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# Pepper Spray Times



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"...saucy lictors will catch at us..."

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## High-tech Solution to Western Wildfires Terrifies Millennials: *Unplug Everything*

### Millennials Are Apparently the Most Scared Generation in Generations

By Raul Finished

Officials acknowledged recently that unplugging everything seems like a primitive solution to the wildfires raging across the nation, but admitted they couldn't think of anything else to do.

"Nearly 11,000 lightning strikes in 72 hours are now something we can address without honestly addressing climate change," explained one official. "But at least we can eliminate pesky sparks from power poles."

The "unplug" solution appears to terrify the millennial generation, which rates losing phone battery life high among their worst fears.

The breakdown of worst fears, according to a June, 2020, poll by Tech Explorist is:

- Spiders (37%)
- Phone running out of battery (31%)
- Fear of sending a text to the wrong person (26%)
- Missing a flight (24%)
- Having no Wi-Fi (24%)



THIS MAY SEEM REALLY SCARY but it's really nothing compared to having your picture taken from a bad angle.



Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...lethal applications of pepper spray are just a signal that the application was effective.....



THE ONLY THING THAT'S WORSE than running out of phone battery according to millennials is spiders.

- Heights (24%)
- Bees/wasps (23%)
- Missing a train (22%)
- Deep water (20%)
- Social situations (20%)
- Having my photo taken from a bad angle (19%)

"We don't share the fear of losing our home in a fire," explained one millennial. "We know it's improbable that we'll never own a house."



THE DBA'S MERCHANT MILITIA has shiny new handcuffs for you after your pepper spray bath in the downtown area.



THE DBA'S MERCHANT MILITIA punched a homeless guy in 2015 (Youtube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_sQ8nNr03cU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sQ8nNr03cU)) to ensure that people know that they may not be elected, and they may not be accountable to anybody, but they sure ended up in charge.

## Pepper Spray Baths Available Downtown

By Yolanda DeWash



When the Downtown Berkeley Association's (DBA) lime-shirted employees punched a homeless guy in the face in 2015 the apologies flowed like Bourgogne Passetoutgrain. The highlight of their annual meeting was CEO John Caner's florid apology.

PUTTING A HAPPY FACE ON PEPPER SPRAY is just the beginning. Wait until you taste it with your sheep's-milk ricotta with asparagus vinaigrette and Dungeness crab.

"The pandemic has given us an opportunity," stated Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin who, along with Councilmember Kate Harrison and Caner, devised the "handcuffs and pepper spray" program to keep the "premium" square footage downtown free of the poor.

"The outdoor diners' appetites are depressed if they see homeless people or even people who look scruffy," explained Arreguin. "These diners don't just vote. They donate."

"It's not the same as 2015," insisted Councilmember Harrison, who admitted that the program had received no public discussion. "The uniforms aren't lime green. They're more kind of yellow."

Nobody knows yet why the publicly-funded DBA spent \$20,000 each on two "T3 Patroller" vehicles to wander around a few downtown blocks that currently look like a coronavirus ghost town.

"Well, first of all they're fun," offered one militia member. "Plus, pepper-spraying people in a pandemic is much more tiring than it looks."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, the president said we're all going to get "herd mentality" without a vaccine. I would like to avoid getting it. Are they working on that vaccine? When do you think will it be ready?**

Dear reader, your herd mentality vaccine is ready now, but only works if you wear a mask, wash your hands, keep your distance, and read a newspaper. Especially the part about the newspaper. Very few people seem to be capable of accomplishing these simple tasks. The PST staff wishes you the best of luck.

**Dear Lena, do I have to join a militia? I really don't want to. Do I have to?**

Dear reader, I'm sorry to have to tell you this, but yes, you do. Think of it as a book club, which is often equally brutal.

**Dear Lena, so I can get into a California university without good grades if I play a sport? What sport should I play?**

Dear reader, our reporters are pretty clueless about this, and the guys in the mailroom just laugh at us when we ask about it. Poker? Football? Pandemic power-walking might be it. Ask Richard Blum or Dick Bagley. I think they have the inside line. In the meantime invest in high-end sports clothing and accessories and learn some sports patois such as "against the run of the play" and "hat trick".

