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Walked on hot coals to 'unleash power within'

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By Rachel Sloan
 Special to The Chronicle

There I was with no shoes or socks on and my pant legs rolled above my knees. It was darkish, there was some amber light, it was around midnight and I had been preparing



for this moment for the last several hours. In fact, it took me an hour waiting in line just to get to this moment, but that didn't matter. I was being filtered through doors to get outside, all the while chanting "YES" and clapping with 9,000 other people at Tony Robbins's

Glens Falls business-woman's 3-day Tony Robbins experience

conference called "Unleash the Power Within."

I didn't know any of them except for Dylan, 24, and his Dad, Daren, whom I met just a few hours prior. Dylan and I randomly selected each other and unbeknownst at the time, we would be buddies for the momentous firewalk.

All I could focus on was clapping and chanting YES. I was about to do a 10-foot walk on hot coals that were 1,200 to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Just as I was about to enter the last stage prior to the fire-

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SGF prom pix ▶ 20-21
 Here: Jack Ritteriser, Marissa Towers

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Dow: Trump is best of a bad lot

Editor's note: This letter was written before Ted Cruz dropped out of the race.

Dear Mark:

I expect that you will get several responses to Rich Schermerhorn's front page article in your April 21st issue ("Rich Schermerhorn: Why I'm for Trump"). I am hereby adding mine to that number.

Rich is pretty much on track in his thinking, but he does not go to the heart of the matter — which is that we now have before us, coughed up by our political system, four candidates, none of whom would appear to be of the stature that our America deserves.

Hillary, to my mind, is a person lacking a moral compass. She can always be trusted to ap-

Letters to The Chronicle

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Treehouse dispute: Calls structure too big for neighborhood

Dear Editor,
 As I read your "Treehouse" story the other day I had to check my calendar, I thought it may be your famous April Fools joke! ("Family's dream treehouse seen as intrusion by back neighbor," May 5 *Chronicle*)

Unfortunately it is anything but funny. Having lived in that neighborhood for 20 years, I am taken back as to how a reasonable and prudent person who cares about



Gordon Woodworth photo

his neighbors and community could build a structure like that and defend it as he did in the article. A 252 square foot structure? 13 feet off the ground? Kids camping? Wants to watch them from the house?

REALLY, I suggest the City issue a cease and desist order, this

is an extension of living space not a shed and it has no place in this neighborhood 30 feet from the bedroom windows of a neighbor. The Zachar family has exhibited extremely poor judgement, you can't pick your neighbors but you can enforce and correct poor judgement.

— Scott Brandi, Tupper Lake

Lives in Washington Co., resents Jacobs' remark

Editor:

At first I was sympathetic toward Mr. Jacobs (*The Chronicle*,

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