

cus of working exclusively for the welfare of humans — all humans.

Albert Einstein, who didn't eat animals, said: "We must enlarge the circle of our compassion to include all beings." In Buddhist lingo, this means helping deliver all kinds of people and animals.

It has come to the attention of both humanists and vegans that without a healthy, nourishing and regenerating environment, neither of the two ambitions will achieve its goal. Whether you want a planet for humans only or one that considers the interests of animals, without oxygen and other raw materials produced by viable ecosystems, future generations will be doomed

Sentient beings by definition have nervous systems; they appreciate pleasure and recoil when exposed to harm. Plants, too, release electromagnetic signals, but this is due to their proximity to whoever is affecting them. What they "appear" to feel is in reality the emotional and or mental generation by the scientist.

Despite this apparent limitation of plants, it could be said that chlorophyll (green) is the counterpart of hemoglobin (red). Both are indispensable for breathing

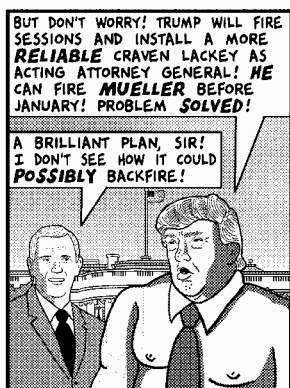
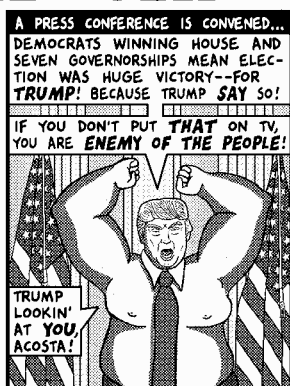
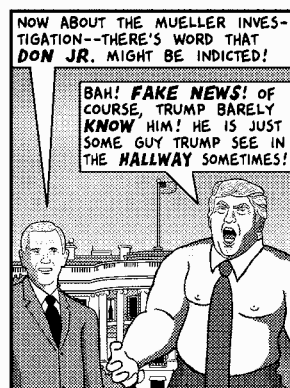
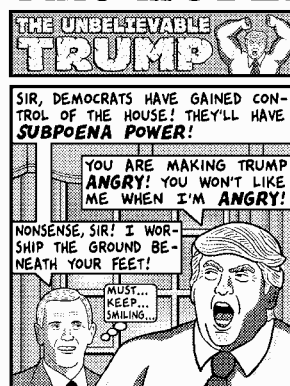
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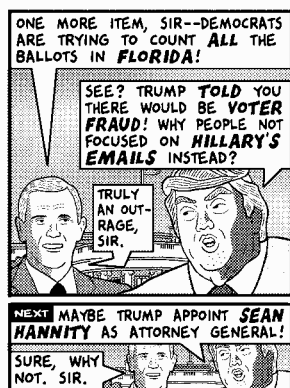
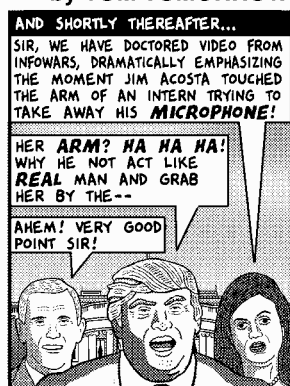
I have something to tell you that very few people want you to know.

Seventy-eight percent of the people who caught pertussis (whooping cough) in Lane County this year were fully vacci-

## THIS MODERN WORLD



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nated against pertussis and were up to date with all their shots.

For a child whose parents follow the CDC schedule today, that means they've received six pertussis shots. (Injections are given at two months of age, four months, six months, another at 15-18 months, another at 4-6 years and another at 11-12 years. A seventh is given after age 19.)

Outbreaks were happening in schools

that had 99-percent vaccination rates for pertussis.

What's in those seven pertussis shots? It depends on the brand you buy; here's the ingredients in one of them: aluminum phosphate, polysorbate 80, sucrose, formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, bovine serum albumin, 2-phenoxyethanol, neomycin, polymyxin B sulfate, modified Mueller's growth medium, ammonium sul-

fate, modified Mueller-Miller casamino acid medium without beef heart infusion, Stainer-Scholte medium, casamino acids, dimethyl-beta-cyclodextrin, MRC-5 cells (a line of normal human diploid cells), CMRL 1969 medium supplemented with calf serum, Medium 199 without calf serum, modified Mueller and Miller medium.

One of these ingredients is found in all of the various pertussis shots and is on Oregon's list of High Priority Chemicals of Concerns for Children's Health. Its potential for chronic health effects are leukemia, nose-throat-lung-and-eye cancers, and it can cause asthma-like respiratory problems.

All of this information is from Lane County Health and Human Services, Oregon Health Authority and the CDC.

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## WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

I wonder if there has been any investigation into the horrible smell that blankets the west Eugene Barger area all the way up to the North Beacon end of River Road. It has been described as a harsh chemical smell or some type of industrial product being vented from JH Baxter on Roosevelt (rumored to vent chemicals when it rains).

To me, it smells most similar to propane. To my mother, it smells like the coast. All I know is it is awful and drove me to decide against buying a home here. Others say the same thing on Facebook.

Can anyone figure out what it is?

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