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Santa Cruz City Council Stands Strong Against Criminal Sleepers



SLEEPERS LOOK DECEPTIVELY peaceful but are harboring criminal thoughts which can affect the health of the entire community.

By May Duppname

Criminal sleepers almost got a pass recently when a confused minority of two on the Santa Cruz City Council suggested decriminalizing sleep, which is currently a criminal act.

"I was worried earlier in the week," admitted Police Chief Kevin Vogel, whose officers issued 1,913 camping citations in 2015 of which 81 percent were specifically related to sleeping. "But at least five of the Santa Cruz City Council have some common sense about not letting these criminal sleepers run rampant through our town."

Critics argued that sleep is a natural, inevitable human behavior and that sleepers rarely run rampant while unconscious, but were chastised by councilmembers who pointed to dozens of letters from local Santa Cruz citizens who were terrified that without the famous Santa Cruz law against sleep, criminal sleepers would be flagrantly sprawled across deck chairs snoring away all over town.

"Imagine trying to get through the supermarket," whispered one defender of the anti-sleep law. "The snoring alone would



ENCOURAGE YOUR CITY COUNCIL to make sleep a crime before scenes like this play out in your parks and on your carpet.

be deafening."

Park rangers in Santa Cruz issue about 40 camping citations a month in 2015 and agreed with local police that most of their citations go unpaid by sleepers, who are probably deliberately sleeping through their court dates or snoring through their court appearances if they show up at all.



THIS SLEEPER COULD leap up and commit a crime at any second.

Mauro Garcia, interim Parks and Recreation director, described the sleeping as an epidemic.

"The snoring alone would be deafening."

"At least three percent of citations are from people sleeping in cars behind the wheel," he pointed out. "It's an accident just waiting to wake up and happen."

Santa Cruz Councilmember Don Lane acknowledged that part of his motivation for proposing to legalize sleeping was the fact that he in fact was sleeping on a regular basis himself and has no plans to stop.

"I sleep regularly," he stated flatly. "I frankly sleep every night."

"I sleep, too," chimed in Councilmember Micah Posner sheepishly. "Whether it's in my house or in my unpermitted rental in the back yard."

"Or right here at the council meeting," added Councilmember Lane. "Unless there's something like this on the agenda. The city of Santa Cruz has been peacefully asleep on this issue for years."

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THE BEST WAY TO sleep through your city council meeting is with a sleep mask, especially if you are up on the dais.

Google Self-driving Car Slams Into Bus



SELF-DRIVING CARS can get a little aggressive since you have to admit they're simply smarter than other cars.

Valentine's Day Massacre Intentional, Say Insiders

"It wasn't personal," says self-driving car.

By Art Frartsake

Google's self-driving car was recently judged to be responsible for slamming into a city bus but claimed that the bus was partially responsible for being there in the way and the sandbags at the side of the road were a distraction which also played a role.



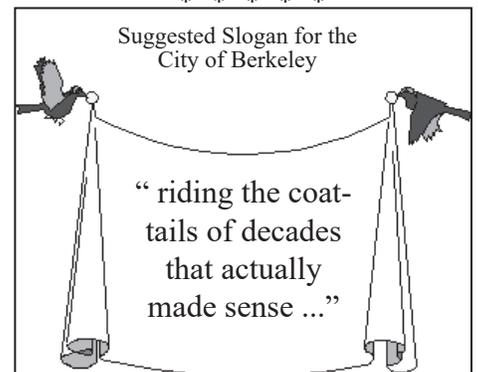
EVIL SANDBAGS lurk the night before by the side of the road at a local bar joking about leaping in front of a self-driving car to

spoil the safety record," stated the Google self-driving car.

Critics mused that having no driver may have played a role in the accident, but were dismissed.

"We planned for having no driver," stated Google. "Most people agree that our car is smarter than most drivers."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, Should Trump get the Republican nomination since he's done so many embarrassing things? I'm having a little trouble picturing him in the White House.

