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## Support Groups for Upset Eclipse Missers Explode Nationwide

By Anatole Bridgetoken



PEOPLE LOOKED under rocks for the eclipse thinking it was something like finding Easter eggs.

Citizens shocked to discovered that the eclipse of the sun was not a movie or something you could catch a couple days later like part of a baseball series are said to

be deeply ashamed, and are overwhelmingly seeking psychological counseling.

"It's kind of like the day I missed the transit of Venus," whispered one Oregon resident. "I was trying to get the baby's shoes on and somehow it just slipped my mind."

I know I should have bought a plane ticket and booked a hotel years ago and stared into the sun for hours with special glasses," mourned one South Carolinian. "I

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THESE PEOPLE THOUGHT the eclipse was a new film and all went to the movies to see it and are now deeply ashamed.

just cringe that I had signed up to cover the carpool for the neighborhood kids."

Experts were wary of estimating the damage to the psyches of the thousands estimated to have missed the opportunity to spend thousands of dollars enjoying the celestial phenomenon unless it happened to be cloudy.

"We're going to keep an eye on them," offered one mental health professional. "It is safe to suggest that many are armed."

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## Berkeley Shines As the Go-to Place for White Supremacists to Mingle

By Bella Ringing



NOTHING BEATS a craft beer after an exhausting day of shouting racist chants and waving around the Confederate flag.

White supremacists are enjoying a higher media profile during the Trump presidency and clearly favor college towns and liberal cities over other locations for rallies, but confess that Berkeley is special.

"We can count on a big response in those cities," acknowledged alt-right leader Richard Spencer. "The violence from the Antifa groups really helps make sure we get on the news, and we thank them for it. But really you can't beat the food."

"Berkeley has great food," acknowledged a local white supremacist with enthusiasm while adjusting his American flag cape. "Beating up liberals while enjoying a salad of little gems, beets, avocado, queso fresco, cilantro-yogurt vinaigrette is just not some-

thing easy to get in Charlottesville."

Cole White, a Top Dog worker in Berkeley up until the Charlottesville rally outed him, agreed.

"I resigned after I was Twittered out," he stated, "but it was really hard finding our top quality craft beer in North Carolina. It's a college town, too, but it's obviously easier to be a white supremacist in Berkeley."

Local officials had wanted to make sure they learned as much as they could about the tastes of the crowd so they could tailor local menus to suit them and maximize the business opportunities in the bloom of white supremacy, but realized they didn't need to after learning that so much of the white supremacist movement was born or organized right here in California.

"It's so much easier knowing they're homegrown in our state," stated one Downtown Berkeley Association staff member. "No push poll necessary!"

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"Hey, mom, can I have some?"



"No, honey. You'll just want more!"

## Breaking News: Food Causes Homelessness

By Shelby Cumminround E. Mountain

San Jose's city leaders temporarily put off criminalizing sharing food and clothing in St. James Park, but agreed that studies definitively show that free food creates homelessness.

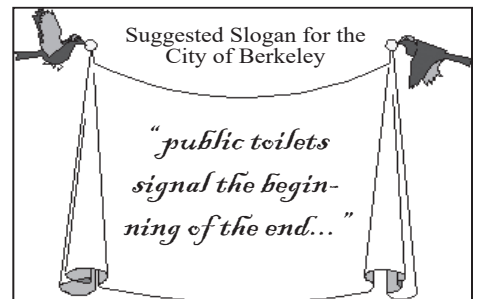
"Wherever they hand out free food poor and homeless people show up," stated one San Jose spokesperson. "We can't help but notice the connection."

"It's clear that the poverty is manifesting wherever the food is distributed," agreed another city official. "You don't find these poor people in our wealthy districts."

Experts acknowledge that they have documented an unfortunate but clear connection between the distribution of food and the presence of poverty.

"Food clearly causes homelessness," stated local expert Celia Fate. "Who knew."

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

"public toilets signal the beginning of the end..."

# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, what would be the best way to confront all the neo-Nazis coming to town? I don't know whether to arm myself or bake a pie.**

Dear reader, arm yourself, bake the pie, shoot the pie, and call it performance art.

**Dear Lena, I've never thought of myself as paranoid, but the same police force that attacked the Black Lives Matter march based on some disconnected third party's provocative fliers are rolling out the red carpet for the neo-Nazis and white supremacists in Berkeley. Do I have this all wrong?**

Dear reader, I thought I saw the same thing but of course was solidly scolded by councilmembers who have all but deified everything the city manager has ever done, while somewhere the lawsuits unspool on another distant planet.

**Dear Lena, what can we do to stop the alt-right from coming to our town?**

Dear reader, if we could convince people to be non-violent in response that would do it; the story would drop right off the news since the visuals would be too boring. But that, too, is part of a distant planet right now. Our best bet as a town is to really raise the price of tiki torches.

