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"Handguns at Home" Density Mitigation Gets National Support



THIS GUY HAS HANDGUNS TOO BUT so many that they didn't even fit in the picture.

By Rhoda Rockinghorse

"There's no stopping them," observed Rhonda Corner, the spokesperson for "Handguns at Home" (HAH) of the burgeoning national YIMBY movement to turn even small California towns into havens for high-rise luxury apartments primarily populated by YIMBYs without children, partners, pets, interests, hobbies, or hope to live more than a handful of lonely, desperate years anyway.

"The pro-density promoters have no idea how pleasant life was when even low-income dwellings were built with the understanding that one might need to roll out a pie, or have a place to lay out the jigsaw puzzle," stated Corner. "In Berkeley YIMBYs live with six roommates in a one bedroom apartment and they pretend they're doing the planet a favor."

"We think handguns at home play an important role with this particular group," explained Roland D. Sameboat, one of HAH's members. "A Stanford University study shows strong evidence that having

a handgun in the home doubles the risk of homicide."

"We'd feel differently if they'd listen to reason, or if they'd even take the seasonal tours of older homes here in Berkeley the contours of which respect human needs; sound insulation, open space, gardens, kitchens with room to cook, etc. But they apparently think everybody should live the way they do."

"I believe it's the humane solution," stated Corner as she folded away materials from her last defeat at the Planning Commission. "Most locals, even those who vote at the city council and school board level, don't have the kind of time or the skills to pull national pressure into these small town meetings. We accept that we'll be outnumbered, possibly forever. Guns at home appear to be the only answer. But we believe these poor YIMBYs will be better off."

Critics argued that Big Tech is the real mothership of the push for gentrification housing policies and that the YIMBY crew will eventually find girlfriends, boyfriends, or learn to read books, but were dismissed by HAH's spokesperson.

"The YIMBY groups are being used, even funded by Big Tech, sure," she said. "But we still think suicide and homicide are the real solution, or they'll dominate your planning commission meetings for sport."

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RICH BALLPARK OWNER WHINES; MEDIA SALUTES



OAKLAND A'S BILLIONAIRE OWNER JOHN FISHER wears a camouflage cap but doesn't know you can still see him.

By Ry Sandbeans

Billionaire Oakland A's owner John Fisher usually avoids the spotlight, but let out a string of unprintable profanities when he was sued for the second time in a week over his plans for a new ballpark at Howard Terminal.

"*^%\$#", stated Fisher. "#\$%&* the %\$#@& \$%#@& of all @\$%&*s."

Union Pacific Railroad's spokesperson just shrugged and had no comment after filing a suit challenging the project's environmental analysis since it expects drunken baseball fans to cross multiple railroad tracks at two busy rail yards and a rail station.



THIS MAY BE Oakland's new congestion mitigation.

"We expected opposition," stated Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf's spokesperson Justin Berton.

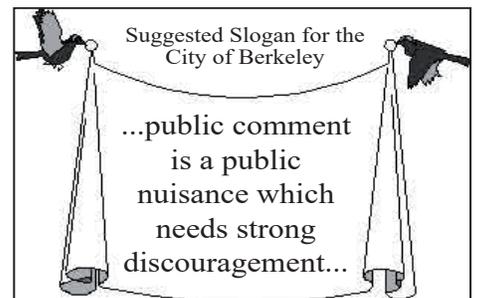
"We just didn't expect all this profanity."

Local Oakland residents shrugged. "Oakland is getting too crowded," commented local Rufus Leaking. "Having thousands of people running through the rail lines might really reduce the congestion around here."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I thought monetizing everything that moves was just the University of California's new motto, but it seems like the City of Berkeley thinks nothing of fencing off public parks and renting them out to for-profit concessions for a cut. Isn't that unfair? Aren't these public assets for the public's free use?

Dear reader, what a whiner. And how un-American not to want to make money. Why shouldn't a tree have to earn its keep? Get with the hip new way of looking at the concept of green as not just green but green.

Dear Lena, are we in for having to wear masks forever? Should I invest in face masks? And is this knitted mask from my Aunt Lobelia okay?

