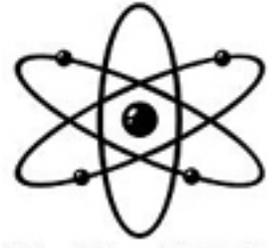


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# THE TYPO KING #96



“There are mighty few people who think what they think they think.”  
---Robert Henri (1865-1929)

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*A PUBLICATION OF INTENSELY PERSONAL COMMENT AND OPINION*

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A plugger always writes down important reminders on a small slip of paper ... but finding that slip is another thing.

WELL, MIGHT AS WELL GET THE POLITICAL RANT FOR THE ISSUE OUT OF THE WAY...

I was initially going to post some innocent nattering while displaying a collection of Bill Plott's favorite comic strip, "Pluggers", but recent events on the political horizon have been a rude awakening.

It is an interesting attribute of almost all dictators that they almost always announce well in advance what their policies are and what they will do once they are entrenched in a position of power. Invariably some of their policies will appeal to a large segment of the population, while others will appeal to a segment of the population that will seek to finance and back the candidate politically in hopes of reaping benefits from the specific policies they feel are favorable to them. They believe their new champion can be controlled and influenced because they are the people who are supplying him with the money and media clout he needs to come into power.

Then, after the dictator does come into power, everyone is shocked and amazed when the demigod does exactly what he said he was going to

do all along.

And that is exactly what is happening with Caligula Trump. Gosh, who would have guessed that he would act like a king from day one, just as he promised he would, or that he would use his imperial degrees to enact all the policies he said he would; including mass deportations of illegal aliens, massive tariffs against both friends and foes alike, deliberately destroying the independence of the justice department so he can enact specific revenge on anybody and everybody he that ever opposed him in any way, destroying decades of government enacted programs to ensure racial, gender, and religious equality, undermining the nation's worldwide political and military power with reckless territorial claims, and lots more.

Amazing to many, the cowards in Congress are standing idly by while the new dictator strips them of all their Constituently specified powers. However his latest proclamation, revealed on 4 February, is sending chills down the spines of everyone involved in government.

On that day Trump declared that the United States would soon own the Gaza strip of Israel, seizing it by force if necessary, after which he will expel all the Palestinians living there, He suggest the surrounding nations take them in, (which would be remarkable indeed, since they have all refused to accept Palestinian refugees for the past seventy-two years and counting), after which the whole region will be transformed into "the Rivera of the Middle East", an international luxury vacation spot.



This clear evidence of Trump's total mental collapse has shocked everyone, but needless to say, the Republican boot lickers are actually trying to find some way to claim this is a wonderful idea, and that it is something that entirely possible to do, even something that America should actually do right away.

This country has elected a deranged lunatic to the office of president. He is determined to make himself the uncrowned emperor of America, and nobody is willing to call his mental collapse by name or invoke the 25<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the constitution to stop him. Nobody in the GOP is going to question their Messiah or rock the boat, no matter what new stupidity his delusional brain can concoct.

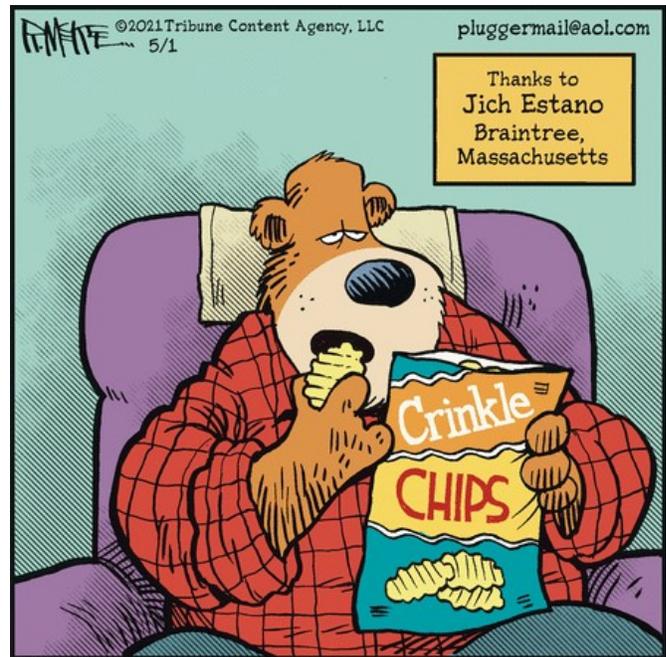
Meanwhile, here are a few other points...

