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## Trump's Baffling Water Release Still Unexplained

Tulare County Water Release Called a "Victory" by Trump Administration Can't Help Fires, Farms



EXPERTS HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE WELL-PUBLICIZED WATER RELEASE from California's Terminus Dam into the Kaweah River near Visalia and Schafer Dam into the Tule River near Porterville cost California two billion gallons of water in three days and didn't put out any fires, water any crops, assist at any water slide parks, or even make tea.

By Linus Oldiers



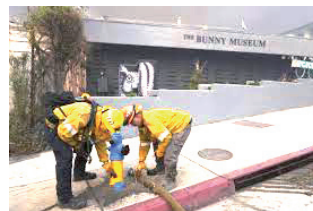
TRUMP'S WEIRD WATER GAMES didn't make sense, but at least we know he's onto one of California's trickiest issues and wants to learn from Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg about moving fast and breaking things.

most states unaffected by the Army Corps of Engineers' sudden, unexpected decision. California officials had no preparation downstream for the three day rush of water, which now cannot be used for thirsty summer crops, reduced water reserves in a dry winter, and could't assist the Palisades or Eaton southern California fires since they were at that point fully contained and no waterways connect the Tulare reservoir to Los Angeles counties.

"Perplexed, I guess," stated one homeowner in Altadena when told the news. "That water can't reach us. We don't really un-

In the hail of half-truths and disinformation flooding out of the White House a water release in California caught little attention from

derstand." Trump's unexpected water discharge wasted two billion gallons ordinarily saved for the summer in an area which is experiencing the region's driest on record according to Tom Barcellos, president of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District and a dairyman and farmer.



THE HYDRANT IN FRONT OF THE BUNNY MUSEUM failed during the Eaton Canyon Fire in Los Angeles and the police suspect Yosemite Sam and Elmer J. Fudd.

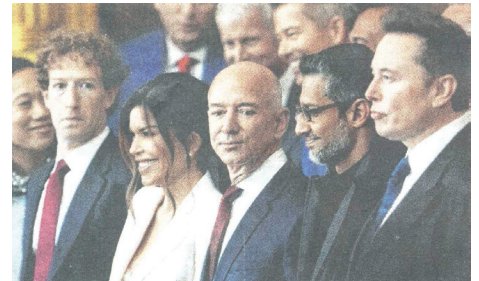


ELMER FUDD MAY OR may not have played a role in the Bunny Museum fire.

"He's probably confused about our state's complex water issues; most politicians are," noted Barcellos. "They'll gather just enough information to make up an ad before election time and usually get it all wrong."

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## Tech CEOs' Climate Stance Now in Complete Reverse



MARK ZUCKERBERG, LAUREN SANCHEZ, JEFF BEZOS, SUNDAR PICHAI, AND ELON MUSK merrily abandoned all pretence at concern over climate change and attended President Trump's inauguration sitting in seats usually reserved for family.

Pat X. Sample

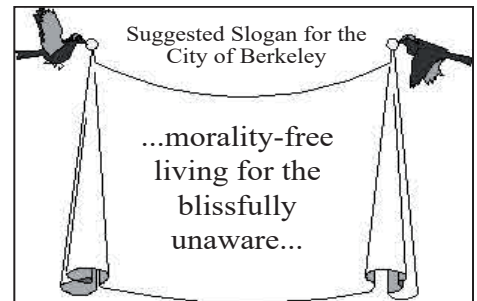
Silicon Valley tech executives who once condemned President Trump's 2017 withdrawal from the global climate change effort called the Paris Agreement during his first presidential term now maintain a firm silence on the matter, focusing instead on how fun it is to play with artificial intelligence apps.

"You can make a chicken imitate a ballet dancer," enthused Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff. "We're trying to focus on that."

In the meantime, President Trump has sponsored the richest man on earth, Elon Musk, to cease USAID programs focused on public health and ending starvation, calling the programs "wasteful" and outraging farmers in Kansas whose American-grown food is now rotting on foreign docks for want of anyone to distribute it.

"It must make sense," mused one political observer on condition of anonymity. "He's really rich, and using these tech kids who are supposed to be really smart. I mean, what could go wrong?"

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, now the country is being run by little unelected Mark Zuckerbergs who think it's funny to "break things and move fast"?**

Dear reader, it's theater. It's real, but it's being done to illicit outrage, which is generally immobilizing for human beings. Most of the audience for this bizarre passion play is watching in stunned silence and doesn't know what to do.

**Dear Lena, so what should we do. I mean, besides call our legal representatives' offices. I called mine and they don't know what to do or what's going on.**

Dear reader, precisely. I called the two West Virginia senators about the cessation of federal grant money to the federally funded Lost Tunes Project, a heritage effort to collect and record songs and tunes from the mountains of southern West Virginia and they were aghast. And had no response except that they would be making some calls. Then they called me back and said they had made some calls.

**Dear Lena, there's nothing we can do?**

Dear reader, no, that is just one of the first things we can do. Call those offices. Show up at meetings. Enlist your neighbors. Let nothing discourage you. And if you feel discouraged get together with the neighbors who need encouragement and sing some damn songs.

