



ZERO TOLERANCE UNIT

**TODAY'S EPISODE:
ZTU FORT BEND**

Back in the days before ZTUs existed all over Texas, students were sometimes able to engage in what experts called “pranks” or “harmless fooling around.” The Legislature, working with school-district bureaucrats, saw the threat to democracy if such actions were allowed to continue. Thus was born the Zero Tolerance Unit, a brave group of men and women determined to teach kids that the world makes no sense. See the first column item for the background to this week’s episode.

	School District's Version	Possible Alternative Version	Comment
What Happened	Armageddon	A prank that went a little too far	On the bright side, there could have been worse urine-delivery methods used
School's response	A sober, measured plan protecting good students from bad apples	A Soviet gulag	You think “gulag” is over-the-top? Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn wasn't allowed to bring Gatorade into his cell
Result	Students enjoy a peaceful campus	Students enjoy that store-brand Black Cherry Cola that's been sitting in the vending machine for a year	Even Solzhenitsyn didn't have to suffer that
Other result	Students learn respect for law	Students learn how to smuggle in liquids	Teaching the terrorists of tomorrow today!