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"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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"...learn to jest in good time..."

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Rapid Unscheduled Disassembly of the English Language



MONKS HAVE FOR CENTURIES slipped sly, provocative, even erotic elements in manuscripts called "marginalia" just to try to get some other monk to break their vows of silence.

By Buzz Dedishes

"Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but someday we're going to miss these moments. It's the weirdest display of presidential wordplay in history," enthused the respected Bernadette Book, Professor of English at the top-rated University of Notre Embarras in northern Michigan.

"We all have our favorites," Book agreed as her students pointed to their top ten list which they've turned into a sweatshirt design. "My personal favorite is disqualified from being a front-runner because while it was heard during the Trump administration, it first came from NASA's description of one of Elon Musk's exploding rockets, the disintegration of which was casually called 'rapid unscheduled disassembly' to the delight of English language appreciation everywhere."



SCIENTISTS TEND TO FOCUS deeply on universal mysteries and may not realize how funny they are.

"It wasn't completely new, unlike 'the speed was top'" chuckled a NASA aeronautic press release writer insisting that the phrase once used more commonly in scientific journals was technically correct however hilarious its effect on the non-scientific listener. "These days the unexpected comedic phrase gets a lot more play across the internet than it used to."

"Or maybe we're actually funny," suggested another scientist. "Perhaps we should study the matter."

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Trump's Top Ten Creative Improvements to the Lexicon

By President Trump's
Administrative Team

President Trump's administrative team insists that Trump should get full credit for his creative contributions to the English language but acknowledges privately that White House speechwriters may have contributed a few of the Trump Administration's most treasured expressions.

"We're pretty proud of 'alternative facts'," whispered one speechwriter on condition of complete anonymity. "We ran out of beer and got into the vodka that night."

Top Ten Trumpisms

"concept of a plan"
"bigly"
"covfefe"
"Gulf of America"
"front-stabber"
"Red, White, and Blueland"
"Mueller collusion delusion"
"stable genius"
"executive time"
"alternative facts"

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THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING SURE to illuminate his English language improvements by hiring bunches of monks.

Majority of American Pubic Inexplicably Opposed to Monarchy

By Sue Tyarzelf

"It makes no sense," shrugged Professor Anatole Bridgetoken, who remembers the day years ago when then-Prince Charles of England came to visit the University of California's Berkeley campus and the students craned their necks and lined up around the protected pathways to get a glimpse of the man who apparently takes seriously the idea that his blood entitles him to wealth and power.

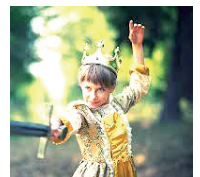
"I suppose we should have expected it," stated Dr. Bridgetoken. "We've littered these kids' lives with glittering princess dresses and lengthy history classes presenting it as imperative to remember which blood-thirsty, power-mad monarch beheaded the other one. It's a wonder that the pro-tyranny track hasn't entirely triumphed."

AMERICANS ARE CLOSE to preferring monarchy but most will settle for wearing the costumes.

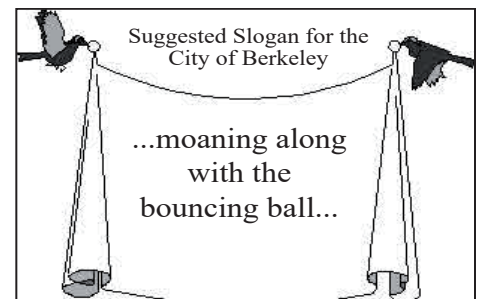
any way any improvement over one's basic monarchy.

"It may have its upside from time to time," acknowledged Dr. Bridgetoken. "It's certainly equivalent in farce."

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BEING A KING is not as much fun as just playing around with a sword.



Suggested Slogan for the
City of Berkeley

...moaning along
with the
bouncing ball...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, if being born in the United States shouldn't qualify you for citizenship, and the Constitution of the United States says that one must be born in the United States to be eligible for the office of president, where does that leave the current president (whose mother was an immigrant)?

Dear reader, it would seem to jeopardize his legitimacy but for the more obvious jeopardization emanating from the unconstitutionality of everything else he does.

Dear Lena, so why aren't people moving to stop him from wrecking the country?

