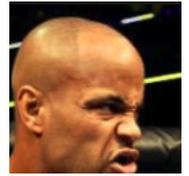




YAWNY'S DIGEST

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"Things are worse and shittier even than most people believe, in my experience." —Andrew Yang, 2019

July 2020, End Times

World Jumps Shark

Next Season to Contain More Cameos, Twists, Gratuitous Violence, Say Showrunners

It's funny, I wrote a whole "things are looking really terrible now" issue like a year ago. But I felt like I could never publish it because every day, another shitty thing would happen, and I couldn't keep up with the news cycle. Ultimately though, I just can't resist tooting my stupid little horn. So here I am to add my voice to the chorus of reviewers panning the current season. Look, the narrative has gone completely bonkers. All these wooden, cliché characters are either completely unrealistic, or just plain repulsive. And worst of all, the costume and set design have been abysmal.

I suppose, as the creepy Ukranian dishwasher repairman told me the other day, "we get what we deserve." (I'm just glad he didn't think I deserved to be chopped up into little pieces and fed to his German Shepherds, because I really thought that was the vibe. BTW is that racist of me to say "Ukranian"? Can a Norwegian-Jew hybrid actually BE racist towards a Ukranian? Press 1 to confirm, 2 to deny, 3 for I don't care.)

But the dishwasher guy made a valid point. Chickens DO come home to roost—although sometimes their heads are chopped off, or they're mutant zombie chickens shot through with ultra-communicable flesh-eating viruses. And there are a lot of damn chickens coming home, so it's pretty easy to find something horrible to worry about that suits your fancy. For instance, throw a dart at a world map. Or you could randomly rip out a page in the dictionary. Chances are good in either case that you'll find something legitimately fucked up to obsess about. Like, I don't know, "plastic." Or "police." Or "pods."

To be fair to the world's puppetmasters (ya see?), not *everything* is awful. For instance, you can still buy kratom on the internet for super cheap. And I think we've made significant progress in combating certain Western diseases of the spirit, like **ennui** and **brooding existential dread**. We've developed effective replacement therapies: **panic** and

raging existential terror. It's possible some might see that as a "cure is worse than the disease" thing, but personally, I'm a big fan of horror and adrenaline, so I guess I'm good with the tradeoff. And yeah, I realize that's my privilege speaking, but thanks.

I should note that a lot of people do go on Joe Rogan's podcast to say, "you know, in the larger scope of history, things aren't that bad. Our poor people have cable TV and cars and stuff." And it's true, world hunger is down, homicide rates are down, there were a ton of awesome neighborhood fireworks shows 4th of July, etc. But right now I stan all ye Cassandras predicting super ultra fucked up and weird everything just around the corner. It feels like maybe we're headed down a giant chute towards some terrifying loops and nauseating corkscrews.

Upcoming Season Predictions

- Trump and/or Biden throwing a punch on national TV
- Trump and/or Biden dropping the f-bomb on national TV
- Trump and/or Biden dropping dead on national TV
- Fan favorites Medicare, Social Security, USPS, National Parks killed off early
- Capital gains/estate tax cut subplot
- ~~Over a million dead from global virus epidemic storyline~~ **mostly done**
- Ghislaine Maxwell character "suicided"
- Epidemic of mental illnesses storyline
- Betsy DeVos character murdered, comes back to life

🌿 Sick ThaiChelada Recipe 🌿

Rub rim of 16 oz. glass with **lime wedge**, then heavily coat rim with mixture of **chili powder** and **salt**. Add 4-6 **ice cubes**, then juice of 1-2 **limes**. Pour in 8 oz. **Modelo beer** (Especial or Negra), then 1 oz. **V-8 tomato juice**. Add ¼ tsp. **fish sauce**, ½ tsp. **hot sauce**, ½ tsp **soy sauce**. Stir. **UR WELCOM**

Top Enduring Mysteries of Modern Pop Culture

1. Why does YouTube keep trying to feed me Khruangbin videos?
2. When did Tecate start tasting like New Coke? Or did it always, and people just never noticed?
3. How is Cher still alive?
4. Why is giving someone a brand new major appliance for Christmas insulting, while a generic gift card of far lesser value is perfectly acceptable?
5. Where did Migos go?

Zeitgeists!

1950s Alcohol
 1960s LSD
 1970s Pot
 1980s Cocaine/crack
 1990s Ecstasy
 2000s Oxycontin
 2010s Meth
 2020s Magical thinking

In Defense of Millennials

Everyone—myself included—shits all over millennials for not wearing masks, panting all over the place with their stupid jogger breath, and taking a generally blasé attitude towards coronavirus. But put yourself in their shoes. If I were them, I'd be like, "first of all, thanks, fuckface boomers, for leaving us this ruined piece of shit planet and rigged economy. Second, why are you so mad at us? You're the ones who raised us. You should be mad at yourselves."

