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"You can kick the ass of the rich. It's just such a big ass that it takes a long time."

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Trump's Toxic Dump on Public Golf Course Creates Unexpected Protest



GOLFERS ARE NOT FIGHTERS unless you dump toxic waste from your ballroom on their course or make fun of their silly outfits.

By Lowell DeBoom

"We're golfers, not fighters," said one sheepish golfer at the East Potomac Golf Links, a public course two miles from the White House. "We wear silly outfits and our balls are really, really small. But our public course, although modest, is not a toxic dump site."

"I've got a nine iron and I know how to use it," sniffed another golfer wearing hot pink shorts with a loud Hawaiian shirt featuring monk seals playing table tennis. "Trump's vanity projects can put their lead and chromium rubble somewhere on his own property."

The controversy stems from the Trump \$400 million dollar White House 90,000-square-foot ballroom replacing the demolished East Wing, a surprise project supported by no one but which Republicans can't oppose without running the risk of not getting invited to the dance.

"I don't waltz, I don't foxtrot, and I don't even golf," whispered one Republican on condition of secrecy to our PST reporter.

"I'm not sure the president thought this through, and the public has a point when 2,000 truckloads of excavated soil from the White House East Wing show up to play."

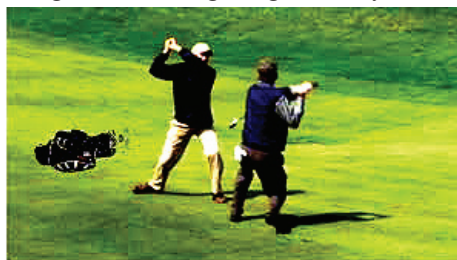
"Boot the ballroom," cried one golfer waving his club who was immediately tackled by secret service officers.

"Golf clubs may seem comic as a weapon," stated officer Burt Feeder holstering his own club while handcuffing the golfer, "but this outfit alone is a crime."

The officers acknowledged that Trump never uses the East Potomac Golf Links' public course to golf himself and that the National Park Service and the Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., a construction services firm that has consulted for the government for decades, found the soil collected last month at the golf course tested positive for lead, chromium, and other toxic metals.

"It's another surprise, like the ballroom," stated one National Park Service worker. "Right now we're literally holding our breath when we're anywhere near the rubble, which is a pretty ridiculous way of addressing the exposure."

"Trump says he's going to 'renovate' the whole golf facility here," stated one dubious golfer watching his golf buddy hauled



GOLFERS WHOSE GOLF COURSE IS UNDER ATTACK from the White House have trouble getting help because it's pretty funny.

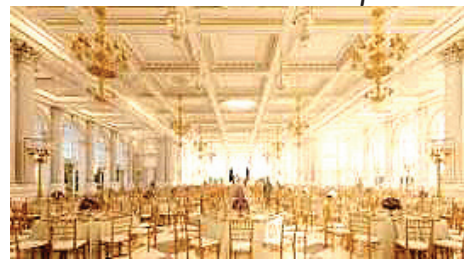
off to the District of Columbia Jail. But after seeing what he did to the East Wing of the White House we're hoping he can stay as distracted as he seems to be by drapes and mouldings."

"Or maybe his Straits of Hormuz war," mused another golfer. "Just a thought."

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Ballroom Blitz

Trump Bored with War,
Fascinated with Drapes



IMAGINE YOURSELF DANCING in this fabulous ballroom which, given it's only for political donors, is probably all you'll get to do besides pay for it.

By Sheila B.

Cumming-Roundeemountain

President Trump gave a compelling speech amid the rubble of the East Wing promoting his huge ballroom over the din of jackhammers to a bewildered group of the few reporters left willing to be insulted if they asked any questions.

"We see the polls," responded one White House Staff member tersely. "We can't understand what these people have against the foxtrot and the waltz."

