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The Self Destruction Of Self Care

By: Isabel Fontanals

Lately I've been a little stressed with school, work, and just existing as a human in general after 2020. I have a lot on my plate. As I described this to my therapist, they suggested I needed to make more time for myself. Do things that I love and try to cut out as much of the rest as possible. This advice has led me to embark on a journey of self care and ever since, my life has been altered. So I write this now to inspire others to live as bravely as I have in the last few months.

Before my transformation, I used to do senseless things like wake up before 1 pm. Self care has taught me to listen to my body. No longer will I "drink coffee" or "splash water on my face" if I'm feeling tired. That neglects your body's needs and we have to start cherishing our bodies and appreciating them for all they do. Think about it: What would we be without our bodies? Wow. So true. So, I nap about 4 times a day and sometimes (all of the time) it interferes with my responsibilities but I don't mind. Maybe I haven't "seen my friends in 3 weeks" or "left the house" but it's because I love myself. Unapologetically, I may add.

My professors began asking me to "turn in" my "assignments" even though I emailed them saying I was getting into meditation and I'd be a little busy. They said that it wasn't justified and that I was in the "range" of "failing" the "class." Obviously, after this preposterous attack on my mental well being, I was not going to remain silent.

I took to my internet friends, the Facebook group I'm a part of called "Kids of Manifestation." Together, we photoshopped naked photos of my professors, hacked into their emails, and sent the photos to the entire class. Now busy saving their marriages, jobs, and dignities, they pay less attention to me, and my deserved time off is no longer scrutinized. Self care and Photoshop are blessings to us all.

Another huge root of stress is my work. Honestly, what's with that? I have to "provide a service" in exchange for "money" to "exist" in a "society." Capitalism is a direct threat to my personal self care. I will not subject myself to the emotional rollercoaster that is bagging groceries just to contribute to a broken and gross system. My boss continues to tell me that it is "disrespectful" to come "3 hours late" to my "shift." How dare he attempt to encroach upon my reality. In the name of self care, I murdered my boss in cold blood. What other option did I have? I'm not a quitter and my coworkers and I are better off for it. I manifested I wouldn't get caught so fingers crossed on that one.

I hope you, my gorgeous reader, take something from my story that you adapt into your own life. Ever since I started avoiding stress my life has excelled. Thinking back on the days I would "exercise" or "call my family." Gosh, I was so young. Here I am now: caring for myself, loving myself, and doing nothing wrong in the process. I invite you to do the same. Indulge in self care and forget the rest.



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Pace University To Release New Dating App Based Off Students' AOK Class Selections

By: Justin Greco

Recent years have not been kind to the Pace University population. A combination of the effects of climate change, drug overdoses, and listening to Ed Sheeran's music have contributed to a massive spike in both student and alumni deaths.





In an effort to ensure the survival of the Pace University bloodline, inside sources have informed us at The Pretentious Press that a dating app exclusive to Pace students is currently in the works.

"We actually just had an emergency meeting about it today," says my academic advisor in a trenchcoat

and a fake moustache. "The plan is to pair off students so that the university will have an endless stream of students and mone... I mean educated individuals in the world! I didn't stutter." She looked around the room and told us, "Cut the cameras. Deadass."

She screamed that The Pretentious Press would "Rue this day," and proceeded to jump out of the window, despite us being on the 6th floor of the building.

Luckily, she left behind her binder, which contained meeting notes with all of the details about the upcoming app. This is what she wrote down:

  **Meeting Notes**  

- Students will fill in their name, pronouns, year, major(s)/minor(s), & AOK classes taken
- Get the artsy bitches to date each other
- Anyone who willingly took a History course will be blocked from opening the app
- Students who have completed a Philosophy class will be required to pass a psych evaluation testing for Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD)
- PPA (Performance Arts) majors will be forbidden from dating outside of their major
- Kill all men <3
- STEM majors will be tracked down via IP address and sent to the gulags



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Pace Professor Ends Race

(Based On A Based True Story)

By: Rachael Summers

Breaking news- a Dyson professor at Pace University has ended race! We are on the scene now with our reporters to cover this historic moment.

"I'll never forget it," says student Ryan Crenlot, "Doctor Moti had us read a play he wrote about slavery. A few people in the class were saying that he shouldn't write from the point of view of a slave woman because he's a white man. Then he said, 'I don't see race... it doesn't exist to me.' And then race ended. That's all it took."

