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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is bacon truly magnificent meat candy or is it simply an overrated piece of pork?



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"Bacon is the BEST! I'll say
it is underrated."



Earl Horlyk
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"When I saw bacon-scented
candle, I thought the trend
went overboard. Then, I had a
cupcake with real bacon pieces and realized I was back on
the bacon bandwagon."



Jaylen Rees
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representative
"Bacon is super
underrated and will
never be overrated."



Mason Dockter
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"I suppose it's both. In the
traditional sense it's a
cheap bit of salted pork. In
the modern sense it's an
object of worship for some
reason."



Nikki Ahlquist Graphic Designer Nikki.Ahlquist@lee.net "While I enjoy bacon from time to time I think it's a little overused, kinda like ranch dressing."

Have a question you'd like us to answer? Send it to events@ siouxland.net and it may end up on this page.





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ON THE COVER: Sioux City Skateboard Association president David Hall isn't just an avid skateboarder. He was also instrumental in the development of skate parks in Sioux City as well as Le Mars, Iowa. Photo by Jesse Brothers, The Weekender.

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CALENDAR

CLASSES

JUNE 19

lowa Mammals, Little Sioux Park, 1746 O'Brien Ave., Correctionville. Meet by the country school house. Bobcats, squirrels, and deer, oh my! Learn all about lowa mammals at this family program. Limited to 30 people. 712-258-0838. Continues every Saturday from 7-8 p.m.

CLASSES/ COURSES

JUNE 13

Intro to Tarot, Sioux City. Students will learn how to read intuitively in interactive online classes. 605-232-8888.7 p.m.- June 27,7 p.m. \$65.

DANCE

JUNE 16

Free Line Dance Classes, 801 W. 13th St., 801 W. 13th St., S. Sioux City. Line Dance class for beginners to intermediate level. 7122044500. 10-11 a.m. every Wednesday.

FESTIVALS

JUNE 11

Sioux City Food Truck Fridays,

620 Pearl St., 620 Pearl St., Šioux City. The region's popular food trucks gather weekly at Pearl Street Park downtown Sioux City to serve tasty lunch choices during the summer season. (712) 266-6452. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Friday until August 27.

FILM/CINEMA

JUNE 25

Siouxland Inspirational Film

Fest, Scenic Park, 801 River View Drive, S. Sioux City. This film festival will feature positive uplifting short films at a drive-in movie theatre in a South Sioux City park. Gates open at 8 p.m. Movies start at sunset, 9 p.m. Freewill donation to enter. 712-226-4320. 9 p.m.- June 26. 11:30 p.m.

HAPPY HOUR

JUNE 11

The BLOCK VENUE Events

Happy Hour at Blue Cafe, 1301 Pierce St., 1301 Pierce St., Sioux City. Live Dj and special, celebrate the start of every weekend with us on the BLOCK. 712-574-1751. 5-7 p.m. each Friday.

KIDS/FAMILY

JUNE 19

Dutch Oven Demonstration.

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road, Sioux City. Learn more about Dutch oven cooking from some local experts. The Swanson family will share some tips, tricks, and recipes that will help you get started in this great outdoor activity. 712-258-0838. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

LOCAL/ COMMUNITY

JUNE 11 The BLOCK VENUE Events

Community Drum Circle, 1307 Pierce St., 1307 Pierce St., 1307 Pierce St., Sioux City. Free accoustic guitar session, drink specials, food specials, SOCIAL GATHERING for everyone with social distancing required. 712-574-1751. 5-7 p.m. on Fridays.

JUNE 13

Bruguier's Cabin, 1301 Riverside Blvd., 1301 Riverside Blvd.,

Sioux City. Guided Tour of the first building built in Sioux City built in 1849. Good will offering appreciated. 7122592772. 2-4 p.m.

MARKETS

JUNE 13 "Sunny" Sunday Swap Meet,

Singing Hills Secondhand Finds & Furnishings, 4400 S. York St., Sioux City. Come check out our "Sunny Sunday" Swap Meets hosted every Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. Also follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/jjandcobiz/.712-233-2345.12-4 p.m.

JUNE 20 "Sunny" Sunday Swap Meet,

Singing Hills Secondhand Finds & Furnishings, 4400 S. York St., Sioux City. Come check out our "Sunny Sunday" Swap Meets hosted every Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. Also follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/jjandcobiz/. 712-233-2345. 12-4 p.m.

