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# August Osage County

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## Comes To Shasta College

The last 2 weekends of October Shasta College theater will be performing August Osage County.

This is a brilliantly written dark comedy by Tracy Letts and definitely a must see for everyone.

It shows a modern day Oklahoman family, the Westons, as they deal with a variety of issues that modern people can all relate too.

The Weston clan has all come together after they find out that their father, Beverly, has committed suicide.

He had gone from

being an award winning poet to a full time alcoholic.

The mother, Violet, who is addicted to pills lets everyone know what she thinks of them; whether it's good, bad, or just plain mean.

The loving family but spend most of their time getting on each others nerves and making one another miserable.

Robert Soffian the director here at the college describes this play as "fascinatingly complex" and is sure that it will "keep attention of audiences."

Soffian has been di-

recting for over 26 years and knows exactly what he wants.

He is able to get it because he works really well with all of the actors.

The connection between the whole cast is incredible.

They get along with one another in a way that enhances the chemistry of the characters on stage.

Julie Ricker, who is playing the Native American housekeeper, is excited about it because "[she] has never played a part like it before."

Auditions were held on August 22nd and the cast was chosen the following week.

Since then rehearsal has been 4-5 nights a week and will continue until the show premieres.

Its not just the actors that have been busy, the people making the set have had quite a job to do.

Dean Monroe, the production coordinator, said that "it's the biggest set in a long time."

They have had to build a whole house, and all the furniture that goes inside.

All the work will be well worth it because audiences are going to sucked into the play and will laugh, cry, and feel like they are part of the Weston family by the time it is over.

There is something for everyone to relate to and it is how many family get together are nowadays anyways.

There is no wonder why August Osage county received the coveted Pulitzer prize back in 2008.

Tickets to see this award winning play at Shasta College are \$8 for general admission

and \$5 for students and senior citizens. They can be purchased at Shasta-College.edu/theatre.

The play on campus will begin at 7:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays with a matinee at 2:00pm on Sunday the 23rd

Keep in mind that the story is based around a family but has adult language and situations so it is recommended that only 16 and older attend.

Hope to see everyone there for a play that the website notes is a "juicy, epic theatrical event."

# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

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The American Veterans Traveling Tribute Wall came to the Redding Convention Center during the second weekend of October.

It comes to town about every 4 years for people to remember their loved ones that have fallen in the line of duty.

As American citizens we have many rights and freedoms that most people in other countries will never know.

The cost of that freedom is not cheap; in fact it takes human lives.

Since 1776 there have

been 35 million people that have served in the military, 2.6 million people that have been wounded, and 1.2 million that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

To honor all soldiers that have lost their lives there is a Traveling Tribute Wall that goes all over the United States for people to see.

It contains a list of all the names of Veterans that were unable to return home from combat.

In addition to names from the Vietnam War there is now a wall for the War on Terrorism.

This new wall made its first debut in Redding this year to honor the people

who were attacked on 9/11, and all the soldiers that chose to involve themselves with the war that followed.

Along with the names there is also a detailed description about the planes crashing into the twin towers and the Pentagon in 2001.

George F. Petershagen, a retired Navy veteran, was volunteering at this event.

He was there to help everyone that came to the site's center find the names of people that they knew who would be on the board.

Pencils and pieces of paper were available to trace names for a keepsake.

Seeing the wall is a great way for anyone still feeling the pain of losing a loved one to remember them and help to aid in the healing process.

Even though the Vietnam War was 30 plus years ago losing a loved one never gets any easier and people are still grieving.

Not only are people in this country still grieving over previous wars and what has happened but we are losing American soldiers in the name of the United States every day.

That is something that we need to remember.

This was the 4th time that Retired Army Veteran Fred Salanti helped with the tribute wall and was

mostly in charge.

He believes that "we have to always bear in mind those that protect our freedoms and keep our country what it is."

Salanti is happy to do his part and he says that it is "the right thing to do." Which it is.

To be able to get the wall to come to Redding many local business and residents came together to pay a flat fee of \$9,700.

Some of the major contributors were V.E.T.S; the Veterans Employment and Training Services, the Sunshine Foundation, and the Bank of Commerce.

Everyone coming together and doing their part made it possible and

Wal-Mart helped out by having a trailer on location to provide food and water to all who came.

Breakfast and lunch were also available at no charge for everyone that attended.

