

"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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the let's go viral issue...



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Editor's Note: Burn this issue after reading.



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

"...no sneaping winds at home..."

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How to Wash Your Hands



WASHING YOUR HANDS IS A COMPLEX TASK much too confusing for most members of the public but fortunately Silicon Valley is working on an ap for it.

Editor's note: "In an abundance of caution and consideration of the Corona virus health crisis we are providing these expert guidelines for keeping our readers and the public as safe as possible."

By Angelica Peerance

1. Find some water and get some soap and tell everybody to stand at least eight feet away from you.

2. Run the soap under the water, preferably hot water, and begin to rub it all over your hands, forearms, and face without messing up your jacket so you don't look like a drowned rat. You should hum a few scales because you're going to have to sing in a minute and it's better if you don't launch into song without a little warm-up.



JUST LET THE WATER run and run because the world is ending and nobody cares.

3. Carefully place the soap somewhere where others won't touch it because it is probably covered with virulent diseases now and nobody else should use it. If you put it in your pocket you'll have to burn your clothes.



IF YOU ACCIDENTALLY touch somebody else's hand just set fire to your hands for a little while to burn off the virus or that really nasty soap or both.

4. Rub the soap all over your hands, forearms, and face while singing "Happy Birthday" twice and no worries about the copyright because it's an emergency.

5. Don't worry about how the water is running and running while you do all of this because everybody has forgotten about the



IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WATER SOURCE you can just ask the power-washer crew to hose you down and to spritz your belongings for good measure.

drought and they've started power-washing the sidewalks again like there's snowpack somewhere and besides some environmentalist nut will probably come along and do it while you're covered with soap but forget them because if the faucets are covered with contagion they just picked up the virus and did you a favor because now you're all clean and touching the faucets would mess you up again.



WHILE YOU'RE IN THE WASHER you can ditch "Happy Birthday" and sing anything you want to.

6. Wash all your clothes, and then wash the washing machine and then wash the sponges and towels and stuff, too, then get in a spin around. This time sing "I Shot the Sheriff" twice but make sure it's the Bob Marley version.

7. Repeat.

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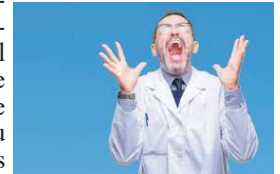


THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL IS STILL experimenting with formats for a safe corona virus meeting but has advised everybody to avoid attending any such meetings for the sake of public safety and avoiding public comment.

Berkeley Corona Virus Town Hall Cancelled Due to Corona Virus

By Dr. Mike Shy

"After weighing the public health risk we've made the difficult decision to cancel the corona virus Town Hall meeting on the corona virus due to the corona virus and the possibility that just having the Town Hall meeting on the corona virus we might give you the corona virus and also get the corona virus.

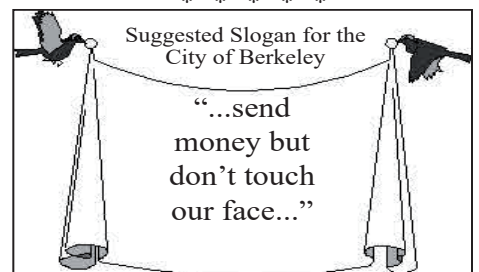


DR. MIKE SHY SAYS corona virus. for the sake of public safe-

But don't worry. ty don't panic unless you Although there touch your face. will be no Town Hall, we'll continue to update you with relevant and important information regarding the corona virus like where to buy sushi.

So wash your hands and don't touch our face. And avoid crowds unless there is nobody there. And don't go to work or school. And don't go to bars what are you doing there anyway. Stay home. And stock up on supplies. We're not sure why people are buying so much toilet paper, but it is not a good sign. And have a nice day."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, Does “stable genius” refer to the guy who shovels horse manure?

Dear reader, I believe it refers to the guy who gets the other guy to shovel the horse manure.

Dear Lena, we were already in some kind of emergency with no housing, so is this corona virus thing a double emergency? How can we tell?

