



Dear Patrons,

The LD Micro Index closed higher for the week as it gets comfortable in the 2,000 range again.

We will be celebrating five years of the Index come September, shortly after our "[500](#)" takes place online.

Don't forget, we opened up at 2,000.

Since that time, we are still not at par.

The Nasdaq (QQQ) is up over 131% in that time.

I wanted to commend our friends at JTC for inviting and hosting their fireside chat series this week. Miss Thomas and the team did a great job, and we learned a lot about several new companies.

One that sparked our attention is Slinger Bag ([SLBG](#)), which may be the only micro-cap "tennis" play in our universe today.

It is tiny. Pre-revenue, and in the process of coming out of the gate.

Historically, ball machines have been a pain in the butt for all tennis players regardless of budget and skillset.

They are big, bulky, and above all, expensive.

Slinger is hoping to change all that, with a portable device that starts at \$550.

It has been a long and hard road for most companies focused on the sport over the past decade or so.

Lots of re-invention, but little to no innovation has taken place.

Hopefully, Slinger can turn the momentum around and provide a useful tool for those looking to improve their games.

Father's Day.

The famous comedian and, at times, philosopher, George Carlin always had a "bone" to pick when it came to parenting.

He was a pioneer in bringing up themes that no one in the traditional media would even dare consider.

Bad parents were one of these themes.

If you are looking hard for positives these days, most of us have recently spent more time at home.

For many (secretly), this is NOT a positive.

For me, it has been.

More dinners with the family.

More time playing and hanging out with the kids.

More time fixing up the house and cleaning the garage.

More time just listening and observing what needs attending.

My wife had never been to Disneyland.

We decided to make it a trip back in 2013.

I had not been since 1996 and did not know what to expect.

Back then, you could have purchased an annual pass for \$100.

A single day now costs this much.

For one thing, Disneyland is a LOT bigger when you are smaller.

I remember our first ride together was "Pirates of the Caribbean."

While in line, I had perhaps one of the strangest epiphanies ever.

It was in regards to my Dad, and how much he must have disliked Disneyland. Now that I was older, I could see it from his perspective.

For those of you who have been fortunate enough to meet my father, he is a "traditionalist." Old school.

Having a good time was often frowned upon because life is tough.

Disneyland was vice and distraction and a stupid mouse that should have exterminated decades ago.

The poor man had to pretend to have a good time so that his internal misery would not take away from the moment of joy everyone else experienced.

Even hugs were rare!

I pick up my phone to call his cell.

"Merci Daddy. Thank you for everything."

Let this be a day for reflection, friendship, and appreciation.

Happy Father's Day.

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p.s. Worth the read: [Opinion - We're pretending the virus is gone. That'll make it worse.](#)

