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Pope Leo Squares Off Against Silicon Valley AI Bros

*Encyclical Recommends Government Regulation,
Safeguards for Human Workers While Tech Bros Laugh*

By Beecher Dedhorse

"The first problem the Pope has is to prove that he didn't use AI to write it," mused one Silicon Valley tech observer. "It's 42,300 words. I mean, come on."

In his first encyclical Pope Leo called for strong regulation of artificial intelligence (AI) stating that AI developers should work for the common good rather than profit and pay attention to the technological impacts on humankind leaving Silicon Valley developers laughing helplessly when they tried to address reporters' questions.

"Yes, we heard," said Open AI's Sam Altman awkwardly getting up off the floor after falling over with laughter while listening to Christopher Olah, Anthropic



ANTHROPIC CO-FOUNDER CHRISTOPHER OHLA told the Pope that "the pressure to stay commercially viable" would inhibit businesses from "doing the right thing" suggesting that the government provide alternative incentives for AI companies to at least toy with being responsible with AI's power.

co-founder, giving an earnest speech at the Pope's encyclical presentation in a tidy blue-striped tie..

"He begs for government incentives to 'do the right thing'," giggled Altman. "Why didn't I think of that? I'm going to send him a bottle of Scotch."

"He had the best seat in the house," agreed Demis Hassabis, of Google Deep-



POPE LEO XIV DISCUSSES GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF AI with a couple of AI bots, who were almost realistically enthusiastic about embracing religious guidelines.

Mind. "The best place to sit when you're asking for a government handout is at the right had of God."

Microsoft AI's Mustafa Suleyman and his CEO Satya Nadella, coordinator of Microsoft's proprietary AI efforts, nodded vigorously when told about Olah's starring role in shifting the obligations to "do the right thing" squarely onto the shoulders of the government. "We've certainly laid out the path for arguing that only a third party can even recognize the righteous path anymore," he stated. "We've had Elon Musk at stepping into department after department making mincemeat of personnel, of data, of policy and purpose. I can't imagine a more striking cry for help. And since even we don't know what we're doing or why, having the government throw money at us in the form of 'incentives' works for me."

Meta, formerly known as Facebook, its CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Chief AI Scientist Yann LeCun weren't available for comment at the time of this printing, explaining that both of them were unfortunately stuck in the dog-face app and nobody could talk to them without laughing.

"It happens all the time," stated our reporter. "But it's okay. It's entertaining, and they tend to say stuff that's the equivalent of barking anyway."

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MEN IN THONGS struck the appropriate celebratory tone at the White House's recent cage fight in honor of some rather disturbing theme which we never quite managed to capture.

Republicans Attempt to Find Spines Over Trump's J6 Anti-Weaponization Fund

By Freida D. Dark

"Sign up now!" smiled one Department of Justice staff member sitting by the White House cage fight arena, which extreme fighting insiders call "the claw". "Who hasn't been hurt by the government? We can help you file a claim!"

The chaotic scene was surreal as men in thongs fought under a lightning-filled sky, but some Republicans began to edge away as dark clouds gathered both politically and literally.

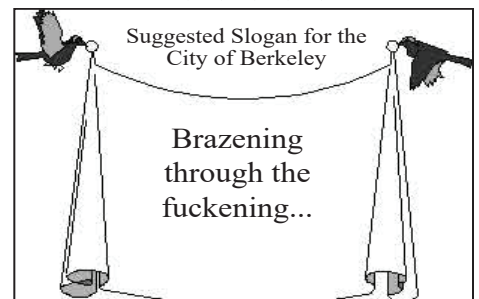
"We've tried to play," stated one Republican standing near the edge of "the claw" hiding from photographers. "But my people at home are not quite on board."

"This Anti-Weaponization Fund appears to fund anyone with a beef against the governemtn," he whispered while hiding behind a handful of balloons. "That would describe everyone in my district including me. My colleagues and I are just a bit nervous, as you can imagine."

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THE CAPITOL has an odd look these days but who's to say that it isn't just fashion forward?



ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, am I missing something? Why is there some kind of fight club on the front lawn of the White House? Is there some symbolic meaning in all of this? Because I can't believe anybody likes watching this weird, ugly display.

Dear reader, yes. This is highly symbolic of the Trump administration's complete humiliation of what we all thought was a balanced system, which is now dressed in a thong, screaming its head off, and punching and kicking everything in sight. This is the new "rules be damned" way all policy and conflict will proceed in the blood-stained future. Iran and Venezuela can be thankful they didn't all have to wear thongs or satin shorts and sing along to AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" or the cheesy '80s anthem "Real American."

Dear Lena, is dignity a thing of the past? Were we stupid to think we could find a candidate that can control himself?

Dear reader, don't kid yourself; we all, embarrassingly enough, actually had a choice.

Dear Lena, why is that?

Dear reader, the results of the necropsy are not in. But my money is on the absolute refusal to vote for women.

Dear Lena, how come people won't vote for women?

Dear reader, women are seen as angry and confrontational if they open their mouths. Also, women are seen as angry and confrontational if they don't open their mouths.

Dear Lena, what should we do about it?

Dear reader, we could try only voting for women. But then there's a bucket full of female nightmare politicians that blow a hole in that theory. It should be noted that bad politicians have enablers of all genders.

Ask Lena about life under "the claw" of the San Francisco Folk Music Club at cdenny@igc.org.

San Francisco Folk Music Club Still Looking Into 2011 Scandal Over Locking Public Elevator Folk Club Keeps Secret File on Local Folksinger

By Anatole Bridgetoken

"We're just running into a bit of a semantic issue," stated board member Shirley Eugest of the San Francisco Folk Music Club (SFFMC) as she sorted through piles of synonyms for "functioning" or "working" to describe the Presidio Middle School elevator the group kept locked on festival day over fifteen years ago.

When asked about the lengthy delay Eugest made the same admission most of the board made regarding their fifteen-year effort to cover up locking the elevator.

"Apparently we committed a federal crime," she shrugged. "But only one folksinger tried to bring it up, and we thought ruining her reputation was worth it, considering what would have happened to ours if word got out what we had done."

Several board members acknowledged that the SFFMC's internal investigation was taking longer than the festival itself and threatened to move into its third decade provided all parties lived that long.

"There's the embarrassment factor," one board member whispered to our reporter, Anatole Bridgetoken. "Her reputation may be worthless now, but we hate bothering the lawyers with this stuff and we're having trouble finding just the right phrase or word for 'not really broken', since we spent years describing it to anyone curious as 'malfunctioning'."

Lexicologists agreed that finding just the right word can make all the difference, but suggested that the SFFMC folk club's timeline is extreme.

"The length of time is suspicious," stated Dr. Carson Fire, a professor and specialist with the University of Our Daughters



THIS IS JUST ONE OF THE CARTOONS the Pepper Spray Times is glad to make available for those who enjoy the irony of a folk club blacklisting a folksinger for trying to alert them that yes, disabled people *can* play the guitar and deserve the right to attend public events,

of Distinction and Disfunction (UOODODAD). "We think there's no excuse for blacklisting a folksinger, but our study of lexicology leaves us wary of words more

generally. They may have blacklisted a songwriter for over fifteen years, but hey, it worked. It proved to be a very effective distraction from their civil rights violation of the ADA."



IT'S HARD WORK BUT THE SAN FRANCISCO FOLK MUSIC CLUB IS dedicated to finding its way through the thicket of lies they've told for twenty years about a local folksinger even if it takes another twenty years.

They told people she had 'canceled their insurance', that she had 'sued' them, that she had 'filed a claim' against them, stuff like that. It's just like what the tobacco industry does, and what the UC regents already did to her in the SLAPP-suit. You don't need to prove anything. You just spread a lot of suspicion and doubt."

"It's a very effective way to change the subject," agreed Eugest. "Folksingers are a dime a dozen. We also like to use the phrase 'beyond the scope'. Toss that into any sentence and people tend to think you know what you're talking about. We've essentially decided that the whole issue is 'beyond the scope' of discussion."

