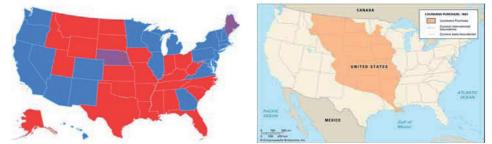
"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time." February 2021

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"...and leave the world for me to bustle in ... \* It's regnal..it's free...if you can find it

## den To Reduce Political



THE CURRENT POLITICAL DIVIDE IS UNWORKABLE, SPOTTY, AND unkempt according to Biden's consultants who recommend adopting the Louisiana Purchase model.

### By Don Tread

The map of 2020 Electoral College results and the tone of public dialogue demonstrate political polarization at a level last seen before the Civil War.

To address this political division, President Joe Biden pledged to unify the country, saying it is "time to put away the harsh rhetoric, lower the temperature, see each other again, listen to each other again."

According to a recent Fox News poll, 77% of Trump supporters believe the Biden team stole the election. With Republican leadership in many deeply red states threatening secession, it is

time for com-The 11 states proposed in the sale represent promise satisfactory to all lation and only account for 7% of GDP. parties.

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vaccinated issue...

After discus-

sions between the Biden administration and Republican colleagues, agreement emerged that the complexities of Constitutional law regarding state secession presents a difficult challenge. Both sides want to avoid a Brexit fiasco and agree that a legal loophole may exist in the form of a reversal of the Louisiana Purchase. Legal scholars have suggested that a reversal of this agreement can be viewed much like a marriage annulment. Biden officials comment that while not their original strategy for unifying the US, if it works for their Republican colleagues, they are willing to make this compromise.

The Louisiana Purchase was completed in 1803 between France and the US based upon a treaty signed by the President and approved by the US Senate. The proposed area would be adjusted to current state boundaries, leaving all of Minnesota, Colorado and New Mexico in the US, with all of Louisiana, the Dakotas, Montana and

Wyoming being included in the sale. The 11 states proposed in the sale represent 26% of the lower 48 land area, 8% of the population and only account for 7% of GDP.

These 11 states would then become French territory, subject to the laws of France and the European Union (EU). It is expected that these states would create a regional government, becoming the 19th (and largest) French region. Based upon existing treaties between the US and the EU, international borders would be established, trade would be regulated, and US citizens would have

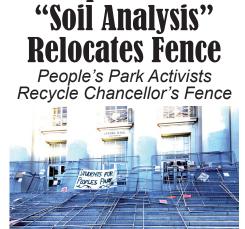
free movement of up to 90 days in 26% of the lower 48 land area, 8% of the poputhis territory. These new French/EU cit-

izens would be provided universal healthcare, nearly free university education with tax rates for the wealthy substantially increased. The economy in this new territory is expected to grow based upon increased consumption of wine and cheese.

The political impact of the departure of these 11 states, will be substantial, with a reduction of 22 US senators, 21 which are currently Republicans. It is ironic that these 11 deeply red states, in the act of a political protest which results in them transitioning from the US to France, would achieve for themselves many long held policy objectives of the Democratic Party.

French authorities are said to be looking forward to a return to their colonial heritage in an effort to make France great again and that their initial offer to buy back the Louisiana Purchase is based upon the 1803 selling price of \$15 million. Unofficial comment from the Biden administration says the offer seems reasonable.

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**People's Park** 

UC'S PEOPLE'S PARK FENCE ENDED UP piled up on the Sproul Plaza steps and decorated with poetry and cartoons.

#### By Marge Inall

"I'm just feeling frisky," explained UC chancellor Carol Christ when questioned about her provocative new "soil testing" fence in People's Park which activists relocated last week to the steps of Sproul Hall. "It's the pandemic; I really need some oldfashioned action."



Park activists plan virtual riots to observe the need for pandemic social distancing.

PANDEMIC protonot to stir things up. local activist. "UC, the

"It's our job to stand cols have really shut up for the cultural hisdown the campus tory UC is trying to and it's too boring suppress," stated one

largest landowner in Berkeley, just needs the same outcry that saved ISSI from being shelved."

The soil being "tested" stated that it preferred an in-person riot, since it wasn't consulted about the new fence.

"I'm stolen Ohlone land and I'm a landmark," stated the soil. "No lab will tell you that.'



### ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

### Dear Lena, I never got my bleach injection before Trump left office. Can I still get one? I was hoping it would give me highlights in my hair.

Dear reader, the lucky thing about being an American is that somebody somewhere will be glad to give you a bleach injection. Maybe even for free if you're willing to give it a great online review.

### Dear Lena, my company made all of us workers independent contractors and I lost all my benefits. What can I do?

Dear reader, let me guess: you thought a union would be too much trouble, and you loved it when they kept referring to the employees as family. You are now screwed.

### Dear Lena, now that Trump is out of office, can I get one of those cages? My kid is impossible to deal with and I just can't take it anymore.

Dear reader, it might be possible; consider suggesting to the Trump Corporation that part of the luxury hotel five-star experience should be Trump Childcare Cages. It sounds like it's branded investment potential waiting to happen.

#### Dear Lena, couldn't the San Francisco School Board just number the schools the way they do in New York? I have such fond memories of P.S. 46.

Dear reader, P.S. 46, or Public School 46 in New York's Fordham neighborhood, is actually named for Edgar Allen Poe, so there's no help there. But one could name schools after prime numbers, or bugs, or flowers, avoiding those species named after scientists or researchers who may or may not have imperfections. I personally think imperfect people need all the applause they can get, but if the student body wishes to rename their school on a yearly basis I applaud their initiative and hope it is based on valuable research. This is assuming anyone ever gets back to school.

Ask Lena about giant theropods at cdenney@ igc.org.

# Santa Cruz's Camp Freedom **Protected by Court**



JUDGE SUSAN VAN KEULEN STATED THAT THE "BALANCE OF HARDSHIP tips in favor of the Plaintiffs" in a Santa Cruz court case protecting tent dwellers from sweeps, clearly miscalculating the severe aesthetic hardship for others who just can't bear to confront economic inequity.

By Mona Roll

Santa Cruz officials expressed shock that US District Court Judge Susan Van Keulen issued a decision upholding CDC health guidelines in preventing a sweep of "Camp Freedom", a group of tent-dwellers harboring in San Lorenzo park during the winter.

'Who pays attention to the CDC anymore," lamented Martin Bernal, Santa Cruz City Manager. "This judge is clearly a radical activist bent on ignoring the hardship it is for people in houses to even see visual evidence of poverty.'



SANTA CRUZ CITY MANAGER MARTIN Bernal disputes the idea that real people made these anti-sweep signs which he suggests were manufactured by Russian bots.

Santa Cruz officials admitted they had created no housing or alternatives for the dozens of people who would have been dispersed without assistance in a sweep the CDC recommends against as a potential disease vector.

"If you feed these people they just get hungry all over again," one official maintained. "Our hotels may be empty, especially this time of year, but we're concerned that somebody out there might start taking this 'housing first' idea to heart."

Judge Van Keulen pointed out in the legal response that in fact the city of Santa Cruz had relied on CDC guidelines in setting up another temporary campground in April of 2020, and so should be consistent,



TENT HORROR SYNDROME has hit pandemic levels now that housing is technically defined as whatever poor people can't afford.

referring to the injunction against sweeps as "an extraordinary remedy" to an action which was likely to cause "ir-



AVOID living in tents or we'll claim irreparable harm.

reparable harm" and was "in the public interest."

The ruling appears to ensure that, at least during a novel pandemic, a tent is in fact "a place of residence" worthy of court protection, leaving Santa Cruz officials beside themselves.

"We're getting hammered by that 'balance of equities' stuff," fumed Santa Cruz City

Manager Martin Bernal. "It is frankly so discouraging when both the local community and the law are against us.'

## **Hoover Institute Contemplates Name Change After Atlas Victory**

Contemporary Alternatives Under Consideration to Enhance Crucial Limited Government Involvement in Golf Mechanics

### By Don Tread

The Hoover Tower on Stanford's campus marks the Hoover Institution, named after President Herbert Hoover. It operates as a conservative public policy think tank "promoting liberty, free enterprise and lim-ited government", considered a winning electoral formula no matter how long the



breadlines.

