

BIG PHARMA KILLS CALIFORNIA SINGLE-PAYER

A high-profile effort to establish a single-payer healthcare system in California sputtered to a halt when democrat **Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon** decided to shelve the proposal, making it certain the measure will not be acted upon this year.

'The Democratic establishment in California has been bought and paid for by pharmaceutical and healthcare industries.'

The move has electrified the Democratic Party's progressive flank already up in arms following the California Democratic Convention where **National Committee Chair, Tom Perez**, was drowned out by boos and raucous protest on the first night.

Outside the Convention while delegates sipped wine and mingled near buffet tables, hundreds of protesters—many of whom were delegates themselves—marched on the plaza within view of the reception area, waving signs that read, **"Healthcare is a human right," "Healthcare not warfare," and "Single payer NOW."** Chants of **"Hey, hey, ho, ho, corporate Dems have got to go!"** echoed off the windows and could be heard clearly by delegates gathered inside, 2/3rds of whom were elected professionals.

The rally, organized by **Campaign for A Healthy California**, a coalition working with the California Nurses Association (CNA) to push for statewide single-payer healthcare, spontaneously moved inside as current **Democratic State Chair John Burton** introduced Perez. Protesters lined the stairwell directly above the stage and packed the balconies, unfurling banners in support of environmental protections and healthcare for all. Perez' opening remarks were drowned out by boos and screams of **"Liar!"** and **"Hot air!"** Burton stood to the side of the stage, clearly distressed by the upheaval. In response to the resistance from the floor, Burton (another antagonist of the state's version of single-payer), publicly and angrily told protesting nurses and activists to quote, **"Shut the fuck up!"**

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Summer of Love- If you're going to Southern Humboldt BE SURE TO WEAR SOME FLOWERS IN YOUR HAIR

Welcome Home to our Summer of Love in a countryside in crisis. We insist, nonetheless, in Celebrating Love as the solution, and we want you to include yourself. Countercultural refugees came here with "flowers in our hair." and were "heirs" to a movement that stood for Flower Power, knowing full well we were heirs as well to a history that seems to include everything but love. Hate and abuse are a national pastime and devotees of that sport enjoy it locally.

Your presence can help us succeed in overcoming harm by joining our Celebration of Love. Our theme-song line has a practical warning - **"Be Sure"** to wear a flower in hair. Identify yourself with the Summer of Love by keeping safe and watching out for others. Sport an old button or a new one. Have a musical instrument handy. We have two good spots for music: the Vet's Park at the north end of town and the Town Square. Share. Be relentlessly friendly while you search for the right people to be friendly along with.

Look with empathy at the capital of the Summer of Love, **Carnival Central, Garberville**: it is really a Neighborhood, not a Town. The Freeway was its unmerited curse. That Black Snake destroyed eighty houses in the town's riverside neighborhood, leaving it alone with its failing economies like ranching and fishing and logging and a deep, contemptuous scar down its center. In that cloud of freeway dust, the Hippies came pouring in like Syrian Refugees, attempting to make *neighborhoods* in the hastily created developments - built on economically and physically exhausted land. It was the last Gold Rush after the resources were gone - lighting up cash registers to the tune of millions of dollars. The Hippies however struck Marijuana and the Gold Rush was back. More money motivated violation and exhaustion for too much of the land.

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WHOSE FISH? OUR FISH!

Fishing boats off Alaska are being robbed by gangs of **Orcas**- They will wait all day for a halibut catch to accumulate, and then deftly rob the fishers blind. Relentlessly stalking individual fishing boats, sometimes forcing them back into port.

"We've been chased out of the Bering Sea," said Paul Clampitt, Washington State-based co-owner of the F/V Augustine.

