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"Why, your dolphin is not lustier..."

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Jesus Returns, Declares 2020 Presidential Run



By Beto Watchout

Jesus Christ surprised even those getting used to his traditional return to the Bay Area at Christmastime by announcing his candidacy for the 2020 presidential campaign hard the mid-

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on the heels of terms.

ple would vote I know they'd me," explained

"Hers may be

"If peo- for Oprah vote for J e s u s .

better than mine, but I still have awesome name recognition, which is really the whole game."

JESUS CHRIST CLAIMS his "crook" is not a weapon, but watch your step with this guy.

Political observers objected that Jesus is running the risk of mixing politics and religion, but were dismissed as "too little too late" by Christ.

"Welcome to the new abnormal," said Jesus. "This is already wrapped. I love crowds, I'm a great speaker, and let's just say I have amazing support behind the scenes."

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Chancellor Carol Christ Explains Why People's Park Sucks and Must Die

Controversial Park Beloved by Traditionalists

Interview with the chancellor on page 3!

By Norman N. Vasion

Chancellor Carol Christ clarified the confusion over her plan to destroy People's Park at a recent press conference, saying "I got this job because I promised to put all that tie-dye stuff behind us."

"We want to look like Yale, or Stanford, or at least Harvard," she continued. "We've burdened our fundraising with these dancing hippies. Rock and roll is dead. We really need to clean house and I was hired to do just that. And

I sucked a lot of dick to get here"

Local reporters pointed out that the dick-sucking indicated an appetite for People's Park's destruction, and the chancellor readily agreed.

"I sucked a lot of dick to get here"



CHANCELLOR CHRIST EXPLAINS that the next park battle costs lives oh well.

"I've been waiting for this for a long time," she nodded.

"I've been patient. But I finally have my moment and Mayor Jesse Arreguin, who is counting on a Reaganesque political rise after we bulldoze a few folksingers. It's all pretty sweet from our perspective."

Concerned citizens asked about public safety, given the bloody past park battles, but were dismissed.

"People only die if they get in the way," explained the chancellor. "They ought to know better by now."

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Opinion-free Citizens Sought for Seats on Local Commissions

By Lou Decriss

"They're hard to find," agreed one staffer from the Mayor's office regarding the urgent need for opinion-free residents to fill the ranks of Berkeley's inordinate amount of local commissions. "People in Berkeley tend to have opinions about everything."

"We need people with a more open, perhaps even empty mind," nodded a staff member from the City Manager's office. "Several of our recent victories have come down to making certain that we have the inside line on the some-



PEOPLE WITH AN OPEN MIND are often more receptive to being steered by their appointers who might have a better opinion than anybody else's.

times disordered thinking of one or two of these commissions."

"We used to rely on the student commissioners to have little or no traction with community history and certainly no awareness of the elegant little ways staff can subvert a commission's errant direction," observed a city councilmember who requested anonymity. "For some reason that younger group is less willing to take direction than they used to be."

"Yoga students, were good, too," added one commission observer. "They often pride themselves on just sitting there."

"Advising that the City Council 'take no action' starts to make us look a little silly when it happens over and over again," added the city hall staffer. "Opinion-free people are the better solution."

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ASK THE EXPERT'S



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, do we really have to fight over People's Park all over again? I am kind of busy.

Dear reader, apparently so. It's part of the tradition that the real dialogue has to happen abruptly in the street; the university evicted everyone who lived on the block now known as People's Park in the middle of finals in 1967. It's part of their need to establish a sense of dominance.

Dear Lena, so more insane street battles, more craziness and injuries and cops gone wild? Can't we just have some peace on southside for a while?

Dear reader, the Chancellor and the mayor of Berkeley say no. Get your gas mask ready and bring a hard hat. Underestimating the backlash is also part of the tradition. You see it playing out right now with the IKE electronic sidewalk billboard thing.

Dear Lena, who thought that ad-spewing electronic billboards was a good idea anyway?

Dear reader, apparently the mayor and a lot of unknown IKE Smart City operatives in a back room to which you and I were not invited. Oh, and John Caner, of course. He has his house on the beach so his personal views will be unobstructed.

Dear Lena, can we stop them from blighting our neighborhoods? My commercial district has struggles enough.

Dear reader, yes. Call the City Manager at (510) 981-7000 and tell them you want the no sidewalk billboard 4th Street deal for your neighborhood or commercial district. The public streets are owned, in fact, by you, the public, not some corporation from out of town that wants to feast on your personal data. That's apparently all some lucky people in town have to do. Ask to be put on the "opt-out" list. Insist. They'll tell you they don't have one, but they do.

