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UC Proposes Sand Pit Volleyball Courts to Honor People's Park's 50th Anniversary



THIS MAY HAVE SERVED AS A softball field but if you re-christen it a "women's" volleyball facility and spend a lot of money on it you can do some budgetary magic and carve down your troublesome Title IX compliance debt.



THIS MAY LOOK LIKE the same nightmare the University of California visited on the Southside of campus in 1991 but nobody remembers those days except a bunch of old hippies.

By Barb Dwire

The University of California announced it plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of People's Park by re-creating the 1991 conflict over sand volleyball courts complete with neighborhood opposition and flying lawsuits at the Clark-Kerr's campus.

"We're in a pickle because of all that money we spent on the huge stadium project," added UC spokesperson Dan Mogulof. "It's the pesky Title IX compliance thing again, and try as we will to

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The university tried to argue that the sand volleyball courts are a nod to the 50th anniversary of People's Park, when over two million dollars of the public's money was spent protecting sand pit volleyball courts that most neighbors never wanted and wished would go up in smoke.

The new courts are opposed by a similar array of neighborhood groups, including Dean Metzger, president of the Claremont

Elmwood Neighborhood Association, Joan Barnett, president of the Dwight Hillside Neighborhood Association, and Mike Kelly, president of the Panoramic Hill Neighborhood Association.

The lawyers for all parties could be seen limbering up in nearby People's Park playing pickup basketball.

"It's a holiday gift," said one lawyer. "This is how we roll."

People's Park supporters expressed delight at the honor.

"We can help the neighborhood groups turn this into a lasting memory," said one. "Just play in a circle instead of the regulation lineup."

"Or play naked," offered another. "That was really a fun day."

"Or play mud-caked with or without clothes," offered another. "They just don't know what to do with that."

"Be sure to build your own sports facility before they get there," offered another. "Everybody gets a blister."

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HOMELESS-FREE BART PLAZA POSTERS were a hit at the recent Bart Plaza renovation unveiling, with everybody crossing their fingers they never see poverty again.

HOMELESS-FREE BART PLAZA A HIT

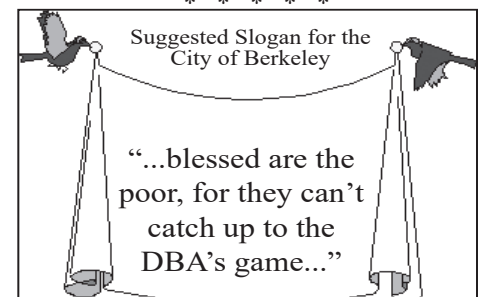
By Helen Wheels

"They can technically walk through the plaza, but only if they keep moving," explained Downtown Berkeley Association Director John Caner of the new BART plaza policies on people who look poor. "And as long as they don't sing, talk, hold a sign, that kind of thing."

The "activation" plan for the plaza precludes spontaneous activities of any kind, but hopes to resemble vitality with a seriously expensive set of permitted, programmed activities which the city hopes will attract wealthy tourists.

"And hopefully nobody else," said Caner.

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, are they serious about glowing touch-screen kiosks? Are these the same sidewalks they claim are “obstructed” by somebody panhandling? And what is with the cameras and our user information kept on file? Doesn’t anybody think this is going to far?

Dear reader, not anybody who calls the Berkeley City Council. It’s called IKE, and its coming without preamble to your neighborhood having skipped any committee or commission to make sure corporate interests, including Facebook, are not inconvenienced in any way. Giddy tourists are the target, of course, but you get to have a big blinking screen flashing advertisements in your front yard and it takes two years to get rid of one. The contract requires dozens across town, so don’t expect the “hearing” regarding the one near you to give you much voice in avoiding having one flashing ads all day. Your information is important to them so they can sell it to the next guy.

Dear Lena, seriously can’t we just get the big fake Dreamforce tree instead? That’ll show people where they are and Salesforce will be done with it by then.

Dear reader, run it by the DBA; they’re in charge these days and it might be perfect for their “highly controlled art” parameter in the new BART plaza. They’re terrified of a single second of unprogrammed time.

Dear Lena, I’m told the IKE “interactive kiosk” thingies have cameras and take your picture. Is this true? Sometimes I have bad hair days.

