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You can't say #@*! in state House

By Barb Brown
Lansing Spoofof Journal

Leaders in the Michigan House today issued their latest list of words banned from the House chamber.

The list includes pooh-poo, wee-wee and the phrase "cut the cheese."

In addition, all medically correct words describing the human anatomy are banned, including angina, epidermis, and other words that end in "a" or "is."

"This is the House of Representatives, not a bordello," said House Speaker JZ Balder, leading the charge on banned words.

When told "bordello" was also on the list of banned words, Balder amended his statement. "This is the House of Representatives, not a house of ill repute."

When told that "house of ill repute" is also on the banned list, an irritated Balder clarified: "This is the House of Representatives, not one of, you know, those places. You know what I mean."

When told "you know what I mean" is a suggestive phrase that is also banned, an exasperated Balder thundered: 'I'll say whatever the #@*! I want. And anyone who complains can go @#%#%* and the @#%\$#% they rode in on.

For his remarks, Balder was fined \$5 and sentenced to watch 20 hours of Michigan Government TV.

Expect this story to continue



Michigan House Speaker JZ Balder has issued clear directives to representatives on what they can and cannot say on the floor during debate. When asked if this mandate might tread on the First Amendment rights of all Americans, Balder said, "!@#%\$% reporters."

BANNED WORDS, PHRASES

Because the list of words and phrases banned in the Michigan House of Representatives is so lengthy,

please consult any medical dictionary or text book paying special attention to words located under sections on the Human Anatomy and Female Reproductive systems.



DON'T FORGET TO STOP THOSE CLOCKS

You have less than three weeks before the end of the world, if you're a believer in the 2012 prophesy.

Doubt that the prophesy was true was squashed with the latest news on the demise of the Twinkie.

No need to set your clocks forward or back, it doesn't really matter.

While there is that big, obvious downer to that world's-going-to-end-on-Dec. 21-thing, try to look at the bright side: No more political robocalls.



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GETTING THERE FROM OVER HERE

Gamillions of dollars spent on ads wasted

By Ricky Schneider
Lansing Spooof Journal

After months of contentious debate, Michiganders have made their choice on a third international border crossing between Detroit and Windsor.

The winner is: Bridge-Coaster, a bridge/roller coaster designed in Cedar Point style, including a 200-foot bone-chilling straight drop into Customs.

"It'll liven the trip up a little," one voter said. "No dark, scary tunnel. No waiting in long lines on a bridge while your mind wanders to wondering what it might feel like if the bridge collapsed."

Bridge-Coaster beat out three other cheaper proposals, including:

- Two Men and a Raft (self-explanatory).

- Drive-Around, a long but scenic toll-funded driving route around the bodies of water between Canada and the U.S.

- Bridge-Ferry, which would have brought a recently retired Lake Michigan ferry back into business, except the trip would have only covered 47 feet once the ferry was turned sideways in the river, and turning it back around each time was perceived to be an even bigger issue.

Coaster opponent Natty Matty vowed not to use it. "It makes me puke," he said.



Visitors leaving Detroit head to the top of the new Bridge-Coaster that will drop them like a rock directly into customs in Canada.

Election 2016: It's a Crock

By Jelliana Katniss
Lansing Spooof Journal

You heard it here first: Skid Crock for President.

The Michigan-born guitar hero said Nov. 7 — just hours after Mitt Romknee's concession speech — that he plans to run for president in 2016.

Crock, who grew up in a family that picked its own apples and raised horses, said he's uniquely qualified for the job of president.

"I've shoveled horse hockey of every color," he said. "I can tell green from brown."

He also said his long career in the music industry — he started playing for cash when he was just 11 years old — gives him special qualifications for dealing with Wall Street shenanigans.

"There's no scam a hedge-fund manager can pull that a shady road manager hasn't tried already," he said.

Crock, who made some campaign appearances on behalf of Romknee, was by no means the first candidate to enter the 2016 race for the oval office. Billionaire New York blowhard Ronald Rump tossed his toupee into the ring at 1:01 a.m. Nov. 7, seconds after Mitt Romknee took the podium to deliver his concession speech to winner Bronco Bamma.

Rump also threw in his birth certificate and \$5 million, just because.

Watching Bamma's acceptance speech, Hill-A-Brie Flinton insisted she was going to take a year off when her term as Secretary of Fate is over in January, and had no intention of running for anything ever again.