### HELLO RECESSION...HERE WE COME!!!

On 31 January Bloomberg's Financial News reported that dealers and speculators in gold and silver have been moving extraordinary amounts of these precious metals into the country in anticipation of economic chaos after Trump levies massive tariffs on foreign nations, both friends and foes alike. The prices of both gold and silver spiked aggressively right after Trump's election, and as of the end of January 14 million ounces of gold, worth \$38 billion dollars, and 45 million ounces of silver have been moved from London and Switzerland into the New York Complex futures vaults. More of these metals, along with shiploads of raw copper are being rushed into the US in anticipation of very unsettling economic conditions to come, beginning in February. In times of an uncertain economy the value of precious and strategic metals invariably surges. Many rare metal dealers are currently well positioned to reap windfall profits.

And, Goldman Sachs has revealed new market data that validated a complete turn around from the broad confidence investors and stock fund managers had in the economy right after the November elections. As of 2 Feb, investors, particular hedge funds and stock portfolio managing companies, have placed ten times more bets on stock prices falling than rising. How much has been placed on the stock market taking a nose dive? Goldman Sachs has verified that at least 4.5 trillion dollars has been placed by people whose expertise is in judging economic conditions. Major players interviewed believe Caligula Trump's economic policies will lead to a major recession by the end of this year, if not sooner.

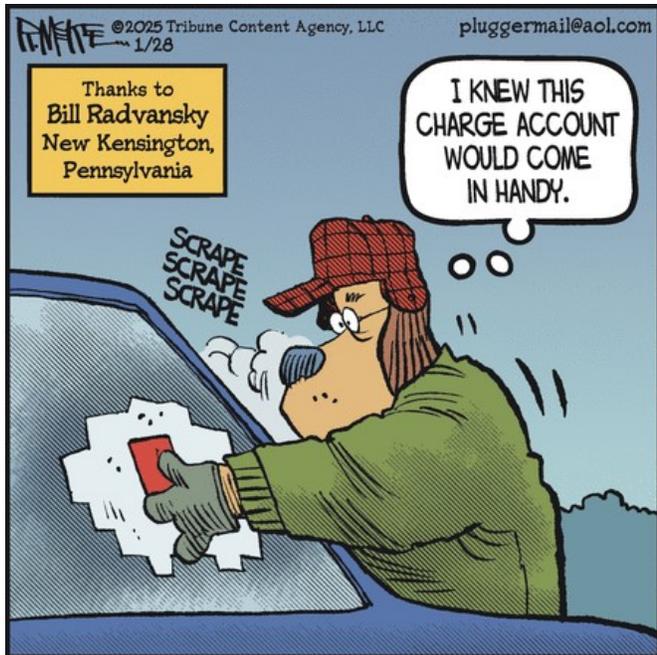
The possible damage to retirement funds and pension plans which invest very heavily in the stock market is significant and deeply worrying. Retirees and those who depend on steady income from stock portfolios are most at risk.



You're a plugger if all potato chip bags, regardless of size or weight, are single servings.



A plugger's favorite season is the time between when he stops mowing and starts shoveling.



**A plugger knows that a credit card makes the best windshield scraper.**

AND MEANWHILE, ON THE DEPORTATION FRONT...

Deportations on military flights implemented by the U.S. government under Donald Trump's administration have sparked controversy due to their high cost, which can be up to five times the price of a first-class ticket on a commercial airline.

A study revealed that transporting a migrant on a military plane can cost at least \$4,675, while a commercial flight on American Airlines from El Paso, Texas, to Guatemala is priced at \$853.

Despite the existence of cheaper options, the strategy of using military transport aircraft continues, significantly increasing deportation expenses.

The decision to implement military flights as part of the national emergency on migration has led to the departure of six planes with deported migrants to Latin America. However, only four of these flights managed to land at their destination, all in Guatemala, as Colombia

rejected the arrival of U.S. C-17 planes and instead sent its own aircraft to pick up the migrants.

The operational cost of these military transport planes has been criticized, as official estimates suggest a round trip to Guatemala with a C-17 costs around \$285,000, not including ground time or other logistical expenses.

The Pentagon has not immediately responded to requests for information on these costs, while the White House has defended the measure as a firm action against illegal migration. During a meeting at his golf club in Doral, Florida, Trump assured that deportations on military planes will continue and warned that any country refusing to receive deportees "will pay a high economic price." White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt released images of migrants boarding a C-17, emphasizing that the administration seeks to send a clear message to the world about the consequences of illegal entry into the U.S.

