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"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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## ASUC A-holes Adopt Modern Equivalent of Blackface for Council Hearing

### Ahistoricism Guides Historic Vote to Destroy Landmark Golden Gate

By Lauren D. Standards

"We don't really have blackface to fall back on," explained one of the UC Berkeley ASUC senators and officers who showed up to parrot repetitive talking points at the City Council hearing regarding the controversial proposal for 2190 Shattuck, a proposal which, if built, will obstruct the view of the famed Golden Gate, the most distinctive geographical feature in San Francisco Bay. "It's much harder to find something equally embarrassing in these contemporary times, but taking a big public shit on the Golden Gate Bridge and its iconic views is probably as close as we can get to wearing blackface or a Ku Klux Klan outfit."

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Critics argued that the students were victims of the misleading campaign for the project led by, among others, Jason Overman, Lighthouse Public Affairs representative and former roommate of Mayor Jesse Arreguin, but the allegations were dismissed by the students themselves, who insisted that they really, really cared about providing housing for the rich as well as the elimination of historic view corridors and landmarks for the communities they



"TWICE AT THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL public hearing on the appeal of the development at 2190 Shattuck, groups of students, including several ASUC officers, smiled and posed for selfies in front of the council dais, displaying their 'Fuck a View' slogan facing supporters of the appeal." - Berkeley Daily Planet

were temporarily living in while enjoying the benefits of California's publicly funded educational opportunities.

"We really had fun at the city council meeting," stated one of the ASUC representatives. "We take great pride in shitting on hundreds of years of careful architectural efforts to honor the bay and the

view corridor we just destroyed because we are easy dupes of the mayor's roommate. This is just so fun."

ASUC Senator Isabella Chow stated she "...was unaware of other alternatives to building housing that blocks the Campanile view..." and stated she was going to check with her "legislative advisor."

"That's nice," offered one exhausted commissioner. "Let's hope it isn't Overman."

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## Team Effort Destroys Heritage



ASUC SENATORS LIKE ISABELLA CHOW TEAMED UP with developers and Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin's old roommate Jason Overman to destroy Berkeley's iconic view of the Golden Gate so that the destruction of subsequent historic landmarks and heritage neighborhoods will be easier, more lucrative, and so ASUC Senators can claim they really changed the world for developers dedicated to building market-rate housing.

By Genna Relly-Sucks

"I wasn't at the hearing, but wanted to personally follow-up and apologize on behalf of students who exhibited such disrespectful behavior. Your thoughts make sense, especially since I was unaware of other alternatives to building housing that blocks the Campanile view. My legislative advisor and I will most definitely keep your thoughts in mind and conduct appropriate research when considering future views concerning student housing and UC Berkeley landmarks."



IF A CLOCK TOWER is walled off by market rate highrises does it make a sound?

"It's a welcome remark, but too late in the game," responded one local resident hearing about the apology from ASUC Senator Isabella Chow, who was one of the dozens of ASUC representatives who urged on the destruction. "Whoops" is what my grandkids will call totally lame."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I thought this city was proud of its role in creating Cesar Chavez Park and the inspiration of Sylvia McLaughlin. Are they serious about turning it into hippie hill with this last-minute "temporary" cannabis event designation? People already don't know our parks are smokefree. That passed over ten years ago and I get exposed all the time.

Dear reader, yes. Soon the only people who will feel comfortable there will be stoners and tweakers who think garbage is really beautiful, like a kind of a kaleidoscope of colors, man.

Dear Lena, much as I love the revenge angle of developers cannabilizing the "residential areas" and busting the 'burbs with this fake "missing middle" housing plan, doesn't this just give yet more advantages to developers and flippers? If this helps low income people let me know, because I'm not seeing it.

Dear reader, you're not seeing it because it's not there. They've captured almost all the low-income areas and repurposed them for the well-off under Mayors Hancock, Bates, and now Arreguin. After successfully gentrifying everything they could, they now want to change the zoning so developers can build anything anywhere and everywhere as long as they call it housing. Count on "tiny homes" leading the parade for their cute factor, then being substituted with boxes of view-blocking and landmark destruction because history is just so over.

