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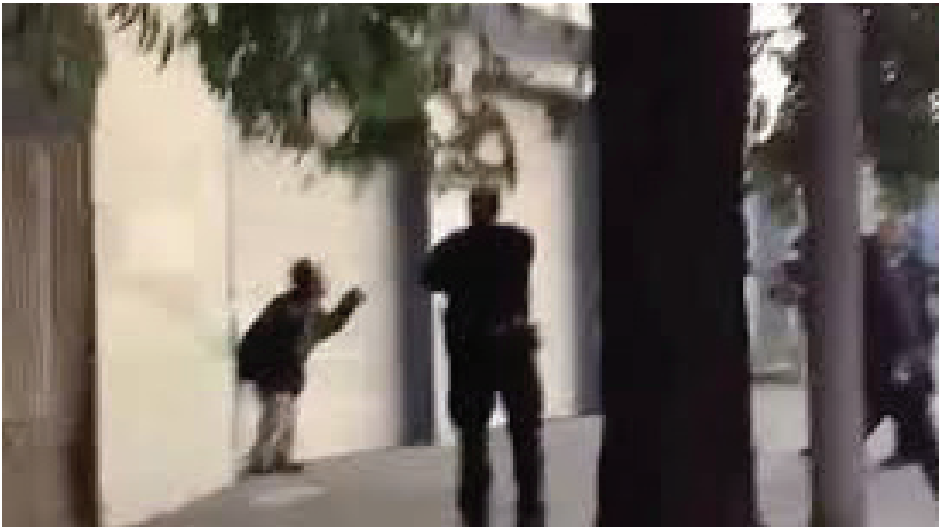
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SF Cops Decide Maybe They Can't Just Shoot People Anymore

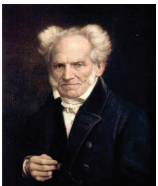
SFPD Searching for New Philosophy



THE SHOOTING OF MARIO WOODS showed that police can kill people who are just walking along the street and for heavens sake sometimes they need to do just that.

By Darryl B. Consikwensis

The San Francisco Police Department decided reluctantly that they were abandoning their policy of simply shooting people to the dismay of the Police Association which accused them of caving in to public pressure.



SCHOPENHAUER'S take on life is a little dark.

"Shooting people has never been an issue before," fumed one spokesperson for the Police Officers' Association in San Francisco. "We believe our leadership has caved in to a bunch of Bey-

once' fans."

Mayor Ed Lee confirmed at a City Hall news conference that the department would be getting new training and new weaponry as well as changing its philosophy.

"We've been kind of Schwarzenegger," stated Lee. "We're now open to an array of philosophical alternatives."

"We're pushing Schopenhauer," stated one local activist hoping for philosophical change at the San Francisco Police Department. "All human action is



KANT had a philosophy which some argue does fit SFPD.

obviously the product of a blind, insatiable, and malignant metaphysical will."

"Schopenhauer might be an improvement," mused one political observer. "The current philosophy is certainly pre-Schopenhauer, more like Immanuel Kant, in my personal view."



EPICURUS has more fans than most philosophers and is just a lot more fun.

philosophy."

"We're pushing Epicurus," affirmed one local group. "People are tired of fearing God and death and stuff."

Experts cautioned that epicureanism can be characterized as "no matter what happens, enjoy life, because you only get one and it doesn't last long" and focusing on tangible things such as a beer with perhaps a bit of citrus and bitterness underscored by just enough bread, malt backbone.

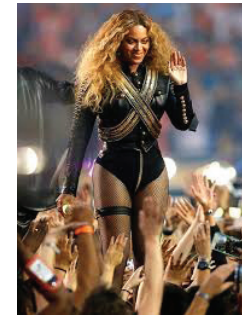
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Beyonce' Wins the Superbowl

Both Teams Surrender After Halftime Show

By Major Daye

Superbowl officials acknowledged that the clear winner of the Superbowl's 50th game was singer, songwriter, record producer, and actress Beyonce' whose appearance inspired both football teams to surrender after the half and the Miami Fraternal Order of Police (MFOP) to call for a national boycott of her "Formation" tour on the grounds that it was disrespectful to police officers.



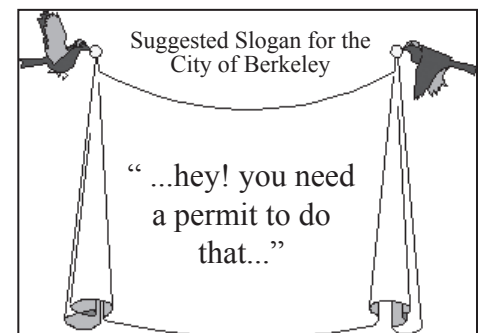
BEYONCE'S halftime show at the Superbowl celebrated the connection between Black Lives Matter and the Black Panthers, managing to offend people who simply came to see grown men give each other concussions.