The high cost of these military deportations contrasts with the commercial charter flights used by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which have proven to be a more cost-effective alternative.

According to ICE data, in 2021, deportation flights on commercial planes cost around \$8,577 per hour, while in 2023, the figure rose to \$17,000 per hour to transport 135 deportees, equating to a cost of \$630 per person. Compared to military flights, this cost difference questions the efficiency of the new approach adopted by the U.S. government.

#### TAKING A PAGE FROM THE SOVIET PLAYBOOK

Trump has declared that the Guantanamo naval base prison facility in Cuba will now be used to house some illegal aliens, particularly, he says, the ones that are violent criminals. Oh? What happened to just deporting them all? Am I alone in believing that this is going to become a "reeducation" concentration camp that Trump will fill with his political opponents and those government officials who refuse to be bullied by his illegal demands? Gosh, who couldda seen *that* coming?

#### LESSONS I HAVE TO KEEP RELEARNING....

You would think that years of experience would teach me solid lesson, but there are still things I have to relearn over, and over, and over again, because the info just doesn't seem to stick. Things like---*Never* buy

potato chips in a bag. This seems so easy, why do I keep forgetting that while there may be a few chips near the top that are fair sized and whole, most of the bag is going to contain broken chips and shards, including the mini chips the companies get when they shave odd sized potatoes down to the tiny little ends. By about half way down any bag of chips, I may as well be scooping the stuff out with a spoon.

I normally buy processed and pressed potato chips like Pringles and Stax. I particularly like Stax, which seems to me to have more potato flavor than Pringles. But both products are made by mashing up the potatoes, and forming them into a specific baked shape, which means that almost all the chips in each can are whole and undamaged. Even the few accidentally broken chips are always larger and easier to handle than the crumbs at the bottom of any bagged chip purchase.

This is an easy lesson to learn, yet the other day I bought a bag of UTZ ripples on sale, and immediately regretted the decision. There were damn few full sized chips in that bag. Almost the whole package was filled with tiny broken and crumbled potato chip scraps. Maybe the lesson will stick this time round.



A plugger actually eats fruit cake.

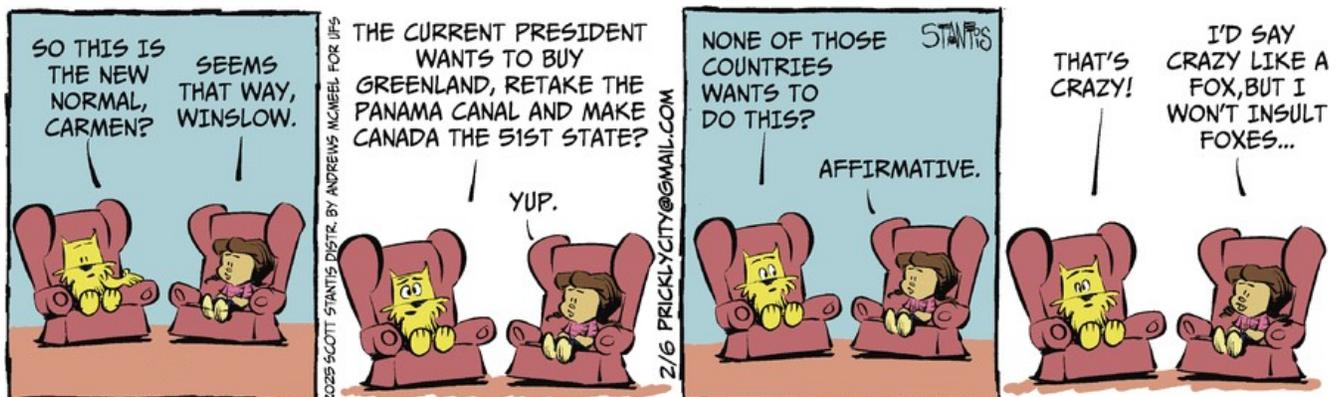
**BREAKING NEWS!!**

This just in: Prez Donny “Bone Spurs” Trump declared that Super Bowl #59 was “stolen” by the Philadelphia Eagles. Declaring that Chief’s quarterback Patrick Mahomes’ passing play was “brilliant”, he stated that “fake, clearly bribed” referees deliberately delivered erroneous decisions on vital plays, and that Philadelphia had a “dead duck” offense.

