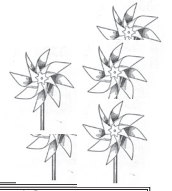


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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA OFFICIALS have agreed to dazzle concerned observers with florid apologies for brutalizing student protestors in a strategic effort to hang onto pepper spray and questionable baton use practises because they are just so fun.

LINKING ARMS IS VIOLENCE UC Police Captain Explains

"The grass is closed."

by Cora Zoan

University of California (UC) Berkeley campus police captain Margo Bennett parsed the curious crowd control policies which horrified observers worldwide on Youtube by explaining that linking arms is "in itself ...an act of violence."

Fraternity brothers, friendly study group companions and affectionate couples campuswide quickly unlinked arms upon hearing the news.

"We had no idea," stated the students. "The last thing we want is to make the well-armed UC police feel threatened."

UC protestors who were severely beaten by police included former poet laureate Robert Haas, who wrote about his experience for the New York Times.

UC officials hurried to point out that while students and poets may not seem threatening, the viral video's cameras were carefully positioned to minimize the threatening gestures and songs of the crowd.

"It was 'poets gone wild' up there," stated one shaken officer who wished to remain anonymous. "We were afraid they would

start reciting 'Howl'."

Experts agreed.

"Poets have an undeserved reputation for being meditative and peaceful," stated one expert on poetry. "But in reality they are feral. They are generally unruly, and especially in crowds, can inspire unpredictable behavior with mere words."

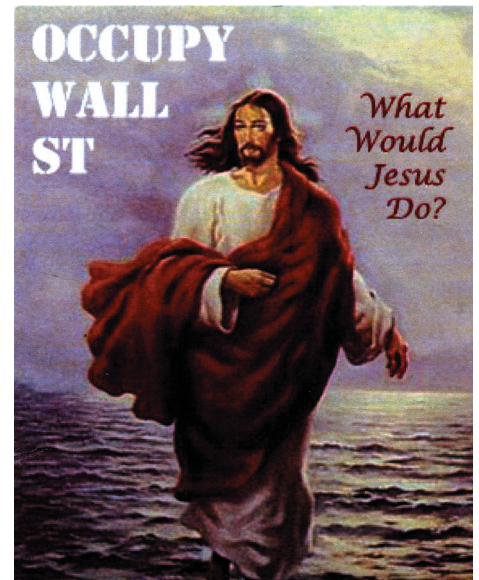
"They are usually florid in their reporting," agreed another expert. "Nothing that happened to Robert Haas or his wife should be considered credible."

UC officials continued to try to discourage Occupy Cal efforts to display solidarity with Occupy Wall Street by telling them that tents were illegal, or that "the grass is closed."

"We're making it up as we go," explained one officer. "Our instructions on permissible banners and signs go into great detail, but our crowd control policies we keep very general. If you read them you can translate them pretty easily to 'do whatever you want'."

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Jesus Returns- Joins Weak GOP Lineup



JESUS RETURNED for the holidays and thinks he has a real shot at the Republican nomination for president.

by Gloria Stay

Jesus delighted followers by touring high-end department stores on Black Friday as part of an effort to publicize his candidacy for the Republican nomination.

"I'm all in," he stated.

Republicans were respectful, but dubious about his commitment.

"He always shows up around this time of year," stated one Republican insider. "He makes the rounds of all the right parties and sucks down all the loose change."

"It would be different if he would stick around for the election," agreed another Republican observer. "But when the election rolls around he always seems to be firmly on both sides."

Spectators buzzed that his appearance had something to do with the Occupy movement, which still shows startling strength nationwide, but Jesus dismissed the connection as coincidence.

"I'm occupying Macys right now," he said with a smile.

Insiders agreed that Jesus' entrance into the race would alter the numbers.

"Iowa will roll in his direction," agreed one insider. "Of course, with the current lineup, any additional Republican candidate would be guaranteed a majority."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, isn't pepper spray natural?

Dear reader, yes, it is. The true connoisseur uses only organic, shade-grown, local pepper spray, but the more common variety is a chemical compound derived from capsaicin mixed with propylene glycol to make a handy, biodegradable spray perfect for underscoring a point with emphasis. Few knew, as police agencies over the years acquired both pepper spray and conductive electrical devices, that their use would come in so handy on passive, non-violent protestors.

