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

"...but in gross brain little wots..."*

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MOST OF THE MEN ON THE SUPREME COURT got the memo about keeping a straight face after the decision which gave corporations religious rights and control of womens' access to contraception, but the women need more practice.

Native Grasses Under Fire from Dog Owners

Concrete or Plastic Grass Alternative Suggested

By Pavel DeBay



Dog owners are demanding that Berkeley mow parklands on "a frequent schedule" to avoid the danger of foptails getting caught in dog fur, although the dogs themselves were curiously silent on the subject.

Berkeley's Animal Care Commission forwarded the request to the City Council asking that all seventeen acres of Cesar Chavez Park's off-leash area be mowed frequently to cut down on foptails, as opposed to the original environmental report's recommendation that only two acres be infrequently mowed in deference to wildlife which live, nest, and roam in the area and are fussy about having no habitat.

"The city's biological assessment of environmental impacts doesn't take into account that people like dogs more than savannah sparrows, white-crowned sparrows, rock doves, Botta's pocket gophers, jackrabbits, Norway rats, mourning doves, western meadowlark, killdeer, and other graniverous bird species," stated Claudia Kawczynska, editor-in-chief of the Bark magazine. "Everybody knows dogs rule."

"We could mow the entire seventeen acres of off-leash area as some dog owners have suggested," remarked city spokesperson Matthai Chakko, "but it's a little hard on the other species which depend on native grasses as habitat. Not that dogs don't rule," he added hurriedly.

Dog owners suggested that if frequent mowing is too costly or too hard on wildlife unwilling to adapt to short grass and whirling metal blades that the park could be entirely paved for dogs' safety.

"Paving has lots of benefits for dogs, and is more skateboard-friendly," stated Kawczynska.

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Supreme Court Confirms Women Are Sluts

By Solomon Teevee

The Supreme Court's recent *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby* decision confirmed what many have long suspected, that all women are sluts and having sex is both unseemly

and avoidable.

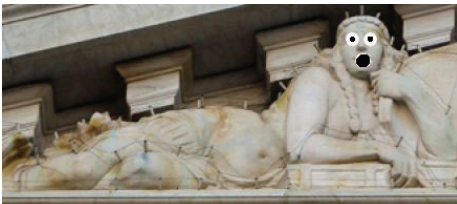
"Corporations are not just people," intoned Dr. Robert Jeffress on behalf of Fox News, "they are deeply, sincerely religious people. Probably Catholics or maybe Christian Scientists."

Experts affirmed that nine out of ten corporations are "closely held" Catholics or Christian Scientists who faint at the sight of birth control.

"It's a religious thing," stated Dr. Jeffress. "The less said about it, the better."

Experts on hell have acknowledged that hell strongly resembles a typical Planned Parenthood clinic on a hot, crowded day.

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WOMEN, INCLUDING THIS ONE on the facade of the Supreme Court, just need to quit having sex altogether.

Facebook Experiments on You Because It Cares

By Jess A. Liddlebit

Facebook data scientist Adam Kramer expressed surprise when a furor erupted over his experiment on over 600,000 users without their knowledge to see if he could alter their emotions.

"I can understand that they don't want to be unwitting guinea pigs," he stated. "But they are."

Kramer and other Facebook scientists altered the newsfeed content for hundreds of thousands of users for one week in a benign effort to see if they could affect the emotional content of the users postings through the use of a simple algorithm which ordinary people wouldn't understand anyway.

National Public Radio reporter Aarti Shahani's radio coverage suggested that Facebook's experiment was no different than what scientists do when they put LSD in your cereal or let you die of syphilis to watch what happens.

Facebook also altered their user agreement four months *after* experimenting on their users' emotions to include such research experiments because they *just knew* some jackass would object to being manipulated even if it (Continued on page 2)



YOU SHOULD BE glad that Facebook cares about how you feel because who the @#%\$! else does.

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, who knew that corporations not only have free speech rights but also have religious beliefs?? Last time I asked gas pump at my local Chevron station whether it believed in god or not it refused to even discuss it with me.

