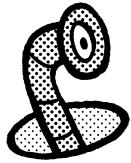


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POP CULTURE PERISCOPE PRESENTS:

The Rise and Fall of the Goatee



IN THE BEGINNING...
THERE WAS A GOAT.



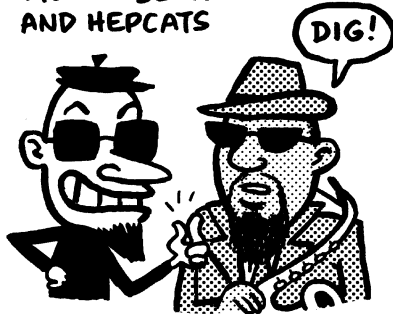
SOON ADOPTING THE
LOOK: **SATAN!**



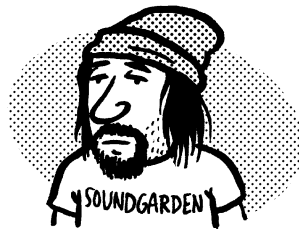
WORN BY EUROPEAN BARDS
AND ARTISTS, THE GOATEE
ACQUIRES BOHEMIAN CACHET.



1950s: BEATNIKS
AND HEPCATS



1990s: GOATEE REACHES
CULTURAL APEX DURING
GRUNGE YEARS



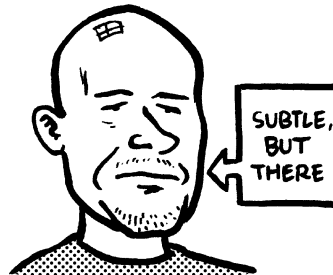
ERA OF DECLINE:
IN LATE 1990s, FRAT BOYS
ADOPT GRUNGE-LITE
TRAPPINGS.



LOSS OF SEMIOTIC POTENCY
CONTINUES WITH WIDE
MAINSTREAM ADOPTION.



...JOE THE PLUMBER...



2011: GOATEE HITS NEW
LOW WITH PEPPER SPRAY
COP.



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LAZINESS CRAZINESS

IT'S A COMMON INSULT AMONG CRITICS OF THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT:



HOW HIGH DOES UNEMPLOYMENT NEED TO BE BEFORE THESE PEOPLE STOP SCAPEGOATING?

SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE MORE AND MORE LAZY PEOPLE EVERY DAY!



NEXT THEY'LL BE YELLING AT VETERANS...



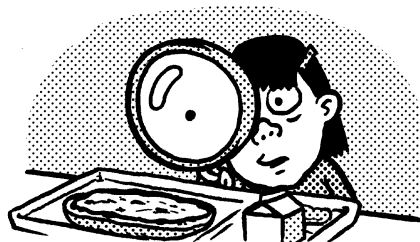
IF ANYTHING, THEY SEEM A BIT LAZY IN THE PUT-DOWN DEPARTMENT. THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE RESPONSE TO SUCH A POOR INTELLECTUAL WORK ETHIC:



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THE FROZEN PIZZA INDUSTRY SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT A RULE REQUIRING THAT SCHOOL LUNCH PIZZA ACTUALLY CONTAIN A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TOMATO PASTE TO COUNT AS A VEGGIE.



WHAT'S NEXT IN...

THE WAR ON VEGETABLES

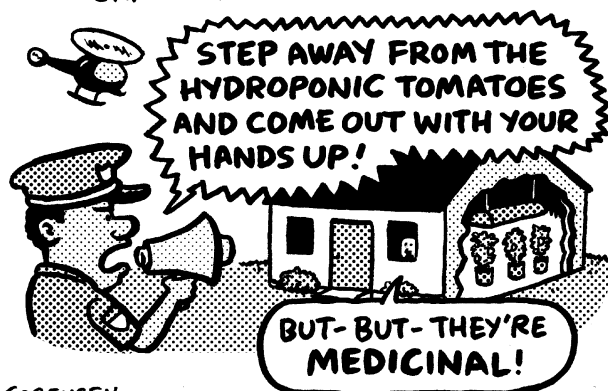
FINDING WAYS TO REMOVE NUTRIENTS FROM FOOD



FORMATION OF THE GREASE PARTY



GARDENING CRIMINALIZED



MASS VEGGIE BURNING



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MANY PEOPLE SEEM TO VIEW GOVERNMENT AS A SHOPAHOLIC OF SORTS.

