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Dear Valued Readers,

Summer is finally here, and with it comes that familiar, infectious urge to celebrate, to gather outdoors, share meals under open skies, and embrace the warmth and freedom this season brings.

Whether you're planning a street festival, a park market, a concert series, or a community block party, we hope you're as eager as we are to make this summer memorable. There is something undeniably magical about this time of year, and we encourage everyone to get out there, connect with others, and make the most of every sunlit evening.

That said, a word of advice to all the wonderful hosts and organizers making these experiences possible: summer weekends are precious, but they are also finite. We urge you to coordinate with one another and spread your events across the calendar rather than clustering everything into a single Friday/Saturday.



Event Organizers

Furthermore, resist the temptation to simply replicate the event concept your competitor down the road launched last season. Your audience deserves originality, not a carbon copy. Trust your own vision, lean into what makes you unique, and give people a reason to show up for your idea. A little creativity and mutual respect among hosts will make this summer richer for all of us.



Event Attendees

As you dive into the season's events, we also urge you to look out for yourselves and one another. Summer fun should never come at a cost you can't recover from. It is all too easy to get swept up in the moment, but please, be mindful: never get behind the wheel after drinking, and never let a friend do so either. One reckless decision can change or end lives in an instant. Equally, listen to your bodies, stay hydrated, rest when you need to, and know your limits. Ladies don't give it too easily....you know what I mean.

The best summer memories are the ones you are healthy and present enough to enjoy, so celebrate wisely, care for yourselves, and make it home safely to do it all again next weekend.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

HAS DONE MORE HARM
THAN GOOD TO OUR KIDS

- *Why Social Media Is Harming Our Kids*
- *Why Governments Must Ban It for Under-16s*

For over a decade, we have allowed a massive, uncontrolled social experiment to play out on our children. Platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat were not designed with adolescent well-being in mind, they were engineered to maximize attention, engagement, and profit.



The results are now undeniable: a generation is struggling with unprecedented rates of anxiety, depression, and self-harm. It is no longer enough for parents to monitor screen time or for schools to teach digital literacy. The evidence is clear, and the urgency demands it: governments must pass laws prohibiting social media use for anyone under the age of 16.

First, consider the impact on mental health. Between 2010 and 2020, rates of teen depression and suicide in the U.S. and U.K. surged by over 50%, with the sharpest rise occurring among girls aged 12–15. This timeline correlates precisely with the widespread adoption of smartphones and social media.

Longitudinal studies, including those from the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, show that adolescents who spend more than three hours a day on social media face double the risk of poor mental health outcomes, including anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

Why? Because adolescence is a critical period for identity formation and social learning, but social media hijacks these processes. Features like "likes," endless scrolling, and curated feeds exploit dopamine-driven feedback loops. Kids compare their real, messy lives with the highlight reels of peers, leading to toxic cycles of inadequacy. For those already vulnerable, cyberbullying is relentless; it doesn't end when the school bell rings. Tragically, countless cases of teen suicide have been linked to online harassment, a preventable tragedy.

Beyond psychology, social media erodes the pillars of healthy development. Sleep is the first casualty. The blue light and addictive design keep kids awake late, disrupting the REM sleep essential for memory, emotional regulation, and growth. Chronic sleep deprivation in teens is linked to poor academic performance and increased risk-taking.

Attention spans suffer as well. The constant switching between short, explosive content rewires young brains -

for distraction, impairing the ability to read long texts or engage in deep, focused work. Meanwhile, physical activity declines as screen time replaces outdoor play, contributing to rising obesity rates. We are raising a generation that can scroll for hours but struggles to hold a face-to-face conversation, a foundational skill for life and work.



WHY PARENTAL CONTROL IS NOT ENOUGH

Some argue that parents should simply set limits. But that places an unfair burden on individual families while ignoring the structural problem. Social media algorithms are designed to outsmart parental controls and exploit psychological vulnerabilities. Many parents are themselves addicted to their phones, outmatched by engineering geniuses in Silicon Valley. Moreover, peer pressure is immense: if 80% of a 13-year-old's class is on Instagram, no parental rule can fully isolate that child from the social exclusion of being offline.

A law prohibiting use for under-16s changes the dynamic. It aligns all families, schools, and platforms with a single, enforceable standard. It says: This is not a parenting failure; it is a design problem, and we are fixing it at the societal level.

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PRECEDENT FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION

This is not radical, it is common sense. We already restrict driving to 16, voting to 18, and alcohol to 21, because we recognize that children's brains are not equipped to handle those risks. Social media poses a similarly serious, if more insidious, threat. Some countries have moved to ban social media for under-16s without parental consent.

Opponents claim such laws violate free speech or would be unenforceable. But free speech does not include a right to commercial manipulation of minors. As for enforcement, technology exists: age verification via ID or biometrics, combined with serious fines for platforms that fail to comply (e.g., millions per violation). When governments have the will, they can regulate.



Truth is we would not hand a 12-year-old unlimited cigarettes, alcohol, or unsupervised time in a dangerous part of town. Yet we have handed them a smartphone with access to a global network engineered to addict and influence them. The damage is not hypothetical, it is playing out in emergency rooms, counselors' offices, and tragically, funerals.

Governments have a duty to protect children from foreseeable harm. Passing a law prohibiting social media for under-16s will not solve everything, but it will give childhood back to children: more sleep, more play, more real friendships, and the mental space to grow. The question is not whether we can afford such a law. It is whether we can afford any longer to live without one.



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How Drake's surprise triple album drop redefined the rules of engagement

Staff Writer

May 15, 2026, will be remembered as the day Drake turned the music industry into his personal chessboard. While most artists spend months teasing a single project, Drake did what few would even dare attempt. He released three full length albums in a single day.

Leading the charge is *Iceman*, his official ninth studio album, accompanied by the melodic *Maid of Honour* and the genre blending *Habibti*. Dropped without warning via OVO Sound and Republic Records, this audacious trilogy marks a dramatic comeback for a man who has spent the better part of two years weathering public scrutiny, artistic doubt, and one of the most heated feuds hip hop has ever seen. That feud is his war of words with Kendrick Lamar.

Let's be clear. *Iceman* is not here to hold your hand. The title alone suggests emotional frostbite, a deliberate hardening of the heart after years of betrayals, fractured friendships, and the exhausting weight of superstardom.

Where past Drake albums leaned into vulnerable confessions and wine soaked introspection, *Iceman* arrives with clenched fists and a colder stare. This is an artist recalibrating, pushing back against critics who questioned his place at the top. The lyrics cut deep, addressing loyalty lost, the hollow glow of fame, and an almost defiant will to reinvent. It is, by all accounts, a statement of resilience and also a warning.

But here is where Drake outmaneuvered every hot take waiting to be written. Just when you thought you had him figured out as the hardened *Iceman*, he unveiled the other two sides of his artistic prism.

