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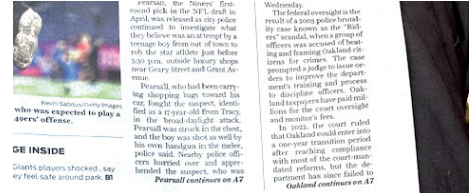


It's epiphytic...it's free...if you can find it

"..Thou dost give me flattering busses..."

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City to San Pablo Neighborhood: "You Don't Count"



YOUR DATA

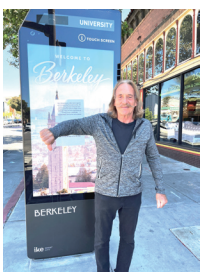
is delicious!



"IKE", THE "INTERACTIVE KIOSK EXPERIENCE" AD-FLASHING SCREEN ENJOYS INVOLUNTARILY SIPHONING DATA FROM UNSUSPECTING BUS RIDERS, SHOPPERS, and passers-by and states that the meal is quite delicious near the corner of University and San Pablo where over forty hard-working businesses opposed its placement beside a revered structure of merit blocking the display windows of nearby businesses.

By Hedda Lettis

"The fresh doughnuts are magnificent," stated "IKE", the "interactive kiosk experience" recently installed by the City's Public Works department



ONE LOCAL MERCHANT expresses his thumbs-down opinion of the ad-flashing, data-sucking kiosk he now has to look at all day long.

view of oncoming buses. "Those bus riders don't know that their personal data is being harvested, monetized, and benefits some out-of-state outfit that doesn't have to stare at this all day."

IKE kiosk manufacturers admitted that there is no information on their informational kiosks that apprises users or passers-by that their personal data is being, "inherited" by the machine.

"We thought that might discourage our promotions," stated Herb S. Ide, CEO of marketing from his headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. "The pipeline of money we get from monetizing random but site-specific personal data is easier to arrange if people have no idea they're being, well, robbed through their cell phones."

"I had no idea," stated one shocked bus rider swiftly changing his cell phone to airplane mode. "I just miss being able to see the bus coming."

"And the sunset over the bay," added another bus rider wistfully. "This used to be a lovely view while we all waited here on the bench together."

"I can't understand why they granted 4th Street and the District Five merchants an opportunity to decline installation in the first place but not us," fumed another merchant whose signage is now blocked from the roadside. "They're sure sending a message loud and clear that we don't count."

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on of 12 Victorians tackle on the streets



WEIRD BLANK SPACE BEGAN SHOWING UP on the front page of the San Francisco Chronicle and nobody can figure out why.

Interactive Newspaper Blank Space Confuses Remaining Readership

By Hobart D. Groceries

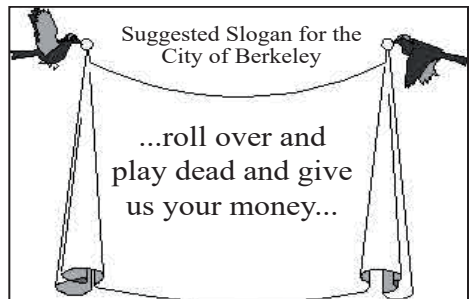
The small, dogged band of readers who manage to sustain what's left of the San Francisco Chronicle can't figure out what the blank space on the right-hand lower front page is about, and the San Francisco Chronicle isn't telling.

"I called and called, but get nothing but recordings," sighed one reader. "This would in the recent past have been coveted column inch territory."

"A front page ad would cost more," agreed another reader. "Everybody at the drugstore where I pick it up is baffled."

"The Chronicle's phones only lead to recordings, and apparently the black space's origin or purpose is at yet unknown."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...roll over and play dead and give us your money...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, why are they now planning to put bike lanes on San Pablo Avenue? Wasn't the fiasco at Monterey and Gilman destructive enough? People lost jobs, enormous amounts of business, it was a bizarre display of the power of out-of-state opinion over local interests.

