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Tasers in Berkeley Will Be Organic, Say Police

By Boyce Trusscrowd

Berkeley police spokespersons reassured concerned members of the public that any \$1,000 tasers acquired for police use will be organically grown and sustainably harvested from local farms.

"We understand the community's concerns," stated police spokesperson Jennifer Coats. "The community has our assurance that our tasers will be green, and that the 50,000 volts applied to non-compliant subjects will not contribute to global warming and stuff."

"We're so relieved," stated one local Berkeley resident. "We were worried that tasers might not fit in with our renowned community standards."

Critics demanded to see the local crops, dubious as to tasers' pesticide content and the treatment of the farmworkers required to harvest them, but



COWS CONFESS that while conductive electronic devices are uncomfortable, they do enhance one's motivation to get out of the barn in the morning.

local officials reassured the community and the press that the taser farm workers are vegetarians who gracefully pluck the ripe tasers from the vines wearing hand-woven hemp clothing while singing madrigals.

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Blank Check for Perpetual War Opposed by Stick-in-the-Mud Congresswoman Barbara Lee

By Delia Cards

Congresswoman Barbara Lee spoke up in Congress once again against a giving the president a blank check for eternal war.

Republicans, fresh from victory in their fight for irrelevance, scoffed.

"We like the stability of it," affirmed one Republican spokesperson anonymously. "And don't think that the Democrats don't privately agree."

Experts confirmed that Congresswoman Barbara Lee's extraordinary unwillingness to work up some enthusiasm for another iteration of eternal, ambiguous war was almost unique in Congress.

"There's a practical aspect to a blank check," one expert pointed out.

"There's a practical aspect to perpetual war," added another, "especially if you happen to have some arms manufacturing in your state."

A few people agreed with Congresswoman Lee that declaring war on a small militant

group was silly considering that hammering them into the stone age was most likely to increase public sympathy for them.

"Declaring war on these idiots running around beheading journalists and aid workers is the only thing I can think of that would actually help their cause," offered one political observer. "Right now they are universally despised."

Others declared that another war on "terror" was too amorphous, and recommended postponing the war until the dust had settled on what to name the militant group the name of which keeps changing between "ISIS", "ISIL", "the Levant", "the behead-ers" or just "barbarians" among a raft of less printable suggestions.

"I think 'the beheady people' might work best," mused one reporter. "Although people with a little historical perspective might think we meant the English or the French."



Climate Change Re-Branded as "Wall Street Recreational Water Sports Program"

By Lissa Ng-Closely

"Climate change' is too negative," stated a marketing expert flatly when questioned about the thousands of misguided people who showed up in September to march nationwide for divestment from a fossil fuel based economy.

"It's important to re-brand quickly in situations like this," agreed another advertising consultant who helped create the new slogan, "Wall Street Recreational Water Sports Program", an edgy, positive phrase considered for future implementation.

Both "climate change" and "global warming" fail to illustrate the upside of the trajectory both large political parties in the United States currently embrace, according to experts who note that the market for climate change apps appears to be endless.

"The economy stand to benefit as much from this disaster as from any war," stated one expert. "You just need to have the dough and pick the right broker."



CLIMATE CHANGE'S re-branding focuses on colorful pool toys and playful water sports.

Terrorists Annoyed by Low Beheading Ratings

By Beale E. Viewmee

Spokespersons for the masked terrorists who posted videos of themselves beheading people on the internet expressed disappointment that their ratings were poor.

"We know Americans are jaded, corrupt, and in cultural decline," stated one spokesperson. "But we still thought beheadings would be considered fresh."

"The beheadings are shocking, it's true," stated one viewer. "But the production values are poor, and it's basically the same show as the last beheading. I didn't want to miss the pilots for the new fall lineup."

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, does beheading help you lose weight? I am getting desperate.

Dear reader, yes. It will cure your migraines, too.

