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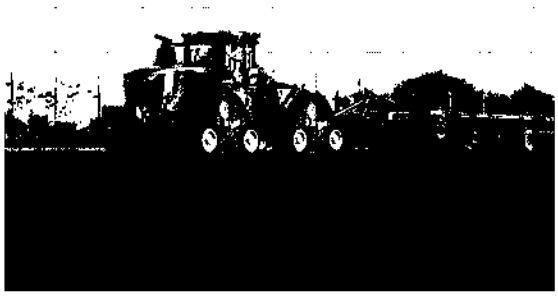
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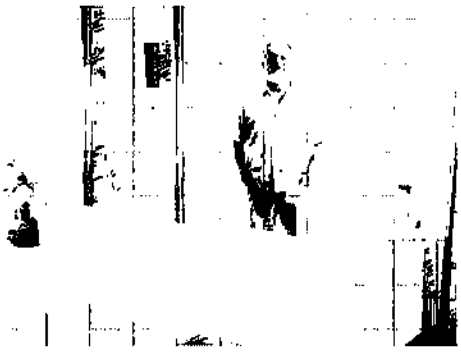
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There's no need for a product pull-through today: Just a light refresher spray — or even a little water — will do the trick. The moisture will reactivate the product that's already in your hair and give your curls a little spruce for the day. And who doesn't want that?

When you're ready, let's give those curls the refresh they deserve!

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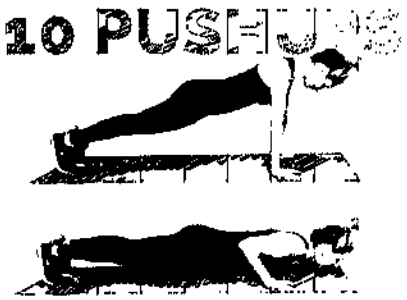
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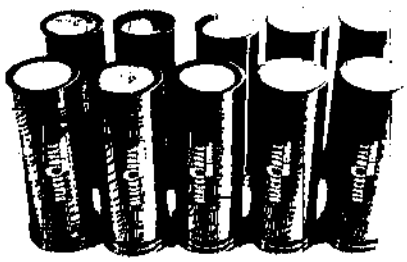
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- Whenever your curls need an extra pop, spritz a little water or a curl refresher spray and go on with your day. Note: You shouldn't have to do this daily, just as you see fit.

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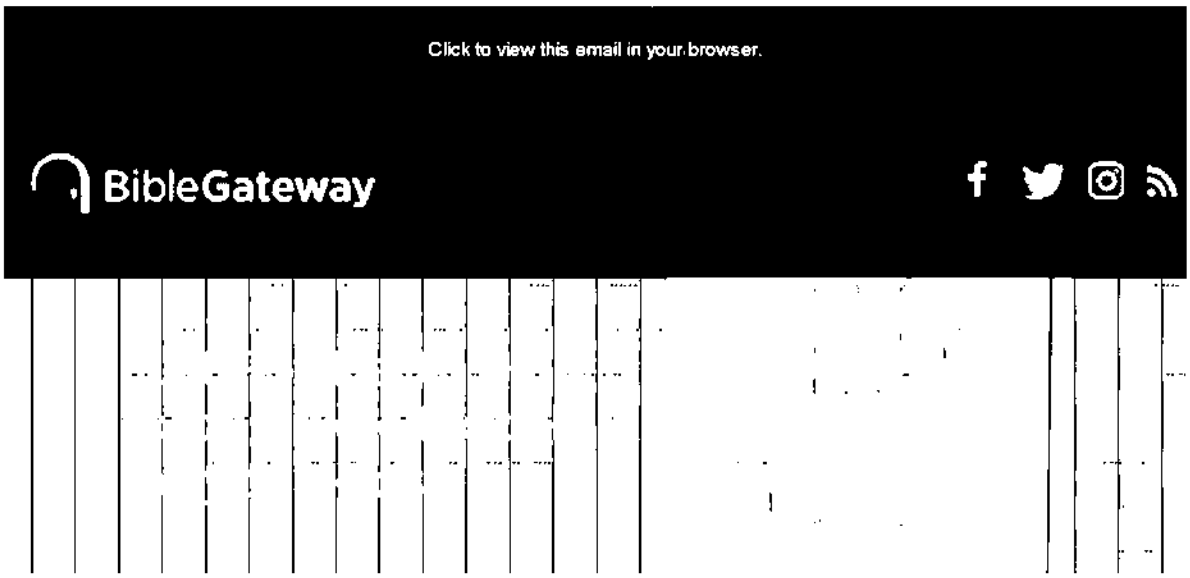
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## Be very careful, Day 4

Today's reading is drawn from Isaiah 6:1-8.

My wife, Bobbie, has no affection whatsoever for the Fourth of July. Of course, I'm not referring to our nation's celebration of independence from the tyranny of eighteenth-century British rule. I'm referring to firecrackers.

Neither of us grew up in states where private citizens could buy or detonate fireworks. So, after we were married and moved to a state where this was legal, I loaded up. I told my wife that I bought and shot off firecrackers so our girls would have a special experience of celebrating our nation's freedom. She wasn't listening.

One of the more interesting moments during the Wolgemuth family fireworks show was when one of these Chinese delights didn't go off. I had lit the fuse, seen the sparks, heard the unmistakable hissing sound, run like crazy . . . but nothing had happened. In a few minutes, the girls had uncovered their ears and had declared that one a "dud."

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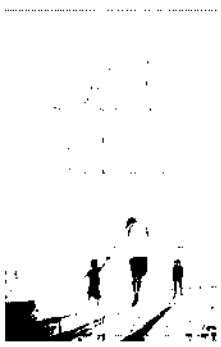
thing you'd ever do is to boldly walk up to the firecracker, pick it up and look it over. No, actually, what you do is to carefully tiptoe toward the fizzled waste of money. It's as though you're on thin ice. Your heart is pounding in your temples. Your children are cheering you on. Your wife is in the house, dialing 9 – 1 – 1. You're literally shaking at the thought that it still might blow up. This is not funny.

Throughout the Bible — and especially in the Old Testament — we are warned about entering God's presence casually. Glibly. Forgetting His awesomeness. His power. His restraint in light of our sinfulness. The account of Isaiah entering the temple and becoming aware of the presence of a holy God is a pretty incredible one. To this point in the story, Isaiah has been reminding folks of their sinfulness. Suddenly he's reminded of his own. This account is in the Scripture to help us to never forget that our God is an exalted God. Coming into His presence should make our hearts race. It should make our feet tread lightly, our hands tremble. We are standing before pure dynamite.

With this image firmly in our minds, isn't it incredible that this same God loves us and tenderly calls himself our Father? Let the contrast of these two incredible truths bury themselves deeply in our hearts.

By the way, I gave up on the fireworks. Bobbie was right. Several years ago a dad in our town said "farewell" to his right hand on Independence Day. I'm pretty sure this isn't what the founding fathers had in mind.


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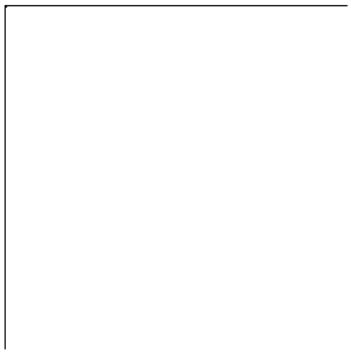
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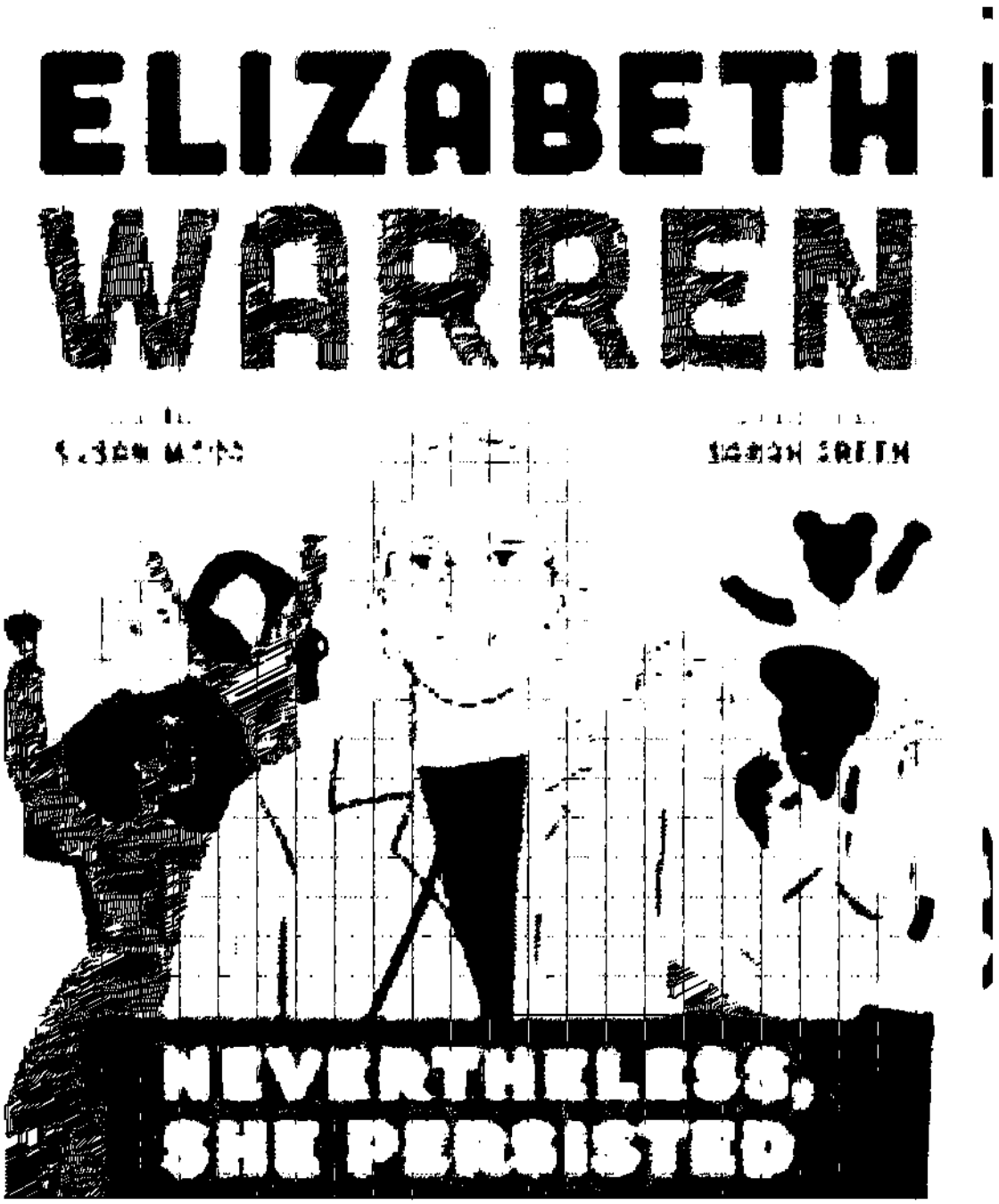
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Sincerely,



Alexis McGill Johnson, President & CEO
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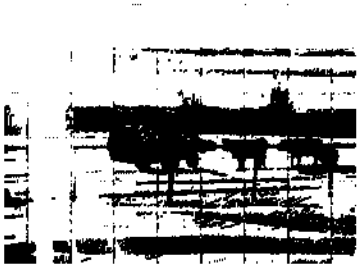
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# Notes From Nicki

Please take a few minutes to review the information in this bulletin and see how our services and programs could benefit your farming operation in the coming year. ARCPLC election/enrollment has begun for crop year 2025 and an informational webinar is being held Thursday, February 19, if you are undecided on what election choice to make.



