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"Turkeys for Trump" Block Major Intersections Nationwide



CAREFULLY CHOREOGRAPHED RAFTERS OF TURKEYS blocked traffic nationwide in an effort to convey their support the the inevitable Republican nominee.

By Dinah Sreddy

Organizers of "Turkeys for Trump" chose major roadways nationwide for their nominating convention causing widespread congestion throughout cities and towns both large and small.

"Pardons have a special meaning for turkeys this time of year," mused political scientist Dr. Don L. B. Breaking of Laughabull Central University. "Their feelings about pardons are pretty strong because they generally are what's for dinner."

Turkey spokesbirds object to this selfish characterization, pointing out that the main reason most Republicans support the former president is that they are basically "not receptive" to the Department of Justice's accusations of the Republican candidate in the forefront of the race and that they,



TURKEYS PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK with these demonstrations after hearing that most nominees for the Republicans are promising to pass around pardons like popcorn.

according to a recent poll, "hold him as a source of true information, even more so than other sources, including conservative media figures, religious leaders, and even their own friends and family."



SPOKESBIRDS for the national organization are more than willing to speak on behalf of their group but often encounter difficulties being clearly understood.

the size of walnuts."

Dr. Breaking responded that turkeys have small brains but good memories, often able to learn the precise details of over 1,000 acres by exploring the area with their beaks.

"They also have distinct voices—just like humans do—and they can recognize the voices of their friends and family," stated Dr. Breaking of a recent study. "In addition to their incredible visual acuity, turkeys have a field of view of 270 degrees. They have a stronger incentive than most of us hoping that through the use of collective turkey action they can manage to stay off of the traditional holiday menu."

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IF YOU LOOK UP "OPEN SPACE" ON YOUR SEARCH ENGINE you will get this impossibly old-fashioned stuff like trees and fields which are extremely difficult to monetize.

New Definition of Open Space

Fitness Centers and "Multi-Purpose Rooms" Proposed by Planning Commission to Qualify as Open Space

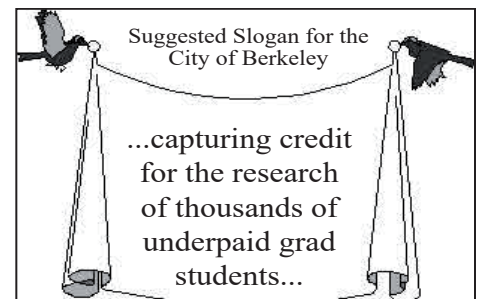
By Bella Rang

"It's brilliant," enthused a local developer of the recent proposal to include fitness centers, "multi-purpose rooms" and "pedestrian amenity space" as meeting the developer requirements for open space.

"We can't think the old-fashioned way and really move forward as planners," stated local architect, contractor, and lobbyist Diego DeChicken. "Trees and plants- all that has got to go."

The City of Berkeley made headway years ago by allowing rooftops and fake balconies to qualify as open space, but keeps getting sidetracked from its main mission: to monetize underutilized square footage and harness its economic potential for the benefit of the wealthy property owners fortunate enough to be offered yet another piece of the community's collective pie.

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...capturing credit for the research of thousands of underpaid grad students...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, shouldn't Berkeley change its name if it is named after a slave-owning racist? Aren't we a town that's supposed to care about stuff like that?

Dear reader, technically, we are. But just try asking one of your favorite politicians this question at one of their rare town hall meetings on subjects of interest. First your card will find its way to the bottom of a pile, then if by some strange turn of circumstances the question does get asked, the politician will sprint to the nearest fire alarm and yank on it for dear life. Of course they should change the name. And there goes at least a solid 150 years of careful marketing up in flames.

Dear Lena, are they thinking about it? Because I would like to suggest Gus Newport be honored. He was a good mayor and never quit working for social change and against racism. We're starting to look like Florida.

Dear reader, an excellent suggestion. But we are a company town. When booting Berkeley for a better name looks good to the University of California you'll find it on every agenda. Bring it up by all means, but don't hold your breath for that day.

Dear Lena, what's with all the sweeps? I almost had everybody's name straight in the tents in my neighborhood, and they were a really good crew, helping with my yardwork and being good neighbors. All of a sudden everybody is scattered.

Dear reader, a valiant effort to protect these most vulnerable people ran out of both time on a temporary restraining order and into a time when Berkeley routinely puts on its best face for new students and parents as part of its fall "back to school" festivities. Sweeping the streets of the poor happens every year this time of year. Read Councilmember Barlett's pride referring to the latest "cleanup", as though people were trash, in his recent constituent newsletter. If you have any conscience left, it should make you cry.

Ask Lena about Berkeley's empty housing at cdenny@igc.org.

