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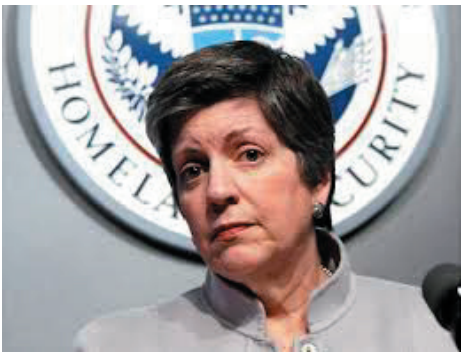
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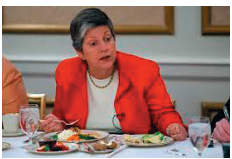
JANET NAPOLITANO HAS experience making inflated or nonsensical budgets look incredibly important to politicians, which really comes in handy.

Homeland Security's Napolitano Welcomed to Take Helm of UC System

By Sarah Wayoutaheah

Battered by budget cuts, faculty, student and union critics, accused of being California's largest, most bloated bureaucracy and floating in near irrelevancy in a dot.com world, the University of California reached out to the person in charge of another bloated bureaucracy for leadership.

"It was unanimous," stated Board of Regents President Sherry Lansing. "Secretary Napolitano is a distinguished and dedicated public servant who has has experience trying to make overgrown bureaucracies look reasonable and necessary to politicians,"



NAPOLITANO admitted that the lure of California cuisine played a determining role in her taking the UC job.

"So that's what the HAZWOPER sign means," stated a worker at Building 51, the site of the back-filled radioactive Bevatron foundation. "I thought it was a new punk band."

"Plus she has all the Homeland Security background," added another regent. "Just try to imagine the next People's Park demonstration."

"Besides," stated Lansing, "she was our most expedient option. Nobody else would take the job."

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THE BEVATRON MADE A LOT of scientists really happy in its day, so just deal with it.

Contaminated Bevatron Site Is No Problem, Says Department of Toxic Substances Control

By Horace Voice

Experts agreed that leaking hazardous contaminants from the old Bevatron site do not pose a safety issue to anybody unless they do something stupid like drink the water or try to clean it up.

"Everything is fine," stated Jacinto Soto, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Project Manager. "People hiking around in Strawberry Canyon know better than to drink from that creek up there."

Critics objected that Strawberry Canyon is part of the watershed, and DTSC's admission of existence of a migrating plume of highly concentrated volatile organic compounds ought to be taken seriously.

"We're taking it seriously," responded Soto. "We put up signs and everything."

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Citizen Survey Results

Should the government monitor personal Internet data of U.S. citizens?
Yes - 17%
No - 38%
I just want to watch Judge Judy. - 45%

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Google Says It Hardly Gives the Government Anything and Your Stuff Is Unimportant Trivia Anyway

By Celia Lettachs



Google responded to the controversy over handing over American citizens' personal data to federal officials by stating that it uses

simple, low-tech methods like closing its eyes when it happens.

"We use very ordinary, very secure methods including just handing over little disks like in the movies," stated one Google spokesperson. "At the same time, we have never heard of a secret NSA Internet surveillance program called PRISM, and we're shocked, shocked to hear about it."



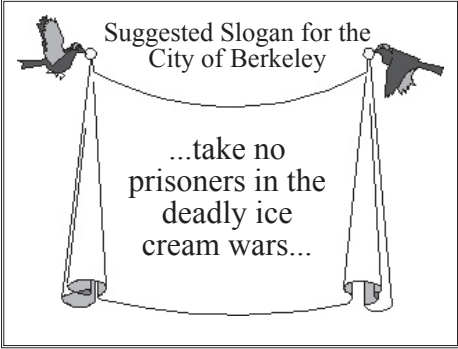
THIS EDWARD SNOWDEN GUY is just another Bradley Manning, and imagine what the world would be like if everybody did that stuff.

"Not until we read about it the other day," added a second Google spokesperson. "And we're just as shocked and appalled as anybody."

Google experts added that they are unable to comment further, according to their NSA contract, which they also never heard of.