Dear Lena, aren't you just a grumpy curmudgeon?

Dear reader, yes. Help yourself to a button.

Dear Lena, RVs seem like kind of a good way to at least finish your graduate degree or get your kids through the school year after the eviction. What's the problem?

Dear reader, poop, of course. The closest pumping station is in Petaluma.

Ask Lena about life at [cdenny@igc.org](mailto:cdenny@igc.org).

# State of Virginia Finds Someone Who's Never Worn Blackface or Committed Assault Willing to Be Governor

"Making West Virginia Look Good" Suggested As New Virginia State Motto

By Gordon B. Headed



THE LINE OF succession in the State of Virginia runs from blackface-wearing Governor Northam to sexual assault accusee Lieutenant Governor Fairfax to blackface-wearing Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring to Republican House of Delegates Majority Leader Kirk Cox who won his election seat in a coin toss.

"We were lucky to find her," stated one relieved State of Virginia politician about the maintenance engineer of 27 years who express reluctance but eventually willingness to assume the governorship and who actually has a clean record regarding blackface incidents and assault accusations.

"I've been on the night shift about thirty years," stated Lovella Brown. "I'm not sure how qualified I am

to be governor, but the hours sound better." "Comparatively speaking, she's well



VIRGINIA'S state flower is looking pretty white right now.

qualified," insisted a nervous information officer for the State of Virginia. "We carefully checked her yearbook, and she's clean."

"I don't go out much," commented Ms. Brown. "When I get home from work I tend to just want to put my feet up."

State of Virginia insiders admitted they were trying to move quickly before any further embarrassing yearbook photos or assault charges surfaced.

"We had no plan B for this one," confessed one member of the Virginia legislative black caucus. "We always assume there's a lot of fucked up people in the world, but this one is pretty much off the charts."

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GEORGE WASHINGTON, as a former slaveholder and also dead, is out of the running to help with the State of Virginia's constitutional and electoral crisis.

"It's just not that hard to find people who have managed not to put on blackface and who treat others with respect," commented one Virginia voter. "It is hard to feel well-represented by people for whom this is some kind of strain."

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# Council Bravely Battles Scourge of RVs

- Wealthy Homeowners and Businesses Occasionally Forced to View Actual Poor People



ETERNAL VIGILANCE is required at the council level or people like these will be hanging out on your lawn singing folk songs.

By Gideon N. DeCar

Property and business owners succeeded in pressuring the Berkeley City Council to crack down on recreation vehicles (RVs) at a special meeting dedicated to addressing the serious hardship of having to actually see an RV from one's window.

"I know the public street is not technically mine," stated Mr. Nesbitt, a supporter of the crackdown, "but over time we've developed a special relationship with our personal view."

The RV dweller outside his window acknowledged that he and his family had only been there two days, but pointed out that he has to move his family's home around to stay within Berkeley's current law.

"It's like hopscotch down here," he stated. "We have to move every 72 hours, and now we'll have to drive around in the middle of the night every night. It's hard on the kids."

"It's hard on your health," agreed another RV dweller. "But so is sleeping outside under the overpass."

The Berkeley City Council's majority stated that imitating effective action is their specialty, saying "it works like a charm."

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# Top 10 Rejected Oscar Show Improvement Ideas



By Bob Syuroncle

"The public's interest in discriminatory, sexist award shows is at an all-time low," explained one of the public relations consultants hired to help the plunging ratings of televised Oscar shows which once were the darling of the film industry and considered worthy of watching if only to make fun of the gowns and shoes.

"We stopped watching television a long time ago," admitted one young California couple. "The commercials were murder. Now we just stream everything."

"We get a service where we can just fast-forward through the commercials," agreed another young couple. "I remember my parents watching the Oscars, though. Are they still on?"

