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A Message from the Editor



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Have fun reading this edition and keep writing!

-Olga Moody

Winning Pieces

First Place

"In Gainesville, Sensual Experience and Nostalgia" by Lujain Aljaylani

Second Place

"The motivation for studying in the United States" by Yuki Yanagita

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FIRST PLACE

Lujain Aljaylani
RW 60

In Gainesville, Sensual Experience and Nostalgia



As the spring has started, we begun to see Gainesville wearing its amazing colors. From the delicate to the vibrant flowers, and the amazing pint and oak trees with Spanish moss, every day walk in Gainesville is a delight to the eye and a remedy to the soul.



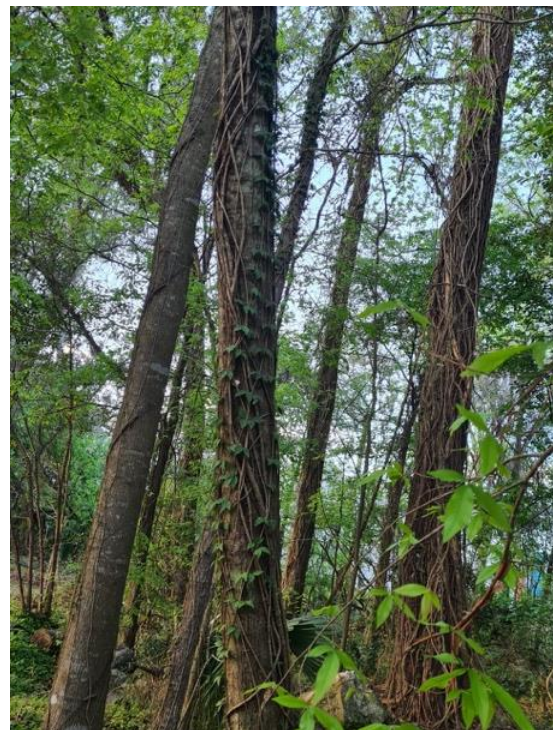
Of all breath-taking sceneries, one stood out for me because it reminded me of



home. I come from Saudi Arabia, and females there were Henna as beauty product on their hair and hands. Henna is a plant that has a red pigment.

Since ancient times, people milled the dried leaves

into a powder that can be used when mixed with water. It has been used for many reasons like medicinal and aesthetic. Personally, I used henna the night of the Eid (holiday), and it has been the one thing that puts me in Eid celebration mood. While walking back home from ELI one day, I saw vine growth over tree branches. My first thought was Gainesville's trees wear henna



sometimes too. Although nothing feels to a person like home, the beauty of this city revives astonishment and provides sweet solace.

SECOND PLACE**Yuki Yanagita****RW 40****The motivation for studying in the United States**

Ironically, the pandemic gave me valuable time. During the pandemic, I spent a lot of time with my family, especially with my grandmother. We went to the bakery every week. She says, "Let's come here again." She seems to like the bakery. We went to see a doctor for a therapy every week. She says, "I don't want to go to therapy." Apparently, she hates therapy. However, rather sadly, she doesn't remember her own age. The number of dementia cases increases as the average age increases. Dementia is now one of the biggest problems in the world.

Some studies have shown that exercise and sports habits are related to preventing declining cognitive function. Also, they give us strong social connections which may prevent several illnesses such as depression and dementia. Sports can have several benefits for people. For me, I played baseball for about 15 years and coached for 5 years. I made great friends and mentored great students. I still maintain great relationships with them. I fully believe that my life got better thanks to sports. But I asked myself: "Did I make someone happy and someone's life better through sports?" I realized that even though I myself enjoyed playing baseball and sports for 20 years, I hadn't made people enjoy being happy and healthy through sports. It is my turn to make people happy and healthy through enjoyable sports.

This is one of my motivations for studying sports science in the United States. It may be impossible to prevent dementia and cognitive illnesses completely. But even if you have illnesses, you can have fun, experience sadness, and feel joy. When I finish studying abroad and go back to Japan, my grandmother might not remember me. Even if she doesn't, I will work to make her remaining years brilliant with sports.