Dear reader, yes, it is a double emergency. You can tell because the president will soon start throwing us twice as many rolls of paper towels.

Dear Lena, what is with the toilet paper frenzy? Why would anybody need so much toilet paper?

Dear reader, we at the Pepper Spray Times are assuming that some Russian troll factory sent around a rumor that toilet paper cures the corona virus. The sad truth is that at this point the sum total of our medical knowledge about the novel corona virus can neither confirm nor deny this. Consider, just to be safe, that it might be true.

Dear Lena, I always find it kind of beautiful when the stock market goes haywire. It’s hard to really care since I don’t have money in it. Am I just an unfeeling and uncaring person watching other people’s houses of cards blow away?

Dear reader, yes. You will feel differently when they begin robbing you at gunpoint. The stock market may have been an idiotic thing in which to find comfort, but at least it kept them off the streets.

Dear Lena, when do you think things will things go back to normal?

Dear reader, when was that. Here at the Pepper Spray Times newsroom it seems so very long ago.

Ask Lena about the fascinating intersection of your temperature and the stock market at cdenny@igc.org.

Butt-bump Greeting Replaces Elbow Bump



IF YOU INSIST ON HAVING HUMAN CONTACT this is probably the safest way to do it since the elbow bump, unless targetted very carefully, runs the risk of missing the elbow entirely and nailing somebody in the solar plexus who could vomit all over you.

By Micha Cooking

Health experts agreed that the wildly popular butt-bumping phenomenon sweeping the nation almost as quickly as the corona virus is at least as likely related to hygiene as a cool dance move not normally associated with public health.



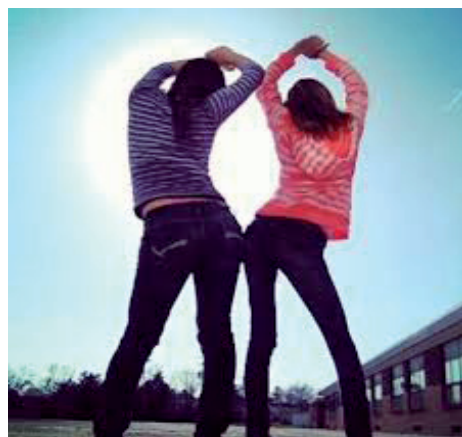
BUTT-BUMPING IS not only more hygienic than elbow bumping, fist-bumping, or hand shaking, it also provides a larger, softer target which is easier to find in a crowded setting,

especially under this administration, is encouraged.

“It’s probably good for your spine,” mused one physical therapist watching the phenomenon unfold in a park nearby.

“Any kind of stretch, especially under this administration, is encouraged.”

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BUTT-BUMPING IS MUCH MORE POPULAR than elbow-bumping, and is apparently sweeping the popular shelter-in-place non-nightclubbing scene.

Purell-infused Drinks Rock the Scene

By Arnie Sarnocken

As home remedies and do-it-yourself cures captivate the internet, corporations are stepping up to the corona virus moment by offering Purell-infusions of more conventional beverages.

“People trust us,” stated one corporate board member confidentially. “And the current administration’s willingness to roll back pesky health and safety regulations allows us a certain leeway.”