Based on Hoover's response to the **Great** Depression in the early 1930s, Institution the has continued to attract likeminded scholars. associates. and experts, over 200 of which contin-SCOTT W. ATLAS was ue doing crucial

part of Stanford's Hoover work at Stanford. Institute's Research Team; The Institution a Health Care Policy Work- has remained ing Group using phrases relevant as evilike Socialism and Free denced by thei-Market Capitalism and the Prosperity Project Initia- placement of Dr. tive Co-Chairman working on articles like "America Is Haoded D Headed Down A Dark Path as a key member With Irrational COVID of former President Trump's Covid-19 Task

Force. Dr. Atlas was instrumental in making certain that the Task Force response utilized a limited government, liberty for all approach which maximized the administration's opportunity to do serious work on their backswings.

A Hoover spokesperson said they were

### We Can't Draw Comics

Control."



THE HOOVER INSTITUTE INSISTS that this physical profile of the Institute references an Egyptian Sphinx, not that other thing.

quite excited that Atlas had worked so near the levers of power in the US government and that this caused them to consider the historic implications of a potential name change. President Hoover, the current namesake, was able to promote their values

during the worst economic recession in US history up to that time.

"It was Atlas who worked hardest on the backswing issue," noted one en- GOLF MECHANICS thusiastic Hoover might have been sadly Fellow. "The club reglected if not for the Trump administration's should point to- allegiance to Hoover ward the target at Institute's values durthe height of the ing the pandemic. backswing. While

it is the usually the slowest part of your swing, the backswing is integral to making a good shot in that it sets up everything that follows in the downswing, the strike of the ball and the follow-through."

### **SF\_School Board Votes for** School Name Changes

### By Cal and Ida Scope

The San Francisco School Board stripped the names off of 44 school with "dishonorable legacies" including Dianne Feinstein Elementary, leaving open what 44 schools



will come to be named at a cost of between \$100,000 to \$350,000 in estimated name changerelated costs.

should step back already.

"It's a worthy discussion," offered

one parent still managing her three kids' online classes from home. "God knows I can't stand imperfect people."

Others just hope the School Board will now focus on something practical such as actually getting kids back in schools.

"Forgive me," whispered another parent. "I just really really really want my kids out of here." \* \* \* \* \*

President Trump was able to promote the Institute's values during a time of the worst economic recession in US history combined with a public health pandemic. Presidential historians have accurately judged Hoover and are expected to make similar judgements about Trump and Atlas, perhaps more so considering the fundraising and golf swing mechanics potential.

Those familiar with the situation at Stanford say that most academics are appalled by having the Hoover Institution on campus. They comment that the Hoover Tower architecture presents itself as a massive phallic symbol that provides some obvious insight into the types of people who choose to work there, but they probably have small hands and are jealous.

Dr. Atlas agrees, noting that "when performed correctly, your golf swing should look like one smooth, continuous motion that culminates with you holding a nicely balanced finish as the ball sails gracefully through the air." \*

by Franz Toast



### Pandemic Openings, Closures, Re-openings Completely Baffle Public

Meanwhile, Transparency International's

By Abby Doggond

"It's kind of like Red Light Green Light," sighed one restaurant owner wiping down patio tables. "Your savings are gone, your

clientele is mastering sipping a beverage from under a face mask, and you'll be putting the whole operation away again in a week."

"We figure the governor is just trying to evade the inevitable recall," mused one observer buying a case of WE ARE OPEN FOR business hand sanitizer. "We could unless of course we are closed. give him a few lessons on staying sane while going into reverse."

2020 Corruption Perceptions Index concluded that countries with a low corrup-



list in a tie with Chile.



### I Want My Present Now

TOILET PAPER ... WHAT THEY'RE REALLY DOING WITH

tion score invested more in health care, provided better coverage, and are "less likely to violate democratic norms."

The ratings put the United States at an embarrassing new low under the presidency of Donald Trump with a score of 67 on a scale of zero to 100, or 25th on the

"Conflicts of interest, abuse of office at the highest levels, weak oversight, all represent a retreat from democratic norms," affirmed the Berlin -based group of scientists. "Fortunately it appears to make no difference to those who can afford the \$360 tasting menu."



NAPA'S LUXURY RESTAURANTS are doing a bustling business if they didn't burn down.

"Outdoor dinners at the French Laundry are \$350 per person on the outdoor patio," stated the high-end restaurant's spokesperson. "The \$850 indoor experience received an unexpected boost from the governor's politically ill-advised visit."

"People with money are keeping us rolling," stated a staff member at Napa's La Toque. "They have remarkable resilience." \* \* \* \*

### Next Issue clutching pearls with celebrities!

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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