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Voters Choose Mouse over Man

BY ROEDENT MANN

ore glum news for President Joe Byedone. His sinking approval rating has hit an historic low point.

A new poll commissioned by the Lansing Spoof Journal reveals that a majority of Americans find Byedone less popular than mice.

Those polled were asked this hypothetical question: "Given a choice, which would you prefer as president? Joe Byedone or a field mouse?"

Seventy-three percent picked the mouse, with some respondents saying the mouse is more agile, a better communicator and doesn't fall off bikes.

Said one voter: "I like Joe, but not so much as president. He's more like a doddering uncle you'd like to see sitting in a rocking chair, watching "Wheel of Fortune."

Though the dismal approval rating has clearly rattled the White House, there was a glimmer of good news for the president. When those polled were asked how they ranked former President Donald Grump, a vast majority placed him well below Monkeypox.

STRENUOUS STREET MESS

BY IMA CIRCLE

street supervisor Roadee Cleaner decided to make Lansing one-way streets into two-way streets. When asked why, he explained that he had recently been reprimanded for always being late to work. By changing the streets, he would get to work 30 seconds faster if Capitol Avenue were a two-way instead of a one-way. WWTT (What Were They Thinking) reporter Getta Clue asked why he just didn't leave home earlier. Roadee explained that he wakes up when his alarm clock goes off and then he has a routine to follow.

Getta commented that Lansing's sister cities Otsu, Japan: Guadalajara, Mexico: Saltillo, Mexico; Sanming, China; Skuapim South District, Ghane; and Asan, South Korea all have one-way streets so why isn't that also okay for Lansing. Roadee stated that Lansing has more visitors than all those other places, so needs to be more driver friendly. Getta interviewed the two visitors that Lansing had last year and both agreed that they weren't in town long enough for it to become confusing. One commented that there weren't enough people on the streets to make it matter. They stated they were previously able to navigate just fine. "If you come to a street and it's a one-way, you just go to the next street."

Upon further investigation, it's been found that Roadee Cleaner is the owner



of several local gas stations. Now that driver's will have to wait for a light to turn green instead of being able to turn on red in some instances, Roadee knows that will increase gas consumption which will cause him to sell more gas. That same investigation revealed that his cousin, Lest Cheatum, owns the company that is supplying the City with all the paint to repaint the roads and the signs that will now be

required to place on the other side of the street. When Roadee was asked why the city didn't just turn the signs around to the other side of the pole, he said the screw would be on the wrong side and he is right-handed.

Roadee revealed that once all the streets are changed from one-way to two-way, he'll begin putting in two-way roundabouts at all the intersections.







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GRUMP PLANS TO BE THE 'GRAND FUDGIE'

BY FUDGIE WUDGIE

President Grump has a grand vision for a Michigan icon — The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Grump announced today he's buying the historic hotel and renaming it Fudge Lago.

In addition to the hotel, he's purchased 70 percent of the island's property and will transform it into a massive, 238-hole golf course.

Among other changes, all horses on the island will have their manes coiffed to look like Grump's hair. Also, the island's ubiquitous fudge shops will be transformed into golf cart rental centers.

As for the island's legendary fudge itself, Grump is rebranding the candy under his name. There will be Donald's Double-Cross Fudge, Fake Fudge (faux chocolate mixed with tapioca) and a pecan-based candy called Grump R Nuts.

The entire project hinges on Grump winning back the White House in 2024, so that he can declare, by executive order, Mackinac Island to be America's 51st state: Grumpsylmania.

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man said, will be:

• A golden toilet.

• A large photo

• And i

Grump immortalized in Michigan?

BY MCHUGH

ichigan is now in the running for the Donald J. Grump Presidential Museum

The museum was originally set for New York, a spokesman said, but "they don't seem to like us now." There was talk of Florida, but federal law prohibits any museum from being attached to a casino or a golf course. That left Michigan, which already has the Gerald Ford museum.

The size and contents are still in flux. Among the items, the spokesman said, will be:

> A large photo of Grump, plus smaller ones of 44 other presidents, "all the ones who

were duly elected without any help from Antifa or Venezuela or anything."

- An extensive collection of documents, many of them classified. "No other presidential library can boast this."
- · And interactive

games. Visitors will see how quickly they can fire people (hint: Anthony Scaramucci is easy, Betsy DeVos isn't). They'll also devise new cures for Covid, alter maps with a Sharpie and declassify documents with their minds.

