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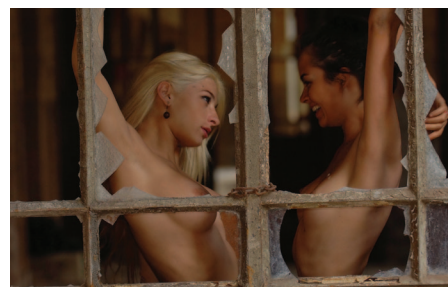
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CELL PHONE 'PHUBBING' MAY CAUSE MAY RUIN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Please don't ignore your loved ones.

A new study from Baylor University in Texas shows that “phubbing,” or snubbing someone in favor of using your cell phone, can cause depression and destroy relationships.

In a recent study published by James A. Roberts and Meredith David, a professor and assistant professor at Baylor University, a total of 453 adults were surveyed regarding their cell phone usage. The purpose of the study was to determine the effects of something they referred to as “partner phone snubbing,” or “pharner phubbing.”

The study found that ignoring your partner while you would rather use your phone can have a bad effect on the relationship. Having this behavior can result in the other partner feeling less unhappy with the relationship,

or even cause them to become depressed.

Meredith David says momentarily ignoring someone due to being distracted by a cell phone often seems like no big deal, but it can have a cumulative effect.

According to the study, 22.6 percent of partners involved indicated that they had been phubbed and that the phubbing caused problems. Also 36.6 percent indicated that they were “depressed at least some of the time.”

The researchers identified eight types of phone snubbing behavior that have become common in today's world. They are:

During a typical mealtime that my partner and I spend together, my partner pulls out and checks his/her cellphone.

My partner places his or her cellphone where they can see it when we are together.

My partner keeps his or her cellphone in their hand when he or she is with me.

When my partner's cellphone rings or beeps, he/she pulls it out even if we are in the middle of a conversation.

My partner glances at his/her cellphone while talking to me.

During leisure time that my partner and I are able to spend together, my partner uses his/her cellphone.

My partner uses his or her cellphone when we are out together.

If there is a lull in our conversation, my partner will check his or her cellphone.

The researchers explained that “when one partner allows technology to interfere with time spent with their partner, it sends an implicit message of that partner's priorities.”

An even more surprising finding in the study was that the consequences of the behavior can extend beyond the relationship itself — and into a person's greater well-being.



COFFEE A DAY LOWERS DEATH RISK

Coffee drinkers who drink coffee daily are less likely to die from heart disease, neurological disease, type 2 diabetes, or suicide as compared to people who do not. A new study, published by researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health, studied the benefits of both caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee. It has indicated that statistically, coffee drinkers who drink a few cups of coffee each day have a better chance

of extending their life, than people who don't drink any at all.

The study has found that both caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee both conferred a lower risk of dying from the leading causes of death in the United States.

Researchers did not specifically test how coffee consumption would change health outlooks. The researchers looked at death trends in groups with

SCIENTIST WHO INJECTED HIMSELF WITH OLD BACTERIA FEELS GREAT

The Russian scientist Anatoli Brouchkov claims he may have found the secret to eternal life or the "elixir of youth." He says that after injecting himself with a 3.5 million-year-old bacteria found in 2009 in Siberian permafrost, he is stronger and healthier than ever. He said that since he injected himself with the bacteria two years ago, he has not had flu or fallen ill.

Brouchkov says that *Bacillus F*, found preserved for 3.5 million years in Siberian permafrost, could help to improve human longevity. It gives out biologically active substances that helped to raise the immune status of laboratory animals, including mice and fruit flies.

According to Brouchkov, Russian researchers have also found that the bacteria have a "positive impact" on plants and isolated human blood cells.

The researchers enthused that the results of their research so far indicate they may have found the "elixir of life." They said the study results give hope that the bacteria could be adapted for use in improving human health and longevity, thus fulfilling the age-old dream of the "elixir of life."

In one test female mice injected with *Bacillus F* were able to have babies after their reproductive processes had shut down. In another, the bacteria appeared to help plants heal themselves.

The bacteria was discovered in ancient permafrost at a site known as Mammoth Mountain in Siberia. It was also found in the brain of a woolly mammoth carcass preserved in the ice.

varying amounts of coffee consumption and realized people who drank coffee regularly seemed to live a longer life, and with reduced risk of degenerative diseases, said senior author Dr. Frank Hu of the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

The researchers found that those who drank about 3 to 5 cups of coffee daily were far less likely to die from life-shortening illnesses like heart disease and type 2 diabetes. The coffee appeared to protect people from neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's disease. What's more interesting is the fact coffee somehow managed to lower deaths by suicide as well.



VICTORIA'S SECRET ANGEL LILY ALDRIDGE WEARS THE \$2 MILLION 2015 FIREWORKS FANTASY BRA

This holiday season, Victoria's Secret introduces the highly anticipated 2015 Fireworks Fantasy Bra designed exclusively for Victoria's Secret by world-renowned jeweler, Mouawad. Victoria's Secret Angel Lily Aldridge will be wearing the Fantasy Bra for the first time on runway in the "Fireworks" section at the 2015 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, which airs December 8th on CBS.

Valued at \$2 million, the 2015 Fireworks Fantasy Bra and detachable belt is adorned with over 6,500 precious gems, including diamonds, blue topaz, yellow sapphires and pink quartz all set in 18-karat gold.

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FEATURED MOVIES



SPECTRE

COURTESY OF SONY PICTURES

A cryptic message from the past sends James Bond on a rogue mission to Mexico City and eventually Rome, where he meets Lucia Sciarra (Monica Bellucci), the beautiful and forbidden widow of an infamous criminal. Bond infiltrates a secret meeting and uncovers the existence of the sinister organisation known as SPECTRE.

Meanwhile back in London, Max Denbigh (Andrew Scott), the new head of the Centre for National Security, questions Bond's actions and challenges the relevance of MI6, led by M (Ralph Fiennes). Bond covertly enlists Money Penny (Naomie Harris) and Q (Ben Whishaw) to help him seek out Madeleine Swann (Léa Seydoux), the daughter of his old nemesis Mr White (Jesper Christensen), who may hold the clue to untangling the web of SPECTRE. As the daughter of an assassin, she understands Bond in a way most others cannot.



HEIST

COURTESY OF LIONSGATE

When their attempt to rob a casino owned by the feared gangster Pope (Robert De Niro) goes awry and a shootout ensues, Vaughn (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) and Cox (Dave Bautista) are forced to flee on foot and hijack city Bus 657 and take the passengers hostage. Now, in a high speed chase, Vaughn will not only have to outwit the police, led by Officer Bajos (Gina Carano) who are in hot pursuit, but he will have to contend with Pope's maniacal right hand man, Dog (Morris Chestnut), in order to make it through the day alive. But we quickly learn that things are not what they seem, and Vaughn has more than one card up his sleeve.



THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 2
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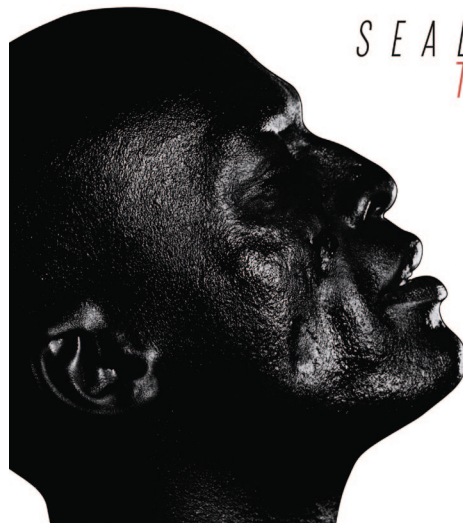
The blockbuster Hunger Games franchise has taken audiences by storm around the world, grossing more than \$2.2 billion at the global box office. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2 brings us to its powerful final chapter in which Katniss Everdeen [Jennifer Lawrence] realizes the stakes are no longer just for survival – they are for the future.

With the nation of Panem in a full scale war, Katniss confronts President Snow [Donald Sutherland] in the final showdown. Teamed with a group of her closest friends – including Gale [Liam Hemsworth], Finnick [Sam Claflin] and Peeta [Josh Hutcherson].

FEATURED MUSIC



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SEAL 7

On Seal 7, which finds Seal exploring love and all of its implications, idiosyncrasies, and intricacies, Seal reunited with his longtime collaborator, the producer Trevor Horn, continuing a storied partnership that began with his debut, 1991's platinum-certified Seal, followed by the quadruple-platinum Seal II (1994), the gold-selling Human Being (1998), Seal IV (2003), and most recently Soul 2 (2011).

Originally born in London, Seal's inimitable voice was first heard on Adamski's 1991 club smash "Killer."

His worldwide album sales exceed 30 million to date. Outside of the studio and beyond the stage, Seal served as a coach on The Voice Australia during 2012 and 2013.



FEATURED BOOKS

RAW DEAL

HOW THE "UBER ECONOMY" AND
RUNAWAY CAPITALISM ARE
SCREWING AMERICAN WORKERS



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HOW
U.S. NAVY
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CALL OF DUTY: BLACK OPS III



Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 combines three unique game modes: Campaign, Multiplayer and Zombies, providing fans with the deepest and most ambitious Call of Duty ever. The Campaign has been designed as a co-op game that can be played with up to 4 players online or as a solo cinematic thrill-ride. Multiplayer will be the franchise's deepest, most rewarding and most engaging to date, with new ways to rank up, customize, and gear up for

battle. And Zombies delivers an all-new mind-blowing experience with its own dedicated narrative. Call of Duty: Black Ops 3 can be played entirely online, and for the first time each of the offerings has its own unique player XP and progression systems. The title ushers in an unprecedented level of innovation, including jaw-dropping environments, never before experienced weaponry and abilities, and the introduction of a new, improved fluid movement system. All of this is brought to

life by advanced technology custom crafted for this title, including new AI and animation systems, and graphics that redefine the standards Call of Duty fans have come to expect from the critically-acclaimed series, with cutting edge lighting systems

and visual effects.

Developed by Treyarch, the award-winning creator of the two most-played games in Call of Duty history.

Our Rating





Fallout 4 (PC PS4 XO)

Fallout 4 is the much anticipated new game in the Fallout series. As the sole survivor of Vault 111, you enter a world destroyed by nuclear war. Every second is a fight for survival, and every choice is yours. Only you can rebuild and determine the fate of the Wasteland.

Fallout 4 features more appealing gameplay, a layered armor system, base-building, a dynamic dialogue system featuring 111,000 lines of dialogue and in-depth crafting system which implements every lootable object in the game. We are ready to play!



Star Wars Battlefront (PC PS4 XO)



Star Wars Battlefront delivers an incredibly authentic and immersive interactive entertainment experience featuring photorealistic visuals and epic action in iconic Star Wars locations.

This great game allows fans to live out a wide range of heroic moments and intense battle fantasies of their own – firing blasters, riding speeder bikes and snow speeders, commanding AT-ATs and piloting TIE fighters and the

Millennium Falcon. These battles will take place on some of the most iconic planets in the Star Wars universe, including Endor, Hoth, Tatooine and the previously unexplored planet, Sullust. Gamers will be able to play as some of the most memorable characters in the original trilogy such as Darth Vader and Boba Fett. Star Wars Battlefront will feature a wide range of modes tailored for different types of battles, from larger 40-person competitive multiplayer to crafted missions that are played solo, with a friend via split-screen offline or co-operatively online.

Fight for the Rebellion or Empire in a wide variety of multiplayer matches for up to 40 players, or in exciting challenges inspired by the films available solo, split-screen or through online co-op. Star Wars Battlefront combines this epic action on a galactic scale with stunning visual recreations of some of the most iconic planets, weapons, characters, and vehicles in the Star Wars universe and the original sound effects from the films, to give Star Wars fans the ultimate, authentic and immersive interactive experience they've been looking for.



HOT TECH

PRO GOLFER, MICHELLE WIE TEAMS UP WITH ZEPP TO LAUNCH DIGITAL TRAINING PROGRAM



Pro golfer, Michelle Wie, links up with Zepp, the leader in sports sensor technology, to provide free digital resources designed for amateurs and pros, alike. These video tips and drills take aim at curing what many consider the biggest plague to most swings – staying on plane.

