

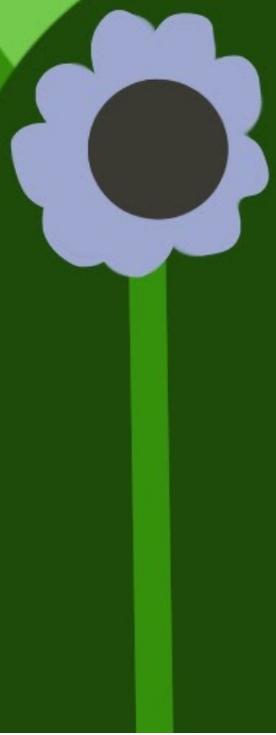


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## **Grad Parties: A Go or a No?**

**By: Michael Riordan**

One of the best parts of the summer is going to all of your friends' graduation parties. The food is amazing, and it's a great way to get all of your friends and family together. The gifts and money are pretty good too.

This summer, it's very unclear as to what things will be like. Will people still have graduation parties? Or will they just be super small for immediate family?

My family never needs a reason to gather and party, so this has basically been planned for me since I was born. A lot of my family lives in Florida, so they always come up whenever a kid graduates and it's like a mini family reunion. We get a tent for my backyard, and have Mike Tonzi cater from his food truck.

As of now, we are still planning on having my graduation party, but there are several factors to consider to make that happen. Luckily, it was already planned to be outdoors. However, I know that it can't be as big as my sisters' were. We'll have to make sure tables are spaced farther apart, try to make sure a majority of our family and friends are vaccinated, and not invite as many people as usual. Since a lot of my family members are older, it's important to keep them safe and not make them feel pressured to come.

Other safety precautions that we have to make sure to keep in mind are cleaning surfaces, practice social distancing, encourage people to wear masks, and have lots of hand sanitizer available. I'm really hoping to have a semi-normal summer and do regular activities, but it's very important to make sure we all do our part now so that that is even a possibility.

## Allowing New York to Reopen



As of May 19th, 2021 New York will begin easing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions for businesses, venues, and gatherings. This does not eliminate the wearing of masks and will still require a recent negative test result or proof of vaccination.

There have been several changes to the restrictions in the past few months that began the slow but steady reopening of New York state and other states across the country.

The recent announcement by Governor Cuomo only adds to past measures to further reopen the economy now that the number of hospitalizations have decreased as well as other factors.

These changes are also due to the decrease in Covid cases and the increase in vaccinations. While this sounds like a step in the right direction, there are still a great deal of restrictions still in place. We need to ask

ourselves if these are big steps or baby steps in the right direction?

Businesses capacity limits will increase and change to include available space that allows for social distancing of six feet, instead of a percent of their maximum occupancy numbers.

The new maximum capacity numbers will apply to all commercial locations. These would include places like, gyms, retail stores, restaurants, amusement parks, hair salons, as well as churches.

Social gatherings being held outdoors will now have a limit of 500 people (May 10th). Gatherings indoors will increase to a 250 person limit on May 19th. The limit on outdoor residential gatherings will end and on May 19th indoor residential gatherings will increase to 50 people.

Venues that offer indoor services will see an increase of capacity to 30% and outdoor venues an increase to 33%. Hopefully the lessened restrictions will allow businesses to get back on their feet and they will see an increase in sales.

The effects of the pandemic and the restrictions set by government officials and the CDC has really hurt businesses of all types. Any easing of restrictions could help businesses; however, are these changes enough to help?

## Cassie May - Environmental Scientist

By: Justin Palmer



Cassandra May is a 20 year old student at the SUNY college of Environmental science and forestry. She loves space, but one of her very prominent features is her love for the earth and the world around it. Cassandra plans on majoring in Environmental Science and finding a way to change the world for the better, and today she answered some questions detailing what its like for someone to be in that field.

What do you plan on doing in environmental science?

“Well, I will be getting my bachelor's degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Earth and Atmospheric Systems Science and Analysis with a minor in Chemistry, so I have a lot of options.” she says,”however, it's a small field, so it'll take some consideration. My current trajectory is a career in geology, potentially with a focus on chemical analysis.”.

What is your favorite aspect of working in the environmental science field?

“My favorite aspect about preparing to work in the environmental science field is knowing I am helping. It's not a matter of being in history books, it's a matter of helping who I can and what I can in any way.”

Why do you value environmental science?

