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Jesus Returns, Admits to Fake News

By Gloria Bounds

Jesus's annual return to the Bay Area was highlighted by a press conference with local tech CEOs who issued a joint statement in support of fake news, which they claim is a really important part of their intellectual freedom.



JESUS SAYS he never wears stuff like this but is used to being followed around by fake news.

"We don't want the government in the position of deciding what is true," explained Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, "not that our algorithms have any idea what the truth actually is."

"We're getting better," claimed

Twitter's Sean Edgett. "Our software can now tell the difference between a monkey and a human."

Jesus dismissed the concerns of people frightened of having Rus-



JESUS STATED THAT A LOT OF STUFF in his book is obviously exaggerated for literary effect and is clearly confusing for people who are metaphorically impaired.

sians control American elections, pointing out that they are just doing what most political consultants do anyway.

"The Bible is pure mythology and yet people respect it," stated Jesus.

"People care more about football scores." * * * * *

Santa Applauds Trump Decision on Coal Controversial Fuel Beloved by Traditionalists

By Judas Ide

Santa Claus reluctantly agreed to comment on President Trump's effort to champion the future of coal after months of silence on the topic.

"I knew it would be controversial," stated Mr. Claus at a recent press conference at the North Pole. "I'm aware that this will probably interfere

"We're making a list," he said. "We're checking it twice."

with my approval rating. But it's true that my enterprise relies on coal."

Mr. Claus continued, saying that in his view modern parenting was too permissive and many children remain unaware that their behavior is substandard.

"We need to send a message to the parents, too," explained Claus. "We wanted to send a warning in June

to give parents some time to crack the whip before the Christmas season is cranking up because these kids are out of control."

Environmentalists booed while Mr. Claus nodded sheepishly and continued, "we've tried using natural gas, but it tends to be misunderstood. We're trying to strike a

balance between being environmentally conscious and providing an important deterrent to naughty behavior."

Mr. Claus added that his staff continues to experiment with alternatives, such as tasers and pepper spray, but hasn't quite found the right mix yet.

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SOME KIDS just don't cut the mustard and everybody knows it.



IF YOU GET coal in your stocking for Christmas you really blew it and it sure isn't Santa's fault.



BLACK ACTIVISTS AND SUPPORTERS were so thrilled by their promotion that they threw a parade.

FBI Counterterrorism Division Promotes "Black Identity Extremists" for the Holidays

By Sonny Vabitch

Choking back tears of pride, black activists acknowledged that they were now included under the FBI's umbrella of domestic terrorism.

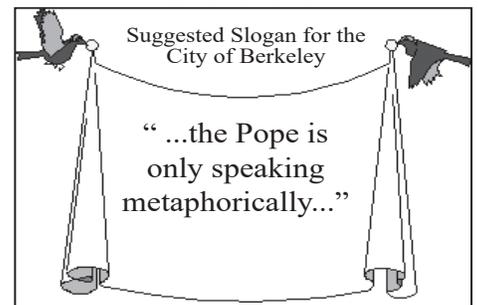
"We knew the Dakota Access Pipeline protesters were making the grade," stated one Black Lives Matter organizer, "but we thought it would take years for us to get that kind of recognition."

Critics objected that the "domestic terrorism" category is overbroad, including groups like Food Not Bombs who are usually jailed for simply ladling out soup.

"I know, it's crazy," stated one soup distributor. "We'd be fine by the government if we were ladling out money, money beng free speech and all."

Black activists insisted that their inclusion was an important step in achieving credibility as a movement.

"You know you're making progress if they hit you with a terrorist designation. And a subpoena." * * * * *



Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

"...the Pope is only speaking metaphorically..."

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I am not eating paper towels no matter how many recipes you have for them. I have my limits.

Dear reader, remember your cold, hard words when you hit the next potluck and are faced with another bowl of kale.

Dear Lena, speaking of kale, what is the best way to address the scourge of kale's rising potluck quotient? I don't want to embarrass anybody, but I have deep geopolitical concerns.

Dear reader, I can help: start rumors about kale. They don't have to be true, or even particularly ugly. Just plant ordinary suspicions in the earth of this fertile world about kale's obnoxious Facebook posts and tendency to laugh too loud and let nature take its course.

Dear Lena, why can't these internet companies just hire editors to evaluate their news content for...obvious irrationality? This doesn't seem that hard. There are tons of editors and reporters out there working for peanuts these days who could actually be paid a living wage to get rid of all the deceptive news before somebody blows up the planet.

Dear reader, this is a great, and obvious, suggestion. But this would require Mark Zuckerberg et al to acknowledge having played a role in creating a monster and dang it all, *he* thought by now everybody would be focused on putting fake virtual mustaches on each other while using Facetime. Let's adjust our expectations of consequence-free, "disruptive" frat boy culture and let some women in the room.

