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Fence-Stacking Takes Off As New Sport in People's Park



CHAMPION FENCE-STACKERS who completed the run from People's Park to Sproul Plaza with their team's fences were celebrated for their athletic prowess, cooperative skills, and ability to side-step gaslighting by the university's public relations campaign promoting for-profit housing and park, landmark, and traditional cultural destruction.



FENCE-STACKING TAKES BALANCE, STRENGTH, AND TEAMWORK which is a new aspect of sports becoming more highly prized in athletic circles hoping to avoid the risks of both ACL tears and predatory coaches.

By Julie Daway

"We think the sport has legs," stated one fence-stacker carefully preserving the chicken-wire creation the University of California had used to fence off surveillance equipment trapped in the basketball court at People's Park.



OLYMPIC WINNERS tend to have improved self-esteem, great physical health, and can be counted on to carry the big thermos at your People's Park picnic.

"The sport doesn't just require strength and determination," stated another fence-stacker. "It requires cooperation and communication that a good team knows how to

manifest effortlessly."

"Humor and music play a huge role," added a third fence-stacker enjoying a donated beverage from an appreciative group of observers. "We're enjoying a surge of creative songs, poems, literary works and graphic art in response to the university's '17 stories or bust' approach."



"It's true," admitted a university spokesperson regarding the sudden morale boost evident in park-related gardening groups and the lively state of park-related cultural events. "It's been difficult to disguise this 17 story construction proposal when only a few years ago we argued that volleyball was essential."

"Volleyball is still essential to the university," stated one long-time observer of the university's efforts to convert city land to

initially public and then private supervised control. "Rent controlled housing becomes a for-profit public-private partnership, open space becomes the sole territory of regulation games, and hopefully lucrative markets for televised college sports will make up the hundreds of millions generations will owe on the god damned, uh, excuse me, the renovated stadium."

The stadium and "High Performance Center" debt shouldn't be paid off with Berkeley's parks, landmarks, and rent-controlled buildings say nay-sayers who are routinely dismissed as a bunch of tie-dyed whiners. But fence-stacking appears to have possibilities as an Olympic sport.

"It really was a high point in my pandemic," enthused one student. "I really felt like I was a part of park history, and it was a great upper body workout, too."

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ASK THE EXPERT'S



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I'm embarrassed to admit it but I miss having Trump in the news every night. It was always so exciting and off the charts. Now it's just like old times, almost normal if we could shake hands. Am I the only one?

Dear reader, yes.

Dear Lena, are Uber and Lyft going to pay a living wage now that the Supreme Court of Britain ruled that their workers are in fact workers, not independent contractors?

Dear reader, ha. They bought their own law in California, so they'll probably go that route wherever they're challenged. Their stay-broke-and-break-everything-around-you model is still considered hot and cutting edge in the venture capital world, so don't expect labor consciousness to take root anytime soon at 1455 Market Street. They're more like a cult than a business.

Dear Lena, the gal who sang the Star Spangled Banner at CPAC sang it in at least five different keys. Is that a new thing? At first I was outraged, then I thought she was a performance artist making a statement of some kind, and now I just want to learn how to do it myself. It's a lot harder than it looks.

Dear reader, I felt the same way. At first I couldn't figure it out, and then I gave up trying to figure it out, and now I want to hire her for an event. It's not a new phenomenon, but as a professional singer I have to admire the CPAC singer's willingness to change keys seemingly indiscriminately throughout the piece with perfect deadpan. It qualifies as twelve tone but it's so much more. I'm determined to learn her exact version and give her full credit.

Dear Lena, is fence stacking hard to learn? It looks really fun.

Dear reader, it's fun *and* it's social. Check it out at the park.

Ask Lena about Texas barbecue at cdenney@igc.org.

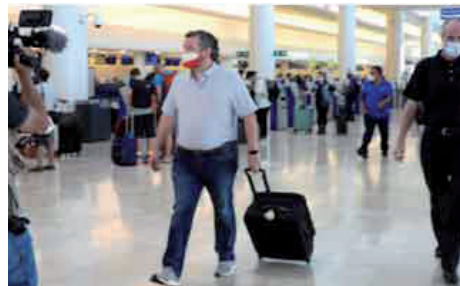
Texans Stampede Back To California



TEXANS TIRED OF THE PRIMITIVE conditions in their new digs are retreating to California in droves so look out.

By Don Tread

Based upon the mid-February climate and political catastrophes impacting tens of millions of people in Texas, it appears that many recent arrivals are jamming the highways as they make their way back to California. Given that almost 700,000 Californians have moved to Texas during the last decade, it makes for a big traffic jam as



SENATOR TED CRUZ TRIED AND FAILED to find a welcome in California despite having a really entertaining standup routine.

they return in search of electricity, water, and hard kombucha.

