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It's sphymgmoid..it's free...if you can find it

"...it is but as a body yet distempered"*

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Library Streamlining Makes Dusting a Breeze!

By Ophelia Heartbeat

Berkeley Library Director Jeff Scott defended miscalculating the amount of books he has tossed out of the library by over 37,000 by pointing out that he has been really busy and Public Records Act requests are a pain in the ass anyway.

"Just ask the mayor," he noted, referring to Mayor Tom Bates description of former Mayor Shirley Dean's recent Public Records Act request as an act of sabotage because come on, *who really has time for stuff like that.*

Critics of the deaccessioning process, as book-weeding is known, had to agree that the library is much easier to dust now that nearly 40,000 titles, at least 13,850 of which are the last copies of books, are gone.

"It's probably easier to find things, too," said one thoughtful resident looking at the gaping holes on the shelves."It sure is easier to see what's going on in the next aisle."

Several city councilmembers including Linda Maio, Kriss Worthington, and Jesse Arreguin spoke at a rally on the public library steps and criticized the lack of accurate information given the council and the



THESE NUTBALLS just don't understand that now and then you have to show those books who is boss.

public regarding the books which in some cases have been pulped and destroyed.

"I know it kind of looks bad," admitted Director Scott. "But on the other hand pulped books make really great mulch. Mulch is important, especially in a drought."

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LAB FIRE CHIEF Stacy Cox, Director Charles Shank, and former City Manager James Keen were all innocent people who were at one time drawn into former Mayor Shirley Dean's nefarious net of Public Records Act terror.

Mayor Bates: "Former Mayor Shirley Dean's Public Records Request Is an Act of Sabotage!"

By Denice R. Knocking

Mayor Tom Bates accused former Mayor Shirley Dean's public information request for records related to appointments for meetings involving the Mayor or any Councilmember for the past five years of being "headed toward sabotage of City operations" in an opinion piece posted by a local Berkeley paper.

Former Mayor Dean acknowledged that she had long had an interest in sabotage.

"It started with the usual curiosity about explosives and progressed from there," she commented at the back of the chambers during a recent city council meeting. "I realized that Mayor Bates administration had effectively privatized the public policy. A public records request after the fact is the only accurate way to get a chronology on, for instance, the destruction of the Campanile Way view of the bay."

"Explosives would be much less damaging," agreed political insiders. "These developers need political cover or their future political careers will suffer."

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By Berkeley Public Library
Director Jeff Scott

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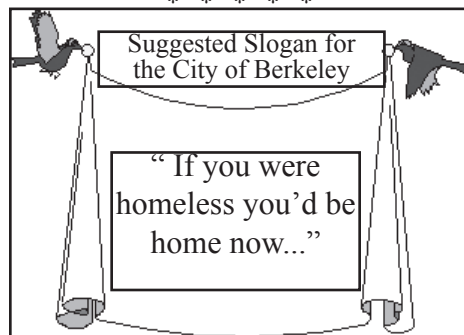
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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I was there at the packed meetings against the Harold Way 18-story monster building and it seemed like it didn't matter how many of us there were or how wrong the project is the fix was in. Aren't the commissioners supposed to reflect the community? What is going on where the developers just get whatever they want?

Dear reader, what a little crybaby you are. Guess who's not getting invited to the penthouse firepit roasts.

Dear Lena, hasn't this community got enough luxury housing? I can't believe that's what the Planning Department has decided is best for us. Am I just old fashioned?

Dear reader, I wish you were just old-fashioned. Your point of view can destroy political careers and needs cultural adjustment. Please sign up to work at Amazon as soon as possible.

Dear Lena, I'm fond of the old books, even the ones with outdated information. I like documenting the changes. Is there still room for me in this universe?

Dear reader, no.

Dear Lena, the Police Review Commission is advising that the police not shoot into crowds with their wooden bullets and stuff. Isn't that just wrong? Those hippies need to be dispersed I am just so sick of them.

Dear reader, yes, it is unfair. But the police are free to shoot them, trust me. They just have to say whoops afterward or point out that it was mutual aid forces from whoops somewhere they can't remember.

Dear Lena, is sleeping a crime?

Dear reader, yes, the Department of Justice has it all wrong. Sleeping is just the planning stage of serious crime.

Ask Lena about money, love, art, and how to sell your mother at cdenney@igc.org.

Ph.D. on Old People Explains Evicting Them to Study Effects

- "I have a Ph.D.," explains Dr. Annlia Paganini Hill

By Porter N. DaStreets

Project Scientist Annlia Paganini Hill, Ph.D. at University of California at Irvine (UCI), expressed surprise that popular opinion has turned against her efforts to use an Ellis Act eviction to clear elderly tenants from the building she inherited from her aunt, now deceased, who was cared for by some of the tenants now facing eviction in a dire San Francisco housing crisis.