Dear reader, I can't imagine why. The White House has hosted many embarrassments and this would simply widen the already enormous spectrum.

Dear Lena, so if Donald Trump is a racist should I try to shut down his rallies and stop him from speaking?

Dear reader, I would encourage you to allow him to speak in as many places and as much as possible. And take a good look at who is clapping their fingernails off.

Dear Lena, the BART system is spending hundreds of thousands cleaning up after people who pee and poop around the stations, but it won't open the bathrooms. What is this weird obsession with refusing to have available bathrooms? It makes no sense to pour money into cleaning up the inevitable result. Isn't there some law we can pass to make them open up the loo?

Dear reader, having bathroom available is apparently a threat to our national security. Quit crabbing about it unless you want the FBI on your trail. The truly patriotic haven't peed or pooped since September 11th.

Dear Lena, what does Donald Trump mean when he says he will make America great again? It kind of sounds good but what does it mean?

Dear reader, Nobody really knows. Maybe he is going to open up the bathrooms.

Dear Lena, isn't a yurt better than a tiny house? Or a teepee?

Dear reader, don't go there. Of course there are cheaper, more sensible options. But tiny house people are like religious fanatics. Confusing them with data is dangerous. Ask Lena about creative footwear choices for the 1% at cdenney@igc.org.

Silicon Valley Ballet Jete's into the Dumpster

- "There's an app for culture now," explains tech community.

By Irwin Dozarbrokin

The Silicon Valley Ballet, which only last year had changed its name from Ballet San Jose hoping to get more support from the wealthy tech community, is closing its doors due to lack of funding.

Thirty union dancers received pink slips and the remaining performances, which had included two programs aimed specifically at the tech community, will be cancelled.

"We were going to do "Bodies of Technology" and "Alice in Wonderland" hoping to interest the tech world," stated Artistic Director Jose Manuel Carreno. "Perhaps we needed to try something else."

"They should have tried something like 'Dancing with iPhones'" stated one tech worker shrugging off the closure. "I might have gone to see that."

Critics argue that philanthropy, not ticket sales, was the absent piece for the Silicon Valley Ballet's budget woes.

"Tech workers are geeks," one critic explained. "They think about stuff that buzzes and glows. The only time they dance



DALIA RAWSON was laid off in February but continues to volunteer her labor which is fine because artists don't really need money.

around is when something crashes."

Others agreed that when it comes to tech workers, pitching philanthropy or culture is an uphill battle.

"If they had the dancers in glowing suits in the dark that might work," mused one dance aficionado.

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do familiar with the tech world's proclivities. "As long as it was then projected into little headsets the audience would wear like the Spektrum RC Teleporter V4 FPV Headset w/Head Tracking."



THESE GUYS would be much better off playing video games otherwise people will just make fun of them.

"Something like that would keep them in their comfort zone," agreed another dance critic familiar with Silicon Valley ways. "And then it ought to be televised onto their Google busses so they don't actually have to go anywhere."

"It's true," noted one tech worker. "We may be young, and we may be rich, but we have the nightlife habits of a doddering bunch of retirees who can't get it up for ping-pong anymore."

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PEOPLE ACT LIKE losing a ballet company is a tragedy but there's always a silver lining like having lots of ballet shoes suddenly show up at the thrift store and they're really fun to wear as a part of your outfit at Comic-Con instead of the usual Game of Thrones apparel.

Local Ground Squirrels Demand Tiny Houses

By Frances Inyuopp

An organized group of ground squirrels is demanding to be the first constituency to benefit from any tiny houses built in the city on the grounds that they are the poorest, hungriest, and also the smallest citizens in town.

"We survived the new 'don't feed the squirrels' signs," stated a spokessquirrel for the group. "We're surviving an El Nino winter with our burrows soaking wet. We put up with being dive-bombed by drones, chased by dogs. We just want a little place to knit socks for the baby."

