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The Fake News Update is brought to you by Bowling! Who's still doing it?! Bowling!

ANAHTA

Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight...is dead! Most stars are already dead, say scientists.

With all the news you never knew you needed and all the news you needed to know, I'm Anahita Ardashir...

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...And I'm Perennial Eschner. From the KLMNOP studios in a not too distant future: this is F.N.U. The Fake News Update.

ANAHTA

And now, today's headlines. Evangelical groups protest car manufacturers, citing the need to put the Christ back in Chrysler.

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Archeologists have recently discovered Adolf Hitler's previously unseen erotic novel: Mine Shaft.

ANAHTA

In an effort to rebrand popular children's cartoon character Spongebob Squarepants for an older demographic, Nickelodeon has changed the title of said program to SpongeRobert CubeTrousers.

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Me-ouch! Well why don't we head on over to the brand new fan favorite segment: Kitty Cam!
Keee-ute!

ANAHTA

And finally, we turn to our FN Spotlight. On this segment, we take time to highlight the visionaries and influencers changing the gender neutral fabric of this nation. This week, I traveled to New Amsterdam, not to be confused with New Hamsterdam, Perennial's failed theme park.

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We flew too close to the sun.

ANAHITA

I visited the renowned Van Gogh Museum to visit with the preeminent expert in all things Gogh. I found myself giddy with Gogh in Vanticipation for my interview with the esteemed Gogh Scholar and Curatore.

This is: Doctor Dirk Elmo.

ANAHITA

I'm seated here today with Doctor Dirk Elmo, here in the cafeteria of the Van Gogh museum, one of my favorite museums of all time on this planet. Doctor Dirk Elmo, thank you so much for taking the time.

DR. DIRK ELMO

It's absolutely my great pleasure.

ANAHITA

Wonderful, wonderful. So I have been a Van Gogh fan since I was in my mother's womb and I have always felt a deep, dark connection to Vincent Van Gogh.

DR. DIRK ELMO

That's so interesting! So many people have a - a similar experience to you. They - they feel a deep, deep connection to Van Gogh. And what they don't realize is what that hunger is - is - is a true hunger of not being satiated. But luckily you can come on down to our cafeteria and enjoy our new barbeque chicken sandwich! It's got three slabs of bacon on it!

ANAHITA

Huh. Doctor Elmo, tell me, what drew you to Van Gogh? What was the magnetism you felt? Was it - was it maybe The Old Mill? Or The Yellow House? Or maybe my favorite, The Peasant Woman Digging?

DR. DIRK ELMO

Oh, The Peasant Woman Digging. That is a classic. And you can get the new barbeque chicken sandwich in our cafeteria now with mushrooms! Just dig up some of that natural fungi, put it right on that delicious sandwich. And we can give you THREE types of barbeque! There's sweet barbeque, honey barbeque, and - extra HOT AND SPICY barbeque!

ANAHITA

Oh. Often when I think of barbeque I think of the outdoors, and specifically my backyard growing up and the sunflowers that grew out there. And... and I was just... I always thought those sunflowers looked so much like Van Gogh's.

DR. DIRK ELMO

Yes, and it is a sunflower seed bun.

ANAHITA

Hmm... Am I indeed speaking with the correct Doctor Dirk Elmo? The Curatore of the Van Gogh museum?

DR. DIRK ELMO

Absolutely. I studied Art History for four years at NYU before receiving my PhD at Oxford, and then I came here to the Van Gogh museum where I'm enjoying a delicious barbeque chicken sandwich! This cheese is Monterey Jack!

ANAHITA

Okay... When I think of the beautiful carefully placed specks of color in the Monterey Jack, I see art. And - and when I look at the brush strokes of the barbeque sauce on the sandwich that is dripping down your chin right now at this moment, I see art! Van Gogh must have seen art in everything!

DR. DIRK ELMO

Everything is art and if you don't take a moment to stop and really breathe that in, then you're gonna miss these fabulous deals because right now, you can get a whole barbeque chicken sandwich meal at the Van Gogh museum for only 7.99! That includes an order of fries, a drink of your choice, AND a set of apple slices - that's right! Bagged apple slices! Part of that deal!

ANAHITA

Indeed, indeed. I feel rude because I haven't yet taken a bite of this sandwich, Doctor Elmo. So I will do that now and... I guess we will see what happens.

DR. DIRK ELMO

Let me walk you through this. I want you to stop your brain. Take a deep breath. Open your mouth, put the sandwich in your mouth. Now take a bite. Bite down. Imagine that sandwich is your soul.

ANAHITA

My god! I can see the blues and the yellows and the orange hues of the stars bursting through that night sky! It's like a Starry Night in my mouth!

DR. DIRK ELMO

That reminds me - our new drive thru at the museum's gonna be open late! We call it our Starry Night Drive Thru! Come on in and get a barbeque chicken sandwich any time you want and take a look at a painting through our drive thru window!

ANAHITA

Doctor Elmo, thank you so much for broadening all of our minds and bringing art to the drive thru.

DR. DIRK ELMO

Thank you. The new barbeque chicken sandwich is only 7.99 for a full meal right now at the Van Gogh museum!

ANAHITA

Dank je wel, Doctor Elmo, dank je wel.

DR. DIRK ELMO

And to yours.

ANAHITA

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ANAHITA

This... is F.N.U.

SHAKUR

Damn, I'd give my third tit for a barbed bee cue sandwich right about now. But soon, my friends. So very soooooo-oon.