The thing is, they would never say that, because they're too pussyish. Why do all millennials seem like they're in corporate sales? I'm so glad I'm a Gen Xer. We gave the world black metalgaze, Melt-Banana and hip-hop, AND we are the sworn enemies of both boomz and millies.



/r/blackmirror

The other day I woke up from a stress dream with “The Morning After” by Maureen McGovern stuck in my head. And yes, the dream did take place in a shopping mall.

Anyway I was annoyed that I couldn't recall who sang it, so I looked it up and discovered that in the early 70s, there were not one, not two, but **three** mediocre white female singers with the initials MM: Maureen McGovern, Maria Muldaur, and Melissa Manchester. And that's not even counting America's sweetheart, Maureen McCormick. What are the odds? Apparently the invisible hand of the free market, a/k/a Satan, never sleeps; it just keeps tirelessly grasping and fingering things all through the night.

Like that time we gave our son what we thought was an unusual name, then look, the kid next door has it too, and suddenly so do **four other kids** at school. Then we name our daughter something we figured nobody else would possibly think of, **except for Deborah apparently**, but oh wait, now we see Obama has also chosen that EXACT SAME NAME for his daughter. The fuck? And then you discover that libertarians are always named Tim or Trevor, and the list goes on. Free choice is an illusion, please believe me.

I don't know if we're living in a simulation, but mind control by advertising algorithms is real. And there is a shitload of data collection feeding it. Speaking of which, those “Check here: I am not a robot” CAPTCHA challenges are so humiliating. Yeah, we get it, we're being controlled. Stop rubbing our fucking noses in it.

Favorite Chores

1. Weeding
2. Walking dog
3. Folding laundry while watching sci-fi
4. Taking medicine
5. Cleaning bike chain

Least Favorite Chores

1. Making bed
2. Sweeping floor
3. Apologizing
4. Squeezing limes
5. Pretending to listen

Nerd Zone System Scrapbook

Word Perfect	Lotus 1-2-3
Eudora	The Well
HyperCard	Font/DA Mover
MacAdam	Desktop Publishing
Retrospect	5-1/4" floppy

Merdre! Jean-foutre!

I love slang, but it's pretty hard to keep up with it. And I know, it's all just cute little code words and sayings meant to make younger people feel vibrant and alive and in control of their destiny. But I still like it. One thing I've noticed is that since everyone's so defensive nowadays, a lot of the current lingo seems like it was invented just to keep people out of trouble.

For instance, if you ever hear someone say “it's all good,” that roughly translates to “that's the stupidest shit I've ever heard, but I'm gonna say this little catchphrase so I don't get cancelled.” Similarly, “it's all love” can be taken as an expression of “I'm high asf right now and don't really care too much about you and your weird ideas.”

One of the most popular sayings today is the faux-Zen-tautology “it is what it is,” which on its face sounds kind of namaste-y, but really can be best understood as: “man, the world is seriously so fucked up, and this is just one more example of the kind of petty-ass shit my day to day life is peppered with.”

Revenge is a Dish Best Served Cold, With Walleye and Cheese Curds

Father-in-law sets new world record for malapropisms committed in a single week

“You got one kid on the guitar, the other one's playing that other thing. How did you all end up being magicians.”

“What's going on over there in San Francisco? I heard they stole your Cadillac converter.”

“We had a big snake in here, it was a python or a boa constructor.”

“What is this movie, Lemony Snitches?”

Internet Rabbit Holes



* **Jamie Smith-Jackson**, who played Alice in the TV version of Go Ask Alice (co-starring **William Shatner** and **Mackenzie Phillips**, I kid you not, go watch it), is fucking married to **Michael Ontkean**, who played Hawk on Twin Peaks. **NOBODY TOLD ME THAT**

* One of the “light bulb kids” interviewed in The Decline of Western Civilization was **Dinah Cancer**, who went on to not only front the immortal death-punk group 45 Grave, but act in multiple low-budget horror films. **WUUUT**

* **Carol Channing** was part black? Come on. Seriously? I never heard that shit before. Wait, now you're saying Babe Ruth was black too? **BRO STR8 SPITTIN FACTS**

* President **Jimmy Carter** installed solar panels on the roof of the White House... then **Ronald Reagan** took 'em down in 1986! **EIGHTIES VIBES HOMIE**

* Flipper's “The Game's Got a Price” and “Ha Ha Ha” are almost exactly the same song **DAFUQ SRSLY**

* I just found out you can get the death penalty for **blasphemy** in Nigeria! Jesus H. Christ, what century is this? Thank bloody fucking God in hell I don't live there!

