

...the diversity of tactics issue ...



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“How a score of ewes now?...”*

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UC Joins Black Bloc



EMILY MARTHINSEN, ED DENTON, and Jim Horner have learned that operating under the radar of conventional channels enables them to get a lot more done.

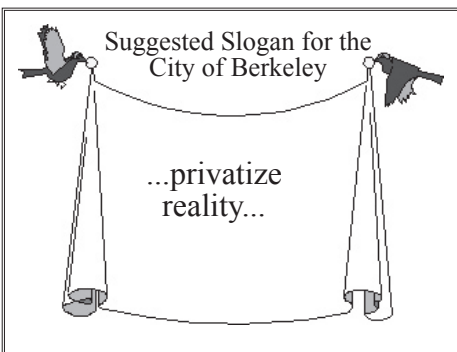
by Saul Better

The University of California acknowledged that they are part of the Black Bloc, a creative protest faction which eschews conventional channels and procedures in favor of the creative freedom of specific, spontaneous rearrangement of street furniture, newspaper boxes, display window glass, and trees in People's Park.

“It worked really well for us over the holidays,” stated Jim Horner, landscape architect for the University of California. “Working without the burden of oversight and the cumbersome calendar of including city commissions was such a feeling of freedom compared to the old days.”

“I can't wait to use this method on the neighborhoods,” agreed Vice Chancellor Ed Denton. “This way the process is so streamlined; public participation really weighs down the process.”

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Prop. 8 Ruled Unconstitutional: Heterosexual Marriages Crumble

Divorces Skyrocket

by Linda Coppa-Sugar

A federal appeals court, declaring California's voters too stupid to live, booted Proposition 8's ban on same-sex marriage as unconstitutional.

Heterosexual marriages began to crumble state-wide.

Husbands woke up and found their wives suddenly less attractive, wives suddenly found their husbands boring beyond description, and kids of heterosexual married couples suddenly became incapable of behaving and doing homework.

“I'm really trying to kiss my wife, and I just can't do it,” exclaimed one heterosexual husband shaking his head sadly. “They said this would happen if gay marriage was not condemned, and I didn't realize it would happen so quickly.”

“My husband is revolting,” stated a shocked heterosexual wife packing her bags to move in with her mother. “I don't know why I didn't see it before.”

“I could do calculus yesterday,” cried one tear-stained high school student. “But that Judge Stephen Reinhardt took it all away.”

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled 2-1 to overturn a voter-approved initiative defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman, an initiative which was directly tied to everything that is sacred.

“We will appeal to the Supreme Court,” said Andy Pugno, lawyer for the Prop. 8 campaign committee, a conservative religious coalition called Protect Marriage raising hope across the nation that sanity would be restored.

“Heterosexual families across this great state are counting on us to restore the



THIS UNSUSPECTING HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY suddenly found itself unable to pour a morning cup of tea thanks to the federal appeals court decision declaring Proposition 8 unconstitutional, and has since applied for divorce.

sanctity of marriages which were ruined by this ruling. The California voter cannot be wrong, especially when swayed by the money invested in political ads by the Catholic and Mormon churches.”

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints filed a Major Donor Report with the California Secretary of State listing \$189,903.58 in non-monetary expenditures on behalf of Protectmarriage.com -- Yes on Prop 8, although Don Eaton, a Mormon Church spokesman, had told KGO Television (ABC), “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints put zero money in this [the passage of Prop. 8].”

“That \$189,903.58 came later,” stated Eaton when asked about the discrepancy. Eaton pointed out that the report was filed one business day ahead of the required filing date of February 2nd, making him *not* a liar in every technical sense of the word.

“We don't like messy picket lines out in front of the Temple,” explained Eaton. “Having to see the consequences of our actions on real people is pretty disturbing, especially when they wear pink boas.”

“We like a vacuum,” stated Eaton's wife. “Our marriage works best that way.”

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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, I was going to get married but it's all over now. Those gay people have wrecked everything. Now my fiance looks like a total loser and I can't fit in my wedding dress. I wasted a lot of money on flowers that are all wrong for the table setting, and I spent a lot on the stupid shoes. What should I do?

Dear reader, we can only hope that the Supreme Court will end this madness. Aren't thousands and thousands of unhappy marriages enough to discourage people from tampering with conventions that have served society for, well, a period of time? At least we can all stop pretending we enjoy weddings for awhile. I'm going to save a bundle on toasters. I would suggest that you boot the fiance' but hang onto those shoes. Halloween is always right around the corner.

