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BANKSY ARTISTS THOUGHTLESSLY FORGET that war is really good for the economy and air strikes keep you on your toes just like a good tennis game.

## Second FBI Memo Reveals Even More Inappropriate Trump Requests

### Memos Optioned for Bigly Movie Deal

By Gloria Bounds

A recently revealed FBI memo reveals that President Trump didn't just ask FBI director James Comey to "let this go" referring to the investigation into fired former national security advisor General Michael Flynn, but made additional requests which are just now coming to light.

The memo, which Comey wrote in February shortly

"Trump asked Comey to pick up some dry cleaning, make a list of suggestions for a White House dog, and see if he can get Melania to come to the phone."

"It was a lengthy list of inappropriate requests," stated Representative Jason Chaffetz, chairman of the House oversight committee, who is requesting all FBI and White House documents related to White House meetings between President Trump and the FBI director.

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rector Comey is notorious for forgetting the dry cleaning."

Others on the oversight committee reluctantly agreed.

"The president apparently also asked Director Comey for the third verse of The Weight, to find a nice present for Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and to pledge loyalty to Fredonia," added ranking member Elijah Cummings. "If it's code we haven't cracked it yet."

"The White House dog suggestion request we understand," added Cummings. "At this point we could all use a little love."

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## Two Scoops Revealed as Security Strategy



THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE RUMOR that the two scoops of ice cream strategy for Trump came about so that Trump would not eat James Clapper's head by accident.

By Ike Hildgerdaddy



TWO SCOOPS might not be enough.

The curious White House custom of giving more scoops of ice cream to President Trump than anybody else was revealed recently as a security strategy.

"As long as he's eating he's less likely to reveal classified information," confided one White House insider. "We are just so thankful he likes ice cream."

A White House staffer working for the security team confirmed the information.

"He can only eat so much at a time," confirmed the staffer who wished to remain anonymous, "so we're trying to interest him in the saxophone."

The White House continued to insist that sharing classified information with the Russians in the Oval Office while excluding the American press corps was just an expression of President Trump's overwhelming generosity of spirit, and that bragging about his glorious intelligence briefings was just "locker room talk."

"This is just what men do," stated one member of the White House staff. "President Trump's base understands."

Russia's foreign minister Sergey V. Lavrov agreed, commenting that it was "a very productive meeting."

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DRY CLEANING is of course code for something we don't about yet but it's probably really serious.

after a private White House meeting, also documents that Trump asked Comey to pick up some dry cleaning, make a list of suggestions for a White House dog, and see if he can get Melania to come to the phone.



THE BEST SUGGESTION yet for protecting state secrets is to keep them in a girl's diary which usually has a design which is too embarrassing to cart around in public.

# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, isn't it okay if President Trump decides to give out classified information to the Russians? He's a friendly kind of guy and he just must have been in the mood. This kind of disruption is supposed to work in Silicon Valley, so what's all the fuss about?**

Dear reader, indeed. And have fun playing Angry Birds in your self-driving car.

**Dear Lena, so should the police be militarily trained? Will that keep us safer?**

Dear reader, the police seem to be able to take care of themselves. But the rest of us had better beef up.

**Dear Lena, I would like to meet a Russian spy. What should I do?**

Dear reader, you've probably already met one, but be sure to bring a nice gift, like a self-driving bicycle.

Ask Lena about self-barking dogs at [cdenny@igc.org](mailto:cdenny@igc.org).

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# DBA Ashtray Plan Blocked by Pesky Public Health Nuts

*"Reckless young smokers are our preferred customers," explains Downtown Berkeley Association*

By Hazel B. Lifting

The Downtown Berkeley Association's plan to place ashtrays within the smokefree zone downtown took a wrong turn when annoying health nuts pointed out that ashtrays tend to send a "smoking okay here" message wherever they are placed which tends to violate the whole smokefree idea.

"We're really very annoyed with the interference," admitted Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) CEO John Caner. "We're used to having unilateral control of legislation, and the Community Environmental Advisory Commission certainly was cooperating nicely."