**2025 MN ARCPLC Webinar:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Minnesota is holding a public webinar with the University of Minnesota Extension on February 19, 2025, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (CST). Farmers and others involved in agriculture will have an opportunity to learn more about the ARCPLC programs and factors to consider when making elections for the 2025 crop year. Participants can register in advance at https://z.umn.edu/25FarmBill and can also register at the time of the webinar using the meeting link.

**Agricultural Risk Coverage/Price Loss Coverage (ARCPLC):** The 2025 signup has been authorized through a farm bill extension. We encourage all producers to sign-up as soon as possible. Producers that signup early can always makes changes before the deadline of April 15, 2025. Keep in mind the crop insurance sales closing date is still March 15, 2025, even though the ARCPLC election/enrollment period goes until April 15, 2025, this year. See the article below for more details: 2025 ARCPLC Fact Sheet.

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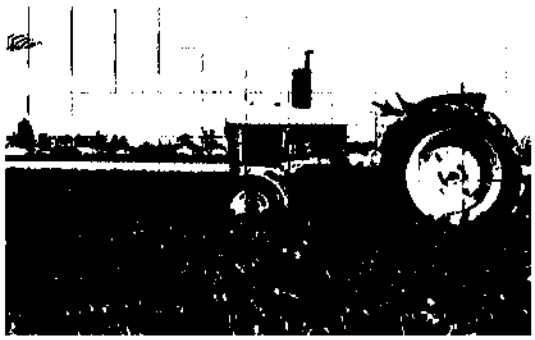
## Wharton County Important Dates

- **Feb 15** Last day to report acreage for Spring Wheat & Small Grains
- **Feb 17** CLOSED for President's Day
- **Mar 15** Deadline for Application for NAP coverage on Watermelons
- **Apr 15** Deadline to Signup for ARC/PLC

**National USDA Important Dates**

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# Producers Can Now Enroll in ARC and PLC



USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is accepting enrollments and elections for the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) for 2025 from Jan. 21 to April 15. ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. The American Relief Act, 2025 extended many Farm Bill-authorized programs for another year, including ARC and PLC.

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2025 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm it will continue for 2025 unless an election change is made.

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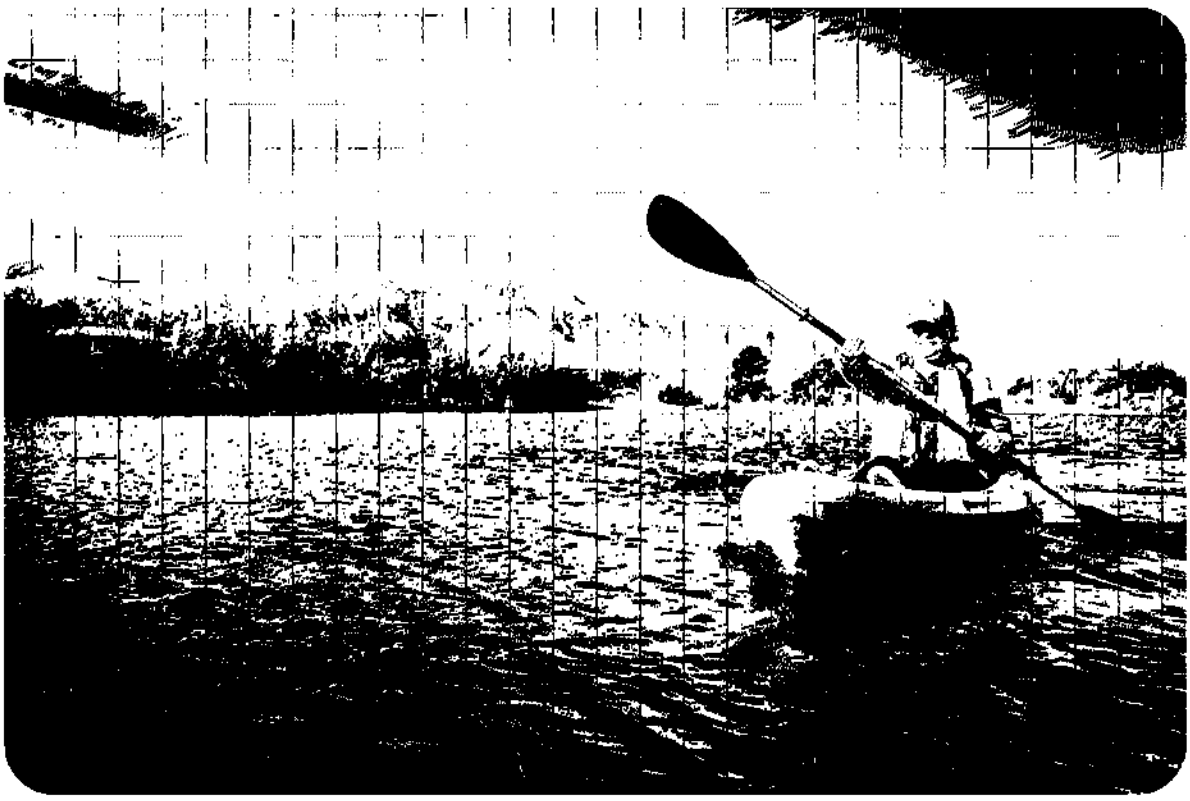
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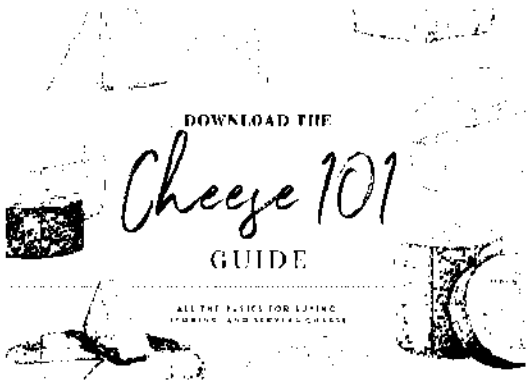
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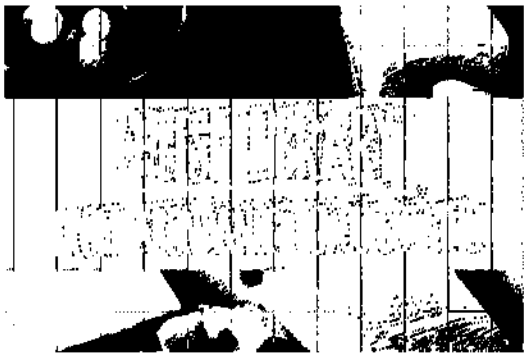



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And some things you just can't speak about

With you, I serve
With you, I fall down, down
Watch you breathe in
Watch you breathing out, out

Something med school did not cover
Someone's daughter, someone's mother
Holds your hand through plastic now
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Only 20 minutes to sleep
But you dream of some epiphany
Just one single glimpse of relief
To make some sense of what you've seen

With you, I serve
With you, I fall down, down (down)
Watch you breathe in
Watch you breathing out, out

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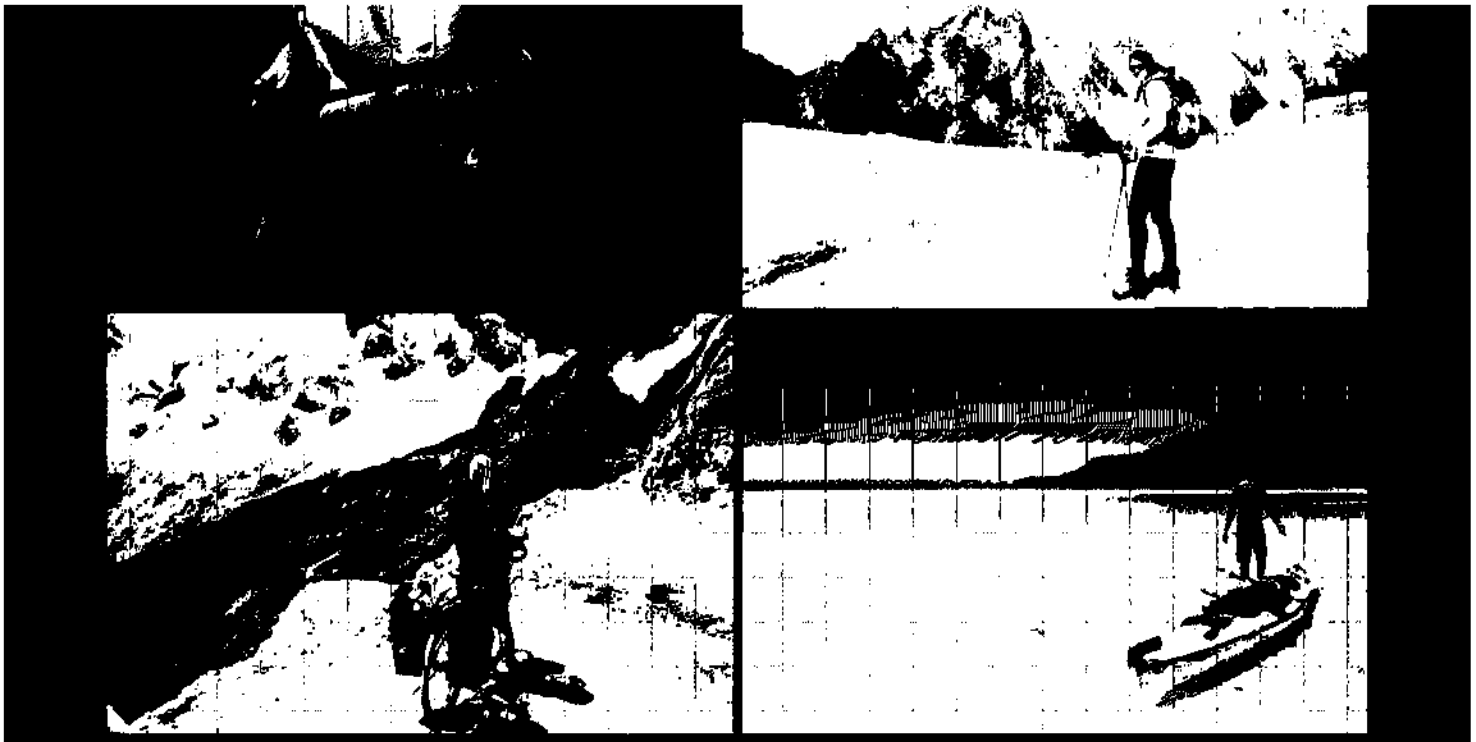
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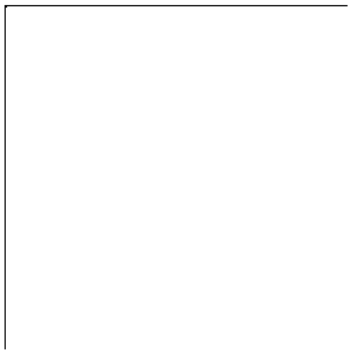


