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"...few words, but to effect, more than all yet..."*

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Springtime for Tasers in Berkeley

By Lowell Level

Three Berkeley City Councilmembers praised the timing of a crazy guy who posed "kung fu" style on rooftops near Aquatic Park, tried to light stuff on fire, and "refused to comply" with police as ushering in a new era of acceptance for tasers in Berkeley.

"We really needed that guy," stated Berkeley Police Association president Sgt. Chris Stines. "Our campaign for tasers was stalled."

Experts agreed that successive campaigns arguing that the Cal football season would have gone better with the use of tasers, that the holiday season would have gone better with the use of tasers, etc., were never a media hit like the kung fu crazy guy.

"They'll drop the charge down from attempted murder, the crazy guy will take a plea, and by that time the public will have forgotten the case and the cops will have

Scientists Step Up to Global Warming

By Nicole Sandimes

Scientists all over the world are working cooperatively to address the issue of global warming in cool, exciting, creative ways.

"We have an enormous stake in this," stated climate scientist David Keith, author of The Case for Climate Engineering. "Imagine the grants."

Ideas for sidestepping tedious ideas like not eating meat, not using oil, and not farting include seeding the atmosphere with reflective particles, fertilizing the ocean with iron, and using huge mirrors to reflect sunlight back into space, all of which sound like more fun than cutting back on ripping around town in the old caddie.

"The ideas are endless," stated one climate engineering enthusiast. "We get a lot of our inspiration from comic books."



SCIENTISTS have the coolest ideas to fix up the whole global warming mess.

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THE NEW TASER CAMPAIGN will emphasize that tasers are simply part of an upscale techie's ensemble, like Google Glasses or sociometric wristbands that tell you when the friend you "like" is at the laundromat.

new toys," explained one expert.

"It's taken longer here than in other towns," acknowledged Stines. "But we're hoping to have pepper spray and tasers for the next 'revitalization' of downtown."

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Supreme Court Says Democracy for Sale-Come and Get It!

By Dawn Evenask

The Supreme Court finally booted limits on political donations, which were unfairly restricting rich people from entirely controlling elections.

"Finally," breathed one campaign donor millionaire. "It has been such a pain trying to funnel large amounts through other people and committees and stuff. It really cuts into my golfing."

Experts agreed that since the five justices who eliminated campaign donation restrictions are the same five who struck down part of the Voting Rights Act, options for the average voter wishing to have an effect on political representatives are limited.

"They could still set themselves on fire," pointed out one expert. "That usually catches a headline somewhere. But aside from that, I'm just not sure."

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SLOCUM VOTED OFF ISLAND Google Tries, Fails to Get Her to "Like" Something Else

By Colleen Allgeeks



GOOGLE SAYS SARAH SLOCUM is making its Google Glass product look bad, and has voted her off the island.

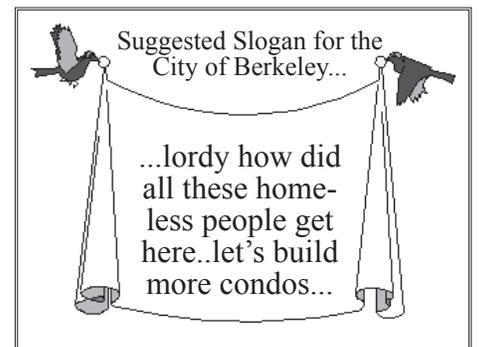
Google acknowledged recently that their Google Glass rollout has been compromised by Sarah Slocum, whose effort to video people without their consent in a local bar caused a backlash.

"We're afraid to wear it," stated one techie nervously. "People who smash Google Glass are being treated like heroes."

Experts concurred that those who rip the computer glasses off the heads of Google Glass Explorers get free drinks, high fives, and could win local elections easily based on their glass-smashing popularity.

"There was a lot of random glass-smashing going on in Occupy," observed one political expert. "But this is a more targeted statement which resonates with people concerned about gentrification's effects even before they end up sleeping in a doorway."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I heard that KPFA's Twit-Wit Radio was chastised for its million dollar challenge in the last fund drive. I thought it was funny. And now that we're swarmed with dot-com techies, shouldn't they just do a million dollar challenge? The fund drive would be over in five minutes now that the artists and bums have been flushed out of here.

Dear reader, what fun would that be to those of us who love the smug comments about apps and boutique cupcakes? This is our only opportunity to find out that Downton Abbey is the preferred upper class porn and find out who we are supposed to be. Not to mention the obvious danger of standing between people and their coveted tote bags. Fund drives help address our collective identity crisis, which Apple has plans to have an app for next year.

Dear Lena, I think the giant mirrors idea is a good one to address global warming. What's wrong with that? Then we can drive all we want to.

Dear reader, I couldn't agree more. We can drive all we want to *and* adjust our hair or put on our lipstick all at the same time. What's not to like.

