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# Pepper Spray Times



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"...withhold thine indignation, mighty heaven..."\*

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## Cows Organize, Dispute Environmental Study

By Hatha Goodpoint

Cows held a press conference recently to counter the recently released environmental study claiming that their footprints were ten times as energy intensive as any other form of livestock.

"Take a look," shrugged Bossie, holding up a hoof. "My footprint is considered dainty, especially for my weight."

Professor Gidon Eshel, from Bard College in New York, insisted that his research was sound citing its rigorous quantification of comparative environmental impacts and then probably went home to hug a tree.

"Cost is a relative thing," continued Bossie. "We add a lot more than meat to a dinner plate."

"We're considered a sacred symbol

of life in some countries," huffed Daisy May, a colleague of Bossie's as she demonstrated her unique digestive transfer to and

"My footprint is considered dainty, especially for my weight." - Bossie



THESE COWS KNOW YOUR NAME and they're coming for you.

from four stomachs. "And just try to imagine Georgia O'Keefe's work without us."

"That's right," stated Bossie.

"Think about that the next time you're staring at the walls in Lascaux Cave."

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## PG&E Indicted for Obstructing Justice For Just Trying to be Really Helpful



PG&E IS UNDER FIRE from critics who misunderstand its need to provide guidance for state regulators right down to the fonts and logos.

By Jergen A. Eadditenleikit

PG&E spokespersons responded to its federal indictment on 28 counts of alleged criminal conduct by saying that they had made up their own rules rather than following federal safety guidelines as an act of "good faith."

"Our rules were better," stated CEO Anthony F. Earley Jr. "Much better. Besides, everybody does it."

Experts confirmed that most large corporations either substitute their own rules for state or federal regulations or simply write the legislation themselves, saving state and federal workers a lot of trouble.

"We know our business better than anybody else can," pointed out Earley. "We were just trying to be helpful."

Early dismissed concerns about regulators using PG&E templates for a conference symposium.

"Meeting regulators over breakfast really softens the mood," stated Early. "We'd really love a chance to take them skiing. And fonts and logos are a specialty of mine."

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## Study Reveals Humans and Neanderthals Have Lots in Common

By Purdy Friggindum

Human ancestors thought to be a crude bunch of primitive people are really just like us, according to the published findings of a team of scientists.

"We were intrigued by the systematic election of numbskulls to both state and local office," stated one of the scientific team. "We knew there had to be an explanation."

Others pointed to recent Supreme Court decisions like Citizens United and noted that determining that money is speech is not farfetched when you consider the traits in the facial skeleton and jaw typical of Neanderthals.

Critics responded that humans are far too advanced to have anything in common with Neanderthals, although they conceded that Neanderthals lived completely sustainable lives and had completely green carbon footprints much like tree-huggers of today.

The scientific team agreed that their find-



NEANDERTHALS are often victimized by distorted media representations when in fact they make wonderful neighbors and will babysit for free.

ings were surprising, but stand firmly behind their study's implications.

"The Sima de los Huesos craniums are definitive," stated one scientist. "Besides, just look at the new Iraq war."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, My mother Lena Deeter had a reported IQ of 170. She graduated with a BA, class valedictorian, and was the proofreader for the Arkansas Democrat Newspaper. She did all this by the time she was 19 years old! She went on to receive her masters degree and was a member of the World Affairs Council. Yes...Robert Ripley himself of Ripley's Believe it or Not did that drawing of her doing her thing that you use. She was a school teacher, a principal and worked for the federal government for many years. Some of what she did in WWII is still classified to this day. She was a great woman that was very humble using her God given intelligence to better mankind. Your assessment that Lena knows everything forward and backward is correct, and as her son I know this to be true. I think she would have enjoyed writing Ask Lena. This is real and I am her son . Regards, Randy Bare

Dear reader, it is an honor to hear from you. Your mother continues to inspire the world to excellence, and most PST fans confess to enjoying her column best.\* Thank you for understanding the liberties we're taking with her very real contribution to a much better, much funnier world.

Dear Lena, what am I protesting? Is it the war? Is it the police in Ferguson or police all over? And if it's the war, which war is it now?

Dear reader, keep your protest signs somewhat generic, and you'll avoid this difficulty. Try "Give Peace A Chance", "Oppose Oppression", and if you are looking for popularity try "Save Your Local Developer" unless next time you'd prefer to simply bring a chalk board.

\* Enjoy Lena Deeter's actual writing at: [http://books.google.com/books/about/William\\_Wordsworth's\\_Mystical\\_Aspects.html?id=X5K5NwAACAAJ](http://books.google.com/books/about/William_Wordsworth's_Mystical_Aspects.html?id=X5K5NwAACAAJ)

Ask Lena about how to attain legendary status at [cdenney@jgc.org](mailto:cdenney@jgc.org).