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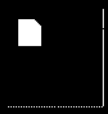
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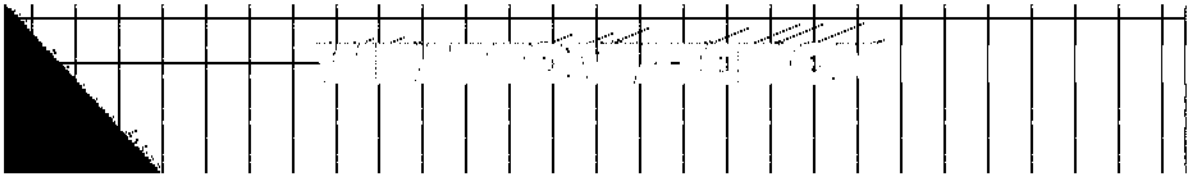
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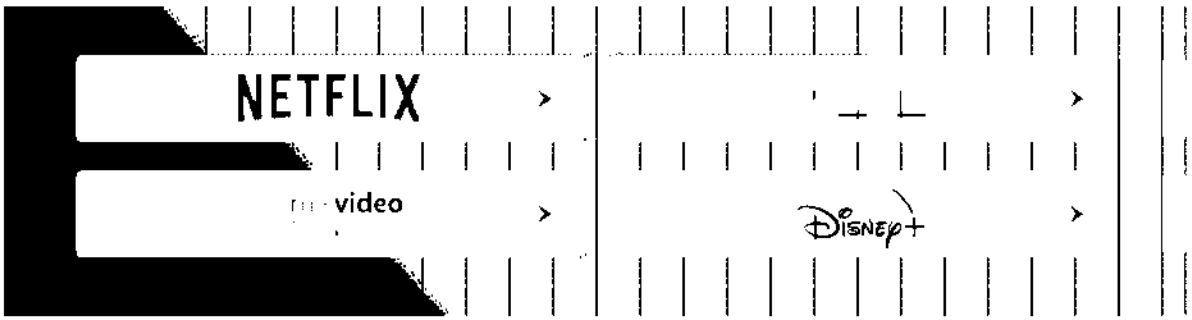
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Pretty sure Margaret just popped open some champagne.

And our producer, Robin, just...did a backflip? Impressive as she's pregnant.

Wait, shoot...

I'm getting distracted.

**I'm supposed to be telling you what to expect from The Yarnist.**

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3. **On Sunday's we do a weekly roundup.** It includes updates on what we're posting on YouTube, our podcast, the website, or in our community.

Speaking of our community, we have a pretty awesome one called The Yarnist Society.

It's a private group for folks that want to connect with other Fearless Knitters.

But I'll fill you in on all the details later.

**For now hold onto your knitting needles --- it's going to be a wild ride!**

- Johnny Vasquez

*Founder & Head Honcho @ The Yarnist*

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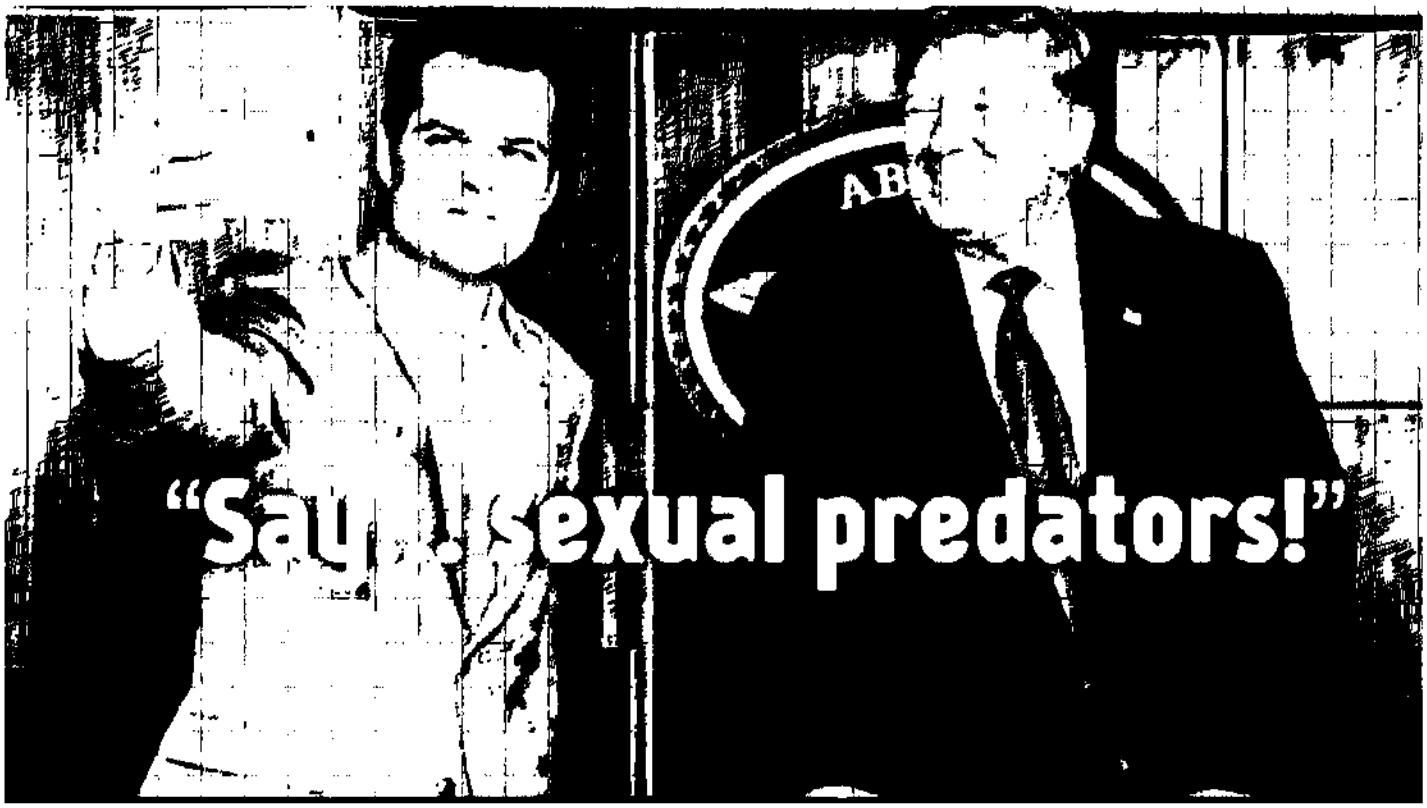
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Praying the floor won't fall through again
And my mother accused me of losing my mind
But I swore I was fine
You paint me a blue sky
And go back and turn it to rain
And I lived in your chess game
But you changed the rules every day
Wondering which version of you I might get on the phone tonight
Well, I stopped picking up and this song is to let you know why

Dear John, I see it all now that you're gone
Don't you think I was too young to be messed with?
The girl in the dress, cried the whole way home
I should've known

Well, maybe it's me
And my blind optimism to blame
Or maybe it's you and your sick need
To give love then take it away
And you'll add my name to your long list of traitors
Who don't understand
And I'll look back and regret how I ignored when they said
"Run as fast as you can"

Dear John, I see it all now that you're gone
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The girl in the dress, cried the whole way home
Dear John, I see it all now, it was wrong
Don't you think nineteen's too young
To be played by your dark, twisted games when I loved you so?
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You are an expert at sorry and keeping the lines blurry
Never impressed by me acing your tests
All the girls that you've run dry have tired lifeless eyes
'Cause you burned them out
But I took your matches before fire could catch me
So don't look now

I'm shining like fireworks over your sad empty town
Oh, oh

Dear John, I see it all now that you're gone
Don't you think I was too young to be messed with?
The girl in the dress, cried the whole way home
I see it all now that you're gone
Don't you think I was too young to be messed with?
The girl in the dress wrote you a song
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You should've known
Don't you think I was too young?
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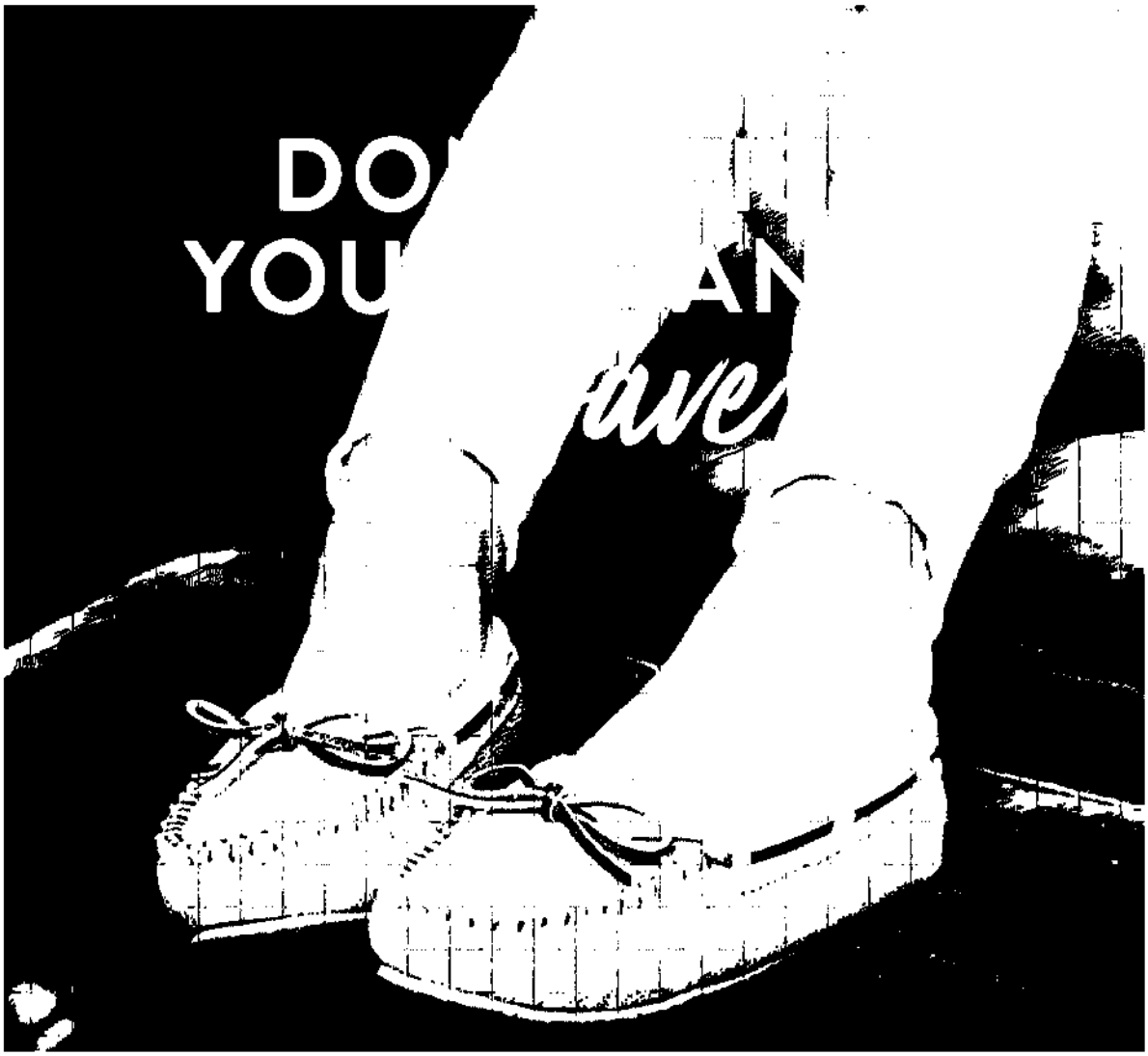
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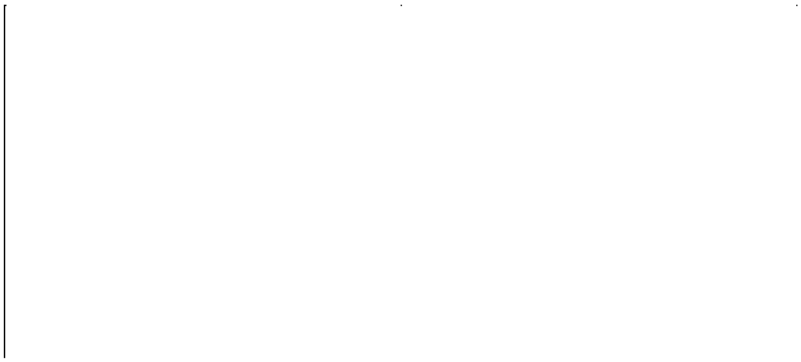
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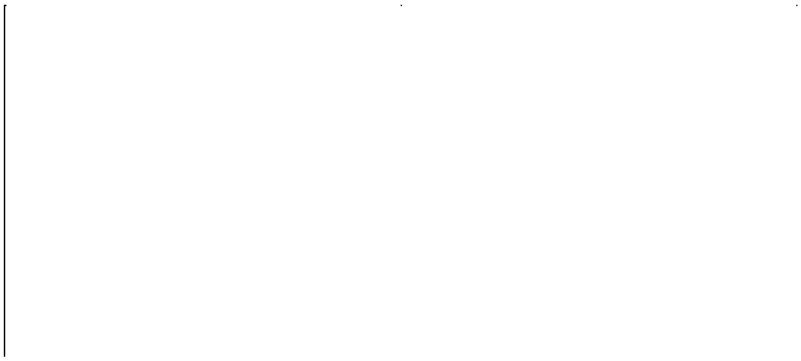
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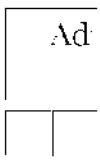
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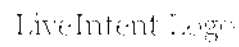
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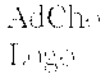
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**Pro tip:** Did you know you don't need the Bilt Mastercard® to take advantage of the Bilt Rewards program and earn bonus points??

