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CACTUS STRAWS, ANYONE?

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It was around two weeks ago now that I was in Guadalajara, Mexico with the Marquette Applied Global Business Learning program. Our intention was to help a few Mexican microenterprises with market research in the U.S. to see if their product had a viable consumer base.

One such microenterprise was in the industry of edible and biodegradable straws made from nopal cactus. The nopal farm was located about an hour away from the city of Guadalajara in the middle of nowhere. After jumping off the highway onto a five mile long dirt road, you eventually make it to the farm itself - a small single room shack and a tent in front of an acre packed with more nopal cacti than you could count.

I had had my doubts from the beginning. Being a something of a straw connoisseur myself, I've been mildly interested in what the latest plastic straw replacement happens to be at any given moment - not necessarily to 'save the turtles' as the hippies favorite buzz word goes - but to see to what extent people are willing to taint their perfectly good drink in the hopes of appearing virtuous. From paper to bamboo and glass to metal, I've tried them all, each coming with their own unique challenges. Cactus though, now that was new!

To start us off, she picked a few nopales for us to try. After shaving them off their *espinas* (thorns), she cut them up into little pieces and served them to us with tajin. To my surprise, the nopal was delicious! It tasted something like a firm yet juicy and refreshing grape. All in all, a very pleasant experience - my hopes were sent soaring.

Then the time came for us to try the straws. Passing out each straw, covered with an intriguing recycled cardboard package, my interest was piqued to give it a bite. "They come in four flavors," she said excitedly, "natural, coco, chocolate, and chili!" We were each given two straws. My mouth was watering at this point. I opened up the package waiting for the same tasty experience in straw form...

Now, at this point, you might have already thought to yourself, *Chili? That sounds nasty!* Well, my friend, I will give you one guess what flavor the first straw I tried was. And yes, it was possibly the driest, crustiest, horrific excuse for nopal I've ever had the displeasure of tasting. Natural wasn't too far off the prior description either - both tasting like a brick dipped in synthetic motor oil and rotten cauliflower. It was at that moment that I knew this company would make it big in the US. Even though I know it tastes miserable, that's exactly how I know it is going to make a killing off suckers trying to be trendy and look virtuous.



FROM OUR SPORTS CORRESPONDENT
Christos Roman

SAM STRIKES BACK!

Sam "Skullcrusher" Schuler is now formally challenging Kaminachi Nathan Obioha. The renowned cage fighter held a press conference last night: "That fool never should have opened his mouth." When asked what he thought about his opponent he said "There's only one problem with your face, and it's that I can see it."

I asked him a few questions to get the inside scoop:

On a scale from 1 to 10, how angry were you when you heard that Kambi called you "Weak Sauce"?

About an 8.7, but every day I have to wait before I can settle this in the ring that increases by at least 0.1.

Would you rather get coronavirus, fight Kambi, or both at the same time?

Definitely both. They're both so weak neither one can do anything to me.

Do you think Kambi regrets escalating to this level?

If he doesn't now, he will once I'm done with him. He's going to wish that he was the goat in last week's buzkashi game.

A source close to Kambi said, under the condition of anonymity, that Kambi has been watching every single Rocky during the lockdown in preparation for his battle royale with Sam. A date for the showdown is still not settled, but reports last night suggested that ESPN is vying for exclusive broadcasting rights and that oddsmaker, Alex Doroba slightly favors Kambi.



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CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEKEND
Make your own Rube Goldberg Machine
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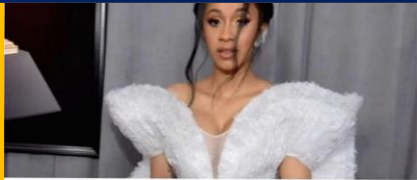
UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 3/21 - 3:30 pm
Movie Discussion
Knives Out!
[Click here to join](#)

SUNDAY 3/22 - 8:00 pm
Rosary with families
[Click here to join](#)

MONDAY 3/23
Cyber MAFIA

MEME OF THE DAY



Coronavirus has halted the release of new Cardi B music



A GUY WITHOUT A SCHEDULE IS LIKE A BLIND WARRIOR

WORDS OF WISDOM
from Chief Sauganash

5 FOR 5 FOR THE WEEKEND

PLAN OF LIFE

Mental Prayer

Although not having our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament makes prayer harder, Jesus recommends, "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

Holy Mass

Use your newfound free time to virtually participate in the celebration of the Holy Mass and pray a spiritual communion: "I wish my Lord to receive you with the purity, humility, and devotion with which your most holy mother received you and with the spirit and the fervor of the saints."

Spiritual Reading

Just as we need food to keep our bodies healthy, we need spiritual reading to keep our souls healthy. Spend 5 minutes a day reading the Gospel.

Rosary

Our Lady is a powerful intercessor. Let's go to her for our intentions and show her our love with a crown of roses, the rosary. Our Lady, Help of Sick, pray for us

Examination of Conscience

Socrates says, "The unexamined life is not worth living." When you spend 1 minute with the help of the Holy Spirit, examining your conscience, and asking for forgiveness every night, you grow in love for our Lord and grow in knowledge of yourself.

LIFE WITH A PLAN

Schedule

Make a schedule for the weekend with a set time to wake up and go to bed. You can [click here](#) for a template.

Book

Choose a book that interests you from the list [here](#). Libraries are closing next week, so get your book this weekend.

Project

Choose a project for spring break. We included a bunch of options earlier this week on [page 3 here](#). Choose something that you want to spend a couple hours a day doing next week.

Game

Organize a game with your family. Choose your favorite board game or card game. Play mafia or resistance. Design your own escape room.

Room

Clean your room. There is a first time for everything in life.

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"To fail to plan is to plan to fail" – Winston Churchill