NSU’s 2019 Black History Month events begin on Friday, Feb. 8, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Rick Case Arena in the Don Taft University Center, with the 16th Annual Art Exhibition “Face to Face: Art Through Haitian Eyes” opening reception.

This year’s exhibition, on loan from and curated by the NSU Art Museum in Fort Lauderdale, will feature painted pieces created by Haitian artists.

“This exhibition gives us the opportunity to share the collection with the public… This is the world premier of this exhibition, which has been drawn completely from the NSU Art Museum collection,” said Bonnie Clearwater, director and curator at the NSU Art Museum.

“The pieces really transcend the scope of art in the twentieth century, from landscapes and city scenes to more experimental work and abstraction,” explained Clearwater.

The collection will reside in the Alvin Sherman Library Adolfo and Marisela Cotilla Gallery after the event. The celebration will also spotlight work from NSU’s own performing and visual arts department student works, which will be displayed in the UC Spine afterwards.

“I want this to be a celebration. For everyone to come with an open heart and an open mind and realize…everyone is just the same, so why do we resort to this foolishness [separating ourselves from one another]?” said Mara Kiffin, director in the division of public relations and marketing communications, chair of the African presence organizing committee and black history month committee.

“Celebrations of diversity and culture—it’s important. I hope people embrace it, and I hope people come out and have a good time,” added Kiffin.

The opening exhibition on Feb. 8 will be the kick off of NSU’s Black History Month events, and will include a musical performance by NSU’s Riff Tides, refreshments, giveaways and guest speakers. Additionally, it will also celebrate the Urban League of Broward County for their 44 years of service to the community, as well as black Greek organizations, such as the undergraduate ones on campus.

“It’s important for us to embrace our differences. We learn more from our differences than our similarities. Each culture and ethnic and racial group has something to share, something to offer that we can learn from, we can benefit from and we can appreciate.” said Kiffin. “I think things will be much more harmonious if we embrace our diversity and our differences as opposed to seeing them as a way to keep ourselves apart from each other.”

Black History Month will also feature the 6th Annual “Let’s Speak Truth” poetry and spoken word night hosted by QUICKthePoet. The event will be held in the Alvin Sherman Library Adolfo and Mariela Cotilla Gallery on Friday, March 1, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Visit https://www.nova.edu/blackhistory/events.html for more information about NSU’s Black History Month events. A link to RSVP for the opening reception can also be found on that page, or call (954) 262-5357 to reserve a seat.
Manga Cartoon Whitewashes Haitian-Japanese Athlete

Controversy arose online after a Japanese company depicted Naomi Osaka, a Haitian-Japanese tennis player as a blonde-haired, white-skinned woman in a Manga Cartoon. The company, who sponsors Osaka, apologized for “white-washing” after the drawing was posted on Twitter. This isn’t the first time an inaccurate cartoon of Osaka has been created. After an Australian cartoonist depicted Osaka as a white woman in September 2018, the controversy took weeks to die down.

Protests Against Maduro Rise in Venezuela

Last Wednesday, thousands of protesters took to the streets to protest, echoing the nationwide call to force President Nicolás Maduro out of office. The National Guard met groups of demonstrators in Caracas with force, blocking their paths with tear gas. According to the New York Times, the United States and many of Venezuela’s neighbors have called the president an illegitimate dictator and expressed strong support for a plan to establish a transitional president an illegitimate dictator and expressed strong support for a plan to establish a transitional government. The Commission explains that money laundering and tax evasion have been linked to these visas and warns countries against giving out these types of passports.

Soccer Star Still Missing after Plane Disappearance

Emiliano Sala is presumed dead after his flight last Monday from the French city of Nantes to Cardiff, the capital of Wales, suddenly disappeared off the coast of Guernsey, an island in the English Channel. Search teams have been receiving satellite footage and mobile phone data in efforts to recover any survivors. According to MSN News, the sports star had sent a voicemail to his father explaining how the plane “looked like it [was] going to fall apart” prior to his departure.

