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## Wildlife Organizes to Take Over National Parks



DENALI, THE NATIVE NAME OF ALASKA'S TALLEST PEAK, was abruptly renamed Mt. McKinley by President Donald Trump and the bear got busy.

By Lourdes Hevamercy

Drastic budget cuts under President Trump leaving priceless national resources at risk are inspiring wildlife to organize for their own safety.

"Ordinarily we rely on national and state park rangers to deal with the public's ignorance about us," stated a grizzly bear, smoking salmon over a small fire near an Alaskan stream. "But when we heard about the name change from Denali to McKinley, we got busy."

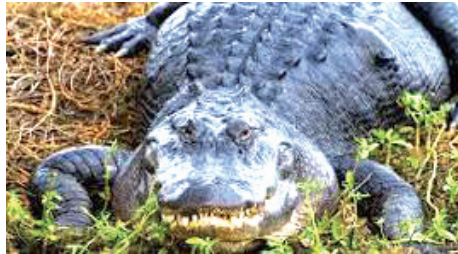
Other species, such as bull sharks, cougars, and rattlesnakes have organized along the lines of small militias and stand ready to defend their territory, otherwise known as habitat.



SHARKS ADMIT that rivers aren't really their thing, but bull sharks have agreed to station upriver if they get the call to defend the wilderness from Republican predators.

their noodles in Florida rivers like the Loxahatchee. Bull sharks have filled out applications indicating that they are interested in joining the force to make sure clean water doesn't get the Republican boot."

"Bear have lost a lot of habitat," noted



ALLIGATORS HAVE NATURAL ARMOR and are eager to join what they call "the games" as evidenced by their delight in hanging around Disneyworld's ponds in Florida.

wildlife expert Wilma Cahstaht spreading out a large map of North America indicating a before and after documentation of the loss of bear territory over the past few



COUGARS ARE EYEING THE TWO-THIRDS of their territory currently lost from their original habitat with interest as human beings realize they are unlikely to be able to insure their summer homes in the mountains.

thousand years. "According to native digs, bear used to be plentiful in the forested areas of all of North America. And they really look forward to going back."

Experts note that while only around 2,000 grizzlies still exist in the continental United States, Canada and Alaska have at least 25,000 most of whom have filled out applications to join the radical wildlife movement to assure their rights to appropriate habitat with a generous medical plan.

"We may be off by a few thousand," admits Wildlife Permits administrator Yolanda Bigfish. "We base our population estimates on hair-snagging, mark-and-recapture, plus the new habit of using Sharpies to sign the trash cans they root through. Some of their poetry is very powerful."

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## Judge Ana Reyes Offers Box of Cigars to Trump's DOJ Attorneys

By Wagner Tail

President Trump's Department of Justice filed an ethics complaint against US District Court Judge Ana Reyes after a hearing on Trump's effort to ban transgender people in the military.



"Nobody appears to want the cigars," noted reporter Vance Notice from the Buckyball Times Dispatch while watching the astonishing proceedings. "But not very many people want to enlist, either."

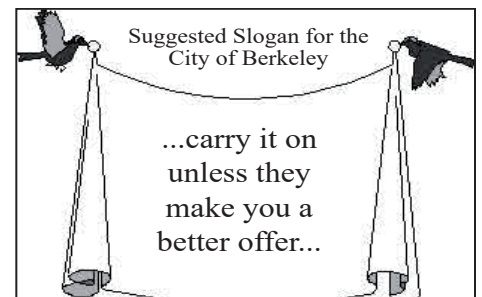
Judge Reyes had offered Trump's DOJ attorneys a box of cigars if they could find anybody who would take the stand, swear to tell the truth, and argue that using appropriate pronouns would have an impact on military preparedness.

"We're still looking," stated Department of Justice administrative assistance Stan Dingdown. "We're still making calls."

Editor Thelma Thithster of the Dispatch agreed, noting that while the ratio of transgender military members was miniscule, gay military enlistment had really assisted the military branches in keeping up recruitment and preparedness.

"My favorite moment came when the judge pointed out that biologically speaking, we have more than two genders," commented Serge N. Seisure, reporter for the Boise Bee. "Biology is, ironically enough, the trump card."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, Trump's first cabinet meeting was treated like theater by the media. They acted like their kid was in a school play and couldn't wait to see it. What for? This guy has no new moves. He's revolting to watch, and about all he's good at is proving that the media has no game.**

Dear reader, I know. In the old days you could at least go to a movie up the road.

**Dear Lena, who was it who was out of line in the Oval Office press conference with Ukraine's President Zelensky and the United States' President Donald Trump and Vice President J. D. Vance?**

Dear reader, definitely Ukraine's President Zelenskyy, who of course should have offered President Donald Trump property for a golf resort on coast of the Black Sea. The hot, dry summer weather would be a challenge for the greens, but the "concept of a plan" would definitely have reduced the temperature in the Oval Office.