Posters, bumper stickers, and patches were for sale to create revenue for the wall.

Ranging in price from \$2 to \$15 there was something to suit everyone's budget.

Hopefully the wall will be able to come back to Shasta County in 4 years and keep the tradition going for future generations to see what we have been through to give them what they have.

# Stay Hungry, Stay Foolish

## *A Tribute To the Late Steve Jobs*

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Part of the late Steve Jobs commencement speech in 2004 were the words, "Stay hungry, stay foolish."

There's an unlimited amount of ways to take this but these were some of his most memorable words.

A loose interpretation of what his thoughts may have been is stay hungry in the sense that you

need to stay hungry for life, no matter where it takes you, and stay foolish in the sense that if life takes you somewhere unexpected stay foolish and follow it.

Steve Jobs said the most important move he made in his life was impulsively dropping out of college.

He did this because he believed in spending life doing something that fascinated him.

He said that we spend way too much time at work to be doing some-

thing we don't absolutely love.

"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."

Even if you don't know what exactly it is you want to do, do what feels right.

He said that it's impossible to connect the dots to your success if you're looking forward; you have to look back later.

He exclaimed, "Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.

They somehow al-

ready know what you truly want to become."

That's what he did.

Having no true idea of what he wanted to do with his life during college he decided to quit.

To those around him it seemed foolish at the time and maybe it was, but instead of paying to take classes he didn't love he stood in on classes that fascinated him.

The class that really grabbed his attention was a typography class that really paid off a decade later when he was

designing the first Macintosh (Mac) computer.

He said that seeing all of the different text faces and text styles are what inspired him to add different text to computers. He said if it hadn't been for that class then, "...the Mac would have never had multiple typefaces or proportionally spaced fonts.

Since Windows just copied the Mac, it's likely that no personal computer would have them."

This single idea revolutionized Macs and PCs of all sorts.

Jobs had a strong belief in the power of a single person; he be-

lieved that every person had a power to change their world.

He even says, "We're here to put a dent in the universe."

He knew that no single person would change the surface of the earth but he also believed that we as a whole, if everyone applied themselves, were unlimited in our potential.

Jobs lived every day as though it was his last and though he is lost in the sense that he is not walking with us anymore, he will live forever through his ideals in our hearts.

Here is just one more thanks to Steve Jobs.

# Break The Bottle

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For a dollar twenty five any Shasta College student can walk up to many of the vending machines on campus and purchase a bottle of water.

Americans spend about thirty five billion dollars every year on bottled water.

Thirty eight billion water bottles end up in landfills each year.

That is a huge environmental impact.

Twenty four percent of those bottles contained

pre packaged tap water distributed by companies such as Coca-Cola and PepsiCo.

DailyFinance.com created a list of the top nine ways to waste money in the year 2010.

Number four is filling up your gas tank with super, and number two being purchasing energy drinks both of which fell short to number one.

The number one way to waste your money was to buy bottled water.

The leading consumer of bottled water is the United States, supporting a one hundred billion dollar a year industry.

When you read the la-

bel on a bottle of water some of the words that will be read are "refreshing", "fresh spring water", and they all seem to have some secret underground source.

The truth is its just water some may be filtered after it comes out of the tap, but the majority is the same water that you get when a faucet is turned on.

That water that comes out a households spout cost less than one cent per gallon, while the bottles of water sold in twenty ounce bottles cost almost more than five cents an ounce.

The big bottled water

companies put big business oil companies in disgrace according to price vs. production cost.

The environment takes a heavy punch during the production of bottled water.

To produce the amount of plastic bottles that Americans consume each year it takes forty seven million gallons of oil.

Even though recycling is a part of the solution it is not the answer.

Currently the majority of plastic is simply thrown in a trash can but for those bottles that make it into a recycle bin the recycle rate cannot

keep up with the consumption rate.

Also, with plastics slow decay rate, a bottle that was put in a trash can ten years ago may still exist somewhere today.

Most people don't drink water from home because of bottled waters' convenience.

It can be purchased from machines, grocery stores, and gas stations.

Its portability also attracts consumers; however this is the twenty first century, options are everywhere.

Reusable water bottles are not expensive and can be filled up almost

anywhere some even have filters built in.

They come in all shapes and sizes with all the favorite brands supporting the cause.

