RV Parking Discovered Right By City Hall Meeting Venue!

By Agatha Will

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“There it was, yet another perfect place for RV families with nearby showers, a pool, an underused school building with a huge empty parking lot, too.”

“It does seem odd they didn’t see it,” noted another RV owner peering through the chain link fence. “There’s even space in the building for childcare.”

Several Berkeley City Council minority voices suggested exactly that, recommending that parking and vacant lots city-wide be tasked with providing 1-5 spaces for RVs, which the police have unaccountably been forcing into District 1.

“It’s the same old ‘anywhere but in the hills’ way of thinking,” explained one city hall staff member who wished to remain anonymous. “It’s one of the many new forms of redlining Berkeley has adopted to protect the principles of redlining and make sure property owners know that their concerns are not just heard, but unctuously massaged in public.”

“This is what keeps us in office,” winked one mayoral aide. “We don’t need to actually solve any problems for homeowners, RV dwellers, tent groups or anybody else. We just have to keep posing as compassionate and point to the horrifying amount of money we spent ticketing these people.”

By Barbie Q. Pitts

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“PLenty of room for RV parking” was accidentally discovered right next to the new Berkeley City Council meeting hall in the old adult school building at Addison, Bonar, and University which is earthquake safe and has shower facilities, a pool, and plenty of additional parking for car and tent dwellers, one of many open spaces throughout the city the Berkeley City Council claims at present to be unable to see.

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“The light works,” explained another City Hall member. “These homeowners go right to sleep about the big picture as soon as any visible poverty is out of their neighborhood and off their doorstep. It’s like magic.”

“If it was really annoying her,” a spokesperson for Ivana Trump stated about the daughter of President Trump having seen the light recently while working at her loosely defined job at the White House. “It was shining right in her eyes,” acknowledged another White House aide on condition of anonymity. “She said she had never seen anything like it before and could we do something about it.”

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...slaying vicious landmarks wherever we find them...
ASK THE EXPERTS

LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, is “volleyball trespass” an actual charge? I think I may have accidentally done that back in 1991, although I’m not sure. I got clubbed in the head and keep getting my memories mixed.

Dear Lena, so at the March 12th council meeting some of the Berkeley City Council actually talked out loud on the record about having non-smoking “temporary” cannabis events in Cesar Chavez Park. How does that work?

Dear Lena, what’s wrong with a “temporary” event?

Dear Lena, what about having cannabis events at the Doubletree Inn or some big restaurant?

“People’s Park Supporters Prepare for More Publicly Funded Millions Spent on Another Dumb UC People’s Park Assault

Berkeley City Council sits on hands: “We’re good at that.”

By Barbara Shop

“I wondered why the Berkeley City Council was so silent on the threat to the park,” stated one astonished Berkeley resident. “I had no idea they took such pride in sitting on their hands.”

“They’ve been practicing for ages,” confirmed a Berkeley City Hall staff member on condition of anonymity willing to comment on the matter. “Some council representatives are better than others, but I think it’s safe to say that when it comes to UC’s plants for People’s Park they give it everything they’ve got.”

“Some of them have achieved brilliant techniques never seen in the past,” noted another City Hall staff member. “in the 1970’s through the 1990’s the city was willing to engage, plan, take risks with community projects to avoid the conflict, injury, and death of the National Guard street battles. This crew is working hard on the ostrich technique of keeping their heads in the sand. It’s really awesome.”

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, Santa Rita
FROM: Jack Radisch, Assistant District Attorney
RE: People’s Park Arrestees
DATE: August 1, 1991

Approximately 30 of the initial 36 persons arrested on the morning of July 31 at People’s Park, Berkeley will be released today. We would appreciate it if you would inform them that they are being released at this time pursuant to Penal Code Section 953.6. This means that the District Attorney’s Office has not determined that insufficient evidence exists to charge but rather that we are continuing to review the facts and charges may be filed in the future.

By Barbara Shop

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Mourners Gather, Sing Hymns at Expressions Gallery Toilet Memorial

By Zoe Twasgood

“We’ve neglected to improve on our handling of fecal matters,” admitted one technology futures consultant when questioned about the curious inability of Silicon Valley to come up with an app to solve the overwhelming dilemma of what inevitably happens when humans are deprived of old-fashioned toilets by cities who think people ought to be above such pedestrian, low-tech issues.

“We had an app that would point out the nearest toilet,” added another tech consultant. “We even got venture capital behind it. But none of us could program fast enough to keep up with the changes in when the bathroom was open, when it was closed, and the wild discrepancies between posted schedules and what was really happening.”

“Toilet availability appears to move even faster than technological breakthroughs,” admitted another programmer who once worked on the toilet availability app. “They say they’re open when they’re closed, closed when they’re open, and many of them haven’t updated their availability since 9-11 when for some reason bathrooms were considered ground zero for a terrorist attack.”

“The window is pretty tight,” acknowledged a City Hall insider who insisted on anonymity. “We are so lucky we have our own bathrooms because keeping track of public bathrooms is apparently a very specialized skill.”

Silicon Valley’s technological wizards admit they are stuck behind the physical qualities of human biological functions which, despite great study and meditation, continue to resist predictability and miniaturization.

“It’s the big secret about the illusion of ‘tiny homes’,” whispered one tech innovator. “It isn’t that we can’t make a miniature toilet. That’s a piece of cake. It’s that humans can’t seem to make a miniature turd.”

Street Fighters Get Costumes Ready

By Zane O. Moore

“It’s here somewhere,” insist hundreds of hippies, anarchists, and curious onlookers trying to dig through closets looking for their bell-bottom pants and t-shirts with slogans from the 1960’s worried about coming undressed to the upcoming riots.

“Just come as you are,” reassured fashion maven Natalie Dressed. “Tie-dye from any era is always fashionable in Berkeley, but always remember that tie-dye is mainly a contagious state of mind.”

EXPRESSIONS GALLERY’S latest show, “Creativity Unhoused” features commentary on homelessness and housing policy including “Toilet Memorial” which has inspired mourners who remember the good old days of WPA comfort stations open to everyone.

We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast
Cesar Chavez Park’s Cannabis Events Designation Booted to April 2nd Meeting

Cannabis Business Promoters Attend Meeting Reeking, Outgassing Marijuana in Anticipation of Park Transformation

By Winona Spree

“It usually works,” chuckled Mark Kaziniec about the last-minute effort to surreptitiously insert a proposal to make Cesar Chavez Park a “designated location for cannabis events” deep in the middle of 90 pages of dispensary regulations at the Berkeley City Council meeting on March 12th, 2019.

“Waving around the suggestion that the city would make $12 million dollars really got their attention. Rashi Kesarwani even thought she could funnel the money to her district alone,” he smiled with astonishment.

“There’s no downside to counting on politicians’ greed,” Kaziniec affirmed enthusiastically. “Or the consistency of their vast trove of innate natural stupidity.”

THE SCENE AT SF’S 4/20 GATHERING in no way represents the sober, studious group looking forward to having stately, more sophisticated cannabis trade shows in Cesar Chavez Park.

NOTHING LIKE the $150,000 of garbage cleanup costs not including staff time will happen at Berkeley cannabis events because we’re a quiet, studious college town.

Next Issue: Eating broken glass with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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