

# Hard Hitting Headlines: Perhaps Ms. Gaga should resurrect the meat suit

## Big News

If the pandemic hasn't worn you down and depressed you entirely by now — and what did happen to winter? — perhaps looking at what news is attracting attention will be further numbing.

As Phillippe and Jorge went to press on February 26, the top news story was Mr. Potatohead succumbing to political correctness of the lamest kind. Coming in a close second was Lady Gaga's two prized French bulldogs being kidnapped and her dogwalker shot by the thieves. Now those are vitally important tales that should alarm the nation.

Little Rhody's prize of the toy industry, Hasbro, announced they will brand the legendary Mr. and Mrs. Potatohead simply "Potatohead" on their packaging, a tip of the plastic hat to those easily gender-offended. We're sure the kids of America will be proud they aren't insulting anyone.

It's a shame to play around with icons, especially *our* icons. Hasbro did a famous PR trick years ago when they placed a number of giant Mr. and Mrs. Potatoheads at sites around the state. It caught a great deal of attention from the media and public, and we didn't hear any calls for gender-neutral statues. But that was then, and it's our "woke" now that we guess forced Hasbro's hand. Pretty sad, but it did get the company another media blitz.

Meanwhile, Gaga hit the headlines in La-La Land, despite being in Rome filming a movie when her dogs and their handler were attacked. The situation was as bizarre as some of Lady Gaga's outfits, and fortunately, the dogs' longtime walker survived the assault. You or I could have our car stolen and get shot in the process, and it would merely warrant a one-inch mention on page 13 of the newspaper. But the rich are different from you and me, so we are supposed to weep for Gaga, never mind the dogwalker and her pets. That's the curse celebrities inflict upon us. You can bet the California Highway Patrol is on full alert.

But let's all be happy they didn't shoot Mr. or Mrs. Potatohead. Now *that* would be a tragedy.

## Legal Briefs

It was enlightening to see Donald Trump's initial legal team bail out on him just prior to his impeachment trial. The Donald's camp said it was because they had conflicting strategies for fighting the case, and hey, would the Orange Menace ever lie to the public?

Instead, informed sources said that our cheapskate former President was balking at paying his legal counsels what they wanted. Trump was renowned during his developer days for stiffing his contractors, so his scumbag antics came as no surprise. But it appears he discovered it is harder to cheat a white shoe law firm than it was the average working man. With the Donald facing a shower of lawsuits for his past illegal tricks, it will be very interesting to see what he comes up with to plead his innocence.

Paging My Cousin Vinny.