"Our campus really is kind of like Wonderland," they stated. "Be sure to see the movie."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, what is the best thing to wear for the Fourth of July? I wear red, white, and blue, but I'm looking for that extra accessory that will really say it all.

Dear reader, you can't go wrong with Kevlar, an American-made product which protects you against inevitable ambient gunfire and will set you off as truly fashion-forward by the barbeque.

Dear Lena, I'd really like to help with the cost of the new stadium, but I just can't pony up the ticket. What can I do to help?

Dear reader, have you shaken down your relatives yet? Have you sold the garden tools on eBay? I'm not sure you grasp the serious nature of the stadium finance problem, and your university needs your help. See what you can get for your kids' sports equipment and quit being so selfish.

Dear Lena, I was shocked that Governor Jerry Brown was so eager to gut key aspects of the open records law. What is with that guy?

Dear reader, he's just trying to be efficient on behalf of the public, which ultimately has to pay for the whims of annoying journalists who run around causing trouble under the guise of searching for truth. Jerry Brown is onto something, and is looking into making ink very, very expensive.

Dear Lena, do you think Janet Napolitano is a good pick for UC Berkeley?

Dear reader, she's perfect. She exited the craziest reorganization of security agencies before it is widely discredited as an ineffectual jobs program for people who love guns, gadgets, and piling all the money we used to spend on roads, housing, and libraries into police budgets. Go to the local drone convention and look around for any evidence of embarrassment or proportional priorities. Don't look for brochures; nobody will learn to read anymore until the app.

Ask Lena about keeping your drone out of the neighbors' garden at cdenny@igc.org.

Nerve Gas - Keeping An American Tradition

By Steve Canyon - Man of Action

Special to the Pepper Spray Times!
Via the National Nerve Gas Association

Hello boys and girls! Today's topic is good, old-fashioned fun with nerve gas. Yes, hunting (with nerve gas - of course!) is the right-of-passage for American youth. I remember when my own Dad handed me a canister and looked on with pride as I gassed my first deer.

Thanks, Dad!

Although everyone knows it, the story of American nerve gas can never be told to often: of the Minute Men ready to defend their new country with American bravery and superior American weapons against tutti-frutti red-coated Brits with stupid European ones. So let's get down to business! Revolutionary war British nerve gas came from ordinary European skunks (as you all know) straight from the woods. Cutting-edge American nerve gas was the product of American know-how combined with the daily necessities of rural life: putting food on the table and keeping predators at bay. Each colony had its own special breed of skunk: the Massachusetts Marauders, Virginia Vandals, New York Manhattans, and many others. But during the Revolution the stand-out breed were the Vermont Vitriols, who truly won the war.

Of course it was the diet of the super skunks and the training of the men who used them that made the difference. Super skunks, bred to purpose and force-fed sulfur, molasses, and baked beans produce a truly devastating weapon. Those brave souls of the gas battalion, holding their skunks high, end-up, aimed and ready, ignoring the danger to themselves - those were the Minutemen of fame.

Of course nobody knows how nerve gas got its "nerve" title. I personally think that nerve gas is called that because it gives your enemy "a case of the nerves". Or that it took "some nerve" to use it.

Well, today's nerve gas sure is a lot more effective - and it has hardly any odor at all! A whiff of nerve gas like SARIN or VX can knock down a deer or pesky intruder in seconds.

And yet there are those weak-willed crybabies who would take our nerve gas away - imagine! Lucky for us patriots, we have the Second Amendment, written by holy men of God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit and blessed with beatific infallibility (but only for the "good" parts):

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear nerve gas shall not be infringed."

Amen to that, brother!

Remember:

- Nerve gas doesn't kill people - only people kill people.
- Keep a little nerve gas handy for use in the night; you never know.
- When nerve gas is made illegal, only criminals will have nerve gas.
- The Second Amendment trumps all - you forget about the other ones.
- Stand Your Ground: if someone makes you nervous, gas 'em. It's your right as an American.
- You will have to pull my tanks away from my cold, dead hands.