Pretentious Press reporter Jeremy Johnson is with Dr. Moti now for an exclusive interview:

"How'd you do it? How'd you end race?!"

Dr. Moti responds, "If I've learned anything from all the films I've seen about slavery... to end racism all you need to do is be white and have a good heart. But what if I could do more? What if I could end race completely? So that's what I did."

"What was it like when Dr. Moti ended race?" Jeremy asks some of Dr. Moti's students:

"Everyone's skin turned translucent. I could see my skull in the reflection on Zoom."

"It was crazy because I was absent when Dr. Moti ended race. I was actually on a date with my girlfriend. We're eating lunch, and all of the sudden her skin turns translucent, I see the food move down her esophagus, and then I watch her stomach acid dissolve it. It was too intimate, we've only been dating for 2 weeks. I felt like things were moving too fast so I broke up with her."

The world has changed significantly now that race has ended. For instance, the police aren't sure who is and isn't a minority, so they have no idea who to target. They've been arresting everyone just to play it safe.

Also, Megan Markle and Prince Harry have moved back in with the Royal Family now that race no longer exists. Kate Middleton has accepted Megan as her sister, and has even made her a BFF bracelet.

We spoke to Bradley Thompson of Pace's Sigma Sigma Waterboard Sigma fraternity, "It's so hard for me to get a taxi now. I used to be able to use my white privilege but now I'll just stick to my male and class privilege :/"

Dr. Moti gives us more insight, "I think the worst thing about racism... Is that it stressed me out." He continues, "I'm no hero. I'm just the savior of society."

Vice Dean Polinez has canceled black history month because race is now over. Instead, February will be "Celebrating Previously White Man Dr. Moti Month."

The month will include a conglomeration of festivities for the woke king. There will be a parade in Dr. Moti's honor starting at Battery Park and ending at the Times Square Olive Garden. Dr. Moti will then get all the breadsticks his pre-diabetic body can handle.

"I love celebrating foods from different exotic and ethnic cultures. That's why this is my favorite restaurant," He says.

A great time to be alive for breadstick lovers, and all of humanity.

