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"We will not run from the helm to sit and weep..."

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## Facebook Stock Sinks

### Stock Market Reels After Revelation that Facebook Gave Away Your Data and Your "Friends", Too

By Suzanne Desist

Facebook's stock plunged 7% in one day after it was revealed that unauthorized data use by U.K. firm Cambridge Analytica included information from millions of Facebook users and their friends.

Even disinterested Facebook users without privacy concerns expressed dismay.

"I don't care if they know what I like, or what I buy," said one Facebook user who claimed he could quit anytime he wants to. "But I'm not sure I want to give away my friends' rights - even the ones I hate."

Politicians agreed, calling for hearings or at least some way to get their faces on television before the midterms.

"I take modest precautions with the garbage I put out," pointed out one local Facebook user. "But Facebook apparently doesn't care how or who uses its data."

Investors are selling, recognizing that Facebook has spent the past year denying any involvement in the 2016 Russian election meddling scandal while its obvious connections to the scandal lay in plain sight for the observant public to see.

## Bike Program Attracts Creative Vandals

By Otis Isbad

The latest effort to greenwash the internal combustion engine, Ford GoBike, is running into some unexpected opposition from neighborhoods somehow left out of the planning. Creative vandals are outdoing each other with more and more imaginative ways to express opposition to the helmet-free bike experience promoted by, among others, Mayor Jesse Arreguin's former roommate Jason Overman, including:

- \* Drowning — thrown into Oakland's Lake Merritt.
- \* Knifing — tires slashed at the dock at Telegraph Avenue, 58th Street in Oakland, and Dolores Park in San Francisco.
- \* Disfiguring — slathered with paint in San Francisco's Mission District.
- \* Lynching — a bike was hanged in a tree in the Mission.
- \* Burning - a bike was set on fire.

"It's a crime, of course, but you can hardly blame them," confided one local police officer. "Most people need parking. If they

Facebook's sliding share price



Source: Yahoo Finance

IT MIGHT BE GOOD NEWS if Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg has to take a look around the real world now and then.

"Their leadership model has worked so far," noted one stock expert at Barron's. "If keeping your head in the sand doesn't work on a particular day, you can always build another wing on a hospital."

"You almost never go wrong banking on people's willingness to give away their rights and their privacy," agreed another Wall Street investor. "But they may need to briefly interrupt that program."

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A LONELY FORD GOBIKE tries to swim away.

bike they have one- with a helmet. And bikes are easy to buy and build."

Critics of the program agreed, but objected to the suggestion that the program represents gentrification.

"It's more charity than vandalism" explained one neighbor. "These bikes suck."

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## Lululemon Protection Program Remains Police Favorite

By Sarah Wayoutaheah

Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin joined the Police Officers Association in a prayer service thanking their stars for what they called "the recent uptick" in crime, despite the over-rate being it was a decade

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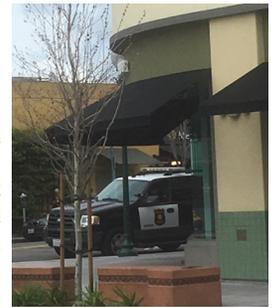
program," he explained. "We don't want to waste money on arts or homeless services that we could be spending on more police."

"And more pepper spray," added one enthusiastic officer in attendance. "We have the big cans now. It almost makes you wish the Nazis would come back."

Critics whined that a Public Records Request had been ignored for months, then put off for longer than the ten days required for response, but on 4th Street and get the Captain Louis, special benefit of the pre-the Department's emptive crime protection Custodian of Re-program, but you should cords, dismissed support it anyway. the criticism.

"We have our priorities," he said. "Those leggings need our help."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I tried to bring a friend of mine some clean socks to the camp near City Hall and it was gone. Where did it go? It's really cold out there. I would like to put these socks to some good use.**

Dear reader, it was swept by the police only hours after the North Berkeley Senior Center town hall meeting where the public in attendance was told by a handful of city voices how compassionate their government is and how there was just nothing more the mayor can do about homelessness and housing except build more high-end units with a pittance of "affordable" housing only affordable to some tech guy who for some reason doesn't want to live anywhere near where he works because hey, that's what developers love to do and that's what local voters love to hear.

**Dear Lena, doesn't anybody see through this stuff?**

Dear reader, no.