Dear reader, they are trying with little teensy tiny judicial decisions and fluttering little signs on his town car routes. Be sure to wave your little flag.

Dear Lena, I'm a freshman at UC Berkeley and I can't seem to get anybody to listen to me unless I shout or take my clothes off. My colleagues tell me I need to set something on fire. Isn't there some other way?

Dear reader, yes. Whenever you are obligated to speak, make sure you have five of you gathered together and speak as a human microphone in the style of Occupy. Occupy did at least one thing really, really right by freeing group gatherings from amplifiers and cords and electrical outlets and mike stands and crabby, stoned sound engineers. If we listen together, and we can, and then take turns speaking together, and we can, we can finally hear each other.

Dear Lena, are we worth hearing?

Dear reader, yes. And if you don't come away from the Trump era with at least a couple of arrests or stay-away orders you're missing out on some really great alumni gatherings-to-be over events that break out in an instant all across the nation where people are finding each other.

Ask Lena about how to detail a Tesla with adorable kittens at cdenny@igc.org.

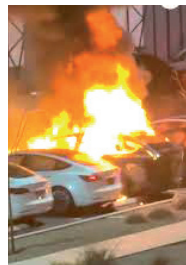
Anti-Musk, Anti-Tesla Protests Put Berkeley Back on the Map



BERKELEY HAS NOTHING GOING ON DOWNTOWN BUT IT'S REALLY HAPPENING at the Tesla showroom where all the artists, poets, and musicians are riffing and ripping it up while the locals who own Teslas are putting big fake FORD letters across the back of their cars.

By Micha N. DeTwain

The anti-Tesla fervor that broke out in February is still running strong in Berkeley creating much-needed action on 4th Street where the post-pandemic slump is still taking an economic toll.



TESLAS ON FIRE are becoming so commonplace that Tesla owners carry fire extinguishers right beside their Gincso car cup holder trash can.

"We haven't seen business like this in a long time," nodded Peets barista Annabel Rang. "Not everybody is into Christmas shopping, but nobody wants to miss out on being part of the huge, international anti-Elon Musk moment."

Musk, who is neither an elected official nor has any governmental appointment, has a team which has used local police to force their way into even the private, non-governmental Institute of Peace to perform broad cuts they claim will reduce unspecified waste and corruption.

"We're not a federal agency," sputtered one of the Institute of Peace staff. "We don't believe this is constitutional. Is anybody listening?"

"It's really given us some thought," stated another merchant putting up an anti-Musk poster in his storefront window. "The feeling of solidarity we shared around the bonfire of that showroom Tesla really took me back to moments in my past that really filled me with pride. I think everybody felt it. We ended up hugging."

"I know vandalism is wrong and could get me in trouble," whispered another Peets barista on condition of anonymity, "But it's irresistible not to paint traditional flames or kittens on Teslas just to annoy the clueless owners. I mean, what's wrong with these stupid people? We knew Elon Musk was a clueless jerk years ago."

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Psst. Hey, Guido! It's all so clear to me now. I'm the keeper of the cheese and you're the lemon merchant! Get it? And he knows it. That's why he's gonna kill us. So we have to beat it. Yeah, before he lets loose the marmosets on us! Don't worry, little missy! I'll save you!



Trump's Kennedy Center Revamp Rocks the Hall

"The man knows show business!"

By Horace Enbuggy



DEAD CELEBRITIES can be counted on to stay silent about inconvenient stuff like climate change and genocide in Gaza.

In what his Republican supporters call a long overdue strategic move, President Trump removed of all the Biden administration appointees to the board of the Kennedy Center for the Arts and installed himself as its chairman, a move which has set the famed Kennedy Center on an unusual, albeit predictably unpredictable course.

"We've never thought of sports figures as part of the arts before," noted one of the fired board members quickly packing a



FORMER RED SOX BASEBALL PLAYER BABE RUTH might qualify for a Kennedy Center award since you can count on him not to make potentially embarrassing political statements because he is dead.

personal box of autographed celebrity photos from years past. "President Trump suggested giving awards to long-dead sports figures such as Babe Ruth."

"And long-dead cultural icons like Elvis Presley," added Hedda Lettis, another

Trump to Voice of America: "Shut up."