Dear Lena, should I worry about Ebola? It is spreading all over the place, so should I quit shaking hands?

Dear reader, yes, quit shaking hands and just poke people with an umbrella instead when you want to say hello.

Dear Lena, I am worried about the future of skiing with all this global warming. Will my children be able to ski?

Dear reader, No. Be sure to teach them to have fun with water toys like noodles.

Dear Lena, Facebook is considering severing its ties with ALEC. Does that mean I have to like Facebook?

Dear reader, No.

Dear Lena, isn't this war just like the other one? I can't tell them apart.

Dear reader, this one is different because it has no borders. The bad guys are everywhere beheading everything. Beware of everything everywhere. Do not trust anyone. Do not listen to a word I say.

Dear Lena, what should I do about using water? I would like to water my plants, but I don't want to upset anyone.

Dear reader, water them with cognac.

Dear Lena, does the police department really need surplus military weapons to deal with students? It seems a little overboard to me.

Dear reader, I think somebody has forgotten what high school was like. Go volunteer to chaperone the next school dance. You might want to wear Kevlar.

Ask Lena your shoe size at cdenny@igc.org.

Having Trouble Getting Your War On? The Pepper Spray Times Can Help

By Patty Cake



First of all, you're not alone. Most people see this new war as another pointless effort to control fossil fuel markets which are destroying the planet anyway. But they couldn't be more wrong.

There are lots of good reasons for this war. We don't know what they are, but trust me, experts are working on some really compelling arguments in case any resistance kicks up. In the meantime, we can help you get into the spirit.

1. Get out your American flag. This will help throw a patriotic cloak over the unpleasant details of battle, and possibly work in your favor in case you are on a watch list.

2. Bake some apple pie. This exactly what Syrian children will no doubt be doing someday in celebration of their freedom if they are not dead.

3. Buy a gun. This might seem strange to some, but the more you familiarize yourself with current trends in weaponry the more likely you are to have something pleasant to talk about with the veterans who make it home.

4. Wear red, white, and blue. It's an odd color choice in some ways but it tends to be forgiven, especially on the 4th of July, and has the added advantage of making people hesitate to hand you another tedious anti-

war flier.

5. Watch war movies. You need to be a little selective, but there are plenty of movies designed to make war look necessary, friendly, helpful, meaningful, and a good thing all around.

6. Listen to the song "Green Beret" again.

7. Take a look at the price of gas at your nearest gas station. The war(s) in Syria and Iraq and wherever

we are leaving out because we had a press deadline may have nothing to do with the price of gasoline in your tank locally, but we guarantee it will get you heated up and ready to shoot somebody.

8. Shoot somebody. You may not have started off with a good reason for doing so, but by the time the neighbors start asking questions we guarantee you'll have some really good stuff dusted off.

9. Hit the weapons trade show. You'll meet hundreds of people who know that where we go to war and why we go to war is secondary to the cool shit we get to bring along with us.

10. Listen to Sousa. If it doesn't get you in the mood for war, at least you'll end up having a lot more fun vacuuming.

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School Police Need Military Stuff for Really Bad Students

By Betty Notcry

School police nationwide responded to criticism of the free military gear program by claiming they really need stuff like Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles (MRAPs) because of unruly students.

"School kids may not be building mines yet," stated a spokesperson for the schools in Watertown, Connecticut, "but we would be remiss in our duty if we didn't get ready for that eventuality."

"They might be too dumb to read right now," added another Watertown spokesperson, "but if they ever do learn to read and maybe take an engineering class or two being able to construct a mine is not out of the question."

