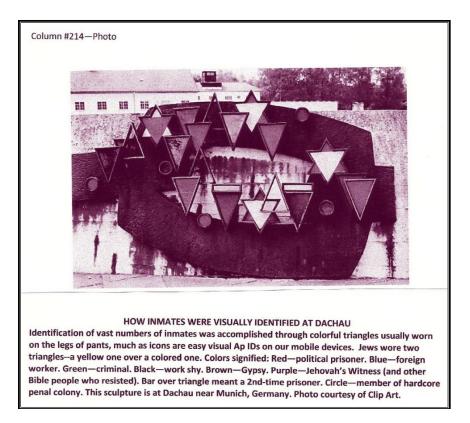
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KAYLA QUITS COUNCIL AS CARAVAN COMES TO CALIFORNIA By Wanda Sue Parrott

RESIGNING effective December 1, Kayla Jones, 25, is retiring from her brief stint as Seaside City Councilmember and 2018 mayoral candidate (she lost to Ian Oglesby whose council seat she won in 2016).

If you recall, this column announced "Kayla cockadoodledos council at Seaside City Hall" on Sept. 7.

It detailed her outburst at the Sept. 4 council meeting at which she railed against alleged sexual harassment from the older all-male city council and ended with a threat that basically sounded to me like: "If you don't stop, I'll make a lot of noise."

That's why I called Kayla's eloquent elocution "cockadoodling" and posed the question: "Did candidate crow like a hen or cackle like a cock?"

For Every Action There's An Equal And Opposite Reaction

In the talented young city councilmember's case, the karmic reaction that apparently prompted her resignation was a public outcry demanding that Kayla Jones be recalled for overspending public money, allegations against which she spent the last two months exonerating herself.

That's not the end of the story.

Kayla just celebrated her 25th birthday, meaning her brain is probably now through growing and ready to start its life as a mature young woman.

What's next for her?

I would suggest she seriously consider writing Young Adult novels and, thus, do for the upcoming generation what the old Nancy Drew mystery tales did for me: inspire girls to become more than just setting hens who lay eggs that never hatch. And add some poetry to her prose.

Why say she should write? Because, besides helping Seaside become a sanctuary city, site of the annual Gay Parade, and home of the Homeless Committee, she authored the Proclamation that turned Seaside from a city that celebrates Columbus Day to one that now celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day.

Thank you, Kayla. May you be remembered—not only for cockadoodling like a lady but for emerging as the future Poet Laureate of Seaside with this odic free verse:

"Do we inherit land from ancestors or borrow it from our children?"

First Caravan Arrives In Tijuana

News of Kayla Jones' resignation came on Nov. 13 along with breaking news that the first caravan of asylum-seeking refugees from Honduras reached Tijuana, thus casting attention back to homelessness exacerbated by wildfire in California that enlivens this column's title: Homeless in Paradise.

"Holocaust" means "destruction and sacrifice by fire" and California's Holocaust has upstaged her nickname as The Earthquake State.

Where will the homeless residents go? How will the multitudes of homeless on both sides of our border be handled?

Mister President, what you say next will really count!

Housing First, Needed Fast!

Hearkening back to The Holocaust in Germany, can we learn from Germany's concentration camps how not to let mass assimilation of disparate parties descend from shelters into slaughterhouses?

As the homeless are identified, will authorities conform to Article 2 of the United Nations' "Universal Declaration of Human Rights?"

The document, which currently seems ineffective in combating hate crimes, came into existence in 1948 to prevent atrocities like those perpetrated by the Nazis from happening again, be they at the border or inside the state where temporary shelters are being set up on massive scales.

Namely, could another Dachau or even Tree of Life happen here in California?

Universal Declaration Of Human Rights, Article 2

"Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

"Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitations of sovereignty."

The Nazis started identifying those who were confined to concentration camps in 1933 in an orderly manner, by using badges and armbands with symbols that could easily be read by guards just as we read icons on our mobile devices today. As overcrowding occurred, chaos ensued.

At least 6 million Jews and between 2,400 and 5,000 Jehovah's Witnesses (conscientious objectors) were slain by gassing, incineration or other means by 1945.

Will it happen again?

We asked Summiteer Ron Libert of Kershaw, So. Carolina for his views as a Jehovah's Witness.

There Are Many More Dachaus Now Than Ever Before.

By Ron Libert

It should never be suggested that God has anything to do with our self-made problems.

The real culprit is Satan who, Jesus said from the beginning, controls all governments.

What is happening is a polarization of all people, separating the good from the bad—the sheep from the goats—as the bible puts it.

Spiritual people NEVER suggest taking to the streets or any acts of violence.

. . . Patriotism is a Pied Piper that leads you to silence your conscience and morality by supporting the evil practices of Government. . . You cannot vote change when change means more of the same.

You are no longer safe in any type of church—regardless of the religion involved. ...

The masses have been blinded and given their allegiance to their governments instead of to their creator...

Man does not change, going all the way back to Cain and Abel, children of Adam and Eve.

Satan is a badly underestimated and little understood enemy of mankind.

His winning streak will soon end if bible prophecy, which has never failed to come true, is once again accurate. . .

Those who fail to feel empathy for their fellow man are doomed. . .

Those who express their empathy in a positive way are the ultimate survivors. . .

God knows who you are, and your reward is yet to come.

Never stop caring, because this is not the real life.

Kayla's Karma

Kayla's Karma exemplifies what kind of backfires can happen if we act in ways that could put us out of business before we really get a chance to start.

Bear this in mind as we start putting labels on our homeless in Paradise, in Tijuana, and on ourselves.

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Photo: Identification of vast numbers of inmates was accomplished through colorful triangles usually worn as badges on pants legs, much as icons serve as easy app IDs on mobile devices. Jews wore two triangles, one yellow and the other indicative of their status. For instance, red meant Political Prisoner; Green, Criminal; Blue, Foreign Worker; Brown, Gypsy; Purple, Jehovah's Witness (or other conscientious objector). A bar over a triangle meant a repeat prisoner. A circle meant a member of a hardcore penal colony. This sculpture designating how inmates were visually identified is at Dachau Concentration Camp near Munich, Germany. Photo courtesy of Clip Art.

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