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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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Inside...the upside of jail on the moon!



It's funicular... it's free... if you can find it

"...creep into acorn cups and hide..."

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Trump Distractions Fall Flat

Trump Fires Annoying Federal Workers Suggesting That Enacting Useful Policy Might Help Distract from Trump Epstein History

By Christine DeWave

"Squirrel! Squirrel! Squirrel!" shouted a camouflage-draped trainer working to imbue President Donald Trump's closest advisors with the quick, reflexive responses required to handle inconvenient distractions from the preferred narrative.

"I'm improving," stated one nervous advisor. "I keep forgetting that this is something for which I have absolutely no training, mainly the basic tenets of theater."

President Trump's physician, Captain Sean Barbabella, a decorated Navy physician, is the new Physician to the President. Dr. Barbabella will serve in the White House Medical Unit as President Donald Trump's personal physician and has offered assurance that the requisite physical responses to inquisitive reporters are part of the President's personal workout in addition to golf.

"He is very quick under fire in self-defense," stated Captain Barbabella, "which is essential in public relations. The human mind is easy to distract at any age."

Presidential advisors who wished to remain anonymous acknowledged that improvisation with props can be equally important to ensure that reporters are quickly distracted from any subject inconveniently



THIS SQUIRREL REFUSED to speak to the news media about his involvement with several news media encounters where he was accused of attempting to distract the public from facts.

at hand, especially stories such as President Trump's long-standing friendship with child molester Jeffrey Epstein.

"In theater simple gestures, such as the cradling of a gun, can lend atmosphere to a moment," stated one advisor who wished to remain anonymous. "We're deeply enthusiastic about the power of props."

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Berkeley to Dogs: "Stop Digging"

Phillip Ailawatter



MOST DOGS KNOW all about the protocols for maintenance to repair the landfill cap.

unfortunately, like most human visitors."

"Most Berkeley dogs have been aware of the elevated levels of Radium-226 in groundwater and leachate samples at Cesar Chavez Park for years," stated a Berkeley spaniel sniffing in disgust at the visiting off-leash dogs from out of town. "But these El Cerrito and Emeryville canines are,



"They have no clue," agreed a local poodle watching the out-of-town dogs digging into the burrowing owl habitat. "No training, no appreciation of wildlife. It's pathetic."

City and park officials responded to calls for better signage with hushed tones and backroom meetings to avoid signaling any panic about the presence of Radium-226.

"We can't even let our maintenance crews dig anymore," whispered one park official. "But at least dogs don't read the signage in the first place."

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EXTREME DISCOURAGEMENT OF WOKE is the only thing the Trump administration thinks will help its polling numbers.

Prizes Offered for Wins in War on Woke

By Raisa DeStakes

"Recruitment is tough right now," acknowledged a Trump administration advisor speaking privately about the effort to enlist podcasters, artists, poets, writers, and online cultural influencers in derailing the growing distaste for Trump policies.

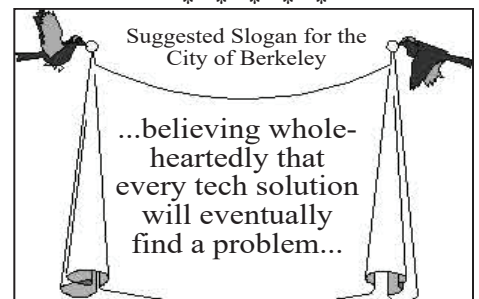
"Even among Republicans it's tough," stated one lobbyist getting a quick bite on K Street's Taylor Gourmet in Washington, D.C. "Things are moving fast. We're used to billion dollar reversals, but it's a first to have a president always off-script."

"We're offering lunch with the Donald and finding no takers," whispered one of the promotional team. "He's had what we would call his peak popularity. It's over."

Publicity engineers from Crunchbase agreed, privately acknowledging that they turned down the Trump administration's plea for help.

"We know hip, and there's just no way," stated Bjorn Bejnde. "And there's our reputation to consider."

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ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, did anyone ever figure out what those Signalgate chat group emojis meant, the fist, the flag, and the flame?

Dear reader, of course they did. And you can choose your preferred meaning by going from website to website, pundit to pundit, or from podcast to podcast. There is no shortage of assigned meaning in this world in which you can choose whichever meaning you decide best suits you.

Dear Lena, is there still any shared reality among us?

Dear reader, no. We may speak the same language, but we are all speaking a different language.

Dear Lena, is Berkeley still among the top ten cities for extreme income inequality in the nation?

