

# THE CHARBONNEAU OBSERVER

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30 pieces of silver

## Run, Run, Santa!

This past “Black Friday,” an incredibly coincidental confluence of addled scheming occurred at Ogden’s Gateway Mall. Apparently, hundreds upon hundreds of eager shoppers all had the same brilliant idea: to disguise themselves as mall Santas – each hoping to gain early access to the mall on the biggest sale day of the year.

One chiseler might’ve been able to pull off such a scam. But the sheer mass of bodies that turned out drew the immediate attention of the police, and the whole lot was treated to a night in jail.



Jake, Darla, Little Rich, and R.T.

The next day, however, a local judge felt that this SCALE of avarice called for something more than a simple slap on the wrist... and so, all of the not-so-jolly perps were forced to run (still in costume!) through the streets of Ogden’s famed Christmas Village, with all of the little kids staring, and laughing, and throwing cookie crumbs at these – the foulest of fiends.

Plus, some of the runners got cramps.

## Simon pulls an All-Nighter

I, Simon, tried my hardest this week and was actually able to stay awake for more than 30 hours straight. I was up a normal amount Wednesday and then all through the night. It was on Thursday that I fell to my doom after being wide awake until about 3 in the afternoon. I used many techniques to keep from sleeping:

1. I made sure to consume large amounts of caffeine
2. I didn’t spend much time just doing one sedentary thing
3. The times I was in my bed I removed my pillow so it wouldn’t be comfortable
4. Also, I made this spicy food (it uses time AND movement to do it, and the capsaicin will wake you) – *see recipe below:*

- 7 parts crema table cream
- 11 parts kc barbecue sauce
- 3.5 parts lime juice
- 3 parts worcestershire
- 6 parts sriracha sauce
- 3 parts liquid smoke
- 2.5 parts chili powder
- 3.5 parts cumin
- 2 parts paprika
- 4 parts celery seeds
- 3.5 parts cyan pepper
- 2 parts mustard powder
- 3 parts basil
- 2 parts smoked paprika
- 1.5 parts vinegar
- 1 part salt

## Infamous Designer Spotted at Local Co-op

Black Friday always brings out the shoppers, but the lucky shoppers at **The Local Artisan Collective** were starstruck this year when they briefly spotted Crema of *Crema's Designs*, and her young companion, facelessly pictured here.



“They elegantly waltzed in, bundled in self-created wool felted designs, and began ticking lucky friends and family off of their shopping lists.” said Stephanie Howerton of *Our Children's Earth*, who is co-owner of the Collective. Word has it Crema was eyeing some sweet dolls from *Felt! By Ember* and getting a sneak peek at a couple of philosophy books on the shelf, musing cryptically that “everything is coming up Greene.”

Another shopper said, “Almost as soon as she arrived, she and her friend had some cider and donut holes, and slipped out again into the night. We all just sat around blinking, wondering if it was for real.”

The Collective is nestled in the heart of Ogden at 2371 Kiesel Ave, and is a hotly trending artisan's co-op featuring original creations (photos, paintings, jewelry, clothing, dolls, food, books, music, pottery, etc.), by artisans in the Weber County area.

As for Crema, she remains... a mystery.

### ADVERTISEMENT



Creamy's Christmas  
concert reminder:  
Dec 1, 7PM, BLHS  
Hope to see you there!

### ADVERTISEMENT



## Mis-heard Lyrics

by Simon Charbonneau

Creamy and I were listening to some music in the car when the “Doe, a deer (etc)” song came on, sung by Julie Andrews in “The Sound of Music.” It was then we found a secret that she had kept from the public for a while: **the true meaning of, “Ti.”**

We were listening happily without any questions up until the musical, “Ti.” I realized that the performer did not in fact sing the alleged, “Tea, a drink with jam and bread”, but actually says, “Tea, a drink with GIN and RED.” This could mean she enjoys the pairing of Tea, Gin, and either Red Wine or Redbull. We decided both seem disgusting.

This seems to be a very odd thing to sing to young children, as is done in the film. Alcohol use is generally frowned upon when involving children. It is also interesting that a NUN such as herself in the movie would be enjoying, inventing, and spreading alcohol use (a sin).

We just thought that the public should know of the possibly poor intent of the singer, writer, and director of the “Do, Re, Mi” song. It’s good to be on the lookout for these kind of things.

## Simon’s REBUS

The drawing below represents a popular expression. Can you figure out what phrase Simon is trying to convey?



### WANTED

#### Self-plunging Toilet

I don't know if I'm looking for a pressurized air thing, or maybe something with magnets, or a kind of “peristaltic” squeeze or something... but, jeez, c'mon... this is the 21st century. We can do this.

contact: [uptomyankles@gmail.com](mailto:uptomyankles@gmail.com)

## New Snow Blower

When Joe moved west, he learned quickly to respect the “law of the west,” where men are men. And, where – if you wanted something shoveled, you picked up a shovel (by hell), and you went to work. Cowboys and ranch-hands and pioneer stock are the RULE here. And Joe’s father-in-law certainly epitomizes this.

That’s why Joe never DARED buy a **snow blower**. Until... this year (\*gulp\*). And that’s why Joe lost so much sleep, worrying what his pop-in-law would say when he found out.

But then it happened. And, to Joe’s utter surprise, the old man confessed: “My boy – you’ve got nothing to be ashamed about! I’ve had a snow blower for years.”

“You HAVE??!,” Joe asked, aghast.

“Sure! Her name is Joyce!” 😊



## We’re a hit!