“The only way they could possibly have racked up 40 points in a tightly contested game is if they cheated, stealing signals from their opponents, and relied on deliberately favorable calls made by the fake game officials who have clearly been bribed to throw the game in the Eagles’ favor!”

President For Life Trump declared that he was issuing an Imperial Degree launching a full scale FBI investigation of the game with instructions to “dig deep; until you find the guilty parties”. If results aren’t forthcoming within his as yet unstated time frame, “heads will roll” and the “Cheating NFL” will face a “25% tax assessment on their ticket sales”. If answers and a correction are not produced soon, he will ask the Justice Department and the courts to declare that the entire NFL league is in violation of the Mann Act and will forbid teams from crossing state lines to play in any future games.

National Football League officials had few comments, but promised to cooperate fully with the investigation and kiss as many asses as necessary to keep their zillion dollar sports monopoly free from government interference.



# Beetle-inspired air-to-water device from US makes 2.5 gallons of water per day

Story by Bojan Stojkovski

Access to clean drinking water remains one of the most pressing global challenges of the 21st century. From rural communities with no infrastructure to urban areas facing contamination issues, millions struggle daily to access safe, drinkable water. Recognizing this crisis, Cody Soodeen, co-founder and CEO of Kara Water, developed an air-to-water device which is capable of producing pure, mineralized water in virtually any environment.

The inspiration for Kara Water's revolutionary system came from an unexpected source: the Namibian desert beetle. This insect, which thrives in one of the world's driest regions, survives by capturing water vapor from the air on its shell. Once enough moisture accumulates, the beetle consumes it—a process known as vapor harvesting.

The device uses advanced desiccant materials to replicate the beetle's process. As air



passes through the device, the desiccant absorbs water vapor, which is then heated to extract and distill the water. The result is clean, pure water stored in a UV-sterilized tank, with essential minerals added during dispensing for optimal hydration.

Each Kara Pure unit can produce up to 2.5 gallons (10 liters approx) of water per day, making it an ideal solution for households, offices, and remote areas. Beyond its water production capabilities, the system also functions as a gentle dehumidifier, improving indoor air quality without significantly altering room humidity.

# MORE AMMO FOR TRUMP'S PANAMA CANAL CLAIM!

President Trump offered documents showing Jimmy Carter not only gave away the Panama Canal during his term in office, but that he also gave away almost all the US gold reserves in Fort Knox!. He explained that this is why the country is currently having economic convulsions. It was all Carter's fault, not his!!

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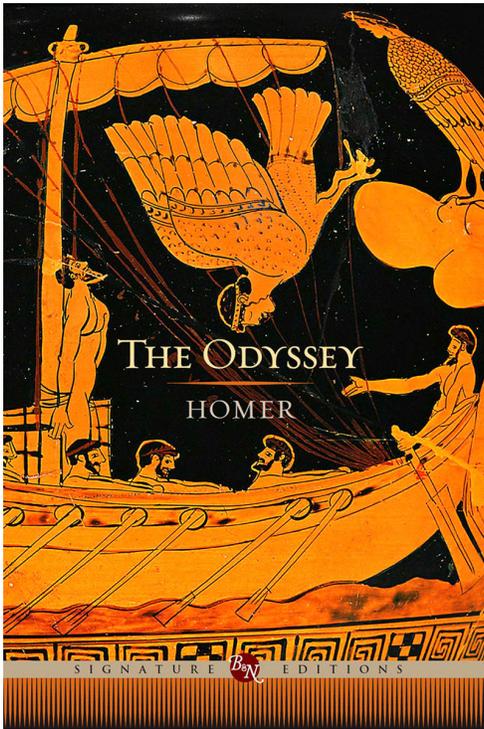
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**TAKE THIS QUIZ! DO YOU HAVE AN ALIEN MIND?**

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## THE ODYSSEY by Homer; English language prose translation by W.H.D. Rouse

Widely regarded as one of the greatest adventure stories ever written, people who want to experience The Odyssey as an adventure would be well advised to read the condensed, Reader's Digest style version rather than try to read the epic in its original format.

I did read the complete story translated into English prose, and let me tell you, it's loooooonnnnnngggg on trivial details, and short on actual adventure. Like the Iliad, The Odyssey is divided into 24 books which comprise the entire tale.

