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## Crazy People with Guns

### - It's The American Way

by Locke N. Load

The recent shooting in Tucson which killed six and wounded another thirteen people brought the Arizona community together to affirm their clear commitment to at least one thing; crazy people's God-given right to guns.

"Nutjobs need their guns as much as anybody else," commented one Tucson resident, "and you can't sensibly argue that they don't have a lot in common with our national leaders."

Legal experts admitted that the second amendment is hopelessly confusing, ensuring the public's right to the personal acquisition of weaponry with an endless capacity to evolve toward total global destruction.

"That might really come in handy some day," stated one National Rifle Association supporter. "If things get out of hand."

The Tucson shooting may have strained national support for the right of foaming lunatics to buy rapid-fire assault weapons, but all observers agreed that the shooter at Tucson's Safeway meet and greet had no criminal record and would qualify as

a candidate for gun ownership even with tightened restrictions because his behavior was only somewhat peculiar, as opposed to technically criminal.

"It's true," commented one gun control supporter shaking her head. "If we restricted gun ownership to people who were other than peculiar nobody in the Bay Area would have a gun. And nobody in New York. And nobody in the south."

"And nobody in Idaho," added another gun control advocate. "Or Oregon. Or Arkansas. Or Maine."

"Guns are here to stay," affirmed one Tucson politician. "And so are crazy people."

"It's becoming a powerful voting block," commented political consultant. "You can't really call them organized, but you'll find them coast to coast and they're obviously well armed."

"We really need their votes," stated one politician uneasily. "They're here, they're legal, and unlike everybody else they're really paying attention."

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## Head of UC Berkeley's "Operation Excellence" Goes on Year-long Vacation

by Constance Urveillance

University of California (UC) administrators acknowledged recently that Al Pisano, head of the "Operational Excellence" initiative aimed at cutting excess costs, was resigning to go on a year-long vacation.

UC's Claire Holmes confirmed that he really needs the vacation.

"Even thinking about cost-cutting is really stressful," she stated. "Imagine even thinking about trying to resolve these serious budget problems without ruining your mood. It's part of operational excellence to approach difficult problems with a fresh, relaxed state of mind."



Holmes affirmed that consulting group Bain & Company is still on board the Operational Excellence effort for which they will be paid 2.7 million with a controversial bonus payment of 1.8 million to come if they can cut enough costs, and that they will be fine working without leadership from Pisano.

"Leadership isn't everything," she stated emphatically. "Most of us manage without it pretty well."

Pisano declined to state where his year-long vacation would take him.

"We'll let you know," he said. "We're skipping Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia."

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Possible new slogan for the City of Berkeley...

"..Welcome rich people!..."

# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I want a gun, too. I feel really left out. It seems like everybody's got one now. But I am a little crazy. Is that okay?**

Dear reader, it's hard to argue that it's a problem since just about nobody with a gun has any idea whether the decisions they make with it are sensible. Your craziness probably won't matter at all. If you do something silly like load it with garden peas or popcorn you might start a life-saving trend. Go ahead and get yourself a gun. Have fun!

**Dear Lena, I hear there is no stopping global warming. What would you recommend as the best wine to go with inevitable global demise?**

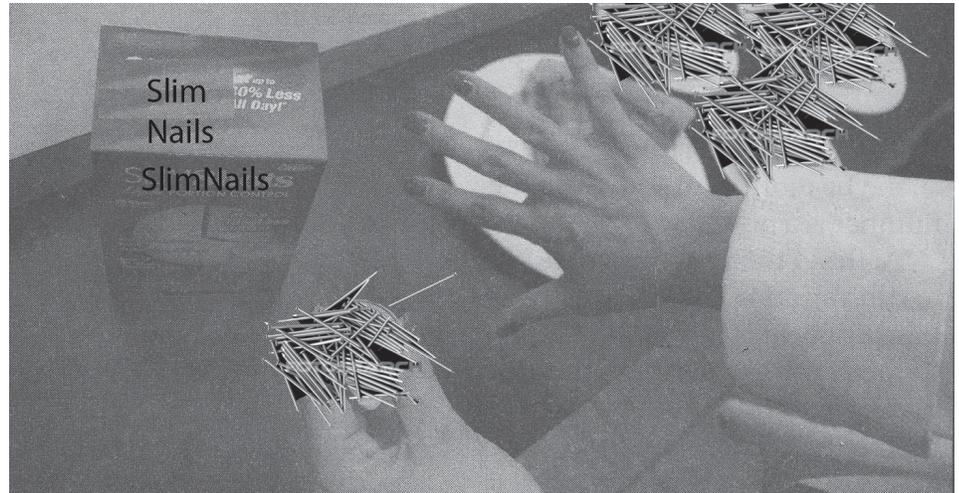
Dear reader, experts who study this question are agreed that people who have surrendered to global warming should consider a Cabernet Sauvignon or a Merlot. Since red Bordeaux wines are almost always made primarily from either Cabernet or Merlot, you could select a Bordeaux, too. Do not stress too much over the exact wine selection for the end of the world. Try and get a wine with a vintage date that is at least 3 years old if you can. And dress up a little.

