



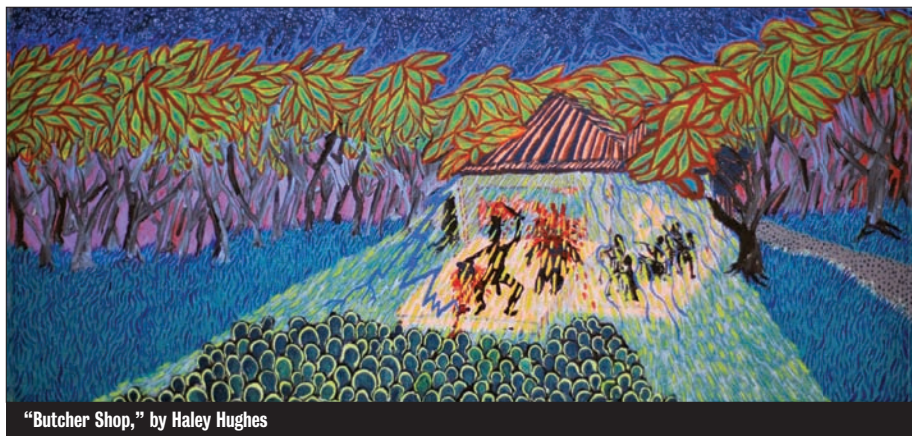
## THREE-DAY WEEKEND?

We live in this naturally beautiful place where creative exploration and having a good time can become a way of life. The Butcher Shop, for me, is the ultimate celebration of that, where Chico's extended tribe gathers by the thousands in one spot to drink beer and watch a bunch of weird original theater, music and art.

Let that sink in, if you can bear it. That was from last year's column when Arts DEVO was anticipating the 2019 edition of the annual Labor Day Weekend theater/arts festival at the End of Normal. Can you imagine how intense the experience would be if we could all come together this weekend after nearly half a year of COVID-induced separation? It might be too much of an emotional release. Just seeing each other would create a blubbery wailing sea of raw humanity. We'd be bruised from all the hugging. All kegs would run dry in an hour. Performers would literally levitate. Several children would be conceived. No one would go home until dawn.

Chico might need the **Butcher Shop** now more than ever, and even though we can't gather in an orchard-side meadow in person this year, the show is still happening. **Slow Theatre**, the producer, is making pre-recorded videos of the various segments and will be debuting the show Sept. 5 and Sept. 6, at 8 p.m., on its Facebook page (facebook.com/slowtheatre) and YouTube channel (tinyurl.com/slowtheatre). Plus, at the same days and times, there will be a socially distanced drive-in movie screening of the show (tickets \$25; follow Slow Theatre on Facebook for location info).

This year's theme is **The Social Contract**, which was inspired by a video monologue (tinyurl.com/noahmonologue) by **The Daily Show** host **Trevor Noah** in the wake of the killing of **George Floyd**. Presentations will include an animated narrative with words and music by MC/poet/activist **Himp C**; a comedy set in outer space written by **Johnny Lancaster**; short films by **Eden Martinez**, and music by house band **Dave the Butcher**.



"Butcher Shop," by Haley Hughes

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My fellow Americans, over the course of the next several levels, you will undoubtedly realize we are taking back our great colorful pyramid from the evil snake (Coily), who wishes to banish me off the edge of the last cube and into the black abyss. Confirmation (to the players) of what is the final score will result in funds transferred (follow the money) and the beginning of a new battle. Rest assured, the path forward is illuminated. Stay in the light. The right choices must be made: Take the red ball and die, take the green ball and the world stands still (take the purple ball and get the snake). The magic disc floats upon the winds of the storm.

Everything has meaning (follow the crumbs)  
How does Wrongway shift narrative?

Who is greatest rival?

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Coily goes?

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What happens after level 4?

WAKE UP!

The storm is upon us

Final score: Game over.

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