Good morning fellow travelers, and welcome back to Daily Drop, the air fryer of newsletters. It's useful, good for you, and you just can't wait to tell all your friends about it

Here's what we're cookin' up today:

- The art of "suite talking"
- How many cards are too many?
- The ultimate traveler's toolkit

- Cheeky travel meme

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## The art of "suite talking"

I get a lot of questions from you guys asking how I get so many dang suite upgrades at hotels.

I'm sure many of you have dabbled with elite status and have probably experienced the never-ending frustrations of suite upgrades (or lack thereof).

Maybe you hold a credit card that gives you some level of hotel elite status... OR maybe you hold this card which gives you **no fewer than THREE different hotel elite statuses** 😮

But, nonetheless, you show up at a hotel, hoping for an upgrade to a suite, only to be told that they've *generously* upgraded you from a Twin Standard to a Twin Deluxe room...

Amazing. 😑




We've all had our sassy James Corden moment, **but this is where the practice of "suite talking" comes into play.** And trust me, it really is... *sweet* 😎

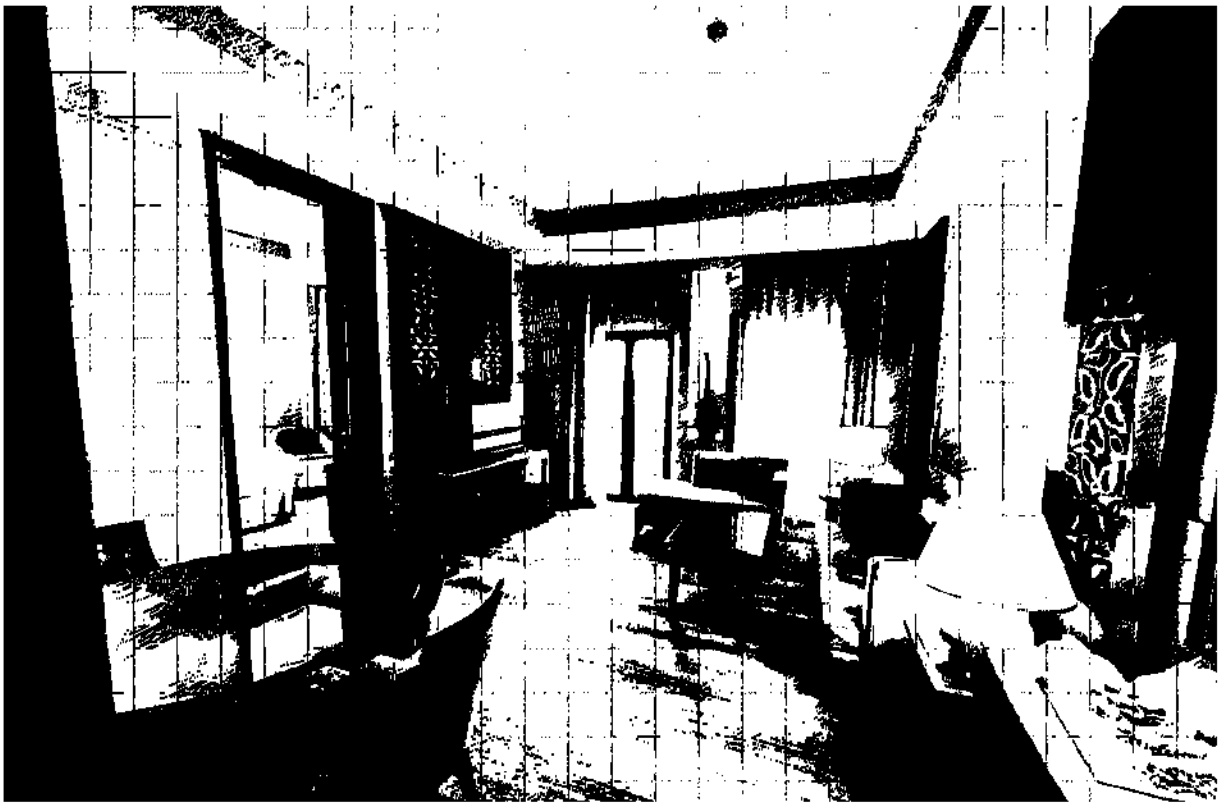
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Ultimately, your fate lies in the hands of the employees working at the property, and treating them with respect and kindness will give you the best chance of receiving benefits... like a suite upgrade.

Plus, it gives you the added bonus of just being a good and decent human.

**BUT there's an ancient, super secret technique that can drastically increase your odds** of successfully going from a "basic room without running water" to a "champagne on the veranda" type of room.

The tip I'm about to share with you has worked wonders for me, and has gotten me into some gorgeous AF suites like this one at the Ritz-Carlton Al Bustan Palace in Oman last year 👇



*She's a stunner...*

**How to do some sweet suite talkin'**

One of the **main benefits** of using apps for hotel loyalty programs is the ability to use the chat function to communicate with the property *before arriving*.

In my experience, **your best chance of being upgraded is by using the chat feature immediately after checking in and saying something along the lines of:**

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"Good [morning/afternoon/evening],

*I'm so excited about my upcoming stay at your property. This will be my first time visiting [city/country/continent/planet]!*

*As part of my [insert elite status here] benefits, I'm hoping you might consider upgrading me into one of your suites—it would be an excellent way to make this trip even more special!*

*Thank you, and have a nice day!*

*[Your Name]"*

It would even be an extra special little touch if you could type your salutation in the local language.

But sending something along these lines lightly hints at the benefits you're entitled to while also adding a personal, friendly touch.

While this is never guaranteed to work, you can likely expect your success rate for suite upgrades to increase drastically by using this method 😊

**"But Mike, what if I don't hold any elite status?"**

You'll be happy to know that I've even succeeded in using this method at hotels where I don't have any elite status at all!

I also have friends who have rejoiced in getting upgrades at hotels where they didn't hold any sort of status.

As I said, **the decision comes down to availability and the hotel staff.** If they have a free room and you're nice, they might just upgrade you anyway 😊

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## 😕 How many cards are too many?

You've probably figured out by now that if you want to dabble in the miles and points world, you need some handy, dandy credit cards to help you out.

**And it just so happens that the other day, I got an interesting question from one of our esteemed readers in the lounge (our private Facebook community)**

Actually, we constantly get this question...

> How many cards are *too* many cards?

Given how often we talk about cards and how many insane offers we've been seeing lately, I thought now would be a good time to address this.

Here's the TL;DR:

> The right number of cards to have is however many YOU can responsibly manage.

Of course, it's a bit more nuanced than that...

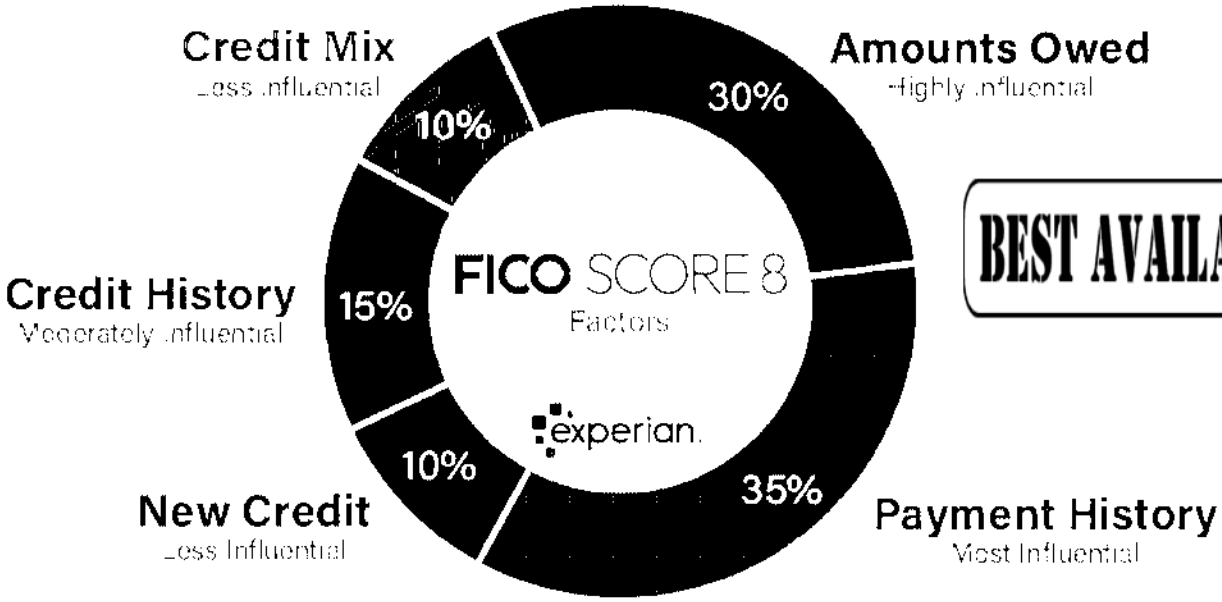
So, let me cover a couple of points that led people to ask this question in the first place.

