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Tent City Springs Into Action Politicians Say They Were Just About to Get To That Housing Thing

By Juana Bath & Anna Cookie



A small group of housing activists decided that they would dedicate their colorful tents and actual presence to the seemingly dormant issue of providing housing for the poor by just staying in front of the Berkeley Food and Housing Projects until some housing shows up.

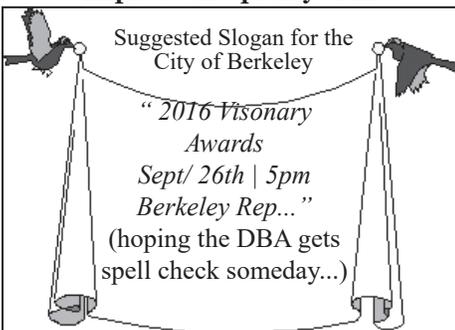
INTERIM CHIEF of Police Greenwood couldn't find any crimes being committed by the tent group but will keep looking. “We have tents, we have food, we have community support,” stated one tent occupier cheerfully while painting a “First They Came for the Homeless” sign. “We’re hoping they’ll expedite some housing by showing that we’re willing to wait patiently right here.”

The Berkeley Food and Housing Project confirmed that they were the only business in the area unwilling to allow the tent sitters to use their restrooms.

“They need to prove that they are homeless first,” stated Executive Director Terrie

PST's quote of the week:
“We're at the dawn of a fork...”

- Google spokesperson on KQED describing “a meaningful opportunity to improve the quality of life.”



THE BERKELEY FOOD AND HOUSING project finally has the welcoming committee it has long needed right outside its doorway.

Light. “It’s just policy.”

“I can prove I don’t have keys to a condo,” offered one tent sitter.

“...we’re willing to wait patiently right here.”

“I can prove I only have six bucks,” offered another.

The Pepper Spray Times is offering authentic certificates of

homelessness to anyone who needs them, according to Editor Grace Underpressure.

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Stoned Canadians Say Nothing Can Make Them Stop Driving While Stoned



By Paula Wax



Pot-smoking Canadians who drive appreciate that they’re technically in violation of the law but apparently won’t stop according to a new survey by a scientific advisory committee reviewing international data in an effort to try to address potential dangers of driving while stoned.

“We can test for alcohol,” stated one Canadian Mountie stoically. “We can test for general impairment. But people who spend ten minutes intensely describing the gradual evolution of potato chip commercials during the period 1967 through 1978 are a curious case.”

Half of the Canadians surveyed didn’t think that THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, had any particularly hazard-



EXPLODING PHONES MIGHT SEEM like a hazard, but there’s an upside to giving one to someone you just can’t stand.

Exploding Phones Back by Popular Demand

By Noah Peelatahl

Samsung finally agreed to reverse its recall of the Galaxy Note 7, bowing to popular demand from consumers trying to get a jump on their Christmas shopping.

“It isn’t a gift for just anyone,” said Nora Grets as she rummaged for her credit card. “But for my uncle it’s just perfect.”

“We’ve had a lot of requests for this model as gifts for politicians, even school teachers,” confided one Samsung employee on condition of confidentiality. “It’s explosive qualities are kind of a plus.”

Authorities are bewildered by the phenomenon, but admit this is indeed a traditional part of the holiday spirit.

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ous effect on their driving, while another 20% simply said that nothing would stop them from using the drug while behind the wheel.

“It makes my drive to the hockey rink so much more mellow,” explained one Canadian. “My teammates complain about it. I used to arrive pumped up.”

“We would expect this kind of thing in Santa Monica or Ventura,” stated one member of the advisory committee. “But Canadians are usually renowned for being extremely polite.”

“You can be polite and stoned at the same time,” responded one Canadian smoking a maple-flavored bowl. “At least we can.”

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I think taking poor people's tents away is really stupid. Why is it so politically popular?

Dear reader, I checked with our local politicians and they said that tents are really bad for you. They are hard to do yoga in and the feng shui is often inauspicious.

Dear Lena, there wasn't any way to vote for Boaty McBoatface on my ballot. Can I do it over?

