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## 'VOTERS CROOKED; I'LL SUE'

President-elect Donald Grump said today he is suing the millions of Americans who voted against him, calling them "low energy", "losers", "crooked," "rigged" and "blah-blah-blah."

While announcing the massive lawsuit, Grump also announced he will build a huge wall around the White House, adorned with 30-foot portraits of himself. "And those people who voted against me are going to pay for it. Trust me."

Voters' reaction to Grump were mixed. A sampling of comments:

*"I sure could go for another cup of coffee."*

— Stan, Des Moines, Iowa

*"Canada seems like a nice place ..."*

— Wanda, Atlanta, Ga.

*"Yawn."*

— a multi-million chorus of voices

In other Grumpian news, the Spooof Journal has learned Grump's legal retaliation has gone global. His lawyers



will announce today they are filing several class-action suits aimed at opponents "who rigged the system" with their votes. Those targets include a

group of cloistered monks in a Peruvian monastery, the makers of foam peanuts, and a small colony of sea birds on a remote Pacific atoll. ■

### EXCLUSIVE! EXCLUSIVE! EXCLUSIVE! EXCLUSIVE! EXCLUSIVE!

The Lansing Spooof Journal has just uncovered a transcript of another Grump video. Here is the entire transcript, with objectionable language deleted:

I [redacted] you [redacted] she [redacted] they [redacted]  
me [redacted] crooked [redacted] I [redacted] me [redacted] rigged.

## SSSH! SHE E-MAILS

by Lips R. Sealed



Billary Clingon is turning her classified emails into a TV mini-series called "She-mails."

The plot basically follows a pant-suited zombie who roams from city to city, asking people to like her. And if they don't, well, bad things happen.

"I know it doesn't make any sense," said Clingon, "but neither did me losing the election."

In Episode 2, the she-mail zombie keeps banging her head against a glass ceiling. After 53 minutes of that, the she-mail wanders off in a daze. End of Episode 2.

The mini-series will be shot entirely on location in vacant places throughout Washington, D.C., such as Congress and the White House. ■

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## CITY PANICKED; OVERRUN BY HIPSTERS

by **Wattsis Face**

Lansing's hipster population has increased to unsupportable levels, researchers say. The increase results from continued trendiness, a disconcerting sense of self-importance and the mismanagement of hipster populations by proper grooming professionals.

Experts say there are approximately 35 hipsters for every non-hipster person in the near downtown areas. Catalogues, online advertisements and TV programming have misleadingly presented hipsterism as an acceptable form of lifestyle and, as a result, have set the stage for a population explosion.

68-year-old Lansing resident Margaret Blaff recalls a hair-raising hipster encounter earlier this fall. She was crossing the parking lot of The Boulevard Café when a male hipster with a shaved head, twisty mustachio and a beard "the size of a pillow" came darting out from behind a dumpster. "It froze when it saw me, like in the movies . . . and we made eye contact," Blaff said. "Then it made a fierce guttural comment about how such and such a movie would have been better if it had been told from the background extra's point-of-view. I've never been so scared in all my life."

Keeping the hipster population under control is a reasonable solution, and beard-trims coupled with real haircuts seem to be the most effective means by which to do so. Department of Natural Resources also suggest that curtailing the sale of cuffed skinny jeans, tweed vests and hats, brand new "vintage" T-shirts with ironic statements and cardigan sweaters that fit as tightly as scuba-wear is a good starting measure in the reduction of these docile, yet often pesky creatures.

Another option: Controlled hipster hunts. These hunts are often scheduled at particular locations, such as bars that serve fruity beers, tattoo/beauty parlors and music venues featuring bands before they're cool. ■

## IS THERE A THERE, THERE?

by **A.B. Normal**

A very-long-vacant building in the heart of East Lansing has just been awarded a National Empty Site designation by the U.S. Registry of Useless Places.

East Lansing officials applied for the coveted award after decades of trying to get somebody — ANYBODY — to redevelop the eyesore. Finally, the city gave up and began pursuing a spot on the Useless Places registry.

"When life hands you lemons,



make margaritas," said hipster Councilman J. Jaye.

Once a historical marker is erected in front of the building — by design, the marker will be blank — the city will conduct public tours. But the tours will be confined to the sidewalk.

"Are you kidding me? We can't allow anyone inside," Jaye said.

"I wouldn't send Navy SEALs inside, it's that dangerous."

