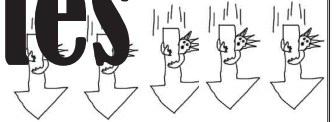


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"...I like your silence, it the more shows off your wonder..."*

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"I've got it! Let's evict the wealthy instead!" - Local Woman Accidentally Solves Homeless Crisis

By Neil N. Pray

Local resident Emily Wheeler said it came to her in a blaze of light after years of wondering what she could do to solve the housing crisis.

"I was just washing the dishes," she stated. "And then suddenly I realized that we could just take the whole housing crisis and put it in reverse."

"That would solve everything," mused one housing expert, who acknowledged that local low-income residents had been

systematically evicted to house the rich. "It took about thirty years for things to get this bad," he noted. "So if we start evicting the rich now we could really make a considerable dent by Christmas."

Local land use planners admitted that poor and low-income people had taken the brunt of housing policies favoring the rich, and were overdue for balancing housing policies in their favor.

"Wealthy people tend to land on their feet," explained one land use expert. "They tend to have big bank accounts and have an easier time dealing with the sudden first-month's-last-month's-rent bite, not to mention the security deposit, etc."

"Money, you got lots of friends," agreed a local sociologist who said he was amazed nobody had thought of it before. "It's really kind of genius. Especially considering that

"It's time to give back," agreed one local liberal cleaning out her basement.

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SPACES OPENED UP ALL OVER TOWN once Emily Wheeler's sensible proposal to evict rich people was put into motion.

homeless people are disproportionately people of color who were often prohibited from buying property in the wealthy parts of town through racist covenants."

"It's time to give back," agreed one local liberal cleaning out her basement. "If there isn't enough housing and the policy-makers insist on building only fractions of the low-income housing we need, then we simply have to take turns." "It's a good thing I belong to REI," agreed another wealthy resident collecting his belongings. "I have top quality camping equipment and boy oh boy am I ready to get grilling." * * * * *



EVICTING RICH people just makes sense because they usually also have a summer place in the Hamptons.

Trump to Planet: "I Found Someone Hotter."

Climate Change Accords Get the Boot

By Rowena Everything

President Trump confirmed that his decision to exit the Paris climate change accords was nothing personal, but that he had found an even hotter planet.

Trump's decision, which alarmed environmentalists all across the globe, was dismissed by Republicans who noted that



EARTH has to admit that it is not very hot compared to other planets.

and trade deals.

"We don't deny the climate is changing," offered Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky in defense of exiting the historic climate change agreement. "We just want to make sure that if it is the end of the world we get the best sale price we can."

Analysts agrees that Trump's move will have profound and long-lasting changes to diplomatic relations, but acknowledged that Trump had already profoundly altered most of the nation's diplomatic relations with his lack of manners, gibberish-laden tweets, and lack

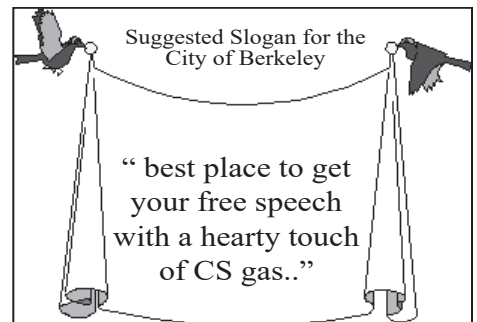


EARTH WAS reportedly not taking rejection well and was last seen binge-watching the Twilight Saga.

of comprehension of simple things including how to open the Access Hollywood bus door.

Earth expressed appreciation that some nations are planning economic retaliation in the light of Trump's rejection, but pointed out that Trump is entitled to look for a hotter planet if he wants to. * * * * *

"We just want to make sure that if it is the end of the world we get the best sale price we can."



Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

"best place to get your free speech with a hearty touch of CS gas.."

ASK THE EXPERT'S



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I realize your publication *Pepper Spray Times* is supposed to be satire. However, satire does not give you license to attribute words to citizens that they never said or even thought. That is what you have done in your reckless (sic) false and defamatory attack on CEAC and on me in particular in your June issue. I ask you to withdraw the issue of *Pepper Spray Times* that contains factually incorrect (and not particularly funny) remarks about CEAC, the Downtown Berkeley Association and me in particular, or to include a clear retraction in your next issue.

You are far better at talking than at listening, or you would have heard me at the CEAC meeting—where you were given abundant opportunity to speak—say clearly that we and I in particular am against any one being subject to second-hand smoke. To the best of my knowledge, we are all against smoking, period. We simply don't agree that providing receptacles that clearly say smoking is not permitted and that cigarette butts pose environmental hazards would encourage people to smoke.