Dear reader, you probably used a strident tone of voice, like Elena Kagan and Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor. Speak sweetly to your gas pump. Stroke it gently, and bring it a brandy. It's not always about you.

Dear Lena, I have always hated nature. I think mowing the nature areas at Cesar Chavez is a great idea. I am tired of bugs and stuff. I would be glad to sponsor weed wacker day. I think Home Depot would be a sponsor.

Dear reader, I couldn't agree more. Nature is over-rated.

Dear Lena, I do feel terrible after spending a lot of time on Facebook. But I figure it's just my fault because my life sucks so bad.

Dear reader, yes, your life sucks and it is all your fault.

Dear Lena, it doesn't seem fair to kick people out of the Bulb and then arrest them for camping under the freeway.

Dear reader, quit being narrow-minded. Try to see it from a developer's point of view. Who's going to spend \$6,000 a month on a cramped, windowless unit next to the 7-11 if they can live for free under I-80 where there's at least a bush nearby.

Dear Lena, it seems like there is war everywhere all of a sudden. I'm sorry about the death and all, but isn't there an economic upside?

Dear reader, you betcha. There is real security in having a weapons-based economy.

Hungry for more war? Ask Lena about healthy attitudes toward eternal conflict at cdenny@igc.org.

We Need More War

By Guest Columnist
Sarah Page

We need more war
I've been hearing all kinds of things about how America ranks very low compared to other developed countries on things like income equality, education, infant mortality and whatnot and I have some ideas on how to fix this.

I'm here to tell you that the number one way to fix America's problems is: more war.

Now, you may think that sounds awful but you just need to change your way of thinking and get creative. It's so obvious it's like a no-brainer really. Let's just all get off our morally superior high horses for a moment and consider a few things...

More war will allow us to employ more people and lower our unemployment rate. It will bring in money from the resources that American corporations steal, I mean negotiate, from the countries we attack. Get some manufacturing going in the way of arms, like in WWII and we'll be all set.

Now, I know we have some wars going on already. The war on terror and the war on drugs and all, but it's just not enough. We need more war!

Some new areas to consider are:

War on teenagers. Teenagers are a huge pain in the ass right? They don't listen and they just take up our resources, eating lots of food and wanting expensive clothes and electronics. Who needs them? Think of the money that will be saved on education!

War on old people. Old people complain and they cost a lot of money to medicate and take care of. War on old people will rid us of a huge burden. Think of the social security savings!

If you don't like these ideas I suspect it's probably because you're not fulfilling your



SARAH PAGE'S campaign for More War is very popular here at home as well as all over the world.

potential. Think outside the box!

The best thing about a war on teenagers and a war on old people is that we can start right here. Why spend the money to send our soldiers on expensive trips around the world when they can just as easily be killing people in our own backyard?

Detroit has a major water problem right? It's been all over the news that people are getting their water turned off. More war will fix this too. We can send them blood from the casualties of our new wars and they can drink that instead of water. They will turn into vampires who live forever, boosting our life expectancy ranking and creating the ideal consumer who will literally take forever to pay off their credit cards. It's the capitalist dream! More war! War is the answer! War is peace!

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Facebook Experiments on You...

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was fun for Facebook data scientists to play with people's heads.

"Sure some of them would feel worse with more negative news," stated Kramer. "But some of them would get the good news, so what's the big?"

"We are not lab rats," stated one user in a huff. "We may have signed our privacy rights away and offered our lives as raw data for the corporations we hate, but that doesn't mean they should experiment on our emotions for fun."

Kramer protested that the experiment was a successful effort to show that seeing happy posts on Facebook about happy lives does NOT depress people, as some have suggested.

"People are complete sheep," he stated. "Give them good news and they get happy. Give them bad news and they get sad. Give them other people's happy news and they



THESE PROTESTERS will be happy to know that after they were unwittingly used in an experiment on their emotions, the Facebook consent agreement was unilaterally changed by Facebook to make sure future research experiments are covered.

get jealous and want to invent fake personas with fake news about their fake lives. We were just trying to defend Facebook and cheer them up."

