

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

"...but hollow men, like horses hot at hand, make gallant show..."

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UC "Politics of Amnesia" Course Wildly Popular on UC Campus UC Offers New Class for the Holidays

By PST reporters Beto Watchout and partner Beto Notcry

"Forget your history, your waistline, last year's resolutions - do what you really want to do for the holidays; forget everything and get crazy" is the popular clarion call in the sold-out introductory materials for UC Berkeley's new class, "The Politics of Amnesia" which begins some time soon somewhere on campus near that other place by that thing.

The class will feature a field trip visit to the sites of former murals, bookstores, music venues, former traditional open space gathering spots and former theaters which are no longer part of the landscape plus special prizes for those who honestly can't remember what was there before anyway. Special awards will go to people who get lost along the way and never find the field trip stops and can't even remember what it was all about and fail the class.

"Finally there's a class I can excell at," stated one student at the end of her rope with all the various requirements for a geology class. "I have no idea what my name is right now."

Several professors competed for the opportunity to teach the class but couldn't find the office where they were supposed to sign up, clearly signalling their qualifi-



DOZENS OF NOTORIOUS RADICALS met to support People's Park before a debate where the park was accused of causing both all crime in Berkeley plus creating the housing crisis.

cations for the coveted position.

"We're not sure who is teaching the class since we're encouraged not to remember," observed one attendee. "We also get special points if we can't remember anything that was taught the week before."

Critics admit that while grading the class presents a challenge, the forgetting skills the students hone as they practice knowing little or nothing about former landmarks and cultural sites are valuable skills, especially during an election year. In the words of one critic, "it guarantees that a few voters facing the vast field of candidates have a chance to hang onto their sanity."

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Firestorm Cause Finally Found: Circle of Life Admits Responsibility

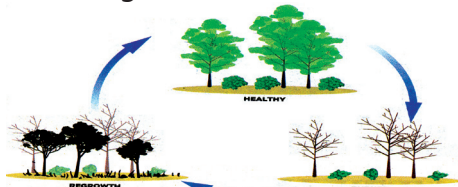
PG&E Expresses Relief, Unlike Whining Firestorm Victims

By Dunstan Oberdere

An unrepentant Circle of Life stood handcuffed in a Lake County courtroom and openly admitted responsibility for the devastating wildfires ravaging through towns and wildlands and making Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) look really bad.

"Blame me," suggested Life casually to Judge Furyaseff, who cautioned Life that he/she/they had the right to remain silent. "I'm just being natural."

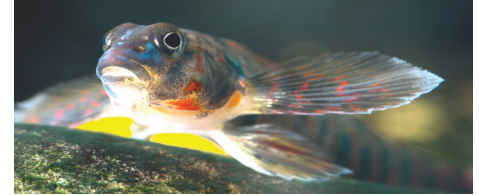
PG&E claimed it was just being natural, too, and if it fudged its inspection records or was unresponsive to a community expected to be without power for weeks that was the customary course of its successful business model.



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE MADE A FULL CONFESSION regarding its role in the devastating firestorms ravaging the California landscape and appeared to have no remorse.

"Think about it. San Bruno, the Tubbs fire, the Camp fire, and on and on," offered a PG&E spokesperson. "We've declared total bankruptcy before and hey, we just keep on trucking."

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THE CANDY DARTER is one of several species stubbornly refusing to vacate its habitat for the Mountain Valley Pipeline construction in West Virginia.

Candy Darter Screws Everything Up

By Maude Noteven

The Mountain Valley Pipeline, a massive 42-inch pipeline routed through Wetzel, Harrison, Doddridge, Lewis, Braxton, Webster, Nicholas, Greenbrier, Fayette, Summers, and Monroe counties in West Virginia is once again stalled due to another tedious challenge in federal court.

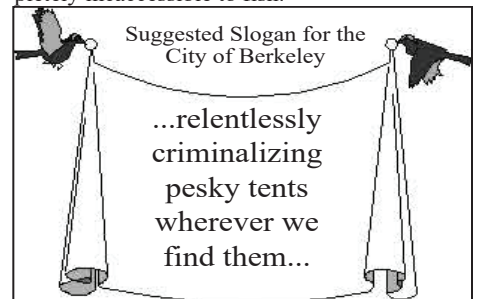
In October, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) ordered construction to stop when a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) permit related to endangered species was rejected by a federal appeals court. Now, the pipeline company must cease all construction except for stabilization measures which just cramps everybody's style.

"Appalachian Mountain Advocates just doesn't appreciate how much somebody somewhere will appreciate the fracked gas we're piping out of here," state the pile of energy LLCs building the pipeline. "Candy darters have no sense of adventure."

