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Occupy Groups Offer to Help with World Cup Debacle



by Bodie Oatdough

While San Francisco regatta aficionados mourned the loss of an insider World Cup organizers' deal that would have rehabilitated thirteen acres of crumbling piers and pilings, another issue is unnerving the yacht crowd – nobody is signing up to race.

"It's so embarrassing," stated one political insider. "It's hard to spout the usual booster bull when everybody knows this is a party for the rich."

"The one percent is feeling shy," acknowledged another insider. "It's hard to feel good about flaunting your money with Occupy right by the docks."



LOCAL OCCUPY groups have some creative suggestions for the World Cup race, such as this repurposed floating bathtub.

Only four teams have signed up so far for a race that an early economic report estimated would have at least fifteen teams. Local groups have offered to help.

"We had a pretty good Lake Merritt action a few months ago," noted one Occupy Oakland supporter. "We could bring our boat into the action."

"We'd love to participate," added Occupy San Francisco. "They kept saying how this race was for everybody. I have a rubber ducky inner tube I've been dying to get in a real challenge."

"We're in," called out a group of rubber-clad surfers. "We're seen as a bunch of loners, but we're actually a great team. It will be nice to get off the ocean's sidelines and really get in the middle of the game for a change."

"We're in, too!" chimed in a couple of people who managed to get a bathtub to float. "We may come in last, but making this baby float required more teamwork than you can imagine."

Occupy volunteered to rehab the crumbling piers, too.

"We've ripped out a lot of concrete in our time," stated one Occupy organizer. "We look forward to the opportunity to clarify to people that we know how to recycle and repurpose just about anything."

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Consumers Discover They're Eating Dog Food:

Safeway Yanks Pink Slime; Methyl Iodide Fumigant Lovers Protest

by Holly Nitaway

Safeway supermarkets quickly removed the "lean, finely textured beef" from their shelves when ABC News reported that it was pretty much identical to what experts used to call *dog food*.

"We still maintain that the stuff is edible," stated a spokesperson for Safeway. "And it might really make your coat shiny. But the 'pink slime' label was really hard to overcome."

Many consumers agreed that especially with a lot of mustard and hot sauce, the edibility of dog food was not in question. Seniors on fixed incomes, in particular, insisted that they've been eating it for years.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture affirmed that the pink slime was used in seventy percent of ground beef sold nationwide and in school lunches, which is why most grade school children have really shiny coats.

"We're not sure about the protein content," offered one official, "because the dogs seemed to do fine with it. They may not have a very discerning palate, but when they whine and scratch on the screen door they can really make themselves heard."

Most consumers were disgusted to realize they were eating what once constituted dog food, but also expressed regret discovering that methyl iodide, a controversial fumigant carcinogen which causes nerve damage, was no longer available for strawberry farming in the United States.

"If this affects the quality of my strawberries, I'm marching on Tokyo," huffed one bay area foodie referring to the Tokyo-based manufacturer of the chemical, Arysta



DOGS HAD NO PROBLEM eating pink slime but then neither did hundreds of thousands of ordinary consumers who admit that with enough mustard and ketchup they could eat carpet.

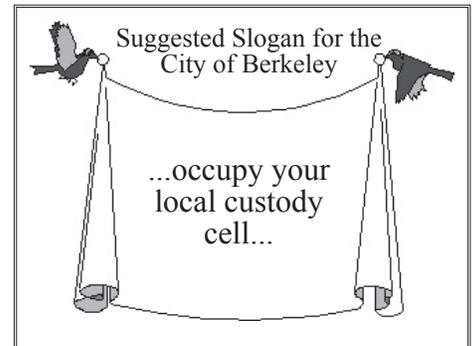
Lifescience. "I can walk away from the dog food pretty easily. But I think methyl iodide might have been worth destroying the ozone layer."

The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) agreed, noting that Arysta Lifescience had acted alone, without even EPA involvement.

"Californians are a pretty hardy bunch," explained one CDPR official. "Pesticides are like mothers' milk to them."

"We had given methyl iodide the A-okay," agreed another CDPR official. "But they're clearly more cautious in Japan."

