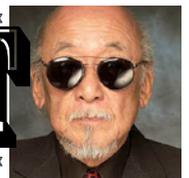


YAWN'Y'S DIGEST



Nobody Ever Said Tampering Was Gonna Be Easy

People are so bent out of shape about Russia trying to mess up our "democracy" by poisoning our public discourse. As if it wasn't shitty enough to begin with already.

Well. You know how a few years back, in good ol' Afghanistan, we airdropped rations to their people? With love notes inside? And how our troops would give the kids candy? And how we called all that "winning hearts and minds"?

So I mean if you look at it from the other side, you could probably say that Russia is maybe just trying to... win our hearts and minds. Is that so bad? What would be hilarious is if they could drop a shitload of care packages to *our people*. Inside each parcel could be a handgun, ammo, and a message reading, "Respect the 2nd Amendment. Sincerely, Russia." And maybe a picture of Putin wrestling a bear. I'd bet that 50% of Americans would turn in their new guns to the police, then go have a glass of wine. The other 50% would go on Breitbart to fire up potential Nancy Pelosi assassins.

When you look at it from any side that's not totally insane though, the phrase "winning hearts and minds" is a little bit fucking creepy and I'm not sure anybody should be saying that shit out loud if they're actually doing it.

ELDER LORE: SCROLL XVII

Father-in-law: You're still reading that book? I thought you'd have been done with it by now.

Me: Well, the content is sort of heavy. I'll read a chapter, then I have to put it down and come back to it later.

Father-in-law: Yeah, those are the kinds of books I usually throw away.

Placebo Dealer Takes All

Why do California snowflakes keep buying natural herbal supplements that do nothing? You can add CBD and THCa to the list of worthless junk ingested in my household. Based on preliminary tests, the only hippie things that actually work are incense, tiger balm, and LSD.

Nerd Ass Book Review:

Fire and Fury by Michael "The Eel" Wolff

So it turns out that "vile" and "valuable" are not mutually exclusive qualities. Who knew? This New York Times #1 bestseller has been roundly criticized for its numerous flaws, all of which I hereby claim provide a perfect synergistic form for its loathsome content. *Mirror, mirror on the wall, who will lick the President's balls? Ya see?*

1. **Wolff is a wormy little snitch bitch gossip.** Yes! That is correct! We have a match!

2. **The book is poorly edited.** Yes! Editing = censorship = deep state

3. **Named sources are extremely rare.** Yes! About half of the quotes are attributed to Bannon though! Even his anus is a leaker!

4. **Unifying threads are randomly inserted throughout, with little supporting evidence.** Yes!

I absolutely cannot WAIT for the new season. I just really want to know: who's gonna win, Jared or Steve?

Unbeatable Ad Hominem

I used to say that one of the best approaches to undermining an opponent is to casually suggest that they are "pretty insecure" because who isn't? So it's not really debatable. By the same token, try insinuating that someone might be "a little on the spectrum" and see if you don't experience a few sage nods from the audience.

Federal Bureau of I Am a Dumb Ass American

All these people criticizing the FBI for not following up on tips. Do people not have any idea how many kooks are calling in wacko shit every damn day? For example on NextDoor, I get these emails saying "there's a weird looking guy walking down 19th street, I called it in." For all I know that was me. Then an hour later: "Did anyone else hear that really loud noise at 10:30 pm? I called it in." That was probably me too. Sometimes I get mad at my PS/4, so what.

Everyone thinks they're so fucking smart. Why do you think they call it hindsight, it's because you have your head up your ass.

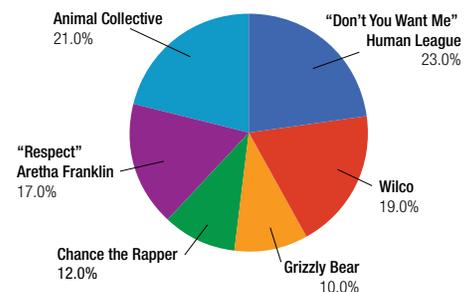
Most Annoying Liberal Commentators

- **Bill Maher.** "Li'l Narcissus"
- **Lawrence O'Donnell.** Pompous ass, here's a news flash for you: a couple of summer Shakespeare workshops doesn't make you Walter Cronkhite.
- **Morning Joe & Mika.** God vomit.
- **Cenk Uygur.** The kind of guy who laughs really loudly at his own jokes. Probably spends a lot of time on the toilet.
- **Rachel Maddow.** Smug alert!