RW 41**Dana Alkandri****Souq Al Mubarakiya**

Souq Al Mubarakiya is a famous history place in Kuwait. It's located in the middle of Kuwait City. Al Mubarakiya is the oldest street market in Kuwait, which was established in 1897, by the rich people who bring their goods from many countries and display in the market. The Amir of Kuwait, Sheik Mubarak, spent some time in the souq to meet people and listen to their problems and claims in a place which is called koshk Mubarak.



Nowadays, koshk Mubarak is like a museum. People can go there to see some items and pictures from the life in Kuwait in the past. You can visit Al Baraiya for shopping in many stores which sell gold, clothes, shoes, sweet and a lot of products, or you can enjoy your meals with your friend and family. If you go there



you should visit Al Ruwayeh bookstore, the first bookstore in Kuwait which was open in 1920 until now. It is still working and has many valuable books, newspapers, and manuscripts.

I advise everyone who wants to visit Kuwait to visit Souq Al Mubarakiya especially in national day of Kuwait because there are a lot of nice activities.

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Zhiying Lin**GM 50****“This I Believe”**

“Would anybody like to give an example of Nothing Is Impossible To A Willing Heart?” I asked my students in the Chinese class last Saturday morning.

Since “Me!” Yuan raised his hand immediately while I was speaking, I nodded my head and allowed him to share his story via our zoom classroom. Then He could not wait and started: It was all about looking for a micro headwear accessory. Yuan’s mother had lost her favorite head accessory in the hotel room one night in the last summer vacation holiday. He had done his best to look for it, as a result, he had got it! “My father suggested stopping after searching twice, but my mother encouraged me to continue. So that I continued to find it for the third time on the carpet, finally it was found by me!”

“Awesome!” Great job!” “Cool “almost all the classmates exclaimed in unison. “Where there is a will there is a way, I also learn from you, Yuan. Since I happened to lose my glasses’ screw in the bedroom last night, I will learn from you to find it after class although I planned to buy a new glass originally” Yes, you can, Miss Lin” “Full-on “Miss Lin, Trust you.” Ending with the above words I finished the class and was encouraged by my students.

And then I started the difficult finding on the carpet of my bedroom. The first time, no result; the second time, neither. It was extremely difficult because of the carpet’s color and without a glass’s assistance, so I was depressed and would like to give up. But I vaguely remembered Yuan’s sharing and other students’ encouragement and expectation, I was totally full of strength again. First, I tried changing the posture to kneel on the carpet; then I tried using the gesture of freehand to better feel the screw, which was even thin and micro than the needle.; the third, I tried searching under the dressing table; finally, I found the screw under the bed frame after one hour of searching. My students really gave me good teaching, which I learned there is a will there is a way.

I, as a Chinese teacher, am very lucky that I can also learn from my students, who realize a famous Ancient Chinese quote "To teach is to learn". In addition, looking back at last year, which was a very hard time for me as new immigration during the Cov-19 situation, but Keeps on Learning in Lifetime has really been making sense. I have been back to University to intensively study English after 25 years' graduation. Learning is a miracle journey. It can help me to avoid the confusion of Cov-19 and enjoy the knowledge awarding and reapplying. Yes, I believe I will keep on learning in my lifetime.

Omar Terrazas Poppe

RW 30

Why did you choose to study English?

I decided study English, for several reasons. First of all, it is the most important language in the world because many people use the language. We need it actually for a university or if you want to get a job. Second, I need to learn the language because in my major is very important know the language to grow more in my area, and maybe make more money. Also, in the future I would like study a master's degree at the University of Florida, and all masters programs are in English. A Master will help me in my curriculum vitae, and find a job, and myself. Additionally, the culture of the USA is beautiful, the people are very friendly, the cities are amazing, and the opportunity of study here is amazing. To conclude, I have many reasons because I decided study English.

Wilson Macareno Seba

GM31

Wilson's Story

In January 2003 I arrived in Cartagena, I lived in a town called Corozal, I went to a party where they invited me, but nobody told me that i had to wear white.

I remember that it was a very elegant party, people from all over the region arrived, the theme of the meeting was innovation in the production of dairy products, after the introduction and after the first 3 presentations, I was the 4th speaker and had the responsibility to speak about the importance of calcium in milk. I was sweating a lot, it was my turn to talk, my shirt was blue blue, so I stand out among the other exhibitors, slowly rising the stairs to the stairs, while I thought I'm going to do if I have another colored shirt negative impact on the audience.