Dear Lena, so, can this "diversity of tactics" Occupy Oakland thing apply to other stuff? I would like to be honest in my relationship and cheat on my taxes. Wait, I think it might be the other way around. Would that be okay? I would also like to apply it to my diet, so that I could go on a fast and also scarf Cheetos by the bag while I watch Idol.

Dear reader, not only is it okay, I believe you've found a career path if you're willing to rent smelly hotel facilities, use bad microphones, and come up with the right marketing tool. I suggest "Tactical Flexibility for Life!" or "Moral Agility for Practical Living." Or just "Cheat and Win!" Imagine being able to both pay and *not* pay your taxes, or cheat on your wife while remaining absolutely faithful. "Diversity of tactics" has legs and it's walking right toward you. Grab it and run! Politicians have known about "diversity of tactics" for years.

Dear Lena, what is this thing about being happy as a clam? Are clams really happy? They don't seem happy to me.

Dear reader, yes, I have seen the happiness of clams. Typically they rent strippers. *Ask Lena about recipes for pickled roses at cdenney@igc.org.*

\$308 Million for Each Execution "A bargain!" says California Public

by Layton D. Game

The thirteen executions which have taken place since the death penalty was reinstated in California in 1978 have cost \$308 million apiece, according to a recent study, and are considered a bargain by an appreciative California public.

"We loved the library," stated one young mother walking by the closed facility in her town. "But we can't sacrifice our safety just so our kids can learn to read."

"That last \$308 million was tough to raise," agreed another young parent watching his kids play in a debris-strewn alley. "And we do miss that state park. But imagine how much less safe we would be if those thirteen people we executed were still alive today."

The study's authors predict that the cost of continuing to execute people in California will climb to nine billion by the year 2030, which will be shortly after the predicted date when the rate of incarceration has succeeded in putting everyone in jail anyway, creating issues regarding who is left to feed the dogs.



PEOPLE WHO do bad stuff really don't get understand the gravity of their transgressions until you kill them.

"We're concerned about who's going to feed the dogs," admitted one corrections insider who acknowledged that the current incarceration rate has outstripped the birthrate. "We're trying to look on

the bright side. A whole lot of people are about to get a free toothbrush."

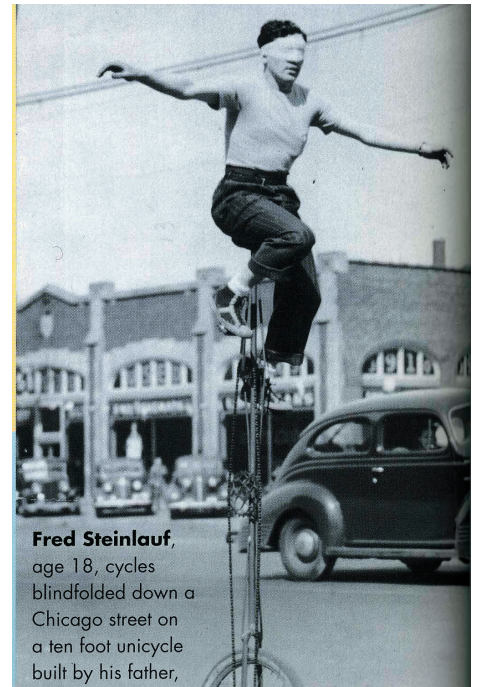
"Death row will need to expand," mused U.S. 9th Circuit Judge Arthur Alarcon, one of the study's authors. "Prospective developers will probably succeed in arguing that Angel Island has the perfect location and facilities which have historic resonance for the purpose so as not to overly disturb the historical landmark aspect."

Voters seem enthusiastic about the expansion, although overall support for the death penalty has waned.

"We used to really enjoy it," stated one San Raphael resident. "We would really pay attention and sometimes go out to the San Quentin gates and cheer when the lights flickered. But it got old."

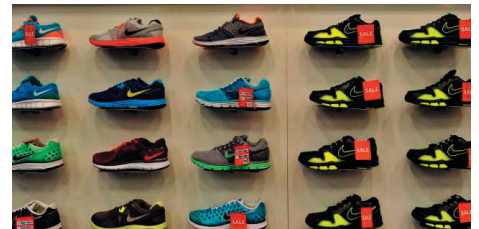
"Yes," agreed another neighbor. "It was really exciting when it first came back. But now I would rather play 'Portal 2'."

