

the untranslatable issue...



"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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It's biga peula...it's free...if you can find it

"..My fame is shrewdly gored..."

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## Newsom Laments Inability to Help Wealthy Friends with Pesky Homeless



WHAT'S REALLY PREPOSTEROUS is that the wealthy can't build anything they want anywhere they want as fast as possible.

By Abigail Blew

"What is the point of being wealthy and powerful if you can't help your wealthy friends?" muttered Governor Gavin Newsom as he stalked through the halls of the Sacramento capitol.

Governor Newsom called the December order by U.S. Magistrate Donna Ryu which prohibited street sweeps "preposterous" and "inhumane" perplexing local San Franciscans who have long concluded, along with the judge, that the sweeps themselves were preposterous and inhumane.

"They force everyone to move constantly into yet another neighborhood unprepared for a tent city, and then when that neighborhood complains it happens all over again," pointed out the owner of a local market. "If



IF YOU SEE A TENT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD call 9-11 immediately and vigorously pull the nearest fire alarm.

this is the policy he thinks is humane he needs to resign."

Observers are beginning to wonder about Newsom's Trumpian parallels, especially after Newsom commended Elon Musk for his criticism of judicial roadblocks to clearing encampments and promoting a tech firm blacklist for a law firm that was repre-

## Slavery Nurtures Skills and Improves Complexion



HEALTHY OUTDOOR EXERCISE IN THE FRESH AIR not only teaches useful skills such as team-building but often improves one's mood and general physical and mental health.

By Adam Boyes

The Florida state board of education approved new African American history standards for grades K-12 which are inspiring like-minded educators to reframe state standards nationwide.



FLORIDA GOVERNOR Ron DeSantis defends House Bill 7 as a way to avoid "woke" indoctrination such as

"It's not hard to draw up a list of such skills," offered Governor DeSantis in defense of this controversial recommendation. "Blacksmithing skills come to mind, and golf."

The Florida education department created a workgroup to "ensure alignment with the enhancements from HB 7," which may or may not include traditional incentives such as not having your house burn down."

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[|: ^) <= Porkpie Hat Smiley

senting the homeless plaintiffs. "You know you're right when Elon Musk is against you," noted a local San Francisco teacher rallying for a moratorium on sweeps. "We have thousands of homeless children in our school system. Governor Newsom is missing in action."

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DESIGN PROPOSALS FOR A MONUMENT TO THE WAR ON TERRORISM all had a unanimous theme well illustrated in this design.

## "War on Terrorism" Monument Under Consideration

### Uncle Sam with Head Up Own Butt Proposal Currently in Lead

By Sid Dingdown

Supporters and victims of the "War on Terrorism" agreed on hastening the normal 10-year timeline for choosing a monument design but noted that any agreement on the design itself would be a challenge.

"Uncle Sam with his head up his own rear end has a lot of support," sighed one veteran, a survivor of the deadly Afghanistan pull-out which many consider representative of the official end of the war. "In these conflicted times we're just trying to fend off suggestions like a missile bursting out of an apple pie."

The committee welcomes additional suggestions but cautions against statues, which have a tendency to fall over.

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, did Governor Gavin Newsom really compliment Elon Musk for recommending that tech companies blacklist law firms representing homeless people?**

Dear reader, yes. He's also on board subverting court decisions he dislikes with retroactive legislative erasures. For some, this is the just long game of the wealthy. For others, this is the end of democracy and the separation of powers. You can flip a coin. Or perhaps vote.

**Dear Lena, are they serious about driverless trucks? Could we at least get a heads-up on that day so we could turn in our keys and go back to driving horses and wagons?**

Dear reader, unfortunately, no. The almost complete absence of newspapers and the saturation of celebrity news makes honest information harder to find than an open public library. You might want to call any representative still taking calls to register a polite objection, but the recent Public Utilities Commission's thumbs up on self-driving cars is not a good omen. Apparently the PUC thinks road safety is old-fashioned.

