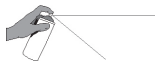


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Police Beat the Crap Out of UC Students

"Just part of a well-rounded education" states police spokesperson



GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS from different eras may not have much in common except the systematic beatings they get from campus and local police whenever they start to figure out that the rich get richer, the poor get poorer, and the students who figure it out get clubbed.

By Maurice Better

Local citizens were shocked recently when videos on local newschannels of recent campus protests showed Berkeley police whaling on protest supporters outside Wheeler Hall like whack-a-mole players at an arcade.

"It's standard procedure," acknowledged one police spokesperson. "It's important not only for the maintenance of social stability both on and off campus, but it helps us reduce our stress level as a police force."

"It's better than softball," agreed one Berkeley officer. "Police review is a thing of the past in this town, and we've been entrusted with carrying on one of the few campus traditions that spans generations."

Observers noted that the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) freely used the "overhand stroke" widely described as

illegal in BPD training manuals, marking as well the University of California Police Department's liberal use of the choke hold on student protestors, a controversial hold connected to several custody deaths and now banned in most police departments nationwide.

"We know it's illegal," admitted one officer. "But really, as long as UCPD can get away with the choke hold and these kids can't tell one uniform from another, we figure we can just let fly. There's nothing like these campus protests to give you a sense of abandon, especially abandoning the old police training manual."

"It really got the kinks out of my neck," agreed another officer. "It's better than downward dog."

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Obama Picks Up Peace Prize, States War is Okay

By Lila Cadevel

President Barack Obama spoke to the Nobel Prize Committee, leading them down a logical path to the justification of war while picking up his Nobel Peace Prize recently in Oslo.

"War, in one form or another, appeared with the first man," Obama stated, while the committee looked on in disbelief. Obama went on to commend himself for possibly, someday, closing the Guantanamo Bay prison facilities and considering ending the torture policies of the previous administration.

Calling his a just war, the President expressed no embarrassment for escalating the conflict in Afghanistan by 30,000 troops as an aghast Committee managed tepid applause.

"Evil does exist in the world," he stated in a firm, authoritative tone. "And Merry Christmas."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, if enough people throw their cell phones in the sea, does it affect the seashells when you hold them to your ear?

Dear reader, studies are inconclusive. Hacked emails were recently revealed that imply that documented changes in lobster receptivity and clam clairvoyance were potentially misused or misrepresented, but most scientists agree that cell phones present the same hazard underwater that they do in any other setting. Throwing cell phones into the sea, however personally satisfying, is not advised.

Dear Lena, isn't it rude to accept a peace prize and insist that war is a good thing?

Dear reader, yes, I agree. The president could have discussed his bridge game, or talked about Tiger Woods' transgressions, the way everybody else is. But I believe we all feel comforted knowing that this one is a really good war.

Dear Lena, how do you cook an artichoke?

Dear reader, I like to get them drunk first, then loosen them up with a little sweet talk. After that I wrestle them to the floor and usually break a little furniture getting them to appreciate that I'm seriously going to cook them and eat them. I'm very solicitous: if they have not yet prepared a will I'll hook them up with an estate attorney or some appropriate software, but it's all with the understanding that their life is over and frankly, the soup won't wait. Try it. My method is very effective.

Ask Lena about stuff that is really, really important at cdenney@igc.org.

NONSMOKER CRASHES TELEGRAPH HOLIDAY STREET FAIR - CHAOS ENSUES

"Apology is not enough," say smokers

By Jane Smoker

Security screening was faulted in the recent breach of the Telegraph Holiday Street Fair perimeter by a nonsmoker.

The lack of attention was not unusual, according to fair officials who said that the ranks of nonsmokers were growing and that while security agents had lots of intelligence on specific individuals, there were far too many vague indices to follow up or to screen during the holiday street celebration.

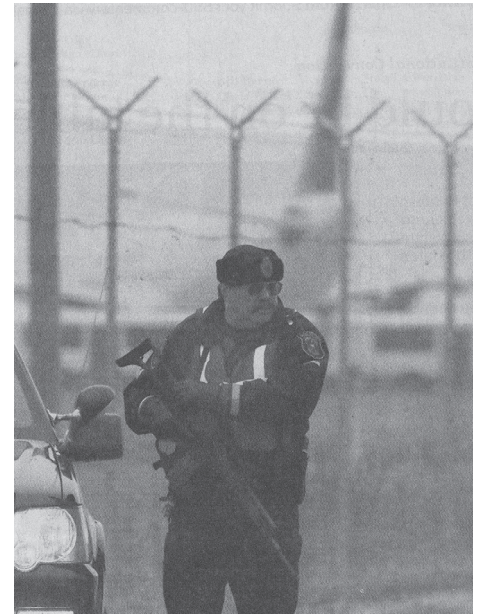
"Some of us are a little hammered, anyway," acceded one orange-jacketed fair traffic control officer.