"So was our District Four councilmember," added ambassador program manager Lance Goree. "The completely unnecessary interference of a public health voice in a public health matter is very unnerving. It has the distinct odor of democracy, and that's just not our model."



THE DBA CAN assure you that even George Washington thought that democracy was a really big overrated headache.

Caner agreed, pointing out that DBA membership is required of all businesses within its expanding downtown footprint, which obligates businesses within its map to pay for cleaning services and homeless harassment services whether they want to or not.

"It's more like a fraternity you have to join," stated Caner. "We find it a lot easier to maintain membership if people are obligated to be members, unlike the old days



AFTER ONE OF THEIR "AMBASSADORS" PUNCHED OUT A COUPLE HOMELESS GUYS the DBA staff started appearing at city meetings trying to put in a good word for themselves and are pictured here, from right, DBA CEO John Caner, ambassador Dana Currie, ambassador Robert Walker, and Lance Gorée, ambassador program manager so that if you see them coming you know to duck.



THE DOWNTOWN BERKELEY ASSOCIATION "AMBASSADORS" will show you around town unless they decide to punch you.

when we had to be responsive to local concerns. That was really tedious."

Members of the Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) also expressed dismay at the prospect of having to alter their pilot butt receptacle project to accommodate pesky public health concerns, pointing out that they had their hands full thinking about the health of fish downstream to want to try to think in addition about pregnant women and the



"AMBASSADORS" PROGRAM MANAGER Lance Goree and his "ambassadors" pretty much do whatever they want downtown without interference from the Berkeley City Council and are comfortable lobbing unvetted and sometimes unconstitutional legislation toward the council which usually gets an enthusiastic reception.

sizeable ratio of people with cardiovascular and pulmonary disabilities let alone the stubborn people who, against all medical advice, insist on breathing frequently.

Public health advocates who pointed out that environmental and health goals don't need to be in opposition were dismissed.

"I don't really think much about second-hand smoke," stated CEAC chair Michael Goldhaber flatly. "But I go fucking nuts if I see a cigarette butt."

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# River Accused of "losing its flow" Says Back Off



By Gordon B. Headed

A scientific team blaming climate change and glacial retreat for the sudden rerouting of a vast stream of meltwater in Canada's Yukon Territory was scolded by the river itself which told the meddling science team to "get a life."



THE SLIMS RIVER just wanted a little adventure and decided to "go another way."

"I'm just reorganizing," stated the Slims River when chided about its flow. "High water just wasn't me anymore."

The river was accused of being a climate change denier but refused to be bullied, saying that the retreating Kaskawulsh glacier had had nothing to do with its water level decisions.

"I'm just feeling frisky," stated Slims. "I'm going in a new direction."

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## We Can't Believe It's True...

**6 Jailed blogger:** A Russian blogger was convicted on Thursday of inciting religious hatred for playing "Pokemon Go" in a church and given a suspended sentence. Ruslan Sokolovsky posted a video on his blog last year showing him playing the smartphone game in a church built on the supposed spot where the last Russian czar and his family were killed in the city of Yekaterinburg. He has been in detention since October.

...so never think Silicon Valley hasn't contributed really great things!

# Arreguin Honeymoon Is Over

New mayor insists there was no honeymoon, saying: "I am not a nice guy."

By Mala Sufforthott

"I know, I know. I jinxed it," stated local activist Margo Smith after realizing her compliment to new Mayor Jesse Arreguin on his orderly management of council meetings must have backfired and might have been responsible for ending gratuitous displays of uncommon courtesy and respect at council meetings.

"I can't help but think I accidentally played a role," stated Smith shaking her head over the traumatic meeting that followed in which the traditionally independent process for selecting Berkeley Library trustees was overruled, putting someone critics called an Arreguin crony on the board instead of the independent library board's own selection.

"We are evaluating the move," mused one independent observer. "We don't know yet whether this is a Trumpian exploit perhaps inflated by spring abandon, or whether there is some Kim Jong-un-like psychology afoot, considering Arreguin's age and baby face."

Others agreed that Smith's compliment was at fault in a vote from which three of the normally agreeable City Council abstained and the tone was suddenly icy.