Dear Lena, when will Google Diaper be available? I want something they can't rip off me in a bar.

Dear reader, everybody around you is already wearing them. But you're right. People are much less likely to want to rip them off you or want to try them on.

Dear Lena, can't we all get tasers and everybody tase the ground squirrels at Cesar Chavez Park? We could charge money and make some real money.

Dear reader, excellent idea; see the accompanying recipe from Chef Randy Fingland. This could be a great "only in Berkeley" festival complete with protesters and mutual aid police from surrounding counties.

Hungry for ground squirrel stew? Get more recipes at cdenney@igc.org.

Ten Things to Do With A Leftover Bag of Multi-Colored Bunny Marshmallows

1. Line them up and shoot them at dawn.
2. Make a video of them creeping up on people at bus stops.
3. Decorate a cactus.
4. Launch them with rubber bands.
5. Tell your secrets to them and then kill them.
6. Melt them in a pan and laugh as they cry for mercy.
7. Scold them for being out of fashion.
8. Ruin their shoes when they are not looking.
9. Sign them up for a cruise.
10. Make them meditate.

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By Chef Randy Fingland

Humble Recipe for Squirrel Sushi

when it gets down to eating squirrel-- a coupla blocks before eating crow-- it's well documented squirrel flesh (finely chopped 1 full cup) is best in the raw, presoaked in a hotly spiced petroleum byproduct (2 cups: available by the bucket from the Bay after a slight rain), wrapped in a rice ring (1/2 empty cup) then seaweed (4 oz cut in 1 inch strips) recently harvested off the eastern coast of Japan to give the delicacy a real nutritional power punch (-65 calories per serving, and counting)

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UC Design Innovation Transcends Trees

"Trees are so yesterday."

By Abby A. Monkezoncle



THESE REPLACEMENT TREES will be better than the old trees because they are brand-new, and people shouldn't get too attached and clutchy about old stuff.

"There's nothing like the smell of sawdust in the morning," smiled Paul Jacobs, the executive chairman of Qualcomm, whose \$20 million dollars perched lightly at the Paul and Stacy Jacobs Foundation before being funneled into the new "Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation" which makes it legal.

"My lawyers are very clear about the legality of the gift once it brushes elbows with the foundation," he added. "Don't leave that part out."

The usual crop of protesters turned up at the tree-cutting ceremony to protest corporate involvement in academic affairs, the destruction of the redwoods, and all kinds of other stupid stuff because they just can't resist this stuff the way the rest of us can.

The campus plans to use the wood from the old trees to build nice benches and plant new trees in the area in keeping with the approach to trees favored by the City of Berkeley, which moves and replaces trees around town on a regular basis.

"We think it is better for people not to get too attached to trees and landmarks and stuff," stated one city staffer. "It really cramps our developers and architects. People need to learn to let go."

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Nutjob Looks Good for GOP

By Dakota Ripped



The latest Field Poll on the governor's race in California has Republican Assemblyman Tim Donnelly, who was convicted in 2012 for having a loaded gun in his carry-on luggage at an airport, easily making the GOP ticket.

"It's his tea party roots," explained one supporter wearing camouflage fatigues and red, white and blue face paint. "He is the patriot's choice."

Experts puzzled over the Republican's voters' likely choice of Donnelly by thirty-four percent, which leaves Governor Jerry Brown and state Democrats with an easy

victory in the upcoming election.

"He's making quirky little videos for YouTube on guns and immigration," noted one electoral expert about Assemblyman Donnelly. "His campaign ads are the political equivalent of cat videos, which are clearly very popular."

The poll suggests the California GOP continues to drift farther from the mainstream and is increasingly likely to vote for the cutest cat on YouTube in the upcoming Republican primary.

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Ten Under-rated Ideas for Addressing Climate Change With Cool Gadgets and Cultural Innovation

By Donatella Mywife

1. *Put big vacuum cleaners on top of street-lights to filter out bad stuff and put good stuff back in.* - This idea came from Mrs. Hawkins' third grade class, which is really worried about climate change and hopes to help the next generation not fry like little eggs in a skillet.

2. *Plough under all the roads.* - This would mean using any vehicle would be a slow, tedious process discouraging long commutes and encouraging people to live near their homes, schools, and workplaces.

3. *Have everybody quit wearing black.* - The hipster generation's fear of looking fat is absorbing heat, warming the planet, and drowning our coastal communities. Fashion leaders need to convince the techie/hipster generation to embrace their inner polar bear.

4. *Raise the price of a gallon of gas to \$50.* - This idea came from little seven-year-old Timmy O'Grady, who disappeared shortly after making this sensible suggestion the basis of his 4th grade science project. If you see Timmy please call his parents, who are very worried.