"You just don't expect this," commented one shaken-up smoker who witnessed the incident. "We know nonsmokers are out there somewhere, but you really don't expect them to come to the street fair and make trouble for the rest of us."

"We try to be polite," offered another smoker traumatized by the exposure to the nonsmoker. "We remind them that while our sidestream smoke is six to twelve times more toxic than what we're inhaling, and although the vascular damage is measurable within twenty minutes, it probably won't kill them right away. But they just *don't care*."

"They're so inconsiderate," sobbed another smoker who was handed an actual copy of the Berkeley law prohibiting smoking in business districts. "They know that being reminded that what we're doing is both illegal, toxic, and immoral spoils our enjoyment of the moment, but they do it anyway, and *no one bothers to stop them*."

Observers noted that the street fair is patrolled jointly by the University of California and the City of Berkeley Police Departments as well as the Berkeley Guides and the festival staff, so that enforcement of the smoking restrictions should be easy and nonsmokers made welcome, which would increase business, profits, and take less of a toll on public health, but were



SECURITY AGENTS FAILED to adequately patrol the perimeter of the Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair, which was rudely crashed by nonsmokers insisting that they had a right to attend.

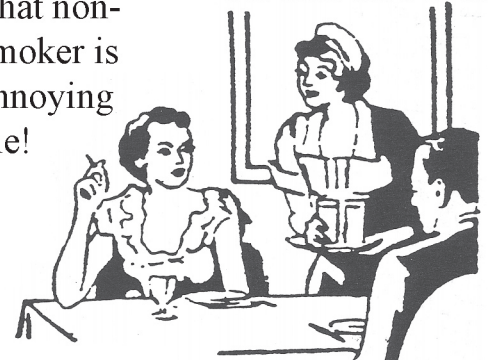
soundly dismissed.

"Oh, well, ah, er, there are smokers and then there are smokers," stated one officer who insisted on anonymity. "I know I have pepper spray, a tazer, and a gun, but I'm not sure I'm capable of surviving what can ensue when you antagonize a smoker. I have a family."

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That nonsmoker is annoying me!

I'll take care of it!



NONSMOKERS HAVE REACHED A critical mass that must be dealt with before they ruin public life altogether with their sanctimonious blather.

“Spiritual” Healthcare Knocked Out of Health Care Reform Bill

Christian Science provision “needed more prayer” according to religious experts

By Cary DeLoad

The final, merged version of the new Health Care Reform Bill does not contain the mandate both the House and Senate bills had earlier which required payment to Christian Scientist practitioners for “faith-healing” expenses.

“We’re really disappointed,” stated Phil Davis, who manages media and

legislative affairs for Christian Scientists across the world. “It’s so important that everyone in this country, not just Christian Scientists, be assured that they will not be discriminated against because they use spiritual care or rely on it instead of more conventional medical treatment.”



LOCAL FAITH-HEALER Susan Breuer gets a mere \$20 to \$50 a day to pray for people.

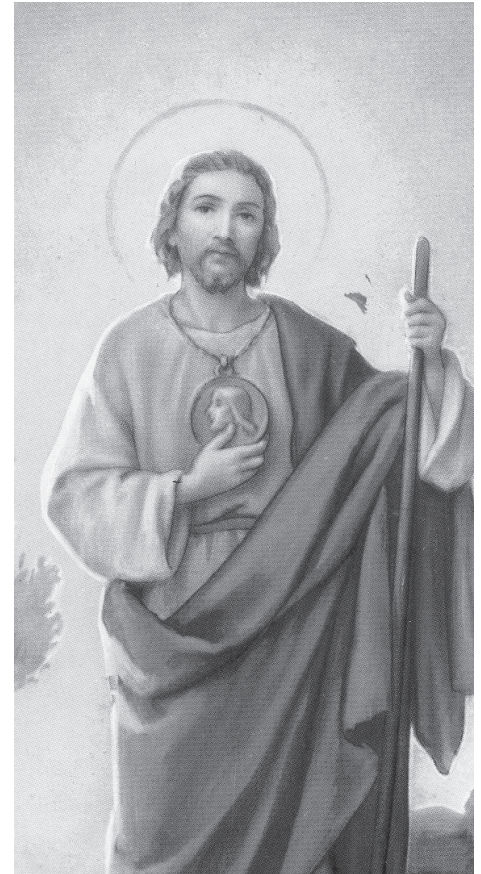
“We came pretty close,” shrugged Susan Breuer, a full-time practitioner based in San Mateo. “We’re still hoping we can get the measure reinserted into the Senate bill, and ultimately locked into the final legislation or legislation down the road.”

“It’s the fundamentalist factor,” chuckled another faith-healer. “Once they’ve stepped into it by claiming that prayer is effective, they have a tough time backing up the truck.”

Critics who raised the usual tedious “separation of church and state” objections were dismissed by both House and Senate leaders who pointed out that that boat had sailed a long time ago.