Most Annoying Conservative Commentators

- **Hannity.** Easy win. Reminds everyone of the biggest asshole jock bully they can remember from high school. You know who I'm talking about.
- **Laura Ingraham.** At least Ann Coulter is funny, in a murderous cryptkeeper sort of way. What's up with all the blonde alt-right women? Is it because oh yeah Aryan.
- **Adam Corolla.** Smug alert!

Whole Foods Playlist Probabilities



DARING ARTIST DEPICTS MUSLIM GOD IN STUNNING DETAIL



Pictured above: Illustrator Michael Hunt's fatwa-defying hyperrealistic portrait of Allah

BLACK MIRROR PWNAGE Y'all Ain't Know Shit

Even the people who are scared of it know that *Black Mirror* is the best show on TV. Surprisingly it's also the easiest one to write plots for. Look at this shit:

👉 As the world confronts extreme drought, DNA from water bears is spliced into humans to help them survive. Cellular response to lack of water is the conversion of body fluids to a glass-like solid, which "petrifies" humans and is extremely painful. Later, space travelers arrive at this desiccated planet full of human statues. Just add water and watch the hijinx ensue!

👉 Scientists figure out how to save a brain's contents to computer storage, then how to load that data back into a living brain again. This can be used for warm and fuzzy things like revisiting childhood memories, deepening understanding, etc., but hoo boy, when you mess up, things do get complicated. Second episode, identity theft goes to DEFCON 5.

👉 Researchers perfect the evolution of parthenogenetic humans, so women no longer need sperm to fertilize eggs. Due to the combative tendencies of men, mothers start aborting male babies en masse to improve odds for the future of humanity. It becomes shameful to have a boy. SO EASY! HIT ME UP CHARLIE BROOKER DON'T BE SCARED HOMIE WE GOT THIS

SPORTS

I stopped watching professional sports a long time ago. But then I recently started following mixed martial arts, which makes absolutely zero sense besides the fact that I've always liked horror. The only non-MMA thing I know about in sports now is Fuck the Patriots.

Honeymooners Update ❤️

Wife: And this? I'm sorry, no.

Yawnny: Really? King Gizzard? They're the best!

Wife: It's like...Hobbity-sounding. All this singing about castles or whatever.

Yawnny: Wait a minute. So...you didn't like Jethro Tull either, did you? OK. Now we need to get a divorce.

Wife: That's fine.

People say stuff like, "I *knew* the Eagles were gonna win the Super Bowl." And I get that it's just a figure of speech, but let the record show that you didn't *know* the Eagles were going to win, you *thought* they would win, and in this case you happened to be right. So another figure of speech is you don't know shit about shit.

Take Trump's tax cuts: half of America is convinced that these are not only morally just, but exactly what's needed to improve the economy. The other half thinks they're an irresponsible giveaway to the rich, a setup for future failure.

Everyone acts so convinced. For instance, me and my ilk believe that "trickle-down economics" is just a bogus frame for validating the rentier oligarchy. But then, you see, I work at a rich kids' private school, i.e. the wealth kind of *does* trickle down to me, i.e. (a) I'm probably a hypocrite and (b) maybe I should just keep my mouth shut and collect my paycheck.

Economists are the worst though. They can't even agree on the most basic stuff, probably because they're Harvard MBAs who majored in Self-Regard. So the OMB will come out and say "U.S. jobs are up this quarter," then along comes Krugman like: "oh they changed the counting methodology, actually jobs are down relative to blah blah blah" and the echo chambers get all jizzy about reporting bias. Still, I think I'd trust Krugman or even Alan "Junior Milton" Greenspan over the sycophantic clown whisperers littering the White House floor.

