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## Facebook, Google Defend Fake News as “much more popular”



STANFORD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE between real and fake news according to a recent Stanford University study which proves that we love shallow, provocative headlines and are sitting around eating chips in the middle of a post-truth society.

By Dora Bull

Silicon Valley programmers are racing to tweak their algorithms in the light of the discovery that much more fake news than accurate news was shared and re-tweeted during the recent presidential election.

“We’re not accepting any responsibility for the election results,” stated Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg

as he presented a seven-point plan which included putting warning labels on suspect information. “Historically, we have relied on our community to help us understand what is fake and what is not.”

“We can’t tell,” responded readers, who readily acknowledged that they thought the

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most recent headlines saying that Donald Trump was going to be the next president were just a joke.

“And a tasteless one at that,” commented one newspaper reader. “You never know who will take something like that seriously.”

Researchers admitted that since Facebook, Google, Twitter, and the

other primary purveyors of fake news have no intention of dismantling the lucrative advertising incentives playing the largest role in the fake news industry very little was likely to change.

“Everybody runs toward the blinking, shiny thing in the room,” sighed one researcher. “If the real news wants any real attention, it needs to get serious and wear LED-lit pasties like everybody else.”

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## Melania Apologizes for Trump Presidency: “I just wanted him out of the house”



AN EXHAUSTED MELANIA TRUMP apologized publically for Trump’s win, explaining that the whole election thing was a ruse to get Trump off the couch and out of the house.

By Brianna Baygel

First Lady-elect Melania Trump apologized to reporters saying that encouraging her husband to run was just an effort to try to get him to turn off the tv and get out of the house.

“I never thought he would win,” she said sheepishly. “Nobody did.”

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## Jesus May Not Come Back for the Holiday Season

### Customary Holiday Visit in Jeopardy Because of Election

By Farrah Smettle

Jesus clarified at a recent press conference that suspending his usual holiday visit was not a protest against the recent presidential election.

“Im just kind of concerned about crossing the border,” he explained. “I get profiled all the time.”

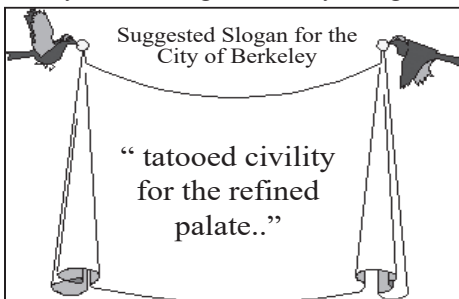
Critics responded that Jesus could still enjoy the lights on 4th Street under the last remnants of Obama’s administration, but were dismissed.

“Nobody knows what’s happening right now,” stated Jesus. “I hear the country’s being run out of some golf resort.”

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

“tatoed civility for the refined palate..”



MOST READERS admitted that they thought headlines stating Donald Trump had won the election were just a very bad joke.

# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I am so tired of all this fake news. I thought it was at least safe to read the newspaper, but my newspaper says of all things that Donald Trump won the election. Can you imagine. How stupid do they think we are.**

Dear reader, yes, they must think we are complete fools. Consider getting your news from reliable sources, like the back of cereal boxes.

**Dear Lena, there will be a new majority on the Berkeley City Council they're calling "progressive." Is that for real?**

Dear reader, "progressive" has come to mean skyscrapers and homeless tent sweeps. Keep your Who's Next album handy.

**Dear Lena, so is it true that we all get the government we deserve?**

Dear reader, you get the government you deserve. And then I get the government you deserve, too.

**Dear Lena, I would like to move out of the country to show my dismay, but I'm really fond of the local bakery. Should I follow my conscience or my stomach?**

Dear reader, it's a tough call. But follow your stomach. No self-respecting country would have us after this.

**Dear Lena, my relatives in Texas are elated over the recent election results and it really annoys me. I try to recommend books for them to read, but they just respond by sending books to me that I wouldn't read in a million years. What should I do?**

Dear reader, your Texas relatives are having their Occupy moment. Their message has yet to stop echoing throughout the universe, and you can't compete right now. Quit with the books, already.

*Ask Lena about swimming with water polo-playing dolphins who can predict the future at least on a par with your average pollster at [cdenny@igc.org](mailto:cdenny@igc.org).*

# Mea Culpa Smackdown

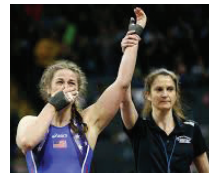
## Pundits Wrestle Over Election Blame

### Election Explanations of Grandiose Proportions Considered for Next Olympic Games

By Yehudi Hellaryoo

"It started with a simple talking heads concept," stated one media expert over the excitement sweeping the nation about the new political 'mea culpa' television show.

"We thought it was odd that they wanted to take the blame," observed one media producer. "But look at Jill Stein's demand for a recount and imagine the publicity she'll get for her next challenge to the Democratic Party and suddenly it all adds up."



POLITICAL losers are eager to apologize to upset voters in a new show which may rate higher than Dancing with the Stars.

The groups wishing to don exotic wrestling gear and compete for electoral blame include Russian hackers, racists, voters, non-voters, Melania, Access Hollywood, the FBI, Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, Bernie Sanders supporters, misogynists, alt-media sites, the New York Times, pollsters, the Green Party, and the Libertarians.

"We thought it was odd that Access Hollywood wanted to compete," stated one tv executive. "But it turns out they think that by releasing that tape they accidentally made Trump more popular than ever."

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LIBERTARIAN AND GREEN PARTY NOMINEES WRESTLE for the championship mea culpa trophy along with a raft of enthusiastic contenders in eye-catching costumes.



DELTA SMELT ARE CAGEY creatures organized along the lines of the mafia.