EU Cracks Down on “Golden Passports”

The EU Commission has instructed the EU to tighten restrictions on so-called “golden passports” which are given to non-EU nationals in exchange for investments. The EU gives its members unique access to the European market as well as free movement in EU nations, privileges extended to non EU members via these passports. Cyprus, Malta and Bulgaria and 17 other EU nations grant resident rights to foreign investors who invest in their country, putting them onto a path for citizenship. The Commission explains that money laundering and tax evasion have been linked to these visas and warns countries against giving out these types of passports.

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The first day started with first light, 5 a.m. on location. There was trucks filled with expensive camera equipment, trailers inhabited by the main actors, more trailers for makeup and wardrobe and one for a production office. I was amazed by my surroundings. I’ve never seen so many people on a set before and because there was so many people the only method used for communication was walkie. My task was to check-in talent and make sure they were there was so many people the only method was to name of few.

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The shutdowns:
A shutdown typically occurs when there is a fight over policy matter such as the Affordable Care Act, taxes, the Border Wall, or DACA for example. “These fights are so intense that one side simply won’t agree or use [the shutdown] as a game of chicken to speak. Who will blink first? By threatening the use of a government shutdown, unemployment of federal workers and pain to american people as leverage for one side to get the other side to blink and give in,” said Zelden.

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‘It’s a trickle down effect that directly affects the workers and ultimately affects everyone involved in our society. If a shutdown last long enough, it tears away at the supports of society,” said Zelden.

This most recent government shutdown wasn’t only the longest lasting government shutdown in history, but it can potentially physically picking up each object, it becomes easier to identify items that make you happy and those that don’t, making you wonder why you hang onto objects that don’t spark joy.

Kondo says you will feel the joy in your body when touching an object that indeed sparks it. Your favorite t-shirt should bring a rising sensation to your whole body.

Approached correctly, taking the time to find happiness in your home will spread into your personal and work life. As Kondo says, “the question of what you want to own is actually the question of how you want to live your life.”

On Friday, President Trump agreed to reopen the federal government for three weeks while negotiations proceed over how to secure the nation’s southwestern border. According to the New York Times, Trump signed to restore normal operations at a series of federal agencies until Feb. 15 and began paying the $800,000 federal workers who were forced to work during the 35 day stint of the shutdown without pay. As negotiations over the border wall are now back in session, there are a few ways this situation can proceed. Trump claims that if Republicans and Democrats cannot reach agreement on wall funding by the February deadline, that he is reinitiating the shutdown as a “corner: the wall or nothing, Keeping the government shutdown until there is a budget for the wall, which Democrats have made clear they won’t accept. Or, accept nothing and back off. It’s hard to reason if you’re a politician. Right now, the Democrats have the upper hand. They passed clean resolutions that the senate passed unanimously and are waiting for the president to approve it,” said Zelden.

In the past, government shutdowns were cases of long negotiations that got too close to the deadline and needed more time before everything was signed and approved. Starting in the 90’s, we began seeing government shutdowns used as a leverage to manipulate parties into agreeing to certain policies. This most recent shutdown is an example of this manipulation. At this point, we are just waiting to see who blinks.
The ArtSage Alliance — operated by Venetian Arts Society, John Knox Village and NSU — is bringing in a special treat Feb. 1 by guest of other artists, including Sting, Roberta Flack, Katreese Barnes. ArtSage is hosting a reception at 6 p.m., the main event at 7 p.m., and turn them into bags. Rather than using plastic bags at the grocery store and farmer’s market, repurpose old shirts. Pull a shirt or tank top inside out, and sew it along the bottom. If sewing isn’t your strong suit, you can also tie the bottom in a tight knot or use seam glue to secure the bottom closed. If it’s a t-shirt, take a ribbon or yarn and tie it through the sleeve and neck hole so that the “handle” is completely customizable, but just try to work with fabrics that don’t fray or buy seam glue to keep it neat.

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Madelyn Riika, co-editor-in-chief, said:
“In 2019, I want to take more time to listen to myself. I have a tendency to put too much on my plate and get overwhelmed, because I’m so passionate about so many things. However, that also means that I get burnt out pretty easily. I want to focus on staying organized, not letting anything slip through the cracks (whether that be education, work, mental, physical or emotional health) and stepping back when I need to.”

