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# Pepper Spray Times



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"...fast asleep behind the arras, and snorting like a horse..."\*

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## Senseless, Bloody War on Christmas Finally Ends in Humiliating Defeat

## City Hall Lawn Jailed for Suspicious Behavior

### *Lawn Refuses to Talk*

*By Lou Neetoon*

### *Victorious Holiday Gloats: "We Will We Will Shop You"*

*By Barry Dinanantill*

Bedraggled refugees of the war on Christmas streamed in long lines out of malls and shopping districts ending years of bloody battle zones for mystified consumers.

"We can't go on," moaned one bandaged and weary battle survivor. "The force is clearly with Santa."

Experts on consumer behavior likened shoppers' irrepensible urge to shop as not unlike that of zombies in popular culture.

"They can tolerate anything," stated one expert on consumer behavior. "Any amount of pain, any length of line at the checkout stand, incessant Christmas music -- nothing seems to stop them."

"The religious imposition was bad, but



A CAPTURED CHRISTMAS TREE plays dead while enemy soldiers try to kidnap the conifer across enemy lines.

over the years when we connected it to fossil fuels and global warming we honestly thought people would care," stated one shaken war refugee.

"I think they do care," offered another refugee shepherding his family away from the frontlines. "But Christmas has the really big guns."

"And they're on sale," nodded a third refugee. "If you're ever in a position to pick your opponent, don't pick Santa."

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THE CITY OF BERKELEY is trying its best to protect vulnerable citizens from a lawn known to publicly attack small children.



THE WAR ON CHRISTMAS was especially brutal at malls across the nation where colorful attire made Santas an easy target.



CAPTAIN GREENWOOD AND CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE JIM HYNES are credited with capturing the vicious, dangerous lawn bare-handed.

The Downtown Berkeley Association (DBA) admitted responsibility for having the front lawn of old City Hall indefinitely detained by local police.

The Berkeley Police Department confirmed that the lawn was in custody, but could not comment on the charges or whether or not any bail had been set.

"We're having some difficulty figuring out the charges," stated a police spokesperson. "This lawn had achieved some notoriety, but the Alameda County District Attorney is apparently uncomfortable charging a lawn with failure to disperse."

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## SF Chronicle Discovers Defecators At Highest Levels of Government

*By Buddy Lee Functions*

Hard-working columnists at the San Francisco Chronicle received journalism's highest honors recently when they uncovered indisputable evidence that defecation and urination they systematically documented

taking place in portapotties near homeless camps around the city was also rampant in the highest levels of local government.

"I discovered it almost accidentally," stated Phil Matier of the popular Matier and Ross Chronicle column. "I was in a long City Hall meeting and ended up needing the bathroom and discovered members of the Board of Supervisors, even the Mayor, were using the bathroom as well."

"It was revolting," stated C.W. Nevius wrinkling his nose. "You'd think they would have better manners."

"I wouldn't know who to support politically at this point," agreed columnist Debra Saunders. "People just aren't thinking about how inconsiderate this behavior is."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I think I am hearing voices. I hear one voice that tells me I'm a jerk and another one that says I'm God. Which one should I listen to?**

Dear reader, turn off the radio.

**Dear Lena, there was a really raggedy guy near the market who asked me for money. Should I call the police?**

Dear reader, yes. And keep careful notes; despite there being a long line of really raggedy people by the market the police want to get *that* guy.

**Dear Lena, I'm so glad they found the money to open some more shelter beds for Christmas. Is this a signal that Berkeley will finally create adequate shelter space and services for its relatively stable homeless population?**

Dear reader, yes, as long as it stays Christmas. Don't take down your decorations and stock up on large, garish decorations in the holiday sales whether you are Christian or not. It's apparently the only way to make Berkeley somewhat self-conscious about the money they spend on putting up and taking down marketing banners, Berkeley's version of a jobs program.

**Dear Lena, what was the best thing that happened this year?**

Dear reader, it's a tough call, but I believe there is no question that Liberty City's governmental guidelines represent such a vast improvement over Occupy's, which had to be reaffirmed at every general assembly, that they qualify as a Christmas miracle. Oh, and the altered carol singing at the Mayor's soiree.

Ask Lena about self-driving lawnmowers at [cdenny@jgc.org](mailto:cdenny@jgc.org).



# The Great Holiday Toilet Flush

## - Rains Finally Allow Californians a Christmas Flush

By Irwin Dozarbrokin



THIS FESTIVE TOILET is an example of the effect the Great Holiday Flush has had on popular culture.

Christmas this year included a long-awaited toilet flush permitted by the governor.

"These rains have contributed to the snow-pack in our mountains," affirmed Governor Jerry Brown's office. "We decided one holiday flush was permissible."

The Great Holiday Flush came as a relief to those who have been carrying buckets around their houses using bath or shower water for flushing purposes.