Officials believe as its reputation grows, the really-very-long-vacant building could become the basis for a community celebration. Said Jaye: "We're tentatively calling it Empty-Fest, with an outdoor theater called the Dust Bowl." ■

## TUTTI TOO SNOOTY

by **In A. Garden**

If you want to see and be seen spending lots of money on dinner, Lansing's best restaurant awaits you. Tutti is the most expensive restaurant in town, and the portions are small and presented on white plates, so it has to be good.

For a lunch visit, I spent \$48 on a chicken Caesar salad and a glass of water. The croutons were grilled, which only happens when a chef has graduated from a culinary institute. The water had a slice of lemon in it, but I didn't know until the bill came that I paid an extra \$4.95 for that. I didn't mind, because the second mortgage on my home was approved last week.

My table was covered with butcher paper, which is a true sign of an exquisite restaurant, or of a children's birthday party. Since the only children present were members of the Legislature, I don't think a party was taking place. Maybe it was, but that would have been in a "notorious Lansing nightclub" instead of the dining room at Tutti.

Black and white photos are displayed on Tutti's walls. I heard the manager tell a customer that they were old pictures of Lansing. I don't remember Wrigley Field being in Lansing, but since my steak was \$173 before I added a \$23 side of creamed spinach with pine nuts, I believe what the manager tells me.



Lansing's fat cats like to top off their expensive meal with the most milquetoast of gourmet desserts — the molten lava cake. Fans of Jon Favreau's "Chef" will appreciate the homage to the gloopy, hot dessert. ■

# OLE! FROM BASEBALL TO BULLFIGHTS

by Oskar Whyold

In an effort to boost downtown activity, the city of Lansing and Moo-You University will sponsor a bullfight at Cooley Lawyers Field as part of National Inappropriate Sports Month. The announcement was made jointly by Mayor Virg Sombrero and MYU bigwig Matt Adoor, two people known as masters in all bull-related matters.

The mayor says some modifications are in store to make the bullfight a

family-friendly event. First, picadors will “gently provoke” the bull with throw pillows. The matador may still engage the bull with a cape in the traditional way, provided he does so in a manner that enhances the bull’s self-esteem. (Approved methods in the past have included the matador complimenting the bull, as well as slapping smiley face stickers on its hide during his cape work.)

Under these changes, the bull lives to fight an-

other day. The bullfight concludes with the matador placing a “Champion” medal around the bull’s neck and assuring the bull it is far above average.

Due to Title Nine considerations, the bull will also be a cow. “But it will be a really annoyed one,” assures Dennis Haystack-er, Assistant Professor and Intramural Coordinator at the Center for Bovine Recreation. “They may be cows but they are also still females.” ■



Where the bull meets the pillow.

## LIFE IN D.C.? DON'T BET ON IT

by Shuress Quiet

Scientists at Moo-You University said today they have found evidence that life exists in Congress.

“These are merely tentative results,” cautioned lead scientist Wilbert Dilbert. “What we have is tantalizing but uncertain evidence that life may actually exist there, or at least once did.”

The most compelling evidence were signs that a non-binding resolution to give half-hearted support to “peace, not war” was introduced in the House of Representatives. “That’s exciting news, but again we have to be cautious,” Dilbert said. “We don’t know if the resolution was produced by a computer program from long ago, or whether an actual human being was there at the very creation of this congressional act.”

Others in the scientific community were dismissive. “They’ve been trumpeting their Signs of Life in Congress Theory for at least 20 years,” said anthro-paleo-whatsologist Dow Ting Thomas. “And what have they to show for it? Some video clips from Phox



News, which are likely faked.”

Polls show Americans are divided over whether life exists anywhere in Washington. Thirty-three percent believe it’s possible, 27 percent say it’s unlikely, and the remainder said they were “too busy playing Pokemon Go to find out.” ■

## COUPLE TIES A TEXTUAL KNOT

Lansing couple Sam Nerdstone and Sara Geekville were married yesterday in what was billed as the world’s first all-text wedding.

Before a throng of guests who never looked up from their cell phones, the couple exchanged emotional vows — without looking up from their cell phones.

When asked if she took Sam to be her lawfully wedded husband, Sara tapped out “I do” on her phone, adding a smiley face emoji.

Sam quickly responded: “Cool! I do 2. LOL.”

Conducting the ceremony was local texting guru Onna Bender, who concluded the wedding by asking all guests to “like” the event on Facebook.

The entire ceremony was held in near silence, with wedding guests bent over their cell phones as they watched the event live-streaming. The only thing that could be heard was the soft click-clicking of thumbs pressing buttons.

Following the exchange of vows, guests were treated to a virtual tour of a reception, including a virtual buffet dinner and a virtual D.J.

