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"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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"...I wish you all joy of the worm..."

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Jesus Returns, Launches Erotic Fortune Cookie Startup

This Year's Traditional Holiday Visit Mixed with Business

By Esther A. Wayout

Jesus's traditional return for the holidays doubled as a kickoff for his latest business venture, a line of erotic fortune cookies.



JESUS'S NEW EROTIC FORTUNE COOKIE STARTUP LAUNCH was rocky but the main challenge was finding suitable candidates for the team since the organizational culture kept being mistaken for a religion, a common Silicon Valley difficulty.

"We think there's a market," noted one of his disciples who handed the press samples in a plain brown paper bag. "People love fortune cookies."

Critics objected that introducing erotica into the traditional holiday season was inappropriate, but were dismissed.

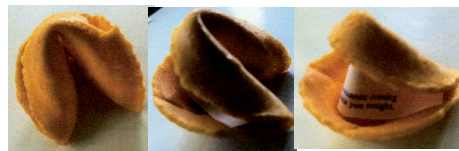
"There's nothing untraditional about fortune cookies," pointed out local historian Fred O. Heights, "or unAmerican for that matter."

"I would suggest that most holiday parties

10 Ways to Get Trump Out of the White House

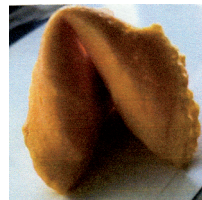
1. parade of porn stars (he likes parades)
2. trail of hamburgers and fries out the front door
3. job offer at Fox News
4. invitation to party with Putin
5. invitation to party with Kim Jong-un
6. pretend to throw a shiny object and then point in that direction which works with dogs
7. actually throw a shiny object
8. yell "squirrel" and point
9. yell "MacDonald's" and point
10. tell him the White House was moved to Mar-a-Lago

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FORTUNE COOKIE EROTICA is edible, comes with traditional benign commentary on one's potential future, sports a VPN, and has the benefit of reputed, even sainted, financial consultants.

sport a bit of erotic behavior," agreed cultural consultant Felix Navidad. "Ask anyone in the mailroom."



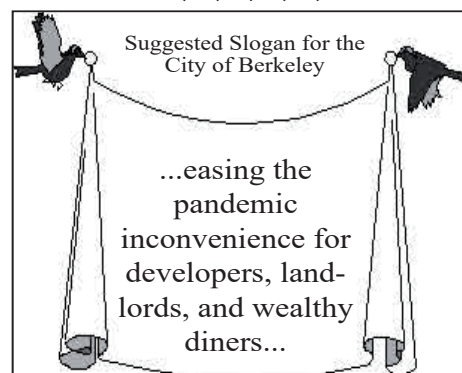
ONE OF JESUS'S most popular erotica stars got his start as "Cupcakes Kaboom" in the Castro District in SF.

"My financial consultants assure me this has legs," stated Jesus. "The VC guys are all over it, and I'm doing a round of morning shows."

Jesus dismissed the suggestion that the commercialization of the holidays would put his brand at risk.

"I'm good," he said. "I kind of own this time of year."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...easing the pandemic inconvenience for developers, landlords, and wealthy diners...

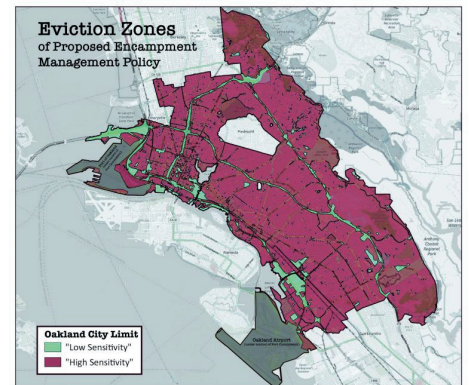
Oakland Endorses "Insensitivity Zones" for Tent Evictions

By Alda Trimmings

The Oakland City Council summoned their inner grinch and endorsed eviction-friendly "sensitivity" and "insensitivity" zones for tent-dwellers represented by the pastel-colored areas on the map below.