Then she nudged this reporter so hard in the ribs it hurt, and winked.



AND IN OTHER MUSIC NEWS ...

Centuries after the advent of singing as a form of expression and just years after "American Idol" began to dominate musical culture, an anti-singing movement has begun, led by one of the genre's biggest stars.

"Singing used to be cool and all, but who wants to listen to another butchered rendition of Celine Dion's 'My Heart Will Go On?'" said Cuty Perry. "I'm going to start a new trend at my shows to not sing at all! It's just not Part of Me anymore."



Opinions? Oh yeah, we got 'em

What Mich. needs is more ballot proposals

A key growth sector of the Greater Lansing economy took a beating during the recent election, but it's time for the region's citizens to develop a more sophisticated (read, cynical) understanding of the substantial economic potential of the issue management industry.

Let's face it, Lansing is chock full of lobbyists and communications professionals. These folks rake in big bucks.

Heck, the six statewide proposals on the November general election ballot generated more than \$140 million in spending by late October -- and sizable amounts of that cash kept Greater Lansing political operatives and communicators employed.

Indeed, business leaders and representatives of many communications firms met recently with the Spoo Journal Editorial Board to advocate a key strategy for economic growth in the region's knowledge economy -- one that will keep many creative young professionals busily employed for the long haul.

Michigan needs more constitutional amendment campaigns!

It's a brilliant idea, but will require a strong resolve to implement and enjoy the fullest economic benefit. Issue management firms across the political spectrum make a strong case that this can be a powerful sector of the state's economy, but only if voters are thoroughly educated on its potential.

"We can draw outside money from special interests into Michigan. It will generate thousands of jobs, passing through the economy," said Tim Shelters, of Idea Resource Group, a Lansing-based issue management firm. "From communicators and political operatives to printers and direct mailers, we have the chance to expand an already impressive economic sector."

DeeAnn Brystrom of Brystrom-Whisk Communication agreed. "Whether we typically work with clients on the conservative or progressive side of an issue,

DID YOU KNOW ...

THE AVERAGE AGE OF ROLLING STONES MEMBERS IS OLDER THAN AVERAGE AGE OF US SUPREME COURT JUSTICES.
TRUE STORY. PONDER THAT.

we can all see the economic benefits in attracting large numbers of ballot proposals to Michigan."

Jim Trusted, of Trusted Roseyman, rated by Capitol insiders as the best PR firm time and again, emphasized the secret to success is that none of these amendments actually need to pass.

"Michigan voters don't like people to mess with their constitution. It's fairly difficult to pass an amendment. So for the most part, voters just have to sign any and all petitions, put up with months of misleading advertising, and then vote 'no.'"

Kim Roseyman-McKelly, Trusted's business partner, also noted that any unfortunate proposal that actually passes can become the subject of an even more expensive removal campaign in the next election cycle, adding even more money to the regional economy.

And one of Greater Lansing's most revered political icons, former state legislator and mayor Dennis Holyster, summed it up for all in attendance: "It's truly a win-win for Greater Lansing."

Those at the meeting already have an impressive list of issues they expect to see on the 2014 or 2016 ballot.

•**Soda pop amendment.** Fearing proliferation of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's campaign against large sugary drinks, Michigan expects to see a constitutional amendment to protect citizens rights to drink sugary beverages in any size up to 64 ounces.

•**Happy and fat amendment.** Fighting against the growing trend of restaurant menus that make diners feel bad by listing the calories contained in every

single menu item, Michigan can expect to see a constitutional amendment forbidding such a practice.

•**Wild West amendment.** The amendment would do away with most restrictions on carrying firearms in Michigan. Business development strategists believe that to fully monetize Michigan's ballot amendment process, the state must plan for a gun rights issue on every statewide general election ballot. (One person at the meeting noted that gun-rights folks are the most committed and spend heavily, so this is a key sector that must be engaged.)

•**Casino amendment.** And to really maximize spending, an amendment advocating for more non-tribal casinos for Michigan definitely belongs on the list. Two proposals vied for spots on the 2012 ballot; one failed to get enough signatures and the other got bootied by the Supreme Court. The state can't reach full spending potential without a casino proposal that actually makes it to the ballot, so this should be a high priority for 2014.

•**Cash crop amendment.** Colorado voters approved recreational marijuana on their November ballot. Michigan voters may see a campaign to do the same. But there is a far more innovative possibility under study.