Dear reader, I know. I'll never take another "survey" again knowing how it has simply become a way to sidestep any public hearing. Who cares what people who have actually had to pay a babysitter have to say when you can rely on bike activists in Texas and Colorado to fulfill your survey number requirements. But keep in mind, this is not really about transportation. This is about sucking down government funding. If all it creates is local disaster, local public servants don't usually catch the flack. They just sign the city up for another round of government public funding.

Dear Lena, aren't all the sidewalks just bike lanes anyway? You'd have to lay down spike strips to stop them.

Dear reader, spike strips. An excellent plan.

Dear Lena, it makes me uneasy that so many people want to shoot former President Trump and the secret service seems kind of sloppy with their protection.

Dear reader, agreed. Creating a martyr out of "la naranja" is an error in judgement.

Dear Lena, the Berkeley City Council is committing to sweeps and arrests of homeless people? They've been doing that for years. What's new?

Dear reader, what's new is the current Supreme Court's intense sugar high giving not only complete immunity to whoever is in the Oval Office but also criminalizing anyone who has no home, no place to go, and is in the way. Housing failure produced the privilege of punishing the result of housing failure. It's a very balanced approach.

Ask Lena about atrocities resulting from the Supreme Court's sugar high at cdenney@igc.

Interview With Miss Sassy



A HAITIAN PIPER BRAZENLY LEADS CANADIAN GEESE off to slaughter in Springfield, Ohio, according to J. D. Vance, who watches in horror and wants to tell the story.

By Gus So

A story causing shocking national headlines, bomb threats, school closures, and heated public meetings grew out of an incident in Springfield, Ohio about an allegedly missing cat.

A local woman blamed the neighbors, speculating that Haitian immigrants were eating neighborhood pets for food.

Vice Presidential candidate J. D. Vance



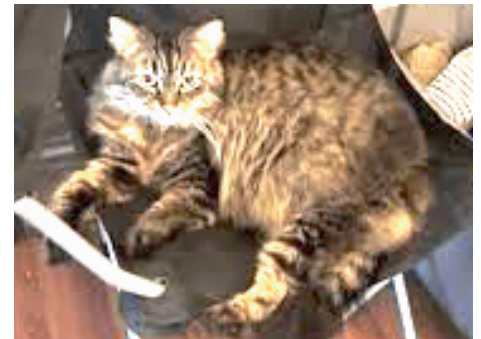
MISS SASSY WAS RELUCTANT to speak at all to national media, preferring to tear the foam cover off of any microphone pointed her way.

picked up the speculation and insists that although the cat was found snoozing safe and sound in the local woman's basement, he was entitled to expand on the speculation to give national media attention to "the border" problem.

"It's hard to get national attention," admitted one Springfield doctor from Haiti noting the sudden interest national news seemed to have in his opinion of the matter despite the fact that Haiti, as an island, shares no borders with the United States. "It's so rare to see any discussion of our local Haitian community or of Haiti itself."

Miss Sassy, the cat in question, had no interest in her opportunity for notoriety.

When asked if she felt threatened by her neighbors, Haitian or otherwise, she answered, "Rrrrrmmmmmmmmmm."



MISS SASSY'S BASEMENT VACATION may have ended up political fuel for Vice Presidential candidate J. D. Vance, but for her it was a long, lovely snooze.

Fox News thrust a microphone into her face and she playfully batted it away.

"Miss Sassy's not interested in politics," explained her owner. "To her it's a circus."
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Just Another Ordinary Day

On February 4th my landlord assaulted me, the whole altercation can be seen here : <https://youtu.be/KNo-tWEIt7I>

Berkeley Police arrived and took me out of the chokehold and sent me to jail instead of the hospital
Police officers repeatedly prevented medical care. Here's the bodycam : <https://youtu.be/rkA6Ed2SU7o>

Then my lawyer attempted to file a police report: <https://berkeleypd.com/wilsonfinal.pdf>