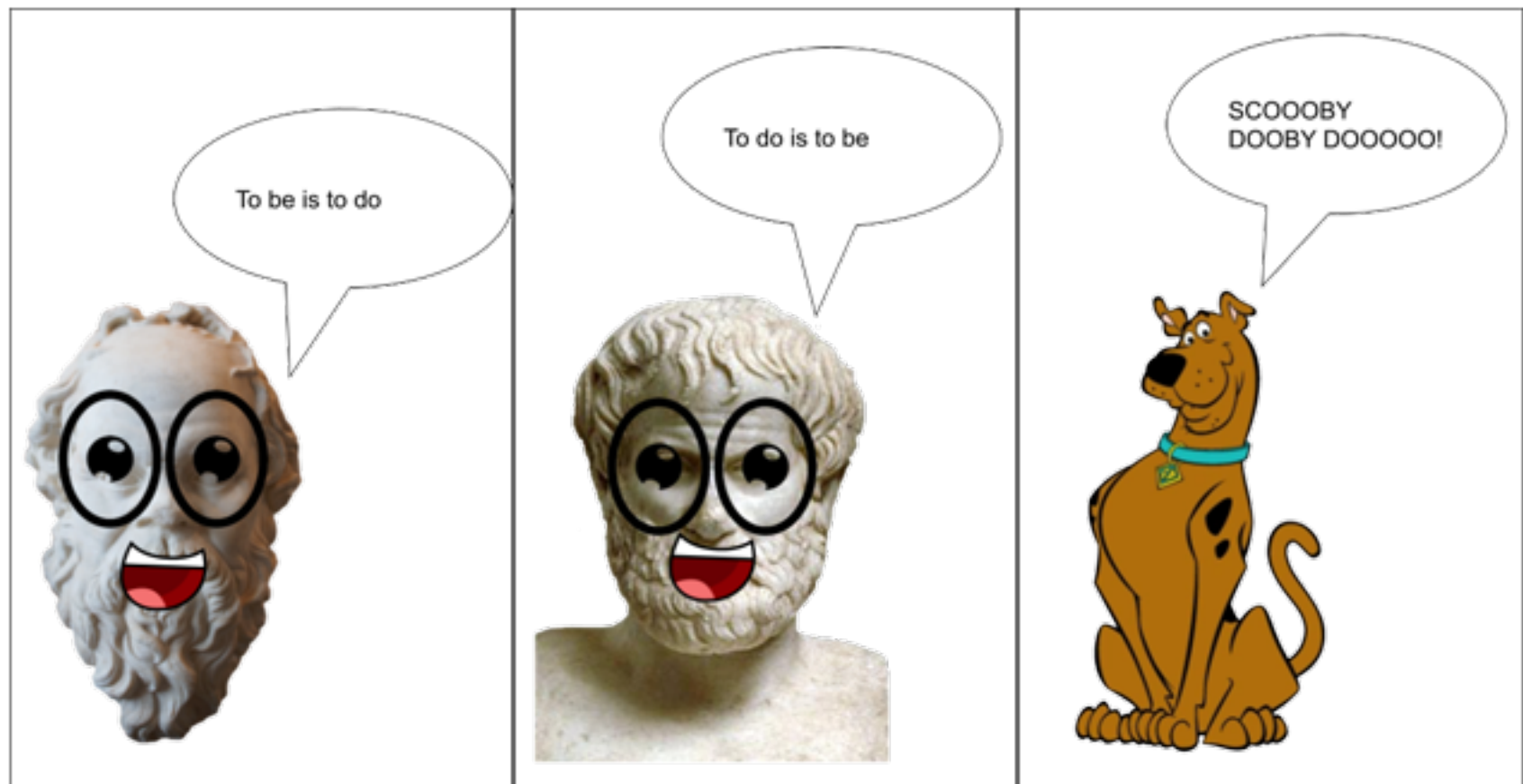


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This Month's Comic

By: Jack Brady





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Post-Graduation Ideas For Directionless Seniors

By: Sophia Tan

If you're a senior about to graduate this year, you're probably feeling the combined weight of uncertainty as to what the world will look like post-COVID, as well as what lies beyond that diploma. And if you're anything like me, you took the past year that you probably should've spent preparing for a job to prioritize ~self-care~.

Content in making sure your mental health was in tip top shape for when this was finally over, until you realized this was lasting a lot longer than you expected and you spent the past year re-watching comfort movies and playing Animal Crossing and oh shit oh god I've wasted all my time and have no clue how to reassimilate into society please help. But have no fear. Here is a short, practical list of post-grad plans you can take up that require no experience, and that anyone can do no matter what you studied in college.

Start A YouTube Channel

What easier way to make it seem like you've got your life together than by starting a YouTube channel? You might be thinking, "I have literally nothing to offer." Well, making videos for the Internet is an art in itself, but some ideas to get the ball rolling are to do a Q&A (who doesn't love being the center of attention during world chaos), make a cooking video of the one singular recipe you learned over quarantine, or vlog a tour of your childhood hometown minus the Trauma™. Worse comes to worst, start doing ASMR and slime stretch videos; viewers can't resist and brands will start begging you for sponsorships before you know it.

Disappear Into The Woods

Who hasn't always had the fantasy of venturing off into the wilderness like a little forest creature with nothing but the skin on your bones and the hair on your back? Now is the time to be free and give yourself over to the rich soil and lush, overgrown vegetation. Become one with all the teeming critters and wild beasts, and thrive as the true hunter gatherer our ancestors always wanted. You might choose to come back into regular society one day, or better yet, you might find your true calling among nature forever.

Discover A New Element

Have you ever wondered how scientists discover elements? Time to f*ck around and find out. How else do you think they made the COVID vaccine? Turn your parents' basement into a testing lab and start going ham. Yeah, you could blow up your house with a catastrophic chemical reaction, but you could also be on the brink of a revolutionary scientific breakthrough that'll have your pockets set for life.

Scream

There is no limit to the void. All the pent up rage you've been repressing for the past four years is lurking in you still. You can do this in any setting, public or private. Take all the time you need post-graduating to finally purge your inner demons before getting back on the road.

That's all I got for you. If all else fails and you find yourself in a job interview down the road being asked to explain "the gap in your resume," just tell them you were "taking it easy, man" with finger guns. They cannot argue with this and will most likely hire you on the spot due to your relatable humility. Good luck out there.