Zepp Golf is a training platform that captures real-time, actionable data to track and analyze a golfer's swing. The Zepp sensor attaches to the golf glove, and sends instant data to the iOS or Android app. Some of the collected metrics include club speed, hand speed, tempo, backswing and more. Players can review their swing with Zepp's set of 3D and video analysis features, and receive a weekly customized report with training tips and drills based on their recent data.

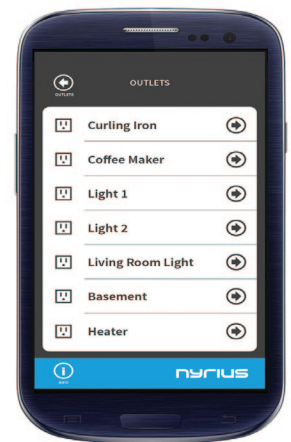
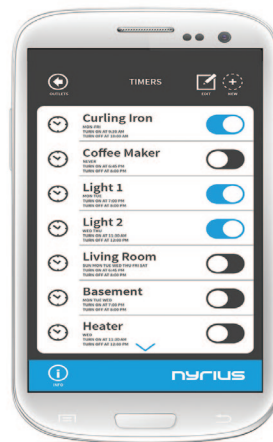
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Light's L16 is a DSLR-quality Camera

Light has launched the L16, a camera that combines advanced optics with powerful software, making beautiful photos more accessible than ever before. The L16 is the first multi-aperture computational camera that packs DSLR quality and capability into a device that fits in your pocket. The L16 is smaller, lighter, less expensive, and provides better image quality than any camera in its price class.

The L16 works by firing multiple cameras at multiple focal lengths simultaneously, then computationally fuses the images together to create a single high-quality image up to 52 megapixels. The L16 retails for \$1,699 and will ship in late summer 2016. Go to light.co.



Smart Outlet

Nyrius, innovators of convenient connected home devices, announces its Smart Outlet is now available for purchase to all consumers. The Nyrius Smart Outlet converts existing electronics into manageable smart home devices in one simple solution. It allows users to control any plugged-in device via its iOS or Android companion app. Users can control up to three Smart Outlets via iOS devices and up to seven via Android devices. Coffee makers, lamps, space heaters, irons and stereo systems are just a few of the hundreds of appliances users can connect to the Smart Outlet to control them wirelessly. Go to nyrius.com



Hoch Bluetooth Speaker

Thonet & Vander, the German audio company that specializes in merging technology and design for state of the art sound, announces the availability of their signature Hoch Bluetooth speaker to U.S. consumers that retails for \$299.99.

Designed with structural purism and elegant aesthetics in mind, Hoch BT provides surprising audio purity and flat response thanks to its avant-garde developments, like the patented Hammer Bass and Drone FX. Made from HDAA high density wood that prevents loss of sound and featuring an antimagnetic shield that blocks out external interferences, Hoch BT is the perfect sound system for your entertainment center.



Professional Typist MK1

Penclic, creator of ergonomic yet sleekly designed computer accessories, announces the Penclic MK1, a mechanical keyboard that combines smart ergonomics, Scandinavian design and high-end functionality. This latest addition to the Penclic line features spring-activated keys, designed to enable users to type extremely fast, essential for high performance tasks. The “tenkeyless” design removes the numerical keypad, reducing the keyboard’s footprint so your mouse is in closer reach.

You can find much more information about the MK1 at penclic.se.



THE NOMAD 15

MAINGEAR, an award-winning PC system integrator of custom gaming solutions, pushes mobile gaming boundaries with the NOMAD 15, its newest gaming laptop packed with an arsenal of cutting-edge components, including up to Intel’s 6th Generation Core i7 6700k processor, NVIDIA GTX 980M graphics card, a 4k G-Sync technology, and more.

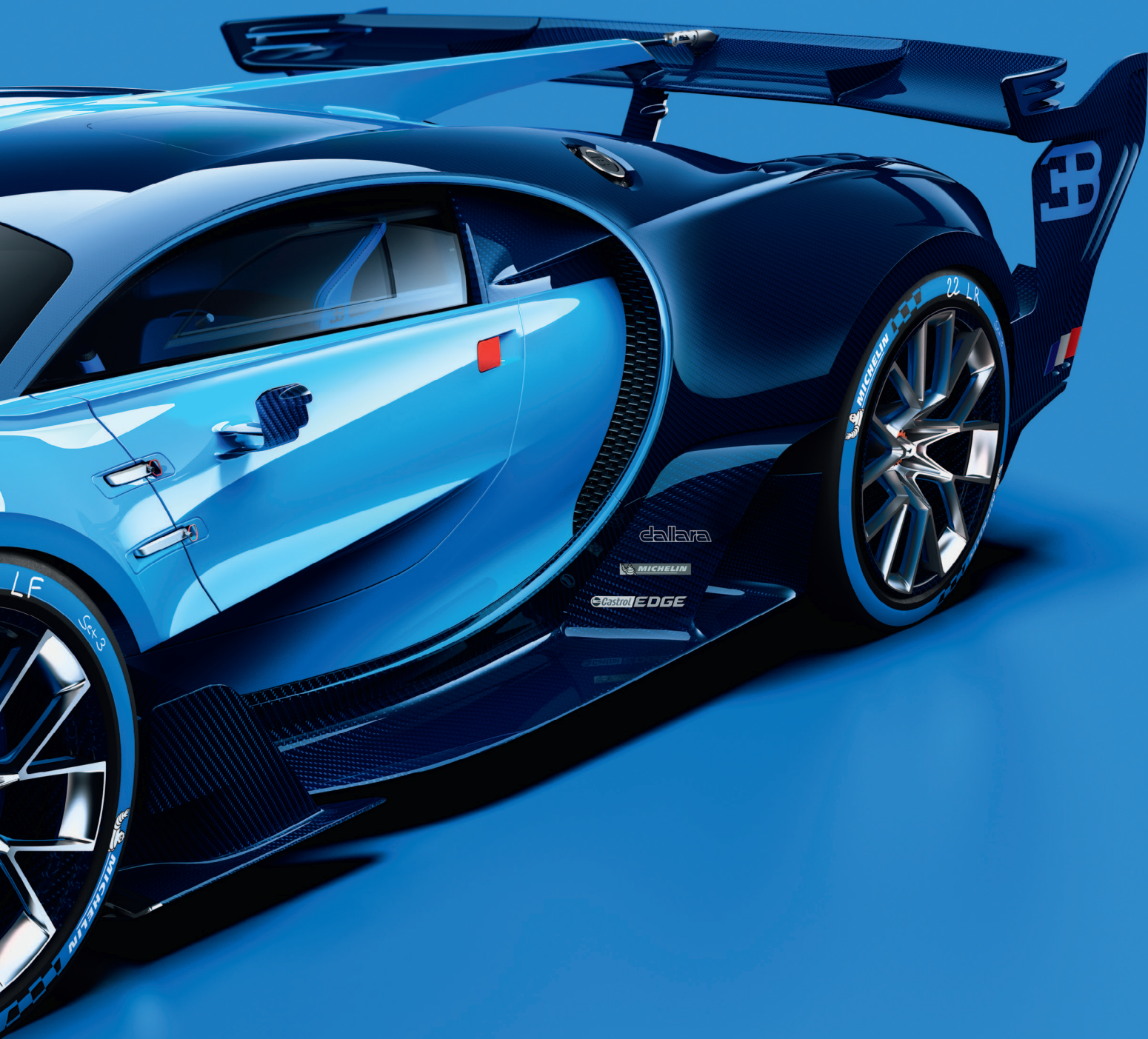
Ideal for gamers unwilling to compromise their gaming experience even when away from their desks, the NOMAD 15 comes equipped with a customizable backlit keyboard for extreme personalization. A gaming and multimedia lovers’ dream, the NOMAD 15 delivers desktop processing power in a portable chassis. For more information please go to maingear.com.



The Bugatti

Vision Gran Turismo







2015/16 NHL PREVIEW

By Ian Palmer

Photos by Lisa Gansky

This is the NHL's 99th season and the Chicago Blackhawks enter it as the league's reigning Stanley Cup champions. The season wraps up on April 9th with the playoffs beginning four days later. There are a couple of major rule changes this season which will see coaches have the opportunity to challenge one play per game via video replay. This could include a disputed offside call that results in a goal and incidents such as goaltender interference. The other major change will see overtime changed to three-on-three rather than four-on-four.

This is a quick preview of all the divisions and the predicted finish of the individual teams. The top three clubs in each division will qualify for the postseason as well as two wild-card teams from each conference which have been marked with an *

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

1-Tampa Bay Lightning

Last season: 50-24-8 for 108 points

The Lightning went all the way to the Stanley Cup Final last season, but were beaten by Chicago. They placed second in the Atlantic Division, but should be able to win it this year. Tampa has one of the most-talented squads in the NHL at all positions with the line of Tyler Johnson, Ondrej Palat and Nikita Kucherov being among the top combinations in the world. Other key players include goaltender Ben Bishop, forward Steven Stamkos and defensemen Anton Stralman and Victor Hedman.

2-Montreal Canadiens

Last season: 50-22-10 for 110 points

The Canadiens managed to win the Atlantic Division last season, but were knocked out of the division final by Tampa Bay. The Habs depend on all-star goaltender Carey Price a bit too much to repeat as division winners again in 2015/16. They should be good enough to finish as runners-up though. Montreal could do with some more offense this year and that could come from newcomer Alexander Semin and youngster Alex Galchenyuk, who has been shifted to center. There will also

be some decent offense provided from the blue line courtesy of P.K. Subban and Jeff Petry.

3-Detroit Red Wings

Last season: 43-25-14 for 100 points

The Red Wings finished third in the division last season and were beaten by Tampa Bay in the division semifinal. Longtime coach Mike Babcock left after a decade behind the bench and was replaced by Jeff Blashill. Fans will soon find out how much of an effect former coach Babcock had on the Red Wings over the past 10 years. However, the team is filled with a good mixture of talented veterans such as Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk as well as youngsters and should have no problem making the playoffs yet again.

4-Ottawa Senators

Last season: 43-26-13 for 99 points

Ottawa finished fourth in the division a season ago, but were eliminated from the playoffs by their local rivals the Montreal Canadiens. Ottawa made the playoffs last year with an incredible late-season surge which was backed by goaltender Andrew Hammond. The club didn't make many moves over the offseason and the offense is led by two-time James Norris Trophy winner Erik Karlsson from the blue line. Ottawa needs to get off to a better start this year if they hope to reach the postseason.

5-Boston Bruins

Last season: 41-27-14 for 86 points

The Bruins surprisingly missed the playoffs last year after finishing fifth in the Atlantic Division. They made some major moves during the offseason and could miss the postseason for the second straight year.

Goaltender Tuukka Rask will need to be at his best if the Bruins hope to battle for a playoff spot. The squad doesn't look as strong as last season though and head coach Claude Julien's job is probably on the line this year.

6-Buffalo Sabres

Last season: 23-51-8 for 54 points

7-Florida Panthers

Last season: 38-29-15 for 91 points

8-Toronto Maple Leafs

Last season: 30-44-8 for 68 points



Metropolitan Division

1-Washington Capitals

Last season: 45-26-11 for 101 points

The Capitals finished as runners up in the Metropolitan Division last season and were knocked out of the playoffs by the Rangers in the division final. They lost some useful players during the summer, but should be able to earn enough points to take the division this time around as their replacements are just as good. Russian star forward Alexander Ovechkin should reach the 50-goal mark again this year with help from center Nicklas Backstrom. Williams and Oshie are good acquisitions and goaltender Braden Holtby has become one of the best in the league between the posts.



2-New York Rangers

Last season: 53-22-7 for 113 points

The Rangers were crowned kings of their division and the NHL last season, but ran into a hot Tampa Bay side in the conference final and were eliminated. They'll battle with Washington for top spot again this year, but will trade last season's finishing positions with the Capitals. The Rangers' newcomers aren't as good as the players they lost and they'll slip slightly in the standings because of it. They have one of the league's best coaches in Alain Vigneault and an elite netminder in Henrik Lundqvist. However, the of-

fense won't be as dynamic this year.

