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Linden in Lincoln: Protest background for friendly fun

By Mark Nemeth
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"I am so stoned," Gloria Hyst said, sitting in her parked car on the south side of Oldest Park.

"I am so much more stoned," Linden Lemon said, sitting in the seat beside her.

Groover was in the back seat, sucking on a marijuana cigarette, staring at a gathering of people up on the hill.

Lincoln University students and members of Oldest Park Neighborhood Association were sitting in the trees of Oldest Park while cops and X-Build construction workers tried to cut the trees down. Hit Jackster, the brother's boss' father's sister-in-law's friends' son of the city's mayor, owned X-Build, and with the mayor's help had arranged to secure the contract.

Hit Jackster was yelling at a student in one of the trees.

"Come on down, son; we're not planning on cutting that one down," Hit yelled.

Linden looked up at the hill and thought about the differences between what it would be like there among many people confronting each other and what it was like where he was among two people, mentally comforted and quieted by marijuana.

"Pass the Groover, Groover," Linden said.

Gloria plugged a Bob Dylan tape into the tape deck.

"Situations have ended sad; relationships have all been bad," Bob sang.

"I am so stoned," Gloria said. "Gloria, like God, is the highest," Groover said, laughing.

They all laughed. "God is the sense of reaching the peak intensity of every moment," Gloria said.

"Why try to attribute human terms

to God?" Linden asked. "If there was an omniscient God, then there'd have been divine intervention by now, or God is very cruel."

"Hey, I wasn't," Gloria said. "I'm just into moments." She laughed. "God is love," Groover said, laughing.

"Music makes a quiet mind. . . . Take it easy, Linden. Smoke more pot," Gloria said.

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Pedantic Man shows naked truth on trivia

By Mark Baldridge
Staff Reporter

Dear Pedantic Fellow,

I have a peculiar puzzle for a pedantic person such as you presumably are. What's the difference between "naked" and "nude"? My life doesn't depend on it; I don't have any need to know.

Curious

Dear Cur,

At last we come down to it — trivia for trivia's sake. Perfect.

It would seem that the difference between nudity and nakedness depends greatly on what you plan to do with the body thus unclothed.

I assume you mean the terms in reference to the human form and not mice or contracts or weapons, all of which are possible uses and meanings for the words.

According to my copy of the Oxford English Dictionary (an invaluable tool for the aspiring know-it-all), a naked person in a painting or sculpture is nude.

By this reasoning, Michelangelo's "David" is a big nude man, not a naked one.

Interestingly, these self-same works of art may themselves be called nudes. Here the word is used as a noun. The above-mentioned hunk (no pun intended) of stone would be a nude.

So some artless wit might note that the nudes in the Sistine Chapel are all naked.

Your Pal,
Pedantic Man

Pederino, Pedmeister, Pedarastoman,

This Christmas I'm going to visit

a friend of mine in Vegas who used to be a woman and is now a man. I was wondering what she, uh, what he, looks like now.

Bashful.

Bash,

I have a similar friend, I wonder if I know this friend of yours.

Most women who opt for gender change don't go in for surgery. There is a strong feeling that sex change technology is not up to the challenge as yet.

Generally, they go more for hormone treatment. If this is the case with your friend then he may now look a lot like a muscular woman with a man's chest and beard. Sometimes women receive a double mastectomy and a hysterectomy as an additional change.

If your friend has undergone phalloplasty, the technique of constructing an artificial penis (or "neophallus"), he may look like almost anything.

Means to this end vary widely, and it's hard to keep up with the changes.

A penis is often constructed from abdominal fat, with a scrotum (complete with plastic testicles) formed from the old labia.

Erections are sometimes designed into the structure permanently. Sometimes techniques popular with impotent males (inflatable devices, flexible infrastructures, etc.) are used.

An annoying side effect is the inability of modern medical science to extend the urethra. That is, the new-made man will be unable to urinate in anything but the old way, sitting down, thus missing out on the nicest thing about being male.

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