“I value environmental science because it's for an incredibly important cause. Ultimately, we need a planet to live on. If we don't start being smart about our resources and sources of energy, we will lose one of the most unique planets in the universe. Earth needs to be protected, and those studying environmental science, have the capacity to aid in that cause.”

What would be the typical day's work?

“If I choose to be a geologist/geoscientist, there are a variety of duties that would be carried out. Geoscientists conduct field studies and surveys, review aerial photographs, well logs, and rock samples for indications about a site, conduct laboratory tests, etc”

Why should the environment and/or environmental science be important to others?

“The environment should be crucial to everyone because it impacts all of us. There is only one Earth...the future of our planet should matter to everyone because it is our home, that's one thing we can all at least agree on.” What is it like going to ESF?

“Honestly, going to ESF is like going to a substantially harder high school. I wish I had lived on campus so I was able to get the full experience and better answer this question.”

Is there anything that happened in your life that pushed you to want to work in environmental science?

“I remember being in my sophomore year of high school and taking Mr. Untiedt's course in oceanography and hearing about

overfishing, then my junior year I took his environmental science course and knew that was precisely what I wanted to pursue.”

What are your future plans?

“My future plans include becoming a geoscientist, or, if space travel picks up even more, potentially getting my master's degree in planetary geology.”

If there is one thing you can say you truly enjoy about environmental science, what would it be?

“I love the idea of informing people and companies about why the environment is important and why we need to take precautions/actions to slow climate change. If I could ever influence one corporation to begin transitioning to greener methods, I will consider that success.”

When asked if she had any last comments to make, she replied with this, “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Spend the extra few dollars for the grass-fed beef, the free-range eggs, the organic veggies. It shows what you want to be in stores and, over time, as more people realize this, we will have to convert to greener production because the population has voted that way with their money.”



## **Bartolotta becomes the first girl to record a point Auburn Football in 175 years**

**By: Troy Churney**

Auburn football is welcomed this year, in a strange spring season, by their first ever member on the team being a girl. The maroons rarely ever have a kicker to depend on and often have to go for 2 point conversions every time due to this. Amelia Bartolotta, Auburn girls varsity soccer standout, is a senior committed to play soccer at Mercyhurst University. With the year being changed and football taking place in the spring, sport seasons were switched around and Bartolotta was able to play football.

Being the first girl to record points for Auburn highschool football was a new part of history that stuck with the team. Coach Dave Moskov says “I recite jumping up and down and seeing all the guys jacked up and

excited and everyone congratulating her.” That was a big thing we asked Bartolotta, how would the team treat you as a newcomer?

“As soon as I got to the team, it felt like family. The way everyone welcomed me with open arms and embraced my hard work in practice to perfect my skill and the way they motivated me each day was everything.” Bartolotta never missed one practice, never showed up late or anything, rain or cold.

The first game Auburn did not kick, but in the second game against Jamesville-Dewitt Bartolotta got her number called.

“I’m not going to lie I was very nervous, and I even missed my first couple kicks. But the guys told me to keep focus and just stick to my routine and block all distractions out and I watched it go up and through. The feeling inside was just relief because I finally made my first kick”

Amelia’s best game though came against Central Square. It was homecoming night, all the students were there & lots of fans were there. Amelia Bartolotta went 6/6 in this game from extra point and made history again for the Maroons.

“This game I’m not sure what changed for me. I was nervous because of all the eyes

on me, but with the thanks to my teammates for keeping me locked in before every kick, I was able to make 6 kicks and it was my proudest moment.”

A female taking on a male dominant sport is nothing easy. Going in only being friends with about 1 or 2 players for Bartolotta was another thing that just shows how open she is to new ideas.

“I started the season coming in with 1 or 2 friends. Even by week 2 I had my own nickname “AB” & could say I was about half the team I could talk to and converse with. You never realize how much of a family that team is, with the new friendships built it was truly a blessing.”

This actually leads into our next question we wanted to cover for Bartolotta. This being do you wish you played sooner for the maroons, or do you wish you had this opportunity sooner?

“I definitely wish I could have played even since freshman year. Although this could only happen due to Covid-19 because football and soccer are played in the same season. But if I could I definitely would, there’s no other feelings of joy and happiness you get from this sport. It is utterly just amazing and it was the best decision I made in my life.”

Maroons were happy to have Bartolotta, they now have a lifetime bond, and a new history mark breaking more women barriers.