**Dear Lena, I'm getting tired of the pandemic. When can we get back to the war on Christmas? I miss that. My gas mask will fit right in. But my neighbors are stocking up on ammunition and creating a run on bullets at the Walmart. Do you have an ETA?**

Dear reader, our War on Christmas War Correspondent says the war on Christmas should start any day now. You'll see smoke on the horizon and hear explosions along with jingle bells. I'm really excited, too.

Ask Lena about person man woman radio tv at [cdenney@igc.org](mailto:cdenney@igc.org).

# Trump Squares Off Against Pirates

## Signs PIRATE Act, Raising Pirate Radio Fines Up To \$2 Million

By Willamette M. Once

Vintage radio fans at the recent Kutztown Antiques Radio Meet in Pennsylvania weren't worried at all about President Trump's new legislation giving the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) the authority to slap "pirates", or micropower broadcasters, with \$2 million fines.

"Radio fans are way more up to speed than the FCC field agents," smiled one trade show participant. "The FCC doesn't have a clue about vintage technology and they can't tell an antenna from a clothesline."

FCC Commissioner Michael O'Rielly cheered the move. O'Rielly opposed the reclassification of Internet service providers as Title II Common Carriers to ensure net neutrality, supported Internet companies' protection from municipal competition, and opposed expanded consumer protections

against Robodialers.

"He's a wild card," said one vintage radio dealer sitting by an array of Bakelite tube radios. "But so are we."

O'Rielly's 2015 statement downplaying the importance of the internet in American life is particularly poignant in a pandemic-soaked election year:



FCC COMMISSIONER O'RIELLY is dedicated to keeping you safe from pirates.

*"It is important to note that Internet access is not a necessity in the day-to-day lives of Americans and doesn't even come close to the threshold to be considered a basic human right... People do a disservice by overstating its relevancy or stature in people's lives. People can and do live without Internet access, and many lead very successful lives."*

— Michael O'Rielly, June 25, 2015, Slate

O'Rielly has been pushing for greater enforcement power and celebrated the new law raising fines on unlicensed station operators to \$100,000 per day per violation.

"Great news for the efforts to eliminate these illegal operators causing harm to their communities..." he stated in a Twitter post after the signings.

"We know how to deal with monitoring sweeps," said another Kutztown radio fan.



FCC OFFICIALS COMPLAIN when micropower broadcasters show up in front of the Federal Building to create radio because it makes their walkie-talkies look silly so \$2 million dollar fines are really important.

"What the FCC really wants is a big-ass budget. These days they can't afford lunch at TommyBoys."

"We feel for them," stated the micropower fan enjoying the trade show's music and announcements. "And the truth is we miss running around the hills evading Philip M. Kane. It was really kind of fun."

The 1934 Federal Communications Act legislation declared the airwaves were a utility owned by the public and charged the FRC to regulate broadcasters so as to guard the public interest.

"Censorship was forbidden," noted one local communications historian Paul N. Together. "You gotta love that. The Radio Act of 1912 had declared the secretary of commerce to be the regulatory authority over radio, but the secretary was compelled by law to issue licenses to all who applied. In 1922 there were five radio stations on the air. In 1923 there were 556."

"The effort to sequester radio power for corporate gain is a constant tug-of-war," stated Together. "It sounds almost quaint today to remind people of this, but the airwaves belong to the public."

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UNLESS CORPORATIONS MONOPOLIZE the airwaves nobody would have a clue what kind of soap to buy.

# UC Regents Blum and Bagley Admit Greasing Admission Paths for Wealthy Unqualified Kids



By Nomar Whining

UC REGENTS NORM PATTIZ AND RICHARD BLUM have got this so just back off.

An internal audit revealed the University of California improperly admitted 64 unqualified students who were supplied with letters of support from regents supposed to sip their champagne and let their money and corporate connections do the talking.

UC Berkeley administrators, quoted as saying “Shhhh. you have to keep it a secret, but good news is coming (your) way”, countered that stupid kids who don’t know a tennis racket from a pool cue are uniquely suited for corporate boards.