It was right there when I came up with a great idea, I began my speech explaining the importance of calcium and its benefits in the body, and how daily milk consumption could improve our skeletal system, and in the end, as I had a white t-shirt underneath, I he opened his shirt and told them, remember you can't see calcium but it's there, it's like this shirt, no one saw it, but it was always there, everyone started laughing and the applause wouldn't stop.

The truth is that after that awkward moment, I always check the invitation card or ask if the event has a special theme.

Abdulmalik Albelaihed**RW 30****Florida is a great place to visit**

Florida has a lot of cities to visit. Also, it has a lot of nature and forests. The biggest city in Florida is Miami. Miami is in southern of Florida and on the Atlantic Ocean. Also, Miami has the best beach in Florida. When you come to Florida, you must visit Miami because the weather in Miami so good. American citizens come to Miami every summer on a big vacation. But Orlando city has Disney World and it's the biggest park in USA. And there are beautiful hotels on the beach. Orlando is located in the center of Florida. Also, the weather in Orlando is like Miami. At this time, I visit Orlando every month. I like Orlando. It is the best city for me.

Thomas Alzuru**RW 30****My Hometown**

My hometown is the best in the world. My hometown is Acarigua, is a little city, but the people are amazing. Every day is quiet because and they have big extension the land. The first activity is the farming and agriculture. My hometown is historic, because a warrior was born there who liberated my country. His name is Jose Antonio Paez. When I think of my hometown, I remember my friends, family and my profession. I hope to go in whatever moment. In few lines, my hometown Acarigua is a paradise on earth that you should know.

Valeria Carreras Millet**The Fear of Death**

The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time.

-Mark Twain

The fear of death, the fear of the unknown, an unanswerable question that beats in the depths of our conscience. With the death of the body, does human life end eternally? An anguished question that mortals have been asking themselves since the beginning of the world. Testimonies of this distressing concern are found in many utopian and very remote funeral rites and the most archaic sacred texts.

No matter what religion one professes, we have all feared death at one time or another. Either for not wanting to leave this life or for the uncertainty of the existence of something beyond it. Some people are afraid of death only because they believe that there is a possibility of going to "hell". A question you should ask yourself if you believe in God: Do you idolize God because he is really in your soul or because you are afraid of going to hell?

Some people dream of immortality and others just don't think much about these matters. It may even be venerated, as is done with the "Santa Muerte". So how can the most terrifying thing also be the most desired thing? Can life become worse than death? And how can we know what is worse if we have never been dead; this ignorance of the mysteries of death is one of the causes of the fear we have of the subject when we hear about death. People are frightened at the mere thought of their death or the death of their loved ones. But what is death? It is the real goal of life, but very few people know it.

Some people magnify this feeling so much that a real phobia of death can be created, turning fear into irrational panic, becoming completely intolerant of anything that has to do with the world of death.

One of the sources of confusion that exist around the fear of death is that, to a certain extent, it is adaptive because it makes us alert and prevents us from exposing ourselves to dangerous situations. However, when it becomes extreme and turns into a phobia, it can be highly disabling. Thus, the paradox can occur in which the fear of death is at the same time the one that prevents us from living.

Imagine if you knew that you were going to be immortal, wouldn't it terrify you to know that you have an eternity of suffering ahead of you? Wouldn't it be a punishment to spend an eternity watching others suffer from illnesses and misfortunes? Then you would complain because you are immortal, and you would be afraid of immortality. An irony, isn't it?

But life is not only full of death, but it is also full of love. And the thing is that love is linked to death. It is love that encourages us to live, that makes us value death and even fear it. Perhaps it is for lack of love that we sometimes want to be dead. And it is definitely because of love that we want to be alive. Whether it is love for a partner, a job, a hobby, a family, money or any other thing, person or action. Death, in a way, gives meaning to love, so it can't be considered bad. In fact, I think it is the most unbiased thing that can "exist". Maybe it's just a matter of knowing that just as there is a beginning to a movie, there is also an end and it should be enjoyed. Life has situations in which one suffers, lives and enjoys, and in its moment, death will come. It is probable that not speaking or not being aware of that moment makes it unreal, but it is not, and the end will come.