## **Why The PlayStation Four Is Better Than The Xbox One**

**By: Joshua Kowaleski**



There has been an ongoing battle for years now on which console is better, the Xbox One or the PlayStation Four? The PlayStation Four is going to be the better choice for a couple of reasons.

The PlayStation Four ultimately has better performance play. PlayStation four games have better output than the Xbox One meaning that there is more visual clarity. If you are playing a game that shows characters or items in the distance, the graphics are more clear to players on the PlayStation than to players on the Xbox.

The PlayStation has sold more consoles than the Xbox One. This may seem a bit biased but this actually is very important. When released in 2013 it was estimated that the PlayStation four sold

more than 60 million consoles while the Xbox sold around 30 million. This plays a huge factor in what games will be exclusive to which console. Some publishers may release games more exclusive to PS4 users rather than Xbox simply because there are double the people using PlayStation over Xbox. This also increases chances of getting into lobbies faster for online games.

The Playstation controller is better than the Xbox One controller. The PlayStation controller is better than the Xbox controller for a couple reasons being that it is way more comfortable to play with. The PS4 controllers are slim and play perfectly while the Xbox controller is very bulky and feels difficult to play on. Also if you have a PlayStation you will be saving a fortune on batteries as the PlayStation controller charges while the Xbox controller requires batteries.

PlayStation really got a lot of new players when this consoles released and for good reason. Xbox didn't compost much when they released and these are just a couple of reasons why the PS4 is better than the Xbox One.

## Gojira's New Album Release, "Fortitude"

By: Jason Say



This heavy metal band made every metalhead's day, by releasing their new album called "Fortitude". The album itself takes a tribal and indigenous direction, featuring lyrics speaking of ecological failure due to humanity, along with exploration of other worlds after ours has run dry. The album introduces more interesting musical choices such as tribal drums, a didgeridoo, and even chanting in such instances. The album is very interesting and I would recommend giving it a listen if possible.

The album begins with a previously released single named, "Born for one thing". Such features powerful and driving vocals in their typical style, with aggressive chugs lying beneath. This then follows up with a beautiful and memorable chorus section, with a solo of sorts, paired beautifully with

vocals overhead. Then towards the end of the song features a heavy breakdown section, accented by pinch harmonics.

Their next song, "Amazonia", a personal favorite of mine begins with the bouncy sounds of a didgeridoo mixed in with well crafted drums and a diverse array of aboriginal sounds. Vocals and guitar then seamlessly glide in and add a new flavor to the overall sound. This then follows up with a heavy riff that takes a new spin on an otherwise familiar chord progression, which gives a unique feel. This then breaks into a calm section with the didgeridoo once more, which is bound to put a smile on your face. This then leads into an ambient and melodic chorus which makes this already great song, that much better.

The next song titled, "Another World" features the prospect of planetary exploration, and sports a very catchy chorus that will stick in your head as it did mine. The song enters with a sweeping melodic riff, that then enters into their standard chugging and scraping along with vocals. This then leads into the great chorus I mentioned previously.

Next up is "Hold On", which begins with a beautiful and ambient vocal solo. This then adds slight accents of drum and guitar before entering rhythmic djent like chugs. This is made slightly different by adding vocals in the chorus, but otherwise the rest of the song is more or less the same.

The next contender, "New Found", begins with a heavy and shocking riff with alien-like sounding chords along with chugging lows. This shows up multiple times in the song and acts as a sort of hook. The chorus in the song is remarkable, as with almost all their other songs so far, they bring yet another great, catchy, and memorable chorus with gorgeous melodies. The song repeats the previous parts before fading out with a slightly simplified chorus. This then suddenly builds to an aggressive low riff, following the general pattern and melody of the chorus with triplets. Overall this song is definitely one of if not the most aggressive from the entire album.

The next song named "Fortitude" is another favorite of mine, even though its remarkably short, and used as a transition track. It begins with simple tribal drums and a melodic bass line, before entering into an

absolutely beautiful chant, that you could listen to for hours.

The next song, "The Chant" is by far the most beautiful and melodic yet, bringing so much emotion, opening with a continuation of the song "Fortitude" however translated beautifully into guitar and drums, with clean vocals. Even the parts in between the chorus hold so much emotion with the vocals, it's truly incredible. The song then ends with a solo over the chorus, as it then fades out entirely.