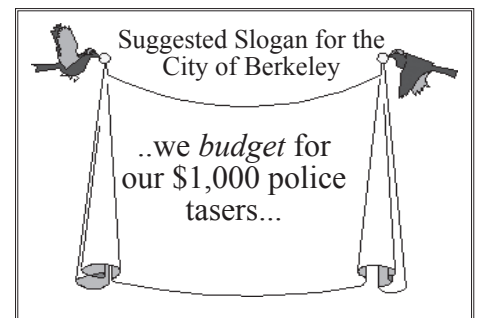
"The grenade launchers, too," offered a spokesperson for another school district, observing that the Los Angeles Unified School District was making a mistake in giving back its three grenade launchers acquired under the military surplus give-away program. "LAUSD police Chief Steve Zip-

perman hasn't really thought through what it will be like when all 900,000 students decide they've had enough math for the day."

Zipperman responded that the 60 M16s should suffice to keep students in line and that he was also keeping the MRAP.

"That thing will run over anything."

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Mayor Quan Poops On Hosting Big Police Gadget Convention

By Sol Tunpepper

Oakland Mayor Quan unapologetically noted that the city “would not pursue” a contract with future trade show events which feature military gear for domestic police use including tanks, drones, automatic weapons, and T-shirts that say “I Use Hippies for Target Practice.”

Sergeant J. D. Nelson of the Oakland Police Department decried the move, pointing out that the few hundred demonstrators who picketed the event don’t represent the majority of Bay Area citizens who know better than to object to stuff that makes the police really happy.

“The police really enjoy these t-shirts,”

Obama Needs October Surprise

By Beulah Cherries

“In American political jargon, an October surprise is a news event deliberately created to influence the outcome of an election, particularly one for the U.S. presidency.”
– Wikipedia

Experts agreed that the probability of an “October Surprise” is very high given the upcoming election and the crucial congressional seats in play.



YOUR OCTOBER surprise might come from any direction, so wear festive goggles.

“It’s a strong probability,” affirmed Dustin DeLens, a consultant on J Street in Washington, D.C. “We’re advising people to avoid all media of any kind for six weeks before the election.”

Experts are providing some suggestions for potential October Surprises to watch for hoping to lessen the jolt for the



THESE PLAYFUL T-SHIRTS convey the general attitude toward protesters at the convention.

stated Nelson, “and the realistic-looking-plastic dummies with their heads split open just like at demonstrations. We shouldn’t have to wait for the next Occupy to see stuff like that.”

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American public.

“Some of these are more obvious than others,” stated DeLens. “Consider this a expert’s comprehensive estimate of the best probabilities.”

Potential October Surprises:

- “Pumpkin Shortage Caused by Terrorists”
- “Wine Shortage Caused by Earthquake and/or Terrorists”
- “Christmas Tree Beheadings Threatened by Terrorists”
- “Longer Commercials Threatened by Terrorists”
- “Higher Gas Prices Threatened by Terrorists”
- “More ‘Dancing With the Stars’ Threatened by Terrorists”
- “Santa Beheading Threatened by Terrorists”
- “Kale Shortage Threatened by Terrorists”
- “Radicchio Shortage Threatened by Terrorists”
- “More Political Speeches Threatened by Terrorists”

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Drought Tips for the Next 35 Years

By Wade Aminute

News that the odds are 80% that the Southwest’s drought will last a decade or more are inspiring people to adopt creative approaches, even “disruptive” approaches, to water usage.

“We’re trying to make an app to address the drought,” enthused one local techie. “We love this challenge.”

DROUGHT TIPS

FILL YOUR POOL WITH STYROFOAM PEANUTS. – As long as you don’t fill it all the way, you can enjoy your pool water-free with a lot less maintenance

by using leftover Styrofoam packing peanuts instead of chlorine-tainted water. You and your pets will enjoy a much lower likelihood of drowning, although getting out of the pool can be problematic.



POOL TOYS are our best bet to help make global warming fun.

TAKE YOUR DIRTY DISHES TO THE CAR WASH. – Put them in the backseat and leave the windows down. No one will notice them, and if they do just explain that you’re rescuing them from a recent potluck.