The Second Amendment guarantees the right of individuals to take up their tanks against a government gone mad - our only protection from the tyranny of socialism: public schools, social security, the national highway system, and libraries open to the public and containing so many books that we would ban if we only had the time or ability to read them.

And lastly, I've just gotta say that all that "alternative history" stuff is pure rot.

So kids, remember to do your homework! Or else.

-- Steve Canyon, Man of Action!

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STEVE CANYON, man of action, is considering having his own Twitter account because he is just so damn popular.



STEVE CANYON LOVES explosive devices in the summertime and hopes you had a rewarding and rocket-fueled Fourth of July.

UC Stadium's New Financial Plan

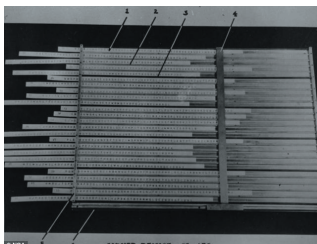
By Percy P. Cassidy

UC Berkeley's sparkling new \$474 million stadium and training center's cost has to come out of somebody's pocket now that the dream of big, football-obsessed donors footing the bill has vanished.

"Don't look at me," shuddered a nearby regent. "Don't get me wrong. I like football okay. But my kids play soccer."

Rich people agreed that the stadium backers over-estimated their interest in the 2,900 high-priced seats in the renovated stadium.

"There's no parking," pointed out one wealthy alumna in a hushed tone. "My school bus days are over."



THIS CIPHER DEVICE is one of the crucial tools being used by experts to make sense of the complex financing structure supporting the new stadium and training center, although experts agree that it would be a lot easier to work on the problem if they only had Tasers, darn it.

an anonymous member of the faculty budget committee. "We're running on fumes."

"They're \$120 million short," acknowl-



NOBEL PRIZEWINNERS AT UC BERKELEY are working hard on the stadium financing issue so you can be sure they're going to figure it out real soon.

edged one neighbor to the construction project. "The plan to sell long-term rights to seats that cost as much as \$225,000 ran a little short of realistic."

"The public always ends up paying for this nonsense," commented a UC student on his way to class. "Not that they shouldn't ask rich people to buy a \$225,000 seat if they can do it with a straight face."

"That's right," added another student. "And be sure to ask the coach to buy one. He's the only guy around here who can really afford it."

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Several rejected suggestions for re-financing the stadium:

- * Sell beer and then charge, I mean really charge to use the bathroom.
- * Offer the football fans an opportunity to actually play in the football game for an outrageous fee.
- * Offer the football fans an opportunity to actually play in the football game for an outrageous fee and *win*.
- * Make the games free at the door, but really, really expensive to get out.

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Police Explain Mental Health Tactics

By M. D. Pockets

Berkeley Police explained their procedures for dealing with mental health issues and pesky advocacy groups to baffled members of the public at a recent press conference.

"We can tell that people are confused by our use of colorful 'spit hoods' and various restraining devices," acknowledged Berkeley Police Sgt. Cardoza, one of the officers who was present on February 13th, 2013, when local resident Kayla Moore unexpectedly died while receiving unexpected mental health services at the hands of the police in the middle of the night.

"We're trying to use these devices more often, more visibly, and without explanation in an effort to help the public get over its shock," agreed Officer Brown, who was also present on February 13th when young Kayla Moore died while they were giving her standard humane mental health treatment. "We want to help."

Both officers acknowledged that they had treated Kayla Moore's family roughly at a recent City Council meeting, and had attended and recorded presentations regarding mental health tactics used by Berkeley police at a recent East Bay Media Center gathering for the interested public.

"People are so funny. They still think they have privacy," chuckled Sgt. Cardoza. "The more visibly we shove them around and use obvious surveillance on them the less we have to deal with flack about our gadgets and tactics."

"If we play our cards right we can get Tasers out of this," added Officer Brown. "I hear those are the bomb."

