived a writing club on campus last semester. A Reason to Write, a club which emphasizes students to grow as writers and encourage one another has proved to only be a minor success this semester.

It appears more students these days gravitate toward casual clubs rather than

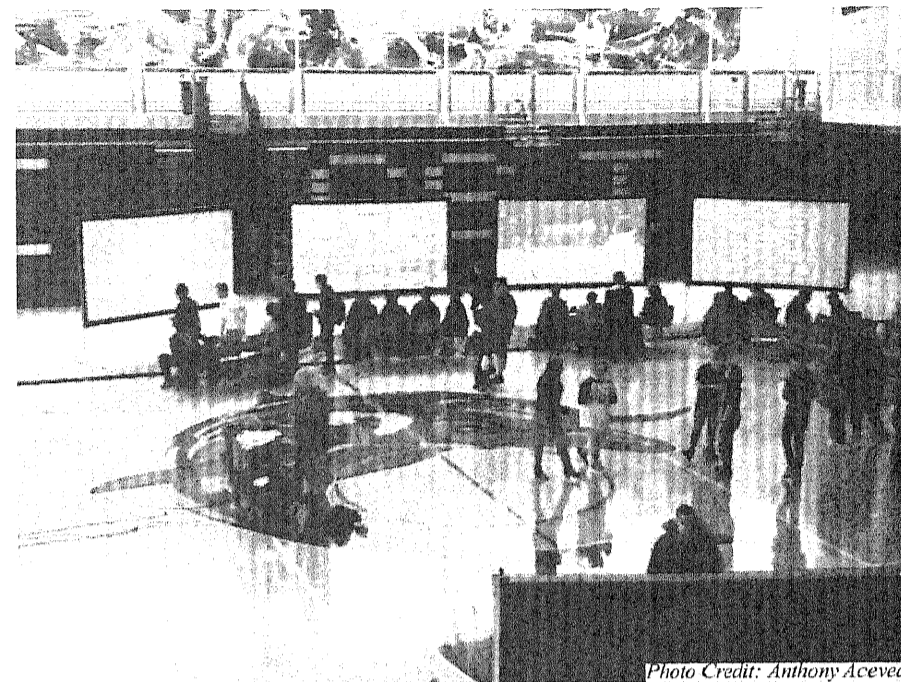


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Students gathered en masse at the gaming event in IR on March 26.

Next Level Gaming and looked them up. She shared this information with the board when she presented the idea. Many were won over.

On March 26th in IR, the main gym there was a gaming event which had an excellent setup for gaming in person with friends. Jumbo-trons setup Mario Kart, Pac-Man, an NBA game, Smash Brothers, and even a dancing game all contributed to this massive gaming nerdgasm. It was all about hanging out with your friends and enjoying your favorite games together.

CSI Gamer's Club President Vincent Loretta shared, "It's a lot of fun, we have a raffle, a meal voucher, free food," I inquire how this event got started, "Student Life organized it with Next Level Gaming. The gaming club is helping run it." Vincent humbly admitted that there were more hands in the pudding that was this magnificent display of gaming, food, and friends.

I eventually spoke with members of Campus Activities Board about the event, their organization actually initiated the work to make it happen.

Melissa Sipione, the Student Government Finance Representative who is on CAB board shared, "I love video games, I really wanted to bring this event to campus, and I brought it to the board."

She had heard about the company

"It was Melissa's idea, we all worked together," shared Joe Weisber, the Event Coordinator with CAB.

"I joined in February, it was already going, but I thought it was a great idea, that is why I supported it," admitted Alexa Solis, with On the Road which is apart of CAB that manages trips off campus.

It is refreshing to know that even students in positions of power and authority on campus acknowledge the desire from students to be apart of a gaming culture. Even the Student Life Office acknowledges the desire for students to be apart of this gaming culture on campus.

Debi Kee shared "Student groups are formed around a common interest and when we see groups of students participating in a shared activity, we often approach them and share information about ways they can formalize their group."

Students interested in finding other students with common interests, she urged, should visit the Involvement Center in 1C-212B to learn more.

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Photo Credit: Anthony Acevedo
Left to Right: Edison Chow, sporting a regular chess board, and Joey Wheeler with his Yu-Gi-Oh cards. They frequent IC at CSI like many other students who just want to blow steam from the day.

the privilege to rent out the gaming room in IC, which is located on the second floor, during their club hours.

At their meeting, everyone gathers and casually settles into the room. It was packed with students huddled around a PlayStation 4 playing Street Fighter, another television had students playing Super Smash Brothers on a WiiU, while other students played retro games like Super Mario on an old NES Nintendo system donated by Vincent Loretta.

After a few games of billiards, I was curious why this club was so popular out of all the clubs on campus. According to Debi Kee, the Student Life Director, there are about 150 club leaders involved in approximately 30 clubs on campus. What has lent to the success of The Gamer's Club?

Vincent, the President of CSI Gamer's Club also known as the gaming club, shared regarding the success of the club, "It's really a friendly environment, people who wouldn't normally talk will come and

academic clubs. What happened to The Accounting Club, The Drama Club, The Gospel Choir Club, The Psychology Club,



Photo Credit: Anthony Acevedo
Left to Right: The Campus Activities Board: Gwen Brown-Take Me Away Coordinator, Hadiyah Ali-member, Joe Weisberg-Event Coordinator, Natalie Taub-President of CAB, Geena Dibenedetto-member, Melissa Sipione-Student Gov't Finance Representative, and Alexa Solis-On The Road.

LIFESTYLES

Perfectionism is the Way to Go

Looking to be a Perfectionist? Look No Further

BY: ROSEANNE CASSAR

The life people live on a daily basis has its ups and downs. It can be stressful to the point of breaking, especially for college students.

The recognition of 'the self' starts from third grade and continues throughout college, and it is where students are faced with the ultimate test of their lives—performance, grades, and the search for success in life.

For students from kindergarten through second grade, they are still too young to recognize 'the self' yet. Young children live life stress-free and carefree. Life at a young age is always play time, especially when you're beginning to embrace the value of learn.

'The self' recognition can eventually turn into perfectionism. This starts when

students begin to engage in more intense learning.

The more a student learns and grows, the more responsibilities they will accept when tackling projects and studies. This will develop into a quickly changing attitude that they will establish with themselves.

What is perfectionism? According to Google, "A perfectionist is a person who refuses to accept any standard short of perfection."

In psychology terms, perfectionism is a personality trait characterized by, "a person's striving for flawlessness and setting high performance standards."

What does personality trait mean? According to Google, "In Psychology, perfectionism is a personality trait characterized by 'a person's striving for flawlessness and setting excessively high performance

standards accompanied by overly critical self-evaluations and concerns regarding others' evaluations."

What are the signs of a perfectionist? According to Google, "High achievers tend to have equally high esteem; not so with perfectionists. They tend to be very self-critical and unhappy, and suffer from low self-esteem."

