

The Society Page

By Gene Mahoney

Russian Hill Upholstery & Décor is still located in Nob Hill, not Russian Hill.

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May 19th would have been Lorraine Hansberry's 90th birthday. There used to be a theater named after her here in Nob Hill - on Sutter, then on Post. (Now it's at 762 Fulton.)

Hansberry is best known for writing her play *A Raisin in the Sun*, about a black family in Chicago moving into an all-white neighborhood.

Nina Simone sang a song about her called "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black." Hansberry's biographer Imani Perry said of her, "She was a feminist before there was a feminist movement. She identified as lesbian and thought about LGBT organizing before there was a gay rights movement. She was an anti-colonialist before independences had been won in Africa and the Caribbean."

Lorraine Hansberry died of pancreatic cancer in 1965 at age 34.

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Virus is Over (If you want it)

Sorry there hasn't been a new issue of the Herald for a while, but there was nowhere to leave any copies. Businesses were closed. What was up with that?

Only kidding. I know. It was because of the lockdown due to the Wuhan Virus from China. Wait, did I refer to a virus from Wuhan, China as "the Wuhan Virus"? *That's racist!* I mean the lockdown due to the Coronavirus.

I'd like to tell you that "We can get through this; we're all in this together" but I wasn't in San Francisco for this endless lockdown-a-thon. I was in the suburbs. Glad I was, too. No offense. (Though you're probably glad I was, too.)

The George Floyd riots - uh, I mean "peaceful protests" - probably wouldn't have been as large if there hadn't been this lockdown. It gave people a reason to finally leave their homes.



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Or maybe all those TV spots with celebrities in their luxurious mansions telling us in our cramped apartments "We can get through this; we're all in this together" finally drove people over the edge and into the streets.

True to the times, the virus became politicized. The more freaked out you were by it the more "woke" cred you had. The anti-Trump mantra went from "Resist" to "Obediently Lock Yourself in Your Home and Don't Dare Question Anything the Government Tells You."

How come the open borders movement died out right after the virus was all over the news? How come so many government offices were closed during the lockdown? Isn't this enormously bloated government essential? (Oh well, at least government workers still got paid, unlike so many of us.) How come the ACLU was MIA?

In Illinois, James Mainer of HCL Deluxe Tan in Clay City sued Governor Pritzker over his lockdown order, and won. Here's the ruling by the judge, and remember - we can get through this; we're all in this together:

Since the inception of this insanity, the following regulations, rules or consequences have occurred: I won't get COVID if I get an abortion but I will get COVID if I get a colonoscopy. Selling pot is essential but selling goods and services at a family-owned business is not. Pot wasn't even legal and pot dispensaries didn't even exist in this state until five months ago and, in that five months, they have become essential but a family-owned business in existence for five generations is not.

A family of six can pile in their car and drive to Carlyle Lake without contracting COVID but, if they all get in the same boat, they will. We are told that kids rarely contract the virus and sunlight kills it, but summer youth programs, sports programs are cancelled. Four people can drive to the golf course and not get COVID but, if they play in a foursome, they will. If I go to Walmart, I won't get COVID but, if I go to church, I will. Murderers are released from custody while small business owners are threatened with arrest if they have the audacity to attempt to feed their families.

These are just a few of examples of rules, regulations and consequences that are arbitrary, capricious, and completely devoid of anything even remotely approaching common sense.

Doctors and experts say different things weekly. The defendant cites models in his opposition. The only thing experts will agree on is that all models are wrong and some are useful. The Centers for Disease Control now says the virus is not easily spread on surfaces.

The defendant in this case orders you to stay home and pronounces that, if you leave the state, you are putting people in danger, but his family members traveled to Florida and Wisconsin because he deems such travel essential. One initial rationale why the rules don't apply to him is that his family farm had animals that needed fed. Try selling that argument to farmers who have had to slaughter their herds because of disruption in the supply chain.

When laws do not apply to those who make them, people are not being governed, they are being ruled. Make no mistake, these executive orders are not laws. They are royal decrees. Illinois citizens are not being governed, they are being ruled. The last time I checked Illinois citizens are also Americans and Americans don't get ruled. The last time a monarch tried to rule Americans, a shot was fired that was heard around the world. That day led to the birth of a nation consensually governed based upon a document which ensures that on this day in this, any American courtroom tyrannical despotism will always lose and liberty, freedom and the constitution will always win.

The Honorable Michael D McHaney,
chief judge

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“Gavin Newsom... NONESSENTIAL” t-shirts available at Out of the Envelope in beautiful downtown Los Gatos... There’s a recall Newsom movement happening if you want to investigate it.

