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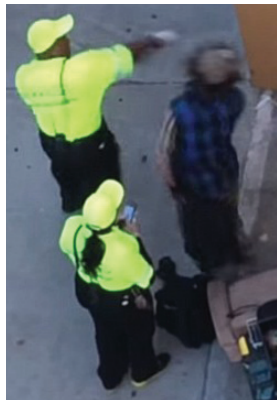
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DBA Appreciation Day Totally Ruined Green Shirts Beat Up Tourists, Paid Staff

By Jeannie Ullstoft

The Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) dutifully accepted dozens of complaint forms from citizens chased away from the sidewalk area near the latest self-organized Downtown Berkeley Association Appreciation Day.

"We weren't trying to get in," stated one passer-by hastily rubbing his jaw. "We had some packages and happened to put our stuff down on the sidewalk to reorganize just for a minute."



THE DBA'S "AMBASSADORS" still enjoy unprecedented freedom to express their disdain for those who for some reason can't afford the \$21 Mezcal de Alipus Flight made from single village mezcals of espadin agave which is of course orno roasted and tahona ground before being twice distilled in copper alembics and served with chicharrón salt at Comal.

"Our understanding is that that's not a crime, at least not at this point," observed a tourist from Wisconsin checking her brochure. "We were prepared to get pepper-sprayed but not punched."

"It's not a crime yet," responded Lance Goree, DBA Operations Manager. "But we do have our crew flexing a bit to stay in shape for the laws which will

be coming soon."

Experts confirmed that some legislation, while crucial, creates difficulties for council representatives if passed right before an important election.

"We like to pass things right around Christmas time," affirmed one city hall insider. "It's a holiday tradition."

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UC BERKELEY CHANCELLOR Nicholas Dirks explains that all the sexual harassment stuff has caused a \$150 million dollar deficit.

Dirks Orders Revision of Faculty Manual Sexual Harassment Issue Wastes Tons of Paper

By D. Toby Throbben

Chancellor Nicholas Dirks explained to a skeptical University of California (UC) faculty that the fuss about sexual harassment has caused an \$150 million dollar deficit in this year's budget mostly because of the serious cost of Liquid Paper supplies.

"It takes a lot of white-out," affirmed one of the task force working on the issue. "Times have really changed from the days when you couldn't fondle staff or students unless they were really hot. That last part we're having to entirely redact."

"Also the phrase 'unless they're wearing thong underwear' is gone," added another task force member. "Some of it is written, but some of it is just, well, understood."

Other UC campuses have dipped into the red but have extracted themselves from deficits unlike the Berkeley campus which is in its third year of putting corporate names on stuff and bakesales.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA may not like Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi's new business venture, but Silicon Valley does.

Katehi's Cleaning Service Gets Venture Capital

Internet Scrubbing Service Will Be Indispensable in "Social Media" Era

By Herschel Fushteenzlow

University of California (UC) Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi, recently suspended by UC President Janet Napolitano, is apparently being warmly embraced by Silicon Valley which is showering her with venture capital money for her new internet scrubbing business.

"It's not a new idea," acknowledged one anonymous investor, "but we saw right away that none of the existing services would have the phenomenal branding that she has because of her UC connections."

"Her internet scrubbing service will be as big as Facebook," predicted another enthusiastic investor. "Every kid these days has posted a naked picture by the seventh grade and finally figures out it might hurt their college chances by the ninth grade."

Suggestions that there might be spin-off products, such as cleaning products in pepper spray-style canisters, were unconfirmed at press time.

"They're going to make a killing," agreed a Silicon Valley observer. "All they need is that UC name."

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"All they need is her name."
- Silicon Valley observer

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, should I vote for Hillary Clinton or for Bernie Sanders? I can't even say Hillary's name without the Bernie people hissing at me, but I always liked her. What should I do?

Dear reader, it depends how brave you are and how much hissing you can stand. Most politicians can ride the wave of misogyny straight to election day while others are obviously challenged in this respect. It is currently unfashionable to notice that there is more than one race in play. Wear fashionable shoes if you must, but vote as though your Supreme Court depended on it.