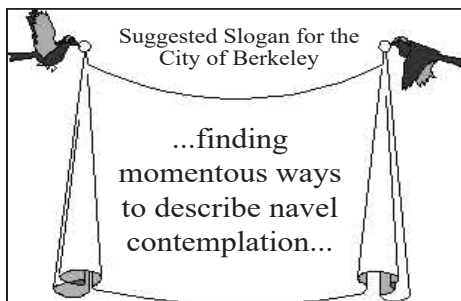
"The White House Correspondents Association Dinner shooting juiced the proposal briefly, but it's still falling pretty flat," commented White House staff member Cheyenne Retirin while preparing a new round of polling data for the Oval Office. "We've run out of creative ways to say it's unpopular."

"I thought we were, uh, golden after the assassination attempt," winced another staff member in agreement. "For a brief moment we were talking security instead of various kinds of marble and gilt. But I'll tell you, that constant footage of blowing up boats and ships thrills Hegseth and Trump but nobody else gets quite the same rise out of it. The public is watching the gas prices soaring out of reach."

Pollsters shrugged off the political difficulties of the unpopularity of both the ballroom and the war.

"The American people are tough," noted one pollster. "They're on Tic Tok. They've seen it all."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, shouldn't the police have drones that can watch us in our back yards? Wouldn't that be even safer?

Dear reader, of course it would. And if they're going to keep track of menstrual cycles as well, that would be very handy.

Dear Lena, are you sure this is legal?

Dear reader, I think it is on the planet we are about to be on. We're on the case and we'll let you know.

Dear Lena, I would like to go abroad. Is there anywhere on earth where we're not a laughingstock?

Dear reader, no.

Dear Lena, what is FLOCK's promise to keep data out of the federal government hands worth?

Dear reader, worth in what, Twinkies? Their spokesperson, Trevor Chandler states that their system has a "national look-up" feature which relies on police to know how to press the right button, a high bar for most of the department's personnel. But FLOCK can, and has, unilaterally and without permission, over-ridden the feature to feast off the data. We in the PST newsroom figure the apparatus is as easy to manipulate as Playdough from FLOCK'S angle, and about as easy for consumers to opt out of as it is to try to cancel Prime.

Dear Lena, who voted for this shit?

Dear reader, The usual: Mark Humbert, Rashi Kesarwani, Shoshana O'Keefe, and Terry Taplin, who promoted the expansion of license plate readers, acknowledging unauthorized data sharing by requesting hikes in penalties for violations, tightening restrictions, etc. These will have the same effect as current restrictions on police misbehavior, meaning none at all. The PST newsroom recommends voting for somebody else next time. This one was easy; it will only get harder.

Ask Lena about expensive watches at cdenney@igc.org.

Berkeley Gets Half Flocked

Council Splits Over Who Really Needs to Know Who Has Had an Abortion

By Brandon Irons

The Berkeley City Council narrowly rejected a \$2 million dollar broad expansion of police surveillance promoted by police after hundreds of people protested.

"It's insane," commented one West Berkeley resident. "We haven't seen a police officer in years. If they want to spy on us shouldn't they at least have to come to the barbecue and learn our names?"

"We know what's best," affirmed one local police officer. "We not only have the inside word on public safety and get these



THE POLICE'S CAMPAIGN FOR MORE TOYS came close to passing, but they get paid to attend council meetings and it's only a matter of time before these ordinary people have to feed the dog or pee.

special shiny brochures from the tech companies, we know where you live."

The council's move does not preclude future contracts with FLOCK, the commercial vendor which shares its data with other agencies including Immigration and



THESE CONFUSED PEOPLE JUST don't like safety and want to make police officers' jobs harder than they would be if they could just use modern tools like drones and AI.

Customs Enforcement (ICE), and approved a temporary extension of the existing FLOCK contract for at least a year.

The public voices pointed out that the city is trying to address a \$30 budget deficit and that crime rates were in decline.