Of course in two years, if the economy is tanking, everyone's going to trot out their favorite scapegoat for a good whacking. And if it's booming, everyone and his brother will run around claiming credit for it. But really: you didn't know. 'Cause you *DON'T* fucking know

"PD" Scammers Run Amok

Little sumpin' sumpin' for all you educators

Shit peddling jackals posing as "trainers" or "experts" are ravaging the swollen necrotic corpus of private schools. They call their crappy wheelhouse "Professional Development," and to get at their pounds of flesh, these snake oil salesmen construct bogus "institutes," padding their resumes with made-up credentials. Their wares: vapid neologisms presented in Helvetica to gullible, cowed educators paying \$750 a day for the privilege of having their minds slowly clubbed to death. Lunch is included.

Blind Dog Blues

Now that our 100% blind dog has developed glaucoma, and her cataracts have kicked into high gear, her nicknames are proliferating like Santa Rosa wildfire.

Check 'em, bro:

- Popeye
- Bulgie
- White Walker
- Golden Globes
- Little Helen Keller Over Here
- Blindie —> prompting the cheery singalong:

"Once I had love/And it was a gas/Soon found out/I'd have eyes of glass." I know that might sound mean, but we actually love her more than ever now! Isn't that sweet? Horrible breath notwithstanding!



The Nine Worst Words in the Entire English Language

TUMMY • HUBBY • YUMMY



- B A B E
- B A E
- B O O

FELCH • MOIST • SMEGMA

#MeToo #Bond

When I was a kid I saw the James Bond movie "Live and Let Die" and I thought it was the best ever. I just rewatched it and goddamn! Bond is such a fucking dickbag. Every time he meets a pretty girl he immediately tries to bone her.

The women in Bond films are uniformly child-like, helpless, and gorgeous, except for a handful of scrotum-kicking Russian harpies. The only normal-seeming woman in all of Bond-land is Miss Money Penny, who is actually pretty hot, and definitely hot for James. But since she's not young enough to be his daughter, he couldn't be bothered. It's sort of implied that James and Money Penny do occasionally smash, which you know he 100% does so that she will occasionally pull some mission critical shit for him in the middle of the night without getting paid a nickel of overtime.



Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret Yawny

You know how when you blow out the birthday candles, they tell you to make a wish? I was wondering, who's that supposed to be for? Is it God? Because who else listens in to your thoughts, and sometimes grants you prizes, right? But nobody ever says to the birthday boy or girl "now pray for something good to happen to you." They just say "make a wish."

I guess I'm trying to figure out if wishes are supposed to be like #goals, or more of an appeal to a supernatural being. I remember one time in 5th or 6th grade there was this girl I liked and when I was walking home I thought, "Dear God, if you're listening, please make that girl like me, and I'll never doubt again that you're real." Then about a year later the girl did like me, and I remember being totally embarrassed that I had prayed for it, saying to myself, "you dumbass, did you really think there was some kind of genie in a bottle working for you? The deal is OFF!"

At least when kids write to Santa, they know who it is they're addressing, even if the whole premise is so damned flimsy. Who came up with that Santa shit? And what does it have to do with the horrific execution of an alleged martyr 2000 years ago? You know, in Sweden they have young girls walk around with burning candles stuck in their hair before Christmas. That is some terrifying imagery that is entirely appropriate to the subject matter.

did you know...?

☞ that erstwhile unfunny comedian Drew Carey is now the host of *The Price is Right*?

☞ that future historians studying YouTube might deduce that the 90s were a carefree, happy and positive-minded era for Western society until something known as "Portishead" came along and ruined it for everyone?

☞ that weighing yourself first before and then after pooping can sometimes yield surprising results?

Activist Blogger for Hire

Dear Vladimir, I am highly qualified and available to begin work immediately. My market innovation is around developing posts that trigger in both Breitbart and HuffPo. Samples enclosed below. Write back soon, Love Yawny

White people invented skiing. Boom

Black people invented peanuts. Boom

Bannon/Hicks 2020

I hate Hillary so much I even totally forgot why. But it's OK LOL :) MAGA

NRA is, essentially, Communism.