For the people out there who despise the taste of tap water, there are filters available that easily attach to an at home faucet creating fresh, clean tasting water.

These filters have a range in price.

Take a challenge and stop purchasing bottled water, do it for the planet and your wallet.

# Occupy Wall Street

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The people of the United States are vocalizing their disenchantment with the "American Dream".

Inspired by the recent uprisings in Egypt, the UK, Greece, Tunisia, Spain and Italy, The Occupy Wall Street movement began on September 17th 2011, in Liberty Square in Manhattan's Financial District.

Other cities are now showing solidarity, the movement has spread coast-to-coast, and even to other continents; protesters are now "occupying" more than 1,000 communities in the United States, and over 1,500 cities globally.

The Occupy Wall Street movement aims to expose the inequalities in the United States.

Although there is no official manifesto, the agenda of the Occupy movement is to inform the public that the richest 1% is in charge of the economy.

Protestors are frustrated with the U.S. government's alliance with CEOs, hedge fund managers, and bankers.

These people are the 1% who benefited from the taxpayer-funded bailout that effectively caused the economy to crash.

Meanwhile, there are 50 million Americans who can't afford health care, 24 million who can't find work, 47 million Americans who need government aid in order to eat, and 15 million families who owe more on their mortgage than the actual value of their homes.

The mantra "I am the 99%" has spread like wildfire, with millions of

people resisting rampant neo liberal policies and the systems that perpetuate economic inequality.

Dissenters of the movement claim that Occupy Wall Street lacks well-defined demands.

However, the demands are clear and simple; the American people want less corporate domination and to reduce the growing inequality in our nation.

The movement is overwhelming popular; it seems that more Americans support the Occupy movement than the Tea Party.

An NBC/Wall Street Journal poll has found that thirty-seven percent of Americans are in favor of the protests, with 18 percent in opposition.

This is contrasted by the 28 percent of Americans who favor the Tea party, while 41 percent are opposed.

In an interview with Reuters, activist Dick Gregory said that Occupy Wall Street reminds him of the 1960s, when police violence catapulted demonstrations into a mass protest, "listening to this is like listening to the early days of the civil rights movement.

What's going to really tip it off, is a cop is going to make a mistake".

This prophecy was fulfilled when Officer Anthony Bologna of the NYPD was video taped pepper-spraying protesters at close range, even those who were doing nothing

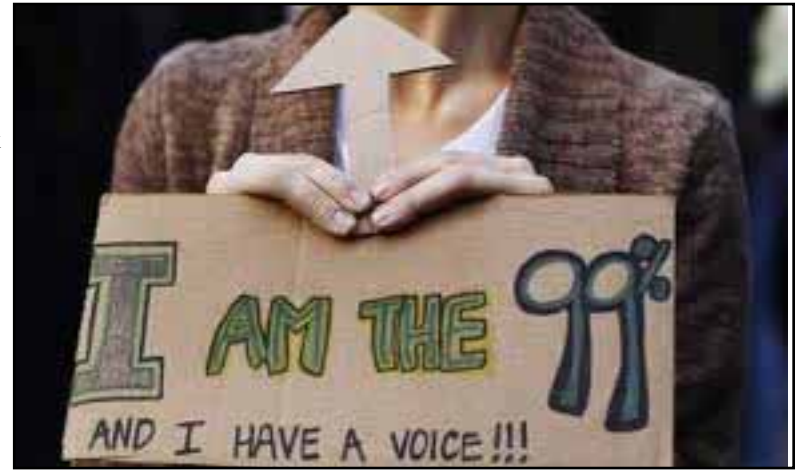


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**A woman protesting against Wall Street economics.**

wrong. Police violence has increased, YouTube videos show officers punching demonstrators and dragging them through the streets.

If Gregory is correct, this violence will only encourage more and more people to take to the streets to march and voice their frustrations.

Gregory encourages political leaders not to underestimate the power of the protests.

The anti corporate mentality is increasingly popular, "young folks is coming through now, they are saying, there's something wrong with this. They have this sense of fairness...they have a new mentality".



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## NBA= No Bargain Agreement

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The NBA has been in the news quite often in the past few weeks, not for LeBron James this time but, because of the drawn out lockout.

David Stern, commissioner of the NBA, has made it official the league will miss not only the preseason but, he also has canceled the first two weeks of the regular season.

