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## UC Regents Acquire Playboy Mansion by Eminent Domain

## Concussion Bowl Costs Slammed

### Rumors of Tenth Campus at Playboy Mansion Site

By Moe Eenalon

"\$200 million was a little steep," explained University of California regent representative after word spread of the UC regents' latest acquisition on behalf of the sprawling campus system. "We appreciate that the Playboy Mansion has a storied history which fits in well with the adventurous spirit of our campus culture, but it truly was a lot of dough."

Critics charge the regents with abusing their power, pointing out that eminent domain, the power of the state to seize private property without the owner's consent, has historically been used for crucial state needs such as public facilities, highways, and railroads.



BUNNIES like to whine about having their brand ruined.

"And, of course, the land that is now People's Park," added one local critic. "Someone was smoking a joint there in 1967, so of course it goes without saying that all the housing on southside had to go."

A spokesperson for the regents agreed that acquisition of the Playboy Mansion by eminent domain was somewhat unusual, but pointed out that cost-cutting measures were in order to attempt to address the \$445 million



THE UC REGENTS AGREE that their acquisition is unusual but objections to it melt away when people see the golf course.

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debt the campus carries for the renovation of its football stadium and athletic center.

"Football will eventually give the players chronic traumatic encephalopathy from successive concussions," he conceded.

"But while they develop the inevitable symptoms they can now enjoy the soothing atmosphere of the Playboy Mansion's famed grotto."

"And Hugh Hefner's company," added a UC spokesperson. "He refuses to leave, but we have a lot of experience with professors and students who act the same way."

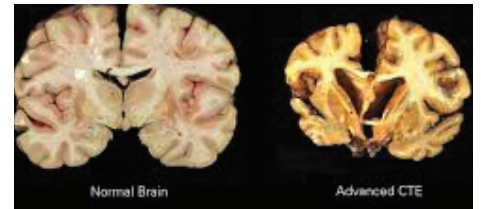
Critics were aghast at the acquisition since the Playboy Mansion is closely associated with the objectification of women, but were dismissed.

"More sixties nonsense," chuckled the UC regents' spokesperson. "That kind of backward thinking went out with tie-dye, bell-bottoms, and the old-fashioned pipe dreams about equal work for equal pay."

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THE INFAMOUS GROTTTO was an erotic playpen in its time but now is just like any hot tub in Berkeley.



WE DON'T MIND if young athletes' brains are destroyed by football as long as the NFL picks up the tab for the party.

By Jaque Hammer

The City of Santa Clara's \$3.6 million costs associated with the Concussion Bowl are fully covered by the National Football League (NFL) while San Francisco residents are stuck paying out of their own pockets for \$4.8 million in "Concussion Bowl 50" celebration costs, a fact which riles critics and sets up a showdown which may provide more entertainment than what happens on the field.

An NFL spokesperson responded to San Francisco Supervisor John Avalos's cost analysis acknowledging the numbers were accurate as well as the contracts signed by Police Chief Greg Suhr stating that the police department "shall provide all law enforcement and public safety services" at "no cost...to the NFL or the teams."

"We didn't register the fine print," explained one San Francisco staff member from Mayor Ed Lee's office. "Most of us played football in high school."

P.J. Johnson, spokesperson for the Concussion Bowl 50 Host Committee, noted that San Francisco is no longer the host city no matter how it tries to disguise the fact.

"San Francisco's going to make lots of money on the Concussion Bowl," he pointed out. "They booted their team, and if they still want to party, that's their call."

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PEOPLE WHO object to this kind of attire should consider how much more friendly the campus could be if the female professors would put in a little more fashion effort.



# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I want to vote for Hillary but my friends want me to vote for Bernie. I'm terrible at peer pressure stuff. What should I do?**

Dear reader, this one is easy. They're both running for nomination in the same party, so at some point after the scrum you no longer have to choose. The real choices are local, so leave the flying fur to the Republicans, who are the best at sound bite warfare.

**Dear Lena, there was a lot of rain on the news. Rain coming, rain here, and then rain and how things got wet. When did rain become the top news priority? Is this because of the drought?**

Dear reader, you might think so, but the weather always slides into position when there's nothing actually exploding or burning down. A few expensive hairdos are sacrificed along the way, but it keeps the news coverage budget at a nice low ebb and stock footage is plentiful.

