

Lansing Spoof Journal

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POTHOLES & POTHEADS

MICHIGAN HAS BOTH

BY TWINKIE SHOTS

A prior edition of the Lansing Spoof Journal revealed that editors had uncovered secret plans for the State Capitol complex. It was thought that the construction that was taking place was really for the Governor's She-Shed and storage of her Angry Mayor beverages. The "official" story is that the construction is for an environmentally friendly energy plant and a visitor center. In breaking news, it has been uncovered that the construction taking place, much of which has been underground, is the construction of a marijuana facility.

The current tax laws allow for the State to collect a 10% excise tax and a 6% sales tax on retail sales. Governor Whiner greedily announced, "Why should we settle for 16% in taxes when we can grow it ourselves? We could then get 100% on the sales proceeds, plus charge the 16% in taxes and get to keep that too."

Since guns are allowed in the Capitol, security wouldn't be an issue. The Governor announced that the operation would be a State agency and its director would have a seat in the executive cabinet. When asked who she would appoint to that position, she announced that she is "very pleased to announce that On the



Verge Bonaro has accepted the position." When questioned on the qualifications of the prior mayor of Lansing being appointed to that position, she revealed that he has an inside position to the sale of Lansing City Hall should the venture be successful and operations need to expand across the street or open a snack shop.

A blueprint of the plans showed a large area for bus parking. This reporter asked why a marijuana dispensary would need bus parking. A future expansion is to incorporate a Greybeagle Bus Station on the property to "hopefully increase sales. It'll at least bring them into the gift shop."

Old Newsboys Announce Stimulus Check Program

Not to be out done by the Federal Government, The Old Newsboys, thanks to an anonymous donor by the name of I.R. Rich, are cranking out their very own Stimulus Check Program. The bona fide

checks will be in the amount. of \$20.21.

Mayor Sandy Shores has appointed The City of Lansing's acting Financial Czar, Seymour Bonds to administer the program. To receive your check, you must present a current year copy of the Old Newsboy paper, obtained from an accredited Old Newsboy source to Sey-

mour. No facsimiles will be accepted. Due to acute overcrowding at City Hall, Seymour's office has been moved to the top floor of the Capitol Rotunda. Seymour's office hours are 4:55 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., every other Friday. FEMA, which now has a field office in Lake Mimosa, will issue the checks.

Bye-Bye Becker

BY LOGAN

For over 40 years, Linda Becker has had some role in the Old Newsboys of Greater Lansing organization. What is so amazing about that tenure is that the organization will celebrate its 100th birthday in 1924, so Linda has been involved with Old Newsboys for almost half of its existence.

Using fuzzy math, she's probably helped to put over a quarter million pairs of shoes on needing children That's half a million feet that she's tickled with her compassion. She has done quite a bit to shape the mission and face of the organization for all those years.

What will she do next? Linda has decided to pack the house and move to the lake. This now means that we'll be selling the Lansing Spoof Journal in a satellite station once she set's up camp.

We're blessed that Linda has shared her time and talents with us for all these years. We're twice blessed that her daughter Cassandra (immediate past-president) will be stepping into Linda's role. Cassandra has some big shoes to fill. Wait, what? Shoes? (Reference intended)

The Old Newsboys have been providing shoes & boots to deserving children since 1924. **Your donation can help!**

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From the Bench

BY JUDGE WHATNOT

A defendant was charged with being intoxicated in public and causing a public disturbance. While on the witness stand testifying he was asked, "How much did you have to drink that night Mr. Jones?" He replied, "How would I know? I was higher than a Georgia Pine!"

Mr. Smith was charged with possessing a concealed gun while in a theater. It was discovered under his buttocks. During the trial he took the stand and after a few questions he was asked by his attorney, "Mr. Smith, you didn't have a gun with you in the theater, did you?"

Mr. Smith looked at his at-

torney, then the prosecutor, then the jury, and lastly the Judge. He asked the Judge, "Do I have to answer that question?"

It did not take long for the jury to convict. I wonder what movie Mr. Smith was watching?

A member of a militia group was charged with several criminal offenses and decided to represent himself at trial. During a long-drawn-out trial that lasted several days, the defendant made numerous requests to have the charges dismissed. The requests were denied. After the last denial, the defendant leaned on the podium, looked the Judge in the eye, and said, "You know Judge, you may be a card but you sure ain't no ace!"

A defendant told the Judge

during his trial he wanted to call God as a witness to which the Judge replied, "If you can serve Him with a subpoena, then you can call Him."