JUNE 26 The BLOCK VENUE Events Swap

on The BLOCK, 1307 Pierce St., 1307 Pierce St., Sioux City. Open to the public, free artist made, market! Every last Saturday of every month! Supporting Local artists, recycled clothing, handmade products and art, music, food, culture!. 712-574-1751. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

JUNE 27 "Sunny" Sunday Swap Meet,

Singing Hills Secondhand Finds & Furnishings, 4400 S. York St.,

Sioux City. Čome check out our "Sunny Sunday" Swap Meets hosted every Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. Also follow us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/jjandcobiz/.7122332345.12-4

MOTORCYCLES

JUNE 21

Motorcycle Ride Night, Casey's General Store, 4727 Southern Hills Drive, Sioux City. Motorcycle ride night. 712-574-0934. 5:30-9 p.m. Mondays.

MUSIC

JUNE 12

Sioux City Symphony Orchestra

presents "GLORIOUS BRASS", Sioux City Orpheum, 528 Pierce St., Sioux City. Experience the triumphant and glorious sounds when 20 members of the Symphony's Brass and Percussion sections command the stage in this rare and unforgettable performancel. 712-277-2111. 7:30-9 p.m. Free.

OUTDOORS

JUNE 22

Youth Kayak Program, Southwood Conservation Area, 3402 330th St., Smithland. This program is perfect for first-time kayakers and offers a fun and safe environment for kids to learn how to kayak. 712-258-

JUNE 22

Youth Kayak Program 2,

0838.10 a.m.-noon

Southwood Conservation Area, 3402 330th St., Smithland. This program is perfect for first-time kayakers and offers a fun & safe environment for kids to learn how to kayak. 712-258-0838. 1-3 p.m.

JUNE 25

Animal Adaptations, Snyder Bend Park, 2924 Snyder Bend Road, Salix. Have you ever wondered why opossums play dead or why turkey vultures are bald? 712-258-0838.

THEATRE

JUNE 17

South Dakota Shakespeare Festival 2021 (https://www.

sdshakespearefestival.org/), Prentis Park, 800 E. Clark St., Vermillion. A series of events, workshops for children and live performances of "Twelfth Night or What You Will" taking place in Vermillion's Prentis Park June 17-20, 2021. 605-622-0423. 6-9 p.m.

TREKKING

JUNE 10

Trekking Thursdays, Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road, Sioux City. Join us on the trail for this outdoor hike for exercise, fresh air and some Vitamin N (N for Nature). 712-258-0838. 6-7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

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Gettin' grungy with Everclear!

Ah, Portland, Oregon is perhaps best known for its rain, for its shocking number of man-buns, and for its grungy music scene, which includes Everclear. See Art Alexakis and his band of alt-rockers at 8 p.m. Friday at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem, 111 Third St. Will you see a sea of man-buns? Sadly, yes

Mad about Brad!



Born on a farm in Manning, Iowa, up-and-coming country singer Brad Morgan is making a name

for himself in Music City. U.S.A. See him return to his Iowa roots at 9 p.m. Friday at Beer Can Alley, 1109 Fourth St.





TIM HYNDS. THE WEEKENDER GhostCat performs in the Park back in 2018

Break out yo' elevator shoes!



For those who remember the '70s as an era full of bad perms, puka shell necklaces and too much polyester, close your eyes and cover your ears. The "Me Decade" is coming back at 8 p.m. Saturday to The Marquee, 1225 Fourth St. Dress up in vour leisure suit while

dancing to GhostCat, Gallivant and Fall of Kings.

Buzzed about this 'Bee!'

South Sioux City's New Stage Players literally has a new stage ... and it's in the backyard of the 3201 Dakota Ave. playhouse. See an outdoor production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" at 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday and June 17 - 19. Bring a chair, blanket and sunscreen!



JERRY MENNENGA, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL FILE The Sioux City Municipal Band plays at the Grandview Park Bandshell.

A Star-Spangled Salute!