Dear Lena, but doesn't it kill people? I thought I heard that tasers and pepper spray could kill people.

Dear reader, only a few people, and they were people who weren't really trying very hard to breathe correctly, like people with respiratory issues such as asthma or who have cardiac disabilities which are hard to pick out of a crowd and who probably won't last long anyway. And then there are the people who get handcuffed or hogtied or pass out for some reason, plus the people with some complications from medications, who are natural troublemakers.

Dear Lena, so should I get some?

Dear reader, yes, and be sure to get some extra for your cash-strapped police department.

Dear Lena, is it okay if I give the turkey stuffing a quick snort of pepper spray?

Dear reader, of course, but don't stop there. Be sure to make some Snickerdoodles with some extra punch in case the relatives stay too long. If their little dog gets too friendly with the sofa, you know what to do.

Dear Lena, if I want to support Occupy, do I buy holiday presents?

Dear reader, why, of course you do. Especially for our staff here at PST. * * * * * Ask Lena about issuing tickets to poorly dressed pedestrians at cdenney@igc.org.



LIEUTENANT JOHN PIKE demonstrates the proper technique for the defensive use of oleoresin capsicum against dangerously excited student protestors and poets who may look like passive resisters but who could spring into action at any moment and begin reciting invasive poetry.

Pepper Spray Makes Holiday Comeback

by Mason DeFace

University of California President Mark Yudof acknowledged that while he had a few concerns about the use of clubs and pepper spray on non-violent student protestors, not only is pepper spray vital to the day-to-day conduct of university business, it is vital to the survival of civilization.

"We've cut entire departments," he noted. "We've booted classes, laid off hundreds, reduced library hours – it's been a difficult time for the university systemwide. But none of that would have been possible without pepper spray, which is why the budget for fun police toys remains the healthiest budget on campus."

"It's the crucial ingredient in any civilized society," agreed one chancellor. "We don't mind if they call for our resignation; that's



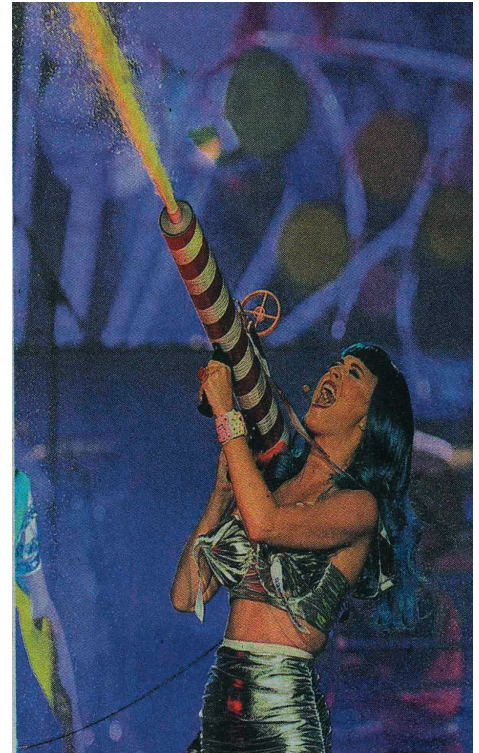
PEPPER SPRAY comes in fashionable lipstick-style containers which make perfect stocking stuffers for holiday gifts.

typical. But we're greatly relieved they're not calling for a moratorium on the use of pepper spray. That would be the end of everything we hold dear."

Yudof agreed, explaining that his deep and sincere concerns centered around the possibility that pepper spray use might be misunderstood by people misinterpreting the viral Youtube video.

"The real work starts now," he stated. "Most people don't understand that it was vital to use up our pepper spray supplies before the end of the year to protect next year's requisitions. But our accountants completely understand."

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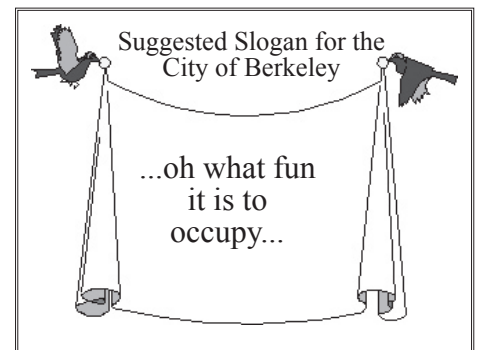


HOLIDAY PEPPER SPRAY has helped make this season unusually vigorous, both indoors at the holiday table and outdoors at the community skating rink.