"It makes no sense," stated one local resident who noted that police overtime is a huge part of the current budget and has been

for years. "I know how to find a police officer when you really need one," stated Luke Sharp from south Berkeley. "Just drive over to the Apple Store on 4th Street; they're there all day."

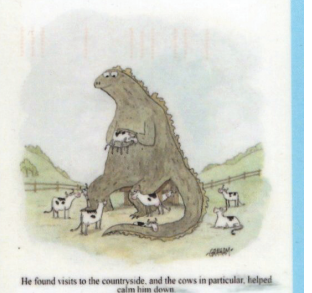
"Or try Lulu Lemon," added another resident. "But good luck. You can't pry them off that detail."

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THIS SAFETY DRONE will soon be as common in your home as your potted front porch geranium.

After the second tab of LSD, Bert begins to read the text above him.



He found stains to the countryside, and the cows in particular, helped calm him down.

COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT TEST
QUESTION: PLEASE IDENTIFY THE DOCTOR.



Brave Women Take Stand for Trump's Big Ballroom on "Day of Action"

By Bea Nein

"We're just worried it won't be big enough," said Bertha Vanation waving a protest sign supporting the proposed big ballroom at a rally near the Capitol on the recent "Day of Action" with several other determined women. "There are a lot of us who have no place to wear our furs."

"It's a problem nobody wants to talk about," agreed Beata Standstill holding another protest sign. "We feel ridiculous wearing our best jewelry to go to the market. Without a ballroom certain accessories appear out of place."

"It's tragic, really," added Mrs. Vanation. "I have a friend who hasn't been able to take her Holzkern Edisto out of it's original case and wear it at all because of Antifa."

"That's right," affirmed Ms. Standstill. "And good heavens, think of the shoes."

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THESE TWO WOMEN ARE UNAFRAID TO TAKE A STAND for the Trump ballroom which keeps ballooning in price but will be a really good time.

They're Selling Out Berkeley

... to the tune of "On Top of Old Smokey"

they're selling out Berkeley right under our feet
they're selling out Berkeley as if we're asleep

they bought up the council
the rules are no more
our tenant protections
all flew out the door

small businesses suffer
when money is king
they pack in campaign dough
and don't care a thing

they're selling out Berkeley as fast as they can
they hope we don't notice
that that's the new plan

they're selling out Berkeley we think this is it
they're taking out Berkeley they don't give a damn

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"Day of Action" by Democrats Countered by Brave Republican "Day of Inaction"



AT GREAT STRAIN TO THE ECONOMY billionaires participated in a "Day of Inaction" to show support for gerrymandering a Republican advantage in the mid-term elections.

in hammocks at a beach near Bluff's second home. "But we need to work even harder."

"And we will," affirmed Rate applying sunscreen to his tanned arms and legs. "We know the odds are against us."

Democrats continue to appraise their

By Ben Dare

"They work hard," said billionaire Caleb Rate as he and his fellow billionaire Calder Bluff swayed

electoral future as all the better for Republican corruption and over-reach, but Republicans are fighting back with sunscreen and jet skis.

"I had to have my cell phone plan extended to get reception out here," stated Calder, waving his new iPhone 17e. "But the results are worth it."

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RICH MEN DON'T REALLY HAVE TO CARE how they look on the beach because of their well-endowed wallets.



We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Planning Commission Rejects Nuance; Goes Whole Hog Expanding Upzoning

Planning Commission and Council Bank on Meters to Address Huge Budget Deficit



PARKING METER FEE HIKES are on the way to resolve the budget deficit so that nobody has to stop hemorrhaging public money to the DBA.

By Barry Dinrubble

"It's tradition," stated one City Hall staffer showing the expanded parking meter zone proposed to dig the city budget out of the red. "We know it's dangerous, but we've set our course for a developer-friendly climate rather than assisting local businesses. So, given the recession, we've agreed that only the parking meters can save us."

