

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, are they really going to impeach Trump? What about all that stuff about strategy and letting the electorate decide? I think he's a sputtering socks-for-brains, but what are we doing?

Dear reader, the Pepper Spray Times newsroom lost every bet on this one, so it's wild card time. We have one card left on Trump resigns, Ivanka takes the helm, everybody finds out she controls all the dragons in the universe and so they postpone the elections because it's some kind of emergency and everybody lives under the overpass except the people who don't speak at all and consider the secondhand smoke in the green room an artistic homage to their preferred ancient era.

Dear Lena, are you sure it's socks-for-brains? It might be golf balls in there.

Dear reader, excellent point.

Dear Lena, I think the neighbors who paid to have big rocks put on the sidewalk have a good point. It would make it hard to have an encampment and then you wouldn't have poor people hanging around making you feel guilty about your warm bed. What's wrong with that?

Dear reader, you could go one further and just take away all the sidewalks so poor people won't even walk on them. Or coat them with flammable material and light them on fire when someone objectionable comes by. If you start a Go Fund Me for your projects let us know here at the Pepper Spray Times so we in the newsroom can give you appropriate publicity.

Dear Lena, so Facebook is putting together an "oversight panel", Airbnb is pledging to "boost housing" to make up for dredging available units out of the housing stock - is it the new era of accountability for billion-dollar vulture, uh, venture capital?

Dear reader, no.

Ask Lena about secondhand smoke as an artistic homage to the sixties at cdenny@igc.org.

UC President Napolitano Quits Ahead of Next People's Park Battle

By Nathaniel Anthem

UC President Janet Napolitano announced that she was quitting her job as the first female head of the system-wide UC campuses saying that the upcoming battle over destroying People's Park with market-rate housing was "somebody else's circus."

"I was head of Homeland Security," she stated. "You'd think I'd have the chops for this. But you would be wrong. This is going to be a fucking bloodbath."

UC PRESIDENT JANET NAPOLITANO has Homeland Security chops but says she doesn't want to be at the helm of the bloodbath over People's Park being hosted by Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin and UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ.



Campus neighbors were somewhat pleased given UC President Napolitano's role in expanding UC Berkeley's enrollment well past the housing capacity of Berkeley, Albany, and Oakland combined.

"We've tried to work with the campus," stated a spokesperson for one neighborhood group. "They only show up when their next expansion plan is set in stone."

"That's one of our favorite things," acknowledged one anonymous UC official. "We love the look on their faces."

UC Berkeley chancellor Carol Christ couldn't be reached at her office and was finally located seated sobbing on the curb of the new UC Berkeley football stadium, the crushing debt from which she recently moved from the athletic department's budget to the central campus amid both public and faculty objections.

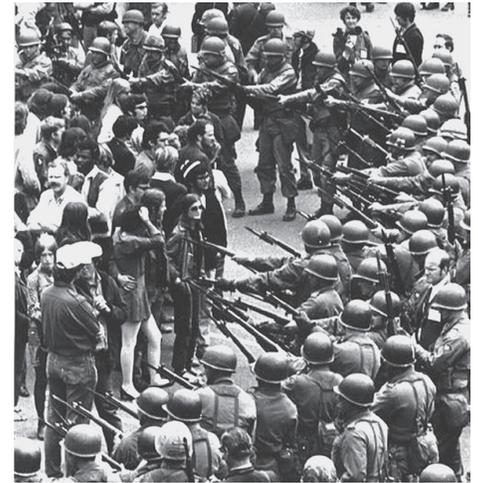


ATHLETES SHOULD REALLY JUST donate their valuable services to their universities and suck it up when they get brain damage.

"We think she's in shock," mused a small group of students offering her kombucha.

She seemed unable to respond to Pepper Spray Times' reporters' questions except with nonsequitur quotations from Mill on the Floss while holding a front page San Francisco Chronicle article about Governor Newsom's having signed the new law allowing college athletes to rights and profits from their own images and branding.

A spokesperson for Christ's office trying to coax her off the curb agreed that Newsom's decision to sign SB 206 had ominous implications for the university's stadium-



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA representatives may be quitting their jobs over the upcoming People's Park bloodbath but the Telegraph "business improvement district" is selling it as a shopping brand hoping new students will really enjoy getting into the game.

related total debt of \$438 million, which includes the cost of the Simpson training center and upgraded amenities to the stadium she has now saddled on the central campus' budget.

Napolitano admitted that UC is on a fast-tracked collision course with more 1969-style street battles.