"They can also be lonely or isolated as their critical nature and rigidity can push others away as well." Here are some steps to take if you want to be a perfectionist. The first step is to, "completely organize your room or house, and have everything aligned perfectly."

"Once every month, go through your room and look through the things that you don't need and throw them out. Try sleeping earlier to allow yourself at least eight hours of sleep." As another important step: "It's important to be punctual."

"Always arrive at your destination at least fifteen minutes before you are supposed to be there." Why rush? "Leave your house early so you don't even risk getting detention for being late to class, or so that you will not be late for work."

Accurate timing is important. "Moving up the time on your watch will help you arrive at your destination earlier." As a third step, you should, "learn to create lists."

"Get a calendar or planner, and write all of the things that you have to do on that day, not just the important things. To a per-

fectionist, everything is important." Your list should, "never be more than five items long, or else you're taking on too much and set yourself up for failure." You can make a list for the week as well as for the month.

Why not create a list for your life? "Being a perfectionist is all about priorities. Stop procrastinating, remove or ignore distractions."

Step four is to, "pay attention to your demeanor and speech." Speak well, be polite and speak calmly. Step five is that, "as a perfectionist, you may want it to show on the outside by taking good care of yourself. Hygiene is a must."

"Dress for success, not like a slob. Take care of your skin. Maintain your nails."

"Always be ready for the unexpected. Carry extra money with you. If you have a cell phone, always make sure that it's fully charged. You never know when you will be stuck in a situation where you are stuck on your own."

"A perfectionist cannot be perfect if they are unprepared!" Step seven is to, "set high standards for yourself."

And last but not least, "Take extra time to make everything around you perfect, starting with your schoolwork. Pay attention to every little detail. It will make you happy."

If you would like to read this article further, look for "How To Be A Perfectionist: 12 Steps."

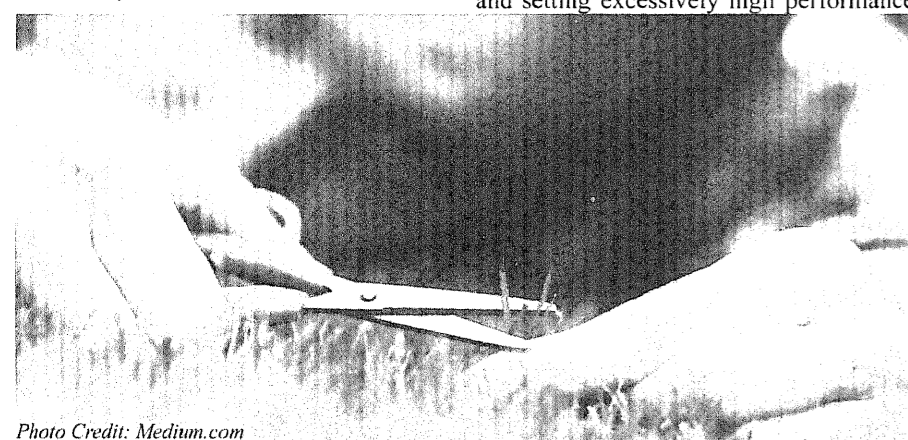


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Attention to detail is a tell-tale sign of a Perfectionist at work.

Want A Vacation Without The Expense? Plan a Staycation

Find Fun this Summer by Staying Home

BY: ROSEANNE CASSAR

A majority of families are not able to spend money on a summer vacation this year. But don't worry, there is a solution for families who are on a fixed budget. Instead of boarding a plane to visit a tropical place, plan for a staycation from home.

There are plenty of things to do right in your own area. What is a staycation? A staycation is similar to a vacation but you spend your vacation at home.

To get started on planning your staycation, know this—it is really easy. First, grab a calendar to create a start date and an end date so that everyone knows when you're on staycation. Second, find a visitor's guide.

Check out your local Chamber of Commerce's website. Don't forget to tidy your home before your staycation begins. You can also create a fun activity to-do list for your staycation.

It is also recommended that you write down the things you want to do. To help families who are on a budget to afford a staycation, here are some terrific ideas to help you get started. You and your family can go to national parks, state parks, county parks, metro parks and nature centers that provide a place to run around and enjoy nature.

Visit nps.gov to find a national park or

stateparks.com to find a state park. When there is a day of rain showers, find a place to stay and hang out for a while. Some places include art museums, aquariums, planetariums, science museums, and history museums.

You can visit aam-us.org or search the Association of Zoos and Aquariums website at their website, www.aza.org.



Photo Credit: HomesByTaber.com
Having fun at home is always a possibility.

Third, become an active member of local community centers and public spaces. Go to your nearby neighborhood park or YMCA. This can give you the opportunity to take advantage of the local swimming pool, tennis courts, golf course or skating rinks.

Go to the beach, ride your bike, walk

on the boardwalk or get involved with a sport. You can also go to parties by checking your local newspaper or Chamber of Commerce to keep yourself up to date with the nearby festivities. Also, many locales host free music nights during the summer months.

In addition, getting creative and learning something new is a great way to high-

light your time at any at-home staycation. Have you always wanted to learn how to create art with candy or learn how to crochet?

You can visit your local recreations department or community college to find classes and mentors to help you bring your art project to life.

As with any vacation, it is also a necessity to pamper yourself. You are saving a whole bunch of money on your staycation by staying home, so why not treat yourself with a trip to the local spa for a massage?

Besides, you earned it. So call up and make your reservation in advance. Many spas offer specials and packages, so be sure to be on the lookout for them.

You can also pitch a tent and build a small fire in your backyard, just like an average camping trip. While outside you can chase fireflies, sing songs, look at the stars and roast marshmallows.

Spend some money is also something you can do. Local restaurants, shows and other discount events are always in abundance year-round.

Have you considered getting a personal trainer to keep yourself healthy and fit? Why not give it a try!

You can also splurge some money on Broadway tickets, a hotel room for the night and maybe a couple of bottles of wine to kick off the evening with an amazing bang with your significant other.

For tickets to Broadway visit ticketmaster.com. A staycation is a guilt free vacation where you can splurge either on yourself or your family to have fun and enjoy this summer.

LIFESTYLES

Coachella 2019 Serving Looks for the Entire Summer

LGBTQ+ Best Coachella Outfits

BY: VALERIE GONZALEZ

Coachella weekends mean amazing performances, music, food, celebrities, pictures—a dream come true for all the young adults out there! Eight stages full of insta-worthy pictures, amazing drinks and tons of fun will be ready to make your weekend an unforgettable one.

As the years passed by and Coachella became more popular by bringing more people and announcing more artists, the festival has become one of the most important annual festivals since 2001.

This year Coachella's lineup was filled with up to 167 artist and many surprise performances like Justin Bieber and Ariana Grande that left the audience speechless.