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Fred Steinlauf, age 18, cycles blindfolded down a Chicago street on a ten foot unicycle built by his father,

EXPERTS ARE EXAMINING cheaper, more entertaining ways of executing California prisoners to save money and get people outside in the fresh air to enjoy the show.



OCCUPY YOUR SNEAKERS can be costly.

Sneaker Riot Blamed on Occupy

by Richard Anyou

Riot-gear clad deputies brandishing pepper spray and shields trying desperately to protect a Foot Locker in Orlando's Florida Mall blamed Occupy for the conflict.

"Hundreds of people rushed in here," stated a deputy. "We figure they're upset about Nike's child labor practices."

Shoppers seemed confused by questions about their motivation.

"We want the shoes," answered a shopper hoping to score a limited edition glow-in-the-dark shoe to sell on EBay. "I have to feed my family."

Occupy insisted that the shoppers were part of "the 99%" and were being driven to occupy sneakers after being forced out of parks and public spaces.

"Occupying our sneakers is a desperate act, but these are desperate times," stated Occupy. "And it's a lot more comfortable than camping."

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HARVEY MILK would have objected, but it is so much better for the economy if the plaza in his name only has shopping carts in it which are actually doing some shopping, which technically has to involve dropping a boatload of money like the yacht people will we hope.

Gangs of Shopping Carts Frighten Tourists - Ordinance Bans Non-shopping Shopping Carts in Castro Street Plazas

by Paula Heavyload

Intimidating gangs of shopping carts which congregate together in two Castro District plazas have had their wheels restricted by Supervisor Scott Wiener, who felt they were in the public's way.

The shopping carts typically spend very little money in local businesses, according to Wiener.

"They never buy latte's," he stated. "They collect together and just hang out talking about film and politics, which, as you can imagine, is very threatening to people who know little about film and politics."

The shopping carts in the plaza agreed that their behavior is unconventional.

"We know we were born to shop, but we've transcended," commented one. "I used to cruise the aisles in a crazed kind of

trance looking for bargains, but no more."

"I'm the same way," responded another shopping cart. "I can't tell you how many thousands of hours I spent under those florescent lights inching through crowds of numbed consumers. But out here it's different. We're free."

Wiener explained his proposal, which recently passed through the Land Use Committee, was part of a larger effort to protect public spaces from aggressive shopping carts which tend to behave in a threatening manner and attract the wrong crowd.

"The racing yacht crowd needs a gentler landscape," he stated. "We need to learn to speak their language."

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SF Folk Festival Tightens Up Standards

Petition to Exclude Wheelchairs Entirely Picks Up Steam

by Kiki Downstairs

The San Francisco Folk Club is finally bowing to pressure from activists tired of having to navigate crowded corridors cluttered with wheelchairs.

"They just can't realize what a pain they are," stated one festival organizer. "For years we've tried to get rid of them but they just don't get the message."

Fed up activists are quickly filling up a petition to exclude wheelchair users entirely from future events.

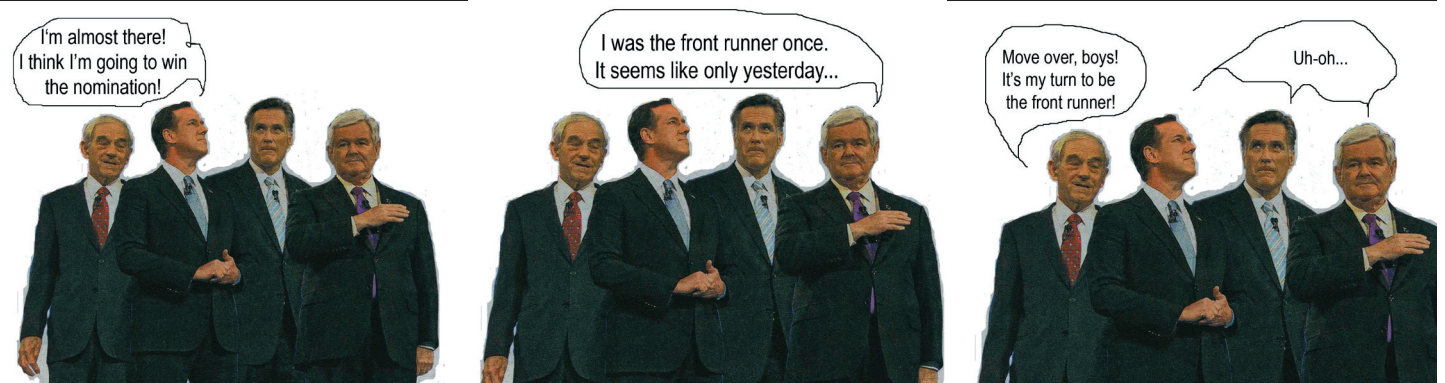
"It's really popular," states one festival volunteer. "We tried using really old venues, but wheelchairs were still sneaking in here and there. This way we can settle the issue and just play tunes."