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*PST's volume numbering didn't begin until six years after publication.

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, so now it comes out that Chief Meehan used the police database to look up reporter Doug Oakley's address and lied about it to everybody, saying that he already knew where he lived. Shouldn't something happen to this guy? What kind of example is he setting?

Dear reader, fussy, fussy, fussy. When the police come to your door in the middle of the night you should simply rest assured that they have their reasons. Without your trust the police can't do their job effectively, so try harder to do your part.

Dear Lena, is it true that they don't teach history at the University of California campuses? What is all the fuss about from the National Association of Scholars group?

Dear reader, yes, and no. They do teach history, but not the *right* history, and not in the right way. Politics has no place in the classroom, and corporate grants to universities are the best way to cleanse left-tainted campuses of bias. The National Association of Scholars is simply making a neutral observation that more right-wing professors are needed on every campus.

Dear Lena, is it time to Occupy again? How can I tell when the time is right?

Dear reader, when your local police get new supplies of MK-9, it's time to dust off the tent!

Dear Lena, I just heard a new group of architects is remaking People's Park. Should I be worried? I am so tired of riots and stuff.

Dear reader, it's up to you. There's a fresh crop every few years who get paid by the usual suspects to make plans for the park. Keep in mind that the volleyball court was one of those plans, and eventually UC had to choose between keeping it and guarding it 24 hours a day or taking it out themselves. The park has a way of planning itself.

Ask Lena about matters of deep concern at cdenny@igc.org.

The, Like, Totally Corrupting Effect of Political Activism at the University of California

Why Only the Right is Right

by the National Association of Scholars

The National Association of Scholars, in a special report prepared for the UC regents, stated that "An astounding proportion of students are progressing through higher education today without measurable gains in general skills."

"We couldn't agree more," stated a Food Not Bombs volunteer serving hot vegan fare in People's Park. "It used to amaze me how some of the students who join us could speak French, but almost none of them could cook beans."

The report blames the "corruption of the University of California by activist politics." Specifically:

"When individual faculty members and sometimes even whole departments decide that their aim is to advance social justice as they understand it rather than to teach the subject that they were hired to teach with all the analytical skill that they can muster, the quality of teaching and research is compromised. This is an inevitable result because, as we shall show, these two aims are incompatible with each other, so that the one must undermine the other."

"Well, finally someone figured it out," stated one UC faculty member striking



FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE Bush and convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff are, according to the National Association of Scholars, just as important to study as Marx, and as it happens they have both written some books, too.

her forehead in embarrassment. "I had completely forgotten that my role here is to make sure the world is safe for international corporations."

"Me, too!" added a visiting lecturer on economics. "I really got distracted by the poverty in the world around me and completely neglected to dedicate myself to shoring up the status quo."

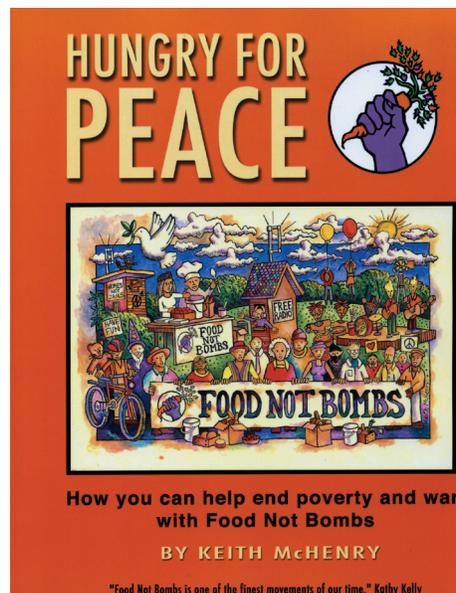
"Social justice really is the enemy, when you think about it," stated Peter W. Wood, President of the National Association of Scholars, the privately funded group which authored the study. "We feel we stepped up just in time to help address the crisis caused by a lack of political diversity among the obviously left-wing faculty."

Wood admits the National Association of Scholars' solutions are radical: more positive courses on Western Civilization (sic), a smaller ratio of foreign students who don't get Shakespeare's important role at cocktail parties, and a replacement of political books by people like Marx with American history books by people like former President George Bush or former Vice President Dick Cheney.

