

"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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"...I have sixty sails..."

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Chancellor Christ Decapitates People's Park Tower

"She's in a mood," shudder UC Regents

By Anton A. Doughnut

"We think it was the Seligman decision," observed one UC administrative staff member hiding in the restroom while teetering piles of legal briefs could barely be seen through disorganized lines of dark-suited lawyers running through the corridors of the Chancellor's office.

"We're not used to these California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenges in the first place," snapped one Oxford cap-toed UC solicitor, "so we anticipated getting some routine judicial criticism here and there, but freezing enrollment? We're

ated both an easily controlled and exploited population and close political and financial partnerships with developers, but couldn't explain the uncontrollable judges in the mix who are behaving as though CEQA law environmental protections trump longstanding country club and golf relationships during years of which most business deals are permanently cemented.

"We don't usually have to pay them off," explained one harried UC attorney. "Just asking after their kids on the usual ski trip lunch takes care of matters like that."

BEFORE - and AFTER - 5-STORY CRAZED CHANCELLOR DECAPITATION - can you see the difference? Because we can't.



BEFORE: UGLY, HULKING INSULT to People's Park with segregated housing for the poor.



AFTER: UGLY, HULKING INSULT to People's Park with segregated housing for the poor.

just flooded."

"They halted our Goldman project on upper Hearst," whispered one of Capital Strategies' planners sobbing gently over the pile of plans reflecting dreams of remaking all the near-campus neighborhoods into high-rise, for-profit, master-leased, luxury student dorms with profitable turnover. "These students are so easy to control at our end, unlike ordinary tenants who think they have rights and dreams and want ridiculous things like privacy and shelves for their belongings. Students will sleep in hot cots four to a room just like in World War II if that's what it takes."

Experts agreed that scarce housing cre-

Chancellor Christ's announcement stated that she would lop five floors off her 17-story People's Park proposal and somehow create a way for sunlight to reach the stained glass windows of First Church of Christ, Scientist and house - or at least promise housing - to all the people currently tenting in People's Park in the absence of the campground Mayor Jesse Arreguin promised on his way into office.

"We have no idea," responded the UC lawyers when asked what this surprising plan was. "She's under stress. She's out of control. We're trying to keep all sharp objects away from her."

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TEXAS'S DARING MOVE TO CHAMPION EMBRYOS' RIGHTS redefines Republicans' brave new war on women.

Afghanistan War Ends- War on Women Begins in Earnest

Texas Healthcare Law Targets Pregnant - Men Feel Angry, Left Out

By Linda Near

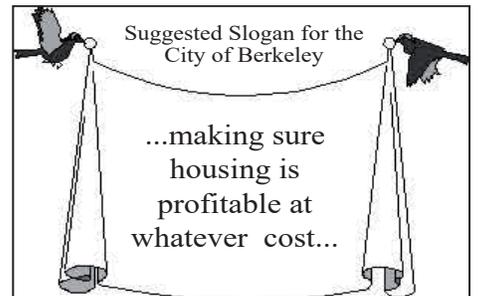
"It's natural," explained one seasoned political observer as the legal noose around the necks of the pregnant tightened in Texas with the help of former President Trump's appointees on the Supreme Court. "Men's needs and feelings about pregnancy have been ignored for too long."

The brave new law enables Texans to turn a tidy \$10,000 profit by suing anyone caught violating new abortion restrictions.

"It's a jobs program," explained one Texas legislator. "Times are hard, especially for men who don't always get consulted about pregnancy. It's time for men's voices to be heard."

"We've been powerless for too long," stated another male Texas lawmaker. "But together with all the unfulfilled eggs and embryos in Texas we plan to step up and really make a difference."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, so UC Berkeley has offered to house all the people currently living in tents in People's Park before destroying it? Is anybody tempted?

Dear reader, probably. But they didn't promise housing. They promised to *offer* housing, the same sleight-of-hand semantics that the City of Berkeley has mastered to make sure that anybody who refuses an ambiguous offer of a short-term rental somewhere in Antioch will end up with a "service-resistant" stamp on their forehead which will follow them forever. It's easy to be generous with nothing.

