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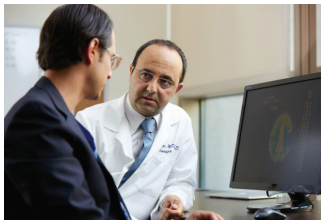
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Silicon Valley Jobs Program for Females at Holiday Parties Backfires

By Will Dew



EXPERTS TRY HARD but have trouble helping Silicon Valley employees even recognize women let alone talk to them.

Silicon Valley firms acknowledged their program for hiring female models to even out the gender gap at their holiday parties had

caused controversy, but insisted that their engineers of any age were still at a tender stage regarding their ability to speak to

people of the opposite gender.

"These employees have spent their youth taking apart radios," explained one embarrassed tech supervisor. "They come across women so rarely it's a given they're going to say or do something really stupid which would usually result in a real woman leaving the party if not filing a lawsuit."

One Silicon Valley tech employee agreed. "I think it's a good program," he stated. "And it's technically open to men, too, since if you throw a glittering party dress on any live human being even our collective experience is such that we can't really tell the difference."

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Breaking News: Council Majority Supports Big, Super-potent Pepper Spray Cans Because They Are Tools

By Horace Voice

With three exceptions, the Berkeley City Council insisted that its police force be allowed to shoot pepper spray into crowds to target "violent" individuals and protect both themselves and the public, which turned out to object.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Elliott Halpern noted that pepper spray is considered an indiscriminate weapon. Professor James McFadden added that "pepper spray is specifically designed for crowd control" and that that is how it is described in its promotional literature, but both men were dismissed by a city council majority which also dismissed studies and reports documenting that the chemical tends to be not only unreliable but predictably counterproductive for a certain ratio of uses.



PEPE SPRAY was the only expert speaking at the hearing because that is Berkeley's traditional approach to the controversial "police tool."

"We're stepping away from 'evidence-based' and 'science-based' evaluations," confided one city hall insider. "If the Centers for Disease Control is going to try it, then so should we for the sake of our funding in the Trump era."

Critics noted that no health experts were called upon to participate in the hearing, but were dismissed.

"That's how we've done it in the past," explained Chief of Police Greenwood. "We find that's the way it works best for us."

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Sophie Hahn Advises People Who Don't Like Secondhand Smoke to Just Move

By Lotte Dawe

Council Representative Sophie Hahn admits that her advice to East Bay residents choking on wood smoke is both traditional and "holiday-friendly", but sticks by it.

"I'm not going to be the one knocking on the door of a family nestled around a fireplace crooning Christmas carols," she added, confirming her recent directive to smoke-choked people at her most recent farmers market meet and greet. "People need to appreciate that "Spare the Air" days are just for show this time of year."

Wood smoke joins secondhand smoke as having immediate, measurable health effects with deadly implications for vulnerable populations who probably should have moved to Alaska years ago if they really cared about their lungs.

Berkeley, once poised to ban fireplace and wood stove use about ten years ago, has more recently embraced wood smoke and secondhand tobacco and marijuana smoke as an "edgy" and "disruptive" part of urban living which the adventurous tech-oriented population they prefer to move here should enjoy since they can probably find or invent



FAMILIES WHO GATHER together to enjoy a holiday fireplace consider ruining their neighbors' lungs just part of the fun.

an app to tell them precisely how much of the carcinogens they are currently breathing and place fun bets with their friends on tomorrow's exposure levels.

"These people wearing masks are kidding themselves," confessed one Bay Area Air Quality Management employee who confirmed that the approximately 70 inspectors who check on Spare the Air and similar complaints only work during the day, when fireplace use is less likely. "Masks don't stop the fine particles or the toxic gases, and they really do a funny number on your hair."

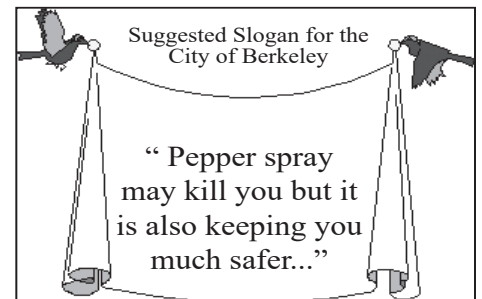
Hahn insists that moving is a reasonable option for people who insist on breathing.

"Berkeley homes are going for a lot of money," she noted. "And I'm told Alaska is really pretty this time of year."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, I was on 4th Street on December 23rd and there were two police cars sitting by its front door, one on either side of the street. Is this really necessary? We have open air drug sales all over our neighborhood. How did Lululemon get the special treatment?

