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Greg Fenves quote of the month

“I always try to attach Legos to K’Nex. I believe in diversity.”
Op-ed: Guy with two drinks on desk in class definitely not a virgin

You walk into class expecting the usual scene. But something is not only new but amiss, and it catches your attention right away. Jared, who sits to your right, has two drinks on his desk. A blue Gatorade in addition to his usual Ozarka water bottle. Two forms of hydration. Two different entities to sip on throughout the duration of your 1.5 hour microeconomics class. You're taken aback. Shocked to your very core, even. You knew he was attractive, but now you can say with 100% certainty that he is not a virgin. This blatant display of hyper-sexuality just doesn't belong in the classroom. If Jared wanted people to know that he was not a virgin so badly, he could have just come right out and said it. In fact, it would have been easier to just customize a t-shirt that says “I’m sexually active.” Having more than one drink to your name during class is the equivalent of when male baboons attack each other to assert that they’re the alpha in a pack. It’s an overt way of saying “yes, I fuck and need everybody to acknowledge that.”

Op-ed: Timothée Chalamet was such a good actor he kind of made me wanna try heroin

So, I’m at home sitting on the couch with my feet tucked under my significant other’s thigh, getting ready to enjoy the latest Chala-masterpiece, Beautiful Boy. If you’re not familiar, the film is about Timothée, and he does a lot of drugs, and it features Steve Carell, trying to get him off drugs. But every time Timmy-boy shoots up some black tar H, he’s nothing but compelling, and it just makes me want to ride the ice-train with him. Seriously, this movie should be played with a warning beforehand that says “Warning, scenes with drugs use are incredibly tempting, this is acting.” I mean, usually with a drug film I have a certain level of separation and restraint, but when I see that Chalamet jawline I just surrender. By the end of the movie, my partner and I had scored some smack from this homeless child on GoPuff. I was seriously about to shoot up until the credits started rolling and I was like ‘You know what, this is just movie-magic’ and put the needle down. Still, this should serve as a cautionary tale. Never have I been this deeply hooked by a performance, but then again, that’s the Chala-master. Anyways, go see Beautiful Boy, I’d give it a solid B+.

Op-ed: Let’s do socialism, but leave Kohl’s alone

I, like many Americans, have been alarmed by our nation’s descent into oligarchy. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her allies have me convinced: We need real, structural change in our democracy, and that starts with embracing socialism. But when we make the transition, I have one request: Can we leave Kohl’s alone? Look, I know socialism is going to require some sacrifices. A Green New Deal banning airplanes? No big deal, I’ll take the train. Wealth taxes? Sure, eat the rich. But take away the only department store with reasonable discounts in the greater Hartford area away from me? That’s a step too far, bucko. The greed of big corporations is undeniably disgusting. People can’t afford life-saving drugs because of big pharma. The health insurance lobby makes it nearly impossible for poorer citizens to afford healthcare. You know what I can afford though? A two-piece pantsuit for $96, only at Kohl’s. Nationalize everything else if you have to. Seize the means of production, turn Macy’s into a workers collective, mandate that everyone grow tofu on state-owned farms. But leave Kohl’s alone, goddamnit. It’s what
Hey, Soul Sister: Reporters uncover Stephen Miller’s sex playlist exclusively Train songs

WASHINGTON, D.C — This week, reporters found that the sex playlist of Stephen Miller, Donald Trump’s head policy advisor and speechwriter, is completely comprised of Train songs. In keeping with an administration allergic to shame, Miller’s playlist, titled simply “Titillation Time with Train” is now public on his Spotify. “When I get aroused, say if I’ve taken an asylum-seeking toddler from their parents or someone says the words ‘second amendment’ within 1 mile of me, I’ll initiate sexual relations with my girlfriend with the sensual masterpiece ‘Hey, Soul Sister,’” Miller said. “And I always try to end our dirty congress by screeching ‘Now that she’s back in the atmosphere, with drops of Jupiter in her hair!’” When asked about his girlfriend’s response, Miller said, “Oh, my girlfriend? I wouldn’t know. I don’t ask women questions.” Miller also indicated that his sex playlist wasn’t the weirdest one in the White House. “Kellyanne Conway’s is the musical soundtrack to Cats. Mike Pence’s is a lot of Kid Rock. And my old boss Jeff Sessions likes to listen to the sounds of America’s inmates constructing furniture they’re not paid to build. Whew sorry, just got aroused again.” At press time, Train’s lead singer Patrick Monahan had apologized publicly for “ever being a catalyst for that man’s pleasure.”

Say It Ain’t So: Weezer “Jacked Up” with lawsuit after recent cover of Catcher in the Rye

SANTA MONICA — After successful covers of “Africa” and “Everybody Wants to Rule the World” on the recently released “Teal Album,” Weezer crossed the line by releasing a cover of J.D. Salinger’s Catcher in the Rye. On the subject, Salinger’s lawyer, Jackie Chiles, said, “We are taking legal action against Weezer because it is against the law to print an already written book, and call yourself the author...right?” After the suit was announced, Weezer frontman Rivers Cuomo admitted to releasing the work of Salinger with his band’s name on the cover, saying, “It’s an endless bummer, the world has turned and left me here in the garage. I thought that I was the king of the world across the sea on an island in the sun living the good life, but it’s a cold dark world and even Buddy Holly eats pork and beans. We’re California kids with the wind in our sails giving fake smiles and nervous laughter, we’re all on drugs, do you wanna get high? I’m undone (the sweater song).” At press time, Rivers Cuomo was reportedly requesting the trial take place at the Beverly Hills courthouse, and when asked why, he replied “because that’s where I want to be.”