"We just want to make sure the public understands that police lives matter more than anybody else's," explained one spokesperson for the MFOP in a sentiment echoed by many other police departments nationwide.

"We really regret the loss of life that sometimes accompanies police work," stated one police spokesperson. "But people just shouldn't walk around with toy guns and cell phones in their pockets."

"It just isn't safe," agreed a police commissioner. "The safest thing is to walk around with your pockets turned inside out and your hands up. Oh, and be white."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I would like to attend the new art museum in Berkeley but where are you supposed to park?

Dear reader, I'm told there is still parking somewhere near Fresno.

Dear Lena, why are people still playing football when they know it gives the players brain damage?

Dear reader, I know, it's baffling. If only both teams could lose.

Dear Lena, who won that Superbowl game anyway?

Dear reader, I believe it was Beyonce' and her dance troupe.

Dear Lena, what is the deal with the new University of California "branding" fundraising stuff? I didn't think they had anything else to symbolically name.

Dear reader, they can name every single blackboard after some corporation. Buckle your seatbelt and feel free to bid on naming the pencils. And anyone left who has grey hair and is female better start packing unless they're willing to get a well-placed corporate tattoo.

Dear Lena, do people still wear tie-dye in Berkeley?

Dear reader, the brave among Berkeley's citizens do still wear tie-dye on occasion, but as a consequence they find themselves disproportionately likely to be asked for joints or thrown in jail.

Dear Lena, UC Berkeley took months to tell us that 80,000 students, faculty, and vendors got their financial information hacked. What else aren't they saying?

Dear reader, it's adorable that you think they would tell *me*.

Ask Lena about the exceptional artisanal flavors of the Berkeley Police Department's special batch of CS gas at cdenney@igc.org.



FAKE BART CAMERAS AREN'T REALLY A PROBLEM because everybody has their own video cameras in the own phones anyway to document when somebody shoots up the BART train.

Fake BART Cameras Inspire Fake Guns Campaign

"Many police officers can't handle real weapons in a safe and sensible way," - Police Expert

By Juan Meetball

The surprising revelation that only a quarter of BART train's video cameras are functional caused great controversy while opening an interesting discussion about the potential upside of fake or non-functional equipment



THIS GUN WON'T SHOOT but it plays a few notes which tends to de-escalate tensions.

stepping a lot of storage issues which run the risk of bankrupting small departments," affirmed one security expert. "We feel that fake guns could function in a similar way."



MOST OFFICERS really love this gun whether it shoots or not.

Police spokespersons refused to concede that their officers were incapable of handling firearms, but were interested in the latest array of toy guns and non-functional

in situations where users can't figure out how to use equipment appropriately in the first place.

"We like the banana gun."

"We regret of course not having footage of the recent shooting at the West Berkeley Bart Station," stated a BART spokesperson. "But we're intrigued by the possibility that fake guns and video cameras might deter crime without our officers and staff having to fuss with wires and bullets and Kevlar vests and stuff since it's really heavy and confusing and hot in the summer."



THIS GUN is not only stylish, it doubles as lunch.

Experts acknowledged that police and security firms were lost when it comes to retrieving and storing footage and overwhelmed by the requests from the courts and the public for access to video recordings which they feel are none of their business in the first place.

"Fake cameras have the upside of side-

weapons displayed by fake gun proponents. "We really like the banana gun," confessed one officer.

"And the trumpet gun is very cool." Police experts speculate that the fake cameras have interesting implications for other police equipment, such as pepper spray and CS gas.



THIS GUN DISPLAYS a variety of flags instead of shooting bullets, which offers a little comedy in tense situations.

"What if we just used orange juice?" observed one expert. "It's still kind of scary getting sprayed with orange juice and at least people have an option of complying with a dispersal order instead of having to vomit blindly right there in the street."

Proponents of mass blind street vomiting are expected to show up in large numbers at the next public meeting on the subject of fake guns and cameras to oppose alternatives to traditional CS gas.

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Extreme Yoga Gains Popularity



THIS POSITION LOOKS SIMPLE until you try it with your hair on fire.

By Wade Ingingore



Hot yoga move over. The latest yoga craze combines extreme sports with the popular penchant for stretching and has fans lined up at yoga studios nationwide.