Dear reader, what a terrible attitude. You live in a neighborhood where people are naturally tough and can take the sights, sounds, and smashed windows that go with rough parts of town. Down on Fourth Street it's a different crew who really care about cosmeceutical grade peel and ultrasonic exfoliation. Try to have more compassion; there are a lot of police down there that Lululemon bought fair and square. They're terrible at high-octane police work and their priorities are easily swayed by private contributions, *but they're not afraid to pepper spray somebody in a crowd.*

Dear Lena, shouldn't Mayor Jesse Arreguin have at least asked the police to demonstrate hitting one allegedly violent person in the middle of a moving, marching crowd of protesters before giving them permission to try to hit one guy with pepper spray? I have my doubts about their ability to isolate the spray even on a lineup of stuffed animals.

Dear reader, you're just not thinking. Imagine the backlash there would have been should there have been an experiment involving an innocent line of teddy bears, Spongebob Squarepants, and Raggedy Ann dolls soaked in toxics. But the real point is making sure that people with the audacity to join a protest find out pretty fast that it was a really bad idea and they should go get a skin care treatment on Fourth Street.

Dear Lena, shouldn't the mayor know better than to let the police indiscriminately spray into protest crowds?

Dear reader, don't blame the mayor if most of this town sleeps through bad policy. Blame the sleepers snoring through it all.

Ask Lena about having fun making music with beet boxes at cdenney@jgc.org.

Berkeley Police At the Ready for Impending Lululemon Crime Spree

"It could happen any day now - I mean it." -- Chief of Police Greenwood

By Bettine Afortune

The Berkeley Police Department clarified recently that its alleged understaffing has not in any way interfered with its constant, dedicated, privately paid presence outside of of the 4th Street shopping area's Lululemon store, which considers its leggings and workout clothing extremely valuable.



LEGGINGS can run away from danger but that's about all they can do.

"We finally have some that you can't see through," explained a store spokesperson. "That became oddly important for some customers."

The police's alleged understaffing was highlighted by Berkeleyside, the local online publication which apparently agrees with the high prioritization of Lululemon's extreme potential as a crime target due to helpless workout leggings' obvious and extreme vulnerability and the private police dough.

"Try as they will to work out and get stronger, leggings are at the mercy of those who wish to do them harm," confirmed a police officer. "We may be extremely understaffed, but we are committed to keeping the world safe for workout clothing."

Critics decried the description of the police department as understaffed, pointing out only a bloated department with little to do would have sworn officers hanging around Fourth Street for the holidays watching the yoga-clothes-clad pedestrians shop off their latte's, but were dismissed.

"We may not have a crime spree yet, but don't count out these yoga people," stated one officer. "We're keeping our privately paid eyes on them just in case."

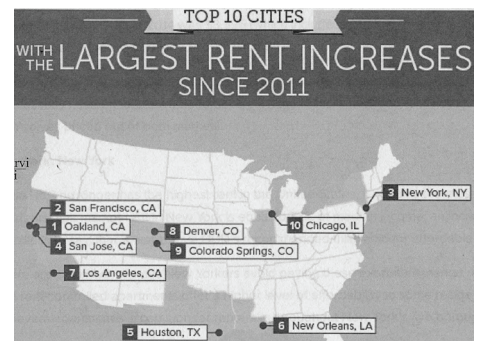
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YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE CHIEF OF POLICE Greenwood's courage by simultaneously lamenting the understaffing of the police department while stationing sometimes two police cars outside Lululemon on Fourth Street day after day while the rest of us dodge drive-bys which he explains to the few who even ask by saying that police cars are kind of like family and enjoy being near each other for the holidays.



POLICE ARE COMMITTED TO remaining stationed in front of Lululemon for as long as it takes until they're sure the world is safe for vulnerable leggings and workout clothing.



WHOOPS IT LOOKS LIKE the bipartisan policy of leaving rents up to the "market" leaves a lot of us sleeping in doorways. *Who knew?*

Breaking News: Nobody Can Afford A Roof Anymore

By Weijia Board

"The market can't let us down," insisted economic professor Adele Pickle from the University of Chicago's little known Office of Opportune and Popular Suppositions (OOPS). "While it can miss the mark for decades at a time, all predictions eventually come true if you just take the time to live long enough."

Economic forecasters have difficulty arguing with this premise, since it involves a lifespan beyond their own.

"In 1966, Time magazine predicted that "remote shopping, while entirely feasible, will flop—because women like to get out of the house, like to handle merchandise, like to be able to change their minds."

This prediction seems untrue but "could still change," insists Pickle. "Check back in 2054 when global warming makes mail service impossible."

Pickle went on to cite Irving Fisher's "permanent plateau" remark right before the crash of 1929, Y2K, the dot-com bubble, the 2008 housing bubble, and other examples as proof that the market is always, if only occasionally, right.

