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Serra Canonization Gives Hope to Torturers and Murders



IF THIS GUY IS A SAINT then there's no question that we all have a shot.

By Lew Slipfool

California's new saint has a pretty checkered history, but that shouldn't discourage people, according to Pope Francis, who has put the stamp of approval on Junipero Serra's sainthood.

Religious experts conceded that Serra's colonization efforts in the 1760s required the forced slave labor of indigenous people in early California, but stated there was an upside.

Maio, Council, Ready to Give Thumbs-up to More Laws Against Being Poor

By Gilly Mesofly-Widdasong

"My constituents are frustrated," explained Berkeley Councilmember Linda Maio as she prepared her Tuesday, November 17th proposal to force poor people to fit their belongings into two square feet of space. "They just can't bear to see so many



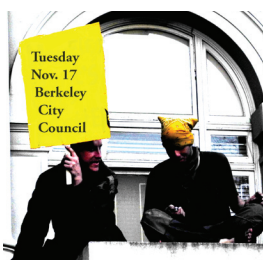
THE POPE CAN CANONIZE ANYBODY he wants to so there.

"The ninety percent death rate for native people was pretty serious," noted one historian. "But that last ten percent was a sturdy bunch."

Religious historians noted that although it may be controversial to canonize someone who used bribes and physical force to incarcerate and forcibly baptize people in crowded, filthy conditions which killed more than 100,000 aboriginal people, the upside is that it radically lowers the bar for sainthood.

"That anyone would even consider making this guy a saint is pretty much a miracle," stated one local historian. "That saint door is wide open now."

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people suffering."

Maio's un-housed constituents agreed.

"It's really difficult," stated one young mother whose children are trying to do homework in their dark car. "I feel for anybody having to watch our family struggle."

No one could explain how Maio ended up with the "two square foot" law aimed at condensing belongings, but agreed that the police were really experienced at ballparking legal niceties.

"You toss them in jail, the District Attorney drops the charges," shrugged one officer. "We don't generally dial down to the detail."

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Scruffy Folksingers Boot Canadian Prime Minister

By Flo N. Stream

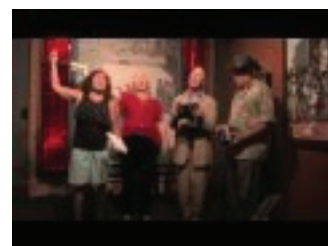


Experts agreed that the critical factor in Canada's election debacle which unseated the Conservative government were unruly folksingers who gathered across the nation in annoying public singalongs of scientist Tony Turner's "Harperman" song.

BIG PUBLIC SING-ALONGS against Harper really were rude and should be outlawed.

"They were everywhere," huffed one Conservative party member who is now jobless after Prime Minister Harper's huffy resignation. "Playing their stupid guitars and banging their tambourines. You could barely get up and down the steps of the Parliament."

Experts advised caution around folksingers, who are known to be obstreperous.



HALI HAMMER, MARCIE BOYD, Mugg Muggles and that other gal shouldn't say anything about other countries' elections which is none of their business.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2q--OVbSRY>

Top Ten Rejected Pope Souvenirs

1. frozen popesicles
2. pope talking dolls with a string in their back
3. pope cocktail crackers and wine
4. pope waterwings
5. big pope hats
6. remote controlled electronic mini-popemobiles
7. pope in the box
8. whack-a-pope game
9. pope goes the weasel game
10. microwave popecorn

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"making fascism look shiny and new..."

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I want to work at We Work but I can't figure out what they actually do all day and the thought of dressing up mannequins in bridesmaid outfits kind of creeps me out. Is it just me?

Dear reader, it isn't just you, but unless you're down with the creepy mannequins in bridesmaid dresses you just don't have the requisite skills to fill up the twelve to fourteen hour days they're claiming they put in every day because well somebody has to dress the mannequins and it won't be me.

Dear Lena, does the folksinger factor in Canada affect the election here? I sure don't want a bunch of folksingers singing on my front steps.

Dear reader, most people share your concern. Political songwriters are universally loathed, but hard to starve. It is best to take aggressive measures such as noxious sprays and loud leafblowers.

Dear Lena, I'm interested in the "no controversy" zone. Is it possible to at least have one near me?

Dear reader, if it catches on in Berkeley it is possible that one could arrange for a permit for a private zone around one's residence or picnic, which might prove useful in this electoral climate.