**Dear Lena, they're spending a lot of public money on the Superbowl and it's not even in San Francisco. Can't they spend it on housing instead? The guy who lives under a tarp across the street could really use a break.**

Dear reader, city officials don't like to admit it, but they're terrified that if they actually provide sensible low-cost housing for people they'll lose the lucrative policy currently in place of only building for the seriously well-off. There is no low-cost housing, including your neighbor's tarp, they don't have their eye on for a high-end condo.

**Dear Lena, why aren't they talking about the concussions anymore? Isn't it the responsibility of the NFL and host cities to make sure the public is well-informed about football players' likelihood of getting brain damage?**

Dear reader, that is so funny. Ask Lena about taping bubblewrap around your head when playing sports at [cdenny@igc.org](mailto:cdenny@igc.org).

# PG&E Worker Claims She Was Told to Trash Documents

By Calder Bluff

Prosecutors seeking a \$500 million penalty against Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) after the September 9, 2010 pipeline blast that killed eight people had their case bolstered by a former PG&E record-keeper, Leslie McNiece, who testified that there were "instances when she received



FORMER PG&E employee Leslie McNiece is probably lying about being told to destroy documents because well just look at her.

library Director's willingness to mulch books to help gardens," stated Singh. "We have a lot of paper we'd love to recycle for the sake of the environment."

PG&E spokesman Greg Snapper also dismissed McNiece's claims. "We obviously and unequivocally disagree with the claims and mischaracterizations contained in the government's filing," stated Snapper. "We look forward to the opportunity to shed light on the facts in court. Or maybe when we're all on the golf course, either way."

McNiece confirmed that she found documents related to the San Bruno pipeline,

specific instructions to destroy documents, such as from Sumeet Singh," who oversees PG&E's gas operations.

PG&E dismissed the charges as simply part of the effort to make the company more green.

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THE COST OF PG&E'S MASSIVE PIPELINE explosion which killed eight people and destroyed 38 homes September 9, 2010, should be covered by utility ratepayers because they are the ones using all the gas in the first place.

dating from before the explosion, "discarded in a dumpster outside of PG&E's gas operations facility in Walnut Creek," according to the prosecutor's the court filing.

Snapper responded that the dumpster in question just hadn't been sorted yet, and that the documents which were specific to Line 132, the pipeline that caused the San Bruno fireball, had obviously *not* been destroyed because clearly they are now a part of the court case. "They can't have it both ways," stated Snapper.

"Our methods of organization may be unfamiliar to McNiece, who previously worked in records and information management for IBM and the accounting firm KPMG, but we shouldn't be blamed for her unfamiliarity with our innovative dumpster use."

"It's all part of being green," agreed Singh. "We had to fire her because she just couldn't get into dumpsters."

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# Occupy the Farm Opposes Perfectly Sensible Pavement

By Karen A. Heavyload

University of California Berkeley campus spokesperson Dan Mogulof expressed bewilderment that two protesters chained themselves to a tractor to stop development on the Gill Tract farmland.

"Occupy the Farm is obsessed with mud and stopping progress," stated Mogulof. "We can't figure out why they are so wildly opposed to asphalt and paved surfaces, especially since a lot of them seem to get around on skateboards."

Protesters criticized the university for

selling off public assets instead of dialing back the football budget, but were dismissed.

"Chaining themselves to stuff is just something Occupy the Farm does this time of year as a ritual," observed Mogulof. "It's just another ridiculous observance of spring."

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OCCUPY THE FARM protesters chain themselves to things this time of year as an observance of spring.

# Lottery Winners Whose Lives Were Totally Ruined

By Brett Crumbs

Most people who win the lottery have their lives ruined, according to studies of the effects of sudden luck by experts.

"I just didn't know," sobbed Lauren DeBoom, about the scene she created walking down New York's Fifth Avenue in last year's Prada. "I came from a small town in Florida where we didn't have a lot of fashion expertise. Now I am ruined."

The same thing happened

to Hal Yadoon, whose new \$11,000 backyard grill was missing crucial specialty elements which made him the laughing stock of his new luxury suburban neighborhood.

"My life has been destroyed," stated



THESE LOTTERY WINNERS discovered their newfound wealth made their favorite thing to do, coupon cutting, seem strangely pointless.

Yadoon. "In this neighborhood there is no way back."

Experts agree that those who experience a sudden acquisition of wealth are often ill-equipped to handle the choices new wealth presents to them.

"There are fashion choices, of course," stated one financial advisor familiar with the devastation brought about by lottery winnings. "The fashion choices are crucial. But the choice of vehicle, neighborhood, even the choice of greens in a potluck salad can be either the appropriate entree or the end of one's life."