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WV RIVERS STAFF SCIENTIST Autumn Crowe describes best management practices to keep water safe during a tour of Atlantic Coast Pipeline construction, a tour which was completely inaccessible to fish.



Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...relentlessly criminalizing pesky tents wherever we find them...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, aren't we going to miss the truth at some point? I've bought my share of National Enquirers, but I think it might be important for us to have some shared point of reference for stuff like, oh, what the bus schedule is. Don't we need the truth?

Dear reader, I don't think so. One can make a really good argument that all the things people were assuming were the truth were pretty far off the mark, or that the mark keeps moving. Just ask Pluto. Besides it is much more exciting to never know when the bus is going to come.

Dear Lena, I wear a watch that tells me my blood pressure but I can't tell what time it is. Can you help?

Dear reader, no.

Dear Lena, what's with the war on murals? Are they really that dangerous?

Dear reader, yes. They cheat at poker. They are the ones who stole your redeemable empties right out of your cart and make cruel jokes about your shoes.

Dear Lena, are you watching the debates? Who do you think won?

Dear reader, no, but I got a pretty good idea from one of our correspondents who wrote,

Am watching the Democratic Debate on MSNBC. Really enjoyed the video game part where Yang beat Warren in a first person shooter. Tulsi Gabbard vs. Pete Buttigieg in paintball was exciting as well. Quite unexpected when Tulsi started shouting in Russian.

Did not enjoy the swimsuit competition between Biden and Sanders. Have to admit that Sanders totally nailed the "Little Bunny FuFu."

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Ask Lena about chess at cdenny@igc.org.

Roger W. Heyns Grove Plaque Clarifies Preservation Pathway for People's Park

By Aidan Apple

"It's worth a try," agreed the small group of historians concerned about the seeming myopia of UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ's current plans for People's Park which would destroy the 2.8 acre park that threads together the histories of the anti-war movement, the Third World Liberation Movement, the surge of radical poetry, and the native plant garden that was the centerpiece of more than a dozen local landmarks surrounding the park.

"Flattering former Chancellor Roger Heyns was an effective preservation technique," agreed Flora Davi-Cashun, fact-checker for the Slow Historical Digest. "People are people. They need to know they are loved."



CHANCELLOR Carol Christ could still get a commemorative plaque if she would just stop threatening to destroy landmarks all the time.

political buttons and making untoward remarks in mixed society."

The 50-year-old commemorative plaque on the UC Berkeley campus near the Roger W. Heyns Grove states:

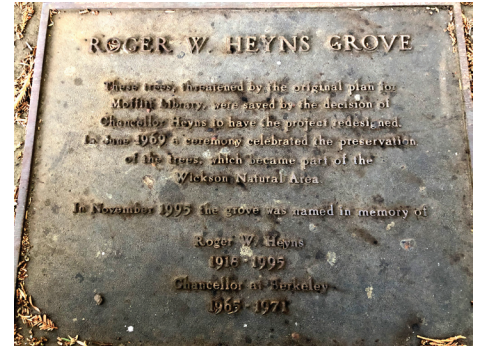
"These trees, threatened by the original plan for Moffitt Library, were saved by the decision of Chancellor Heyns to have the project redesigned. June 1969 a ceremony celebrated the preservation of the trees, which became part of the Wickson Natural Area. November 1995 the grove was named in memory of Roger W. Heyns 1918-1995 chancellor at Berkeley 1965-1971"

"Chancellor Christ does have a chance for a plaque of her own," mused Davi-Cashun on a recent stroll through the currently empty 10 acre Smyth-Fernwald area which



THE ORIGINAL PEOPLE'S PARK NATIVE PLANT FORUM'S PROJECT in the East End of the park in 1978 was a UC-supported collaboration between the campus, students, master gardeners from all over California and the community.

once provided exactly the student housing sorely needed today. "But former Chancellor Roger Heyns, for all the controversy during his tenure, raised the bar. There is no question that he created the Office of



TREES ONCE THREATENED BY the original plans for Moffitt Library were rescued by simple use of flattering commemoration.

the Ombudsman, a relatively informal way for problems to be addressed by any party. He also was among the first to promote experiments in undergraduate education to respond to student initiative to create their own programs."

Other historians agreed. "He didn't just save the redwood grove," added Professor Backalott. "He played a huge role in the creation of the nationally renowned Graduate School of Public Policy. But most key would be the fact that he set aside Ecological Study Areas on campus, much like the original UC-supported native plant project in People's Park. Christ could set the entire 2.8 acres of People's Park aside in his name as a recognition of the values of these seminal programs which later became mainstream after 50 years."