The story begins in Ithaca, native land of Odysseus (Ulysses in the Roman language), where his wife Penelope and son Telemachus are being eaten out of house and home by a large group of men, numbering 108 we are told, who believe Odysseus is dead and want to wed Penelope, mainly to gain control of her extensive estates and possessions. It has been twenty long years since Odysseus left with the Aegean armies to attack Troy, ten years since Troy fell, and after all that time they believe Odysseus must surely be dead.

That being the case, his widow must choose another husband to rule his holdings, and if she is unwilling to choose herself, let her father, a king in his own right, choose for her and supply a second dowry to aid the couple.

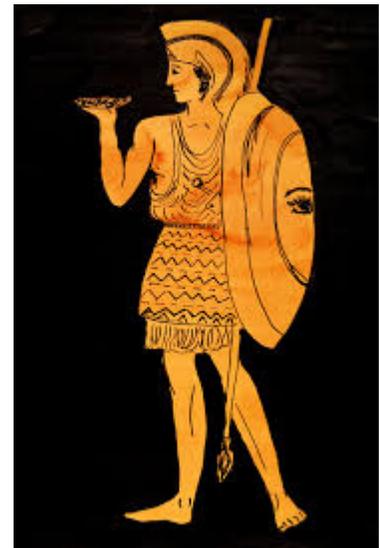
Penelope refuses to believe her husband is dead, and spends her life in unremitting grief, hoping against hope that somehow the gods will return Odysseus to her side. Advised by the goddess Athena, Telemachus goes to the capital town, calls a council of elders, and demands that the suitors remove themselves from his property, only to be rebuffed by a council who will not interfere with what they regard as a private matter, and by the suitors themselves, many of whom are the sons of well to do citizens in Ithaca, who declare Telemachus is merely a youth with no standing who cannot stop them.

Again advised by Athena, Telemachus goes to various nearby islands and kingdoms, then over to Spain, seeking help to deal with his problem. He is greeted warmly by all, given honors and many gifts, but no one will provide military backing to deal with the household full of unruly suitors. The suitors learning of Telemachus' journey hatch a plot of murder him when he returns, a plot that Penelope overhears.

That's books 1 thru 4. Only in book 5 and onwards do we finally meet Odysseus and learn of his problems. We learn that Odysseus has been cursed by Poseidon-Earthshaker who declares he must suffer for insulting him. What the insult was is not made clear until much later in the story. Odysseus has since been shipwrecked and held captive on an isle ruled by the minor goddess Calypso for seven years. She is in love with him, and offers Odysseus immortality if he will lawfully wed her, but tho he lies in her bed and has sex with her, he refuses and yearns constantly to return to his home and family.

We learn that Poseidon-Earthshaker is the brother of Zeus, king of the gods. It is only while Poseidon is away from Olympos that Athena dares to plead Odysseus' case with Zeus. Zeus reluctantly grants her wish to guide and advice the mortal on his journey home.

Those journeys take him to many lands where he is wined and dined and made much of, given gifts and relates his adventures of how he came to lose his ships and all his men. The discussions of meetings with kings and notable personalities along with their reception of him, plus the foods eaten at the banquets, all the gifts given, plus all the social amenities of these visits are related in extensive detail. The actual adventures themselves are related briefly, and without much background information at all.



The adventure where his crew lands on the island of the Cyclopians, and how Odysseus was able to blind one of the monsters and escape after being captured in its cave where four of his crew are slaughtered and eaten takes up only a few pages. We do learn that this particular Cyclops, Polyphemus by name, happened to be a son of Poseidon. Odysseus, after blinding the monster and escaping, taunts the Cyclops from the harbor, whereupon Polyphemus declares that his father Poseidon-Earthshaker will restore his sight, but instead of pleading for his eye back, he implores the god to curse Odysseus and his crew, to make his life miserable and keep him away from his home for ten years. This Poseidon is only too happy to do.

More visits with notable personalities are related. There are more losses of his men, then he is given replacement ships, with new men added to his new ships by the generosity of the rulers he encounters. Most of the adventures that have fascinated readers thru the ages are related briefly, without embellishment, while tales of the gods and their doings, legends of past rulers of obscure kingdoms and the feasts they throw are related in considerable detail. Every single character Odysseus encounters has a long winded history or story to tell, and those stories are all related in full.

Even when Odysseus finally manages to return to Ithaca his troubles are not over. Still aided by Athena, he is disguised as an elderly penniless beggar who is befriended by his faithful old swineherd, where he learns how things are in his kingdom, and his home. These encounters with background histories and information about every single person he meets, plus tales of their friends and how the gods affected them all, take up eight more books of the poem, the longest section of the entire story.

