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VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE KAMALA HARRIS is scrambling to find a hard right backstory to counter being quite literally from Oakland and Berkeley, two cities with press profiles likely be defined by the values of the Black Panthers and People's Park.

LOCAL GAL MAKES GOOD

By Ella Vathing

Vice President Kamala Harris is weathering well her dueling backstories: either Oakland or Berkeley roots.

"We end up with either the Black Panther or the People's Park albatrosses," stated one campaign worker knocking back a Pisco Punch after a hard day of door knocking. "Kamala's backstory plays badly in red states, so look out for the predictable swing to the right as an electoral strategy."

"It's as predictable as wet on rain," sighed another strategist munching on a crab cake. "Harris had to sing a certain song as a representative in California, and to win in North Carolina she'll need a little more twang."

"If the forerunners of previous female world leaders are any indication she'll need a hard right turn," stated another Democratic strategist, noting that earlier decades' examples of female leadership such as Margaret Thatcher, Indira Ghandi, and Golda Meir maintained their rule by demonstrating a solid imitation of their male counterparts rather than a fresh approach.

"It's only a question of how far right she goes," noted another Democratic strategist after decking a Trump supporter who insulted his choice of a Merrior Martini after a rough day of interviewing ferry tourists. "She knows she has to pivot from Berkeley's tie-dyed transcendentalism and Oakland's port strikes and Black Panther history to something recognizable by a midwestern



CITY LEADERS ARE OF COURSE AFRAID to honor one of Vice President Kamala Harris's childhood homes for fear they will compromise their ability to intall a 17-story highrise and ruin their chances of re-election.

voter puzzling over a flip phone."

"Cliche's will help," noted another strategist dodging a Tesla straddling two lanes of traffic. "Look out for a whole lot of 'turning the page' and 'fresh start' language to create distance from the past administration while doing a lot of fast dribbling with 'a new way forward' and 'transformative.'"

"From here on out the strategy is 'don't eff it up by saying anything,'" added another political consultant tucking a magic 8-ball into his briefcase. "The trick is to avoid actual content at all costs."

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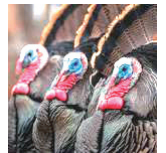
Rival Gangs of Turkeys Conduct Wild, Albeit Slow Sideshows City Leaders Are Helpless



TURKEYS' CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED maneuvers cause massive congestion throughout Berkeley and Albany initiating solution proposals such as lots of turkey soup.

By Eileen Backwards

Two large rival gangs of wild turkeys are vying for control of several key East Bay intersections by conducting extremely slow sideshows.



"All of our tools are oriented toward fast, souped-up cars," stated one Albany police officer. "We could deploy drones to surveil these turkeys, but, well, mostly they just hang out and do nothing."

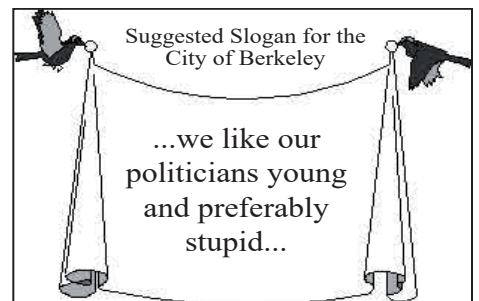
EACH GANG of turkeys has its own distinctive colors and march music.

"We can catch them eventually," stated another officer, "but wherever we let them go they come back and pull these stunts."

"My cousin out near Chico has a shotgun," added another officer, "but you can imagine the headlines we'd get."

City leaders agree that something must be done "before they start coming to Council meetings" which everyone agrees would constitute a natural disaster.

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Suggested Slogan for the City of Berkeley

...we like our politicians young and preferably stupid...

ASK THE EXPERTS



LENA DEETER knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

Dear Lena, what's wrong with having turkeys come to City Council meetings? It sounds entertaining, and they probably make a lot more sense than most of the public speakers.

Dear reader, very true. But somebody would have to lay down a lot of plastic.