Agri-business interests are considering an amendment to allow commercial production of marijuana solely for export to states such as Colorado.

Law enforcement interests may be enticed to join the effort by the promise of extra jobs policing the production and transport of the cash crop. (One insider noted this has the potential to build a broad coalition of liberal and conservative backers, thus maximizing the spending/economic benefit.)

Michigan voters can expect to see petition drives for these or similar ballot proposals coming soon. Sign the petitions! Get the campaigns rolling and the dollars flowing. Greater Lansing will benefit from the economic boost.

A Spoo Journal editorial

Republicans control Spoo Journal

The editors at the Lansing Spoo Journal have outdone themselves again. Your editorial cartoon insulting President Obama is yet another disgraceful example of your blatant support for the Republican Party and the political right in general. Readers who value diversity, inclusion, fairness and opportunity for all should look elsewhere. In addition, you are printing far too many letters that criticize the president. Where is your respect?

*Libby Rals
Lansing*

Democratic bias shows, Spoo Journal

Do the Democratic Party's super PACs pay for content on your editorial pages? Once again, a cartoon mocks Mitt Romney, following the radical left-wing talking points that are untrue and unfair. And

YOUR OPINIONATED VIEWS

again today you published letters from uninformed liberals attacking Mitt Romney for his positions and for his off the cuff remarks. It is so unfair. As long-time supporters of local media, we find this constant drum beat for the Democrats disappointing indeed.

*Con and Servi Tives
DeWitt*

Your editorials are totally biased

The Spoo Journal Editorial Board should be ashamed. What happened to balance and fairness in your newspaper? How dare you print so many letters and columns on your Opinion pages that are one-sided and advocating a single point of view. Even your editorials are packed with opinions. Don't you

understand that people read your publication expecting to find facts? Your Opinion page includes a few facts, but you use them to spin your opinions. The columnists and letter writers do the same. The entire page is full of opinions!

*Newt Rality
East Lansing*

Editor's note:

Gentle readers, please consult the definitions below, as quoted from the Webster's New World Dictionary.

Opinion (noun): 1. A belief based not on certainty but on what seems true or probable. 2. An evaluation, estimation, etc. 3. Formal, expert judgment.

Opinionated (adjective): holding unreasonably or obstinately to one's own opinions.

Council finds perfect fit to fill new vacant seat

City fathers in trouble with ACLU over slipper-fit job requirement

By **Dusk Runner**
Lansing Spoof Journal

LEAST LANSING — When the Least Lansing City Council found itself with a vacancy earlier this year, they relied on more than the usual qualifications.

The four remaining members dusted off a glass slipper, which limited their selection but also wound up ensuring a perfect fit.

"Finding our new member

with the glass slipper was the answer to a fairy tale," gushed Least Lansing Mayor Joseph Prince-Charming.

"Many of our past members have turned into pumpkins, especially when meetings went past midnight."

In addition to the traditional application process, in which candidates outline their qualifications, background and desire to serve on the council, the interview process required them to try on the fragile shoe.



Least Lansing council members discuss the fit of the glass slipper on a job candidate. The ACLU is planning a lawsuit against the city. "The shoe is a blatant attempt to keep men off the council," it said.

Little is known about the slipper. Its origins are lost in city history, but it is known to have inspired the Krystal Awards, given to those who sport the most bling on their cell phone cases.

Several rejected candidates

were seen leaving City Hall in tears.

"I guess I'll get back to my mop and bucket," Least Lansing Community Center employee Meena Gurl said. The interview was cut short after her ugly stepsister Youa Gurl



yelled at Meena to return to work.

While the council is now fully staffed, at least one of its members is concerned about ongoing issues, like what to do about the persistent fairy godmother shortage.

"We can't always rely on a magic wand to solve our problems," grouched council member Cinder Ellamentary.

"You can't just sweep these problems under the rug."

Penguins put pressure on sewer project

By **Memphis Mumble**
Lansing Spoof Journal

What began as a simple wildlife management problem in Eaton County exploded into a national political controversy this week as conservative bloggers cited the discovery of a colony of penguins living in a remote corner of Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge as proof that global warming is not a reality.

"As soon as I learned that a group of hikers had stumbled onto the penguin colony, I called the Zoology Department at Michigan State," said Eaton County Park Director John Greenslip. "They sent a team out right away to study them, and we cooperated completely in trying to keep it quiet until their investigation was finished, but maybe the hikers told a few of their friends."