The couple plans to honeymoon at the nearby Emoji Cafe, known for its excellent Wifi service. ■



They're married! OMG 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔



## BANNED: BASKET OF IMPOSSIBLES

by Mike Huggy

The Chicago Cubs did not actually win the World Series, an agency has announced.

The Bureau of Impossible Things was created to counter recent trends. Studies had tentatively proven that up is down, black is white and the number "4" is substantially larger than the number "5." Using biological samples, one researcher even showed that his buttocks region is actually his elbow.

So the bureau was established, to banish the impossible. Its new rulings state that:

■ The Cubs didn't really win. They did come close, before a really strange (and kind of funny) setback.

■ Donald Trump has never been nominated by a major political party.

■ The Michigan State University football team did not lose to Indiana. Or Northwestern. Or Maryland. Or Illinois.

■ Also, Volkswagen never lied, Samsung never blew up, the government never risked the health of Flint people and no one ever cared about a Kardashian tweet. Some things are simply not possible. ■

## THIS SEASON? FAHGETTABOUDIT.

by Jock Babbling

Missagain State hopes to ease the pain from one of its worst football seasons with a final appeal to the CNN-CIA Committee on Fractions, head coach Marky Dan D'Antoni said today.

"We won the toss and elected to defer — to defer till September 2017," DeAntonio said. "That's half the problem."

After winning three Big Time titles from 2010-15, the Startagains hope to use the one-time exemption that rival MIssagain did to erase the stench and all permanent records of 2008-14 under Poor Rodriguez and Brandy Wouldhelp.

"When Jam Harbdashian re-

turned to Ann Arrogance, he chose to decline the previous seven seasons," one CNN-CIA official said, on the condition of Bartmanesque anonymity. "He had his pick — and not just his nose. The only concession was that he couldn't do satellite camps on other planets. And that's a fact — f-a-c-k. Those records disappeared faster than Hillary's e-mails and Donald's tax returns."

Dantonionono discovered that while recruiting last winter and learned of an effort to wipe the final 10 seconds off an amazing win in Ann Arrogance in 2015 from the public consciousness.

The second half of the problem for this year's team was a misunderstanding that blocking and tackling hadn't been banned, that

sacking the quarterback wasn't a 25-yard penalty and that offensive holding hadn't been accepted as a way to keep quarterbacks healthy enough to play.

With an epidemic of injuries on defense, too, Dannytonyoh was hoping for another year of eligibility for Julius Forpetessake, an All-North American linebacker from the late 1990s, back on campus to complete his degree.

"He only played two seasons for us," Nodancingnowtonio said. "He's in better shape than players half his age. And he actually goes to class, something a lot of players across the country don't. If our presidential candidates were 69 and 70, why not a player who's 38, Forpetessake?" ■

## U-M'S SECRET WEAPON: THE PENGUICK

by Burt Suffa-Feather

Always looking for new talent to stock his overloaded roster, U-M coach Him Arbaugh will create a series of satellite recruiting camps across the globe.

First up: Antarctica. Arbaugh believes there's a trove of untapped talent in penguins. "I mean, have you seen the videos of penguins swimming? Man, they can kick! I was all for the rugby-style kicking ... until that little gaffe we had at the end of the MSU game in 2015 ... so I'm looking for a new punting strategy.

"We're calling it The Penguick. What could possibly go wrong?"

Big Ten officials were perplexed about Arbaugh's recruiting venture into Antarctica. Said one: "We don't want to be accused of being anti-penguin, but I don't know if we can find shoes that wide or helmets that small to fit them." ■



Arbaugh: Give The Big House the bird.

# TUBE TALK

by Mike Hugless

**TONIGHT'S MUST-SEE:** Trump Network debut, 7 p.m.

Donald Trump's network begins tonight. It opens with the founder's own talk show, tentatively titled "Bad Things About Most People and Really Tremendous Things About Me."

That's followed at 8 p.m. by "The 10's (and Some 9's) Show." It's similar to "The View," except that Trump promised all the hosts will be svelte. Most will be blondes, he said, "with some brunettes, but

not the bossy kind."

At 9 p.m. will be a movie, still to be chosen. Originally scheduled was the James Cameron classic "Aliens," but Trump said he was disappointed to find "it's just about outer space aliens; I thought it would be about the really scary kind."

Other choices include:

■ "Dancing With the Unemployed," 8 p.m., ABC. Actually, this is just "Dancing With the Stars," forced to comply with the new Truth in Titles Act. This year's contestants include a former football player, an ex-lieutenant

governor, some people waiting for the next Olympics and a guy who might have played Tootie's cousin in "Facts of Life."