Didja Know:

... you can get your eyeballs tattooed?

If you're looking to get your entire body tattooed, you can include eyeballs! Many hardcore tattoo fans are getting the whites of their eyes injected with ink of all kinds of colors ranging from green to purple. However, there are some risks involved such as pain and prolonged blurred and double vision. But hey, you'll look really cool, or not.

... "Q" is the only letter that doesn't appear in any U.S. state name?

Go through the list of the fifty nifty states and we can guarantee you won't find any state that has the letter Q in its name!

Rhyme Time? Shill bill says it will

BY JIM WIMM

A state lawmaker hopes to enact what he calls the Poem Purity Act, banning schools from teaching poetry that doesn't rhyme.

"All these so-called poems that prattle on and on, never rhyming one darn line ... it's asinine," said Rep. Will Shill. "Socalled free verse poetry is corrupting the genius of real poetry like:

"Little Jack Horner, Sat in a corner ..."

"Best poetry I ever seen, if you know what I mean. We need to encourage that kind of verse as opposed to scribblings by somebody who couldn't find two rhyming words if they bit him in the ..."

The new legislation is patterned after Florida's No Rhyme, No Way Act recently signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSatan. In addition to going after modern, non-rhyming free verse writings, Shill and other lawmakers hope to reshape and retool long-established poems which they declare to be failed poetry. Shill offers this classic nursery rhyme as an example:

Jack and Jill Went up the hill To fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down And broke his crown And Jill came tumbling after. "It's fine until the very last word. 'After' does NOT rhyme with 'water.' And it's polluting our kids' minds to pretend they DO rhyme."

As a fix, Shill advocates changing the third line to read: "To fetch a pail of laughter."

"See?" said Shill. "Laughter. After. They rhyme. Problem solved."

When critics noted that "fetch a pail of laughter" makes no sense, Shill snapped: "Sheesh. Haven't they heard of poetic license?"

FORECAST: FINES, JAIL FOR WEATHER GOOFS

BY I.B. RAINES

he Michigan House has introduced legislation to make failed weather forecasts a misdemeanor punishable by fines and/or jail time.

"I'm sick and tired of some TV bozo saying it's going to be clear and sunny, only to have it rain all day!" stormed Rep. Misty Weeks, C-White Cloud.

"When I make a mis-

take, I own up to it. Either that or I blame someone else. It should be no different for weathermen."

Details of fines and jail sentences are still being hammered out. It's likely the most serious offenses — such as a partly cloudy forecast that "evolves" into a blizzard — would be punishable by a weekend in jail. There, the guilty would be forced to watch re-runs of their failed forecasts.

"It would be better if they just admitted they never know what Michigan weather is going to be like, because nobody does. It's Michigan. Get over it!" Weeks thundered.

During a live broadcast yesterday, local meteorologist Will B. Foggy hotly disputed the poor accuracy rate, uttering a torrent of highs and lows before storming off the set.

After cooling down,



Foggy frostily rebutted allegations that he and fellow weather folks deduce

their forecasts by throwing darts at a weather chart — while blindfolded.

"That's a cheap shot. When we throw darts, we do it with eyes wide open!"

No Return Policy

BY WINSOME LOOSUM

he Down on Your Luck Police Department were called to an altercation at Joe's Convenience Store.

Upon arriving, a customer was having an argument with the owner. The customer, Ima Loser, explained to police how unsatisfied he is and is experiencing the WORST customer service. Ima bought something from this store and paid cash for it. He took it home and found out it didn't work.

The day of the altercation, less than 24 hours later, he took the item back to the same store and asked if he could get a refund. The cashier said "No" even though Ima still had the receipt. Ima asked if he could get a replacement instead and was again told "No." The owner became involved and confirmed that a refund or replacement was not an option and that Ima was "out of luck."

An argument ensued and police were called. Ima Loser explained his side of the story to the police as did

> the owner. Ima pointed out the refund policy that was printed on the receipt.