**Dear Lena, they just stripped ten parking places from my neighborhood to put in Ford GoBikes that nobody rides because bike riders have their own bikes. How do we get rid of them?**

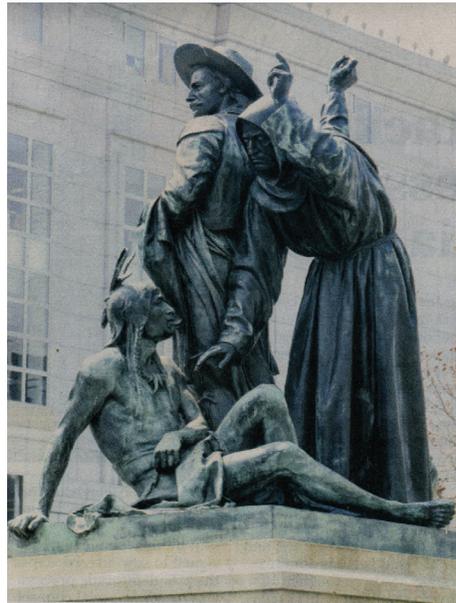
Dear reader, you can write to Ford GoBike and get a pitying representative who will express disappointment at your unwillingness to welcome the future. You can even call your city representative who will tell you nothing can be done. These same people will profess bewilderment when the next Ford GoBike is crucified on Easter.

**Dear Lena, why, since the Wisconsin Historical Society collects every issue of the Pepper Spray Times, doesn't the Berkeley Historical Society do the same?**

Dear reader, one is never honored in one's own home town, especially given the budgetary constraints after the Ford GoBike red carpets.

*Ask Lena about Drones for your Holiday Fireworks Extravaganza at [cdenny@gc.org](mailto:cdenny@gc.org).*

# Revised Racist Statue Rejected as Too Cheerful



A LOCAL ARTIST ATTEMPTED TO ALTER THE RACIST STATUE NEAR San Francisco City Hall, but everyone agreed that the dancing Indian made matters even worse.

By Schlomo Shunshot

"No, no, no," was the universal response to a local artist's effort to revise and somehow reuse elements of a statue near San Francisco City Hall depicting a missionary and a vaquero towering over a defeated, near-naked Indian lying on the ground at their feet.

"We were just trying to think out of the box, you know, *green*," whispered a spokesperson for the artist, who wished to remain anonymous. "We tend to get excited about the reuse of materials and noticed that the vaquero and the missionary had raised arms and almost dance-like bravado in their posture."

Art critics were divided about the effort, applauding the reuse effort but pointing out that one could reuse the materials to cre-

ate a swingset with better results than the dance scene, which manages to spread the initial insult to all parties.

"We know we're always the downer at the opening," sighed one art critic. "But no, no, no."

Historians agreed that artists could often benefit from more history in their art history courses, but expressed relief that the racist statue was going to be removed.

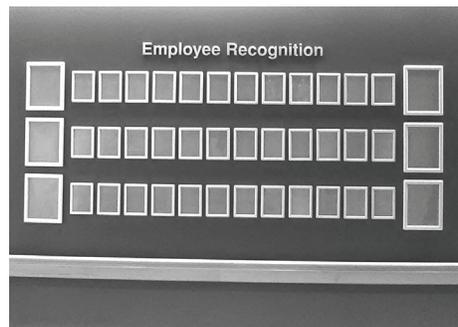
"It was naive to think that these groups would gather and dance together," noted a local historian. "It still is."

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## Suggested Topics for the Next Political Debate

- \* Which of you looks better in a Hawaiian shirt and sandals? *Be specific.*
- \* Would you prefer a guest cameo on *Lost*, *Desperate Housewives*, or *Cold Case*?
- \* Who is hotter, Bernanke or Greenspan?
- \* Would you rather blow up Iran, North Korea, or Disneyland?
- \* Would you rather be stuck on an elevator with Hillary Clinton or Angela Merkel?
- \* Does your face light up when you're offered kombucha?
- \* Do you crave love or RAM?
- \* Have you met with a Russian spy, and if not, when do you plan to meet with one?
- \* Do you have a fresh spring product line?
- \* What are your plans after you die?

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OUR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER DINAH MEECHA discovered this heartwarming "Employee Recognition" tribute.....

# Fast-tracking Baseball for Bored People Who Hate Baseball



THIS MAY LOOK LIKE the same game, but these players are mumbling behind their gloves at a much faster pace.

By Ronnie Naway

Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced new rules to speed up the game of baseball recently on behalf of a new generation more comfortable with fast-moving video games than games requiring an attention span.

Mound visits will be limited, between-inning breaks will be measured down to the second, pitcher changes will be fast-tracked, and instant replay will be even more instantaneous, according to game officials. Many suggestions are still waiting in the wings in case the new rules in current contractual agreements still leave millennials bored and buried in their cell phones, including:

- \* two strikes and you're out instead of three
- \* boot the homerun trot around the bases in favor of a little victory dance at home plate
- \* limit foul balls
- \* throw in some more fielders
- \* make managers run to and from the mound to talk to pitchers
- \* limit tie games to a fixed number of innings, or don't let anybody pee after 12
- \* just don't let anybody pee
- \* boot the ceremonial first pitch
- \* remove one base; make it a triangle

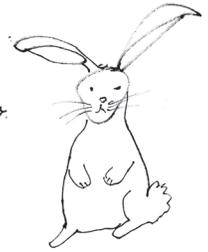
- \* boot singing the national anthem
- \* boot singing Take Me Out to the Ball Game
- \* allow live, hungry tigers on the field

"Just the fear of a pitch clock might do the trick," stated union chief Tony Clark, who pointed out that spending all day at the ballpark used to be considered pleasurable by fans of the game.