3-Pittsburgh Penguins

Last season: 43-27-12 for 98 points

The Penguins almost missed the playoffs last season, but made them by finishing fourth in the Metropolitan Division. However, they were knocked out of the postseason by the Rangers in the division semifinal. Look for Pittsburgh to reach the postseason again. Pittsburgh's biggest move was acquiring sniper Phil Kessel from Toronto for relatively nothing and he'll play right wing with Evgeni Malkin or Sidney Crosby to add some offense. The Penguins have some of the best forward talent in the league, but the defense is young and inexperienced.

4-New York Islanders*

Last season: 47-28-7 for 101 points

The Islanders finished third in the division last year before being eliminated by Washington in the division semifinal. They should battle for a wild-card playoff spot and just make it. The biggest offseason move for the Islanders was literally relocating from Long Island to Brooklyn. The franchise will now play out of the Barclays Center, which they'll share with the Brooklyn Nets of the NBA. The team is led by captain John Tavares on offense and Johnny Boychuk on defense with Jaroslav Halak providing solid goaltending.



5-Columbus Blue Jackets*

Last season: 42-35-5 for 89 points

Columbus was decimated by inju-

ries last season and missed the playoffs by finishing fifth in the division. If they can manage to stay healthy they should be able to reach the postseason via a wild-card berth. The Blue Jackets didn't make many offseason moves since they already have some solid youngsters in the lineup. However, left-winger Brandon Saad was a great pickup from Chicago and he'll be helped out by players such as Ryan Johansen, Nick Foligno and netminder Sergei Bobrovsky.

6-Philadelphia Flyers

Last season: 33-31-18 for 84 points

7-New Jersey Devils

Last season: 32-36-14 for 78 points

8-Carolina Hurricanes

Last season: 30-41-11 for 71 points

Western Conference

Central Division

1-St. Louis Blues

Last season: 51-24-7 for 109 points

The Blues topped the Central Division last year and were then dumped out of the playoffs by Minnesota in the division semifinal. They have the goaltending and scoring depth to win the division again in 2015/16. The Blues will miss winger T.J. Oshie, but Troy Brouwer's a pretty good replacement for him. This is a solid lineup that won't have a problem making the postseason, but needs to do better once it gets there. Therefore, they might ease up a bit in the regular season to make sure they're ready for the grind of the playoffs.

2-Chicago Blackhawks

Last season: 48-28-6 for 102 points

The Blackhawks finished third in the division last year, but then turned things up a notch in the playoffs and took out Tampa Bay for the Stanley Cup. Look for them to make the playoffs again this year with relative ease. Chicago made several changes during the offseason to make sure they didn't go over the salary cap. It may take this team some time to gel because of all the moves. Still, the core of Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith remains along with goaltender Cory Crawford.

3-Minnesota Wild

Last season: 46-28-8 for 100 points
Minnesota finished fourth in the Central Division last year and were beaten by Chicago in the division final. They're a solid team who should be able to move up a spot in the standings in 2015/16. Minnesota didn't make many roster changes this summer as the club is happy with its lineup. If goaltender Devan Dubnyk can continue his fine play and star players such as defenseman Ryan Suter and forward Zach Parise continue to shine they'll have a fine season.

4-Nashville Predators*

Last season: 47-25-10 for 104 points
Nashville finished as runners up in the Central Division last year and were then knocked out of the division semifinal by Chicago. They may slide down the standings in 2015/16, but should make the playoffs by the wild-card route. Nashville has a good young team which played more attacking hockey under head coach Peter Laviolette last season. They're in a tough division and conference though and likely won't make the playoffs as a top-three team in the division.

5-Winnipeg Jets*

Last season: 43-26-13 for 99 points
The Jets finished the season in fifth place in the division and made it to the playoffs as a wild-card team. They were then ousted by Anaheim in the first round. They should be strong enough to make the postseason via the same route again this year. It could be argued that the Jets' newcomers aren't as good as the players they're replacing. However, they have good goaltending with Ondrej Pavelec between the posts and enough scoring depth to do some damage if they can stay healthy.

6. Dallas Stars

Last season: 41-31-10 for 92 points

7-Colorado Avalanche

Last season: 39-31-12 for 90 points

Pacific Division

1-Anaheim Ducks

Last season: 51-24-7 for 109 points
The Ducks won their division last season and there's no reason they shouldn't be able to repeat that feat this campaign. However, they were beaten by Chicago in the conference final after a good playoff run. Anaheim made several player moves over the summer and the result of them could be a stronger squad than last year's. The team is solid in all areas and a playoff spot will be no problem.

2-Vancouver Canucks

Last season: 48-29-5 for 101 points
Vancouver finished as division runners-up last year and were then humbled by the upstart Calgary Flames in



the division semifinal. The Canucks should have at least one more year in them as a top team and make the playoffs again. Vancouver may be a little weaker this season as their top players such as goaltender Ryan Miller and twin forwards Henrik and Daniel

Sedin are all getting older. They won't fall down the standings this year, but need to add some youth next season.

3-Calgary Flames

Last season: 45-30-7 for 97 points
The Flames surprised everyone last year by finishing third place in the Pacific Division and making it to the division final before losing to the Ducks. The Flames have several excellent young players in the lineup and acquired defenseman Dougie Hamilton from Boston to strengthen the squad. If they can stay healthy they should have an even better season in 2015/16. However, the rest of the league is now aware how good this team is and won't take them lightly.

4-Los Angeles Kings

Last season: 40-27-15 for 95 points
After winning the Stanley Cup the year before, the Kings missed the playoffs last season by finishing in fourth place in the division. They should be able to battle for a wild-card spot, but will fall just short of achieving it. The Kings lost several veterans in the offseason and added a couple more as replacements. There's still a lot of talent here, but there's simply too much competition in the Western Conference for the Kings to make the playoffs unless they're at their absolute best.

5-San Jose Sharks

Last season: 40-33-9 for 89 points
The Sharks finished the season in fifth spot a year ago and missed out on the postseason action. It appears they could headed for the same fate this campaign. San Jose has a good team, but the top players such as Patrick Marleau and Joe Thornton are slowing down a bit with age. They'll give it a good shot, but fall just short of making the playoffs.

6-Arizona Coyotes

Last season: 24-50-8 for 56 points

7-Edmonton Oilers

Last season: 24-44-14 for 62 points

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What is one thing you wish people knew about you, that they don't?

I really love American Muscle cars, UFC, and college basketball!

What superhero powers would you choose and what would you do with them?

I wish I had the power to replace people's regret and anxiety with peace and optimism, with just a wave of my hand.

What is your philosophy about life?

I am in control of what I think about, how I see the world, and all things within it. My perspective, mood, and future are all within my control.

Choose love, above all else. If I am not bringing a bikini, it's not a vacation.







What is your favorite holiday and why?

Thanksgiving! It's obvious why it's so special, a day dedicated to a grateful state of being. I enjoy cooking, and it's also an excuse to make endless, delicious food for the ones I love!










Where do you most enjoy traveling to, and where would you most like to travel that you haven't yet been?

My favorite places to be photographed, and to simply exist, because it just feels good to be engulfed in such beauty, are the sand dunes at White Sands, New Mexico; and the beaches of Cabo, Mexico. Also, I recently visited Amsterdam, Netherlands, and really enjoyed the experience!

I anticipate traveling to Bali, Indonesia; Santorini, Greece; The Himalayan Mountains of Tibet; and Bora Bora, French Polynesia.



A woman with long, wavy blonde hair is sitting on a bed, looking out of focus. The background is a softly lit room with a lamp and a plant.

Which personal qualities are mandatory for a potential bf/gf?

I could definitely list a whole lot of preferences; but, I've found a short list of core values are actually what matters to me. Is the person honest? Do they follow through with what they say they will do? Are they good to their former partners? Do they have long lasting, healthy friendships with both men and women? Are they ambitious with personal and professional goals? Can they empathize with others, and consistently act in ways that reflect that understanding? Are they contentious of their appearance and health? Are they adventurous and active, regardless of what those methods are? Do they have curiosities and a desire to grow, regardless of what the specific topics are? Do they learn from their past mistakes? Do animals and children like their presence? Does this person engage in high risk activities that will hurt me, eventually? Is it natural for me to treat them the way the person who loves them most would treat them? Do they energize and inspire me, day to day? Do they have a forgiving nature? Do they receive and show love in the methods I deliver and accept love? Do they satisfy the desires inside of me so that if I am with them I'm no longer searching for a partner?



CAR COLLECTING

TURNING PASSION INTO INCOME

By Jane Susaeta



I collect cars and bikes. One of my most special rides is a black 1930s Cadillac V16, and then I've got a few West Coast choppers. Kid Rock

The hunt is fun says Jay Leno, famous late night television entertainer and comic genius who also happens to fill a garage with 193 cars.

Leno has been collecting cars even before the market exploded, so as a result, he now owns numerous cars interesting that now sell millions.

But it wasn't just all about the money. In fact, most car collectors didn't begin with this activity profit in mind. In fact, it's challenging to establish a sound stream of income out of collecting cars especially if you're inexperienced and

the cars' maintenance and restorations are way out of your budget. What gets the car collecting market going and eventually provide collectors hand-some returns come from passion.

This read is composed of two parts: the first discusses the why's and how's for car collection and the second is dedicated towards making your car collection a business endeavor. Also expect some pieces of wisdom and advice from one of the world's enthusiastic car collectors, Jay Leno.

Jay Leno: A Telling Example for Collecting Cars

You actually need to tour Jay Leno's garage which is being maintained by four hands-on mechanics full time. That's saying a lot about the vastness of his car collection. But it isn't just Jay leno who loves his cars. A number of other celebrities, sports headliners and artists are also into the hobby, including but not limited to John Cena, Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Akon, Jay Kay, Kanye West and Missy Elliot. Between Maybachs to Ferraris, Mercedes, Porsche and Aston Martin's, it can seem that collecting cars are reserved to just those who can afford them.



Jay Leno may have a 193-car garage now, a far cry from a two-car garage owned by average Americans; but this savvy car collector actually began his collection even before he came into the entertainment industry. Cars certainly make a good investment, but for Leno's 14-year old mind, the price was not an issue. He bought a \$350 Ford Truck in 1964 that didn't run, but he loved it. It was more than a decade older than him at that point but the teen figured out how to run the vehicle.

He then had a stint working for Bentley and Rolls Royce dealership which fueled his initial interests in owning and collecting cars. He wanted to own a Bentley so badly and figured being an international entertainer would afford him these vehicles. Today, a number

of 20-30s Bentleys sit in his garage.

But even when Leno is earning more than enough to buy the cars he covets, sparkling and brand new, he still goes back to his number one reason why he is collecting cars in the first place: love and passion.

The Basics of Car Collecting – Reasons for and How to Start your Car Collection

For most of the car collectors, having passion and interest for cars is an important and essential step in beginning a car collection. It's like first base in a relationship. Passion will certainly play an important role for a hobby that requires you to shell out money, most times in large doses, for vehicles that will soon grace your ga-

rage or hangar. You have to love what you do, otherwise you should just be content with the car that drives you from point A to B.

What Cars to Collect

Perhaps the second most important thing to know is to determine what cars to collect. The answer is going to be different for everybody. For some, it will be the brand or the era. Others like their collection to fall into certain categories: exotic and vintage cars; muscle cars, race cars and so on. Other collectors have "more eclectic collections" because they are more drawn to the history of the car more than anything else. For instance, Leno has a 941 American LaFrance firetruck which the Warner Bros. once owned.



He also has 1951 Hornet purchased from a 90-year old lady. The Hornet may have a far less glamorous history than the LaFrance firetruck, but Leno loved the backstory and believes he is purchasing it more than the vehicle.

If you are collecting from this point of view, it is worth noting how Leno likens car collecting with Harlequin collecting: “but that’s exactly the kind of romantic relationship you can have with old cars. You see one; you pine for it; you dream about what it’ll be like when it’s fixed up. So searching for cars is like the plots in those Harlequin novels.”