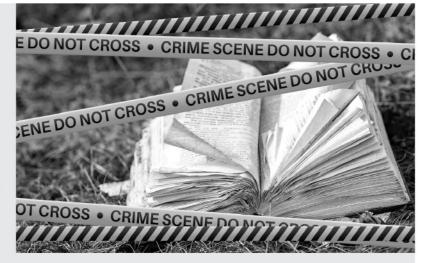
At first look, the police agreed with Ima that he was within the return period. The convenience story owner explained the situation to which Ima Loser left the store shouting, "I'll tell you what, I am NEVER buying another lottery ticket from here again."

Closed for Clean-Up

BY SIN NO-NIM

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed on Capitol and Kalamazoo yesterday, losing its entire load.

Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupe-fied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyzed, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed,



speechless, and perplexed.

One witness asked what a thesaurus is. She was told it's a wordbook, wordfinder, dictionary, lexicon, repository, storehouse, glossary, sourcebook, treasury of words.

When police asked the driver of the truck what happened, the only explanation heard was, "Who turned this into a two-way street?"

Bicycle Road Wreck

oo-U Police recently responded to reports of a fallen bicyclist on Grungy River Avenue. Arriving to the scene, it was reported that only the bicyclist was involved. When asked for his story, the cyclist explained that

after returning home from a disappointing football game, he decided to ride his bicycle to a local party store. He bought a bottle of his favorite alcohol and put it in the bicycle basket.

As he was about to ride home.

he realized that if he fell on the way home, the bottle would break. So, he drank the whole bottle before heading home.

He explained that was a wise decision, because he fell off the bike four times on the way home. Police allowed him to take a nap at the local precinct. Bond was set at enrolling in a common sense class in the next semester.



"Big 10-ish" to become "Bigger Than we Need to Be"

BY S. CRAPFEST

he Spoof Journal dispatched a cub reporter from our corporate headquarters, high atop the Stober building, to a recent joint press conference with MooU and THE Michigan.

At the press conference, Moo U Athletic Director, Hal Hollar announced that the Big 10-ish would admit The University of Alaska and also Bermuda College into the conference. "This will give the Big 10-ish a bigger presence in both the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean regions."

When told that Alaska also

reached the Artic Ocean, Hollar stated, "No, we won't go as far as the Arctic as that would increase travel costs."

Coach Tommy IzeWantsAWin, in his own quiet and reserved way, advocated for the inclusion of all the universities in the Upper Peninsula to be admitted as well.

He stated it would make the conference a more warming environment in a place that can be so cold.

When asked if there was a selfish desire to include those schools, he stated, "No, it has nothing to do with the fact that I'd be able to visit family and friends during the season."

THE Michigan basketball coach Wanna B. Afighter was asked his response to adding the Upper Peninsula. He responded, "I'd prefer to have colleges in Chicago added so that I can visit family and friends as well." IzeWantsAWin then quipped that there wouldn't be many visits to friends since Wanna didn't have many.

At the end of the press conference when the participants were in the handshake line, Wanna B reached over the line in an attempt to smack Tommy. Hollar and THE Michigan Athletic Director, Ima Ref, had to break up the ruckus.





FOOTBALL FLOP

BY NOWAY NOHOW

MooU football program recently held a press conference to address fan dissatisfaction with the team. Magic WeNeedAWin Johnson kicked the press conference off with the announcement that he would be purchasing the naming rights to MooU Stadium. He stated that in doing so, "perhaps the magic would transfer over to the team to see if they could pull a win out of their...hat."

He directed his first question to Melvin Tucker, but found him to be absent. When last seen, he was being hauled over to Spartan Stadium for wind sprints in the deep end of the woodshed. Next reporter up, sent by an Angel from our parent company, asked Coach Tucker to compare the coaching philosophies of his offensive coordinator, Seymour Downs, and that of his Defensive coordinator, Justen Holdem. Melvin leaned forward and said, "Do I look like I could split hairs?

For more on this presser, please follow us on our streaming gizmo.

A committee has completed its task of removing inappropriate material from Lansing school libraries

BY MIKEY

A n early focus, the chairman said, was on fairy tales and nursery rhymes. Removed were:

- "Jack and the Beanstalk," which "paints an unfair portrait of other-sized people."
- "The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," which exhibits "poor parenting and improper use of footwear."
- "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," because it "unfairly depicts a muchmaligned minority group, blonde Caucasians, as being trespassers."

Others included "Three Little Pigs" (violates building codes) and "Jack Be Nimble" (encourages dangerous jumping over candlesticks). "Sleeping Beauty" can stay, but she'll



have to remain asleep, because there's no way to get prior consent for a kiss.