# Delta Fish Admit They Bribed Water Resources Board

## - PayPal Claims They Had No Idea

By Noah Peelatahl

"We shouldn't have done it," admitted a smelt outside a recent hearing in Sacramento. "It's just that after all this time we began to feel desperate."

"And we had the money," added another smelt adjusting his cuffs. "We do really well down at the Oaks Club."

California's struggle over water resources has long been linked to corruption, but this is the first time fish have been implicated in a bribery scandal, according to historians.

"They don't have pockets," said one bewildered Water Resources Board staff member. "Nobody thought they had money. We knew they were affected, of course, and would have an interest in water policy, but we never really considered the possibility that they might, uh, play an active role."

Critics argue that the smelt are only doing what everybody else does who needs to have their voices heard in public policy matters, and are merely being practical, even traditional.

"I'm not admitting anything myself," responded one Delta smelt. "But the salmon turned us on to Paypal. We do most of our work online these days."

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# Trump's first moves as President:

1. Sue those women.
2. Sue the media.
3. Sue my hairdresser.
4. Sue Saturday Night Live.
5. Sue that lady on the plane.
6. Sue the Access Hollywood camera guy.
7. Sue the microphone guy, too.
8. Sue all the windmill makers.
9. Sue all the competing golf courses.
10. Sue Rosie O'Donnell.

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# Techsters Riot Over Lack of Trump App

By Ensign Nada

Silicon Valley tech workers upset over the lack of apps to handle the Trump presidency trashed a Radio Shack store in Menlo Park recently, behavior seen as unusual for the normally docile group.

"We would have trashed the Apple Store, but we need that," stated one of the group.

"They're normally pretty apolitical," stated one Silicon Valley insider. "They don't usually have any idea who the president of anything is."

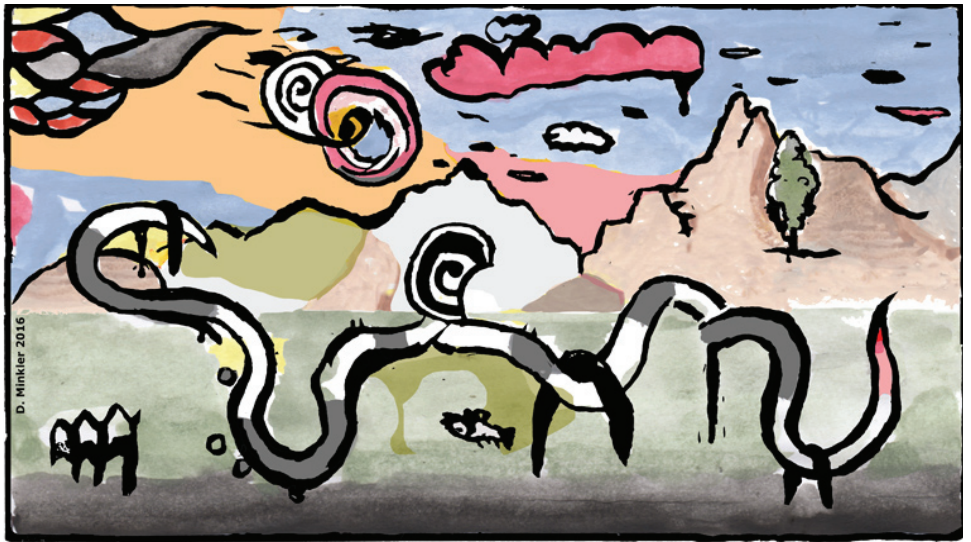
"Most of them voted for Bernie Sanders if they favorite holiday target voted at all," stated another insider. "And most of them didn't vote."

"We figured that if anything really important happened it would show up in Pokemon Go," confided one tech worker.

"It's true," confessed another Silicon Valley programmer. "I thought when it came to Donald Trump we could just swipe left."

When asked if the group had any demands they looked puzzled.

"We didn't know we could make any demands," confessed one of the rioters ad-



## Pipelines Leak

In Solidarity with the Water Protectors

"We call on all residents of Berkeley to raise awareness about this important struggle for Indigenous sovereignty and environmental justice and to support the Sacred Stones Camp efforts to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline."—Berkeley California city council, 9-27-2016

justing his pocket protector. "We thought what you do is just kind of randomly smash things. That seems to be what other groups do around here."

"We didn't want to block the freeway," stated another tech rioter. "Pissing off the authorities is one thing. But pissing off a soccer mom with three screaming kids who need to pee in the back seat is something else again."

Bewildered reporters asked if their con-

cern about the new Trump administration had anything to do with E1 visas, but the tech rioters said no.

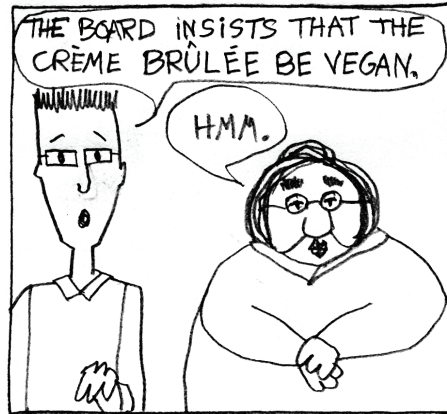
"This is Silicon Valley," they noted. "We appreciate that Washington, D.C., takes itself kind of seriously. But this is where the real rules come from."

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### THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



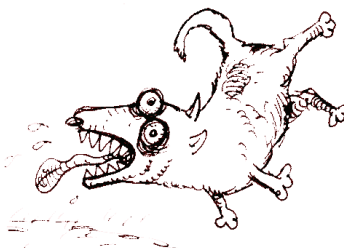
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