“Barn-find” cars are also likely to spark the interests of car collectors, mainly because of the car’s history more than anything else. You might find a treasure of a classic car sitting in barn for many years. Good condition or not, authentic barn finds are coveted more for the story they tell.

Where to Find Cars to Collect

Now that we’ve nailed down the reasons why possibly would want to build a garage-full of cars, the next thing you need to know is where to find these cars.

1. Online. There’s a treasure trove of online resources to begin your car collection. A number of buy and sell car websites now grace the internet and could prove to be a perfect venue

to find the cars that you look for. To begin with, you could take a look at hemmings.com, carsonline.com and collectorcartrader.com.

Meanwhile, buy and sell websites like craigslist and ebay are also great places to find cars. You could meet up with the buyer for a private viewing of the car of interest before the purchase.

2. Auctions. These events allow you to see cars to collect live and in-person, providing you an opportunity to give the car a visual inspection and see for yourself if this is a car that must belong to your collection. It is also a great place to share points and ideas with other car collectors; indeed, a gathering of like-minded individuals.

If you’re rather being generous with

your budget, you might also like visiting auctions that give back to the community. Jay Leno, for instance, is auctioning his Fiat 500, the second one being made (the Fiat president got the first one ever made) at the Goodings & Co. auctions in Peeble Beach. It is easy to assume that the car will come with a price tag, but the proceeds of the said auction will also help Fisher House in order to accommodate war veterans.

Meanwhile, you could come and visit Mecum auctions that exhibit and auction more than 15,000 vehicles annually. It gathers buyers, sellers and observers of the car auctioning trade and provides a venue for car collectors to bid on the cars they like to collect.

3. Ask personally. Some collector cars could be gathering dust in someone else’s barn or garage and all you need to do is ask who might own them. In line with his, Jay Leno has an advice to give, especially if its classic cars you seek. “I recommend that you talk to old guys. Seek them out. They were all young guys once. And a lot of them don’t have any family left; they just want to see the love of their life, the car they were always going to restore – but never got around to – go to a good home.”

Car owners will always consider the price, not to make them rich, but to ensure that their beloved car will go to another owner who will take care of it. Leno says “for a lot of these guys, it’s more about the car going to the right garage – yours.” Most of these treasures are only waiting to be discovered and owners are likely to hand the car to you at a fair deal – all you need to do is ask. There’s nothing to lose.



Turning your Car Collection into a Business

Assuming that you've already grown your modest car collection and is now ready to make some money (rather than just spend) out of it, you now need to know the ins and outs of turning your car collection into a business.

Put a Premium on Maintenance

The cost of maintenance will never be the same across the board. Some spare parts for a classic car will cost a few dollars, but the newer ones might require you a few hundreds and vice versa. It's good if you're quite handy with the tools and know fixing and maintaining cars, other-

stories about it. Relating these stories will show that you have a deep and personal relationship with the car and impress on buyers that it is well-handled and amply maintained.

Bring a Specialist

If you're about to invest a good amount to a buy a new car to add to your collection, bringing in a specialist will help ensure that you will get the best deals. You may be enthusiastic about collecting cars, but if you have limited knowledge on the technical side, the cost of repairs and restorations might cost you a lot. A specialist will help inspect the car and get to know its condition so you can put in a healthy bid for it.

would readily jump at the first buyer to express interest into your car. Collector Paul Fraser's advice is simple: wait. "If the model was popular at one time, it is likely to be in fashion again at some point as trends tend to be cyclical. Hold on to what you've got, get a few years more enjoyment out of it, and then sell when the market is hot," Fraser says.

You are basically building and maintaining a relationship with your cars, financially and emotionally. Turning a car collection into a business can be a challenging endeavor for the uninitiated so it is very important to bank on knowledge first even before attempting to buy your first classic or vintage car. You are ultimately aim-



wise, you'd need to pay more for having it serviced. Furthermore, buyers aren't just looking for cars that they can display, they need to be able to drive them too.

Also, getting your cars covered with insurance will save you from more future and unnecessary expenses and headaches.

Know your Cars

If you're passionate about your cars and are interested into selling them at one point or another, you need to be able to talk about your cars to potential buyers. There must be something interesting about the car so it belonged to your collection in the first place. It could be limited edition; once owned by a celebrity or royal blood or have some other interesting

Get the Car's Paperworks

Establishing the car's ownership and service history through documents will give you more confidence that the car is yours legally when you purchased it and you have the appropriate records for its upkeep. Furthermore, a lot of collectors believe that such paperwork is not just technical in nature: it also provides the car its personality and "wholeness."

Know your Market

So you've just spent a couple of dollars to purchase a car, had it serviced or restored and are now ready to part with it to make some profit. For this part, you need to be very patient, discerning and knowledgeable of the market. You might be frustrated why your car isn't selling and

ing to make some money out of your efforts of looking for a great vehicle, having it serviced and maintained and advertising its sale. But more than anything, you are parting with something that you love, hopefully for a great price.

Flipping cars will always involve a fair amount of money. You aim to buy a car for a low price, have some work done on it and sell it for a higher price. That is business. But you may get caught into a trap of keeping the car and cost you more money on maintenance, space and insurance. Either way, you need to make sure that the price of keeping or losing the car will always worth it, money-wise or not.

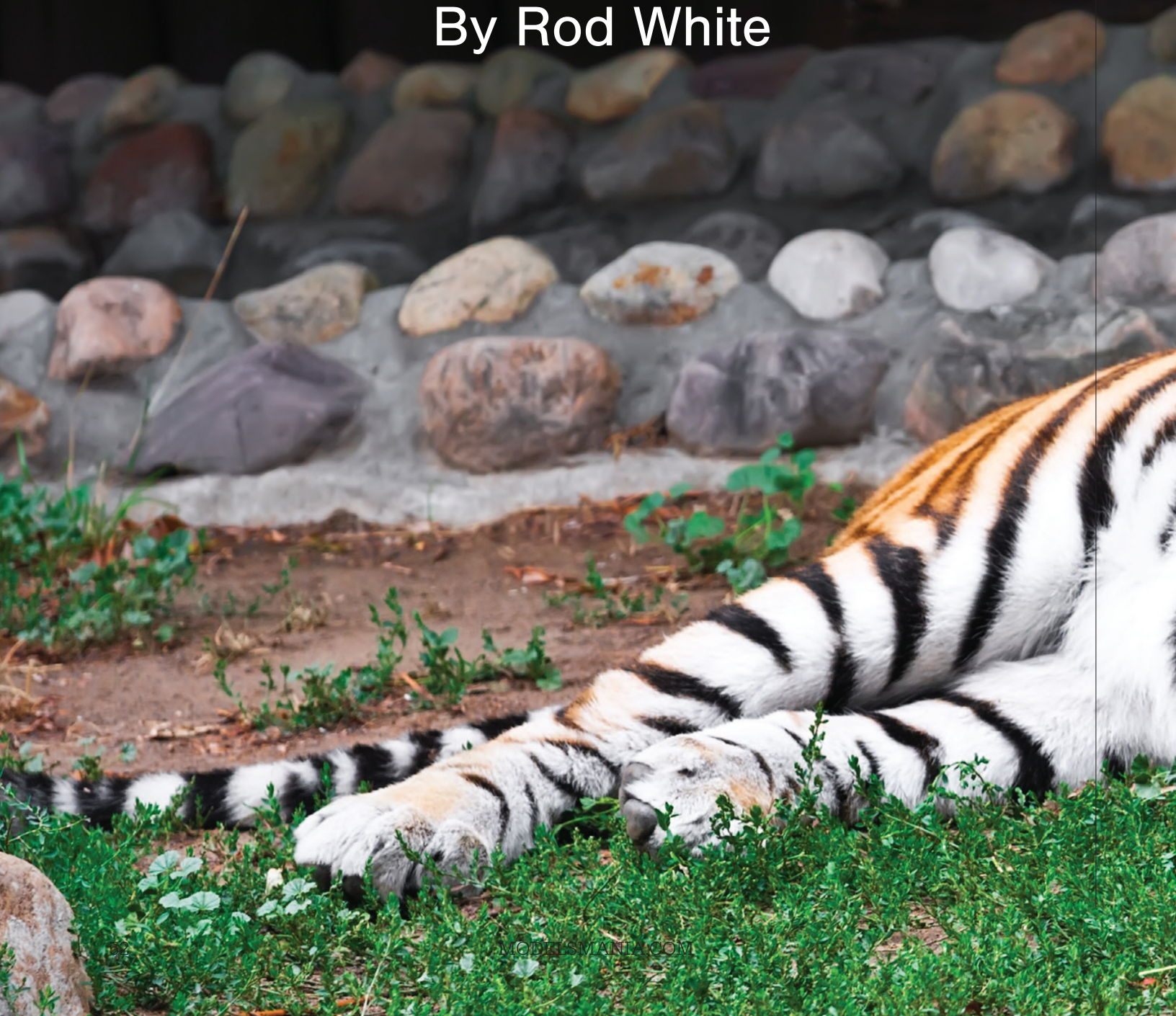
Collecting cars can be fun and offer a lot of enjoyment to the collector.

Feature



FREEING CAPTIVE ANIMALS, CLOSING ZOOS & PROBLEMS AT SEA WORLD

By Rod White







ou may or may not have heard that the Costa Rican Environmental Ministry (MINAE) announced in 2013 that it was going

to close its two government-run zoos and set the animals free that were contained therein. The decision to close the Santa Ana Conservation and the Simon Bolivar Zoo stemmed from public outcry that denounced the dismal living conditions and cramped confinements of the inhabitants. If completed, this country known for its aggressive environmental activism would have been the first in the world to shut down its zoos and create biological centers of education that are cage-free.

However, the announcement caused an outcry of its own by those who administer finances and care to the various forms of wildlife reserved in its zoo facilities. FUNDAZOO, the nonprofit organization that administers the two zoos in Costa Rica, retaliated by suing the Ministry. They claimed a “breach of contract” technical violation as the reason since they were supposed to receive a year’s notice before the cancellation of their contract, which the group says was not fulfilled. The court that heard the case agreed with FUNDAZOO and allowed an automatic 10-year renewal of their contract that is good until 2024. This was actually the second time that MINAE tried to shut down the zoos with a previous attempt being made in 2003 and encountered the same results for the same reason. The Ministry has vowed to pursue its goal of closing its zoos.



Zoos Are Big Business

Although Costa Rica’s two government-run zoos will remain in operation until at least 2024 under the court ruling, the ordeal has helped to spark a worldwide movement addressing the captivity of animals in zoos and similar facilities. Environmental consciousness is expanding and more people are becoming educated toward the often horrid conditions of encaged animals. In the case of Costa Rica, enough people rose up to decry such treatment of animals which included cramped, dirty pens and display areas.

However, there is another big problem associated with zoos that is causing their reputations to be tarnished. As with so many other areas in today’s society, zoos have become big business where the name of the game is making money and not necessarily promoting the best interest of animals. A shift has been occurring away from the goal of simply caring for and displaying animals to one of making grand facilities that are designed to attract large numbers of people. You might think that such expansions are good for the animals, but in many cases it is not. Administrators are moving further away from practical, healthy zoology methods in order to boost revenues.



A case in point involved the Los Angeles Zoo several years ago. A large facility for their Asian elephants was created that covered six acres at a cost of \$42 million. The new area was deemed a conservation masterpiece by zoo officials with its pristine pond, waterfalls, natural food dispensers and other extras. When it opened after several years of construction, it did so with considerable hype and fanfare, including a celebrity infested VIP red-carpet reception. However, the zoo was later taken to court over accusations of inhumane treatment and, although the court ruled against

closing the zoo, it prohibited the use of electrical prods and other abusive practices uncovered during the case.

