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Rules of Arreguin's Secret UC Agreement Clarified

By Noah & Candy Nye

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"It's a great relief," smiled one Berkeley City Hall staffer holding a lengthy sheaf of rules which apparently apply to the original secret agreement announced by Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin and UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ within minutes of their closed session only months ago. "We finally have something to point to besides photographs of the locked door."

Critics of the agreement were not amused, noting that immediate analysis of the agreement showed that the Berkeley City Coun-



LOCAL BERKELEY RESIDENTS searched for clues about the agreement between UC Berkeley and the City of Berkeley which apparently makes the City Council look like a bunch of rubes who just fell off the turnip wagon.

cil's sellout rivaled the UC stadium agreement in locking taxpayers into decades of expenses other UC host cities require the university to cover.

"We can't help it if the Berkeley City Council can't do the math," shrugged one university spokesperson. "Neither could we on the stadium deal because of all the secrecy. It's really dark in here."

Locals and redwoods lovers all across the nation worried that it might get even darker. California Governor Gavin Newsome's announcements about climate change and redwood protections didn't stop him from providing UC with an amicus brief for UC's appeal of Judge Seligman's cap on enrollment, considered over-enrollment by the petty people who pay attention to the numbers in the previous Long Range Development Plan's agreement with the City.

"Ours is a different kind of math," explained Chancellor Carol Christ brushing aside criticism almost inaudible over the applause from political insiders who stand to profit over UC's expansion.

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SIERRA CLUB MEMBERS WORRY that burning their membership cards will contribute to climate change while UC converts parks and landmarks to high-end, student-only housing.

Sierra Club Members Discuss Environmentally Appropriate Way to Burn Membership Cards

By Sadie Woold

Sierra Club members gathered near the East Bay's Sierra Club headquarters engaging in earnest discussion about the best way to burn their membership cards.

"The unwillingness to oppose rapacious development fits too neatly into developers' agendas," stated one Sierra Club member quietly. "But burning our membership cards would contribute to climate change."

"We're trying to figure out the best approach," agreed another Sierra Club member holding a hold puncher unsteadily over his membership card. "I'd like to JUDGE MENT avoid contributing to climate change and I recycle for analysis at the my shoe inserts, but UC Sierra Club shouldn't be destroying parks to build housing with over 50 acres of alternative locations even closer to campus than People's Park. I'm thinking of the hole-punching this thing to death."

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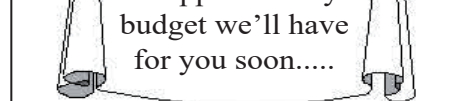
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BRIEF IDEA OF THE GAME

THE IDEA OF THE GAME is to BUY and RENT or SELL properties so profitably that one becomes the wealthiest player and eventual WINNER. Starting from "GO" move Tokens around the Board according to throw of Dice. When a Player's Token lands on a space NOT already owned, he may Buy it from the BANK; otherwise it is auctioned to the highest bidder. The OBJECT of owning property is to collect Rents from Opponents stopping there. Rents are greatly increased by the erection of Houses and Hotels, so it is wise for a player to build there on some of his lots. To raise more money, Lots may be mortgaged to the Bank. Community Chest and Chance spaces give the draw of a Card, instructions on which must be followed. Sometimes players land in Jail! The game is one of shrewd and amusing trading and excitement.

Rules for NEW Short games are shown on separate sheet.

RULES

EQUIPMENT consists of the BOARD with spaces indicating Avenues, Railroads, Utilities, Rewards and Penalties over which the players' pieces are moved. There are TWO DICE, TOKENS of various designs for playing pieces, thirty-two HOUSES and Twelve HOTELS and Two sets of cards for CHANCE and COMMUNITY CHEST spaces. There is a Title Deed card for every property, and Scrip representing MONEY.

PREPARATION — Place the Board on a table putting the Chance cards and Community Chest cards face-down on their allotted spaces on the board. Each player is provided with One TOKEN to represent him on his travels around the board. Each player is given \$1500. All other equipment goes to the BANK. One of the players is elected BANKER. (See BANK and BANKER.)

