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by Nate Daniels

**Stowe Vermont Winter Rendezvous**

**Location:** Stowe Mountain, Vermont, USA

**Dates:** Jan 22 – 26, 2025

**Host Hotel:** Topnotch Resort & Spa

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**Telluride Gay Ski Week**

**Location:** Telluride, Colorado, USA

**Dates:** Feb 22 – March 1, 2025

Telluride gay ski week happens in the picturesque Rocky Mountains of Colorado, where the powder is always superb. It’s one of the most popular gay ski weeks in the United States.

Events include the Gay Sleigh horse-drawn sleigh ride, the Alpine Rendezvous outdoor dance party, the Costume & Drag Ski Race, and the Sno Go-Go afterparty..



**Park City Utah Gay Ski Week**

**Location:** Park City, Utah, USA

**Dates:** Feb 19 – 23, 2025

Utah Gay Ski Week is part of the epic trio of Elevation ski weeks. Perfect for a long weekend getaway, the events span Wednesday to Sunday.



Things start off with a welcome gathering and the Werq dance party. The week continues on with daily mountain recommendations for both skiers and snowboarders, lunch meet-ups, and hilariously themed evening parties, like Glo-Ho!

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### Gay Ski Week Hakuba

**Location:** Hakuba, Nagano, Japan

**Dates:** March 7 – 16, 2025

**Host Hotel:** Penke Panke Lodge

Gay Ski Week Hakuba is among the world's youngest, making its debut in 2019 at the base of the stunning Japanese Alps. Internationally known for fresh and deep powder mountains, Japan has long been a ski and snowboard destination. But now, they have their very own gay ski week!

While it may attract a smaller, more intimate crowd, it doesn't make it any less of a memorable experience. Over 11 activity-packed days, you'll enjoy live music, the lodge's notorious dildo racing, and enjoy the vast range of alcoholic beverages and delicious food from Penke Panke Lodge's Bar & Bistro.

Hakuba Gay Ski Week is more than skiing and snowboarding. It's also about experiencing and tasting the wondrous and beautiful Japanese culture. The village of Hakuba has no shortage of restaurants offering authentic Japanese cuisine.

### Mammoth Gay Ski Week

**Location:** Mammoth Lakes, California, USA

**Dates:** March 13 – 16, 2025

**Hotels:** The Village Lodge, The Westin Monache, Juniper Springs Resort, Mammoth Mountain Inn2

Mammoth Gay Ski Week is one of the most popular in the United States. It's one of three events hosted by Elevation. Planned parties include Throwback Thursday and the sexy GEAR party, among others. Saturday's signature event is the Rainbow Run, where everyone skis down the slopes in their best rainbow outfits



### European Snow Pride: Tignes

**Location:** Tignes, France

**Dates:** March 15 – 22, 2025

**Preferred Hotels:** Les Campanules Hôtels, Résidence Santa Terra, Les Suites Maison Bouvier, Hotel Curling

European Snow Pride is hosted at the openly gay-friendly Tignes winter ski resort. As part of this unique gay ski event, the entire village, called Val Claret, pretty much becomes an entirely LGBT+ zone.

Partnering with Scruff, events at European Snow Pride include daily ski and snowboard groups, après ski, nightly parties, drag shows, and after-hours events.

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## European Gay Ski Week: Les Arcs

**Location:** Les Arcs, Bourg-Saint-Maurice, France  
**Dates:** Mar 22 – 29, 2025  
**Hotels:** Les Mélèzes, and Arc 1950 Le Village

European Gay Ski Week has a huge amount of events you can join, both day and night. From ski school and official hosted excursions to EGSW club nights, daily après-ski and after hours parties, you'll be plenty busy. Dinner events are always special.

## TRAVEL FEATURE SKI WEEKENDS 2025 EVENTS

Escape the ordinary slopes and join the vibrant community at these alternative ski weekends and events, where everyone's welcome to carve fresh tracks & forge unforgettable memories.