The news, and its an-

ti-global warming spin travelled quickly.

"Penguins have never been found in the wild this far north," said conservative commentator Bill O'Really of the Fax News Network. "If we ever needed confirmation of the tree hugging global warming tax and spend hoax, this is it."

All of the publicity caused the MSU scientists to issue a public statement more quickly than they would have liked, said Professor William Spheniscidae.

"Our preliminary conclusion, subject to more rigorous study, is that this find has little or nothing to do with climate change, and more to do with the restaurant industry," he said.

"Apparently, this colony migrated to their new home to find adequate food, since overfishing of Patagonian Toothfish in the Antarctic Ocean.



Penguns found in Eaton County are evidence of either: **A:** Global warming. **B:** Michigan's tax credits for movies are working or **C:** Fish in the Grand River are OK to eat after all.

Once it was renamed Chilean Sea Bass, its popularity grew to the point where restaurants couldn't get enough of it, and depleted the food supply for penguins just to satisfy American diners' tastes," Spheniscidae said.

While many local residents expressed skepticism over the Grand River's ability to produce

enough fish to support a penguin colony, this observation is misleading, said Robert Macrochirus of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division.

"If the penguins were not eating so many of the fish in the Grand," Macrochirus said. "They would overrun the river's eco-system. It's really a good thing they came

along to keep the fish population at a manageable level until the excess nutrition levels dry up in the near future."

Macrochirus explained the high level of nutrients in the Grand River within Eaton County, causing the fish population explosion, are expected to remain at an extremely high level until the City of Lansing completes its combined sewer overflow project, expected by 2052.

"We had been hoping to leave these penguins in place to help control the fish ecology," said Spheniscidae.

"But this political storm forced our hand."

The penguins will be moved to the Lansing Zoo in the near future.

"We are glad to have this addition to our exhibit," said Lansing Mayor Serge Denaro. "Particularly since it removes a lot of pressure from the sewer project timeline."

DEAD OR ALIVE?

Test your celebrity knowledge — is it real or just an Internet rumor gone viral?

A — Lindsay Lohan?

B — Mick Jagger?

C — Abe Vigoda?

D — Courtney Love?

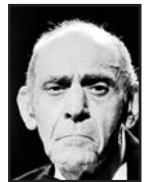
E — Clint Eastwood?

F — Paul McCartney?

G — Jerry Springer?



Mick Jagger



Abe Vigoda

ANSWERS:
A. Still kickin'.
B. We're not sure.
C. Not dead yet.
D. See B.
E. Career might be.
F. May have died in 1969.
G. According to Facebook.

Mayor to drivers: Pay up!

By Mal Content
Lansing Spoof Journal

In a morning press conference, Lansing City and Lansing School District officials announced a new plan expected to meet a number of pressing community needs.

According to the officials, a toll booth, slated to open in early January, 2013 on the newly rebuilt Saginaw Street Bridge over the Grand River, and manned by students from Lansing high schools, will provide badly needed revenues for the city while giving students a chance to obtain real world work experience even as they receive academic credit for the time spent collecting tolls.

"This is the kind of 'out of the box' thinking we need if we are going to solve our revenue shortfalls," said Mayor Serge Denaro. "I expect there will be an endless supply of people who can't figure out how to bypass the toll booth by diverting to Kalamazoo or Michigan, and those millions of dollars in toll revenue will let us give all the city's elected officials a well deserved pay raise."

School officials said they had been seeking work opportunities which would give students a preview of the kinds of jobs they might find in the real world.

"This experience will give students a taste of what they can expect working in today's economy," said Su-



Mayor Serge Denaro (at top) placed the last piece of the Saginaw Street toll booth and declared it open for business. Councilwoman Carol Wont demanded the mayor remove the structure. "We haven't even had a hearing on the thing yet," she said.

perintendent Yaya Cookie. "Forcing yourself to smile for several hours a day while taking people's money will prepare them well for the part-time counter work they might be able to find at a coffee shop or fast food restaurant."

Denaro said the city is still considering the amount of the toll to cross the Grand River.

"The Grand River crossing is much more scenic than the Chicago Skyway, and they charge \$3.50 a trip," he said. "So maybe \$5.00 is a good price, particularly since they only have to pay when going eastbound."

City Council members plan to hold a public hearing on the toll plan at their meeting next week before a final vote on Dec. 27.



