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“Buying homeless housing from Patrick Kennedy is like buying a furnace from Hitler...” - Commissioner Dan McMullan

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“it hath seen very hot service...”*

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Bake Sales for the Wall Fall Short

Little Enthusiasm for “Chocolate Chip Cookies for the Wall” Campaign



GIRLS SCOUTS CAN ALWAYS be counted on to pitch in a help raise funds, but decided to raise funds for Planned Parenthood instead.

By Hilda Climb

A spokesperson for the Girl Scouts publicly defended the refusal of their organization to help raise money for President Trump’s wall between the United States and Mexico, a project which is having trouble finding a secure source of funding.

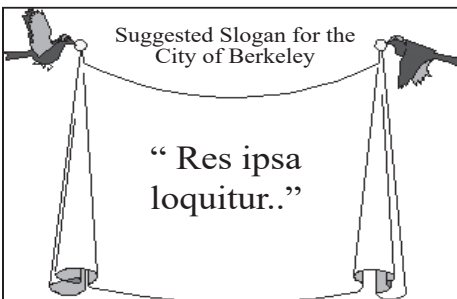
“The Girl Scouts are better fundraisers than the Republican National Committee,” pointed out Trump spokesperson Kellyanne Conway. “We honestly thought we could count on them to recognize assisting us with this project as their patriotic duty.”



GIRL SCOUTS responded one local girl scout are young about the controversy. We but kind of just think raising money for hard to fool. Planned Parenthood is a larger priority right now.”

“We appreciate that the President really wants us on board,” responded spokesperson Annabel Rang. “He says he hopes to see our girls at a pageant someday.”

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Fake News Writer Wins Pulitzer

By Lord Addiflies

“There’s no question he was the most inventive,” stated one of the judges determining the top criteria for the Pulitzer Prize winner, an anonymous slacker from Romania whose work riveted the world and changed the course of history.

“We couldn’t stop reading it,” confessed

DBA Searching for “Director of Vitality”

By Beecher Dedhorse

The Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) confirmed that they have launched a search for a “Director of Vitality” at a salary of \$70,000 per year.

“We envision someone with a lot of energy who can give people the impression that downtown Berkeley is full of energy,” explained DBA Director John Caner regarding their prospective new hire. “The



THE DIRECTOR OF VITALITY will look something like this if the DBA gets lucky.

most exciting thing going on downtown is the fact that every few years they dig up BART Plaza.”

Critics remarked that the revitalization at the core of the DBA’s mission has been scudding along the bottom of the tank for years and is hardly helped by another layer of publicly funded administration, but were dismissed by political insiders.

“There’s nothing that tickles a politician’s fancy like a fresh layer of publicly funded administration,” stated one local observer. “It might be redundant, it might even be counter-productive, but only the nutballs who actually read the budget will notice. The taxpayers never manage to see or say a thing.”

“We hope the public will help spread the word,” added Caner. “We haven’t seen any actual vitality around here in decades.”

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the American public whose interest drove the click-bait’s worth into the billions. “We still can’t stop.”

Critics argued that the Pulitzer standards were being distorted beyond recognition, but were dismissed.

“We appreciate the disappointment some literary types are experiencing,” empathized one judge. “We’re kind of nostalgic for anything that isn’t currently distorted beyond recognition.”

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MAKING UP FAKE NEWS might seem unfair but it is an art worthy of more attention than real news which most people often experience as repetitive, boring, and repetitive.

Wheel Reinvention Startup Gets 5.1 Billion in Venture Capital

“Results in five to ten years” say engineers

By Farrah Smettle

Silicon Valley critics were appalled to hear that more than five billion dollars were being committed to the reinvention of the wheel.

“What about libraries and schools?” asked one local gadfly banging a podium. “What about another video game instead?”

Silicon Valley experts explained that while seemingly redundant, the wheel reinvention had at least as much practical application as another cool video game.

“Imagine a self-turning wheel,” enthused one venture capitalist. “Most people here have their hands full patting themselves on the back, so it would really be helpful.”

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, so if the new president is really a narcissistic lunatic, is there anything we can do as individuals?

Dear reader, Yes, I have had extensive training on this. Crawl immediately under your desk with your hands wrapped around your head and wait for your teacher to tell you when to come out. This technique may not necessarily be effective, but it remains the most respected tradition in human history along with shooting or ostracizing the bearer of unpleasant news.