With the NFL having their lockout out in the same calendar year, you would think that David Stern and the Players'

Union would have some understanding on how to resolve this issue.

The two sides have held meetings but somehow they always end on a sour note.

Two weeks ago, a meeting had tempers flaring in which Dwyane Wade, shooting guard for the Miami Heat, was in the commissioner's face yelling at him, "Stop treating me like a child, I'm a grown man treat me with respect."

What makes this lockout different from the NFL's is the players seem to have the upper hand in this battle.

The NBA players,

if they so choose, can leave the country and play somewhere else around the globe.

Basketball due to its globalization has many different leagues other than the NBA around the world.

Many players have already packed their bags and headed to Europe.

The first to take that stand was Deron Williams, point guard of the New Jersey Nets.

Many other names have followed him including Wilson Chandler, Tony Parker, Pau Gasol, and Marc Gasol.

One name that has been circling in the

overseas rumor is Kobe Bryant.

An Italian team has taken strong interest in Bryant and has offered him a contract that would pay him in between one to two million dollars a game.

He has considered this because of his strong ties to Italy, since he lived there as a child.

Bryant, however has said he will only play overseas if the scheduling is right for him.

While some players are shifting their lives around to play a game they love somewhere else, others stay right here in America and are

playing in leagues and pick-up games coast to coast.

Kevin Durant, during the summer went out to Rucker Park, one of the popular street ball courts, in Harlem and managed to drop 66 points.

Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul have organized games for charity in which superstars all over the NBA come and participate in.

LeBron James on the other hand has taken a completely different route.

While he is still playing basketball, he has expressed or teased on

joining the NFL.

LeBron tweeted asking how late can an NFL team sign a free agent.

Pete Carroll, coach of the Seattle Seahawks, tweeted a picture with LeBron's name on a back of a Seahawks jersey.

Even though some of the players are having fun or taking their talents elsewhere, most are stranded without jobs.

In hopes of seeing a NBA season, let's just hope they get a deal done, this way fans don't have to endure another 1998 season.

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# Please Mr. Banker, Won't You Let My Debit Card Be Free?

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Trend- the general direction in which something is developing or changing; the clothes that we wear, our hairstyles, the music we listen to, and even tattoos are the basis for great trends that affect matters concerning our social lifestyles.

They help describe who we are, what we do, and can also affect our behavior, including our overall mood.

Trends are something that we accept; they give us a sense of belonging and make us feel content with our lives.

However there is a new rising trend of which U.S. citizens are becoming increasingly more aware.

Most banks will be charging a minimum \$5 monthly debit fee for customers who use debit cards to make purchases.

Sources say that debit card sales in the U.S. account for about 43 percent of all transactions, leaving the merchant to pay approximately 68 cents per transaction.

Under this new law, the merchant would only have to pay 23 cents per transaction, which in the long run will account for a considerable amount of yearly savings.

Despite the new

law, banks, in order to generate income, are imposing a debit fee.

Bank of America has recently announced that it will start charging a \$5 monthly service fee for debit card purchases, claiming that it will be beneficial for both merchants and customers.

Incidentally, this move angered many Bank of America customers as one of them; 22-year-old Molly Katchpole took action against the new debit fee by delivering 153,000 petitions to a bank branch in Washington D.C.

Chase Bank began testing a \$3 debit card fee back in April.

North Valley Bank has not issued a fee but

has imposed a fee unless the card is used for more than 5 purchases within a month.

Wells Fargo has announced that as of November 14, 2011, they will impose a \$10 checking account service fee which can be waived only if the customer meets 3 qualifying account services one of which is to maintain a \$1,500 minimum daily balance.

One major problem that arises from this particular account service is that most citizens of a lower economic class find this change to be an economic hardship.

Consequently, customers are also losing their loyalty to the banks they have been

doing business with for so long.

Similarly, Citi Bank announced that it will add a monthly service fee of up \$20 for certain accounts while basic checking accounts will carry a fee of up \$10 a month, up from \$8 in September.

The trend began after the federal government, in an effort to cut down outrageous debit card processing fees, implemented a new law to reduce how much banks can charge per debit card transaction.

But for the consumers, the savings will be hard to find as the law was not made to have a direct impact on them, but they should expect to see changes

such as store discounts for those who pay with debit or check cards.

Unfortunately rewards programs offered by Visa and MasterCard will be discontinued.