In addition, there were some of the most wanted performances including Billie Eilish, Bad Bunny, Childish Gambino, Gucci Gang, Khalid, Diplo, J Balvin and more!

Although the music should be all that matters in a festival, through the years outfits worn by the attendants and attendees have been a hot topic as well. Everyone looking for the best and worst outfits of the weekend, and from home we share our opinions on them too.

This year the LGBTQ community wasn't playing—a 3-day weekend was just to show the entire nation that they're all here for it! No more shame, no more hiding, the LGBTQ community is here and is here to stay! And to applaud the fearlessness of their outfits here are the top 5 best outfits of the LGBTQ influencers:

1. Gabriel Zamora
@gabrielzamora with over 120K likes on this post:

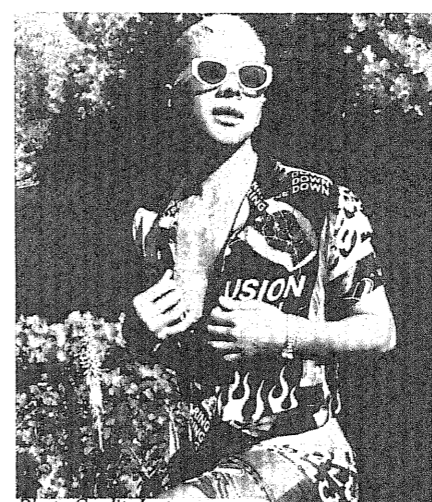


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2. Joey Graceffa
@joeygraceffa with over 183k likes on this post:



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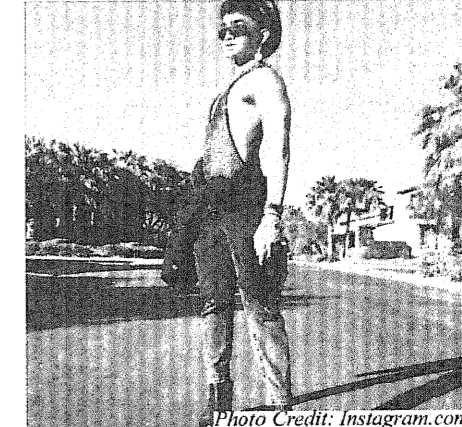


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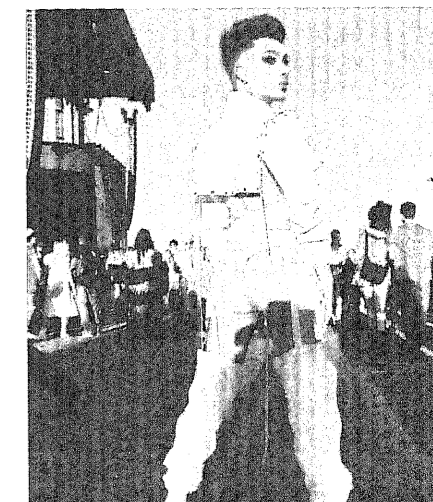


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How Can "Starving Artists" Live a Healthy Lifestyle?

Developing a Strategy to Get You and Your Artwork in Shape

BY: KYLE FORBES

As a starving artist, living on a minimum-expense lifestyle is a necessity.

Wikipedia portrays starving artists as not be involved in a business environment because most of their income goes towards making art projects. Other similar forms of artists are the starving actors and musicians.

So how could such creative people live a healthy lifestyle? Is entering the business world a needed strategy for starving artists in order to help them live a sustainable life?

I've decided to explore the concept of artists in the business world since, like everyone else, artists need to work in order to live a healthy lifestyle.

Becoming a business person could allow artists to experience life outside of the starving artist lifestyle.

Creative artists could make a list of their eating expenses, other bills, rent, transportation expenses, and put some additional savings on the side each month to ensure a life of enjoyment. Starving artist could make notes about how the artwork they sell.

Starving artists could sell physical products online, affiliated products, online coaching one-on-one sessions, and social media skills. In addition, they could also sell marketing skills, photography tours (or art shows, etc.) and e-books. Also hungry artist could help sell tickets to events and

market digital products.

Setting up an online brand by using websites, social media, and other accessible platforms is what makes a great social media site helpful for promoting their public art business.

Starving artist could also do something differently and use public relation practices as a way to earn income. Then, they can write an email and giving them their career background and share their unique story to customers. Starving artist could also ask customers if their service was helpful as a good way to receive constructive feedback.

Black Enterprise reported some interesting information for starving artist trying to make an income. Knowing how to determine the worth of your original artworks, creative services, or brand merchandise for sale could help organize your spending experiences and income-making experiences. In addition, being knowledgeable on how to estimate the worth of your artwork could also determine the kind of financial flexibility you have as a business-skilled artist.

How much time spent on creating the art and gaining the profit that comes after selling their work could be the factors necessary to determine how much your artwork is worth.

Spending time to setup your social media messages by constructing them for the audience you want to participate in the purchasing of your artwork could attract

a little bit of money saved but was determined to go to an audition with little gas in her vehicle.

Seeing how businesses that interest you when you shop for your merchandise and products could be a good basis for selling your artwork, as you can use their strategy to develop your own. Businesses that interact with customers can also help you develop your strategy for selling your artwork.

Learning about legal terminology can allow you to be educated about the meaning of copyrighting, intellectual property and working-for-hire.

Working and sharing with other artist networks to help motivate you could provide you the new experiences necessary to develop and expand your artwork.

Some Rent Broadway stars have short stories of their own to tell about their starving actor experiences.

Rent actress, Kersey Clemons, had



Photo Credit: ArtistsNetwork.com
The struggles of a starving artist are real, but solvable with a little creativity.

Rent actor, Jordan Fisher, had twenty-three dollars in his checking account. A mentor, Tim Davis, gave him \$500 during a lunch meeting. Fisher also offered him an opportunity to sing with Mariah Carey. Fisher accepted Davis' offer.

Rent actress, Tinashe, portrays how living in her parent's place, making a recording studio in her bedroom, making her own content, and even filming her own music videos inspired her to make the best out of every situation. The music singer claims she viewed such experiences as an opportunity to think outside of the box.

Having a "do-it-yourself" mindset during hard times is an opportunity for an artist to change the tides and discover what they can accomplish.

BANNER ARTS

Has Netflix Finally Met its Real Competitor?

Disney Streaming Service May Make Netflix Shook

BY: DANNY CACACE

Disney's upcoming streaming service Disney Plus, is predicted to come out November 12th, 2019 and expected to wipe out its competition.

This service that will be launching in the coming months will definitely serve some controversy with the other streaming services, especially with a service like Netflix, which is the biggest streaming service out there right now.