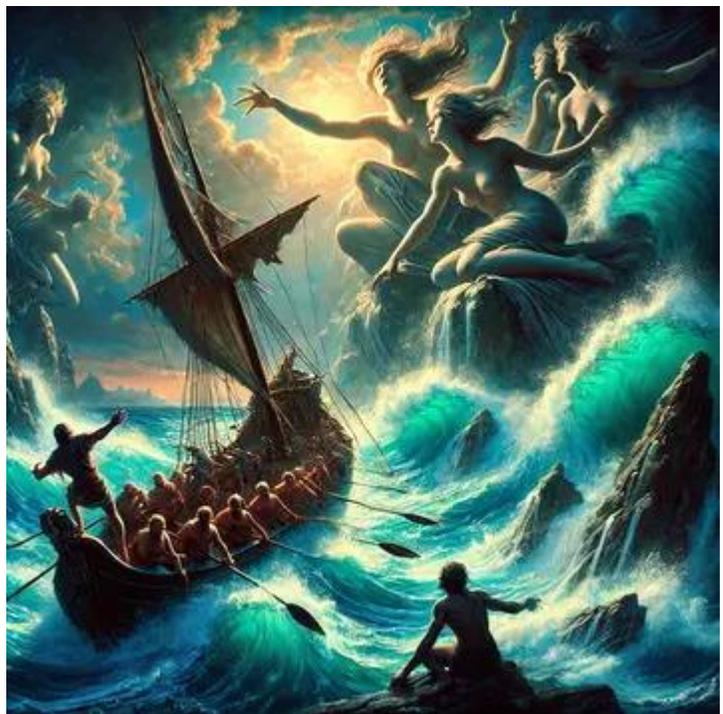
There are good reasons for this cautious spying in his native land. At least four times in the book the unlucky fate of King Agamemnon is retold, including Odysseus' voyage to Hades where he speaks with Agamemnon's spirit in person. Agamemnon, leader of the Aegean forces attacking Troy, returned in triumph with ships laden with booty, only to discover too late that his wife Clytemnestra has taken Aegisthus as her lover in his long absence, and the pair murder him. His son Orestes kill Aegisthus in revenge, but the bitter tale makes Odysseus suspicious and determined to discover all that has happened in his realm before he will reveal his identity to his family and friends.

It is only in the final four books that Odysseus with the help of his son Telemachus, the honest swineherd, and a loyal sheep herder face the boisterous suitors and slay them all. Odysseus is reconciled with his wife, meets and reveals his return to his aged father, deals with a potential revolt by the relatives of the suitors he has killed, and the story ends. I will say that there is considerably more action and adventure in these final chapters than in most of the rest of the volume.

Thruout the story there are constant references to the awe and fear the Aegean Greeks felt about their gods. There are gods for everything, even multiple gods for some things. For example Poseidon-Earthshaker is the god of the oceans, but a different god is in charge of the waves, while yet another takes care of calming turbulent waters. Sacrifices to the gods must be made regularly and generously or else the gods will become offended. Every peril, every woe, every misery is invariably traced back to some insult taken by some god who has decided to vent his or her wraith on the unfortunate humans.

This fatalism is not unique to the Greek religion. It is a part of many other religions both old and new, but it is especially prominent among the ancient Greeks, with that almost millialistic fatalism displayed constantly thruout this story.

Even Athena, who has decided to aid Odysseus in his return journey, is limited by her relations with the other gods, some of whom are able to directly influence Zeus in their favor and impede her efforts. The world of humans is also





populated with fantastic creatures, many of whom are part godlike in their physical presence, and no one knows who or what may happen if one of these beings is encountered.

In a section at the back of the book Prof. Rouse addresses some of the problems modern readers will have with the story. As he points out, epic stories and original works of literature are always attuned to the audiences of their day.

William Shakespeare was a literary hack who wrote two plays a year for most of his career. His interest was in filling theaters and making a living. Once his plays were done, he didn't bother to save his scripts, he went on to write the next one that he hoped would be popular with his audiences and provide him and

his family with a decent income. It was only after his passing that friends and old actors remembered how good his plays were, and gathered together the left over sides to create the First Folio of his works.

This has been the case with almost all the literary works that have become famous and remembered, and so it must have been with the Iliad and the Odyssey.

