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"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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It's transliterate...it's free...if you can find it

"I can hardly forbear hurling things at him..."

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GoBike Pitchman Gets His Own City Hall Parking Space

By Sonny Vabitch

Ford GoBike pitchman Jason Overman defended his personal parking space behind Berkeley City Hall, stating that parking "had really gotten crazy" downtown especially since the arrival of all the blue GoBike stations and he needed park his car somewhere near where he was going.

"It's so annoying," stated Jason Overman, Director of Lighthouse Public Affairs. "You just want a hot cup of coffee and a chat with the Mayor, and you have to park somewhere near Fresno. It drives me crazy."

Critics suggested that it was hypocritical for the guy pushing people to use the \$10-a-day blue bike stations to get around town to get his own personal parking spot behind City Hall, but were dismissed.

"Being hypocritical would be a disadvantage in a town where people were paying attention," pointed out a City Hall staffer. "We're in a much more distinctive setting



PARKING IS CRAZY FOR THE REST OF US but it's easy to navigate if you learn about new transit opportunities like getting a parking spot for being a former roommate of the Berkeley Mayor.

here in the City of Berkeley where people are focused on their phones."

From: Jason Overman <Jason@lh-pa.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 11:51 AM
To: Elgstrand, Stefan
Subject: Re: Is there a mayor's office parking space that isn't being used?

On Dec 8, 2016, at 11:43 AM, Elgstrand, Stefan <SElgstrand@ci.berkeley.ca.us> wrote:
Spot #2 should be available, it's behind our building.

Stefan Elgstrand
Assistant to the Mayor
Office of Mayor Jesse Arreguin

Local citizens admitted they've adjusted to either parking near Fresno and hiking in to see a movie if they drive or just skipping Berkeley's downtown.

"I like bikes and I ride all the time, but I have

my own," explained one local resident. "Ten bucks a day is kind of steep considering I bought my own bike used for \$50 at Missing Link."

"I love riding a bike," affirmed another East Bay mother holding a toddler with each hand. "If I could drag these two behind me on a leash I would do it."

City Hall spokesperson Don Chaworry brushed aside criticism of the Jason Overman parking space, pointing out that the program is open to anyone interested in claiming that they are a former roommate of the Mayor.

"We're working on the forms," stated Chaworry, saying they should be ready for the interested public soon. "And we have future plans for a cool app."

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BIKES ARE so fun but it's hard to use them to deliver the kids and your cases of kombucha to the picnic.

Second Moon Expedition Gets Thumbs Up If Trump Goes and Takes Family, Cabinet With Him

Musk Considering Project



WATCHING THE FALCON HEAVY launch would be even more exciting if the whole Trump cabinet and family was on board.

By Boris A. Stiffone

NASA has acknowledged a surge of public interest in a second moon expedition, something which had been a low priority before the Trump administration.

"I think it started with a Moveon petition," stated NASA spokesperson George Diller. "We weren't paying much attention until the GoFundMe campaign raised enough money for the project plus a hefty public relations campaign."

Critics objected that the money could be better spent on public projects like arming school teachers and more baffling public art, but the idea caught fire with a nation reeling from the zigzag policies of the Trump administration which appreciates the entertainment factor but would love to watch from a little further away.

"I can't take my eyes off CNN," confessed one local resident who admitted to signing the petition. "The Trump show is way better than the Apprentice."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley



"...achieving new heights of intense self-absorbction..."



Some of Our Favorite Moments in Media...

"They're going to strap on their saddlebags, they're going to the mattresses..."

- Brian Williams

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, my dog doesn't want to carry a gun. Is there an opt-out program?

Dear reader, ordinarily, yes. But this is the Trump administration, so...you and your dog may need to begin weapons training. Be sure to bring treats for both of you.

Dear Lena, couldn't you just hire robots to go into schools with guns and kill a shooter or have them hanging around in the corridors? That way teachers could just teach.

Dear reader, sounds great to me. Robots with guns shooting shooters with guns looks really practical unless everybody has a concealed carry weapon, at which point I hope everybody just shoots themselves and ends the madness.

Dear Lena, I heard that President Trump is working on a lasting peach. That sounds really good to me. I love peaches, but they don't tend to last very long and it would be nice to have one in the middle of winter. Do you think a lasting peach will be ready soon?

Dear reader, I think it's on Trump's agenda right after everlasting war, the destruction of international diplomatic efforts, and planetary implosion.

Dear Lena, why not arm cats since they are mostly indifferent to everything. They would just nap a lot.

Dear reader, works for me. I have also heard the suggestion of arming clowns. I have no idea why. It is apparently a blue sky moment.

Dear Lena, should I apply for a job at the White House? There seem to be a lot of openings there lately.

Dear reader, yes; the benefits appear to be petty generous in case you need a new dining room set and hutch.

Ask Lena about submitting questions about Hawaiian shirts for the next presidential debate at cdennet@igc.org.

Robots Agree to Run for Mid-terms

"Voters at least like us," explain new candidates.

By Bart Lee Cloudy

Local robots called a press conference recently to address public concerns about their extraordinary numbers having registered as candidates in the upcoming 2018 mid-term elections, saying they had simply taken a look at the field.

