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Police Movie Night Wildly Popular

Repetitive Clips of Vandalism Provide Punch to Otherwise Tedious Public Meeting

Dan Smukobb

The Berkeley Police Department's effort to produce a comprehensive multi-media report on December's "Black Lives Matter" protests accidentally produced an unexpectedly popular movie night at the Police Review Commission (PRC) meeting.

"It rocked," enthused one attendee. "It had action, excitement, and lots and lots of window-smashing which is oddly entertaining from the safety of the South Berkeley Senior Center."

"It's true," offered one of the seniors who enjoyed the show. "I saw the same window smashed from about five different angles, which was super."

"I also loved the sound track," stated another senior who caught the entire presentation by accident. "Lots of garbled loud-speaker announcements and shouting--it's really kind of invigorating coupled with the smoke bombs."

Critics argued that the repetitive footage of vandalism, some of which took place in Oakland and none of which was shot by the police themselves but rather culled from the internet, had little to do with the alleged purpose of the presentation - to explain



AT LEAST ONE MAN THOUGHT the police movie night footage was worth a standing ovation and the other people were probably just awestruck at the bravery of the relentlessly repetitive footage of vandalism.

why theater attendees got gassed by the Berkeley Police Department on the nights of December 6th and 7th of 2014, but others dismissed the criticism.

"They acknowledge right here in their report that they had no idea what they were doing," observed one movie night participant. "By showing repeated window smashing at least they gave us all a really good time."

"I was curious about one thing," mused one senior after watching the show. "Over and over we saw people smashing into store windows and there were never any police around.



THE POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION were struck with awe at the raw, edgy film presentation.

All the police seemed bent on herding the peaceful people around town, sometimes trapping them pointlessly between two skirmish lines. Why did they just let the vandals run around wrecking up the town? That was kind of curious to me."

"That's easy to address," stated Chief Meehan. "Those guys have hammers and stuff. We're not idiots. We just look like idiots. And we're going to keep looking like idiots until we get helicopters."

"I really want to thank the police for the exciting video that punctuated their otherwise staid presentation," stated one PRC commissioner. "Thank heavens somebody is trying to fill the huge void we'll have when they yank out all the Landmark Theater screens."

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Girl Scout Troops Nationwide Defy Anti-Blanket Movement, Deliver Handmade Blankets to the Poor



MICHIGAN GIRL Scouts made fleece blankets for the poor despite official warnings that this will only encourage more poverty.

By Beale E. Viewmee

A Pleasanton Girl Scout troop joined troops nationwide in defying the anti-blanket movement by distributing hand-made fleece blankets to the poor.

"We're not particularly political," insisted Rocio DeRodriguez, the mother of one of the local troop members. "It's just so cold out there."

Experts agreed that the seemingly charitable acts were in fact devious efforts to challenge nationwide campaigns to fight the appearance of poverty in town centers. The campaign organizers, usually merchant associations, acknowledge that they rely heavily on crafting legislation which makes it a crime to have a blanket, hold a blanket, set down a blanket, or use a blanket no matter what the weather.

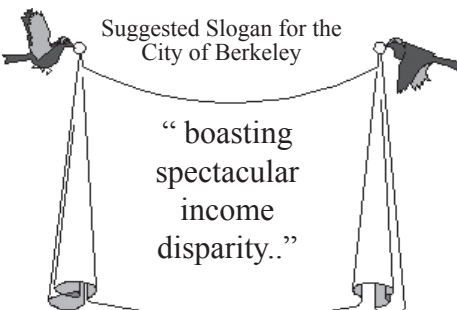
"They're handing out blankets in Sioux Falls, North Dakota, in Michigan, all over the country without any recognition of the damage they will do to the vitality of our commercial districts" observed one local merchant association member. "These are not the docile Girl Scouts I remember."

"They are vicious, and they don't care what damage they leave behind them," stated an observer. "I'm never buying cookies from them again."

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THE SUCCESS OF POLICE MOVIE NIGHT is inspiring developers to consider having "Developer Movie Night" featuring the horrors of living in the new "density" developments with plunging balconies and mold.



ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I don't want to get gassed but I would like to join a demonstration about a matter of public concern. What should I do?

Dear reader, for heaven's sake stay home. If not for yourself, for the sake of the rest of the community. Just watch the police Twitter feed and know you are doing your part.

Dear Lena, what should I do to prepare for assaults by blankets if I go downtown? I am so worried.

Dear reader, the Downtown Berkeley Association is preparing a series of self-defense seminars geared specifically for citizens trying to navigate through town during the Great Blanket Wars. But the safest thing to do is stay home, watch the police Twitter feed and know you are doing your part.

Dear Lena, I'm not sure whom to contact - I heard a story this morning which was not related to Silicon Valley and tech on NPR.

Dear reader, call the police immediately and suspend your donations. This is a crisis of unfathomable proportions.

Dear Lena, I would like to Airbnb my whole apartment and make some quick cash. I don't mind sleeping in the alley for a bit. What should I do?

Dear reader, just jump on in. All your neighbors have, which explains the people living in the garage next door. Disruption is in.

Dear Lena, I'm hearing that the Berkeley police have lots of new cameras and their movie night was a wild success. I'm excited that there's finally a new police art movement. When is the next show?

Dear reader, we at the Pepper Spray Times share your excitement about the police department's edgy new contributions to the world of film. Dress your best!

Ask Lena about self-slicing vegetables at cdeney@igc.org.



THESE OLYMPIC ATHLETES STRUGGLE to perform with their large Apple watches.

Tech Fawning Accepted As Official Olympic Sport

By Boyce Goutnife



OLYMPIC SITTING CHAMPIONS look forward to meeting the tech fawning champions and helping them get their new sport established and respected.

promotional stories is too impressive not to include in the official Olympic games."

"We're not sure anybody can best NPR," stated one IOC committee member. "They clearly have a head start on other media groups, and now they're setting the stage in this new sport. We do have a concern that nobody else is shameless and self-serving enough to have perfected these pro-tech fawning techniques."

"It will be hard to top NPR," agreed one local media specialist. "They got an early



LARGE GROUPS OF ONLOOKERS gathered together for the initial tech fawning trials but missed the games because they were texting.

Tech fawning has been accepted as an official Olympic sport according to an announcement from the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"We were inspired by the relentless press of National Public Radio (NPR) stories about the tech industry, tech products, tech titans, tech lifestyle, tech fashion; it was endless," stated one committee member. "The rigor, the discipline it takes to do these repetitive mind-numbing tech-friendly and tech-

start on lowering story standards on anything tech-related, and from there it became its own repetitive meme. It's clear at this point that it is not going away."

"Others will have difficulty rising to NPR's level of tech saturation," agreed an IOC committee member. "The other day they had the 'tears of the tech wife' show back to back with the 'how tech will solve the



OLYMPIC SPORTS EVOLVE over time so the new sport of tech fawning should be given the respect and publicity it gets from the media like NPR anyway.

"...nobody else is shameless and self-serving enough to have perfected these pro-tech fawning techniques."

drought' show. It's a pretty high bar at this point."

Tech fawning as a sport might be new, but experts agree that it has deep roots far beyond the Bay Area.

"All businesses have obvious interests in media coverage," observed one expert. "But few businesses

have the limitless venture capital that even a bunch of teenage wankers can get from boozed up venture capitalists trying to exploit the next digital pet rock."

"Not that we wouldn't invest in the next digital pet rock," added an IOC committee member. "Really. Let me know what you hear."

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THE OLYMPIC games will help give some much-needed dignity to the tech community which labors under the idea that you need an expensive gadget to take your pulse.

Protesters Had It Coming - Police Report States Police Need Lots More Gadgets and Helicopters and Stuff to Deal with Civil Unrest

By Jocko Letmalt

Protesters had it coming according to the Berkeley Police report on the events of December 6th and 7th, 2014, which provoked the widespread use of CS gas, captured protesters between skirmish lines, featured baton strikes to the head and shooting the crowd with projectiles and stun grenades.

"We didn't want to do it," stated Chief Meehan about the severe treatment of Black Lives Matter protesters. "But a small group in the back of the crowd threw stuff at us after we trapped them, so..."

