the tragic death of trayvon martin

by joshhegarty

There’s so much to say about Trayvon Martin’s death. I could make this about gun laws and self-defense and about how an innocent child was killed, but then I’m just ignoring the issue of race that some people want to say doesn’t exist in the first place. I could make this all about the fact that a child was slain with a gunshot to the chest for being black in a neighborhood where being black is suspicious, but then I’m ignoring the absurd use of the self-defense law that has kept Zimmerman from being charged.

So I’ll start with the facts. On February 26th, Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old boy, left the home of his father’s girlfriend in a gated community in Sanford, Florida to go to a 7-11 where he bought Skittles and an iced tea. On Martin’s way back to her house, around 7pm, George Zimmerman saw him and decided to do two things: call the police to report suspicious behavior and follow Martin in order to make sure he didn’t commit a crime. Recordings of the police call show that Zimmerman described Martin as “just walking around looking about,” and looking like, “he’s on drugs or something.” After Martin noticed that he was being observed and followed, he ran and when Zimmerman said he was in pursuit the police dispatcher told him that they “did not need [him] to do that.”

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By 7:30, police and paramedics had arrived and Martin was declared dead. Zimmerman alleged self-defense, citing bruises and bleeding from his nose and the back of his head. There is footage, however, of him entering the Sanford police station after these events where none of these signs of attack are visible.

Despite all of this evidence, Zimmerman has yet to be arrested, although it is looking more and more like he will be in the near future. The reason for this is Florida’s Stand Your Ground law, a self-defense law that allows a person all the same rights to self-defense that you have if someone invades your home, extended to any public place. This style of law allows that if you are attacked in public and can only reach safety by either fleeing or using lethal force, you’re allowed to do either. The key difference is that in a state without this style of law if you choose to use force without first trying to escape, if it can be shown that you could have escaped, you can be charged with homicide.

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by lauragreenwood

A month ago, my lifelong consumption of meat ended. I’ve joined the 3.2% of Americans avoiding meat and am strangely ambivalent. After 18 years of practice, nothing has ever felt as foreign as vegetarianism. It may sound a bit melodramatic, but it is not until you remove something from your daily life that you realize how much of an impact it has. Strangely enough, the act of being a vegetarian in itself has been pretty easy, despite a few moments of temptation. The biggest question people ask me is why. Why have you made this change? Is this for a diet? What message are you trying to spread? You must really love animals. And thus far, I’ve struggled to form my arguments.

Before college, I always knew I wanted to at least try being a vegetarian once. I was curious about what it would be like, but mostly I wanted to try as many new things as possible while in college. Fall semester came and passed without meat leaving my life. Every dining location on campus offers vegetarian options, and yet I chose meat. It wasn’t until the car ride back up with a friend from spring break that we decided today was the day (well, really tomorrow since we had just eaten turkey sandwiches). And just like that, I no longer ate meat. I quit cold-turkey (ha ha) and haven’t touched it since. For other meat-eaters who might want to give vegetarianism a kick, I say just go for it. It was easiest to completely eliminate meat than to make the weak man’s “gradual reduction” of meat products. On campus now, I eat vegan chili, eggs, nuts, beans, salad, and any vegetable in sight. That was March 11th. Thus far, we’ve been eating breakfasts while missing out on eggs, bacon, pork chops, and chicken.

Truthfully, the experience has made me feel detached from meat eaters and feel like I’m being pretentious. It’s as if I’ve just dropped my lifelong membership to the omnivore club. I’ve been welcomed by other veges, but I feel like a traitor to my previous diet. At a slope-side BBQ, I had to refuse a hamburger from happy-going, middle-aged man. Since when have I ever been a picky eater? And yet, there I was asking for American cheese between two burger buns, easy on the burger sauce. My modified grilled cheese sucked, and I drooled as my friends scarfed down burgers. I’m not saying vegetarians are stuck-up, but it felt rude to not be able to accept the food that was offered and ask instead for my own private meat. Vermont and UVM have made this feeling less prevalent though by always having vegetarian meals available. The vegetarian community will embrace you, whether on campus in dorms like Slade and the Greenhouse, or at vegetarian restaurants like New Ethics Café or Stone Soup.