# Military Stuff Is Way Cool for Your Police Department



By Preston Creest

Protesters whining about the militarization of police departments should just shut up, according to experts who point out that Alameda County's law enforcement agencies are living proof that military equipment enhances local police departments in wonderful, unexpected ways.

"We want our police force to be fit," explained a spokesperson from Homeland Security when questioned about the two Elite Bike Spinners which are now a part of Alameda County police resources valued at \$3,723.00 apiece. The spokesperson was not sure why a piece of gym equipment which ordinarily costs between \$300 to \$500 dollars would cost so much through the military, but suggested there must be a good reason.

"Perhaps it has a siren," he said. Questions were raised about other military equipment now part of Alameda County's police departments, including special combat vehicle crewmen's coveralls at around

\$258 apiece.

"They're flame resistant," asserted the Homeland Security spokesperson, adding that wearing the wrong combat coveralls might send the wrong message to a protester that the police force was unprepared or not up-to-date on military fashion.

The fly tents and bivy covers confused citizens as well, and the spokesperson declined to speculate why local police might need overpriced camping equipment.

"Perhaps they're planning their own Occupy," mused one local citizen.

The most popular item is predictably the grenade launcher, which has local political parties petitioning for it to be used on political opponents, at council meetings, etc.

"There is no question that grenade launchers are effective," affirmed one local police officer. "We can't wait to protect and serve with that thing."

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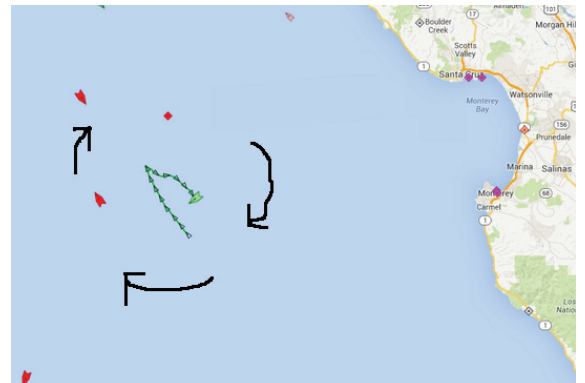
# Israeli Ship Claims Turning Circles Is Just Lots of Fun

By Dinah Sklubcard

"Wheee!" reportedly was the official quote from the spokesperson for Israeli-owned ZIM Lines as their ship turned circles in the Pacific Ocean.

"We're just having fun," claimed a ZIM Lines official who insisted that the maneuver had nothing to do with the thousands of activists who showed up at the Port of Oakland to block the ship.

"San Francisco Bay is notoriously difficult to navigate," asserted a local official, noting several accidents in recent



TURNING CIRCLES is a blast in a really big ship according to Israeli-owned ZIM Lines which insists its giddy display had nothing to do with any blockade.

years. "They were probably just practicing getting around the bridges and are too embarrassed to say so."

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## We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



# NEW! Crowd Control Drone

Videotaping, Announcement-making, Pepper Spray Shooting Drone - Perfect for Demonstrations!

By Norman D. Landing

The local campaign for police tasers took an unexpected turn with the launch of a new unmanned drone capable of spraying pepper spray, shooting blinding lasers, making announcements, video-taping, and offering the comfort and consolation of a six-foot drone hovering safely over any crowd of your police department's choice.

"It's pretty cool," said one member of Berkeley's Police Review Commission enthusiastically. "You can fly it like a kite."

Drones are increasingly gaining public support from high-tech "gadgeteers" who show up in growing numbers in parks to enjoy flushing nesting bird colonies and spying on unsuspecting picnickers.

"We just weren't thinking big," stated an embarrassed Berkeley

"It's pretty cool," said one member of Berkeley's Police Review Commission. "You can fly it like a kite."

Police Department (BPD) spokesperson. "This new Desert Wolf Skunk Riot Control Copter really does it all."

"It makes our modest campaign for tasers look pretty silly," admitted another BPD officer. "Drones are the all-in-one option."



THE NEW DRONE can paint-mark suspected protesters, make announcements, shoot plastic bullets, and of course judiciously apply appropriate amounts of pepper spray.

Experts affirmed that mobile software firm



OLD-FASHIONED pepper spray requiring the sometimes messy involvement of hard-working police officers will soon be a thing of the past.

Chaotic Moon had unveiled an unmanned "Personal Intercept Drone" at the recent South by Southwest Conference which was

equipped with an 80,000 volt taser.

"We need to think big," responded a

Desert Wolf spokesperson, the manufacturer of the new "riot control" drone. "We want to help prevent another Marikana," a reference to the thirty-four striking mine-workers were shot and killed by South African police in August of last year.

"We're inspired by the way they're framing the issue," noted another BPD representative. "It's all about public safety."