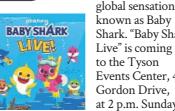
Did you know Monday as Flag Day? Yeah, we didn't either. Thankfully, the Sioux City Municipal Band will put us in a patriotic mood one day earlier. Conductor

Michael Prichard and his crew will be at Grandview Park's Bandshell at 7:30 p.m. Sunday with a playlist that includes "Yankee Doodle," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and, um, "Man of La Mancha"?

Shark Week: The Sequel?



More than 45 years ago, Steven Spielberg's "Jaws" made people terrified of sharks. Nowadays, kids are singing and dancing to a global sensation



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Shark. "Baby Shark Live" is coming to the Tyson Events Center, 401 Gordon Drive. at 2 p.m. Sunday. Will you hear that

creepy dun-dun soundtrack from "Jaws?" If it is played, we'll be hiding under our seats!



ASTRO ADVICE EUGENIA LAST

Consider a simpler lifestyle. Practice minimalism, and you will find a way to make the most out of what you already have. Truth, honesty, good health, exercise and love will lead to peace of mind and happiness. Be the one to make a difference and lead the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

- Don't labor over the impossible. Concentrate on how to use your skills and knowledge to move forward with your plans. Discipline will help you promote the changes you want to implement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

- Put an emotional matter to rest before you miss out on something special. Make whatever adjustments are necessary to fit something unique into your schedule. A partnership is favored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -

Rely on your stamina and ingenuity to get you through your day. Don't let what others do unsettle you. Align yourself with people who are upbeat, share your beliefs and want to bring about positive change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

- Be cautious when dealing with partners, superiors or ioint ventures. Someone will not be forthcoming with valuable information. Do your due diligence before you sign up for a new ven-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

- Avoid anyone who agitates you. Put your energy into learning and communicating with people who have something of interest to share with you. Avoid taking a health risk or taxing yourself physically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

22) - Look for a cost-efficient, easy-to-handle opportunity, then proceed. Don't get involved with ventures that you cannot control. Someone will mislead you if you are too eager or gullible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

23-Dec. 21) - Gravitate toward individuals who offer stability and security. Choose a healthy, moderate lifestyle that puts your mind at ease and encourages you to look and do your best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19) - Push for what you want. Conversations that address pending matters will help you clarify your position and resolve issues that make you feel uneasy. The more direct you are, the better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

19) - Size up situations before you respond. Keep your input moderate and practical. Refuse to let emotions escalate into something you cannot control. Rely on your experience and ability.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March

20) - Indulgence will drag you down. Take time to review what you have, what you want and what it will take to reach your goal. Actions will speak louder than words. Keep your promises.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

- Turn up the volume and do your happy dance. If you let the little things get you down, you'll have trouble accomplishing what you set out to do. Dismiss anyone trying to disrupt your plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May

20) - Indecisiveness will disrupt your day. Use your imagination and skills to overcome any doubts that surface. A personal change will boost your confidence and give you a needed push.

Local Theaters

Promenade 14

924 Fourth St 712 277 8300

The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard

Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway 12:35 1:15 4:00 6:45 9:10

Oueen Bee 1:30 4:00 6:30 9:00 **In the Heights** 12:30 1:00 2:00 3:00 3:45 4:15 5:15 6:15 7:00 7:30

The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It 12:30 1:40 3:15 4:25 6:00 7:10 8:45 9:55

Spirit Untamed 12:45 2:55 5:05 7:15 9:55

Cruella 1:00 4:05 7:05 9:25 A Ouiet Place Part II 1:45 2:30 4:15 5:00 7:30 9:30 10:00

Dream Horse 1:10 3:50 6:30 9:10 Wrath of Man 1:00 3:50 6:50 9:40 www.acxcinemas.com

AMC Southern Hills 12

4400 Sergeant Road 712-276-3062

The Conjuring: The Devil Made **Me Do It** 4:00 7:00 10:00 The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard **Spirit Untamed** 3:45 6:30 9:00 www.amctheatres.com