The report went on to acknowledge that police had no idea what to do once projectiles were thrown at them, and that nothing seemed to calm the unruly crowd.

"We tried hitting them, gassing them, knocking them down, telling them to go home; nothing worked," stated one police representative. "It is so obvious that we need helicopters."

"And tasers," added another. "Oh, and better cameras."

"And our own twitter feed like they have,"



PROTESTERS on December 6th found themselves "kettled" between skirmish lines and repeatedly told to march in opposing directions by each line of officers which proved to be an ineffective calming technique.

added another.

"And those nets that have stingy balls on them," added another police representative. "And dogs, dogs are really good."

"And horses," stated another police representative. "I'd love a horse."

Critics countered that horses, barking dogs, and helicopters are not the best mix but were dismissed as a bunch of whiners who probably were the people throwing stuff around.

"We had windows broken," pointed out the police spokespersons. "Windows broken."

Critics suggested it was not the windows, but the police cars being vandalized that threw the police into a fenzy that night, but Meehan dismissed the idea.

"The city council will replace our equipment and give us lots more. Just watch."

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12/08/2014 22:03:00 Houston, Kevin GAS...PUT ON YOUR MASKS
12/08/2014 22:03:21 Houston, Kevin WHAT IS STATUS OF UNITS @ DURANT/BOWDITCH
12/08/2014 22:03:25 Houston, Kevin GAS...
12/08/2014 22:03:41 Houston, Kevin LARGE CROWD ON DURANT
12/08/2014 22:03:41 Houston, Kevin OPD REPLACING US @ BAN/TELE
12/08/2014 22:12:18 Houston, Kevin CROWD OF 100 E/O US
12/08/2014 22:13:03 Houston, Kevin CHP DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THE OTHER SQUAD IS
12/08/2014 22:14:07 Houston, Kevin L10 IS HOLDING @ TELE/DURANT
12/08/2014 22:16:30 Houston, Kevin S8 TAKING ROCKS
12/08/2014 22:16:42 Houston, Kevin TAKING ROCKS FROM GROUP EAST OF US
12/08/2014 22:18:04 Houston, Kevin GAS GAS GAS
12/08/2014 22:18:24 Houston, Kevin GAS GAS GAS
12/08/2014 22:18:31 Houston, Kevin STILL TAKING MISSILES
12/08/2014 22:19:20 Houston, Kevin GAS GAS GAS
12/08/2014 22:19:42 Houston, Kevin KEEP THEM MOVING
12/08/2014 22:19:50 Houston, Kevin GAS GAS GAS
    
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GAS GAS GAS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN the most useful instruction given to mutual aid forces the night of the Black Lives Matter protest.



PEEPS TURNED DOWN the ambassador job in Downtown Berkeley saying they have too much pride but are considering being scantily clad Philip Morris representatives because nobody seems to notice that they are naked anyway.

San Jose City Council Bars Philip Morris' "Scantily Clad" Tobacco Promoters in Gay Bars

By Julie Vussnochoice

Philip Morris admitted hiring "scantily clad" representatives to make more than 560 visits to San Jose gay bars and gay-oriented venues to distribute coupons for half-priced or \$1 cigarette packages.

"We're worried about young gay consumers missing out on the fun of smoking," stated Martin Barrington, chairman and chief executive officer, Altria Group, Inc. "The scantily clad part was just because it's hot in San Jose."

The push to recruit young gay people into smoking moved the San Jose City Council to prohibit the practice of distributing promotional smoking coupons, which 45 other cities have banned without lawsuits from the tobacco industry.

"We could sue, of course," stated Barrington. "But that would create a lot of publicity. We prefer a quiet approach."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



The Berkeley Police Department representatives were very patient at a recent hearing on tactical and procedural issues regarding the Black Lives Matter protests in December.



They listened attentively to people who honestly thought they had a right to assemble and march around and chant and sing and stuff creating a danger to the community.



And as impatient as it might have made them, as inconvenient as it might have been for them, they managed not to shoot anybody.

Graph Proves Need For More Anti-Homeless Laws



By Ada Clock

Berkeley officials distributed this graph to help media and community members understand the desperate need for more anti-homeless laws.