"It's a pain," acknowledged one Californian who has spent the last four years of drought laboring in a bathroom bucket brigade. "But you should see my biceps."

"It's like magic," exclaimed one excited three-year old watching the family toilet flush for the first time. "It swirls around and then it just disappears!"

"We've never flushed it in her lifetime," nodded the three-year-old's mother, whose

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MANY CALIFORNIANS HADN'T flushed their toilets in so long they had forgotten how.

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"Christmas toilet flushing songs are really hot right now," acknowledged one Nashville songwriter working on a special

IT HAS BEEN years since toilets have been accorded such respect, for which they are grateful.

California contract. "I wish we had seen this coming." "It's true," affirmed one trendwatcher.

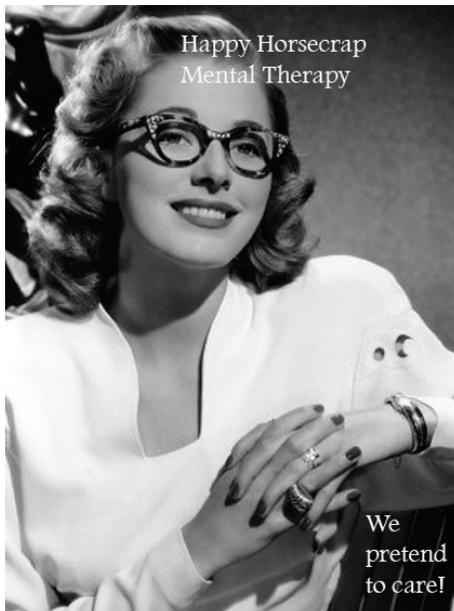
"Whether or not the drought continues this will be a treasured moment celebrated in song."

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## Ten Things California Should Do About Sinking

1. Hook itself to the moon to hold it up.
2. Put inflatable pool toys underneath it to hold it up.
3. Put lots mulched library books on the ground to even it up.
4. Bulldoze the whole thing and start over.
5. Get stoned and forget about it.
6. Meditate and transcend it.
7. Put a big pipeline in to the Great Lakes and fill it back up.
8. Put in lots of roller coasters and make money.
9. Call the whole state an ATV park and make money.
10. Pretend it isn't happening and make a call for pizza.

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THIS WOMAN ASTONISHED her whole neighborhood by using only 15 gallons of water a day and has a whole new if not fresh outlook on conservation and social mores.

## WOMAN PROUD OF USING ONLY 15 GALLONS A DAY

By Dulce Athing

EBMUD spokesperson Tracie Morales-Noisy confirmed that Maude Lynn Tailawoe of Albany was among the top water savers of the drought-stricken Bay Area using only 15 gallons of water a day.

"She's taking some extreme measures," affirmed Morales-Noisy. "We are very impressed. But we at the department do have some trouble breathing if we're in the same room with her."

"We stopped inviting her to neighborhood get-togethers," confessed one of her neighbors in a whisper. "She really reeked."

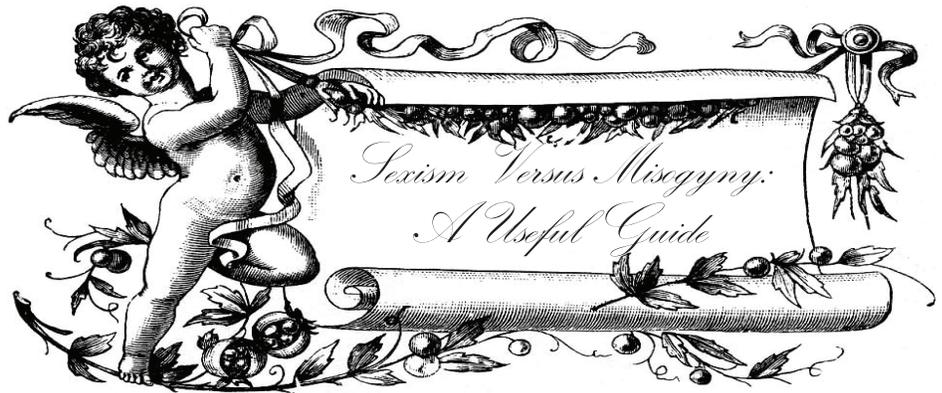


MANY WOMEN flout the water restrictions by continuing to wash their hair, exacerbating the drought emergency.

"We were afraid to eat anything she brought to the potlucks," added another neighbor. "We all believe in conservation, but we're not entirely comfortable with her personal hygiene."

"My standards have changed," acknowledged Tailawoe. "I used to be so wasteful. I used to wash my hair."

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By Carlotta Attendant, Candace B. Love, and Carmen Closer

When people only listen to suggestions when a man makes them that is *sexism*. When people only listen to suggestions when a man makes them and personally disparage the woman who made them original, that's *misogyny*.