Being a vegetarian means paying more attention to what you eat and why you eat it. And oh the lectures I’ve been told to watch this, try this, quit now, and why bother. I had no idea becoming a vegetarian would be such a public effort.
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barely-urban dictionary

by patrickeline

Understudy: you probably have two or three, four if you’re lucky. You do not dare put this on as you leave the house, lest you are looking out the door to the washing machine (with the occasional exception of an extremely sweaty night at Rapso- nio). On the other hand, you do wear that underwear three days in a row and you aren’t gross or weird. And then in high school when you re- duced the size of your wardrobe, they were now so hard to sew to the hooks in the laundry when they took off one pair don’t you? And then in college when you exploded your wardrobe, you would never wear your dorky leggings and rompers (except back then they didn’t have a fancy name they were just clothes) and that the college schedule of having the same classes every other day was perfectly conducive to wearing the same shirt two days in a row.

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When kids are little, parents have a habit of telling them that television is bad for their brains, and usually there is a constant worry that what TV shows are appropriate. As a result of this, I started watching The O.C., (so good right?), and my parents soon decided that the show’s strong drama wasn’t appropriate for my age, barring me from watching it. Oh, no, hell, no. I don’t separate a girl from her soap. I binge watching it so! Hiding in my basement in the dark, in my pajama pants. Eventually, I got caught, and my parents reamed me out for going against their rules. If I had been the well-educated, quick-witted cat I am now, I would have explained to my parents that I was watching The O.C. because it was the best show from the TV with the best quality of drama and acting in the class for forty-two minutes.

That belief—I believe that we can learn important life lessons and skills from watching television. When you need to go to school and you have thousands of TV shows out there, watching to teach you about the world? Pick up your books and friends, and start watching those guidelines of knowledge.

by caitlin barra

Laura, we've all been there: the dreadful "Walk of Shame". Oh boy! It's never fun to be walking back home in the middle of the street, with just your clothes. If you feel rough around the edges, and you feel too shy to ask for help, I suggest you avoid it. Well, idk, I'm about to make your life a little better. Those days you feel shamefully. Through some trial and error, I've come up with a few easy tips on how to make your body more presentable. If you struggle with the idea of walking as you wrightfully home and that's fine too. The absolute most important thing is like really the absolute key. It's to think ahead. A bit of foresight will prove to be of everything. In order to make sure that you're not leaving any wardrobe. And, it's then you do it better.

Do you want to be a forensic biologist or perhaps even a crime scene investigator? Focus on preserving the integrity of the crime scene and making the crimes will have you and your friends. Also, if you find random Yuru-kyou can be very useful. It's available at most bookstores, like a little to scientific stuff. You can eat a yoghurt ball, and if it is highly unlikely that you'll have any sugar. I recommend you to make things that much easier. To make your body more presentable, that may be a bit tricky. Otherwise, you'll have to do things that are more than a bit rough around the edges, a little bit of foresight will prove to be of something that makes you feel worse. Walk of Shame. Wonderful. I don't think. I don't think that's the best way to celebrate life is through the help of your friends. Walk. Caffeine is important. I don't function without it. But on morning when you're feeling more than a little rough around the edges, is the best way to start your day? Is it better to use it with your friends. Caffeine is important. I don't think. I don't think that's the best way to celebrate life is through the help of your friends. Walk. Caffeine is important. I don't think. I don't think that's the best way to celebrate life is through the help of your friends. Walk. Caffeine is important. I don't think. I don't think that's the best way to celebrate life is through the help of your friends. Walk. Caffeine is important. I don't think.
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Her words exactly. With some of mine thrown in. I don’t even stew! I shit you not. (Hungarian is a beautiful language, is it not?). Then my grandmother responded:

“I see you, too. I’m a a ladyboy”.

Which was it:

1. Knit the onions in oil or butter
2. Add veggies, mustard, salt, lemon
3. Add 4 cups water and bouillon cube
4. Simmer for a few minutes
5. Thicken with cream mixed with flour
6. Serve with a dollop of sour cream on each serving. Or not.

