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"..Foes to my rest and my sweet sleep's disturbers..."

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## United States Behind Other Nations in Modern Slavery

### Republicans Hope to Address National Embarrassment

By Ouida Soomso

The United States is woefully behind other nations in the business of modern slavery according to estimations by a charitable foundation's Global Slavery Index, and stands to fall further behind without serious intervention.

"It's not like we're completely out of the running at this point," stated one national



AT LEAST THERE IS SOME PROGRESS in the actual cost of modern slaves, which are much less expensive than the old days.

expert. "Especially in the per capita category where we have a specific statistical shot."

North Korea is currently in first place in the per capita category with an impressive 4.37 percent of its



THE STATE DEPARTMENT wastes time on analyzing stuff like this instead of paying attention to the latest Pokemon game.

population trapped in modern slavery.

"It's embarrassing," acknowledged one local American slave trader. "We're really not doing our best. It's just awful when North Korea kicks our ass."

India has the largest number of modern slaves at over eighteen million, with China holding onto a close second place at over three million.

"Pakistan is holding steady at third place," noted one State Department spokesperson. "When the Republicans get hold of our

budget for issues like this one we're confident our current per capita rate will start

to steadily improve." \* \* \* \* \*



ANYONE CAN SEE THAT the 1,933-mile border between the United States and Mexico is just too small and needs to be at least twice as tall with maybe a moat full of alligators.

## Republicans Find Common Ground on Height of Wall

By Sue Neenuff

The Republican National Committee issued a press release confirming that the Republican Party is unified behind the proposed height of the wall to be built between the United States and Mexico, avoiding what would have been a contentious debate threatening party optics before the November election.



IT'S HARD TO tell the legal from the illegal people so just be suspicious of people who have accents and guitars.

"It was dicey there for awhile," admitted one party insider. "We wanted it high enough to discourage people who might want to climb it, but we're trying to contain the building costs as well on behalf of the Mexican government, of course."

"We finally flipped a coin," stated another party inside happily. "Now all we need is some really cheap labor."

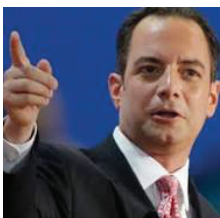
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## Republicans Find Common Ground on Pizza Toppings



### Democratic Party Still in Complete Disarray

By Wayde Tilledark



REINCE PRIEBUS signals success at finding consensus on favorite cliché.

Republicans easily found several specific points of agreement on pizza toppings according to a recent press release, delighting Republican political operatives.

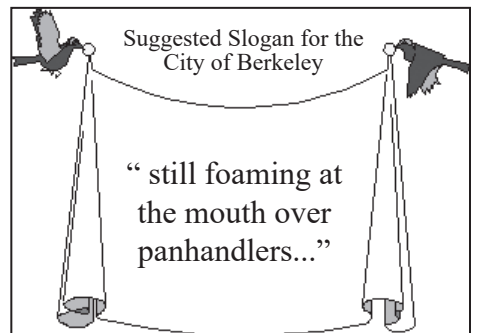
"This is getting easier and easier," enthused Reince Priebus, chairperson of the Re-

publican National Committee (RNC). "Tomorrow we're going to try favorite 1960's rock bands."

The success was not lost on Democratic Party insiders who can't get their warring candidates' supporters on the same page.

"It's embarrassing," shrugged one political insider over the continuing pitched Democratic Party battles. "On the other hand, it certainly can be described as a hal- lowed tradition."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

"still foaming at the mouth over panhandlers..."

# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, A huge fan of yours, but writing right now with a bit of a personal problem. With the little glitches of aging now upon me, I've been having an especially difficult time opening things. This is usually solved by babies or toddlers, who are able to open everything, however, because I have no grandchildren accessible (in fact, no grandchildren anywhere at all [actually not a bad thing]), I now have provided every room in my house with knives, shears, hacksaws, axes, electric hedge trimmers, and miniature jackhammers.

These generally work for me, outside of a few unfortunate slips now and then requiring some recovery. But hey! Remember what Katherine Hepburn said!

The problem is that none of these worked today when I tried to open the Pepper Spray Times. Amazing, those nasty pieces of tape! Actually, a combination of all "worked," meaning I got the tape off, but the price was a "shredded-before-I-read-it" PST.

Hoping very much that you can suggest an effective instrument with which I might implement my arsenal specific for the PST. - Joan Kloehn

Dear devoted reader, I believe the equipment you require is called a flamethrower. This will, in fact, destroy the newspaper specifically in question. But you will feel great satisfaction in the utilization of this instrument and in addition have the opportunity to appreciate the abandon with which most people approach our world.

Dear Lena, I keep going to the city council meetings to celebrate the Pepper Spray Times' 25th Anniversary and then nothing happens. This has happened twice. Is this some kind of nefarious conspiracy against your publication?