Nearby Theaters

Royal 3 Cinema

33 Central Ave SW., Le Mars, Iowa 712-564-1778

Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway 7:15 9:30

In the Heights 7:30 9:15 **Spirit Untamed** 7:00

www.acxcinemas.com

Pioneer 3 Theater

110 S. 11th St., Nebraska City, NE 402-873-6487

Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway

In the Heights 7:30 9:15 **Spirit Untamed** 7:00

Legacy 3 Theater

712 W Sheridan Ave, Shenandoah, IA 712-246-2245 www.acxcinemas.com See website for showtimes

Main Street 7

866 E. 23rd St., Fremont, NE 402-727-8986

www.acycinemas.com See website for showtimes

Majestic Theatre

310 Main St., Wayne, NE 402-833-1833

www.majesticonmain.org See website for showtimes

Coyote Twin

10 E Main St., Vermillion, SD 605-624-3331 vermilliontheaters.com See website for showtimes

Holland Plaza Theater

717 Eighth St. SE Orange City, IA 712-737-8866

Cruella 7:15

The Conjuring: The Devil Made Me Do It 7:20 **Dream Horse** 7:20

Spirit Untamed 7:25

A Quiet Place Part II 7:30 krullcinemas.com

Main St. 3

401 Ninth St., Sheldon, IA 712-342-2344

Cruella 7:00 **Spirit Untamed** 7:15 A Quiet Place Part II 7:30 krullcinemas.com

MOVIES

'In The Heights' (Rated PG-13 for some language and suggestive references)

The scent of a cafecito caliente hangs in the air just outside of the 181st Street subway stop. The likeable, magnetic bodega owner Usnavi saves every penny from his daily grind as he hopes, imagines and sings about a better life.

'The Misfits' (Rated R for some language/ sexual references and brief drug use)

After being recruited by a group of unconventional thieves, renowned criminal Richard Pace finds himself caught up in an elaborate gold heist that promises to have farreaching implications on his life and the lives of countless others.

'The House Next Door: Meet The

Blacks 2' (Rated R for pervasive language. sexual content, and brief nudity)

When best selling author Carl Black moves his family back to his childhood home, he must team up with oddball neighbors to do battle with a pimp, who may or may not be an actual vampire.

'Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway'

(Rated PG for some rude humor and action)

After the marriage of Bea and Thomas along with the release of the acclaimed novel based on the adventures of Peter Rabbit and his friends. Peter is feeling like everyone only sees him as rebellious. So, when Bea and Thomas decide to go on a trip. Peter sees this as an opportunity to go on the run.

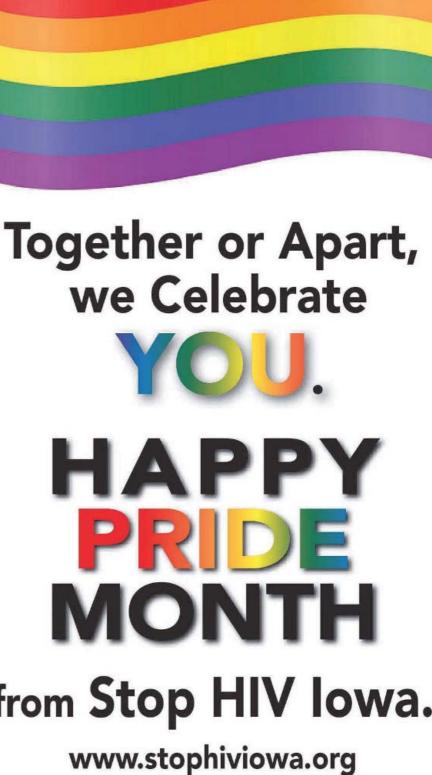
'12 Mighty Orphans' (Rated PG-13 for violence, language, some suggestive references, smoking and brief teen drinking)

Haunted by his mysterious past, a devoted high school football coach leads a scrawny team of orphans to the state championship during the **Great Depression and inspires a broken nation** along the way.

New DVD releases:

'City of Lies' 'Flashback' 'Fuller House: The Fifth and Final

Season' 'The Lovebirds' 'Zeroville'



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Star quality, eclectic sound

BY EARL HORLYK

Growing up in Philadelphia, Kevin Bacon would ricochet between listening to radio stations specializing in rock and roll and ones devoted to funky Philly soul.

A bit later, Bacon befriended the son of a venue owner who was able to snag tickets to live shows featuring the likes of everyone from B.B. King, Led Zeppelin and Janis Joplin.

Despite this musical knowledge, Bacon doesn't bat an eye when people come up to him, saying, "We didn't know you could

The public knows me only as an actor," the star of such movies as "Footloose," "Apollo 13" and "X-Men: First Class" said. "They have no expectations of my music."