Dear Lena, Vice President Harris wants to give first-time home buyers \$25,000 toward their purchase. Is this a good thing? Can I just have the money?

Dear reader, it's a great way to get headlines and put a lot of money in property owners' pockets. That latter effect is not much of a "new way forward" for those of us trying to make it work from our tents. Property owners are not our charity of choice.

Dear Lena, what do you mean? It sounds pretty generous to me.

Dear reader, the next time you're at your silent retreat meditate on the fact that in this scenario the actual money goes only to the sellers, who are, again, property owners and possibly the same speculators who are keeping thousands of homes and rental units off the market so they can still get credit for the pre-2008 property values. Then take a deep breath and smell the petals floating in a nearby bowl otherwise you will really blow your high.

Dear Lena, so Igor Tregub pulled a Darryl Moore move?

Dear reader, yes, and never let it be said that Berkeley can't compete in the resonance arena. Moore booted Cheryl Davila off the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission for forwarding the issue of Palestinian rights, and here we are again in case anybody thought Tregub represented Berkeley's anti-apartheid values. Perhaps this re-run will inspire candidates interested in restoring sanity to District Four to get in the ground game.

Ask Lena about mayflies and mastic jaws at cdenney@igc.org.

Court's Oval Office Immunity Includes Immunity to Common Sense

By Edsell Roll



During one thirty-six hour period in late August of 2024 former president Donald Trump managed to endorse a six-week abortion ban, a twenty-four week abortion ban, establish himself as both for and against a federal abortion ban and affirm that he is both for and against federally funded fertility treatments breaking all previously held records on the subject.

"It was breathtaking," whispered one Trump campaign aide whose primary notes

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we've experienced so far."

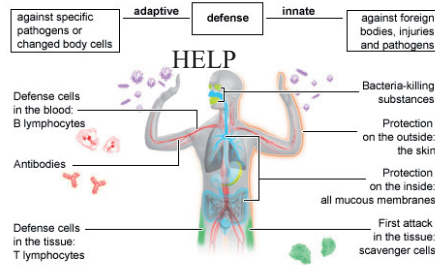
Experts acknowledge that there is an extremely remote possibility that the Supreme Court's granting of Oval Office immunity could in some ways be seen as a very general, very liberal extension of the combination of innate and adaptive immunities seen as available to all human beings allowing for not

only medically routine but creative possibilities given climate change's own adaptive requirements for any extant or potential life expectancy on the planet.

"Adaptive systems' immunity strengths take over when innate or general immunity systems fail," mused one researcher who seemed somewhat bewildered at the question. "We just didn't figure that the current constituents of the US Supreme Court would be capable of conflating biological and legal immunity."

"It's an exciting new field," enthused researcher Caleb Rate from an institute near Washington, DC. "We can't keep up with requests for information on what we're calling the 'germ theory of criminality', which we believe is a first."

"It's certainly a case of first impression from a legal standpoint," agreed legal



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INNATE AND ADAPTIVE IMMUNITY seems simple but apparently completely confused the current US Supreme Court justices who ruled that it's perfectly okay to commit crimes in the Oval Office because they think criminality germs stop right there at the threshold or don't count.

on the roller coaster of reversals managed to document the bizarre and unexpected twists and turns of what may or may not be related to Republican policy or platform.

"We had trouble keeping track," affirmed another Trump campaign aide. "This is not completely without precedent as a Trump pattern, but the pace is beyond anything



SOME CRABBY PEOPLE just don't understand how uncomfortable it would be for a president to have to guess whether or not something he or she was doing was illegal so they might freeze up before bombing somebody.

scholar Seiji Wizzalott who consults at the institute. "Criminality and immunity have only crossed paths in special circumstances such as diplomatic settings. We can't figure out the Supreme Court's angle yet, given their dependency on 18th century thinkers, but we'll generate a lot of paper if the grants keep coming."

"I foresee an entirely new field of study now that stare decisis appears to have hit some kind of sunset," mused another researcher. "We can mourn the loss or really rake in the opportunities. Somebody somewhere will want a department chair and this nadir is also the ground floor."

