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Ambitious builder proposes seven projects Council not

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kicking off the new year with a most controversial builder, is Patrick Kennedy, Berkeley's

Of the seven proposed build-Interests – and all are ambitious Kennedy's firm - Panoramic four are projects proposed by Design Review Committee, day night's meeting of the ings to be heard during Thurs-

intersection in the city. probably the highest-profile corner of Shattuck Square for 2119 University Ave., at the ing five-story building planned For instance, there's the strik-

store. It's probably best known for the billboard sitting atop it. year houses a Halloween supply brick structure, which once a pying the site is a long-defunct The building currently occu-

The

at 2116 Allston Way. Kennedy on the Gaia Building Kirk Peterson, who teamed with The architect of this project is

ject, with retail space on the Ave. will be a mixed-use probottom floor and four unner Like Gaia, 2119 University



Shattuck Square as it appears now - traffic corner of University Avenue and HANK SIMIS/DAILY PLANET

building at the location, which would look Patrick Kennedy wants to put a mini-Gaia RENDITION COURTESY PANORAMIC INTERESTS

and a stand of bamboo. this time with a reflecting pool It will have a rooftop garden

named but Kennedy inkinoly The project has not yet been

> Councilmember Kriss Worthingattempt to gain the support of

Kennedy said it was his goal to

Morgan. like Bernard Maybeck and Julia

"With this building, we asked ourselves: What would Maybeck

settled with possible UC development

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quiet side of campus." cuss filing litigation against UC posed development on closed session Tuesday to dis-Report on the university's pro-Final Environmental Impact Berkeley for deficiencies in the The City Council met in

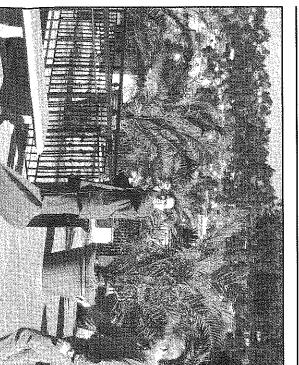
could be approved. along Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road on the north side of campus FEIR for seven proposed projects California meeting, where the day Regents of the University of was held in advance of a Thurs-Trent Orr, consulting attorney. It The executive session included

viding additional parking. jects would create more traffic, but not accommodate it by pro-Councilmembers say the pro-

whether to file a lawsuit until after The council won't decide

Developer proposes seven projects in city

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Kennedy "takes a break from high-profile capitalistic real estate development" to fly a kite from the roof of the Caia Building. HANK SIMS

buildings today?" he mused.
"We're mindful of the need to
build handsome and aesthetically inspiring buildings."

However, some members of the DRC have questioned the look of the building, faulting it for "false historicism."

Committee member Carrie Olson said she would probably support the building "if it were toned down a bit."

She said the charge of "false historicism," which was closer to the heart of some other DRC members, arose from the fact that the building may have too literally "quoted" designs from the past.

the past.

"Kevin Peterson is a very talented architect, and he has a great appreciation of the beauty of older architecture," she said. "I just don't want people to look at it and say: 'Oh, is that a Julia Morgan?'

"I don't want it to overpower the town's true landmark buildings."

somewhat tense at times. In a Dec. 4 letter to the committee, Peterson explained to the committee that his client wanted the building to have a "classic Berkeley look." Relations between the architect and the DRC have been

"The design reflects this intent, and is yet distinctly in the 'Kirk Peterson' style," Peterson wrote. "No architecture critics or architectural historians have yet attempted to define this style in words, but some people feel that my work has a recognizable character."

On Tuesday, Peterson said the DRC's anti-historicist criticism was based in "academic fads." Berkeley "The

thinking this building is from 1920 instead off 2002," he said. "The person who is educated about these kinds of things wouldn't think that, but what does it matter anyway?"

"I don't believe there is such a thing as false historicism. "Some people are concerned that someone could walk down the street and be fooled into

a thing There is is just good architecture

and bad architecture."
Evan McDonald, Panoramic project manager for 2119 University, said Peterson's use of historical models is born of a commitment to beautiful architecture.

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"There's not many people doing historicist design right now," he said. "(Peterson) does it well, because he believes it is important."

the Fine Arts Building at 2451
Shattuck Ave., the Jubilee
Building at 2700 San Pablo
Ave. and a redevelopment of
the Darling Flower Shop at
2006 University Ave.

If they are all built, the four
buildings together will contain
211 apartments. The other Panoramic projects , the Juv-00 San Pablo development of Shop at

"This represents an enormous amount of housing," said Olson, who added that with such a large push at once, Kennedy was placing his credibility on the line.

"If they don't do a great job on these next projects, they may lose public support," she said. "And – as they found out with the Gaia Building – public support is an important thing to have in Berkeley."

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cenerit analysis – at least they did half of it. The benefit half. Guess they'll do the cost side when the governor hikes the university budget. Seems like there are a lot of costs to having the university here that could be factored in along with the good stuff, if anyone sat down to do the numbers – like making our cops work a little harder, wearing out our roads a little faster, jacking up housing costs, removing private property from the tax used to call

And what about the costs of that giant project with the poetic name – Northeast Quadrant Safety Services Project – there's a bunch of citizens and all nine councilmembers who say the huge project's gonna clog side with traffic, dust, no say the clog Northnoise,

Speaking of kids, they're such a worry. We're always checking in on them to make sure they're following The Rules. But there's a bigger worry.

And what about the

more students, employees....
But maybe in the era of celebrating spin doctors, it's OK for the big U to omit what it costs to bring those kids to town.

Ashcroft,

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rides

into

Emeryville

should set up a border patrol...

You've gotta ask questions when those charged with keeping the littler, lite-er ones following the straight and narrow, do not themselves follow rules. Like when the school board did not let the student board member second a motion at a recent meeting. Oh, yeah, they forgot she was allowed to do that ... the dog ate the rule book, I guess. And then, did you know the same board elected its officers in CLOSED SESSION. Get these folks a copy of the Brown Act! Big folk.
You've gotta
when those charg But Emeryville's not the only area out-of-step. Noticed the Christmas decorations downtown? Good way to save city bucks. No work to put'em up next year. Here's a rumor for you. Some say the Landmarks Commission's gonna name the communication tower at the Public Safety Building a historic landmark. True?

Meanwhile — don't know whether to be proud or what? — Lite got the call.

No, not from God or the FBI—but almost. It was little Johnny Ashcroft, Jr. from the Emeryville Express. The guy claimed to be Will Harper — but I know Will from back in the early '90s when he was at the 'Berkeley Voice'—so I know he's a bona fide reporter and a real reporter wouldn't stoop that low—demanding to know, in no uncertain terms, whether I am now or ever was a commie pinko. Wow! I didn't know Emeryville was so far from Berkeley. Maybe we

And, to end, a song for City Hall: "This little lite of mine..."
Ever noticed the bulbs at 2180 Milvia glow 24/7? The guy in charge doesn't disagree.
"I've had the same feeling myself," Public Works Director Rene Cardinaux told the Lite. And now, he's gonna do something about the lights that don't shut off.
"You put a dig in my conscience," he said.
That's all Berkeley Lite's ever desired.

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