Dear Lena, my low-income co-op keeps doubling the rent and evicting the low-income people. Doesn't anybody care?

Dear reader, no. You and your fellow tenants fall in a legal loophole and nobody cares. Keep your hat on and your bags packed.

Dear Lena, I think monetizing poverty is a great idea, don't you?

Dear reader, yes, it is genius. As was monetizing boredom. When they monetize greed and indifference they'll really have something.

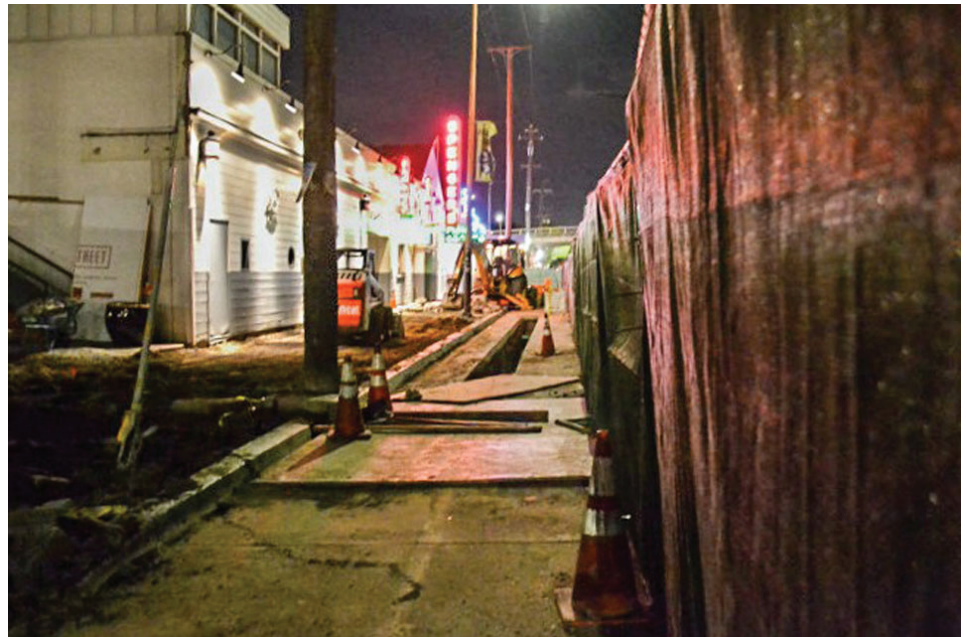
Dear Lena, why did they outlaw drones in East Bay Regional Parks? I loved watching them torture dogs and birds.

Dear reader, I know. And we're all going to miss that high whine roaring by.

Dear Lena, what's wrong with Berkeley's new affordable housing measures? At least it looks like they're trying.

Dear reader, exactly. Optics are everything in this town. Paris, on the other hand, is creating 7,000 new public housing units every year between now and 2020 and inserting at least 5,000 of them in wealthy enclaves, declaring a war on "ghettoes for the rich" and exercising a right of first refusal when property hits the market. Paris gets it.

Ask Lena how the streets of Paris are nothing like University Ave. at cdenney@igc.org.



IT ISN'T JUST INCONVENIENT to find skeletons on your construction site, it is an opportunity to craft a creative connection between native ways and consumerism.

Another Pesky Skeleton Found on 4th Street



By Lincoln Minds



An archeological team quickly moved to dispel the rumor that the second set of native remains found on a 4th Street construction site had its fist raised in protest of the new project.

"There is no reason to believe that the fist signified anything more than perhaps this native person scratching his or her nose right before death," commented a member

Planning Director Mark Rhoades currently undergoing review and whether shopping for high-end clothing and beauty products was compatible with a sense of respect and reverence for the traditional Ohlone shell-mound site, but were dismissed by confident city planners.

"Indians weren't NIMBY's," stated Rhoades. "Indians got together and traded stuff all the time."