People who for some reason see mostly one color are counseled to recognize that the new "Encampment Management Policy" is pretty much one big-ass "Sensitivity Zone" with "insensitive" areas so miniscule that they're pretty much there to show certain parts of town that they just don't rate in the council chambers.

"We know who counts," stated one Oakland city councilmember with pride. We knew our own sensitivity had limits, but there's nothing quite as handy as a map."



NOTE THE CUNNING COLOR-CODING in pastels which become indistinguishable in black and white, a "woke" nod to the real encampment eviction policies effectively in place which are just a wild west free-for-all.

"We're working on an app, too," added another councilmember. "We're thinking of calling it "TentZ Outtahere."

"Or "Tent You," contributed another councilmember whose house is completely surrounded by "Sensitivity Zone" protection from ever seeing poverty on the street.

Tent dwellers were amused by the management policy's promise of alternative tent space and housing.

"It's pretty trail of tears," stated one weary family trudging from the laundromat with their belongings. "We just wish they'd let us have the board chambers when they're done messing with us."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, next pandemic could we get better masks? I'm really tense all the time from watching people's masks slip down their faces and then they yank them up but the mask keeps slipping down and I have no idea what they're saying because it's so unnerving.

Dear reader, don't worry. Next pandemic I'm told we will all get bigger noses and mask slippage won't be a problem.

Dear Lena, my power company wants to increase rates to adjust for something called a "power charge indifference adjustment trigger" and I don't understand, or I don't think I do.

Dear reader, I got that brochure. It proposes to punish you if you arrange for a "third-party provider" to side-step their monopoly by establishing a way to claw back their "undercollection." I hope you're unarmed.

Dear Lena, I can't seem to turn off the tv because I think we're close to the end of the world and I don't want to wake up one day and it's over and I missed it. My eyes hurt. What should I do.

Dear reader, it's easy, at least right now. Print out pictures of various administration officials and news pundits and just tape them across the screen. I guarantee you will get an equal amount of content.

Dear Lena, there are people in tent cities all over town and the city council is focused on trying to find ways to make it even harder to park. Is it me, or doesn't anybody else think all these empty apartments and dorm rooms and shuttered commercial buildings could be put to better use considering it's a public health emergency. Or is it just me.

Dear reader, it's you and Governor Newsom, who instituted a way for the state to subsidize just such a program. But emptiness in Berkeley is seen as "seeing through the illusion of independent self-nature", a positive thing.

Ask Lena about pie at cdenney@igc.org.



APPARENTLY YOU CAN FLIP A COIN for which voters best personify misinformed fools.

Approximately 70 Million Americans Have Their Heads Up Their Asses - But Which Half?

By Gerry Deliberations

News that the 2020 election might actually come to a close has alarmed pollsters, advertisers, and paid pundits who are swiftly re-tooling their business plans to address the upcoming need for voluminous commentary on additional topics.

"We used to blame libertarians and the Green Party," stated one pundit pushing a hand truck of cases of white-out down the hall of a K Street consultant office suite. "Life was so much simpler then."

"We still think the blame game has viability both online and on the air," offered another pundit. "Fewer voters were entirely indifferent this year."

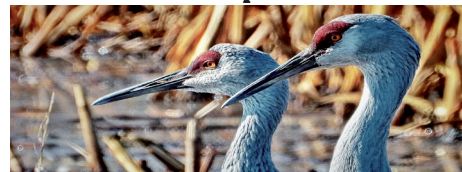
Experts are predictably split on which half of the voters in 2020 had their heads up their asses.

"You can make a great case either way," stated pundit Gunnar Gitcha. "You got your stock market, you got your breadlines. Any way you work it I got my paycheck."

"We're pretty streamlined as business people, so we're pretty fluid at re-making our talking points after each election and administration," agreed consultant Helen Wheels. "But we really ought to figure out which half of the country it is before they suffocate."

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Birds Agree People "Overreacting" to New Trump Bird Rules



TWO SANDHILL CRANES admitted the lobbyists they hire keep flying to Alaska to fish.

