
Opinion Section

Posted by bc76 - 2007/05/10 17:36

The TP added this forum, so i figured i might as well put it to use....

Regarding the "Opinion" section: is it feasible to move the previous days "Opinion" section to the forum the next day? Many times a great conversation/debate is generated from the opinion pieces only to be forgotten after a couple of days. I suspect that many people would like to continue the conversation, but do not like to search through the archives looking for it.

Maybe a fix to this would be to add a "My Threads" or "My Previous Post's" feature. This way, a registered member can easily track down a message thread they have commented on.

thanks in advance TP and SolutionsIC.

Re:Opinion Section

Posted by JamesT - 2007/05/11 09:36

Here here--I second that. Many times there has been some great dialog. Not to mention the name calling which is always fun to read. Maybe TP could take the opines with the most posts and move them over. Just a thought.
James Tulare

Re:Opinion Section

Posted by TP Web - 2007/05/12 02:00

I'm hearin' it, but I'm not quite sure of a solution yet. The best I can do *for now* is copy-paste opinion pieces onto the forum to add a new thread. This is something anyone can do.

Hopefully Nick has a better answer!

Re:Opinion Section

Posted by NickD - 2007/06/11 23:11

Unfortunately the functionality requested isn't really possible at the moment. Off the top of my head I can think of a few solutions, however all of them are incredibly manual. Thus they aren't very feasible as a long term solution.

I'll investigate this further.

-Nick

Re:Opinion Section

Posted by eieio - 2007/06/12 11:03

Are you kidding me? Why don't you put in a request to the creative staff/engineers that built the back end for the TP forums and comment section to make some improvements....

Have the comments after the article automatically mirror into the forums area. The article headline, will then become the title of the forum post.... (create a section within the forum categories for digital photos') ... photo's in minutes!

One more thing while your requesting some changes... can they please move the forum lists so it is seen on the page with out having to scroll down to look for it and sign in on the side bar..... Your loosing people ... cuz they can't find it.

Post edited by: eieio, at: 2007/06/12 12:09

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Re:Opinion Section

Posted by blake carter - 2007/06/12 17:08

eieio...not sure if you intended the "are you kidding me" remark to sound rude, but you really come off as such. remember the saying "you catch more bees with honey than you do with vinegar"?

as for scrolling down to find the forum, i only experience that when i use internet explorer. at home i use firefox and everything looks fine. granted, 97% of people use internet explorer.

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Re:Opinion Section

Posted by JimF - 2007/06/12 19:22

imo, it is best to leave the opinion section threads as is, let them live in that day's 'paper'. We have these forums for longer running items. I think a page or links on an existing page to the "most viewed", weekly, monthly and daily would be useful for referring back to those one or two hot items that come up.

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Re:Opinion Section

Posted by blake carter - 2007/06/12 19:51

Jim, even that would be great. as i mentioned in the first post, a "my threads" or "my previous posts" ability would be great. many websites i visit, say IMDB, easily allow you to locate threads you have posted on. i understand that IMDB is a huge website, therefore more resources are available to them, so i am not losing any sleep over this.

now, figuring out where the opinion section fits into all of this...i know the two (opinion, forum) are not related, so i can see where the trouble may be.

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Re:Opinion Section

Posted by NickD - 2007/06/14 01:19

eieio: I am one of the 'creative staff/engineers' that created the website as it is today. The Tracy Press is not a completely custom website. Its Content Management System, while customized heavily, is not built 100% by us. It uses the Open Source CMS Joomla! and multiple extensions. This makes doing the things you suggested not as easy as it sounds.

As Blake mentioned, the article comments and forum are two separate entities, that are not connected to each other. A connection to the two is not that easy to create either. It would involve some heavy back-end coding, which we do not have the resources to complete.

In fact, the TP does not have it's own 'web team' as it seems you think. I work for SolutionsIC, a web development / design firm, the company 'behind' the website.

And to address a few other issues mentioned.

Internet Explorer: we are aware of the forum not showing correctly on the site and hope to have it corrected by the end of this week, or beginning of next.

Login: The login is required for security and privacy measures. Unfortunately allowing access to the forum without being logged in allows robots to post spam to the forum. This spam, as I'm sure all of you are aware, can often times be very vulgar / rude / annoying. There are also some security issues with open access to the forum, with hacking attempts.

Previous Posts: You can subscribe to any forum thread by clicking on the 'Subscribe' link in the bottom left corner of a

thread. It has a star to the left of it. Than you can fev any subscribed forum threads by navigating to your profile, which is located in the toolbar above the forum.

Hopefully that answers some of the questions everyone has! If there are more, that are unrelated to the comments questions, please open a new forum thread regarding them. That way we can keep everything organized well.

Regards,
Nick Dykzeul

Post edited by: NickD, at: 2007/06/14 02:24

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