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Save Recyclable Art Outlets

I must write to publicly grieve with artist L.G. Williams ("Well Meaning Janitor Accidentally Recycles Art" Sept. 14). I share their horror when they discovered the loss of the artist's awe-inspiring installation, "empty case of corona bottles," left in a gallery in Oakland, and so cruelly recycled by a janitor.

Only yesterday a custodian removed from my office my masterpiece, an ongoing sculpture of blue and white plastic filled with old e-mails, reprints and Daily Cals, and he recycled it! Don't these people have any artistic sense? Soon they will be removing graffiti, even flushing toilets!

We must insist that the UC Berkeley staff be given artistic sensitivity training so this defamation of artistic creativity is halted. I suspect that this cultural subterfuge is in fact a plot devised by Captain Swing, the very same misguided culprit responsible for destroying genetically-engineered corn. Brilliant, Captain! A true artist.

Meanwhile, I invite the artist and director to collaborate in my grandest performance piece, I call "the Recycling Center."

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