### Having a bunch of cards doesn't inherently hurt your credit score

If you carry huge balances and don't make your payments on time, then yes - your score will be damaged...

But to be frank, you should not be in this world if you can't complete your payments in full every month.

Here is a breakdown of what affects your credit score:




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When you have multiple cards and manage them responsibly, **90% of what makes up your score will be positively impacted each month.**

The only negative aspect of opening a new account is the "New Credit" category, which only affects 10% of your score and usually results in a minor decrease, which recovers after a couple of months.

Simply paying your bill on time and keeping a low balance accounts for 65% of your score alone - so having multiple cards is not as scary as it sounds!

## It's okay to pay a bunch of annual fees as long as the value you get outweighs the cost

The easiest cards to justify holding are the following three categories:

- Cards with no annual fee (or *low* annual fees)
- Hotel cards that offer annual Free Nights

- Premium cards with easy-to-use credits

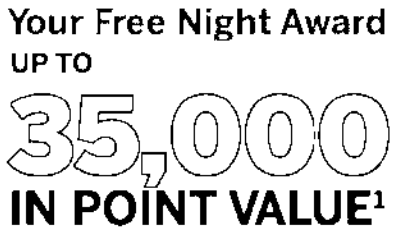
Low and no-annual-fee cards: For example, this card **consistently ranks as one of the best, and is by far, the most popular card among our readers.**

Since it only has a $95 annual fee and boasts solid earning rates for both travel and everyday spending, you can justify holding onto it forever without really needing to think about it.

Hotel cards: **As I said earlier, hotel cards are also almost always easy to justify holding onto long-term** since many (but not all) of them come with annual free night awards.

For example, I have five cards with annual fees under $100 that offer an annual free night award.

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*I have multiple of these hotel cards that offer 35k Free Night Awards*

These are no-brainers because **I regularly get at least $300 in value (often far more) from each free night.**

Boom. No stress.

Premium cards: Now, on this third point... there are some premium cards, like the Capital One Venture X Rewards Credit Card, that have a higher annual fee but easy-to-use credits.

This card **has a $395 annual fee but offers a $300 annual travel credit, 10,000 anniversary bonus points** (which you can cash out on travel purchases for

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$100), and up to 10x points on some purchases.




*Earning rates on the Venture X card*

In this case, you're getting a card with **solid earning rates, good insurance, and lounge access with an annual fee that pays for itself** as long as you spend a few hundred bucks a year on travel.

So here's the bottom line:

There are plenty of cards you can stack your wallet with that don't require much thought about holding onto year after year.

And as long as you're responsible with managing those cards, **your credit score will go up. It's as simple as that!**

## The Ultimate Travel Toolkit

You know what would be awesome?

A place where we could all go to access the best tools and resources for travel savings. **I'm talking spreadsheets, cheat sheets, guides, video tutorials, and all that jazz.**

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That's right, we've created such a tool in the form of a saucy PDF filled with travel tools, such as:

- The ultimate guide to lounge access
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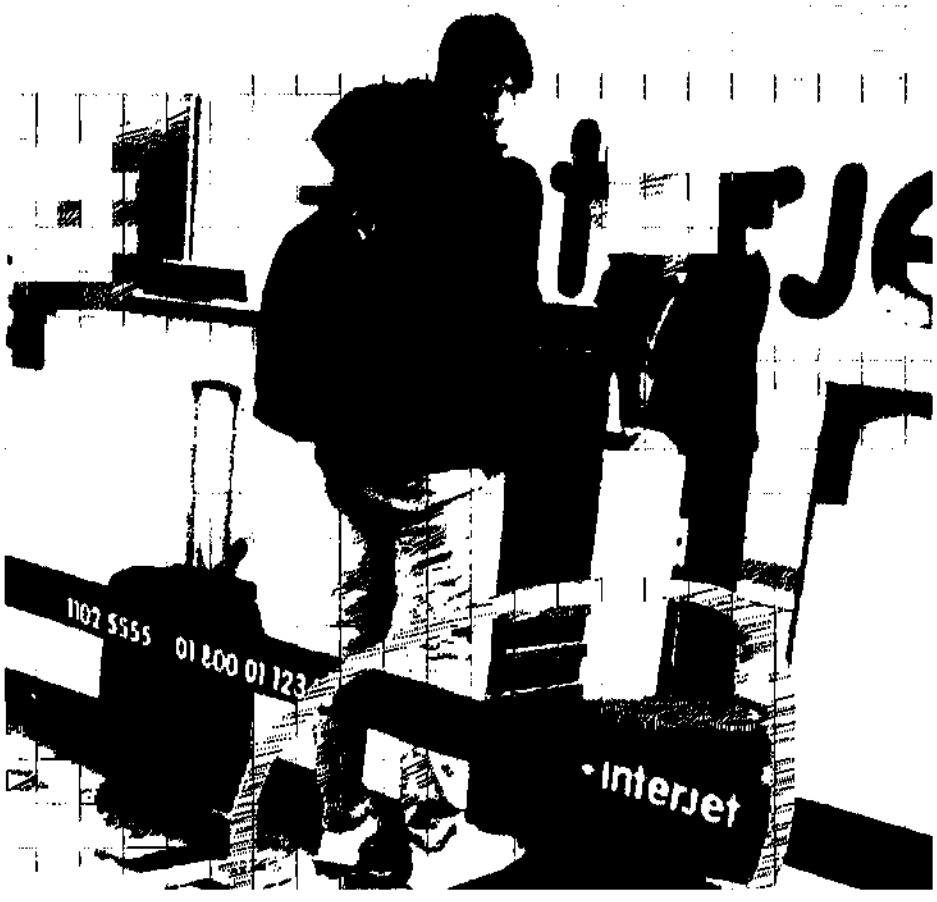
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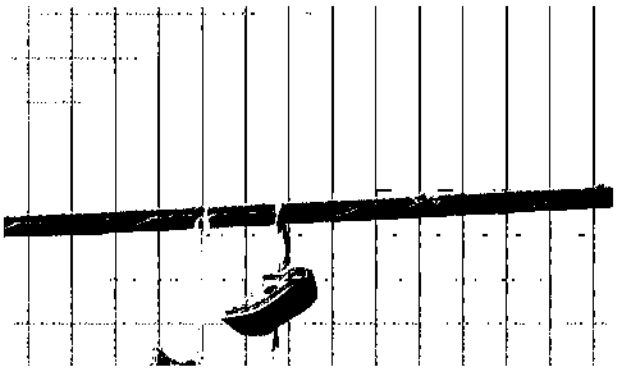


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A friend shared the recipe with me, and I've prepared it monthly ever since. The crust is made from refrigerated crescent roll dough. While the ground beef is browning, I simply press the dough into a baking dish. Guests always comment on the tasty crust as well as the zesty filling and crunchy topping. —Patricia Eckard, Singers Glen, Virginia

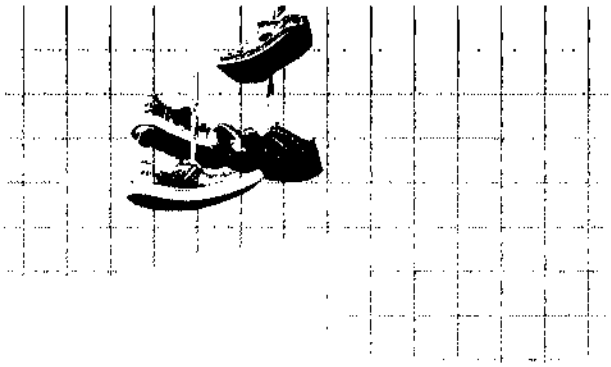
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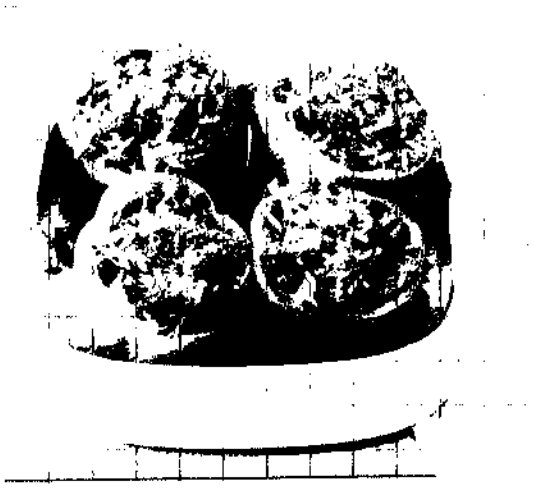
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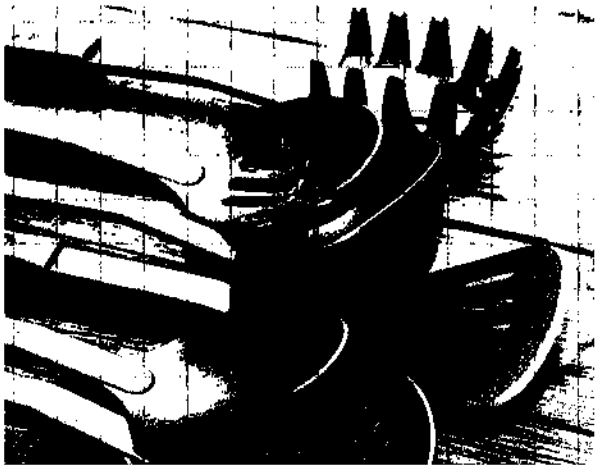
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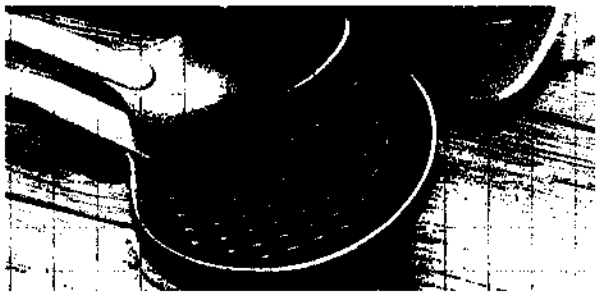
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Pope Francis has a "polymicrobial infection" of his respiratory tract that will require his treatment in hospital to be changed, the Vatican said Monday, with tests indicating a "complex clinical picture."

"The results of the tests carried out in recent days and today have demonstrated a polymicrobial infection of the respiratory tract that has led to a further change in therapy," the Vatican said in a statement.

The 88-year-old pontiff was checked into a hospital in Rome for "diagnostic tests" relating to a respiratory tract infection, according to the Vatican. They later confirmed he was in Agostino Gemelli Polyclinic in the Italian capital – and had canceled his meetings for the next three days.

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### GA-Gov

Lt. Gov. Burt Jones hasn't yet announced his long-anticipated campaign for governor of Georgia, but he's already taking advantage of a state law allowing him to raise unlimited sums of money—something none of his would-be rivals can do. And despite a previous ruling clamping down on this one-sided state of affairs, Jones insists he can spend this windfall in his quest to win next year's Republican primary—a question that may wind up back in the courts.