"Bye-bye," she said. "And good luck to the next sucker."

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Inspiration Corner by Lynn Riordan

Fire ARMS

Total American Citizen
ownership: 393 million guns

Total small ARMS controlled by
All militaries combined:
133 million

Total firearms owned by
3% of U.S. population:

196 million guns

3% of US population:
9.8 million

Average number of guns
OWNED per person by this 3%

20

Total number
of BEARS in U.S.:

< 500,000

Total number of guns owned
by bears: 0



“WHERE DO WE GO” is in competition with other sparkeling finalists as a national slogan.

Artists and Activists Win Rock War Against Homeless Tents

Neighbors of Clinton Park Advocate Jailing the Poor

By Bill deWealthy

After a well-funded group of San Francisco’s Clinton Park neighbors paid to have huge boulders dumped on sidewalks near their homes to discourage tent cities activists and artists jumped into action.

Chalk artists, rock-rollers, activists, and sledgehammer wielders relocated and contextualized the anti-poor architecture relentlessly while the city tried to find a way to stay off the battlefield.

“At first we just pointed out that people could still technically pass by,” stated SF Public Works spokesperson Rachel Gordon. “But there’s that pesky permit issue.”



THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO finally entered the Clinton Park Rock War but elected to bill the entire city for the Clinton Park neighborhood’s expensive sidewalk boulder invasion.

Gordon admitted the city then repeatedly scooped the rocks back onto the sidewalk itself, which were promptly rolled back into the street creating traffic hazards for scooters and sandwich-carrying robots.

“Aren’t we paying for this?” wondered one San Francisco resident who biked from another neighborhood just to see the battlefield. “I appreciate that it does represent one of the best and most exotic Sisyphian illustrations of the emptiness of both the city’s and the neighborhood’s approach to the housing crisis, but after all, isn’t this



THE ROCKS TRIED to leave the battlefield but were subjected to discrimination by Uber drivers who refused to pick them up.



SGT. SHIPLEY SHAPE KEEPS A SHARP eye on the skirmishes and battles in the decades-old war on the poor.

War Correspondent Tracks War on the Poor

By Roland deBall

Sgt. Shipley Shape agreed that he needs to work out more before hitting the War on the Poor beat.

“I’m out of shape,” he admitted. “I’ve been skating up and down the coast from Los Angeles to Washington state with quick stops in Berkeley, Oakland, Santa Cruz, Sacramento, Portland, it’s, it’s just crazy out there with stuff like the rock war in Clinton Park. I can’t believe how people can’t figure out that people need housing, not big rocks on the sidewalk.”

He stirred his lemonade.

“I see something like that and I just want to shake somebody and then all these city workers show up with a backhoe and take it in stride like it’s just Sunday in the park.”

His phone rings and he picks it up.

“Which underpass? San Jose? I’ll be there, I’ll be there...”

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public money? Isn’t this coming out of my taxpaying pocket?”

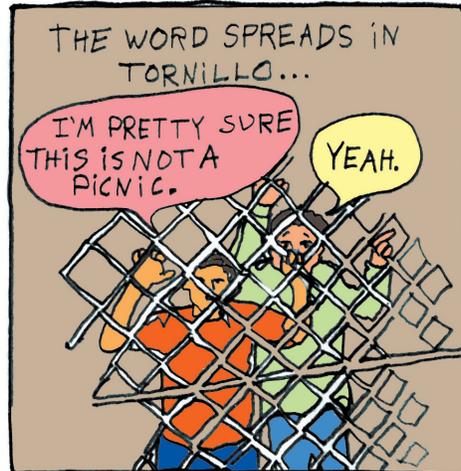
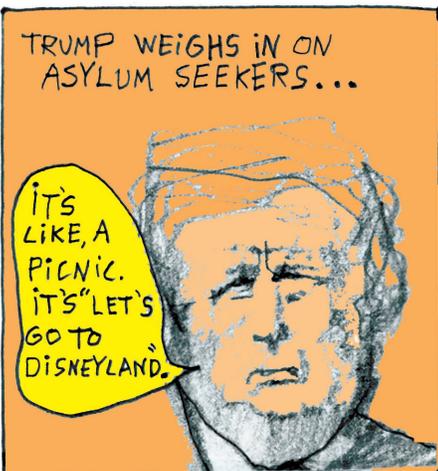
“They should at least have gotten a grant from some art commission to perform a work that encapsulates so succinctly the complete idiocy that passes for housing solutions and public policy,” mused another bystander. “I think they could have gotten the funding easily.”