The next song up is "Sphinx", and it enters with a remarkably aggressive riff, introducing pick scrapes which add a nice amount of flavor into the otherwise chugging lows. The chorus is a slight alternate version of the previously used riff, with their signature vocal style, which naturally has a lot of power behind it while still holding melodic qualities.

Their 9th track of the album is called "Into the Storm", and enters its first riff with beautifully mind numbing rhythmic notes, as vocals come overhead, speaking of awakening, being brave, and throwing yourself into the storm. The rhythm changes halfway through, as a beautiful lead overlays

the new rhythm. The song closes out after a repeated chorus in which a strikingly different rhythm plays, likely to symbolize actually throwing oneself into turmoil.

The next song up called "The Trails" features a new take on vocals, taking a step away from their more screaming style and bringing cleans and even whispers in the chorus. It's a good mix up from the rest of the album. This song overall is packed with emotion, despite the different vocal style and more mellow instrumentals.

Finally, their last song of the album is named "Grind", and such starts with intensity and seemingly confusing rhythms, before eventually having the drums switch everything into order, giving everything a clear rhythm. The vocals enter and eventually enter into a truly brutal sounding riff, with fast drums, high pitched scrapes, and sustained screams of "Grind". This intensity however is all balanced out with beautiful clean guitar in the chorus, which gives the listener some time to breathe so to speak. After the second repeat of the chorus however, the vocals are simplified and eventually dropped, as the riff echoes on and on, fading away until the song ends.

## “The Forest” Game Review



“The Forest” is an open-world survival craft, Co-op, horror game. This game was released in August 2018. The publisher and developers of this game are Endnight Games Ltd.

I first heard of this game is when I was scrolling through Youtube. I saw that Markiplier was playing another scary game with his friends. I watched it for no reason at the time, just to keep me occupied. I was younger then and didn't have access to a computer that could run games so I wasn't really interested.

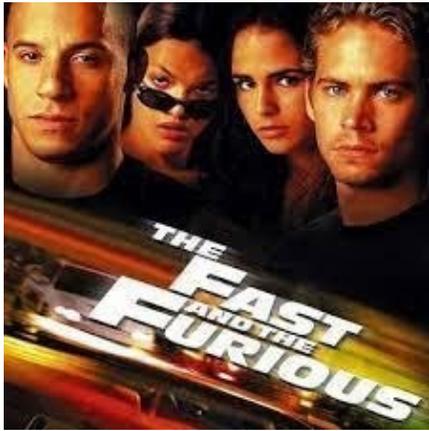
Until recently after they announced that they are in the makings of the second game “Sons of the Forest” was I interested in playing the game. It is supposed to be released sometime this year in 2021, probably later this fall. The reviews on the game were overwhelmingly positive, barely any negative reviews out of the thousands.

So I bought the game, then decided not to play it alone because I hate playing games alone. Especially somewhat scary games. I played with a group of friends, the max player on a world 4-8, there were four of us. There is an opening scene where you're sitting on a plane and it crashes. You wake up to your, owner of the world, child being taken away from the wreckage by some creature.

You find yourself stranded on a deserted island that's covered in forests. You quickly find out your not the only living creature inhabiting this island. You have to fight to survive against mutated cannibals while trying to find any clues to where these cannibals have taken your son.

When I play this game, I don't really play to find the son. I play because it's exciting and fun to play with my friends. I know we will eventually end up following the subtle storyline to end/finish the game. But I doubt that's any time soon.

## Fast and the Furious



I always knew about this franchise and all the hype for these movies, but I never got around to watching them at all. I decided to watch this after my friend started to talk about how great the series is; to my surprise I really enjoyed it. I don't know much about cars at all, but this movie was action packed, which is also something I really like in movies.

The cast is really great, which is shown through their acting and I believe what makes a great movie is the cast as well as the plot. The cast gives their all into their acting and performances. The plot of this film is very interesting to me, as well as the build up to the mystery. The director, Rob Cohen seems to have direct this very well. This sort of genre of movies is very different to me, so I'm not sure how other movies like this are; but I think the directing was very well and cohesive. The cars throughout the

movies are really nice too, this movie really makes me want to get more into cars and how they work for some reason.

The plot is about a man named Dominic Toretto, who enjoys street racing and loves the attention from all his fans. They make him feel like a star. Dom ends up getting into an encounter with a guy named Brian and wants to take him under his wing, to teach him more about racing. Dom and his sister both take a liking towards Brian, not knowing he is really an undercover cop. Brian's job was to find out more about the high-speed electronics truck robberies, but he is soon faced with a difficult decision; choosing between his new found love of racing along with Mia and with his job. He has to decide where his true loyalty lies.