During his hearing on whether he had violated his probation by knowingly consuming alcoholic beverages, the defendant explained away his .08 blood alcohol content (BAC) reading with the following story... The night before his roommate had made spaghetti for dinner.

Unbeknownst to him, the roommate had put vodka in the sauce while cooking. To have such a high BBAC reading the next morning, the defendant must have skipped the spaghetti and drank the "sauce." Very little if any alcohol remained in the sauce anyway since during cooking the alcohol dissipates. The defendant was found to have violated his probation and



was ordered to not consume any "sauce" for the balance of his probation.

Don't ever ride in a VW Beetle with the windows rolled up if you are riding with someone smoking marijuana. At least that is the morale of the story a defendant told the Judge at his probation violation hearing. Seems the defendant was riding with three of his buddies in

the Beetle with all the windows up and everyone, except the defendant of course, smoking marijuana. According to the defendant that explains why marijuana was found to be in his system. Never mind that several joints and other drug paraphernalia found in his clothing.

I wonder if he only rides in vans now.

Store Opening in Downtown Lansing

BY NEEDIN BUZNIS

A new supermarket is opening in downtown Lansing. The store manager, Theodore Whipple, said that the store is going to be state-of-the-art.

"It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and have the smell of fresh rain.

When you open the door to the milk case, you hear the cows mooing and have the scent off fresh hay.

When you approach the egg case, you hear the hens cackle and the air is filled with the aroma of bacon and eggs.



The veggie department has a vegetable of the day where you have anything from the smell of fresh buttered corn to the sweet smell of watermelon." Mr. Whipple then admitted that he goes elsewhere to buy his toilet paper.

Local Biker Not Really A Biker

BY HARLEY SCHWINN

When asked after a meeting at his office what plans he had for the weekend, a Haslett man exclaimed "I'm just gonna hang out with all my biker buddies this weekend and get crazy."

However, the humor was lost on his colleagues because they were all well aware of the fact that the man belonged to bicycle club dedicated to restoring old newspaper delivery bikes – exclusively the Schwinn models.



DAD SAYS "TO HELL WITH IT", MOWS LAWN IN UNDERWEAR

After reaching a zenith of post-middle age apathy, a Perry man decided he didn't care if anybody saw him on his riding mower wearing nothing but boxer shorts. "What do I care?" he bellowed, "It's too damn hot anyway." When his mortified wife pressed him for explanation he said "What am I supposed to do? Wear cargo shorts like all those punk kids with their cell phones? Hell no, not me. I got nothing to hide." As she stormed back in the house she said under her breath "You sure got that right."

When he finally finished the lawn he went into the garage to watch re-runs of Barney Miller and Banacek.

Random Thoughts

- How come Ms. Universe always from Earth?
- I used to get my exercise getting up to answer the land-line telephone. Now I get my exercise looking for where I left my cell phone.

- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.
- A clear conscience is usually a sign of a bad memory.
- Worrying works. More than 90% of the things I worry about never happen.

- You don't need a parachute to go skydiving. You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.
- Borrow money from a pessimist. They won't expect it back.
- There are three kinds of people in the world: those who can count and those who can't.

DIDJA KNOW...

In the game Jeopardy, if a single player buzzes in first on all questions AND get's all the answers correct AND reveals the daily doubles last in each round AND wagers everything each daily double AND in Final Jeopardy, the most money you can win on Jeopardy in a single game is \$566,400.

Max Jeopardy: $((5 \times \$200) + (6 \times \$400) + (6 \times \$600) + (6 \times \$800) + (6 \times \$1,000)) \times 2 = \$35,600$.

Max Double Jeopardy: $((\$35,600 + (4 \times \$400) + (6 \times \$800) + (6 \times \$1,200) + (6 \times \$1,600) + (6 \times \$2,000)) \times 2 = \$283,200$

Max Final Jeopardy = $\$283,200 \times 2 = \$566,400$

As of this printing, the most won in a single game is \$131,127. I guess they're not so smart after all since that's only 23.2% of what they could have won.

WE NEED YOU!

Old Newsboys is always seeking volunteers. Whether that be selling the paper (when we can do that again) or becoming a member of our Board of Directors.