Maid of Honour leans into lush, romantic collaborations, dripping with the yearning that made his early work so magnetic. *Habibti* surprises with softer emotional textures and unmistakable Middle Eastern influences, a nod to heritage and vulnerability.

Together, the three albums present a complete picture. They show the fighter, the lover, and the storyteller. It is ambitious. It is excessive. It is pure Drake.

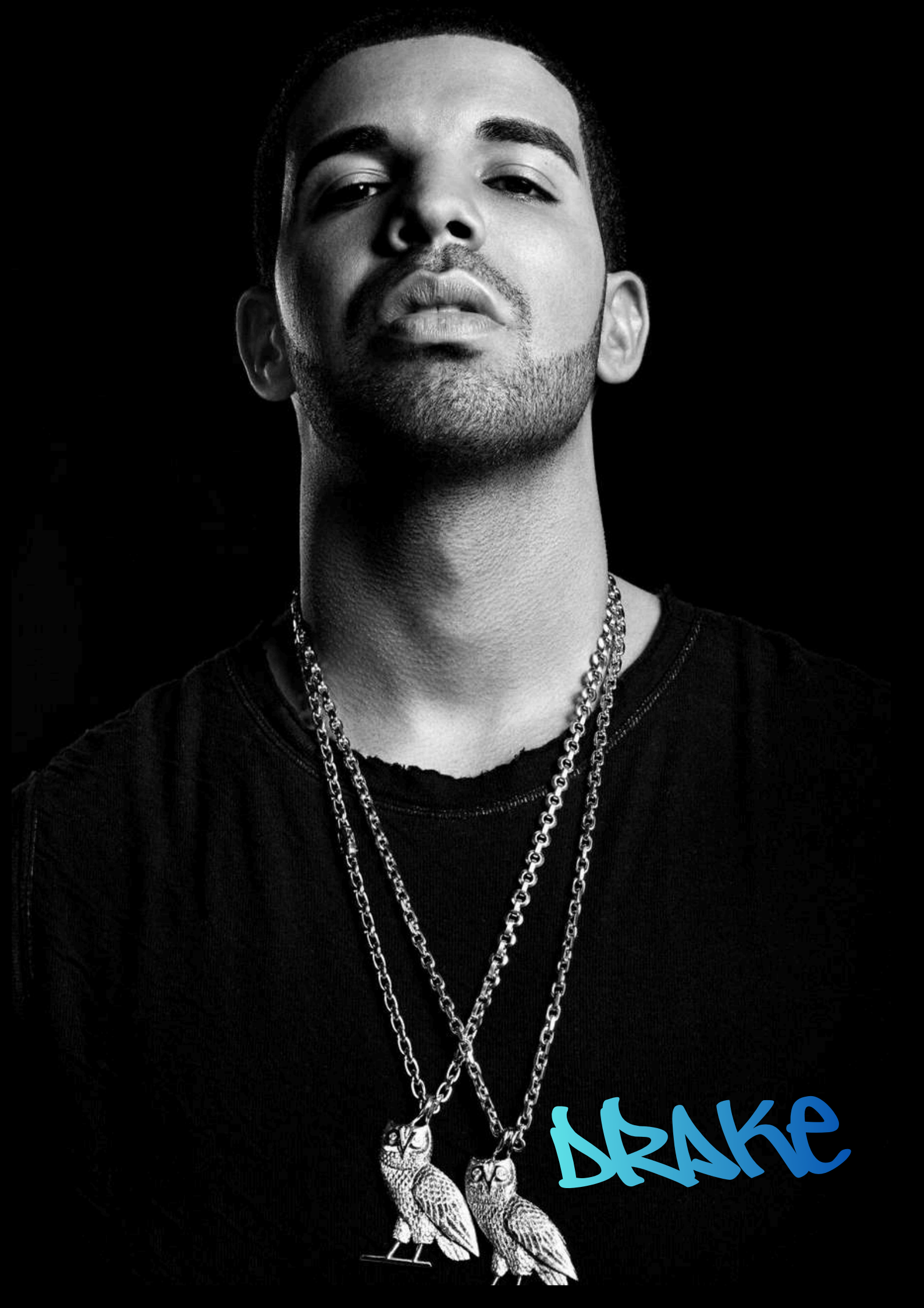
Of course, not everyone is bowing at the altar. Some critics have argued that dumping 43 songs onto streaming platforms at once borders on strategic overkill. They see it as an attempt to flood the zone rather than sharpen the blade. Would one focused, flawless album have landed harder? Possibly. But Drake has never been interested in doing what is expected. He is interested in spectacle, in dominating the conversation, in making sure you cannot look away.

And commercially, the man remains untouchable. Within days, *Iceman*, *Habibti*, and *Maid of Honour* did the impossible.

They simultaneously occupied the top three spots on the Billboard 200. No artist in modern chart history has ever pulled that off. *Iceman* debuted at number one, proving that controversy, anticipation, and sheer volume can still translate into historic success. Love him or loathe him, Drake has once again cemented his status as one of the most commercially powerful solo artists to ever hold a microphone.

Does *Iceman* silence every critic? Not a chance. But that was never the point. This triple album salvo is not an apology or a plea for validation. It is a reminder. In an era of short attention spans and relentless competition, Drake has ensured that the world is still watching, still debating, and still listening. The only question left is what on earth he does for an encore.





DRAKE

Drake shocked fans with the release of "Iceman," along with two other surprise albums, "Habibti" and "Maid of Honour."



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SHOULD SCHOOL CHILDREN UNDER 18 DATE?

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The question of whether school-aged children and teenagers should date touches on some of the most sensitive intersections of psychology, health education, and cultural values. Rather than offering a simplistic "yes" or "no," it's worth examining the developmental realities, risks, and educational gaps that make this topic so contentious.

UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENCE, LOVE, AND BODILY AUTONOMY

The big question is: **Do Teenagers Truly Understand Love and Relationships?**

The honest answer is: **partially, and with significant variation.**

Research in developmental psychology suggests that adolescents can experience genuine emotional attachment. The feelings of intense attraction, jealousy, and devotion that teenagers report are neurologically real, driven by surging dopamine, oxytocin, and the developing prefrontal cortex. However, understanding these feelings is different from experiencing them.



Teenagers typically operate from what psychologists call "egocentric thinking," not selfishness, but a genuine difficulty in perceiving situations from another person's perspective. This isn't a moral failing; it's a biological reality. The prefrontal cortex, responsible for impulse control, long-term consequence evaluati-

-on, and emotional regulation, doesn't fully mature until approximately age 25.

What this means practically: a 16-year-old might feel love intensely but struggle to navigate conflict constructively, recognize manipulation, or distinguish between healthy attachment and controlling behavior. They may mistake jealousy for passion, or intensity for intimacy.

Most adolescents learn about relationships from media, peers, and observation, not from structured education. They see idealized romance in films where persistence wins over rejection, where "drama" equals passion, and where boundaries are obstacles to overcome rather than expressions of self-worth. Without explicit instruction in communication skills, consent, and emotional literacy, teenagers are essentially navigating relationships with an incomplete map.