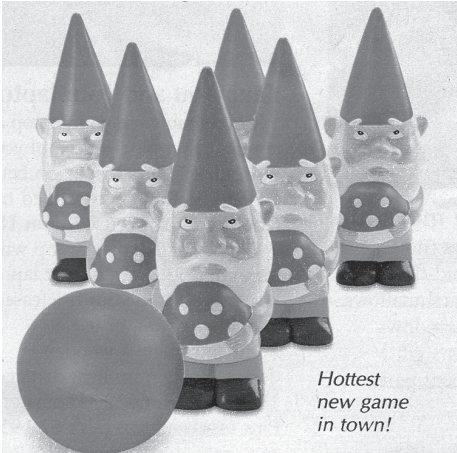
“Look at the money,” they laughed.

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THIS HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL is pretty annoyed that the health care reform bill no longer requires health insurers to pay for professional faith healers as an alternative to more conventional medical treatments.

HOLIDAY CRAP SALE



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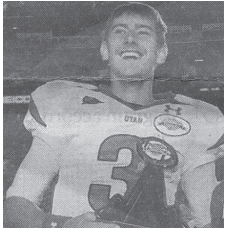


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Bears Suck - Coach Tedford Blames Poor Pay, Demands More Money

By Kenneth Scaipette

One heady week at number six in the national rankings proved to be the best moment in the University of California (UC) Bears Football Team's 2009th year, despite a coach's contract so large that it rivals the cost of the new High Performance Center now dominating the tree-free eastern boundary of the UC campus.



UTAH'S QUARTERBACK Jordan Wynn can't stop grinning after finding out how much UC's Coach Tedford gets paid.

Coach Tedford's enormous salary, which manages to dwarf even the high-paid executive salaries bloating administrative costs at the UC campuses, was not enough to stop him from checking his laminated charts rather than the scoreboard during the Cal Bears' last humiliating game against

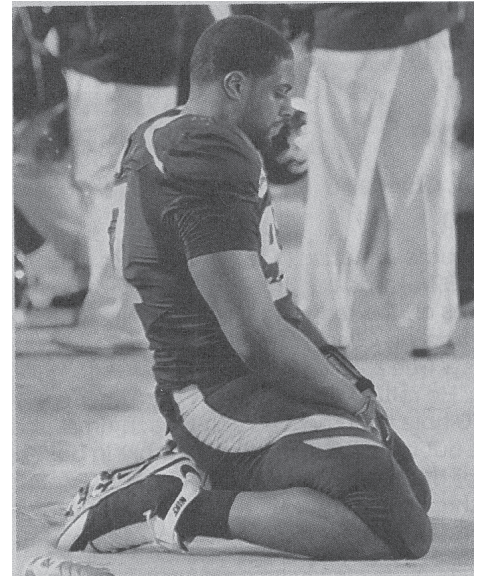
the Utah Utes and their freshman quarterback, Jordan Wynn, who threw for three touchdowns and kept asking the blue and gold players, "how much did you say you're paying that coach?"

"It was when Utah scored 27 unanswered points during the final six minutes of the first quarter, the entire second quarter and the first twelve minutes of the third quarter," sighed one Cal Bears player. "That was really hard on us because we know our coach makes more money than God."

Football lovers and budget watchers alike wondered aloud if the university had any plans to revisit Tedford's contract considering the battered, blitzed scrimmage lines, dropped passes, and sleeping defense.

"No, no, of course not," UC officials hastened to state. "It's kind of like the economy. The game is all about confidence. We just need people to stay confident and keep on believing. And could you please give me Susan Breuer's number."

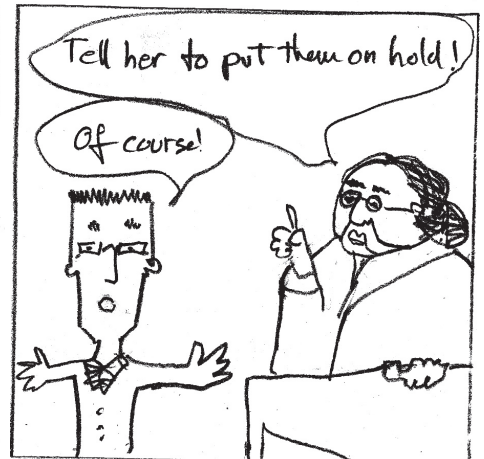
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IF PAYING THE COACH big bucks doesn't help the team, maybe hiring a bunch of faith healers would help.

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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY by Nathan Undergod



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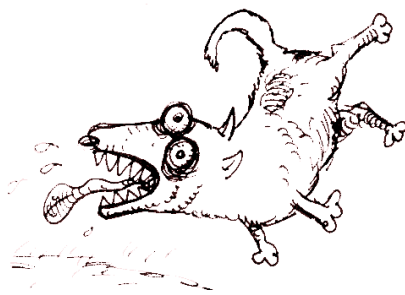


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