Op-ed: Bradley Cooper so fucking smart for casting Lady Gaga as singer

Bradley Cooper has done it once again, ladies and gentlemen. A Star is Born, written and directed by Mr. Cooper himself, is a tear-jerking, riveting tale portraying the ascent of singer Ally Campana, played by unequivocally successful, Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter Lady Gaga, and her unexpected relationship with famous singer Jackson Maine, played by Bradley Cooper. Cooper said casting Ally was not easy. “I knew the roll had to go to someone who could do it all—act, sing, and convey the beauty of heartbreak,” Cooper said. “So our original choice was Mila Kunis.” When Kunis decided to drop the role, Bradley Cooper knew exactly who he would then cast to fill the void left behind by Kunis: Sarah Jessica Parker. “Sarah Jessica Parker was the obvious choice for this role, but she had scheduling conflicts, so we settled for six-time Grammy winner Lady Gaga,” Cooper said. Mr. Cooper’s uncanny gift for spotting talent did not go unnoticed; A Star is Born grossed over $423 million worldwide and received the Oscar for Best Original Song for Gaga’s “Shallow,” among other awards. “We’ll never know what could’ve been if Sarah Jessica Parker was available,” Cooper said. “Lady Gaga was a diamond in the rough; a flower blossoming from the concrete. Who knows how this could jump start her career?” At press time Cooper was seen humbly deflecting praise for his incredible eye for casting.
Report: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the little sister of Carmen Cortez from Spy Kids

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Beautiful. Bold. Fearless. Admirable. These are all words that are immediately associated with Carmen Cortez from the Spy Kids franchise. She never backs down from a fight all while making sure Juni, who has the capabilities of a thumb-thumb, keeps his shit together. So finding out that the proactive and powerful Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is also her little sister honestly just makes a lot of sense. “It’s so cool that we both work in government now. I mean, with me fighting bad guys in the OSS and Alex fighting even more terrible guys in Congress it makes for such great conversation at the dinner table,” said Carmen, talking to the Travesty from her vacation in D.C., which she took to visit Alexandria. “I’m not gonna lie, I don’t use gadgets, but I’ve been tempted to ask Carmen for that thing that lets you morph into any person into a Floop’s Fooglie, like imagine how cool that’d be...but I guess most people on the Hill look like that anyway,” said Alexandria, speaking on a Facebook livestream while cooking up some Velveeta shells and cheese. At press time, Alexandria was seen preparing for another verbal assassination and waving to Carmen as she flew away using Emily Osment’s pigtails.

Tips on how to make your cover letter stand out

Subtly underline your alcoholism
Include your favorite bible verse
Use commas instead of periods to ensure the piece flows
Every capitalized letter should spell out a hidden message
Tell them how you really feel about George W. Bush’s War on Terror
If you have a third nipple, turn it into an advantage
Staple your Texas Travesty writing sample (we hire on a rolling basis btw)
List your potential Netflix series pitches

CapMetro offers 14 routes that operate every 15 minutes every day – making it easier to get around and enjoy the evening.

Take High-Frequency routes to get around town:
capmetro.org/every15
Travesty Twitter Investigation
We found old tweets that will get 2020 candidates in trouble

Bernie Xanders @SenXanders · 3 Mar 2019
Please call me Bernie Xanders
9.5K 10K 15K

Cory Booker @CoryBooker · 1 Feb 2011
Where is Afghanistan
20 8 4

Elizabeth Warren @ewarren · 5 Aug 2018
Mitt Romney is lowkey rly hot
900K 100M 150M

Joe Biden @JoeBiden · Feb 4
Sometimes I tell my wife that I’m at the grocery store but I’m actually back in my college town of Syracuse, New York drinking a tall boy with my pre-law buddies of 57
43 83 162

Julian Castro @JulianCastro · 7 Jan 2002
Let’s hear the priest’s side of the story
4 3 15

Kamala Harris @KamalaHarris · 6 Jul 2018
Why can’t the marginalized people I help be more photogenic
5 8 14

Cory Booker @CoryBooker · 12 Sep 2001
I beat gout!
1 2

Area dad sad his daughter can’t pull off nose ring

AUSTIN — Austin father Lionel McCombs was absolutely devastated after a recent realization that his daughter can’t pull off her nose ring. “It’s a father’s second worst nightmare: not only that my kid is edgy, but they’re also really bad at being edgy.” When probed about what a father’s first worst nightmare is, McCombs replied, “Having their child grow up to marry a Ryan Seacrest-type.” McCombs reportedly hasn’t told his daughter about his true feelings towards her newest accessory, and he doesn’t plan on it. “Why let her know? Parents aren’t meant to be realistic. We’re here to give our unconditional support no matter what. So when our kids grow up and their dreams get crushed or they’ve wasted their time on something ridiculous, we still look like the good guys.” At press time, McCombs’s daughter had a new belly ring that McCombs also refrained from commenting on.