Dear Lena, so is it true anybody can become a saint?

Dear reader, Serra had an inside track, but yes, there appears to be a chance for us all since genocide is no issue.

Dear Lena, so they just decided to stay in Afghanistan forever? This is really disappointing. I was hoping all the troops would be home for the holidays

Dear reader, it isn't forever. It's just until the end of time.

Ask Lena about self-playing banjos at cdenny@igc.org.



CHERYL DAVILA WAS REMOVED as a commissioner because she's one of those nutballs who thinks so highly of free speech that she forgets how annoying it can be to other people.

Councilmember Darryl Moore Boots Commissioner, Wants "No Controversy Zone" in Berkeley

By Celia Records

District Two representative Darryl Moore explained his sudden termination of Commissioner Cheryl Davila's appointment to a Berkeley commission by saying he wanted a peaceful town without a bunch of unnecessary turmoil and controversy.

"The holidays are coming up," he explained. "We don't want to mess things up with some big predictable dust-up over Palestinian rights."

The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission's chair Praveen Sood said the removal surprised him, but not as much as Moore's effort to make Berkeley a controversy-free zone.

"I'm not sure how that's supposed to work," he mused, "especially since without discussion it's hard to tell who is offended by what."

Experts advised alternative means of discussion of controversial issues until the free speech protocol is ironed out or the holidays are over.

"Bumperstickers are a very effective form of expression," stated one local expert. "And people can always wear those little lapel pins."

Critics scoffed at this suggestion.

"We love bumperstickers as much as the next guy," stated one critic. "But the holidays are never over in a town like this,



LAST DECEMBER'S PROTESTS really interfered with shopping and nobody wants that.

where what constitutes the "new year" to a particular group or religion, for instance, keeps on rolling until around April."

"I know it's a challenge," responded Councilmember Moore, "but we need to give it a shot, especially considering the way Black Lives Matter disrupted the shopping season last year. This year we want to see some quality shopping."

"He's right," echoed a representative of the Downtown Berkeley Association. "If money is speech, then shopping is certainly speech, too."

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THE WE WORK GUYS have trouble figuring out how to justify their venture capitalization but if they stare long enough at the mannequins in bridesmaid dresses it will come to them.

We Work at We Work Space Written by We Work Guys

By Tex Justajoke

We Work at We Work Space with a beanbag chair and empty beer cans with drones! So We Work hits all the bases at once! And mannequins in bridesmaid dresses! Which we think is not so much tech as just kind of frat boy but here at We Work that's us we think it really works!

It's full of computers like a mad scientist's lab! With wires! And with drones! And with pliers! You can see us sitting at our computers with wires all over working here at We Work working like three mad scientists with a hint of frat boy.

We Work want drones to communicate so they don't smash into each other cruising around which would help because they are expensive and they fall down a lot and smash into things and who wants something that breaks? Not us here at We Work! At We Work we want drones to work! Ha ha! And so do frat boys! And so does Amazon! Because it would suck for your drone to smash on the way to bringing you your iPod! At least that's what we think at We Work although that's a good point that

Shocking Racial Disparities "Just A Bunch of Numbers" According to Berkeley's Chief of Police

By Ariel Iwewon

Berkeley's Police Chief Meehan agreed that the initial view of racial disparities on police stops makes his department look bad, but noted that the report itself was just a bunch of numbers.

"We're really a nice bunch of officers," he responded. "If we stop more black people than white people it's just because we're really friendly."

Several Local groups including the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union compiled months of data related to about 4,700 traffic stops. According to the data, they said, 30.5% of the stops involved black motorists, even though black people make up only 8% of Berkeley's population.

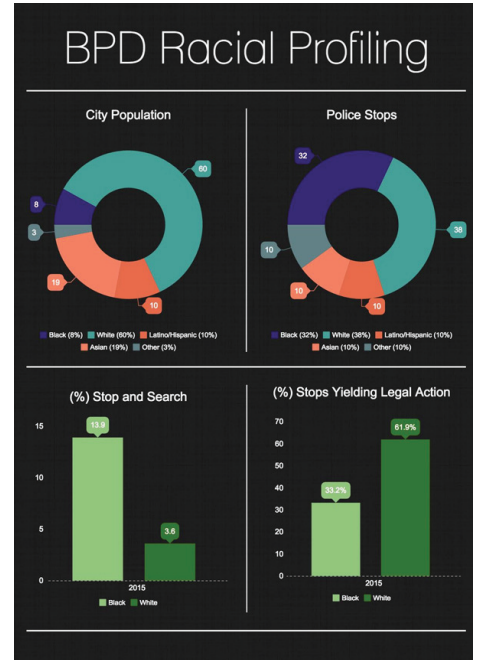
"It may seem disproportionate to the racial makeup of the local population," stated Chief Meehan, "but trust me that this report would have very different results if we were in charge of the numbers."