This is despite the fact that Bacon and his older brother Michael – a prominent musician, college professor and prolific film score composer - have been performing professionally as The Bacon Brothers for more than 25

To be fair, the two siblings began playing music together by the time Bacon turned 9.

"Being the youngest of six kids, I wanted to be like my older siblings," he said. "Mike played music and I wanted to be like Mike."

The Bacon Brothers will be coming to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem, 111 Third St., for an 8 p.m. concert on Saturday.

But don't ask Bacon to define their sound.

"When we released our first album (in 1997), we called it 'Forosoco' because our music was a mix of folk, rock, soul and country," he said.

This eclectic formula seems to have worked. The Bacon Brothers have released nine albums since "Forosoco."

Plus with 10 albums under



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Actor Kevin Bacon and his film composer brother Michael Bacon will be performing an eclectic set of songs at 8 p.m. Saturday at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's Anthem.

their belts, the Bacons have been able to avoid the pitfalls associated with sibling acts like the Gallagher brothers of Oasis and the Wilson brothers from the Beach Boys.

"Mike and I work well because there is a mutual respect," Bacon said. "Even though he is an accomplished musician, Mike knows I bring something different to the act despite me being a selftrained musician."

Indeed, Bacon's 30-plus years career as an actor has taught him to collaborate.

"People think of actors as being self-involved but we tend to be collaborative by nature," he explained.

That was especially true when Bacon began his acting career as a New York-based stage actor in the early 1980s.

"I know my stage work has really help to feel comfortable on a concert stage," he said. "You're sharing a lot when performing your own music. If you have a few butterflies before a show, you can use it to your advantage.'

If there are similarities between performing music in concert to playing a scene in a play, Bacon said recording an album is similar to moviemaking.

"When you're recording a song, you can always do a take two," he said. "You can really perfect a performance because you can do it over again."

Even though he has nearly 100 TV and movie credits to his name, Bacon has never gotten a "rep" for being a stereotypical movie

star. Married to actress Kyra Sedgwick for more than 30 years, the couple has two kids, including Sosie Bacon, whose acting credits included TV's "13 Reasons Why" and "Mare of Easttown."

"Kyra and I knew show business would always be tough on kids," Bacon said. "Kyra and I got into acting with our eyes open. Our kids? They were just born into show business.'

Which is why Bacon and Sedgwick seldom exposed their children to movies they starred in.

"My kids know acting is just what their parents did for a living," Bacon said. "Especially when they were younger, it wasn't such a big deal to them."

Something that was a big deal was Bacon's growing confidence in the kitchen.

"With the pandemic, everybody was stuck at home," he said. "Even though I'm not much of a recipe-follower, I do pretty well by making chili, pizza and Asian food."

According to Bacon, Sedgwick is very adept at baking.

"Kyra has been on a kick where's she making pound cake a lot," he said. "It is a totally comfort food version of pound cake. Kyra is convinced that each time she makes one, it is her best pound cake ever.

"Kyra may tweak the ingredients a bit and I still can't tell any difference," Bacon said. "Don't get me wrong. I love my wife's pound cake but it is still pound cake."

ADVICE



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AMY ALKON

Q: I broke up with a guy I was dating after discovering he'd lied about his age on the dating app we'd met on. (He's 48, not "39.") I'd told him honesty's a big deal for me. He claimed he's honest with those he cares about and at work and argued that everybody lies on dating sites. I'm not buying that. Isn't someone either honest or not?

—Skeptical

There's that saying, "act your age," and he is — as a guy cresting 50 who wants a girlfriend who still sometimes gets carded.

Chances are you consider yourself an honest person. But you're not. None of us is. In the words of TV's Dr. House, "Everybody lies." Social psychologist Bella DePaulo concurs. In her research on lying, she explains that people can't be "tossed into one of two moral bins, one for the people who are honest and the other for the liars."

In fact, we all lie in ways we don't even recognize as lies. Do you wear control-top tights or Spanx? A push-up bra or a squish-you-down bra? How about under-eye concealer? (Note that it isn't called under-eye *revealer*: "All the better to show off my ginormous, dark, puffy eyebags!")