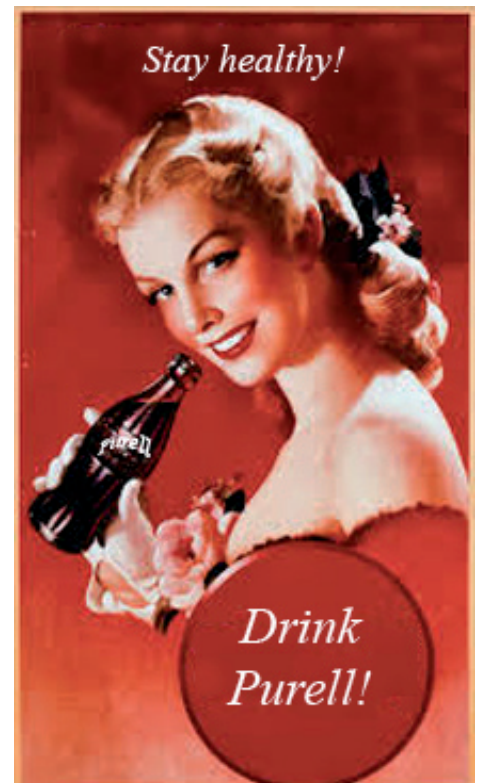


“It’s a perfect moment for innovation,” agreed a local bartender selling mixed drinks out of the back of a van. “My skills are not considered essential by the state, but my customers know better.”

The addition of Purell to various creative concoctions is not necessarily lethal, admitted one weary local health professional who preferred not to be named, but has dubious medical value.

“People are looking for hope,” she stated. “Put this one in the same category as wishing on a star.”

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Before...



After...

AT LEAST SOME THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED AT ALL during the coronavirus pandemic, such as the reluctance of even bone-tired people to spend any time at all in the \$13 million dollar BART plaza after its expensive, puzzling, publicly-funded renovation.

Spring Fashion Show Debuts Pandemic Fashion

By Annie Daynow



THE EVENING GOWNS REQUIRED a lot of guesswork for the public to appreciate.

Spring fashion shows carried on during the pandemic while taking precautions to protect the public's health, making fashion critics really work to discern one designer's collection from another's.

“It’s hard to see the beadwork,” admitted one enthralled fashion-lover in the audience of the show. “And you can turn tightly on the runway, but nothing about a hazmat suit flares like a spring skirt.”

“It’s difficult to see the fabric,” acknowledged another fashion critic who was nonetheless enthusiastic about the bravery of the presentation. “We’re all having to pay much closer attention to the announcers.”

“It isn’t as well attended as it was last



THE SWIMSUIT COLLECTION was rumored to be superb.

year,” stated one of the show organizers. “We’re eager to see if the early sales numbers hold up.”

“I love adventure,” commented one fashionista assuring companions that she would buy the entire collection. “This is the ultimate in fashion-forward adventure; buying something you’ve never seen. Count me in.”

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THIS NEW business look is quite popular.

Berkeley Gallery Affirms Art is Essential

By Briona Dancingirls

A Solano Avenue art gallery has rushed to the rescue of those for whom art, like hardware stores and take-out, is a necessity during the pandemic.

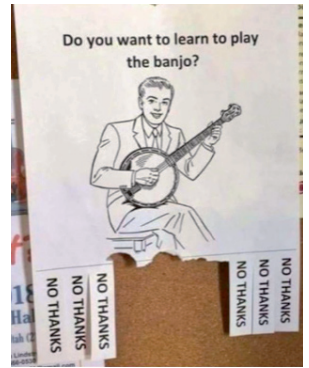
“We have a call in to the state,” affirmed a neighbor to the gallery for whom art is an essential. “Surely they didn’t mean to imply that we can live without the arts.”



POLITICIANS MAY NOT THINK art is essential, but one Berkeley art gallery knows better and will even deliver during the Coronavirus pandemic.

“It’s crucial for me,” acknowledged one local musician. “We’re rocking the eight-foot jam through this mess. I can manage without toilet paper. But I can’t live without music.”

