

## **SCRAMBLED PIXELS**

In the November 12 issue of The New Yorker (“In the Age of A.I., Is Seeing Still Believing?”), I read that more than 576,000 hours of new video are uploaded to YouTube every day. But not all visual content is genuine. With the proliferation of images online, news organizations, law firms, law enforcement, insurance companies, and others now use software programs like Truepic to authenticate photographs and videos. Phew! I used to worry about mixed metaphors, but now I have to worry about scrambled pixels.

## **MENU MYSTERY**

I dare you to read these instructions from the chefs at Sqirl restaurant in L.A. for making a common Thanksgiving leftover, and see if you can guess what the heck it is: “Fold sprouted quinoa into slow-fermented dough of spelt flour, AP flour, water, sugar, salt, sourdough starter, instant yeast, eggs, milk and butter. Shape, proof, brush with egg, top with nigella, white sesame and Maldon salt, then bake. Render and dehydrate chicken skins, season with nigella, smoked habañero powder and salt. Mix strained yogurt with house-made crème fraîche, house-made fermented jalapeño hot sauce, fresh cucumber, dill and mint. Ferment lentils with reserved yogurt, whey and salt. Toast with onion, fresh garlic, black garlic, thyme, arbol chile powder and roasted porcini powder. Deglaze with Sherry vinegar, add whey from house-made ricotta and vegetable stock, simmer until tender, and blend. Hot-smoke sofrito of onion, preserved lemon, Aleppo pepper, fresh and dried oregano, nigella and arbol. Grind with turkey leg and breast. Sear buns, sausage and fried egg. Assemble sandwich with bun, lentils, sausage, egg, labne and herb salad.” Guess what. It’s a turkey breakfast sandwich, truly a labor of love. And which takes longer: making it or eating it? Can’t get enough of this kind of food? Read chef Jessica Koslow’s book “Everything I Want to Eat: Sqirl and the New California Cooking.”

## **MORE HOLIDAYS LEFTOVERS**

“I just visited my front porch and chanced upon a yard deer gorging on a gourd (a leftover Halloween pumpkin). I never intentionally feed wildlife here, but oh well, no harm done, eh?” (Scott McKellar of Linda Mar Heights, who seems to have begun talking like a Canadian)

## **SHOE FETISH?**

According to a Midcoast NextDoor post, a FedEx driver was arrested for stealing a bunch of shoes off someone’s front porch in Moss Beach.

### **PEANUT BUTTER & MAYO**

Marv Morganti liked my recent item about Depression-era PB&M sandwiches. He says, "I am a peanut butter and mayonnaise man."

### **LOST REMOTES**

Some 4 percent of lost remotes are found in the fridge or freezer, while 50 percent are found stuck in the seat cushions of the sofa. (Source: Men's Health magazine, September 18)

### **GRAMMARJAMMER**

The subjunctive would have walked into a bar, had it only known.

### **SWAMI SEZ**

"Why does someone believe you when you say there are 4 billion stars, but they have to check when you say the paint is wet?" (Swami Umami)

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