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A Visit to the Colosseum by Victor Levy

When I first stood in line to enter the Colosseum in Rome this past summer, with my wife, Suzanne, and our three boys, Benjamin, Jonathan and Lewis, it felt a bit like we were going into a sporting event. We were excited about touring the Colosseum, as were all the tourists. Young men kept approaching us with offers to buy all kinds of souvenirs and water. The whole scene reminded me of the old Veterans Stadium as if we were waiting in line to see an Eagles game.

But once inside, my family and I came to discover that football was not what the Colosseum was built for. We rented headphones to listen to the history of the Colosseum and came to learn some revealing and shocking information about the use of the building. First, it was hardly used as a place for games, unless you call getting eaten by a ravenous beast a game. Many prisoners were sent to their death in the Colosseum, estimated at over 1,000,000 people throughout the centuries. Also, the ancient Romans would sometimes fill the place up with water and stage ship battles inside, but to keep things interesting they would also bring in alligators and crocodiles, setting them loose in the water often along with people who were sent to their death among the beasts. Second, it is the largest amphitheater ever built, made from concrete and sand. Finally, I came to learn that the construction was funded by the opulent spoils taken from the Jewish Temple after the siege of Jerusalem at around 70 AD. This fact left me bewildered and uneasy.

We were astounded and shocked to learn about this ancient structure. Then, as was typical for our travel, after the Colosseum we found the nearest gelateria and settled into five rounds of cool Stracciatella (creamy vanilla ice cream with dark chocolate chips). It was another day in the eternal city.



Jonathan, Ben, Lewis, Suzanne & Victor outside the Colosseum in Rome, Italy

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Totality or Bust by John King

Last month, my fiancée and I packed a weekend's worth of clothes and food, and set off for Fall Creek Falls State Park in central Tennessee to put ourselves in the path of totality for the August 21, 2017 solar eclipse. Why? Why brave horrendous traffic for the less than certain possibility of a cloudless sky - all for two and a half minutes of "totality?" Because "totality" is not just the destination, it is also symbolic of the journey itself. Totality is our way of living. Totality is saying yes to challenges and opportunities. Totality is being wholeheartedly committed to living life to the fullest.

Like the totality in a solar eclipse, life is a brief and precious experience that is often difficult to remember and appreciate amidst the mundane events of daily life. Our totality mindset is an inspiring reminder of the intrinsic reward in going the extra mile, or a thousand miles in this case for a fuller experience of life.



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Move In-Day, Times Two by David Levy



As we plan for things in the future, the college move-in day process is a date that gets circled on the calendar immediately upon being accepted to college. That is exactly what we experienced as our youngest son, Jack, was accepted to Syracuse University. The first step is to book the hotel on campus, as there are only 200 rooms for 3000+ incoming freshmen. The next step is purchasing all the "stuff" at Bed Bath and Beyond. The popular belief is that the 20% off coupons for Bed Bath and Beyond saves us money, but I believe it is somehow a marketing gimmick that does not save me money. Despite what I think, those white and blue shopping bags kept multiplying all summer until the day we headed to Syracuse.

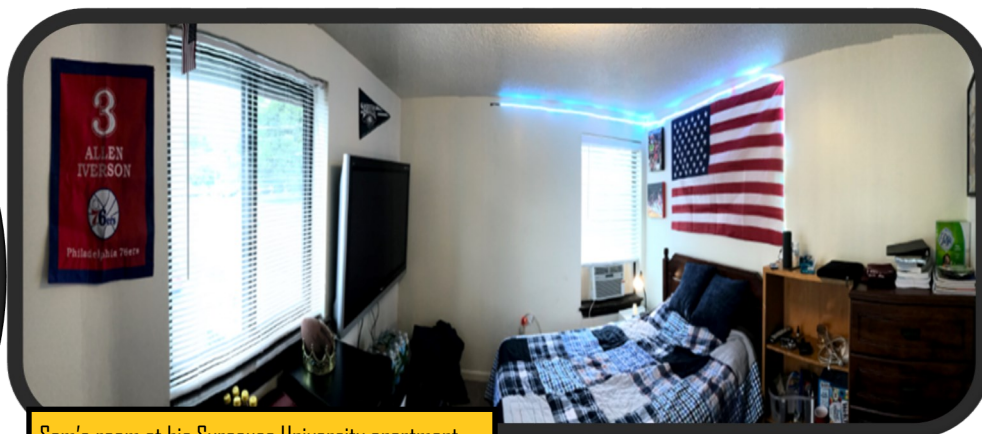
However, what added to the experience was at the same time and at the same school, we also had to move our older son, Sam, into an apartment from the fraternity house. Timing was perfect in that we recently completed an office renovation and we were able to provide to Sam and his new roomies with two sofas, a coffee table and a large screen TV. So Sam and I scheduled a day to drive the furniture up in June, which also gave me a first look at where Sam would be living. The apartment was not moved out; the former students that lived there left their furniture, clothes and housewares and the place was not clean, to say the least.