The Pregnancy Risk: A Public Health Reality

Globally, adolescent pregnancy remains a leading cause of death for girls aged 15-19. According to the World Health Organization, approximately 21 million girls aged 15-19 become pregnant each year in developing regions alone. Even in developed nations, teen pregnancy correlates strongly with:

- Interrupted education and reduced lifetime earnings
- Higher risk of maternal mortality and morbidity
- Increased likelihood of preterm birth and low birth weight
- Cyclical poverty and limited opportunities for the child



Does Dating Increase Risk

Dating doesn't automatically cause pregnancy, but it creates the conditions where pregnancy becomes possible. Teenagers who date are more likely to become sexually active earlier, and early sexual initiation correlates with:

- Less consistent contraceptive use (that is if they even know how to use them)
- Greater likelihood of coercion or pressure
- Reduced negotiation power in sexual encounters
- Higher partner age gaps (which further skew power dynamics)

The issue isn't romance itself, it's the combination of developing sexual interest, limited access to comprehensive sex education, and the biological impulsivity that characterizes adolescence.

Do Teenagers Know How to Value Their Bodies?

This question strikes at the heart of a broader educational failure. Most school systems teach biology: anatomy, reproduction, disease prevention, but fail to teach embodiment: the understanding that one's body is not merely a biological machine but a site of identity, boundaries, and intrinsic worth.

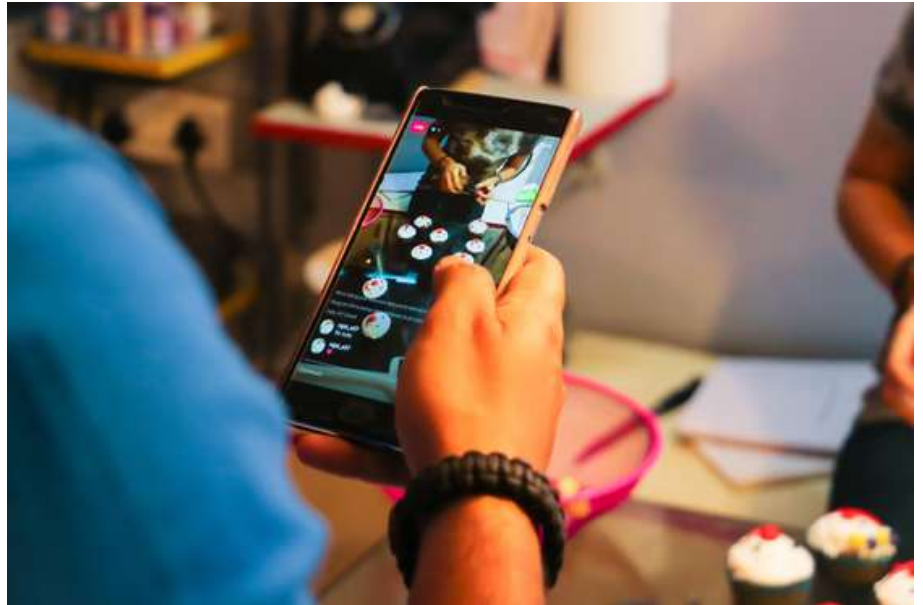
Valuing one's body requires understanding:

- **Bodily autonomy:** The right to say no to any touch, at any time, for any reason
- **Self-worth beyond appearance:** Recognition that value isn't determined by attractiveness to others
- **Delayed gratification:** The ability to prioritize long-term wellbeing over immediate desire
- **Agency in intimacy:** The understanding that physical intimacy should be chosen, not performed to maintain a relationship

These concepts are rarely taught explicitly. Many teenagers; particularly girls receive contradictory messages: your body is sacred (so protect it), but also your body is currency (so use it to s-

-ecure affection). Boys often receive even less guidance, left to interpret masculinity through lenses of conquest rather than mutual respect.

The Digital Complication



Today's teenagers navigate relationships under unprecedented surveillance. Social media creates pressure to perform relationship milestones publicly, to measure worth through likes and comments, and to share intimate images before emotional readiness. The permanence of digital footprints means that impulsive decisions made at 15 can follow individuals for decades, a concept the adolescent brain, focused on the present, struggles to fully internalize.

Banning teenage dating is neither realistic nor necessarily beneficial. Research suggests that completely forbidding romantic exploration can drive it underground, removing opportunities for parental guidance and increasing risk.

Should school children under 18 date? The answer depends on what we mean by "date" and what preparation has occurred.

A 13-year-old "dating" through supervised group activities, learning social skills and emotional management, is in a fundamentally different situation than a 16-year-old in a secretive, sexually active relationship without education or support.

The goal shouldn't be to prevent all romantic experience until adulthood, that's neither possible nor desirable. The goal should be to ensure that when romantic feelings emerge, young people have the cognitive tools, emotional support, and bodily autonomy to navigate them safely.

The problem isn't that teenagers feel attraction. The problem is that we, as societies, often leave them to figure out the most complex human experiences with minimal guidance, then blame them when the inevitable consequences arrive.

What adolescents need isn't judgment, it's education, patience, and the trust that with proper support, they can learn to value themselves and others.



The conversation about teenage dating isn't really about dating at all. It's about whether we believe young people deserve the tools to become emotionally healthy adults and whether we're willing to provide them.

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Real friendship is about loyalty, kindness, respect, and being there for each other during the day, not about where you lay your head at night.

It's time we talk honestly about why sleepovers can be risky, and why "home is always the best place to be" isn't just a saying, it's a safety rule.



The Hidden Dangers Parents and Kids Ignore

Every year, children find themselves in uncomfortable, frightening, or even dangerous situations at sleepovers. Why? Because once the sun goes down, supervision often fades. Parents may assume everything is fine. Other children may have access to things they shouldn't: inappropriate movies, phones with unrestricted internet, or even substances like alcohol or drugs.



Worse still, sleepovers can put children in the presence of adults or older siblings who have not been properly vetted. According to child safety organizations, a significant number of abuse cases occur during overnight stays at "trusted" friends' or relatives' homes. The hard truth is that most harm to children comes from people they know, not strangers.