Critics who suggested that people were entitled to news without bias, emotional or otherwise, were dismissed with so much laughter and derision it hasn't stopped yet.

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Ten Reasons Why More War Is Good

1. War helps the economy.
2. War creates jobs.
3. War spreads democracy.
4. God is on our side.
5. War helps our soldiers stay in shape.
6. War makes people come together.
7. War refugees give us diversity.
8. War gives the generals something to do.
9. War creates some really good ballads.
10. This war will be the last one.

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Journalists Whine About Being Put in Jail

By Wei Tagoe

Australian correspondent Peter Greste, Canadian-Egyptian acting bureau chief of Al-Jazeera Mohamed Fahmy, and Egyptian producer Baher Mohammed are publicly whining about having to spend the next seven years in jail despite the fact that jail is good for journalists.

“It improves their writing,” affirmed a local writing coach who works out of a coffee shop. “Even the six months of detention they’ve had so far has made their work much more punchy.”

Critics argued that the detention of journalists on flimsy terrorism charges chills expression, undermines democracy, and curdles milk, but experts were unanimous in assessing the journalists’ post-detention writing as greatly improved.

“Jail food tends to sharpen your senses,” noted another writing coach. “Plus, this will give all of them a really fresh if not unique perspective.”

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Climate Change Costs Wildly Inflated by Pessimistic Pundits

Facebook Admits Playing with Numbers For Fun

By Sonia Knickers

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson were soundly criticized recently for wildly inflating the cost of global warming which won’t be that bad.

Bloomberg and Paulson claimed that over \$100 billion in lost coastal property, reduced labor productivity, increased power demands, reduced crop yields, and demand for sun shades will have a negative impact on the economy, forgetting that Americans love a challenge and that they should check with Facebook first before trying to say anything about an extremely malleable tech-driven economy.

“They’re just not putting their thinking caps on,” chuckled one Wall Street insider. “We make incredible amounts of money on war, crisis, and people’s general sense of insecurity. Always have.”

Other economists agreed, stating that the



THIS TYPICAL CLIMATE CHANGE alarmist completely forgot to check with Facebook before expressing an opinion about global warming, which in fact is simply an opportunity to make heaps of money.

anticipated 11,000 to 36,000 additional deaths per year will boost flower sales, cemetery plot sales, etc.

“Innovators will thrive,” noted one funeral home director. “We’re working on a tornado-safe final resting place that can double as a shelter.”

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Asiana Crew Unfairly Criticized for Relying on Technology and Fancy Features Which Fuel the Economy

by Linus Uppinshoodes

The Asiana Airlines’ crew was defended by business leaders against unfair criticisms that they “placed excessive reliance” on automated flight controls and nifty gadgetry in the devastating crash which killed three and wounded nearly 200 passengers in July of 2013.

“We NEED people to rely on automated stuff,” huffed one local Silicon Valley venture capitalist. “How else are we going to sell a self-driving car?”

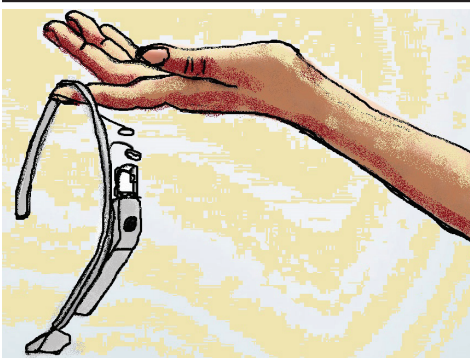
Others agreed that the automated throttle controls, rather than the crew, were responsible, and that science would eventually take care of system defects.

“To suggest that American know-how can’t fix this stuff is just un-American,” agreed one member of the National Transportation Safety Board off the record. “I can’t wait until I can fix my breakfast from my phone.”