The Head of homicide Jennifer Wilson told me that she would not bolster my civil lawsuit here's the recording: <https://youtu.be/J5HxMoyjuI>

Then my lawyer filed a Berkeley Police Accountability complaint which ended without resolution because it ran out of time: <https://berkeleypd.com/OPDA.pdf>

Subsequently Internal affairs acted as if nothing happened here <https://berkeleypd.com/IA.pdf> and here <https://berkeleypd.com/IA2.pdf>

The consequence of this is that Lance Goree has been empowered, authorized and protected in using chokeholds for over 10 years <https://berkeleypd.com/chokeholdlancegoree2012.pdf> and <https://youtu.be/VqgmoJi04fg> and <https://thetrestspirit.org/2015/08/14/dba-ambassadors-sweep-people-away-like-trash/>
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Why Is Trump Always Punching Down?



INSECURE WHITE MEN shake in their pajamas at night over having to compete honestly.

By Don Tread

This question about MAGA has a simple answer historically audible during authoritarian regimes seeking to demonize and distract. The “other” is any group different or less powerful which can be the target of the culture war to distract people from the real objective: political power for the MAGA minority.

MAGA Republicans promise to lower taxes for the wealthy. Since the extremely wealthy are only 5% of the voters, they need culture wars to demonize certain issues to attract the required 40% of additional voters using various forms of bigotry, xenophobia and racism to target people their largely poorly educated voter base hates. Specific examples can be found in the anti-LGBTQ policies, anti-immigrant policies (except for Norwegians) and policies against non-caucasian people, such as anti-DEI*, anti-CRT*, and anti-affirmative action efforts. Creating fear that white Christian men are being replaced by others is a central message. The effort to gain support from additional fringe groups has resulted in abortion bans to satisfy extremist Christians and decreased gun regulations for the National Rifle Association (NRA) members.

The common theme is that groups representing the “other” are less powerful and different than white Christian red state voters in ethnicity, religion, education or lifestyle. All of this makes them easier targets for MAGA-aligned bigotry-based cruelty.

The cruelty continues from less powerful groups of people to animals. We see MAGA Governor Kristy Noem bragging about shooting her puppy and a goat, claiming that it was a necessary part of country life. Be very careful if someone invites you out to their gravel pit in rural red state America. The contrast between President Biden and MAGA on this issue is shocking. When Biden’s dogs repeatedly bit Secret Service agents at the White House (only the Republican ones)*, they were not taken to the gravel pit and shot, but were sent to live at the Biden home in Delaware. MAGA animal cruelty continues with J. D. Vance attacking cats as part of his infamous “childless cat lady” comments. This theme continues with Trump’s false debate claim that immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, were eating pets. Because this comment attacks animals *and* immigrants, internal MAGA advisors refer to it as a “two-fer”.

Ongoing MAGA cruelty now extends downward from animals to defenseless inanimate objects, where the best examples are Trump hugging and kissing the American flag. When you consider his background of serial sexual assault and current status as an adjudicated rapist, the implications are unmistakable. Apparently in MAGA world you can sexually abuse the flag and spew false patriotism *simultaneously* to the applause of supporters. The “weird” continues with whatever it is that J. D. Vance does with couches. It’s important to recognize that this behavior has no connection to Appalachian culture, but nonetheless, furniture everywhere should be concerned.

Why is MAGA always punching down? They are trying to distract their voting base from their true objective, tax cuts for the wealthy, by exploiting their inherent big-



TRUMP’S PENCHANT FOR FONDLING seems to know no bounds.

WILD PNEUMATIC DRILL PUMMELS WEST BERKELEY NEIGHBORHOOD AT 2AM

CalTrans Feigns Permit; City’s Engineers Red-Faced

By S. Oliver Now

A wild pneumatic drill tore through neighborhood sidewalks and streets in west Berkeley at 2:00 am recently until a brave CalTrans crew corralled it at great personal risk.

The crew first claimed that the work was permitted by the City of Berkeley in response to an “emergency”, which Berkeley’s city engineers the next morning struggled to find, finally giving up.