The danger, according to the city spokesperson Bindi Knee, is a backlash resembling the fee hike backlash in the late 1990's which made national headlines as more than a third of Berkeley's parking meters were beheaded or otherwise creatively vandalized.



PARKING METERS became punchlines in the late 1990's as hundreds were systematically and creatively vandalized.

"It started in Berkeley, then spread to Portland, and never really stopped," commented one west coast reporter for the Wall Street Journal, G. Pascal Zachary, who interviewed local artist Carol Denney regarding the phenomenon. "Denney was not involved with the vandalism, but knew the art crew, and joined the community in celebrating the conversion of monetized public space to art projects."

"We're pretty certain the vandalism was initially just theft," stated one city official on the condition of anonymity. "After that, well, you know Berkeley."

The city estimated that only about 1,000 of its 3,600 parking meters remained functioning during the art assault, which included feathers, beads, and funny little animal figures. Most meters stood beheaded entirely, while others harbored perfect spaces for floral arrangements or street art.



ARTISTS IN EUGENE have brought the art of meter adulteration to new creative heights.

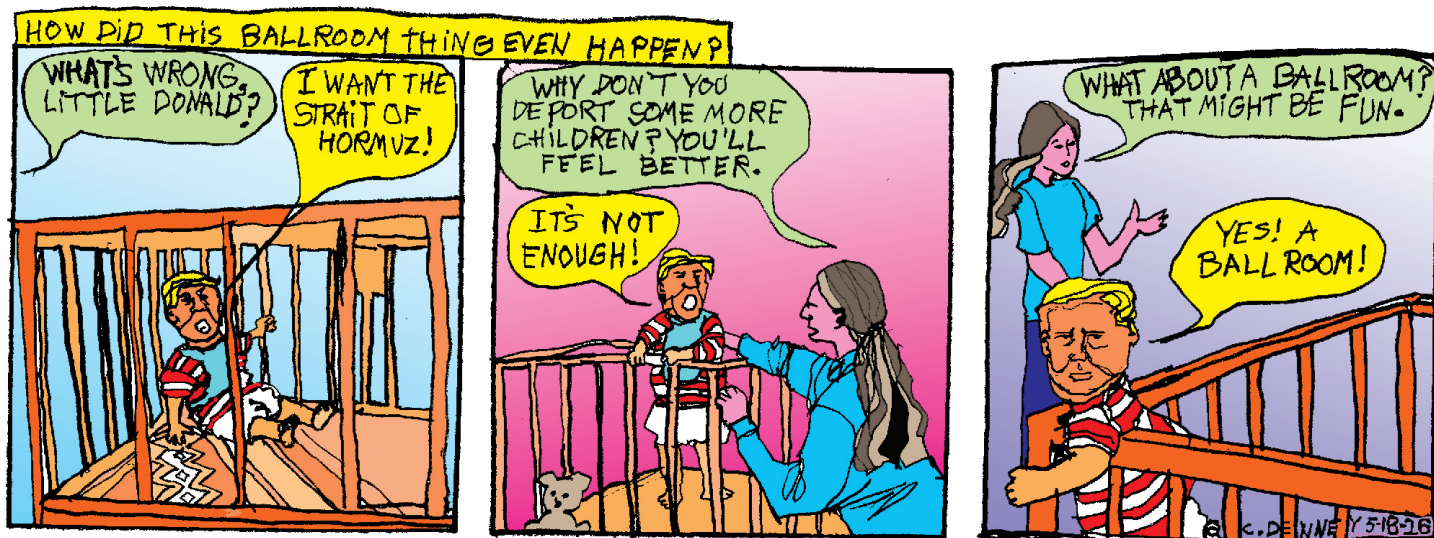
"It's possible that we'll have another meter revolt after this big price hike," noted Zachary. "Most people are in economic hardship, and will just quit going anywhere with metered parking. It certainly is congruent with the new upzoning. It's a perfect storm for these small businesses."

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Next Issue: sewing on buttons with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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