Dear reader, look forward to 65 inch screens located on both sides of the kiosk which even the promoters call “prominent” and “visually impactful” in case you were trying to lower your screen time. The promoters also claim they “encourage frequent pedestrian interaction” in that their security cameras will be situated on between six and eight foot monoliths each about four feet wide with a charming apocalyptic aspect suitable for the times.

Ask Lena about security at cdennay@igc.org.

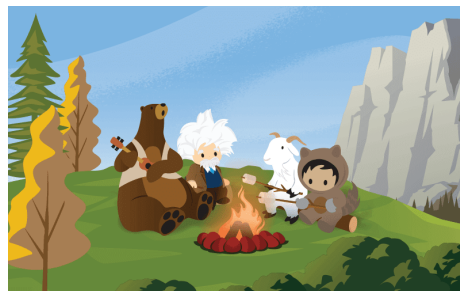


Salesforce’s four-day Dreamforce conference, one of the largest tech conventions in the world, packed local restaurants with techsters unperurbed by the disappearance of the San Francisco of old.

“I dig the big fake tree,” nodded one. “Dig, right? I hope I’m pronouncing that correctly.”

Locals were equally baffled at the national parks theme complete with faux waterfalls and mechanical forest sounds.

“It’s a tech company, right?” asked one Chinatown resident. “The fake rock formations are kind of a strange



MARC BENIOFF SAYS THAT THIS LOOKS just like real life to their tech customers who tend to be people who play a lot of video games.

non sequitur.”

Salesforce helps companies manage their clients and businesses with hi-tech “tools” they hope to sell to the close to 200,000 tech fans who plan to attend in a faux “natural” setting.

“It’s kind of like ‘in practice, how can you deliver algorithmic insights at scale for your business at the moment of action?’ stuff but around a ‘Campfire,’” explained one Salesforce employee. “With a lot of loopy peer pressure that really works.”

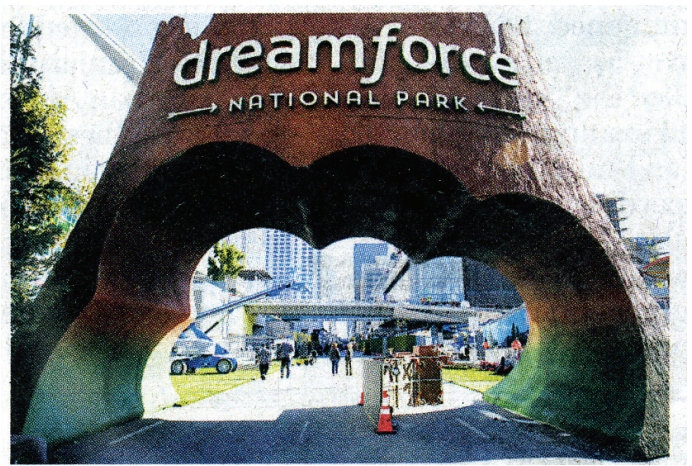
Critics argued that the race to re-configure the city in favor of tech values is erasing its traditional culture.

“It’s simple, really,” observed one. “Any open space is sequestered on top of a building. Any living space is only affordable to people with a six-figure salary.

“It’ll all work out,” offered another critic. “Modesto and Stockton will absorb the artists, poets, and visionaries, the immigrant panache and bustle. By the time these techsters turn around and figure out that the only thing left of old San Francisco

Four-day Salesforce Conference Tries to Look Really Natural

By Lincoln Hands



HOLLOWING OUT SAN FRANCISCO’S charms by the roots is illustrated well by Salesforce’s big fake tree, which is the least of all the fake imagery in its national parks theme. We’re not sure what any of the conference has to do with Salesforce, but look forward to fake recordings of natural animal sounds should global warming eliminate the habitat of your favorite natural fauna.

is in Hitchcock movies and especially their own role in it they’ll have had to move to Omaha with their start-ups or join the rest of us in trying to figure out how to make ends meet with a four-figure income with five-figure rent.”

“Some values are still left,” offered another critical observer. “Property is holy. Racism sets the foundation. And the spectrum of emotions allowed women is smaller the robots who serve coffee at Cafe X.”

Salesforce defended its Dreamforce conference, pointing out that the excitement of the beams breaking on the foundation of the new transit center is giving out-of-towners a sense of the excitement of the great 1906 earthquake.