## Jasper Pride & Ski Festival

**Location:** Jasper, Canada  
**Dates:** From: Apr. 04.- Apr. 13, 2025  
**Hotels:** Astoria Hotel, Bear Hill Lodge, Chateau Jasper



Winter sports, drag shows, live music, and comedy performances are all on the list for Jasper Pride in Canada's Rocky Mountains. Events span an entire week including two weekends. Definitely a great option for an LGBT ski weekend in the spring! Don't forget to pack your thermal underwear and ski socks to stay warm on the slopes. Canada can get cold!

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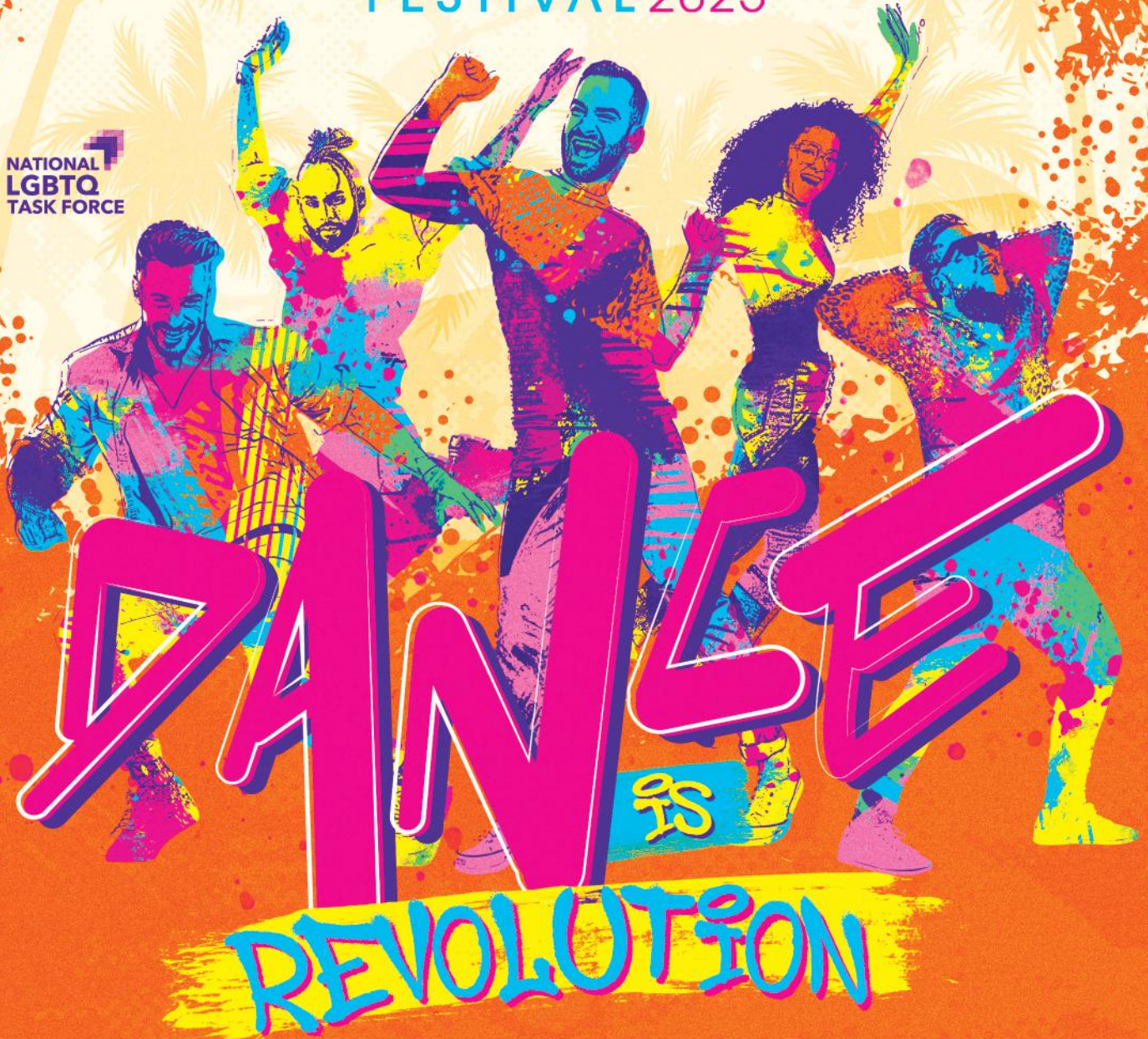
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From the Apres Ski parties in Aspen to the slopes of Queenstown in September, there are plenty of great gay ski weeks to attend in 2025!