Jones, who is one of Donald Trump's top allies in the state, enjoys this advantageous position thanks to a 2021 law signed by Gov. Brian Kemp authorizing powerful new entities called "leadership committees."

Candidates for statewide office are limited to accepting $8,400 from individual donors for the primary and the same amount for the general election. They're also barred from fundraising when the legislature is in session. By contrast, there are no such restrictions for leadership committees. These groups, unlike federal super PACs, are also allowed to coordinate directly with the campaigns they're supporting.

The law allows the sitting governor, lieutenant governor, and leaders of both parties to create these special committees. Everyone else is out of luck, though nominees for governor and lieutenant governor who *don't* currently hold those offices can establish their own leadership committees after they win their party's nomination.

Kemp took advantage of the law he signed during his fight against former Sen. David Perdue in the 2022 GOP primary. Both Perdue and Democrat Stacey Abrams, who couldn't yet form leadership committees, argued that Kemp had an unfair advantage. Federal Judge Mark Cohen barred the governor's committee from spending money until he won the primary, but he did not invalidate the law.

Kemp went on to beat both Perdue and Abrams, and he's continued to utilize his leadership committee to advocate for allied candidates—including Trump. State Democrats sued to strike down the law last year, but they dropped their suit after Cohen ruled they lacked standing to bring a challenge.

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Jones's committee, called the WBJ Leadership Committee, finished January with $2.6 million in the bank. (The lieutenant governor's full name is William Burton Jones.) Cohen's ruling against Kemp in 2022 would seemingly bar his allies from spending that money on his behalf in the upcoming primary to succeed Kemp, but unsurprisingly, he and his rivals sharply disagree on whether it still applies.

Attorney General Chris Carr, who launched his own campaign for the GOP nod in November, believes the answer is no. A strategist for Carr—who does not have access to a leadership committee—told the Associated Press that Cohen's earlier decision means that cash raised by WBJ "cannot be spent on anything that furthers his Republican primary campaign for governor."

Carr, it so happens, defended the law in his capacity as attorney general against the challenge brought by Perdue and Abrams, calling their attempt to restrict leadership committees a "nakedly political effort."

Jones, unsurprisingly, is now the one taking that position. An aide tells the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "The Attorney General should know that this ruling was

confined to the 2022 race as he argued strongly in favor of it, one of the few fights he's actually picked while in office." Even if Jones is correct, though, Carr or another opponent could bring a similar lawsuit to once again rectify this imbalance in the law

Direct spending in the primary, however, isn't the only way WBJ could boost its candidate. The AJC notes that Jones' committees could also run ads designed to bolster his name recognition more generally or to help his allies. The lieutenant governor is also wealthy and can invest his personal resources into furthering his bid, leadership committee or no.

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## Election Results

### DE State Senate

Delaware Democrats easily won two special elections for the state Senate in the Wilmington area on Saturday night, with one candidate outperforming the results of last year's presidential election and the other just short of that mark.

In Delaware's 1st Senate District, Democrat Dan Cruce held the seat previously occupied by Sarah McBride, who won a promotion to Congress in November, defeating Republican Steven Washington 77-21. Kamala Harris carried the district 73-26 last year, meaning Cruce exceeded her margin by 10 points

Meanwhile, Democrat Ray Seigfried successfully defended the neighboring 5th District, which had been held by newly elected Lt. Gov. Kyle Evans Gay, beating Republican Brent Burdge 65-35. Harris won the district by a similar 65-33 spread, 2 points better than Saturday's showing.

Both sets of results are still unofficial, so the final tallies could still shift slightly. Following these victories, Democrats now once again control the chamber by a 15-6 margin

The outcomes mark the sixth time in seven tries this year that Democrats have improved on the presidential baseline in special elections nationwide. On average, they're performing 9 points better than Harris, according to calculations by The Downballot.

That's similar to their performance during the first two years of Donald Trump's first term, when Democrats exceeded Hillary Clinton's margins by an average of 11 points across 119 special elections. Those results heralded 2018's blue wave, which saw Democrats flip 40 seats to take back the U.S. House

Special election results, taken in aggregate, typically correlate closely with results for general elections for the House. Last year, however, they missed the mark, with Democrats generally performing well in specials but Republicans winning the national House vote. It remains to be seen whether that historic correlation will once again resume next year.

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## Senate

### GA-Sen

A top advisor to Rep. Rich McCormick now says that a Senate bid by Gov. Brian Kemp would keep his boss out of the race, just a few days after failing to acknowledge Kemp at all in a statement saying McCormick was interested in running himself.

Ryan Mahoney — who used to work for Kemp — called the governor an "absolute powerhouse" in comments to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Greg Bluestein but indicated that McCormick would be eager to run against Democratic Sen. Jon Ossoff if Kemp declines.

### MN-Sen

Attorney General Keith Ellison, who was mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for Minnesota's newly open Senate seat, confirmed Friday that he's thinking about it and would "say more in a few days," in the words of MinnPost reporter Peter Callaghan.

## Governors

### CA-Gov & Los Angeles, CA Mayor

Billionaire developer Rick Caruso has mostly been talked about in connection with a possible second bid for mayor of Los Angeles, but he now tells Puck's Peter Hamby he's considering a campaign for California's open governorship.

Caruso, who changed party affiliation several times before running for mayor as a Democrat in 2022, could potentially run as an independent, and he says that a possible campaign by Kamala Harris would not deter him. But, says Hamby, a rematch next year with Democrat Karen Bass "seems more likely."

Bass defeated Caruso by a 55-45 margin in a runoff, but the incumbent's standing has been tarnished due to widespread dissatisfaction with her handling of devastating wildfires that badly damaged the city last month. Caruso has repeatedly attacked Bass over the fires but has not laid out a timetable for making a decision about either race.

Meanwhile, Richard Grenell, a longtime aide to Donald Trump, told reporters he "wouldn't say no" to a bid for governor if Harris were to run. It would be wise not to take Grenell too seriously, though. He considered running in the 2021 recall of Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom only to bail, then the following year teased that he might run for the House in Southern California but never followed through.

## House

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### AZ-01

There's "chatter" that Democrat Marlene Galan-Woods could run for Arizona's swingy 1st Congressional District again, reports the National Journal's James Downs, who says he spotted the former candidate on Capitol Hill on Thursday. This constituency, which is based in northeastern Phoenix and Scottsdale, is held by Republican Rep. David Schweikert.

Galan-Woods, a former TV news anchor and the widow of one-time state Attorney General Grant Woods, finished a very close third in last year's primary, which former state Rep. Amish Shah won with 23.5% of the vote. In second was businessman Andrei Cherny with 21.3%, while Galan-Woods was just behind with 21.2%.

Schweikert went on to defeat Shah 52-48 following an expensive battle. According to calculations by The Downballot, Donald Trump carried the 1st by a similar 51-48 spread.

## Obituaries

## Jim Guy Tucker

Former Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, a Democrat who frequently jostled with Bill Clinton in the 1970s and 80s when the two were regarded as rising stars, died Thursday at the age of 81.

Tucker was elevated from lieutenant governor to the governorship in 1992 following Clinton's election as president, but he resigned four years later after being convicted of fraud.

Both men began their ascent in an era where Democrats were still the dominant party in Arkansas. Tucker first won office when he was elected attorney general in 1972, but he gave up that post in 1976 to successfully run for the U.S. House (terms for statewide office were only two years until the mid-1980s). That same year, Clinton won the race to succeed him.

Tucker sought a promotion in 1978 by campaigning for an open Senate seat, but he found himself locked in an uphill battle in the primary against Gov. David Pryor. Clinton, who was on a glide path to replace Pryor as governor, nevertheless took an intense interest in the Senate race.

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As David Maraniss wrote in his biography of Clinton, "First In His Class," the future president saw Tucker "as his main competition as the rising star of state Democratic politics" and hoped Pryor would beat him. Pryor — who benefited from key strategic advice from Clinton — ultimately defeated Tucker in a difficult runoff.

The new governor, though, was humbled in 1980 when he lost his bid for a second term to Republican Frank White in what threatened to be a career-ending upset. Clinton aimed for a quick comeback by seeking a rematch in 1982, but Tucker and a third Democrat, former Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell, both had designs on the same office.

Clinton and Tucker spent most of the race attacking one another while avoiding Purcell, who largely appeared to be an afterthought. Purcell, though, surged ahead late in the first round of voting and cost Tucker a spot in the runoff. That wasn't welcome news for Clinton: One of his strategists later told Maraniss, "Tucker had a record we could run against. Joe Purcell was a lovable old slipper."

Clinton, though, ultimately won both the runoff and his rematch with White, while Tucker spent the next several years out of elected office in the law and business. Tucker briefly mounted another campaign for governor in 1990 with the hope that Clinton, whose presidential ambitions were well known, would step aside. However,

he dropped down to the lieutenant governor's race after he realized Clinton would seek reelection

Tucker won the contest for that post—which was and still is elected separately from the governorship—and spent much of the next two years acting as chief executive while the governor was out of the state campaigning. After Clinton's victory in 1992, he got to drop the "lieutenant" from his title when he assumed the top job

But while the 1994 GOP wave didn't stop Tucker from easily winning the race to keep his new office, he soon found himself embroiled in his predecessor's troubles.

Independent counsel Kenneth Starr's probe into Clinton's ties to an Arkansas land development initially didn't involve Tucker, but Starr convinced a judge to let him broaden his scope. Tucker blasted Starr's sprawling investigation as a "witch hunt," but he ultimately resigned after getting convicted in 1996 of receiving fraudulent loans. He was replaced by Republican Lt. Gov. Mike Huckabee, who ran the state until 2007

Both the New York Times and the Associated Press have much more about the developments that ended Tucker's career in their obituaries, including the chaotic events surrounding the governor's actual resignation

