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Your brain — and perhaps your genes — may determine if you find the herb tasty or sudsy.

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Record Hail.

Hailstones aren’t easy to make, but they fall with abandon in Kenya and are as big as eight inches across in the U. S.

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Too Many Fish to See.

A 6&50-million survey is creating a census of crabs, sea squirts, lampshells, and more.

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On June 14, the rehab center caught the oiled brown pelican. After a bath — “they must think we’re trying to kill them” —it was released July 1.

Photo by Joel Satore.