MONEY — Each player is given \$1500 divided as follows: Two \$500 — Two \$100 — Two \$50 — Six \$20 — Five \$10 — Five \$5 — Five \$1.00. All remaining money goes to the Bank.

TO START THE GAME — Starting with the Banker, each player in turn throws the dice. The player with the highest total starts the play. He places his token on the corner marked "GO," throws the two dice and moves his TOKEN in the direction of the ARROW the number of spaces indicated by the Dice. After he has completed his play, the Turn to play passes to the left. The TOKENS remain on the spaces occupied and proceed from that point on the player's next turn. Two or more Tokens may rest on the same space at the same time.

ACCORDING TO THE SPACE which his Token reaches, a Player may be entitled to buy Real Estate or other properties, — or be obliged to pay Rent (if another owns the property), pay Taxes, draw a Chance or a Community Chest card, "Go to Jail," etc.

If a player Throws Doubles he moves his Token as usual the sum of the two dice and the space thus reached is effective (i.e. the player is subject to any privileges or penalties pertaining to that space.) Retaining the dice he throws again and moves his Token as before and, again, the space thus reached is effective. If, however, he throws three doubles in succession, he moves his Token immediately to the space marked "IN Jail" (See Jail).

SALARY (THE "GO" SPACE) — In the course of the game, Players

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, so why am I burning my Sierra Club membership card this time? What happened or didn't happen at the Executive Committee meeting?

Dear reader, the usual. The simple concept of protected a local park was sandbagged by developer-funded "yes in my backyard" thinking which imagines that redwoods can just be moved around to suit developers like pieces on a board game. UC's dedicated decades of trashing People's Park has found a home.

Dear Lena, so should I just burn it or get together with friends like the old draft card days?

Dear reader, bring friends, that's always a good idea. But here at the Pepper Spray Times we recommend composting as the earth-friendly alternative.

Dear Lena, shouldn't we feel sorry for the UC students who are excluded now that the court upheld UC's extraordinary over-enrollment violations?

Dear reader, yes. We should feel sorry for anyone who doesn't see the big picture of UC's transformation from a school to a real estate project padding the pockets of local politicians or the targeted communities of color whose poor collect under the overpass. But we concede that it is a myopia which will serve them well.

Dear Lena, what happened in California that CEQA became a dirty word? Isn't it supposed to be a good thing? Isn't it about trees and stuff?

Dear reader, trees, yes. But in UC's case it is also the pitiable public health student whose library is now somewhere in San Bernardino because it was more profitable to install a bagel shop on public land, and whose nearby jazz club is now condos for wealthy foreign investors.

Ask Lena about trying to read 18 different city plans on your cell phone late at night while the people of Ukraine are bombed at cdenney@igc.org.

UC's Capital Strategies Decides to Destroy Rather Than Retrofit

By Seth Who

UC officials acknowledged that retrofitting older buildings is better for the environment but revealed plans to raze Evans Hall, famously the favorite jumping-off point for seriously depressed students with no access to fraternity house roofs.

"We plan on having open space there," stated one Capital Strategies insider. "We want to really grind it into this town that open space and park space is the privilege of our students and faculty, and that building to the hilt is the plan everywhere else."

Capital Strategies officials conceded that retrofitting older buildings is the most environmentally appropriate approach, but stated plainly that butt-ugly buildings were better off bulldozed into nothing and besides they enjoy the sound of heavy machinery smashing glass.

"Smashing up the architectural treasures at the Ratcliff landmark was a blast," whispered one insider. "There's a special thrill to destroying something that makes a preservationist cry."

Critics pointed out that Evans' twelve stories could be repurposed for the twelve-story monolith being planned for People's Park, but were waived off with copious blueprints indicating the spot it currently sits on will reportedly be incorporated into the larger open space around Memorial Glade, especially because it has windows.



