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I FELL

asleep in
the class covering
insomnia. Thus failed
to catch the cure
for what has been
flogging me since
infancy. That professor
is dead set against
repetition. Were you
there, awake? Since I
can't trust anybody's
bare re collect ions, did
you take scrupulous
notes that I can de
cipher?
Yup, they
often say
I resemble
the lecturer.
Don't you
nearly dup
licate one
of your pro
genitors?

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PARTY

The two-

party “system” keeps belching in our
faces. Citizens severely disunited. How

could we defer
this gathering further?
In my

cabinet, just one
severed smile.
Days occupied to patch
it up. As I
serve it to

the sophisticates, they stare
down each
obvious suture—

until
the least overtly politicized of the bunch

moves to warm the occasion.

CRIME BLOTTER

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Coordination-challenged spectator deploying size
14 pumps to trip basketball

luminary, fractures his
spectacles.13 baseball
players caught brawling inside striped

minivan. Blizzard surfer commanded
to enter helicopter. Golfers
dispute score with clubs at ninth hole.

Brontosaurus impersonator sputtering
threats at dinosaur

playground. Civil War re-enactor barricaded in rustic
McDonald's. Deputy Mayor launching eggs

at histrionic choral group. Attempt to bop
noted rocker with mop. Sober
assailant reportedly weaponizing a macrame

belt against a palpably geriatric jazzercise
professor.

Off-duty manicurist armed
with nail scissors challenging defenseless sewer

rat. Medusa-locked defense
attorney heaves shampoo bottle at indefensible
bald client. Drilling

noise heard during attempted
break-in by blue-haired whisperer. Couch-

surfing collective with hammer and
knife destroying cinderblock
house. Mongoose terrorizing posh

Victorian porch's previously pristine fire
escape. Alchemy hobbyist poking

holes in ceiling, pouring chemicals into
downstairs apartment. Chivalrous
bat darting into an ancient domicile

to protect a mouse's reputation.
Landlord emboldened by brick menaces

heatless tenant. Officer approaches; perp
flees scene while walking his toy poodle.

Tomato-colored shovel brandished at Starbucks.
Tepid mocha latte hurled at salacious

window. Prepubescent hippie in
Corona dive bar flashes

chrome-plated bar
to avoid Cosmopolitan
tab. Deterred eventually by blowtorch.

Fanatic throwing hearty beef
stew in crock pot on no. 7
bus heading for religious fast

picnic. Deranged Michelin chef melts
opposing restaurateur's computer in double

boiler. Infamous citrus
trafficker in NYPD wool beanie filches unattended

plastic bag filled with limes & multiple
denominations. According to police update, several
ones and fives escaped through breach

in bag. Sword brandished in stately
bank by wannabe IRS agent. Low-
profile industrialist robbed of

trivial documents at taser-point.
Newspaper salesperson hitting I-phone users
in chest with unsold financial sections.

An inveterate hoax-
monger has infiltrated the blotter.