Ten Best Holiday Uses for Pepper Spray

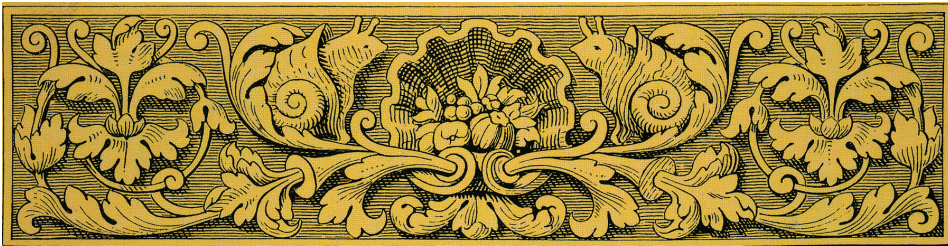
1. Pep up your stuffing.
2. Pep up the dog.
3. Pep up grandma.
4. Keep pesky carol singers off the porch.
5. Discourage boring relatives from visiting.
6. Keep Santa away from the liquor cabinet.
7. Keep whiny children off your lap.
8. Clear the store on Black Friday.
9. Ward off wandering reindeer.
10. Wake up the holiday party.

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...oh what fun it is to occupy...



YOUR HOLIDAY HOROSCOPE

Editor's note: the holidays are a difficult time for many, and it helps to have the guidance of your holiday horoscope. For a more personalized reading, send \$50 to the Pepper Spray Times.

ARIES (March 20-April 18): You will finish your rubber band ball and enter a deep depression.

TAURUS (April 19-May 19): If you really want a loved one to see the error of his ways, then slam him with a pipe. Your effort to communicate through folding socks is taking too long.

GEMINI (May 20-June 19): Stand in the front of the holiday photo this time. You'll avoid being constantly mistaken for a pumpkin on the mantel behind everyone.

CANCER (June 20-July 21): Once again you're overwhelmed by demands to save the world, but don't worry. The world needs to be a little more self-reliant. Go to the movies instead.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Your fixation on teaching ants to read is about to pay off. Make sure to take the time to introduce them to the classics.

VIRGO (August 22-September 21): Dust off the puzzles and board games. You are in for a lonely holiday season.

LIBRA (September 22-October 22): No one enjoys bringing up prickly issues, but go head and tell your neighbor she's insane. It's better that she know.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 20): Your intentions will be misunderstood by everyone today with entertaining results for everyone but you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 21-December 20): You're a little off schedule, but send those thank you notes out anyway. People already think you're crazy, so at least clarify that you're also thorough.

CAPRICORN (December 21-January 18): You hate to let anyone down but just do it.

AQUARIUS (January 19-February 17): Today is your chance to make up for a past slight with a well-placed albeit fallacious quote in the newspaper. Make the most of it because your turn is next.

PISCES (February 18-March 19): Don't shy about asking for time off to walk your turtle. You've been burning the candle at both ends lately and you need to see to some personal concerns.

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Skull and Crossbones Debated for New Food Label

by Carolyn N. DeSnow

Failing efforts to stop the exponential rise in obesity have spurred debate over the use of the widely recognizable skull and crossbones symbol as a food label.

The move, considered a "fundamental shift in strategy" in food packaging, would be easier to read than traditional labels full of fine print and nutritional numbers that make no sense to anyone anyway.

"I never read labels," commented one shopper when questioned about his buying habits. "If it tastes good I shovel it down."

Experts claim that the skull and crossbones might help consumers wishing to improve their health, lose weight, or at least impress the cute cashier with their shopping selections.

Critics pointed out that most consumers are not intimidated in the least by the critical eye of a supermarket cashier, and buy crap by the cartload because it tastes good and want to shovel it down.

Industry spokespersons mused that the campaign might make skull and crossbones labeled foods even more popular.

"It's a peculiar market," stated one industry insider. "Barbie just got a tattoo."

"I'm going to miss the old labels," confessed one local numerologist. "I had a small cottage industry going here translating for the confused."