Dear Lena, are Texas legislators on something? Coming after pregnant women seems a little extreme.

Dear reader, yes. They're high on the embryo vote, which is quite large.

Dear Lena, can't UCSF just leave Bernard Zakheim's frescoes in place and incorporate them into the new building? I can recommend architectural firms who specialize in exactly such things.

Dear reader, bless your soul. Yes, UCSF can easily incorporate these frescoes into their new building, or simply retrofit the original chambers where they stand, but that's not all. Bernard Zakheim, a Polish immigrant who studied under muralist Diego Rivera, designed these murals specifically to be removeable and taught the process to his son, Nathan, who has been struggling to convey this information to Mark Laret, President and CEO of UCSF Health, without success. But his struggle attracted the notice of historians, preservationists, and art lovers worldwide leading to a temporary injunction.

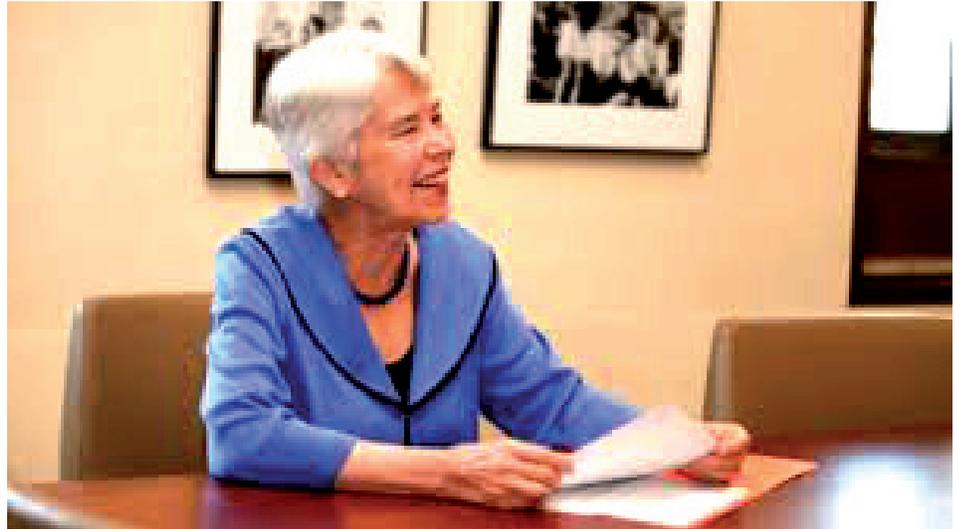
Dear Lena, I've been saving the take-out foil and making exotic hats for my friends from it. Is this too weird?

Dear reader, I'm sure all your friends enjoy it very much. You do you.

Ask Lena about missing the old chicken coop at cdenney@igc.org.

Chancellor Christ's Welcome Letter to New Students

"Living under the overpass is a beloved Cal tradition."



UC BERKELEY CHANCELLOR CAROL CHRIST feels that only supplying overpriced market rate and luxury student housing is the best way to prepare young minds for the challenges in life to come, and that tearing down rent-controlled housing helps young people prepare for a future likely to be full of disappointments.

Dear new UC students,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our wonderful town, where we may have firmly turned the page on the 1960's but we celebrate with great nostalgia the adorable faith Berkeley once had that it was the forefront of some kind of actual political change. How inconvenient that would have been! But I digress.

I'm pleased to say that despite the global pandemic we plan to have a full football season so that you alumni-to-be know that our renovated \$400 million stadium is not just sitting there making us look stupid with our \$20 million a year payment for the next 25 years. Go Bears! It's time to look forward! It's time to think of a long-term plan and we think, if we can keep getting away with monetizing your housing and double enrollment every couple of years, we'll have that debt down by the time your grandkids are applying to Cal with phony athletic credentials the same way you did, a beloved Berkeley tradition just like spending a few nights under the overpass. You'll be pleased to know that you low-income students can apply to be maid and maintenance service workers in our new high-end high-rise luxury short-term student-only rentals for wealthier students' two-year stay indoors before they join the rest of you in raw competition for real housing, most of which belongs to me and sits empty unless we get the top dollar we deserve. But I digress. So have fun! And go Bears!