However, any assumption, hypothesis, doubt or question about death, we will not be able to answer or confirm until we experience it in the flesh. The only answer I can give you is to live fully, because with fear of dying, you cannot live.

Anhuai Yu

RW 40

Owe

Usually,

living in a house surrounded or harassed by ants, cockroaches, geckos, and mice

is not safe and troublesome.

Preceding moving to Florida, I did not

have any idea of these creatures.

But after a tactful, objective, and careful observation, I found

there are possibilities that

maybe those creatures are misinterpreted, because

they may have wisdom

and rationality.

For example, maturity or flexibility

is the same asset of them,

they are very cooperative and know

the time and the area appearing and disappearing exactly,

more surprisingly,

they can adjust them recruiting different feedbacks from environment.

They never ask more,

but I know they need more,

and I owe them.

Dana Alkandri**GM31**

I wake up early every day start my day with a cup of coffee and check my social media accounts. Then I open my laptop and start writing or reading before all my family get up and a noisy day start. last week end I read my note which I wrote 2 years ago. It's about my future plan before pandemic started and changed all my plan. Because of airports closed I cannot travel. I wrote on a paper that "I am going to travel to the US in 2020 ", this sentence made me feel sad because I'm as yet in my country and I lost one year from my plan. I went to the public park near my home. As a usually doing to change my mood. I walked about 45 minutes. I had a sit on a chair and I watched to a many people when they played, walked, talked and stayed together. I like to see the behavior for people and why they spend their time. I saw people who were stay lonely, walked as group, talked with herself. These meditation times made me think about people and how they behave in different emotion. I was thinking and wrote what felt, then I called one of my friends who I like to listen to her world when I need some encouragement. She did not answer me suddenly I heard voiced came from the place designated for running. I turned and saw a group of teenagers were running. One of them was in the last of this race. He tried did the best to follow them, but still he was in the end of this race. All the races reached the finish line. After minute he was arrived. He was so tired and talked deep breaths. This boy impressed me because he belief in self even when he was late. I learned from him to keep working to achieve my goals and do not to circumstances and others achievements. In This moment my friend called me back. I told her about my feelings after I read my paper plan. she told me: "never regret for what you loss and see what you achieve and never give up ". I remember the boy who was running I think he was just look to her goal, so

he did not know about who were with him in the same race. I went back home and wrote in the end of that not what I achieved in 2020, and it was more than I planned.

Pamela Alba

RW30

How to save money on vacation

There are several ways to save money when you take a vacation. Firstly, the hotel or place where you will take a rest, that's important when you arrive at the place where you take your vacations because you can choose between camping or cheap hotel. That is much cheaper than the luxury places and you save a lot of money and it is much fun. Secondly, you can save money with food because there is nothing more interesting than when you try the traditional food of the place or always there are cheap restaurants with delicious food. Thirdly, it is the attractions on the vacation place, you can choose between free places or places with cheap prices. You can choose those places, it is more beautiful than other places expensive so, save money with this option as well. And the last one, it is the transportation. There are many ways you can save money with this option; you can take buses or rent a bicycle, also, you can walk! There is nothing better to know places than walking. Maybe there are more ways to save money on vacation but with these ways that I told you, you can start your vacation smartly.

Michelle Marquez**GM31****Trip to Medellin with my family**

On December 23rd, 2019 my family and I traveled to Medellin, Colombia. It was a very beautiful experience, our flight took off at 3:30 pm from Maiquetia, Caracas and we arrived in Colombia at 5:30 pm. When we arrived at the hotel, everything was very clean and tidy. As soon as we left our suitcases, we went out to tour. In front of the hotel, there is a super modern mall, so we didn't think twice about entering. At the end of the day, we decided to go to

the supermarket (it should be noted that I was pretty excited because I wanted chocolate and candies). We bought a little of everything! Milk, a packet of chocolate, sugar, a pound of chicken, fruits, a gallon of water, etc. While my mom was walking and adding food to the cart, I saw a packet of my favorite cookies ever, Oreos. I almost screamed for the emotion and I said

Michi: Mom!! Oreooooos.

Mom: Michi, You already added a packet of chips ahoy, didn't you?