Dear reader, yes, of course. Do two or three of them just to make sure.

Dear Lena, I'm so sorry the election is almost over. I am going to miss the suspense and the speeches and that Donald Trump guy. Will he keep tweeting stuff?

Dear reader, I understand. Everybody's got a little Donald Trump somewhere in their soul. We're pretty sure he will keep tweeting not only after the election no matter who wins, but also from beyond the grave.

Dear Lena, do I have to vote? I think if I do the government will track me down and make me do things like pay taxes and jury duty which I hate.

Dear reader, of course you don't have to vote. It makes perfect sense in your case to let other people decide on both your future and the course of history.

Dear Lena, all these candidates are pretty well-trained now to say "housing first" when they talk about homelessness, but they keep on building housing too expensive for anybody, let alone the poor. Where do they expect people to go since the crisis is nationwide and our poor are native to this area, the victim of evictions and the housing crisis?

Dear reader, I believe people are expected to evaporate on cue with the assistance of the local police. It is a difficult skill, but the presence of lonely, abandoned shopping carts throughout town proves it is possible. *Ask Lena about puzzling municipal policy at cdenny@jgc.org.*



PATRICK KENNEDY'S PANORAMIC INTERESTS IS HOPING to use city money and city land to situate these magnificent opportunities for poor people to finally live in their own coffin as a way to get both a sense of belonging and get off the streets, not to mention envision their future.

Patrick Kennedy Promotes Stacked Coffins for the Homeless

By Aldo Moreason

Stacked coffins and storage containers may seem like a startling solution to homelessness, but Panoramic Interests press liaison and communications consultant David Friedlander says it's the logical step for a city which simply wants to stay on the market rate real estate gravy train.

Critics were outraged that the San Francisco Chronicle gave editorial space to what was essentially a commercial for developer Patrick Kennedy's Panoramic Interests' most cynical ploy to date, forcing the poor into stacked shipping containers and coffins utilizing San Francisco's anti-tent and anti-sitting legislation.

"This isn't green; tents are green," fumed



COFFINS ARE AN EFFICIENT way to use space, as cemetery staff have known for centuries, so this is very green.

one local camper. "What idiot camps in a stupid coffin?"

"Dead people do," pointed out Friedlander, noting that "you never hear complaints from them about it, either."

"Stacked shipping containers may not be everyone's first choice for a home," acknowledged Friedlander, "but neither is the Millenium Tower anymore."

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A HIGH-END COFFIN is really a very nice way to go both before or even after you die and can also be used as a toolbox.



THESE LADIES KNOW that pepper spray can pep up their jellies and jams for holiday gifts that the neighbors will talk about for years!

Holiday Gift: the Quintessential Berkeley Experience



By Anna Furthermore

This year for the holidays give your out-of-town friends the quintessential Berkeley experience as recalled by the original, decrepit people who still remember!

A small start-up called Not Dead Yet (But Almost) is offering specialty holiday packages designed to help people too young to know what Berkeley was like years ago in the fabled 1960's.



"It's not for everybody," admits Not Dead Yet (But Almost)'s spokesperson Walaby Darned. "But we're calculating that there's a ratio of well-heeled, adventurous young people who need a boost trying to

cut of the proceeds. "Times were different before 'Black Lives Matter'."

Other features include:

* Getting all your clothing suddenly tie-dyed while walking through town. (*Don't hold still for very long.*)

* Having your punch spiked with something really exotic such that you wake up on the beach in Brazil. (*Inconvenient, but unforgettable.*)

* Buy a bag of really, really expensive oregano on Telegraph Avenue and have all of your friends laugh at you. (*Everybody did this once.*)

* Rent an apartment and find out the renter upstairs is a tap dancer, your next door neighbor is a drummer, the neighbor on the other side runs a primal screaming group, you spent all your money on last month's plus first month's rent then the building is sold and you're evicted. (*Everybody did this multiple times!*)

* You graduate from UC Berkeley and the only job you can find is at

figure out what ended up being the foundation of almost all the embarrassing culture that came later."

