

The best way to discover what “Stuff white people like”

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In January of 2008, Christian Lander started the blog simply titled

children’s games as adults, studying abroad, and Facebook.

The social commentary here is outwardly apparent: white people love to seem socially aware and hip to revolution, when they are really

retain a huge audience of the very people it is critiquing? As a white, public-radio listening, “socially aware” vegetarian who plans to study abroad, I feel I am qualified to answer that question.



Stuff White People Like

courtesy Stuff White People Like

“Stuff White People Like.” Lander’s description of the blog is rather basic: “This is a scientific approach to highlight and explain stuff white people like. They are pretty predictable.”

Perusing the blog, I found that it is not describing white people in general, but rather a specific group of Democratic, wealthy Caucasians with a hyper-consciousness about image. And, with that group in mind, I found myself feeling the sentiment that has made the blog so ridiculously popular: “That’s so true.”

Lander hits the nail on the head with most entries. Left-leaning Americans do love farmer’s markets, yoga, The New York Times, and promising to learn a new language. They also love unpaid internships,

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just perpetuating the norm. Every entry bites with cynicism and points out hypocrisy. So how does such a nasty, mean-spirited publication

The blog points out the supreme falseness of seemingly good-natured acts. Many of the entries on “Stuff White People Like” seem to describe someone hypocritically trying desperately to seem sincerely aware and intelligent. As I found more entries that described me, it was a moment of self-reflection: do I like these things? Or do I like the image of these things? These questions make the blog simultaneously hilarious and painfully honest—an addicting combination.

I came to no dramatic conclusion on my visit to the blog. That being said, I can fully recommend it for a humorous and insightful look at the tendencies that may inhabit your subconscious. See for yourself at www.stuffwhitepeoplelike.com.

Arroz con leche

by Jessica Fee
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Over the summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica with the AMIGOS de las Americas program. There, I lived with a family and immersed myself in Latin American culture.

I had a rotating meal plan, so I would eat each of my meals with different families. One day, I was at a woman named Yendri’s house and it began raining terribly. Instead of sending me home with an umbrella, she invited me to stay and make a traditional Latin American dish called Arroz con leche, or “rice with milk” with her. This dish is a rich dessert, usually made for special occasions.

It is perfect for the upcoming holiday season, for either an unassuming rainy afternoon snack, or a delicious holiday meal dessert!



courtesy Cusco Peru

- Ingredients:
2 liters milk
1 cup raw rice
2 cups sugar
3/4 of a canela stick (A type of Mexican cinnamon)
10 cloves
1 stick of butter

(Regarding the quantity of the ingredients: Most women in Costa Rica rarely use any kind of measuring tools. Because these recipes were passed down from their mothers or grandmothers, they use measuring tools such as large mixing spoons and mugs. These quantities are estimated.)

In a large pot, mix the uncooked rice with the milk. Cook until the rice is completely softened. Mix in the canela and cloves. Let sit for 10 minutes. Mix in the butter. Slowly mix in the sugar, stirring continually. Mix well! Can be served warm or cold.



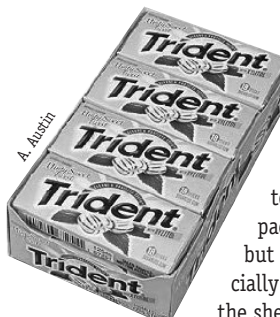
courtesy Conchita Mills, Inc.

If you’re looking for the ultimate pack of gum

by Kylie Webb
Humor Editor

Trident Sweet Mint Twist: 3 gum sticks

This mix of minty and sweet flavors is very well balanced. The flavor lasts for a decent amount of time and the gum maintains a good soft and chewable texture for as long as the flavor lasts. The flavor is not too sharp nor too minty, leaning towards the sweet side however, some may find it too sugary. The packaging is nice but does not especially stand out on the shelf.



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Orbit Sweet Mint: 4 1/2 gum sticks

Orbit does a very good job, just as Trident does, of capturing the right amount of minty verses sweet. However Orbit leans towards the more minty side. The flavor does not last as long as Trident, but longer than Stride. Out of the three, Orbit’s texture stays the best for the longest time. The packaging for the Orbit Sweet Mint flavor is the most visually appealing out of the three.



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Stride Nonstop Mint: 2 gum sticks

For those who are looking for a more minty gum-chewing experience, Stride NonStop Mint is the best choice—but do not be fooled by the name. The off mint fluoride-like flavor



does not last for very long at all. The texture could also be improved as well—it becomes tough too quickly. The visual aspect is not very unique, but the wrapping on the individual pieces has Stride repeatedly printed in small lettering, which is a nice detail.

The search for the best thrift store in town

by Hank Hansen
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Cliché though it may seem, the phrase “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure” is quite accurate. Great gain can come to those who are willing to search through what others cast aside. Such is the case with second-hand stores: although a tacky older gentleman may no longer find his silk striped shirt fashionable, a young, creative dresser may fall in love at first sight with the very same shirt. Thrift stores save perfectly functional items from being thrown away, they can be an affordable alternative for frugal shoppers, and they are great for finding a costume for anything from Halloween to Spirit Week to a theme party. Here are some of the best second-hand stores in the area and brief descriptions of what makes them awesome:

The Happy Dragon: 245 W. Main Street, Los Gatos.

Tucked away just outside downtown Los Gatos, The Happy Dragon is the place to go for second-hand clothing in Los Gatos. Along with its wide array of gently used men’s and women’s clothing at very affordable prices, The Happy Dragon has a scattered selection of knick-knacks varying from plates to games to cassette tapes. Another highlight of The Happy Dragon is its substantial library of used books, almost all for under a dollar. All in all, if you want to stay local and buy some fun, quality used items while doing so, the Happy Dragon is the way to go.

Savers: 2222 Business Circle, San Jose.

Savers lacks the charm, coziness and close proximity of The Happy Dragon, but it

features a wider selection of clothes, as well as a greater variety of other products such as VHS tapes, glasses, children’s toys, and more. Savers has the feel of a typical older department store, but what it lacks in ambience it



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makes up for in size. Savers also has a great assortment of modest clothes and not just the flamboyant, costume-like attire that is

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sometimes prevalent at The Happy Dragon and other smaller secondhand stores. Overall a great option for cheap shopping, Savers is

only a short drive from Los Gatos.

Goodwill: 60 S. San Tomas Aquino Rd, Campbell.

Bigger than both Savers and The Happy Dragon, Goodwill benefits from being part

of a large franchise of second-hand retail outlets. This means more choices for customers; also, Goodwill carries things like furniture and some sporting equipment, which are not present at the aforementioned second-hand stores. But with great size comes great clutter, and Goodwill can appear untidy and chaotic at times. However, this is a small price to pay

for having endless aisles of reasonably priced used goods available to you the minute you walk through the door.

Treasure Point: 851 41st Ave, Santa Cruz.

Treasure Point thrift store offers a wide variety of strange costumes, old Hawaiian shirts, and ridiculous footwear. Although it does not usually offer casual, everyday clothing, Treasure Point is ideal for any costume party, Spirit Week, or Sadie’s dance. Affordable and almost certainly one of a kind, the second-hand items offered at this location are always good quality. With the holidays approaching, Treasure Point is a great place to stop in for some last minute gifts.