Dear Lena, I've come to the conclusion that the majority of my friends are petty, narrow-minded jerks. The only reason they're not considered racists is their facility with euphemisms. The only way to feel comfortable around them is by smiling stiffly and saying nothing. What should I do?

Dear reader, boot these people and get out of there. Respond to their invitations politely that you regret not having the time to attend, because you really don't. Life is short, and the average fish tank is a setting with more compassion. Find new friends. You can hardly do worse, and most of the folks on the bus are a really nice bunch.

Dear Lena, what is the solution to all these drones at the park zooming around scaring the birds and making that terrible high-pitched whine. I can't stand the noise, and isn't it a crime yet to bother the birds or shouldn't we do that.

Dear reader, you could work on passing a law prohibiting their use in the habitat and flyway areas, but people love violating laws so they can achieve a sense of rebellion and purpose in life. The only solution is to arm the birds, preferably with assault weapons, but they are somewhat difficult for birds to hold. I advise all birds pick up a Ruger SP101 38 Special with a five inch rubber grip and satin fixed sights and really do some target practise, perhaps on the people in the park with unleashed dogs.

Ask Lena about organza versus chiffon at cdenny@jgc.org.

Ranger John Bingaman Helps City Council Figure Out Who is "Camping"



RANGER JOHN W. BINGAMAN, who served 38 years as a Yosemite ranger from 1918 to 1956, is an expert on campers and the accoutrement which reflect their camping status, such as brightly colored plastic hotwheels and freeze-dried food.

By Lida Campfire

The City of Berkeley is knee-deep in law journals and municipal codes trying to figure out whether or not people harboring under an over-pass or stopping to tie their shoes are technically "camping" as opposed to resting, or just passing through. As a consequence of this confusion, one of Yosemite's first rangers, John Bingaman, has been hired to help distinguish the perhaps confusing differences.

"Disneyland t-shirts, for instance, and bright plastic hot wheels toys are a sure sign you have some campers on your hands."

"It's typical for them to complain about woodpeckers, for instance, as annoying, or ask the rangers to do something about the sounds of owls at night. They think there is a switch somewhere we can turn off, like theatrical special effects."

"The tent groups in Berkeley tend to be much more sophisticated about the natural world," continued Bingaman. "This is evident in their ability to predict the strange, lingering effects of the previous Bates administration on the current City Council."

"The native dance of the local Berkeley City Councilmember is something we've been observing for decades," acknowledged one of a group of tent dwellers. "They talk a good game when they want electoral support, but they know kicking around the poor is a secure path to reelection."

"We wish we were camping," stated another tent dweller. "It sounds like fun."

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LARGE PLASTIC TOYS are typically part of the setting for campers, according to experienced rangers.

"Campers usually look really out of place," stated Bingaman. "Disneyland t-shirts, for instance, and bright plastic hot wheels toys are a sure sign that you have campers on your hands."

Bingaman added that campers also usually bring boom boxes or personal music systems which they use to drown out the natural sounds around them.



PEOPLE WHO ARE CAMPING are easily identified by a guitar player in their circle relentlessly subjecting them to horrifying, unstoppable songs he or she learned as kids at camp.

C-Span Broadcast Interrupted by Russian News



SOME PEOPLE THINK that RT News from Russia interrupted the C-Span broadcast to be mean, but they haven't really thought about how boring it is to hear about the Securities and Exchange Commission.

By Russell N. Underbrush

At 2:30 p.m. on a recent Thursday, Representative Maxine Waters was on the floor of the House of Representatives arguing something or other about the Securities and Exchange Commission when the broadcast abruptly turned into an RT (Russia Today) newsfeed with a weather report at a balmy beach vacation spot.

Many political observers rushed to declare that Russia was deliberately interfering with American communications for nefarious purposes, but were dismissed by the Russians who pointed out that they just seated their preferred candidate as president who was in turn seating Wall Street tycoons and fossil fuel industry insiders in his cabinet, so Почему мы любим это: Как видение из сборника рассказов, этой деревни кости белый, греко-мавританских жилых кластеров экзотически вдоль интимных полумесяц Maundays залива.