**Dear Lena, I heard that the gender and racial pay gap is still mostly unchanged. What is going on.**

Dear reader, you were perhaps expecting rainbows and lollipops. The good news is that we hear about this thanks to SB973, a state law requiring private companies with more than 100 employees to collect information on how much they pay people and report it to the state by category. In this way things can suck, but now they have to suck in broad daylight.

**Dear Lena, so who are the winners and who are the losers?**

Dear reader, men win, women lose. White people win, people of color lose. But at least now it is a small headline on page three.

Ask Lena about fireflies at [cdenney@igc.org](mailto:cdenney@igc.org).

# Paris, France Boots Scooters

By Annie Daynow

An overwhelming eighty-nine percent of Parisians voted to ban rental scooters from their streets on the grounds that they are a hazardous nuisance and "ils sont une offense esthétique" as well.

"Nobody asked us in the first place," pointed out one Paris resident, "and it got worse and worse over time."

"These companies just dumped them everywhere, broken, sprawled across roadways, constantly in the way," sniffed Parisian resident Conover Here. "Let them find some other city to litter."



IT TOOK A LOT OF HARDWARE CORP. RATE PR to make this kind of thing look less ridiculous so try to be more respectful of your corporate tech overlords.

Paris was the first European city to try the rental scooters, and is now the first to prohibit them. Personal scooters with appropriate licenses remain legal, but scooter riders are advised to exhibit humility or experience a high potential for creative vandalism perfected under the reign of Lime, Dott, Bird, and Tier.

Paris's city hall press account described the vote itself as a rare "public consulta-



LONG BEFORE 89% OF PARIS VOTED AGAINST SCOOTERS THEY WERE VANDALIZED at astonishing rates in creative and astonishing, French-accented ways.

tion" that resulted in lengthy public lines at ballot boxes throughout the city.

Dockless rental scooter companies objected that the vote was unfair.

"What was unfair is that a vote happened in the first place," fumed Lime representative Daniel B. Sorry. "Our sales model is entirely dependent on an absolute absence of any public or democratic interference so that those who object do not seem young enough and with it enough to get it."

"We're hot-wired for quick installment in cities worldwide so that the safety vulnerability won't catch up for years," explained one industry insider. "It's the strongest part of our tech model, most of which is big words and exotic reorganization of any recognizable context. We consider exotic reorganization of any recognizable context to be the new black."

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## Culture Wars Hit Military; Military Surrenders

By Shawn DeDoor

The Republican majority successfully attached restrictions on abortion, transgender care, and diversity training to the annual defense authorization bill, a bill usually immune from partisan bickering because the military is well-trained and well armed.

"We have plenty of other bills to mess with," noted one of the four Republicans voting against the bill, Eli Crane of Arizona. "I don't like standing between people and their guns."

The other three Republicans cited the necessity of military readiness, including Andy Biggs of Arizona, Ken Buck of Colorado, and Thomas Massie of Kentucky, as well as not wanted to tick off people with military-grade assault weapons.

The Democratic "yes" votes were Reps. Don Davis of North Carolina, Jared Golden of Maine, Marie Gluesenkamp Pérez of Washington, and Gabe Vasquez of New Mexico, all of whom are apparently geared up and ready for the "war on woke" in which any notice of systemic racism, sexism, or inclusion is met with fierce, freedom-loving show of fire-breathing.

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## How to Say "Scooters Suck" in Several Useful Languages

By Collete Turalla-Stoppel and Mark Nelson

In French: "Les scooters sont nuls."

In Spanish: "Los scooters apestan."

In Portuguese: "Scooters são uma merda."

In Pashto: "يړوخو رېټوڪس."

In German: "Roller sind scheiße."

In Yiddish: "אָגייז סרעטאַקאָס. (or) "Skooters zoygn."

In Greek: "Τα σκούτερ είναι χάλια. (or) Ta skóuter éinai chália."