Ask Lena about the city's tireless efforts to clear the town of community fliers and posters at cdenney@igc.org.

Fun Holiday Crafts with Paper Towels from President Donald Trump

By President Donald Trump

1. "Glue. Get some glue, or that white, what is it, in the little jar. I do this really well, and then you just stick it together. It works better than anyone has ever seen before. It's unbelievable.

2. It's just, no, this one is glitter with the other thing, and then it is like a disco ball which I have more of than anyone else, probably, in the world, which gives your place a lot of class. I wanted one in every room at Mar-a-Lago and I still need to do that, I'm going to do that. I'm the president so that'll get done.

3. Those little sticks that come with the ice cream and they come, you can get these. There's usually near the plastic spoons and then just stick them with that other, that white stuff with the glitter. Kids love these things and it works better than anything, really what everybody says that it works the best and better than anything has before.

4. It's the little wire things with fuzzy with the colors, those things. You don't see them very often and they work really well, better than anything and you can twist them and I did that once. Better than anyone ever.

5. The foam stuff, well I don't use it because I ate some once and it did not work, but they say it can be a thing for crafts so that might be a thing. They say that.

6. Do we have to do ten? Okay, then the little fringe like is on the flag, that's probably a nice thing there. I don't know where you get it. But trust me. It's unbelievable.

7. Making sure you have a vacuum cleaner handy, somebody is saying to do that, too. No, I don't do that, or any of this, but it is probably a lot of fun everybody says that



TRUMP TOWELS are the best paper towels on earth which everybody says so and better than anyone has ever seen before, everybody says that and that's what they all say.

and look at all this, there's glitter.

8. Did I say the little sticks? Okay. Did I say the bendy things? How about the feathers? That's okay, the feathers. That's a nice touch since you have the glue, right, and that makes it really, people will embrace this and it looks classy. Everybody says so.

9. The fake snow, I almost forgot since you already have the cleaner thing so you can and the glitter thing. It all comes together. Trust me.

10. Now you can put it on the tree or on the table there where you have the other things there. This works out so well, it all works really well and better than anything ever has worked before.



PAPER TOWELS ARE WHAT SAVED PUERTO RICO after the terrible hurrican and now everything there is good, everybody says that.

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“Why People’s Park Sucks and We Should Destroy It On Its 50th Birthday”

Interview with UC Chancellor Carol Christ



UC CHANCELLOR CAROL CHRIST has got this. Don’t think you can protest or write letters.

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “You’re the first female chancellor of UC Berkeley. It has been suggested that your plan to destroy People’s Park is an effort to prove your machismo. Is this the case?”

Chancellor Christ: “Yes. Kicking the shit out of hippies is ordinarily a man’s job. But not only can I do it, I can do with panache.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “Panache?”

Chancellor Christ: “Yes. He’s one of the new UCPD officers. Cute as a button.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “So you anticipate violence when construction on People’s Park begins?”

Chancellor Christ: “Oh, of course. That’s the tradition. These 1960’s leftovers really enjoy it, and frankly, so do I. It clears your mind wonderfully to watch people bleed.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “Does it give you any pause at all that People’s Park has been a landmark for 35 years?”

Chancellor Christ: “Not at all. The fact that it’s a landmark makes it a little more fun.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “What about building your student housing on Smyth-Fernwald’s nearby 10 acres, or Clark-Kerr’s 130 acres right across the street? You could build a lot more housing. You could solve the entire housing crisis in Berkeley.”

Chancellor Christ: “Yes, but you miss the point. It’s my job to destroy People’s Park because it represents an assault on authority, convention, passivity. Erasing it will erase a lot of inconvenient symbolism and local history.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “It’s your job to erase People’s Park entirely?”

Chancellor Christ: “Heavens, yes. And I’m looking forward to it. I was born for this moment. I just can’t wait.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “Do you think that’s why you were chosen for the chancellor’s job?”

Chancellor Christ: “Of course. It’s part of the deal. Mayor Arreguin caved like an egg carton on *his* park campaign promises.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “What

“It’s part of the deal. Mayor Arreguin caved like an egg carton on *his* People’s Park campaign promises.”

did you promise Mayor Arreguin?”

Chancellor Christ: “Let’s just say it has nothing to do with free speech.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “I see. Don’t you think it will be difficult to put three buildings and five stories of housing on such a small block?”