“We had nothing to do with that,” added Salesforce CEO and founder Marc Benioff quickly. The billionaire — whose net worth stands around \$6.6 pointed out that they *could have* played that role but that, again, *nature* was the star of their Dreamforce conference.

“Or maybe not exactly nature,” mused Benioff. “Maybe nature 2.0.”

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SOMEDAY OUR NATIONAL PARKS will be saved by sporting natural looking corporate logos just like this one.



Residents of National Parks are Terrible at Lobbying

Fish and Wildlife Hang Out in Habitats Wasting Time

By Liv N. Letlive



THIS MISSION BLUE butterfly (*Icaricia icaroides missionensis*) is a unique subspecies of Boiduval's blue butterfly that was first discovered in San Francisco in 1937.

A study released Monday finds that despite the fact that the country's national parks are being hit disproportionately by climate change, the park's local residents are just sitting around munching on berries and grass.

Temperatures from the Everglades to Mount Denali in Alaska, have increased at twice the rate as the rest of the country, according to a recent study, and the parks have simultaneously experienced declines in rainfall. So you would think that fish and deer and stuff would start writing to Congress but they never do.

"It's hard to find the time," stated one rainbow trout who admitted her habitat was shrinking by the year. "I'm an A's fan, and also I just couldn't tear myself away from the Kavanaugh hearings."

Hotter, drier conditions are expected to keep on frying and drying the parks mag-



THESE DEER skipped the science march because they wanted to walk around the hills.



WILDLIFE IN NATIONAL PARKS should be marching on Washington but they're just hanging around the old habitat as though nothing's going on.

nifying the harm done more broadly by climate change but current residents of national parks offer pathetic excuses like they have a hard time finding stamps and they're embarrassed at their bad handwriting.



THE ENDANGERED Western Snowy Plover is a winter resident of Crissy Field and Ocean Beach but off-leash dog lovers are more likely to write letters on behalf of their canines.

"I admit it. I sit in a pot of water and until it boils I just somehow manage," stated one frog. "It's kind of just how my kind tends to do things."

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Downtown Berkeley Association Decides All Neighborhoods Need Smart City Kiosks Because After All We Want To Be A Smart City

By Alma Life

At an April 2018 meeting the Downtown Berkeley Association agreed that the whole city of Berkeley should have brightly lit touch-screen kiosks named "Ike" which tell you where you are and where to go.

"I know where I am," stated one annoyed citizen. "Can't they just keep these things downtown?"

Councilmember Sophie Hahn almost arranged just that by pointing out that her district's commercial areas are small, the sidewalks narrow, and the aesthetics would be jarred by the "breakthrough citizen engagement" technology which often have security cameras and the ability to quantify citizen data for available business interests.

Critics who pointed out their opportunities to object to yet another subtraction of public space on behalf of corporations were offered opportunities for "input" someday, somewhere down the line, although once installed a smart "Ike" kiosk must by contract remain in place for two years.

Councilmember Linda Maio asked what happens if somebody takes a baseball bat to "Ike" and the spokesperson, looking stricken, mumbled something about cameras discouraging vandalism while laughter flooded the room.

"Bring it on," stated one Berkeley resident. "We didn't vote for this. I can't wait for the game match."

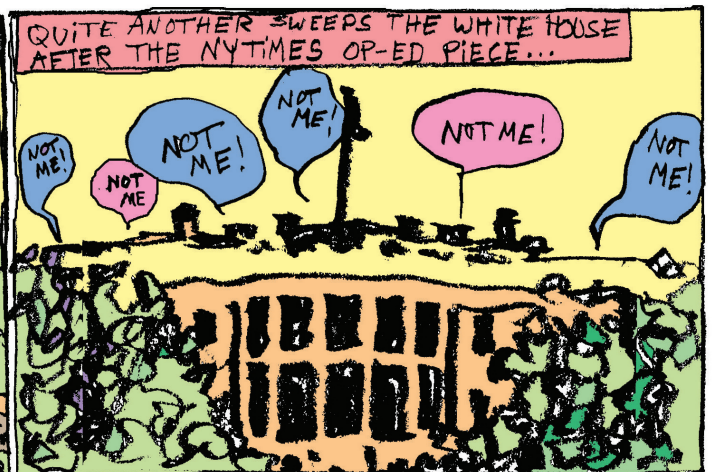
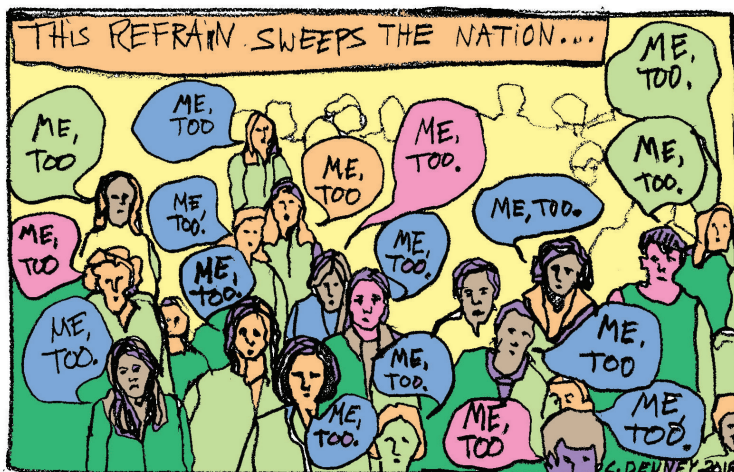
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"IKE" KIOSKS GENERATE REVENUE by flashing ads which, along with content, will be tastefully curated by either your business improvement district or somebody else's.