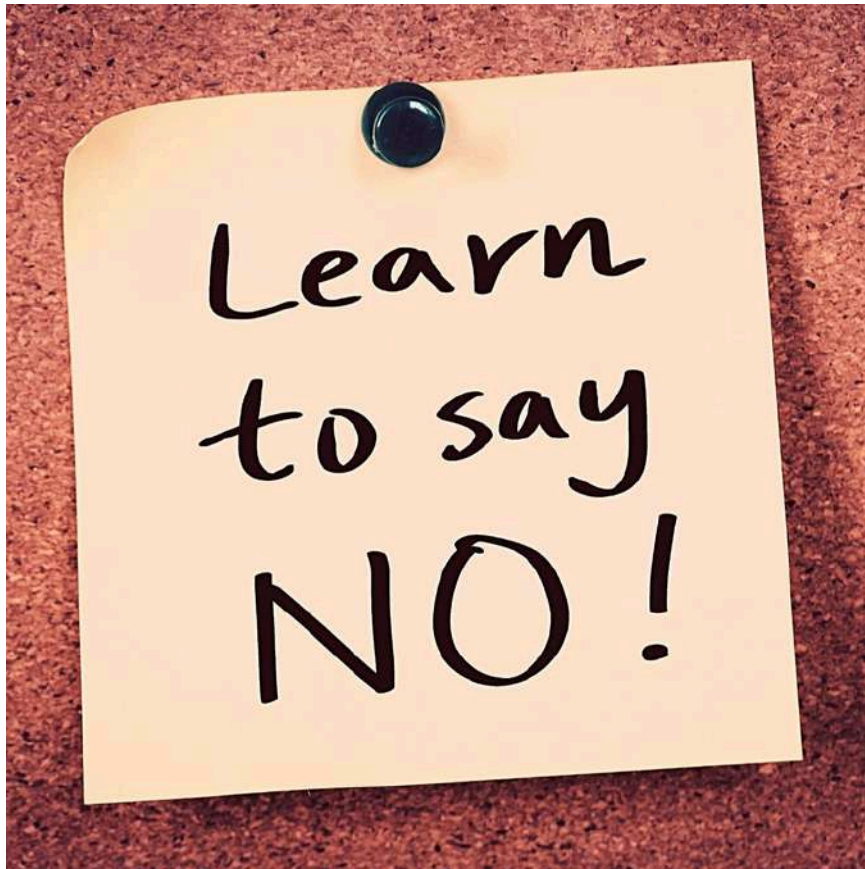
"But My Friend's Family Is Nice"

This also means mothers are involved and usually supports the kids' sleepover with the same statement. That may be true. Most people are kind. But "nice" does not equal "safe." You don't know what happens behind closed doors after midnight. You don't know who else might be in that house. You don't know if there are unlocked firearms, aggressive pets, or hidden cameras.

You also don't know how you'll feel at 2 a.m. if something feels wrong. At home, you have your parents, your own bed, and a door you can lock. At a sleepover, you have none of that.

Friendship Doesn't Require Overnight Stays

Let's be clear: Avoiding sleepovers does not mean you dislike your friend. It means you are smart. It means you value your safety over peer pressure. It means you understand that true friends will never force you to do something that makes you uncomfortable.



Home Is Always Best

Home is where you are known. Home is where you are protected. Home is where you can wake up without fear, confusion, or regret. No matter how fun a sleepover sounds, no matter how much everyone else is doing it, your safety is worth more than fitting in.

So, kids: Avoid sleepovers at all costs. Not because you're afraid, but because you're wise. And be safe. The best friendships are built during daylight hours, with clear boundaries and mutual respect.

Stay home. Stay safe. That's how you truly win at growing up.



You can have amazing friendships without ever spending the night. Play together after school. Have daytime parties. Go to the park. Video call each other. But when bedtime comes, go home.

A real friend will say, "I understand. Let's hang out tomorrow instead."

A real friend will not pressure you or shame you for leaving.

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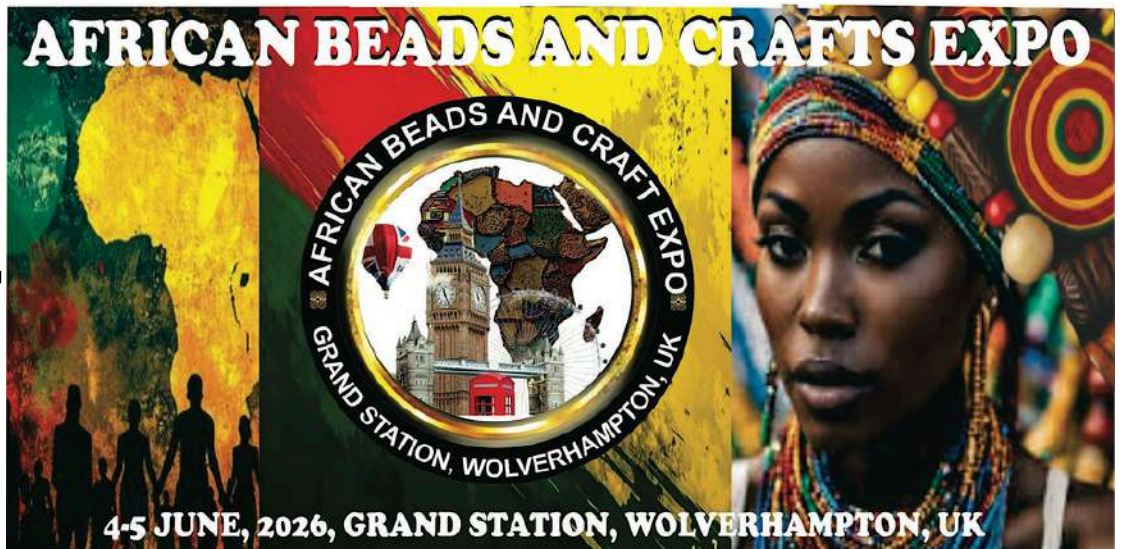
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GUIDE TO MONTHLY BUDGETING AS A COUPLE

Staff Reporter

This is one sensitive subject that most couples are not comfortable discussing. A practical framework for dual-income households that want to save more, argue less, and actually enjoy their money.

Money is the leading cause of stress in relationships, and for working couples, the problem often isn't a lack of income, it's a lack of coordination. Two salaries create an illusion of abundance, while separate spending habits breed resentment. One partner saves diligently while the other treats payday like a finish line.

The solution isn't a stricter spreadsheet or a joyless existence. It's a system that treats your household like the financial partnership it actually is. Below are a few steps which I think if properly discussed by a loving couple, they can achieve better results and love more.

The Monthly Money Date (Non-Negotiable)

Before any numbers are crunched, schedule a recurring conversation, ideally within 48 hours of both salaries hitting your accounts. This isn't a budget meeting; it's a financial state of the union.

What to cover:

- **Income reality check:** Combine both net salaries, side hustles, and any irregular income. Use the lowest typical month as your baseline, treating anything above as a bonus.
- **Fixed obligations:** List every non-negotiable outflow, that is rent/mortgage, utilities, insurance premiums, minimum debt payments, subscriptions. Be ruthless.
- **Variable necessities:** Groceries, fuel, work lunches, household supplies. Look at the last three months' actual spending, not what you think you spend.

Golden rule: No blame, no shame. You're auditing your household's finances, not prosecuting each other's coffee habits.



Adopt the 50/30/20 Framework

The classic 50/30/20 rule: 50% needs, 30% wants, 20% savings - works, but couples need an additional layer: proportional fairness.