Homer was a working poet. He was trying to entertain his listeners to provide himself with food and substance. I found the endless digressions, the involved family histories, the endless descriptions of food and frolic at feasts, the social obligations of the guest-host relationship to be a deterrent that dramatically slowed down my enjoyment of the actual adventure itself, but clearly that material was very important to the listeners of the poem when it was originally written, and it must have been very important to the listeners when other poets and story tellers retold the story word for word thruout the ensuing centuries. We must judge this work in the context of the times in which it was created, and especially so for an epic poem written many centuries ago when the world was a very different place populated by people with very different ideals and customs.

I don't regret reading this translation of The Odyssey. It was interesting to explore a prose version of one of the most important works of literature ever written. But again, if you are looking for an adventure told in direct, straight forward fashion, go for the abridged version.

## CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON



# Denmark offers \$1,000,000,000,000 to buy California and force Calexit

Story by Tom Sanders



Danish campaigners have launched a bid to purchase the state of [California](#), following [Donald Trump](#)'s plan to acquire Greenland and make it part of the [US](#).

The 'Denmarkification' campaign seeks to crowdfund \$1 trillion to [purchase the US state](#) and make it part of the Danish kingdom. Upon acquiring it, the Danes will reportedly instill the region with Danish values and rename Disneyland to 'Hans Christen Andersonland', while making the most of its sunny [weather](#) and resources. 'Mickey Mouse in a Viking helmet? Yes, please,' they said. The Denmarkification campaign seeks to purchase California from the US.

The satirical campaign, which has acquired over 200,000 signatures so far, does not directly mention Trump's threats but uses language similar to that of the US president, offering to 'make California great again'.

'Los Angeles? More like Løs Ångeles,' the petition reads.

'Have you ever looked at a map and thought, "You know what Denmark needs? More sunshine, palm trees, and roller skates." Well, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make that dream a reality,' the campaign website reads. 'Let's buy California from Donald Trump!'

## Why California?

- ☛ **Sunshine Galore:** Let's face it, Denmark's weather is... well, let's just say it's cozy. California has 300 days of sunshine a year. Imagine swapping your rain boots for flip-flops!
- ☛ **Tech Dominance:** Gaining an extra bunch of Tech bros? Great! It is what every democracy needs.
- ☛ **Avocado Toast Forever:** California grows 90% of the U.S.'s avocados. That's right – we'll never run out of avocado toast.
- ☛ **To protect the free world:** Most people say we have the best freedom. Colossal freedom.
- ☛ **Disneyland:** We'll rename it Hans Christian Andersenland. Mickey Mouse in a Viking helmet? Yes, please.



Elsewhere in the campaign, the group suggests that Danish toy giant Lego would manage diplomatic relations between the two countries, because 'dealing with children throwing tantrums over missing bricks has made them experts in negotiation.'

It comes following Trump's plans to acquire Greenland from Denmark.

Greenland, which is home to a large US military base, is both a territory of Denmark and a part of NATO.

Trump wishes to take control of the territory and its 56,000 inhabitants in order to expand US influence in the area, and to gain control of its strategic location in the Arctic sea which offers the shortest route between North America and Europe.

Prior to taking office for his second term on January 20, Trump said he would not rule out the use of military force to seize control of Greenland, after declaring its control to be vital to American national security.

 **Denmarkification** Måke California Great Ægain

199,012 joined, let's go to 200,000

## Let's Buy California from Trump – Denmark's Next Big Adventure

Have you ever looked at a map and thought, "You know what Denmark needs? More sunshine, palm trees, and roller skates." Well, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make that dream a reality.

Let's buy California from Donald Trump!

Yes, you heard that right.

California could be ours, and we need your help to make it happen.

Sounds great, let's make New Denmark a reality! \*

Yes, I pinky swear I'd pitch in, keep me informed via email

No, I have commitment issues

**DANIFY CALIFORNIA NOW!**

Your personal information will be kept private and held securely. By submitting information you are agreeing that we're very funny and to the use of your data in accordance with our privacy policy. Made with 

When asked if he would rule out military action in the area, Trump said: 'I'm not going to commit to that. It might be that you'll have to do something. The Panama Canal is vital to our country. We need Greenland for national security purposes,' he added.

However, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen wasn't impressed by the request, and reportedly told Trump behind closed doors that the territory isn't for sale.

In a televised request, Frederiksen called Trump's bluff and said she did not believe the US, who she called Denmark's 'most important and closest ally,' would use military or economic power to secure control over Greenland.