WATER YOUR LAWN WITH CHARDONNAY. – You can of course spray-paint your brown lawn green, but consider giving it a good dose of the case of swill your neighbor gave you. Beer works as well.

WASH YOUR SOCKS IN WHISKEY. Prospectors of old invented this handy method of getting the muck out of your stockings without using vital water sources, and it works just as well today.

FILL YOUR FISHTANK WITH MERLOT. Your fish might object initially, but not when you explain the serious nature of the drought and provide them with some fun water toys. * * * * *

We Can’t Draw Comics by Franz Toast



Billionaire Has to Share Beach With Surfers

1% Riot Quietly in Private Clubs

By Searle E. Disposition

Billionaire Vinod Khosla had to endure the indignity of sharing his beach with the public after a judge ruled that blocking off the access road was wrong even though he is so rich.

"Rich people everywhere are appalled," stated a spokesperson for rich people everywhere. "What is the point of having more money than God if you can't have things nobody else can have?"

Experts agreed that exclusivity is a crucial ingredient in enjoying one's riches, and serves as the basis for private clubs, fraternities, and local nightclub policies.

"The point never was being on the beach itself or surfing for that matter," acknowledged Khosla's attorney. "The point was making sure nobody else could use the beach or surf."

Khosla's spokespersons expressed certainty the Khosla would still prevail.



POOR PEOPLE HAVE TROUBLE understanding how important it is for rich people to have places to themselves where they can commune with nature and enjoy the company of their own kind.

"He's got nothing but dough," explained one of Khosla's legal team. "We might as well drain Surftrider Foundation's coffers."

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Beheaded Pumpkins Prove Domestic Terror Threat

By Sherry Inaglass

Administration officials agreed that the unsettling presence of beheaded pumpkins all over town is more than adequate proof that terrorists have terrorist cells embedded in almost every community nationwide.

"We're seeing them on porches, used as decorative centerpieces, in huge bins in public markets-- it's appalling" stated one military strategist. "It's designed to intimidate the American people, but we will not be stopped until we've bombed everything we can think of to bomb."

Critics who objected that pumpkins were merely colorful gourds and vegetables were described as "heartless" by military



PILES OF BEHEADED PUMPKINS prove that terrorists have embedded in American communities and clarified the need to go to war and bomb stuff.

officials.

"How they can be so unmoved is beyond me," sighed one general. "I can't imagine not being moved to revenge these atrocities."

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Next Issue: Beheading turkeys with celebrities!



Terrorist Attack on Terror Priorities

By Pauline Yurleg

Administration officials affirmed that terrorists were responsible for the opposition to bombing the socks off anybody remotely near anybody remotely suspected of even knowing the address of anybody associated with the latest terrorist group.

"Bombing may be messy," stated White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest, "but we can't for the life of us think of anything else to do."

Experts agreed that many of the new terrorists now controlling wide swaths of Iraq's oil fields were difficult to tell from ordinary American and British citizens and in fact often were ordinary American and British citizens.

"We shouldn't be too surprised," confided one expert anonymously. "The United Kingdom has spent centuries beheading people as a common matter of state. Nobody tends to call them barbarians because of that thing with the four o'clock tea."

Critics, even some congressional representatives, suggested diplomacy but were laughed at and then quickly arrested as complicit in assisting terrorism and then promptly sued for tortious interference with corporate business practices.

The American public barked approval and then continued watching the new fall HBO shows unperturbed by the fact that they are statistically more likely to be killed by a police officer than a terrorist.



AMERICAN POOL TOYS are in immediate danger from terrorist attacks.

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"Of course it's about oil," stated Earnest. "But it's also about having no clue what else to do."

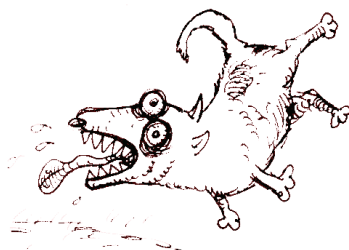
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