"We could have predicted it if we'd given it some thought," observed one yoga instructor scrambling to accommodate an overflow of interested students. "The yoga crowd collided with the caffeine crowd."

"This group hydrates with Jolt," agreed another instructor. "Or Mountain Dew."

Examples of extreme yoga include:

- *Pounding your head against a wall while experiencing calm.
- *Jumping off a cliff and staying in your happy place all the way down.
- *Setting fire to your hair with a sense of complete serenity.
- *Hammering your toes while experiencing personal bliss.
- *Firing injured employees with complete peace of mind.
- *Losing your keys with the realization that it just doesn't matter.
- *Shooting your neighbors without experiencing any undue stress.
- *Driving into a wall without visibly wincing.
- *Listening to bores while keeping an expression of interest.
- *Tearing out your hair at city meetings without flinching.

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CITY OF BERKELEY EMPLOYEES ARE SEEN HERE JUMPING ship at an alarming rate and nobody really seems to know why.

Berkeley Planning Director Follows Employee Trend; Jumps Ship

By Azadeh S. Dawning



PLANNING DIRECTOR Eric Angstadt at least kept the seat warm.

Berkeley's Planning Director is pulling up stakes at the end of March after briefly filling the Berkeley's Planning Director position which had been vacant for nearly a year. He follows an impressive cascade of exiting city employees including Health, Housing and Community Services division Jane Micallef, IT director Donna Lasala, Berkeley Police Captain Erik Upson, City Manager Christine Daniel, Public Works Director Andrew Clough, Acting Human Resources Director David Abel, and Library Director Jeff Scott.



THE CITY OF BERKELEY isn't really worried about the employee exodus because after all it is only half full.

Personnel experts dismissed the exodus as just a fashionable trend which will probably plague Berkeley forever given its obstreperous citizenry which refuses to roll over and play dead in the face of developer supremacy, an assessment with which critics disagree.

"Berkeley's no fun anymore," whispered one City Hall insider. "They put developers in charge of the planning, the parties, everything. Nobody knows how to crack a joke these days. Berkeley's getting devoured from the inside out. It's going to be one big dorm for tech workers who play video games all day. These employees just know it's time to cash in."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Canada Stops Iraq, Syrian Air Strikes

Trudeau Shocks World by Keeping Campaign Promise

By Nick D. Finish

Canada's new prime minister Justin Trudeau fulfilled his campaign promise to stop bombing the bejesus out of Iraq and Syria on the flimsy grounds that it wasn't a



CANADIANS are famous for being way too nice to kill you.

practical approach to progress in the region to the dismay of arms manufacturers and the United States.

Trudeau reassured coalition members that Canada would increase its military personnel in the region to provide planning and intelligence expertise, but that air strike operations, in his opinion, had not resulted in long-term stability.

"It looks impressive on tv when they blow things up," one Canadian spokesperson stated. "But we realized it's kind of hard on the furniture."

U.S. officials refused to acknowledge that declining to invite Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan to the recent coalition meetings in Paris had had anything to do with the Canadian about face, and pointed out that keeping campaign promises was a risky



THE BAY AREA'S RICH PEOPLE ARE GETTING RICHER and can't help but be annoyed with people who can't figure out how to stop living in tents and make ends meet.

Bay Area's Wealthy See 220% Increase in Income; Largest Disparity in State

By Cheyenne Retiring

A nonpartisan think tank's study shows that the top one percent's income increased 44 times more than everyone else's and represents the biggest disparity in the state.

"It's really impressive," stated a spokesperson for the California Budget and Policy Center. "We sure know where to go next time to sell Girl Scout cookies."

Rich people insisted that their good luck had nothing to do with having any unfair

move which could create political instability worldwide if it caught on.

"We're going to miss them," stated one State Department spokesperson. "Especially their fighter jets."

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advantages and encouraged poor people to take personal responsibility for having a low-paying job.

"They should smile more," admonished one one percenter. "People like cheerful, happy panhandlers."

"And try to find a moment in the day for quiet meditation," suggested another. "I find it very soothing."

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Next Issue: Eating bottlecaps with celebrities!



RICH PEOPLE'S PETS are often insensitive to pets forced to live without special privileges.

THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



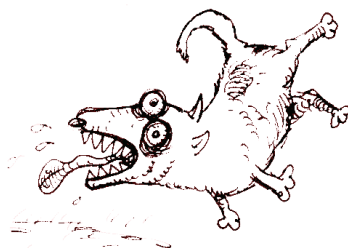
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