**Dear Lena, what creative ideas can we use to alter the tenor of these demonstrations? Surely we can create some sincere dialogue between all parties somehow.**

Dear reader, I suggest a big community picnic with so much red, white, and blue bunting and great food that nobody can tell who is whom and nobody can stop admiring each other's homemade salads and pies. Then, of course, speed-dating games between anarchists, white supremacists, black bloc people, Antifa groups, crusty old hippies, and neo-Nazis plus potato sack races and tug of war.

*Ask Lena about tips for making sure your American flag cape has a proper fringe so that it indicates admiralty law is in effect wherever your flag is worn at cdenney@igc.org.*

# UC Berkeley and City Confess Free Speech Just A Marketing Ploy

*"Constitutional rights depend on content," emphasize officials.*

*By Alicia Notalone*



UC'S FREE SPEECH monument didn't mean to be the thing that everybody walks all over every day but considering the state of all constitutional rights right now it accidentally looks like a precient work of great genius.

policy is just part of a decades-old marketing strategy. "For years we were the bad guy that wouldn't allow tabling or fliers on campus. Then we thought, hey, just take credit for the Free Speech Movement. We have enough cred that people will just think it was our thing."

"It's not like anybody is paying attention," acknowledged another staffer at UC Berkeley Media Relations. "We got the little circle now on Sproul Plaza. We got the Free Speech Cafe. People don't really pay attention to how we hammer the Palestinian rights groups for making other students "uncomfortable", as we put it, or rip the banners down at homeless tent groups."

## SHREDDED SOCIAL CONTRACT MAKES GREAT COMPOST

*By Susan Stockings*



SUSAN STOCKINGS has found a cunning use for your old, worn-out constitutional rights.

regularly water and turn your pile or ask your neighbor to do it while you're in custody.

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"It finally dawned on us that we should get something out of the free speech movement," stated university spokesperson Dan Mogulof in response to the controversial memo clarifying the university's free speech



WHO CARES IF the University of California and the City of Berkeley were complicit in the death of James Rector, the blinding of Alan Blanchard, the SLAPP-suit in 1992 and many other free speech atrocities if it can all be successfully turned on its head and used as a marketing tool in response to California's home-grown white supremacist movement which, after all, might have something to do with the skyrocketing cost of what was once a free university education.

The City of Berkeley acknowledged that up until some pesky citizen interference recently they routinely tore community fliers down from light posts while posting city notices, an unconstitutional content-based policy.

"We care about the first amendment," stated a spokesperson from Berkeley City Hall who requested anonymity. "But if you really want a permit you're best off rallying for the football team."

Critics note that in recent years UC Berkeley's campus regulations on public assembly and speech have become more stringent, causing many to view the Free Speech Monument as a joke, especially since the "permission" it allegedly gives to a speaker is a small hole about three inches in diameter in its center.

"Birthplace of the Free Speech Movement my ass," stated one of the few FSM voices who can still get around without a walker. "It was the birthplace of the repression of free speech and its well-deserved backlash. But it's true nobody remembers but us old farts."

"You gotta love the three inches," laughed a local folk singer who was sued for a quarter million dollars (compensatory damages) in a SLAPP-suit by the University of California for singing "See You in Santa Rita" at People's Park. "You get a lot more room after they toss you in a custody cell."

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SOME FREE speech traditions in Berkeley haven't changed at all.



# Respected Local Expert Claims That White Supremacists Really Can Turn Themselves Around

"That's what it's all about," points out Dr. Pokey.

By Dr. Hawk E. Pokey

White supremacists, neo-Nazis, and alt-right supporters not only can benefit from the experience of doing the native folk-dance known as the Hokey-Pokey, according to experts, but they can quite literally turn themselves around.

"We were surprised," stated Dr. Hawk E. Pokey, a noted researcher who has spent years folkdancing with various groups nationwide to document behavioral changes and cultural shifts in perspective. "The common assumption is that white supremacists and Nazi sympathizers are hopeless internet-addicted losers with no possibility of redemption."

Dr. Pokey's research is acknowledged as sound by city governments tempted to tighten restrictions on protests which can backfire. "Be careful what you wish for."

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WHITE SUPREMACISTS experience deep and meaningful changes in perspective after doing the hokey-pokey, according to local experts who have studied the effects of turning yourself around.



# UC Berkeley Researchers Learn to Tie Their Shoes

By Harriet Up

University of California researchers rushed to defend their two-year project to



YOU MIGHT AS WELL give up trying to get any help with this until grad school.

find a better method of tying their shoes from critics who described the project as a frivolous waste of time.

"This is a first step toward greater awareness," countered mechanical engineering student Christine Gregg enthusiastically. "This could be the most useful thing I learned in grad school."

