

Negativland, Sycamore

("Firing party....ready....")

Sycamore ... is open.

("...aim...fire! BANG")

That's how Sycamore opened.

That's how....Sycamore is.

(guns.)

I say this somewhat quietly and without fanfare, because ...

(HOW ARE YOU VOTING ON THE GUN INITIATIVE?)

Well ...

(i'm against it.)

Because ... people who like their living green and private don't usually appreciate a lot of fluttering flags and cartwheeling clowns.

(THERE ARE 17 MILLION ADULTS IN CALIFORNIA, AND AN ESTIMATED 4 MILLION HANDGUNS.)

(but

that's not fair!)

(WHEN NO MORE CAN BE SOLD, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE MAJORITY OF ADULTS

WILL BE VIRTUALLY PROHIBITED FROM EVER OWNING ONE.)

When this vacation land is sold out ...

(THAT'S RIGHT!)

(DID YOU KNOW IT GIVES SOME PEOPLE A SPECIAL PROPERTY RIGHT?)

(you mean, my neighbor can have something legally that i can't.)

So if you've always admired parts of Piedmont, or Orinda....

(WELL, YOU COULD BUY ONE, IF YOU CAN CONVINCED SOMEONE TO SELL YOU HIS,

AND IF YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY HIS PRICE.)

and regret you didn't buy there ten or fifteen years ago,

Sycamore should have considerable appeal.

(THAT'S RIGHT!)

It is a custom community of personalized....

(guns.)

for the private pleasure of a limited number of families.

(IT ALLOWS PEOPLE WHO ALREADY OWN HANDGUNS TO KEEP THEM.)

After all, you aren't going to find a finished big blue mountain lake in California that isn't full of boats and people, (guns.)

and surrounded by cars. This opening is just the beginning....

of something people will want a Sunday drive through, for the next couple of hundred years.