**Dear Lena, I want one of those used Hummer H1s, but I'm afraid my neighbors will hate me. The mileage is around 15 mpg, but it runs on vegetable oil, which is very green, and it's a used car, which is green, too. Should I go ahead and buy it? I really want to go to my prom in it.**

Dear reader, our staff is impressed that you've done your homework on this vehicle, which does get a lot of bad press. Being hated by your neighbors can be a badge of pride depending on where you live. But I would avoid using it to go to the prom. It's much better to throw up in someone else's car. For the prom, I recommend the basic stretch limo. Save this impressive four ton baby for the beach.

Ask Lena about chess moves, popcorn ammunition, and baseball at [cdenney@igc.org](mailto:cdenney@igc.org).

# "I Ate Less from the Very First Day!"



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## Thousands Turn to a Popular, Appetite-Controlling Nails Diet That Reduces Food Intake for up to 8 Hours

By Horace Frumshouting

"My cravings completely vanished," stated Molly Scott after trying the new Nails Diet sweeping the nation. "It used to be out of control, and I couldn't pass up a plate of food. But switching to nails immediately changed everything."



**NAILS ARE FUN to cook with, and tend to be easy to add to most traditional recipes like casseroles, cookies, and pies.**

could see that he was wrong to throw me over for Shirley that night after the game against the Littletown Bobcats."

The essential active ingredient in the Nails Diet is the nails themselves, which are non-toxic, contain no caffeine, and are not addictive.

"It's guaranteed to slow you down and force you to contemplate how much you're really eating," stated another Nails Diet advocate at a recent press conference for the

new weight loss product. "It takes a little time to get used to, but the results are immediate and impressive."

Most customers eat at least 30% less, and find weight loss easy. Experts agree that those who try the Nails Diet find it a simple matter to eat less, and agree that there are no known side effects.

"They're also easy to find," commented one customer. "You can buy them by the pound at the hardware store, and they're good quality and inexpensive, too. They also never get stale."

"This will really make a great weapon in our fight against obesity," state one health advocate. "The Nails Diet is finally bringing some sanity back to the dinner table."

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"GIVE ME YOUR JOB."

# Financial Crisis Was Both Avoidable and Inevitable, Commission Inquiry Finds

By Seymore Options

WASHINGTON – The 2008 financial crisis was both avoidable and inevitable, concluded a ten member commission after interviewing over 700 witnesses and releasing a 576-page book of investigative findings with cunning illustrations.

“No one could have seen this coming,” the panel wrote in the report’s conclusions, “except the people who could have seen this coming. And it will never happen again until it happens again.”

The commission, populated by both Democrats and Republicans, blames regulation failures, corporate mismanagement, the Federal Reserve, heedless risk-taking by investors and lenders, Wall Street, Disneyland, Britney Spears, those little stickers they put on your fruit these days, critical mass bicyclists, and climate change for the financial disaster which shook the world.

The report criticizes former Federal Reserve

Chairman Alan Greenspan and his successor Ben S. Bernanke as well as Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner and his predecessor Henry Paulson as a bunch of clowns in fancy suits vamping and making up numbers, accusing them of having “added to the

**MONEY IS FUN to fool around with so you can't really expect people not to want to play with it.**

uncertainty, panic, and mojito content in the financial markets.”