Critics objected that aligning the knot along the width of the shoe seemed "unnatural" and that grad stu-



THE SHOE TEAM AT UC BERKELEY worked for two years to bring you the perfectly tied shoes.

dents had many other things to master before considering themselves accomplished.

"Here in Berkeley it's important to know



YOU PROBABLY THINK you can tie your shoes but in fact you're doing it all wrong.

your artisanal beer," pointed out one local professor. "Crisp and hoppy is not the same as refreshing and hoppy with grassy notes and subtle sweetness."

Another professor agreed, saying that the ability to truly parse a dizzying spectrum of

right-wing internet racists has become a crucial part of the contemporary curriculum.

"I made the mistake of never reading Ann Coulter until this year," stated Professor Yuri Lame. "I found I couldn't keep up at my last dinner party."

"The puerile, shallow nature of content-free discussion had put me off," added another local resident. "I found that a lifetime of fact-based communication had left me in a state of complete social isolation."

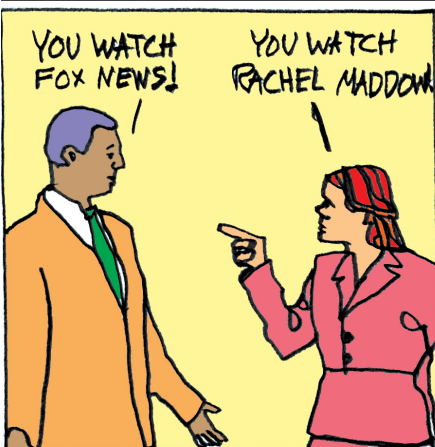
Grad student Gregg responded by agreeing that today's students need to navigate an expanding field of right-wing provocateurs, and that spelling Milos Yannapolis's name was still a challenge.

"But this shoe-tying thing is a kick," she insisted. "It got me out of Crocs."

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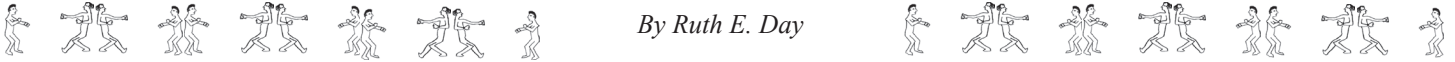
## We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



# Berkeley City Council Gives Alt-right Exactly What They Want Before Going on Vacation

Antifa Does the Same Thing As Planets Align for Eclipse, Councilmember Davila Is Only Wet Blanket



In a remarkable show of compassion, the Berkeley City Council joined Antifa and scores of additional local counter protest groups in giving participants in a combined all-purpose alt-right, pro-Trump, white supremacist and neo-Nazi rally exactly what they were hoping for.

"We're so grateful," responded the organizer of the Aug. 27 rally, Amber Cummings wiping away a tear. "We always



SOME PEOPLE just don't have enough faith in the City Manager and the police to trust them to know what's best for them at protests.

thought Berkeley was the perfect place to have our alt-right events, but we didn't relate it how perfect."

Counterprotester groups protested the move by the Council to enhance city manager discretion and police opportunities for weapons confiscation, pointing out that the violent scums typical when black-clad and flag-clad opponents clash are a hallowed part of a long tradition.

"It's a ticket to coverage," explained one Antifa speaker. "My aunt in Kansas likes to see me on the tube just to make sure I'm still in school."

Cummings agreed that without the small ratio of violent counter-protesters their group wouldn't have much hope of dominating the evening news, given the nationwide competition from the hundreds of hate group chapters springing up in the wake of

President Donald Trump's election.

"Everybody is recalculating in the light of Charlottesville," acknowledged Cummings. "Even Steve Bannon."

Berkeley citizens, meanwhile, are caught between scraping off anti-Trump bumperstickers to save their windshields or trying to find their "Nasty Woman" t-shirts.

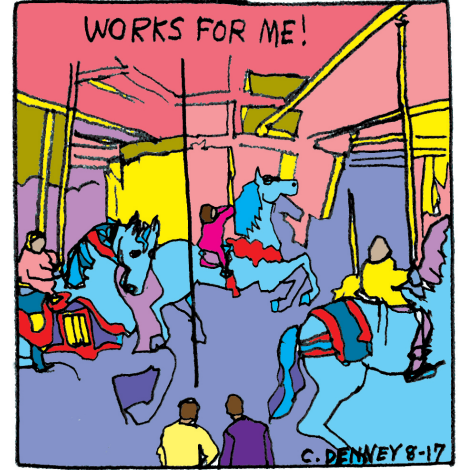
"We know our non-violent values are a joke to the people who want to duke it out in our parks," smiled one local resident hanging up a rainbow flag on the front of his porch. "But hey, as jokes go, you gotta admit we are a really good one."

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**Next Issue: Finding improvised weapons at the hardware store with celebrities!**

## I WANT MY PRESENT NOW

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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