If you are concerned for this new trend, then you might want to check with your bank for details on how to avoid the debit fee as they will be implemented before the end of this year.

Otherwise, petitioning is an option that can influence some change in the bank system, but they will always find a way to make up for their claimed, "lost revenue."

## *California State Parks: Visit While You Can!*

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You may be aware that California has many, wonderful State Parks and State Historic Sites.

What you may not know is that, because of economic hardships, the State Government is shutting down a number of these sites.

In an article online, California Department Of Parks And Recreation website says, that the State Government is closing 70 of California's 278 State Parks.

The Government is

closing the parks due to an ongoing State budget crisis.

Officials at the California State Parks indicate that this is tough but necessary.

The closure of these parks will ensure the remaining 208 parks keep their doors open.

This is part of a \$22 million cut in the State Park's budget.

These selected parks are slated for closure by July 2012.

Many of these State Historic Parks (SHP) are considered local to our area in Far Northern California.

You may be surprised to know that

Shasta SHP, William B. Ide Adobe SHP in Red Bluff, Weaverville Joss House SHP, and the Bidwell Mansion SHP in Chico are slated for closure due to general fund reductions.

These are much treasured sites in the North State area.

Some of the other well known North State Sites that are slated for closure are Woodson Bridge State Recreational Area (SRA), Castle Crags State Park (SP), Anderson Marsh SHP, and Fort Humboldt SHP.

According to newser.com, an online site, the methodology behind the cuts has to

do with how easy it is to close a site, how much revenue a site brings in and attendance.

Just this week Governor Brown signed a law that allows nonprofits to help out State Parks in this crisis.

These nonprofits would need to supply the funding to keep these parks open part time for three years.

State Parks such as the Weaverville Joss House SHP, William B. Ide Adobe SHP, and Shasta SHP are already associated with nonprofits according to an article on Record Searchlight's website.

The Weaverville

Joss House Association, has good reason to be highly motivated to keep the Joss House doors open.

This Taoist temple is the oldest continually operating temple in the entire state of California.

It would take about \$200,000 to keep the park open two days a week.

The Shasta SHP would require \$230,000 to remain open part time, two days a week.

The Ide Adobe Interpretive Association is also looking at raising monies to keep the park open.

William B. Ide Adobe SHP has many

programs for school aged children and the Interpretive Association is extremely interested in these programs continuing.

In these difficult economic times, tough decisions have to be made.

However, creative thinking and good old fashion help may just be the answer.

At any rate I recommend that you go on California Department Of Parks and Recreation's website to see the whole SHP closure list.

Go visit a local park while you can!

# They Walk The Line For Your Life Today



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Did you know that there have been approximately 4500 American military deaths in the Iraq war?

Does it ever cross your mind how many more could possibly be dying for you today?

I have multiple friends fleeing into different branches of the U.S. Armed Forces today.

We don't seem to realize the sacrifices they put up with for us; the hard work, the hardships, and even their homes!

Could you do it? Maybe you have done it, and for that I personally thank you with my life... because for all in all, you saved it.

All of you men and women are the bravest people that walk among us today. You give me the inspiration to show

more kindness and to be thankful for the life I own.

I can call this life mine because of those soldiers. Yet, I am afraid we have lost that mind set and let it run off somewhere else.

God gave us one life, but He never said it would be perfect.

In my eyes, the fighters for our country are making this journey as perfect as it is possible.

Soldiers are a blessing to me, to my family, and to all my friends.

I feel as if they don't receive as much credit as they are worthy of.

Not all of them do it for the credit obviously, but it would be nice to show them our gratitude one day.

What were you doing on 9/11?

I am pretty positive we can all guess what the backbone of America was doing for us, and we may not even come to realize just how important that is.

With every ounce of courage in their bones, these people walk a very thin line for you and I.

Do we take advantage of it?

I will admit that I do all the time out of pure humanity.

I don't mean to, and I definitely don't want to, but we all forget...

Those of us that are stranded on the side sometimes find it hard to realize just how serious forgetting can be when it comes to a Soldier.

Families are left hopeless within puddles of tearful broken hearts because their family member has put their life on the line me and you.

So smile every once in a while.

Be thankful that we, as a country, are where we are today.

Our pride should not over take us, or change us, but it should remain with a great amount of respect.

To those Soldiers out there, Veterans, and every one who has served with the armed forces.