Epic Battle Between Driverless Trucks and Elected Officials Locks in Opening Dates

Promotional "Inevitability" of AI Creates Event Entrepreneurs Plan to Exploit Because People Love Chaos



THE HOTTEST TICKET IN THE NATION is for the upcoming battle between elected officials and driverless trucks, where fans of both sides are encouraged to dress for battle.

DeVaugh N. Noanly



"What could go wrong?" asked local officials about the request for driverless trucks to travel on state highways without any drivers at the wheel. "We have a few kinks to work out but AB316 was important to launch despite its technological and safety issues so that people begin to assume driverless eighteen wheelers is already in play," explained Jeff Farrah, executive director of the influential Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association.



POLITICIANS LOOK DECIDEDLY AWKWARD trying to casually hold the weapons they protect as part of everyday couture.

AB316 was already approved by the Senate Transportation Committee in July despite the roaring headlines when the Public Utilities Commission allowed driverless vehicles to roam the streets

of San Francisco with concomitant not to mention comic safety violations including interfering with fire trucks and suddenly losing power. North Beach streets were saturated with powerless driverless vehicles on a busy Saturday night.

"Sometimes you can't get in, sometimes you can't get out, it's kind of crazy," stated Lucinda Way, a Kansas City resident trying to get to her cousin's wedding at the Palace

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of Fine Arts. "It's a little difficult to imagine what might happen with over 76,000 pounds of vehicle coming at you with no driver. It's like Burning Man."

"The sense of inevitability is key," em-



ATTIRE AT THE EPIC BATTLE is extreme guerilla gear with sequins and piercings, Rambo meets high-end hip-hop.

phasized Farrah. "People won't question what they see as inevitable. We like to underscore the fallability of human drivers. We like to remind people that they used



THE DRIVERLESS TRUCKS VS POLITICIANS EPIC BATTLE is considered a community benefit because of the potential for reducing people driving drunk through cornfields for fun.

to be the guys who drove drunk through a cornfield for entertainment on their typical Saturday night."

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RNC Policy Changes for the 2024 Election

Proposals Do Not Quite Constitute a Platform, but Do Aim Wildly in Several Directions



By Don Tread



THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IS SO THOROUGHLY SATURATED in disadvantages of its own making it may have to consult with experts in extricating from similarly dire straights, such as the Democratic Party.

support their candidates by normalizing this behavior. As part of this normalization process they have issued a handy checklist of key candidate attributes and suggested responses in preparation for the upcoming 2024 campaign.

Republican Candidate Checklist

1. All candidates for President should have been indicted at least once for local, state or federal crimes. (This is driven by Trump, but DeSantis may be viable with potential immigrant kidnapping or Disney-related charges.)
2. All candidates should be Christian and should enlist the help of a prosperity gospel preacher, so that both of them can con the same group of people. (Trump pretends to be a Christian, Haley was raised Sikh, but married a Methodist, and Ramaswamy is a Hindu pretending to be Catholic. It's complicated.)
3. All candidates should have been accused

of some form of sexual harassment. (This is to support Trump, but also Judge Clarence Thomas and Matt Gaetz or almost any high profile guy previously at Fox News, e.g. Roger Ailes, Bill O'Reilly, and Tucker Carlson.)

Candidate Response Process

1. Deny everything and claim that you did nothing wrong. Extra points are awarded for claiming that it was speech protected by the First Amendment.
2. Claim that it was a joke or that you did not understand. The famous "grab them by the p'ssy" comment is the undisputed five star, gold standard example.
3. Explain that all your political opponents are also doing it and that they never got into trouble. Try to mention any of the Clintons, Obama, or Biden.
4. Loudly verbalize a "whataboutism" defense. (The technique of responding to an accusation or difficult question by making a counter-accusation or raising a different issue.) Try to mention Hunter's laptop or yell "squirrel" and point to the other side of the room.
5. Make threatening remarks about judges, prosecutors, witnesses or political opponents that you don't like. Try to encourage your supporters (the stupid ones) to take the next step to threatening actions. (wink wink, nod nod.)

The RNC has in previous election cycles also made changes which at the time they thought were appropriate. Some of the more noteworthy examples are listed here:



THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE is still clawing at itself trying to figure out how to get unchained from its embarrassments.