**Dear Lena, who is it who is really in charge of the White House right now?**

Dear reader, there's a convenient algorithm available online to assist with this particular question. One assembles the names of the people he has spoken to either on the phone, online, or in person in the most recent three days, and then those names are weighted toward the voices with the most shocking, off the charts recommendations. These names are then re-prioritized in favor of simple repetition for the person in the driver's seat. Temporarily, of course.

**Dear Lena, that's kind of insane. Is there any benefit to this?**

Dear reader, the only benefit our newsroom can find is that finally women are off the hook. Nobody is blaming Melania for any of the shit going on right now.

*Ask Lena about the algorithm for breakfast, lunch, and dinner as well as tomorrow, next month, and forever at [cdenney@igc.org](mailto:cdenney@igc.org).*

# How to Save the World

*A Simple, Useful Formula from Professor Anita Lottmore*

*By Audrey Trackthat*



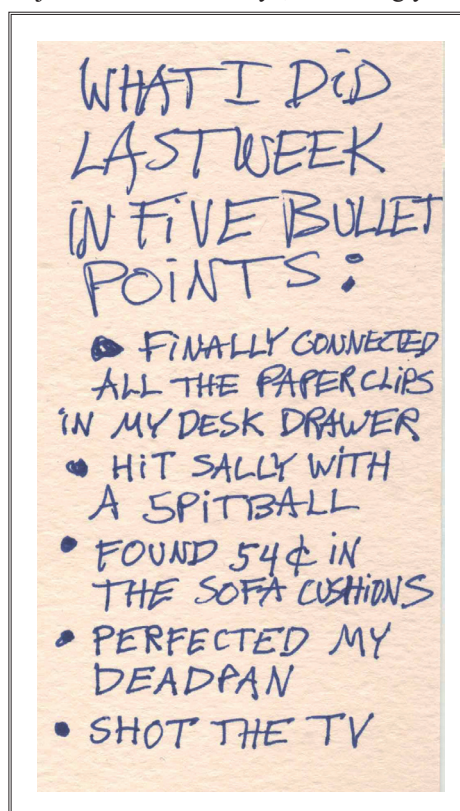
PROFESSOR ANITA LOTTMORE was generous with her time, assisting countless community members with simple tasks such as how long to I have to listen to a boring person before I begin to sing.

"We are accustomed to people making appointments," stuttered one Federal Emergency Management official who acknowledged that he did not know whether or not at this point in time he still had a job and could honestly claim a job title. "It is not a pattern we've ever seen before."

The unexpressed rationale for thousands of job cuts is "efficiency", a seemingly be-

Professor Anita Lottmore's career had little fanfare in the small town of New Shoreham, which is the smallest town in Rhode Island located about twelve miles south of the mainland.

Her work got little notice until recently, when Tesla CEO Elon Musk appeared to take charge of a sudden, unexpected effort to slash the federal government in the name of efficiency taking even protective government watchdogs by complete surprise.



THIS WAS ONE OF THE BEST responses we have seen to the Department of Government Efficiency's request to federal workers to describe their most recent work week's duties.



PEOPLE THINK THAT ALGORITHMS are something new, but they're not. Women have used them for years to make simple, life-saving alterations in predictable patterns for the common good and the better recipe.

nign standard which poses enigmatic difficulties for people whose occupations require numbers, proof, studies, or science.

"Studies take time," pointed out one fired worker previously from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association. "Musk's team appears to be inexplicably favored above numbers, proof, names, basic factual foundation of any kind."

Professor Lottmore's work in the early 1900's offered multi-dimensional and instantaneous responses to oblique pronouncements from what were, in those days, simply considered bullies.

"Bullies enjoy routine," Lottmore's thesis plainly states. "As unexpected as their soliloquys are, bullies' oratory is usually born of small, isolated drinking groups in fraternities or country clubs. These groups are completely vulnerable to a composed, deadpan, but oblique verbal angle."

"Attracting a narcissist's attention is almost impossible, according to Professor Lottmore's studies," stated adjunct professor Anna Graham, considered an expert on Lottmore's work. "Compliments are one of the few avenues for interrupting the stream of self-serving, repetitive diatribes characterizing most narcissists. Compliments only need to be constant and repetitive."

Professor Graham's assessment of President Zelenskyy's Oval Office response to the pumped-up, theatrical attack by President Trump and Vice President Vance was that it was a draw.

"President Zelenskyy held his ground, which plays well with everyone except Trump and Vance," stated Professor Graham. "But at some point Zelenskyy could have shouted, 'Squirrel!', and pointed outside the room. Both Trump and Vance would have immediately jumped up and run, providing an equally theatrical diversion. Lottmore had excellent such skills, and utilized them in faculty meetings."

Professor Graham noted that Lottmore's techniques were often transactional, suggesting that President Zelenskyy could have offered, for instance, to name some buildings in Ukraine after Trump.

"He appears to really enjoy that," commented Professor Graham. "Either that or a plate of cheeseburgers."

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# Religion Gets Bounce from Trump's 2nd Term

*Absent Rational Policy, Prayer Looking Good*

*By Abby Seenia*



THE UPSIDE of a folding-chair-based worship service is its substitutability with a dance floor, a political rally, and a kid-friendly pet show with cool prizes.