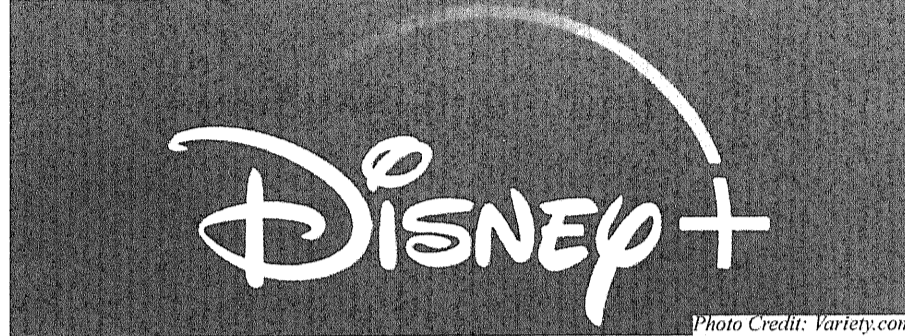
According to a report from macro-trends.net, Netflix's net worth as of April 25, 2019 is \$161.04B. However, with Disney and their new streaming service on the way, Netflix is now going to face some troubling waters ahead with the chance of losing some fellow customers to Disney Plus.

Last year, Netflix cancelled Marvel shows that were running on their service for a while. The shows included "Daredevil," "Jessica Jones," "Luke Cage," "Iron Fist" and "The Punisher" which were all axed. According to a report by cnbc.com, the reason why these shows were cancelled was due to the end of a five-year licensing partnership with Marvel which is owned by Disney.

This happens just in time as Disney

Plus is about to come out, where since Disney owned the rights to these shows, they could basically bring them all back since they were loved by millions of people. Netflix probably cancelled these shows knowing Disney Plus is going to want to have them all to themselves.

Speaking of Marvel shows, based off the Avengers movies, there are going to



This will be the logo of Disney's streaming service.

be shows like "The Falcon and the Winter Soldier," and "The Vision and Scarlet Witch," "Hawkeye" and a Loki Series set to come on Disney Plus, so fans will buy into their streaming service and watch their shows.

Disney Plus is going to have all of the classic Disney movies anyone can think of including the new ones. This is really in-

triguing and great to hear for Disney fans because one can watch any Disney movie whenever and wherever they want.

This will definitely bring consumers into their service, especially with the fact that the service is going to start at \$6.99 per month which is two dollars cheaper than what Netflix costs per month.

This service will also display movies

Hulu teaming up with Disney Plus is a huge move made by Disney because a lot of people use Hulu as a streaming service and Hulu has a lot of good content. The only downside to Disney Plus is that they are trying to stay family oriented since that's what they've been all about for years now, and with movies like Deadpool and Logan which were R rated Marvel movies, they will not be shown on Disney Plus.

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Nonetheless, Disney Plus has the chance to be a huge success because Disney is widely popular, and they own almost every big company one can think of, so only time will tell the future of how well their service will do.

Disney Plus is even making a Star

Wars spin-off show called "The Mandalorian" based off the Star Wars: Rogue One movie. Making shows based off Marvel and Star Wars is going to bring more and more consumers into the service if it is done well.

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The End...or is it?

"Avengers: Endgame" Concludes "Infinity War" in Epic Style

BY: KENNY VELEZ

While not the final Avengers movie or even the final movie in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, Avengers: Endgame wraps up the story arc that has been building up over the first eleven years of the MCU and serves as the finale of "The Infinity Saga", as dubbed by Kevin Feige.

Endgame picks up weeks after the end of "Infinity War," and goes from there.

In the beginning, the film does a nice job of deconstructing the typical superhero morality. The Avengers show up and get their revenge on Thanos, while he is doing nothing wrong, and they don't feel any better afterwards because they are unable to undo the changes that he has made to the universe.

The film contains a wide array of characters and does an amazing job of balancing their screen time. Not everyone gets to speak, but all the heroes get their moments to shine.

The majority of the focus however, is placed on the original six Avengers: Captain America, Iron Man, Thor, Hulk, Hawkeye, and Black Widow.

Several characters are depicted better here than they are in their own movies. One of these characters is Captain Marvel. In terms of being the strongest character in the MCU, directors Joe and Anthony Russo definitely show it here.

Another is Spider-Man. Despite his limited screen time, he is depicted well.

Time travel is used well in this movie. It is not as easy as going back in time and killing Thanos when he was a baby to

prevent the events of "Infinity War" from happening.

The movie balances comedy and seriousness very well. There is enough comedy in there to make sure that things don't get too depressing, but at the same time it doesn't have enough comedy to kill the tension in the movie.

The characters who died in "Infinity War" from means other than The Snap remain dead, while the characters who died in The Snap come back to life.

None of the deaths that occur in this movie are undone in the movie. There is a question about death being permanent since all the characters who were snapped out of existence came back without any changes, but the means used to resurrect them are now gone.

The camera is erratic in some scenes, especially some fight scenes, and it would have been better to have the camera stand still so more of the action can be seen.

There is a battle in the movie that is one of the largest battles ever depicted in film. The amount of characters, soldiers, giant things, combatants, and set pieces in this battle is amazing.

The advancements in CGI and technology have definitely led to this magnificent spectacle. Hulk is depicted in a unique way in contrast to his previous movie appearances.

Before, he was hunted down, he was able to change between being Bruce Banner and being the Hulk, with the Hulk having a dumbed down speech pattern.

Here, the Hulk is given Banner's brains and is given the ability to speak full



"Avengers: Endgame" concludes the Avengers storyline.

sentences. This has been done before on shows like "The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes," but not to the extent depicted here. Hulk was not portrayed as a scientific genius on "Earth's Mightiest Heroes," while he is here.

Overall, Avengers Endgame is a fun and satisfying conclusion to the first three

phases of the MCU.

Several characters made their last appearances in the MCU in this film. Other characters will carry on into other films within the Marvel franchise.

This is an experience that must be seen on the biggest screen imaginable and is the pinnacle of modern special effects.

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BANNER ARTS

"Dumbo" Shows Power of Believing in Oneself

The Beloved Circus Elephant Stars in an Updated Film

BY: BROOKE PRICE

The classic 1941 film "Dumbo" has been remade by the creative mind of Tim Burton. Lately, Disney has been cashing in on the CGI/live action remakes of its original movies.

"Dumbo" is no exception to this era of remakes. Although the film's visuals were impressive, the story it tries to communicate falls flat.

Dumbo, a newborn circus elephant has abnormally large ears and learns that he can fly by holding onto a "magic feather."