"I used kale as the predominant salad green for the neighborhood potluck," confessed one lottery winner in a whisper looking at the remnants of her ruined

life.

"I had no way of knowing kale was over," she sobbed.

Another lottery winner was rescued from suicide after she was humiliated on Facebook for not using artisanal ingredients in the salad dressing she brought to an arts fundraiser.

"It's so complicated," she whispered when

she could finally talk about her trauma. "I didn't know what I was getting into when I



THESE TWO SISTERS were happy until they won the lottery and got hearing aids, at which point they hear what the other was actually saying and realized they hated each other.



THIS WOMAN'S lottery-fueled quest for the perfect refrigerator drove her completely insane.

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bought that ticket at the Quick-Mart."

Local community activists have started a network of national support groups for lottery winners who often have trouble getting any sympathy from the thousands of lottery losers whose paycheck and pennies end up partially responsible for ruining the winners' lives.

"They need compassion," stated Cora Vanapple. "Many of them we can't save, but we have to try."

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## We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



# West Berkeley Residents Thrilled By Unexpected Methane Pyro Display

*City Officials Dismiss Crabby Naysayers*

By Diana DeAir

Berkeley officials admitted that the startling flames, odors, and smoke shooting into the sky over Cesar Chavez Regional Park were a combination of a methane flare station malfunction and a simultaneous effort to salute the New Year without having to pay for a fireworks display.

"Fireworks are expensive," stated Taylor Lancelot, P.E., Assistant Civil Engineer of the City of Berkeley Public Works Department. "We eliminated the cost of fireworks and the event costs completely by just letting the malfunction rip."

Local East Bay residents objected that the hydrogen sulfide and methane emissions have serious health and environmental consequences and make the park off-limits to people who suffer acute effects, but were dismissed.

"They sound just like those whiners in Flint, Michigan," observed one city staffer. "Some people just hate fireworks and others start making phone calls if there's a little lead in the water. For heaven's sake, this is how we cull the herd."

"We're hoping for a sturdier population

of wildlife generally," agreed another city staff member. "We're hoping for coots that can thrive on hydrogen sulfide and enjoy watching shooting flames."

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THE METHANE PYROTECHNICS which shoot uncontrollably out of the broken filtration system at Cesar Chavez Park are better than the 4th of July and almost as good as watching YouTube cat videos.

*Next Issue: Applying mosquito repellent with celebrities!*

# Berkeley Businesses Affirm Anti-Sick Leave Policy is "natural"

*"Snot in the soup is very green..."*

By Beryl E. There



Panicked Berkeley business owners turned out recently to plead with the Berkeley City Council to postpone a city-wide sick leave policy which would provide benefits and protections for workers who are ill or need to care for a family member.

"Being sick is good for you," explained the owner of Bette's Oceanview Diner. "It makes you appreciate all those days when you are well."

Public health officials confirmed that exposure to common viruses can help boost the immune system in some cases.

The City Council was happy to oblige the businesses, which stated that having workers stay home on the flimsy excuse that they were vomiting was very inconvenient for businesses trying to staff shifts.

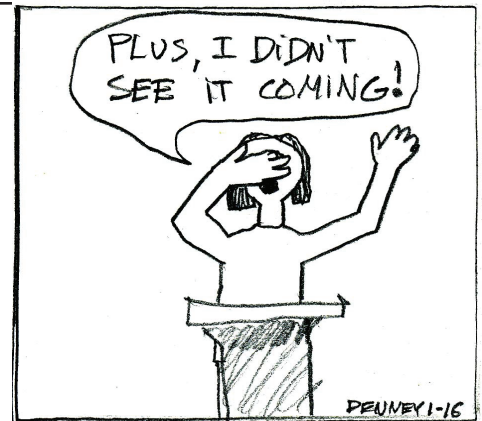
"The minimum wage rise is bad enough," sobbed the owner of Stonemountain and Daughters fabric store. "I would threaten to close my business again but I've done that about three times already."

"We're just glad nobody brought up the high cost of rents," whispered the DBA. "That's what's really squeezing them."

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## THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOTCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



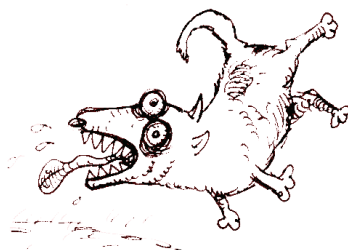
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