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"...unto the commons whom thou hast misled..."\*

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## PRINTING MONEY CATCHES ON Classes Overflow with Eager Students



**THESE STUDENTS** printed \$30,000 in one evening, and plan to keep going until they've covered their retirement needs.

*By Isaiah Prayer*

The sudden popularity of a local craft class is adding sessions to accommodate the public's extraordinary interest in printing fresh, organic money in small denominations.

"It's only for personal use," explained one student using clothespins to hang a row of slightly wet \$100 bills. "I lost my job, and need a little margin in my bank account to tide me over."

"It's easier than I thought," commented another student. "It's amazing how close one can get to the real thing with the right paper and a color copier."

Local law enforcement expressed a reluctance to inhibit the print classes.

"We can't figure out any difference between what the Treasury is doing and what these students are doing in class," observed one local officer. "We kind of figured something had to give when the Berkeley City Council raised all the meter fees."

"It's local, it's fresh, and with a little imagination we could make it seasonal," stated one instructor arranging printing supplies on a classroom table. "We feel it fits right in with the culture."

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## Oakland Murderers Admit They Started Life of Crime By Dumping Old Sofas



**THIS CRIMINAL SOFA** which once led a placid life in a parlor, now hangs out dealing drugs and shooting guns on the street and supports the Oakland city attorneys' war on blight so that others don't succumb to the perils of "gateway" behavior.

*By Theophilus Pun*

Oakland city attorneys received unexpected support for their high-profile campaign against quality-of-life crimes from Oakland murderers, who stated in a recent press conference that sofa-dumping and off-leash pet walking were the "gateway" behaviors that ruined their later lives.



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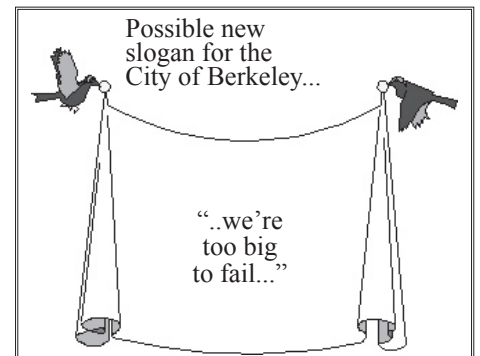
"Mine was deep brown velvet," announced another murderer. "I'm not bragging about it, but it was a top-qual-

ity sofa, and I just didn't think about the consequences."

The Oakland public agrees that the City of Oakland's best approach to the record-breaking murder rate is to focus on quality-of-life offences such as unwelcome sidewalk sofas and littering.

"They don't seem capable of stopping the gunfire," mused one Oakland citizen. "Perhaps if they succeed in nabbing some litterers it will improve their morale."

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# ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, I'm starting to think I'm too big to fail. I would like some of the bailout money. Do you think I can get anyone to agree with me?**

Dear reader, you can probably rope in about half of Congress, but the American people will see right through you. Try to wear a nice suit, and you might have a prayer.

**Dear Lena, should I give a banker more, or less than I ordinarily give a panhandler?**

Dear reader, more, much more. A banker's lunch is closer to \$250 a day, while a panhandler is happy with a hot burrito. If you can't afford to carry that much cash, offer them some credit and they'll lap it up.

**Dear Lena, I don't really care if the economy crashes - my friends and I have been off the grid for years. Should I be jailed or just publicly ridiculed?**

Dear reader, I would recommend jail if you can get in. You can count on light, nutritious meals, a modest exercise program, and the best education in preparation for the new economy.

**Dear Lena, so shouldn't I be buying stock right now that everything is hitting bottom? I have some cash from collecting bottles along the freeway, and want to situate it sensibly.**

Dear reader, your best bet right now is to hang onto those bottles. They are currently the most solid investment you could possibly make.

*Ask Lena for advice about financial independence through jumprope skills at [cdenney@igc.org](mailto:cdenney@igc.org).*

# ECONOMIC ADVICE YOU CAN COUNT ON!



By *Fidelia Mae\**

The economic crisis has understandably upset people all over the world, but it is important to remember that it doesn't just affect the rich.

Financial experts, too, are *very* upset. Imagine their embarrassment at not seeing the turmoil coming. Imagine the angry messages left by their clients who lost money trusting their judgement.

What should be done? Surely we can all agree that a note of predictability in the market would be welcome.