FAMILIES ARE CUTTING BACK. WHY CAN'T THE GUV'MINT?



SOME OF THESE PROFLIGATE OFFICIALS AGREED TO SPEAK WITH US ANONYMOUSLY.

IT STARTED WHEN I GOT A RUSH OUT OF BUYING MANHOLE COVERS. NOW I GET MY FIX ORDERING BRIDGE REPAIRS.



I'M SORRY, BUT SENDING DISABILITY CHECKS TO PEOPLE WITH HORRIFIC DISEASES AND INJURIES IS SIMPLY TOO MUCH FUN!



I KNOW I SHOULD CUT BACK ON TRYING TO KEEP FECES OUT OF HAMBURGER MEAT, BUT THE TRUTH IS, I GET OFF ON PREVENTING FOODBORNE ILLNESS.

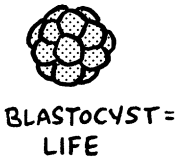


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YEAR OF THE MOMBIES

THE "PROTECT LIFE ACT," RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS, SAYS DOCTORS CAN LET A PREGNANT WOMAN DIE IF SAVING HER LIFE KILLS THE FETUS.



BUT IF PREGNANT WOMEN DON'T COUNT AMONG THE LIVING... TECHNICALLY THAT MAKES THEM THE UNDEAD.



WHICH RAISES IMPORTANT LEGAL QUESTIONS, SUCH AS: DO UNDEAD BABY-INCUBATOR ZOMBIES NEED TO PAY TAXES?

Report all W-2 income UNLESS you are but a vessel for an actual human being.



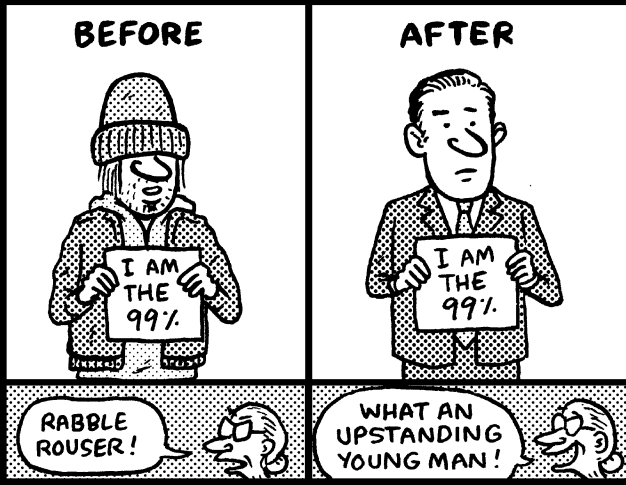
AND CLEARLY PREGNANCY TESTS WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE POLLS SO THAT ONLY LIVING WOMEN VOTE!



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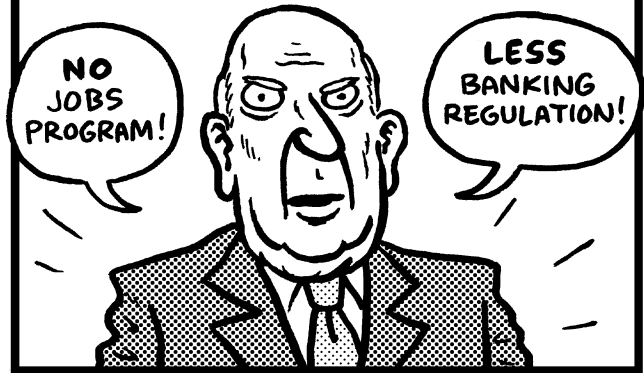
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TRUE: A GROUP RECENTLY GAVE OUT SUITS TO OCCUPY WALL STREET PROTESTERS, CITING THE NEED TO "LOOK SHARP" WHILE THE WORLD IS WATCHING.