"That's correct," stated another member of the archeological team. "These Indians loved to get really dressed up. Indians would have loved 4th Street."

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Drone Lovers Hate New Drone-free Park Law

By R. Kane Nollidge

Drone lovers who love to chase wildlife and spy on park users huffed disapproval over the East Bay Regional Park District's decision to ban drones and vowed to ignore the new anti-drone regulations.

"Let them try to catch me and my drone,"



MAKE SURE you are prepared for the annoying backyard drone.

shouted one drone user over the loud whir of his drone's motor. "We can fly around their backyard and make them rue the day they banned drones."

"We can annoy the shit out of them," agree another drone lover. "It's what we do."

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THERE'S NO REASON AT ALL that landmarks and culturally sensitive spots can't be dug up for highrises as long as there's a nifty poster.

of the archeological team, "and then maybe a fly went by and they tried to swat it and then maybe they were annoyed and made a fist."

"Exactly," affirmed a second member of the team. "There is no reason to assume that any further native remains found on construction sites around the 4th Street area are significant in any way or should disturb aggressive plans for construction."

Concerned citizens raised the issue of an adjacent property at 1900 Fourth Street by a corporation represented by former Berkeley

North Carolina Defends Transphobia

Gov. McCrory Takes Brave Stand Against Invisible Menace



EVEN THOUGH NOBODY CAN FIND any evidence of any danger from transgender people these protesters should at least admit that there might be some somewhere someday and we would just kick ourselves if we weren't prepared.

By Ray B. Swarning

North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory continued to defend his sweeping state legislation known as HB2 or "the bathroom law" overturning a Charlotte ordinance that had extended some rights to gay and transgender people.

"What is the big deal," stated McCrory as the business backlash snowballed. "All we were originally trying to do is head off a local minimum wage."

Critics argued that McCrory went bathroom batshit to put his Democratic opponent, Attorney General Roy Cooper, in a tight spot forcing him to either affirm the crazed carnival over bathrooms or lose support from liberals.

"There are at least two liberals in North Carolina," acknowledged one North Carolina legislator. "One is behind the potted plant over there and the other one is hiding under the table."

Cooper admitted he was under the table, too.

"We lost a big PayPal expansion project in Charlotte," he noted. "We lost another expansion project from Deutsche Bank, thirteen planned conventions, and concerts by Bruce Springsteen, Ringo Starr, and violinist Itzhak Perlman. I am not coming out until after the election."

McCrory acknowledged that not everybody was a fan of HB2, but insisted that homophobia and transphobia is still popular in some circles, and deserved support.

"At least until after the election," stated McCrory, who admitted that it might prove difficult to permanently stop the expanded civil rights protections now supported by more than a dozen North Carolina cities including Charlotte, Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Durham.

South Carolina, when asked about its response to HB2, was curiously noncommittal and would only comment on the weather despite being a conservative state.

"We're conservative," affirmed one South Carolina state representative emphatically. "We're not nuts."

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FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY confesses he has given up using email altogether and instead keeps his notes in his head with the assistance of lengthy mnemonic devices based on nursery rhymes and 1950's radio commercials.

Terrorists Vow to Use Samsung Galaxy 7

By Joey Stick



Terrorists acknowledged that they had once preferred Apple products to conduct mass killings of civilians, but were switching to the Samsung Galaxy 7 because Apple iPhones are so easily hacked.

"Apple may not care about security, but we have to," explained one terrorist while casually beheading a group of hostages.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) acknowledged that after giving up themselves trying to figure out how to open up one of the San Bernardino bombers' iPhones with the FBI's resources it wasn't hard to find a hacker willing to break in for a price.

"It was expensive," confessed FBI Director James Comey. "We, or rather the taxpayers, had to pay \$1.3 million. And fix a lot of traffic tickets."

The hacker community confessed they would have done it for free but wanted to see what they could get from Comey.

