As if things weren't bad enough as is, imagine not having any internet because of a couple backheads believing fake news. Coronavirus conspirators managed to spread a believable enough tall tale that there have been over 100 arson and harassment related inci- dents against wireless towers across Britain. Seeming to grow at the same rate of the coronavirus, the first tower went up in flames on April 2nd in Birmingham followed by three more the next day. Now, it's more than obvious that the spread of COVID-19 and fake news is due to how dense the population is, and how dense the population is. As most things do these days, the 5G Coronavirus conspiracy theory originated on twitter. The first post is hard to locate but it's branches can be seen everywhere. Many of these "theories" start by saying the virus was spread quietly before the release of 5G and was only activat- ed when someone was exposed to a 5G signal. Another says that there is no COVID-19 and 5G wireless is the only cause for those affected. Unfortunately, after burning more than 10 5G towers across Britain, the number of infected people has more than doubled. The spread of this misinformation isn't necessarily due to these internet trolls most of the time through. We have celebrities with tens of thousands of fol- lowers are to thank for conspiracy theory exposure. Woody Harrelson from Zombieland, singer M.I.A., and rapper Paper Planes have all shared some sort of the 5G conspir- acy theory which have reached a combined total of over 2 million people. It's still the people who choose to believe this nonsense that makes me lose faith in humanity though.

Spreading misinformation is a dan- gerous thing, not because it directly attacks anyone (most of the time) but because there are people out there whose brains are programmed to accept everything that's thrown at them. Think before your post, and remember if you don't have supporting official research, it's just another opinion.
Revisiting Skyrim
My Review of SSE Since Playing in Middle School
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The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim is not a new game period. It’s been around since November 2011, yet something it’s still one of the most popular RPG games out there. I remember playing it before the Dragonborn, Heartfire, and Dawnguard add-ons were included in the game. Out of everything that’s changed, I’m definitely still sacrificing the same amount of sleep per night to play this game.

Playing today, there are differences immediately noticeable compared to when I first played, and not just with the game’s style. I was always envying watching my dad play when I was in middle school because he would be level 50 or so and have more than 100,000 gold, and I’d be level 70+ with maybe 10,000. I also never branched out on my player type, sticking to a very basic one-handed, archery build. Now, tell you what he thinks of you and any thoughts he has, and you are free to go if you wish. Most follower mods aren’t anything too special and don’t add a noticeable amount of value to the game, but Inigo changes the entire atmosphere. If you play Skyrim and you don’t have Inigo, I definitely recommend giving the mod a try.

I also wanted to get back into Skyrim after hearing updates about the Elder Scrolls VI. Apparently, Bethesda wants to release the sixth edition of the Elder Scrolls during the Xbox Series X and PlayStation. Unfortunately, that means 2021 at the earliest, but probably closer to 2025. Whatever the date may be, I can only hope to have more time on my hands in 5 years than I do now because I probably won’t sleep for at least three days after the games release.

I’ve gone through the basic game build, making better decisions, a mage build (my favorite so far), and a sneak/thief build. Mods have also been a very fun experience, specifically the Inigo follower mod. Inigo is an extraordinarily in-depth follower who can tell you his whole life backstory, has his own questline, will

Valoran Review
Riot is making another game, and it is GOOD
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If you frequent Twitch, you no doubt have seen that most of the world’s top streamers are playing a beta version of Valorant, an up-and-coming free-to-play first-person shooter being developed by Riot Games, the developer of the insanely popular League of Legends. A lucky few streamers have acquired access to the beta in the game that the world can’t seem to get enough of.

As a long-time Counter-Strike player, I feel slight at home with the game’s basic shooting mechanics. Each weapon feels powerful, and I especially enjoy the problems that their CSGO counterparts have and the game doesn’t feel partial towards using any particular weapon. However, my inexperience with Overwatch does not work in my favor. I’m not good about using abilities, and I instead default to trying to outshoot the opposing team. Since the ability system doesn’t work the same way as CSGO’s utility system, with smoke grenades and flashbangs and the like, but instead uses character-specific abilities, I have to learn how to play characters individually, which hurts my performance in matches because I am so used to just knowing how to handle a situation. However, it opens up a lot of room for creativity in how they’re used.