If interested, please visit the 'Contact Us' page on lansinggoldnewsboys.org

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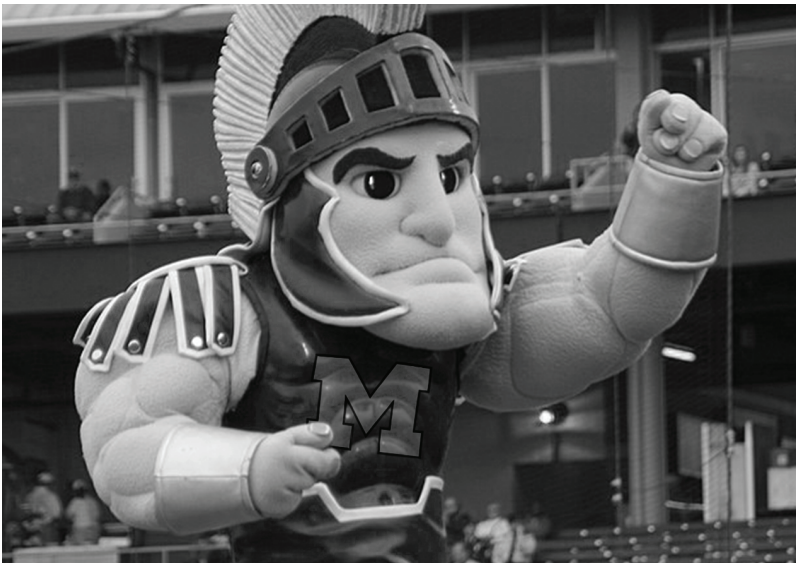
BY SPARTY WOLVERINE

A new state law will require Michigan State fans and University of Michigan fans to swap team colors at various times throughout the calendar year.

The law's rationale, according to language in the statute, is "to promote harmony, unity and empathy during these politically fractured times."

Fan reaction was predictable — and largely unprintable in a prudish, family-friendly newspaper like the Spoof Journal. Here's one we can print: "It's official. The world has gone completely crazy," said MSU fan Goah Green. "I'm catching the next spaceship outta here!"

The statute's provisions specifically call for Spartan fans, athletes and, yes, even Sparty, to sport



maize and blue colors at regular intervals. Likewise, Wolverines must don the familiar green and white colors, and all Block M bumper stickers must be made of a special material that allows them to switch from blue to green.

Gov. Gretchen Whiner reluctantly agreed to sign the bill "for the sake of all green and blue Michi-

ganders." However, she did veto provisions that would have made it a criminal offense for fans to say nasty things behind the backs of their intra-state rivals. Lawmakers who voted for the legislation have not been seen in days. Most are thought to be in hiding. Others have moved to Ohio, where they were greeted as heroes.

So Many Apartments, So Few Students

BY JUDGEY JUDY

The housing market is changing rapidly near Moo U. New apartments in Beast Lansing – the Handmark, the Dub, the Dustin Hoffman and Downton Abbot – join nearby Wry View and the University on the Edge.

A new rule at Moo U requires students to live in the dorms until their student loans have been paid off – or until they qualify for Medicare, whichever comes first. That's prodded nearby communities to hatch a plan to attract students to live in town, but at-

tend college elsewhere via Zoom. Huge signing bonuses are included.

"These apartments are really cool," said Fillinda Blank, area housing planning director. "Now we need to find more students to move in. But not to worry. The pandemic taught us many things, including how to go to college remotely."

To give the young people a sense of belonging, Moo U's mascot, partyS, will take a leading role.

After much big muscled arm twisting, partyS has agreed to multitask on game days, requiring him to put on an over-



sized Wolverine head. That will give UWish fans, long deprived of a mascot, something to really look at – a badger in a kilt.

In thinking of all the mascots in the State, PartyS also agreed to portray a sailor in a kilt; a horse in a kilt; an eagle in a kilt; a highlander in a kilt. (Hey, that one kind of works!). PartyS drew the line at

adding John Wayne State U's to the list. According to two sources who confirmed the story to the Lansing Spoof Journal, partyS had a meltdown at a recent practice and went on a rant about the JWSU mascot. "The Warrior looks like Barney in a helmet," partyS reportedly fumed. "No way. I've got my pride. Just no way."

Nothing to Celebrate

A coalition of grumpy old people says it's fed up with the never-ending parade of "special days" that riddle the calendar. They're calling on Congress to create a new federal holiday, National Nothing Day.

"Every time I turn around, someone's declared another 'Something Day' to recognize another something," said I.B. Geezer. "National Sauerkraut Day ... National Hangnail Day ... National Shopping Cart Day ... It never ends. These stupid special days detract from things that truly deserve to be celebrated, like National Pooper Scooper Day."