"That's right," stated Berkeley police spokeswoman Officer Jennifer Coats. "We look forward to issuing our own report and giving it a personal touch."

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smashing a drone is pretty frat boy on the face of it but we want something to work around here! Ha ha!

Otherwise our funding source no let's talk about the bridesmaid dresses on the mannequins! Our VC people love that stuff and the beer cans all over and the wires and pliers! If we move fast we can hit beta before the FAA has any rules so we at We Work write the rules! It's disruptive! But safe! We Work needs to combat the perception that anything is wrong or anything can smash



IF MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE STOPPED in Berkeley are people of color but aren't committing any crime then why don't they just see that our police just want to get to know them.

and drop your iPod! Or drop your iPad! It won't drop or smash because we are making some really good plans here and we at We Work have a prototype! And beer steins and the mannequins! And the wires and pliers! for twelve or fourteen hours every day. Every day!

We're going to rake it in with data acquisition! Come on by and we'll show you our glass walls where the sun comes in! And there's a life coach!

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Fresh Comics

by Guest Artist Diane Villanueva





MANY COUNTRIES HAVE solved the problem of low-cost housing for poor people.

Slum Restoration Project Under Consideration

By Anna Wonnanatu

A recent report confirmed that there is nothing left to rent in San Francisco unless you are made of money. As a consequence local businesses are having trouble finding workers to underpay.

"It used to be so easy," shrugged one restaurant owner. "People would work for just about anything. But they can't all live in their cars because of the parking, and they can't get here on time if they live out in Fresno."

"Workers hit their wall a long time ago," agreed one city planner. "That's why we're looking at a slum restoration proposal."

"Slums might be the answer," mused

Obama Opts to Keep Troops in Afghanistan Through End of Time

By Buzz Dedishes

President Obama changed his mind about withdrawing American troops from Afghanistan and decided endless war was not so bad after all.

"We will save money on parades," offered one thoughtful observer. "That ticker tape and confetti doesn't come free."

Military experts conceded that this particular war will probably have no recognizable goal and no discernable winner and will continue to cost American lives but that it was really important anyway.

"We're not sure why, but it's crucial," stated Josh earnest, the White House press secretary. "And we could still changed our minds again, so I advise you to hang around the press room."

The American public expressed confusion about the announcement.



one local housing expert. "We need a large amount of housing that is substandard enough to be of no interest to developers."

"We need blight," explained another planner frankly. "We're thinking of hiring graffiti artists to help."

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AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS of war the theory is that we may be in a hole but we might as well just keep digging.

"I can deal with the fact that he can't keep all his promises," said one voter scratching his head. "But weren't drones supposed to put an end to people dying and stuff? Or war itself? Wasn't that the plan?"

Tech experts explained that drones were closing on the right technology to end war.

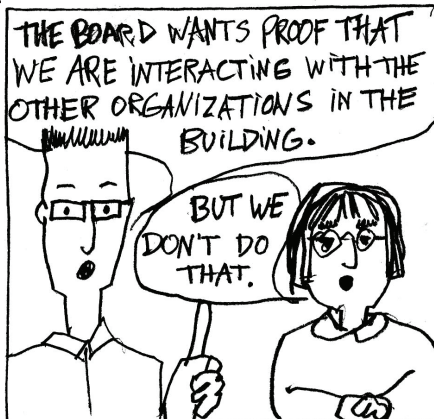
"We're almost there," assured one clean room engineer. "But Amazon has dibs on the new stuff. The Pentagon has to wait their turn."

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



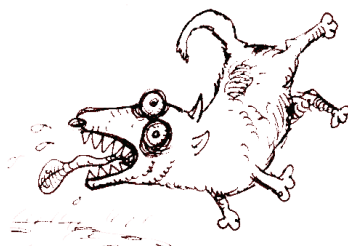
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