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At the OI' McDonnell Law Center

Our founder



Dean Lynn and Faculty to Re-enact First Thanksgiving

costumes, will come ashore at Point Dume to the sounds of the movie score from *Titanic*, and will be met by faculty from the Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, who will be dressed as Native Americans. "I have long been a Miles Standish fan," claims **Dean Lynn**, who will lead the expedition, "I simply couldn't pass it up.

cooked vegetables. "It's not a perfect reenactment," claims **Dean Lynn**, "were arriving on a rented catamaran, not a caravel, the food will be purchased at **Ralph's Fresh Fare**, and we won't be allowed to shoot any turkey, but I think we're still capturing the essence of the day." "This is going to be a great day for the law school and for the Strauss Institute," claimed ADR Professor **Peter Robinson**, who will lead the Indian greeting party. "I am very excited about the project, particularly the concept of learning to communicate with each other." However, despite the sense of unity, the project has not been without controversy. "Excluding **Law Review Editor Dan Droog**, we've had some trouble in generating student interest," noted **Lynn**.



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I love the idea of reenacting such a historic moment."

Once ashore, the legal landing party will simulate the difficulty the pilgrims faced in communicating with the actual Native Americans, by playing the ADR communication game "Bafa Bafa." After communication has been established, the two groups will share a seaside meal of traditional Thanksgiving fare including turkey, cornmeal bread and

"and of course issues have arisen with some members of the faculty." According to the Dean, not all professors have agreed to participate. "Some members of this faculty have decided to hold alternate events," claimed a clearly agitated Lynn. Upon further investigation, *The Low Review* has learned that Janet Kerr and CETL students will not be participating in the reenactment, but rather have scheduled an alternative event. "Were looking ahead to the future, not the past," claimed CETL Director Janet Kerr. Kerr's event, entitled "Techno Turkey: Thanksgiving in the 21st Century," will be held on the same day as the Lynn reenactment. "As alluring as Dean Lynn's reenactment sounds," stated Kerr, "I think the Center students will benefit more from an exploration of how holidays will be celebrated in the future, and the potential markets for commercial growth. Besides, who wants to dress up like a pilgrim?" Kerr's event, which will be held at fashionable Malibu restaurant, *Goefrey's*, is expected to draw over 100 guests.

Dean Lynn has announced that he and a number of faculty members will take part in Pepperdine Law's first annual Thanksgiving reenactment cleverly entitled "Reliving Thanksgiving." The plan, released this week, details how the law faculty will reenact the historic arrival of the *Mayflower* at Plymouth and the first Thanksgiving. According to **Dean Lynn**, the faculty, dressed in period pilgrim

BHLS Successfully Lobby's School of Public Policy for Lawyer's with Low Abilities Legislation

Once trepid of entering a truly gloomy job market, Bottom-halfers are now gleefully popping corks and raising champagne glasses this week in the wake of a successful lobbying campaign and agreement with the school of public policy. Why all the jubilation? The school of public policy has agreed to draft legislation that will provide desperately needed subsidized aid to Lawyers with a Low Abilities (LLAs) entering the job market. Most LLA certificates are incorporated into the student's final transcript at most law schools and then later presented to a prospective employer. To date, the presentation of an LLA usually meets with a tepid response at best - no longer!

"I couldn't be more related," said one 3L. "I have suffered in the shadows with my low ability for sometime now. The

gentrified legal community can be a very hurtful and discriminatory bunch of folks at times. Once this legislation is in place, the nations top firm will finally be beating my door down with job offers."

The linchpin of the new legislation is the provision of a generous salary subsidy to firms that hire LLAs over the traditional *boot-lickin'-law review-brown-noser* types they traditionally used to throw ungodly amounts of money at. Additional provisions in the legislation will provide incentives to employers willing to update "leisure and entertainment facilities" at their firms to meet the special needs of nearly all LLAs. The legislation also lays out harsh federal penalties for employers who openly frown on traditional lifestyle choices most LLAs make. Arriv-

ing late, sleeping, and playing computer games on firm time will no longer be sufficient grounds for termination. A mandatory rapid tenure provision is also in the bill.