We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Uber, Lyft Support Tax on "Ride-hailing" Services

By Les Faceit

"People pretty much hate us," acknowledged Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi as he pulled his turtle-neck higher and scurried through San Francisco's upper Market Street. "We rate worse than spoiled milk and just above a car break-in as an urban experience. We had to do something."

Between 80 and 90 percent of ride-hailing service drivers come from outside the city, and constitute thousands of idling vehicles on San Francisco's streets.

"And that's not all," stated Tilly Chang, of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. "26 percent of trips during peak hour commute times are made by ride-hailing service drivers in the city's most transit-rich areas."

"We can't help it if our consumers don't add up the actual reduction in quality of life we contribute," stated Lyft official Brian McGuigan. "But we knew they might figure it out if Peskin managed to put it before

the voters."

The agreement was announced just before supervisors were set to vote on Peskin's proposed general gross receipts business tax measure. In light of the agreement, Peskin withdrew the measure, which would have placed the decision to tax the ride-hailing companies in front of voters in the November elections.

"We caved, uh, agreed just in time," stated Khosrowshahi. "We can't afford to let our customers know we're a pyramid scheme."

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Next Issue: Buying automatic weapons with celebrities!

The Great
"Business Improvement District" Rip-off



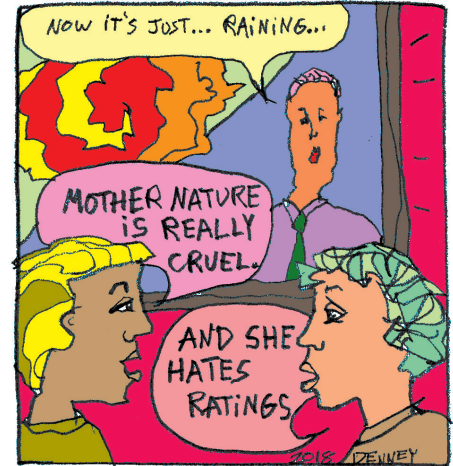
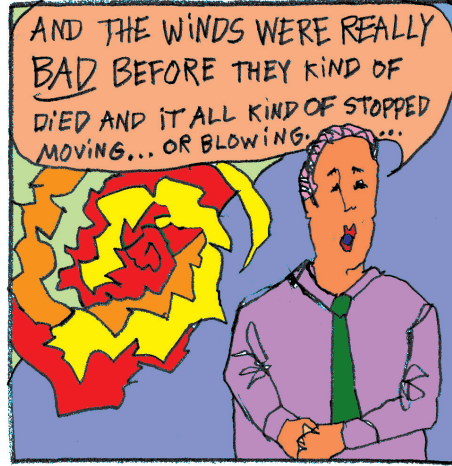
Privatizing sidewalks, benches, parks, street corners, and whatever else they can take.

Private property owners create a "Business Improvement District" (BID) by using tax dollars to carve out their area of influence. Once a BID is designated, the owners work quietly with state and local governments to expand the number of anti-homeless laws, reduce the rights of street vendors and artists, and police the space beyond their property lines. Those who rent, work, or spend time in a BID-controlled neighborhood have no say in this power grab.

Defund The BID

I Want My Present Now

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