Mario Lorrimer, business manager, said:
“I haven’t thought much about a new year resolution or improving a personal quality. However, I do want to continue to be nice to everyone. I think that you need to give everyone time to improve, and how are you doing so?”

Alexandra Herlihy, sports editor, said:
“Something that I want to improve upon for myself this year is to become more fit. Being a part of a school team is seriously helping with that because everyone on the team pushes each other to do more than their best every single day. Every day at practice I show up and push myself to my limit until I can’t go anymore.”

Christina Mclaughlin, co-editor-in-chief, said:
“This year is a big rebuilding year for me and with that, I wanted to come up with some resolutions that could really help me improve. Mainly I’m focusing on time-management and getting into shape. There are a lot of things I need to juggle this semester and time-management is going to be key to make sure I get good grades. I got a really nice planner I take everywhere with me and daily check things off my to-do list to give myself some piece of mind. Getting myself to the gym has always been a struggle for me as I always find an excuse not to work out. But this semester I’ve really buckled down and told myself to at least make an effort to attend a group exercise class or walk around campus at the end of the day.”

Kathleen Crapson, chief of visual design, said:
“Admittedly, my self-reflections and resolutions have been lacking since the start of the new year. I tend to lay out a framework on Jan. 1 of how I want to improve. Whether it’s working on my goals, or myself, I journal my innermost thoughts. In the last few years, the quality of my journaling has dwindled from daily entries to that annual introspection. And then there’s this year. January is already off to an interesting start, yet I haven’t had the motivation to take pen to paper. For some reason, introspection has become harder and harder to face. This year, I want to get into the habit of spending some time alone cultivating introspection, acknowledging my truth, becoming content with what is unchangeable and being courageous enough to push forward into the unknown.”

Kelsey Bruce, arts and entertainment editor, said:
“I’d like to focus on putting myself first this year. I have a tendency to prioritize other people’s needs over my own, which is fine sometimes. But as I’ve come to become more and more familiar with my own worth, I want to be able to say no even when it might disappoint or see reality instead of potential in more lackluster friendships. Overall, I want to become more assertive and more familiar with the fact that I deserve respect.”

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**Staff Picks**

- What’s one personal quality you’ve taken the time to improve, and how are you doing so?

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- **South Florida Fair**
  Jan. 8 - Feb. 3 | All day
  @South Florida Fairgrounds | West Palm Beach

- **Florida Grand Opera: The Marriage of Figaro**
  Jan. 26 - Feb. 3 | 7:30 p.m.
  @Ziff Opera House at the Adrienne Arsht Center | Miami

- **Nashville Predators VS. Florida Panthers**
  Feb. 1 | 7 p.m.
  @BB&T Center | Sunrise

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  @African American Research Library and Cultural Center | Fort Lauderdale

- **Miami International Map Fair**
  Feb. 2-3 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
  @HistoryMiami | Miami

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  @Emma Lou Olsen Civic Center | Pompano Beach

- **World Famous “Venice of America” Lesson and Stand Up Paddle Board Tour**
  First Sat. of every month | 1 a.m.
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- **Jekyll & Hyde**
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Magnus Poulsen is a junior psychology major from Copenhagen, Denmark. After transferring to Nova Southeastern University as a sophomore, he placed seventh in the 100 fly at the 2018 NCAA Div. II Championship. That same year, he was named an NCAA All-American in the 100 fly and received an Honorable Mention All-American in the 200 free relay, 400 medley relay and 400 free relay. He earned the title of Sunshine State Conference champion in the 100 fly and the 200 fly. His time in the 100 fly was an NSC record, meet record and a school record.

How and why did you get into swimming?
“My parents have been swimming their whole lives, so it was natural for me to start swimming. They threw me in [the water] as a baby, so to speak, and then I just started to get the catch of it from them. [My parents] supported me and I enjoyed [swimming] very much. I got better and better as I grew up.

What is your favorite thing about swimming?
“The way we are as a team. I really like the mentality. We work together—we are family and we share success. I’m a water animal, so I love being in the water. I’m terrible at land sports.”