“There’s no emergency,” stated Vincent Chen after searching the files at Public Works. “And no permit we can find.”

CalTrans adjusted their story immediately.

“CalTrans sometimes needs to invent permits,” stated Janis Mara, tasked with “interfacing” with the public in such cases. “But we’re also deeply respectful of local wildlife, such as wild herds of the native pneumatic drill.”

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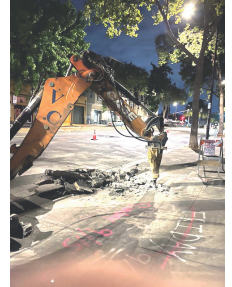
otry. This is not normal politics. *WTF is wrong with these people?*

* Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

* Critical Race Theory

* Just kidding.

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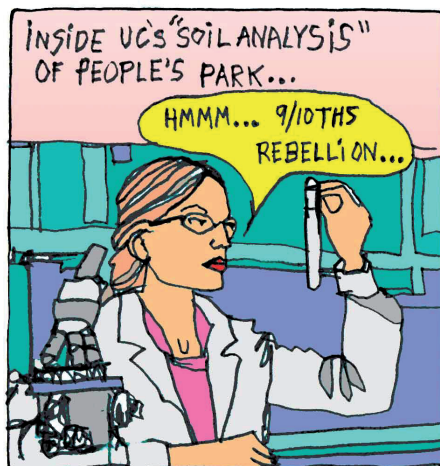
WILD PNEUMATIC DRILLS are rare but can do a great deal of damage day or night.



CALTRANS MAN just couldn’t get his nonexistent permit story straight.

We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Berkeley: Read 'Em and Sweep

Berkeley Commits to Solving Homelessness Through Arrests and Theft



PETER RADU OF THE HOMELESS RESPONSE TEAM throws out somebody's tent near Harrison Street in Berkeley's new, streamlined response to the scourge of homelessness.

By Ricardo Nal bum

"Berkeley's fresh approach to solving homelessness is simpler than it used to be," stated a city worker tossing a tent into a large dumpster. "No forms to fill out, no faking an offer of shelter."

"It takes so much less time just to ditch all their stuff and cart away the dumpster," stated Peter Radu, one of the homeless response team using a streamlined approach to clearing encampments informed by the

recent Supreme Court decision on a case from Grants Pass, Oregon.

"City of Grants Pass v. Johnson allows us to criminalize the fact of having no place to go," nodded California Governor Gavin Newsom. "Everything once considered cruel and unusual punishment is scheduled to 'move forward', as Kama-la Harris would say."



BERKE-LEY'S anti-pan- poor attitude is tradition; this symbol was used in the 1980's to discourage panhandling.

Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani is getting credit - or blame - for the "more nuanced" rules allowing Berkeley city crews to just trash people's belongings and tow their vehicles whether or not there's any safe place being offered in return. "It's a compassionate and 'housing first'" approach to dealing with homelessness, insisted Mayor Jesse Arreguin. "It's just 'housing first' without the housing. For heaven's sake, it's just like 'transit first' without the transit, which we've adopted for years and years."

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Creative Approaches to Your Neighborhood's Unwanted "IKE" Kiosk



"BURYING THE SCREEN" IS THE TECHNIQUE SEEN HERE when creativity collides with allegedly interactive kiosks.

By Ray Kaleefe

"Our approach is elemental," noted one Telegraph merchant participating in kiosk decoration. "A simple 'X' across the screen with washable black tempura works well."

"We've had fun with wrapping paper and official-looking 'out of order' signs," laughed another business owner.

"They made the mistake of using 'interactive' in their name," stated another store owner. "Graffiti has covered up ours."

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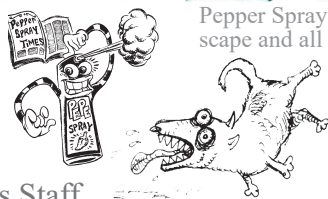
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I Want My Present Now

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