■ "The Voice Gets Pranked," 9 p.m., NBC. Judges spin around in their red chairs, expecting to see singers. Instead, they see their exes, plus estranged in-laws, IRS agents and parole officers. Everyone (almost) has a good laugh.

■ "Time Travel 2.0," 10 p.m., CBS. This is an interactive show, with a catch: If viewers voluntarily return to 1962, their TV sets refuse to return to the present. From then on, they'll only have three networks, filled with screeching cars, shouting cops and lots of goofy white-people comedies. ■

# O, NO CANADA!

by Huge Michaels

More rafters have inadvertently floated into Canada. And this time, Canadians are being less mellow about it.

The first crisis was in August, during Port Huron's annual float day. Winds changed and almost 1,500 rafters reached Sarnia; they were politely returned to the U.S.

Now that it's happened a second time, Canadians are resisting. "We started to fear this was just a sly way for people to escape a Trump America," said Ralph Official, a government official.

That would be understandable, he said. Canada has designed some refugee resorts, with things non-Trump people like — kale-burgers, Neil Young music and non-competitive, non-judgmental games.

Then Canada learned that other countries had worked profitable trades. Cuba traded the Bay of Pigs prisoners for tractors and other farm equipment; Russia has traded to

get its own people back.

So while the rafters shivered in their swimwear — "It got really cold as soon as we crossed the border," one said — the negotiations began:

■ Farm equipment was offered, but the Canadians already said they had plenty. "We did get a few lawn tractors," Official said. "I'm pretty sure we can attach snowplows."

■ A people-swap was suggested, especially if each person returning to Canada would bring a box of delicious Mackinac Island fudge.

Several hockey fans insisted that Wayne Gretzky be returned, so he could play for a Canadian team. That was scuttled, when they remembered that Gretzky had retired.

In a compromise, all of the rafters were returned to the U.S., in exchange for us sending back Ryan Gosling, Drake and Michael J. Fox. Americans also offered to include William Shatner and Justin Bieber, but the Canadians politely declined. ■



## MI TO WI: KEEP YOUR MITTS OFF OUR MITTEN

by Judge Judy

One of the unique joys of being a Michigander is holding up your right hand, palm forward, and using your left pointer to show where you live — though it's a bit more difficult for Yoopers.

In that case, it's more complicated. Use your right hand, back forward, with the left raised horizontally and fingers akimbo to show the peninsulas, then use the Lower Peninsula to point to where you live in the Upper Peninsula. Got that?

Michigan has long been called the Mitten State. So news that Wisconsin is billing itself as the Mitten State caused Michigan Gov. Snick Ryder to come out swinging — with gloves off.

"We'll keep our heads out of your cheese if you keep your paws off our mitten," fumed Ryder to Wisconsin Gov. Scott Runner. "What's next? Do you want our wolverine to replace your badger?"

Ryder released a recent survey taken of 300 likely voters that found the majority of those with an opinion (2) said Wisconsin's shape more closely resembles a block of cheese with a toothpick stuck in its side. Another close majority (1) responded that

it looked like a mitten that had spent the winter on I-75 being run over by logging trucks.

Runner responded that the long-running "Poor Michigan" ad campaign led him to believe the Mitten State name might be up for sale. "I drove through Lansing last year and I had to replace my tires," Runner said. "I know you could use some cash or at least some pothole filler."

"That's 'Pure Michigan' Scott! Do you have cheddar in your ears?" Ryder said in a recording released to the throng of two reporters and one high school live Tweeter at the news conference. "And the Mitten State is not for sale."

A Ryder's spokesman, known officially as John Doe, attempted to clarify the statement. Actually, he said the Upper Peninsula could be purchased by Wisconsin with a plan to increase the tolls on the Mackinac Bridge for those entering Michigan. Doe said the new toll fees wouldn't count as a tax increase because he said so.

Suggested names would be East Wisconsin, known as EW. Doe noted a big plus: It would make it easier for the rest of Michiganders to point to where they live in Michigan without offending anyone from the UT (Up There). ■

# BIGFOOT'S OUR MAN! UH ... BEAST

by Laughline Lovey

**NEGAUNEE, OR THEREABOUTS** — After years in hiding, Bigfoot is coming out of the woods.

The mysterious beast has announced he'll spend the next two years preparing to run for office in 2018 and expects to make Lansing his home for at least part of the year.

"It makes sense for me to run in District 1," Bigfoot said in a recent press conference. "That's the whole U.P. and the Northern Lower Peninsula. That still gives me plenty of space to stomp around."

