


















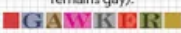





















The Approval Matrix: Week of April 26, 2021

THE APPROVAL MATRIX

Our deliberately oversimplified guide to who falls where on our taste hierarchies.

		HIGHBROW				
DESPICABLE	<p>John Boehner now claims he was a reasonable Republican all along.</p> 	<p>Who knew it was possible to be worse on policing than Rahm Emanuel?</p> 	<p>Archaeologists say they've found the site of Harriet Tubman's teenage home.</p> 	<p>Guilty. Guilty. Guilty.</p> 		
	<p>Biden's refugee-admission two-step.</p> 	<p>Nancy Pelosi thanks George Floyd for "sacrificing" himself.</p> 	<p>Anna Park's gruesome crowds at Half Gallery.</p> 	<p>Richard Wright's newly published police-brutality saga, <i>The Man Who Lived Underground</i>, is timely as ever.</p> 		
	<p>The J&J vaxx hex.</p> 	<p>Another thing to keep you up at night: the sleep-deprivation-dementia connection.</p> 	<p>Getting vaxxed under the Natural History museum's whale.</p> 	<p>Keltie Ferris's spray-paint abstractions at Mitchell-Innes & Nash.</p> 		
	<p>Roth bio put on hold after horrific Blake Bailey allegations emerge.</p> 	<p>Scott Rudin "stepping back" from film and streaming, which feels like a quarter-comeuppance.</p> 	<p>Lincoln Center previews new college-quad look (but with fake grass).</p> 	<p>NASA flies a freakin' helicopter on Mars.</p> 	<p>VOICE The Village Voice is back from the dead ...</p> 	<p>BRILLIANT</p>
	<p>Former Hollywood Foreign Press prez calls BLM "racist hate movement."</p> 	<p>The Tokyo Olympics are in peril again.</p> 	<p>... And so is Gawker (Peter Thiel, meanwhile, remains gay).</p> 	<p>ABC News tries to detoxify by hiring Kim Godwin.</p> 		
	<p>Beloved ArcLight theaters suddenly close up shop.</p> 	<p>Prince's "new" music from his vault maybe should have stayed in his vault.</p> 	<p>Kate Winslet of Easttown.</p> 	<p>Ed Helms perfects his low-key-charming shtick in <i>Together Together</i>.</p> 	<p>Massive fan campaign helps LeVar Burton nab <i>Jeopardy!</i> guest spot.</p> 	
	<p>James Charles is only 21 and already anceled.</p> 	<p>Weren't the Yankees supposed to be good this year?</p> 	<p>Pandemic-era U.K. Town Crier Championships to be held in silence.</p> 	<p>Steph Curry is a Golden God.</p> 		
	<p>Florida nurse performs butt injection while waiting for Zoom court hearing.</p> 	<p>Darius, the world's longest rabbit, is still missing.</p> 	<p>White Claw ups the booze quotient just in time for outdoor-drinking season ...</p> 	<p>... But this is the summer of the Cosmopolitan.</p> 		
	<p>Aborted Euro Super League quickly joins pantheon of terrible ideas.</p> 	<p>Someone threw a bunch of Open Streets barriers into Newtown Creek.</p> 	<p>Scott Seiss spins retail-employee misery into TikTok comedy gold.</p> 			
	<p>California skydiving school records ninth fatality since 2016.</p> 	<p>The inevitable rise of the fake-vaccination-card business.</p> 	<p>LOWBROW</p>			