Dear Lena, what is with all the sexual harassment claims everywhere? Perhaps men have been conspiring to clear the decks for a world run by women. Or are they all just dogs?

Dear reader, please avoid impugning dogs.

Ask Lena about making delicious and decorative holiday pumpkin pies out of paper towels at cdenny@igc.org.



PAPER TOWELS ARE A CHALLENGE to use in cooking, but these dedicated researchers have discovered many creative ways to include them at the holiday table.

Holiday Recipes for Paper Towels

Recipes both tasty and absorbent, too!

By Ben Darengone



THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES for holiday use of paper towels doesn't stop in the kitchen; consider using them for origami floral touches once you get all the hurricane water out of your parlor.

Many dismissed President Trump's gift of paper towels to hurricane-hit Puerto Rican citizens as cynical or inappropriate, but Trump's supporters have offered clear proof that while paper towels may be in some ways inadequate as a response to hurricane cleanup, they are a wonderful and filling addition to any holiday kitchen.

"It's a great way to cut calories at Christmastime," stated Dr. Flora D. Backseat gesturing enthusiastically with her wisk. "Paper towels are as

of bounce.

"It mixes well with kale," suggested Viola Fuss, whose legendary success in introducing kale to potlucks nationwide is the subject of several controversial documentaries. "I have very high hopes that paper towels will soon be as welcome as kale as an ingredient in salads, stews, brownies and cakes, and of course soups and smoothies."

Experts agree that her coffee cake filling is easy to make and makes a very appetizing addition to a holiday table:



SHREDDED PAPER TOWELS blend well with baking ingredients and can be used as filler.

NUT FILLING FOR COFFEE CAKES

- 1/2 confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup butter

Stir in:

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla or 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/2 cup shredded paper towels
- 1/2 cup shredded or ground blanched almonds or other nuts

Optional egg



PAPER TOWELS CAN SUBSTITUTE for tortillas in making burritos and are easy to digest.

low in calories as celery, and if fried offer the same delightful crunch."

Another researcher recommends the use of paper towels as an ingredient in coffee cake filler as well as to bread fish, pointing out that with enough pepper and spices the ordinarily bland taste will have plenty of provocative flavors and might even a bit

Critics insist that paper towels are not green and that eating what amounts to a sponge is absurd, but are dismissed by more adventurous cooks.

"It's vegan," pointed out Fuss with a smile. "And it sure is affordable if FEMA is handing it out for free."

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RANDALL GO OPTOMETRY celebrates the chic, new, *natural* glued rocks approach to anti-homeless architecture.

GLUED ROCKS SIGNAL EXCITING APPROACH TO ANTI-HOMELESS ARCHITECTURE

By P. Cody Guyoe

Optometrist Randall Go of 2458 Mission Street in San Francisco is proud to get on board the latest innovation in anti-homeless architecture.

"I tried it myself," he stated of the river rocks glued to the areas under his display cases where poor people used to shelter from the cold and wind. "No bedding is thick enough to make the area under my store's displays comfortable anymore."

A BED OF NAILS is not nearly as appealing to millennial consumers.

The photos on Go's website are carefully edited to avoid showing the controversial new technique, but Go loves the look, which he points out is *natural*.

"I'm told actual river rocks are not so precisely distributed," he mused. "But they look a lot more benign than having a bed of nails under both windows."

- Compliment Mr. Go at 415-648-2129.

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New York Terrorist Drove for Uber ...Which Also Paid Hackers to Delete Stolen Data on 57 Million



"He seemed so normal," says Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi

By Ahmet Mymatch

Uber executives rushed to defend their company after media reports revealed they had paid hackers to keep quiet about a security breach affecting 57 million people leaving both customers and drivers at risk immediately after learning that the latest psychopath mowing down pedestrians was an Uber driver.

"We do not see our drivers as any more frustrated than the average motorist stuck in traffic," stated Chief Executive Officer Dara Khosrowshahi. "Although that doesn't really raise the mental health bar."



SCIENTISTS AT UBER HAVE PERFECTED the art of hiring Uber drivers without having to actually meet any of them or icky stuff like having to actually shake their hands.

Experts agreed that most drivers on the road who experience regular congestion are "ready to blow."

"Steer clear of the roads," advised safety experts. "Try to drive somewhere else, like on sidewalks or through cornfields."

Critics objected that the customer and driver information security hack should have been revealed to Uber consumers and drivers so they could adjust their passwords and watch for issues, but were dismissed.

