

the truly patriotic issue...



"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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"...calm the fury of this mad-bred flaw!..."

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Valentines Day Maskacre

By Neil N. Pray

"We finally decided to wrestle for it," confided one public health professional on condition of anonymity regarding the blizzard of contradictory health recommendations coming from all quarters in the last few months of the newly resurgent Covid-19 pandemic. "With masks on, of course, but right here on the laboratory floor we just had a smackdown."

"It was important to just let somebody win," acknowledged another immunologist also requesting anonymity for their



GUIDELINES KEEP SHIFTING FOR Covid-19 safety protocols so have fun and just make it up as you go.

hioned knockdown dragout faceoff."

"We're not even sure who won," stated another scientist who witnessed the laboratory fracas. "All we know is somebody gave up."

"Most of the nation did the same thing," pointed out another virologist unpacking a crate of hand sanitizer. "There's only so long you can stand around and listen to people who think vaccines kill you or masks somehow recycle toxic air. We thought about shooting them and then realized they weren't worth the ammunition."

"We have to be realistic about the pandemic's probable trajectory with this level of extremist ignorance at the helm," agreed another scientist putting a tiny mask on her parakeet. "We're recommending masking all pets, wildlife, and butterflies if we can figure out the appropriate methodology."

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Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin Prefers Homelessness Over Affordable Housing

By Potter E. Barncrap

"It's the pandemic numbers that knocked us out of even trying to address this stuff," admitted Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin, who had entered office making all kinds of promises about wiping anti-homeless laws off the books and providing safe, free campgrounds for people in need.

"Our priorities changed," affirmed one mayoral assistant. "Our current focus is simply to shift the blame."

"There is not much hope if you're homeless..." was former and now deceased "Here/There" tent dweller and activist

Mike Zint's comment on Berkeley's weak efforts to address the thousand or so people living on Berkeley's streets. "There is nowhere near enough affordable housing... Berkeley needs to do better," Zint said in an email before his death.

"We've found that people in Berkeley are much more concerned about making sure their path is unobstructed by visible poverty, no matter how dire," added the mayor's assistant. "Shoveling people into jail may be expensive and counterproductive from a policy standpoint, but it wins elections."

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CONDOR #828 TOOK A GOOD LOOK at the Bay Area, made a slow turn around Mount Diablo, and then went back to Pinnacles.

Condor #828 Takes Brief Tour of Bay Area

By Oxana Meadow

One of the success stories of the effort to repopulate California with *Gymnogyps californianus*, more commonly known as the California Condor, sailed north from her traditional home in Pinnacles National Park and made a brief tour of Altamont Pass before heading back home.

"She got a good look at the local menu prices," reported Joseph Belli, briefly lowering his binoculars, "and turned right back around. Carmel has some expensive restaurants but it's ridiculous around here."

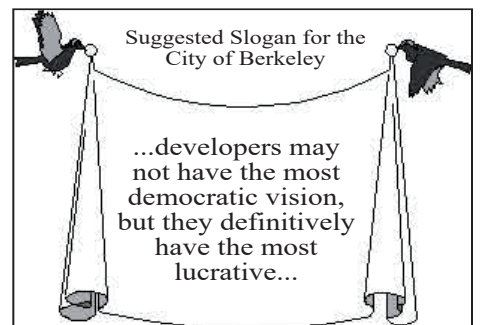


CONDORS have resorted to parthenogenesis in desperation over their rare opportunities for breeding.

Condor #828 objected to Belli's mischaracterization, saying she'd saved a lot of money cooking at home during the pandemic and had no objection to the Bay Area's local restaurants' pricing "especially for tasty week-old horse meat", but found the air quality discouraging.

"No wonder all these people are wearing masks," she stated shrugging her nine-foot wingspan's shoulders. "We're looking into relocating on other continents with better air quality. But you can't beat this local roadkill."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...developers may not have the most democratic vision, but they definitively have the most lucrative...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, what in the world is wrong with Mark Zuckerberg? Can't he understand how much damage he's done and how much damage he's still doing allowing immediate disinformation to circle the globe in the blink of an eye? Can't anybody get through to him?

Dear reader, no. Even Harvard caved and gave him a diploma. The moral of this story is if you get a chance to go to Harvard you might want to pick up a book while you're there so that even if you become a billionaire you can avoid being a laughingstock among your peers. A billion dollars is a pretty poor exchange for a healthy planet.

Dear Lena, would it really cost that much to house the poor? They're a pretty nice bunch, after all.

Dear reader, not really. But it would really inconvenience a lot of wealthy investors and developers to have to move people into all their empty apartments instead of just raking in the tax benefits of "losing" money on leaving them empty, not to mention the savings on upkeep. Empty real estate is a lot like cans of soup in the pantry.