Bigfoot said he'd run as an independent, and make personal campaign stops near trash dumps and the edges of forests in every community in the district between now and November 2018.

He said his plan is to "represent the underrepresented," but chooses to keep his thoughts about government roaming free through swamps for now.

"I can't be pinned down on issues at this time," he said, although he noted that he'd like kids and creatures with large-size feet to have a greater selection in shoes.

He promises to build new

bridges between government and the Michiganders he represents.

"As a mythical creature, I've long been misunderstood by both society and government," he said. "So I can understand how the average person feels. Maybe more so."

He has no real concerns about whether or not he will win.

"The past campaign season shows that anybody who wants to run for public office has a shot at it," he said. "I'm going to take my shot. I've got cachet, name recognition and some really good ideas."

Bigfoot turned his hairy face back over his shoulder as he loped off towards the tree line at the end of our interview.

"Oh yeah," he said. "I also look really good in a three-piece suit." ■



Although this photo was taken in California during the 1960s, Bigfoot claims he has permanently moved to Michigan to fulfill his dream of seeking a pleasant peninsula.

# HORRORSCOPES

by Justa Tadoff



## ARIES

Though well-intentioned, your plan to reverse global warming by only drinking cold herbal tea falls a tad short of the goal.



## TAURUS

Given how you voted in the presidential election, there's a good chance you will be deported to Muncie, Indiana, where you will then be known only as a Muncier. Which is stupid. But so was your choice for president.



## GEMINI

There's no reason to mince words: You are in deep doo-doo.



## CANCER

Use your natural shyness to your advantage. The next time you go through airport security and they ask you to take off your shoes, simply stare at the ground and say quietly, "I can't." Recognizing your shyness, they will let you through, no questions asked.



## LEO

You are inclined to be a "doubting Thomas" about most things, including the accuracy of your Horrorscope. So it probably does no good to warn you about that creepy thing crawling up the back of your shirt. Oh, well.



## VIRGO

Your lucky lottery numbers are 6, 15, 28, 44, 57, 61. Trust us! Go out and buy those lottery tickets right now! You're already a zillionaire!



## LIBRA

Um, about those lucky lottery numbers ... they were last week's winners. Oops.



## SCORPIO

Your addiction to video games will serve you well in the future — which is basically living in a maximum security cell with zero human contact.



## SAGITTARIUS

The problem isn't you, it's other people. They just don't understand you. Like that time in the restaurant when you put Krazy Glue on the bottom of the plates. That was hilarious, but some people weren't amused. Losers.



## CAPRICORN

When in doubt, follow your heart. When you have no doubts, lock yourself in a closet until the feeling passes.



## AQUARIUS

At the next party, impress your date by whistling "My Old Kentucky Home" through your nose.



## PISCES

Today, the Russians will hack your email. Tomorrow, they will announce they have hacked personal information about "the most boring person in the world."

## This is the real deal — our sincere thanks

by Nic Clark  
Old Newsboys President

The Lansing Old Newsboys Association is approaching a milestone — a century of service to the schoolchildren of Greater Lansing.

OK, we have a few years to go before the celebration begins. But it's a fact that our organization hit the 92-year-old mark in 2016. Times have changed since we first began raising money to buy shoes and boots for kids in 1924. But the need has not changed. In the past year, more than 7,000 schoolchildren were assisted by Old Newsboys. This doesn't happen without dedicated volunteers backed by a caring community.

Old Newsboys accepts donations year-round, but our grand finale is the one-day sale of the newspaper you hold in your hand — the Lansing Spoof Journal. Proceeds go directly toward buying shoes and boots for deserving schoolchildren throughout Lansing and surrounding communities.

As always, the secret to Old Newsboys' longevity is you. Your generosity. Your community spirit.

In keeping with tradition, we never put a price on the Spoof Journal. "Any Donation" is all we ask. Thank you.

In addition to our annual sale, we receive generous financial support from several businesses and organizations. We wish to thank:

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- **The UAW Region 1D** golf outing, which resulted in a \$5,000 donation.
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**Steve Dawes (left), Assistant Director UAW Region 1D and Gerald Kariem, Director UAW Region 1D, recently presented Old Newsboys with a \$5,000 check.**

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- **Michigan Dental Association**, \$1,050
- **Discounts on footwear from Payless Shoe Stores**, amounting to more than \$18,000.

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**chant**, head coach, Michigan State University women's basketball; and **Mary Ellen Sheets**, founder of **Two Men and a Truck**.

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