"We deserve to be the first group to live in the tiny houses," added another ground squirrel. "Unlike human beings, we fit."

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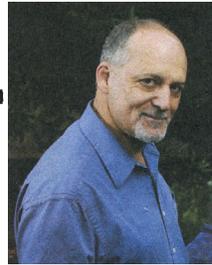
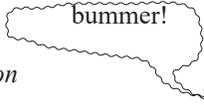


GROUND SQUIRRELS are demanding to be first in line for tiny houses because human beings will bump their heads and never figure out where to put the piano.

Napolitano Insists UC Faculty, Employees Can No Longer Fondle Students, Staff



By Stan Dattatension



A S T R O N O M Y PROFESSOR Geof Marcy said he apologized after slid his hand up a student's thigh and grabbed her crotch at a post-colloquium dinner at the University of Hawaii so after all what is the big deal.

University of California (UC) faculty expressed disappointment in UC President Janet Napolitano's suggestion that faculty and staff try to avoid sleeping with and fondling their staff and students.

"It's a real bummer," expressed one professor. "It's not like we get big salaries, so these perks have meaning."



DEAN OF UC BERKELEY'S LAW SCHOOL Sujit Choudhry stepped down after the press got ahold of the staff requirements for working under him.

"It sucks," grumbled another professor. "I guess the summer of love is finally really over."

"But what if they're wearing something really sexy?" asked a third professor while the faculty room nodded vigorously behind him. "What if they say no but you can tell what they really mean is yes and they're just saying it their eyes?"

"Or their hair?" asked another professor while other faculty members began taking notes. "Or what if you can tell by their ringtone that they're ready for some hot fun behind the blackboard?"

UC President Janet Napolitano looked dazed as she and UC spokesperson Dan Mogoloff tried to navigate the storm of media inquiries after media revelations forced her to finally fire astronomy professor Geoffrey Marcy, dean of UC Berkeley's law school Sujit Choudhry, assistant coach Yann Hufnagel and UC Berkeley vice chancellor for research Graham Fleming all for violating the university's sexual harassment policy.

"The policy was a little ambiguous to these professors and perhaps others," admitted Mogoloff. "Apparently we needed to spell out more clearly that kissing,

touching body parts, massaging, and making love to staff and students might be taken the wrong way."

Critics objected to the fact that Choudhry remains on faculty with a \$284,000 salary but were dismissed.

"It's only public money," stated Mogoloff. "And it's not like anybody's getting hurt."

Students admitted to no small confusion about the permissible levels of flirtation under the new standards.



ASSISTANT COACH Yann Hufnagel was fired after "a series of communications and behaviors" which are apparently too salacious to divulge.

UC officials stated privately that the real problem was the press, which successfully captured the public's imagination with stories derived from the public documents finally released through lawsuits.

"Not enough newspapers have shut down," explained one UC media expert. "It will take a few more years before we can make sure our private conduct with public funds remains a private matter."

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Airbnb's West Bank Rentals Offer Sizzling Experience to Tourists



AIRBNB'S LISTING in illegal Israeli settlements on the West Bank are just another way to have an adventurous vacation so chill out.

By W. A. Reckoning

Airbnb is receiving some negative response to its practice of listing homes in illegal Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

"We're frankly baffled," stated a spokesperson for the company. "We ravage the housing market all over the world, and this is what they complain about? Oh yes."

Companies such as European banking group Dexia and the U.S. real estate firm ReMax have discovered that ignoring human rights violations is difficult to dovetail with their public relations, but Airbnb points out correctly that it has created a unique business model which depends almost entirely on frankly illegal behavior.



JUST BRING a Kevlar vest along with your sunscreen and you're good to go.

"Almost none of our listings are square with state and city law," pointed out the Airbnb spokesperson. "International human rights violations are just part of the lucrative picture."