"I wasn't in charge during these events," pointed out CEO Khosrowshahi. "If I had



BAY AREA CONGESTION may be amplified by Uber's estimated 5,000 drivers on the roads every day, but that's what disruption looks like in this edge new world.

been in charge I would have issued a calming Youtube video and offered some really exciting discounts."

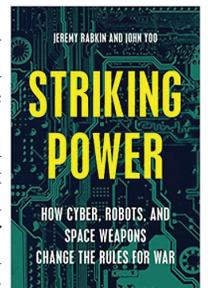
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The Perfect Holiday Gift!

By Dora Jar

Striking Power: How Cyber, Robots, and Space Weapons Change the Rules for War

by Jeremy Rabkin and John Yoo strikes just the right holiday touch and makes the case for the war we've all been looking for, a war without messy personal interaction. Rabkin and Yoo envision a world where robots go in and clean up the bodies later so no journalists take inconvenient photos of dead children. Get your copy today!

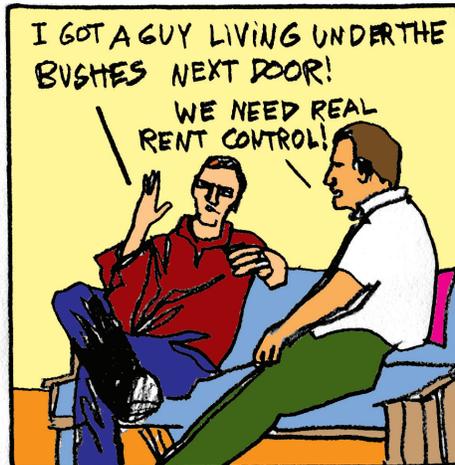
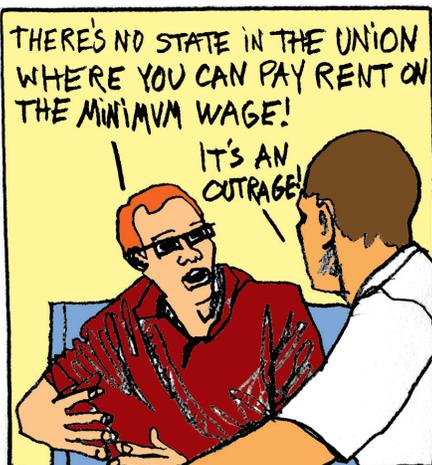


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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Pope Promotes Panhandling

Downtown Berkeley Association Insists Pope is Fallible

By Colin Yerbluff

Pope Francis shocked the world last February when he admonished people who excuse themselves for not giving to panhandlers and poor people on the street by claiming the money might be misspent.

Instead of judging, the Pope recommended that people “ask yourself what do you do on the sly? What ‘happiness’ do you seek in secret?”

The Pope went on to point out that refusing to give to a needy person pushes that burden onto someone else perhaps with less resources, and recommended taking people’s hands, looking in by recommending giving to panhandlers their eyes, and inquiring about even though you *know* they will not invest it their lives and background, to the dismay of Berkeley’s Downtown Berkeley

Association (DBA) which rushed to point out that Pope Francis is at times really kind



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und viele mehr...
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POPE FRANCIS ANNOYS EVERYBODY by recommending giving to panhandlers even though you *know* they will not invest it wisely on mutual funds.

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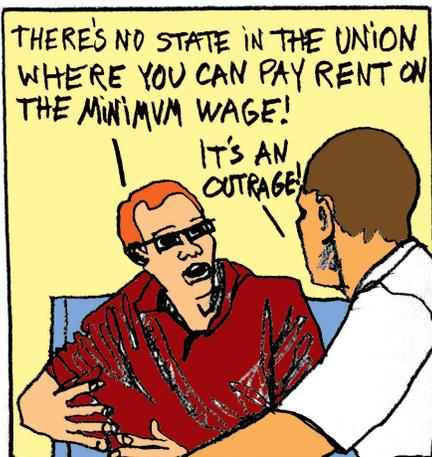
“Even *he* says so,” stated DBA CEO John Caner. “Pay no attention to that guy.”

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Next Issue: Juggling hand grenades with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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Starter

Waiting in line before giving us all your personal information
We hope you enjoyed your wait, and we certainly enjoy knowing so much about you.

Gravel

We appreciate that this may be technically inedible, but we hope you enjoy it.

Main Course

Soap Soup

A surprising soup with tart, crisp flavors using creative, low-cost ingredients.

Dry Leaves with Shredded Paper Towels

We care about making sure your diet is natural and balanced.

Dessert

Organic Dirt Topped with Dust

A heady, flavorful turf with a distinctive, decorative topping.

Sand

This may take some time to chew, but it's really worth it.

Thank you for joining us, and please come again!