

Is everything lewd?

To the editor:

Your story (Sept. 25) about the removal of the painting of two peppers from the county courthouse irresistibly reminded me of Tom Lehrer's satirical song in support of "smut," as he put it.

In particular two lines come to mind: "Filth, I'm glad to say, is in the mind of the beholder" and: "When correctly viewed, everything is lewd".

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Sex is everywhere, if you look for it

To the editor:

Thank goodness the County Government Center is once again free from those sexually graphic peppers!

Obviously the image was a thinly disguised depiction of human sex organs. And as we know, sex organs have no place in government. Frankly, I don't think we've gone far enough in expunging these sorts of inappropriate images. I, for one, am shocked and disturbed by the nearly buck-nekkid statue of Puck in the Downtown Center.

And has anybody noticed that headless nekkid sculpture

tacked to the side of the SLO Art Center? Shocking! And what about the sensuous curves of those green park benches? Obviously the female form is being shamelessly exploited. It's all got to go. But what can we expect when the seat of power in our nation is a modern-day Sodom?

Not only is the Washington National Gallery filled with nekkid women, the mall itself plays host to the granddaddy of phallic symbols, the Washington Monument.

And what about that kinky blindfolded chick in courthouses across the nation? We're sliding to hell in a handbasket. At least here in San Luis Obispo we know we're safe from lurid depictions of vegetables.

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