Wood and the other NAS scholars acknowledge that change will require "a program of remedial hiring"..."it would consist in(sic) a search for people of a genuinely academic temperament" who have never been to an Occupy rally.

"The regents have a responsibility to agribusiness and oil companies," concludes the report. "Corporate interests have been patient, especially considering the generosity of their proprietary grants, but it's time for the regents, in the interests of fairness, to make the university safe for evolutionists and intelligent design believers alike."

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How you can help end poverty and war with Food Not Bombs
BY KEITH MCHENRY

"Food Not Bombs is one of the finest movements of our time." Kathy Kelly

ONE OF THE MOST notorious terrorists, Keith McHenry, co-founder of Food Not Bombs, has had the audacity to write a book about ending poverty as though that were a good thing instead of a healthy economic incentive to work harder.



THIS IS A RARE PHOTOGRAPH OF GOD fishing on the Pend Oreille River in Washington. God prefers a birch canoe.



THESE INNOCENT looking little birds are actually evil, and will take over the planet unless we organize to stop them. Use firm measures, and report any unusual peep behavior to Homeland Security so they can send you a surveillance drone.

God Admits He's in It for the Money

by Anna Wonannatue



THIS ANGEL claims the hours in heaven are really harsh and has been on the same lute shift for an eternity.

Easter and Passover celebrations brought up sales of egg dye, horseradish, and matzos according to economists who acknowledge that religious

practices profit local economies.

They're not the only ones.

Our intrepid team of reporters finally snared an interview with God, who acknowledged that money was the main engine driving all religions.

"Why else would anyone wear funny clothes and run around scolding people for being human?" he acknowledged in a rare interview with reporter Anna Wonannatue after a lecture at a local empowerment seminar. "If you can convince people that you have something more valuable to say than

they do, you're all set."

Wonannatue: "But don't you have something more valuable to say?"

God: "Not at all. I make sense from time to time. But so do most people if you catch them at the right moment. You should hear that gal behind the counter at Bake-sale Betty's talk about shortening. Even I learned something."

Wonannatue: "I guess I thought that you thought you had all the answers."

God: "Pure illusion. But thanks."

Wonannatue: "Why would you want people to have that illusion?"

God: "It's good business. My reputation is king."

Wonannatue: "But what do you need money for?"

God: "It gets harder and harder to find anyone who can make a good birch canoe. But I've got a lot socked away, so I've dialed back the road shows and t-shirts."

Wonannatue: "How much do you control

1. Set them on fire.
2. Run them over.
3. Invite them to swim.
4. Introduce them to a hungry dog.
5. Introduce them to a chainsaw.
6. Pull out their little fingernails.
7. Disco.
8. Make them listen to really bad jokes.
9. Make them walk the plank.
10. Waterboard them.

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what's going on?"

God: "You'd be surprised. I love to play havoc with out-of-the-way lower court cases."

Wonannatue: "You mean you make sure there's justice?"

God: "Oh, dear, that's funny. Never look for justice in a court of law."

Wonannatue: "So..."

God: "Oh, I love the small stuff. Stuck zippers, fooling with mike levels. Ever wonder why the light goes red right when it's your turn?"

Wonannatue: "That seems kind of petty."

God: "I can't argue with that."

Wonannatue: "What about all those religious people? Don't you owe them the truth?"

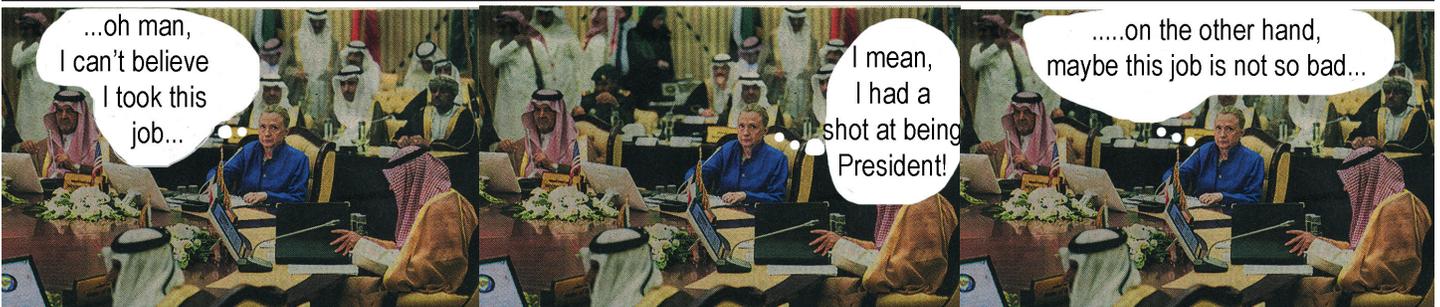
God: "I guess you're right. You think I should take out a billboard?"