This movie is definitely for any car lovers out there. I don't think children should be watching this, but it's definitely a great movie for teenagers and adults. The only issue I have with the movie is with the native american and latino communities. Some of the things they said in the movie were bothersome to me; because I am a part of both. I know there's always a lot of stuff like this in movies and it's most likely not meant to be taken literally or personally, but it still is a bit bothersome and doesn't mean it's ok.

Overall the movie was really good. The cast was amazing and the plot was really good, as well as the directing. I would definitely recommend this movie to anyone.

### **Washington Capitals Forward Tom Wilson Is Ruthless Once Again And Still Gets Away With IT**



Wilson was at the heart of a scrum that came with just over 12 minutes left in the second period at Madison Square Garden in New York City Tuesday night. Buchnevich tried to hammer the puck home in front, jamming at Capitals goaltender Vitek Vanecek, before falling face down on the ice in the battle for the puck. Wilson then dealt a blow to the back of Buchnevich's head. That was the reason for the fine of \$5,000

Next the Rangers Ryan Strome pulled Wilson off Buchnevich, and the fracas intensified. New York star Artemi Panarin got on Wilson's back to try to rip him away from Strome. Wilson and Panarin

then tussled before Wilson dragged Panarin to the ice twice. Tom Wilson got a 10-minute misconduct and four minutes for roughing. Panarin and Buchnevich each got two minutes for roughing. Panarin was later ruled out for the rest of the game with a lower-body injury, and Rangers Coach David Quinn said Tuesday that Panarin will not be playing in New York's final two games this season.

I am still in huge disbelief that Tom Wilson did not receive a suspension for that childish act, but only a lousy \$5,000 fine. Wilson has a long history with the Department of Player Safety. He has been suspended five times in his eight-season career, including once this year. He was suspended earlier on for seven games for boarding Boston Bruins Defenseman Brandon Carlo. Who had to miss several games due to an injury he got from that hit from Wilson.

With only a handful of games left in this NHL season, The New York Ranger And the Washington do not face off again this season. Which could be a good thing for the safety of the players on both teams.

Advice:

## **10 Things to Do After High School (College Not Being One of Them)**

By Vince Catalone



The pressure is building and every senior is being asked, “What do you plan to do after high school?” The usual response to the answer, “I don’t know” is often a strange face that makes a person feel like their future is doomed. Does everybody know what they want to do? According to Teen Vogue there are many out there that aren’t ready to go to college now or even ever and they offer some good advice on alternatives.

If college isn’t your thing then you may be interested in some of these options. The first will require some money. The article suggests traveling abroad. It’s a great time to see the world. Another option is to volunteer and do charity work. Getting involved in the community, whether it’s working with youth or joining political campaigns, will help a person start to network as well as help their community out. The third option goes against the first option suggested because it is to save money. Saving money is always a smart

move and it can be used for a down payment on a house if you’re not planning to go on to college after a year off. A fourth suggestion is to follow your passion. After graduation could be a time to see how much you enjoy your interests and maybe even pursue a career in that field. If you have a great idea and think others would agree with you then a fellowship may be a good idea. There are people willing to invest money in you. A sixth suggestion is to become an online entrepreneur. There are many opportunities to get recognized on the internet or start a small business through Etsy or Shopify. Another idea besides college is Projects Abroad. Unlike the Peace Corps that requires a bachelor’s degree, Projects Abroad is for anyone 16 years and older. In this program people can get hands-on experience in a variety of areas. An eighth option is to join the military. It is a five to eight year commitment though. A final suggestion is to learn a trade. It costs a lot less to go to a trade school or vocational school and some companies will even pay for employees to pursue a trade degree while working for them.

Whatever decision a person makes after graduation is personal and should be respected and supported by their family and friends. There is time to get into the

workforce or even go on to college so one year of enjoyment or self-discovery is a small amount of time to take off from the pressures of that all too familiar question, “What do you plan to do after high school?”

How exercising daily can change your life

Working out, and general exercise is essential to a healthy and long living life. There are so many advantages to getting physically active that can lead you to become a smarter, healthier, and stronger individual. Daily exercise even for as little as 20 minutes a day can reshape a person's life for the better.