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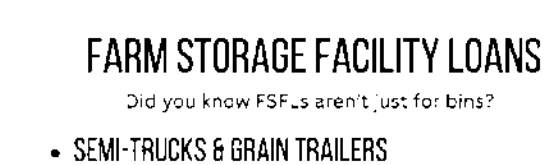
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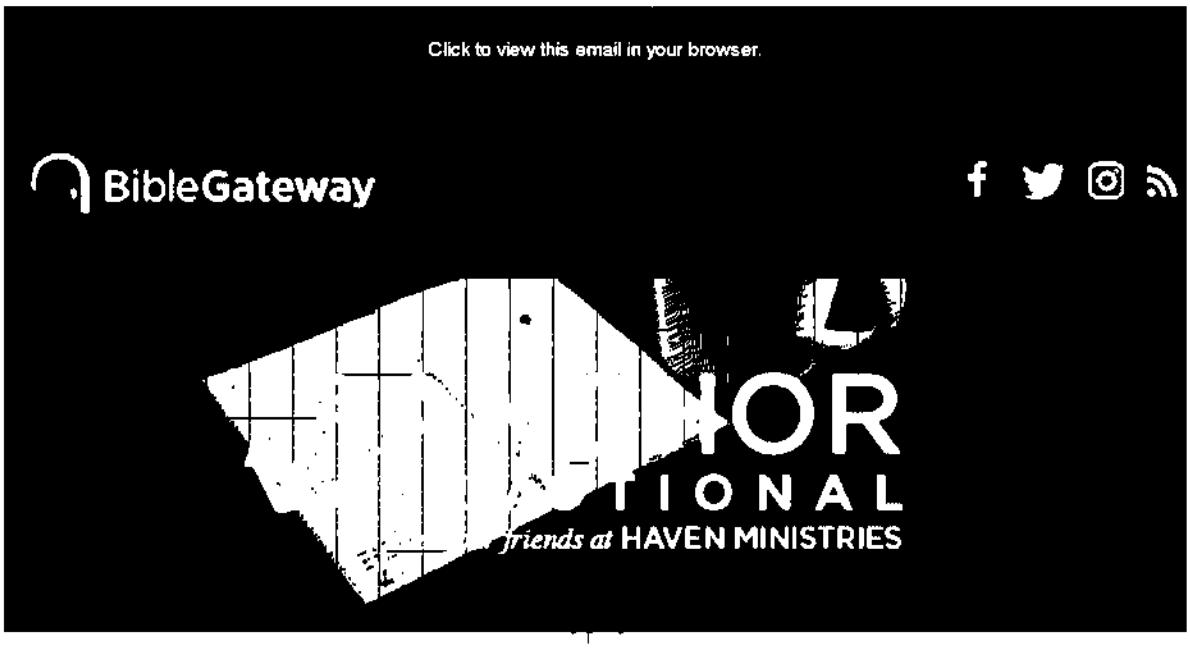
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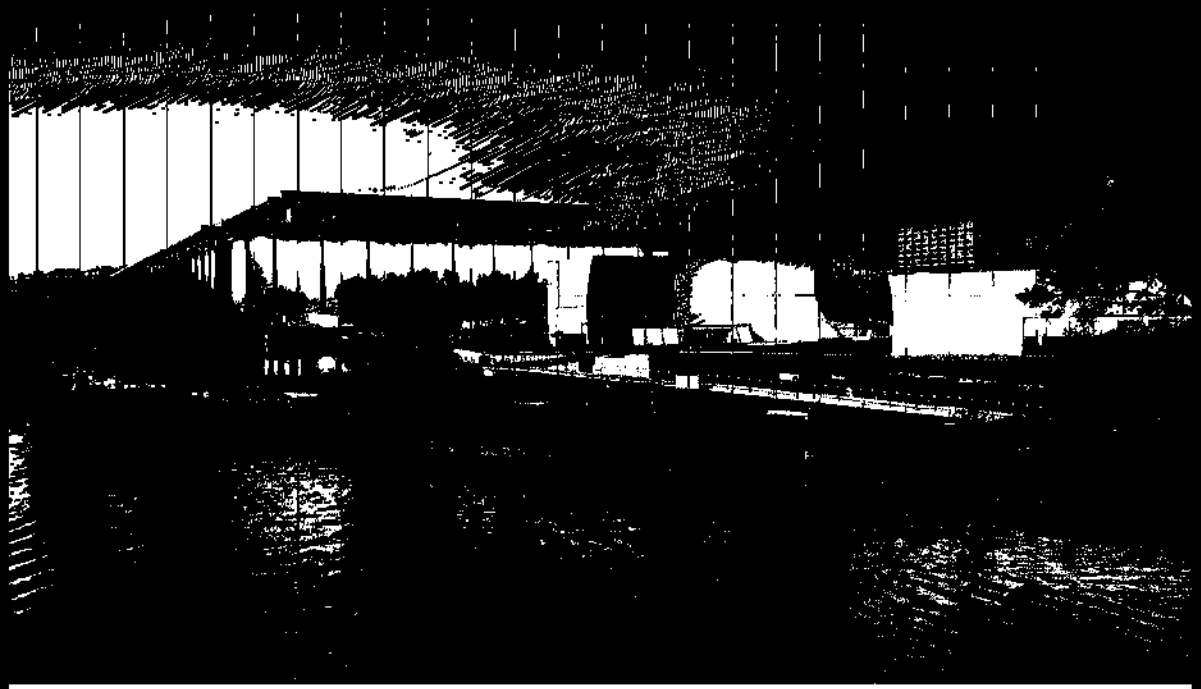
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Today is **Presidents Day**, so I figure it's a good opportunity to take a look at how **President Trump's** hostile takeover of the **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** might affect the esteemed organization's programming in the near future.

Last week, the president's newly appointed board of close allies — including chief of staff **Susie Wiles** and deputy chief of staff **Dan Scavino** — voted to make Trump chairman of the board and fire longtime center president **Deborah F. Rutter**.

Disarray ensued and high-profile artists began to jump ship. Television showrunner and writer **Shonda Rhimes** stepped down as treasurer; musician **Ben Fold** announced he would no longer serve as artistic adviser of the **National Symphony Orchestra**, which is headquartered at the center; opera star **Renée Fleming** stepped down as an artistic advisor; and actor and writer **Issa Rae** canceled her sold-out show next month.

A new era had suddenly dawned, one in which the only individuals welcome are those who share the Trump administration's vision for what the president referred to on **Truth Social** as a "Golden Age in Arts and Culture."

What that means has not yet come into focus, but clues abound in the many executive orders that Trump has issued in the weeks since he's taken office. During that time, Trump, with the help of **Elon Musk's** legally dubious **DOGE** task force, has ransacked the federal civil service in search of any programs that hint at diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). This includes language about social justice, female empowerment and LGBTQ+ rights, and staffers have been encouraged to report anyone who attempts to disguise DEI efforts.

A cursory look at the next three months of programming at the

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Kennedy Center shows that the organization — like many arts organizations nationwide — seeks to include a healthy mix of performances about, for and by women, people of color and the LGBTQ+ community.

Two shows dealing with LGBTQ+ themes have already been canceled or "postponed indefinitely," according to the Washington Post, the upcoming tour of a children's musical called **"Finn"** — produced and commissioned by the center — that the creators said could be read as a metaphor for the LGBTQ+ experience; and a **National Symphony Orchestra** concert, "**A Peacock Among Pigeons**," which was described as a "celebration of love, diversity, and the vibrant spirit of the LGBTQ+ community" and scheduled during D.C.'s upcoming **World Pride 2025** celebration.

One wonders what might become of other Kennedy Center shows, including a Feb. 21 program called "**The Soundtrack for Social Justice**," presented by **Liberated Muse** and described on the center's website as, "a poetic and musical reflection on the ways we can manifest a world of fairness and equity where human rights are recognized and upheld.

And what of an upcoming Kennedy Center world-premiere commission titled, "**The Other Children of the Sun**," co-written by Navajo playwright **Rhiana Yazzie**. According to the center's website, the family-friendly production about the Navajo creation legend "is part of the **Theater for Young Audiences (TYA) BIPOC Superhero Project**, a nationwide initiative connecting playwrights of color with TYA theaters and bringing communities together through inspiring stories of new heroes."

Another show that might not fit the new administration's bill: the NSO-presented D.C. premiere of composer **Julia Wolfe's** large-scale theatrical work, "**Her Story**," which was written for the all-female

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vocal group, **Lorelei Ensemble**, and "captures the passion and perseverance of women across centuries," dramatizing "text from the fight for women's equality — ranging from a letter written by **Abigail Adams** and a speech by **Sojourner Truth**, from public attacks directed at women protesting for the right to vote, to political satire, and more."

Will performances like these continue at the Kennedy Center during the next four years, or will they be canceled, literally and/or metaphorically by incoming leaders, including interim executive director and Trump loyalist **Richard Grenell**?

It may come to pass that those involved in these types of shows choose to take them elsewhere when they find the soil of the once-fertile Center dry and parched of humanity. Or will the DEI Scare mirror the **Red Scare**, making it harder for certain ideas to find purchase, financing and support?

I'm arts and culture writer **Jessica Gelt** feeling uneasy about what might come next. **Ashley Lee** and I are biding our time with another round of arts news.

## Best bets: On our radar this week





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**'Peter Berlin: Permission To Stare'**

**Mariposa Gallery** presents the first-ever L.A. exhibition centered on **Peter Berlin**, the photographer and artist who transformed queer self-representation and male eroticism in the 1970s and beyond. Curated by **Russell Tovey**, the actor and host of the podcast **"Talk Art,"** the exhibition showcases Berlin's self-portraits, painted photographs, clothing designs and other personal items. The exhibition runs concurrently with a show of **Ethan James Green's** silver gelatin prints; both exhibitions are on view through Sunday. Mariposa Gallery, 526 N. Western Ave., Melrose Hill. mariposa.gallery

**'Louis B. Mayer and Irving Thalberg: The Whole Equation'**

"**Kenneth Turan's** splendid book about Hollywood titans **Louis B. Mayer** and **Irving Thalberg** is the first in 50 years to tell their story in a single volume," wrote Times contributor **Charles Arrowsmith** of the former Times film critic's new release, which centers on the decades when Mayer and Thalberg made **MGM** the most successful movie studio in Hollywood. Turan will discuss the book and sign copies at a free event in the courtyard of **DIESEL, A Bookstore** in Brentwood. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. DIESEL, A Bookstore, 225 26th St., Suite 33, Brentwood. dieselbookstore.com

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**Mahler Grooves Festival**

Times classical music critic **Mark Swed** has been anticipating this celebration, which starts Wednesday and runs through March 9. "In the early 1970s, cool teenagers tooled around Los Angeles in jalopies sporting Mahler Grooves bumper stickers," he wrote earlier this year. "**Gustavo Dudamel** will pick up on this particular bit of L.A. youth lore with an intriguingly L.A.-centric festival of events that not only includes the **Los Angeles Philharmonic** performing works by **Mahler** and his wife, **Alma** (who moved to L.A. after his death), but also shows what is now a cool thing for L.A. youth. A number of student orchestras, including **YOLA** and ensembles from the **Colburn School** and **UCLA**, will have their own groovy 'Mahlerthon.'" Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 South Grand Ave., downtown. laphil.com

— Ashley Lee

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## The week ahead: A curated calendar

**TUESDAY**

**Brook and Meadowcroft** Piano Spheres presents new works by composers Taylor Brook ("Nox") and Thomas Meadowcroft ("All Possible Combinations").

*8 p.m. Thayer Hall at the Colburn School, 200 S. Grand Ave. pianospheres.org*

**A Brush With Nature: Romantic Landscape Drawings** Works by Caspar David Friedrich, J.M.W. Turner and Théodore Géricault are featured in this exhibition examining the period's motifs.

