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"And what remains will hardly stop the mouth..."

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50 Acres for Housing Found on UC Berkeley Campus! People's Park Saved!

By Murtle Forhire

"We're so relieved," expressed one Southside resident upon hearing about on-campus opportunities for housing. Many neighbors had worried about the threat to People's Park's important provision of open space in one of the most dense neighborhoods in the Bay Area, not to mention its city landmark status. "We really didn't want to revisit the street battles of long ago."

The Botanical Garden, for instance, has 34 acres of open space compared to People's Park's lonely 2.8, and could harbor more than one building, even several stories, of student, faculty, or general housing without disturbing the wonderful living museum comprising the gardens.

And that's not all! The Chancellor's Esplanade is a green expanse between Tolman Hall and the chancellor's residence "shaded



CHECK OUT THE open space all over the UC Berkeley campus before you think anybody has to sacrifice its landmarks or parks.

to-BART student housing while preserving both the view and the pedestrian walkways. The Eucalyptus Grove is even bigger; just as Chancellor Christ is suggesting a portion of People's Park could remain open space, perhaps enough for a ping-pong table or two, a portion of the Eucalyptus Grove could be preserved in honor of the days when open space and nature mattered.

The Faculty Glade, the Memorial Glade, and Observatory Hill add another five to six acres which, with careful construction and without disturbing the creek or natural elements, could situate landscape-friendly, convenient housing for dozens of people, taking the pressure off the larger community's housing stock.

And then there's the Wickson Natural Area which, with care, could situate more than one apartment building without disturbing the glorious stand of coast redwoods and the 1881 gingko tree.

That's over 50 acres of building possibilities even leaving all of the sports fields undisturbed, while most architects recognize that at least some of those fields could be re-situated underground or on the rooftops of buildings which could contribute both housing and other types of spaces - without having to resort to threatening our parks.

"It's a miracle," agreed several southside neighbors. "Thank heavens for the informative campus maps which revealed all of this lush, available space."

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Neyborly Proves They Don't Need No Stinking Permits

"If you're wealthy enough, you own the sidewalk," - Stan, of "Neyborly"

By Miss Leda Lottapeople

Community members worried about the Berkeley City Council's latest rewrite of sidewalk rules can relax, according to Neyborly, the franchise taking over what used to be your hardware or jewelry store which, for a tidy slice of the entrance fee, will agree to host your fundraiser.

"They only use those rules on homeless people," explained Stan, one of the Neyborly staff. "It may not say that explicitly in the new ordinance, but everybody in Berkeley knows they don't mean people like us with venture capital backing and deep-pocketed celebrity backers."

"Thank heavens," stated the white attendees at the Neyborly function. "It all makes sense to me now."

"This is such a relief," stated another attendee. "Imagine if we had to work within the restrictions of permits or keep track of the parameters of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It would be a nightmare."

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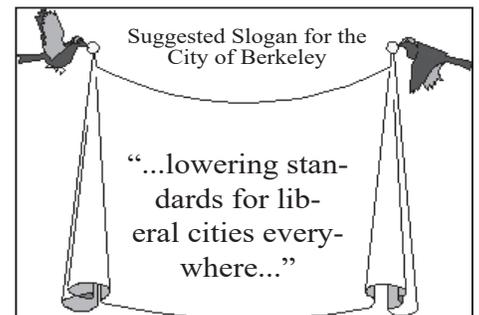
PEOPLE WITH \$25 MILLION in venture capital don't need permits at all, according to the police and Neyborly's staff.



ON-CAMPUS HOUSING WOULD not only be a pastoral experience, it would reduce the wear and tear on students trying to get to and from a campus with no parking whatsoever except somewhere in Fresno.

by towering Italian stone pine trees" which currently serves as a popular spot for ceremonies and could easily situate a small apartment building on its acreage without disturbing the surrounding landscape.

But there's more! The Crescent or Springer Gateway area, built in 1964, has even more acreage than People's Park, and could easily situate low-rise, convenient-



ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, can we really get in on the 4th Street police swag? We have a neighborhood watch group, but we'd be much more effective with real police uniforms and radios and stuff. Are they really free because our budget is zero.