Chancellor's office insiders confirmed that Chancellor Christ is still in shock after learning that her lucrative mechanism for monetizing sports was hitting a rock in the road; the requirement to share profits with student athletes.

"She'll be alright," reported one insider. "She just needs to stop sobbing."

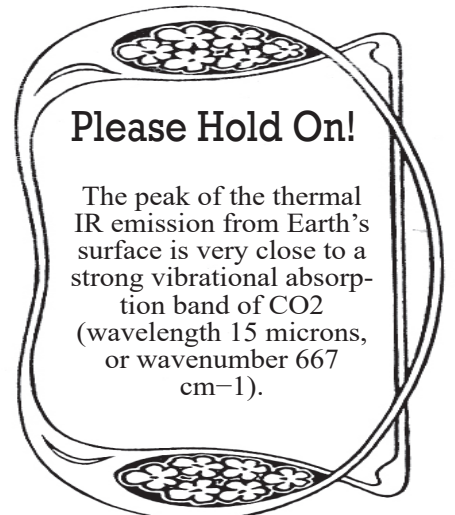
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Inspiration Corner

by Lynn Riordan

Please Hold On!

The peak of the thermal IR emission from Earth's surface is very close to a strong vibrational absorption band of CO₂ (wavelength 15 microns, or wavenumber 667 cm⁻¹).





OWNER CRAIG BECKER APPROVED THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL CAFFE MEDITERRANEUM MURAL because it had overheard way too much revolutionary rhetoric.

Becker: Caffe Mediterraneo Murals Knew Too Much

Craig Becker Admits Mural Destruction Linked to Lucrative Plans to Remake Caffe Med and Telegraph Ave

By Duane Queener

Longtime Caffe Med owner Craig Becker recently admitted he played a role in the destruction of its interior mural, which he could easily have had preserved during the transfer of the lease of the iconic café.

“We’re trying to annihilate, not celebrate history,” he explained. “The Black Panthers hid from the police upstairs. Political groups met here and planned a lot of the movements Berkeley is famous for. We’ve got to put an end to that somehow.”

Experts acknowledged that the Greek-themed murals’ visages probably overheard a great deal of revolutionary content over

the years and ran the risk of influencing a new generation of students the University of California fervently hopes will be too overwhelmed and too far in debt to organize a sock drawer.

Becker remains the owner, but hopes the new leaseholders will run the Caffe in some more conventional way than anybody local might. “Historic destruction is key,” he stated.

“These students need a less disruptive environment,” he affirmed. “Imagine what would happen if they found out that the University of California used to be free.”

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IS IT AMOEBIA RECORDS, THE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, THE CITY OR THE UNIVERSITY which refuses to illuminate the newly refurbished People’s Park mural at night, a simple safety improvement for the Telegraph Area generally.

Park Mural Kept in the Dark

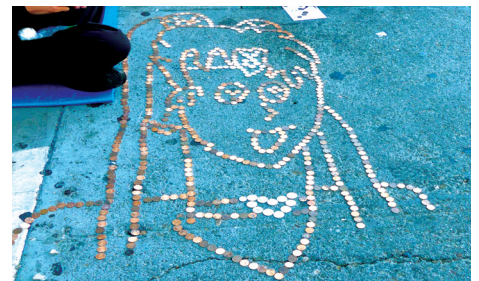
By Nelda Toodoor

The recent restoration of the famed People’s Park mural merited a ceremony when it was completed, but a sharp-eyed student noticed it is carefully shaded from view at night.

“It’s a theme,” explained a spokesperson from the Telegraph Business Improvement District. “The more people know about the park, the less they want to see seven stories of housing on it.”

“Historical context is a dangerous thing,” explained another TBID representative. “If you really want to erase history, especially the history of something more than fifty years old, you have to move really quickly.”