Dear Lena, isn't requiring 10% affordable housing for new developments enough? Wealthy people really hate to be outnumbered, which they always are.

Dear reader, they sure do hate to be with other than their own kind. But even they get uncomfortable seeing freeway overpasses as the only long-term planning option for honestly affordable housing. The ratio of rich to poor tilts wildly in the other direction. Until the housing crisis subsides, the ratio of high-end housing should be limited to 10%, not the other way around.

Dear Lena, is Senator Joe Manchin really a Democrat?

Dear reader, in the interests of fairness, both West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin and West Virginia Governor Jim Justice take turns joining, leaving, and then rejoining alternate parties. *Ask Lena about lunacy, political identity, and runes at cdenney@igc.org.*

Prohibition on Voting Gains Traction

By Iona Yacht

"It's just not enough," stated one Republican operative of the vast array of new restrictive voting laws spreading across almost every state. "Some of these voters run the risk of slipping through."

Between partisan-drawn redistricting maps, closing polling locations, reducing the period of time for absentee voting, restrictive voter identification laws and refusing water to people waiting in lengthy voter lines, fewer people are expected to have the physical capacity to exercise their voting rights.



VOTING IS BAD for you and messes up your complexion not to mention that it really throws off your political opponents' game.

elections, is expected to shortly arrive in mainly Republican hands.

"I'm not sure you could still call it a democracy," mused Professor Filomena D. Details of the Lawrence, Kansas School of Voting Extremities which has been studying the phenomenal changes in voting access taking place across the nation. "But we've sure been calling it something down in the break room."

"Our new maps indicate that most people



REPUBLICANS ARE HARD AT WORK finding new ways to make sure only voters who really, really want to vote will bother to do so.

will enter a period of complete confusion as to when they vote, how they vote, where they vote, and whether to vote at all if the results are going to simply be challenged at the state level and replaced with a selected outcome by partisans," stated Professor Details. "Just add Facebook and you have complete chaos."

Republicans are not so sure. Their clear majority favor adding further restrictions to make sure their party's reduction in popularity is not disadvantaged at the polls, such as simply making polling booths so scarce that only the wealthy can afford lengthy trips and hotel rooms required to get there.

"Only the truly motivated will vote," affirmed Republican election advisors. "The rest will be playing video games."

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VOTERS WHO withstand electric shock and fire hoses to vote are truly better motivated



Lynn Riordan Reads Your Runes

For Your Protection!

Wednesday 29 December 2021

I am writing ancient Runes of power on here for your protection. Many of these date back thousands of years, all at least hundreds. This is also known as practicing the Geban, more commonly said in its original Arabic name: Algebra. You too can have powers! Here are some powers of 2:

$2^{-2} = 0.25$ Please.
 $2^{-1} = 0.5$ use these
 $2^0 = 1$ powers only
 $2^1 = 2$ for good!
 $2^2 = 4$
 $2^3 = 8$
 $2^4 = 16$
 $2^5 = 32$
 $2^6 = 64$
 $2^7 = 128$

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 $(X^m)^n = X^{m \cdot n}$
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 $(x^y)^z = x^{y \cdot z}$
 $x^y = \sqrt[y]{x}$
 $x^{-y} = \frac{1}{x^y}$



IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HELPFUL INFORMATION BEWARE of picking up a book which is apparently full of disinformation which just ought to be burned in favor of using the internet.

Encyclopedias Conspire Against Republicans

By Don Tread

Republicans announced shocking news that encyclopedias and their editors have conspired to make the Republican Party look bad. Extensive investigations show examples such as this encyclopedia definition from Wikipedia:

“Neo-fascism is a post World War II ideology that includes significant elements of fascism. Neo-fascism usually includes ultra nationalism, racial supremacy, populism, authoritarianism, nativism, xenophobia and anti-immigration sentiment as well as opposition to liberal democracy, parliamentarianism, liberalism, Marxism, communism and socialism.”

According to Rona McDaniel, head of the Republican National Committee, “what these encyclopedia people have done is take the patriotic core ideas of the current Republican Party and used them to define the most destructive and anti-democratic political ideology in modern history. It is not fair or balanced and presents Republican ideas in the most negative possible

way.” Simultaneous with her announcement, Republican politicians and aligned media were again reconfirming that liberals and non-white immigrants in general and specifically Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA (abbreviation for anti-fascist) are existential threats. As they say in that old Republican slogan, “lock’em up.”



ENCYCLOPEDIAS WREAK havoc on young, impressionable minds.

the roots, creating a new agency within the DOJ called the “Language Police.” Republicans credit the idea to patriotic nationalism, but liberal coastal elites claim that the concept was based on the dystopian novel Nineteen Eighty-Four (1949), by George Orwell, whose Thought Police (Thinkpol) are the secret police of the superstate of Oceania and whose motto was “ignorance

is strength.”