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Biden Administration Creates \$14.9 Billion Stimulus Bill For Universities To Build On-Campus Morgues “Just In Case”

By: Jay Servedio

President Biden has just signed a new Covid relief package for universities across the country. The package contains billions of dollars for necessary college amenities such as gumball machines and on-campus grave sites.

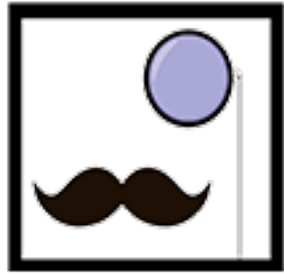
“Kids need gumballs, man. Those fruity flavors are too good. Gotta lotta nutrients in them, ya know?” The President said, chewing on a blue ball of gum. “Chewin’s good for ya too ya know? That’s how I keep my figure. Can’t go jogging cos if I fall again, I’ll need a fifth hip replacement. But the chewin’ burns calories real nice.” The President proceeded to blow a rather large bubble, then close his eyes and start humming Kumbaya. I went on to ask the leader of the free world why he decided on-campus morgues would be an important addition to universities in all fifty states.

“Oh, just cos people are dropping like goose turds, brother, it’s nuts. It’s better to have a place to stick’em than to start a last-minute burn pile. Trust me, those don’t work.” Biden went on to explain how this plan also saves him from doing, “A hoo-diddley mountain of paperwork” which allows him to label it as “environmentally friendly.”

“Death is just the beginning, Jack. Ain’t nothing to fear in the great beyond. More gumballs than you and I could ever chew down here.” After winking at me, the President nodded at me twice, then got up and started doing a little jig, until two secret servicemen rushed him out of the room. I also was given the opportunity to speak with the President’s Chief of Staff who went on to say,

“President Biden is a man who genuinely cares about America’s students and its morticians. He believes this part of the Covid relief bill truly benefits both groups in a way that’s never been done before.”

Pace University is looking to convert the top three floors of Maria’s Tower into the on-campus grave site to, “Get the smell of rotting student as far away as humanly possible.” But there is a faculty petition going around that suggests the best place to “dispose of the dead money generators” is in “one of New York City’s glorious rivers, that the university is so close to” [as advertised in campus brochures]. The Pretentious Press is still awaiting a comment from Vice Dean Horatio Polinez. More news to come.



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New And Improved Deodorant Scents

By: Sasha Sackichand

Tired of smelling good everyday? Sick of your armpits smelling like you actually use soap in the shower? Well do we have the product for you! We at The Pretentious Press have been creating the perfect scents for all occasions. These deodorants are the ideal scents for a casual day on the town, an intense workout session at the gym, or even your aunt's funeral. Here is the latest batch of premium artisan crafted deodorants:

Cool Ranch: Smell like a newly opened bag of your favorite triangular shaped chips.

Time Square: Enjoy the sensual smell of sweaty tourists, hot garbage, and Time Square Elmo.

Wet Dog: Smells so good you'll want to shit on your lawn!

Hudson River: Contains just as many unknown chemicals and snitches' dead bodies as the actual thing.

Sweat: You already smell like sweat so why not just enhance it at this point?

The J Train: An authentic blend of NYC musk with a hint of rat hair.

McDonald's Play Area: A nostalgic mix of Ronald McDonald's sweat and children's tears.

The 8th Grader Who Thinks Moaning In Class Is The Best Form Of Comedy: You already know these kids smell like a 10 week old bag of chopped onions and moldy cheese.

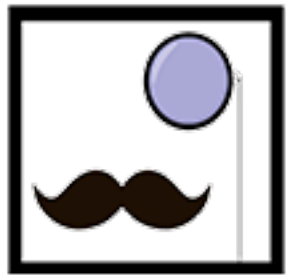
Jack's Grandma: The extracted essence of infinite wisdom and osteoporosis.

Red Lobster Cheddar Bay Biscuit: "For the seafood lover in you."

Chloroform: Quite the knockout for any event!

The Shirley Temple *Little Darling* Boxset: The wondrous smell of animal crackers your soup.

VP Polinez: Nothing beats the chic smell of boxed wine and migraine inducing cologne.



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