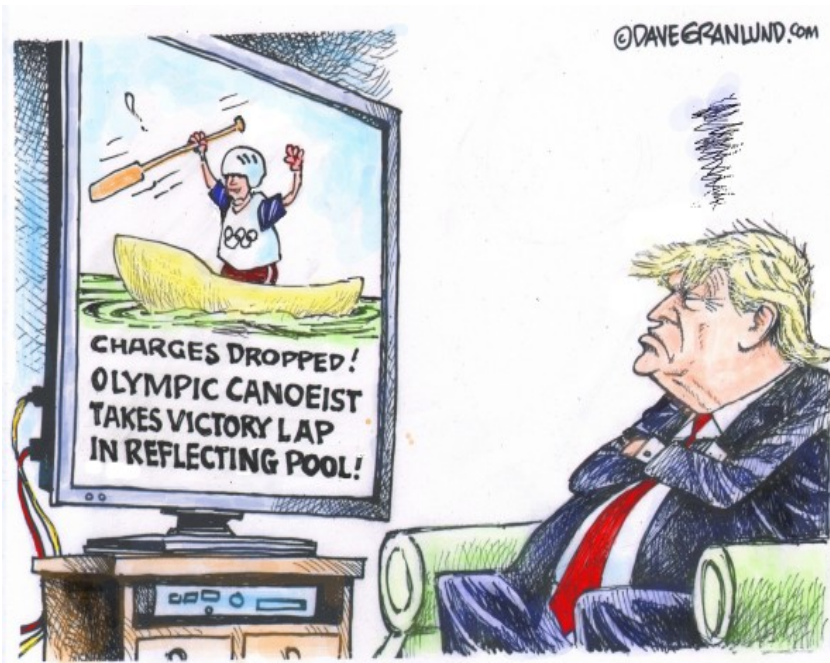


Cartoons for the Classroom

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An unhappy pool party for Trump?



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1. What are these cartoons saying about David Hearn, a former Olympic canoeist cleared of accusations that he damaged the recently renovated Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool?
2. Why do you think President Donald Trump attacked his hand-picked prosecutor in Washington, D.C., for telling the court that the Reflecting Pool damage was the result of a poor renovation job instead of vandalism?
3. Why was Hearn charged?
4. Were federal officials too afraid to tell Trump he was wrong when he blamed damage on vandals?
5. Would you find it very stressful if you were unable to ever admit to making a mistake?

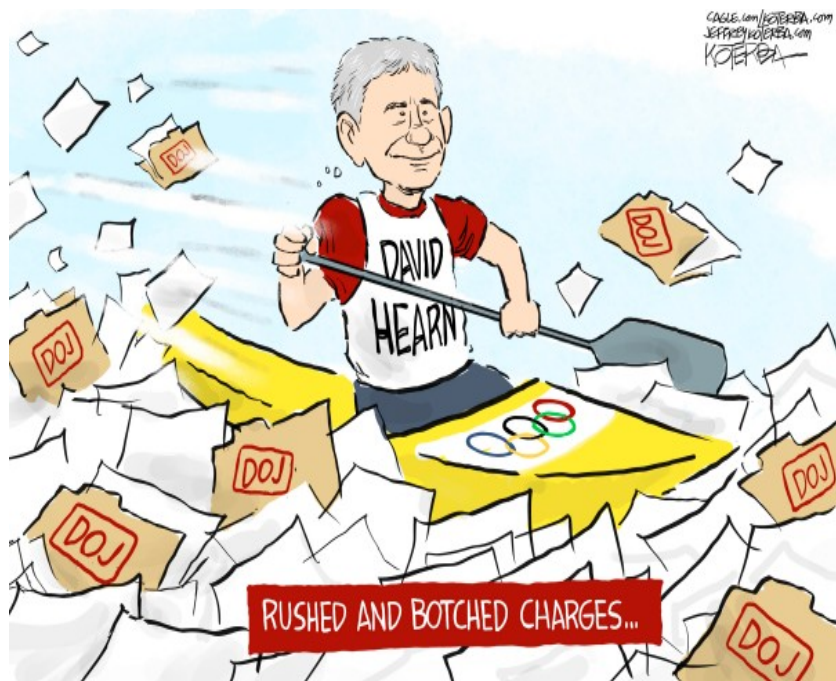
Between the lines

"It is difficult to attribute the widespread damage to the Reflecting Pool to vandalism ... the damage was the result of a botched installation and not vandalism." — U.S. Attorney Jeanine Pirro.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/31/us/politics/david-hearn-reflecting-pool-vandalism-charges.html>

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