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THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS MAY LOOK DAUNTING given the Supreme Court's affection for confusing free speech with money, but just remember that so far they haven't invented an app that prohibits you from talking to your neighbors. Don't like that developers and their sheep are running the show? Feet beets money.

Washington Gets Monumental Glow-Up



By Paula Whodunit



On this day in history, the Reflecting Pool was re-painted and christened, “Born Again Bay.”

New paint glistens in a dazzling shade of mouth-wash blue. Forget Kent State. Civil Rights. Vietnam. Women’s rights. Gay rights. Science. Loser marches. That’s DEI wokism for you. Go take a nap like Sleepy Joe.

But mark your calendars for Juneteenth. It’s now called Sinner’s Day. Americans who voted for losers—and their spouses who allowed them to— are invited. Let your bad neighbors know.

For \$45.47, wash your toes in priest-blessed holy water (not by Pope Leo) and be absolved of the sin of crooked Hillary, Sleepy Joe or Low IQ Kamala.

Born Again Bay is the best addiction treatment recovery program. You can buy a monthly foot-scrub pass. It cures addictions like alcohol, meth, porn, vaping, PBS, Sesame Street, NPR, gay, trans, liberals, atheists, socialists. Cured.

And if you contribute over 2 million dollars to the Elect Trump Again Fund, you receive a Born Again Bay Baptism. Full dunk. Lukashenko, Putin, the Royal Family and Netanyahu get a free dunk. They deserve it.

Gift shop kiosks sell vials of holy water alongside bottles of wine from the Trump Estates.

In other great news there is the The Triumphal Arch. As Trump says, “when they go low, we go high.”

The Trump-appointed CFA—an independent federal agency that reviews architecture—approved it. When the president was asked who the arch was for, he demurely said, “me.” Rightly so.

The arch will be 250 feet, taller than the White House (70 feet), the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (78 feet) and the Lincoln Memorial (99 feet.)

It will be the tallest in the world, pushing even dirty Mexico’s Monumento a la Revolución to second place.

“We’re the biggest, most powerful nation, I’d like it to be the biggest one of all,” Trump explained to reporters on Air Force One.

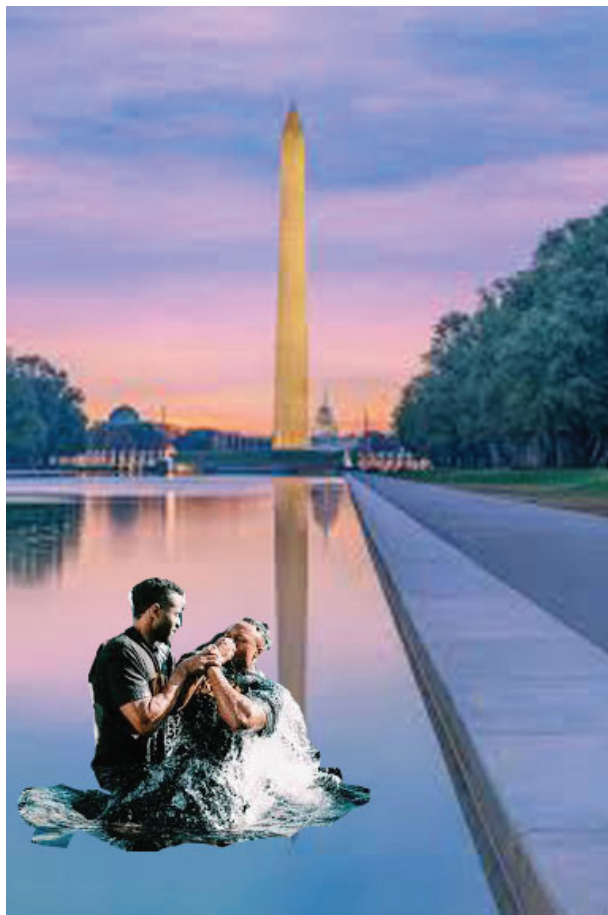
The arch will be solid gold, costing tens of trillions of dollars. Gold is at a record high, but never fear, Western Supremacy is priceless. It will be encrusted with gems like the Hope Diamond and contested Koh-i-Noor, plus a round-the-clock security detail.