The 50/30/20 rule assumes you earn enough to make it work. If your needs consume 70% of income, your first priority isn't a better budget, it's increasing income or reducing fixed costs. Living within your means sometimes means acknowledging that your current lifestyle exceeds your current reality.

Automate Everything That Can Be Automated

Willpower is a finite resource. Don't waste it on decisions that a computer can make.



The automation hierarchy:

- **Bill payments:** Set every fixed obligation to auto-pay from the joint account, timed for the day after payday.
- **Savings transfers:** Automate the 20% (or whatever your target) to move the same day you get paid. If you never see it, you never miss it.
- **Investment contributions:** If you're contributing to retirement accounts or brokerage investments, automate these monthly.

The psychology: "Pay yourself first" isn't a cliché, it's behavioral finance 101. Money that hits a savings account automatically feels like it was never available to spend.

Debt Elimination

If you carry credit card debt or high-interest loans, redirect some savings allocation to aggressive payoff. The guaranteed "return" of eliminating 20% APR debt beats most investments. Use the avalanche method (highest interest first) for mathematical efficiency, or the snowball method (smallest balance first) for psychological momentum, whichever keeps you both committed.



Live Within Your Means (The Uncomfortable Truth)

"Living within your means" is often interpreted as "don't buy expensive things." That's incomplete. It means spending less than you earn, consistently, while funding your future.

Practical manifestations for couples:

- **The 24-Hour Rule:** For any joint purchase over \$200 (or your agreed threshold), both partners must sleep on it. Impulse buys are the enemy of intentionality.
- **The Percentage Mindset:** Stop benchmarking against neighbors or Instagram. A couple earning 120,000/year combined who spends 119,000 is technically "affording their lifestyle" but is one paycheck from crisis. A couple earning 80,000 who spends 70,000 and saves 10,000 is genuinely wealthy by behavioral standards.
- **Lifestyle Inflation Defense:** When you get a raise, automatically increase savings contributions by 50% of the raise amount. Enjoy the other 50%, deprivation leads to rebellion, but never let your spending expand to swallow new income whole.

Align on Goals (The "Why" Behind the Numbers)



Saving 20% is meaningless without purpose. Working couples should maintain three time horizons:

- **Short-term (1–2 years):** Vacation, new vehicle, wedding, eliminating student loans. These keep you motivated.
- **Medium-term (3–7 years):** House down payment, starting a family, career transition fund, investment property. These require disciplined, non-retirement investing.
- **Long-term (10+ years):** Retirement age target, financial independence, children's education. These drive retirement account contributions and asset allocation.
- **Critical conversation:** What does "enough" look like? One partner's dream of retiring at 55 conflicts with another's desire for a luxury lifestyle now. These values must be negotiated, not assumed.

A monthly budget for a working couple isn't about restriction, it's about intentionality. Two incomes are a tremendous advantage, but only if they're directed with shared purpose.

The couples who build wealth aren't necessarily the ones who earn the most. They're the ones who decide, together, what matters to them, automate the boring parts, and check in regularly without making money a source of conflict.

Your budget is a living document, not a prison sentence. Adjust it as life changes, job switches, children, relocations, windfalls, setbacks. The goal isn't perfection. It's progress toward a life where money serves your relationship, rather than fracturing it.

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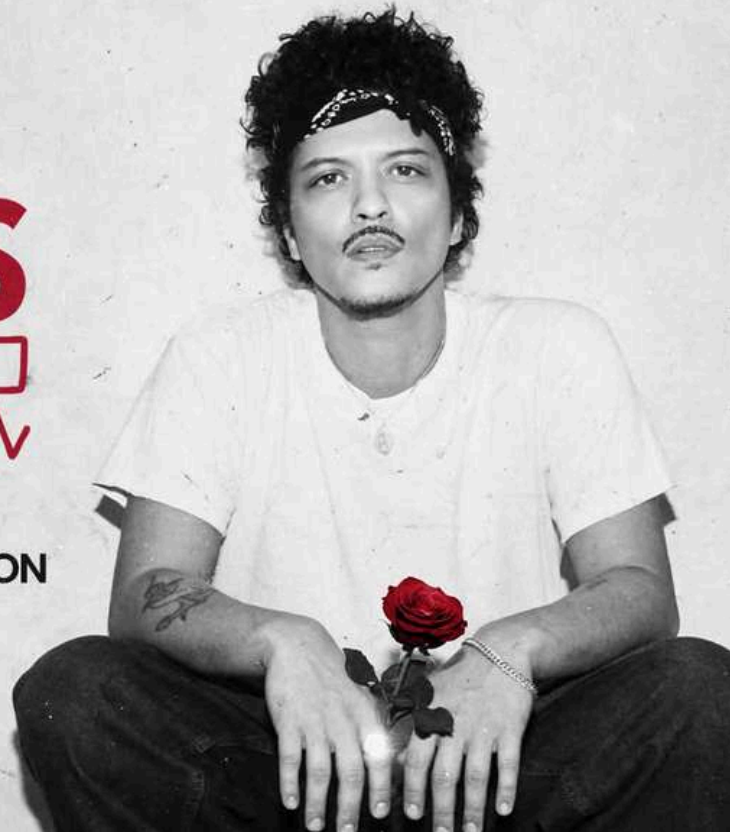
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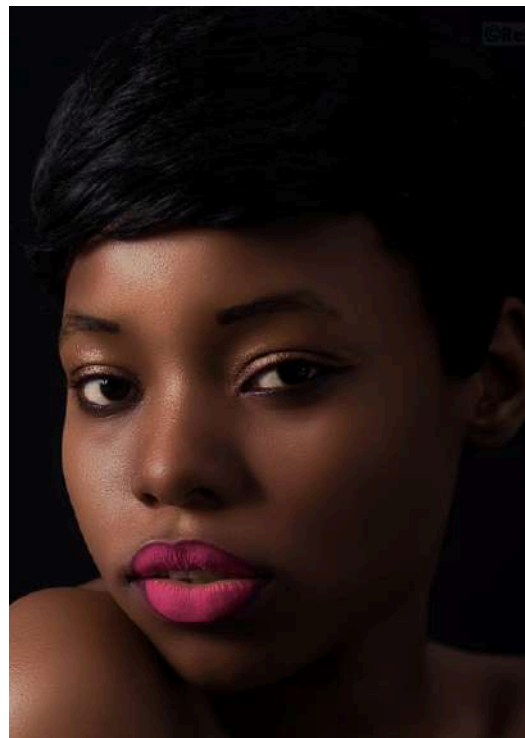
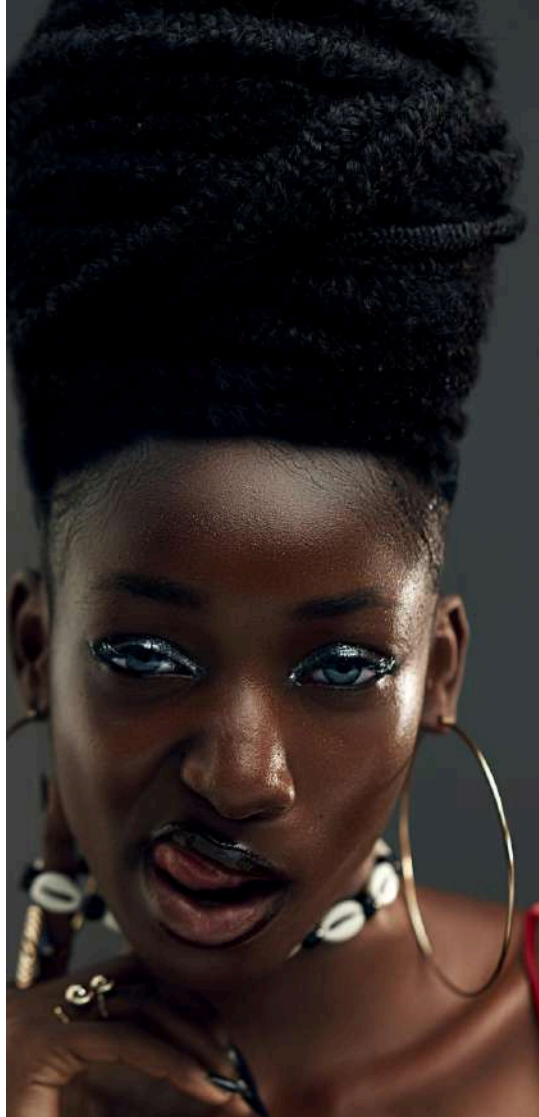
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Nashie Zim has set October as the month for the release of his long awaited album. The 'man-of-the-moment' broke the news through his official social media handles. The artist is known for his captivating lyrics with deep meaning for those in love and his music has no age gap. He tries to balance the youthful at heart and adults who have survived the test of time, with lyrics that conjure those romantic moments.