"Yes, but, it has never happened in the history of the library that the Council has overruled the BOLT vote. This is a first.



BERKELEY'S NEW MAYOR junked the Board of Library Trustees' elected candidate and installed someone else, making history and mincemeat of democracy in one fell swoop and people still think he's a teddy bear.

It is a terrible precedent to set...It's meddling... this whole process is destructive to the future of the library," stated Councilmember Wengraf.

Mayor Arreguin offered no explanation, called Wengraf's objection "not acceptable", and emphasized that he gets to overrule the library board's selection of a candidate if he wants to because, darn it all, he's the mayor and can just do stuff.

"I am not a nice guy," he insisted later after the meeting. "I play footsie with the DBA, I scheme, I had everybody make a huge human peace sign on the same day I dismantled the homeless camp by city hall. I have no idea why they all think I am a teddy bear. I am not a teddy bear."

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MAYOR JESSE ARREGUIN is considering motorizing his podium so people will stop thinking he is like a nice, cuddly teddy bear.



THIS CUTE TEDDY BEAR might care about your board or commission's wishes or it might punch you.

## We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast





ARTIST ROBIN BELL OF BELL VISUALS admitted responsibility for this projection at the entrance to the Trump International Hotel in Washington on Monday night and ought to be jailed.

## ARTIST MOCKS BIGLY RESPECTED TRUMP HOTEL

By Yehudi Hellaryoo

Self-described artist Robin Bell of Bell Visuals claimed to be making a political statement of some kind when he projected “Pay Trump Bribes Here” and “Emoluments Welcome” on the facade of the Washington Trump Hotel May 15th, 2017, leaving tourists speechless and hotel guests

scrambling to explain that their stay at the President’s luxury hotel, from which Trump is not fully financially disassociated, was not politically connected.

“We thought it was still the Post Office,” explained one foreign diplomat quickly packing his luggage. “It still has some lovely architectural elements left from its respected early historic days.”



## Fearless Girl Refuses FBI Director’s Post

By Zoe Twazgood

White House consultants acknowledged recently that Fearless Girl, the sculpture which caught the fancy of thousands when it joined Charging Bull on a Wall Street sidewalk, had turned down an offer of the FBI’s directorship after the firing of former director James Comey.

“I’m fearless,” she stated emphatically. “I’m not stupid.”

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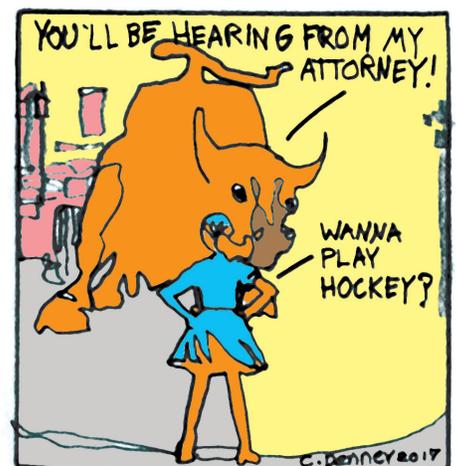
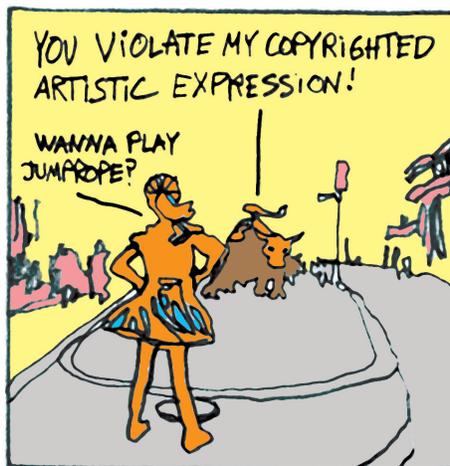
“Yes, we needed stamps,” offered another diplomat. “And some of those nice colorful Priority Mail boxes, too.”

“We were just sight-seeing old Washington,” added another diplomat waving his passport at a taxi. “And we think we’re going to need some of those \$7.99 assorted Sympathy Cards.”

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### YOU GET YOUR PRESENT NOW

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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