Silence Replaces Obvious Liberal Lies and Bias

By Javier Cakeneedittoo



THE STATUE OF LIBERTY'S A PRETTY NICE GIRL but she doesn't have a lot to say although she is probably as stunned as the rest of us are right now.

Trump had complained about the broadcasts during his first term, but his heavy golf schedule interfered with his plans to replace the "balanced and comprehensive portrait of America" as described in its mission statement with something way more balanced and way, way more comprehensive, plans which include investigating some of its journalists.

Broadcasters conceded that they had already begun omitting anything in their reporting that could possibly be construed as critical of the Trump administration, but agreed that complete silence or music was

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former board member hoisting a cardboard box of personal belongings off her desk. "Assuming, of course, that Elvis is actually dead and has left the building."

Trump also suggested that Republican donors such as casino mogul Steve Wynn, whose wife, Andrea Wynn, he selected to be a board member, be eligible for a Kennedy Center award.

"He's still smarting from having award recipients criticize him at their awards ceremonies," explained one of the president's staff members. "Dead people are looking really good right now."

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probably the safest choice.

"It's a little like the tariffs," commented one former broadcaster, Heloise Anybody-home, setting up a spreadsheet of presumably acceptable symphonic music composed by people unlikely to be tagged with or connected to a "diversity" label just to be on the safe side. "They're ten percent, then they're 250 percent, then they're gone, then they're back. It's like watching a pinball



THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION IS INSPIRED by Trump himself, who used to call in to reporters and pretend to be somebody else.

machine floating in the waves. Is this madness? Is this government? Is it strategy?"

Trump administration officials defended the move, pointing out that gagging the Voice of America was nothing personal.

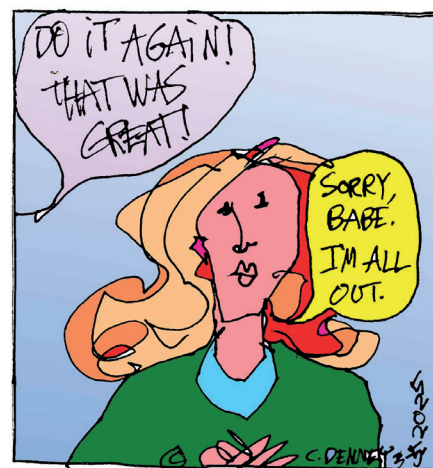
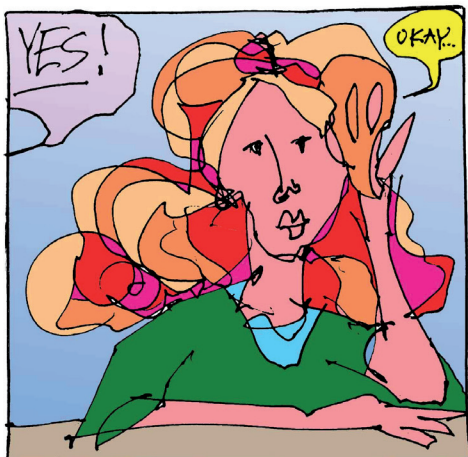
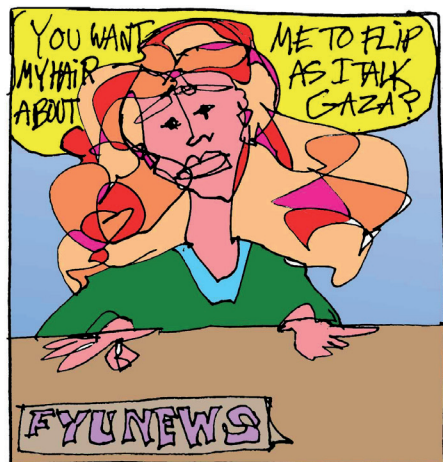
"We have it in for all media," noted White House staff member Jay Kobslander. "We've sued newspapers, excluded reporters from the White House pool, we denied Reuters, HuffPost, and Der Tagesspiegel from a recent cabinet meeting. We hate media except our own. And Elon's, of course."

David Z. Seide, attorney for some of the Voice of America journalists under investigation, states flatly that there's no strategy in sight. "We can mount a vigorous defense, of course," he said. "But my money's on madness."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast





On A Fascist America



By Wesley Thompson



There's a few too many comparisons to Hitler and his regime going around these days. Such simple similes and analogies give far too much credit to our Puppet President. They detract from the terrors of true, undocumented, unseen fascism. That's why these pigs and incels rail against "the woke mind virus" and "DEI initiatives"; fascists, in America or abroad, yearn for hatred, vitriol, and violence out in the open.