Why did you come to NSU?
“The swim team, obviously. I was at a school up in Chicago my freshman year so I transferred down here my sophomore year. I really like the coach — Coach Ben — and all of the resources we have here at Nova. The staff is so supportive and understanding. Also, the academics. I’m starting Psychology and [the school] has a very good Psychology Program.”

How is swimming here different than in Copenhagen, Denmark?
“The biggest difference about swimming here in Florida compared to Denmark is, of course, the temperature. [In Florida] we practice outside every day. I never practice outside in Denmark because the weather isn’t so good for [swimming]. In Denmark, we don’t have the whole college experience. It’s either you do your sport or you do your school after high school. The mentality over here [is different]. You do your best every time. Back home, you do your best every time, but there’s still sometimes where it’s okay not to do [your best].

What are your goals for swimming in the future?
“I’m 23 now, and I’ve been swimming all my life. I feel like when I’m done with college, then I’ll have had enough at this level. I don’t want to go pro, I think, just because I want to have a working life. I don’t want to be defined as ‘the swimmer.’ [Swimming] is a big part of my life but I don’t want [swimming] to be the only thing I can do.”

Do you have any pre-meet rituals?
“I don’t have a specific one. I’m sure if you observe me, I’ll do [rituals] that I don’t even know I do before. I tend to go into meets with the mentality to have fun and not to think too much about the meet. [I try to] take it as it comes and have fun with my teammates. If they’re nervous, that gets me fired up, kind of. I know [getting fired up from other people’s nervousness] may sound a little weird, but I can take some of their pressure of me and bring it to make a really good team.”

What is your favorite thing to do after a big meet?
“Hopefully, let’s say [the meet] went well, then I like to go out and have a nice dinner with my teammates. We just decide [where to go] at the moment, kind of. We talk about the meet afterward. I might also be extremely tired and just want to go home and watch Netflix. It depends.”

What does your downtime look like?
“I like to travel a lot. I would say my favorite place that I’ve ever been was Thailand. We went to Phuket— Asia is such a different part of the world than the rest. [Phuket, Thailand] was just so incredibly beautiful and everything there was awesome. I also enjoy doing other kinds of sports and activities— wakeboarding and surfing, for example. I try to do that in the off-season. In the summer, when I’m home in Denmark, I work as an ocean rescue lifeguard.”

Do you have any hobbies?
“I love cooking food and trying new recipes. [Cooking] is a stress reliever for me. I like to chill out with my friends and have them come over and eat whatever I cooked.”

Who do you consider your biggest role model?
“Steve Jobs. I consider him a huge role model. He built [Apple] up from a garage, literally, and made [his business] what it is today.”

What is advice you would give to other student-athletes?
“Hang in there. Don’t get behind in school, keep up with it so you can keep on [doing your sport]. That’s why I came to America, I wanted to do school as well as swimming. There’s a lot of temptations down here in South Florida, so just make sure you are doing the right things.”

How have you managed to balance sports and academics?
“I’m very organized. We have practice from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. three times a week and then every afternoon. I know exactly when I have to be in the pool, and I manage my time outside of the pool: now I know I have time to do a nap, now I have time to do homework, now I have to swim, have dinner, do more homework as needed.”

What do you plan to do after graduation?
“After graduation, I want to get a master’s in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. I’m not sure if I’ll [go to school] in the U.S. or go back home. [That program] isn’t offered at Nova, so I have to find another school if I want to stay here. [Staying in the U.S.] also depends if I get into that school. Or if I say ‘okay, those were my four years in America, now I want to go back home.’ But I definitely want to get a master’s degree.”

Athlete of the Week: Magnus Poulsen

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Magnus Poulsen, pictured above, is a real fly-fisher, as he is a record-setting NSU swimmer.
It’s customary that whatever team wins a national championship for their sport, the president invites them to visit the White House in celebration. Usually, the White House has a whole meal for the team but this year the NCAA Football Champions, the Clemson Tigers, got fast food.