Michi: Mom, please. These are the best cookies in the world.

Mom: Ok, but are you going to leave the chips ahoy?

Michi: Oh my god, no! I want both hehe. I will ask dad if we can take both.

Mom: I remember when I was a child, and I loved these cookies so much, but by that time, for us, they were so expensive.

Michi: Were they?

Mom: Yes. We almost never bought it, but I really loved them.

After we finished buying the food, we took a taxi and we got back to the hotel. The next day was Christmas. We spent time as family, and we were touring some squares in the city. In Colombia it is tradition to decorate churches with lights, and usually they have squares in front of them. Because of the season, in Colombia it was cold during some weeks and that night was very cold, so I decided to put on my sweater while we were drinking hot chocolate. My sister asked,



Church in Itagüí, Medellín. Colombia

Stephanie: Do you want a hot dog?

Michi: Stephanie, we are drinking chocolate...

Stephanie: Yes, but I'm hungry.

Dad: I think that is better if we finish with the chocolate first, and then, go for food.

My sister agreed so we finished with the chocolate and continued walking. We had a good time that night, it was a happy Christmas. The next day we got up at 8 am and went down to have breakfast. While we were eating my dad asked

Dad: What do you want to do tonight?

Michi: After going to the Viva mall, we can go to Zona Rosa. What do you think?

Mom, Sister, Dad: Yes!!

Sister: And I think we can go to Parque Explora tomorrow.

Mom: Ok, but we have to hurry up. We have only an hour to eat and get ready, Stephanie and you usually take more than 40 minutes to get ready!!.

Sister: Hehe, yes, we do.

Dad: Michi, could you bring me some juice? The dispenser is on that table.

Michi: Sure. The food here is sooo good! right?

Dad: Right! everything is freshly made, and the staff is super kind.

We finished with breakfast and got ready to meet another gorgeous mall. We learned a little more about Colombian culture. For a week, we visited many places, everyone was enchanted.

Shivam Raval

RW20

The Anastasia State Park

If you live in Gainesville, you must visit the Anastasia State Park in St. Augustine. The park has more than 1600 acres of beaches, ancient sand dunes and nature trails. It not only includes a beach and sand, but it also includes wildlife. There are several fun activities that you can do there. For example, you can play volleyball and you can rent jet ski. My girlfriend and I rented a jet ski, and we drove it on the water. Then after we enjoyed the beautiful wildlife. We saw different kinds of fish, like dolphins and sharks. Additionally, if you don't like to swim, no worries. There are many activities to do on the beach, such as paragliding or sunbathing. As you can see, the Anastasia State Park is a must see for anyone in Florida.

Mihyang Kim**RW 61****University Avenue Crash Analysis**

A student of Florida University, Sophia Lambert died by a car accident when she stood on the sidewalk on University Avenue near the University of Florida on January 16, 2021 (Bausch, 2021). Unfortunately, this was not the only accident, but there had been two more accidents on University Avenue in 2020. This means that within a year there have been three traffic accidents in which three students died. Many reporters and experts started speaking about this accident on the road and trying to find the best solutions. Ward (2021), a Gainesville city commissioner, also suggests some solutions to solve the problems in an article of The Gainesville Sun.

One solution which was planned by the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) is to begin an increase traffic enforcement program, which called Gator STEP. GPD announced that they will work with the University of Florida Police Department and City of Gainesville to conduct Gator STEP which offers training and safety for the public in Gainesville (Bausch, 2021). They will work traffic enforcement on West University Avenue, Southwest Archer Road, Southwest 34th Street and Southwest 13th Street. They also have a plan to analyze how the accidents occurred. Conducting traffic enforcement would be a basic and temporary step to decrease traffic accidents but analyzing the causes of the accident is a critical step to prevent the accidents. These are good starts to move forward to prevent the traffic accidents because once drivers recognize traffic cameras or speed bumps, they will slow down their speed on the roads. The Florida Department of Transportation (2021) has also announced they finished traffic enhancements on the roads and it will help reduce cars' speed. Therefore, Gator STEP will be an effective solution to solve this tragedy.