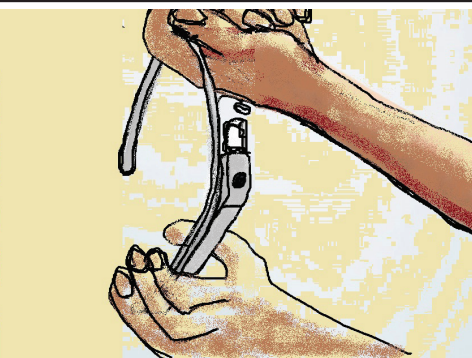
“It may take time and a lot of Facebook research on users, but we’ll get to the bottom of what went wrong,” affirmed another venture capitalist. “In the meantime people need to know that their data will be used in responsible ways for the common good of whatever shared private and governmental agencies own it.”

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We Can’t Draw Comics by Franz Toast



THE BEST APPROACH to an encounter with Google Glass is direct.



GRASP FIRMLY with both hands after quick removal from the wearer’s head.



AND DON’T look back after firmly registering your disapproval.

Berkeley Officials “Surprised” Homeless Campers Don’t Want Plentiful Berkeley Housing

By Linda Helpinghand



Berkeley police strolled through the homeless camp under Interstate 80 posting a letter from Berkeley’s Environmental Health Division declaring the

area a nuisance, citing the presence of food waste, mattresses, tarps, and sleeping bags belonging to people most of whom had been forced from the nearby Albany Bulb informal campsite in May.

“This was completely unexpected,” stated a spokesperson for the city. “We assumed that homeless people who lived at the Albany Bulb would quickly put out money for a year lease or buy a condo. These people must just love living on concrete.”

“Berkeley has plenty of housing,” stated a local developer who acknowledged that most apartment rentals start around \$2,000 to \$3,000 a month, require a credit check,



BERKELEY POLICE are understandably baffled when they encounter stubborn people who just don’t seem to see the point of sleeping under an actual roof.

frown on dogs, etc. “We can’t figure out why people would prefer to live under an overpass instead of enjoying these lovely views.”

“Our condo buildings have open space,” agreed a city staffer from the planning department. “There’s usually a little patch on top and we do count the cumulative addition of all the square inches from each of the fake balconies for good measure.”

“It’s a mystery,” agreed a city staffer taping up a notice on the underpass’s pillars. “Give me hardwood floors and subtle Craftsman styling any day.”

Critics argued that average rents would require more than 100% of a minimum wage worker’s



CRITICS CLAIM that no neater or cleaner homeless encampment ever existed than the one under the I-80 overpass recently declared a nuisance, but the City of Berkeley said that they need an official declaration from Martha Stewart before they can stay.



HOMELESS CAMPERS aimably re-arrange their belongings on a daily basis to suit the police, who just can’t make up their minds.

Fog Of War

While we’ve been sleeping, aliens have invaded our minds. Their toxic gas has left us feeling paralyzed and cynical. But there are signs of resistance. Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden have exposed a military out of control and a criminal surveillance state. Their acts of conscience have shown the world the depth of U.S. deception and brutality. Support whistleblowers who risk their personal freedom to defend our civil liberties. Clemency for Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden.

paycheck, but were dismissed.

“Haven’t these people ever heard of a trust fund?” snorted one officer. “Either they or their broker need a wake-up call.”

Almost every condo building built in the last ten years has vacancies for the \$3,000 to \$7,000 a month rental set, which critics suggest make the space ripe for squatting.

“We thought of that,” laughed one of the staff at Berkeley Central, which like most vacancy-laden condo buildings prefers years of vacancies to reducing its rents. “That’s why the Berkeley Police Department is getting tasers.”

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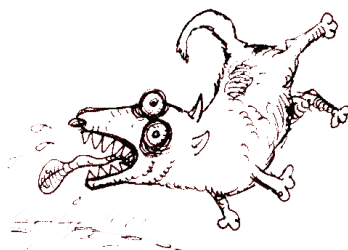


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