5. *Vacate the planet until things go back to normal.* - NASA is working hard on convincing the American public that life, though challenging, would be possible on planets with habitable exozones and that people would be much more careful with the next planet.

6. *Blow up all the bridges.* - Rent little canoes to people who insist on crossing the bay, and let them figure out that it's quite a workout. Most people will relocate their workplaces and entertainment interests closer to home so that places like Concord will finally have some real nightlife.

7. *Create a climate change app.* - This is what most techies claim is somehow in the works with all their coding and stuff but just somehow gets shoved to the back burner in

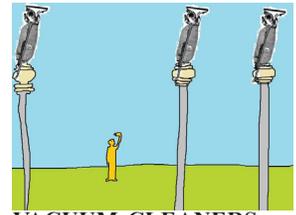
favor of little games where birds fly around or eat things, but that doesn't mean that the tech community can't just find some button that will solve everything.

8. *Send up lots of white balloons.* - Lots and lots and lots of them will help reflect the sun's rays and while the effect will be short-lived, it will look really pretty.

9. *Teach polar bears and other threatened wildlife to code.* - If armies of technologically-inclined scientists worldwide can't figure this out, maybe the species with

the most to lose can take a swing at it.

10. *Quit worrying until the refineries are underwater.* - Most oil refineries are in coastal areas, so at some point the broad state of climate change denial will no longer be heard over the lapping of the waves.



VACUUM CLEANERS on light poles will fix the ozone problems in no time.

Google Diaper- The Latest in Wearable Technology

By Solda Macar

The latest innovation in wearable technology is Google Diaper, joining Google Glass as a gesture-based gadget setting the wearer apart from the ordinary tech user by integrating the user's life on-line into the user's ordinary clothing with gesture-based controls.

"Google Glass was a little too obvious," explained spokesperson Ding Ling. "Our community of Explorers wanted something people couldn't just snatch off their heads and run away with laughing at us, which is an activity more popular now than skateboarding and video games combined."

Another tech expert agreed while making subtle hip movements, explaining that he was downloading his email with expert lateral gestures of the buttocks.

"Google Diaper is much more subtle," he affirmed. "Nobody's going to be running off with this thing."

Ling demonstrated that the Google Diaper can control the volume on a television, and that users with sphincter training can text or dial a number without touching their phone, opening up a technologically



user-friendly world which users can access while watching a play or riding the bus.

Google Diaper can last for up to a month on one charge if it's in power-saving mode, and can be used for eight hours a day, retailing for \$1,200 to keep it accessible to the gadget crowd. The device will be sold in five different colors, and designs are being reviewed for Google Diapers with little cowboys or pink bunnies.

"The style opportunities are endless," stated Ling.



GOOGLE GLASS hopes to stop public rage against its device and avoid becoming the New Coke of the tech world.

We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



Memorial Stadium to Cater Weddings, Corporate Events to Offset Mountain of Debt

By R. F. Saysandy



WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO get married here where the atmosphere is so charged up with fighting spirit and comraderie.

UC Berkeley's Memorial Stadium, facing an annual debt obligation of \$18.1 million per year until 2032, has decided to expand its revenue opportunities, which currently includes a 15 year \$18 million dollar agreement with a video game company to name the field Kabam Field, by hosting weddings and corporate events.

"Of course I would getting married on Kabam Field," bristled Christine Shaff, communications director for the campus real estate division. "This will increase activity on the east side of campus and kind of tie the stadium closer to campus activi-

ties."

"Oh, goodie," sighed one shell-shocked neighbor, who has had to invest in blackout curtains to address the new stadium lighting. "I can't wait."

Renovations to the stadium and the athletic training center have left a debt of \$445 million, which Shaff suggested could easily be addressed with bake sales, raffles, and maybe big open mikes or dance competitions, pointing out that previous to construction there were hundreds of people enjoying the area by picnicking, chanting, and playing music for nearly three years.

"It was very lively," she insisted. "We actually had people up in the trees."

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Ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per four hours, the available venues to rent include the Field Club and Mezzanine, Stadium Club, University Club and Chancellor's Box, which in a pinch can be utilized as a



THINK OF ALL THE PEOPLE you can invite to your wedding with this kind of space to work with.

honeymoon suite.

"You have to park miles away, so you might as well, uh, utilize the facilities to the fullest," stated Shaff.

Shaff insists that those who might find the stadium an odd location for a wedding or event should think out of the box.

"You only get married once," she cautioned. "At least the first time. After that you should at least consider enjoying the novelty of being able to say 'I got married on Kabam Field.'"

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



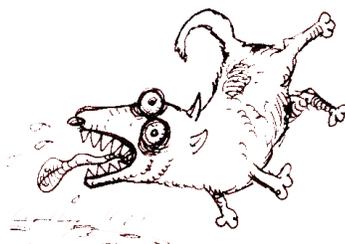
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