On Jan. 7, the Tigers won a hard game against the University of Alabama with a score of 44-16. This marked their second national championship in three years. Their first trip to the White House happened almost five months after the championship game. This year, it was only a week after the game. When the team walked into the White House, they were greeted with a buffet of fast food. Usually, the teams who visit get a meal prepared by the White House kitchen staff but because of the partial government shutdown, there was not enough staff to create a meal. My question is, why not just wait? Obviously, this shutdown will not last forever, so Trump could easily wait for the shutdown to end so that this team can get the meal that they deserve. Trump said: “I had a choice...Do we have no food for you?...Or do we give you some little quick salads that the First Lady will make, along with the Second Lady—they’ll make some salads. No, I said, you guys aren’t into salads.” Why couldn’t he have waited for the shutdown to end? It’s not like he didn’t wait the last time the Tigers went to the White House. Is this some sort of weird propaganda for ending this shutdown? Trump did mention to the press that there were no kitchen workers because of the shutdown. Either way, a national championship team shouldn’t have to deal with this. Trump did also say that he paid for everything out of his own pocket, but that amounted to under $3,000.

According to the Washington Post, the players were happy to see a full fast food feast, especially after many months of watching what they ate. The team worked with culinary coaches so that they can stay in good health during the football season, but they were able to take a break for that night. So everything technically worked out, but I still wouldn’t’ve waited until the team was able to have a whole spread for the team. It was a nice gesture that he paid for the entire team to eat dinner at the White House, but it was highly unusual that there was such a fast turnaround. He should have waited until the government was back up and running.

From the original Ancient Greek Olympics to last year’s Super Bowl, sports have been around for millennia. Today’s public, however, often doesn’t know the history of some of the nation’s favorite sports. Here you can find some relevant, monumental and inspiring games that have changed the future of sports forever.

**January 29**

First players elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame (1936)
The first Hall of Fame class for baseball was composed of center-fielder for the Detroit Tigers, Ty Cobb; pitcher for the Washington Senators (now the Minnesota Twins), Walter Johnson; center-fielder for the New York Giants, Christy Mathewson; shortstop for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Honus Wagner.

**January 31**

Jackie Robinson is born (1919)
Born in Cairo, Georgia, Robinson and his four siblings were raised by his mother. He studied at UCLA where he was the first athlete to win varsity letters in four sports: football, basketball, baseball, and track. Due to financial troubles, he had to drop out of college and enlist in the army. After being honorably discharged, he went on to be the first African-American baseball player with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

**February 2**

The National League in Baseball forms (1876)
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**February 3**

First Olympic skier to sweep three alpine events (1956)
Austrian skier Toni Sailer made history at the 1956 Winter Olympics by being the first skier to win all three Alpine events — downhill, giant slalom and slalom. Sailer was also the fifth winter athlete to win three gold medals at one Olympics.

First African-American president of the National League (1909)
Bill White was named the first African-American president of the National League in baseball, replacing Angelo Bartlett “Bart” Giamatti. The 55-year-old former baseball player and broadcaster was also the first African-American to head any major league sports position.

**February 4**

First player to be unanimously voted into the hall of fame, receiving the highest possible 425 votes. The votes were cast by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. Out of the four who were voted in, Halladay and Mussina were first-round draft picks.

LeBron still out on injury
On Jan. 24, LeBron James had to sit out once again because of an injury. This is the fourth time MVP’s 15th game out because of a left groin strain. He participated in some drills with the team the day before but hasn’t experienced a full practice since suffering the injury on Christmas Day. James is expected to return on Jan. 27. Since Christmas Day, the Lakers have been 5-3 and dropped from No. 4 to No. 9 in the Western Conference.

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2019 is, already, off to a weird start. On Jan. 4, a new Instagram account named @world_record_egg set out on a mission. The account posted a stock photo of an egg with the goal of becoming the most-liked picture on the platform. Surprisingly, it did. A picture of an egg became the most-liked image on Instagram, beating out Kylie Jenner’s picture announcing her daughter’s name. The new record-breaking picture has over 45 million “likes”.

As shocking as this may be, this egg has caused some controversy. Some people are outraged that people are more concerned with the picture over “real world” issues. Others think it’s funny and just another way the internet has come together to do something cool. There is also a theory going around that the account was made to mess with Kylie Jenner to get some sort of reaction out of her.