**Dear Lena, isn't what Elon Musk is doing kind of like Burning Man? Just kind of destroying things for the effect?**

Dear reader, it is indeed quite theatrical. As wealthy as the richest man on earth is, this is not about making money. His choice of USAID or various governmental departments seems arbitrary. Theater, however, often is scripted, costumed, and can come with a sound track. This is stunningly awkward as coups go. Where are the costumes?

Ask Lena about Vegas headdresses at [cdenney@igc.org](mailto:cdenney@igc.org).

# Supreme Court Allows Climate Suits Against Big Oil by Saying Nothing



PLANTATION CAPITALISM IS BLAMED for the devastating wildfire in Hawaii but Trump has big plans to make Hawaii great again.

By Angelica Peerance

The Supreme Court decided not to hear an appeal from oil and gas companies in a case attempting to hold them responsible for billions of dollars of damages connected to climate change.

"This is just so unfair," argued lawyers for Sunoco, Shell, Chevron, Exxon Mobil and British Petroleum, now known as "BP".

"Most of us are based in Texas where the political climate is friendly and deceptive commercial practices are considered a natural part of doing business," stated attorney Aldo Morrison. "We're appalled that untoward political forces are pressuring the Supreme Court to treat this case as if it were reasonable to hold the oil and gas industry accountable."

Even more outrageous to Morrison was

the recusal of Justice Alito, who owns stock in companies in the case but who has never let that influence his willingness to participate in rulings before.

"Honolulu should just take their licks like everybody else from rising sea levels, severe storms, and wildfires," scoffed Morrison snapping shut his briefcase. "Where



THE SUPREME COURT DECISION NOT TO HEAR THE HAWAIIAN CASE is considered a victory especially considering that the state only navigates by the stars.

would our nation be without the respected tradition of deceptive advertising?"

Honolulu's representatives argued that the recent wildfires, particularly those impacting areas like Lahaina on Maui, have had a devastating impact on Hawaiian culture by destroying sacred sites and displacing communities deeply rooted in their land but were dismissed by oil and gas company attorneys who hoped the case would be heard in time under a friendlier court, noting, "Our culture is important, too."

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# War on Woke Stalls; Soldiers Exhausted

## Stock of Euphemisms Runs Low

By Boris A. Stiffwon

The War on Woke is at least ten years old and is taking a serious toll on its weary front line fighters.

"We're still dedicated," stated one soldier with determination as he cleaned his rifle in readiness for a battle near a school board meeting in Fish Kill, Wisconsin. "But we all know what we're up against."



THE FRONT LINES of the war on woke are hard on the weary soldiers who battle it out protecting us all from the cruelties of political correctness.

ting group in cable-stitch sweaters."

"We have trouble locating the source of the extreme animosity," commented one researcher whose eight-year study was recently shut down by the Elon Musk Depart-

ment of Government Efficiency team. "Its source is usually the commonality of social morality pumped full of headless, foundation-free existential terror."

There's no end in sight according to prognosticators who note that education, the most effective weapon against disinformation-fed ignorance, is itself being put in the cross-hairs of the new Trump administration.

"I'm just thankful for the mail I get from home," sighed another soldier. "In some ways what we're going through out here is a lot easier than having to actually go to a City Council meeting."

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FAMILIES WHO GET MAIL from their sons and daughters in the thick of the woke war fighting say the battle is taking a terrible toll.

# Musk Buddies' War on Education Explained by Professors

By Bea Dectenpearls



PROFESSOR DEWEY WANNANO offers counseling to those who don't speak dweeb or nerd, helping navigate the profound communication gulf between Silicon Valley culture and everyone else on earth.

Professor Dewey Wannano of the Tank in Superior, Wyoming. "They're usually self-taught, so they view traditional education as an impediment."

Professor Cecil Toss agrees, noting that people who typically game for sixteen hours straight tend to have terrible upper body strength and fail at the all-important climbing of a rope tied to the upper rafters of the gym, a required skill highly prized in typical educational facilities.

"It's difficult for young men and women adept at the ability to design and implement sophisticated

Not all academics agree, but competing theories offer some modest overlap in their attempts to clarify why Silicon Valley nerds are culturally inclined toward disdain for education.

"These tech oriented young men are usually poor athletes who constantly got beat up in school," noted Professor

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PROFESSOR CECIL TOSS has compassion for tech nerds who spent their early lives publicly failing in crucial sports activities.

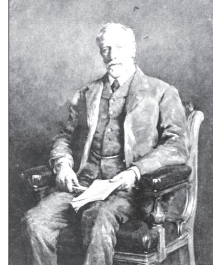
software solutions that involve intricate algorithms, data structures, system architecture, and often require a deep understanding of multiple programming concepts including efficient optimization techniques to appreciate the necessity of achieving a high score in volleyball," stated Professor Toss. "Their frustration is easily misunderstood and can result in poorly directed gunfire."