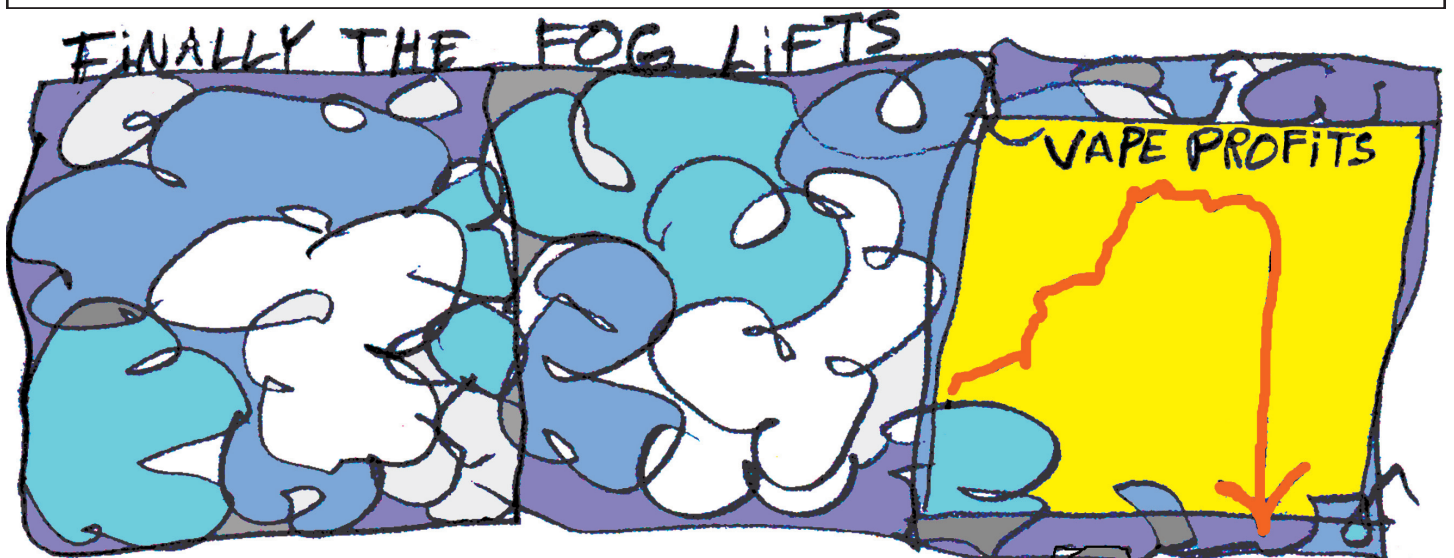
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THESE PENNIES spontaneously organized into a lovely portrait.

We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast

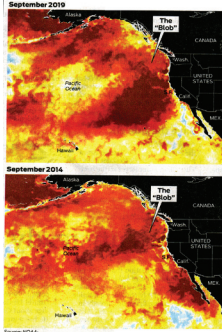


Jesus Returns, Admits Responsibility for Hot Ocean Blob Off Coast

Climatologists Suspect Link to Political Action Committee

By Bobby Natsee

A mass of unusually hot water is bubbling up for the second time since 2014 threatening the ocean ecosystem off the West Coast and threatening to attract hot tub users from all over the globe. The unusual occurrence coincides with Jesus's traditional return for the holidays, who is considered a suspect in the matter but denied responsibility until a press conference held last Friday.



at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). "Our beaches are still full of noodles and plastic lobsters from the last hot blob. But we're really thankful that Jesus confessed. It saves a lot of pointless speculation."

Critics suspect that Jesus is running for the Democratic Party's nomination and that the blob represents an ambiguous gender reveal party gone wrong, but Jesus claims he was just fooling around with chemicals in his backyard and things got out of hand.



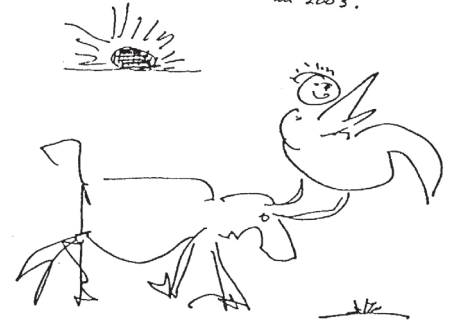
JESUS AT THE DOGPARK with his favorite pet.

"The Democrats do seem to think that continually adding new candidates is an effective electoral technique," mused one political observer. "And Jesus has a lot of name recognition. But I'm not sure his

"We have enough environmental disrupters," stated Nate Mantua of the Landscape Ecology Team

JESUS ADMITS he was just fooling around in the backyard when he made the blobs and thought they were kind of fun.

Logician on the horns of a dilemma. The dilemma is one of two still living in the wild. All other known dilemmas are in zoo's.



record of miracle-making can make up for his questionable record."

Mantua acknowledged that while a miracle might be nice, world citizens need to reduce emissions in some more consistent way to address the current climate crisis.

"Not that I don't pray," added Mantua nervously.

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I Want My Present Now

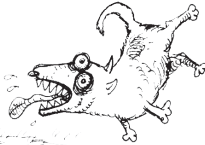
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