Dear reader, yes, of course. This is one of the few local traditions which our leadership treats with respect and honor.

Dear Lena, is there anything left of the idealism of the 1960's?

Dear reader, yes. There are posters up on Telegraph Avenue of iconic events of the 1960's they hope will encourage people to buy a commemorative mug or totebag.

Dear Lena, what do they mean when they tell you that if your apartment building's management doesn't comply with the city's smokefree ordinance you have "the right to private action"?

Dear reader, they mean that the city has entirely washed its hands of helping you. You can turn in dozens of complaints with photos and videos of non-compliant behavior and they will tuck it away in a file and wish you the best of luck finding an attorney at \$400 dollars an hour to try to figure out which neighboring smoker is responsible for giving you cancer and sincerely hope you survive to take them to trial.

Ask Lena about squirrels at cdenny@igc.org.



MOON JAIL WILL REQUIRE a different sort of prisoner outfit but will end the necessity of having jails all over the nation where people worry about bad guys getting out because this way they can't get out without a spaceship.

Trump Proposes Jail on Moon

Thousands of Wealthy People Sign Up to Be First

By Stan Dinline

"Jailing people in Venezuelan prisons and Florida swamps full of alligators is considered fairly impressive," stated Trump spokesperson Ned D. Keys at a recent press



PEOPLE SEEM TO LIKE THE MOON so go figure.

conference hastily arranged to invite the press to focus on something besides the Epstein files to which the public has developed an unhealthy addiction.

"But the Moon Jail has all that and more," affirmed Keys. "It

will deepen people's respect for the necessity not only of citizenship but of having all of your appropriate paperwork handy at all times and all places every day of your life or you could end up not only in a country you've got no relationship to but a planet



PRESIDENT TRUMP RACES FROM PLACE TO PLACE and storyline to storyline trying to outrun the Epstein files fallout but has trouble finding a safe harbor since the ick factor associated with predatory child molesters is pretty securely ensconced in the public mind.



DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR the wealthy people who sign up to be in the first moon jail because they are on a long list of volunteers and they get some kind of kick out of it.

you have never visited before."

Few critics could argue with the fact that the project's benefits outweigh its ridiculous lack of anything resembling practicality, although the prison staff would be at at least as much risk of dying a cruel and inhumane death as any prisoner.

"We'll get them to sign a waiver," dismissed Keys. "Or even better, we'll promise them stock options like they do the tech staff over in Silicon Valley."

"If rich people are willing to sign up and pay for a six-month stint this proposal could make a lot of unexpected profit," mused one of the contractors. "The prison guards might go all in just for the swag."

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THE WEALTHY LOVE TRIPS TO SPACE so they may underwrite the entire immigration detention program.

Head Up Ass? Or in Sand? Pundits Ponder



PUNDITS ENJOY USING STOCK FOOTAGE to cover politics, which confuses viewers looking for a reason to wear the big foam glove.

By Cornell DeMarket



IF YOU AREN'T KILLED being a reporter can be a rewarding career assuming there is any free press left.

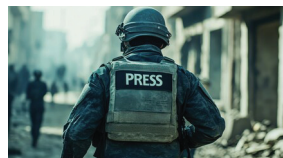
Broadcast reporters and their makeup assistants agree that this is the greatest era of reporting ever unless of course you're killed.

"The most difficult beat right now is assessing the public," stated reporter Lance Enisfeet of

the Boise Bee, publishing continuously for 251 consecutive days and counting.

"Up here in Boise we're surprised that anyone still speaks openly to us about their opinions," stated Enisfeet.

"This may not be Gaza, but people who freely give their names along with their perspectives on political matters can lose their jobs, be doxed, or just endure a lifetime of repeated Youtube memes for simply expressing themselves about the affairs of the day."



IF REPORTERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH appropriate gear they can survive most domestic beats, but many these days prefer to be well armed.

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Robert F. Kennedy's Anti-Vaccine Move Revealed as Elaborate Theater Project That Finally Found Funding

By Celine Solution



THE THING about theater is that it needs to be fresh and unexpected rather than trusted like science stuff.

insanity."