The smallest of physical activity can improve a person's overall well being and improve their mental health. There are many studies that prove getting physically active improves how the person feels about themselves even if it's a couple times a week. Speaking from personal experience this is true. At the beginning of sophomore year I was obese being over weight by almost 100 lbs. before even losing weight I started to feel better about myself and had a better outlook on life and myself as a person. Making even the smallest changes to your routine to fit in any exercise can make a huge difference, you don't need a gym

membership or any of that to improve on yourself, and that is one of the main misunderstandings about working out.

Not only does minimal exercise help with mental health and makes you feel better physically but also prevents many health related problems when older. When working out it strengthens your heart and increases circulation throughout the body and raises the amount of oxygen in your body. This decreases the chance of many health problems including heart disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure.

Exercise is not only for your physical strength, but also improves your brain strength, reducing anxiety and depression in many people after working out, as well as increased memory and brain functioning throughout the day. The list goes on and on for all of the advantages of working out, there is no reason to not get minimal activity in for the day and make your life ten times better.

Self Love Culture Setting Women Back



Every body is beautiful, but does every body have to be?

With the rise of social media, it seems beauty standards for women increase every year. Even through the decades before social media, we can see body types go in and out of style like clothing.

Needless to say, this has had huge effects on the self-esteem of women. After spending their whole lives with marketing ploys directed at looks (“Get the guy!” “Be the talk of the town!” “Be confident!” “Be fearless!”), it can be hard not to internalize these ideas.

As a result of this, it has become a common occurrence for women to associate their looks with so much more than mere aesthetics. Many people have begun to brush over the fact that a woman can be confident, fearless, or have invested love interests without conventional attractiveness.

The rise of body positivity was created for the purpose of perpetuating the idea that every woman is beautiful, and thus worthy of the aforementioned traits. A great deal of “self-love” culture focuses on looks. While there’s nothing wrong with telling yourself that you’re beautiful, or having spa days to feel good, conventional beauty will never be equivalent to long-term happiness.

It is crucial that the idea of self-love and self-care shift its focus from the body to the mind. Even the most conventionally beautiful women in the world may still feel insecure if they don’t see any worth outside of their looks. Even at that rate, beauty fades with time and changes with trends, so placing one’s value in something so unstable and superficial, will leave them feeling as though they have nothing on the days they don’t like how they look.

A good place the start in terms of understanding what truly makes you feel loved and cared for is considering who benefits the most from where you place your values. Faceless brands profit off of women’s need to feel beautiful by selling them millions of dollars worth of products a year.

This can be partially combatted by simply switching up your affirmations. Instead of telling yourself “I’m beautiful, I’m hot,” a much more fulfilling statement would be things like “I’m smart,” “I’m kind,” “I’m confident” “I’m satisfied.”

The idea that you must always feel beautiful is different from feeling truly confident. Furthermore, placing self-love on the basis of feeling beautiful, in the long run, will only fuel the patriarchy and deprive women of their full potential.

The patriarchy benefits from women being distracted. In a world where women are taught that a trait they can always love and accept about themselves is something of the mind or soul rather than something of the body, millions would finally be free from the shackles of materialism.

### **Oxygen Demands Jump as India Hits Another Grim Coronavirus Record**

By Ethan Butler

India has hit another shocking daily record on Thursday, 412,262 new cases pushed India's official tally to more than 21 million. The call for medical oxygen has jumped sevenfold as their government continues to deny reports that its distribution of life-saving supplies from abroad is slow.

For a second time now the number of new cases breaches 400,000 since the devastating surge began last month. In the last 24 hours the Health Ministry reported 3,980 deaths, bringing the total to 230,168. Excerpts believe that both figures are being undercounted.

Wednesday night in southern India at Chengalpattu government medical college hospital, 11 Covid-19 patients passed away as an oxygen line dropped suddenly. All that's been reported is that it's possibly due to a faulty valve. Hospital authorities said they repaired the pipeline last week, but the consumption of oxygen had doubled since.

India is scrambling to set up large oxygen plants and transport to those in need as demand continues to increase. On Tuesday a sea bridge was constructed to ferry oxygen tankers from Bahrain and Kuwait in the Persian Gulf. Most hospitals in India aren't equipped with independent plants that generate oxygen directly for patients, as a result, hospitals typically rely on liquid oxygen, which can be stored in cylinders and transported in tankers. Due to the surge, supplies in hard hit places such as New Delhi are running critically short.