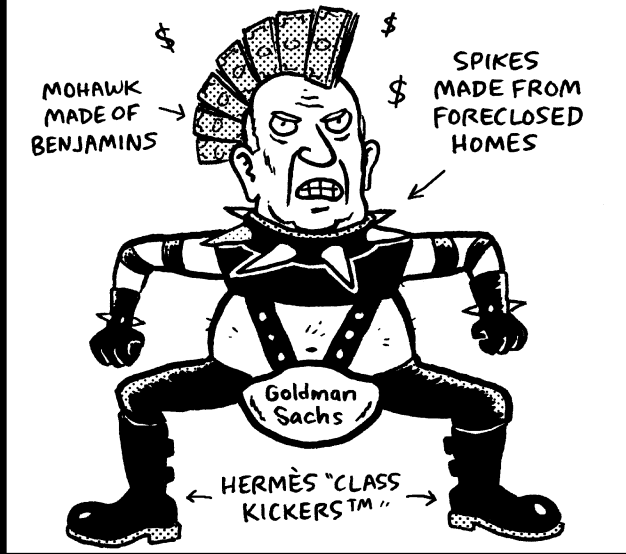


WE AT SLOWPOKE PROPOSE A PARALLEL MOVEMENT: UNSUIT WALL STREET.

FOR TOO LONG, PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE HAS BEEN LENDING A RESPECTABLE VENEER TO RADICAL ECONOMIC IDEAS.



WHAT IF THESE PLUTOCRATS DRESSED LIKE THE EXTREMISTS THEY ARE?



THEN MORE AMERICANS MIGHT GET IT...



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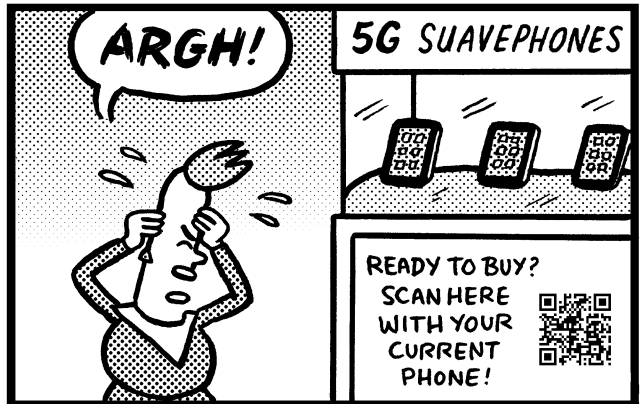
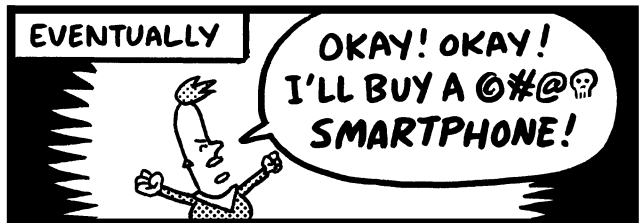
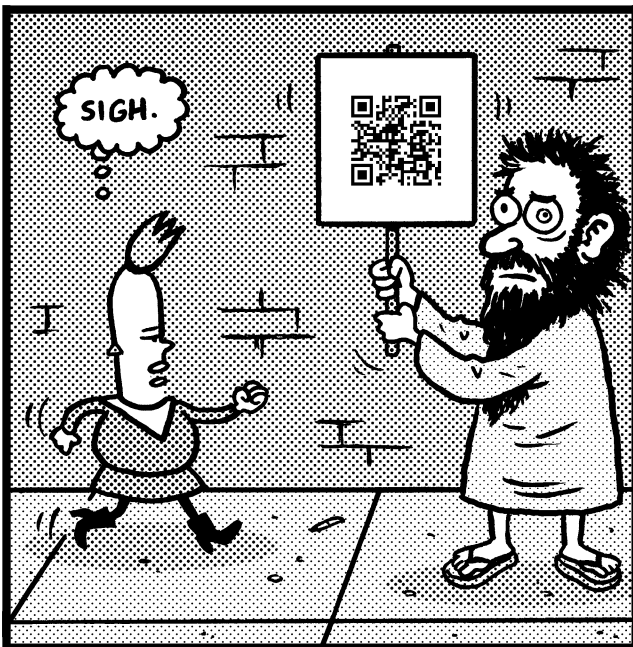
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CODE DEPENDENT

QR CODES ARE EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS, YET FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT SMARTPHONES, THEY CAN SEEM LIKE A SECRET HANDSHAKE.