"This is precisely the kind of thing we need to study," stated Dr. Paganini Hill. "How will they cope? What resources will they come up with? Who will they reach

out to? What effect will this have on their physical and mental health? These are important questions, and we can't further our research without field studies."

Tenant activists retorted that Dr. Paganini Hill has plenty of subjects for Ellis Act eviction field studies without evicting the ones who brought soup to her ailing aunt since Ellis Act evictions spiked 170 percent between 2010 and 2013 and continue at the rate of 20 to 30 each month.

Others in the Department of Neurology at UCI expressed annoyance that anyone would question Dr. Paganini Hill's motivation for her research.

"Science requires keeping an independent view of natural phenomena such as evictions," stated another researcher in the field of Biostatistics and Epidemiology at UCI. "We can't have a bunch of crybabies running the show."

Legal observers agreed that Dr. Paganini Hill's case was special.

"She may end up putting these tenants out on the street," they conceded, "but there's an upside to everything. She'll probably get a great study published out of it and maybe even a book deal."

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Ten Extreme Water Saving Tips

- Stop bathing.
- Stop watering plants.
- Stop cleaning anything.
- Stop drinking anything.
- Strangle the cat.
- Shoot the dog.
- Don't wash the dishes.
- Swear off soup.
- Serve your guests motor oil.
- Learn to swim in dirt.



Monks Gone Wild



EXERCISE CAUTION around monks or they might buy your Post Office or stab you.

By "Ma" Cerveza

A Buddhist monk accused of stabbing the head monk in the face at a monastery in an East Oakland neighborhood near the Oakland airport caused alarm in neighbors, who thought Buddhists were supposed to be gentle and peaceful.

"Not necessarily," observed one expert on Buddhism, who stated that the shaved heads and robes don't necessarily confer special qualities on those who follow the tradition or want to buy your Post Office.

"It's kind of like any other religion," commented another expert. "People take a running jump at a moral path but then they somehow end up shooting up a women's health center."

The suspect asked for a cigarette before running from the scene, which made authorities certain they would have no difficulty tracking him down.

"We don't close a lot of cases," noted one Oakland police officer. "But let's see, shaved head, orange robe, covered in blood, reeking of cigarettes - we just might have this one nailed."

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Interview with Pluto



PLUTO RARELY agrees to interviews but agreed to speak to the Pepper Spray Times.

Q: So, they call you a dwarf planet. How does that make you feel?
 P: If that's the worst thing they say about me, then I'm fine with it.
 Q: No, really, the demotion from being one of the planets must have been tough.
 P: Whatever. It's over.
 Q: Don't you have any feelings about it?
 P: I'm over it, okay? Fuck off.

Q: How come you never collide with Neptune?
 P: I haven't collided with Neptune *yet*.

with Neptune on occasion regarding your order from the sun.
 P: Yeah, I've heard it all.
 Q: How come you never collide with Neptune?
 P: I haven't collided with Neptune *yet*.
 Q: So you'd consider disrupting your orbit?
 P: Look, it's pretty sweet from my angle. Neptune makes three orbits for my every two. But with all due respect to the Kozai mechanism, anything can happen.
 Q: So, one fourth of your surface is in continuous daylight and another fourth is continuously dark. Doesn't that get to you?
 P: No.
 Q: That would be really weird to most people.
 P: Earth spins six times around to my one. It's more peaceful here. The day is like twilight and it never goes away.
 Q: How do you sleep?
 P: I do a lot of cross-words.
 Q: Do you have moons?
 P: You didn't prepare much for this, did you?

Q: Alright, okay. So, they call your orbit eccentric and chaotic because you face off

Ten Tips for Maximizing Your Retirement Income

By Sarah Upsidentat

1. Learn to eat glass
2. Learn to read in the dark.
3. Learn to enjoy a hearty bowl of dirt.
4. Learn to crash potlucks.
5. Learn to graze through the produce section.
6. Learn to make new clothes out of newspaper.
7. Learn to rob convenience stores.
8. Learn to knit socks from plastic bags.
9. Learn to pump up your soup with rodents.
10. Learn to vacation under the overpass.

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Q: Well, no.
 P: I have five moons.
 Q: Do you all get along?
 P: We do now. There were some turbulent years, but now it's all good. Kerberos graduates this year. Nix and Hydra are in school, and Charon and Styx have good jobs.
 Q: So when they say you're icy, they're wrong.
 P: Well, yeah.
 Q: Why are they wrong.
 P: Look, there's ice and then there's ice.
 Q: Ice isn't just ice?
 P: Yeah, it has...phases.
 Q: What do you mean?
 P: You wouldn't understand. Anything else?
 Q: That's all I had. Congratulations on your comeback. Is the publicity fun, or does it get to you?
 P: It's okay.