Well, we had a plan and hired Stanley Steamer to do the carpet cleaning and a housekeeper to clean the rest of the apartment. We scheduled these appointments for the move-in day in August, when we would be there next. Stanley Steamer came at 8:00 a.m. and then the housekeeper came at 5:00 p.m. Stanley Steamer needed each room emptied before they could clean, so now the manual labor work began. We had to empty three bedrooms and then put them back together again. Then came the living room and kitchen. We had to hang a 60-inch TV on the wall, and since it is ten years old, it is VERY HEAVY!!!! Plus, one of Sam's roommates needed to have me put together his TV stand that he purchased, since he has no tools. So, by 6:00 p.m. we began setting up Sam's room, which we finished about 9:00 p.m. By the way, in the middle of all this, 2:00 p.m. was the Freshman's assigned move in time. So now we took his stuff and all of the Bed Bath and Beyond bags and moved Jack in.

I love my boys more than anything and I would do it all again for them. Their new living conditions are great and they have each other.



Sam setting up his new college digs



Sam's room at his Syracuse University apartment



Jack's dorm room at Syracuse University

The Beginning of a New Chapter by Joshua Wielgus, Marketing Associate

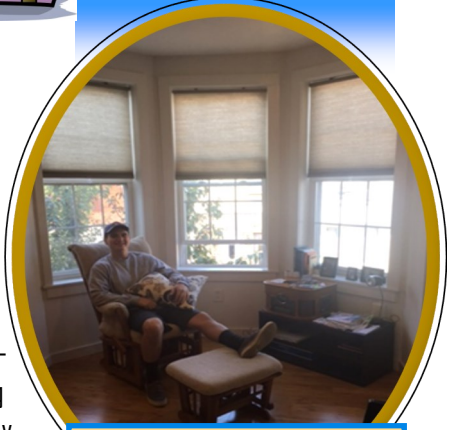


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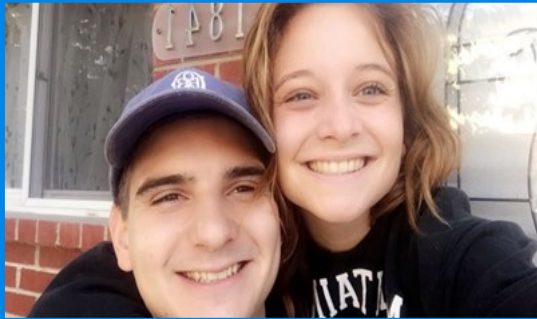


I remember it like it was yesterday...moving into my first college apartment at Temple University with a few friends. Although, this was not yesterday, it was a little more than four years ago. Over those next four years, I would make some of the best memories with lifetime friends. While it would be nice if these things lasted forever, it was time to end that chapter of my life and begin focusing on a new one.

Not only am I a new associate at Levy and Associates, but I am also a new resident of South Philadelphia. I am located a few blocks east from the Tasker-Morris Broad Street Line Subway stop, residing in my very own one bedroom, second floor apartment. Before my move I would only go to South Philly for one reason, sporting events. Now I am wondering why I did not make a move sooner.



Josh enjoying the peace and quiet of his new roommate-free apartment



Josh and his girlfriend, Mara, outside Josh's new apartment

One of the things I love most about the area is the variety of food places and restaurants. Every Thursday night, my girlfriend and I will go out to eat and try something new. We have yet to decide on a favorite spot. Although, what I love most about living in South Philadelphia is the sense of community. It did not take very long to meet and be welcomed in by my neighbors. Everyone looks out for each other and the neighborhood has a strong friendly vibe.

I am very fortunate and blessed to be where I am today. I cannot wait to create more memories, meet new people, and see what else this chapter of my life will bring.

Leon Fun Fact: Every summer, Leon loves to go to the boardwalk to see the Ocean City Pops. When asked why he wears a jacket and tie to the boardwalk, he said, "I always want to look my best...no matter what!"

None of my inventions came by accident. I see a worthwhile need to be met and I make trial after trial until it comes. What it boils down to is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. -

Thomas Edison



Leon enjoying a water ice on Ocean City's boardwalk

Happy Anniversary Donna & Greg

30 Years 15 Years

Anniversary Party at La Viola

September 13, 2017



The Guests of Honor,
Donna McPeake & Greg Harrigan



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- *In Responding Urgently*
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The Last Word...

Upcoming Events

- ♦ October—John King will be attending LPL's RPCP Conference in Los Angeles, California

Upcoming Birthdays

- ♦ October—Donna McPeake & Judith Trojnar
- ♦ November—Betty Samarco, Maria Amado & Josh Goldberg
- ♦ December—John King

Milestones

- ♦ Josh Wielgus passed the Health, Life & Accident Insurance License Exam

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