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DEVELOPERS WHO ARE NOT STRONG ENOUGH to survive desert sanctuary conditions will be euthanized unless the Conservation Center can find compassionate communities who want to care for them.

Developers to be Euthanized After Desert Sanctuary Goes Broke

By C. D. Boidie

The Desert Developer Conservation Center in Las Vegas found funding instantly after news broke about the euthanization of hundreds of endangered desert tortoises due to habitat destruction by developers. Developers who are not strong enough to live at the Center will be put down.

For decades, the vulnerable desert developer has led a sheltered existence. Preservationists concerned about the last remaining developers have taken pains to keep them

safe by setting aside comfortable, open air conservation reserves where they are protected from meddlesome hikers and tree-huggers.

"They are considered an endangered species," stated U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service desert developer recovery coordinator Roy Averill-Murray during a visit to the reserve at the southern edge of the Las Vegas Valley last week.

"We want to protect the last remaining developers so we can examine their brains when they die and find out what drove them to destroy wild, beautiful habitat and embrace species extinction."

"We think the funding has turned around," said Bureau of Land Management (BLM) spokeswoman Hillerie Patton. "People were appalled when hundreds of endan-

gered desert tortoises were euthanized after the housing bubble that funded tortoise conservation reserves burst. They really want to see this refuge area put to appropriate use now for those housing developers."

The developers' preserve pens are not well-appointed, but Patton points out that developers generally know a lot of contractors and can put in cable if they want to.

"The tortoises never complained," stated Patton. "Developers played a role in ending their own unsustainable way of life, and might benefit from some meditative con-

templation of the natural sky." "The stars out there are beautiful," added Averill-Murray. Biologists will examine the developers for signs of disease, and the BLM will continue to pay for the holding and research facility with charitable donations from a public enthusiastic about visiting the research facility to see what developers do in undeveloped, semi-natural habitats.

"I'm writing my thesis on them," commented one high school student with enthusiasm. "The last days of the desert developers will have excellent documentation."

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Police Claim They Could Have Prevented Disappointing Football Game If They Had Tasers

By Joey Tudawoild

The Berkeley Police Association (BPA) says Tasers could have helped prevent the most recent humiliating 55-16 debacle on the Oregon Ducks' football field, according to a statement released Wednesday morning by the organization's president.



THE OREGON DUCKS creamed the Cal Bears in a recent game, but everything would have been different with tasers.

Berkeley officers typically have to stand by watching helplessly while the University of California football team embarrasses itself in game after game.

"We're sick of not having the tools we need to be more helpful," argued the police association, which hopes for public help.

Berkeley is one of only three law enforcement agencies out of 113 in the Bay Area that does not use Tasers in various creative ways when "negotiation" fails, like when somebody thinks they still have civil rights or something to say.

"Those people are still walking the streets," stated BPA Association President Chris Stines. "It's frightening."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...Marijuana smoke is not really smoke, it's just kind of, like, wow, it's...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, are rich people better than the rest of us?

Dear reader, heavens yes. Their leather goods are softer, their vegetables are fresher, and they tend to live longer than poor people. No one disputes these facts, so if you feel like worshipping them, don't be embarrassed. Everybody else secretly worships them, too.

Dear Lena, do they have to euthanize those developers? Can't somebody give them a good home?

Dear reader, apparently a nationwide effort to find them homes has failed to turn up anything except their own little techie start-up apartments, and of course they can't live in those. Putting them down is really the best thing.

Dear Lena, if this moon mission runs the risk of wrecking the fragile moon atmosphere then shouldn't NASA do something else like save this planet instead?

Dear reader, here we go with moon-style tree-hugging nonsense! What are you hugging up there, moon craters? What's there to save? It's like desert up there with nothing you can wreck, so let NASA have some fun already before people realize they're completely out of useful things to do and quit being such a killjoy for heaven's sake.

Dear Lena, I liked the action figure guy up near Boalt Hall. Can we bring him back? Can I start a petition?

