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### Our City, Our Crew, Our Culture

**By: Journalism Staff**

**Catch Me Inside -  
At The Party**  
*By: Sia Damali*

**Washington, D.C.** - If you want to find out about me and my friends, come see us at a party. For example my homecoming. There is a big group of people all around the same age having a good time. Loud music, food, drinks and local performers keeping it live and in full effect. It is held inside a school building on the first floor in the cafeteria. The spacing is wide and long, the walls are made of brick, and the floors are made of hardwood. The people that are there are teenagers, clothed in the typical jeans and t-shirt or girls with dresses or skirts. Most girls have tracts (weave) and some wear their natural hair. Most boys probably have fades, dreadlocks or just a haircut. We love gogo music

**Uptown Culture**  
By Dresean Davis

**Washington, D.C.** - The place you can find me and the gang is LeDroit Park Uptown. In Ledroit Park there are two sections of housing. First you have W Street where the older guys hang out. Also, W street consists of a lot of 'romance' and also a lot of conversations on all types of topics. W street is still untouched by new owners and construction. Up to this day, W street viewing is a reminder of the old days and how it used to be. On the other side you see V Street aka "Vegas Block" where you would find me and my crew. Vegas is known for all the money made there during the summer times Me and my friends natural hang spot is a building called 336 on the bottom part of V street. 336 building is disgusting and filthy, even though we are the ones that caused it, we still have love and have adapted to

**Court Culture**  
By: Anthony Barnes

**Washington, D.C.** - What is Culture? Culture is the arts and other manifestations of human intellectual achievement regarded collectively. Everybody's culture is different. My culture is resembled by basketball. I go to the court near my house named Sherwood Recreation Center. The people who go there are just regular people trying to 'ball' (slang for play basketball). This is where I chill and hang out.

I feel that this recreation is a part of my culture because without it, I wouldn't know what to do. In basketball, the basketball court is the playing surface, consisting of a rectangular floor with tiles at either end. In professional or organized basketball, especially when played



and trap music from artists like Lightshow, Shy Glizzy, Shabazz and Big Flock.

We dance, eat, drink and just have a good time. We make it 'live' when we dance with other people or make a real big circle where some people can go in the middle and do what they do (parental guidance suggested) while everyone cheers them on. In this place we don't really have common things to say because of the music being so loud and everyone is too busy having fun so there is little to no conversation. Some people may yell "Ayeeeeeee" or "Yeahhhhhh". Names I might call people in this environment is "moe" which is just a term to get someone's attention or acknowledge them. However, the only bad thing about this type of environment is the let out. The let out is when the function is over and everyone leaves. Sometimes a fight might break out because of 'beefs' or feuds between different people and groups. People start fighting or maybe even a shooting. Shootings are very common for functions with a lot of teenagers. The only positive thing is that people enjoy their time while it lasts.###

the circumstances and that's what makes it feel like home.

V Street is full with possums, cats, and rats, however its beautiful side comes in when it becomes the summer and the farm shows the beautiful nature - warm comfortableness. Me and my friends Montana, Wiz , Geezy, Quan, Fat Meech and others are the main guys who make where I hang cool and live - or exciting. When you enter my atmosphere of friends more than likely you will catch us playing games, talking about what's trending out here, cracking jokes on each other and most of the time enjoying each other's presence because we're all we got. As a conclusion, if you're a young man who has no job or way of income then you will get bored and find the quick route to the money and that is not the way.

Around my neighborhood we have certain sayings when people ask or are in need of assistance - we address them by saying "ont do much" or "ard short." Those phrases are the basics of our culture because that's how you get the understanding. If you're apart of LeDroit and you are fighting for us and our beliefs than you are considered \$MB, those are the youngins who are 10 toes down for the Hood.

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indoors, it is usually made out of a wood, often maple, and highly polished. Basketball is a team sport. Two teams of five players each try to score by shooting a ball through a hoop elevated 10 feet above the ground. The game is played on a rectangular floor called the court, and there is a hoop at each end. There are many famous basketball courts that are connected to culture.

Rucker Park is a basketball court in Harlem, Manhattan, New York City, at 155th Street and Frederick Douglass Boulevard across the street from the former Polo Grounds site; it is geographically at the base of a large cliff named Coogan's Bluff. Many who played at the park in the Rucker Tournament achieved a level of fame for their abilities, and several have gone on to play in the NBA.

Another famous basketball court is West 4<sup>th</sup> Street Courts aka "The Cage". These courts serve as a basketball mecca not only in Manhattan, but far beyond the city lines as well.

This is what my culture consists of - it is a 'court culture,' full of ballers and people who like to chill and hang out. Like me.