Dear reader, yes. It is extremely inconvenient for the people in charge of the balloon drop. And there is only so long you can keep a marching band waiting before they just charge onto the field.

Ask Lena about military training for domestic use of semi-automatic marshmallow shooters at [cdenney@jgc.org](mailto:cdenney@jgc.org).

# BART Plaza Renovation Features Absence of Chairs and Benches

- Innovative Design Feature Should Improve Health and Reduce Pesky Human Presence

By Brighton Urley



THIS CHAIR may seem innocent to you but consider what prolonged use will do to your back, your weight, and your reputation in fashionable furniture circles.

official defending the plan. "The businesses near the plaza will be permitted to put out tables and chairs for paying customers."

Critics objected that ordinary citizens should have the right to enjoy seating in the plaza, but were dismissed.

"We want to prioritize people who are comfortable with money," explained a public official connected to the renovation. "Preferable people who enjoy white shrimp ceviche with aguachile verde, red onion, and jicama."

Another innovation proposed for the BART Plaza is the idea of "creative use of various media" through the use of "technological advances" to install "social marketing outlets" to give the city and the Down-

"Everyone knows that sitting is bad for you," stated public officials defending the radical new plan to avoid seating areas in the proposed BART Plaza renovation. "We anticipate that we will reduce back problems and obesity by keeping people on their feet."

"It isn't like there will be no seating at all," stated another public official defending the plan. "The businesses near the plaza will be permitted to put out tables and chairs for paying customers."

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town Berkeley Association (DBA) the "power of public messaging" for the purposes of promotion.

"We've pretty much eliminated newspapers, fliers, posters, etc., which used to create blight on the plaza," stated a spokesperson for the city manager's office. "Electronic displays will take the place of paper and can be utilized to promote personalized messages, integrate city and staff communications to the public, and provide feedback loops from the public's electronic devices."

"The possibilities are endless," enthused a representative from the Public Health Department. "We can push health messages, city-sponsored events-- imagine the utility right before an election!"

Critics who suggested that electronic displays might meet the same fate as the DBA's anti-panhandling cash boxes were dismissed as predictable nay-sayers with no enthusiasm for the paperless future.

"It's going to be great," stated a city staff member. "Unless we're hacked."

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BEWARE of casually seating yourself in something that looks comfortable but will lull you to sleep and will probably make you miss your bus.

# Republicans Find Common Ground on Tradition of Booting Undocumented Workers

1929 - 1936's Los Angeles "Mexican Repatriation" Provides Handy Roadmap

By Portia Zarfast



Voters dubious about the Republican plan to deport undocumented workers were reminded by presidential candidate Donald Trump supporters that rounding up undocumented people in great numbers has already happened before.

"There's no need to reinvent the wheel," explained one Republican Party operative. "The Mexican Repatriation in Los Angeles in the 1930's is pretty much all the roadmap we need."

"President Obama's deportations were pretty wimpy in comparison," stated one Republican National Committee (RNC)

operative. "We've got to up that game."

The forced return of people of Mexican descent to Mexico deported from 500,000 to two million people during the Depression and took place without due process, giving Republicans a roadmap for a process critics argue is discriminatory.

"We apologized in 2005 to the people who were citizens and deported by accident," countered one Republican consultant on the project. "If things get crazy we can just apologize again. Trump doesn't mind apologizing and people just don't care."

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# Republicans Find Common Ground on Being Represented by Racist Clown

By B. L. Z. Bubba



"It looked hard in the beginning," admitted one experienced Republican Party political operative regarding the necessity of adjusting to being represented by a nominee widely regarded as a racist clown. "But we're adjusting. We're more like a support group now than a political party."

"I think we've come a long way," agreed a dazed Republican Party chairperson Rince Priebus. "We've moved past denial, anger, and bargaining. I think I'm still stuck in depression, but looking forward to acceptance anytime soon."

Political insiders marvel that the overt racism once thought to be political kryptonite for Republicans is widely popular with voters, who rally around the Republican nominee in even higher numbers after each racist comment and mass shooting.



REPUBLICANS are making progress on accepting a racist clown as their candidate due to the Bozo and Ronald MacDonald factor which eased this generation of Republicans into a politically convenient childlike stupor.

"We used to keep this stuff in the back rooms," acknowledged one Republican advisor. "We were off base not recognizing that racism would unite our base and really fire up the party."

"Republicans used to look kind of tired," offered one young Trump supporter. "But fighting protesters at the rallies has really energized me

and my buddies. We just wish we could do it every night."

