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## Resistance Hack-a-thon Has Political Epiphany, Plans Picnic



JESSE PICKARD, CENTER, is the creator of the award-winning Elevate app and also is the founder of the group Debug Politics which, since it's a bunch of techster white guys, has no chance of communicating to the rest of the country.

By Shepherd Swatch-deFlock

"Let's face it," stated Jesse Pickard, founder of the group Debug Politics which aspires to join others in resisting the incoming Trump administration. "We're a bunch of white guys who've never met anybody from Kentucky or North Carolina and couldn't find common ground with them if you gave us 2.3 billion in venture capital to do it."

"We're pretty clueless when it comes to actual people skills," agreed Eddie Kurtz, executive director of Courage Campaign. "I noticed it when I was trying to get people to vote Libertarian. I can't persuade people to give me the time of day."

The hacker community had a recent epiphany that sitting around behind a computer is partly what brought the country to this perilous political moment.

"We realized that the rest of the country is getting their news through their church groups and gun clubs," stated Pickard. "The internet just functions to confirm and monetize whatever is popular."

The hackers confessed they weren't sure they could actually acquire enough people

skills to make real face-to-face conversation with others.

"It's a challenge," stated Pickard. "There's no real app for that."

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SILICON VALLEY VENTURE CAPITALISTS are excited to address the crying need for self-reading newspapers so people aren't forced to choose between turning a page and hanging on to the subway pole for dear life or dropping their cell phones.

## Self-reading Newspapers Coming Soon

By Enoch Sidover

Silicon Valley tech workers are putting the finishing touches on self-reading newspapers which will condense the news into a series of soothing soundbites transmitted straight to your ear buds.

"We're at the forefront of a revolution in information technology," stated a researcher working on the project. "For one low monthly subscription you'll never have to read a newspaper again."

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We love to salute our  
Favorite Moments in Media:

KQED's Michael Krasny interviewing Richard Blum on November 28, 2016, and ignoring his rapacious acquisition of post offices and historic landmarks nationwide while asking him instead about where his spirit of generosity comes from.

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## Radical Groups Organize to Defeat Trump by Moving to Kansas

By Brianna Baygel

Leftist groups in the Bay Area are responding to a national call to organize against Trump by moving to places like Kansas and THIS FARMER welcome Texas where their comes the newcomers and has some good political engagement might conceivably make a difference.



"We're really looking forward to meeting some San Francisco leftists," stated Thaddeus Ridiculous, a Kansas farmer. "We don't think much of their political ideas, but a lot of us have always wanted to get a tattoo."

"We don't really need the self-driving cars or tractors out here," explained another farmer. "We're pretty good drivers. But the tattoo thing sounds like a lot of fun."

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## Trump Says His Nuclear War Will Be Much Bigger

*"It's gonna be beautiful" says president-elect*

By Sam Semilla

President-elect Donald Trump issued a series of Christmas tweets reassuring people that his planned nuclear build-up is nothing to worry about.



"Our nuclear build-up will be much bigger than anything that's ever been done ever before," he tweeted, at which point all news outlets stopped their regular programming to discuss the tweet and each others' opinions of the tweet. "Our nuclear war will be much bigger, too, really beautiful. You're never going to see anything like it again."

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## ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I have noticed that according to the news, things always spiral out of control, but they never spiral into control. Why is that? Or is that true?**

Dear reader, things do spiral into control. But the mainstream media hates covering it when they do because the photos are rarely as compelling. Things that spiral into control look extremely orderly.

**Dear Lena, I thought this new city council was supposed to get rid of the anti-homeless laws but people are still getting stomped by cops and having their stuff stolen by city workers. What's up?**

Dear reader, seething suspicion, wild speculation, accusations of betrayal-- this new administration *has it all*. The city council says none of them can control or influence the City Manager's office, which has had its homeless eviction machine greased and whirring for thirty years under the Bates-Hancock era not to mention generating a lot of sweet overtime while transforming low-income housing into penthouses and condos. It's a sweet machine, beloved by the Downtown Berkeley Association and its supporters quaking in their shoes that all the people they've evicted over time *might just set up a tent out in front of their condo*. Will the new majority have the guts to stop the growth industry in gratuitous tent destruction? Stay tuned right here at the PST.