Dear reader, I checked the police invoices and yes, there is no charge for using a brand new police car all day long. You can thank your Berkeley City Council and your City Manager for their extreme generosity to Lululemon and Apple for making it all possible for watch groups like yours to get decked out for free in your constabulary's finest professional attire. And don't forget your pepper spray.

Dear Lena, is technology the answer to everything? Wasn't it supposed to be pepper spray? I am so confused.

Dear reader, I know it's confusing. Just picture a can of pepper spray taking an Uber while checking its Facebook account on an iPhone. That is apparently the answer to everything.

Dear Lena, I was kind of disruptive in school but it never seemed to work out for me. What is up with the new, positive spin on being disruptive? And how do I get in on it?

Dear reader, it isn't really new, it just used to be called corruption. The secret is to have several million in venture capital backing you up and making sure your local politicians take a good strong whiff.

Dear Lena, what about poetry. Can't poetry save the world?

Dear reader, yes.

Dear Lena, what is the best recipe for pepper spray?

Dear reader, there is currently no standardization, so have fun in the kitchen while keeping the windows wide.

Ask Lena about engaging in poetic self-defense at cdenny@jgc.org.

Cops for Sale! Police Equipment for Free!

Come by and pick up a free police swag from your nearest "Public Safety" location!

By Melton Down

Lululemon paid more than \$72,198.58 straight into Berkeley police officers' pockets over the fall of 2017. And they're still paying. It was up to \$39,934.71 by March of this year for the sometimes two officers doing important yoga-wear watching outside of Lululemon's 4th Street location where doubling the average price of leggings turned out to be a bright idea worth over two billion dollars in annual revenue last year alone.

"We get paid pretty well," acknowledged one Berkeley officer about her regular paycheck. "But I'll tell you, this tops it right off pretty nicely."

Apple is in on the game, too; in addition to their own security guards, they spent over \$33,908.75 through 2016's holiday season on 4th Street. They've had some spectacular thefts of laptops and high-end equipment, and although it might be hard to make the same case about the worth of sports bras and leggings, both companies measure their net worth in the billions.

"I've almost paid off the Tahoe cabin," stated another Berkeley police officer yawning from the inside of his police car. "We don't see much action down here on 4th Street, but that's part of the plan."

Apple admits they can afford their own security without the sweet deal they're getting from the Berkeley Police Department, the brain child of new Police Chief Andrew Greenwood and City Manager Dee Ridley-Williams, who have as yet no objection to what appears, according to police records, to be the completely free use of police



YOU HAVE TO ADMIT watching this kind of stuff is a lot more strain than kicking back and enjoying watching the yoga crowd on 4th Street tempt themselves with a brand new pair of striped leggings.

equipment - no charge for the sparkling new police cars, the wear and tear on police uniforms and equipment. Apparently these city resources, according to department invoices, are being provided at no charge only a few blocks from a neighborhood nearby that lost three young black men to gunfire within the last ten years.

"It does leave you wondering - could we just have the cop cars?" commented one neighbor from a more challenged area. "And maybe the uniforms? And maybe the police radios? Since apparently they're free. We're not so sure the police themselves are all that useful in our neighborhood without some accountability, but until they boot the Copley decision maybe we could just have the empty police cars sitting nearby. That might help, and it sure wouldn't cost us a thing if we could swing that sweet 4th Street deal."

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Animal Liberation Conference Vapes Hard for Freedom

By Paula Fastwon

It was the fog of propylene glycol rather than the fog of war or the fog off the bay recently in Ohlone Park that left hundreds coughing and wondering why everything smelled like bananas, and it was thanks to the Animal Liberation Conference participants, who made sure everyone was baptized in flavored nicotine as soon as they got to the conference tables.