Dear reader, yes, unless you want to avoid spreading or acquiring disease. But it's quite acceptable to layer one's masks. I use five layers for public transit and scope my route with an MQ-1 Predator.

Dear Lena, I heard that cities who resisted reducing their police budgets after George Floyd's murder had much more increase in crime than those who "reimagined" their police budgets into non-police responses to mental crises, etc. Is this true?

Dear reader, what in the world are you using as a news source. Remember that fake news is everywhere, police budgets should be much, much bigger, and the only bumper sticker your vehicle should ever display should say, "Support your local police."

Dear Lena, so an Amazon warehouse in New Jersey voted to unionize. Is this good? I don't want to slow down my packages.

Dear reader, no worries. Only DeJoy can successfully slow down packages. He's managed to slow all of my bills down past their due dates. It's like magic.

Ask Lena about armed drones for household use at cdenney@igc.org.



FRESH AND CREATIVE NEW MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ENJOY treating congressional hearings and meetings like a football game complete with cheering from the stands and see nothing wrong with engaging from their seats with anyone who speaks which, after all, is kind of the way it's done in England so what is the big and where is the popcorn.

Face Covering Drama in the US Congress Finally Explained

Garbled Heckling, Obviously Not Mask-related, Finally Unraveled by Congressional Etiquette Experts

By Don Tread

In the US Congress, as in life, if it is not one thing, then it is another. Based upon the Covid situation, the face mask requirement in the US Congress was dropped just before Biden's State of the Union (SOTU) address on March 1st, 2022. However, during the speech, certain Republican Representatives heckled the President and behaved in a most outrageous and disrespectful manner.

It was of course Republicans Lauren Boebert, Colorado, and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia. Their boss, Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, positioning to



THIS MASK is one of many which sacrifices a certain amount of safety in favor of style, in this case referencing Silence of the Lambs or hockey or perhaps both.



A SHARK MOUTH MASK might be technically proficient and fun except now and then kids will run away screaming and drunks might beat you to death with a bottle.

pack. His solution for this outrageous behavior

was a very soft comment and to do nothing.

Even though it is not her party, it is rumored that Speaker Nancy Pelosi is going to step in to restore some appropriate decorum to the House by administering proper discipline for this bad behavior. It seems that Boebert and Greene will henceforth be required to wear muzzels at all times in the House chambers.



It is reported that THE HAND-KNITTED MASK YOUR AUNT ARIZONA REPRESENTATIVE Paul Gosar will never have the necessary tight seal to be very useful but she'll never forget if you don't use it and she'll never forgive you and might even poison your soup because she is really getting out there. will also be added to the "muzzle list" for his participation in a white supremacist conference some weeks ago. Marjorie Taylor Greene also participated in the white supremacist conference, so she may be required to wear double muzzels.

If you see this type of face covering on members of Congress, it is likely one of these three Republicans. (If you see Minority Leader McCarthy walking a little funny, it is probably because he had his testicles removed.)

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Additional Sanction Ideas to Discourage War Criminals



PUBLIC HUMILIATION IS A POWERFUL TOOL humans can use against war criminals with a long history in the rocky path toward a more civilized and non-violent society.

By Salome D. Money

*** Make them wear pajamas all the time.** This will help their neighbors identify their cruel and criminal tendencies as well as thoroughly undermine their morale.

*** Make and distribute really good jokes at their expense.** War criminals tend to have identity issues, and this will really annoy the socks off them.

*** Beat them at their own fake news game.** Fake news is easy; it may not be honorable, but tucking some fake news about your local war criminal in the neighborhood newsletter does more to destabilize their support than you might think.

*** Show up at their rallies with over-the-top, inappropriate signs.** The Pepper Spray Times' newsroom's favorite example of this is the people who attend the Right to Life march in San Francisco every January with signs that say, "My husband does my thinking for me" and "I think men should control my body" or "I want the state to

make my medical decisions." It completely baffles the others in the march; they don't know what to say and all you and your friends have to do is smile.

*** Make them wait forever for a table at a restaurant.** This may seem small, but imagine sitting in the waiting area for hours while everybody else gets seated. You really begin to forget how important it seemed earlier to shoot grandmothers and puppies.