The German Nazis couldn't possibly have pulled it off if they'd had to bog themselves with media and public relations teams 24/7. Goebbels managed just fine by himself. Freedom. The lifeblood of America. But mostly the freedom to hate and loathe. These hateful, ignorant, misguided people don't want freedom, like the so often claim. They have freedom enough to live.

What they want is political anarchy—albeit without the dirty leftist associations that ord carries. They yearn for a world where the strongest rule and the fittest survive and the richest thrive. The rest of us can either make money and shut up, or fuck off and die. They can't say that last part out loud,

but those of us with eyes to see and ears to listen know. They couldn't say that part out loud, I should clarify. As of press time, there are no more barriers for the political class. We live in an oligarchical America. Our president is a king, whether we admit it, or accept it, or like it, or not.

And so, maybe the comparisons aren't entirely far off. But it is a crude misunderstanding to say that these are the same fascists we fought in the last World War. They may be the fascists we fight in the next World War, but the playbook has changed. They operate in the open and bend the rules so that we, a society conditioned to understand and abide by laws and regulations, are incapable of opposing an enemy who plays by the long established and forever flawed guidelines of this system we chose. Only God (not that one) can save us now. Start praying.

— Wesley Thompson
For Pepper Spray Times, 2025
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CORPORATE BLACK SLUDGE APPEALS to the macho crowd trying to prove their manhood.

"Corporate Black Sludge"

Capitalizing on Relaxed Regulations

by Joshua Pinion

Huge tariffs on international products have excited local producers, especially an enthusiastic group of entrepreneurs who are bottling "Corporate Black Sludge" saying the edgy new product fits in well with the Trump era's in-your-face approach to climate change and public health.

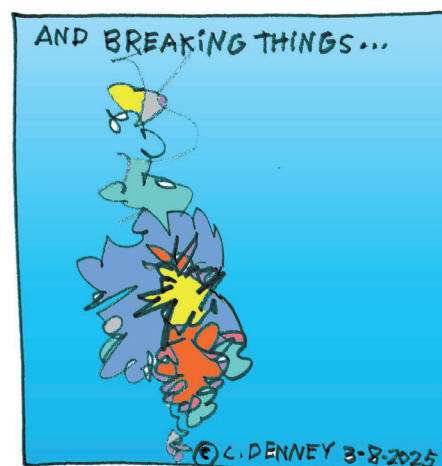
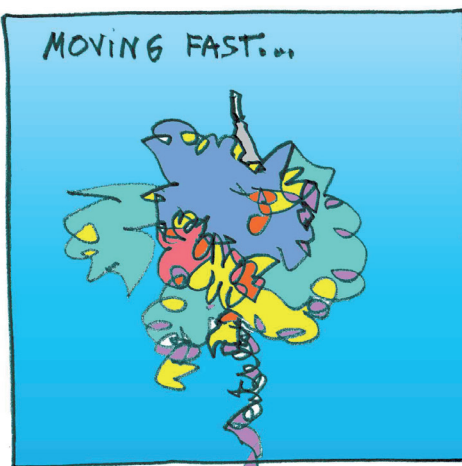
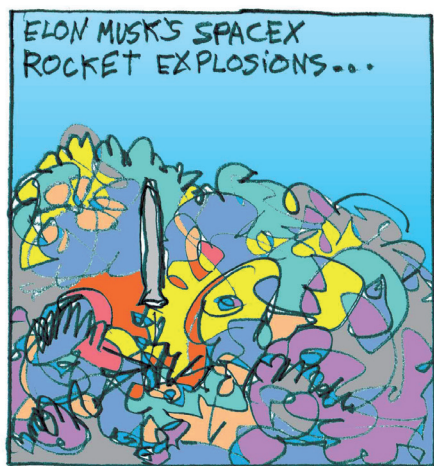
"We want to appeal to the 'macho' in our consumer base," stated CEO Ivan Tacookie. "For that purpose this stuff works even better than whiskey."

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Next Issue: dusting for prints with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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