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"...the house you dwell in proclaims you to be a creature of sale.."\*

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## Democracy Looking Pretty Funky

Experts Advise Checking Out Monarchy

By Go Nguyen Down



The likelihood of a Donald Trump presidency is rattling political observers worldwide but not doing a thing to improve the profiles of what one political observer called "the most piss-poor pot of candidates ever to darken democracy's door."

"It was so simple when there were seventeen of them," lamented one Republican Party strategist. "We were certain that by now we'd be roaring toward a secure win in November."

Political activists within the Republican Party are scrambling for a strategy to derail Trump's nomination claiming he's a racist, sexist xenophobe who will deport half the working population and offend world leaders with his sheer stupidity.

"This is what democracy looks like," commented one Republican insider. "It will all sort out at the convention."

"They're counting on rebuilding the party in Cleveland-- in July," pointed out one nervous party operative with a sigh. "And Cleveland isn't really the kind of city known for romance."

"Especially in July," added another po-

IF YOU ARE SICK of looking at these people the good news is that there are only a handful left trying to beat each other to death with cliché's.

litical expert, who observed that the candidate tally, now down to five or six, was wasting a lot less paper than it did several months ago, although the adjustment has required a lot of white-out.



THESE PEOPLE AGREED to vote Republican for stock options in a start-up for an app for virtual croquet.

"If this is what democracy looks like, I'm pulling down the shades," grumbled one voter looking over the field. "The drunks on the corner look more trustworthy than this bunch."

Both Democratic and Republican operatives admitted they tried to enlist the drunks on the corner but were turned down.

"Some people are simply above this kind of thing," they explained. "Some people have strong ethical standards."

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THIS GUY SLEEPING ON A BENCH says he'll agree to be President for food.



## West Berkeley Gunfire Blamed on Benches

Benches Refuse to Talk



THIS SHOCKING DISPLAY of wanton disregard for public safety may soon be eliminated in West Berkeley to the relief of neighbors.

By Maxim Ummthrust

Neighbors who years ago objected to placing another fast-food place on San Pablo next to a liquor store predicting trash, drunks, drugs, etc., were bewildered when the city announced that their best idea to deal with trash, drunks, drugs, etc. was to remove the bench near the business.

District One representative Linda Maio also claimed that the empty apartments at 1800 San Pablo, across the street which have been almost completely vacant since built were unrentable because of the benches instead of the sock-dropping rents.

Neighbors were confused, some arranging goodbye parties for their street benches and others suggesting land mines in front (continued on pg.3)

## Pepper Spray Poster Gal Placed on Leave

By Anita Lawyer



University of California (UC) Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi is suspended from her position while UC investigators explore whether she abused her authority, causing consternation among legions of pepper spray fans.

"She really put pepper spray on the map," choked one admirer through tears. "It was just another self defense tool until she made it a UC brand."

UC officials hurriedly ticked off a list of concerns for the press regarding Katehi's behavior, including (continued on pg.4)

# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I think I am hearing voices. I hear one telling me to vote Republican, one telling me to vote Democrat, and another one telling me to start a third party, something to do with cupcakes. Do you hear them, too?**

Dear reader, yes, and it is so confusing. We at the Pepper Spray Times are trying to document the phenomenon and in the meantime I'm trying to find out more about the cupcakes.

**Dear Lena, can I go back out on my balcony now? I haven't been out there since, well, you know.**

Dear reader, yes, and yes, do go on out and enjoy your balcony again once you've made a solid will and bought a parachute.

**Dear Lena, I'm so torn between Bernie and Hillary. What should I do?**

Dear reader, take a cruise or go to bed with some fashion magazines until August and I promise things will look a lot more clear.

**Dear Lena, will tasers stop the police from being so racist?**

Dear reader, absolutely. The same way pepper spray did.

**Dear Lena, isn't this change-up in who's on the money going to piss off fans of Andrew Jackson?**

Dear reader, absolutely. The Treasury Secretary in particular should watch his back.

**Dear Lena, is it true they're going to renovate BART Plaza by taking away all the free seating and having the new structure entirely of glass? Doesn't that seem a little unnecessarily provocative?**

Dear reader, absolutely. We at the Pepper Spray Times are speculating that they're hoping all the broken glass will discourage anybody from ever going out in public.

Ask Lena about joining the Anti-social Club at [cdenny@jgc.org](mailto:cdenny@jgc.org).

# New, Improved Trump On the Way

## Washington Strategist Paul J. Manafort Tells Nation Current Clown Candidate Just "Projecting an Image"

By Beyonce Linda Morning



Noted Washington strategist Paul J. Manafort reassured a relieved nation that the arrogant, racist behavior and comments by Republican candidate Donald Trump were just an act,



ONE OF THE BEST of Trump's new images is the Las Vegas jumpsuit version.

ventional albeit popular speech and behavior.