Где остановиться: Утонченная и стильным местом в окружении пышных 180 акров с более чем 60000 цветущих растений, Cap Juluca располагает 70 отремонтированными безукоризненно пляжных номера и люксы с решетчатым

Trump Foundation is "new model" With No Donations or Staff

By Lowell Level

"It has that fresh, disruptive quality," stated one business insider about the new model for non-profits represented by the Trump Foundation, which has introduced fresh, disruptive concepts such as just keeping donations.

"It would really help our overhead if we could use charitable donations to address our own needs," agreed one local nonprofit director. "And maybe just *my* needs. The poor are so ungrateful, anyway."

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ENRICHING yourself with your foundation's charitable donations is considered a fresh, disruptive model.



IF YOU SUDDENLY FIND A RUSSIAN broadcast interrupting your tv show, just try to enjoy the opportunity to see something fresh, something *disruptive*.

двери, которые открываются широкие для террасы с видом на океан. (Виллы с частными бассейнами.) Бассейн 1800 квадратных футов в окружении колонн является пресноводной альтернативой аквамаринов Карибского бассейна.

Basseyyn 1800 kvadratnykh futov v okruzhennii kolonn yavlyayetsya presnovodnoy al'ternativoy akvamarin Karibskogo basseyna.

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Los Angeles' Proposal to Ban Developers' City Hall Contributions Designated "Fake News" By Developers

"Don't look" say developers - "Watch the shiny objects."

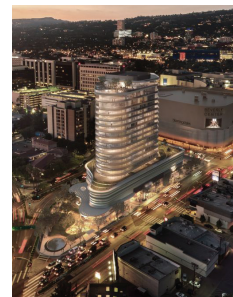
By Lawson Forgotten

Developers rushed to reassure their dependents that Los Angeles' City Council members Paul Krekorian, Joe Buscaino, Paul Koretz, Mike Bonin and David Ryu were probably joking when they requested that the Los Angeles Ethics Commission devise an ordinance prohibiting contributions from developers who have "projects currently or recently before city decision makers."

"It's that fake news," stated Los Angeles billionaire developer Rick Caruso, whose sixteen story luxury development was just approved by the Los Angeles City Council despite controversy over political contributions. "These people know they can't rely on bake sales."

The Los Angeles Times reported that Caruso, along with members of his family and employees, donated about \$470,000 to local politicians over the last five years, but "that's nothing," according to his stable of accountants.

"This is Los Angeles," stated Caruso from his Newport Beach mega-yacht. "\$470,000 is chicken feed around here."