For the long term solution to prevent accidents, Ward (2021) insists that redesigning the roads as “Complete Streets” is important. Halem (2019) explains that ‘complete streets’ is to foster safety not only focusing on cars but also for being easy for all kinds of transportation such as walking and cycling. These days, the roads are not used by only pedestrians and cars like regular streets, but there have been more transportations such as scooter, bicycle, and skateboard. That means the redesign has to consider about bike lanes, sidewalks, and crosswalk. If the roads remain just as regular streets, the problems of safety on the roads cannot be solved. Also, UF human resources (2021) announced complete streets will improve pedestrian safety. For this reason, the roads should be redesigned for every aspect of the users like pedestrians, cars, cyclists, and scooters to prevent accidents, so redesigning the roads will be a good solution as a long-term strategy.

To redesign the roads more efficiently, Ward (2021) claims the ownership of the roads should be shifted from the state of Florida to the city of Gainesville. He says that the city cannot change any traffic signs, speed limits, or even the place of trash cans without the permission of FDOT even though the roads are very dangerous in the city of Gainesville. That is because the roads are state highways. The city of Gainesville and Alachua County have requested redesign and an increase of safety on the roads to FDOT, but they could not have any successful result from it. Traffic accidents cause many injuries and death, so they have to be dealt as urgent issues. When the process of improvement is too long or complicating, solving the problem will become much harder. The city of Gainesville is the best problem solver of preventing the accidents on the roads. Even though the roads are the state's, the state needs to yield their ownership to the city for the community.

Preventing accidents is always better than recovering from the damage. Unfortunately, three accidents already happened on University Avenue, but

that does not mean it is too late to fix the problems. Ward (2021) suggests many good solutions for the problem. Traffic enforcement will help drivers slow down their speed, redesign the roads as complete streets will be a long-term solution, and the ownership shifting will make sure the city of Gainesville improves the safety of the roads more efficiently.

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Christ Mane BELIZAIRE**GM 50****This I believe**

When I was a child, I was so preoccupied about my life. I thought about my future because I had big dreams with magnificent goals to reach. I dreamed of having a life in which I can be financially independent by saving money. After my studies in agronomic engineering, I was very determined and motivated to make all my girlhood dreams come true! I wanted to succeed on a professional, familial and above all financial level! Despite my determination and my desire to succeed, there was a huge problem- I was too generous with my relatives by giving them gifts whenever the opportunity arises. Besides my generosity I was an impulsive consumer in the capitalist society where advertisements and social networks push me to consume more. When I realized that I had no savings and I was consuming more than my monthly income allowed me, I decided to plan better and budget for everything I plan to do for the month. My biggest achievement was making a list of my needs and being able to save 20 % of my annual income. I understood better the need to save when one of my fellow agronomists invited me to join a society which is an educational tool that allows men and women who have freely chosen to come together to achieve similar objectives, to move forward together on the path of self-care thanks to the pooling of money and sharing experiences at social levels.

I am deeply grateful to my fellow agronomists for inviting me to this society which invites members to contribute to achieve certain common objectives or to transform the sums collected into revolving credit between members. At the beginning, I was a little confused by the realization of this project. However, my colleagues have taken the time to enlighten me on certain unclear points. I was

very happy to be part of this society called MUSOLEM (Mutual Solidarity for a better tomorrow) whose main role is to help each other, face difficulties together and create wealth. I believe that with good will, determination and planning, everything will be fine! I solved the problem of being too generous and an impulsive consumer, I established a budget and I respected it which helped me to stop the wacky cravings and the unnecessary expenses. In addition, I no longer considered the malls as the privileged place of entertainment to attend on weekends because the more I shop the more I will be tempted. I am happy to finally be able to save and improve my financial condition which will be beneficial for the family that I will build in the future. Thanks to MUSOLEM I could set myself and hold very ambitious goals!

I believe we are responsible for our life and we are the result of our choices! Through the idea of MUSOLEM, I have been setting up a strategy to be financially free and I have been better understanding how to multiply and make money. I believe that everyone should think and work to improve their life's condition. It's quite a sacrifice, but the payoff will be great. I also strongly believe that saving money is the basis of enrichment! We can't get rich or create wealth if we don't know how to save money. I believe that I made the right decision today to be rational and to improve my financial life.