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THE SF FOLK CLUB would really like to be ADA compliant at its events, but really it is just so much trouble.

We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



Girls Get to Be Queen Without Killing Off Brothers



THESE TWO young women are practicing wearing tiaras in case they end up either being queen or winning a title like Miss Marshmello Salad.

by Juana Tiara

The leadership of the last sixteen countries still technically in thrall to the British throne agreed recently that girls should get to be queen even if they have younger brothers, upsetting years of tradition requiring that all the younger brothers of a female royal be dead before any girl gets to sit on the throne and noodle around with the Corgis.

"Incompetent was okay, crazy was okay. Dead was the deal-breaker," explained one expert on British royal succession. "Dead is hard to prop up in a royal carriage."

"Unless she's Catholic," added a spokesperson for Queen Elizabeth II regarding the requirements for royal succession. "No Catholics need apply."

The rules of royal succession to the throne are cause for amusement among other countries, which prefer more modern ways to choose political leaders such as butterfly ballots, viral Youtube ads, and leaving the issue in the hands of the few people left who actually can be bothered to vote.

"Old-fashioned dynastic succession might really be an improvement," commented one American voter unplugging his phone machine after another robo-call. "I have always loved those pretty tiaras."

"Imagine the money we'd save," mused a California voter. "We routinely watch more

America's Cup Organizers Dropkick Overhaul of Piers – Organizers Offer to Actually Wave at Crowds Instead

by Joey Stick

The America's Cup regatta organizers pulled back on their offer to refurbish San Francisco's rotting Piers 30-32, offering instead to actually go to the trouble to wave at crowds onshore as their boats go by.

"We feel our financial risk was getting too large," explained billionaire Oracle co-

founder Larry Ellison, whose team won the last America's Cup. "There were deadlines and stuff. We're trying to keep this fun."

Ellison dismissed the idea that critics of the deal, which would have netted him control of valuable prime waterfront property, had played a discouraging role.

"I could buy this city if I wanted to," said Ellison. "I just want to sail around and show off my trophy. Ending up with a controlling interest in public property was just icing on a really, really big cake."

"We expect to have these races continue," offered a stricken Mayor Ed Lee after the organizers' announcement. "We will still have boats and stuff. We will not only watch them go by, but actual rich people will actually wave at us from the boats. Especially me. This is a very big concession."

Insiders acknowledged that only four teams have signed up for the races so far and that Stephen Barclay, the America's Cup Event Authority's main negotiator, was said to be "exasperated" at those who claim the race was just a way to turn the bay into a playground for rich people.

"We're sacrificing a lot," he pointed out to the press. "When you sail, you get really, really wet."

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Next Issue: Mourning Privacy with Celebrities



Larry Ellison says waving a trophy around never gets old.



BILLIONAIRE LARRY ELLISON is worth \$22.5 billion, making him the fourth richest man in the world, so it is really hard to turn him down when he wants to turn your town into a playground for a bunch of rich people to compete for really important trophies.

money squandered on deceptive political ads than we spend on schools."

"The Queen is such a dear," added another local voter who struggled to choose among approximately 500 candidates for governor after Arnold Schwarzenegger's recall campaign. "You can at least count on her to be kind to Corgis."

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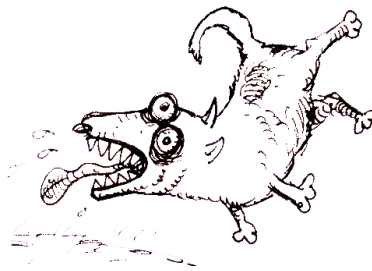


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