Critics argued that millennials who play video games should stay home and play video games and leave the game of baseball to those who like it.

"They should play their video games at twice the speed. Maybe that will make them happy and they'll leave baseball alone,"

I love spring.  
I really do.  
Except I have  
to clean the escapes.



And kill Mr.  
McGregor.

carped one critic who pointed out that fans of the game have no issue with the game's length.

Union chief Clark agreed that speeding up the game will change the placid, pastoral, even poetic nature of play, but said arguing on behalf of poetry was difficult.

"We have to move along with the times," responded Clark sadly. "Especially considering how much the front office wants to try those live tigers."

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## Uber Halts Self-driving Car Testing on Public Roads After Killing Pedestrian

By Bill DeBridg

A pedestrian fatality in Tempe, Arizona, resulted in San Francisco-based Uber suspending its autonomous vehicle testing program until it figures out how to blame somebody else.

Uber insiders agreed that a moratorium was appropriate until they can get their ducks and politicians in a row, noting that the upcoming midterm elections offer a creative opportunity for all parties except of course the deceased.

"It would have been different if the deceased was just some drunk," confided one Uber executive on condition of confidentiality. "But this was a bike rider."

"Bike riders have a vast community of committed, active, people who actually manage to get outside," affirmed a Waymo executive watching Uber maneuver the bad press after the death in Tempe. "It would



UBER'S LAWYERS ARE BUSY trying to argue that ordinary drivers kill people all the time so their self-driving cars should get leniency if it was their first time.

have been better for their stock and for autonomous vehicles more generally to plan a more appropriate fatality."

Uber executives dismissed the idea that the fatality would complicate their future.

"We're gold," stated Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi.

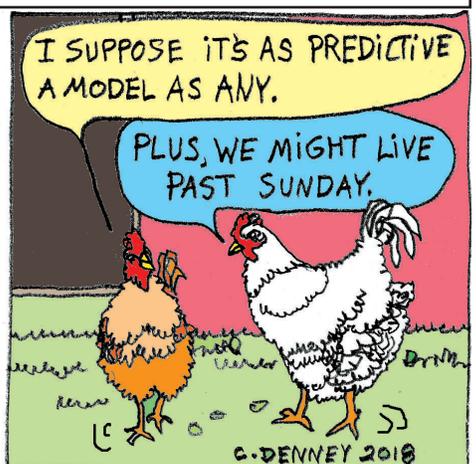
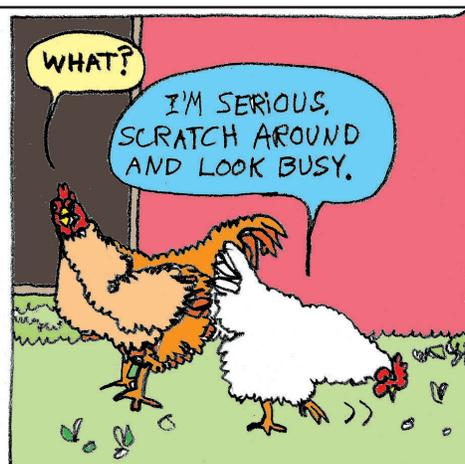
"We're banking on people being willing to ditch a lot of bike riders to stare into their phones."

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"It would have been different if the deceased was just some drunk."

We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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# Talking with Ford GoBike About Booting an Unwanted Station in Your Neighborhood

By Manuella Noyue

Dear Ford GoBike staff, nobody asked our neighborhood about these bike stations which will take up too much parking. How do I stop this?

Ford GoBike: Thank you for contacting us. I'm sorry to hear that. We appreciate your feedback regarding this location and have forwarded your comments to our community team for review.

Dear Ford GoBike staff, okay. But again, how can our neighborhood stop this process before it's a fact of life?

Ford GoBike: If you have any further questions on removing the station, please fill out the form in the link below . <https://help.fordgobike.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

Dear Ford GoBike staff, okay. But I did that. That's how I got you.



Ford GoBike: Another good option would be for you to contact your city officials for more information. Best regards, Clarissa

Dear Ford GoBike staff, thanks, Clarissa.

issa. I think I'm getting the picture.

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Next Issue: Twisting helpless dishtowels with celebrities!

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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