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Shitshow at NATO

*NATO and Watching World See
Trump's 25th Amendment Application on Full Display*

By Hobie Next

"Couldn't you have distracted him with a round of golf or perhaps another cage match?" was one terse remark from what's left of the nervous international diplomatic corps milling around the outskirts of NATO's most recent meeting in Ankara, Turkey, where President Trump's presence was, as always, an unpredictable, indescribable disruption. "Couldn't you at least have started a bland discussion of the use of granite or the color of drapes?"

Another participant acknowledged that although most of the countries in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) have

Trump had previously described the current Iranian leadership as "very reasonable" and capable of moving quickly into a ceasefire but now used the word "scum" and "sick people" while NATO's secretary general, Mark Rutte, put in long hours as what reporters now refer to as the "Trump whisperer" on scene.

Rutte noted that the alliance members had stepped up their contributions to the alliance, but Trump apparently wants them to play a larger role in his unilateral, inexplicable attack on Iran, wants to sever ties with Spain over its socialist tendencies, and still wants the soviegn Danish territory of Greenland. "I thought I was getting better at speaking Trump," stated Rutte. "But it's a rough ride staying aligned with the unpredictable impulses often inspired by momentary whims such as his interest in the exact color of the drapes."



TRUMP'S HAIR had its own revolt at the NATO conference and demanded reparations Trump's staff is handling in private.



NOBODY KNOWS BETTER THAN GABRIEL PEREZ how difficult it is to pay the bills until you realize you can take advantage of knowing exactly, or nearly exactly what the president will say and then bet on it on trading sites like Kalshi because you get the speech ahead of time.

come to expect mercurial and incomprehensible conduct from the United States' current president, they have yet to find appropriate descriptions to courteously characterize it as it continues to devolve.

Trump apparently arrived in a state of furious embarrassment that his nebulous "memorandum of agreement" with Iran was in full fracture in front of NATO's international community of leaders and besides that his hair was having a bad day and making threats of its own, issues requiring a great deal of private staff time.

Dazed Democrats Consider Voting in Mid-Term Election



VOTING REALLY CAN HELP YOUR PREFERRED CANDIDATE win an election if you can manage to get the hard stuff done, like getting out of bed and putting on your shoes.

By Chris Dohbreed

"It always seems to come up on a Tuesday," shrugged one annoyed non-voter who would vote for a Democrat if she could just somehow find the time. "I have choir on Tuesdays and just have such trouble trying to fit it in between doing the dinner dishes and making it over to the choir room."

Many scoff at this act of rebellion, calling it "the usual radical left agenda", but some are considering joining the intrepid group that are willing to try finding a polling place and rooting through pages and pages of often unintelligible choices.

"I'm game," muttered one woman with a sheaf of newspapers and newsletters under one arm and a small terrier in the other. "They can call me a radical, but it's really annoying when your neighbors are shot to death for no discernable reason."

"I'm with her," stated another bystander. "Also all those constantly flashing police lights are really starting to annoy my cat."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, when I was a kid they demonized communism so thoroughly that you couldn't even try to look it up at the library without putting yourself and your family at risk. I never thought I would see this, but now they're resurrecting that whole number and doing the same thing to socialism. I can't believe I'm supposed to take this seriously when I know at least four people from my high school class now living under the local bridge. Is this for real?

Dear reader, it's for real, and if you still do have a local library you're one of the very few lucky ones. The war on public education is covered even more badly than the ones currently costing billions of dollars and requiring the military to seriously up their testosterone levels.

Dear Lena, but aren't we at risk from socialism, or its values, or maybe just whispering the word?

Dear reader, yes. Imagine all the people sharing all the world.

Dear Lena, but isn't Trump right about the elections? Aren't all the elections corrupt and pointless?

Dear reader, one can certainly make the case. So let's play dirty and vote anyway.

Dear Lena, now they're saying the new blue paint in the reflecting pool has turned to grey. Is this a sign or something?

Dear reader, yes. It's a stress reaction many of us share.

Dear Lena, can't you please be serious just for a moment?

Dear reader, I don't think so. Writing comedy is kind of like playing music. It's hard to quit, and all the sweeter if somebody finds it really annoying.

Ask Lena about socialism and communism and materialism and artisanal cannibalism at cdenny@igc.org.

Canada Cancels Bridge-Opening Event to Avoid Trump Photo-bombing Nightmare



NEW TARIFFS PLAYED A ROLE in the cancellation of a planned celebration of the Gordie Howe Bridge connecting the US and Canada, but Canada cancelled the Trump visit out of understandable photobombing concerns.