In the older-reader portions of the library, some books were removed (including anything Ernest Hemingway had written or read) and some were merely trimmed.

The Bible remains, the chairman said. "We did have to remove a few sections that were offensive to Romans or rich people or snakes or moneychangers. We took out David-and-Goliath – that other-sized thing, again. The Noah's Ark story was

banned by both our maritime and animal-control groups.

However, the Bible is mostly intact. I'm happy to say we were able to keep some of the beatitudes, 11 of the apostles and at least seven commandments."

True Life Lessons:

- When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
- 2 To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9 p.m. is the new midnight.
- 4 It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
- 5 The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- 7 I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- **8** I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
- When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
- 11 I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- l used to run like the wind. Now I run like the winded.
- I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
- When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- Idon't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
- When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east or west."
- Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.

MOO U'S NEW SLOGAN

BY HUGE MICHAELS

oo U's new slogan was crafted after a careful cost-analysis officials say. The slogan, unveiled this week, says: "Hey, winning isn't the only thing, you know."

It comes with secondary lines, including "Games are fun" and "Isn't it just nice to be outdoors?"

The idea came after an accounting firm studied the cost of mounting a winning football team. "We looked at what has already been spent," an accountant said. "It was about as much as it would cost to maintain a nuclear-science program. Then we asked what it would cost to have the team be consistently successful. That would be enough to start a nuclear-missile program."

There was some consideration, he said, to "being like Northwestern, where you're so good an academic school that no one cares if you win. That was dismissed."

Instead, the goal is to manage expectations. For instance:



- Tailgating policy will change. Originally, tailgate lots were restricted to a few hours before each game, to keep spectators from being inebriated. "Now we've decided that wouldn't be such a bad thing." If a game starts at 4 p.m. on a Saturday, tailgating will begin at noon Thursday.
- The stadium experience will be heightened. Instead of a halftime show, the Spartan Marching Band will perform after each quarter.
- Cheerleaders will be cautioned to avoid such phrases as "win, team, win." An acceptable alternative would be "participate, team, participate."
- The scoreboard will continue to list the down and yards to go but will no longer post the score. Instead of "scoreboard," it will simply be called "board."
- And additional secondary lines will be used. One poster has the top line "winning isn't everything," followed by a second line: "except in basketball."

LEGAL BRIEFS

In recent court news, the Lansing Spoof Journal learned of the case of a man fighting multiple tickets he received in what he called, "an investigatory error." With the recent addition of the City changing one-way streets to two-way, several traffic cameras have been installed at many intersections. Mr. IRA Goodriver was travelling in an area where a new traffic camera had been installed. According to Goodriver, "I was driving when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the speed limit even though I knew that I was not speeding."

"Just to be sure, I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now I began to think that this was quite funny, so I drove even slower as I passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed. I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace."

When asked what the exact citations were for, Goodriver explained that two weeks later, he received five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

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HORRORSCOPES

BY I.B. BONKERS



ARIES Today you will receive a phone call from a friend you haven't seen in years. Good ol' Dave.

What a guy! No doubt you will swap old stories, like that time he poured pancake syrup into your gas tank. The reason for today's call? He did it again.



TAURUS Inspiration is all around,

awaiting your artistic spirit to seize the day. Those bird droppings on the

porch? Therein lies a play, a novel or great symphony. Savor the moment.



GEMINI

Communicating with a romantic partner takes finesse. Say too much and your partner will

be insulted. Say too little and he or she will think you're uncaring and unfeeling. Best advice: Say nothing at all. Silence is golden, especially when your partner is leaving for good.



CANCER

Life seems an unending bundle of contradictions. To resolve these conundrums, clear

your head by memorizing famous aphorisms. Try this one: "You can tell a sky by its clouds."



LEO Sure, your neighbor is creepy. But try to be understanding. Next time you see him, smile and say

"hello" and try not to stare at his shoes made entirely of yellow zip ties.

VIRGO

Though you are naturally caring and



thoughtful, there are times when you must put YOUR needs first. Today, for instance, you will see a poor biker who

crashed into a ditch. Ignore him. You've ordered a deluxe deep-dish pizza and it's going to get cold if you delay.