"Tiny houses are great," she said. "Right up until the moment you need to pee."

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Apple Adding EKG Heart Monitor for Apple Watch So You Know If You're Dead

By Martha Spot



IN ANOTHER NOD TO TRADITION, nobody brought the relevant cans of Pepper Spray to the pepper spray discussion.

Can Size Dominates Pepper Spray Discussion

- Big Honking Cans of Air Freshener Might Be Safest Option for Cops

By Mason DeFace

The few scientists willing to discuss pepper spray's can size, and relative strength and toxicity are reluctant to do so. "The war is over and we lost," commented one UCSF researcher. "The police are using it as 'radicals be-gone' spray and nobody cares if a ratio of the public dies."

"We used to count on Berkeley for a voice for science to be included in the discussion," admitted one accountability advocate. "But they've conflated can size and Scoville units. Everybody on the street will have to wear gas masks now to attend a demonstration. If you have asthma you should just shoot yourself."

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IT'S HARD FOR POLICE to argue that they won't use pepper spray for crowd control when that's how it's advertised, but they think they've found a way with the current council majority which gives the chief whatever he wants.



IF YOU'RE DEAD this cool looking watch will let you know right away.

high-end watch are so busy they might not even notice that they fainted and are lying in the middle of a busy intersection."

Apple's current watch has more basic functions which have yet to really catch on with the tech crowd.

Apple is planning an advanced version of its Apple Watch for people who might want their watch to let them know if they're experiencing heart irregularities or if they're already dead.

"It's for people too busy for a doctor visit," explained an Apple designer working on the project. "People interested in this kind of

"We can't figure it out," confessed Apple spokeswoman Amy Besette. "You can download a sleep tracking app. Who would want that. You can see the weather. You can talk to it."

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Experts Advise Public Not to Be Shy About Tasting Unruly Kale

Experts Advise Extreme Caution

By Katya Redhanded



Don't tase me, bro.



THE MOST UNRULY types of kale may require the use of a taser.

"Be ready to tase your kale," warned experts alarmed by the rise in serious kale-related assaults in kitchens across the country. "Do not make the mistake of letting your kale think it has the upper hand."

"I was just trying to massage it," stated one tearful salad-maker getting medical treatment at a local hospital. "I knew kale was strong, but I had no idea it could really fight back."

Experts advise both pepper spray and tasers be kept near any kitchen counter to deal with recalcitrant vegetables, especially certain kinds of kale.

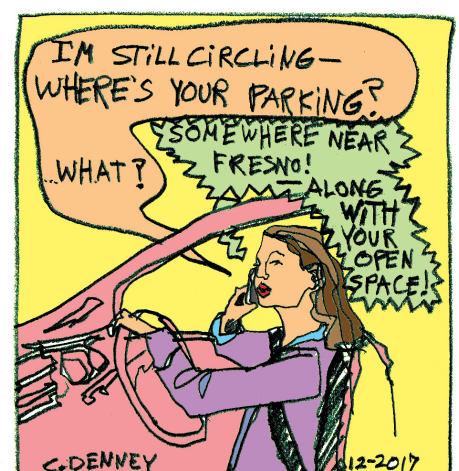
"I've begun to beat it with a hoe in the yard before it gets anywhere near my kitchen," confessed one local Berkeley gardener who is long past considering it safe to serve without defensive weapons nearby. "I may just move to running it over repeatedly with the car."

"Kale looks passive, but can be unpredictable," stated one culinary expert. "The best advice is to stay alert."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Seven Dangerous Terms To Avoid While Working at the CDC

By Thalia Goagain

A spokesperson at the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) insisted that the recommendation to policy analysts at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to avoid using seven words and phrases in their upcoming budget including diversity, entitlement, evidence-based, fetus, science-based, transgender, and vulnerable, is being mischaracterized as a ban.

IF A SCIENTIST comes across one of the flagged words he or she should quickly put on a mask and call the authorities.

“We’re not stopping people from using these words,” stated agency spokesperson Matt Lloyd. “We’re just letting them know if they do their funding may take a hit.”

Critics argue that attempting to filter certain words out of public health discussions will backfire by creating new code words for the old words and inhibiting scientists from fields of study less favored by the current administration.

“Science is supposed to be bipartisan,” grumbled one scientist trying to find euphemisms for “vulnerable” and “diversity” while not sounding ridiculous. “If I’d wanted to work in advertising I would have applied at Google or Facebook.”

Lloyd dismissed the backlash. “It never hurts to increase your vocabulary,” he said. “Just find another word, especially one nobody knows. People love that.”

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By Zora Ghost

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Next Issue: Making up new words with celebrities!

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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