By May Pulleeze

Canada cancelled a planned ribbon-cutting event to celebrate finishing an international bridge connecting Detroit and the Canadian town of Windsor, Ontario, after US President Donald Trump's bizarre behavior at the World Cup raised concerns that if invited at all they would run an extreme risk that he might never leave.

President Trump had just, yet again, re-

vamped the tariffs on Canada as he has done more than a dozen times since returning to the Oval Office, making polite Canadian officials conclude that calling for any celebration in the light of this hostile action would be "inappropriate."

Trump said. "...the original deal on the bridge, which was terribly negotiated by a previous Administration(sic), no longer stands.



TRUMP HAD TO BE YANKED away by FIFA President Gianni Infantino at the World Cup celebrations.

We changed the terms of the deal so that the United States of America now gets 50% of the profit."

Canada's Mark Carney government remarked that

he believes in the "benefits of free and fair trade" and remains gamely prepared to negotiate with tariff-obsessed Trump.

"But the photo-bombing has to stop," he emphasized. "We won't tolerate having to physically yank him out of a photo."

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Peculiar US-Iran War Strategy Finally Explained



THE WAR ROOM REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE whether or not they are using an Ouija board to get the best odds of the trajectory of the Iran war in the Middle East because they don't want to jeopardize their betting odds in the best prediction markets. Plus they don't want everybody getting in on it in case it works.

By Angelica Peerance

"It took a team to decipher the exotic mechanisms governing this dispute with Iran," stated Policy Advisor Professor Anthony Kister, "but we believe we've narrowed it down to the Strait of Hormuz."

The hearing room rippled with anticipation as the professor rifled through masses of papers with arrows, checkmarks, and maps covered with Sharpie notes.

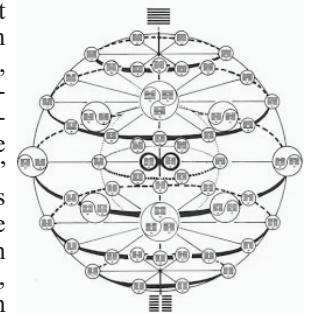
"It's a blockade of a blockade," stated Professor Kister with excitement to a room of puzzled press representatives.

"I know, I know, we couldn't figure it out, either, and for the longest time we thought it was one of those things where somebody is consulting an Ouija board. That used to happen in the Reagan administration because Nancy was a fan."

When asked why the United States would blockade the Strait of Hormuz in the first place, Professor Kister acknowledged that the United States' blockade was in response to the Iranian blockade, which was in response to the United States' offensive move against Iran apparently suggested as a great idea by Bibi Netanyahu of Israel.

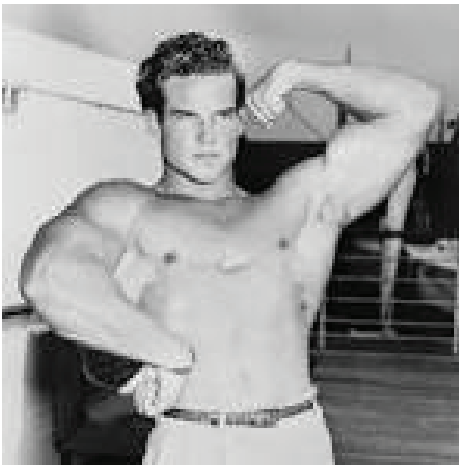
"But Ouija boards might still be in the picture," concluded Professor Kister. "We're not dealing with a very experienced group of political and military leaders. They also might be flipping coins."

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Mandatory Testosterone Testing Begins



YOUR TESTOSTERONE LEVEL may be embarrassingly low so sign up now to get it tested if you're a member of the military or just find somebody with some testosterone supplements and buy a boatload before your whole neighborhood is laughing at you.

By Micha Sewmuch

"We used to laugh at this kind of stuff," commented one retired military leader regarding current Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's bizarre focus on the allegedly deficient testosterone levels of military



troops culminating in a mandatory annual testosterone deficiency screening program for U.S. military personnel aged 30 and older. "Testosterone levels don't stay constant throughout life or even throughout an ordinary day. These concerns are often linked to sales of supplements with

dubious value, if any value at all," stated one veteran. "But the comedy is priceless."

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THIS BRUTAL ICE OFFICER TAKEDOWN is just patriotism under the new 2.0 Trump administration, so keep your birth certificate handy.

