

Permanent Christmas

We're into January now, and so out of Christmas, which means everyone can go back to their regularly scheduled grump.

Except: Wait. Some peoples in this world, they will celebrate Christmas today. Others, tomorrow. Still others celebrated long before December 25.



by
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The author, a former CN&R staff writer, is a Paradise resident who stayed on the Ridge throughout the Camp Fire and its aftermath.

The French and the Hungarians went to Christmas commencing December 6. In Italy, they non-stop Christmas from December 8 to January 6. In Cuba, Christmas begins in October.

Meanwhile, there doesn't necessarily have to be any Jesus, or Santa, or even an Island Of Misfit Toys, in the Christmas. We

know this from the Jewish people, who get lit in the miracle oil of Hanukkah. Then there's Muharram, which commemorates

Muhammad's trek from Mecca to Medina. Also, the winter solstice, where all celebrate the darkest day of the year. Because, as everyone knows, you have to be in darkness to see the light.

From this, we can begin to apprehend that it always, in all of the days, and all and everywhere, wants to be Christmas.

[CN&R Editor at Large] Melissa Daugherty and I have understood this for some time, but felt like we had to stay in the closet. But now: We are out and proud. Some people, they go on about "permanent revolution." But that is boring. What is really needed is permanent Christmas.

For, there are two wisdoms. The first, which Melissa writes about [see page 6], is that life is precious, and fleeting—as my friend Jeffrey Miller, long dead, once poemed: "the first one's free/you just get one"—and so you should really appreciate it, your life, and everyone else's, while you can. The second is that which is nice and, also, magic. And. That. Is Christmas.

The jesus, the santa, the solstice, the

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THIS MODERN WORLD

BY TOM TOMORROW

PANDEMIC **REAL TALK** WITH THE INVISIBLE HAND OF THE FREE MARKET! I'M NOT A DOCTOR, BUT I SOMETIMES DRESS LIKE ONE, SO AS TO APPEAR IMPLICITLY TRUSTWORTHY!

AND YES, YOU CAN SEE ME. HAVE YOU PEOPLE **HEARD** OF METAPHORS?



SO WE'RE TWO YEARS INTO THE PANDEMIC, AND IF YOU ASK ME, THINGS ARE GOING **GREAT!**

BILLIONAIRES HAVE INCREASED THEIR NET WORTH BY \$1.6 **TRILLION!** THEY CAN BUILD MORE SPACE TOURIST ROCKETS OR SOMETHING!

IT'S GOOD NEWS FOR **EVERYONE!**



MEANWHILE, THE C.E.O. OF DELTA AIRLINES ASKED THE C.D.C. TO REDUCE RECOMMENDED QUARANTINE TIMES--AND IN AN **AMAZING, UNRELATED COINCIDENCE**, THE C.D.C. DID EXACTLY THAT!

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YOU SEE, THE VIRUS IS **LESS** CONTAGIOUS IF YOUR BOSS **REALLY** WANTS YOU BACK AT YOUR DESK!

IT'S JUST SCIENCE!



AND LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT RAPID TESTS! THE SAME TESTS THAT COST A COUPLE BUCKS IN EUROPE SELL FOR \$25 HERE! IF YOU CAN EVEN **FIND** THEM! IT'S A **TRIUMPH** OF THE FREE MARKET!

WE'RE NOT FALLING FOR ANY OF THAT COMMIE CRAP IN **THIS COUNTRY!**



SO IF YOU GET COVID, REST ASSURED--THE **ECONOMY** WILL BE **JUST FINE!**

REMEMBER, WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, FOR SOME UNSPECIFIED VALUE OF "TOGETHER"!

EXCEPT, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE'RE NOT.

IN CONCLUSION, COVID IS A DISEASE OF **MANY CONTRASTS!**

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