

The Approval Matrix: Week of August 7, 2017

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DESPICABLE	<p>"No WH chaos!" (While from North Korea to Venezuela, the world gets more dangerous.)</p>  <p>Jeff Sessions reportedly looking to take action against affirmative action.</p> <p>The Seth Rich conspiracy theory, plugged by Fox News and, according to a lawsuit, okayed by the White House directly...</p> <p>... As was, it turns out, Don Jr.'s "misleading" report on his Russia meeting.</p> <p>Kanye sues his insurance company for \$10 million for not yet paying him for his canceled-because-of-his-medical-emergency tour.</p> <p>After 30 years in Tribeca, au revoir, Boule.</p>	<p>Vandals keep decapitating Nicole Eisenman's <i>Sketch for a Fountain</i> in Skulptur Projekte Münster.</p>  <p>The Met has to turn over both an ancient vase and a marble bull's head to prosecutors investigating their possibly sketchy provenances.</p> <p>Eleven Days of the Mooch.</p>	<p>The rise of the Republican semi-resistance.</p> <p>This year's politicized-yet-sweet Watermill benefit in honor of Lou Reed.</p> <p>The Baroque visions of Mexican painter Cristóbal de Villalpando at the Met.</p> <p>The FDA plan to make cigarettes not fun anymore by scrubbing them of addictive levels of nicotine.</p> <p>The U.S. Court of Appeals directs the FAA to "adequately address" the shrinking airline seat.</p> <p>Michael Greenberg's <i>New York Review of Books</i> report on profiteering Brooklyn landlords and what we can do to preserve affordable housing...</p>	<p>Ayobami Adebayo's sly debut novel, <i>Stay With Me</i>.</p> <p>Dominique Morisseau's between-two-cultures play <i>Pipeline</i> at Lincoln Center Theater.</p> <p>"New Talent," a circa-1950s "gallery" installation at Situations on the LES.</p> <p>Tom Perrotta's <i>Mrs. Fletcher</i>, about the porn-awakening of a suburban MILF.</p>
	<p>The Emoji Movie did well, despite an abysmal Rotten Tomatoes score.</p> <p>Boston Teamsters allegedly attempted to extort the <i>Top Chef</i> cast and crew when they were in town filming, with one saying to Padma Lakshmi, "I'll smash your pretty little face."</p> <p>A Wisconsin vending-machine company is offering employees a free microchip implant they could use to buy (potato) chips.</p> <p>New research indicates that Google searches for "how to kill yourself" went up after the Netflix series <i>13 Reasons Why</i> aired.</p> <p>"I don't care, she dying": Lil Duval on what would happen if he found out he was somehow sleeping with a trans person.</p>	<p>Why won't Cersei's hair grow?</p> <p>According to the <i>Brooklyn Paper</i>, there's an anti-vaxxer movement of paranoid pet owners.</p> <p>Neighbors reportedly complain after Tinder throws ragers (with a skate ramp) at a rented oceanfront house in Montauk.</p>	<p>Inmates at an Alabama jail used peanut butter to change the number on a door leading to the outside, then convinced a guard to unlock it.</p> <p>Wet Hot American Summer: Ten Years Later is eight episodes of unabashed retro-fueled silliness.</p> <p>Kelela's "LMK," a scorching, assertive monster bop.</p> <p>The glass-walled Public Hotel on the LES is the new exhibitionist's public-sex hot spot. (Says so right in its name!)</p>	<p>... But with 40,000 apartments coming online in the city, some rents might finally go down a bit (still, it won't help the poor).</p> <p>Amazon is developing an alternative to <i>Confederate</i>, HBO's alternative-history show: <i>Black America</i>, about ex-slaves given a Deep South home after the Civil War.</p> <p>Stuyvesant Avenue between Bainbridge and Chauncey Streets is named the borough's greenest residential block by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.</p> <p>The Wrap Life's groovy head wraps.</p> <p>Great Jones Cafe comes back from the dead.</p>
	<p>The "health trend" of drinking hydrogen peroxide (turns out it's not actually healthy).</p>			
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