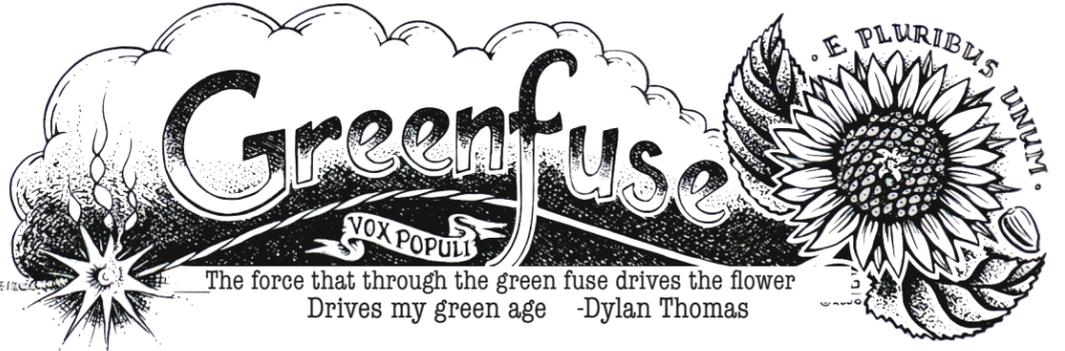
Like many boats, the Augustine has tried electronic noisemakers to ward off the animals, but the orcas simply got used to them.

"It became a dinner bell," said Clampitt.

John McHenry, owner of the F/V Seymour, described Orca pods near Alaska's Aleutian Islands as being like a **"motorcycle gang."**

"You'd see two of them show up, and that's the end of the trip. Pretty soon all 40 of them would be around you," he said.

Fishing lines are also being pillaged by sperm whales. After a particularly heavy assault by sperm whales, fishers are known to pull up lines in which up to 90 per cent of the catch has disappeared or been mangled.



G20: HAMBURG A Dystopian Nightmare:



Check out the above performance/action in Hamburg at: www.1000gestalten.de

Arriving in Hamburg this week feels like entering a dystopian nightmare. As the city prepares to host the G20 summit this Friday and Saturday, many roads are blocked and high-security zones have been established. More than 20,000 police, many heavily armed, are patrolling the streets, backed up by drones and the latest surveillance technology. Helicopters are permanently "parked" in the clouds, so the sound of their rotors becomes a sort of background music you soon stop noticing. Perpetual police and ambulance sirens, emergency lights and water cannons accompany the orchestra of power.

Police chief predicts 'not just sit-in protests but massive assaults' as Germany's second largest city prepares for summit starting on Friday Walking on through the streets - I am here as part of the DiEM25 (Democracy in Europe Movement), which I co-founded with Yanis Varoufakis and thousands of progressive Europeans - this dystopian scene starts to feel surreal. It is as though you are trapped in a "post-truth" hallucination. Beside roadblocks and police checkpoints, I stumbled across a new ad for a popular German cola, depicting Donald Trump, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Vladimir Putin calmly sleeping, with the inscription:

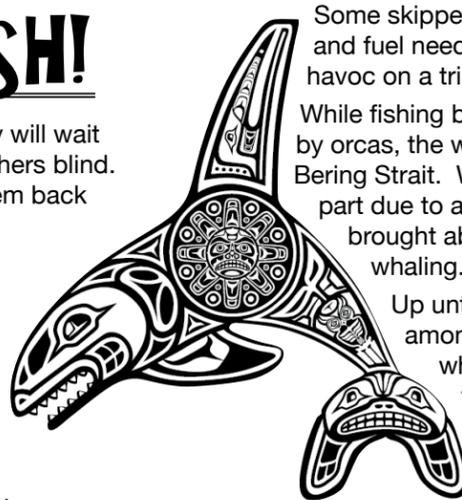


"Mensch, wach auf!" ("Man, wake up!")

The message is an appeal to the politicians who have supposedly closed their eyes to global wars, terrorism, the refugee crisis and climate change.

On the other hand, it is a wake-up call to all citizens of Hamburg and beyond to organize and stop sleepwalking into a postmodern 1930s.

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Some skippers will try to outrun a hovering pod, but the time and fuel needed to dodge a persistent gang of whales can wreak havoc on a trip's profitability.

While fishing boats all across Alaska have reported harassment by orcas, the worst incidents all seem to be occurring in the Bering Strait. Whale predation on fishing boats is increasing in part due to a rebound of North Pacific whale populations brought about by the 1980s moratorium on commercial whaling.

Up until then, cod and halibut fishers were moving amongst whale populations that had been decimated by whaling fleets - and where survivors had learned to fear the approach of a boat engine.

Orcas have remarkably complex social structures, with regionally distinct languages and hunting strategies. They're also innovative; Orcas have frequently been observed inventing new hunting tactics and then teaching them to others.

-Tristin Hopper