"A lot more," stated Mayor Tom Bates noting that Berkeley was stuck in third place in the race to have the most anti-homeless laws. "We have a long way to go to catch up with San Francisco."

"We should at least get our city neck and neck with Santa Cruz," agreed Berkeley Councilmember Capitelli. "It's terribly embarrassing to be tied for third with a city like San Jose."

"We're in second place if you count the total restrictions," pointed out Councilmember Moore. "But we have to show some leadership on this issue."

Critics objected that the latest iteration of anti-homeless laws was just like every other effort in the history of Berkeley's war on poor and homeless people.

"It offers no housing, no campground,

Dry Rot Found in Planning Department, City Council Brains

By Don Juan Nagoe

Technical experts conducting a study on failure agreed that dry rot in the brains of influential local representatives is playing a

crucial role in reducing community safety and well-being.

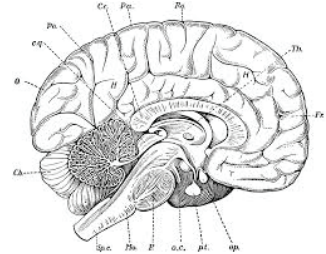
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Construction's \$6.5 million to settle lawsuits since 2013 is certainly indicative of their

role, but it is bigger than that," stated one technical expert. "The brains of our local leadership show distinct signs of decay."

"Dry rot is serious," offered another. "The Kittredge Street failure is only the tip of the iceberg."

"If the planning department official's brain is any indication, we have a lot of work to do," commented a local epidemiologist. "It's a systemic problem."



SIGNS OF ROT all over this planning department official's brain explain a lot about why all the stuff they're building only works for the wealthy.

UC Berkeley homeless study results

Bay Area cities that regulate public activities of homeless people and the restrictions by category

Cities	Standing, sitting, resting	Sleeping, camping and lodging	Begging and panhandling	Food sharing	Total restrictions	Total laws
Albany	1	5	0	1	7	6
Berkeley	4	4	4	0	12	10
Hayward	1	2	2	1	6	6
Oakland	6	1	3	0	10	8
Palo Alto	3	2	7	0	12	11
San Francisco	10	6	7	0	23	23
San Jose	4	4	4	0	12	10
Santa Clara	3	3	0	0	6	4
Santa Cruz	5	3	3	0	11	9
Sunnyvale	3	2	4	0	9	8
Tracy	2	2	4	0	8	7
Union City	4	1	1	0	6	4
Vallejo	1	2	1	0	4	4
State Total	227	171	168	15	581	500

Source: UC Berkeley School of Law Policy Advocacy Clinic BAY AREA NEWS GROUP

THIS GRAPH SHOWS that Berkeley is in danger of falling behind other cities or getting stuck in third place unless it produces more laws targeting the poor.

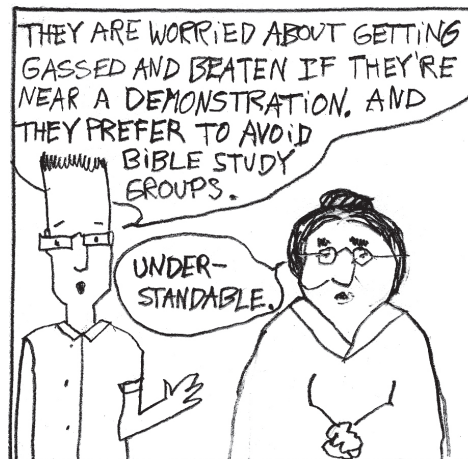
no public showers or bathrooms, nothing," complained one typical critic. "It just makes life harder for the most vulnerable people in sight because of the resounding irony they present when they panhandle in front of the new luxury housing."

"Well, exactly!" stated Mayor Bates. "Resounding irony is a very serious issue."

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod

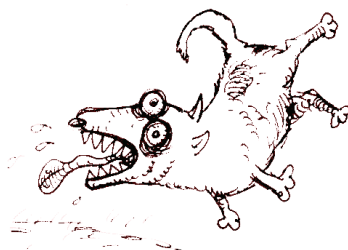


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