Several people commented that they had left California to escape a very liberal state government and high taxes. They had expected Texas to be as advertised, with low taxes and a small government mentality. After many days and nights without electricity or water in sub-freezing weather, many



TEXAS SNOW IS LIKE ANY OTHER snow except it generally has 1 1/2 cups brown sugar. 1 1/2 cups ketchup. 1/2 cup red wine vinegar, 1/2 cup water, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 2 1/2 tablespoons dry mustard, 2 teaspoons paprika, and around 2 teaspoons salt.

former Californians are leaving what they mistakenly thought was a conservative free-market paradise. They stated, "what we did not realize is that the bastards in control the Texas state government are crazy and are willing to put the lives of their citizens at risk in service to this extremist free-market ideology regarding the supply of electricity." California tried this about 20 years ago and it failed due to market manipulation by companies like Texas-based Enron."

Astute observers could have seen some earlier evidence of crazy behavior by state political leaders. Lt. Governor Dan Patrick claimed senior citizens should be willing to die of Covid to support the economy. At-



"THAT FIRST SIP FEELING" is the slogan on Ted Cruz's coffee cup, a feeling he's trying to recollect after his escape to Cancun backfired.

torney General Ken Paxton filed a lawsuit with the US Supreme Court in a failed attempt to overturn election results in four other states. Governor Greg Abbott claimed that the Green New Deal was responsible for the recent Texas power outage which both the sun and wind vehemently denied.

Are these California transplants leaving to escape their utility bills? Many die-hard Texans scoff at the recent problems in the state and claim that the California transplants are leaving in fear that Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Bernie Sanders will do some really bad stuff to Texas in the future. Other Texas politicians, such as Texas Senator Ted Cruz, have tried to escape with their families to warmer climates with little success.

Former Californians returning from Texas are expected to be subject to Covid quarantine requirements, a routine passport check and an appropriate level of remedial education about kombucha and yoga as preparation for them to reenter society. Border officials are making special accommodations for people arriving with good barbecue recipes who can do the two-step.

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IT'S NOT LIKE TEXANS didn't have some form of water, it's just that it takes a long time without power and a lot of patience to convert it from ice.

Republican Party Rebrands, Embraces Conspiracies

By Don Tread & N. Mee

Shaken Republicans concerned that the US will become Venezuela under Democratic leadership are evaluating the best way to rebrand their party going forward having lost the House, the Senate, the Presidency, most of their donors, and a stunned religious right after the Capitol insurrection proved even less popular than Ted Cruz's Cancun excursion.

Trump senior advisor David Bossie continues to whisper that, "there's nothing fundamentally wrong" with the party while Republican National Committee chair Rona McDaniel insists that going forward the Party needs to play to their "strengths" and not their weaknesses as reflected by data analysis such as data from AP VoteCast and Reuters/IPSOS summarized below; the % numbers show Republican margin calculated as Republican % less Democrat %. (Areas of Republican strength are denoted by a +%.)

18-29 yrs	-25%
30-44 yrs	-11%
45-65+ yrs	+ 3%
Men	+ 6%
Women	-11%
White	+12%
Black	-82%
Hispanic	-28%
Christian	+23%
HS Grad or less	+ 6%
College Grad	-14%
Biden Stole the Election	+52%

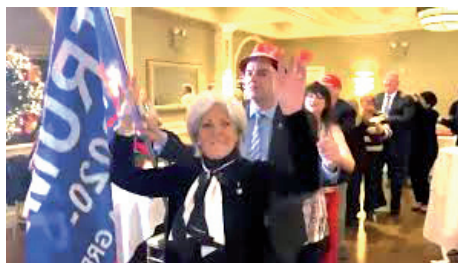
The data indicates that "Biden Stole the Election" is the only "strength" in evidence, suggesting that the Republican Party should be rebranding itself as the "Conspiracy Party for Angry Old Christian Less Educated White Men". For practicality and brand clarity, this could be shortened to the



THE GOP ELEPHANT is rumored to be interested in revisiting his contract and returning to the zoo.

Conspiracy Party.

It is rumored that the American Psychiatric Association is considering adding the newly recognized metal disorder of "Re-



TRUMP FLAG FOLKDANCING is part of the rebranding strategy gaining popularity.

publican" to their official DSM-5 classification list. This comes after careful observation of 74 million potential patients.

Party leadership hopes to stay ahead of the curve and their declining voter demographics by completing their rebranding as the Conspiracy Party well before the 2022 midterms. In preparation, they have already adopted QAnon and the Proud Boys as their new poster children. Conspiracy Party branded merchandise is already available on their website in the form of My Pillows, Confederate Flags, bibles and self-lubricating catheters. Decisions are pending on the potential adoption of uniforms consisting of brown shirts and the playing of the Horst Wessel song at all future party gatherings.

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IT CAN BE CONFUSING assuming your targeted poor people are the ones under a blanket because you might be wrong and mistakenly arrest some sleepy tech worker.

BART Struggles for Legal Way to Discriminate Against Homeless Transit Riders

By Agatha Betternot

The results are in; chasing poor and homeless people out of Bay Area Transit (BART) stations in a recent "blitz" operation to avoid having stations become de facto shelters has simply relocated them to the trains themselves, frustrating physics-impaired BART officials who had apparently innocently thought that they would disappear instead of doubling in numbers.