I lived it: my boyfriend told me he’s thinking about starting a podcast

My boyfriend, Derek, has been (mostly) perfect since we started dating two months ago. He gets my sense of humor, sends me funny memes on Twitter, and once even described Nancy Pelosi as a #girlboss. We get along so well, and I feel like he’s the first person to really ‘get me’. One thing happened the other night that made me question my judgment all along. Everything was going so well on our dinner date, until there was a lull in the conversation...then he took a deep breath and said: “You know, I’ve been thinking about starting a podcast.” My stomach dropped. I thought I wasn’t hearing correctly. I choked back my caesar salad and asked what he’d want the podcast to be about. “I don’t know,” he said. “I guess just like, life?” I mean, does this guy seriously think he can build an audience that’s willing to tune in every week to hear him talk about his “life changing” ayahuasca trip in Marfa or how Bernie Sanders is the only candidate who can really unite the country at this time? Of course, I want to be supportive of him, just like how he was supportive of me when I told him I want to start my own artisanal jewelry line. But I had to draw the line somewhere. I knew that we weren’t going to be compatible in the long run. That night, I broke things off. At least it’ll give him something interesting to talk about.
Shaken up mother has fizzy breastmilk

ORLANDO — After riding a rollercoaster, shaken and stirred mother Sheila Scanlon started fizzing out milk as she breastfed her son. “As soon as I latched on to her nipple, I got all this bubbly milk that came out. It sprayed all over my face and onto the ground,” said her 360-month old child, Gordon Scanlon. “I know I should have waited for her to settle down, but I am constantly in a state of starvation since the only thing I consume is her breast milk.”

While Gordon had always wanted a more carbonated option, he also said he can not afford to lose any breast milk, because he is a grown man who only has 1 liter of sustenance a day. As of press time, Gordon was seen suing the amusement park for damages and trying to get a new, unfizzy mother.

Area man avoids FOMO by not getting invited

AUSTIN — Mark Scott, previously only known for having two first names, is making headlines today with his newfound solution to his fear of missing out, or FOMO as the millennials call it. His breakthrough? Not getting invited. It’s that simple. “It came to me one day when I found out my coworkers went bowling without me. I realized that I didn’t have to worry about missing out on the inside jokes and fun hijinks the gang got into because there was no way they would have invited me in the first place. And there’s some sort of catharsis in that,” Scott said, trying to convince himself he really wasn’t sad. At press time, Scott was found updating his Instagram feed and passive-aggressively commenting on event photos of groups he felt he should have been included in.
Op-ed: Thank God I’m white, because my parents are racist as shit

There are a lot of reasons I like being white. I get my loans approved, people take me seriously when I complain about stuff, and the police give me mad fist bumps. The best part, though, is that I don’t have to deal with any of my parents’ racist bullshit. I mean, can you imagine if I was an immigrant, overcoming poverty and persecution to make it in the United States, and having to come home to my parents chanting “Build the Wall” as they eat their TV dinner while watching a Trump rally? I don’t know how I’d manage. The MAGA stuff wouldn’t even be the worst part. Anytime I’d try to call them on their racism, they’d probably be like “How can we be racist, we have a son that’s not white!” That’s a really hard argument to come back against.

I would know, because I have a lot of black friends, so I’m pretty well-educated on racism. And as an ally, I want to reassure my readers of color: my parents know how to behave in polite society. They’re not racist racist. I mean, they even smiled at the black kids during my high school events and congratulated them on staying in school. I’d be mortified if any of those kids ever found out that my mom didn’t want me driving over to any of their neighborhoods to do group projects, because she was afraid I’d “get in with the wrong crowd.” Yep, every day, I’m grateful that people don’t have any idea that my parents are racist as shit. Thank God I’m white, so I don’t have to deal with it either.

Critics praise new movie about man who grabs and punches people, calling it “gripping” and “striking”

HOLLYWOOD — Street Brawler, a cross-media, interactive-visual memoir about the director’s own atypical ascent to stardom has appropriately been described by critics as “gripping,” “striking,” and even “powerful.” “There’s no plot. It’s just a man fighting strangers, but that’s what’s so raw and profound about it,” said film critic, J.S. Loosey. Street Brawler, has gained a lot of attention because of its hyper realism and personal story from the director.

“The kids on the playground used to call me ‘Old Man France’ because of my accent,” said director Kahn, on the verge of tears. “I finally got tired of being teased, so I decided to open a can of whoop ass on a group of middle schoolers.” For the following three years, Kahn paraded the streets of all the cities in the US clutching children and pounding their faces in. It was around this time when Kahn started to draft the idea for his movie, a film that would recount his three years of seemingly aimless brawling. At the time of the premiere, Kahn was seen storming out of the theatre shouting “That’s bullshit. It’s nothing like Street Fighter, you rats.”