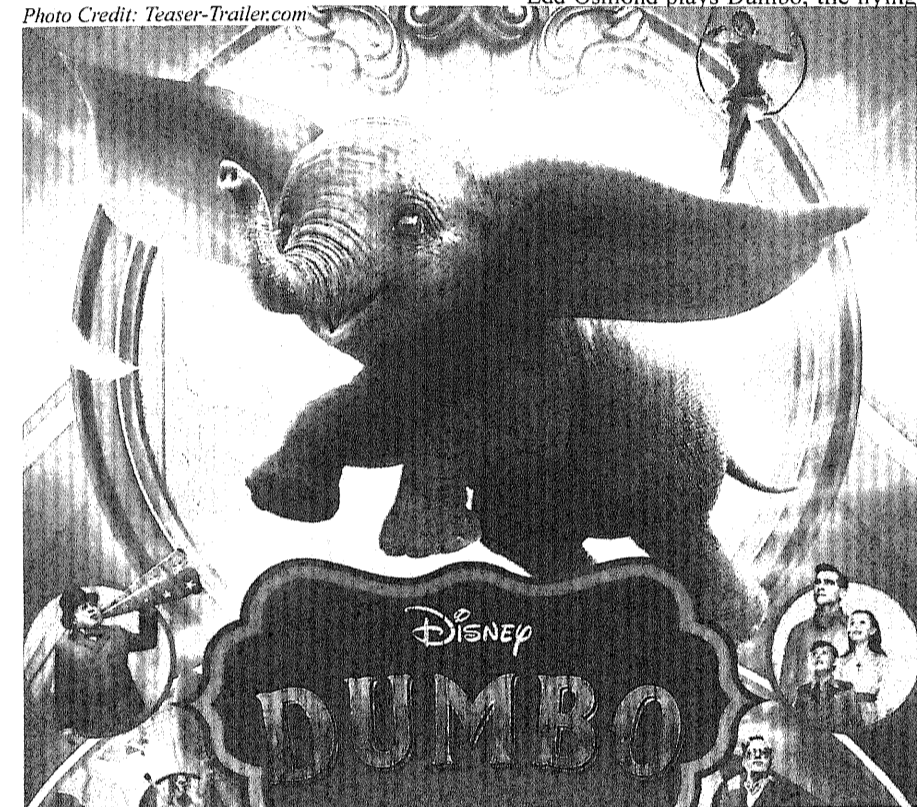
The film also focuses on Holt Farrier,

a circus performer and World War I veteran coming back to the circus to reconnect with his children Milly and Joe.

Collin Farrell plays Holt, the caring and loving father of Milly and Joe. Danny DeVito portrays Max Medici, the ringleader of the circus.

Michael Keaton plays V.A. Vandevere, who brings Dumbo and other circus performers to his amusement park, Dreamland. Eva Green plays Colette Marchant, the French aerialist from Dreamland that trains with Dumbo to improve his flying ability.

Edd Osmond plays Dumbo, the flying



Dumbo soars to new heights in the new film.

Will New Zombie Video Game Meet Expectations?

"Days Gone" Has the Potential to be Next Game of the Year

BY: DANNY CACACE

"Days Gone" is a new zombie survival game that released on Friday, April 26th. This game is a PlayStation 4 exclusive and prior to its release, was projected to be a massive hit in sales, especially built with all the hype surrounding it.

This new zombie video game is an open-world zombie land filled with countless zombies to go face off against. There will also be people trying to control their territory that will try to kill whoever is in their way.

In "Days Gone," one will play as the character Deacon St. John, who has just lost his family due to the zombie apocalypse that has occurred. He is now on the run trying to survive in a world where everyone and everything is coming after him.

This game is supposed to a 60 hour long story-line game filled with tons of cut-scenes and a lot of gameplay where the player takes control on how they want to face off against its enemies. "Days Gone" will be an action-packed survival horror game and it will not be a fun ride surviving

in this daunting and cruel environment.

Speaking of rides, the player will be riding a motorcycle throughout the whole game trying to get through the world. As they ride the motorcycle, they also will need to repair and put gas in it while there are other people trying to do the same thing as the protagonist.

This game has caught gamers' atten-

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er it didn't really showcase how tough it was for Dumbo to grow up in the circus, isolated from his mother. Sure, he was ridiculed for his ears in the film, but he wasn't gossiped about or made fun of by the other circus animals like in the original film.

The emotional factor wasn't really there that made us feel sad about Dumbo and his mother's situation. With the lack of other talking animals, the film became a bit bland after hearing about the characters' backstories.

Even though the children act as the supporting roles to Dumbo, it was still missing other animals that communicated with Dumbo, such as Timothy the mouse and the crows.

The film also had a mouse, but he didn't speak. In the original film, Timothy the mouse was Dumbo's friend and motivated Dumbo to fly and search for his mother.

Some of the characters felt unnecessary in their placement. Sure, the characters helped develop the plot and helped encourage Dumbo to fly, however it deviated from the character development and growth of Dumbo.

The film showcased the iconic "Baby Mine" scene where Dumbo's mother, Mrs. Jumbo, holds Dumbo's trunk through her cage and caresses him. Although Dumbo's mother didn't sing to him in the film, one of the circus performers sang the song, which was used during the scene in the movie.

The message "Dumbo" tries to spread is heartwarming, however parts of the movie felt lacking in essence.

The movie is titled "Dumbo," howev-

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The main protagonist in the game is running away from a horde of zombies.

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BANNER OPINIONS

The Necessity of Funding Amidst the Notre Dame Fire *Are Funds a Waste or a Legitimate Undertaking?*

BY: CLAUDIA BUONSANTE

There are few events catastrophic enough to capture global attention. However, on April 15th of 2019, an event like this stormed the streets of Paris when a roaring fire burned through the Notre Dame Cathedral.

This catastrophic event captured the attention of citizens, newsroom employees and global leaders alike. People watched in awe as firemen made a valiant effort to stop the blaze roaring through the halls of the iconic gothic cathedral. Unfortunately, the spire and roof collapsed amidst the fire.

The structures that remained intact include the stone bell towers, the famed Great Organ, and the South Rose stained-glass window, which was donated by King St. Louis in 1260, along with several art pieces that were hastily transferred to the Louvre for safe keeping.

Investigators believe an electrical short-circuit in an elevator most likely caused the fire, but they are not certain. There may have also been a significant computer glitch that alerted authorities of danger in the complete opposite wing of the cathedral. According to CBS, clergy member, Patrick Chauvet, said although they do not know the exact origin of the fire, "we may find out what happened in two or three months."

While the cause of the fire remains obscured, there is one thing French officials know for certain: there will be an active effort to rebuild. The French government has already established a special office to handle the donation money. So far, about \$995 million has been donated by French business leaders and the public. Other investors include notable fashion, beauty, and tech moguls.

Francois-Henri Pinault, CEO of Kering, pledged \$112 million to the effort. Similarly, Bernard Arnault, the chief executive of LVMH, announced he would donate nearly \$224 million. Moreover, The Bettencourt Meyers family, who run L'Oréal, pledged a similar figure.

As far as American companies are concerned, several have already promised to donate to reconstruction. For example, Alex Cook, chief executive of Apple recently tweeted "We [Apple] are heartbroken for the French people and those around the world for whom Notre Dame is a symbol of hope. . . Apple will be donating to the rebuilding efforts to help restore Notre Dame's precious heritage for future."