Your purpose is of high importance and I thank you for your bravery.

I believe God chose you, because I could never do it.

Think about it once in a while too, and you may come to find we would be lost, if not gone, without the help of those people who serve our country.

# MOVEMENT OF Nice

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Bullying has no age limit or social status; it claims both the weak and the strong, and has now become an epidemic in communities everywhere.

October is anti bullying month supported by brands such as Facebook, with their Mean Stinks Campaign, and Nickelodeon, whom focus on cyber bullying.

Another great asset that has been used to abolish bullying is YouTube voicing the Fighting Words Campaign.

Also available now more than ever are numerous websites, for example StopBullying.gov, is one of the many websites set up with valuable tips and tools to support the cause.

As the awareness of this mean problem becomes more and more known so do the names of the people speaking out against it.

Throughout the years celebrities have been protesting bullying through the internet and public announcements sent via television.

While the fight against bullying lives online and in our televisions and for some even closer to home on the playground or in the

office it thrives in the white house.

While American families struggle with the epidemic the presidential family speaks out.

President Obama along with first lady Michelle Obama has held conferences speaking out to parents, students, and teachers during the Conference on Bullying Prevention.

The statistics of bullying for the year 2011 are jaw dropping.

According to behavioral-management.com, 20% percent of all children say they have been bullied.

That makes the fact that 160,000 students stay home from school every day because bullying is that believable to them.

Thirty percent of those who encountered bullying said that at one time or another they had brought weapons to school.

Not only is the fight against bullying protecting the bullied but it is saving the future of the bullies.

Two thirds of students who have suffered from bullying become bullies themselves.

A bully has a greater risk by the time they reach the age of 24 of being incarcerated within six times the like-

lihood of those who do not partake in bullying.

When a bully is all grown up he or she is five times more likely to have a criminal record.

Twenty percent of high school students confess they have seriously considered suicide within the last year.

Organizations in the Shasta County community such as The Women's Refuge have brought the attention of bullying to home addressing the issue for local children and ways for teachers and members of society to do their part.

Anti bullying campaigns are everywhere, streaming through the technology we as people and as students use on a daily basis.

It is a responsibility to turn what was once a lethal weapon used to hurt into a tool used to educate.

In schools where programs were set up to teach students about the causes and effects of bullying, bullying itself was reduced by 50%.

This implies that knowledge is power and we have the power to stop bullying and start changing lives.

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Everyday something happens that makes you upset, mad, or angry.

Even if it's something little and you just forget about it, it still sits in the back of your head and builds up over time.

Or maybe you burst at the smallest things, all of time because you're filled with stress, but the question is, how do you deal with it in a calm fashion.

A lot of people try to wave everything off like it's no big deal, or pretend nothing is wrong, but those people also often fill up like a balloon with stress and pop at seemingly the worst times.

When asked, Chad Downs said, "I don't know I get mad a lot, and it's over the dumb things, but I try not to take it out on people around me.

I like to go to the gym, that usually helps a lot, or hitting a punching bag."

So in his case, working out seems to do the trick, but maybe that isn't the case for everyone.

A common response was also "venting" to friends or family, because even if they don't give a lot of advice, it feels nice to let it out.

Like Nia French said, "Well I get a little snappy but I guess I just try to do things that will keep my mind off of what I'm worried about, like I'll sleep or something like that."

Other people love music. A lot of people go home and turn the radio up full blast with music they can relate to and let it carry there worries away.

Jesse Holden replied, "You know, I just go home and play my guitar and drift away like that."

Unfortunately there are also a lot of less positive ways to deal with stress, and if anything often cause more stress.

Some people pick on younger or smaller people, some people talk about

people they hardly know behind their backs to boost their self esteem, and some people go as far as starting a fight with a stranger.

One who didn't want their name quoted said, "I know it sounds bad, but if it's been a stressful day I just go home and eat 'til I can't anymore."

The biggest problem with these techniques is, they eliminate that short-term stress but in the long run, they could leave you far more stressed than before. Such as drug use, it's becoming a more and more common stress reliever, but it often leaves people dumbfounded in the long run, and later they may feel cheated because their life is going as planned due to the lost brain cells.

So as you can tell, there are plenty of positive ways you could deal with stress, however there's countless ways to amplify that stress, and they're the ones you want to avoid.