Oscars insiders have hired specialists to help with ideas to make the Oscars more edgy, more modern, and hopefully more appealing to the youth market which is trending away from television altogether in favor of media manipulated to suit and exploit their personal tastes.



SPIKE LEE won an Oscar, proving that Hollywood's racism is at least occasionally inconsistent.

"We are going in several directions at once," stated one consultant, citing at least ten rejected Oscar show improvement ideas which hit, as they say, the cutting room floor:

1. Bobblehead Oscars
2. Behead Oscar losers (hey, sorry, but they lost)
3. Dose presenters with LSD
4. Clown costumes mandatory
5. Oscar statue/vape pen combination

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6. Acceptance speeches have to be spoken backwards, such as "Sponsors my thank to want I."

7. Walk over coals to receive award.

8. Eat bugs to receive award.

9. Have to catch award in their teeth.

10. Have to wrestle in mud for their award.

Media consultants

confessed they had to reject ideas with ratings potential which they felt might be misunderstood in modern times.

"Blackface was once super popular," pointed out one media consultant. "And it isn't that we reject racism altogether. We just generally use a bit more subtlety."

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# Trump Finally Goes to Viet Nam

By Bob Frapples

"It was nothing like I thought," stated President Trump to the international media representatives surrounding him on a recent albeit pointless trip to Hanoi. "I thought back in high school that I would get shot."

Advisors admitted Trump's chances of getting shot were still pretty good whether in Hanoi or at home.

"He's unleashed the crazies," said one presidential security expert under condition of anonymity. "We can't honestly argue that we have any security abroad or at home."

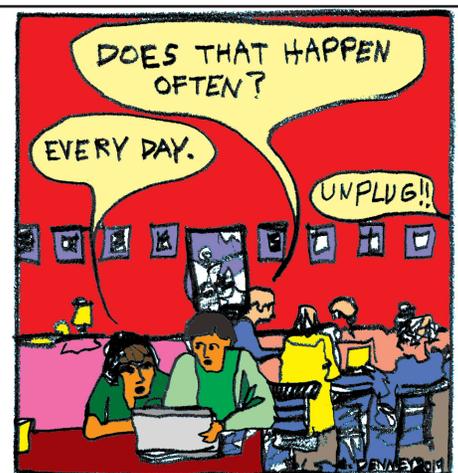
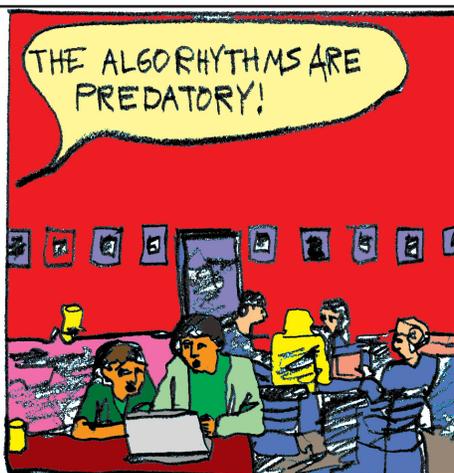
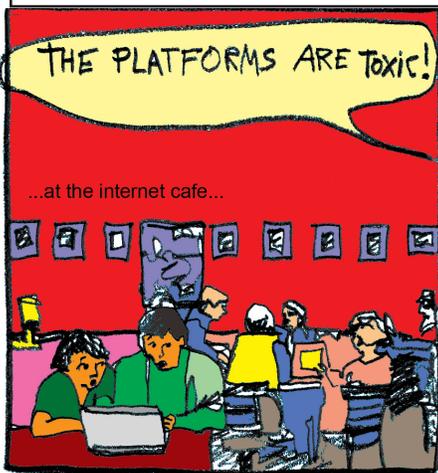
"It's a crapsheet," chimed in another security expert taking a swig of whiskey. "We're pretty sure even we can't alter the odds of survival at this point. I mean *ours*."

"We tried to protect the institutional values and the conventions we hold dear," whispered one security expert. "Time for a balloon payment on a Mercedes."