In total, nearly a billion U.S. dollars have been collected in the name of rebuilding Notre Dame.

This hasty gathering of funds proves

that the billionaires and millionaires of the world could easily solve chronic social problems if they wanted to. Over the past few years, America has neglected several social ills, like the crumbling infrastructure of Puerto Rico post-hurricane or the failing water systems of Flint Michigan. Although these problems clearly need to be addressed, the wealthy are funneling their money into a project that does not actually benefit the average working class citizen.

While the cathedral of Notre Dame is an important part of French history and French heritage, the multi-million dollar project to reconstruct it is not the best use of funds.

Instead, the money could be used to

solve various social problems, like those previously mentioned or even the growing economic inequality in France. According to The Mercury News, Philippe Martinez, head of the CGT trade union put it, "If they can give tens of millions to rebuild Notre-Dame, then they should stop telling us there is no money to help with the social emergency."

Historically, the multi-millionaires of the world have been more concerned with symbolic, grandiose projects rather than the wellbeing of working class people. The scramble to fund Notre Dame's reconstruction clearly exemplifies the flawed values of the rich and of society as a whole.

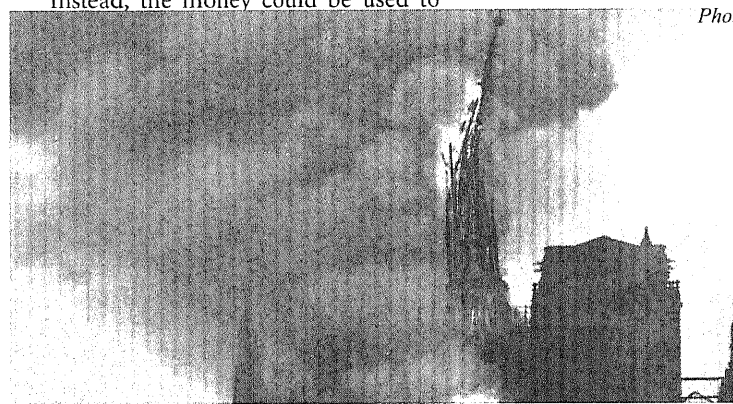


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The photo above captures the burning of Notre Dame's iconic spire.

Are Social Media & Relationships a Good Match?

Finding the Silver Lining Between Romance & Social Media

BY: MAXWELL VELIKODNY

How can social media save romantic relationships? Social media facilitates communication, especially between family, friends, and loved ones. Connections are no longer bound by distance or time.

Nowadays, people often communicate through email, text SMS, Instagram messaging, Facebook Messenger, Snapchat, and other platforms. These platforms allow for easy access and communication between partners in romantic relationships.

Moreover, college students often use social media to initiate, supplement, and improve their romantic relationships.

For many college students, social media is the preferred method of online communication between college students engaged in romantic relationships.

Communication on social media is quick, easy, and convenient. Couples usually seek attention from one another through this method if they are constrained by distance or busy schedules.

Social media extends one's relationship by eliminating the constraint of distance.

Social media has become interwoven with people's friendships and relationships because of the ease of communication and the elimination of distance and availability as a constraint to connection.

College students use social media to initiate potential romantic relationships. In Renee S. Sherrell and Glenn W. Lambie's 2013 research article, "A Qualitative Investigation of College Students' Facebook Usage and Romantic Relationships: Implications for College Counselors," Sherrell and Lambie's study finds that, "Facebook does not merely facilitate college students' interactions [but also] establishes, shapes, and defines their intimate relationships."

The article's purpose is to examine relationships in conjunction with Facebook usage. The authors create a qualitative analysis on students' Facebook experiences from a specific university, and consequently, suggest implications for college counselors.

As one male student from the study stated: "Facebook allows you to know what she does, where she hangs out, who she hangs out with if she really is who she says she is, [and] if she already has a boyfriend or girlfriend." A lot can be learned about a person online.

Social media is a way of getting to know another person through electronic communication which is usually the first step to building a platonic or intimate relationship. After learning about the significant other's interest and becoming closer, interactions can start to occur offline. Group hangouts, study sessions, and sometimes one-on-one interactions outside of social media arise. There comes the point in the relationship where the two agree to see each other.

Once the two become close and intimate enough, which is different for many relationships, they vocalize their togetherness.

Although this research focuses on Facebook as a specific platform, the findings from the research can be extended to other forms of social media. College students use Instagram and Snapchat to get to know their prospective significant others through direct-messaging and their public page.

Sherrell and Lambie used Facebook specifically because it had the largest data set. As a result, intimate relationships can be initiated on these platforms as well as Facebook.

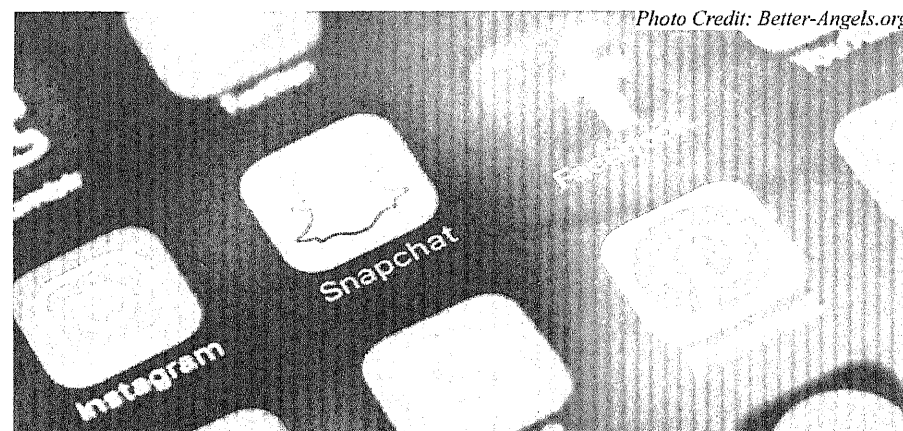


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Romantic relationships flourishing on social media is more common than ever.

Social media supplements offline relationships offline use social media to improve their real-world relationships. The ability to communicate with another person anywhere and at any time is not insignificant in a relationship, especially a romantic one. Since romantic relationships are no longer bound to distance because of social media, college students can date people that are miles away or go to different schools.

Another way social media and direct-messaging have improved intimate relationships is by allowing students to collect their thoughts before communicating them. "Online communication allows [college students] to perfect what they want to say, in that they can erase what they write before posting it, or they can retype their posts to make them more funny or amusing."

Through social media, college students can impress or entertain their romantic partner through thoughtful responses because of the elimination of the time constraints offline conversations have.

College students engaged in intimate

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

Wendy Williams' Ex-Husband Exposed

Talk Show Host's Divorce Drama

BY: SAMIHA CHARLES

Just days after coming as close to confirming divorce rumors to the public, Wendy Williams' marriage has made headlines once again.