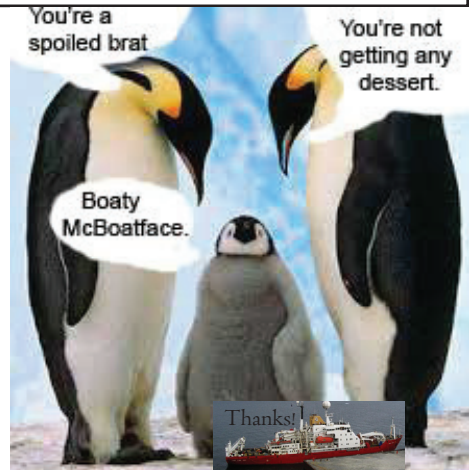
Apple also claimed they could have hacked their iPhone for the FBI, but wanted to seem unwilling.

"We cooperate with the government all the time," Apple acknowledged privately. "But we needed some alternative optics."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast





HENRY KISSINGER met with Donald Trump but the 92 year old can't remember a thing.

Kissinger Says Trump Not A Groper

By Hatton Hand

Presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump met with 92 year old Henry Kissinger at Kissinger's home recently and issued a joint statement later which confirmed that Trump is "not a groper."

Critics objected, saying that Kissinger's initial comment was in fact "who was that guy?" but were dismissed by party insiders who agreed that it was time to unify behind the presumptive nominee as long as no child molestation charges surface.

"We need to move forward," stated a shaken Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC). "We need to move forward and pray for great disarray in the Democratic ranks."

"We can provide that," assured supporters of Bernie Sanders. "We're looking forward to the DNC in Philadelphia more than the RNC in Cleveland."

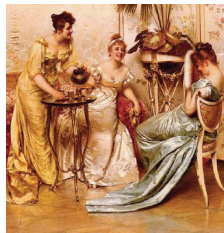
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Million Dollar Homes Invade Bay Area

By Ha Fa Gootaye

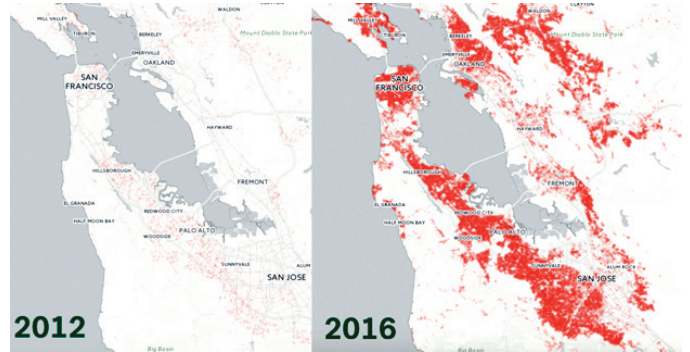
Experts are raising alarm over the spread of million dollar homes which now represent more than half of the homes in San Francisco and grew by 37.8 percent between 2012 and 2016.

"It's kind of like kudzu," stated one expert of the creeping phenomenon of expensive homes next to tent cities and homeless camps. "We used to just have a few rich people here and there to kind of dress up the neighborhood, and now they've taken over."



RICH PEOPLE insist that poor people are welcome at their tea parties especially if they bring cookies.

take advantage of streamlined housing ap-



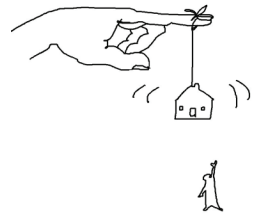
MILLION DOLLAR HOMES are spreading like an invasive species throughout the Bay Area because after all only the rich deserve to have a place to hang their hat and have a cup of tea.

proval measures being proposed by California Governor Jerry Brown.

"It's the natural order," explained Jerry Brown. "Developers fuel politicians, politicians reward developers. Just ask Nancy Skinner."

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



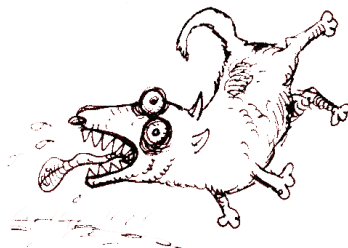
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