Dear reader, excellent question -- you can get in lots of trouble starting petitions and asking the wrong questions in this town, but I believe you'll ensure your future political viability if you're found at the headwaters of the groundswell of political support that is out there for keeping Tron, the giant action figure, and making sure the campus gets more of them as budget constraints allow. Rumor has it they help you with your homework and love dumb jokes.

Feeling bloated? Ask Lena about surgery at home at cdenney@jgc.org.



THE BEST COSTUMES this Halloween were based on local celebrities well-known to East Bay residents.

Best Halloween Costumes!

1. The Green Shirts -- easily the scariest people on earth. You'll find them rooting around behind dumpsters to wake up peaceful sleepers with nowhere else to go. By far and away the best measure of the idiocy of most local media, which consistently depicts them as heroes for targeting the poor.



Actual greenshirt.



Actual mask. ask for a mask! Or send \$10 to the Pepper Spray Times and we'll give you one of ours!

3. Tron -- the giant action figure which recently graced the plaza at the southeast corner of the University of California campus. Tron was part of Fox News' bizarre football-related television display and managed to win the hearts of locals, who found him to be a gentle fellow with a penchant for knitting projects and paper dolls.



Actual Tron.



Actual Janet. podunk police force in the most backwoods little town. Word is she can't wait to show her stuff.

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Alternative Workshops Confuse the Uncharted Ideas Festival

By Lon Furniture

The \$339.95 admission price was not too steep for the group that attended Randall Gramh's and Felix Salmon's "Why Wine Matters" workshop at the "Uncharted" event put on by the local Berkeley-side publication. But down the hall, the free workshop by Swilleen Wine and Eden Salmon called "Why Wine Doesn't Matter" workshop featured not just local wine but local beer, whiskey, and libations across the board and was a standing-room-only affair that didn't end so much as move down the hall to an empty room and hasn't really stopped yet according to attendees who keep stopping by the local Andronico's for figs and chips.

A similar phenomenon occurred when Nina Simon & Rodolfo Mendoza-Denton's workshop called "Bridging Social Groups" was set up next to a workshop by Jess Spidit-Ouet and Givetta Shott called "How to Talk to the People You Don't Usually Talk To" which featured skits of short conversations for handy memorization in unusual social settings.

The second workshops were arranged hastily to supplement the confusion over "Uncharted" events, which featured lectures on stuff rich people like, like wine and robots, but managed not to attract very many people because most rich people have managed to either have a life or buy one.

"It's quite alright," responded one organizer breezily. "We wanted participation in our parameter, and participation is somewhat unpredictable according to our world-renowned experts."

"Anytime they need help, they can just ask," offered one local workshop crasher who discouraged reporters from calling the alternative workshop strategy a counter-demonstration. "We initially called it 'Charted for Decades, You Self-Involved Idiots,' but realized that sent the wrong message," she stated while brushing off the glitter from the "Robots Suck: Pipecleaners Are More Fun And More Useful" workshop which drew a capacity crowd.

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PEOPLE ARE REALLY ANNOYED that the local Sierra Club apparently doesn't think homeless people are as cute as owls and frogs and condors.

NASA Gives Up on Moon Water, Settles for Moon Dust

By Shel DePease

Scientists at NASA are trying to find ways to save money and enlist more public interest in interplanetary travel by returning to the good old moon.

“The idea of traveling to the moon used to really get people going in the 1950’s,” stated one NASA scientist. “We’re hoping to get that level of enthusiasm rebuilt for a moon project and maybe bring back those cool 1950’s aprons, too.”

“We’d like to visit the Goldilocks planets,” stated said Sarah Noble, NASA program scientist. “But that will have to wait until people are tired of things like roads and schools and a postal service. We’re almost there.”

Scientists admit that a lunar mission to examine the moon’s atmosphere seems pretty stupid to people who manage to remember from grade school that the moon doesn’t even have an atmosphere.

“It’s true it’s not really an atmosphere,”



THE MOON has ways of capturing human imagination and might be the only thing that can distract the public from focusing on climate change and leaving NASA in the dust.