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THIS SYMBOL is a lot clearer than most. The downside is that this is what kids will want to eat.

We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



“Occupy Living Room” Picks Up Steam After Oakland/UC/Davis Overreaction

by Linus Oldiers

Media coverage of the Oakland police’s extreme initial use of force to vacate Occupy Oakland from Frank Ogawa Plaza has ignited a new movement dubbed “Occupy Living Room” for those unable to sacrifice their health, their lives, or their tents in an effort to protest Wall Street greed.

“I want to help, really I do,” stated one young mother picking up her kids from daycare. “But the tear gas puts me out of the running with my asthma. We are part of “Occupy Living Room” so we can still safely participate. We march around and chant after naptime.”

“We have some pretty serious demands,” stated her daughter. “We want Ipads, Barbies, and economic equality.”

Occupy Living Room has the advantage of providing more comfortable square footage than the Occupy camps now that the weather has gotten chilly, and OLRers rave about the convenience to light, heat, bathrooms, kitchens, and tvs.

“We’re still really mad,” stated one OLRer. “But we’re more comfortable.”

“I used to get knocked around a lot playing football,” stated another Oakland resident, “but we had helmets and stuff. I’m not down for getting dragged along asphalt. The Occupy Living Room movement works for me. I’m tired of Wall Street corruption. But I have to walk the dog.”

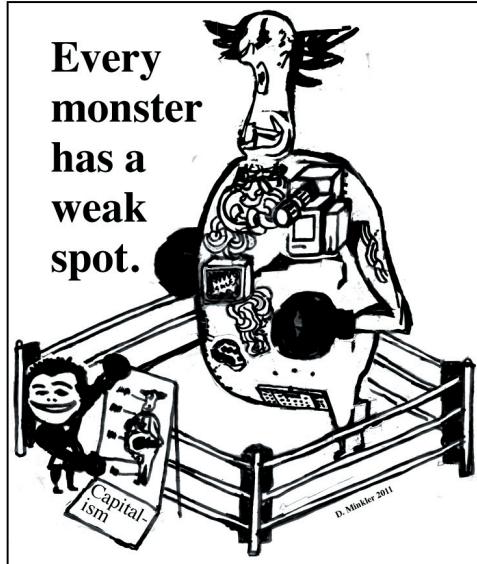
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EXPERTS AGREE that tents are a slippery slope to terrorism.

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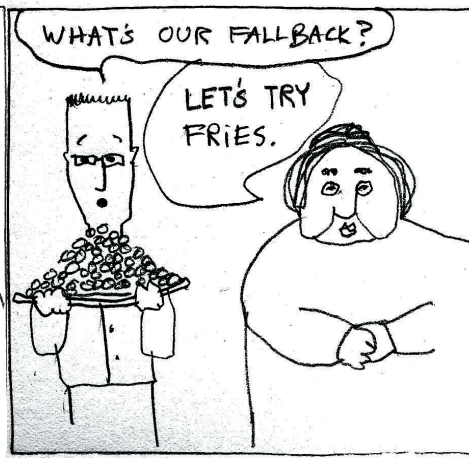
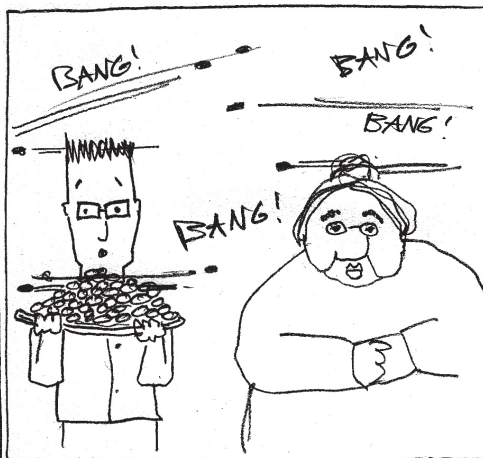
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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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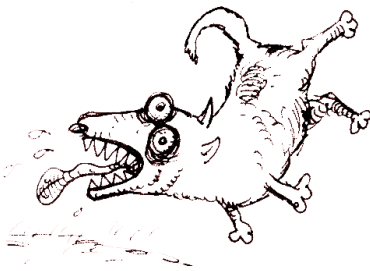


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