A few ski past weekend events that were going on late last year through the beginning of this year were not listed. The ski event list is intended for a point of reference, and by no means is it a comprehensive list. There are others, and probably many off our radar that we have never heard of.

We're told that the best gay ski weeks tend to be in some of the most out-of-the-way destination.

It's never too early to start planning your next ski vacation! However, it's important to first check to see if the events date, and location is correct, or has changed, before making any travel and lodging reservations,



## Queenstown Winter Pride

Location: Queenstown, New Zealand

Dates: Aug 15 – 24, 2025

Preferred Hotels: Novotel Lakeside, The Rees, Queenstown St. Moritz, Mercure Queenstown Resort



To avoid any confusion, Queenstown Winter Pride is the same thing as Queenstown gay ski week. Skiing is part of the pride event lineup!

The event lineup includes over 24 parties, 8 on-mountain days, and a bunch of other events that typically include quiz night, cabaret wars, ladies' night, and a boat party. If you love Kiwis and Aussies, Queenstown gay ski week, Winter Pride, is an annual pilgrimage for thousands of Gay & Lesbian travellers.

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## INVESTING IN CHANGE



by: Dr. Charla Waxman *BS, MBA, EdD*  
*Director of Business Development at Lake Behavioral Hospital*

**I've started off the New Year differently, especially as it relates to my first article of the year by sharing these quotes I love the most; ones that inspire me, makes me think, and sometimes help me move toward a change in myself. Enjoy and feel free to put them to good use!**

*"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."*  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"The first step towards getting somewhere is to decide you're not going to stay where you are."* — J.P. Morgan

*"Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."*  
— Brad Paisley

*"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start."*  
— Nido Qubein

*"Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction."* — Germany Kent

*"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something."* — Neil Gaiman

*"New Year's Day is every man's birthday."* — Charles Lamb

*"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."* — Helen Keller

*"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors and let every new year find you a better man."* — Benjamin Franklin

*"Take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous new year by believing."*  
— Sarah Ban Breathnach

*"It's never too late to become who you want to be. I hope you live a life that you're proud of, and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the strength to start over."* — F. Scott Fitzgerald

*"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet."*  
— Anne Frank

*"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."*  
— Socrates

*"You are never too old to reinvent yourself."* — Steve Harvey

*"As we grow older and wiser, we begin to realize what we need and what we need to leave behind. Sometimes, there are things in our lives that aren't meant to stay. Sometimes, the changes we don't want are the changes we need to grow. And sometimes walking away is a step forward."*  
— Unknown

Resolve to be healthy this new year! Change of any kind is courageous as it means letting go and being different. People will recognize the positivity and "newness" in you. Their reactions will drive you to do and be even more courageous in embracing change.

Change opens up avenues of creativity and spontaneity. So much can happen when you are open to new ways of doing things and that is what life is about. Ask questions, look for how others are doing things and do some research. Maybe a light will go on for you and you will find exactly what you need.

You may surprise yourself! Won't it feel great when you reach a change goal? Celebrate you. Make time to pat yourself on the back.

Change is good. It may not be easy, or feel chaotic; but set your sights on something new! You won't regret it. **Have a change filled, happy new year.**



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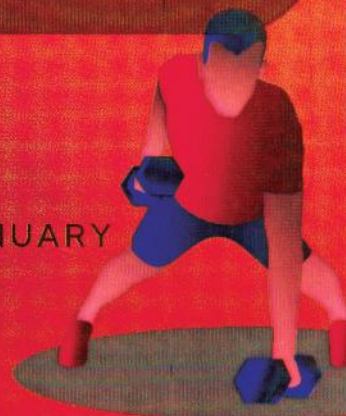
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## THUNDER STRUCK: AMERICA'S AC/DC

Thunder Struck recently performed live at the Des Plaines Theatre. This tribute band boasts "Thunderstruck brings the power and entertainment of a genuine AC/DC show", per their website. Obviously, I'm intrigued.