Despite Lansing Mayor Denaro's claim, some Lansing Township residents say the low-flying shuttles cause a driving hazard, as seen above near the Eastwood Towne Center.

Mayor: Low-flying space shuttles won't even be noticed

By Major Tom
Lansing Spoof Journal

Business and civic leaders in Greater Lansing are proposing a manned space center to be located on the abandoned General Motors property along Saginaw Highway.

The 400-plus acre site would contain a launch facility and Space Shuttle-size hangars as well as administrative offices and a casino.

The \$18 billion project would be funded by a regional millage and grants, according to a press release from Lansing Mayor Serge Denaro and Lansing Township Supervisor Lon Dour.

"We will be applying to NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) for permission to proceed with this vital project," Denaro said.

Dour said Lansing Township is proceeding immediately to create a special tax district for the project area to help expand its Eastwood Town Center special tax district.

The facility when completed would rival Houston's Manned Space Center and could employ 25,000 people by the year 2307, officials said.

The proposed millage would add about \$375,000 per year to the tax bill of the average home valued at \$150,000.

"It could be somewhat less if we can secure brownfield grants," Denaro said.

He acknowledged that there noise a rocket fumes could be disruptive, but noted that most of the facility will border Lansing Township.

"We don't expect this to affect shopping at Eastwood," Dour said.



IS HE NUTS? YES!

Just weeks after a highly-trained daredevil skydiver went 20 miles above the planet's surface to set records for highest jump and speed of jump, a less-experienced and not-too-sharp wannabe has eclipsed them.

Izzy Nutts, (at left) wearing his cone-shaped, razor sharp, aerodynamically designed helmet, and using his trademark head-first-all-the-way style, set records for height and speed of jump and, when his parachute failed to open, added another for deepest hole bored into the Earth's core.

As he completed the jump, the project's Mission Control issued this short statement: "One small step for man, one giant leap for — OUCH! That's gotta hurt."

Rescue teams from the United States and China were reportedly burrowing from both sides to try to find him, but because he downed 30 energy drinks before the jump, he was able to dig himself out.



Conehead Man, as he prefers to be called, miraculously survived his plummet deep into the Earth but left destruction in his wake.

Officials everywhere warned parents to be sure to tell their children to not try this at home. "We don't have the resources to dig out every kid," they said.

'Next question' trend gains traction

Coach plans to use Twitter to field all questions

By **Snarky Sparty**

Lansing Spoof Journal

A terse, short post-game news conference by an upset MSU coach has surprisingly sparked a new and efficient trend around the globe.

Simply offering blunt answers followed by an even blunter. "Next question" has led to radical changes in the way the world functions.

For example, the hit TV show "60 Minutes" has now

been reduced to 7 minutes, late-night TV talk shows last about 15 minutes, and political debates are over before "Keeping up with the Kardashians" comes on.

"It's amazing," said S. Elf Employed, a popular think tank expert. "No longer are we subject to long, rambling answers from politicians, self-absorbed celebrities and cable "experts." With all the time we save, we can do all kinds of important things, such as ... update our Facebook status."

The MSU coach has decided that short and sweet really works best and plans to communicate in the future only on Twitter.

However, the trend is not go-



An MSU coach's policy of keeping answers short and sweet has started a new trend worldwide. At left, he calls for the next question during a recent press conference.

questions. Next question." which within a few minutes usually leads to the next question: "Do you understand these rights I've read to you?"

And finally, attempts to use the method in schools also has failed miserably.

An example:

Teacher: Today we're going to talk about the Bill of Rights. Any questions?

Student: What is it?

Teacher: A document. Next question.

Student: What's that?

Teacher: A piece of paper. Next question.

Student: Um ... can I go to the bathroom?

Teacher: Not now. Next question.

ing over so well in other areas.

Legal officials said they enjoy short, direct answers by trial witnesses, but they object to witnesses then firing back the sarcastically-toned "next

question" to the attorney.

Police report traffic stop conversations such as these:

Officer: "Do you know how fast you were going?" Offender: "These are some great

Adding teams? Meh ...

Big Ten move to expand teams not a crowdpleaser

By **Biggie Ten**

Lansing Spoof Journal

BISMARCK -- North Dakota School of Cosmetology today became the 476th school to join the Big Ten conference, thus ensuring the conference will be part of the all-important Manitoba-North Dakota television market.