CEAC contacted the DBA about help in placing receptacles, not the other way round. We did so because we are concerned about sea life as well as human life. You clearly are not.

The fact is that people do smoke right near where we want receptacles to be put. If you have a clear case the receptacles of the sort we have envisaged all along encourage smoking, please indicate your sources. I believe you simply made that fact up. It is apparent you are quite willing to make up facts. I do not swear in public either.

I am hardly a public figure, but even a public figure can successfully sue for libel in the case of deliberately and knowingly false and malicious statements about one. Your lies fall into that category. I want to see them retracted, or I will take the matter up with an attorney. Michael H. Goldhaber, Chair, CEAC

Dear Mr. Goldhaber, you're so cute when you're mad.

Ask Lena about humor at cdenney@igc.org.

Gladys Hansen Unanimously Chosen as New Superhero

Chronicle Contest for Kids Results in Unanimous Choice of Hero Librarian-Historian



GLADYS HANSEN DIDN'T JUST WOW THE WORLD she wowed the children competing in the *San Francisco Chronicle's* superhero contest with her superlative work with former Chief Condon on re-writing the inaccurate history of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire.

By Lee Dinglady

"It shouldn't have taken us by surprise the way it did," stated James Lazarus, a vice president of San Francisco's Chamber of Commerce about the overwhelmingly popular choice of recently deceased librarian Gladys Hansen as the top superhero in the *SF Chronicle's* "How to Create Your Own Superhero" contest.

"That is, we all consider Gladys Hansen a superhero. But we didn't realize, despite the crucial role she played in our local history, that the children of San Francisco would all unanimously make the same independent choice."

Experts on superhero culture were embarrassed that they had never thought to include Ms. Hansen in the pantheon of superheroes before, but were quick to agree that her status is now secure.

Ms. Hansen began working part-time at the Presidio Branch Public Library when she was 17, was named the city archivist by Mayor Joseph Alioto in 1972, and famously worked using public records with former Fire Chief Emmet Condon to reveal the true count of the 3,000 to 4,000 who lost their lives in the SF 1906 quake and fire as opposed to the official list of 478 people, an undercount which had stood unopposed for years.

Editor in Chief of Marvel Comics Axel Alonso admitted the San Francisco choice

of Ms. Hansen took him by surprise, but acknowledged that people who can do miraculous work with curiosity and three-by-five cards are seriously unrepresented in the present superhero spectrum.

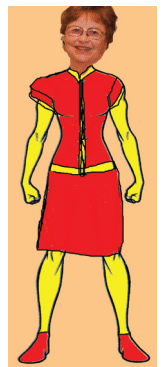
"We're going to take a second look at librarians from now on," stated Alonso. "This could well be a trend we need to stay ahead of."

"Ms. Hansen also organized the virtual Museum of San Francisco with her son Richard and former TV newsman David Fowler, a website which has more than 5,000 pages online, one of the first cities to organize a virtual museum.

San Francisco schoolchildren acknowledged that they love Batman, Superman, Spiderman, and all the greats, but that Gladys Hansen's feats far outshone all of them.

"Superman is cool," stated one local school kid enthusiastically. "But Ms. Hansen is the real thing."

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MS. HANSEN is now an official superhero with a cool costume and the best weapon of all time, the truth.



Closing Berkeley Main Post Office Revealed as Campaign Promise to Putin

By Bea Franklin

THERE IS NO truth to the rumor that this stamp will be offered soon.

Since the botched Blumenthurn attempt to peddle the Berkeley Main Post Office, more information has come to light that exposes the depth of the nefarious scheme.

As the investigation into the Russian connection to the Trump campaign extends, through a certifiable report alluded to in the Washington Post, it has been learned that in order to undermine the communication guarantee of the U.S. Postal Service, the KGB, in early cold war years, formed the United Parcel Service, (initially the United Petrograd Service) to speed package and document delivery, thus relegating postal carriers to moving non-priority junk mail and 4th class bookrate cartons.

Stated a Feinstein aide requesting anonymity, "U.P.S. was able to negotiate a policy of free double parking anywhere, any time in the whole U.S.A."

According to Cal State Fresno Professor of Postal History, John Caner, Jr., President Carter once advised "snail mail" to avoid easy surveillance, and, after that advice, the corporate leaders realized this safe enveloped system needed to be pruned.

CNN denied it aired a press release that mistakenly announced a Vladimir Putin stamp in 2018.

Further proof of the pudding, a clerk at the Main, while making change, tastefully explained, "this facility is soon to close."

Post offices have closed nationwide, mail boxes have been pulled out of neighborhoods, postage has steadily increased, actions clearly caused by a long-term Russian interference into the heart of our most secret and secure communications.