While I think that the game’s weapons are well-balanced, especially for a beta test, I can say for certain that the agents are nearly the complete opposite. It feels like, regardless of a player’s skill with a given character, they always win anything from one-on-one gunfights to entire matches easily. That’s because some abilities are simply too overpowering, especially comparing them to similar abilities used by different agents. For example, Phoenix and Breach are two characters that both have abilities which blind the opposing team, but Breach’s variant is nearly infinitely better than Phoenix’s. Phoenix can throw a flash around a corner, and it blinds enemies for a second or two before ending. Breach can throw his straight through walls, and

I’m pretty sure that it lasts at least an entire second longer than Phoenix’s. There are a few other highly annoying aspects of some of the rest of the game’s agents, especially Raze, but I won’t get into that because I could probably write a book about it.

Despite these apparent short-comings, I have to give Valoran a lot of credit for being as stable and enjoyable as it is, especially considering the game has only been in beta for over a week. I can definitely foresee a future in which I play this game in place of CSGO, and I have a feeling that doesn’t have to break the battle royale trend of the past few years, and that it will surge to the top of eSports popularity and be nearly as ubiquitous of a phenomenon as Fortnite has been for the past few years.
Joe Exotic: King or Dunce?
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Over the past week or so, I have seen a lot of buzz surrounding the Netflix docuseries Tiger King come across my twitter timeline. Being the great reporter I am, I decided to give it a shot. So this past weekend, I sat down with my dad and watched the first four episodes. Here is my review up and to this point. What the hell?

I had heard the name Joe Exotic before, but only ever in short posts on Instagram, or a brief news headline that popped up on my phone. I knew that big cat and exotic animal trades were illegal and I knew that most of those animals were endangered. What I never expected was the depth of that world: the exotic animal world.

This show, if not obvious by the title, is about a man named Joe “Tiger King” Exotic, who bought, sold, and bred exotic animals and big cats, especially tigers, at his facility, called the GW Zoo in Greater Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Fairly early in the first episode, the makers of the show introduce Joe’s sworn nemesis, Carole Baskin.

Joe Exotic, the Tiger King Image courtesy of thedailybeast.com

Carole is the owner of Big Cat Rescue in , and claims to be a protector of big cats. For years, Joe and Carole went back and forth at each other, using money, extortion, threats, suspected arson, and suspected foul play, all trying to get the other park to shut down. Carole, claiming self righteousness, and Joe, claiming she is full of bologna.

I’m only four episodes in but let me tell ya, this whole situation is messed up. Netflix does an incredible job of sucking you into and keeping you watching their show. I’m not going to go into too much detail, but they have so far created an environment that is so engaging that the viewer is not aware of what’s going on. However, from animal rights activists groups, saying that Netflix failed to cover the real issues: cub petting, cub trading, and animal abuse, among other things. While the show does make for very good dramatic television, I have to agree with them. It swings and misses at tackling the real issues that are still hurting endangered species across the country.

Why (Some) People Aren’t Social Distancing
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COVID-19, a novel strain of the coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China, has claimed over 133,000 lives worldwide. Though the respiratory infection is spread via bodily fluids, it can exist outside of the body for days, weeks, or possibly months. When, then, are many Americans not taking this pandemic seriously in particular, why has this cluster perspective especially common among older generations, especially when they stand to benefit the most from social distancing and love their fundamental rights? As the discussion below will demonstrate, the spread of misinformation during a pandemic can be just as dangerous as the contagion itself. These misinterpretations lead certain members of the public to disregard crucial scientific advice.