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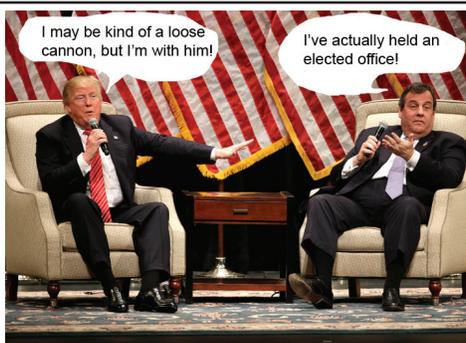
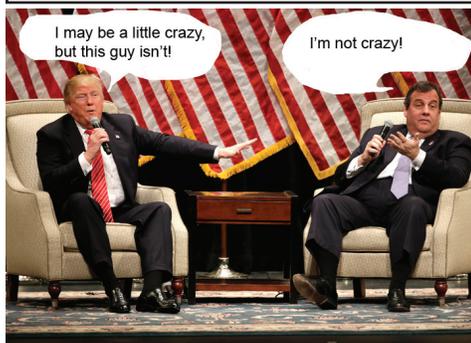
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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Smart Newspapers Featuring You

By Nancy Steadatlast

Silicon Valley's experiment with smart newspapers is a rousing success according to the venture capitalists who funded the effort to expand on customizing news to suit the consumer.



MOST PEOPLE PREFER to see themselves in the headlines and read stories all about their life.

"I really enjoy opening up the paper and finding myself in the headlines," smiled one smart newspaper user. "And there's really something about being constantly quoted in the paper that I find makes reading really rewarding."

"I like seeing myself featured in the style section," confessed another reader. "I always thought I had a special fashion flair, but never realized others thought so, too."

"I think the customized business section is the most valuable aspect," commented another reader. "I appreciate that there's more to life than the upholstery business, but having the expanded section on cordless driver and drill sets frankly interests me more than the international stock market or another bombing somewhere."

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Umlauts for Uber Go Fund Me Campaign Takes Off

Community Stricken by Uber's Crying Need for Punctuation

By Ernest Lee Pleedenfurya

"Uber has suffered for too long," explained Penny Wise, one of the group which launched a Go Fund Me campaign to help Uber, the ubiquitous driving service recover the punctuation it deserves.

"We tried to explain in the beginning," offered one company executive regarding the tragic absence of its umlaut. "But as far as we'd get with the venture capitalists is that it is a form of assimilation or vowel harmony, the process by which one speech sound is altered to make it more like another adjacent sound and their eyes would glaze over."

"We started to edit our pitch," agreed another Uber executive. "If a word has two vowels with one far back in the mouth and the other far forward, more effort is required to pronounce the word than if the vowels were closer together, but frankly, we're all about the dough."

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Everybody Voted for the Clown

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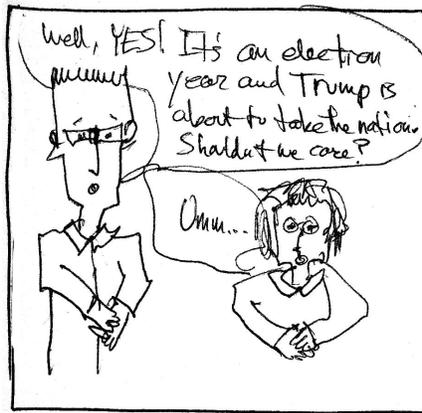
everybody voted for the clown
there were choices
there were the cliché's
there were the suits and the hair
there was custom, tradition
but everybody was tired of that
they voted for the clown
the loud, plain-spoken, contradictory,
cheesy, entertaining, racist
arrogant, spotlight-loving clown
because he was a clown
and they just
wanted to see what would happen

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by Juan Nathan Undergod

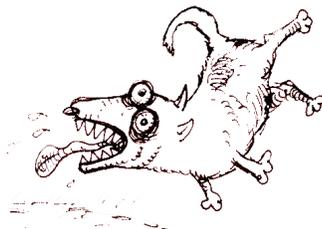


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