Victoria Suarez**GM31****A Little Joke**

One day Kairy was quiet at her house watching a series and hoping to see if something interesting happened. She was about to fall asleep when suddenly the doorbell of her house rang. Very lazily, she got out of bed and went to see who rang the bell. When she opened the door, she saw a small box on the floor.

Kairy: "And this box? Surely it is the game I ordered a few days ago, but why did it come so fast?"

She went to the kitchen to open the box and indeed inside the box was the game that she had ordered.

Kairy: Well finally this boring Saturday could change a bit. I'm going to try this game. * She went to the game room *

Kairy: Five Nights at Freddy's: Security Breach. Well, let's see if it's as scary as they say. I have never been scared by any game or movie, let's see if you pass the test. Well, we started well, it has good graphics and I do not see any problem. Mm tutorial? Nop, I'm going to play at once.

The minutes passed and Kairy still hadn't lost. She was surprised that she hadn't even seen some animatronics trying to kill her. It had only been 15 minutes since she started, and she was already disappointed.

Kairy: They no longer make good horror games that disappoint. Uh ... what happened to the light?

Suddenly a strong storm appeared out of nowhere, making the electricity go out, Kairy a little tired, decided to go and prepare something to eat and then go to sleep.

Kairy: What a disappointment I won't buy a horror game again. * heard something fall * uh what was that? Mm looks like she came from the living room.

Reaching where the sound came from, she found the game together with one of the special edition figures that it had. It seemed strange to her because she had left these in the other room. She returned to the kitchen and finished dinner, she washed what was dirty and went to her room. The light returned and she fell asleep. In the early morning she woke up because she heard a loud noise in the kitchen, when Kairy turned on the light, she saw the figure of Bonnie who was in the game, the only problem was that it was life-size and did not seem to be made of plastic.

Kairy: BUT WHAT ... * ran to her room * you didn't see anything it was just your imagination, but it looked so real and ... * footsteps noise * AND IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION, now relax and sleep *someone tried to open the door * ok it's not your imagination, well ugly animatronic I don't know what you want but I'm not going to give up so quickly * grabbed her tennis racket and stood in a blind spot in the room *

The animatronic entered the room but did not find Kairy. Very careful she stood behind the animatronic and hit with all her strength in the head of his, this fell to the floor, but someone's voice was heard.

Kairy: Wait * remove the top of the animatronic * LIZ BUT WHAT TO DO.

Liz: Ha Ha. Hello sister, I just wanted to give you a little scare. But it did not work.

Kairy: I'M GOING TO KILL YOU COME TO HERE

Liz: Nonononoonno was a little joke * ran off *

And so, this little story comes to an end turning out to be a joke from Kairy's twin sister.

Wilson Macareno Seba**RW 41****WHAT DO I LIKE MOST ABOUT THE UNITED STATES?**

The truth is that all countries are wonderful, but in the United States you find something like a summary of the world. There are people from all over, who speak different languages and have different cultures, but we all have the obligation to unite, because to make ourselves understood, we have to speak English. I am a married man with two children, and I 37years old, and I still dream of being able to be bilingual and travel the world. Hopefully, everyone can get to know this great country full of good people. What I like the most in the United States, I think University of Florida, and people's love for gators. Go Gators, Go! They say the notices on all buses.



Baraa Alsulami**RW 30****How to save money on vacation**

Vacations are important for everyone, but it is expensive also to travel. A lot of people when they are having a vacation spend a lot of money. Some people like to travel for having a vacation everywhere, but they do not do it because they believe that they have to have a lot of money for it. In reality, here are several ways to save money when you take a vacation. First of all, search for a cheap hotel. For example, try to find nice and cheap hotel inside the city because the downtown and tourist areas are always pretty expensive. If we are having a vacation, we just spend the night in the hotel and rest of the day we spend it out. So, why we are spending a lot of money on a hotel? Secondly, try to go to free places, for example the beach, museums, and heritage areas. In these places, you can have a lot of fun especially the beach and also you save some money for the next vacation. Finally, instead of having one vacation in a year because of the money, you can now have two vacations or three in a year. All you have to do is think about it.

Pamela Alba**RW 30****Miguel's Personality**

When you see Miguel, you can sense his personality. Maybe when someone meets with him for the first time, that person will see that he is always quiet. But then, you can see he is funny. Also, you can never hear that he is tired because he has a lot of energy. All of this suggests Miguel is funny, shy and responsible.