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Dorothy Kendall

Everybody Is Going to Jail

Get a free toothbrush! Make new friends!



SUPPORTERS OF MASS DEPORTATION insist that the experience can be fun kind of like a school field trip.

By F. E. Asks

“He appears to be serious,” stated one Trump campaign aide after being asked about the Trump plan for mass deportations if Mr. Trump wins the presidential election. “We haven’t rented the buses yet, but we figure it must be kind of like organizing a high school graduation party bus.”

The criteria suggested for the deportations

is apparently somewhat fluid, since many people are mistakenly accused of being undocumented who simply speak another language or resemble someone’s misconception about people without documentation.



DEPORTATION WILL BE LIKE a party bus but with a lot more luggage.

“We’ll sort them out later,” stated another campaign aide waving a dismissive hand.

The proposal is not comforting to citizens with accents, or who experience prejudice routinely aimed at anyone with other than a European ethnic background, but Trump supporters insist that deportations will be quick, simple, and create “black jobs” along the way.

“I was on a party bus once,” confided another campaign aide. “We partied, man. We turned up the Kid Rock, Ted Nugent, and Sammy Hagar and *partied down.*”

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GUERRILLA KNITTERS and those who crochet may just help save the burrowing owls.

Art the Fence- Save the Owls

By Flora Naudience

“Those needles are *sharp*,” insisted a few voices opposing the unpermitted knitting and crocheted enhancements of the “art fence” which currently leaves wintering burrowing owls at risk.

“Knitting is a weapon of mass inspiration,” countered local knitter Kit Ready. “And the crochet crew is pretty much from another planet altogether.”

The Guerilla Crafts Collective has no illusions about saving the owls and their habitat without the city’s help.

“We hope at least to entertain them,” stated Ready. “And ourselves.”

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Councilmember Boots Diana Bohn from Peace and Justice Commission

District Four’s Igor Tregub Kicks Off Term with Peculiar Take on Inclusion

By Claud E. Skies



IGOR RESPECTS YOUR VOICE whether it’s included or muted.

“It’s a lot like inclusion, but with an arena for deviation,” explained one City Hall staff member trying to answer questions about the firing of Diana Bohn, a respected community voice who was suddenly fired by new District Four Councilmember Igor Tregub from the Peace and Justice Commission.

“We’re a little unclear,” stated another staff member regarding the circumstances of Commissioner Bohn’s abrupt exit. “Tregub states



“INCLUSION - WITH EXCEPTIONS” APPEARS TO BE a variation on more traditional inclusion customs such as a Hawaiian lei.

that Commissioner Bohn had refused to address problematic language in a proposed Gaza ceasefire resolution, a description which Commissioner Bohn found absurd.

“That’s not what happened,” advised another Commission member. “We haggle and change things all the way through our

own deliberations after which comes the City Council’s own adjustments.”

“Igor’s been on this commission,” agreed another Commission member. “He knows we finally arrive at something smooth enough to pass the council if we listen to everybody. Bouncing someone off the commission tends to have a bone-chilling, silencing effect.”

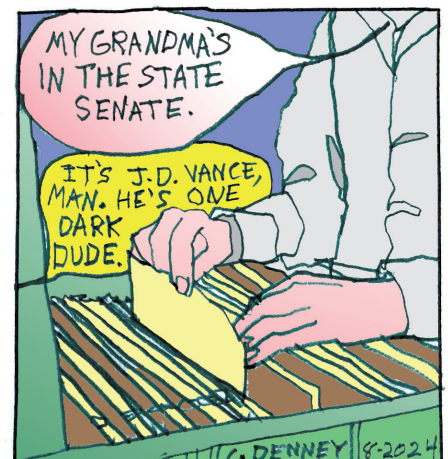
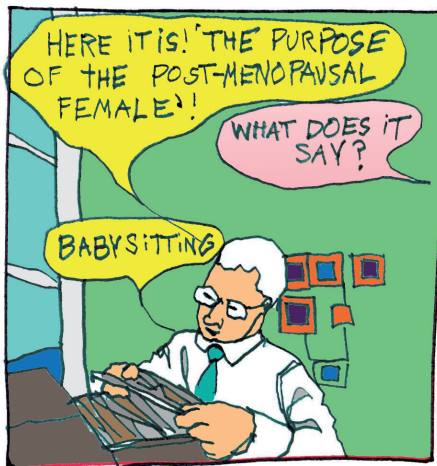