Sincerely,

UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ

Art Stops Big-ass UCSF Project



BERNARD ZAKHEIM AND HIS SON Nathan Zakheim in front of some of that confounded artwork that just always seems to get in the way of progress.

By Mame Danmangled

Another clearly confused judge has issued a restraining order to temporarily block the removal of historic murals at UCSF painted in the 1930s by renowned Jewish artist Bernard Zakheim.

UCSF's planned expansion will just be almost impossible if it has to waste any time worrying about the series of frescoes, titled "History of Medicine in California," created between 1935 and 1938 under the auspices of the federal Works Progress Administration which UCSF offered to photograph before destroying at their own expense. What is up with people who can't just enjoy looking at art in a book for heaven's sake so the rest of us can get on with it.

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Millenium Tower Solutions Project Gathers Steam

https://youtu.be/do44_z4hpPQ

By Matt D. Bottom

Millennium Towers Solutions Project (MTSP) consultant Grace Underpressure graciously offered her assistance outlining the issues presented by the original sinking of the Millenium Tower and the difficulties presented by the fact that subsequent engineering efforts to address the dilemma have exacerbated the tilt to an alarming degree.

One local musician has suggested that the tower should be allowed to sink and ultimately to fall, which dismayed at the very least those who bought condos in the building, but excited others who realized the betting on when exactly the building would fall and exactly on what might excite the imaginations of bettors all over the world.



THIS COULD FIX the Millenium Tower or not who knows we just liked the way it looks.

question whether it's heading for UC Berkeley's campanile or for Coit Tower."

The millionaires and billionaires who own condos in the building apparently are having difficulty getting anyone to take their sinking building problem seriously.

"People keep laughing and making jokes," stated one millionaire tersely. "When I say this is not a laughing matter they laugh even harder."

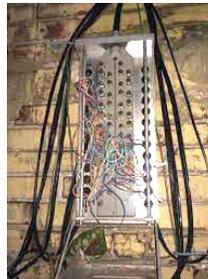
"I tried to tell them," noted local historian Grey Brechin. "The downtown area



IT MAY BE SINKING BUT PEOPLE say all publicity is good publicity although since the effort to fix this sinking edifice is making matters worse we're guessing the price on these condos may join the building itself in sinking precipitously along with the contrators' reputations.

is filled with landfill from the 1906 earthquake none of which is uniform. But these are people who think history is over."

"It's a creative challenge," enthused Underpressure, who along with the Labor Video Project is collecting creative suggestions for fixing the ailing tower. "Together we'll find a way."



WE DON'T EVEN think this has anything to do with fixing anything but it just looks so cool.

This project proposal was made on 8/27/21.

Additional solutions are welcome at cdenny@jgc.org. Project of Labor Video Project, www.labormedia.net.

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Everybody Agrees 17-Story Building Will Help Hide Ugliness of UC Campanile

Project by Former Planning Director Rakes in the Dough



THE CAMPANILE IS NO MATCH for this bold addition to Berkeley's effort to cover up the silly efforts of David Farquharson, a Scottish architect, Bernard Maybeck, and John Galen Howard who were a bunch of hacks.

By A. Quincy Densornot

"These opportunities just seem to fall into my lap," exclaimed former Berkeley Planning Director Mark Rhoades as he poured a drink at his Spats bar. "I think I'm just kind of lucky."

Critics objected that no more iconic symbol exists of UC Berkeley than 1903 University Supervising Architect John Galen Howard's bell tower, along with People's Park, but were dismissed by university officials who agreed that People's Park's days are numbered if all goes well, and the campanile was over-rated.