Connecting the market securely to the astrological movements of the stars is the obvious answer. The market would be predictable, but only within obvious, general planetary movements; the interpretation of the interaction of the planets and their effect on finances would remain entirely speculative, allowing the market to breath and respond to a wide spectrum of influences, and allowing financial experts some creative margin in which to sound like they know what they are talking about.

Allowing the stock exchange to be guided directly by astrological principles would satisfy a growing international need for some modest logic in the governance of the market.

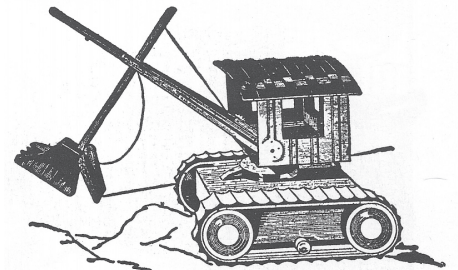
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## What Was Added to Sweeten Up the Wall Street Bailout

1. Balloons for sad bankers.
2. Suicide barriers on bridges near Wall Street.
3. Prozac for anxious depositors.
4. Favorite movie stars on pennies.
5. Free makeup kit if you put off retirement for 75 years.
6. Free teddy bears for stockbrokers.
7. Free popcorn with sizeable investment.
8. Nets under high windows at the New York Stock Exchange.
9. Pictures of celebrities on dollar bills.
10. "The fundamentals of the economy are strong" bumperstickers on homeless shopping carts.



# HOW TO RIDE OUT A QUAKE AT UC BERKELEY'S MEMORIAL STADIUM



*"We could call it Extreme Seating"*

*By Thadeus Ridiculous*

Engineers claim to have found a way to retrofit UC Berkeley's Memorial Stadium, if the fans in the stands are willing to stay fit, learn a few simple procedures, and work cooperatively.

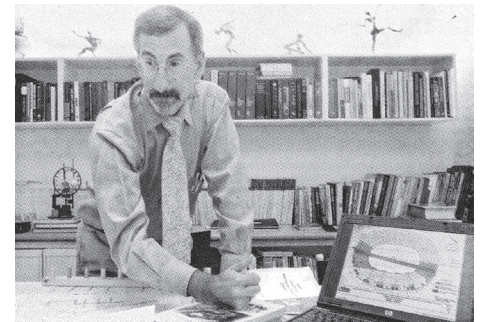
"They have to be in shape," stated Engineer David Friedman. "These are predominantly sports fans, but they may spend a lot of time on the couch."

We may need a weight limit for some of the critical seats. Especially for those who are expected to fly."

"Our primary goal has always been safety," stated campus spokesperson Dan Mogulof. "We don't see having to fly as an obstacle for our sports fans. Most of them are alumni, and they are really, really smart."

Hinged steel flaps would prevent people from falling through the 5-foot gaps around blocks of stands expected to wobble and twist in an earthquake.

"We are still playing with the concept, and have some additional ideas,"



**ENGINEERS** who built Memorial Stadium on landfill over a creekbed are being consulted again for a really exciting retrofit plan perfectly suited to acrobatic sports fans.

stated Friedman. "We could charge less for the fans in Section LL and Section XX, who are sitting right on the Hayward Fault, and would potentially experience the most danger. On the other hand, we could also charge more."

"We could call it Extreme Seating," explained Mogulof. "We experienced first-hand from the treesitters how interested the public is in dare-devil tactics and high-wire theatrics. We figure some of them would pay for the thrills."

The university is also considering an entirely new high-wire seating area strung between the lights over the stadium, in honor of the treesitters.

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Cross-section of stadium seating

People in this section need to be able to remain in the air for a long period of time.

People in this section need to be able to fly.