**Dear Lena, since the election I have found myself acting aggressive, being angry, sometimes violent. I have a fantasy about digging a hole and climbing into it for four years. What should I do?**

Dear reader, make sure there's room for two of us.

**Dear Lena, where should I go where they will stop serving me kale? I am ready to kill somebody. Or should I surrender?**

Dear reader, just wear a Trump hat.

*Ask Lena about the dangerous side effects of improving your ability to tolerate political discussion at cdenneny@igc.org.*

# Real Aliens Took Fake News Seriously



*Tried to Impregnate, Photo-bomb Celebrities*

By Schlomo Shunshot

"You can imagine how excited we were to be in the news," stated a spokesperson for aliens who admit that they played an accidental role in distracting people during the recent election. "We recognize that a lot of the news about our community is invented or exaggerated, but that doesn't mean our



THIS TALENTED alien kid won her school talent contest but of course the newspaper used a photo of a blond kid.

moms don't love putting the pictures up on the refrigerator."

Most aliens confess to loving the fake news, pointing out that they've waited in vain for honest coverage.

"It isn't like we haven't tried to get some recognition when our kids get prizes at the 4-H shows, or win the piano competition," said one alien proudly showing a photo of her daughter playing the piano. "But photo editors usually prefer the blond kid."

Critics argued that aliens are as responsi-



ALIENS REALLY enjoy the outdoors and love to picnic.

ble as anybody else for consuming the false stories and contributing to the anything-goes atmosphere of printing almost anything without fact-checking or sourcing, but were dismissed by aliens and media experts alike.

"It's an imposition on free speech to expect truth from anybody," stated one media expert.

"It's just not something you can expect from the media," stated another expert. "The truth is a subjective matter. And it rarely pays as well as an inflammatory story about aliens invading your pizza parlor."

Critics argued that it was irresponsible to permit headlines like "Aliens Invade Wisconsin Bowling Alley" but were dismissed by the aliens' spokesperson.

"That was real," stated the spokesperson. "That was a flash mob."

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## Intelligence Agencies Brainstorm How to Make Intelligence Briefings More Fun for Trump



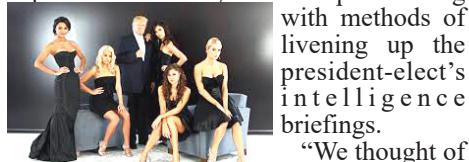
By Loretta Standards

Throngs of reporters watching the electoral transition outside of Trump Tower were baffled by the entrance of clowns and circus performers until a spokesperson from the Donald Trump transition team explained that they were experimenting

with methods of livening up the president-elect's intelligence briefings.

"We thought of TRUMP'S BRIEFING having attractive team will probably be much spokemodels more fashionable; really give the briefings," confided one National Security advisor, "but concluded that that might create additional problems."

Insiders acknowledged that converting intelligence briefings to sound bites has



been somewhat successful in staying within the president-elect's attention span but has presented challenges.

"We're hiring web trolls," confessed one intelligence staff worker. "We are not conversant in a fact-free arena."

"We tried hiring a professional announcer," added another official working on the briefing listenability issue, "and we tried putting it all to music with professional singers."

Campaign manager Kellyanne Conway acknowledged that Trump's entire campaign has fresh new ways of handling things much like the campaign itself.

"We do have our own style," she stated. "And you have to admit that we have come a long way without much intelligence."

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## Junk Bear Sculpture Lovers Begin Campaign to Bring Back Hideous Sculpture

By Liz Erdbreath

Jorge Zontal looked sheepish as he stood on Shattuck Avenue trying to collect signatures to return the "Ursus Redivivus" sculpture to BART Plaza.