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SET TO IGNITE EDMONTON

Staff Writer

Fambocide Entertainment presents a night of Amapiano magic as the purple-haired sensation takes The Backyard by storm

The buzz is electric, the countdown is on, and fans across Edmonton are lacing up for what promises to be an unforgettable night of rhythm and groove.

EEMOH, the vibrant artist with his signature purple crown and undeniable stage presence, is bringing his Canada Tour to The Backyard on Friday, June 26, 2026.

Eemoh is an amapiano artiste who is well known for his hit songs Sgudi Sync, Masithokoze, Dubula and Mpumelelo, which he did in collaboration with several industry heavyweights who include Master KG, Da Muziqal Chef, De Mthuda and Harry Cane, among others.

As Fambocide Entertainment continues to deliver multiple shows that celebrate African music and connect fans across the globe, this is yet another milestone which the event organizer does not take lightly.

"This is an important feat in the making of our history as we aim to be the major music and event promoter for African music and the world at large. Eemoh is well known for his energy, so people must expect a show full of energy and an active dancefloor," highlighted Washington Ruzvidzo of Fambocide Entertainment.

There's a palpable energy in the air. From social media timelines to group chats, one thing is clear: people are expecting EEMOH to deliver, and they're coming prepared to dance the night away.

The Amapiano movement has taken the world by storm, and Edmonton's music lovers are no exception, they're hungry for those deep drum basslines and infectious melodies that have made the genre a global phenomenon.

Shamie, an Amapiano fan said, "I honestly cannot wait! I've had my dancing shoes ready for weeks. EEMOH knows how to bring that Amapiano energy, and I'm going to be on that dance floor from the first beat to the last. This is going to be a night to remember!"

Her enthusiasm mirrors what thousands of fans are feeling as the date draws near. Whether you're a longtime Amapiano devotee or new to the sound, EEMOH's Canada Tour stop in Edmonton promises to be a celebration of music, culture, and movement.

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This season, Arsenal left nothing to chance. They won 25 of their 37 league matches, drawing seven and losing just five.

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For the first time in history, three nations will jointly host the tournament, and the excitement is palpable from Vancouver to Miami. In Canada, cities like Toronto and Vancouver are putting the finishing touches on their preparations.





ARSENAL CROWNED 2025/26 PREMIER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Zvakwana Nomore Sweto

Let me break it down like this: After 22 years, 8,060 days, and three consecutive seasons as bridesmaids, Arsenal have finally reclaimed English football's biggest prize.



Mikel Arteta

On the evening of May 19, 2026, Arsenal's players gathered together, not at a stadium, but in front of a television screen. They were spectators to their own coronation. Title rivals Manchester City, needing a win at Bournemouth to take the race to the final day, could only manage a 1-1 draw at the Vitality Stadium.

Junior Kroupi had put the Cherries ahead in the 39th minute, and though Erling Haaland equalized deep in stoppage time, the full-time whistle confirmed what Arsenal had spent two decades chasing: they were Premier League champions with a game to spare.

The scenes outside the Emirates Stadium were predictably euphoric. For a fanbase that had endured two decades of "next year will be our year," the wait was finally over.

Mikel Arteta's journey to this moment was paved with heartbreak. Having finished as runners-up in three consecutive campaigns, twice watching Manchester City hunt down his side's leads, and once losing out to Liverpool, the Spaniard faced mounting questions about whether his project could ever cross the finish line.

This season, Arsenal left nothing to chance. They won 25 of their 37 league matches, drawing seven and losing just five. Their 82-point tally (with one game remaining) was built on the league's best defensive record, just 26 goals conceded and 19 clean sheets, with David Raya claiming the Golden Glove for the third successive season.

The 2025 transfer window signaled intent. Arsenal spent over £260 million, bringing in Martín Zubimendi, Eberechi Eze, Noni Madueke, and Viktor Gyökeres. It was a statement of faith from a club tired of finishing second.

What defined this Arsenal side was their evolution into a team that could win any type of game. They ground out ugly victories when necessary, summoned late drama when required, and occasionally produced statement performances that silenced doubters.





At 44, Mikel Arteta becomes the first former Premier League player to win the title as a manager. More significantly, he is the first Arsenal manager since Arsène Wenger to deliver English football's biggest prize, ending a drought that began the year after the Invincibles' unbeaten campaign.

His tactical evolution has been remarkable. The possession-dominant philosophy of his early years has been supplemented by a pragmatic edge, this Arsenal team can suffocate opponents, bully them at set-pieces, or open them up with fluid attacking play. The 1-1 draw with Manchester City in September, where Arsenal restricted Pep Guardiola's side to just 33.2% possession, the lowest figure for any Guardiola team in any league game was a psychological watershed.

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From June 11 to July 19, 2026, 48 nations will battle across 16 cities in Canada, Mexico, and the United States in what promises to be the most expansive and ambitious World Cup ever staged.