APPARENTLY nicotine and animal liberation go hand in hand. "We would never do this to a chicken," one conference-goer hastened to add after being photographed exhaling a lengthy stream of opaque chemicals including at least nine on California's Proposition 65 list of carcinogens, namely Acetaldehyde, Cadmium, Formaldehyde, Isoprene, Lead, Nickel, Nicotine, Nitrosornicotine, and

T o l u e n e . "Most of us are from out of town and we don't know where the nearest Starbucks is."

Critics noted that forcing others to mainline nicotine was out of sync with their "culture of consent" and "drug-free" commitments, but were dismissed.

"We have to wake up somehow," affirmed another conference attendee in her brand-new Animal Liberation Conference t-shirt. "This town is hard to disrupt because it's full of vegans and vegetarians anyway. This town isn't exactly heavy lifting."

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VAPING FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS is not an official part of the platform, but by the end of this conference there will be more fans, voluntary or otherwise.

Dangerous Fliers Still Being Illegally Removed by Downtown Berkeley Association

"Because we don't have to care." - CEO John Caner

By Tim R. S. N. Tenuous

"We got there just in time," affirmed Downtown Berkeley Association Director and CEO John Caner regarding fliers removed from the downtown area. "This may seem routine to most people, but the threat to public safety is very real."

Caner and Ariana Woods, who supervises the green-shirted teams patrolling the downtown area, disagreed over whether they were only tearing down a.) all fliers, or b.) any fliers that weren't posted by the City of Berkeley, or c.) any fliers that weren't posted by the City of Berkeley or by a non-profit entity, but pointed out that they'd never suffered any real punishment from their over-exuberant flier removal in the past.



"RICKY" CLUTCHES an armload of fliers for your benefit barbecue which ran the risk of flying off a light pole a hitting someone right in the eye.

other commercial districts covered with commercial flyers is not in the general interest of the Berkeley community."

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"Those letters from the City Attorney are adorable," smiled Caner. "We just love it that they really think we care."

Caner went on to add, "I think most of us would agree that having our street poles and other fixtures in Downtown and other commercial districts covered with commercial flyers is not in the general interest of the Berkeley community."



Voters' Excitement Difficult to Measure, Say Experts



THESE VOTERS MIGHT BE EXCITED ABOUT THEIR OPTIONS in the upcoming election or they might be trying to figure out what to cook for dinner or they might be dead, say experts who have studied them for years and still can't tell.

By Lance Lied

Experts on voter behavior acknowledged that while new diagnostic tools are widely available for polling and predicting the probabilities in the upcoming election, they still don't really have a clue.

"Just hop down to your local supermarket or hang out for a while at the neighborhood bar," stated one expert gamely sorting through survey results. "We thought the last election was a game changer, but that presumes we have some idea what happened there."

"Hindsight is not necessarily helpful," added a graduate student trying not to panic

at the results of a recent poll showing very few registered voters with any awareness that having voted once in their lives they might be expected to vote again.

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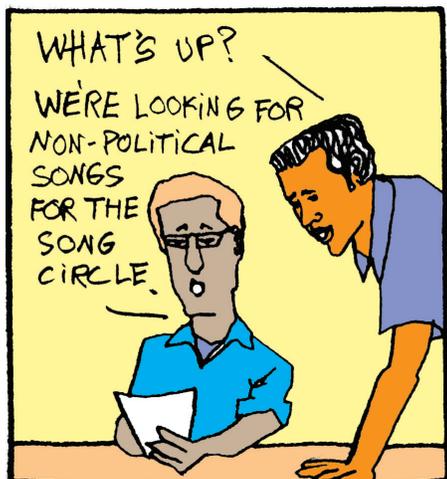
them." Political scientists admit everything they thought they ever knew about their field no longer applies.

"It's anybody's ball game now," acknowledged one expert. "Nobody has a clue."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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TODDLER MENACE STOPPED AT BORDER

Tykes Are "Scarier than you think"

By Troy N. Dasleep



THEY LOOK SO innocent but toddlers lead secret lives of quiet or not-so-quiet destruction and rarely agree to follow directions.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions at the border surrounded by armed guards for protection. "They are animals."