By Fiona Yu

An initial effort to weaken the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act was struck down last August by a federal judge, but a new effort to ease companies' liability for killing birds is causing consternation which birds themselves consider overblown.

"We get a kick out of Trump coming after us," confided one Sandhill Crane strolling through a nearby marsh. "Especially since we can take down Airforce One."

"Yeah," said another crane emphatically. "Poop on him."

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Trump Supporter Green Book For Safe Travels

By Don Tread

For those Trump supporters who do not feel safe in what they expect to be a Democrat led USA “socialist hell hole”, it is important to know where to relocate in the world where you will feel safe to live your life practicing your belief system. Utilizing my own extensive international experience, I wanted to offer this “Green Book” as a helpful starting point in your global relocation. (The original Green Book was published in NYC between 1930 and 1966 during a time of legal discrimination. It served as a guide for black people, directing them to relatively friendly safe spaces.)

My extensive discussions with Trump supporters have yielded a short list of their key relocation issues. For those who might have worked closely with the Trump administration, I also tried to prioritize countries that did not have extradition agreements with the USA. A top priority was to return to a happier time, like in the old days, where everyone knew their place and behaved properly. Unfortunately, after thorough searching, I can confirm that it is not 1955 anywhere in the world.

Canada

Full of socialists.

Mexico

Not safe for you given the whole wall and children-in-cages fiasco.

Europe

They hate Trump like a continent full of Democrats.

China

Forget it, considering the trade tariffs and origin of Covid argument.

Asia

In Taiwan, Vietnam, South Korea, Singa-

pore, and New Zealand, the federal governments moved quickly to restrict citizen's activities resulting in almost Covid-free countries with vibrant economies. You would hate it.

Paraguay

This could be a potential option, but is out-of-date, given that it was last used extensively in 1945 by a previous authoritarian regime.

Saudi Arabia

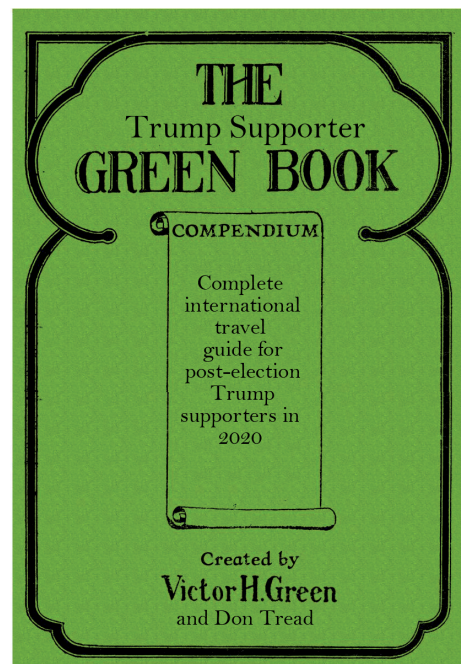
Many evangelical Christian supporters are seeking a government that enforces religious belief systems within an authoritarian patriarchal structure. As strange as it seems, Saudi Arabia is the winner of this trifecta. While the language/culture is a difficult transition, just remember that religious extremist belief systems are more similar than different. Knowing some of you as I do, your moral compass should be fine with this location. If you are a journalist, it would be best not to criticize the Royal family.

Honduras

This is one of the few countries with less gun restrictions than the USA. However, the gun related homicide rate in Honduras is an order of magnitude higher than the USA, which is already an order of magnitude higher than developed first world countries. If you want to be safe, you better take a lot of guns with you, get a bullet-proof vest and live in a secured compound. Think of it as “stand-your-ground” Florida on LSD. You will probably be fine, and I hope that your injuries are limited to flesh wounds.