Of course there are some top-halfers who are concerned about where all the money to pay for the new program will come from. One top-halfers, however, is standing behind the BHLS and the new legislation. "I am always for any program that will provide a helping hand up to those caught in such a vicious cycle which I am certain leads to poverty," says **3L Michael Newman**. "This situation really illustrates the humanitarian side of the tax discussions I try to beat people over the head with. It's refreshing to see that many of the Clintonian ideals I helped establish during my time in that administration, still have great appeal and impact even under the current administration."

NEWS BRIEFS:

- ? **3L Richard Kovan finally realizes he's not in Med. School.**
- ? **High Court Proclaims Lord McGoldrick legally insensitive, The Lord responded: "Well, I don't much care."**
- ? **Prof. Popovich holds unimportant Community Property Class, calls material "pie in the sky legal stuff."**
- ? **Dean Lynn quoted as saying "I Like Cotton."**
- ? **"Thank the maker it was only simplex 1"**
- ? **NFL coach Bill Cowher to kick-off Friday's Evidence class with rousing sermon: "John 3:16 and Hearsay, what it means to you."**
- ? **Pale 1L's finally emerge from library, begin social interaction. Rumors surface that they will begin experimenting with alcohol.**

PERRINTHETICALS

by Obi-Perrin Kenobi

Against the best wishes of Perrin and the administration, we have an inexhaustible supply of Perrintheticals, and we are prepared to use them, for both good and evil. So again, here are this weeks Perrintheticals

Obi-Perrin and the Lexicon

“Negating, this is not a word. It has never been a word and it will never be a word, if I have anything to do with it.” *11:55 am October 16*

Secret Codes

“There was a special code where one would say: “Hey, there’s a kitty” which really meant go out and kill three people before lunch.” *November 29, 2000 11:26 am*

All Choked Up

“Excuse me, it chokes me up, if you had known Lilly, you would be choked up too.” *Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

“Loosey Goosey?”

“My wife is named Lucy and I would appreciate it if you would not use such a pejorative phrase.” *October 30, 2000*



Student Interaction(?)

Higgins: It still depends on how many cigarettes you smoked...

Perrin: *Or whether or not you inhaled? ...I didn't mean to cut you off...*

Higgins: I didn't have anything else to say.

Perrin: *Very insightful comment Mr. Higgins. November 29, 2000.*

Bad Divorce, Bad!

“I remember that time you gave him chocolate cake for breakfast, yeah, well I remember when you gave him a sip or ‘yer beer.

Every little time you screwed up...that’s one of the reasons I’m never getting divorced, I don’t want it to be a matter of public record.” *October 23, 2000*

Frugal Perrin

“Is it a gift? For those of you who know me, based on my frugality, the answer is probably no.” *Sometime in August*

Zen

“It’s a Zen kind of answer – yes, and no.”

“**You will be afraid,**” (slowly): “**you will . . .**”

“The exam will be 3 hours in length, with two multiple choice questions and 28 essay questions.” *December 11, 2000*

HOORAY—He’s Back from sabbatical!

Pepperdine Wills & trusts Professor’s CD causes controversy

When the single “Right of Entry” was released in October 2001, **Dean Lynn** called some of the lyrics “*coarse, offensive and anti-social.*” After meeting with **Dean Lynn**, Rap sensation **Prof. Nelson** said he would eliminate the most offensive words from the final version of the album. The CD originally was to be released around the **Armand Arabian Tournament** but **P.Nelson** put that off until after the fall finals. “*Just the response that I got from it, the negativity behind it, I just felt like it’s not something I should go through, or my teammates ... my kids and my family,*” **Nelson** said. “*I look at it as something I tried to do and I just rubbed people the wrong way with it. The negativity swayed me away from it.*” Questions about the CD followed **Nelson** throughout last year and into the summer. “*You could see him evolving as a person,*” said **Lord McGoldrick**, “*It’s causing too many problems with his job. When you come to teach law and people ask you about a rap record, something is wrong. I think he pretty much wants to focus on his family and teaching.*” **Nelson** said he’s tired of questions about his maturity. “*It’s starting to get old,*” he said. “*I’m married with kids. What do you expect me to do? Be 20, 21 like I was when I came into the School? I’m going to get better as a person.*”

(See Cover art and liner notes next page)

TEPLY UNCOVERED: The real truth behind Professor McGinnis and her tan!