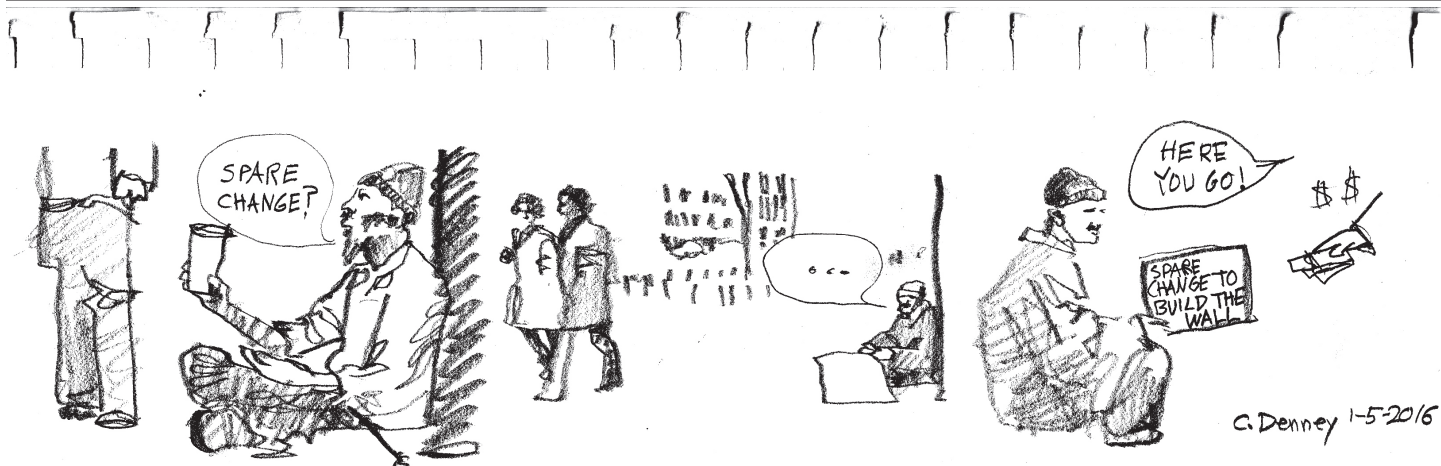


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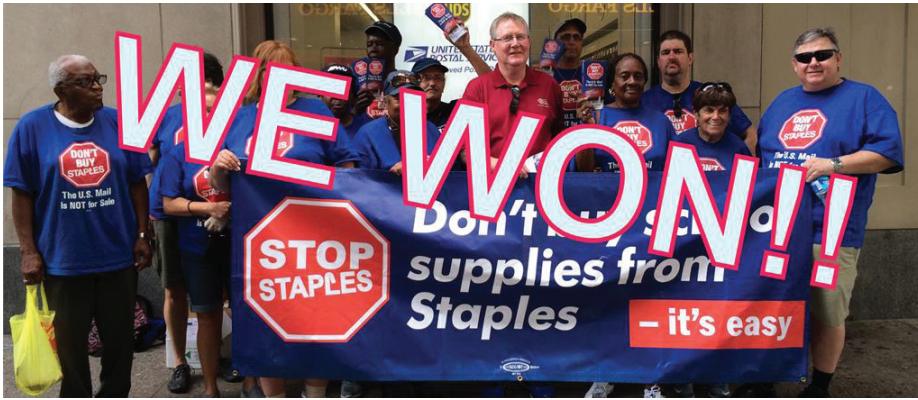
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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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THE EFFORT TO PRIVATIZE POSTAL SERVICES BY USING STAPLES STORES hit a snag in the form of a boycott by people who really don't know what is good for them.

Staples-USPS Privatization Deal Fails

By Sue Keeney-Blossom



PEOPLE love these mailboxes and nobody really knows why.

The three year effort to privatize U. S. Postal Service retail services by placing them inside Staples stores will end in February of 2017 after inexplicably receiving little or no support from the post office-loving public.

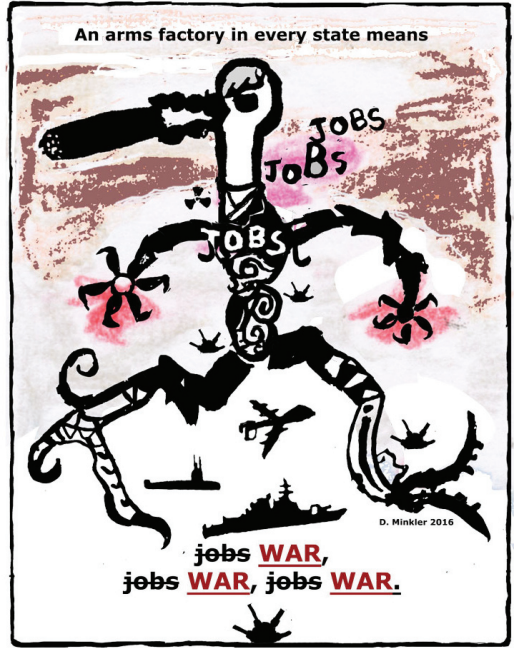
"It's puzzling," stated a spokesperson from Staples management. "These people really love their post offices."

The American Postal Workers Union staged enthusiastic demonstrations against the privatization effort, which threatened

to spread to all of the 26 countries in which Staples does business but was confounded by dozens of city councils which passed resolutions endorsing the Staples boycott.

"These unions were supposed to be on their last legs," stated another bewildered Staples spokesperson. "They messed up our merger with Office Depot, they took us to court, and we even had to pay a \$250 million dollar penalty. They just didn't seem to appreciate that unions are old-fashioned and people today should be lucky to have a job at all."

"We're not sure we understand the war



on post offices," ventured one local citizen. "We really like postal workers, and postal services, and getting the mail."

"We like stamps. We like envelopes and cards and packages," agreed another local resident. "We also love it when the National Labor Relations Board takes a stand for workers' rights. There's just something about it."

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Cooking American carnage with celebrities!

by Juana Dance

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