

obeys all the laws of physics like everything else in the universe. Consciousness is really physics from the inside. Seen from the inside, it's experience. Seen from the outside, it's what we know as physics, chemistry, and biology." <http://bit.ly/2nIuZAE> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

--**"The Useful Village,"** by Ben Mauk in VQR: In the German village of Sumte, "there is no talk of integration. First things first: Get the lights on, install new pumps. Throw up some fences. The journalists report that there will soon be seven refugees to each villager in Sumte. 'Sieben zu eins' becomes a viral catchphrase to describe fears of a nation overrun by impecunious foreigners." <http://bit.ly/2nID73S>

--**"One Man's Quest to Prove Saudi Arabia Bankrolled 9/11,"** by Caleb Hannan in Politico Magazine: "This New York lawyer says he has found a link between Saudi officials and the hijackers. The U.S. government refuses to do anything about it." <http://politi.co/2nl6JZS>

--**"Building In the Shadow of Our Own Destruction,"** by Colin Dickey in Longreads: "Those who would build enormous structures-skyscrapers, bridges, border walls-should do so with an eye toward their eventual ruin." <http://bit.ly/2o7j4Qn>

--**"Philosophy tool kit,"** by Alan Hájek in Aeon Magazine: "Thinking like a philosopher need not be a strange and arcane art, if you get started with these tricks of the trade." <http://bit.ly/2oOechg> (h/t ALDaily.com)

PLAYBOOK ERS

SPOTTED: Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) waiting for gate-checked luggage at Omaha's Eppley airport Saturday afternoon, after arriving on the United flight from O'Hare

WEEKEND WEDDINGS -- "Erin Hartigan, Marc Lavallee" -- N.Y. Times: "Ms. Hartigan, 34, is keeping her name. She works in New York, directing dining coverage for FoodNetwork.com and overseeing all of CookingChannelTV.com. She graduated from Georgetown University. ... Mr. Lavallee, 35, an executive director at The New York Times, is also the head of Story[X], the newsroom's research and development group. ... The couple met in 2005 while working at The Washington Post, where the bride was a food writer and the groom a software developer for the paper's website."

With pic <http://nyti.ms/2nQITAJ>

BIRTHDAYS: CNN Worldwide President Jeff Zucker, the pride of Homestead, Fla., is 52 (hat tip: Matt Dornic) ... "Morning" Joe Scarborough is 54 (h/t Jesse Rodriguez) ... MSNBC's Alex Witt, the "hardest working woman in TV," who's working on Sunday by anchoring several hours and hosting her regular weekend show ... Ariz. Gov. Doug Ducey is 53 ... Katie Dowd, alum of Hillary for America and State ... Harris Wofford, former senator, civil rights and national service champion, is 91 ... Amy Dudley, chief spokesperson for the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative and a Tim Kaine alum ... Larry Kamer, the pride of Trenton NJ, Northwestern Wildcats, former head of public affairs at Glover Park Group, and a reasonably successful public affairs/crisis guy in SF (with requisite grey hair for added credibility). He is turning the big 6-0 and is celebrating with family and friends on the Wild Sonoma Coast ... David MacKay (h/ts Jon Haber) ... Mike Berman, president and éminence grise of Duberstein group, is 78 (h/t Hilary Rosen) ... Miranda Green, political writer at CNN ... Elizabeth Santorum, Rick Santorum's oldest child ... Neal Kemkar, a Salazar and Obama WH alum now counsel and director of environmental policy at GE ... Brad Perseke, a partner at GMMB ... Dennis Lennox, alum of Bush '04, Romney, Camp now executive director of the Virgin Islands GOP ... Jacob "Morning Money Jr." White ... WJLA's Brett Holton ... Stephanie Dreyer, VP of web strategy and customer experience at the American Bankers Association ...

... **Lucia Graves**, columnist at The Guardian ... Ross Wallenstein, VP of Marino PR ... Todd Foley, SVP for policy and gov't affairs at American Council on Renewable Energy, who celebrated last night at Bistrot du Coin with wife Carrie Stevenson and their two boys (h/t Carrie) ... Christopher Turman, SVP of National Strategies, is 46 ... Brittany Uter, senior comms manager at Vocativ ... Emma Allen ... Lila Tyrangiel, Josh's daughter ... Elizabeth Alexander ... Sebastian Stafford, whose parents are Nicole Harburger and Nick Stafford ... Katie Kling ... Allen Jamerson of the Bockorny Group is 3-0 (h/t Emily Pomeranz) ... Rob Green, executive director of the National Council of Chain Restaurants ... Matt McCarthy ... David Mork ... Kim Smith ... Jeff Kepnes, senior executive producer for specials at MSNBC ... Ryan Webb is 47 ... Gregory Flap Cole ... Bonnie Campbell ... Eric Norrby ... Rebekah Hutman (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is 91 ... satirical songwriter and mathematician Tom Lehrer is 89 ... Dennis Quaid is 63 ... Cynthia Nixon is 51 (h/ts AP)