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## **Xbox Live -Worlds and Webs of Culture**

By Malcolm Love

**Washington, D.C.** - My place has a lot of details, sound and variety. Some are more realistic than others and they are almost never the same. Where I go there are only the people that you would love to spend time with or just random people in general. The place where I hang out usually has hundreds of thousands of people there at one time. I do not see all these people at one time but I do see at least 1 to 2 hundred people a day depending on where I go in my place. My place is XBOX Live. It is a virtual place. I could say that yes I hang on GTA (Grand Theft Auto) Online or, yes I hang at My Park on NBA 2K17. I could say all that but what platform are all of those locations on? Xbox One servers; so that is my main meet-up. I sometimes hear or see graphic images and words depending on what I play, ranging from limbs being ripped apart to someone getting shot. You also can have the controller shaking from a rough tackle to a hilarious ankle breaker.

There are limitless types of cultures and identities on Xbox. There are almost too many ways to express yourself there. During my time there I have run into people that are racist, 'try hards'- people who think they are good but really are not, trolls, chill people and even a famous youtuber. The stuff that people usually say can range from someone saying 'F you' to racist language. The reality is that people from all over can play Xbox and there is much more to do and many ways to express yourself then just playing games. Now on the Xbox One people can connect in ways never before seen in the gaming community. Now we have these

## **Alone, but Not Lonely**

By Chris Bernard

**Washington, D.C.** - Dying Fetus, Black Veil Brides, Bring Me The Horizon and an assortment of game posters fill the walls of the room. The room smells of brooding and loud with silence, you could always hear a pin drop when inside the room. The room is always dark, and most nights there isn't even the light the phone that seems to always be on. A bed that is never made sits in the corner while a desk with a laptop, xbox, and tv sit atop of it barely used. The room smells like a library and it's wall like a concert to rock music. Books in bookcases and some books spread on the floor. There in the middle is Chris, a brooding teen who doesn't care for others than himself and who is also a nerd.

He reads all night, all day listening to chill, rock, and even depressing music, hoping that one day his life would change from being boring and bland and turn into something that will make him want to live again. He was completely different until a certain someone came into his life. He was a happy go lucky kind of kid who loved talking and would always jump at the time to go outside and hang out with his friends outside. He was really sympathetic and always got attached to people quickly and he would always want friends no matter what. Friends came and went, enemies did the same and his heart was too broken but he kept trying to make friends to get shot down immediately. A guy named Thomas came into his life and changed him



things called clubs and they allow you to find people that want to do the same things or you have similarities with. Really Xbox is for everyone because you don't even need to play games anymore. People that like to watch movies can use Xbox, as there are many different movie apps and if you get the Gold version of Xbox, you will receive free games and movies. For the people that want to surf the web, since Xbox is made by microsoft you will have the Internet Explorer browser from Microsoft.

My place is for really anyone and I hang there because it's FUN.

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### **Fun, Food and Games**

By: Keondre Watkins

**Washington, D.C.** - A place where me and my friends/family hang out at is Dave & Buster's. Here at Dave & Buster's we chill, laugh, and eat. We use cards to play all kinds of games. More people should come to Dave & Busters because it's big; it has two separate sides. Dave and Buster's has an eatery and a bar where people can eat and enjoy themselves while watching sports. This place also has all kinds of video games where you use your rechargeable cards to swipe and start playing the games. After you finish playing the games you earn points and you can use those points to get prizes from the the IWIN section.

It's a very unique place where you can just have fun. Mostly me, my mom, brother, and sister, go there every other week and just chill out. You can hear people talking, laughing, and video games. People mostly just eat and play games. People say that "Dave & Busters is a fun place to go to,you should go there all the time. Sometimes they can get loud and rowdy because a crowd shows up. Sometimes they have fights; the place is always crowded.

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by giving him a completely different mindset. He said to never make personal attachments and stop caring so much about anyone and everything. Ever since then, life has been easier. But things change and there are only a few people who he has personal attachments with and it makes him feel good. People like me don't hang with anyone in a social manner and are identified as loners.

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### **Blue and Green Court, Black and Tan Ballers**

By Mitchell Eason

**Washington, D.C.** - When you want to find out about me and my boys, catch us at the basketball court. There are 4 courts you can play games against each other or you can play 33. There's a lot of trash talk and talk about the NBA or college basketball. We go to the Turkey Thicket basketball courts. The court is made up of a green and blue ground with a parking lot to the left and a track and field to the right. It's in Northeast, D.C. and the rims are single rims with nets on every rim. There are tight glass backboards and a tall black gate with a lot of holes.

The people are mostly teenage dark and light-skinned males with fades temps or mohawks. We listen to rap music and they like to play basketball and they're always talking about basketball and argue about the game or college. They wear shorts, tee-shirts, and basketball shoes like Jordans, Nikes, or Under Amour. There are good things that happen - you can win a game or make somebody fall. You can also have some bad things happen like you're the one that's falling or lose a game or lose some money. We call each other "bruh, bro" or they call each other by their name or nickname.