LOL REKT 🤔🤔🤔

Battle of the Bands

BLACK	WHITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Sabbath	<input type="checkbox"/> Whitehouse
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Dice	<input type="checkbox"/> White Stripes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Flag	<input type="checkbox"/> White Zombie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Pus	<input type="checkbox"/> Whitesnake
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Big Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Great White
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Godspeed You Black! Emperor	<input type="checkbox"/> Average White Band

I think it's clear that, on the whole, black bands are better than white bands—although there are some good white ones too. If you thought this was racist, hmu on social media and I can recommend a couple of good books and workshops for you.



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Trump's obsessed with "fair" and "unfair." What's unfair is that I never get TSA Precheck. Dammit, I pay my taxes. Yeah, so I read **one** Chris Hedges book. Big deal. And what is it with the attitude from the TSA security goons. They act like we're all so stupid, at the same time pretending they're not constantly changing the rules. Shoes on, shoes off. Watches on, watches off. Laptop in bag, laptop out, laptop in separate tray. Make up your minds, assholes.

Table of Magick Numbers.

- 1 Urine.
- 2 Feces.
- 3 Grammatical magick.
- 7 Good luck.
- 13 Bad luck.
- 69 Erotic invocator.
- 86 Annihilation.
- 187 Death curse.
- 420 Hour of spiritual elevation.
- 666 Dark Lord invocator.
- 808 Rhythm God invocator.

IT'S OFFICIAL: THE BEST RECORD OF THE DECADE

is not anything Billie Eilish or Kamasi Washington or anything like that. The best record of the 2010s is, by overwhelming consensus, The Caretaker's ambitious 6-LP set "Everywhere at the End of Time." In particular, records 4-6.

If you don't believe me, the next time a loved one gets terminal cancer, try sitting in a bed with them for two months listening to old jazz records and TV reruns, then, post-mortem, give this masterpiece a spin. This recording contains many of the secrets and keys to the universe, mainly the terrifying, sad and sublime ones.

from python import crunk

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likes = [ f strings, venv, @property decorator, list comprehensions, requests, PEP-8 ]

dislikes = [ generators, Django/Flask documentation, PyGame, people who code in Python ]
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"The" + "rapist" = ???

It seems like everybody has a therapist now. What the fuck. I wouldn't mind having one. I called Kaiser to find out how much a psych consult would be and they quoted me like \$500. OK, so what exactly is that \$1500 monthly premium for again? We're getting totally scammed.

I know, I'm lucky, I have a sympathetic life partner I can always talk to. But there's a limit to the number of times you can blanket any one person with the details of your daily persecutions. And I guess people could get tired of a so-called "obsession" with mortality, although that's just a theoretical example.

I've never been to a shrink, but I like to imagine that if I did, I'd be a topic of conversation at a fancy dinner: "I gotta tell you, Jerry, this one patient of mine is really a piece of shit." But that's probably just impotent fantasy. Tons of people are really messed up, not just me. I mean there are guys who cut off their fingers and then sew them back on just for fun. I'm serious. On the scale of insanity I'm probably like a 2. See, watch this: "I hope 95% of humanity dies from Covid, especially the ones who didn't wear masks, but dear God, please spare my friends and family." Not that bad, right?

> Tribal Profile: Surfers <

PROS	CONS
• Generally peaceful	• Semi-illiterate
• Potty humor	• Narcissistic
• Fitness	• Have never heard of Masonna
• Good source material for ads	• Travel in packs

R.I.P. Environment

Every week, another limb of the zoological tree gets chopped off. Plastic particles in your food, your eyes, your ears, coming out of your wherever. Kids are allergic to sunlight, air, natural foods, processed foods. Sea levels rise. Storms intensify. Ice continents melt. Wildfires rage. All this stuff is supposed to be "the new normal." Honestly, I think the real new normal is people *saying* "the new normal." It sounds like a marketing slogan for Viagra or adult diapers or something.

TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

Product Labeling Guide

"gentle"	use twice as much to get it to work
"natural"	contains at least 1 item brought into the lab from outside
"organic"	contains something that was once living but is now dead
"green"	has the color green on package
"extra strength"	regular product, but pay 25% more for us to add 10% more active ingredient

Steven Tyler's Rich As Fuck, What the Fuck

Now can someone explain to me exactly how the hell Aerosmith came from Boston. Those guys are about the most un-Boston looking band I could imagine. *Fugazi* looks like a band from Boston. *Vampire Weekend* looks like a band from Boston. But Aerosmith looks like they come from, I don't know, Bulgaria or Florida or something.

I'm glad I don't have to choose whether to live in Florida or Boston. If someone put a gun to my head, I guess I'd say: "spend my winters in Boston, summers in Florida," because then everyone would be inside.