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## We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



# Bewildered Citizens Try to Take Trump's Emergency Declaration Seriously

By Rudy Day

"Turn on some sirens, maybe?" suggested one local citizen asked how to strengthen the nation's sense of emergency. "And some flashing lights. That always gets people's attention."



SOME ELEMENTS OF OUR national emergency kind of explain themselves.

"Maybe have the president try to explain in a press conference...no, I suppose that won't work out," mused another citizen wondering whether to shelter in place.

"Blue tarps and bottled water?" offered another local citizen.

"And lots of rolls of paper towels. You know it's an emergency if the President is throwing rolls of paper towels at you."

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# City Council Wants Cesar Chavez Park to be Cannabis Central

By Loudon Revolting

"We didn't think anybody was out there anyway," explained one City Hall staffer about the unexpected last-minute addition to the cannabis dispensary proposal which would make Cesar Chavez Park a "designated location for cannabis events."

"We thought it was just a bunch of birds out there," acknowledged another staffer. "We sure can't put this hippie hill event at the Rose Garden."

Public health advocates were outraged that years of smoke-free advocacy could be erased without any commission input.

"The dispensary proposal has been percolating through town for years without this end run cannabis event thing," commented a member of the Community



GOLDEN GATE PARK AFTER 4/20 is often in disarray, but that's what city staff loves to do anyway.



THE "SMOKING TENT" is somewhere in the background, of course, but most people at cannabis events tend to enjoy their reefer "en plein air" as hippie hill at San Francisco's 4/20 events makes evident every year.

Health Commission. "The first we heard of this was about a week ago."

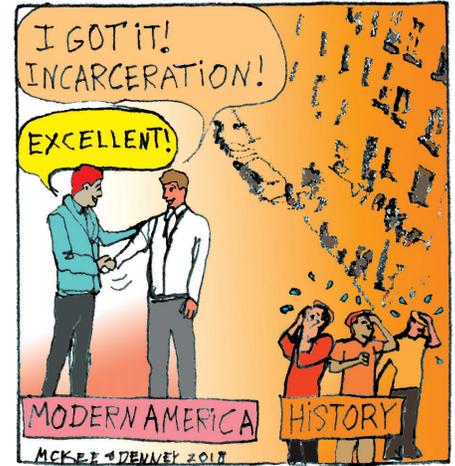
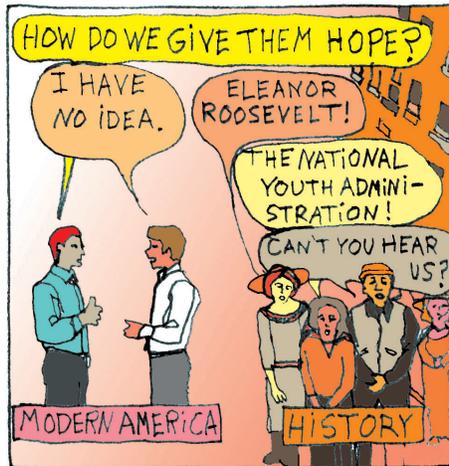
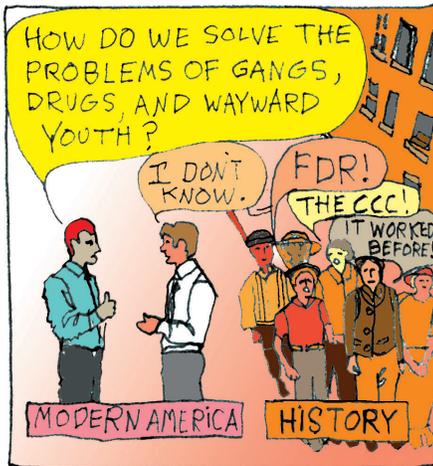
"That's the way the mayor likes it," explained an aide for Mayor Jesse Arreguin. "If you give something like this any running time you'll have a room full of people all charged up about secondhand smoke and kids. We want that Big Cannabis money."

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Next Issue: Juggling burrowing owls with celebrities!

## I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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