Soros and Mercer Illuminati S-tier

God vs. Science—who's #1?

Waste Management

My son's guitar teacher keeps telling him "You're wasting time," and I think it's probably the best single piece of advice anyone could give another human, because it's almost always true. I think the other top pieces of advice for humanity would be "please stop talking" and "you know, not everyone should procreate."

You don't have to be ultra-productive in every waking moment. There's a time and a place to relax and recharge. But what nobody should do, ever, is stay up until 2 am watching Twitch streams of other people playing video games. I'm not even sure about spending three hours every damn Sunday completing all the NY Times puzzles. People might say, "oh, those are brain exercises. They improve your thinking." NO. You're getting better at doing puzzles.

And yet, I'm getting so good at KenKen! Also just curious but how many of you have defeated Abhorrent Beast in the Chalice Dungeons? Not too many, I'll wager.

YTHO

Hefeweiss gets lemon slice; Mexican beer gets lime wedge; Belgian ale gets orange ????
WTF IS THIS ???? WHO DECIDES????

TravelWatch: Norway

It was pretty cool when Donald Trump gave a shout-out to Norway recently. Unfortunately for him, even if Norwegians *did* want to emigrate to the US—which they mostly don't—they would not advance his brand at all, because Norwegians are totally uninterested in Trump's kind of daily drama. I don't think his antics really make any sense to them.

I was just in Norway last summer, and it's stunningly beautiful, but their idea of fun is smoking a pipe on a mountain-top. Or perhaps spending the day knitting, with a midday break to slice off a few pieces of hard cheese with a fish knife.



The Leftovers

I know what bacteria is, but I don't accept the notion that leftovers are inherently gross or dangerous. If they don't smell bad, or aren't covered in mold, they should be eaten, because leftovers are FREE FOOD goddamn it. If you like throwing away food, you may as well light dollar bills on fire. What's the worst that could happen from eating leftovers? A little stomach ache maybe? You know you can cure that with a Tums, don't you? which costs like a quarter. And you just saved \$7.50 on lunch, so #manup. Even if by some bizarre stroke of bad luck you happened to get diarrhea, you probably just lost three pounds. You know some douchesacks will pay big money to get the same results from a "boot camp." \$\$\$

SURF NEWS

Grilled Yawny, Pacifica, CA

OLD WOMAN (eyes Yawny suspiciously): You're going in the ocean in this rain.

YAWNY: Yeah. I'm gonna get wet anyway.

OLD WOMAN: I don't know. I'm from New York.

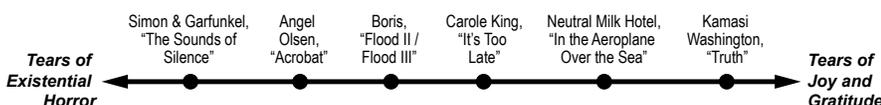
YAWNY: Oh, you can surf there too.

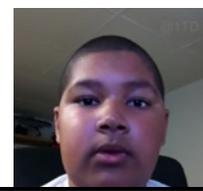
OLD WOMAN: You can NOW. You couldn't before. The waves were too big.

YAWNY: Hmm. Well. stay warm, I guess.

OLD WOMAN (glares, walks away)

Weeping Spectrum Analysis





Hershey Highway 2.0

I'm not really an eye-for-an-eye kind of person, but sometimes it makes sense. I mean, we all agree that Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a heartwarming and wise tale, right? Well I was thinking that if Harvey Weinstein won a Golden Ticket, his fate on the chocolate factory tour would be to have giant icing injector shoved up his ass, filling him with creamy nougat until his insides exploded. With maybe like a billion-dollar production deal dangling on a string in front of his helpless bulging eyes. Because "just desserts," yeah?

If Donald Trump got a Golden Ticket, I don't know what would happen to him exactly but I'm thinking it would involve knives and a diaper. How any of that is candy-related I'll leave up to you and your perverted imagination.