These less-than-truthful forms of self-presentation are a lighter shade of the lie this guy told: an "instrumental" lie — a lie used as an "instrument" to get others to give us "material rewards or other personal pleasures or advantages" they wouldn't if we told the truth. But consider that people who don't lie their way through life might see lies in an online dating profile as sort of Spanx-type fibbies: a way to game an unfair system, a la, "I'm so much younger than my real age, and the hot young women I want would see that — uh, if only I could get around their searches where they cut out my age group."

Getting a realistic sense of a man's true character probably takes listening and watching over time, especially when he doesn't know you're doing it. That should help you avoid missing out on good guys who occasionally retrofit the truth with a little Spandex. And you'll know to ditch those who are ethically iffy — or worse: for example, some other 48-year-old dude who has the firm body of a man half his age — and if he keeps it in his basement freezer, no one will be the wiser.

Six Degrees Of Penetration

I'm a senior in college, and the woman I recently started seeing is a sophomore. My buddies told me she has a "reputation," as in, she's hooked up with half the men's soccer team. She's beautiful and intelligent, and I don't understand why she has the low self-esteem to behave that way.—
Rethinking Our Relationship

Turn the tables, and imagine a guy who's hooked up with half the cheerleading squad. Your first thought: "Dude must have a huge..." (and correct me if I'm wrong) "...set of mommy issues."

There's a pervasive stereotype (held by both men and women) that women who engage in casual sex have low self-esteem, explains evolutionary social psychologist Jaimie Arona Krems. The underlying assumption: Women who have casual sex don't really want it; they're just settling for it. However, Krems and her colleagues find that this insulting stereotype persists even when women are "explicitly described as choosing to have casual sex."

The researchers surveyed participants (about their own self-esteem and their perception of others') using the generally accepted definition of self-esteem: "feeling good about oneself and having a solid sense of one's self-worth." The stereotype — that women have casual sex because their self-worth is in the dumpster — "appears to be unfounded." (Women's "sexual behavior was not significantly correlated with their self-esteem.")

They speculate that the stereotype might stem from evolutionary "mismatch": our living in a modern world with a sometimesoutdated psychological operating system. The psychology guiding us today evolved back when locked knees were the only reliable birth control. It would've served ancestral women with high mate value those with their pick of men — to hold out for commitment before having sex (and possibly offspring) with a man. Thus, we might have "default assumptions that women pursue casual sex only when committed sex is unavailable to them." (In simple terms, despite all the birth control technology of today, the dial of human psychology is still set to "slut shaming.") As for your situation, assuming the rumors aren't just "guy-perbole," maybe your girlfriend worked her way through the soccer boys not because she's a human broken toy but because she's hot, enjoys sex, and wanted some naked fun while looking for her Mr. Boyfriend. What does this say about her? Well, after the initial steamy phase of the relationship, the sort of animal she's most like in bed probably won't be shrink-wrapped supermarket salmon.



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Hot wheels, ice cream!



Skateboarders hosting 'Post Lockdown Throwdown' at Le Mars' Ice Cream Days

BY EARL HORLYK

David Hall keeps a screenshot of a 1965 Life magazine cover on his cellphone.

Billboarding such timely articles as a color essay on a war in the Dominican Republic as well as a story on a Russian cosmonaut's space exploration, it also features a girl doing a handstand on a skateboard.

To the left of the girl – actually athlete Patti McGee – is the somewhat ominous-sounding headline: "Skateboards – The Craze, the Menace."

"Back then, skateboarding was menacing and, for a long time, it was counter-culture," Hall, a husband, father of three and dedicated skateboarder for more than 35 years, explained. "Very soon, it will also be an Olympic sport."

He's right. The sport – made famous by Tony Hawk as well as any number of X Games and Street League athletes – will be making its Summer Olympics debut in Tokyo, Japan, in July.

Before that, skateboarding will be prominently featured during a special "Post Lockdown Throwdown" from 1 to 4 p.m. June 19 at O'Toole Park, 500 Central Ave. NW, Le Mars, Iowa.

The event is just one of several activities occurring in the Plymouth County town during Le Mars' Ice Cream Days, which runs Wednesday through June 19.