*Through May 25. Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Drive. getty.edu*

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**María Magdalena Campos-Pons** The exhibit "Behold" surveys 35 years of the Cuban-born artist's photographs, watercolors, installations and performances.
*Through May 4. Getty Center, 1200 Getty Center Drive. getty.edu*

**Manyaku Mashilo** The South African artist's first solo exhibition in the U.S., "The Laying of Hands," includes a new series of multipanel paintings.
*Through May 3, closed Sunday, Mondays. Southern Guild. 747 N Western Ave., Melrose Hill. southernguild.com*

**Michael Roemer** Mezzanine's two-night tribute to the filmmaker includes the West Coast premieres of 4K restorations of the 1976 documentary "Dying" and the 1982 drama "Pilgrim, Farewell."
*"Pilgrim, Farewell." 8 p.m. Tuesday. Brain Dead Studios, 611 N. Fairfax Ave. "Dying." 8 p.m. Thursday. 2220 Arts + Archives, 2220 Beverly Blvd. mezzaninefilm.com*

**WEDNESDAY**

**Adoration** L.A. Opera and Beth Morrison Projects collaborate for this production of composer Mary Kouyoumdjian's work, based on Atom Egoyan's 2008 film.
*8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. 2 p.m. Feb. 23. REDCAT, 631 W. 2nd St., downtown L.A. laopera.org*

**Constellations** Nick Payne's multiverse play explores love, fate and the possibility of multiple existences.
*Through March 9, Rubicon Theatre Company, 1006 E. Main St., Ventura. rubicontheatre.org*

**Desperate Measures** Todd Nielsen directs and choreographs this musical with a score by composer David Friedman and book and lyrics by Peter Kellogg, inspired by Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure."
*Through March 9. International City Theatre, 330 E. Seaside Way,*

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*Long Beach. ictlongbeach.org*

**Easy Rider** A 4K screening of ,'s 1969 counterculture road drama is preceded by a conversation with Nile Southern, son of screenwriter Terry Southern, and academy governor Howard A. Rodman.
*7:30 p.m. Academy Museum, 6067 Wilshire Blvd. academymuseum.org*

**LA Art Show** The 30th anniversary edition features international art with galleries and artists from around the world.
*Through Feb. 23. Los Angeles Convention Center, South Hall, 1201 S. Figueroa St., downtown L.A. laartshow.com*

**Mr.** The neo-pop artist's first solo exhibition in L.A., "It Was on a Brilliant Day," highlights his recent paintings, sculptures and works on paper.
*Through March 29, closed Sundays and Mondays. Perrotin, 5036 W. Pico Blvd. perrotin.com*

**Rachmaninoff and the Tsar** Hershey Felder and Jonathan Silvestri star in Felder's musical play that dramatizes pianist-composer Sergei V. Rachmaninoff's encounter with Russian Tsar Nicholas II and Grand Duchess Anastasia.
*Through March 2. South Coast Repertory, 655 Town Center Drive, PO Box 2197, Costa Mesa. scr.org*

**THURSDAY**

**Frieze Los Angeles** The sixth edition of the art fair features work from local and global galleries, and returns to Santa Monica Airport in a structure designed by Kulapat Yantrasast's architectural studio WHY.
*Through Feb. 23. Santa Monica Municipal Airport, 3027 Airport Ave. frieze.com*





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**London Symphony Orchestra** Led by Antonio Pappano, the group performs Mahler's "Titan" Symphony and pianist Yunchan Lim takes the stage for Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 and Mahler's First Symphony.
*8 p.m. Renée & Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, 615 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa. philharmonicsociety.org*

**The Other Art Fair** Saatchi Art highlights 140 independent artists and a new mural by Judy Baca.
*Through Sunday. 2800 Casitas Ave., Atwater Village. theotherartfair.com/la/*

**The Sphere of Fixed Stars in the Heavens** Staged readings of a two-person play by J. Holtham.
*8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. The Rosalie, Theatre 68 Arts Complex, 5112 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood. bespokeplays.com*

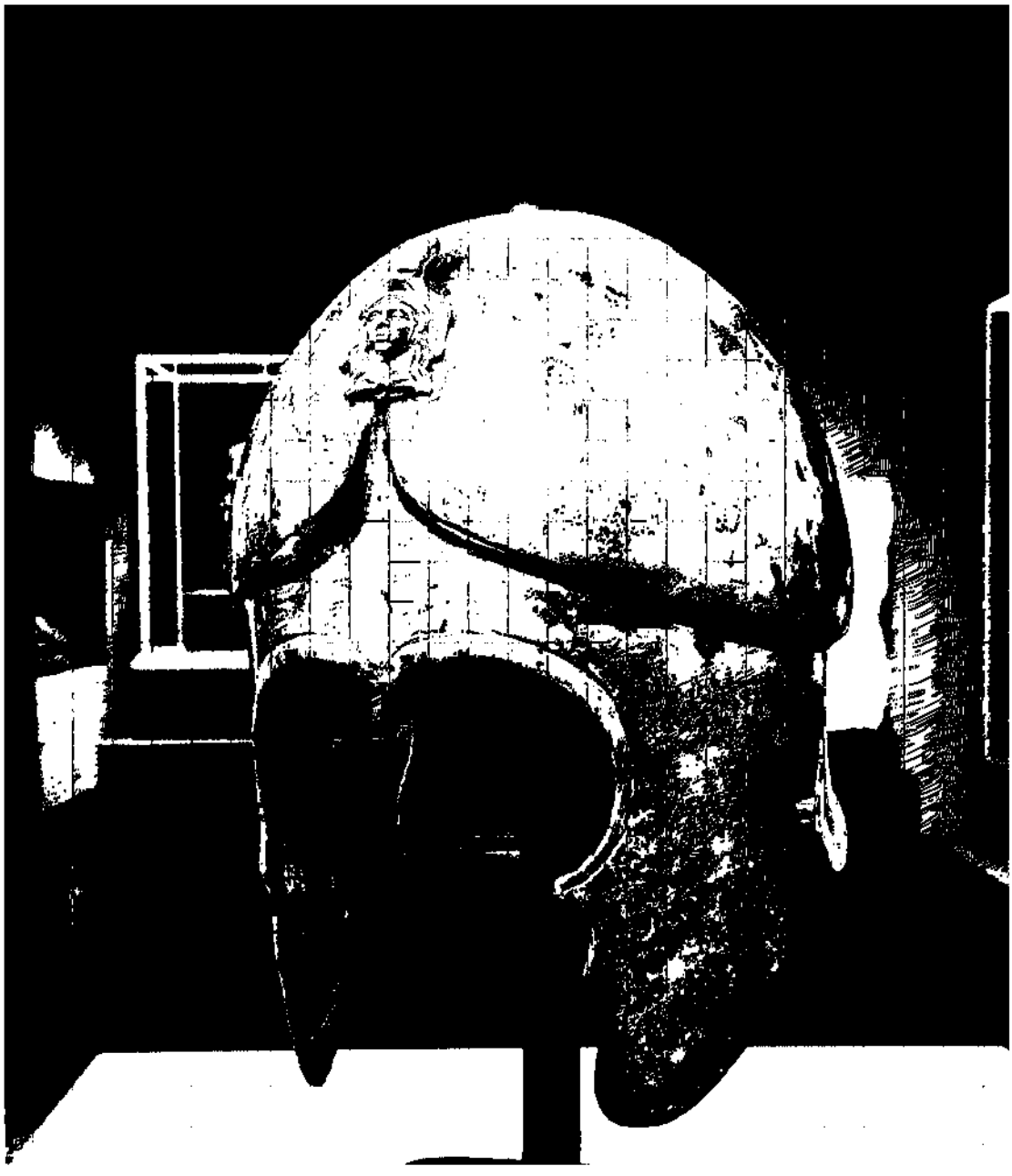
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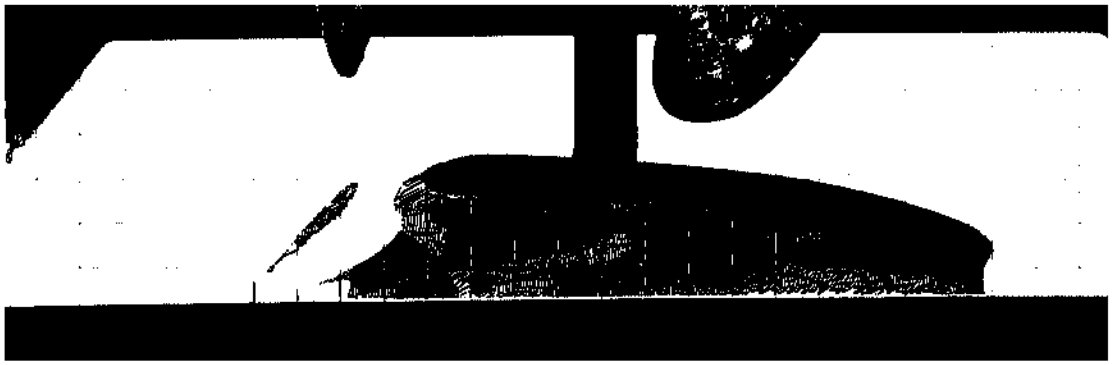
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## Culture news and the SoCal scene





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The continued closure of the **Getty Villa** in the wake of the **Palisades fire** has prevented the public from seeing a new exhibit titled "**Ancient Thrace and the Classical World.**" Times art critic **Christopher Knight** caught it before the fire threatened the Villa, torching many structures in its vicinity. Unfortunately, the objects in the show need to be returned to Europe soon, and it remains unclear whether the Villa will reopen in time for others to see the stunning artifacts, including a remarkably phallic helmet dating to late 4th century BC. "The archaic society was known for the prowess of its soldiers and its brawny militarism. To generalize, we might describe **Thracian** art as embodying a barbaric style — not as a term of derision but merely descriptive of a blunt, skillful fierceness so often encountered in its forms," writes Knight.

**Rogue Machine Theatre's** explosive production of playwright **Sophie Swithinbank's** two-person play, "**Bacon**," performed upstairs at the **Matrix Theatre** on the small **Henry Murray Stage**, received a rave review from Times theater critic **Charles McNulty.** "You might need a moment to gather yourself" after seeing the show, McNulty writes. "The play, which explores masculinity, bullying, sexuality, internalized homophobia and violence, chronicles the abusive relationship between two wounded adolescent boys who are struggling to understand the adults they're becoming."

**Ashley Lee** sat down with actor, writer and musical composer-lyricist **Douglas Lyons,** who is currently in Los Angeles for **IAMA**

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**Theatre's** workshop production of "**Don't Touch My Hair**." The show is his final installment in "**The Deep Breath Trilogy, New Plays for Black Women**." In a Q&A, Lee and Lyons discuss the impetus for the trilogy, its workshopping process and Lyons' advice for other writers.

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There's some great arts reporting going on at the **Washington Post**

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where our beloved **Carolina Miranda,** who left The Times last year, is engaged in a yearlong project to unpack the aesthetics — and resulting political implications — of the dawning **Trump era**. "This president's aesthetic combines classical architecture and cartoonish virility with **WWE** alternative reality," Miranda notes in her first dispatch.

Photographer **Hugh Holland**, who chronicled the legendary early days of skateboard culture in 1970s California, has died. He was 82. His death was confirmed in an email by his publisher **Chronicle Chroma**. Holland's street photography practice began in the late '60s when he moved to California from Oklahoma. He got to know his subjects and was able to gather images as an insider of an insular scene populated by idealistic drifters, artists, athletes and skate enthusiasts. His work has been shown in galleries worldwide and is collected in three books: "**Locals Only**" (2012), "**Silver. Skate. Seventies.**" (2019), and "**Last Days of Summer**" (2024).

**Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum** unveiled its 2025 season**.** Titled "**A Season of Resilience**" and announced in the wake of the **Palisades fire** that threatened the beloved outdoor venue, the offerings include **Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing"** and **"A Midsummer Night's Dream,"** along with a new production of **Nobel Prize**-winning writer and activist **John Galsworthy's** 1909 drama **"*Strife*,"** and the world premiere of **Theatricum artistic director Ellen Geer's** play **"*The Seagull: Malibu*,"** a reimaging of the **Anton Chekhov** classic.

— Jessica Gelt

## And last but not least

**Jon Stewart** and **John Oliver** reunite on "**The Daily Show**" to

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skewer America's embrace of its "**Monarchy Era.**"

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