Observers suggested that the timing of the campaign for the new crowd control drone was iffy, given the events in Ferguson, Missouri, but were dismissed.

"We have the economy to think about," responded a South by Southwest Conference spokesperson. "And we can paint-mark anybody who disagrees."

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BERNIE MADOFF may not be everybody's hero, but the one percent consider him to be a rip-snorting, rule-breaking model of the economic disruption which is so popular right now with both Wall Street CEOs and Silicon Valley venture capitalists.

## "Put Madoff on the Money" Campaign Takes Off

By Cole Denlonley

A grass-roots campaign to put Bernie Madoff's face on the hundred dollar bill picked up speed recently as his popularity began to rate more and more highly with Wall Street brokers, Silicon Valley venture capitalists, and ordinary citizens who have managed to notice that playing by the rules really works against the average Joe.

Prosecutors of Bernie Madoff's \$70 billion dollar Ponzi scheme have only recovered \$1.2 billion on behalf of investors, which both Wall Street bankers and people without any investments whatsoever admit is pretty inspiring.

"The approximately \$22 billion in personal assets represents a fraction of the losses," marveled one Wall Street investment counselor. "The private investors don't stand a chance against the subsidiary claims."

"If the money is tucked away overseas, it's going to be sweet for the middlemen," agreed another Wall Street broker. "Madoff belongs on the money. He really, really understands."

"I'm not sure we need a hero," observed one minimum wage worker hearing the prospects for a minimum wage hike predictably panned by the local Chamber of Commerce. "But from time to time I do wish we could buy a lobbyist."

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We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



# DBA Rushes to Aid Developers

## Measure R Threatens to Democratize Downtown Development

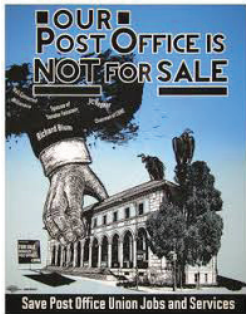


By Amir Shadow  
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"We need to be clear about this," stated Downtown Berkeley Asso-

**THE DOWNTOWN BERKELEY ASSOCIATION** board of directors are working hard against Measure R because they know that big developers are the only ones who can keep their budget well-supplied.



**MOST SENSIBLE** people would rather sacrifice the main post office than lose developer perks any day.

ciation (DBA) Director John Caner in his email campaign against Measure R. "The sky will fall." The current city council majority, Loni Hancock, Nancy Skinner, and all the usual pro-development skills are stepping up to defend the

loopholes Measure R would tighten in favor of more stringent environmental, affordable housing, and labor regulations. "We can't afford *actual* green measures, or *effectual* affordable housing or labor regulations," affirmed Mayor Tom Bates. "All politicians learn this early on." "That's right," nodded Nancy Skinner. "People who think otherwise just haven't tried to raise money for their re-election

campaigns these days."

Experts affirm that without large sums of money from big developers most political campaigns would raise about as much money as the average panhandler being chased around by a DBA green shirted Ambassador.

"Which is still a lot," stated Caner. "Developers are our lifeblood," he asserted gravely. "We can't let some grass-roots group save the Post Office in an overlay measure that will sacrifice the loopholes that

Berkeley Police  
Problem Solving Tools

1.  Assault Rifles
2.  Spit Hoods
3.  Armored Personal Carrier
4.  Patrol boat
5.  Drones
6.  Dogs
7.  Surveillance Cameras
8.  Pepper Spray
9.  Rubber Bullets
10.  Tasers

Taser International's  
Calculus Formula For Police officers

YES  NO  I DON'T KNOW

**WARNING DO NOT USE ON:**

- Mentally ill
- People who have Asthma
- Children
- Old people
- People with heat conditions
- People on medication
- Pregnant women
- People exhibiting excited delirium
- Wet people
- People near roadways
- People in crisis
- Also
- Do Not Use On Front Torso
- Also

Do not use without a heart defibrillator and a individual trained in its use.  
Taser Free Berkeley agrees with SF Chief of Police Greg Suhr that Tasers require too much calculus on the part of a police officer to be of value.



allow developers to ignore the window-dressing language in the current downtown regulations."

"Their hands would be tied," affirmed Skinner. "And you'll hear that phrase a lot this fall. Practice it with me: *their hands will be tied.*"

"Developers' hands will be *tied*," chanted the developer-friendly Greenbelt Alliance, Liveable Berkeley, and Berkeley Design Advocates all of which cavort regularly with developers. "The sky will *fall*."

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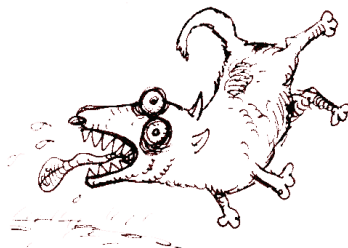
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