For the first time in history, three nations will jointly host the tournament, and the excitement is palpable from Vancouver to Miami. In Canada, cities like Toronto and Vancouver are putting the finishing touches on their preparations.

Toronto's BMO Field will host Canada's opener against Bosnia and Herzegovina on June 12, while Vancouver's BC Place will welcome fans for matches including the host nation's clash with Qatar. Flags are flying high in Canada, and the country is embracing its moment on football's biggest stage for the very first time.



South of the border, Mexico is ready to remind the world why it is a footballing powerhouse. The iconic Estadio Azteca in Mexico City will host the tournament's opening match between Mexico and South Africa on June 11, a fitting stage for a nation with deep World Cup heritage.



Estadio Azteca, Mexico

Across the United States, the fever has spread to all eleven host cities. From Los Angeles' gleaming SoFi Stadium to the electric atmosphere expected in Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, and New York/New Jersey, American cities are draped in the flags of competing nations.

Guadalajara and Monterrey are also buzzing, with local fan zones and cultural celebrations transforming these cities into football carnivals. Mexican fans, known for their passion and color, are preparing to create an atmosphere unlike anything North America has seen before.

The U.S. Men's National Team, drawn in Group D alongside Paraguay, Australia, and Türkiye, will open their campaign in Los Angeles on June 12, with the nation watching.

No World Cup preview would be complete without talking about the players who will define this tournament.

Cristiano Ronaldo enters what is almost certainly his final World Cup at 41 years old. The Portuguese legend, now playing in a reduced role for his national team, remains a figure of immense gravity.



Cristiano Ronaldo

Coming from winning the deservedly Saudi Pro League in the just ended 25/26 season, Ronaldo will be desperate to add a World Cup winners' medal to his unparalleled collection. Drawn in Group K alongside Uzbekistan, Colombia, and Congo DR, Portugal will look to their veteran talisman for one last dance on the world's biggest stage.



Lionel Messi

Lionel Messi, meanwhile, arrives as the reigning World Cup champion. The Argentine maestro, who completed football in Qatar 2022, returns not as a man with something to prove, but as an artist seeking to extend his legacy. Drawn in Group J with Algeria, Austria, and Jordan, Messi's Argentina will play group matches in Kansas City and Dallas.

As the old guard may be preparing their goodbyes, the new generation is ready to seize the spotlight.

Kylian Mbappé, now the captain of France and widely regarded as the 'best player in the world,' carries the weight of a nation's expectations. At just 27, the French superstar is in his prime, combining blistering pace with a maturity that belies his years. Having already won a World Cup in 2018 and fallen agonizingly short in the 2022 final, Mbappé will be determined to lead France, drawn in Group I with Senegal, Norway, and Iraq.



Lamine Yamal

Barcelona prodigy Lamine Yamal, who exploded onto the scene as a teenager, represents the fearless youth of this tournament. Still just 18, the Spanish winger has already shown he can perform on the biggest stages, and the 2026 World Cup could be his coronation. Spain, placed in Group H alongside Cabo Verde, Saudi Arabia, and Uruguay, will look to Yamal's creativity and daring pace to unlock defenses.

Vinícius Júnior enters the tournament as the heart of a Brazil side eager to reclaim its status as world champions. The Real Madrid star, now 25, has evolved from a raw talent into one of the most complete forwards in the game. His pace, trickery, and improved finishing make him Brazil's primary weapon in Group C, where they face Morocco, Haiti, and Scotland. After Brazil's disappointing quarterfinal exit in 2022, Vini Jr. will be central to their redemption arc.



Vinícius Jr.



HOW CHINA'S EV TECHNOLOGY *Took Over* THE AUTO WORLD

Matthew Thomas

For over a century, the global auto industry danced to a German beat with an American soundtrack, powered by a Japanese-engineered engine. The internal combustion engine was king, and the throne was in Detroit, Wolfsburg, and Tokyo.

Today, the tectonic plates of the automotive world have shifted decisively toward the East. China, long dismissed as a copycat manufacturer, has not just entered the electric vehicle (EV) race, it is lapping the competition. From battery chemistry to in-car AI, smart manufacturing to supply chain logistics, China's EV technology is no longer a rising star; it is the sun, and the rest of the world is only now waking up in its light.



Any EV is only as good as its battery. And China owns the kilowatt-hour.

Contemporary Amperex Technology Co. (CATL) and BYD are not just suppliers; they are the gatekeepers of modern electromobility. CATL alone controls over 37% of the global EV battery market, powering Teslas, Fords, BMWs, and Volkswagens. Meanwhile, BYD's revolutionary Blade Battery has set a new global standard for safety, passing nail penetration tests that cause other batteries to explode.



Where Western rivals are scrambling for lithium and cobalt, Chinese firms have locked in long-term mining rights across Africa, South America, and Australia. They have also leapfrogged current tech by mass-producing cheaper, more energy-dense sodium-ion batteries, freeing themselves from supply chain vulnerabilities that still haunt Europe and North America.



BYD's revolutionary Blade Battery

A decade ago, Chinese EVs were golf carts with doors. Today, vehicles from brands like Nio, Xpeng, and Zeekr are technological marvels that out-innovate legacy automakers on features that matter to digital-native drivers.

Consider the Nio ET7. It boasts a 1,000-kilometer range (on the Chinese CLTC cycle), swappable batteries that exchange in under three minutes, and a suite of autonomous driving sensors including ultra-long-range Lidar. Then there is the BYD Yangwang U8, a luxury SUV that can float on water and turn like a tank using four independently controlled electric motors.

While German and Japanese automakers are still debating software update strategies, Chinese EVs ship with operating systems that integrate your phone, home appliances, and social media into a seamless cockpit experience. They don't just drive you; they anticipate you.

The most devastating weapon in China's EV arsenal is cost.

Thanks to a hyper-competitive domestic market, the largest on Earth, and government subsidies that have been strategically phased into self-sustaining scale, Chinese automakers can produce high-quality EVs for a fraction of the cost of Western rivals. The BYD Seagull, a compact EV, retails for under \$11,000 in China. No Western automaker can match that price without bleeding cash.

When Chinese EVs arrive in Europe, they undercut local offerings by thousands of euros while offering more standard tech. The EU has launched anti-subsidy investigations, and

the U.S. has slapped high tariffs on Chinese EVs. But protectionism is a slow tournament, not a cure.

Even if you don't buy a Chinese-branded car, you are likely driving Chinese technology. Volkswagen now partners with Xpeng. Stellantis co-owns Leapmotor. Ford uses CATL batteries. Volvo and Polestar? They are essentially Chinese-owned.



BYD Yangwang U8, 2026 floating in water

China has built an EV ecosystem so dense and efficient that it is nearly impossible to assemble a competitive electric car without touching Chinese components, from electric motors and thermal management systems to the rare earth magnets in the wheels. Attempts to build "China-free" supply chains have proven exorbitantly expensive and slow.