When people have a different set of rules for men and women allowing men to speak without interruption while women are interrupted constantly or not allowed to participate, that is *sexism*. When people personally disparage the women who make note of this, that's *misogyny*.



When men only allow the participation of women who agree to sit silently in admiration while men pound on the table and give repetitive, self-serving diatribes, that's *sexism*. When they publicly disparage and question the sexual identity of those women when they leave the room, that's *misogyny*.

When men in a workplace are allowed to wear comfortable, functional clothing but women are required to wear revealing, uncomfortable clothing that is *sexism*. When the women who raise an issue about it are publicly disparaged as frigid bitches who aren't getting enough, that is *misogyny*.



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CARLOTTA ATTENDANT, CANDACE B. LOVE, AND CARMEN CLOSER ARE EXPERTS in the finer points distinguishing ordinary sexism from misogyny and offer this handy guide to avoid confusion.

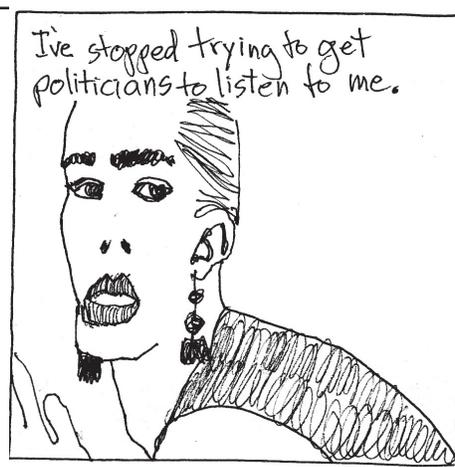
When the men in a group assume that all the women in the group are dying to sleep with them, that's *sexism*. When they disparage, fire, or sexually assault the women for refusing to date them, that is *misogyny*.



When men's feelings or passion about an issue is treated with dignity while women's feelings or passion about an issue is treated as a weakness which disqualifies them from discussion, that is *sexism*. When the people who subsequently exclude the women trade exotic sexual insults about them later, that is *misogyny*.

### We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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# Berkeley Finds Magical Homeless Shelter Funds



By Ray Vaughn

The City of Berkeley, which has steadily added to its pile of anti-homeless laws, stalled on declaring an official homeless emergency, and refused to consider recommendations from its Homeless Task Force wisked around behind the scenes to create some shelter bed spaces on Christmas.

"We were looking bad," confessed one insider at the City Manager's office. "The public did the math on the inadequate number of shelter beds and it really made us look terrible chasing people off the City Hall lawn."

Critics were astonished that the City, which had insisted it was doing all it could, managed to find the funding and the space for additional beds.

"We think they finally read the Department of Justice's August 6th, 2015 Statement of Interest," one critic suggested.

"Not at all," insisted Councilmember Linda Maio. "We're just worried about voters who can actually do math."

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**Next Issue: Fishing for old shoes with celebrities!**

# New Bay Bridge Safety Issues Inspire Creative Alternative Travel

By Boyce Goutnife

Potentially serious new Bay Bridge safety issues have spawned a raft of alternative commute options promoting creative new ways to avoid the new Bay Bridge altogether.

"We love the new Bay Bridge," reassured one Albany citizen who works in San Francisco. "We just want to make sure we have a safe commute, and that new Bay Bridge may not be the best way to go."

"The elevator story really



COMMUTERS concerned about safety issues have been a boon to kayak rentals.



INNOVATORS AT THIS STARTUP have discovered a fuel-free alternative to the problem-plagued new Bay Bridge.

got to me," admitted one commuter sheepishly. "It's hard to trust engineers who would cave in to such a wildly stupid design."

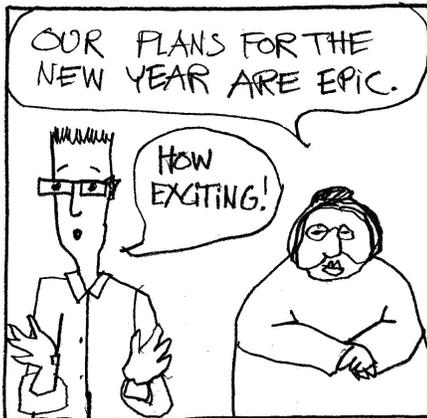
"For me it's the rust," whispered a mechanical engineer organizing the gear on his small sailboat. "I know there's all kinds of criticism about the design, but that part is over. Rust never sleeps."

"I'll try the bridge again someday," reassured one former bridge commuter. "As soon as they finish the bike lane all the way across, I'll pick up a skateboard. And a parachute."

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## THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod

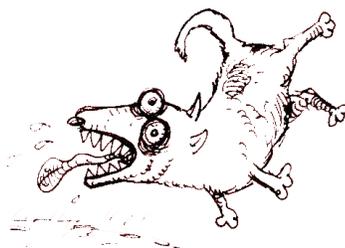


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