Members include: Kyle LaPato who replicates Angus Young, original guitarist for AC/DC whom sported a schoolboy outfit (signature look) and the only musician to develop those body movements known as the duck walk which he claims he developed while trying to play his guitar on stage, so as not to trip over his guitar chords.

On this night Kyle duplicated that schoolboy look, along with those guitar riffs, wowing the audience.

In 1980, AC/DC's second singer, Bon Scott, passed away. Bon was responsible for their early releases "High Voltage", "Dirty Deeds", "Highway To Hell". Brian Johnson would be the third vocalist to join the band as "Back In Black" was released. This evening Bobby Lee Stamer did not disappoint. I can't speak for everyone, but yes, this is why we support and attend these tribute bands. They continue in the tradition as expected by their fans.



I couldn't ask for anything more from this group, nor was I expecting this too good to be true experience. After all, AC/DC is a tough act to follow.

All the classic hits were performed this evening. The crowd was on their feet!

Corey was drumming since his teens, alongside his dad

when they formed an AC/DC cover band called Shot Down in Flames. Chris Jones, another founding member of the tribute band on bass, and Kevin Feller (founding member) and rhythm guitarist, is credited with being the rock of the group.

The stage was energized with visuals and each member deserves much appreciation from this AC/DC fan. This evening was filled with hit after hit and as much as I wanted to get up and dance, these old legs said NO!

# COMMENTARY UNCENSORED



by: Screamin' Rachael  
*Recording Artist, Entrepreneur, Publisher, Music Mogul, House Music Icon, sometimes Controversial, with a dash of Opinionism for good measure.*

## 2025, ARE WE A BRAND?

**A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU!** As the years pass many of us come up with resolutions that we can't keep, or for some reason don't keep. This leads us to disappointment and brow beating ourselves up.

**You didn't loose the weight. You didn't stick to a strict budget, and a myriad of other ideas that you came up with for self improvement. What if in 2025 you just resolve to have more FUN??!! For once I've decided to do just that.**

It's been a crazy year but I'm happy to say that despite it all, I have a lot to be grateful for.



I want to thank all my friends and fans for supporting my new DISCO 3000 album.

I also want to thank everyone for making this a great year for TRAX Records, and all of our artists.

We've had people from all around the world support us, and the new artists are making great strides. Also, I want to thank **boiMAGazine**, for being nice enough to let me vent.

Many people told us that we could never live up to our legend, but we've just done that in 2024! So I want to celebrate all of our artists, and of course **Jorge**, who was the only other person who saw the light, when so many others did not!

Ok, we are cocky but we deserve bragging rights, and more importantly so do the new generation at TRAX, and the many pioneers who stuck with us over the years.

The big corporate wolves who tried to take us down didn't succeed! I believe it's all because of the power of LOVE.

I can't wait for our 40th Anniversary this year, and I hope that you will all come out and celebrate with us. I'm talking to you, **Furry's, Drag Queens**, club kids, glamorous people and those that are charmingly ugly. Come out in your suit, designer wear or rags. No prejudice allowed.

Let's visit local stores and businesses again. For those who remember, It's another way to have fun! Have you been purchasing everything on Amazon? Well I have!

There is a cool little shop that I visited called **Dovetail** at 1452 West Chicago Avenue. You'll find all kinds of interesting vintage treasures there. It's also fun to visit a rich cultural neighborhoods like Pilsen.



Check out those shops, and the fantastic affordable restaurants, Visit **Colby Gallery** on 18th Street, where you'll see interesting art, and even couture clothing by **Michael Wesley White** of



**EQUATORIA**. This year. make new friends, don't be afraid to reach out to new people. Maybe call old friends from the past, and reminisce.

Most of all, now that everyone calls themselves "House", try finding authentic real places where everyone is welcome. That should be easy, especially in Chicago, but it's not! So far I had the most fun at Mario Maldonado's party's at Xoco House Gallery and the events given by The Lesbian Social Club. Though they are lesbians there were still plenty of straight people, gay boys, and those of all types, races and shapes. Everybody is welcome.