The Campaigner say they want to 'bring Hygge to Hollywood'

They even argue that Trump himself may welcome the bid, claiming Trump 'isn't exactly California's biggest fan. He's called it "the most ruined state in the Union" and has feuded with its leaders for years. We're pretty sure he'd be willing to part with it for the right price.'

Denmark would sweeten the deal for the US president by offering him a lifetime supply of Danish pastries, which 'Hollywood would pay for', and upon acquisition, Denmark would bring 'hygge to Hollywood, bike lanes to Beverly Hills, and organic smørrebrød to every street corner,' before adding: 'Rule of law, universal health care and fact based politics might apply.'

In another sleight on Trump, it says that the 'will of citizens' has never stopped the president from carrying out a business deal and adds that Denmark would 'protect the free world' if it ran California.

In an effort to convince Danes to get on board with the plan, it highlights California's sunny weather in comparison to Denmark's cold climate, pitching the purchase as a 'once-in-a-lifetime opportunity' to get 'more sunshine, palm trees, and roller skates.'

Addressing the US President last month, right-wing Danish MEP Anders Vistisen responded to his statements: 'Dear President Trump, listen very carefully: 'Greenland has been part of the Danish kingdom for 800 years [sic]. It's an integrated part of our country. It is not for sale.'

To emphasize his point, Vistisen added pointedly: 'Let me put it in words you might understand, 'Mr. Trump. F\*\*k off.'

## The Tremendous Plan

1. Crowdfunding Goal of **\$1 trillion** (give or take a few billion). That's just 200,000 kroner from every Dane. Skip a few lattes, and you're golden.
2. We'll send our **bestest negotiators** – Lego executives and the cast of Borgen.
3. It is in the national interest to promote the extraordinary heritage of our Nation, so California will become New Denmark. Los Angeles? More like Løs Angeles.
4. Danish Values: We'll bring hygge to Hollywood, bike lanes to Beverly Hills, and organic smørrebrød to every street corner. Rule of law, universal health care and fact based politics might apply.

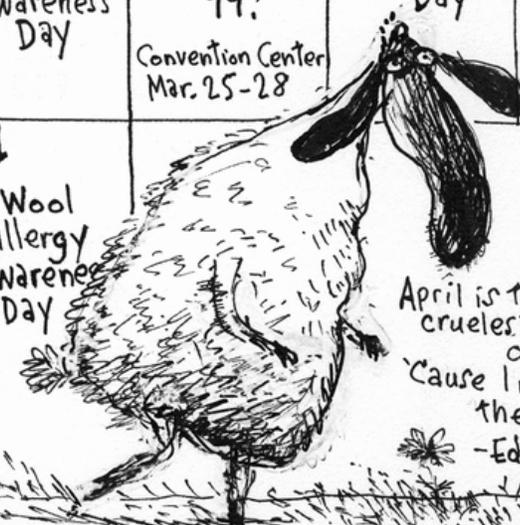


RICHARD'S POOR ALMANAC

by Richard Thompson

# MARCH

March comes in on lion's paws,  
Then more sheepishly withdraws.  
It makes a mess while it's here  
Drunk on green-dyed Irish beer.  
- T.S. Eliot or Emily Dickinson

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				<p>11</p> <p>Power Outage</p> <p>Beavers gnaw down poles</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Power Outage</p> <p>Push wrong button</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Electricity Appreciation Day</p> 
<p>14</p> <p>Stay Home 'n' Mope Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bluto Kills Julius Caesar Day</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Maudlin Garrulous Alcoholic Irish Stereotype Day</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Feel your Own Hair Growing Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Stay Home 'n' Mope Day observed.</p> <p>No mail, banks closed.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Spring Back! Set your clock a few hours to left</p> 
<p>21</p> <p>Vernal Equinox Awareness Day</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Power Outage</p> <p>No reason, just felt like it.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Tuesday Awareness Day</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Grassily Disease Awareness Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Millennial Cult Expo 99!</p> <p>Convention Center Mar. 25-28</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Paralyzing Self-Consciousness Awareness Day</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Did I say left? I meant right.</p> 
<p>28</p> <p>Lines begin forming for new Star Wars movie premiere in May</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Get A Life Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Wool Allergy Awareness Day</p> 	<p>April is the cruelest month, oh yes, 'Cause I really owe the IRS.</p> <p>-Edgar Guest</p>		