Professor Charles Hottenhere from the Institute of Informational Optics and Optical Information regards the entire field as fraught with misunderstanding about Silicon Valley and what he calls its



WHO ISN'T ANNOYED with the Department of Education for just sounding smarter than you.

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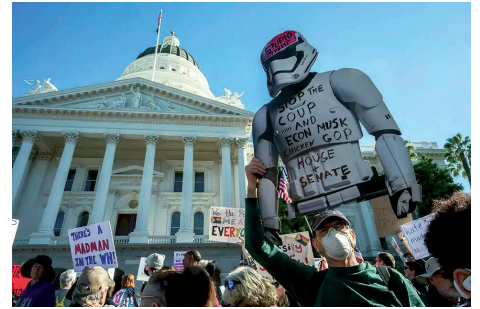


PROFESSOR CHARLES HOTTENHERE agrees with his esteemed colleagues about the distinctive qualities of tech bro culture because of the potential conflation with robot influences.

"indigenous people" who seem intent on destroying more traditional ways.

"They're lonely," he stated definitively. "Try to imagine the computer as girlfriend or boyfriend.

# The Most Bizarre Coup in History



UC STUDENTS OBJECT to having their data in the hands of Elon Musk and his shadowy crew of tech teenagers because they just have no sense of adventure.

By Camilla Minute

The main result of President Donald Trump's first few weeks is an explosion of lawsuits in both state and federal court in response to the avalanche of constitutionally questionable executive orders he favors over legislation.

Aditi Hariharan, a UC Davis senior and president of the UC Student Association, stated that granting Elon Musk's peculiar group of Peter Pan Lost Boys access to sensitive data violates students' privacy rights and that they are suing the US Department of Education unless it disappears.

"It's a puzzle," mused senatorial aide Duncan Cover. "Musk's crew aren't part of the Department of Education or the IRS. They're not elected and if we knew their names we might be able to track down an appointment, but so far they seem minted out of the Silicon Valley bro stuff that moves too fast for paper. Maybe someday we'll be able to track it."

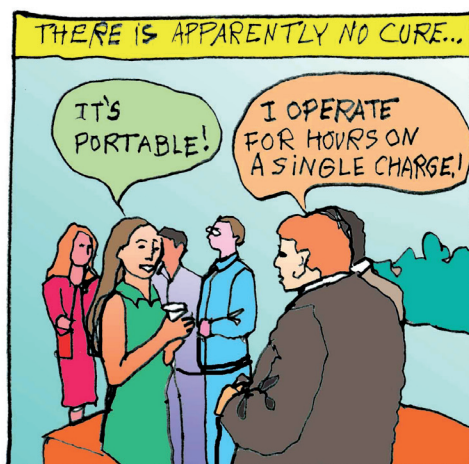
"We may need to use AI," suggested another staff member. "There must be a use for that stuff somewhere."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



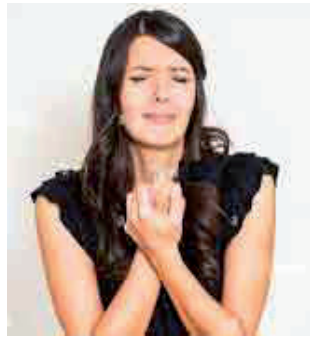
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# Hand Wringing Accepted as New Olympic Sport



By DeVaugh Drawbeck

The Los Angeles 2028 Organizing Committee will incorporate five new optional sports: baseball/softball, cricket, flag football, lacrosse, and squash approved by the International Olympic Committee in October of 2023 but has also included Olympic



MASTERS AT HAND WRINGING ARE ALLOWED to incorporate facial expressions since they are so difficult to avoid.

hand wringing, which is causing quite a stir. "It's part of an ongoing policy of introducing popular new sports to maximize local interest and growth," explained Conrad Overhere, noting that Olympic hand wringing will partner well with

other relatively new sports such as speed climbing, where athletes will climb side-by-side up a 15-meter wall, racing for time.

"We turned down a lot of potentially interesting proposals, such as cage matches," stated Overhere. "And the snake handler lobbyists are most persistent."

Hand wringing got its start in the first Trump administration and has exploded in international popularity featuring distinctive traditions in various countries competing for style, strength, dexterity and flair.

"I'm partial to Italian hand wringing," confessed one of the American trainers keeping a careful eye on her young team. "But we aim to give it an American flavor without actually using weapons."



A P P R E N T I C E H A N D W R I N G E R S try to imitate the techniques of more experienced masters of the new sport.



HAND WRINGING EXPERT CLARENCE SAEL warns his students to use an appropriate lotion before a good workout.

Props are not allowed, but hand wringing lends itself to a variety of gestures which can inspire epic disputes among the international judges who will face judging their first competition in three years.

"We'll be ready," stated one American competitor with determination. "We practice for hours every day and most of us have been practicing all our lives."



BE SURE TO exercise your individual digits before involving your wrists.

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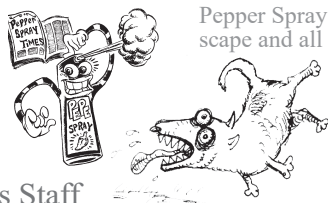
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