"The Throwdown isn't strictly a competition though some prizes will be awarded," Mike Wells, one of the event's



TIM HYNDS, THE WEEKENDER

David Hall skates in the spoon obstacle at a new skateboard park in O'Toole Park in Le Mars, Iowa. O'Toole Park will be the site of a "Post Lockdown Throwdown" during Le Mars' Ice Cream Days from 1 to 4 p.m. on June 19.

organizers, said. "We'll also have professional skateboarders from the Bacon Skateboard team and professional BMXers from the Nowear BMX team doing live demonstrations."

There will also be food trucks, a beer garden and a DJ providing music, said David Westergard, executive director of the Le Mars Area Chamber of Commerce.

"The 'Post Lockdown Throwdown' is one of the signature events for Ice Cream Days, which will be huge this year," Westergard continued. "After a pandemic year, I think we're all looking forward to getting back to normal."

Like many other events, last summer's Ice Cream Days festival was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns.

This year's Ice Cream Days slate of activities will include everything from a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, an outdoor concert as well as the Ice Cream Days Parade. An entire rundown of events may be found at icecreamdays.com.

When in Le Mars, Hall was recommending people to check out Le Mars' nearly



JESSE BROTHERS, THE WEEKENDER

Showing off some tricks at the Cook Park Skate Park in Sioux City, David Hall said skateboard athletes come in every age and gender.

7,000-square-foot skate park. Indeed, Hall, president of the Sioux City Skateboard Association, was one of the people instrumental in the design

of the park that debuted in 2019.

"The Le Mars skate park is one of the best skate parks in Iowa," he said.

Perhaps, the most distinctive aspect of the Le Mars skate park is the spoon-shaped halfpipe ramp made out of concrete that is called, you guessed it, "The Spoon."

"It's only fitting that a halfpipe in the 'Ice Cream Capital of the World' to be shaped like a

Eat ice cream, have fun, eat more ice cream!

WEDNESDAY

1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Days Music Shows - Browns Century Theater

5 P.M. TRI STATE DRIVE-IN CRUISERS CAR SHOW – Bob's Drive-Inn

6:30 p.m. Scott Culpepper, The American Frontier, sponsored by the Le Mars Public Library - Browns Century Theater

7 - 8:30 p.m. YMCA Splash Dance -Le Mars Outdoor Swimming Pool

7:30 - 9 p.m. Kiwanis/Aktion Club Ice Cream Social – Foster Park

8 P.M. LE MARS MUNICIPAL BAND **CONCERT** – Foster Park

JUNE 17

1:30 p.m. Ice Cream Davs Music Show – Browns Family Theater

6 P.M. FAMILY BIKE RIDE – Bike Central

6 - 8 P.M. PRIMEBANK ICE CREAM **SOCIAL** - Primebank

8:30 p.m. Outdoor Movie ("Tom & Jerry") - Total Motors

JUNE 18

9 A.M. LE MARS YMCA 25TH ANNUAL **3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

2 P.M. SMILE CONTEST & ICE CREAM **SOCIAL** – Good Samaritan Society Le Mars

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Kids Fun Fest -Olson Cultural Event Center

6 - 8:30 p.m. Family Fun Night -Champions Forever Basketball Family & Omaha Percussion - Olson Cultural Events Center

7 A.M. SUNRISE YOGA - Olson Cultural **Events Center**

9 A.M. ICE CREAM DAYS PARADE – on Central Ave., starting at Eighth Street S.E.

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

- West Floyd Disc Golf Course

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. TEES IN THE BREEZE -Olson Cultural Events Center and surrounding downtown area

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. MERCHANT MARKET **SHOPPING** – Downtown Le Mars

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. GRILL 'N' CHILL, O'TOOLE

11 A.M. - 3 P.M. GOLF FUN. OLSON **CULTURAL EVENTS CENTER**

11 A.M. - 3 P.M. BUBBLE STATIONS, KIDS **CRAFTS, CARICATURES AND ICE CREMA BINGO** – Olson Cultural Events Center

1 P.M. YMCA CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT -O'Toole Park

1 - 4 P.M. POST LOCKDOWN THROWDOWN - O'Toole Park

1:30 p.m. Downtown Architectural Tour – Le Mars Art Center

2 P.M. CEMETERY TOUR - Memorial Cemetery

3 P.M. VETERANS PARK TOUR -Veterans Park

5-7 P.M. FISHING DERBY - Le Mars Municipal Park Pond

4 - 6 P.M. FOOD TRUCKS AND LIVE **MUSIC** – First Ave., NE

6-11 P.M. ICE CREAM BASH CONCERT, FEATURING THE NADAS AND BIRDCHILD. **OLSON CULTURAL EVENTS CENTER**

MORE INFO: icecreamdays.com

spoon," Hall said. "As soon as people see it, they say, yeah, that's a spoon."