Miguel is funny with people that he knows. He always finds ways to make jokes. Sometimes he does unusual things like pranks. One day he was hilarious because I was in complete silence and he suddenly turned up the music. He always is funny with his family, friends, or close people to him.

Miguel admits that he is shy. He doesn't like to show his personality the first time when he meets new people. Also, when he meets a stranger, he is timid. Sometimes you can see him look around him quickly, because he only observes the people or what happens in that moment and then he looks at the floor. Well, he is reticent and that is part of his personality.

Miguel is responsible. He loves his work because he is a chef. He enjoys his work in the restaurant. If he has something to do like obligations, he will always do it. It does not matter if it is late or he is sometimes tired. Also, he is always rational with his finances. Never, can you see him spend money if it is not necessary. That is a great part of Miguel's personality to be a trusty person.

Miguel has a lot of people that know him. They always say positive things about him. His friends enjoy his company. Also, they always laugh a lot with him. He does many things, but he never fails his responsibilities. If you have the opportunity to get to know him, do it! I am sure you will enjoy his company always.

Mihyang Kim**RW 61****Sustainable Tourism is Possible**

Going on a trip is always fun and exciting and allows people to have amazing experiences. These days, more people want to explore the world, but our nature and historical architectures which people want to visit are limited. The more people visit the places, the more the places could get damaged. Tourism could degrade the resources or nature but that does not mean we need to stop traveling. This is the reason that we need to focus on sustainable tourism. According to Martin (2019), sustainable tourism is to enjoy the trip, but try to keep from ruining the local environment such as their nature and culture. When we do our responsibility, sustainable tourism is possible.

Tourism does not always degrade local communities, but sometimes helps them. Busan's Gamchen Culture village in Korea is a good example. The village is one of the famous tourist destinations in Korea. The village was a just poor neighborhood which was located on a mountain. It had been a refuge from the Korean war and the refugees started building houses on the mountain. One day, a photographer took a beautiful picture of the village and it caught people's attention. A lot of people started visiting the village and it became so famous. The government also began to invest in the place to be more convenient to travel and the place became cleaner and better to live. The villagers made their own community to deal with the tourists and their economic status has become better because a lot of people have visited and spent money. The village is still getting better, and a large number of tourists are still visiting there. This is a good example that sustainable tourism is possible.

Tourism could destroy local resources. However, it does not mean sustainable tourism is impossible. When we protect the resources and are accountable,

sustainable tourism can work. For example, Boracay, a beautiful beach in the Philippines suffered environmental pollution from a lot of tourists, so the government decided to close Boracay for six months in 2018. The place makes most money from tourism, so it was a huge decision for the community. After six months, Boracay made some restrictions to protect the island. Only 19,000 people can stay there, and tourists cannot eat in the beach, and water activities are prohibited. As soon as people who wanted to travel there heard the announcement of closing Boracay, they were surprised and realized the seriousness of the pollution. Since Boracay re-opened, most of tourists have been so careful to protect the place. Therefore, when we remember to preserve nature and set some restrictions, sustainable tourism is possible.

Sustainable tourism is possible when every part of tourism takes responsibility. Higgins-Desbiolles (2017) states how to make tourism sustainable. She explains the roles of governments, consumers, local communities, workers of tourism, the tourism industry, and non-governmental organizations. Government should promote sustainable tourism, consumers should be trained for sustainable tourism, local communities should play as a decision maker, workers of tourism must be treated well, the tourism industry should train its customers, non-government organizations are crucial for reporting the problems. Every stakeholder of tourism has a responsibility to make sustainable tourism work. They might think it is insignificant, but when their responsibilities are altogether, sustainable tourism is possible.

Most people want to travel and explore the world. Obviously, the natural resources are limited. Sometimes, we can hear that some famous places are getting damaged by tourists, but still many people want to visit the places. We need to protect the limited resources and at the same time we still need to explore the world. Only sustainable tourism makes this happen. Sustainable tourism is not impossible. We need to know what sustainable tourism is and try to

take accountability. When every stake holder of tourism takes responsibility, sustainable tourism is possible.

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