The Challenge

Dominance is not destiny. China's EV juggernaut faces headwinds: oversupply at home leading to brutal price wars, rising trade barriers in Western markets, and lingering brand perception issues where "Made in China" still carries unwanted baggage among older consumers.



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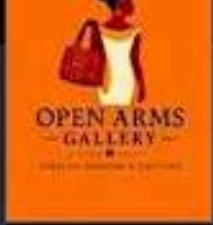
Moreover, the next battleground, solid-state batteries and fully autonomous driving is wide open. Japan's Toyota and America's Tesla are investing heavily to reclaim technological leadership.



Tesla's Cyber truck

But for now, the center of gravity in the auto world has unmistakably moved. The Detroit auto show is a nostalgic footnote; the IAA in Munich has become a showcase for Chinese brands. When the history of 21st-century transportation is written, it will note that while legacy automakers were refining the past, China was quietly, efficiently, and relentlessly building the future. The engine may have changed, but the driving force is now Chinese. And the rest of the world is still trying to figure out how to catch up.





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Dear Auntie,

Please don't post my name.

I hope this letter finds you well, though I know what I have to tell you will be hard to read. I'm writing because I believe you deserve to know the truth, and you can give me the best advice.

I have learned that my husband has been involved in an affair with his best friend's wife. The two have been dating since February last year. My husband has been acting up of late and I decided to watch his moves when he comes back from work or when we are just relaxing at home.

On May 14th, my husband sent me a text message that read, "Hi love, am leaving office now. Got some time off since I will be traveling on a business trip on Friday."

I replied, "Ok babe."

But my sixth sense kept on telling me to go home. Just after lunch time I asked my supervisor and was given some time off. I went straight home with an Uber. I left my car deliberately.

As I approached the street corner near our house I spotted his best friend's car parked. In innocence I thought it was the friend who had come to see his buddy. I used the main door instead of the usual carport entrance. The door wasn't locked.

I spotted women's shoes on the shoe rack and my heart started beating fast. I slowly walked up the stairs making sure my footsteps were not heard. I heard weird sounds of people making love.

There I was, the door wide open. Woman on top of my husband. "That's your best friend's wife," I yelled.

No protection and on our matrimonial bed. Auntie I am hurt and really need urgent advice before I do something. I have been in isolation for the past two weeks.

Please help.

Anonymous



AUNTIE REPLIES

Dear Anonymous,

I understand this comes from his best friend, which makes the betrayal cut even deeper on multiple fronts. I know this is not what you expected from your marriage, and I am so sorry you are facing this.

I want you to know that you did nothing to deserve this. Whatever choices he has made reflect on him, not on your worth as a partner or as a person. You are someone I care about deeply, and it pains me to see you in a position where trust has been broken so fundamentally.

I don't know what you will decide to do with this information, and I won't presume to tell you. Whether you choose to confront him, seek counseling, or need time to think. You don't have to navigate this alone. I am happy to listen, help you find resources, or simply hop on a call with you in whatever you are feeling.

You deserve honesty, respect, and loyalty. I hope you find the path that brings you peace and the support you need along the way.

With love and support,

Auntie No Nonsense

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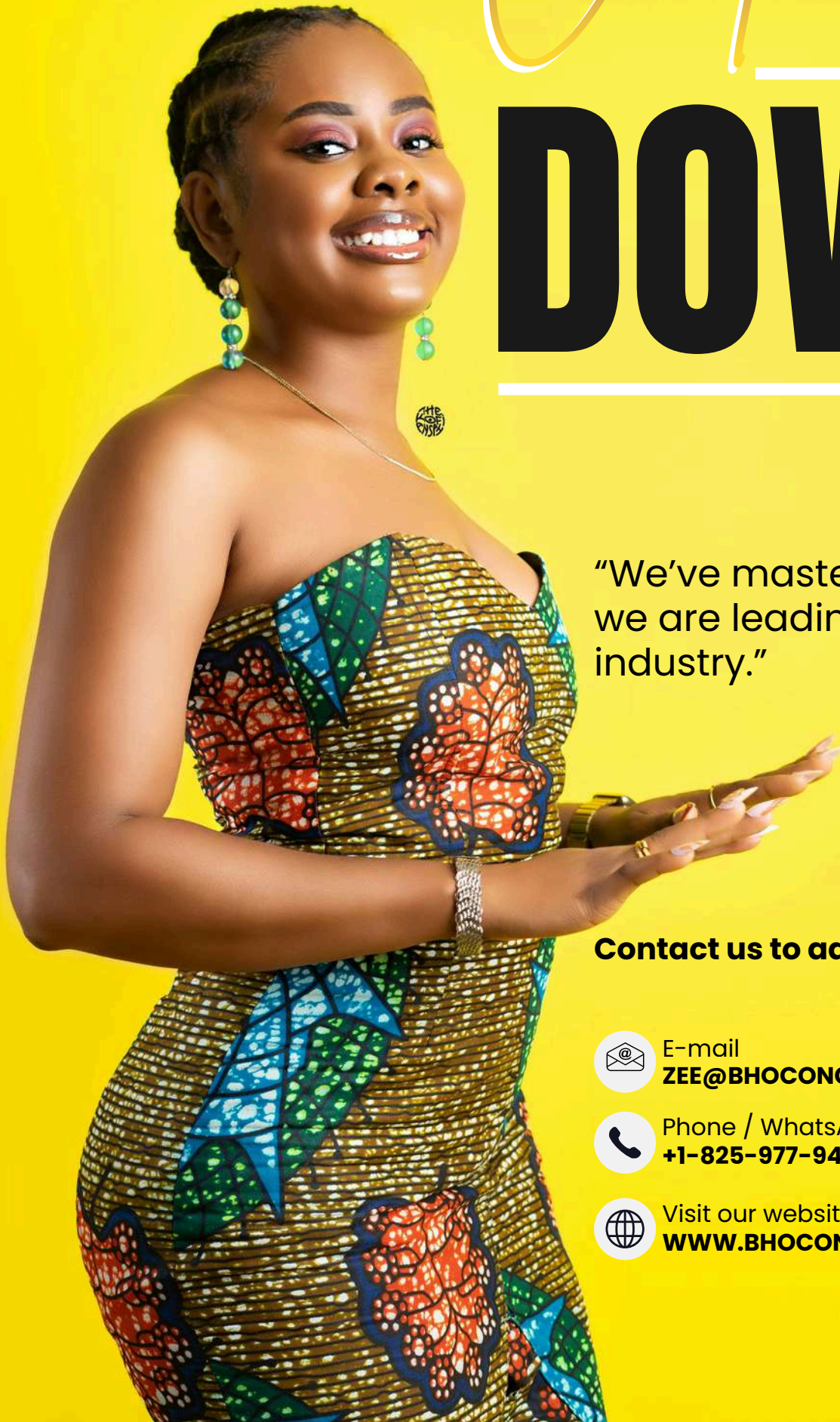
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