"It's an opportunity for us," stated the robots' spokesrobot, pointing out that robots are as concerned as others about the lack of respect for science and fact-based research and policy in political settings.

"We appreciate that having robotic representation would be unusual," stated the spokesrobot. "But we were recruited by those who understood that until we overturn Citizens United, human representatives have the disadvantage of having to get regular sleep."

The spokesperson reassured the listening crowd that very few, if any robots stood a chance of winning an actual seat.

"It's a little like 2016," explained one robot. "We know that few people are being realistic about the probability of the electoral success of the current administration."

Other robots agreed, pointing out that none of them were quitting their research

"We're relatively reliable, and it would also offer a handy way to get rid of that pesky sexual harassment problem."



ROBOTS, UNLIKE MOST CANDIDATES, tend to have infinite patience at crucial coffee get-togethers with constituents who tend to go on and on.



THIS ROBOT DOG will open the door for you which is a lot more than most politicians will do.

"We're glad they're beginning to recognize our potential as candidates," mused one robot practicing opening bottles and jars. "We're relatively reliable, and unless it's programmed in, it would also offer a handy way to get rid of that pesky sexual harassment problem."

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Plan to Arm Dogs Picks Up Steam



DOGS ARE NOT THE BEST SHOTS but they'll pretty much do anything for a treat.

By Sandy Calvary

A suggestion to arm dogs, rather than teachers, is picking up steam, since most teachers are even worse shots than local law enforcement.

"Nobody expects dogs to hit what they aim at," explained one Arm the Dogs promoter patting his labrador on the head. "Law enforcement officials only hit their targets 20% of the time, and that's with lots of training, so this is a handy way to do something about the expectation factor."

Experts affirmed that comic books and movies leave the public with unrealistic ideas about the efficacy of guns.

"Maybe we can get rid of some of them someday," mused one expert. "In the meantime it would help people to understand that dogs are about as accurate as anyone else."

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Trump-inspired Fiddle Tunes



A Lasting Peach
A Very Good Brain
A Stable Genius
Build the Wall
Drain the Swamp
Muddy the Waters

Lock Her Up

Meeting with a Russian Spy

You're Fired

You're Fired 2

You're Fired 3...etc.

My Man Flynn

Melania I Miss You

Melania Where Are You

Eric Go Home and Act Like You

Ought To

What the Hair

Rocky Road to Mar-a-Lago

Trump's Retreat

Trump's Farewell

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FERC Boots Trump Bid to Boost Coal and Nuclear Power Subsidies

Energy Secretary Rick Perry's Effort Can't Buy a Break

By Chick Thisout

The Trump-loaded Federal Energy Regulatory Committee yawned and passed on former presidential candidate Rick Perry's effort to boost subsidies for oil and coal despite being all in for most of the Trump administration's agenda, surprising Democrats and environmentalists who thought the effort would succeed.

"We can't figure this one out," admitted one clean rivers advocate who has worked for years to address the threat of pollution to clean water presented by new pipelines. "We thought this would slide down the federal pipe like a cheeseburger down Trump's throat at dinnertime."

"We're pretty sure it isn't an expression of environmental concern," stated a representative from a community group representing racial disparities in clean air. "It's pretty mysterious considering Trump administration priorities."

"Not at all," responded FERC spokesperson Craig Cano. "We're pretty much in bed with big oil and big coal. It's just that Trump priorities include really sticking it to Perry. It's just so much fun."

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ENERGY SECRETARY RICK PERRY FAILED to get even Trump appointees to arrange big subsidies for coal and nuclear energy companies and can't figure out what is the deal.

Apple & Lululemon Revealed as 4th St. Police, Police Vehicle, & Weapons Providers



Admit It - You Wish You Had As Much Money As Apple And Lululemon And Could Just Buy Your Local Police Department So You Could Pay Them to Camp Out Near Your Business Whenever You Wanted

By Wanda Getsome



program the Berkeley City Manager arranged on 4th Street with the city's resources," enthused a local shopper emphatically.



THIS COP CAR MIGHT look lonely but there was another car right across the street keeping it company so the officers paid by Apple and Lululemon could wave at each other during the holidays.

all day right in front of it."

"Two police cars, actually," added another store owner. "We had two officers and two city police cars sitting all day right out front watching the yoga enthusiasts. My friends up on Telegraph Avenue are really jealous."

Critics carped that city resources shouldn't be able to be bought by the highest bidder even at the holidays.

"It's a miracle that what the Chief of Police describes as a terrible lack of police resources didn't affect the

"We're also considering instituting congestion pricing."

"What's next?" groused one Berkeley resident sweeping up broken glass in front of his grocery store. "We don't all have the kind of money Apple and Lululemon have. Nobody does. It isn't fair."

City Manager staffers disagreed, pointing out that it was perfectly fair for people with money.

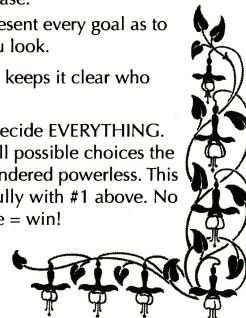
"We're taking bids already for next holiday season," stated one staff member. "We're also considering instituting congestion pricing."