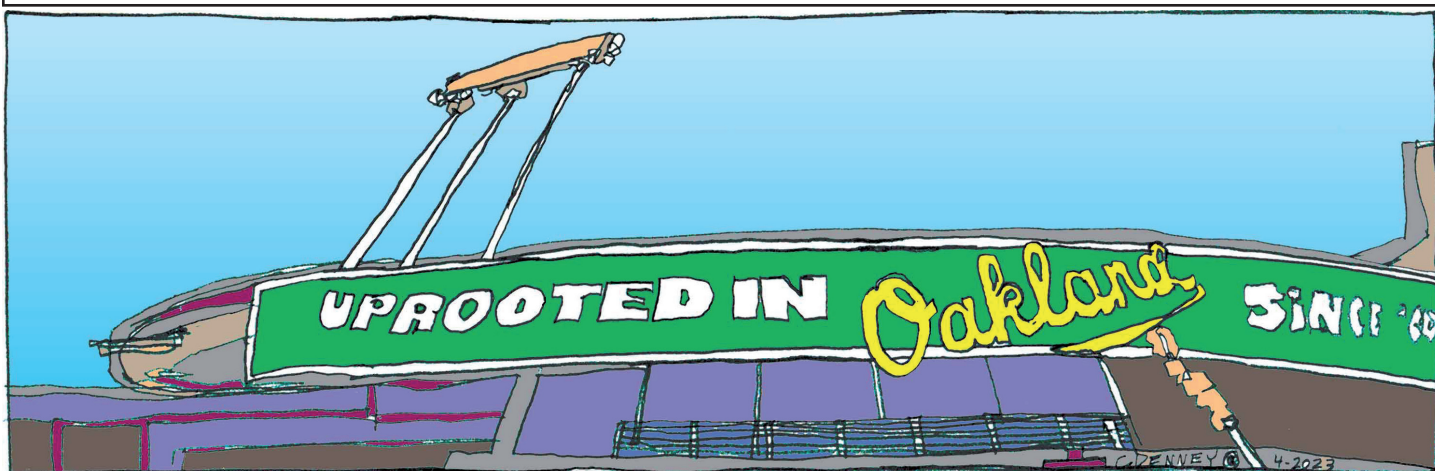
- * Support for claims that there were problems with Obama's birth certificate, all of which were proven to be false.
- * Support for anti-vax and anti-face mask requirements during the recent Covid 19 pandemic. The resulting per capita excess death rates were 38% higher in red states vs. blue states, meaning that this likely cost the lives of 100,000 red state citizens.
- * Support for and fundraising off of Trump's stolen 2020 election claims. The 64 resulting court cases have judged the claims to be baseless. While they raised \$250+ million from supporters, the legal accountability is in process for the 1,060 people charged by the DOJ and 35 charged at the state level so far.

The RNC continues with their masterful and strategic policy changes demonstrating to all that they have their fingers on the pulse of their voters. Of course, if your voters will believe anything they hear, it makes the task a lot easier.

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Berkeley's Renaming Game: Even More Fun the Second Time Around

By Maura Ondevey



BERKELEY WAS NAMED for a racist slave owner who denied the objective reality of the material world in his spare time.

Berkeley was named after Bishop George Berkeley, slave owner, racist, and colonialist whose poem "On the Prospects of Planting Arts and Learning in the Americas" was quoted by College Trustee Frederick Billings. The poem, inspired by the view of the Golden Gate, publicly proclaimed that California's culture needed to be "planted", or imported, rather than respected.

In the absence of any democratic process, a racist's name was bestowed upon a town made unexpectedly famous for taking what became a nationally unpopular stand for human rights, civil rights, immigrants' rights, and voters' rights in the turbulent 1960's. Berkeley's community activists, students, faculty, and workers, helped launch the political career of Ronald Reagan, former California Governor, whose willingness to

unleash the power of California's National Guard against student, faculty, and community protesters earned his status as a presidential candidate taking a strong stand against a movement then and even now routinely mischaracterized as energized by a bunch of spoiled elites.

"It was a dream come true for Reagan," noted one local historian on the 1969 conflict over the community garden being planted in the southside park. "Crushing People's Park's flowers and swingsets was Reagan's made for tv visual. Add helicopters dispersing CS gas and enjoy electoral victory."

"There was no process," admitted one university staff member regarding the name and the prospect of a name change. "The Trustees picked it. Bishop Berkeley was kind of a loose lunatic who enjoyed denying the objective reality of the material world. It's the kind of discussion you routinely encounter at the cannabis club."

"Renaming Berkeley would seem automatic given Bishop Berkeley's racism and

the, er, slaves, but there's a lot of t-shirts at stake here," noted one political observer. "Imagine the chotchkes."

"They'll probably start with a contest," mused another observer. "They'll involve schoolkids so it seems benign, and that also helps drain off the profane contributions. The kids will come up with stuff like Snoopy School. The teenagers will come up with School Zout, stuff like that."

"We'll find something," assured another faculty staff member. "The real hard part is soothing the alumni donors. That usually takes years."

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Next Issue: cooking with nautical debris with celebrities!



YOU HAVE A LOT OF SPARE TIME TO DENY REALITY if you own enough slaves to do all the work at your castle.

I Want My Present Now

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