At the center of some more news, Wendy Williams' husband of 22 years, Kevin Hunter is alleged to have been stepping out on not only his wife, but his mistress, Sharina "Nikki" Nicola Hudson, as well.

On April 13, 2019 all tea, or as Tasha K would say "all the wine" was spilt, when R&B singer Aveon Falstar revealed that he had an affair with Kevin Hunter on her YouTube show unWinewithTashaK. In a tell-all fashion, Falstar held nothing back and left little to the imagination when he shared his alleged affair with Hunter back in 2018.

In a two part interview, Falstar who had been accompanied by his wife, shared the events leading up to the affair. In what appeared to be a promising singing career with Kevin Hunter's management company, Falstar revealed that Kevin Hunter wanted more than just a business relationship.

Back in 2017, Falstar caught the attention of one of the producers of the Wendy Williams Show and was invited to perform one of his songs. Falstar, who'd been compared to singer, Brian McKnight, Falstar was an aspiring singer when he appeared on the Wendy Williams Show.

And though he performed a few times during the Wendy Williams Show, Falstar wasn't initially signed to Kevin Hunter's managed company right away. In fact, Hunter's mistress, Nikki, was instrumental

in convincing Hunter to sign Falstar to his company.

While signed under Hunter's management company, Falstar alleged to have been a kept man as oppose to an artist.

According to Aveon Falstar, he always knew about Kevin Hunter's sexual orientation.

"He always used to put up this straight front when he's a secretly gay man," Aveon says.



Wendy Williams and Her Ex-Husband Kevin Hunter.

But suspicions didn't rise until Kelvin had moved Aveon into an apartment in Fort Lee, New Jersey, where Charlamagne Tha God had once stayed while working with Wendy Williams. It was during that time in Fort Lee, New Jersey when Kevin began pursuing Falstar.

According to Falstar, Hunter used to always ask him to go to a spa near the Fort Lee apartment. "Kevin used to always beg me to go to the spa," he stated in the interview. "I don't like the spa. I don't like massages. When we got to the spa, I noticed, he would only choose the days that nobody would be in there. After awhile, I suspected that he was gay." "We gave each other

fellatio."

Another one of the issues revealed by Falstar was that Kelvin had allegedly come into Aveon and his wife's Fort Lee, New Jersey home at 3 in the morning, while inebriated and had "tossed his salad" while he was in bed.

"He came back, pulled back the covers- now mind you I just did the number 2." He concedes. "He didn't care about that, he ate me, he spit on me... he put it in and

he came in 30 seconds." In addition he had shouted all sorts of obscene things towards him.

Hunter claims that his insults and aggression was set off by the adrenaline received from fornication with another man.

As the plot thickens, his wife continues to quietly munch on her grapes as her husband openly admits to his affairs with Kevin Hunter.

She was aware of the entire situation and says that she doesn't mind that he's what he's done just as long as he is open about what he's done. "It was more of an open relationship with truth," she says. Fair enough.

"A lot of women around the world, they will have no idea how many men cheat on them with other men to get an adrenaline rush. Especially men who like to work out. And a lot of men who pretend that they're straight, they're really not, it's a hormonal thing."

He added that as the man that he is, he loved his wife. And that she had already known the type of an he was and his condition when they had first met.

While Aveon Falstar has a special talent for singing, he also has a special condition of hermaphroditism called hypospadias.

Which is where the opening at the tip of the penis is on the underside of it. Falstar also accused Kevin Hunter of making him feel insecure, whether it was about his appearance, or his sexuality.

Since the allegations have been made, the upcoming singer changed his name PM at the expense of Kelvin and his law firm had issued a pre-suit letter to Kelvin. The letter, according to him addressed the sexual misconduct and allegations and demanded monetary compensation for sexual abuse against Aveon.

According to Page Six news, Kevin nor Wendy Williams have made any statements regarding the allegations.

However, Kevin's law representatives responded stating "The claims levied by Mr. Aveon Williams against Mr. Kevin Hunter are baseless and are completely false," "Mr. Williams' actions are a part of an elaborate scheme to extort money from Mr. Hunter and is nothing more than an attempt to shake him down for financial gain."

Sex With Your Ex...Again?

How to Avoid Make-up Sex in Disguise

BY: SUMMER MARTINEZ

We all know that getting out of a relationship does not equal to no longer having a sex drive, and finding a compatible sex partner takes time. So, if you're recently single, you've maybe immediately thought about rebounding... with your ex.

Sex with your ex can be a great thing. Some may do it just once, for closure. While others may do it for general conveniences and sexual well-being.

It may feel somewhat as if you're strangers exploring each other all over again because there's no title to your relationship and, consequently, no strings attached.

Except that's not exactly true.

No longer being in a relationship doesn't always equate to a complete depletion of emotional attachment.

Your experiences with each other are not erased and the memories of your relationship may still be freshly imprinted.

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Talking about sex boundaries with your ex is beneficial.

As this holds true for all recently-parted couples, it remains apparent and worth emphasizing that having sex with your ex can be emotionally risky for both parties.

If you're debating to get back under sheets with your former lover for a few random nights until you (or they) find someone new, taking certain conversational steps can help to lessen the probability and intensity of emotionally confusing territory.

An ex-partner who has become a relevant and sexually present partner is still a form of a relationship. And, as all well-meaning relationships, it deserves mutual grounding by way of conversation.

So, what sort of conversation should you be having with your ex? If you are temporary engagement is to be based on sexual matters, it is beneficial and essential for former lovers to discuss their terms of sex.

Coming to mutual terms of a sexual agreement can involve pre-discussing the nature and extension of your relationship, frequency of sex, and what is allowed and not allowed in the bedroom.

This is a means to come to an agreement on what is okay for the both of you so as to lessen complications that 'ex-sex' may ensue.

With any sexual relationship, individual preferences of the do's and don'ts of sex are especially important to establish. Sex is often imagined as an act of being physically and mentally in sync with someone else.

Naturally, however, though bodies in-termix we are all individuals with our own thoughts and feelings.

If temporary, yet continued sex with your ex is what you mutually seek, evidently the goal is to avoid any possible surge of emotional abuse that may come with stirred thoughts and emotions.

Consider that the use of certain pet names, intense sexual positions or rhythm, and engaging in particular kinks can be potential discourses to the ironic harmonies of ex-sex.

It's worth noting that as sex is natural, having terms or restrictions on sex can be tricky. Try to keep a fairly open mind. For some topic areas, you may want to allow yourselves a range to your limitations rather than set concrete do's and don'ts.

Conversation about your sex life should not be limited to discussions with your ex. There are questions you should ask yourself, too.

Like to what extent do you personally believe that sex with your ex is beneficial

and emotionally sound? If you are unsure, you may be better off avoiding the act altogether.

In order not to be one-sidedly tempted into your past relationship (or vice versa), you might also ask—would I be comfortable with having good sex? Or limiting certain sexual pleasures that spark connection and emotional intensity, as opposed to great sex?