"This is really big for us, as big as the other 462 other colleges, universities and truck driving schools that have joined our conference in the past 72 hours," said Big Ten Commissioner Dim Jaleney.

However, Jaleney dismissed the rumor that the Big Ten was looking to sign an agreement with the all-girls college on Pauilehahao Island, located somewhere in one of Earth's oceans.

"Look, it's a great college, or at least that's what somebody told me. But it's not a good fit for the Big Ten. I mean, their mascot is the dodo bird. That bird is extinct. Can you imagine having an extinct bird as a mascot? It would be like having



President Backfor Fourmore and gymnast MyCayla Baloney are not impressed with the news that the School of Cosmetology is joining the Big Ten.

a school in our conference whose mascot is a terrapin. I mean, really, a turtle representing the Big Ten. C'mon, let's get real."

BRIEFLY INTERESTING

Tigers 2013 opener postponed

Baseball officials today postponed the Tigers 2013 home opener with the Yankees based on Farmer's Almanac predictions of a wet, damp spring.

"You never can be too early calling it off," one official said.

However, much like the memorable Non/Sort-of Rainout of the playoffs, fans will be invited to come to the stadium and enjoy concessions and parking, a rain tarp rolling exhibition and watch a replay on the scoreboard of the rain creeping toward Detroit with the "Theme from Jaws" playing in the background.

"We'd like to re-create the moment," the baseball official said.

"I mean, I haven't seen that many people sit silently in stunned bewilderment since, well, many of the Lions home games of the past 50 years."

The first 10,000 fans -- make that female fans -- will receive an autographed baseball with an opponent's phone number on the other side.

'SHUDDER' debuts

An innovative new outlet to help publicists, senior members of the royal family and coaches respond when they, or their associates, express themselves foolishly in world-wide social media forums is being hailed as a godsend by many.

The service, called "SHUDDER," allows immediate reaction to those increasingly common not-so-smart actions.

While some outlets offer a service using 140 characters or less, "Shudder" requires only 12 or less. After all, how much is needed to express "Holy &\$%#!, What the ?, Goldarnit! or the increasingly popular "Sorry"?

-- *Totally made up stuff*

Shoes make lasting impression

More than 5,100 kids were helped by your donations this year

By Kathleen Lavey
Lansing State Journal

With 11 kids in the family, money was tight when Joyce Hamm was growing up in Lansing in the 1950s and 1960s, even though her dad always worked.

That made an annual shoe-shopping trip with a volunteer from the Old Newsboys Association a real treat for her and her siblings.

"We never had a car, so this was great, to get to ride in a car, and go shopping," Hamm, now 64, recalled.

The Old Newsboys Association is working to raise \$150,000 this year through sales of Lansing Spooft Journal newspaper.

Last year the Newsboys raised a record-setting \$163,000 to keep kids' feet warm and dry, said Mark Nixon, publicity chairman. This is the 89th year the group has conducted the one-day sale of the spooft paper.

More than 5,100 kids got footwear over the past year, Nixon said. Families who qualify for free or re-



Joyce Hamm of Lansing has fond memories of receiving shoes from the Old Newsboys as a child. Hamm gives each year to the Old Newsboys Association. "They're still in my heart," she said. "It never goes away."

GREG DERUITER-
LANSING STATE
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duced-price lunches in Lansing area schools can apply at school for shoes or boots; they get vouchers to select their own new shoes at participating stores.

Once the Hamm kids piled out of the car at Lansing's downtown J.C. Penney store, the kids got their feet measured, picked out new pairs of leather shoes or boots, and often got socks and underwear as well.

"I remember saddle shoes quite often," Hamm said. "And I'm thinking Mary Janes. They were good, leather shoes. And we would get our foot mea-

sured so the shoes would fit us for the year."

The new shoes also helped steer Hamm towards a path of giving back, she said.

She regularly donated gently-used clothing and shoes to organizations that distribute them to others, and gives cash donations to the Salvation Army and the Old Newsboys Association each year.

"Every year they were right there for us," she said of the Newsboys Association. "They're still in my heart. It never goes away."

Real story!

Thank you donors!

Every donation, large and small, helps put shoes and boots on kids feet!

Old Newsboys President Kay Hoffman (left) accepts a generous donation of \$12,700 from 100 Women Who Care. With Hoffman are "100 Women" members (left to right) Rose Zack, Donna Oade and Debby Harrison. Thank you, 100 Women Who Care!



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