“Wealthy kids have a gift for navigating high-end menus,” explained one UC administrator. “You get more business traction if your opponent wins the tennis game, anyway.”

“Stupid people with big wallets works for us,” affirmed another UC administrator familiar with the admissions office’s backroom deals in exchange for acceptance letters. “They have no issues with proprietary research, and just see our connections to nuclear weapons as good business.”

Critics who decry the buy-your-diploma policy are just out of touch, according to former UC regent William Bagley,



UC REGENT RICHARD BLUM, photographed here at his wife Senator Diane Feinstein’s 2012 election victory party at the Fairmont in San Francisco, said he didn’t think he did anything wrong pressuring universities to accept applications of unqualified students of friends and family since he doesn’t think he’s influential or that he knows anybody very famous anyway.

who readily admitted to using his influence to get unqualified students a place at a prestigious UC campus.

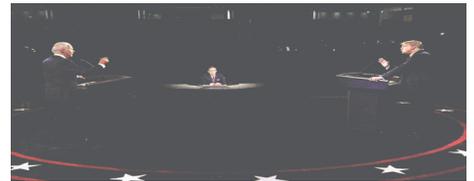
“Maybe we displaced some more qualified students,” he acknowledged. “But we sure gave a lot of people a good view of the ways of the world.”

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SENATOR FEINSTEIN AND RICHARD BLUM TAKE A STROLL  
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# Chris Wallace Surrenders



DEBATE MODERATOR CHRIS WALLACE quietly put down his weapons, lowered his flag, and just cried.

By Ned Dingneedles

Chris Wallace, the Fox News journalist who as a teenager was an assistant to Walter Cronkite during the 1964 Republican National Convention, set fire to his own press credentials after the disastrous presidential candidate debate where dumpster fire met shit show.

Calling the event a “terrible missed opportunity”, he graciously accepted the award for the understatement of the century and agreed that the sputter spectacle was unparalleled in media history.

“At least it’s over,” he stated.

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



# UC Berkeley Hit With 2.35 Million Fine for Manipulating Crime Stats

By Myrtle Mostfoul

UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ and vice chancellor for administration Marc Fisher brushed off findings that they improperly misclassified more than 1,100 crimes on and around the UC Berkeley campus as “student disciplinary referrals” resulting in a \$2.35 million dollar fine and mandated two years of embarrassing federal monitoring which they insisted they

didn’t need. “This is just standard,” stated the chancellor. “And don’t think the students don’t appreciate it.”

“The student who got to participate in a Washington, D.C. internship despite multiple forcible sexual offenses said he learned a lot,” stated Fisher.

“Students who make poor decisions shouldn’t burden our fundraising,” offered a clerk in the development office on condition of anonymity. “UC spent \$474 million on a football stadium it can’t use. We had to get creative somehow.”

Neighbors objected to the minimization of the more than 87% of crimes which involved weapons, drugs, liquor violations as well as sexual battery and rape, but were dismissed by university spokespeople who pointed out that the university’s neighbors



IT’S JUST NOT THAT HARD to misclassify crimes so they are less scary to students and neighbors and especially donors.

get to breathe the same rarified air as Nobel prizewinners if they walk down the right path at exactly the right time.

“You have to time it just right,” stated Fisher. “And bring your taser.”

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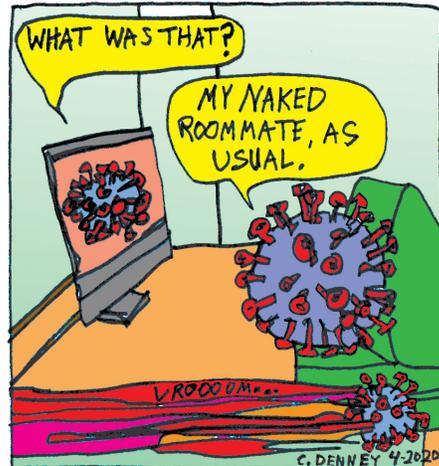


THIS COULD LOOK SERIOUS but also may be it is just some kid playing with chalk.

## I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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