Most parents will admit in private that their kids can get out of hand.

"I've caught my two-year-old trying to

The Trump administration explained its astonishing new policy of separating immigrant children from their parents at both legal and illegal border crossings by clarifying to reporters that they were protecting the public from a very real threat to their safety.

"These are not children," explained



TODDLERS KIDNAP other children and will really make a mess of the desert tray.

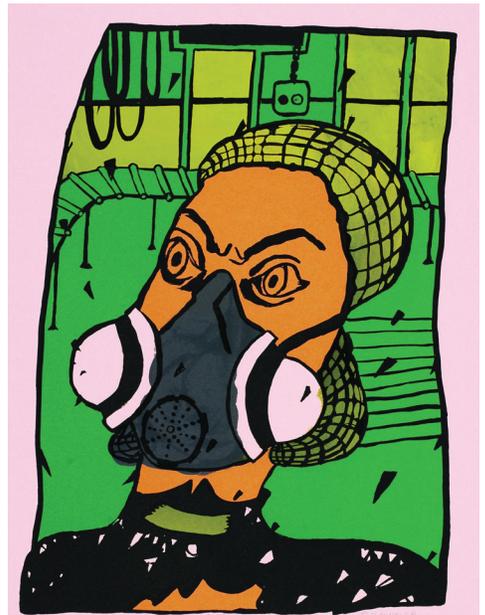


FEW ARE PREPARED FOR THE overwhelming wave of torturous noise and unexpected inconvenience brought by toddlers, who are rarely team players.

eat the car keys," sighed a parent trying to tie a squirming infant's shoe.

"I've been tempted to lock them up myself," acknowledged one parent running after a toddler who was walking merrily into oncoming traffic. "I haven't slept since she was born."

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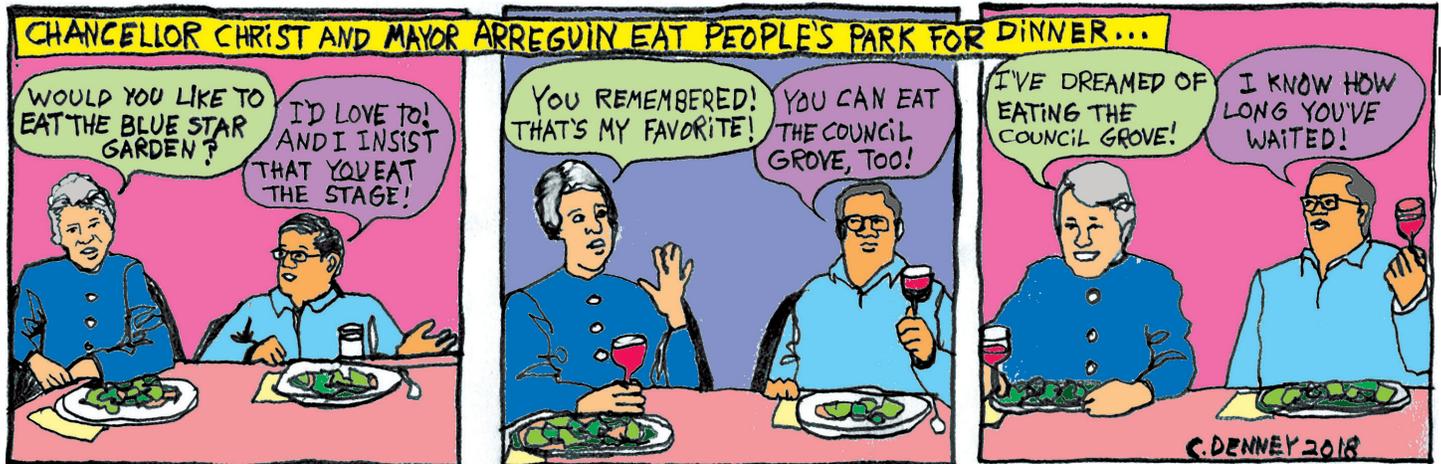
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