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This issue is getting too political, and aren’t we all getting sick of politics? So here’s what I’m not going to write about...

I’m not going to write about how this lockdown cure is worse than the virus disease. Or the one good thing about it is we now know this half-century old approach of trying to make friends with China has been a big mistake. The West propped up a communist country that would have collapsed like the Soviet Union if we just let them. The guy who came up with this China engagement policy during the Nixon administration recently admitted that the policy - his life’s work - was a disaster.

Or about how Black Lives Matter is a much different organization than everyone thinks it is. You can’t blame them, though. Their founders openly admit to being Marxists and their web site openly states that they oppose the nuclear family. You would think the media would have been more forthcoming about that, considering Marxism killed over 100 million people in the Twentieth Century, many of them Africans in countries like Zimbabwe, Angola, and Ethiopia.

This just in - somebody in Fresno has a runny nose! The statewide lockdown has been reinstated! Forever! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!

A word to all white people in the media who proclaim that we need more people of color in the media: Budgets are limited. Companies can’t hire more people of color for media jobs unless some people step down. So why don’t you all quit and let people of color replace you? *Good idea, huh?*

Oh, and media people - Antifa isn’t an “anti-fascist” organization. It’s a fascist organization. They commit violence

against people who peacefully express their opinion. (You’re allowed to do that here, regardless of what it is.)

Hey, you “woke” people in wealthy enclaves like Silicon Valley and Marin County who feel a kinship with these Antifa members from the suburbs *bringing it all down, man* (i.e. burning black owned businesses in the inner city)... They’re moving into the suburbs now, and you’re for gun control and you’re against the cops. Good luck defending your “woke” asses.

“Activism is a way for useless people to feel important, even if the consequences of their activism are counterproductive for those they claim to be helping and damaging to the fabric of society as a whole.” - Thomas Sowell

So I’m not going to write about any of that.

It’s my party and I’ll cry if I want to: Time flies! It’s been almost four years since all those middle-aged white women in wealthy enclaves like Silicon Valley and Marin County started their election night parties with a toast (“Tonight we break the glass ceiling, *girl-friends.*”) And look what happened. Maybe, in retrospect, it wasn’t a good idea to run the only person in the country more unlikeable than Donald Trump against Donald Trump.

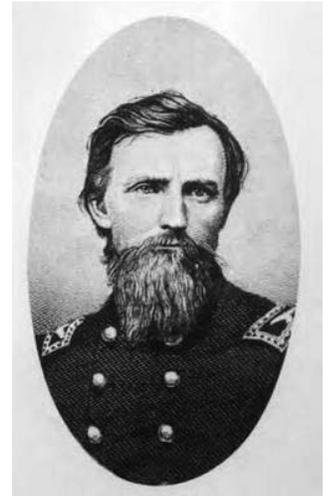
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The “Woke” attack the Wide Awake:

Recently in Madison, Wisconsin, a statue of Hans Christian Heg was torn down and desecrated, apparently in retaliation for the arrest of a Black Lives Matter member. Heg was an abolitionist and anti-slavery activist before the start of the Civil War. He was a member of the Free Soil Party, which fought the expansion of slavery in the western U.S. They eventually merged with the Republican Party, which was founded by abolitionists. Heg was a leader in the Wide Awakes, a militia which fought slave catchers. (Slave catchers returned escaped slaves to their owners.) He was a colonel in the Scandinavian Regiment of the Union Army (made up of Scandinavian immigrants) and died in battle fighting the Confederates.

Now that may not be as impressive as being a 30 year old unemployed Gender Studies major living in mommy’s basement, which probably describes those who tore his statue down, but it’s something.

As author/pundit Mark Steyn pointed out, Hans Christian Heg was more of a man than all the men in these statue destroying Marxist organizations put together.



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Regrets

By Ace Backwards

Somebody asked me: “Ace, if you could do it all over again would you do anything differently?”

I said: “Yeah. Just about everything.”

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"ASK NOT WHAT YOU CAN DO
FOR YOUR COUNTRY,
ASK WHAT YOUR COUNTRY
CAN DO FOR YOU"
OR
"PROFILES IN DISCOURAGE"

THIS BUSINESS
SUPPORTS
**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**
WE REALLY MEAN IT, TOO.
WE DIDN'T JUST HANG
THIS SIGN UP TO
DECREASE OUR CHANCES
OF GETTING OUR
WINDOW SMASHED IN.