SeaWorld is another high profile facility that has been receiving bad publicity over its treatment of animals. It is also run like a business with public shares being sold and, as with any shareholder business, the focus is mainly on boosting stock prices. In 2013, a documentary entitled *Blackfish* was released with the goal of exposing the harsh and inhumane treatment of SeaWorld animals, particularly its killer whales. The movie highlights how two trainers were killed by one whale

as a reaction to harsh treatment and cramped facilities. The scandal led to the resignation of SeaWorld CEO Jim Atchison and the company went into damage control mode by expressing the extreme pressures it was under trying to survive in a multi-billion dollar industry. As a result of *Blackfish* and subsequent exposure, the company reported a 4.7 percent decrease in attendance which equaled a 7.3 percent loss of revenue. SeaWorld is being meticulously scrutinized by environmental activists since the incident which say that tanks are still too small and conditions often poor. However, the company continues to insist a loss of income prevents it from providing proper care for its animals, something that is difficult to believe when making millions of dollars.

Poor Economy Is Bad for Zoos

At the other end of the spectrum lies an equally distressing problem. When zoo visitation falls, so do the funds needed to properly care for the inhabitants. Poor zoo attendance can stem from such causes as faulty estimates, bad economic turns and other unexpected circumstances. Regardless of the reason, when zoos don't produce enough funds, both caretakers and animals suffer which adversely affects all involved.



An example of less than expected promotional goals is that of the giant panda which is considered to be a big crowd draw. San Diego, Washington, Memphis and Atlanta are the only cities in the U.S. that house the cute and endangered pandas. Millions of dollars have been spent by these zoos in an effort to acquire, house and advertise these animals in the bear family. Fees can be as high as \$1 million annually to rent pandas from China. However, visitor numbers were pitifully lacking according to what was expected and all four zoos have reported large losses as a result. Toronto Zoo found itself in a similar situation with a 284,000 drop in visitors and \$8.3 million shortfall after acquiring two pandas in an attempt to boost revenue through attendance.

The less than stellar numbers can be attributed to a few factors. First of all, people are becoming more desensitized to issues like the plight of pandas. This is occurring due to an overabundance of coverage by mass media sources as well as a mountain of other preoccupations that are happening around our globe. The struggling economy is also playing a role in the large drops in zoo attendance. When times get tough and income is



limited, people tend to cut out luxury activities of which visiting the zoo is one. Competition is yet another factor attributed to reductions in zoo crowds. People have many more options to choose from and on which to spend their limited entertainment dollars.

What Will Happen to the Animals?

The MINAE of Costa Rica had planned (and still plans) to make a botanical garden out of the Simon Bolivar Zoo and transform the Santa Ana facility into a forest reserve covering 51 hectares (approximately 20 square miles). René Castro, the nation's Environmental Minister, says that they do not want to keep any animals in captivity

except for extraordinary cases when they need rescued. The nearly 400 animals that are being held in its two zoos are expected to be transferred to rescue centers or released into the wild if possible should the Ministry gain control over them.

Of course, most animals that are raised in a captive environment cannot fend for themselves in the wild. If such animals are released, they quickly die of starvation, are killed by predators, or become a nuisance or endangerment to people as they seek food and shelter. Even those animals that were once in the wild before being captured and moved to zoos and are then returned to a wild environment have trouble readjusting. Skills and instinctive senses become dulled during captivity and can take time to redevelop. Also, animals associated with social circles can be rejected or attacked by peers as they attempt to enter or re-enter.

Reserves are not always a good option either. Although they have a lot of room and present a natural habitat for animals, reserves are often unfenced which allows animals to roam off of protected areas. A well-known case in point is that of Cecil the lion who was lured away from his reserve safe haven by a Zimbabwe landowner and guide and then shot by Walter James Palmer, an American dentist, who paid a \$50,000 fee for the illegal privilege. Reserves are also frequently invaded by illegal hunters and poachers, especially where exotic or big game animals are held. It is a proven fact that such areas do not ensure the safety of animals when profits and prestige are at stake.





Species Extinction

Still another issue that has to be considered is the growing list of endangered species that are being seriously threatened with extinction. Numerous animals have become extinct over the past century and many more are being added at an alarming rate. Examples of critically endangered species include the black rhino, leatherback turtle, Sumatran elephant, tiger and orangutan, and mountain and western lowland gorillas. If something isn't done to better protect these animals, they will go the way of such species as the western black rhino which was officially declared extinct by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in 2011.

Various factors are contributing to the decline in species. Overpopulation by humans is by-far the greatest reason as more and more people encroach and pollute wildlife habitat areas. The illegal trade of animal products is also a thriving market that is significantly diminishing the numbers of certain species such as rhinos, lions and elephants. One of the latest victims of this industry involves sharks which are being killed at the rate of 100 million a year just for their dorsal fin that is con-

sidered a delicacy in Asian countries.

Humans aren't the only danger to wildlife. Natural changes in weather patterns are also drastically affecting species around the planet. Mass die-offs of fish, birds, whales, polar bears, walruses, otters, caribou and various other species are being discovered and reported on an increasingly regular basis. Although the exact causes of many of these incidents are listed as "unknown", others are being attributed to rising ocean temperatures, dramatic shifts in climate, decreases in food supplies, sickness and disease, and other types of natural occurrences.

Balancing Act of Accountability

Zoos have been declaring for decades that they are necessary for the proper education of citizens as well as vital to the preservation of species. However, a consistent list of offenses committed by zoos, which includes transport injuries, frequent use of tranquilizers and anesthetics, malnutrition and even infanticide and cannibalism, has turned the world's attention to zoo practices and the need for making radical changes. With the decline of zoo habitats via profiteering, economic collapse, climate changes and other

problems, this traditional idealism needs to be rethought and appropriate changes made to the model. The issue boils down to a balance of accountability where future generations are adequately educated about interaction of species while, at the same time, providing acceptable care for species that are dwindling in numbers or are in need of care and protection for other reasons.

The amount of criticism over Costa Rica's poor facilities encouraged some positive changes, even if the zoos will be allowed to remain for another ten years. FUNDAZOO has already responded by enlarging the lagoon for its crocodiles, caimans and tapir which is more oriented to their natural environment. They have also made improvements to the areas housing their big cats. The issue is also affecting zoos in the United States with calls to make changes in favor of the animals, such as what is happening at SeaWorld. The Association of Zoos and Aquariums has also recently modified the rules towards elephants being held in U.S. facilities. They are requiring that zoos that have only one or two pachyderms must either add to their numbers or totally eliminate them from their facilities by September 2016. The reason behind the change is said to be due to developing research showing that elephants are social animals which require a group setting.

It is a fact that the world is becoming a more dangerous place for animals as well as humans. It is therefore necessary for people to make efforts to assist animals through harshening conditions, especially those that are becoming increasingly endangered and facing extinction. However, any assistance we provide must be limited to providing the most natural settings and targeting the long-term benefits of the wildlife and not the pockets of shareholders and zoo administrators. We have a responsibility as the most dominant species on the planet to make adjustments and help those species dependent on our actions to weather the storms that swirl around them. We should do this with the welfare of such wildlife being of the utmost importance because if we fail, we may forfeit the privilege of beholding such beauty in real life forever.



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MAKING MONEY IN THE MARIJUANA REVOLUTION

By Polina Tikhonova

The marijuana industry is bringing a lot of new jobs into the marketplace, and there has been at least 16 different types of job fields created.

Have you ever dreamt of becoming Walter White of the marijuana revolution? Well, we're not talking about illegal sale of marijuana, we're talking about making money during the marijuana revolution.

As of today, 23 states of the U.S. and Washington, D.C. have already allowed medical weed use. Four other states – Colorado, Oregon, Alaska and Washington as well as the District of Columbia made it legal for adults to smoke marijuana recreationally.

It is believed that marijuana legalization efforts could be on the ballot in more than a dozen states in 2016, which is why many people across the U.S. rub their hands together expecting to make money in the marijuana

revolution. And they are totally right about it, because it's a highly profitable and promising business. However, this business involves some risks, which we will review in this article.

When recreational pot became legally open for sales in Colorado on January 1, as many as 24 weed shop owners across Colorado reported the combined profit of more than \$1 million in a single day. As of today, Colorado residents are allowed to purchase up to an ounce of pot at once for recreational purposes, while non-residents can buy only up to a quarter ounce.

The combined sales of medical and recreational weed stand at more than \$3 billion this year so far, according to the Marijuana Business Factbook. Moreover, if you add to that the revenue generated by ancillary companies –

such as companies or individuals that produce plant-harvesting machinery, CPAs, lawyers hired by weed growers as well as accountants who provide their services to marijuana plant owners – the numbers will increase up to \$11 billion, which is about two times higher than in 2013 (\$5.7 billion).

Your profitable weed business

So how do you start the so-profitable cannabis-growing business and make millions of dollars? Just like with any business, consider going to a special training school. We bet you haven't even realized that such schools exist. Well, they do.

Some schools offer real insight into the business, while others just spend the valuable time making joints and smoking weed.





If you pick the right school, you will get educated on how to make your own business plan, find reliable and business partners as well as growers who are able to cultivate great-quality weed. The fees range from \$250 to \$350, with most schools allowing you to attend as many seminars as you want.

And remember: in this business, it's really important to have someone vouch for you and have at least some background with weed, or else people won't trust you. So make sure you have connections and people that would be interested in cooperating with you.

Beware of the feds

Even though marijuana is gaining its legal recognition, it is still illegal at the federal level, which is why you could run into certain business problems.

Banks are still generally unwilling to open accounts or provide you loans for a business that has anything to do with weed, because they are afraid the U.S. authorities will come after them with money laundering charges or charges for aiding drug trafficking.

On top of that, marijuana can't be crossed across state borders legally because of federal interstate commerce laws.

In short: if you are entering the so-profitable marijuana business, don't go all gangster and Breaking Bad's Walter White. Pretty much any medical weed-related operation that opens at the end of 2015 has a great chance to make loads of money by legally selling

A medical marijuana delivery service is the cheapest and easiest way to get started.

weed to qualified patients.

Legal aspect of growing weed

Even though medical ganja laws have minor differences in each of the 21 states that have already legalized marijuana, it can be said that there will most definitely be only two ways of making money in the upcoming marijuana revolution. A company or individual who launched a dispensary or a "medical marijuana treatment center" that grows and stock marijuana as well as does the selling of other weed-related items such as ointments, hashish oils, weed cookies and even hemp clothing.

If you are a mom-and-pop weed entrepreneur, then you are allowed to supply weed to five patients (that, of course, if you've passed a background check). As many as 15 states also allow patients to grow their own medical weed but some of them impose certain restrictions and limits. For example, you can grow your own marijuana only

if you have financial issues or live at least 26 miles away from a dispensary. The department of health of each state will determine and conclude who is allowed to grow weed plants and how many of those plants they can have at once. On top of their regulations, the state legislature and individual cities/counties could potentially impose some restrictions.

Therefore, you can approximately calculate how much of a revenue you can expect by knowing the number of patients and how much weed they will require from you/your company. To help you do the math, a typical U.S. dispensary sells an eighth of an ounce for from \$20 to \$60. That amount of weed gives you about three or four joints. On the streets, an eighth of weed costs around \$50, so you get the math – it's about the same.

Another thing to consider is that patients in need of marijuana will have to pay with their own money, since health insurances do not cover medical ganja.

Reliable and experienced partners

Preferably those who have already dealt in the med weed business in your or any other state.

The advantage of having someone familiar with all the pitfalls of this business is pretty obvious. You will not have to figure out most of heavy stuff by yourself – enough said.

You cannot compare an ordinary retail business to the marijuana one. What seems easy to follow and understand in the ordinary world checks out in the weed world – always keep that in mind. Another thing to consider is that banks usually don't simply make deposits in such a business. However, it is possible to find those who do, as banks don't always yell from the rooftops that they accept applications from medical weed companies.

You could pair with a bank to work through credit card payments instead of personal checks or cash.

Retain a lawyer and start gathering voters (your future patients)

Lawyers with connections at the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws are the most active ones among attorneys seeking to find weed-growing clients. Choose the lawyer with prior background with weed in your or any other state.

Now that we have pretty much covered the basics, it's time for you to start lining up voters, who will potentially become your patients. It's a smart tactic to attract voters to the polls, as it will pay off by bringing you patients in the future.

So consider joining or organizing nonprofits to collect donations and create campaign material as well as finding volunteers dedicated to the cause. No way should you throw away contact information of those willing to vote – those are your potential future patients.