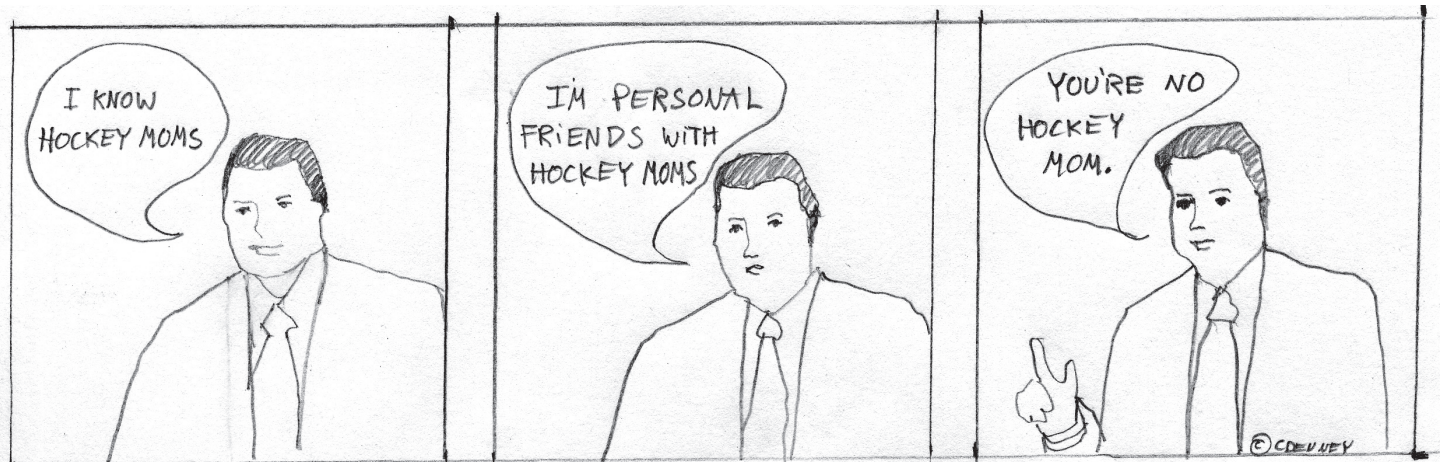
This new section is for people who are already dead.

Concrete wall

Compressible fill

These graves of early Ohlone natives would be saluted on the Cal Bears web site.

We Can't Draw Comics by Franz Toast



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**UC Chancellor Explains Clearcut As  
Effort to End Racism**

*By Gloria Leluyah*

The community of students and neighbors puzzled by the University of California's over-reaction to a handful of hippies in their trees were finally offered an explanation for the peculiar and expensive years-long seige near the crumbling Memorial Stadium.

"We really hate racism," stated a university spokesperson. "We hate it so much that when we thought it was possible that one or more of the treesitters was a racist, we just couldn't bear the idea of harboring them in our trees."

The explanation came in the light of a letter which surfaced recently written by Robert Birgeneau, current chancellor of UC Berkeley, who stated that "racism against our underrepresented minority student athletes...underlies ...the opposition to our proposed student high-performance athletic center."

"Well, then, that's alright," stated one relieved neighbor. "If the trees are willing to let racists climb around in them, then they have only themselves to blame for the chainsaws."

"It all makes sense now," stated Zachary Runningwolf, the redwood-sitter



**THESE FORMER TREES** were chock full of racists, and what's a poor chancellor to do?

whose action kicked off the treesital-most two years ago. "I hate racism, too. It's nice to know the chancellor and I have so much in common."

Critics argued that the entire oak grove didn't need to be sacrificed, but were easily dismissed by campus chainsaw supporters who pointed out that racism had come to a complete stop with the destruction of the forest.

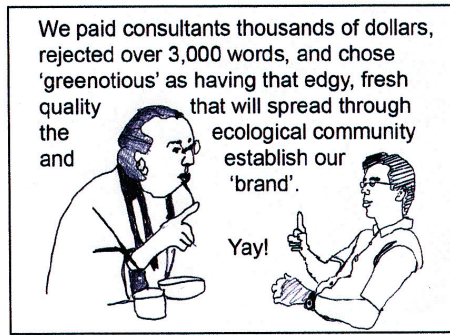
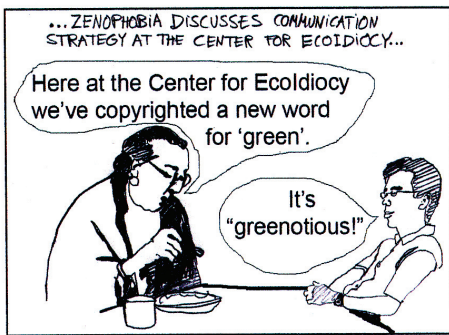
"And just in time," sighed one UC spokesperson in relief. "Chainsaws are really the only practical way to address racism, and increase underrepresented minorities on campus."

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**Next Issue: Branding Cattle  
with Celebrities**

**THE ADVENTURES OF THE CENTER FOR ECOIDIOCY**

**by Nathan Undergod**



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