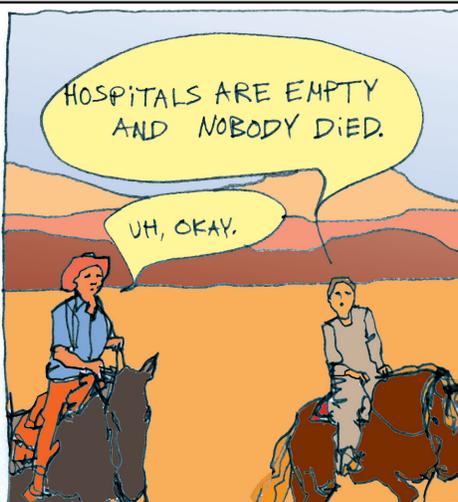
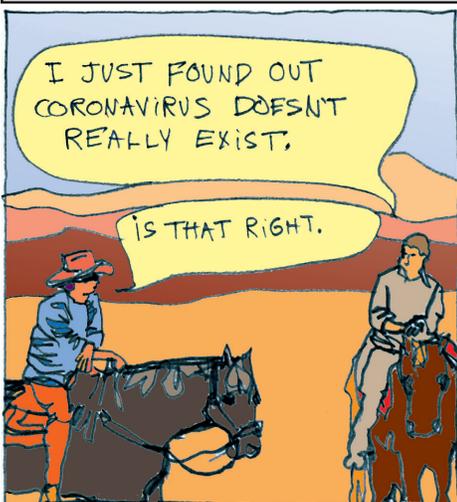
"Nobody needs a bell tower to tell time anymore," pointed out one UC official. "People have cell phones."

Rhoades agreed that his involvement has proven lucrative, saying, "how do you think I bought the bar?"

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Mississippi Is Coming To California

By Don Tread

I'd prefer discussing corn bread and collard greens, but Mississippi state officials say at least 70% of calls to their poison control center have been related to ingestion of ivermectin purchased at livestock supply centers. Officials are baffled that people are ingesting horse deworming medication as a Covid treatment, likening it to getting chemotherapy at a feedstore and want people to stop. On a positive note, officials say that it might have been worse if Trump supporters had started injecting bleach.

Mississippi has a vaccination rate in the 30-40% range, third worst in the nation. California has ten out of 58 counties in the same range. When you combine this with readily available ivermectin at tractor supply and feed stores, you have the ingredients for a crisis.

While ivermectin as a Covid treatment is not approved by the FDA, CDC or any recognized medical authority, many Republican-aligned figures are suggesting its use, e.g. Fox News' Tucker Carlson, Laura Ingraham, Sean Hannity, and Wisconsin's

Senator Ron Johnson. It seems that many Republicans in deeply red Mississippi and many other southern states have followed their advice, inadvertently poisoning themselves.

Californians in these ten low-vaccination rate counties are at risk of poisoning themselves because they are often Republican, enjoy Fox News, have a disproportionate number of evangelical Christian churches who assume God will cover the base, have an abundance of tractor supply stores (outnumbering libraries) and seem unacquainted with critical thinking, a potentially deadly combination. Initial poison control calls are being reported in Bakersfield.

The rest of California seems relatively safe; Covid vaccination rates are above the US average in the top 20% of states. The major urban areas like Los Angeles and San Francisco are safe because it's hard to find a tractor supply store or even a Republican,

which comprise only 10% of voters in San Francisco and only 20% in Los Angeles.

Marketing executives at tractor supply stores have unofficially commented that they had no idea why people in Mississippi or California would ingest animal medicine recommended by politicians and media pundits against the advice of medical professionals, although they do appreciate the revenue. They credit clever product placement combined with pro-Trump signs in the livestock drug aisle for the expansion of ivermectin's popularity to other drugs, mainly bovine Viagra. Bay Area Democrat elites speculate this Republican behavior is based upon fear of Freudian deficiencies and their relationship with their constituents, e.g. as a bull to a herd of heifers. Pragmatic California Republicans welcome the expanded opportunities for ultra-patriotic flag waving that could be coming soon to a Republican gathering in a rural venue near you. Welcome to Mississippi.

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Next Issue: Baking your neighbors' shoes with celebrities!



DO NOT speculate as to why equine medications seem preferable to certain people.

I Want My Present Now

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