WHAT IS NOT TO LOVE about the student accommodations at UC Santa Barbara's proposed Munger Hall, designed by Mr. Munger, a non-architect who just kind of hates windows and partially funded the project to the tune of 200 million dollars and is the Vice Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway. Never wonder who is really controlling your city as long as you have suck-ups like Jesse Arreguin, excuse us, forward-looking politicians willing to facilitate the forward-looking perspectives of billionaires.

"Our new designs for housing minimize windows," explained one UC designer. "Check out what we're doing down in Santa Barbara with the Munger design."



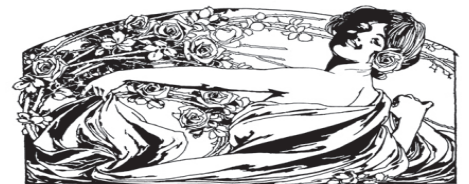
EVANS HALL WILL BE DEMOLISHED and replaced with open space so destroying People's Park doesn't look so bad and at least the students can have nifty views while the rest of us have to stare into their windows.

Munger Hall is a planned 11-story dormitory that is poised to host 4,500 students and open by Fall Quarter 2025 at UC Santa Barbara. The housing plan gained notoriety following the resignation of Munger Hall's architectural consultant Dennis McFadden for its lack of windows, ventilation and lack of access to the outside world.

"Students are easier to control if they're isolated in carefully controlled environments," explained one Capital Strategies consultant. "It embodies the opposite of People's Park."

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Lynn Riordan's Charming Observations of the Day



SAN FRANCISCO is a lovely city, small and dense, it's like a granola bar. Heck, it might even be good for you!

It has been said that politics here is like a knife fight in a phone booth.

Berkeley City Manager Punches New Police Accountability Board in the Nose

By Sheldon Peeled

"It's my favorite alchemy," explained Berkeley City Manager Dee Williams-Ridley regarding the transformation of unanimously sustained police complaints into "unfounded" complaints with the stroke of

her pen.

"Alchemy is the process of taking something ordinary and turning it into something extraordinary, sometimes in a way that cannot be explained," she added. "I'm

so thankful that under this new system I don't have to explain anything."

"She didn't have explain before, either," noted one board member. "It's 'meet the new boss', I guess."

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White Supremacist Asked to Explain Connection to Yoga

By Sally Vait

"We're pretty patient people," stated one yoga practitioner baffled by the willingness of one of Berkeley's now-fired Hella Yoga instructors to allow her anti-semitic boyfriend, Jon Minadeo Jr., to use Hella Yoga's copy machines to create white supremacist literature then distributed in the Berkeley hills. "We tend to want to speak with people like this so that we understand them better and improve our communication skills. But come on."

Similar literature was distributed in Colorado, Wisconsin, Texas, Virginia, Maryland and Florida in neighborhoods considered wealthy and/or close to universities.

"It's hard to find a yoga connection," puzzled another Hella Yoga attendee. "But I'm going to give it some deep thought during my next downward dog."

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February 2022

MEET THE NEW BOSS

RE: Final Decision in Complaint #
Investigative Findings and Disciplinary Recommendations

Dear [REDACTED]

As we previously informed you, the Findings and Recommendations of the Police Accountability Board (PAB) and the Director of Police Accountability Board (DPA) were forwarded to the Chief of Police for her consideration. The Chief subsequently issued a tentative decision, which we were not in full agreement with, so we exercised our option to ask the City Manager to render a final determination. On February 7, 2022, the City Manager issued the final decision in this matter as noted in the chart below:

ALLEGATIONS	SUBJECT OFFICER	PAB - DPA FINDINGS	CITY MANAGER'S FINAL DECISION
Inadequate Investigation	Officer 1	Sustained	Unfounded
	Officer 2	Sustained	Unfounded
Improper Police Procedures - Failure to Arrest	Officer 1	Sustained	Unfounded
	Officer 2	Sustained	Unfounded

Due to confidentiality requirements, we are unable to provide you with any information regarding Disciplinary Recommendations.