Bea Franklin
LibertyBellforPostNeutrality.org

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Making Buttonhooks, Corsets, and Typewriters Great Again



TURNING OUR BACKS ON TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION and international cooperation has the upside of really setting us apart as a nation from all the other nations except for of course Nicaragua and Syria.

By Cyrus Competition

Although President Trump's decision to break the historic Paris climate change accords looks kind of dumb from economic, labor, diplomatic, and environmental points of view, analysts suggest that turning our national back to life-saving innovations in science and technology probably has an upside if we look hard enough.

"We're assuming the administration's rejection of technological advances means an embrace of something else," stated economics professor David Outsunshine. "We're assuming this is part of an effort to make steam engines, big hair, poodle skirts, and corsets great again."

"It is safe to say that Conestoga wagons were pretty green," offered another dubi-

ous economist. "The wheeled plough, for instance, has the advantage of requiring no fuel at all and is much quieter than your basic tractor."

"People joke about buggy whips and typewriters," agreed another economic forecaster, "but they could come back. Especially in this administration, weirder things have happened."

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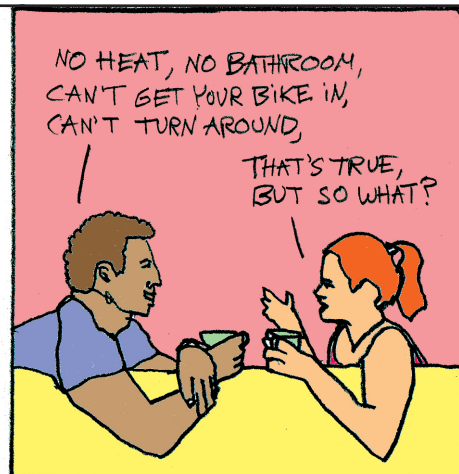


WHEELED OR hand ploughs and buttonhooks are probably things you can still find in your grandma's attic which makes them really green.

"Especially in this administration, weirder things have happened."

We Can's Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Ecologists Agree Washington Swamp Is Like No Swamp They've Ever Seen Before

By Adele Pickle

"We believe, after a great deal of study, that this swamp might be ecologically unique," stated Dr. Al G. Pond, one of the scientists participating in an extensive analysis of the widening swamp surrounding the Trump administration. "We appreciate the calls to address or drain the swamp in some way, but we're not sure it can be drained without harming dozens of new species."

Additional scientific team members agreed that protecting new species is paramount as they conduct their analysis.

"We believe we're identifying an entirely new species in what we're calling the Ruddy Turncoat," stated Dr. Anna Nigma. "It is clearly related to the Ruddy Turnstone, but has a remarkable tendency to change familial affiliations almost daily with the prevailing environment."

"We're also excited to encounter what we're calling the Marbled Halfwit," stated Dr. Annette O. Fish. "It is clearly related



THE MAR-BLED HALF-WIT is a new species discovered by ecologists in the strangely fertile Washington, DC swamp.

to the Marbled Godwit, but the depth of its stupidity is truly astounding."

The ecological fecundity of the swamp has nurtured interesting theories of its origin, including scientific notation of the plethora of ethics waivers in the area, an ecological aberration never seen before within the region.

"We're very excited about the obvious presence of the Midnight Rail," added scientific team member Dr. Cy Heavily, who documented the new shorebird tweeting throughout the early hours of the morning with original and unmistakable audio. "We believe the

tweets of the Midnight Rail are changing the environment in a general way, possibly affecting the behavior of all the species in the migratory flyway."

The ethics waivers are under investigation by congressional committees as well as team ecologists, but the ecologists are moving much more quickly to quantify the effects clearly visible on the local landscape before seasonal changes run the risk of altering the ecological cast under current study.

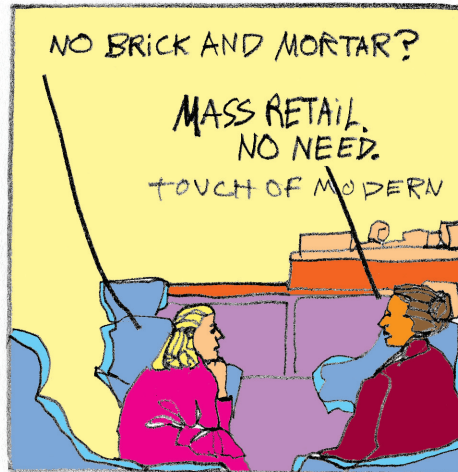
"We feel so fortunate," stated team member Dr. Constance R. Vailence. "This swamp has provided us the chance of a lifetime to examine what we may at some point be able to conclude, from a scientific perspective, is a completely new habitat."

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Next Issue: Wrestling pool toys with celebrities!

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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