Wonannatue: "I see your point."

God: "Thanks again."

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We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



FBI AND UC POLICE HAVE TO PAY LONGHAUL OVER POLICE RAID

by Allan Goodtime

The FBI and the UC Berkeley Police finally gave up trying to argue that their raid on the Long Haul was defensible in court, and ponied up \$100,000 and an acknowledgement that Slingshot, one of the few remaining newspapers in print in Berkeley, was in fact entitled to the protection given journalists and publishers under current federal law.

The UC Police also conceded that none of the groups from whom they took computers and papers had any connection with the matter they were investigating.

"It was a shot in the dark," stated Police Chief Celaya. "We didn't know whose house to search, so we started there."

"Starting with radicals saves time," affirmed an FBI spokesperson. "When we're completely and utterly clueless, which is a lot of the time, we get tired of the ouija board and following the Girl Scout cookie sellers from door to door. Cutting all the locks and taking all the computers at an info shop may not have looked very directed to the courts, but they don't really understand how ignorant we are about our own community."



\$100,000 WILL GO A LONG WAY at the LongHaul, Slingshot, and East Bay Prisoner Support where they're used to raising money nickel by nickel instead of having the cops finally pick up the tab.

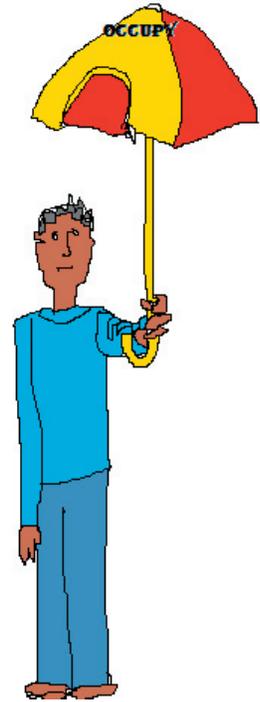
"Or how frustrated we get," chimed in another UC officer. "We're the most laughed-at police force in the state. We thought we could at least pick up some good recipes."

The legal agreement requires the police agencies to delete information confiscated in the raid, which took place in August of 2008.

The Long Haul and East Bay Prisoner Support plan to donate \$500 of their portion of the settlement to the Occupy movement.

"They'll probably leave off kicking down our door for awhile," stated one Long Haul volunteer. "We can afford to help out."

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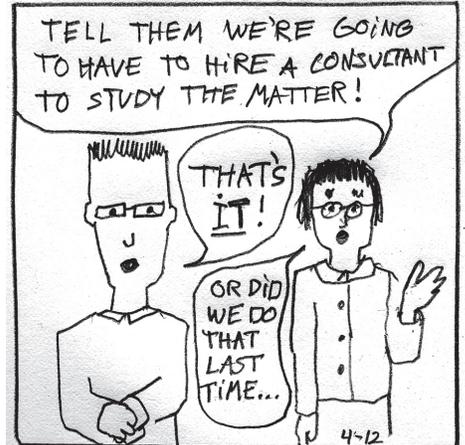


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THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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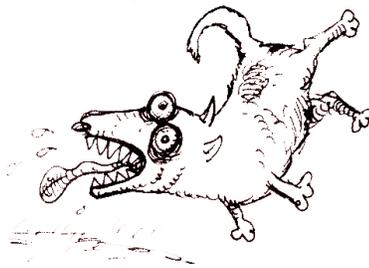


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