Find patients who would be interested in marijuana and encourage them to go to the polls. Keep in touch with them, because they will most likely receive hundreds (if not thousands) of invitations to the polls from individuals/companies like you.

Prepare to spend your money

And probably some loan shark money as well. Yes, you can't expect to start anything good without significant investments into it. Just think of the room/warehouse where you will be growing the weed. Think of all the LED growing lights you will have to purchase in order to make it happen.

It's not like all you have to do is equip the room/warehouse with some LED grow lights, plant some crop and then enjoy the rest of the month watching your plants grow while smoking a joint. If you think that the marijuana business works this way, you are wrong.

Getting a license in, for example, Colorado will cost you from \$2,500 to \$13,000 plus additional licensing fees that can amount to about \$7,000.

Most states require every licensed medical marijuana facility to have a closed-circuit security alarm system. Moreover, it must be installed on all perimeter entry points and perimeter windows. But first, of course, it must be approved by the enforcement division, while the surveillance has to be performed by a security company that has to be recognized by state regulations.

So you get the idea, right? It will cost you loads of money just to get started. You may spend up about \$50,000 to just put up a security system that would meet the requirements of an enforcement division. Do the math with all the other expenses.

On top of that, your medical weed



company will have to get money prepared for buildings, equipment, seeds and other startup costs via nontraditional lenders. And while banks are still afraid to dive into the marijuana business, marijuana growing startups are forced to turn to their families and friends for financial help.

If you have an angel investor or your family is rich, that's great. But if you don't, you will have to go to a loan shark willing to take risks with your starting business.

Know the risks of losing it all

There are a number of reasons why the medical marijuana revolution could go not as planned: the Republican-controlled Legislature or local governments getting reelected... so you have to know the risks of losing it all.

Even though the promising tax revenue looks attractive to politicians, there have been a number of incidents that should make you cautious about this whole marijuana thing. For example, California charges 7.5% sales tax on medical weed, which means it is generating from about \$60 million to \$100 million. Meanwhile, many cities charge additional local sales fees.

Colorado charges 2.9% sales tax on medical cannabis and generated about \$6 million in the second half of 2013. And with the current tax rates for recreational marijuana of 25%, Colorado is expected to generate about \$50 million to \$100 million by the end of 2015.

But it's not that simple. If you are familiar with the history of marijuana legislation then you probably know that New Jersey passed a med weed law in 2010 that provided no provisions

for patients to grow their own ganja.

Patients in need of medical marijuana were then forced to wait for dispensaries to open. But then the number of dispensaries was limited to only six. As a result, over four years after medical weed was legalized, only three of these dispensaries obtained business licenses, while only one is allowed to sale weed. However, the access to this medical weed is limited only to patients with certain diseases or patients that have less than a year to live.

New Jersey has only 1,500 patients in need of marijuana and they get charged \$200 to get a medical card (by contrast, other states charge from \$5 to \$15).

So as you can see, a successful weed business depends on a great number of factors. And you don't have any influence over some of them. However, if you are eager to try yourself in the marijuana industry and you like to risk, you can take your chances. Don't be the guy that goes from a relative to relative or from a friend to friend, knocking on their doors and asking for some money to open a weed business.

But if you have at least half of the expenses covered all by yourself, then it's not that bad after all. Don't forget that you need a good well-reversed lawyer, reliable and trusting business partners as well as potential patients to get you started. And don't forget about people who could vouch for you – those are the ones who will get you traction in the weed business. Knowing people and knowing them well is a valuable skill in this business.



BIG BUSINESS OF PAPARAZZI PHOTOGRAPHY

By Polina Tikhonova

You all have probably seen thousands of photo shoots of celebrities. And you've probably seen a few celebrities with your own eyes. Have you ever noticed people holding their smartphones and taking pictures of those celebrities? We're pretty sure that you have, it's hard to miss them.

But have you ever wondered why do they do it? Do you think they are doing it just for fun? Well, then you're wrong. Celebrity photography – both professional and paparazzi – is a hugely profitable business. In order to explain the whole thing to you, it's best to divide the paparazzi industry into three stages.

The first stage of the industry was built on lone freelance photographers only. The job of taking photographs was very

underrated and even despised. With the passage of time, as more freelance photographers were joining in, the job became more reputable, which allowed the industry to enter the second stage.

Even though celebrity photography still largely depends on freelancers, there are more chances for truly unique and scandalous photographs to go viral with the help of social media as well as traditional media. For example, an article in a newspaper like The New York Times featuring an average photograph of a celebrity can get you several hundred dollars, while if your photograph features something news-breaking related to a celebrity, you can get up to \$10,000. The more popular the celebrity, the more you get.

According to one Forbes article featuring a candid interview with a U.S.-based paparazzo, most photographers usually downplay their true earnings in order to prevent a heavy competition in the business. Even though there is

already a severe competition going on.

According to the paparazzo, a professional photographer can make from \$60,000 to \$100,000 monthly. It must also be noted that mostly men work as photographers.

However, over the years the profession has not gotten any more professional. Most of paparazzos are hired by a few large paparazzi agencies that hire their own crowds of photographers – often unprofessional ones. They are paid between \$800 to \$3,000 a week with a possibility to get an occasional bonus.

We're currently at the third stage of the paparazzi business, in which hired photographers are becoming less and less in demand, since everyone has a camera on their smartphone – even celebrities themselves. Thus, it turns them into paparazzi. So what we have now is hundreds of websites where you can submit a breaking photo and get a bonus for it.

But what most websites and online blogs do nowadays is just grab pictures taken by celebrities from social media including those posting on Instagram. However, it is illegal, as celebrities still retain the copyrighting for posting photos on Instagram or Facebook.

So how do you get into the so-profitable photography business, since it doesn't require any education degree and the pay is pretty good to try it?

First of all, avoid crowds. It's a waste of time and money to go to major events such as Golden Globes or the Oscars, since a large number of people will have the same pictures as you do. What you must focus on is the casual life of celebrities, but you'll have to do thorough research and spy a lot in order to get those.

Research for the success. As we've just mentioned, a thorough research is a must. Find out where celebrities usually hang out, what their daily activities look like and where they are currently staying. And Googling is not enough obviously: opt for 'interviews' with cab drivers, luxurious nightclub personnel and other people that might know the precious information and would be able to share it with you.

Don't take just any pictures, your pictures have to tell a breaking story.

Paparazzi are independent photographers who take pictures of celebrities, athletes, entertainers, and politicians.

Shots like a celebrity cheating on his/her boyfriend/girlfriend, snorting coke or doing some illegal stuff is going to get you far. However, simply taking the very first photo of a newborn celebrity baby is also as good.

Know people who are willing to pay for these photos. If your photos are major breaking news, you can go directly to tabloid and entertainment media outlets and sell it to them. You can easily find their addresses and other contact information on their official websites. If your photographs are unlikely to shock the public, then go to agencies that act as middlemen between photographers



and magazines. Google can help you find those as well.

Don't hesitate, never hesitate. This business requires you to be as fast as

you possibly can. The longer you sit on an exclusive photograph, the less exclusive it becomes, because it will either turn into old news or someone else has taken that similar photo as well.

Establish copyright on your photos before selling them. If you don't want your photographs to get stolen by other photographers or agencies, you have to establish ownership of the photos. Add a highly visible, non-removable watermark to each of the photos. When you strike a contract with some agency, you can give the publisher the original photos without the watermark.

Start a bidding war. The agency you're selling your photos to will likely attempt to re-sell them to a great number of different publications in order to get the best deal. Follow the same approach and contact several publications to negotiate the best price.

Understand and follow the sale contract. Make sure you pay attention to what rights you retain when selling a photo to the publisher. Review the contract for the payment: how much and when you are going to get paid, and pay attention to how your photos will be used. Hiring an attorney would also be a good idea to get you a clear understanding of what is going on in the contract exactly.

Make sure that your photos are used just as agreed in the contract. Especially make sure that your photos are not being resold by the publisher or agent to other publications. For that, you'll have to check other publications to find out whether or not your photos are being used by someone who didn't pay you.

It's a tough business out there, and obviously not everybody is fit for the job. But if you feel like you want to take a shot at it, go ahead.

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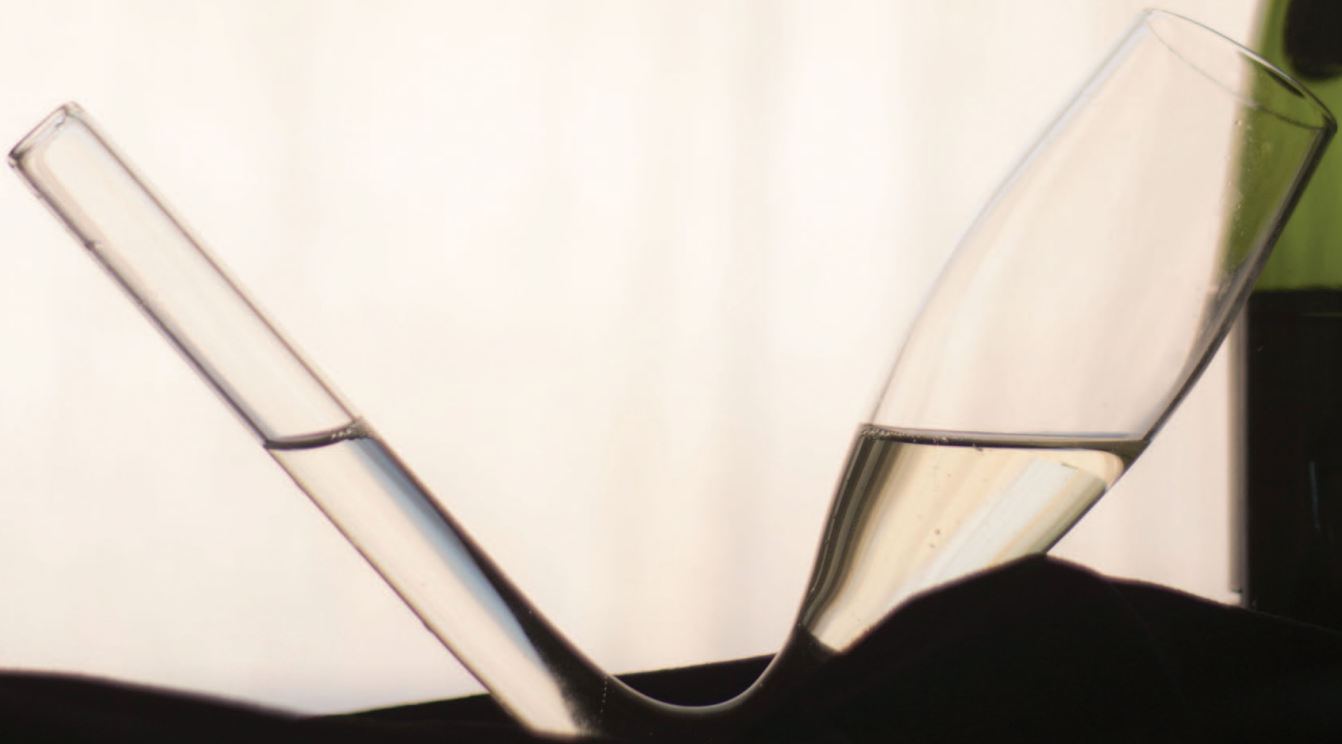
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THE WIFE HAS NEEDS

By Liz Mei

Marie watched her husband as he walked out of their en-suite. As usual he had been showering with the door open and now he had emerged with a small towel draped casually around his waist. Even as he approached his mid forties, Nathan was still a good looking guy but he had lost that chiselled edge that he had worn so well when they had met and married twenty odd years ago. He caught her eye and realised she had been staring at his body so gave her a cheeky grin. He opened the towel with two hands and shook his hips from side to side, as if to proudly reveal his package. Marie couldn't help but chuckle at his silliness as he reminded her of his playful side that had been one of the biggest draws to him all those years ago.