An in depth investigation conducted by *The Low Review* has revealed the stunning truth about the first year legal research assignment known as Tepy. Reporters, working undercover, have discovered a memorandum written in 1990 by legal research **Professor Nancy McGinnis**. The memo, written in **non-blue book style**, and entitled *The Tepy Project*, outlines the creation of a

wholly frivolous and arbitrary assignment in order to keep students busy. In a *Low Review* exclusive, an anonymous former **McGinnis operative** disclosed the shocking truth about the assignment, “*There are no answers, the whole thing is a competition. McGinnis created this thing to keep her students busy and see if any of these Pavlovian pupils would realize that they were simply*

mice in her twisted legal maze.” The operative further revealed the shocking truth about the word Tepy itself. “*Students think that Tepy is some professor or research guru, but they’re totally wrong. The word Tepy is not a name at all, it’s an acronym for Totally Enigmatic Project for Legal Youngsters.*” In a statement released by her office, **McGinnis** called the allegations “*completely false,*” and appealed to her fellow writing and research professors to support her. **Professor Michael Gradisher**, a long-time McGinnis ally, issued a statement hours later echoing his colleague. However, legal research maverick **Prof. Gradisher** added to the controversy by questioning the notorious assign-

ment, as well as **McGinnis’** travel habits. “*I have long questioned the validity and usefulness of Tepy,*” he said, “*If you believe Tepy is a legitimate assignment, then you also probably believe that Nancy is traveling all over the country for moot court competitions.*” When questioned about the statement, **Gradisher** stopped short of making a full accusation, but noted that “*She’s the only one I know who comes back from a legal conference with a*



Separated at Birth



Skippy
You make the call

Millionaire Thurston Howell the third

Carte Blanche

This Week: FINALS

It's everyone favorite long neglected subjects enshroud us, time of year...finals time. Likewise we are forced to reconcile our fate. the chill of coming winter, the thought of hours of endless studying, the cessation of all things social and enjoyable and the inevitable caffeine-induced state of near hysteria approaches. There will be no more Vegas weekends or ski trips, no more surfing or golfing, no more bar reviews or Friday morning hang-overs, no more gabbing on the phone or playing on the internet, no more blissful hours spent watching movies or college football, and alas, no more *Low Review*.

We shall endure weeks of discontent and trepidation as we attempt to reconstruct months of lectures and volumes of reading. The teacher in all of us will suddenly be resurrected as we encounter our course material for the first time. The pale images of lectures will replay in our minds as we strive to recall doctrines and rules that slipped past us like ships in the night. The sad lamentations of students wishing they had taken better notes and wondering why they wasted so much time will rise up from the library, and the sordid black-market trade in course outlines will resume with vigor. Time that

ever-intangible commodity will be at a premium, and as our moods darken like so many storm clouds, our family and friends will once again be reminded of why lawyers are so disliked.

It is a cruel twist of fate that finals coincide with Thanksgiving, a holiday of otherwise great enjoyment. Time spent with family, eating good food, throwing the football, or even pondering the mysteries of Thanksgiving - like why there are no Thanksgiving songs, or why at 25, you're still sitting at the "kids table," will instead be spent unavoidably thinking of things like contracts, wills and trusts and the Commerce Clause. What would otherwise be a long weekend of bountiful enjoyment is sadly reduced to a one-

day marathon of turkey, feigned relaxation and indigestion. Indeed, even in the back of your tired mind, now slowed by wine and tryptophan, the thought of what awaits you is ever present. But there is a light at the end of this tunnel of exams. That class that you've bemoaned for months will shortly be at an end, and once you've had your last final, think of the leisurely weeks ahead. ...weeks of holiday parties, good food, and relaxing vacations. So, think on the bright side this Thanksgiving and try to be grateful for all the wonderful things we have, and all the wonderful things that will come after finals - the parties, the vacations, and yes, with the dawn of a new semester...**the return of *The Low Review*.**