Central Africa

For those of you who feel threatened by



TRAVEL GUIDES SUCH AS THE TRUMP SUPPORTER GREEN BOOK are flying off the shelves in anticipation of post-pandemic travel.

members of the LGBT community, Africa has many potential options for you, if you are OK being surrounded by black people. Homosexuality is a capital punishment offense in Mauritania, Sudan, southern Somalia and northern Nigeria. These countries should provide a comfort zone for some of you given that you can not only refuse to bake cakes for gay people, but you can subject them to capital punishment.

For those of you who have racist/white supremacist beliefs, I have bad news in that I am not able to help you. No country in the world wants you. It looks like you will have to stay with the Republican party, perhaps temporarily in some deeply red state like Mississippi or Wyoming. If you want to fit in, it is probably best to drive a pick up with as many Trump flags as possible. It could be a long wait finding another country that is willing to take you.

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast

UNEXPECTED PANDEMIC BALLET...

THE PEAK VERSUS THE PROJECTION...



VAULTING THE OFF-LEASH DOG...



THE SUPERMARKET SNEEZE...



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Weeping Wealthy Clog Streets in Despair

Post Election Emotions Clog Faucets, Sewers



WEALTHY PEOPLE WEEP uncontrollably after the election, which may or may not result in President Trump exiting the White House depending on how many shiny objects the Democratic Party throw across the lawn.

By Claire D. Air

"They're used to getting whatever they want," suggested one anthropologist regarding the bizarre phenomenon of wealthy people weeping in public nationwide.

"It isn't confined to Wall Street," noted another expert peering through binoculars at the disturbing sight of well-dressed ce-

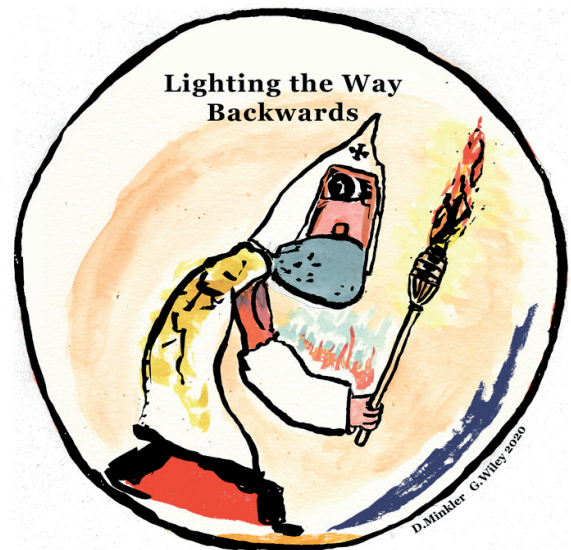
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lebrities and high-octane socialites wringing post-election tears from their monogrammed handkerchiefs in the streets, parks, and Lacrosse courts across the country while their financial consultants try to offer comfort.

"We tried to tell them that Democrats get along pretty well with Wall Street, but that made them cry harder," whispered one financial consultant. "They're inconsolable."

Pope Francis recommended that the wealthy contemplate a gesture of charity saying "Christians cannot remain indifferent to the growing cries of the exploited and the indigent, including migrants" while he entertained visitors in the gold-plated splendor of St. Peter's Basilica.

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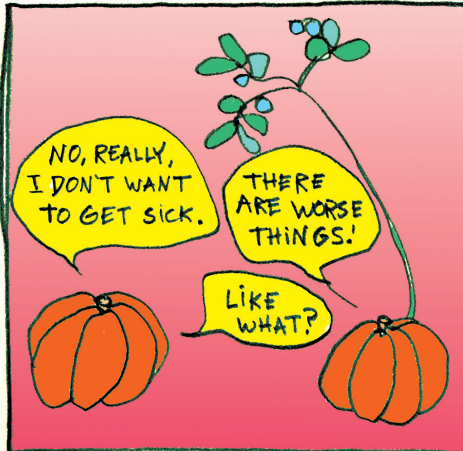


American Fascists in Plain Sight

Believe Whites are superior to everyone else
Scapegoat immigrants
Terrorize people of color, LGBTQs, and non-Christians
Reject science
Sow chaos to kill trust in democratic institutions

I Want My Present Now

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