**WOW, there's people who call themselves or brand themselves as "House," and worry about their BRAND!**

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**In my opinion, true house is not really a brand, It's about a welcoming feeling. Trying to fit into a mold is the last thing that makes a fun place, or promoting a BRAND! Gee, should I have to worry about how I'm displayed? I could give a S#!T, after all, my new single is called BITCH!**



Lots of huge corporate moguls tell me "I want to buy your brand." TRAX Records is not a brand in the traditional sense. It's a lifestyle, and the best part about is that, "we are us." Meaning we are ourselves, a collection of misfits who managed to have change the world. We don't have a price tag. I have realized that the way we became a legend, was by creating, entertaining & having fun!

I'm coming out of my shell, and looking for like-minded people to have fun with right now! Everyday should be a party. Life is not a dress rehearsal. Goodbye 2024 and hello 2025, THE YEAR of FUN HAS JUST BEGUN!

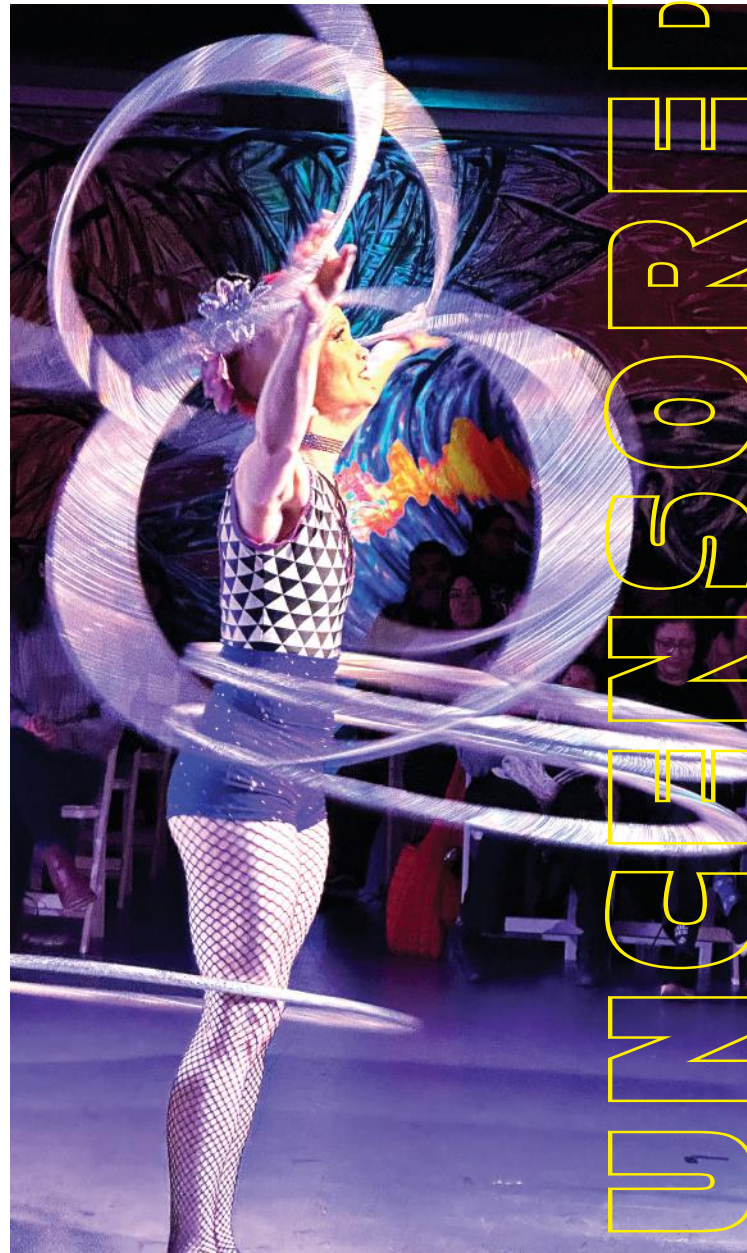
**- Rachael Cain**



**EDITOR'S DISCLAIMER:** According to the World Book Encyclopedia, and the Ubarh Dictionary; Rachael Cain, AKA "Screamin' Rachael" has never been "in her shell." Well, as long as we can remember. Perhaps the only time she was "in a shell," was just prior to being born, right before she hatched out of a huge egg shell, and started screaming!