As stated on page 2, (Supra), Prof. Nelson's new CD "**No Survivor Required**" has caused quite an uproar. Below is the track listing and liner notes:

- 1) *Intestacy Fool!*
- 2) *I'm not a purchaser, I'm Donative Transferee*
- 3) *When we're done, I'll leave you my remainder*
- 4) *Die Without Issue*
- 5) *Uniform Gift to Minor's Act*
- 6) *You Are My Only Discretionary Beneficiary*
- 7) *Possession Only Comes When You Die*
- 8) *Money vs. Property*
- 9) *Her Ambiguous Instrument*
- 10) *Yo, I Got the grantor's Interest Right of Entry*
- 11) *Yes Baby I miss you, But that Boy ain't my Issue!*
- 12) *If You Want Me, You've Got To Manifest Your Intent*

- 13) *Before I Take This Pill, Here's My Nuncupative Will*
- 14) *Possession Only Comes When You Die (Reprise)*

Liner Notes:

I Provide for you for life . . . to my brothers and sisters who survive me . . . Don't try to figure out my mind, look at my instrument!



LEGAL CITATIONS

This week we were hopeful that some law students could shed some light on the mystery of the ages:

What would you do for a Klondike bar?

? "I'd go shopping?"
- 2L Joanna Jagoda

? "I see dead people."
- Haley Joel Osment

? *It depends if I am obligee or obligor, hmm"*
- Skippy

? **I would give up watching "Felicity," on the new WB, for 2 years—as long as Alex Bernstein taped it for me!"**
- 2L Georgia Woodruff

? "Sir, we did not have these mythical Klondike bars in the deserts of Arabia! I have no need for this luxury item—all I don" need is my M-16!"
- 2L Jack White

? "I'd kick somebody's ... listen if you ask me another question I'll squish you like a pink bunny!"
- 3L Nate "the tiny" Aman

? "The Klondike bars pale in comparison to the delectable Double Magnum's I enjoyed in London."
- 3L Darrell Husband

? "**Klondike Bars, shouldn't you be more concerned with Hearsay"**
- The indefatigable Gash



The Superfriends Highlight first 2 chapters of Professor Gash's new Trial Practice Book

Many have wondered why we spend so much time on Prof. Gash. The simple answer is he's such a great target. Not only is willing to embarrass the 'editor' of this great publication in Evidence class, but he also open himself up with his own publications.

What follows is the first chapter of Gash's new Trial Practice book. a Low Review operative was able to extract from a mission of Gash's office. The operative distracted gash with a web page, and snatched a copy of the chapter—enjoy.

Chapter 1: The Direct examination –

(*defense counsel*): Please state your name for the record.

A: Hawkman.

Q: What do you do for a living, Hawkman?

A: I'm a Super Friend. I fight

criminals like Lex Luthor and other punks at the Legion of Doom. Sometimes, when things are slow, I write speeding tickets.

Q: Did you always want to be a Super Friend?

A: Not really. In college I didn't have much interest in fighting crime. I was actually a Film Studies major.

Q: Where did you attend college?

A: UCLA --Go Bruins!! Woo-hoo!!

(*plaintiff's counsel*): Objection, Your Honor. Non-responsive.

(*court*): Sustained. Just answer the question, Hawkman.

Q: How did you become a Super Friend?

A: Well, I had just graduated and I was like 'Whoa, what am I gonna do with my life?' Then I went to this party in the Hollywood Hills and I met Superman. He told me that being half-man half-hawk was a real asset. He asked me what I was doing for work. I told him that I was doing a little temp work, nothing



special. He was like, 'You should be a Super Friend, Hawkman' and after I took a couple standardized tests, I was in. I've been a Super Friend for about eight years now.