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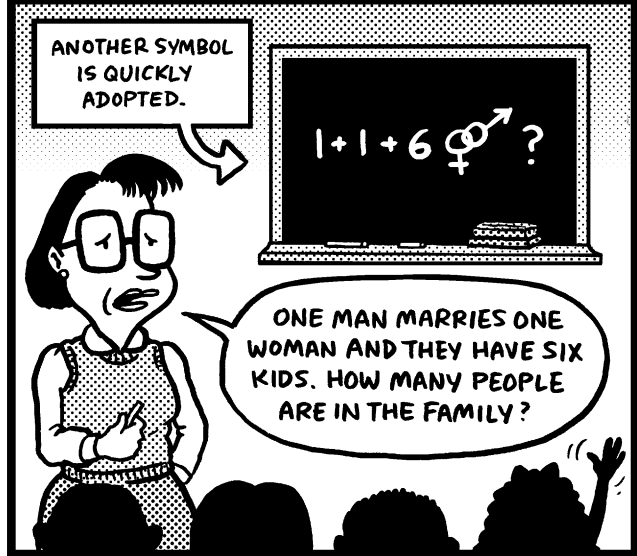
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KEEPIN' EM STRAIGHT THROUGH GRADE EIGHT!

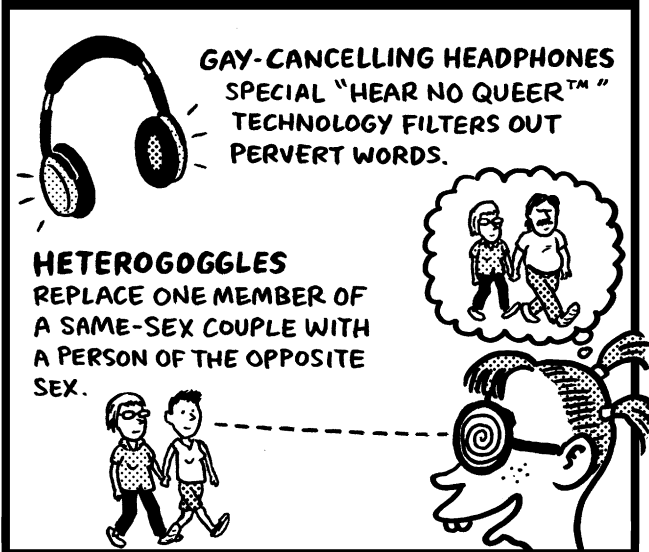
A BILL IN TENNESSEE WOULD MAKE IT ILLEGAL FOR TEACHERS TO EVEN MENTION HOMOSEXUALITY TO PUPILS BELOW 9th GRADE.



INSPIRED BY TENNESSEE, ARKANSAS BANS ALL EQUALS SIGNS FROM MATH CLASS.



NOT TO BE OUTDONE, TEXAS ISSUES PROTECTIVE DEVICES TO ALL CHILDREN.*



SO AS NOT TO CORRUPT CHILDREN WHO READ NEWSPAPERS, PRESS COVERAGE OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS IS LIMITED.

Ban On Mentioning [Unmentionable] Goes Into Effect

As of today, it is officially illegal to discuss [unmentionable] publicly. While a majority of voters support the move, some [unmentionable] activists oppose the new law. Abigail Swenson, a [unmentionable], stated at a protest rally: "This unfair attack on [unmentionables] will not stand." When asked

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*Paid for by laying off 97,000 teachers

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STARVE THE BEAST

HEY, AMERICAN CONSUMERS! DID YOU KNOW YOUR HARD-EARNED DOLLARS ARE FUNDING CORPORATE WASTE?