India officials say that they have enough liquid oxygen on hand, the real issue comes with transporting it. Most oxygen is produced in the eastern parts of India while the demand has risen in northern and western parts. K. Vijay Raghvan, a principal scientific adviser to the government, said

this phase of the pandemic was "a very critical time for the country."

Countries such as The United States, Britain, Germany and several other nations are rushing therapeutics, rapid virus tests and oxygen, along with materials needed to boost domestic production of COVID-19 vaccines to help ease the pressure on the fragile health infrastructure of India.

The government of India describes their situation as "Totally misleading" while media sources report that it took seven days to come up with a procedure for distributing urgent medical supplies that started arriving on April 25.

### **Capitalism Fueled By Public Greed**



The phrase "no ethical consumption under capitalism" doesn't make it instantly ethical to consume recklessly. While the option to care about ethical consumption is a privilege by nature as ethical options are often more expensive, many of those who

have the resources to care instead choose to ignore the issue.

What makes brands like Shein or Amazon so appealing to consumers is the low prices. This highlights the privilege involved with ethical consumption because to many, those are the only available options due to affordability.

However, a large issue with these brands is the invasion of basic worker rights and abuses towards both their employees and the environment. Shein and Forever 21 rely on child labor to quickly produce the cheapest and most on-trend items.

As consumers, it becomes a personal issue when ethicality is risked for the sake of trendiness. When ethical options are affordable and available to the consumer and the consumer decides to spend hundreds of dollars on clothing that will be out of style within three months is the kind of interaction that capitalism thrives on.

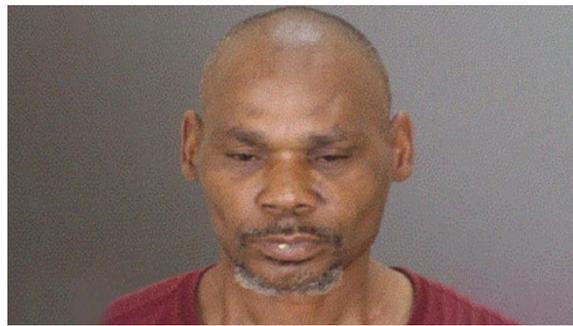
This being said, most of the pressure in the fight for sustainability should not be on the consumer, but on the large companies abusing their power and overworking their employees in sweatshops. "No ethical consumption under capitalism" means that it is not realistic for the average consumer to spend hundreds of dollars extra just for the

certainty that the clothing they wear wasn't produced by slave labor.

We as individuals do not have the power to shut down large corporations, however, we as consumers do have the power to deprive them of our money and show them that the public is not in support

of their means of production. Consumers are not villains for choosing an affordable option, corporations are the villains for limiting those options. With this in mind, it is imperative to be conscious of one's spending power.

### **Two Asian Women Assaulted With Cinder Block**



Yesterday on May 5th, 2021, two Asian Baltimore women were attacked by a man with a cinder block. With Covid-19 going around for about a year now, countries with Asians being minorities have seen a rise in violence against them due to the virus originating in Wuhan, China and people letting this feed into their prejudices.

The women attacked were 66 and 67 years old, fitting of the trend happening mostly to the elderly. The women were seen that night closing their liquor store just right after midnight. That's when 50 year old Daryl Doles broke into their store. Doles was seen by their security camera fighting his way past the door with one of the women attempting to keep it closed against him. However he pushed against her on the ground and began beating her with a cinder block. The other women came to her aid and tried to push him away but he began to hit her too. The security camera footage shows for over a minute him continuing to hit them while the women keep fighting back enough till he is out of the store when he finally throws the cinder block and runs away.

Both women have been taken to the hospital since the incident and did not suffer any life threatening injuries but ended up needing stitches and suffering from black eyes. However their

family have put up a GoFundme for the incident showing further pictures and descriptions of their injuries.

Dole has since been arrested on two charges of aggravated assault as of now it is not confirmed if the crime has been classified as a hate crime or not. The women's attorney Robert Hur, who is the head of Maryland's Hate Crime Task Force, and Governor Larry Hogan express their outrage by the incident, and consider it a hate crime especially with all the violence that has been seen against Asians all around the U.S. and even in just the Baltimore community recently. As of now a study has been released stating that hate crimes have risen 150% since 2020 to now across major U.S. cities.