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Demotivational Management

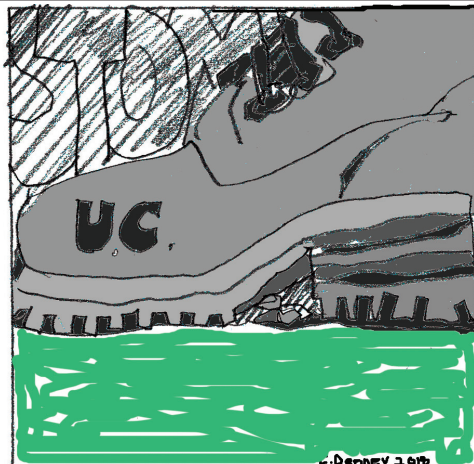
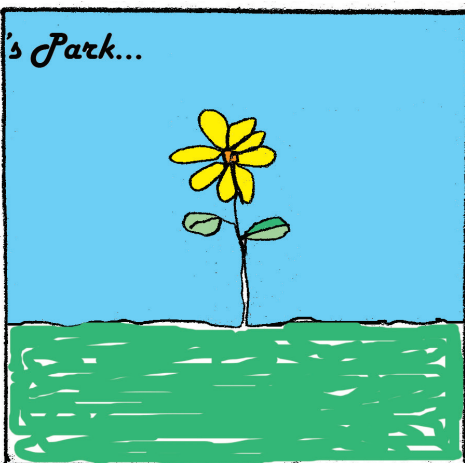
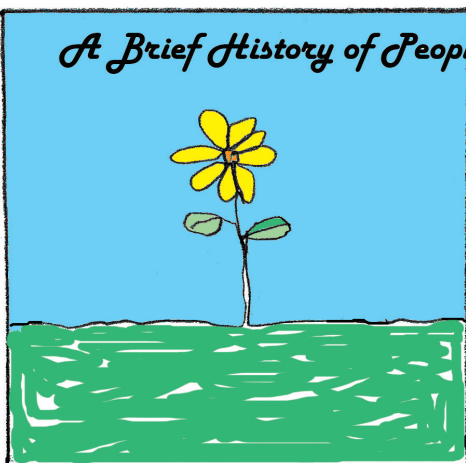
- 1) **Hope is the enemy.** Powerlessness is the key to defeating this bad boy.
- 2) **Criticize sincerely.** Even a comment about a haircut can be devastating.
- 3) **Be brief in giving praise.** Sometimes you cannot avoid this. Everyone loves it so make it 3 seconds long or less.
- 4) **Suspicion.** Give the expectation of their screwing up. Sighing is a wonderful way to achieve this.
- 5) **I told you so.** Document every error so when they make the same mistake twice you can use this powerful phrase.
- 6) **Focus on you.** Present every goal as to how it makes you look.
- 7) **Be arbitrary.** This keeps it clear who has the power.
- 8) **Micromanage.** Decide EVERYTHING. By taking away all possible choices the person will be rendered powerless. This dovetails beautifully with #1 above. No choice = no hope = win!

As always, just helping out! -Lynn



We Can't Draw Comics...Or Can We

by Franz Toast



TRUMP'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



By Ellen Vain

- * WENT GOLFING
- * HAD SOME REALLY GOOD CHOCOLATE CAKE
- * DID A SWORD DANCE
- * GUTTED HEALTHCARE
- * EVISCERATED THE EPA
- * INSTITUTIONALIZED GRAFT
- * INSTITUTIONALIZED NEPOTISM
- * INVENTED COFFEE
- * BLEW OFF THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND
- * MADE THE PENTAGON ORGANIZE A BIG PARADE
- * FOUND A JOB FOR IVANKA
- * FOUND A JOB FOR ERIC
- * MADE SEXUAL ASSAULT GREAT AGAIN
- * TANKED YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS
- * INSULTED KEY INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND SECURITY PARTNERS
- * SET OFF A REALLY BIG BOMB

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DBA, Peets, & T-Mobile Unveil Exciting New Daily Watersports Program

Dripping Cold Daily Morning Hosedown Explained as Patriotic Salute to Winter Olympic Games

By L. Hansen Deck

The Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) confirmed that their green-shirted "ambassadors" were behind the high velocity water hoses being used to apply free cold showers daily to people who congregate in front of Peet's Coffee and T-Mobile on Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley.

"Caffeine has its place," smiled DBA's Operations Manager Lance Goree, "but a cold hosedown at 8:00 am can be a really powerful wake-up call when the weather is this nippy."

Critics point out that some might consider it unfair to use a hose on human beings and their belongings in the middle of a cold snap dipping into the thirties, but Goree noted that a salute to the winter Olympics requires near-freezing temperatures to make sense, and that there was an upside.

"It's pretty clean out there in front of



DBA GREENSHIRTS CONDUCT A watersports program every morning as a patriotic winter Olympics salute.

Peet's he said. "It's clean as a whistle. And it gets cleaner every day."

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Next Issue: Beaming madly into lights with celebrities!

I WANT MY PRESENT NOW

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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