Q: I'd like to ask you now about the alleged incident that Mr. Jones is suing you for. What happened, Hawkman?

A: I was at the Hall of Justice playing ping-pong with Aquaman when we got the call. A man in Spago, that's a restaurant in Beverly Hills, uh, he was eating a steak and swallowed a piece that was too big. He was choking and we didn't have much time, so we hopped in Wonder Woman's invisible jet and took off. We got there just in time. Mr. Jones was choking, and he was turning

blue in the face. I stepped behind him and tried to perform the Heimlich Maneuver. On my third try, the piece of steak flew out, and Mr. Jones was able to breathe again. Mr. Jones thanked me. Then, Aquaman, Wonder

Woman and I signed a few autographs. Then we flew back to the Hall of Justice.

Q: Did you ever notice Mr. Jones to be in pain after you dislodged the steak from his throat?

A: No, he seemed fine. I never even considered that one of his ribs might have cracked until this lawsuit arose.

Q: Hawkman, when you performed the Heimlich Maneuver on Mr. Jones did you do anything that might have injured him?

A: No.

(*defense counsel*): No further questions, Your Honor.

Cross examination -

(*plaintiff's counsel*): As a Super Friend you're much stronger than an average person, aren't you?

A: I dunno. Maybe.

Q: To be accepted by the Hall of Justice you had to pass several physical tests, right?

A: Yeah.

Q: What did those tests require?

A: Uh, I had to pass a CPR course, circle the Earth three times without stopping, and I had to bench press two thousand pounds.

Q: Normal people can't bench press two thousand pounds, can they?

A: Some probably can.

Q: But most can't, right?

A: Probably not.

Q: A guy who can bench press two-thousand pounds is easily strong enough to crack someone's ribs, right?

(*defense counsel*): Objection. Calls for speculation.

(*court*): Sustained.

Q: Hawkman, you stated before that you've taken a CPR course. But when you took that course you practiced only on other Super Friends, right?

A: Yeah. I took a course offered at the Hall of Justice.

Q: You never practiced on a regular citizen like Mr. Jones, did you?

A: No.

Q: You're normally a negligent guy, aren't you?

A: Not at all.

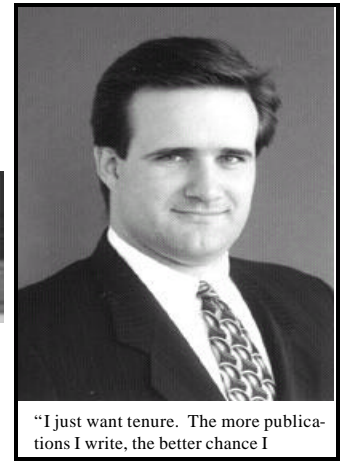
Q: Have you ever been negligent in the past?

A: No.

Q: Do you recall an event that occurred last April when you left the Wonder Twins alone for more than twenty-four hours?

(*defense counsel*): Objection, Your Honor. Counsel's trying to show character, which he can't do in a civil suit.

(*plaintiff's counsel*): Your



Honor, goes to impeachment.

(*court*): Overruled. Answer the question, Hawkman.

A: I had to leave, okay? A tidal wave was about to wipe out Japan.

Q: You did leave them alone for more than twenty-four hours, didn't you?

A: Yes.

Q: The Wonder Twins are minors, right?

A: Yes.

Q: They have a pet monkey named Gleek, right?

A: Yes.

Q: Gleek is known for being mischievous, isn't he?

A: I guess so.

Q: When you left those two minors alone with their mischievous monkey, a fire started and caused damage to the Hall of Justice, right?

A: Look, that was an isolated incident—

(*plaintiff's counsel*): Your Honor, witness is non-responsive.

(*court*): Sustained. Answer the question, please.

A: I forget the question.

Q: When you left the Wonder Twins alone with their monkey, a fire began and caused damage to the Hall of Justice, right?

A: Yes.

(*plaintiff's counsel*): No further questions.