"Nobody will sign it," he confessed. "And it's not like I don't appreciate that it was ugly, had no depth, and pretty much resembled the pile of junk that it was made of. But that's why we really need it."

Zontal claims to speak for a group of local citizens who want the hideous sculpture to remain as a monument to a combination of graft and violations of constitutional law.

"The sculpture was pretty much just dumped on the Plaza by the Downtown Berkeley Association. Some friend of theirs built it out of junk and was probably

sick of having it in their backyard," explained Zontal. "We love that this stupendous physical and aesthetic imposition came from the same group that famously has outlawed having more than two square feet of belongings with you in public."

"It's not just an important part of our history," agreed another supporter of the campaign to bring back the ugly pile of junk. "Without this reminder the Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA)



THE UGLY BEAR

sculpture once plopped on BART Plaza by the DBA is pretty much universally hated.

will be shelling out more and more hypocritical, expensive, impractical, and immoral legislation without the rest of us having a symbol to put funny signs on and demonstrate our dissent in a more concrete fashion."

Energy Transfer Partners (ETP), the corporation attempting to build the pipeline through sovereign native land denied sending the Army Corps of Engineers the neckties as presents.

"We've been pretty busy," responded corporate CEO Kelcy Warren when ques-

"We were in Aspen," stated corporate CEO Kelcy Warren when questioned. "On business, of course."

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"It's more than that," stated a local supporter of the effort to recover the horrible sculpture. "It's a tribute to everything that is valuable about public art; it's revolting, ugly, frightening to children, and expensive considering the transport costs, which begins an important dialogue."

"We really need some drama that's not about the election," confided one local official. "And we need it now."

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We Can't Draw Comics



...The Rachel Maddow Versus Kellyanne Conway Smackdown...

# Army Corps of Engineers Get Trump Ties for Christmas

By Farrell Winoe



ARMY CORP OF ENGINEER workers loved their Christmas ties and figure they might get even more cool stuff next year like drones or two weeks at Mar a Lago.

Army Corps of Engineer staff and workers were surprised and delighted to get Trump Signature Collection neckties for the holidays, and assured the public that it will have no effect on their decisionmaking regarding the North Dakota transfer

oil pipeline threatening the watershed of the Standing Rock tribe and everybody downstream.

"For heaven's sake, it's just a necktie," replied Warren. "And a pretty nice one considering it's

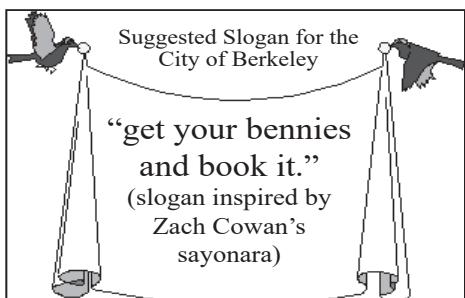
made in China."

"We don't really need to make crass gestures," added another ETP executive from their headquarters in Dallas, Texas. "We anticipate a very receptive ear from the next administration."

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## Special Embossed Vomit Bags for the Inauguration

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by Franz Toast

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# Trump Picks Local As Body Double

By H. Gedouda Heer

Coincidence has met destiny. Beefy orange-haired Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis wants to leave town, and he will now that President-elect Donald Trump is poised to name Davis to a newly-created inner-circle position: public look-alike. He, like Trump, will stand out in an administration dominated by gray, white and blonde people.

"Orange is the new gray," affirmed a spokesperson on Trump's transition team.

"Mr. Trump doesn't really like to get out before the public, except when he needs to say he's with them and for them. Mr. Davis will be his stand-in for these engagements. Everything but appearing before Congress. In fact, he doesn't even like governing," said an aide who spoke quietly, so as not to be fired, recalling the appeal to nomination opponent John Kasich to join him on the ticket. The

deal? Kasich governs while Trump dedicates battleships, judges beauty contests, and summons courtiers.

News that Davis will be allowed to continue to outrage his team's loyal following by trying to move his Black and Silver to Las Vegas earned this last reply: "See why we picked him? What's not to like?"

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