Hopefully, when people see they spoon, they'll also be encouraged to conquer it.

"Skateboarders come in ages and genders," Wells said. "Even if you don't want to get on a board, the sport is so much fun to watch.

skateboarder, is relegated to the sidelines for a while.

"I had an injury last year and haven't skateboarded since," he

son Owen Cleary is ready to pick up the slack.

"I'm pretty good but Owen is

time," Wells admitted.

Hall's 8-year-old son Mason and 14-year-old daughter Ellie aren't too shabby on skateboards,

"They've really taken to the sport," Hall said. "I'm really proud of them."

Wait, skateboarding is sort of dangerous, isn't it?

"To be honest, I've had more injuries playing softball than riding a skateboard," Hall said.

Whether you're a budding Tony Hawk or a Dogtown and Z-Boy sideliner, Hall is certain you'll have a good time at the "Post Lockdown Throwdown."

"Skateboarding isn't counter-culture anymore," he said. "The sport is now in the mainstream."

Wells, himself a veteran

SIOUXLAND STRANGE

A roundup of bizarre happenings from Siouxland's police logs.

Quite the performance

An Omaha woman was arrested after a June 4 incident near Grandview Park in which she gave police officers a phony driver's license and name, then took off and dragged a police officer behind her vehicle. Then she hit a telephone pole.

At around 5:54 p.m. June 4, Sioux City Police officers observed a 1995 Ford Explorer driving on the 2600 block of Douglas Street with no license plate and stopped the vehicle, according to a criminal complaint.

The driver, 31-year-old Alexandra Sparkle Sommers of Omaha, "gave officers someone else's drivers license and claimed it was her" and continued giving a false name to officers who questioned her repeatedly about it.

Sommers refused when officers asked her to step out of the vehicle and began driving away, which caused an officer to be injured by being dragged behind the vehicle.

A pursuit followed, ending when Sommers struck a telephone pole at 36th Street and Hamilton Boulevard. She was quickly apprehended.

A K-9 search of Sommers' vehicle located a bag containing 13 grams of methamphetamine in a backpack behind the driver's seat.

Sommers was held in the Woodbury County jail on \$25,000 bond and is facing charges including possession with intent to deliver (meth), serious eluding, failure to affix a drug tax stamp, providing false ID and aggravated interference with official acts.

Crop circles

This wasn't the work of space aliens. It was done by some genius in an old pickup truck.

The Sioux County Sheriff's Office is seeking information on vandalism to a field in a rural section on the south end of the county. At around 5:20 p.m. June 2, the Sioux County Sheriff's Office investigated a report of vandalism to a farm field near the intersection of 490th Street and Highway 75, two miles south of Maurice, Iowa.

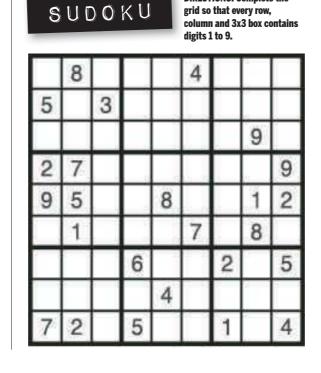
An investigation found that a black mid-1990s Chevrolet Silverado entered the field, drove around in circles and figure-8s, then left the area going westbound on 490th Street.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact the Sioux County Sheriff's Office.

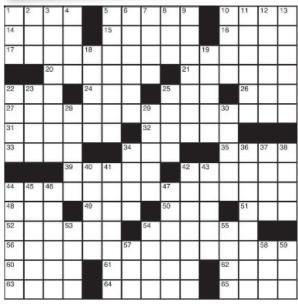
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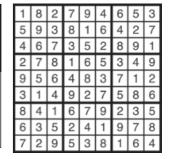
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