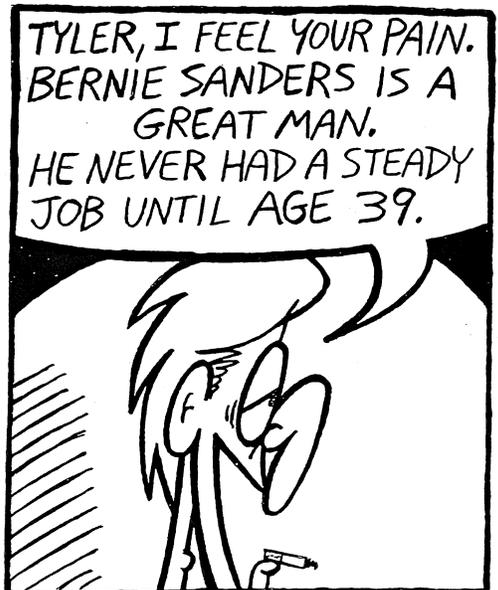
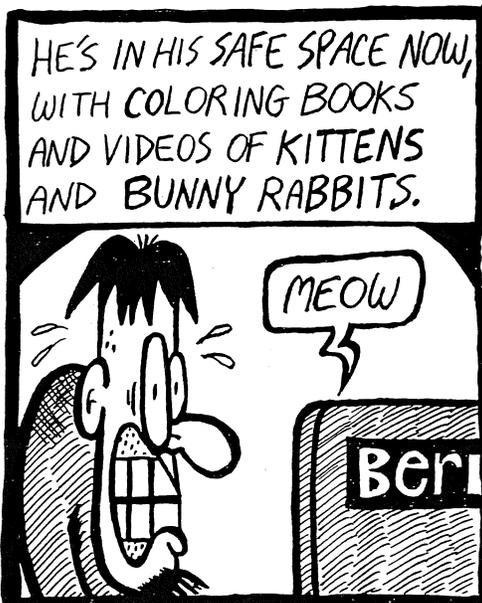


CHAUNCY, I NEED
YOU TO TALK TO
MY NEPHEW!
HE'S UPSET THAT
BERNIE SANDERS
ISN'T GOING TO
BE PRESIDENT!

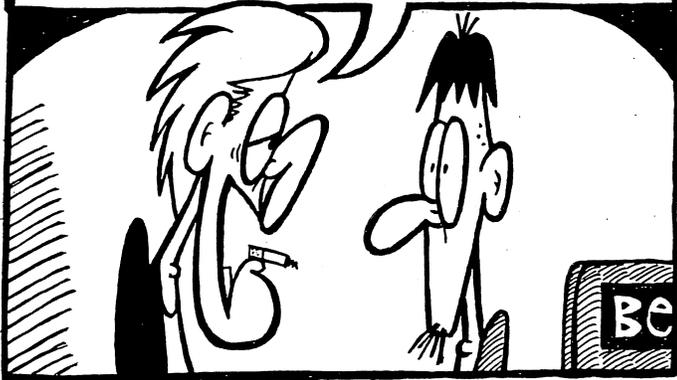
NOT THAT THERE'S ANY
SUCH THING AS GENDER,
BUT HE NEEDS A MAN
TO TALK TO!
(HOLD THE TOXIC MASCULINITY.)



BUT PLEASE GO
EASY ON HIM,
CHAUNCY!
HE'S ONLY 29...
A CHILD,
FOR
GOD'S
SAKE!



TYLER, SOMEDAY ANOTHER GREAT MAN
WILL COME ALONG AND PROMISE YOU
FREE THINGS FOR JUST SITTING
AROUND ON YOUR ASS ALL DAY.



MAYBE IT WILL BE CHARLIE TRIPP,
THIS GUY I KNEW IN HIGH SCHOOL,
BACK IN THE EARLY 1980s.



HE PLAYED GUITAR AND IDOLIZED FOLK SINGERS
WHO SANG ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF THE WORKING MAN.
BUT CHARLIE KEPT PUTTING OFF EXPERIENCING
THAT PLIGHT OF THE WORKING MAN.



HE NEVER GOT A JOB
UNTIL HE GRADUATED
HIGH SCHOOL.
HIS PARENTS COULDN'T
EVEN GET HIM TO
MOW THE LAWN.

♪ KEEPS ME SEARCHING FOR
A HEART OF GOLD... ♪



BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP CHARLIE
FROM WRITING SONGS ABOUT
INCOME INEQUALITY, ENVY AND
JEALOUSY MASQUERADING AS
HUMANITARIAN COMPASSION.



AFTER 9/11 HAPPENED,
I THOUGHT THE
MILLENNIALS WOULD
BE REALLY TOUGH,
JUST LIKE THE
WORLD WAR II
GENERATION...

MAN, WAS I
WRONG!