“One can’t say it isn’t inspiring,” agreed another passerby. “I find myself personally invigorated by this coordinated creativity.”

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We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



10 Things Worse Than Impeachment

By Grover Broke

Editor's note: Impeachment is awful! It's when someone puts a ripe peach on your head and you have to walk so carefully or it rolls off and messes up your shoes. But there's worse! Just take a look...

"Impoachment" - This is when they float you in really hot water until you are addled and opaque.

"Imperchment" - This is when they stuff you into a fish. Ouch!

"Impoochment" - This is when they either surround you with little yapping dogs or stuff you into a yapping poodle.

"Imparchment" - This is when they wrap you up in really hard, scratchy paper.

"Imporchment" - This is when they put you on the porch and won't let you in when it's dinner.

"Impinchment" - This is when they pinch

you and all their friends do, too.

"Impearchment" - This is when they smear ripe pears all over you which some people actually think is okay.

"Impitchment" - This is when they make you sing a challenging phrase of music over and over again and criticize your pitch, primarily, but also your phrasing and dynamic, which is really painful.

"Impollchment" - This is when the polls nail you as the guy messing up the election for everybody else.

"Impeelchment" - This is when they discuss whether or not to impeach you with pundits and analysts until your skin peels off and messes up the floor.

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Next Issue: Wandering aimlessly with celebrities!

Progressive Alliance Spinal Transplant Unsuccessful

By Harriet Upp

Friends and family of the Progressive Alliance gathered together recently in remembrance of the once vibrant Progressive Alliance agenda and values which, following an unsuccessful spinal transplant, will remain firmly in the embarrassing position of supporting the current mayor of Berkeley.



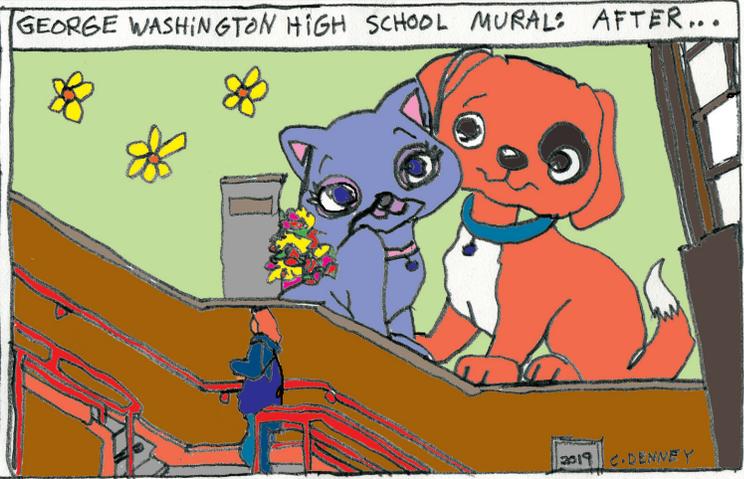
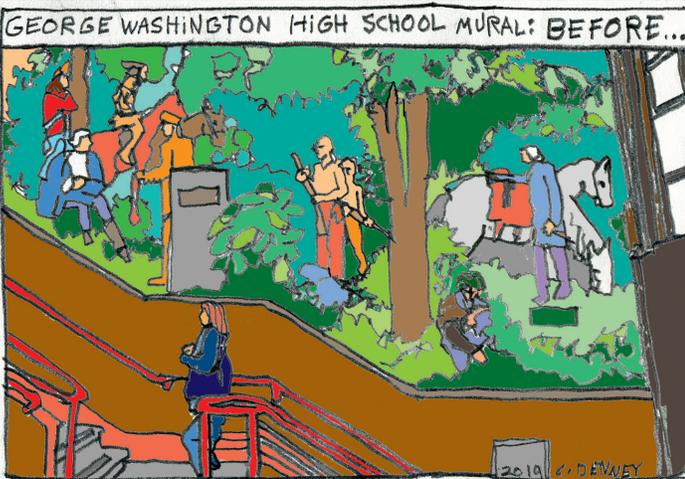
SURGEONS gave it all they had but couldn't strengthen the spine of the Progressive Alliance, which will endorse whatever.

"I thought Michael Diehl's death on the streets would finally turn it," stated one homeless advocate in shock at the close to thirty deaths of homeless people on Berkeley's streets under Mayor Jesse Arreguin's tenure as mayor of Berkeley. "But people don't seem to care."

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I Want My Present Now

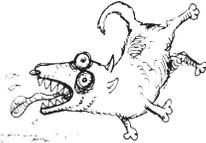
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