The Department of Justice has had little time to create the “Language Police” between their distorted definition of “sex trafficking a minor” in Representative Matt Gaetz’s case and trying to figure out the baffling mask/no mask equation.

Republicans have historically had powerful responses against perceived threats such as truthful reporting and honest assessments of climate change and Covid-19 public health information.

Republicans such as Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene favor banning encyclopedias. Greene stars in a recent video blasting a set of encyclopedias with her Glock.

The anti-encyclopedia mindset is already reflected in the written and oral communication patterns of the former President and many of his supporters.

Media observers comment that they have never witnessed such a collection of misspelling, improper word usage, conjugation errors, factual inaccuracies, and utter nonsense. The most eloquent descriptive reference seems to be “a veritable word salad of disinformation”, but thankfully, their well-armed constituency doesn’t seem to notice.

This is not an isolated act. Editors who edit encyclopedias have conspired to make Republicans appear to be Neo-fascists. Republican elected officials say they will continue their struggle against the liberal elites, in their “never-ending battle for truth, justice and the American way”, to paraphrase Superman. To help fight against the really huge group of liberal extremist encyclopedia editors that perpetrated this definition that Republicans are Neo-fascists, please donate as much as possible as soon as possible. To avoid previous misunderstandings, the donations are a recurring monthly commitment and cannot be waived by bankruptcy, moral or financial.

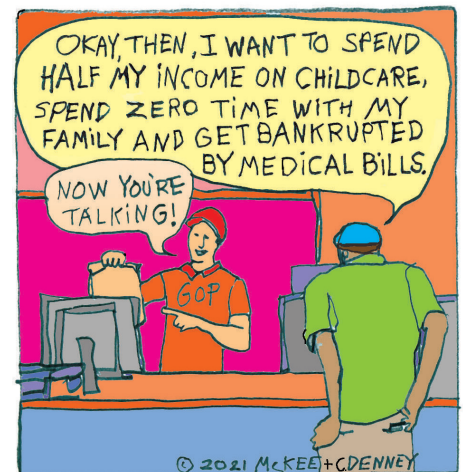
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BUT IT REALLY works out that way.

We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Endangered Marin Salmon Make Great Leap Forward



COHO SALMON OF MARIN NEEDED to get some brass band style press attention over having their case stalled in the courts.

By Ned O. Fish

Coho salmon in Marin County exploded across drought-created boundaries and delighted hikers by showing up in streams which had been without the endangered species for years.

"Twelve years is too long," stated one coho salmon whose family has declined 95% from historic population levels. "Marin County has shoveled the money for streamside protection into the pockets

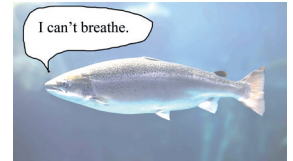
of consultants working to defend its inaction while we're usually stuck in the lower streambeds."

"We had to make the leap," agreed another coho salmon spawning in Montezuma Creek for the first time since 2004. "'Listening sessions'? It sounds like Berkeley's Community Environmental Advisory Commission with their obsession about putting ashtrays in smokefree areas. What's next?"

The Community Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC) reacted angrily to the cohos' reference, pointing out that they had "indefinitely tabled" their ashtray suggestion after realizing they had no idea why they were dealing with the 2017 referral in the first place.

"We're not waiting any longer for Marin County's updated streamside conservation ordinance," stated another coho salmon juggling colorful inner tubes for delighted hikers. "We're taking our noodles and going to court."

A lawsuit by the Salmon Protection And Watershed Network (SPAWN) and the Center for Biological Diversity intends to force Marin County's hand after twelve years of inaction on the badly needed erosion and conservation protection plan, an omission which violates the California Environmental Quality Act.



NUDITY HAS AN ADVANTAGE in garnering press attention as activists know.

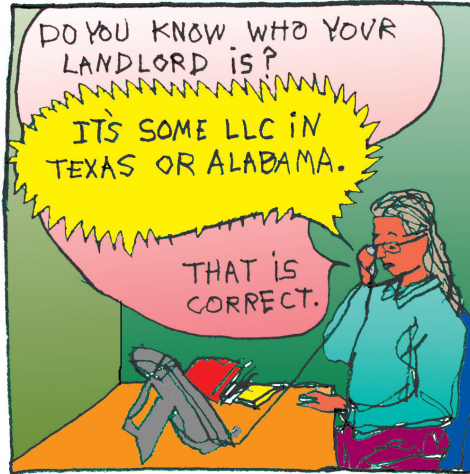
"We have the option of just continuing to disappear," observed a coho salmon doing a rhythmic dance in the middle of the streambed. "But I have to confess, I kind of enjoy the spotlight."

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Next Issue: Robbing pedestrians with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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