She looked at his member as it continued to sway from side to side. For Marie it was the perfect size, long enough to hit all the right spots with a girth that was just enough to fill her up and satisfy her desires. In its present state it

wasn't all that much to look at but she knew with a little love and attention it would be standing proud. He had been a good husband thus far, providing for her and supporting her throughout their solid and successful marriage. They had a beautiful house, too big really for just the pair of them but they had always enjoyed being slightly extravagant. He worked hard to give them such a comfortable lifestyle but sometimes Marie found that her life lacked a great deal of purpose or excitement.

As he walked towards Marie, having now dropped his towel completely, it dawned on her that she knew exactly how the next half an hour or so was going to play out. On the plus side there was no doubt that he knew her body well and she knew for certain that she would come out the other end feeling satisfied. On the downside their days of experimentation and discovering new and hidden pleasures were long gone. He climbed onto the bed where Marie was lying, wearing her standard silky black nightdress. It had small straps that supported her beautiful breasts. She had always considered her chest to be one of her best features. Not too small that she was ever embarrassed or ashamed of them, but not large enough that she has had to deal with any sagging or stretch marks as she gracefully moved closer and closer to being middle aged.

On all fours, Nathan moved slowly up the bed towards her, opening her legs slightly to position himself in between. He sat up, resting on his calves and began massaging Marie's legs, starting just below the knee and slowly working his way up to the tops of her thighs. This was a sure way to simultaneously help Marie to relax and start to get her excited. He spent a few minutes doing this, sliding her dress up, as he moved his attention higher and higher up her body. 'Any moment now he'll start playing with my nipples,' Marie thought to herself. And right on cue his hands moved up and started to twist and pull at her proud and pointy nips. He slowly dipped his head and planted soft kisses on her naval, creating a trail

knew it was her turn to return the favour. She sucked the tip of his cock into her mouth, using her tongue to playfully tease and stimulate the head. They quickly fell into a rhythm, with Nathan pumping his penis in and out of her mouth. Once she'd had enough, Marie gestured for him to go down, so he straddled her and aligned his cock with her moist pussy. Marie moaned out loud as he filled her up and began thrusting in and out of her. As they came together, Nathan collapsed on top of Marie, planting a kiss on her lips. 'That was great sweetheart,' Nathan exclaimed. 'I've got to get going now though. Got a big day at work today.' And with that, he gave her another kiss before getting up and heading back

secretary. He had told her he'd recently taken on a new girl, but Marie had yet to meet her. The young woman greeted her with a warm and friendly smile, and Marie was immediately taken with her beauty. 'Hi, I'm Floss. Mr Foster told me you'd be coming in with a file for him. He's just wrapping up a meeting with the partners but he'll be out of his office soon.'

'Okay, well here's the file,' Marie replied placing it on the desk between them.

"You know, Mr Foster has talked about you and I've seen a photo of you in his office, but I didn't realise just how beautiful you are!" Floss complimented the older woman.

"Well I'm really very flattered to hear



down to her pussy. As he stimulated her clit and lips, Marie couldn't prevent a moan of pleasure from escaping her mouth. Following his standard routine, Nathan spent a few minutes working his experienced tongue all over her sensitive spots. It wasn't long before Marie felt that familiar build up, releasing her pleasure all over his tongue.

With a proud look on his face, Nathan moved up the bed and once again knelt back on his calves, this time with his stiffening member in his hands. Marie

towards the bathroom.

Marie was in the kitchen cleaning up when the phone started ringing. It was Nathan, calling from work. He explained how he had forgotten an important file at home, which he desperately needed for a big business meeting with a client. "Of course I'll bring it in for you. I'll be there just before 12," Marie assures her husband before placing the phone back on the hook. She arrived at the office at the time she had promised and was greeted by Nathan's

that coming from you! How old are you, if you don't mind my asking?"

Floss looked slightly embarrassed to be asked her age. "I'm twenty, I'm really fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work here."

"No, I'm sure you met all the requirements. Maybe I'll have to stop by here a little more often to make sure Nathan is behaving himself with such a lovely young woman around him all day." Marie joked breezily with a genuine smile on her face.



“Oh, you don’t have to worry about that with me. And, well, if you’re going to be around a lot, maybe your husband is the one that should be worried.” Floss shyly looked up to make eye contact with Marie.

Marie was caught off her feet and slightly taken aback. “Erm, what did you mean by that?” She asked softly.

“Just that I’m a great deal more attracted to you than I am to Mr Foster.” Floss confirmed, brushing her hand softly over Marie’s, which was still on the desk, where she had just placed the all important file.

At that moment Nathan walked out of his office, shaking hands and saying his goodbyes to two other men in suits. Marie immediately pulled her hand away from under Floss’s and realised that her heart was beating so fast that she thought it might pound right out of her chest.

“Oh is that the file? Thank you sweetheart.” Nathan came over and kissed his wife on the cheek. So I see you two have already met. “Marie this is

my secretary Floss, and Floss this is my wife Marie.”

“Yes,” was the only word Marie could muster from her dry mouth.

“We’ve already become acquainted,” confirmed Floss, glancing a warm smile towards Marie.

“Well I’m heading straight out for that meeting now I’m afraid.” Nathan continued, gesturing towards the file that Marie had brought.

“I’ll be out for the afternoon and there’s not much going on around here. Why don’t you two head out for lunch or something and get to know each other a bit?”

Marie was still lost for words and wasn’t sure if this was a good idea.

Floss quickly stepped in “that sounds like great fun. Don’t worry, I’ll take good care of your lovely wife.”

“Great, well I’ll see you at home love and I’ll see you tomorrow Floss” and with that Nathan picked up the file and headed out of the office.

“So it looks like it’s just me and you then,” Floss looked seductively at

Marie.

“Yeah, where do you fancy going?” Marie asked, trying to find some normalcy in her voice.

“Actually, I think we should stay here.” Floss replied, reaching out for Marie’s hand and holding it between both of hers. She took a step closer to Marie and Marie felt her heart once again start to beat much faster than normal. She knew Floss was about to kiss her. She knew it was wrong. Yet she couldn’t bring herself to speak or to move.

Marie felt like the moment was taking place in slow motion. She could feel Floss’s lips getting closer to her own. She could feel the warmth of her breath and the sweet scent of the beautiful young woman’s perfume. As their lips pressed together she let out a small sigh, the pleasure and the intensity of the kiss all too much for Marie. The kiss, which started out soft and gentle, soon became more fiery and passionate, as the two women began to forget their concerns and allowed their bodies to take over.

When they finally broke apart to catch their breath, Floss took hold of Marie’s hand once again. She led her into Nathan’s office and closed the door behind them. When she reached the desk she turned around and pulled Marie in close to her. “Are you ok?” she softly asked the older woman.

“I am, but. I don’t know. I don’t think I can do this,” the married woman stammered.

“Sshh. Don’t over think it. Just let go. Let your body enjoy this.” Floss re-assured her, leaning in once again and feeling Marie’s mouth open slightly to accept her kiss.

Soon the fiery passion was building between the two women for the second time. Marie couldn’t deny that the excitement and anticipation was building throughout her body in a way she hadn’t experienced for years. She knew already that her pussy was moist and the fact that a woman was having such an effect on her was both terrifying and thrilling. When she couldn’t resist any longer, Floss began to explore the older woman’s body. She unbuttoned Marie’s shirt and threw it to the floor. She planted soft kisses on the top of each breasts and then began to work her way down.

When she got to her waist Floss turned the older woman around so she was facing her back. They were similar heights so it was easy for Floss to gather up Marie's long black hair and move it to one side. She laid a trail of sensual kisses all the way down the opposite side of Marie's neck. As she moved lower she firmly but lovingly pushed Marie closer to the desk, encouraging her to bend over at the same time.

Floss dropped to her knees, still positioned directly behind Marie. She was wearing a floor length skirt, which Floss promptly pulled down, allowing it to slide all the way to floor. The sight of Marie's long and silky smooth legs was mesmerising to Floss. She began planting kisses up the backs of her legs, stopping to pay attention to the backs of her knees, nipping and licking the sensitive skin. Marie closed her eyes, barely comprehending the waves of excitement and pleasure that were rushing through her body. The feel of Floss's lips against the backs of her bare legs was incredible and the way she was slowly working her way up almost had her legs trembling in anticipation. Floss reached the edge of Marie's panties and slowly pulled them down to reveal her moist and inflamed pussy. After a few tender kisses placed on Marie's bare butt cheeks, Floss couldn't resist a taste. She slowly pushed her tongue between her legs and licked up and down Marie's slit. After a few slow and sensual strokes, she began to increase the pace, desperate to taste every spot and crevice of Marie's sweet vagina.

From the moment she felt Floss's soft, wet tongue on her sensitive spot, Marie thought she might explode. She felt so naughty bent naked over her husband's desk with a woman licking her between the legs from behind. But she was also overcome with thrill, excitement and desire to continue this incredible adventure with a beauti-

ful young woman. She heard her own moans escaping from her mouth as her husband's secretary skilfully stimulated her throbbing pussy with her tongue. Before she knew it Floss had stopped and was once again standing behind her. Marie was close to begging for her to return her tongue to that sweet spot and finish what she had started. But before she could get the words out, Floss had replaced her tongue with her finger.



She was using her whole hand to stimulate just about every part of Marie's pussy. She cupped her hand allowing two fingers to pass between her legs and either side of her clit, gently teasing and stimulating the area. Meanwhile her palm was pressed against her hole and getting soaked in Marie's tantalising pussy juices. She slowly began to rub her fingers back and forth over her slit, before finally beginning to penetrate her throbbing hole. Two

fingers slid easily into her moist hole, and Marie let out a throaty gasp. Floss curled her fingers and began a firm up and down motion.

"Oh my god!" Marie exclaimed. Floss had immediately hit the spot and both women could hear and feel the wetness it was creating. Floss kept her fingers in the same position but was thrusting her arm up and down with her hand cupping Marie's naked ass. Floss could feel Marie's wetness on her fingers and was in two minds as she desperately wanted another taste of the sweetness but also sensed that Marie was getting close. She decided to focus her attention on giving the beautiful older woman the best orgasm of her life. She continued working her fingers and building up the pace. Marie's moans were getting louder and more frequent, letting Floss know that she was doing the right thing. She kept her hand going but bent down so that she could softly kiss Marie's ass cheeks. She gently nipped and licked the soft flesh, moving towards her sacred rose. As she guided her tongue to glide over and gently caress her asshole, Floss felt Marie's body jolt, as the sensations triggered a full body orgasm. The older woman began to shake and whimper in the hands of the young secretary.

Marie had completely slumped over her husband's desk in ecstasy and was attempting to regain her breath. Floss allowed her fingers to slide out and turned Marie back around to face her again. The two women simply stared at each other, considering what they had just done.

"Well I suppose that's one way to get to know each other. I'm not sure that's quite what my husband had in mind!"

Floss looked into her eyes and smiled. "Well I hope we will continue to get to know each other better?"

Marie didn't answer, but rather lent in to softly and sensually press her own lips against Floss's.



IS THERE RACISM IN THE PORN INDUSTRY?

By Cynthia Tsaousidis

There seems to be a division between whites and blacks in the pornographic industry that many people may not actually be aware of. This division is between white woman and black men, a “White Porn Business” and a “Black Porn Business.” According to some white female porn stars, these white women are advised not to do scenes with black actors early in their careers. Interracial Porn is considered “taboo” even though interracial relationships have been accepted in society. The porn industry is very racist and the internet is also lacking interracial porn.

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Categoryzation

When someone is doing a search on the internet, they’ll see categories, apparently to help simplify a search on preferences. Categories such as Asian, Ebony and Latina, to name a few. However, in most cases, these categorizations also come with harmful stereotypes.

The term Interracial, when referred to in the porn industry, almost always refers to a black man and a white woman. Black woman are grouped into the Ebony category. Ethnicity doesn’t seem to be such an issue.



Lisa Ann, a white female porn star, shoots 70% interracial and produces and directs 80% interracial, represented by black male performers in her agency.

"The industry is very racist. There's no doubt about it. There's a white industry and there's a very small culture for us to do interracial." -Lisa Ann

She promotes being "who you are" although believes that interracial white woman stars should not charge more for performing with a black male.