I think the idea of a record-breaking egg is hysterical. Some of the “Egg Gang” has even gone so far as to comment egg emojis in the comments of Kylie Jenner’s picture. Also, this account has gotten verified by Instagram and now is selling merchandise. The account’s bio says that their record-breaking picture “is only the beginning.” What is the egg going to do next?

The way the internet gathers around something weird, dumb and funny is quite fascinating. Overall, this may not be the most important news to talk about, but it will definitely give everyone a good laugh.
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Don’t flush your razor – flush your toxic masculinity

By: Kelsey Bruce
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Too often, we discuss the ills of our society without acknowledging that social issues are not caused by pariahs living in isolation — instead, they stem from the people that make up society. To make any progress on these issues and shape the world into a kinder place, we must create a culture of accountability. That is precisely what Gillette works towards in its “We Believe: The Best Men Can Be” short film, made to go with the #MeToo movement. Their website clarifies these intentions, “As a company that encourages men to be their best, we have a responsibility to make sure we are promoting positive, attainable, inclusive and healthy versions of what it means to be a man.”

Boiled down, Gillette’s mission is to promote empathy and self-improvement, qualities any self-respecting human being would like to lay claim to. But some people don’t see it like that. Some people are taking Gillette’s push in the right direction as a direct attack, and it’s not difficult to guess why: they see themselves in the film. The short film explores persistent, common instances of toxic masculinity in American culture. These include phrases like “boys will be boys,” clips of media that frames sexual harassment as humorous and the idea that experiencing and perpetuating aggression is character-building for young boys. After these scenes, Gillette poignantly asks, “Bullying. The #MeToo movement against sexual harassment. Toxic masculinity. Is this the best a man can get?” They go on to say they believe in men, their ability to hold other men accountable, to do the right thing, to show youth that violence and aggression are not the best means through which to conduct one’s life. They even say some men are already doing it but that some is not enough. Indeed, for those who have decided to boycott Gillette because of the ad, “some” is not enough. An opinion piece on Fox News Network states Gillette’s “big company engaging with this topic and fighting for change” and it asserts many men have decided it implies that men are “universal aggressors and rapists.” Maybe their audio cut out when watching the film, but the most likely reason these people ignore that Gillette directly said “some [men] already are [acting the right way],” is because they are not these men. They are the men who have not begun to separate themselves from toxic masculinity.

Some may indeed be sexual aggressors who rationalize their actions. After all, when in 15 women and 1 in 71 men undergo rape in their lives, as listed by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, someone has to play the role of the assailant. But Gillette isn’t claiming that all men, or even all men that have a problem with the ad, are rapists. Instead, it’s challenging social norms that have gone on for all too long: rape myths that blame the victims, the idea that it’s an alpha move to talk about women like conquests and countless other attitudes that remain socially acceptable to perpetuate. It’s emphasizing that assault and harassment do not exist in a vacuum, and that we are all responsible for acting against the culture that allow them to happen.

Most men who are angry at this Gillette ad have likely been guilty of being bystanders. They’ve seen other men break boundaries with other women, use violent or dehumanizing language and put down other men for not living up to society’s concept of masculinity, which does happen to be at least partially toxic. Their apparent stubbornness at realizing Gillette is placing their faith in them to recognize their mistakes and change for the better is itself an aspect of their toxic masculinity.

If these men would step outside of their own minds for just two minutes and look around at the suffering they play a role in, we’d advance years in this movement. But they find their own pride more important. They’d rather flush their Gillette razors and ruin their plumbing than take responsibility for the role they have in the chronic occurrence of gender-based violence.

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"I think it was really nice for Gillette to do the ad, because it fights toxic masculinity and the whole image that men have to be tough and strong. That’s not true. I see a lot of guys with depression and treating women badly because of the whole image of being superior, that’s just bull crap. That was an image created and supported by the media, so it’s nice to see a big company engaging with this topic and fighting against toxic masculinity. There is nothing offensive about it. I saw negative feedback from conservative people and that’s what we expect. They supported the image so they don’t want it to be funny. I really liked the ad, great job Gillette!"

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