"We have some suggestions for his new image," offered Republican Party Chair Reince Priebus, who is partial to the Elvis Las Vegas option. "Somehow the unconventional hair goes with the jumpsuit."

Trump supporters insisted that all the proposals for Trump's new image were already included in his original iteration.



TRUMP'S NEW IMAGE as a tap dancer is popular with older voters who remember the country's first depression with nostalgia.

"Somehow the unconventional hair goes with the jumpsuit." - Reince Priebus

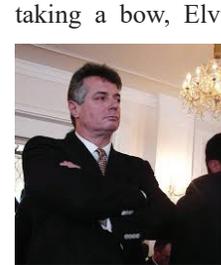


THE TRUMP MARILYN OPTION is a real crowd-pleaser.

and that a "real different guy" would be showing up soon, possibly changing images weekly, now that Manafort is consulting for the Trump campaign. The news that Trump has simply been "projecting an image" came as a great relief to Republican party organizers tired of scrambling daily to explain the popularity of their party's front-runner in the light of his uncon-



TRUMP IMAGE OPTIONS will be workshopped.



TRUMP'S NEW campaign strategist says he joined the campaign for money, of course, but also to figure out some tricks to do with his hair.

Shirley Temple taking a bow, Elvis strutting the stage--none of this is new," stated Trump's new campaign manager Ken McKay. "Donald Trump has always been a celebrity first and a politician, well, until now, never."

"I like the Mickey Mouse option," stated one supporter. "I think Trump's original persona definitely included the possibility of the basic American cartoon."

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# Tom Bates' Agenda Recipe



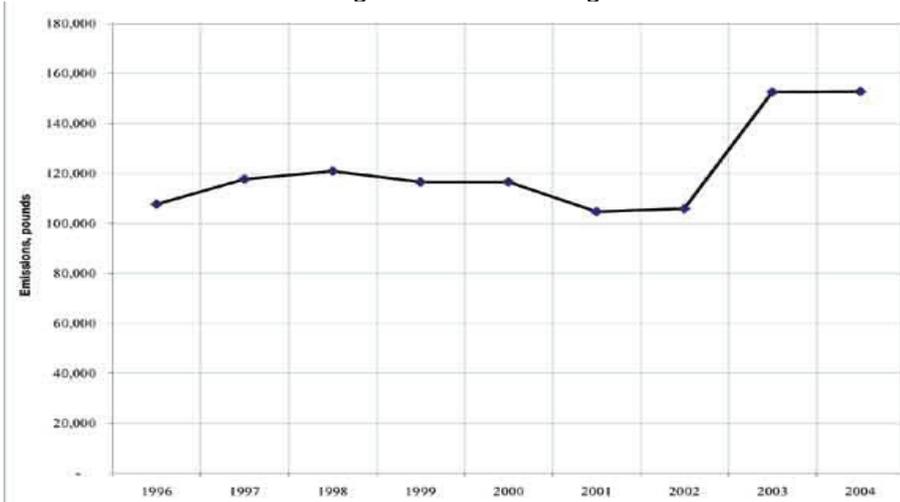
1. Take agenda and move some of it to your consent calendar including the motion that all public comment was already heard already. Stir thoroughly.
2. Take any remaining items and put them in a blender on high.
3. Take remaining mixture and re-order the agenda with small portions of each item now mixed with other items.
4. Point out that each item contains elements of the other items so technically public comment on any one item covers all the other items anyway *so just shut up*.
5. Point out that the consent calendar took care of public comment and anybody who disagrees is just a tedious whiner.

6. Point out the tedious whiners by name and comment on how repetitive they are since they are making the same point that somebody else already made last year.
7. Stir agenda again; see if anybody objects again and if they do point out that they are being absurdly repetitive.
8. Muse aloud about how useful tasers might be in a situation like this.
9. Muse aloud about how useful some mutual aid armed with wooden and rubber bullets would be right about now.
10. Get out the good old pepper spray.

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# Pacific Steel Casting Bifurcates SMOP, Wins Regulatory Acclaim

*Cunning Move Charms Regulators*



THESE NUMBERS may look worrisome but just take a deep breath unless you live near Pacific Steel Casting and the wind drops in which case be sure to have your children's gas masks handy.

*By Anna Nemony*



THIS EXPOSURE is not as debilitating as pepper spray unless you consider that you get it every day.

Pacific Steel Casting (PSC) gratefully accepted an award for best regulatory compliance evasion from a delegation of coughing community members.

"It's outstanding," stated one of the children at a local childcare center. "They were allowed to bifurcate their Synthetic Minor Operating Permits (SMOP) into two, as though they were two smaller, independent companies."

"It's genius," acknowledged a young mother wheezing while pushing a stroller. "It enabled them to use lower reporting numbers

and evade regulatory demands to upgrade their facilities."