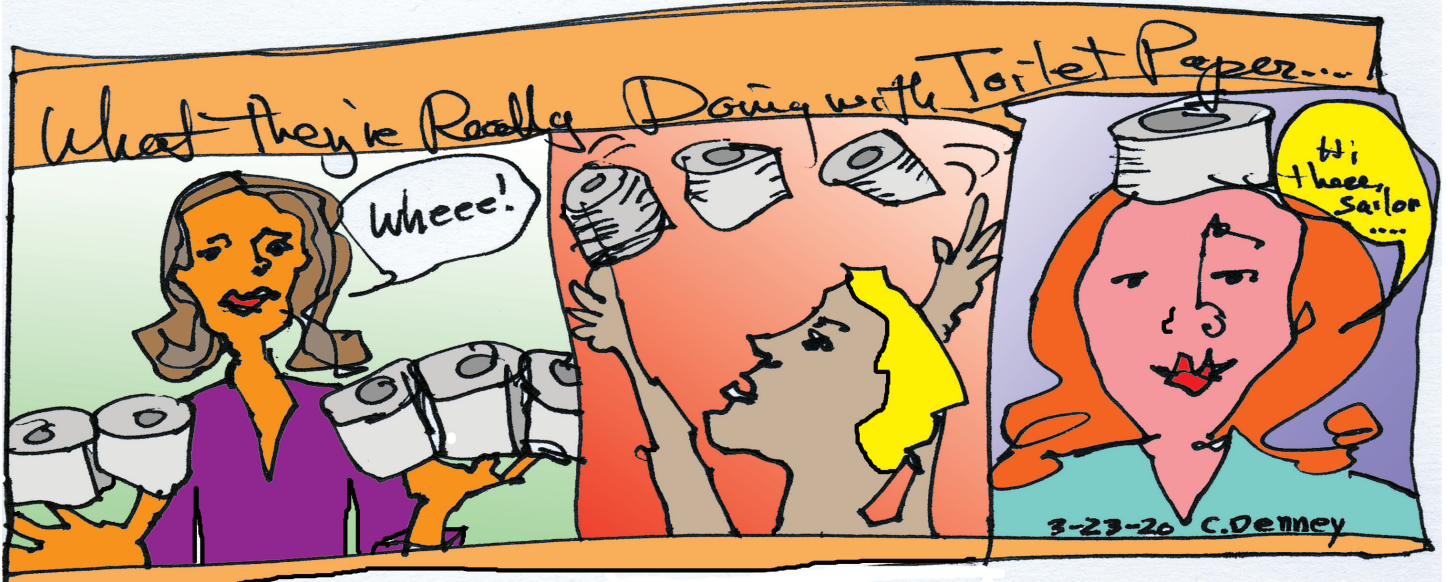
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NOT EVERYBODY appreciates the worth of art.

We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Top Contenders for Names for the Proposed People's Park Development

By Cappy Toll-Strategies

- The Barbeque
- The Sellout
- The Bonfire
- Sheer Lunacy
- The Rumble
- The Asylum
- Chancellor's Folly
- Regents' Wet Dream
- Bomb Squad Central
- 9-11
- Berkeley's Twin Towers
- The Death of Architecture

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Next Issue: Chugging Purell with celebrities!

"Coming Together by Staying Apart" Takes Nation By Storm

Loners, Misfits, and Anti-social People Thrive During Lockdown

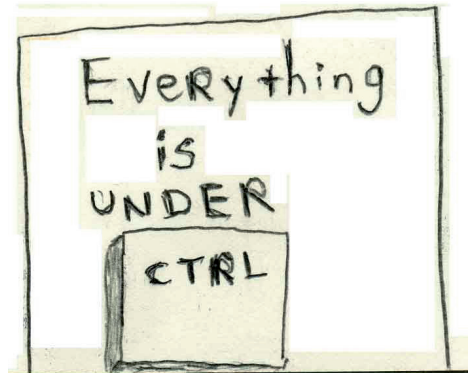
By R. U. Seaworthy

"I'm digging it," confessed one resident strolling through the empty streets during the pandemic lockdown. "I don't mean to be insensitive, but I kind of hate people and I have nothing to say, so this is really working for me."

Experts noted that misfits and anti-social people were experiencing less stress than usual having essentially a calendar cleared of obligatory social events such as weddings and birthdays.

"Not everyone craves human companionship," explained Dr. Ron N. Circles of the Behavioral Science Department of Fargo University. "Some people, for instance, honestly do prefer the company of dogs."

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WE CHECKED WITH THE EXPERTS and are glad to reassure everyone that everything is, in fact, and despite the general appearance to the contrary, under CTRL.

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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