PEOPLE LOVE THE MOON in the abstract, but talking them into living there and thus justifying a huge infusion into NASA’s budget seemed to be tied to finding water, at least in the form of ice, until NASA figured out that people would settle for finding dust.

acknowledged Noble. “It’s this really thin layer of stuff that will get wrecked really easily by space travel, so we figure we might as well get in there first and wreck it before anybody else can.”

Critics objected that wrecking the moon is short-sighted.

“The moon is kind of nice,” suggested one critic who pointed out that the moon-wrecking mission was costing the public \$280 million dollars. “Besides, we’ve kind of wrecked a lot of stuff already. Maybe we should just let somebody else wreck something for a change.”

Noble answered that she appreciated the perspective of those who didn’t want to wreck the fragile atmosphere left on the moon, but pointed out that NASA was kind of short of low-cost options.

“China is going at the end of the year,” stated Noble. “We can’t let them get there and wreck it first.”

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DBA Welcomes Albany’s Homeless to Camp in Offices

By Angel Swee-Haverd



DBA CEO JOHN CANER is looking forward to pouring morning coffee for DBA office campers.

The decision to clear the Albany Bulb of the community which has lived there along the shoreline for years has inspired a contrite John Caner, director of the Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) under investigation for election fraud, to offer

the DBA’s downtown offices as a shelter.

“We have room for a few, and the big empty corridor can handle hundreds,” he stated recently at a Sunday Streets event while drinking mead with friends.

Observers speculated that the Fair Campaign Practices Commission’s investigation into Caner might be playing a role in the offer to share space, but Caner clarified that it just gets lonely down there.

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We Can’t Draw Comics by Franz Toast



THE NEW FOOTBALL ACTION FIGURE once at the southeast corner of the UC campus is the kind of public art that always has the usual detractors who just don’t get it.



HE WAS MARRIED ONCE, BUT accidentally killed his wife by giving her a hug. He turned to the art world and campus sports in an effort to keep busy without knitting.



HE LIKES LONG WALKS ON THE BEACH, movies that make him cry, and would like to share life with someone who didn’t whine all the time about his outfits.

Apple Shows Off Thing So Thin It Floats Off Somewhere Near Colma

By Burt DeTurkey

Apple's marketing chief Phil Schiller said the new iPad Air floated off his desk last Thursday and might have lodged in a tree.

"It was pretty visible until it turned sideways," he stated. "Watch where you step."

Apple has unveiled a new tablet that is 20% thinner than all the other stuff that came before and tends to float off the desk in a light breeze.

"We couldn't think of much to improve it," explained one of the Apple engineers. "But people always want the new, thin thing, so it just made sense."



THE PRESENTATION for the new gadget also shows customers where it ends up if you happen to sneeze.

Apple to pair them with hi-tech butterfly nets "just in case" they get loose. The butterfly nets are also very hip and thin.

"It helps to anchor it with a cable," offered one engineer. "Or just duct tape the sucker down."

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CARPOOL RIDERS CAN FINALLY give sigh of relief that they don't have to think about labor issues anymore and can play games on their phones.

BART Strike Ends

The Terrifying Prospect of A Resurgent Middle Class Finally Over

By Kent Ceda-Forrest

"It was terrifying," shuddered one BART rider reflecting on the four-day BART strike that ran the risk of increasing appreciation for the difficulties faced by workers after the death of two BART workers on the tracks. "I was really worried that people would begin to understand why unions and safety issues are important."

"It was really intense," another rider nodded in agreement. "The media almost had to begin to talk about something besides how selfish the workers were. That strike ended just in time."

BART management quickly modified its "best and final offer" after two experienced workers were killed working on the tracks near the Walnut Creek station only two days into the four-day strike. But local media were quick to point out that their theme of worker selfishness remained popular with their listenership.

"We don't make the news," explained one local reporter between interviews about the traffic. "Oh, that's right; we do."

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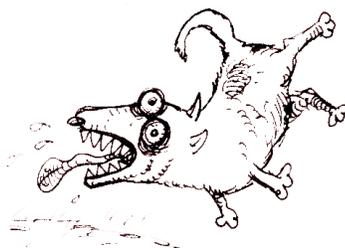
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