On the flip side, there are other female porn stars, such as Alexis Texas,

who refuse to perform roles with black males. Most of these white women have a white fan base and if they perform with a black male, then they feel they usually get abandoned by their fan base, thus, losing out on more earnings.

According to one of the most successful black porn actors in history, Lexington Steele, racism in the porn industry is real.

Other female porn stars consider having sex with a black male in a porn film a sort of "last resort" if they ever become desperate economically or

cannot find any other roles. In the real world, some people think that if a white woman dates or has sex with a black man, she becomes "damaged goods." This racial stereotyping seems to also rub off on the porn industry as well.

There are also others who believe that interracial sex in the porn industry is not racist, it's just a matter of who you're attracted to. It's been said that on one end, there are black women who are considered less attractive for the porn industry and deserve bad treatment, while, on the other end, white women are considered priceless even though she's not the beauty in her white race. They say that who you are not sexually attracted to doesn't make you a racist. It's the same notion of when a white woman likes or marries a black man and people think that she hates her own race. They say you're not necessarily a racist just because of who you're romantically attracted to.

Janice Gri, a porn star, talks about fear in relation to porn:

"Porn is a place that people fear to tread and it harbors a really negative stigma, so racism can thrive and live longer there." -Janice Gri

White Women/Black Men

It's ideal to be open-minded, however, unfortunately, black men are still sometimes stereotyped to speak or act a certain way. Some white people are conditioned to hate or fear black people. When it comes to interracial relationships, what each of us has going on in their personal life is nobody's business. Ignorance is the main reason why there is so much racism, especially when it comes to what goes on in the privacy between two people in a relationship and in their bedroom. We shouldn't worry about what other people are doing in their private lives.

What goes on in the porn industry is a matter of preference. Why do some men think that black woman are considered unattractive? Are they racists? In America, beauty is based on the white standard of beauty, blonde hair, blue eyes, etc. Apparently, they don't give black women enough credit. The porn industry is not a big supporter of back sexuality. Technology has been a game changer worldwide, allowing viewers to indulge in their fantasies in the privacy of their own homes, different to the past when the adult store



video shops existed. Viewers can easily watch fantasy porn, which include more black and interracial porn, being among the highest selling porn in the industry, the same industry which was against black sexuality.

Porn and Media

There's a variety of opinions relating to racism in porn on the internet.

Regarding ethnicities, everyone has their own preferences to what they're attracted to. You can be attracted to someone who is blonde with light-colored skin, or a brunette with dark-colored skin. Those preferences are understandable, however, when you mix this with preferences of ethnicities, a certain label gets attached to the ethnicity of the person, resulting in a type of degrading of the person. In the porn industry, there are categories broken down, based on hair color, age, size, body type, skin color,

race, etc. The problem about this is that the casting gets stereotyped into different roles, which causes problems, especially in pay.

"I know that women of color have to work harder in porn to stay relevant and to establish longevity - that's the way it is for everyone, but it's harder for women of color, and it's harder because everyone's racist." Janice Griffith, Adult Star

Griffith, being latino, gets cast into a variety of roles, mixes with latinos, muslims, blacks and gets paid fine, but adult performers who are placed into the "ebony" category are paid less.

In the real world, it's not acceptable use the "N" word, you can't make fun of asians, gays, etc. Controversely, porn is the only place left for honest racism. The division of the black/white still exists. Just to show you some examples, there are some porn titles out there are such as:

- "Oh No, There's a Negro in My Mom"
- "Oh No, There's a Negro in My Wife"
- "I Can't Believe You Sucked the Negro"
- "Sharon's Negro Problem"
- "The Bigger, the Blacker, the Better"
- "You Can't Stop Them, You Can Only Hope to Contain Them"
- "Come Drench Black Faces"
- "Kung Pao Pussy"
- "The Abominable Black Man"
- "Mommy Culo Grande"
- "Black Power III"
- "Black Pipelayers"
- "Dark Meat"

Black Porn and Black Sexuality

Black porn has been on the rise since the 90's and there is an abundance of black porn now more than ever. The quality of these films, however, don't seem to be as good as their white counterparts. In terms of blacks loving their bodies, there are still racist remarks and titles out there that don't promote the black body as being something beautiful and attractive. There are some quality films, but it's not presented in such a good fashion as the white porn films. Another issue in black porn is that in low-budget productions, the men and women are not tested for STD's and the like. Many of them simply tell the women to get out there and perform without getting tested and also let them use a condom, but they don't get paid as much if they do. There's discussion on having something done regarding the condoms not showing, especially in close-up shots. There are not enough close-up shots, the lighting is not good and there aren't enough angles being shot. If there were more angles being shot, it's a possibility that the condom can be hidden.

Black women still do not capitalize enough on making porn films, whereas black men are progressing quicker. Will blacks have the same success in porn as whites have? In many opinions, the black body is something considered as erotic, not always necessarily degrading. It's regarded as a specialty item, like ebony, latinos, etc. There's less money in it, but it has the capability of becoming popular and doing very well.

In regards to blacks and their sexuality, they have gone through different eras, from being afraid or discouraged

to show any parts of their bodies to showing more and more. There are always the basic values and mixed messages about black sexuality out there, also influenced through music and through rap music which depicts sex without relationships. Black sexuality as a commodity doesn't necessarily need to be in a nude form, being that nudity has been overdone in the past few years. It will be interesting to see where music and music videos will be going in the next few years.... Media has been showing so much of the black reputation as being sexually oriented, being related to porn, jail, etc., where in reality, blacks are not all that way. Being so much of those images being put out there, isn't really showing what blacks, in reality, are like.

The Industry

It is suspected that there are many managers and producers within the porn industry are usually older white people, possibly holding some type of bias towards interracial pornography. According to Aurora Snow, in order to retain a long-lasting career in the porn industry, she states: "if a girl wanted to maximize her career arc, she should start off doing solo work, then begin shooting with girls, move on to doing non black men, and then go into interracial or anal". -Aurora Snow, The

Daily Beast

In other words, basically to have a long career, you should start with the soft stuff and slowly progress to hardcore to keep the viewers and fans interested over a period of time. Hence, interracial porn is considered to be hardcore and it's not about race, but it's about interracial porn being a sort of specialty in the field.

Others have the opinion that white woman and black guy porn is racial, considering the black guy to be some type of jungle animal or savage. There's also the stereotype that black men have larger cocks than white men. It's expected for a white guy to have a smaller cock, which is also not always true. The whole issue of the black/white male cock issue is based solely on racism. Eastern and southeast Asian men with smaller cocks aren't mixed into this stereotype, because there's no tension between the white/Asian culture, apparently. The truth is, all races are equally endowed and it's not the size that matters.

Then you have others who simply believe that black woman are beautiful aesthetically, while others feel interracial sex is unattractive.

Another issue that some porn stars have is that they have families that may not be accepting of them participating in interracial porn. But when a person

is doing porn, what kind of reaction would they expect? But isn't the mere fact of doing porn taboo enough? The main taboo seems to be about a black male with a white female. Going with an Asian woman, for example, would be done in your third year in porn. The taboo in interracial sex isn't quite as dominant as it was several years ago and pay will be more as well. Seems in the future that this division will slowly cease to exist.

The racist audience possibly perceive interracial porn sex as a threat or the white male cannot relate to the black man on white women sex. Some people simply don't want to see it, thus, the porn industry gets less of an audience.

Research has been done that the viewers of pornography come from America, following Saudi Arabia, India and Pakistan. Another interesting note is that the largest consumers of pornography come from the U.S. and are located in conservative states. Interesting point. Sexually repressed people seem to be more promiscuous.

People have their own personal choices and preferences, so at the end of the day, the subject of interracial porn isn't just about the industry's view of race, but about demand. In the end, it's all about business and this is the way this industry rolls. Hopefully things will get better.



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20 FACTS ABOUT GIRLS

Girls Are The Most Beautiful Creation of God

1. No girl would not be difficult to prepare a dish for myself.
2. 90% of women are not happy with your figure.
3. The majority of girls under the age of 25 years may opt out of a serious relationship with a guy, if they are older guy for more than 2 years.
4. The girls never jealous rival mind, more important indicator for them are considered external data.
5. Any girl would worry about breaking a long relationship for over a year, even if she did not feel any sense of the partner.
6. When three or more women get together, they talk about men
7. Girls are able to buy a pair of jeans for sizes smaller, thereby acquiring an incentive to lose weight.
8. No girls indifferent to cosmetics.
9. Sometimes the girls are more attracted by the original box, than the gift that lies therein. Bows, ribbons, beautiful gift wrappers girl keeps for years.
10. Most of the girls keeps sms, postcards, notes from favorite guys.
11. Years in the 10-14 girls fall in love with flocks of the same boy, and notify each other about it, and jealousy has no place here.
12. If you think that she may have a crush on you, ask her friends. Moreover, the more her friends, the more likely to know the truth. Girls do not know how to keep his mouth shut
13. Girls like notebooks with beautiful cover art and buy them even if they are not necessary.
14. Beware if the girl in a bad mood! If you try to talk to her, she will take offense at that, if you do not pay attention to it - even more offended!
15. All girls complexes about their appearance.
16. She may cry for a reason. With no reason.
17. A girl can frustrate you abandoned her sentence with dissatisfied or offended tone. Moreover, the tone may be neutral. Just as it seemed
18. If the girl has a problem, she definitely need to discuss it with friends. Whether for a bottle of beer or a cup of tea. The main thing - to discuss!
19. Girls do not like young men, poorly related to animals.
20. If a girl is silent - it is bad. Approaching storm!



SEX CONFESSIONS

Had the best orgasm of my life when my girlfriend gave me a rim job

I'm a guy with a fairly broad range of sexual experiences, although I had never received a rim job until recently. It happened completely out of the blue one day when my girlfriend was giving me a blowjob. I was on my back and suddenly she pushed my knees up high, exposing my arse to her. Without a second thought her tongue was darting all over my sensitive hole and I've never moaned so much in my life. Before long I was on all fours to give her better access while she jerked my cock through my legs from behind. I held on for as long as I possibly could but needless to say when I finally re-

leased my load it was the best orgasm of my life.

Rob New York

I love meeting strange men and having sex outside

I've recently developed a fantasy of having sex with strangers and have even taken it as far as to walk around the streets looking for suitable men to approach. I was nervous at first but now I find it quite easy to identify men who are likely to be up for it and have a pretty good success rate. Young guys in their twenties tend to be my target but I really love persuading men with wives and girlfriends to do me there and then, somewhere relatively hidden but always outdoors. There

is something very hot about a quick fuck up against a wall in a quiet street or a public toilet with someone you barely know.

Becky Springfield, MA

I fantasize about my boyfriend fucking another girl

I have a fantasy that I can't shake from my mind about my boyfriend fucking someone else. I love thinking about him filling some girl's mouth and pussy with his big hard cock. I'm desperate for him to make my fantasy come true and then tell me all of the erotic details while I fill myself with my fingers. I love him doing this so much and it just makes me very hot.

Jill Orlando, FL



MAKE ME LAUGH





Hot on the Bus

Two bowling teams, one of all brunettes and one of all blondes, charter a double-decker bus for a weekend bowling tournament in London. The Brunette team rides in the bottom of the bus. The Blonde team rides on the top level. The Brunette team down below is living it up having a great time, when one of them realizes she doesn't hear anything from the Blondes upstairs. She decides to go up and investigate. When the Brunette reaches the top, she finds all the Blondes frozen in fear, staring straight-ahead at the road, and clutching the seats in front of them with white knuckles. She says, "What the heck's going on up here? We're havin' a grand time downstairs!" One of the Blondes looks up and says, "Yeah, but you've got a driver!"



Laying it Down!

A typical macho man married a typical good looking lady, and after the wedding, he laid down the following rules. "I'll be home when I want, if I want, what time I want, and I don't expect any hassle from you. I expect a great dinner to be on the table, unless I tell you that I won't be home for dinner. I'll go hunting, fishing, boozing, and card playing when I want with my old buddies, and don't you give me a hard time about it. Those are my rules. Any comments?" His new bride said, "No, that's fine with me. Just understand that there will be sex here at seven o'clock every night, whether you're here or not."



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