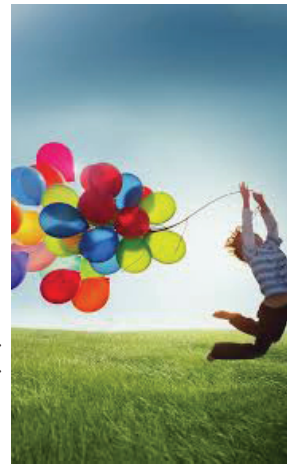
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Balloons Subcommittee Floats Away

Possible Brown Act Violation Annoys Public As Usual

By Eileen Dover

The Community Environmental Advisory Commission's Balloon Subcommittee attempted to meet recently at Au Coquet on University Avenue but ended up floating away in a strong wind.



"We were supposed to evaluate the environmental and infrastructural impact of the release of latex and Mylar balloons but the Subcommittee left the building somewhat abruptly," stated a flustered staff member. "The minutes are in some disarray."

THE BALLOON SUBCOMMITTEE had difficulty adjourning their meeting and may never be seen again.

Members of the public were understandably concerned. "They're always trying to obstruct public comment opportunities in this town," huffed one member of the public watching the subcommittee float away. "This is just a new twist on making sure the public has to run in circles to weigh in on public issues."
 "That's not true," called out one subcommittee member frantically from the clouds. "We want them to weigh in. We wish they would weigh in heavily right about now."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast

I don't get it. how come nobody responds to the CS gas or the dispersal orders?



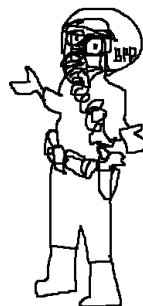
What?



I said, how come nobody responds to the CS gas or dispersal orders?



What? did you say something?



Oh, never mind!
 What? Did you say something?



Department of Justice Can't Get Through to Santa Cruz Police

Considering Sending Drones to Communicate

By Ada Cookie

Sleepers in Santa Cruz, California, continue to get tickets for performing involuntary acts of human physicality despite a Department of Justice memo emphasizing that "punishing conduct that is a universal and unavoidable consequence of being human violates the Eighth Amendment."

"Perhaps it's a language barrier," suggested one Santa Cruz legal observer as she was handcuffed for observing the police. "Perhaps if the Department of Justice tried French or German they might get their point across."

"Perhaps if the Department of Justice send flowers with a nice card," offered another Santa Cruz sleeper whose belongings were being hauled off by police. "I find a bouquet of flowers help people feel much more receptive to what you have to say."

Spokespersons for the Department of Justice agreed that they were coming off like a bunch of wusses issuing a statement of interest instead of suing cities with unconstitutional laws, but defended themselves by pointing out that they actually were a bunch of wusses.



THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE thinks there might be a language barrier impeding the Santa Cruz police's ability to comprehend its recent brief on letting sleeping people lie.

"We're still recovering from the gay marriage backlash," one Department of Justice lawyer whispered from behind some nearby shrubbery. "We're not really a brave bunch, we just saw that they outlawed even having camping equipment in Sacramento and we gotta say something sometime."

"It's true," stated another lawyer. "Most people have some camping equipment. They may have no sympathy for homeless people, but oh boy do they love their air mattresses and their outdoor grills."

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Next Issue: Parking Illegally with celebrities!

Developers Endorse Simultaneous Meeting Strategy

by Bailey Nasfastazican

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Thursday, August 13, 7:00 p.m.
North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING RE:
2211 Harold Way **
Structural Alteration Permit (LMSAP13-40000002) for new construction of a mixed-use development project, up to 18-stories in height... CEQA: Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

Design Review Committee
Thursday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. on 2211 Harold Way, North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue
Review of revised plans for 16 story hotel at Center and Shattuck...

Local developers agreed that holding key meetings on controversial projects at the same time on the same day in different locations around town is a great way to sow confusion in their opposition.

"You should see them run," chuckled former city planner Mark Rhoades, a consultant for the 18-story project in question. "They can't park anywhere near either location, so it's pretty funny."

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOTCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod

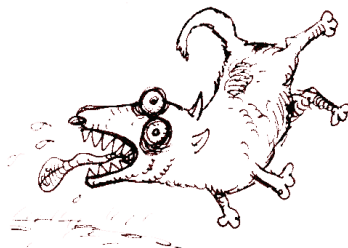


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