Responsive Changes to ICE Concerns

By Lana Fulouweeds

- * ICE agents have to call "Fore!" before they shoot you.
- * ICE agents have to wear tiny, tiny badges which can be seen with a magnifying glass.
- * ICE agents have to apologize briefly to your family if they kill you.
- * ICE agents don't have to attend your funeral, but need to send some nice flowers.
- * ICE agents need to keep their own birth certificates on them at all times.
- * ICE agents need to wear body cameras unless for whatever reason body cameras are not immediately available.
- * ICE agents who snatch children off of American streets should, if convenient, give them a balloon.
- * ICE agents should, if possible, speak the same language as their targets and use appropriate idiomatic slang, such as "wet" or "tonk" during deportation.
- * ICE agents who use violence should be aware of the pervasive presence of personal cell phones in any given population and modify their overt behavior in case it looks bad on tv.

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Vandalism Charges Dropped Against Former Olympian

No-Bid Contract Likely Responsible for Sub-Standard Construction



THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is frustrated with the courts which recognized that the work on Washington, D.C.'s reflecting pool was so badly done that it immediately peeled away.

By Walter Nightmare

The "rushed and botched" job of renovating the Washington, D.C.'s Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool was responsible for the obvious peeling paint, stated the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, D.C., which is dropping its case against



the three-time Olympian canoeist charged with vandalism, saying new information shows the problems that have plagued the newly renovated pool were caused by a "botched installation."

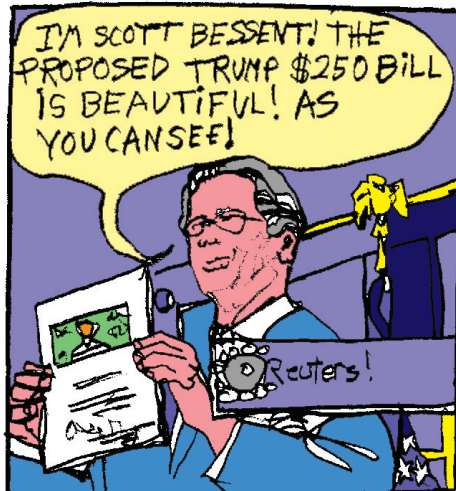
The Interior Department bypassed regular procedures to give a no-bid contract to fix the pool to Atlantic Industrial Coatings, a small firm in rural Virginia.

"We're just doing what Berkeley does," shrugged one official. "The DBA's no-bid contract produces atrocities the city greets with a yawn at every renewal."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Albania Protests Ivanka and Jared's Island Takeover

By Lindsey Doyle

"We can't understand it," commented Ivanka Trump regarding the mass protests being called the "Flamingo Revolution," over a planned luxury resort. "We were given a green light by Albania's prime minister, Edi Rama, and look forward to meeting our Albanian neighbors."



THE ISLAND OF SAZAN IS ALBANIA'S largest island and a nationally treasured nature preserve to people who just don't appreciate the opportunity for profiteering.

Environmentalists claim the luxury resort proposal will bring environmental destruc-



TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ALBANIANS took to the streets to protest a luxury resort backed by President Trumps playful children.

tion and was arranged through government corruption with a complete lack of public transparency.

"That's how we roll," noted Ivanka Trump's husband, Jared Kushner. "We saw it from our yacht one day and thought to ourselves that it was just so lovely. So we thought we would just buy it and clear out the flamingoes. It was our vacation, and it was an impulse buy. What's the problem."

The Albanian uninhabited island is a cherished nature preserve the couple hope to give the famous Trump brand.

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Proposal to Gold-Plate Statue of Liberty Gets Unexpected Heat

By Pearl Loindgoods

The most recent renovation proposal from the Trump admin-



istration almost getting lost in the cascade of projects being spun out for immediate construction has hit a public relations snag as people react to the idea of a gold-plated Statue of Liberty.

THE "WHAT WOULDN'T HE GOLD-PLATE" game is running strong since Trump has yet to gold-plate his wife and kids.

"She's supposed to be welcoming immigrants," said one dubious tourist. "Plus, given the choice, I would rather have

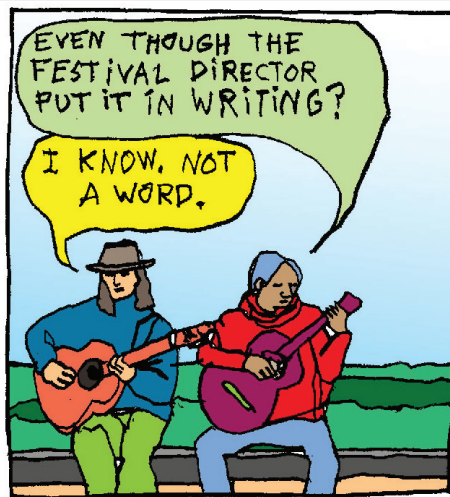
my healthcare back."

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I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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