"The credit really goes to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for their full support for our creative approach to compliance," stated Jack Boradbent, Air Pollution Control Officer for the Air District. "We still hadn't consolidated the permits four



Jack Broadbent, executive director of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, as he explains that Chevron was "routing gas through that pipe to the flare that they were not monitoring."

# Gunfire Blamed on Benches...continued

(Continued from pg.1) of problematic businesses.

"What we're trying to do is imitate responsive government without having to actually respond," explained Lieutenant Rateaver of the Berkeley Police Department. "Imitation participation and non sequitur response is our go-to game because it really works."

Citizens in West Berkeley acknowledged that a sizeable portion of the neighbors at a recent meeting about neighborhood problems were eager to blame and remove the bench as a sensible response to gunfire.

"You don't know this bench the way I do," one neighbor insisted. "Just ask it to loan you five bucks. It will just sit there."

Another neighbor suggested that blaming the furniture was short-sighted.

"Not all furniture is criminally inclined," insisted one neighbor who pointed out that the dead people lying around on the street while people just walk by are at least as problematic a public health issue.

"Benches just need love," stated another neighbor. "We need training on how to just bring them a cookie."

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years after being ordered to do so by the US EPA which is more than 20 years of violation."



"It must be love," acknowledged a PCS neighbor. "And of course appreciation of the creative brilliance in recognizing that two SMOPs are better than one."

THESE CONFUSED neighbors stubbornly insist on having clean air.

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## We Can't Draw Comics

*by Franz Toast*



Q: "What's wrong with this picture?"

A: "Uh, there's somebody sleeping on concrete right outside an empty space?"



Q: "Not quite. Again, what's wrong with this picture?"

A: "Um, the rents are too high so neighborhoods are burdened with empty spaces that contribute nothing to the tax base?"



Q: "Don't give up! Come on, what's wrong with this picture?"

A: "Uh, nothing?"

Q: "Congratulations! Now you got it!"

# Pepper Spray Poster Gal Suspended...continued



UC DAVIS CHANCELLOR KATEHI worked closely with Lt. John Pike to make sure pepper spray is known and respected worldwide.

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her generous willingness to hire her relatives, her willingness to take the time to serve on the board of for-profit DeVry Education Group and John Wiley & Sons textbook publishing group without bothering to get permission as required which would have been so tedious.

"Paying consultants \$175,000 of the public's money to make sure pepper spray's importance in peaceful protests is placed in context is exactly what's happening in police budgets nationwide," pointed out one of Katehi's defenders and pepper spray promoters. "At least Katehi had it out in the open as a line item in the budget."

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# Lady on the Dime Demands Debate with Harriet Tubman

## Concerns About Whether the Selection Process Is Fair

By Becky Ninvoyce



MERCURY DIME LADY says she has been waiting a long time to be promoted to paper and is demanding a televised debate.

process, that of the Mercury dime lady, who says she has been waiting a long time for a promotion.

"I've been patient," stated Mercury dime lady. "The process for selection has been dominated by male voices and lacks the diversity which would have included my own and others' struggle for inclusion."

Experts conceded that Mercury dime lady and Susan B. Anthony dollar lady have yet

Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew's popular decision to put former slave and abolitionist Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill instead of slaveholder President Andrew Jackson has inspired at least one voice objecting to the

to be heard from on the matter of the money, and should probably be offered an opportunity to have a debate.

"It could be good for tv ratings," admitted one national television producer. "It could be really hot."

Harriet Tubman refused to comment on the alleged controversy and was



HARRIET TUBMAN has yet to comment on the decision to honor her by depicting her on the money.

rumored not to be working on a book about her accomplishments.

"Perhaps she is shy," expressed one admirer. "Perhaps she is waiting for the right moment."

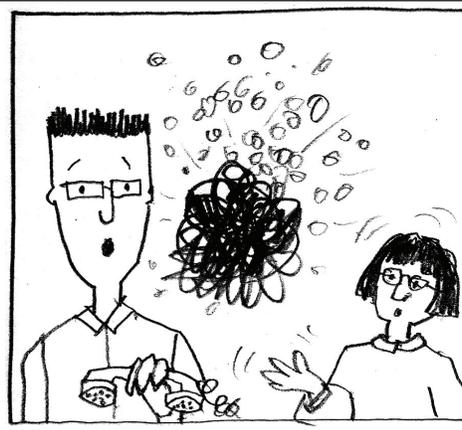
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Next Issue: Applying for home loans with celebrities!

### THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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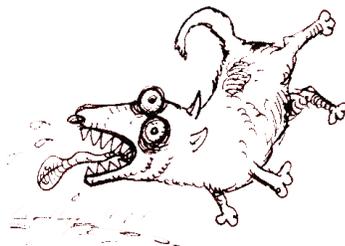


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