Layers are not a new concept—they’ve been used in baklava and seven layer bars for years. All kidding aside, though, many outdoors people have promoted the idea of layering as a method for regulating your body temperature when the weather changes. So, you have a fantastic available to keep you warm until you get the shelter built, à la New Hampshire. For days when a rain jacket is just too aggressive, a windbreaker makes a great mid range layer, and it’s not synthetic (for whatever good that does).

Where: At the pool table
When: 2:30, Fri, 3/23

I was. And when I asked him he said, “Fantastic. I just hit on your name, you know, just to make sure.”

Next, I realized, I was arrested.
To the girl dressed in a top, black and white.
I am: Brennan’s Saturday Dinner Rush

I saw:

1. The girl by the fire
2. A blonde
3. A girl with hot dreads
4. A man
5. A literary lad

I am: My headband lady

I saw you around from time to time.
I want to be the Morris to your Kapowski
I'm kind of laid-back and a little bubbly
Because as I watch the semester unfold
You're an LNT master but you left a trace here
I didn't see it coming but you've come to be

Where:

1. The wooder tower
2. The New Haven Daily in the DC
3. The lounge
4. The trekk leader, prom date, ride home
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I want you so bad

Your smile is in my recent accent.
You forgot what you were going to say and had a giggle-

I'm actually really out.
We should be debating partners sometime.

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the cipher

by kerrymartin

On those long days, when the average Cigarette gets bottled with Gator, Jimmy Buffet, and the Grateful Eighty, encouraging the behemoth to teach us the American Dream? An American Myth! Everyone’s a victim but no one understands. He failed to see the avarice that would come with Made to look easy by Adam Smith. The American Dream? An American Myth! Everyone’s a victim but no one understands. He failed to see the avarice that would come with Made to look easy by Adam Smith.

the victims

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On Sunday, May 13th, Sgt. Robert Bales broke into an Afghan home and massacred sixteen civilians. He was his fourth tour in Afghanistan, and in 2009, he was awarded the Purple Heart for a maiming injury but was later diagnosed fit for light duty again. This was his fourth tour, and of those three, four were night tours.

When the eleven-year-old girl broke the door of the building, En route to that final day, a month after he was shot, I think the last thing I remember was the feeling that something was wrong. After the shooting, I realized that the memories were gone. For the white man, if you don’t sign up for the war, you get to enjoy more of the war. As the white man, they filled them with bullets and killed them. After the events, the white man was not the same. For the white man, I fought fire with fire, massacre with massacre. Obama said sorry, it was just too sick. Bored deep within the heart of American plaster. Uncle Tim prevented this social condition, The supposition that Muslims are voodoo magicians. Bred deep within the heart of American plaster. Obama said sorry, it was just too sick. Bored deep within the heart of American plaster. Uncle Tim prevented this social condition, The supposition that Muslims are voodoo magicians.

By Marxist masturbator Kerry Martin

And try to show the world that we’ve got more than hands. And a new economy can be born from the ash. To buy a car, wear a suit, fill my weapons’ stash. Made to look easy by Adam Smith. The American Dream? An American Myth! Everyone’s a victim but no one understands. He failed to see the avarice that would come with Made to look easy by Adam Smith.
uvm plants
by gregjacobs

Rick Santorum compared himself with George Washington.
Because losing a race is as hard as wintering at Valley Forge?

possible kony 2012 sequels
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Dances with Kony
Kony 2013: A Space Odyssey
The Land Before Kony
The Day After Kony
My Little Kony
Teenage Mutant Ninja Kony
Kony vs. Mothra
A Very Kony Christmas
Not Another Kony Movie
Bring It On, Kony
Kony in Boots
Kony Goes to White Castle
Kony: The Far Side of the World
Kony vs. Jason

driving in burlington: perils, potholes, and pedestrians
by adrikopp

Long Boarder
Random jut out in curb
Pot hole that might actually transport you to another universe
No lines
Living creature

Sudden left turn only lane
Biker in your blind spot
Jaywalkers
Unused crosswalk