

FAKE NEWS UPDATE

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The Fake News Update is brought to you in part by the drunk girl in the bathroom. She told me I was pretty, and that he didn't deserve me, and then just sorta emptied her purse and threw money at me for the episode. Drunk girl in the bathroom: No, YOU don't know how special YOU are!

ANAHITA

Yeast! On the rise!

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

PERENNIAL

...And I'm Perennial Eschner. From the KLMNOP studios in... I don't know, Long Island, I guess? I would love to stick around in one place for a bit - you know, we really need to settle down, Anahita. Oh! Uh, this is F.N.U. The Fake News Update.

ANAHITA

And now, today's headlines. Scientists have debunked long-held theory that the pen is mightier than the sword, after Poet Laureate, Drapey Shawls, was murdered in DEVASTATING stabbing incident.

PERENNIAL

Drapey, you will be missed.

Speaking of Misses! We now go live to the Miss...I guess Long Island Pageant. Let's go live to the scene with our field reporter - oh, uh - Perennial Eschner - Perennial?

PERENNIAL

This pageant's a swing and a Miss...Long Island! Back to you Anahita! Can I get some water, please?

ANAHITA

Vegans rejoice! Newark Michelin Restaurant, Petit Le Tits, introduces Corn-inspired Miso reduction: Miso Corny! Which leads us to a time-honored tradition - the very backbone, or spine, of this program: Eschner Assesses.

PERENNIAL

Okay. Oh gah lee. Well today I am, um - oh my boy - oh, it's all - it's all going black - everything is black in front of me - yep, I'm

in a tunnel! Um, uh - uh, Dunston Checks In - oh my - [retching] - okay - oh man - alright - ya know what, just take all the stars for the - ju - just take em. I'm gonna... lay down.

ANAHITA

And finally, we turn to our FN Spotlight. On this segment, we'll take time to highlight and showcase the creators, innovators, and dream-weavers allowing THIS NATION to reach ITS morning light. I am here today with star doula and birth specialist, Brenda Melankowski. Brenda, thank you so much for bringing your energy into the studio today.

BRENDA

Well thank you so much for having me, it's truly an honor, um... But I do want to correct something. I - I did spend some time in the world of doula and helping women really bring their children into this world in a special, connected way. However, recently I discovered a very niche market - niche need for these new moms, these women. And I am now the founder and CEO of a new company called Oopsie! Where we take the foul of childbirth and make it fabulous!

ANAHITA

Ah, that sounds quite beautiful. When I was spending some time myself on the isle of doula, we would roast many an island foul and put it in our mouths and premasticate it for the newborns so I truly understand where you're coming from and where you're going.

BRENDA

Oh, um, well I - I - I don't think that you do.

ANAHITA

Oh?

BRENDA

Let - Let me explain a little bit about what Oopsie is really all about. While I was working as a doula, I noticed something pretty disgusting and gross about childbirth. And that is... that everyone poops.

ANAHITA

Aha.

BRENDA

Yeah, and while it is an incredibly natural and human thing to do, I really don't believe that anyone should have to experience it, talk about it, or have it smooshed across their baby's forehead. So! In doing this I realized that I am incredibly fast! I am like the Annie Oakley of poop sweeping. I've got these special gloves. And then what I can do with this left over poop is I can create something amazing for you! I have a special kiln that I create with, and so I will take your little oopsie, and I will construct it and sculpt it into the silhouette of your newborn's face that can be used as a Christmas ornament or wall decoration.

ANAHTA

Wow! So you are... taking excrement or feces, shall I say, and creating art?

BRENDA

Exactly!

ANAHTA

And what an organic substance you are working with! What is the sort of impetus behind your work? Why... why?

BRENDA

Let me tell you something. I really care about our planet and when I was looking at all of those oopsies just getting thrown into the trash, I thought I could upcycle this to create something truly memorable and special. A memento of your baby's first breath - and that little oopsie that comes right before them. You know? So it's really my homage to the environment.

ANAHTA

Incredible. Brenda, thank you, thank you so much for being here today! That was truly inspiring and... unique.

ANAHTA

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From KLMNOP Thank you for listening to the Fake News Update, and until next time...

ANAHITA/PERENNIAL

We'll be FNU./Am I gonna die on this floor?

ANAHITA

Oh, just rest friend, lay right there. We'll get you the studio oxygen tank. KELLY! Kelly, get the oxygen tank!

A very special thanks to our FN Intern Khristine Hvam for her contribution to this episode. You can find more Khristine at @hvamaudio and on her website at hvamaudio.com.

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Um... Okay-

ANAHITA

Shoosh! Shoosh, dear heart. Mama's got this. This... is F.N.U.