"The data suggests we're moving them out of stations and onto trains," said Debora Allen, a member of BART's Board of Directors. "We honestly hoped they would pack up and go to some other planet."

DOSING PASSENGERS with a suspicious amount of belongings had better literally look sharp.

The yellow-vested BART staff admit they have difficulty figuring out whom they can legally evict from a train car.

"Tech workers are notoriously scruffy," explained one local yellow-vested floorbuffer. "They're also just as likely not to shower and to nap on the trains."

"We're just shuffling people around," admitted another yellow-vested-fare-jump-monitor. "It's part of the customary Bay Area tradition of 'Housing First With No Housing'. Frankly, disappearing the poor is our top priority."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Britain's Supreme Court Rules Uber Drivers Are Workers



GIG WORKERS WON a victory and will be classified as workers rather than independent contractors because at least in some parts of the world there is still some common sense.

By Alda Weil

Uber, the ride-hailing company set up to put taxis out of business, suffered a resounding defeat in its largest European market recently causing its CEO Dara Khosrowshahi to stomp on his own tiara.

The court's decision affirms that Uber misclassified its workers violating United Kingdom's employment law and will require the company to provide worker pro-

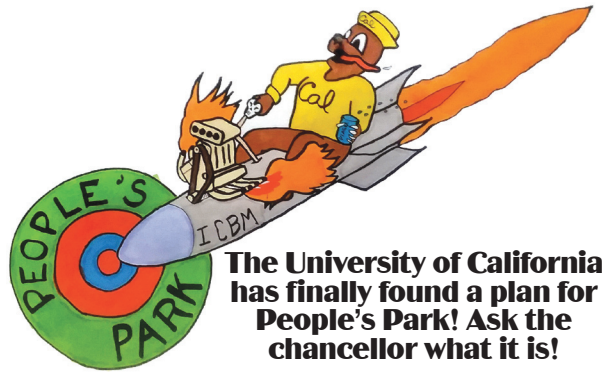
tections for the first time such as fair pay, a minimum wage and holiday pay.

CEO Dara Khosrowshahi shrugged off the news, pointing out that when California passed a law requiring it recognize gig workers as employees as opposed to independent contractors it took a mere \$200m to successfully support Proposition 22, a measure that allowed them to continue classifying their drivers as independent contractors and simply sidestep California's impermanent law.



GIG WORKERS can't decide if their worst obstacle to a living wage is company greed or public complacency.

"We could raise prices, of course," commented Khosrowshahi about threats of



The University of California has finally found a plan for People's Park! Ask the chancellor what it is!

regulation, "but the real gold mine is the brilliant international work we do convincing people working for us for peanuts that they're independent and that they're in control of their own lives and schedules."

"They didn't invent exploitation, but they sure get away with it," noted one labor expert. "They've bottled it for foreign markets and they've never turned a profit, so occasionally losing may work out fine."

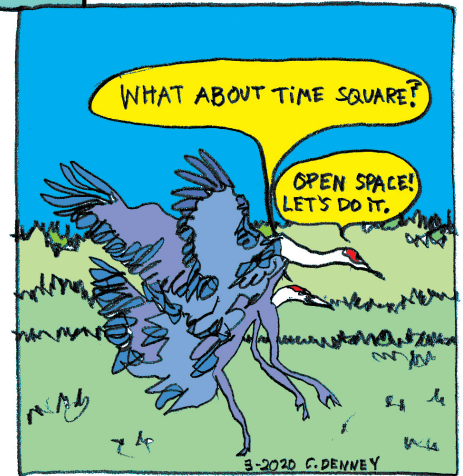
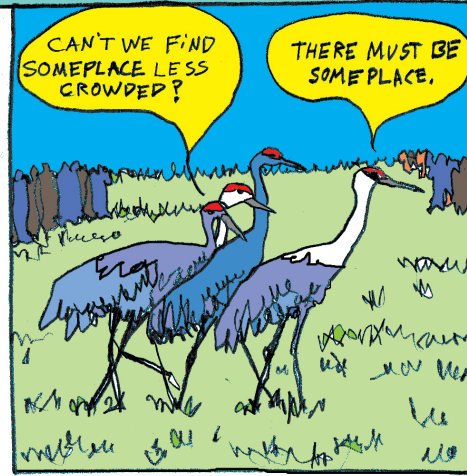
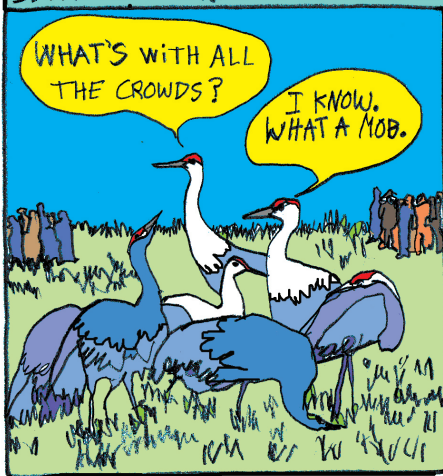
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I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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