The strangest thing about *Stranger Things* is its massive appeal. Spielberg's aesthetic was corny *back in the 80s*. Why would anyone want to take a retro trip back to shitsville? I understand the world can only handle just so many *Breaking Bad* imitators, so I welcome the attempt. But it's a mystery to me how a jumble of hackneyed teen tropes, Goatse-sized plot holes, and an overacting 55-year-old woman with no wrinkles can fly with even the most post-ironic audiences.

If I see Season 2 through to the end, it'll only be in search of more anti-millennial material. I can be patient: I made it through every episode of *American Horror Story* and *The Walking Dead*. On the other hand, I've rage-quit on *Better Call Saul*, *Black-ish*, and *Love*. Now I'm wondering if I should maybe start looking for a seat on the "Golden Age of TV Is Over" bandwagon.

People v. the Deep State Pt. 9

It seems that everyone expects a Congressional Medal of Honor when they withdraw from social media. They like to tell everyone about how much better their lives are now, how they're living a clean and unsullied life. But how many of you are total fucking G's who ALSO KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE RINGERS OFF PERMANENTLY? You guys feel free to call, but I'm not answering shit. I'm serious.

Dad Jokes! SJW Parry Kit

- ☞ "The only opioid crisis I see is the empty shelf in my medicine cabinet. How come millennial kids are swimming in Xanax thanks to a few stupid final exams, but a middle-aged taxpaying citizen with four major surgeries and arthritis in every joint can't get a Vicodin or two?"
- ☞ "You know, I wouldn't mind getting sexually harrassed once in a while."
- ☞ "They say black lives matter, blue lives matter, all lives matter. I don't know. Honestly I don't think my life really matters that much. Yours might not either, no offense."

Please, Let's Have No More Battle of the Sexes

The missus recently complained because I bought a bottle of Suave men's shampoo at the grocery store, rather than wait for the re-up on the fancy Bumble & Bumble stuff. But I looked at the ingredients on both, and as far as I can tell, they're pretty equivalent. Just about everything in those bottles looks like it could kill you. The main differences are (a) Bumble & Bumble includes French text translations and (b) Suave uses longer names for chemical compounds—like dioxydimethylchloroflourine, whereas B&B would just say "flourine" or whatever. I'm sure they probably all did their little focus groups and determined that dudes think longer chemical names = smarter scientists working harder on a product, whereas chicks are, like, flourine sounds kind of French and lovely. In the end, it seems that you basically pay double to get better fragrance. Which might be worth it to you.

Do you see how hard I'm trying here? I am. I'm trying. Can we please come together as one, people? It's not too late.

GARDEN PESTS & THEIR ORGANIC FATES

APHIDS	FOREFINGER CRUSH
CABBAGE WORMS (SMALL)	HAMMER FIST
CABBAGE WORMS (LARGE)	FOOT STOMP
SPIDER MITES	NEEM OIL SPRAY
LEAFHOPPERS	INSECTICIDAL SOAP
RACCOONS	STONING

Fake News

U.S. Infrastructure is Crumbling.

Is it though? When was the last time you saw a "Bridge Out" sign? My utilities all work. I haven't hit a pothole in years. I just don't see what's "crumbling"—besides public schools, which is less a case of suffering from benign neglect than one of being stabbed and shot repeatedly.

"Oh," you say, "the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the U.S. a D+ grade." Of course they did—it's *their fucking job* to find work for their constituents. »Follow The Money 101«

The economy is improving.

I'm so triggered when penisy pundits look up to the stock market as the #1 barometer of overall economic health. How about the number of smashed car windows on my block? That index doesn't look so good.

No Generation Gap In Here

So we were cleaning out your room and we found your Sriracha bong

Cutty

Ahaha

Why the Sriracha bottle

Ayyyyyyyy

It's that vibe

What I Wouldn't Give

Everyone in SF wants to live on Beaver or Mars Street, or Bonar over in Berkeley. But man, what I wouldn't give to be able to fill out a form listing my home address in:

- + Dildo, Canada
- + Sücka, Lichtenstein
- + Phuket, Thailand
- + Dorking, England
- + Dyckesville, Wisconsin
- + Vagina, Russia

YAWNY'S DIGEST

Did you know that "Jason," "Liz," and "David" are names given to life's winners? And also:

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