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# ASK CHAR

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Dear Char,

"I've been feeling distant from my partner lately. How can I rekindle the spark in our relationship without compromising my individuality?"

Dear Individual in Indy,

Well, first of all, don't worry, it can be done! Also, in any relationship, you should always be able to find you, so if this is a partnership where you have lost your ability to be you, write back, because that is a separate question altogether.

Here are some things you can do that will make the good old days be the good old days today:

**Be nostalgic.** Go for the "remember whens". You may find that there were little things that you did that you don't do anymore and you can do a revisit that may just bring back a spark you haven't had in a while.

**Ask yourself the question:** what made me gravitate toward this person. Look at old letters or texts. Remember that feeling.

**Do something special or different:** a single flower, write "I love you" in the snow on a windshield or out your front window, walk past and give a kiss on the back of your partner's neck, or write a "thank you for being you" letter.

**Use music that has meaning as a way to communicate.** Make sure to listen and don't talk. Those lyrics had meaning!

**Think about how you have been communicating.** Do you swear during conflicts? Name call? Blaming talk? Ooooh, better talk about losing some damaging habits and commit to respectful communication. Work on talking about feelings and using "I" statements. Find a CBT therapist and learn more about what this effective therapy can do for you. The Gottman Method of CBT and Integrated Couples Behavioral Therapy are also CBT directed therapies that will help with communication.

**Be a romantic.** Romance begets romance. You may be surprised when you step up your game, your partner may do the same. If not, talk about what makes you feel love and appreciated. Ask what makes your partner feel that way, too.

**Have a ritual that "checks in" in simple ways.** Ask about a "high" and a "low" at the end of each day. You will show you care about everyday things in your partner's life. Share your highs and lows, too. This will help you be involved with each other's lives; learning little details every day.

**Just be grateful.** "Nuff", said. Say it out loud; what makes you grateful to have this person as a partner at this very moment. Do this at least once a day.

**Plan a day just for you.** That individual time is important. Know that your partner can probably use the same. In the same token, have a special time planned just for you two. Plan it together. Think of things never before tried and have a blast or even have an awful experience and laugh about it.



**Do something nice;** Buy little gifts or do little odd jobs that show you care.

**Look for laughter.** Watch a comedy show. Read a stupid "dad joke" to your partner.

**Get serious about physically showing love.** This is not about sex, but the even more intimate hand holding in the car, a kiss goodbye, a kiss hello and especially hugs. Don't get complacent. This is an important part of any relationship.

I hope this helps, and please let us at boiMAGazine know if these suggestions have helped. Also, let us know if you have thought up any of your own workable ideas to the list here.

Thanks a million for writing!!  
-Just ask Char!

■ ■ ■ NOT ALL TRENDS ARE GOOD!

# TECH TRENDS

by Jack Santo ■ ■ ■

**Over the past two decades there was an upsurge of the use of Internet in human life. With this continuous development, Internet users are able to communicate with any part of the globe, to shop online, to use it as a mean of education, to work remotely and to conduct financial transactions. Unfortunately, this rapid development of the Internet has a detrimental impact in our life, which leads to various phenomena such as cyber bullying, cyber porn, cyber suicide, Internet addiction, social isolation, cyber racism etc.**

## **SOCIAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF THE INTERNET**

Physical problems associated with the use of Computers is ever-increasing, and use of computers has a negative impact on the health of users affecting various systems and causing physical and mental problems. Due to these problems there is a discrepancy on the body functionality of some user's system with consequent changes in their quality of life.

The most important of these problems affect the following systems: The ophthalmology system, the nervous system, the musculoskeletal system, cause of headaches, and obesity.

The spread of the Internet and the growing influence of it to such an extent as to constitute a dominant element in the physical and mental development of both young people and adults.