*** Put up counterproductive, seemingly supportive fliers and bumperstickers.** For a war criminal, the content might be, "The best thing that ever happened to the bullet-proof vest industry" or "making Hitler look not so bad."

*** Publish embarrassing interviews with their children.** It's hard for the children of war criminals to live up to their families' standards and customs, so they tend to leap at interview opportunities, especially with a few snacks thrown in.

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California Governor Baffled by Bottles

Newsom Can't Grasp Retail Requirement to Honor Legal Obligations

By Stu Piffie

"The bottles all move pretty well in one direction," states California's Governor Newsom. "But when people go to redeem them everything shuts down and we just can't figure out why."

California residents offered to help, noting that the mechanism under current law



RETAILERS AND DISTRIBUTORS HAVE NO PROBLEM moving bottles in one direction but can't seem to put it in reverse.

is exactly what milk delivery systems used to do; pick up the used bottles when they delivered the new ones.

"Those are good jobs," commented one recycler. "Retailers are located in the precise spots needed for collection. They shouldn't be rewarded for refusing to pay

deposits on empty bottles."

"The governor seems confused," suggested another recycler. "Perhaps he is too young to remember home milk delivery."

Newsom insists that the retail refusal is a mystery.

"We think it's like the Bermuda Triangle," he stated. "We think there's a lot of bottles in there."

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HOME MILK DELIVERY used to be routine as old people will constantly remind you.

We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Nancy Skinner's Sleight-of-Hand Baffled Legislators

"I'm also proud to report that Gov. Newsom recently signed SB 118, my Budget Committee bill that safeguards student enrollment at UC Berkeley and ensures that CA's environmental law doesn't treat student enrollment differently than any other campus activity." - **Senator Nancy Skinner**

By Sasha Deal

The University of California's enrollment expansion, even beyond its agreed-upon limits with its host cities, got a thumbs up which steamrolled over host city and neighborhood victories in expensive, hard-won court battles with the help of California Senator Nancy Skinner, who apparently hasn't met the students living down at the underpass at the foot of University Avenue.

"They fenced it off," stated Saul Goodman, a freshman living nearby in his car. "Berkeley has fenced off almost all the tent space in town since SB 118 doesn't address the core issue. It just removes language in the current CEQA statute that allows for the interpretation of student enrollment as having an environmental impact."

"Yeah, thanks, Nancy," stated a neighbor nearby. "And next time could you at least set up a port-pottie?"

Others agreed that Skinner's stunt short-circuited years of expensive grass-roots challenges to UC's bullying which have been upheld in court.

"UC gets what it wants," observed another neighbor. "And we get all the CS gas."

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UC's hell-bent on reclaiming People's Park. It says it needs the land for student housing, but UC owns alternative sites it could build on. The proposed high-rise would destroy a vital natural habitat, blocking sunlight from landmarked churches and surrounding buildings. And it would deny everyone the healing power of open space. The community would lose both an historical icon and a green place to host live music, plays, workshops, recreation, rallies, and neighborhood meetings. The Park bandstand, open to all speakers and built in response to UC's anti-free speech record, would be permanently dismantled.

Over half a century ago, in the middle of a war, Berkeley citizens faced police guns and the National Guard to protect the community space they had created. Now it's up to us to grow it.

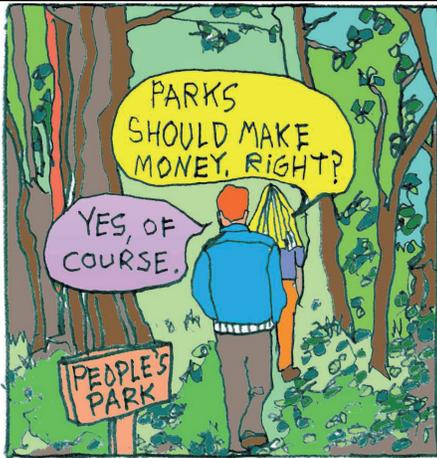
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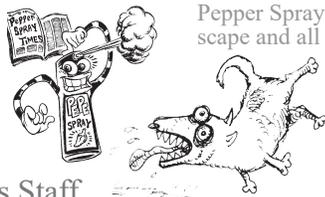
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I Want My Present Now

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