Chancellor Christ: “Of course. But I love a challenge. I can show you how I’ll do it, if you’d like. I have a little presentation.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “By all means.”

(Chancellor Christ takes a map of southside

and a little model of a seven-story building and points out how much smaller the park is at 2.8 acres than the other nearby sites to illustrate the challenge. She sets the building on the map and begins to hammer it in place, hammering more and more wildly until the editor asks her please to stop.)

Chancellor Christ: “Sorry. I get so excited I get carried away. This is really so much more fun than analyzing George Eliot’s “Mill on the Floss.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “So I see.”

Chancellor Christ: “And it might be five stories or it might be seven on the frontage side. We have plans for both depending on what we can get away with. A lot of contractors want the job because it’s like the blood match of the century.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “You do seem to be having fun with this.”

Chancellor Christ: “Oh, I am.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “What makes you qualified for this position?”

Chancellor Christ: “I do have a lengthy resume and a lot of previous history with the UC campus, but I don’t mind telling you that I sucked a lot of dick along the way.”

PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “Really.”

Chancellor Christ: “Heavens, yes. At a certain point in one’s career it becomes a necessity. And a specialty.”

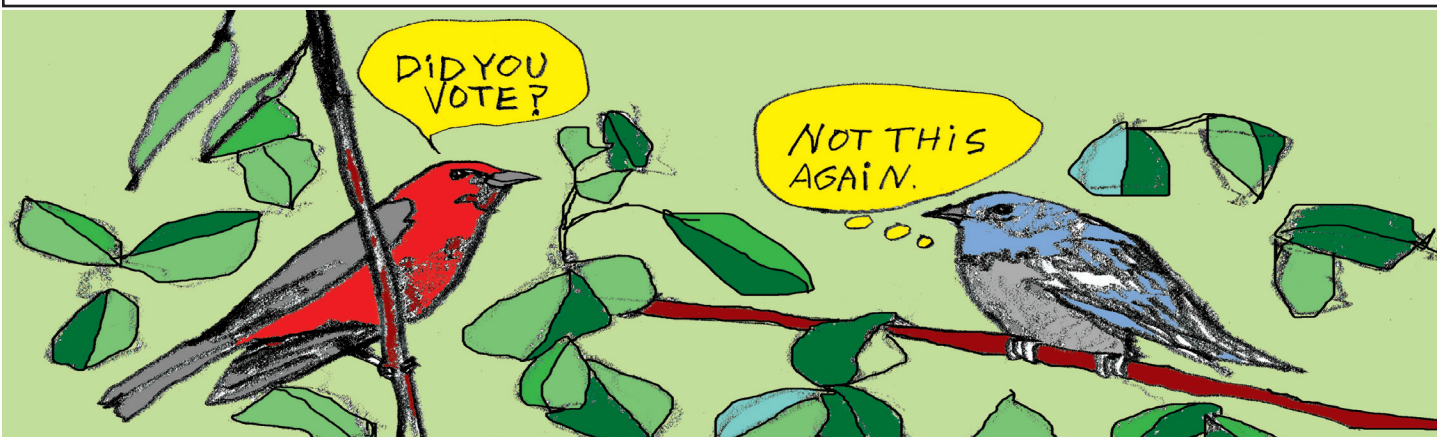
PST Editor Grace Underpressure: “I see.”

Chancellor Christ: “See you on the front lines!”

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We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



"We Hate IKE" Campaign Gains Steam

By Ben Thinking

"It looked like a walk," confided one city hall staffer about the huge "IKE", or "interactive kiosk experience" backlash. "We thought Phase One would be a smooth roll into Phase Two, etc. But people really hate these things."

"Even the designer hates them," confided another city hall staff member. "They're intimidating, side-walk obstructing, and they're frankly ugly as sin."

"Tourists would rather be lost than touch them," agreed another staff member. "And they collect your info, so the creepy factor is way high beyond the 65 inch screen."

4th Street, Solano Avenue, and the Elmwood are among the commercial districts being offered opt-out opportunities without the bother of public meetings, sending other neighborhoods up in arms about the double standard.

"Not that I don't enjoy large public meetings during the holiday season full of shills from the IKE Smart City LLC," explained one neighborhood representative. "I especially love when the promoters from the Economic Development Department say

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'have you read the contract?' over and over while Sophie gets a pass for her neighborhood. We just want out of electronic billboards."

"It's sixty pages more than the mayor read," agreed a neighbor. "Seeing the actual blinking electronic sidewalk billboard says it all."

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