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### **Get Your Weight Up**

By Mahiri McKoy

**Washington, D.C.** - I often meet up with my clique at school when it's time to go to lunch. We either meet at the window farthest across the hall pass the gym, or at the weight room. We like to hang by the window because it's quiet and away from the noise. It also has a nice view. My clique consist of a small handful of friends so it's never crowded. If we're not hanging by the window we meet up in the weight room. Everybody gets along and connects in the weight room because we encourage each other to work harder. We do workout routines as a group and if somebody falls behind we wait and cheer them on. We motivate each other to get stronger and more

### **From Girl to Woman**

By Anallely Andrade

**Washington, D.C.** -The place where all my people, hispanics, gather around is a party in a ballroom. For example it can be a Quinceanera party. A Quinceanera is when a young girl turns 15 and makes a big celebration. This is when she is first considered a young woman. The ballroom is fancy and is decorated based on what color of dress the girl is wearing. There are many tables set for people to sit at. The tables are decorated with balloons or a flower base as the centerpiece. The band that will be playing that night is always placed in the front of the ballroom. The

### **My Favorite Place - The Silver Screen**

By: Diamond James

**Washington, D.C.** - The place you can found about my culture is the movie theatre call the real cinema down gallery. The movie theatre is local and you can take a train or bus to get there. It is surrounded by different fast foods restaurant. I go to the movies with a few of my friends. I go with my friends to the movie because that is what friends do. We can all relate to the movie or agree or disagree on what aspects of the movie we liked or disliked. I mainly go with boys because girls are trouble. My friends usually dress with jeans, a hoodie and some sneakers. I dress in a girly-girl way with a skirt, casual shirt and some nice shoes.You can find us there because that's where me and my friends always travel. When we get to the movie theatre, my friends always debate on which movie they want to see when we already know what we came to see. They will say things like "OMG - I don't know what to see." In the movie theatre they have comfortable sheets where you can stretch back and you have a cup holder and your own personal space. While watching the movie me and my friends eat popcorn, or a chicken tender



fit. Nobody is sitting down. It smells like sweat as soon as you walk in, but I got used to it pretty quickly. You will get use to grunts and weights dropping as the normal sound of the room.

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### Training for Glory

By Elijah Singletary

**Washington, D.C.** - A place where my group of people would meet would be the weight-room. This place has a ton of activities you can do while you are there - swim, run lift, and play basketball. When you approach the door you can hear the music blasting (preferably hip-hop) and the weights clinking and people grunting.

This is a place where me and my friends or associates come to get better at are craft or just too look good. The reason I go is to stay in shape for all four of the sports that I participate in - baseball, football, track and swim. I and the very few people who do what I do are called athletes. The weight room is full of equipment like treadmills, weight benches, and squat racks. My personal favorite thing to do while there is to bench press or curls for my arms and chest and squats and power cleans for my legs.

entrance where people enter and where the

Quinceanera enters is also decorated. Something that is also decorated is where the cake will be placed and the Quinceanera's main table which is always in front of the ballroom or to the side.

Different activities that we do at the party is dance and communicate with each other. We dance to the music that is being played or we are either standing or sitting talking to our friends. The better thing is that we get to speak our language, Spanish, without people having to look at us weird and say "what are they saying?" As it comes to clothing, we dress nice and fancy for the night. Women either wear a beautiful dress or a shirt with a skirt, including heels. As it comes to men, they wear a suit or just a dress shirt with some jeans, including dress shoes. There are different Hispanic countries that gather at the party, including Mexican and Salvadorian people. We have a good time until the party is over.

basket with a drink. There are all types of different people in the movie room. At the movies all your emotions come out - whether you are sad, bad, good or happy. Some people react to the scene different ways.

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### Soccer on Another Planet

By Rudy Acree

**Baltimore, MD** - With the little bit of spare time that I have, I often spend it at an open field in Baltimore, MD, playing soccer. This field is located at Baltimore Polytechnic High School. An inner city, mainly made up of Africans. At this worn out field, resides a large group of strong dread-headed men, from the islands and various countries in Africa, who love to play the same game as I do. They play soccer all day, during the weekend in all sorts of conditions. Not only do they play soccer all day, but they play so competitively to the point where they end up in constant fights. They enjoy smoking - more than I thought was even possible while we play. The field smells like a gas chamber.

Since the field is all the way in Baltimore, it takes a considerable amount of time to get to the field. It is usually about an hour drive. When I arrive, the African and Caribbean guys greet me and come up to me like it's the first time they have ever seen me....As soon as we walk onto the worn out field we have, there is instant excitement when our feet hit the turf. Moments later we instantly have on our cleats and begin to play. We try and play until some organized team tries to kick us off the field. On average we play for about 4 or 5 hours. During the winter, unlike me, these guys barely wear any clothes and seem as though they are not affected by the cold one bit. I feel soft, while I'm the one wearing two



While me and my friends and or associates are there we start of with a speed ladder which helps with speed and agility; then we move to the steps where we run up and down doing different footwork drills. Next we go into rope work which would take about 5 minutes then we get water and start are lifting. The day usually ends with someone throwing up or everyone laying out on the floor sore; sometimes both. Workouts can last for a hour or more depending on what I'm working on that day and what sport I'm working on. This helps us gets ready our dreams to go to college for free and play in front thousands or millions of people.

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sweatshirts, two pairs of socks, etc. Even though all we do is play soccer, I feel as though I have learned a considerable amount about the different cultures and lifestyles of the guys I play with.

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