...Getting all your clothing suddenly tie-dyed while walking through town. (*Don't hold still for very long.*)

a fast food joint which is getting closed down to be an internet

"It's embarrassing, but I'm signing up," stated one young Juniper employee. "Even the commercials are over my head. I know the instrumental music is hooked to the lyrics to tunes I never heard before, but I don't have time to figure out what they are."

Packages come in an assortment of special varieties, including one which includes getting pepper-sprayed, fitted with a "spit" hood, and jailed without contact for days.

"Sure, it's illegal, but that has never stopped Berkeley police from using exotic locales including tennis courts, busses, and back alleys for use as holding pens," acknowledged a Berkeley Police Department (BPD) spokesperson on condition of a combination of anonymity and a small

cafe where people are looking for jobs all day. (*You think this is something new? think again!*)



A REAL TRIP to Berkeley has to include the purchase of a really, really expensive bag of oregano from up on Telegraph Avenue.

* Your neighbors in nearby tents under the overpass are all named Rainbow, Bogart, and Snow. (*And those are the old guys!*)

* People keep knocking on your tent door looking for the poetry reading that used to happen there forty years ago. (*And those are the young guys!*)

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AS MORE CITIES USE DRONES the probability of municipal drone wars skyrockets.

City of Berkeley Shoots Down City of Richmond Drone

By Randy Marathon

"It was that gleam in the sky first reminded me of the U-2 spy plane, still in operation today," reported Berkeley Police Officer Byron Channing, "but upon closer inspection when I got it with the radar gun I knew I had a maverick drone jeopardizing the city's airways."

After tracking the object for several minutes, officers determined it was "a hostile, spying on the business and citizens of Berkeley" and took appropriate action.

Soon to be ex-mayor Tom Bates stated, "We've seen this action from cities before, which succumb to a terrible case of city envy. In order to stay ahead of the world's trends they hover over our traffic jams-- University Avenue is a crowning example -- to copy our success, as evidenced by the number of people crowding into the city since our downtown plan went into effect."

The drone was brought down on Solano Avenue near San Pablo Avenue when it buzzed a 72E AC Transit bus.

"The very distinguishable Richmond City logo was on the belly of the drone," stated Officer Virginia Grant, who disabled the drone with a sling shot she keeps in the glove compartment to scare away crows from sharing her lunch.

The City of Richmond has declined comment, and the City of Berkeley is planning a closed door and closed window-curtain meeting later in the week to plan on expanding the municipal drone force before the holiday rush.

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Even Better New Electronic Holiday Thing Unveiled



By Bill Dingblox

Rumors of a pre-Holidays debut to the successor to handheld e-devices have been confirmed, according to an e-corporate poobah.

No longer will hypnotized users of these screen-based interactives be seen walking into phone poles, moving vehicles or each other. The new technology, which fixes a subcutaneous chip on one's forehead just above the eyes will allow folks to pretty much walk around as they used to: head up, chin out and ever alert for Communists.

This retro posture does not mean people will take new interest in the world around them, the official cautioned. It will just seem that way. Rather, they are 'seeing' an array of holographic informatons similar to those fighter pilots view in their head visors when they adjust speed of descent with payload targeting along with the latest scores.

With a bit of facial flexion, one may 'pop up' today's color-themed news grabbers, texts 'n' tweets, appointments, texts, a movie or favorite tunes...in short, almost anything you saw or did while pretending to look at your feet. Phone calls would still be handled (oops, wrong word!; no hands!) as usual, with callers seeming to talk to themselves as they pass by. The next edition, due to co-incide with the release of Star Wars XII, will fix that.

By year's end, then, expect to see ever more individuals looking straight ahead—cross-eyed.

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Poster Syndicate

Proposition Q does not provide housing for low income San Franciscans. It just sweeps their tents away.

Proposition R creates neighborhood policing units. These units enforce ordinances which prohibit people from sitting or lying on sidewalks or sleeping in public parks at night, basically pushing homeless residents from one neighborhood to the next.

Reject Q & R

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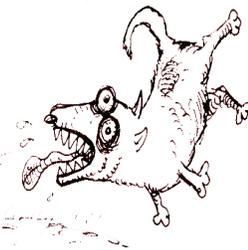
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