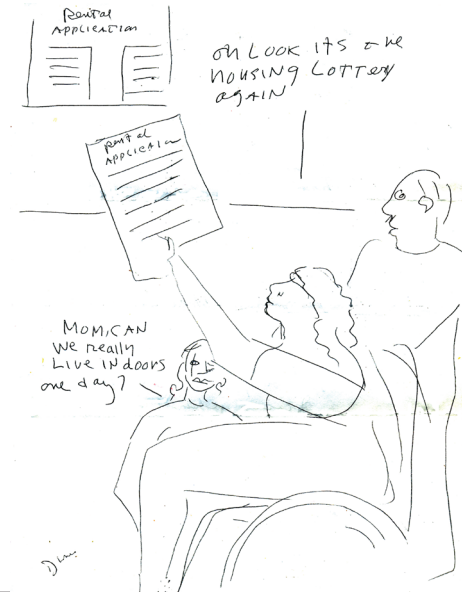
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# How To Find Out If Your Volkswagen Is Lying to You

- \* Ask it if it likes your new haircut.
- \* Ask it if what you're wearing makes you look fat.
- \* Ask it who is the better driver, you or your sister.
- \* Ask it if it is excited to go visit Aunt Sarah.
- \* Ask it if it likes your taste in dashboard music.
- \* Ask it if it likes your cooking.
- \* Ask it if it thinks you should buy a Ford.
- \* Ask it if you should talk about the recall on Yelp.
- \* Ask it if you can get a bigger settlement if you hire your own independent attorney.



\* Ask it if the Tesla death guy was kind of asking for it.  
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# Signs to Watch For That Indicate Your Husband Is a Crazy Gun Guy

By Holmes Tedders

1. *Your husband buys a bunch of guns including an automatic weapon.* -- Your husband may tell you automatic weapons are really handy for aerating the lawn, but this is actually a bad sign. Consider "losing" his new toy at the nearest neighborhood gun buy-back event and spend the cash on popsicles for the kids.

2. *Your husband starts hanging around Disneyland and gay clubs without really getting in the swing of things.* -- This may look like a guy with just a sense of adventure trying something new, but this can be a sign of trouble because of that gun thing. Find a counselor and be sure to tell him or her about the guns and the automatic weapon and how he never seems to want a Mouseketeers hat.



IF YOUR HUSBAND is not very enthusiastic about the Mouseketeer sing-alongs you should check him for automatic weapons.

3. *Your husband spends a lot of time taking his own picture and chatting with gay guys and transgender women on pick-up sites.* -- You're probably tempted to think you should be a good sport and go along with this but this is considered somewhat peculiar behavior, and deserves scrutiny because of the gun thingie. Discuss this with the counselor and you might want to find a good attorney to boot.

4. *Your husband has nothing good to say about minorities, gays, religions other than his own and has taken out big balloon payments on showy, expensive stuff you can't afford.* -- Grab your kids and run for the door with that attorney's number. You can thank me later.

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## We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast

Do these things work?



DO THESE HEPA FILTERS REALLY WORK?

Do they actually eliminate the smallest contaminant particulate matter?



DO THESE HEPA FILTERS REALLY WORK?

Do we at least look hip?



DO THESE HEPA FILTERS REALLY WORK?

# What the Fence? East Bay Joins Trump in Celebrating the Wall

By Eaton DePie



CITY HALL in Berkeley is a great example of preemptive open space protection saluting the new Trumpian political era.

Republican nominee Donald Trump's considerable influence on national politics has become so obviously and so profoundly disruptive that political consultants are tossing aside their playbooks and acknowledging unanimously that this is a new, unpredictable world. But discerning observers note that there are local Trump-related changes manifesting as well even in liberal cities like Berkeley, California, where fences and walls are springing up across the town as though in celebration of the Trump era to come.

Officials from the United States Post Office denied that their extensive fence of the

Berkeley Main Post Office's west garden and surrounding open space was the first manifestation of the new Trump era, pointing out that the lawn near Berkeley's old City Hall on Martin Luther King Street had sprouted fencing shortly after the holidays.

"They did it first," insisted one Post Office official. "They may have added more square footage to their



YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE to see the danger lurking here in front of Berkeley's Post Office, but not only do your official representatives see it, they are doing their best to fence off all open space so that the contagion doesn't spread *because they are thinking of you.*

"We are not known as a trendy crew over here." - Post Office

original fencing, but their initial fencing pre-dated ours. We are not known as a trendy crew over here."

Albany city officials questioned about their edgy new freeway fencing echoed the Post Office officials in crediting the City of Berkeley as the trend-setter in wall and fence building.

"Ours is not really a wall," stated one official defensively about the strange new fence forcing those who seek shelter under the overpass out into nearby commercial districts. "It's more like an exotic spacing

technique. We just want all these shopping cart people to abandon their nomadic ways and embrace owning their first hybrid."

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YOU MAY WONDER why all these people are electing to live right at the edge of the onramp but it is because our official representatives are *protecting* the more spacious areas nearby with the new symbol of the Trump era, *the fence.*

Next Issue: Applying blush with celebrities!

## THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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