Michigan residents staged an automobile rally on April 19th, dubbed “Operation Gridlock,” in which demonstrators paraded around the capital building in their cars to protest Governor Whitmer’s stay-at-home order. Despite the event organizers’ instructions to remain in their vehicles, protesters soon gathered on the front steps of the building. Organized by the Michigan Conservative Coalition against government tyranny, they demonstrated with their automatic rifles, the crowd chanted, “Lock her up! Lock her up!” from Whitmer’s does anyone have a response to this? The protesters believed that the governor’s order infringing on their fundamental rights. While this assertion may seem valid on the surface, it does not hold up when you consider the potential harm to others. In other words, the universal right to autonomy does not include the right to threaten public health. This is what makes the narrative deviate so contentious—why should the “anti-vaxx parents’ right to choose override the right of others’ right to life? Especially those relying on herd immaturity? In a similar way, failing to self-isolate for non-essential reasons places the entire population at risk.

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Some coronavirus apathetics contrasted the virus with the flu—saying it’s not as bad as influenza, which has led to over 34,000 deaths in the U.S. during the 2018-2019 flu season. They argue that the emerging response to an affliction with a comparatively lower mortality rate is ridiculous. This argument falls flat for at least three reasons.

First, there is a known influenza vaccine, while a COVID-19 vaccine could take months to develop and mass produce. Second, this argument falsely assumes that the pandemic has peaked—that the current death toll is as bad as it is going to get. However, it has been almost four months and these numbers are still rising each day. Third, the F-311 attacks claimed the lives of “only” 3000 Americans—far less than the flu—but triggered a comprehensive overhaul of national security and an extensive military campaign in the Middle East. Few would argue that these counter-terrorism measures were pointless simply because the casualties were not as high as American needs to treat the coronavirus with the same rigor and awareness as any other national threat. Because of misinformation that is as intentional as it is widespread, several Americans are resisting government-imposed social distancing rules. We must completely restructure this dangerous narrative if we are to be prepared to the next pandemic inevitable strikes.
WE ARE THE VIRUS: Nature returns to cities across Europe
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With the number of cases of the Coronavirus Pandemic still increasing, governments around the globe are urging their people to stay the fuck home. The ‘stay-the-fuck-at-home’ campaign has become international, with athletes around the world providing thoughts and prayers.

As of now, South Dakota remains the only state/province/country to remain open. It’s governor telling the media that “...no one here wants to leave and no one who isn’t here wants to come in...” and that she believes her state could be grounds for a “...clinical trial the likes of which have never been seen...” Whether or not the second part is true remains to be seen, however, she is right in presuming no one wants to go to South Dakota.

Across the Atlantic Pond, the brits were told by their immortal queen that they must remain vigilant and patient. I reached out to a colleague in London and asked how the major city is dealing with such a disease. He told me that it is quite bitter politics and that they have been spending nights on the phone with other countries who have been hit hard in the past.

Quarantine is not only the only country to see this trend either. In Venice, citizens are able to see their sad, ugly reflections in the water as the ordinary was going on, well, almost. Jacque told me that a few nights ago while everyone was asleep, there was a loud rumbling throughout the city, like an earthquake. He said he quickly jumped out of bed wearing only his boxer and ran to the window. He was able to snap a quick shot of what he saw, but beware, it is quite a low quality picture.

I asked my French friend Jacque what the situation is like in Paris, the country’s pride and joy. He assured me that nothing out of the ordinary was going on, well, almost. Jacque told me that a few nights ago while everyone was asleep, there was a loud rumbling throughout the city, like an earthquake. He said he quickly jumped out of bed wearing only his boxer and ran to the window. He was able to snap a quick shot of what he saw, but beware, it is quite a low quality picture.

It appears that in the absence of humans, the presence of the tower’s engineer, Gustave Eiffel, took over the famous building. As you can see from the quite uncaptured picture to the left, Gustave took his dog for a stroll and a baguette before returning to his place. Although it is unclear whether phenomena like these are happening in other continents. All we can do is hope that once this whole shit show is over, mankind is able to peacefully live with the nature that has reclaimed itself. But probably we’ll just exploit it for resources as always. Either way, I urge my readers to stay the fuck home. The ‘stay the fuck at home’ campaign has finally been able to see wild tea bags come out of their habitation in the soil and back into nature. It really is beautiful!