Among the multitude of parameters that make up this new and constantly evolving situation are the exposure of users to propaganda and racist ideas. Additionally, Internet may offer inappropriate material and misleading ideas that medicate suicide as a solution. Internet addiction may be caused by the online gambling and various other forms of gambling for users over the Internet. Especially the younger users bear a high risk from exposure to the online world through social networks, as the new phenomena that have appeared such as seduction online, cyberbullying, cheating by hidden advertising messages, etc. greatly influence their psychology and emotional development and often irreversibly stigmatize them forever.



Furthermore, the development and the spread of the Internet transformed and modernized the definition of scam. Once users began to use plastic money for transactions conducted solely on the Internet appeared the cases of extortion of money by deceit, through the theft and use of personal data of users. Although frauds have always existed, the abolition of personal contact and the extermination of geographical boundaries provided an opportunity to grow.



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## THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME BOI

The term "boi" has taken quite the journey over the years. What started as a slang term within LGBTQ+ communities has grown into something much bigger, a word that now speaks to people across the gender spectrum. Its roots are deep in the gay male and butch communities, where it often signaled masculinity. But today, it's blossomed into something more fluid, more inclusive. For some people assigned female at birth, "boi" is a way to reclaim masculinity without being boxed into the label of "man." It's about embracing masculine traits, aesthetics, or just finding a word that fits their gender experience.

**Lesbians who don't fit neatly into butch or femme categories often get labeled as androgynous.** But for younger LGBTQ+ women, "boi" has become a go-to term. By 2003, Urban Dictionary defined it as a young butch lesbian. Fast forward to 2016, and the definition expanded to include intersex, trans, genderqueer, nonbinary folks, and even cis or trans men. And who knows? The list might keep growing.

**What makes "boi" so special is its refusal to be pinned down.** It's not a fixed label. It's a term that people can shape for themselves. For non-binary individuals, it's a way to reject the gender they were assigned at birth. For others, it's a way to express a fluid or non-conforming identity. It's a word that dances between masculine and feminine, or neither, depending on who's using it and why.

**Think of it like a qubit in quantum computing.** A qubit can exist as both 0 and 1 at the same time. Similarly, "boi" can embody both masculine and feminine qualities, or neither, all at once. It's a term that mirrors the complexity of non-binary identities, existing outside the rigid binary of male and female.

But here's the thing: not everyone will resonate with "boi." It's not a one-size-fits-all label. Some people assigned female at birth or non-binary individuals might not connect with it at all. And that's okay. The beauty of "boi" lies in its flexibility, not its universality.

As society grows more accepting of diverse gender identities, "boi" stands as a reminder that gender isn't a fixed box. It's a kaleidoscope, ever-shifting, full of possibilities. And just when you think you've got it figured out, there's more.

A few years ago, someone decided to give "boi" an acronym: B.O.I., which stands for "Bet On It." Why? Well, that's a story for another time. For now, it's locked away in the vault. But one thing's for sure... The evolution of "boi" isn't over.

What's next? Only time will tell. But one thing's certain: the story of "boi" is far from finished. And the next chapter? It might just surprise you.

Turned 24 this time last year, "boi" grew up over night, and got bigger, better, along with a striking new look, that got much attention.

Our "boi" received many new gifts, including the latest AI gadgets, and was thrilled to start playing with them right away. Popularity grew throughout the year, gaining many new followers, and admirers. However, turning 25, nobody could predict what would come next.

As one might not expect, the popularity, and the many gifts didn't produce an over inflated ego.

To everyone's delight, "boi", who now prefers the name **boiMAGazine**, recently became involved with **ChicagoArtsCenter.org**, a newly formed, non-profit organization, to help raise funds for its 2025 Mission, and to help bring awareness to an alarming problem; That our social landscape and dance culture has been vanishing right before our eyes, and has been replaced with an unprecedented amount of screen-time online, that's created a **new "Non-Movement" norm.**

This immersive trend is causing all sorts of social, mental & physical disorders, that will only get worse as time goes by. Our dance clubs, entertainment venues, and social gatherings have been rapidly disappearing, taking with it our cultural heritage.

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