If not, consider how it might hurt or help the circumstance of having a sexual relationship with your ex. Importantly, if there's more than one occasion where you have sex with your ex, invite yourself to reflect on how you feel afterwards. But be wary of the expense of dwelling on the experience.

Ex-sex can happen spontaneously, and if it does, that's okay too. Rather than having had initiated a pre-sex discussion on your prospective sexual relationship, you can have a post-sex discussion. For even after the fact, boundaries can be established as necessary.

If your former relationship had been inclusive of healthy communication and if your breakup was not, per se, disastrous, it seems fair to say that it would be more likely to mutually manage and benefit from ex-sex than if these positive aspects were generally unapplied.

While sex with your ex may be risky, depending on your relationship, it is doable-and even healthy. Having a fling with an ex demands proper modes of communication for the benefit of all persons involved.

SPORTS

Tiger Woods is on Top of the World Again

Tiger Woods Proves His Haters Wrong

BY: GEORGE BURKERT

After a decade of controversy and a declining image, Tiger Woods has once again impressed everyone and won the Masters. This is the first championship Woods has won since 2008 when he won the U.S. Open.

At the Masters, the crowd was on his side chanting his name. He got to participate and wore the green jacket again with support from the fans and media.

Before his recent win, Woods was already considered one of the greatest golfers of all time. He won his first Masters back in 1997 and also won the Masters in 2001, 2002, and 2005.

After the success he enjoyed, things

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Tiger Woods celebrating with his son, Charlie.

started going downhill for the golfer. In 2009, the National Enquirer revealed Woods had an affair.

Around this time, Woods got into a car accident and received a ticket for reckless driving. Woods eventually confessed to the affair and apologized.

Woods lost many advertising and sponsorship deals in the aftermath, such as Gatorade and General Motors. Some either suspended their deals or chose not to renew them.

A few like Nike and Electronic Arts stayed with him. Woods would continuously apologize to everyone for his mistakes.

At a certain point during all of this,

Woods did not know if he would return to golf. He began receiving therapy because he felt the fame was getting to him before eventually deciding to compete in the 2010 Masters. In 2010, Woods officially divorced his wife, Elin.

In 2013, Woods was ranked third on Forbes' "Most Disliked Athletes." His approval rating was only 19 percent.

Then on May 29, 2017, Woods got arrested for driving under the influence. Woods would plead guilty and serve one year of probation, received a \$250 fine, and serve 50 hours of community service.

Despite all of this, Woods did not give up. He didn't let the controversies get in the way of winning again after so long.

His fans also didn't give up on him. They still rooted for him and hoped he could become successful again.

Outside of the game of golf, Woods has gained the praise of other athletes. NBA legend Michael Jordan, who also likes to play golf, called the win the greatest comeback he has ever seen.

Another athlete calling it the greatest comeback of all time was NBA star, Stephen Curry. Tennis star, Serena Williams, and football star, Tom Brady, also offered praise and congratulations.

Woods' win also got praise and congratulations from former President Barack Obama and current President Donald

Trump, who has golfed with Woods in the past. President Trump also said on Twitter he will give Woods the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his contribution to golf, which has only been given to three other golfers.

The media themselves have fallen back in love with Woods. On April 17, it was announced Woods was listed as one of Time's 100 Most Influential People of 2019.

The victory has encouraged former golfer John Peterson to come out of retirement, according to ESPN. Peterson retired last year after an injury.

Right after the victory, Nike, who stayed with Woods throughout all the lows the past ten years, released a new ad called, "Tiger Woods: Same Dream", showing footage of his highs and lows and when he was a kid. The tagline of the ad is, "Never stop chasing your crazy dreams."

Another great thing about the victory is Woods was able to celebrate with his son, Charlie, similarly to when Woods celebrated with his father when he won the 1997 Masters. His son had gotten the opportunity to see why many consider his father to be one of the greatest golfers of all time.

The 43-year-old golfer is not done yet. He still has a lot of golf left in the tank and will continue to try and win championships.

The Problem with Tanking

NBA Teams Should Reconsider Tanking to Get Draft Picks

BY: GEORGE BURKERT

As the NBA Playoffs continue, teams that did not make the playoffs are getting ready for the draft lottery selection. These teams are hoping to get one of the top picks that are likely to be a future superstar.

Some of these teams at certain points during the season just gave up and decided to tank. In past seasons, other teams chose to tank to try and rebuild their teams for the future.

Tanking is when teams purposely lose games as long as they have a better chance of being in the NBA Draft lottery. While it sounds good for teams that want to rebuild with young players that have star potential, it sets a bad example and does not always work.

Tanking is unfair to the fans who are loyal to their teams and go to many games to see them compete. Even though they may recognize their team isn't all that great, they still want to see them try.

Another problem is there is no guarantee a lottery team will get a future star. While some players live up to the hype, some end up being draft busts, which are players that are drafted high but do not play up to that potential.

One team that spent many years tanking was the Philadelphia 76ers, who had the slogan for those tanking years, "Trust the process." However, some may argue

that the plan pulled through because it got them Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons, who have helped the 76ers become one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference the past few years.

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The Philadelphia 76ers had ups and downs when they tanked.

Some also bring up that the other lottery picks the 76ers received were busts. Players like Michael Carter-Williams, Markelle Fultz, and Jahil Okafor did not play well and ended up being traded to other teams.

Another thing is that teams can rebuild without tanking, as long as their front office makes smart decisions. Some teams

only miss the playoffs once, but bounce back right away. An example of this are the San Antonio Spurs, who missed the 1997 playoffs, but came back the following year after drafting Tim Duncan.

The Boston Celtics are an example of this. They missed the playoffs once in 2014 after trading their aging stars to the Brooklyn Nets. After that season, they got better each year and always made the playoffs, drafting well, making good trades, and good free agency signings. They also had a great coach by the name of Brad Stevens.

Another team being smart and not

tanking are the Los Angeles Clippers. Last year, despite missing the playoffs, they still won 42 games and this year, they made the playoffs and won two games against the reigning champions, the Golden State Warriors.

Another problem with tanking is that young stars on those teams will get upset and want to be traded. This will cause major problems and even more drama for those teams.

For example, the Phoenix Suns continue to get high draft picks with lots of potential, but are still one of the worst teams in the league. Some people say shooting guard, Devin Booker is wasting his talents on the Suns and should demand a trade.

While it is unknown if Booker would demand a trade, he is clearly displeased with the losses he has experienced since being drafted in 2015. If something does not change for the better, he might demand a trade.

Kristaps Porzingis demanded a trade this season for similar reasons. Young players could follow his example.

The league had taken some measures to prevent less tanking, such as changing the top three draft picks selection, but teams will still find a way to tank. While some fans might be okay with it, the majority of them are annoyed and want their teams to be competitive again.