Some say it risks collapsing under its own weight. Minor detail. Don’t sweat the small stuff. You should absolutely not trust everything you read or hear. See it to believe it.

Sadly, the Commission of Fine Arts changed the arch design, removing an eight-foot-tall base and gold lion statues. There must be a secret liberal still lurking around.

As final beatification, trumpet flowers climb the arch, surrounded by money trees in golden pots—keepsakes for foreign dignitaries.

In other scintillating news: According to inside sources, a platform rises with a but-



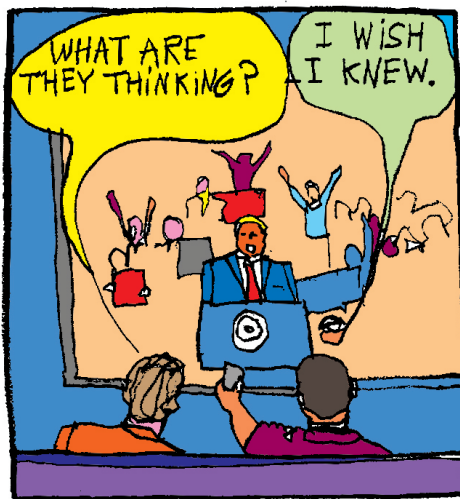
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ton so you can walk on water. There will also be a Noah’s arc replica—America’s first floating petting zoo. Wine may or may not be served. And slips will be rented out to yachts in Born Again Bay—approximately the size of twelve Olympic sized swimming pools. All proceeds go to the Ballroom Fund. DC never shone brighter.

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We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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No-Bid Contract on Trump's Gilded Ballroom Modeled After DBA's No-Bid Over 30-Year BID Reign



PEOPLE MAY OBJECT to the complete destruction of the historic east wing of the White House but they clearly don't share Trump's dramatic and lucrative vision.

they screwing up after more than thirty years? What makes this different from the

By Anya Case

"Shouldn't they have improved the downtown by now?" asked one annoying local Berkeley taxpayer who watched the May 19th uncontested renewal of the Downtown Berkeley Association's contract to "improve" the downtown for another ten years. "I mean, if we're still having to fork over our cut in a mandated tax, aren't

money my grandparents had to cough up for the local mafia for their corner store in New Jersey?"

"And where's the competition?" asked a local musician who had watched panhandlers be literally swept away by the fierce, yellow-jacketed team of DBA enforcers clarifying to what's left of the brick-and-mortar crowd who can and who can't sit on the downtown's very few benches. "Those of us who used to busk there included Philip Rosheger, a world-renowned composer and classical guitarist. If these costumed thugs

weren't so hostile there'd be music here all day long."

"Amy", a staffer at District 4 Igor Tregub's office confirmed that the DBA's was a no-bid contract, and that she did not know why Councilmember Tregub had raised no objection to the no-bid renewal, but would ask at the staff meeting later that day which apparently is still in session days later.

City Hall insiders acknowledge that the membership vote is "weighted" in favor of renewal, but brushed off any suggestion that a non-democratic vote was somehow unfair.

"It's not unfair," stated CEO Jon Caner of the \$2 million-plus contract. "It's just a little more fair to some of us."

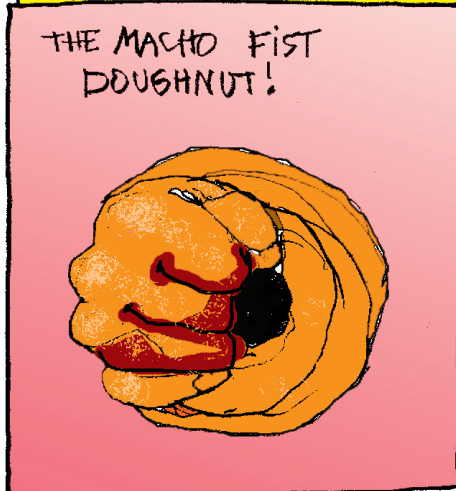
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Next Issue: rioting with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod

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