This case is now closed. Should you have any questions, please contact us at (510) 981-4950. And thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

Katherine Lee,
Interim Director of Police Accountability

cc: [REDACTED] (via email)

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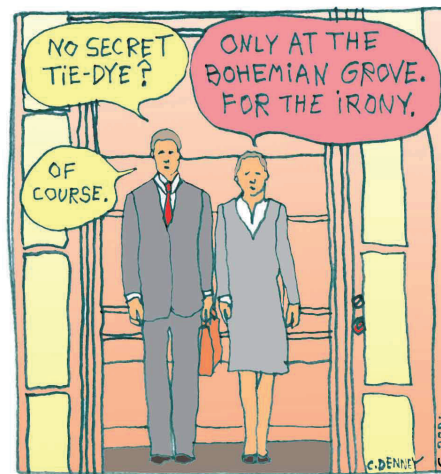
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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Baseball Owners Agree: They're Just Not Rich Enough

By Willoughby Stingmee

"Make no mistake," observed one club owner regarding the recent dispute over the major league baseball lockout stalling spring training, opening day, and the much-beloved baseball season.

"We're very rich," continued the club owner. "We're so rich that you would have trouble imagining it. But dang it, we're just not rich enough."

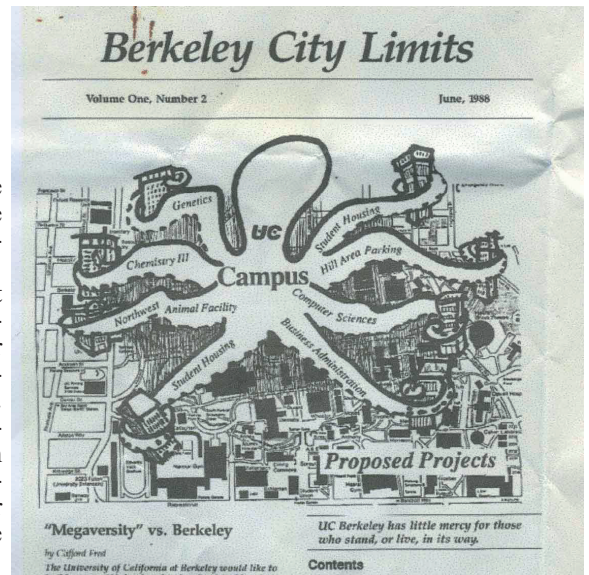
Commissioner Rob Manfred discusses the sorry state of club owners who sometimes have to tie their own shoes.

Reporters such as Ken Rosenthal, who was let go for not sucking up sufficiently to the Commissioner, tended to disagree noting that baseball associations' struggles tended not to be for the few well-paid star players, but for vast army of un-

derpaid farm players that keep the game strong, most of whom have short careers far from the spotlight.

"The owners instituted a lockout and then took six weeks to present an offer, and won't open their books" stated one player waiting patiently for spring training. "They take public money for stadiums, oppose unions for stadium employees, side with wealthy interests in community issues rather than those of their fans, and lie about their wealth."

"We'd like to play on teams where the wealth is better spread among the players," stated another player playing catch with kids outside the locked gates. "It's not that hard to see that they're push a players' salary cap with no floor for the farm players. But we've all been there, or most of us have. Nobody with any labor consciousness



ARTIST-ACTIVIST MARTHA NICOLOFF would probably not be shocked that issues she illustrated some forty years ago are still front and center today.

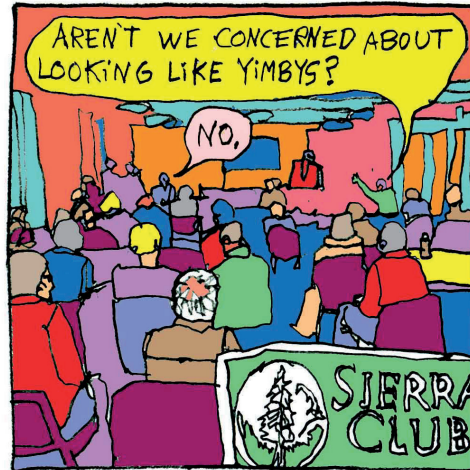
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Next Issue: Applying for rental assistance with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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