In Latin: "Lactant Scooters."

In Ukrainian: "Скутери відстій. (or) Skutery vidstiy."

In Haitian Creole: "Scooters souse."

In Norwegian: "Scootere suger."

In Zulu: "Ama-scooters alula."

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# Todavía La Naranja

By Susan Stockings



Todavía la Naranja

¿donde esta' la naranja? G////  
 esta mirando a la Casa Blanca G//D//  
 ¿donde esta' la naranja? D////  
 esta mirando a la Casa Blanca D//G//  
 todavia todavia C//// G////  
 todavia todavia D//// G////

¿donde esta la naranja?  
 todavia esta' en el Twitter  
 ¿donde esta la naranja?  
 todavia esta' en el Twitter  
 todavia todavia  
 todavia todavia

¿porque a la casa Blanca?  
 ¿no perdió las elecciones?  
 nadie lo entiende  
 si perdió las elecciones  
 todavia todavia  
 todavia todavia

¿donde esta' la naranja?  
 la naranja esta' en su mente  
 ¿donde esta' la naranja?  
 la naranja esta' en su mente  
 todavia todavia  
 todavia todavia

(Optional Bridge:)

se ve la naranja caminando por luz de la luna  
 se ve la naranja llorando por el futuro  
 se ve la naranja pensando como ganar mas  
 y mas y mas y mas dinero  
 de gente pequeña que se está dando cuenta  
 que él no era.... el primero

(instrumental break)

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Next Issue: walking ostriches with celebrities!

# Golf Courses For Sale

Cheap, With Little Tassels on the Window Blinds and Stuff Like That

By Anatole Bridgetoken

"It's really good timing," stated one real estate agent unwilling to give her name but willing to take bids on former president Donald Trump's properties which are in some disarray and so will probably go for under market rate to any buyer willing to weather the oprobrium associated with the various indictments and difficulties connected to the Trump businesses.

"We wish him luck," stated investors. "We traditionally say, 'forget about your last round, Today is the one that counts.'"

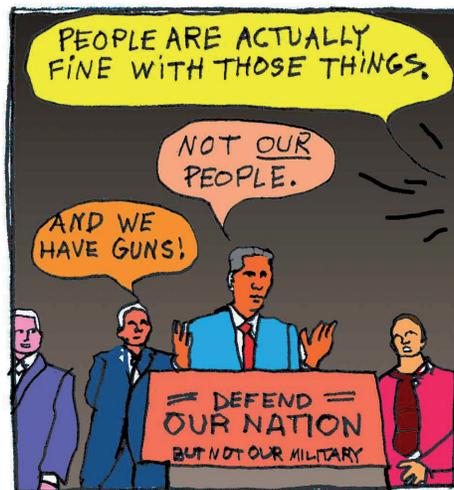
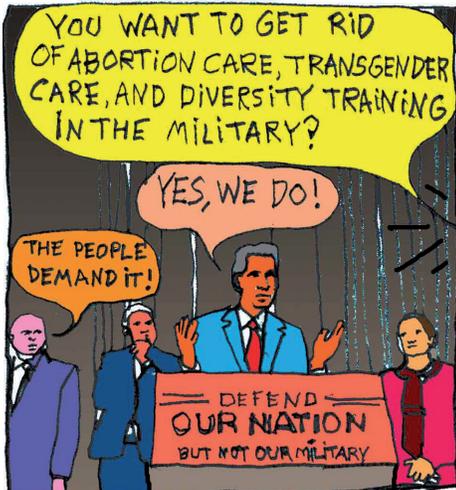
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## 25 Unique & Amusing Golf Sayings for Good Luck

- Relax, Take It Easy.
- Play-Well And Enjoy Your Round.
- Forget About Your Last Round, Today Is The One That Counts.
- Hunt Those Birdies Today.
- Score Low.
- Keep It Long And Straight.
- Don't Putt From The Rough.
- We Want Bullseyes And Birdies Today.

## I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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