“Or an energizing effect,” noted another commission member. “The last time this happened the bouncer ended up losing his council seat to the excluded party. Just saying.”

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We Can’t Draw Comics

by Franz Toast



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Vice Presidential Candidate J. D. Vance States School Shootings Are A "Fact of Life"

By Keiron DeLoad



IF SCHOOL SHOOTINGS are a fact of life we should expect wedding shootings with fashion-forward touches of tasteful Kevlar.

"If school shootings are a 'fact of life', then maybe the pot shots at candidates are, too," shrugged one of the secret service officers combing the golf course grounds for casings after the latest Trump shooting incident. "We're saturated in guns all over the country now."

"Everybody's wearing Kevlar," agreed one of the local waiters at the Trump West Palm Beach Golf Club after the most recent shooting. "Even for the weddings."

"This is a private club," noted one of the Palm Beach Golf Club gardeners crawling on his knees to check for fresh casings. "But it's open to the public and the public is armed to the teeth."

"They'll have trouble prosecuting this one," agreed another maintenance worker, nodding. "People consider guns just another accessory."

J. D. Vance would not comment for this article, apparently up to his knees in the blowback from having let the cat out of the bag about making up the Springfield edible pets story. He was heard to snarl "Cats don't like me," to our local reporter Bessie Mae Mucho.



TRUMP PALM BEACH GOLF CLUB workers comb the grounds for casings while dodging angry Democrat alligators.

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Taylor Swift Gets in the Game

Swifties Swoon for Politics

Becka D. Buss

"Eyes Open," was Taylor Swift's response to questions about why she decided to endorse the Harris/Walz Democratic ticket for the upcoming presidential election.

"Everything Has Changed," adding that she was trying to "Shake It Off" and hoping to find "A Place in This World."

Swift critics argued that she wasn't up to the intellectual and political task of choosing a presidential candidate, but Swift simply smiled in response.

"Call It What You Want," she sang. "I Hate It Here and It's Time to Go."

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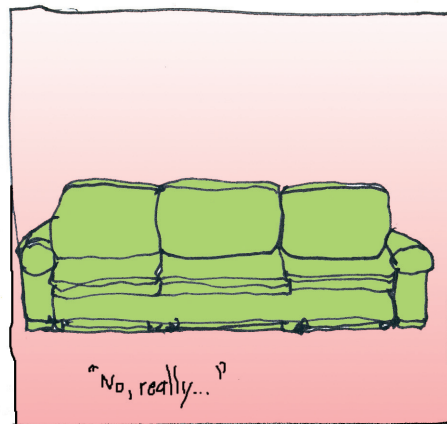
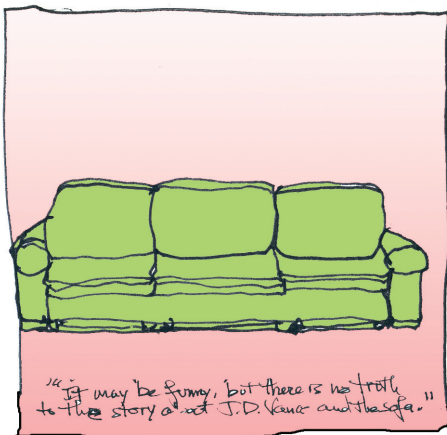


SWIFTIES SWIRL into political action with their watchful moms in tow.

Next Issue: Making up J.D. Vance jokes with celebrities!

I Want My Present Now

by Juan Nathan Undergod



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