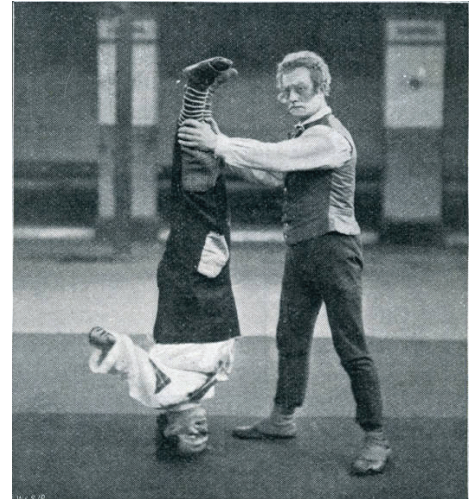
Robert F. Kennedy Jr., the health secretary and a longtime vaccine critic, admitted at his press conference where he announced that \$500 million worth of vaccine development will be abruptly halted.

"You can feel the excitement," he and the worm in his brain announced in unison to a stunned group of reporters. "This is the dream of me and dozens of other crackpots finally coming true."

At least twenty-two research projects are

"Those theater people," sighed one political observer in disgust as the Department of Health and Human Services arranged to cancel contracts and pull essential funding from some of the vaccines being developed to address current respiratory viruses like COVID-19 and the flu.

"They have no tangible relationship with reality," sighed an actual doctor who reluctantly agreed to comment anonymously. "At least this explains the



RFK JR HAS NO THEATRICAL EXPERIENCE, but having no experience at anything he does or pretends to do is kind of his thing.

sidelined or halted by the health secretary's move, which follows his firing of the members of the vaccine panel.

Kennedy acknowledged that he wants the health department to focus on unknown solutions that might be out there somewhere rather than mRNA vaccines.

"We don't know where he gets this stuff," whispered one former vaccine panel representative. "We only know it's weird."

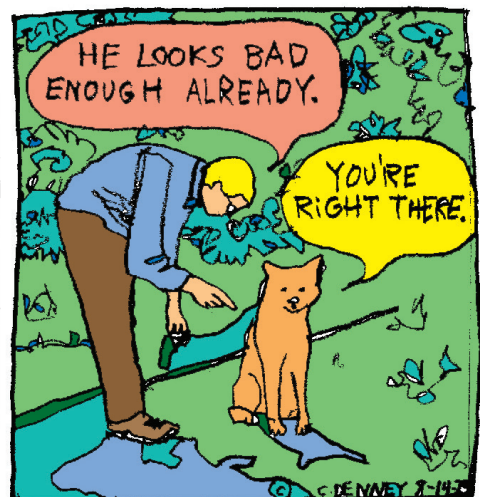
Medical researchers acknowledged that they were wrong, at least about one thing.

"We thought things couldn't get weirder," stated Dr. Hansen Depockets of the Centers for Disease Control in response to the announcement. "But we were wrong."

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We Can't Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



Adventure Playground Will Charge for Parking

By Logan Load

More than 200 parking spaces will now cost between \$1 to \$6 per day under a new plan to monetize Cesar Chavez Park's Adventure Playground-serving parking spots.

"We're after the restaurant crowd," explained one city official, "but we thought we might as well nick the kids, too."

"They have to learn sometime to buckle down and pay their way," stated Parks Director Scott Ferris. "The broader public, especially the poor, has to chip in if we expect to keep the yachting community happy."

The Marina Fund has been running a structural deficit for years in no small way enhanced by the long arm of the city reaching into it for non-marina purposes.

"They've used the marina as a slush fund for downtown," stated one Waterfront Commissioner who refused to give her name. "They continue to defer maintenance that ended up closing our main feature, the Berkeley pier."

"It's one bad idea after another," sighed



MONETIZING YOUR PUBLIC PARK IS EASY when people just assume that the pile of liberals representing leadership are probably doing things right because they recycle.

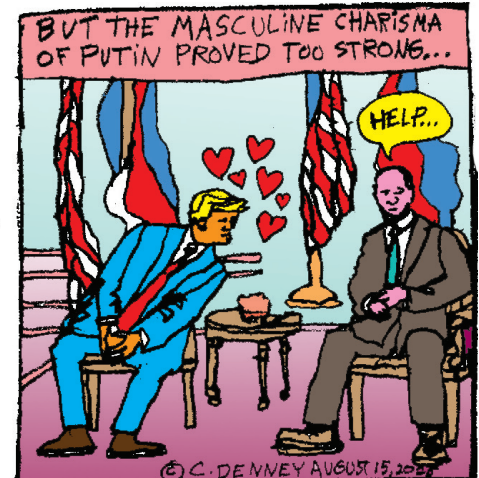
a birdwatcher trying to avoid getting hit by an out-of-control drone. "Look sharp. Next they'll monetize kite-flying."

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Next Issue: charging for public park use with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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