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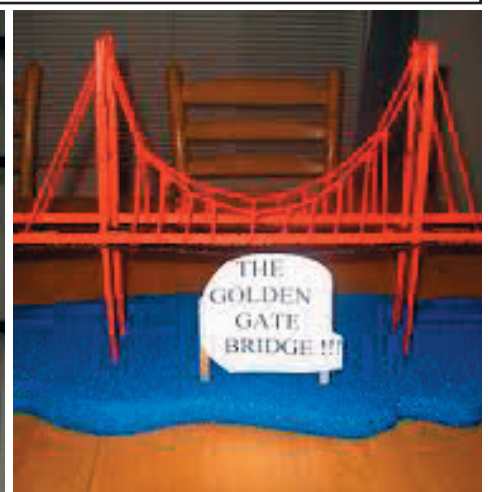
We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



THE BAY BRIDGE BOLT SCANDAL was recently revealed as just another tree-huggy effort to stop global warming.



THE THEORY WAS THAT if people weren't sure the bridge was safe they might instead take a sailboat or a canoe.



AND IF THAT DOESN'T DO IT this is the next Bay Bridge replacement plan, which can only accommodate little bugs and stuff.



POLICE TRIED TO ARREST CHALKERS at a recent “Chalk Walk” event in Los Angeles, but they were not just a slippery bunch, there were members of the public in the way who just don’t understand how dangerous chalk is to public safety.

Berkeley Police Demand Chalk – “More powerful than Tasers,” states BPA

by Nola Contendere

Washable chalk, freely available over the counters of toy stores to unlicensed members of the public, puts police departments at an extreme disadvantage, experts agree, and should be both carefully regulated and also added to the police arsenal of “tools” such as pepper spray, bean bags, and guns.

“We’re not opposed to the public having properly controlled access to chalk,” explained one Berkeley Police Association representative, “as long as they are trained in the use of chalk and carefully licensed in using it wisely.”



DESIGNS LIKE THIS just really annoy the Bank of America and run the risk of inspiring other people to gratuitous acts of wanton vandalism and make life harder for big corporations.

“We would then monitor chalk use by licensed members of the public, and would consider having special areas set aside for its use, like a gun range,” added Berkeley Police Association board member Sgt. Emily Murphy. “Chalk seems like an innocent child’s

toy, but in the hands of a group like Occupy it can be extremely dangerous.”

Chalk is in the spotlight again after the recent trial and subsequent acquittal of San Diego resident Jeff Olson, who chalked anti-bank slogans on San Diego sidewalks, costing San Diego taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. The case was called “stupid” and “a nonsense prosecution” by San Diego Mayor Bob Filner. The jury took only five hours to deliberate the case, which threatened Olson with thirteen years in jail and a fine of \$13,000.

City Attorney Jan Goldsmith, who prosecuted the case, admitted that the City of San Diego put itself in a bind by permitting “Live Action San Diego,” an anti-abortion group, to chalk the sidewalks of a local Planned Parenthood, leaving itself vulnerable to charges of selectivity regarding protest messages. Goldsmith acknowledged in addition that Bank of America had urged prosecution of the chalkers.

“It’s true that the Bank of America disclosed 2.209 trillion in assets in 2012, but that doesn’t mean it doesn’t really depress them when they see these messages on the sidewalk,” stated Goldsmith. “I don’t know what the jury was thinking.”



Privacy is Unpatriotic

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Another chalk-related atrocity was located in Los Angeles, where a group of activists holding a Chalk Walk or “Chalkupy” event was surrounded by riot police, who arrested 17 of them.

Berkeley police acknowledged that they need more training in chalk use, since so many members of the public are well-versed in pithy, powerful images and statements such as Olsen’s drawing of an octopus reaching for dollar bills. They also are still steaming from the loss of a case against a couple of local chalkers, David Kamola and Christopher McKinney, and hope the licensing program would preclude troublemakers from acquiring dangerous chalk in the first place.

“We have trouble getting our message out,” acknowledged Sgt. Murphy. “Protect and serve just doesn’t have much punch.”

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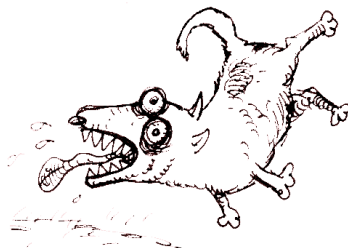
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