“But we have faith that that’s all past and gone,” the report continues. “These guys are the greatest.”



**THE COMMISSION’S REPORT** states clearly that Alan Greenspan, right, who was personally insulted by the very concept of regulation and who led the central bank as the housing bubble expanded, and his successor, Ben S. Bernanke, who did not see the crisis coming because everybody was making money hand over foot which was the whole point, are a couple of clowns who have no idea what they’re talking about.

The report acknowledges that the financial industry spent \$2.7 billion on lobbying from 1999 to 2008, and that individuals and committees affiliated with it made more than \$1 billion in campaign contributions, but dismissed these factors as playing much of a role.

“It isn’t like ordinary folks, people without \$2.7 billion, can’t email their congressional representatives, too,” stated Republican committee member Peter J. Wallison. “Stifling free speech is not the answer.”

For every approximately \$40 in assets,

the nation’s five largest investment banks had only \$1 in capital to cover their losses, meaning that a 3 percent drop in asset values could have wiped them out. The banks’ vulnerability was hidden by using derivatives, off-balance-sheet entities, little fuzzy puppets, fireworks displays, and complex Secret Santa games.

“And alcohol,” added another committee member. “A lot of top-quality alcohol.”

The report should be a best-seller according to the commission’s chairman, Phil Angelides, because it is dotted with literary flourishes and well-known paraphrases from Shakespeare.

“It has greed, corruption, moral dissolution, corporate myopia, pathos, and more risks than the Xtreme Games,” stated Angelides. “And all without disturbing the current regulations one little bit. We think it will sell really well.”

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## We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



# PG&E Asks Public to Help Find Crucial Pipeline Pressure Records

by Suda Panzoffem

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Co.'s president Chris Johns says he can't find key manufacturing and installation documents for 30% of Northern and Central California pipelines, but that the public was welcome to help with the search.

"They're here somewhere," stated Johns, "or else they're in somebody's basement with their Christmas decorations."

Johns pointed out that it was a rough time of year to find anything.

"Everybody is still trying to figure out where to put the new colander and the new bath towels," he stated. "We are a big company and we just can't keep track of every little thing."

Johns had some suggestions for the public, given his company's efforts to find the documents so far. These are the locations Johns is pretty sure the public can skip:



**PIPELINE RECORDS ARE MISSING** and could be just about anywhere according to PG&E, which is getting really peeved at being treated like the bad guy.

**PG&E Says Missing Documents Probably Not in These Places:**

- \* the space shuttle
- \* the Taj Mahal
- \* anyplace where meddling press or media people could find them
- \* in the oven
- \* on a ride at Disneyland
- \* on Wikileaks
- \* anyplace where meddling politicians could find them
- \* at PG&E headquarters' file room

- \* in the PG&E gas pipelines
- \* in the laundry basket

The public is encouraged to search thoroughly through their own paperwork in case the pipeline papers just accidentally got mixed up with them while they were sorting through their bills.

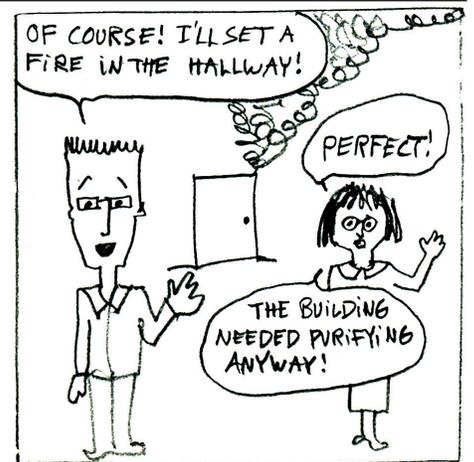
"Go for it," stated Johns. "Because nobody's getting them from us."

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## THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOTCY

by Nathan Undergod



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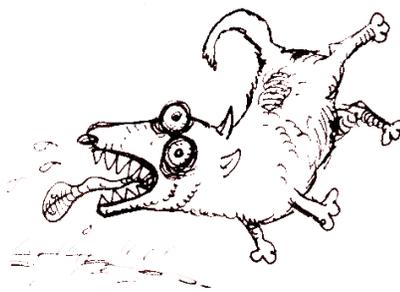


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