Anxiety Tag Cloud (2020)

COVID climate change automation unemployment military-industrial complex fake news corruption karrens policing 401K gun control racism surveillance prison-industrial complex hatred metoo greed animal rights Joe Mentia income inequality DNC/RNC big data orange man plastic healthcare

Anxiety Tag Cloud (Ancient)

animal predators child falling down wells syphilis dentist God home abortion plague witchery beheading flu king's guard dismemberment famine atoning

Kiddie Pools? orly

I was into kiddie pools when I was around three. As a reminder, that's about the age when you're afraid of things like Raggedy Ann dolls. But with the benefit of maturity, I can see that kiddie pools are a great idea if you're interested in raising an army of mosquitoes, or introducing your kid to an amoeba or a yeast infection.

"This world isn't really fixable, is it?" -Abby Parker

DEAR WHOLE FOODS,

You think we don't notice how you ADD WATER to every damn item at the price-per-pound salad bar? Well I have news for you, we notice, and that's why we stand in the "express lane" and eat half of our salad for free while waiting for your ultra-slow "express lane" to move.

And yes we did also see that you make all your white employees wear their nasty hair in dreadlocks, and we don't appreciate it, not one bit.

Hey MAGA, You're so Fine

Sup, bros! Listen, I totally get it. You feel left behind, maligned, duped by the system. I'm with it. You want to turn back the hands of time to, say, the 1950s, when everything was "great." Like, American Graffiti, James Dean, sock hops, and weekend drag races, right? OK, I'm down, let's do it!

90% tax rate on top earners. Check! Tighter financial market regulations. Check! Max union membership in history. Check! Affordable medical care. Check!

Wait, wasn't that kind of the platform of that old Bernie whatshisname fella? How come you didn't—oh shoot, I forgot, you guys are still really mad. And, well, socialism. I mean, not like social security, or libraries, or the highway system, just socialism, ugh. And not to mention the Jew thing. I'm sorry, what was I thinking? Anyway...if you're done with your opioids, can I have them please?



Mansplaining 101

Rest In Peace

Leviticus 20:18

"And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people."

Leviticus 15:24

"And if any man lies with her at all, so that her impurity is on him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean."



SURF NEWS

Goodbye, Aloha

I'm so salty—literally—about this bullshit arthritis cockblocking any potential remaining radness in my golden years. Adding insult to injury, everybody in the world surfs now. Like Kayleigh McEnany is probably a surfer. Back in the day, if I were traveling and I happened to run into some surfers, I might have said hi, had a little chat or something. But now, when I see surfers, I feel mostly a mixture of contempt and fury—especially when I see them running down to the water in their little wetsuits. It just makes me think of babies pooping in the tub for some reason.

Surf Pride is the Root of All Evil

This publication is mostly a race to the bottom. But occasionally you'll find some little glimmers of positivity here and there, like when you go panning for gold in a sewer. So let me tell you about the last two surf trips I took. First, we went back to Cabo Pulmo—which is not really a surf town, but a giant hurricane pushed some freaky 6' windswell up into the northwest corner of the bay which I surfed with my son. And I'm pretty sure nobody has ever surfed there before. So suck it. Also I surfed Punta Perfecta for a week by myself, in 2018 no less, so suck it.

Then this summer we went down to San Diego and I shot the OB pier 4 times. I've never even done that before. So fun! My bucket list now has only 2 items left on it: (a) die peacefully (b) haunt my own funeral.

Match Game!

Draw a line from the social media on the left to the corresponding pathology on the right.

- Twitter o o Alzheimer's/Dementia
- Facebook o o Paranoid Schizophrenia
- Instagram o o Cancer
- TikTok o o Pathological Narcissism
- Reddit o o Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
- YouTube o o ADHD

Solution. Twitter=Cancer, Facebook=Alzheimer's, Instagram=Narcissim, TikTok=ADHD, Reddit=Paranoid Schizophrenia, YouTube=Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Modern Family, Season 22

Wife: This champagne was expensive, but it has a funny taste.

Husband: Does it taste like ass?

Wife: Oh right, like you would even know.

Son: It does have a sort of musty flavor.

Wife: STOP.

Musicians I've never heard, yet somehow irrationally claim to abhor

///// BE the Change! /////

What nerd came up with the medical term "lactose intolerant"? Seems kind of aggressive. I mean, you never say "peanut intolerant" or "pollen intolerant." I'm getting a pretty strong misogynistic read on this, amirite? Like, why the mom hate?

Hang on a sec. I just noticed that the word "lactose" looks a lot like "lacrosse." Hmm... "lacrosse intolerant." OK. Yeah, I'm pretty much that. So, does anyone want to get behind this? Let's make it happen, lacrosse intolerant®, copyright Yawny's Digest 2020.

The last thing this world needs right now is more idiocy from the likes of



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