LIBRA

It's time to unclutter your life, both physically and mentally. Get rid of those pointless

knick-knacks, like the 15 tattered cocktail napkins from some place in Las Vegas you can't remember. Mentally, it's time to decouple from the song you love so much that you can't get it out of your head: Bird Bird Bird Bird is the Word Buh-buh-bird bird bird ...



SCORPIO

Feeling low? Looking for something inspirational and fulfilling? Remember this: A

fancy foot deserves a shiny shoe.



SAGITTARIUS Contributors to your GoFundMe campaign don't need every last detail. True,

it's to support some undisclosed humanitarian cause. That's all they really need to know. Don't mention the first-class airfare to Paris and a week's stay in a villa in Monaco.



CAPRICORN You really, really need to do something about that hair.



AQUARIUS Don't squander your precious resources. Use caution and restraint. For example,

it's foolish to spend \$500 a week on lottery tickets — at least until the jackpot exceeds \$10,000.



PISCES Today is alive with psychic energy. Tap into it. Use it to explore things you've never

done before ... like paying your bills on time and not cheating on your taxes.

Random Thoughts

- · If poison expires, is it more poisonous or no longer poisonous?
- If you get scared half to death twice, do you die?
- Why are some blueberries still called a blueberry if they're purple?
- Who decided to put the "s" in lisp?
- · Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the "S" or the "C"?
- · Why is something sent by a car called a shipment, but something sent by a ship called a cargo?
- Why is it called quicksand when it sinks you s I o w I y?

TV LOWLIGHTS

8 p.m. The Great British **Payback Show**

Amateur chefs compete to see who can deliver the biggest insult to snooty, ever-picky judges. The winner gets to throw a pie in a judge's face.

Excerpt:

Judge: "Overall, your attempt was noteworthy, but I thought the crust underperformed. It needed to be much

Chef: "Flakier? You mean flakier than you? Impossible. Your face gets all crinklycrumbly every time you open your mouth. And that nose... where'd you buy it, a banana plantation? You know, the Irish named a beer after your nose. Guinness Snout."



8 p.m. only on BBTV



9 p.m. "War of the Worlds: The Musical"

Film version of the Broadway sensation, including hits like "We are living in an Alien World (And I am an Alien Girl)."



2 a.m. Get Real!

Reality show involving dull contestants sitting on stained couches, staring vacantly at a coffee table while pretending something in their lives is worth mentioning. Winner gets an all-expense paid weekend in Topeka.

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BY ROSS MARTIN **PRESIDENT**

"little" back to normal? Over the last two years, our fundraising campaign has been entirely virtual. While those events were successful, it just wasn't the same. We are excited that our band of merry volunteers will be back on the streets and in businesses shaking our orange canisters and hawking the Spoof Journal.

While the method in which we do things changed, our mission remains the same - to provide shoes and boots for mid-Michigan children. Due to your support, the last couple of years have provided the ability to provide socks. We thank YOU for your donation - whether already made or the anticipated one you'll be sending.

In addition to being on the street, we are inserting the Spoof Journal into the Lansing State Journal (LSJ). We are again excited to provide even more mid-Michigan residents the opportunity to enjoy some REAL

'Fake News.' Whether you are reading the 2022 Spoof Journal with paper in hand or are visiting our website, please enjoy the many articles written to entertain and provide a much-needed chuckle.

All we ask is a donation to a cause that is near and dear to all of us – providing shoes and boots (and socks this year) to mid-Michigan school-aged children in need. Why do our supporters donate each year? It could be because we continue to provide over 7,000 school aged children in mid-Michigan with shoes or boots each year. It could be because you've been reading the Spoof Journal and continue the annual tradition. Maybe you know this year will be harder than most for all families to meet their family's needs. It may be because once upon a time, you or a family member received shoes or boots from us, and now you want to help another child. For whatever reason you choose to donate, the children - THANK YOU!

als and organizations listed on the last page, we thank multiple organizations throughout the area who continue to support the Old Newsboys: Auto Owners and Associates; Bennie Wickens Foundation; City of Lansing; Costco Wholesale; Meijer, Inc; Two Men and a Truck; several of the union locals; and many others. We would also like to thank and recognize the Lansing State Journal, which has been a faithful Old Newsboys partner since the 1930s. The LSJ assists our organization in getting the Lansing Spoof Journal printed and into the hands of our supporters. We continue to be deeply grateful.

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