"It's a short step from the hand-wringing we've been doing," offered one newcomer to St. Joseph's the Penit in Perpetual Persistence trying to figure when to stand, when to kneel, and when to kiss the ring. "It's all new to me, but if this is the end of the world this is as good a guess as any where I'm supposed to go."

"We're booming," stated Father Arlong as he welcomed a growing crowd into ser-



GOD MAY OR MAY NOT SHOW UP for the weekly prayer group depending, as usual, on the quality of the snacks.

vices. "We run out of wafers. It's a good thing we have plenty of saltine crackers."

Sixty-two percent of people in the na-

tion consider themselves Christian, but the short-term increase in self-identification as either Protestant (40%) or Catholic (19%) is disputed by some.

"It's this super-Christian policy interfering with the separation of church and state," sighed Susan Stockings, one of the altos in the choir. "I'm not very religious but I have kids, so it's fun to sing together anyway and it provides convenient cover."

"It depends a little on the bus routes and the snacks which denomination I end up in on any particular day of the



OUTDOOR PRAYER SERVICES have their own special vibe, especially if you and your friends sit way in the back.

week," confessed one services participant who attends evening classes in knitting and sobriety. "Also, I like a place with live mu-



PEOPLE WITH NO RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION whatsoever are flocking to churches, ashrams, temples, and any community center with crackers and folding chairs in a desperate effort to find human comfort in this Trump term.

sic and some really solid hat culture."

Others readily acknowledged that the syrupy religious saturation of every civic function had overwhelmingly predisposed them to hiding their secularity.

"We're athiests," whispered one young father in a children's play group cutting out dinosaurs with plastic scissors. "But we keep it on the downlow these days so we don't get shot. We have no interest in frightening the horses."

"Many people experiencing a disappointment in the election outcome are in shock right now at the hard right turn," observed Father Arlong as he passed out song sheets for the shape note group organizing folding chairs into the traditional square. "They are searching for some kind of predictability in life, if not comfort. We're doing our best to provide at least that much. There's nothing quite as predictable as a folding chair."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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# Post Office Workers Not Alarmed

## "People love us. And we know the territory."

By Horace Enbuggy



"The broad misunderstanding about the U.S. Postal Service is the idea that it needs to *make money*," noted

Professor Clarence Sail of the Center for Central Service Inspection near the center of Central City, Illinois. "The Post Office is a service, not a business."

"It's also an enormous player in elections," noted Professor

James S. O'Rourke, professor of management and organization at the University of Notre Dame considered to be an expert on the Postal Service. "Interference from the executive branch would violate the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970 and be rife

with conflicts for either party."

President Trump's plans are described as some kind of vague merger without enough detail to be described.

"We can only guess that he's going to toss it into Amazon's lap, or privatize elements by selling them off to FedEx or UPS," worried one carrier hoisting a heavy letterbag. "You know it's bad when even DeJoy has up and run for the hills."

Historians worry that the Postal Ser-



POST OFFICE JOBS were considered highly prized because at least in the past they represented steady, honest work less likely to be affected by a teetering stock market, but now run the risk of being at the mercy of an unpredictable private market.



PEOPLE LOVE THEIR POST OFFICES and their postal workers so much that the U.S. Postal Service might be much more difficult for Elon Musk to destroy unless he provides their fleet with exploding Teslas that drive into walls.

vices' "universal service obligation" might be at stake, a mission requiring delivery to 167 million addresses.

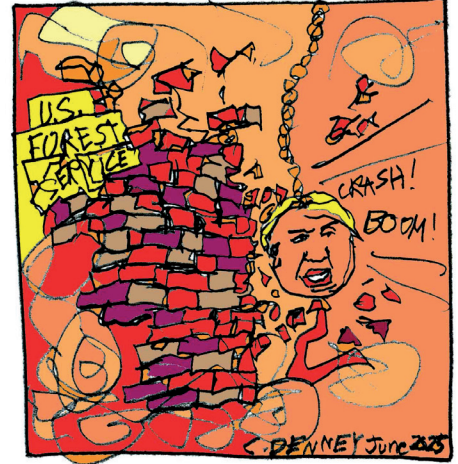
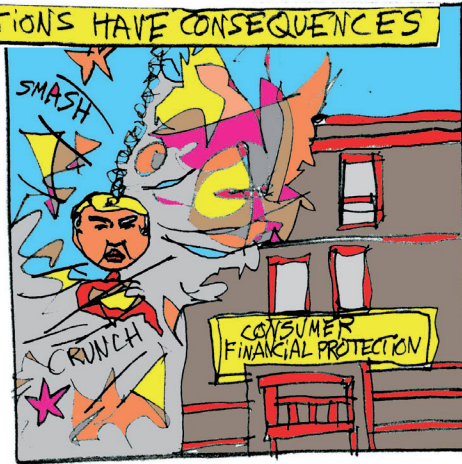
"You know who loses in an oligarchy," stated O'Rourke. "It's anybody who makes less than \$300,000."

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*Next Issue: Declaring war on Canada with celebrities!*

### I Want My Present Now

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