As an antidote to the never-ending procession of national days, National Nothing Day would celebrate the fact that there is nothing to celebrate on that day. Zilch. Zero. Not a doggone thing.

As envisioned by the grumpies, there would be no parades, no fireworks, no parties and no news coverage of Nothing Day. People would still have to go to work, stores would be open and mail service would operate normally.*

**Editor's Note: As weird as the Spoof Journal can be, reality is far weirder. We just checked and there actually is a National Nothing Day (Jan. 16), and there's a National Everything Day (Aug. 3).*

It Still Ain't Over!

BY HUGLESS

A new block of uncounted ballots has been discovered at the Michigan Secretary of State office.

The ballots were found on Monday, in a filing cabinet in a side office. In all, there are 159,189 of them; by coincidence, Joe Biden's victory margin was 159,188.

Some observers were reminded of Donald Trump

imploping the Georgia secretary of state to "find 11,780 votes," so he could carry that state; others said this was clearly unrelated.

On Monday morning, an official received a phone call from a John Miller, who had a distinct Manhattan accent. Miller advised her to look in the grey cabinet. There, she found the ballots, with a note on top saying: "Count me, 159,189 votes." When asked if she had seen the

ballots before, she replied: "I don't think I've even seen that cabinet."

A check of outside cameras showed that no one visited the building over the weekend, except for a white van with "Acme Moving Stuff Company" scrawled on the side.

A sampling indicates that all of these are absentee ballots for Trump. One skeptic pointed out that many of the names scrawled on the ballots are



also the names of long-ago people, such as baseball players. "That's just

a coincidence," a Trump official said. "I know, in my life I've known several people named Red Shoenendienst, Hoyt Wilhelm or Kiki Cuyler."



GROUND RULES

BY HUGE MICHAELS

State legislators have created a new set of rules for the Michigan Capitol and its grounds. Banned are:

- Drinking straws, which could be converted into pea-shooters.
- Peas.
- Individually wrapped candy, because they can make a weird, crinkly sound.
- Foam-rubber fingers and/or headware.
- Shoes, because some (in other countries) have been thrown.

In addition, there is a list of things that are not banned. They include pistols, rifles, bazookas, flame-throwers and tanks.

When asked about this, a spokesman emphatically denied that the National Rifle Association had any involvement in drafting the rules.

I guess that Experiment Didn't Work

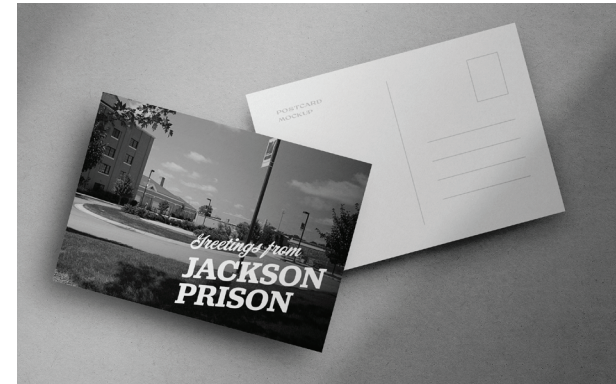
BY MCHUGH

The last vestiges of the state's "privatization" efforts are being eliminated. Gov. John Engler had put private companies in charge of several things. However, a task-force study criticized:

- The gift shop at the Jackson prison. Sales totals were slim, except for the popular T-shirts that read: "My daddy went to prison and all I got was this shirt."
- McDonald's taking over the food program in schools and in prisons.

For the latter, prisoners complained that the Hamburglar had been eliminated and the Happy Meals, lowering their expectations, had been renamed Not Quite as Sad Meals.

It has also been discovered that for several years, Maplefair (the company that owns Cedar Pointer and Michigan Lacks Adventure) are really the ones that have been rebuilding the roads. The task force shared that there were overwhelming complains from drivers that driving on the roads was like riding a roller coaster. At least



we now know why. Maplefair admitted that the roller coaster roads were a form of subliminal persuasion to make you want to visit one of their amusement parks. It was found the experi-

ment was unsuccessful as many drivers shared, "Why should I go to an amusement park when I can just drive down the road and experience the same thrill and excitement."

LANSING TO HIRE EXORCIST

BY MIKEY

During Lansing's budget deliberations, one line-item has drawn extra scrutiny.

That calls for \$2,312, to hire a professional exorcist. "It's just a precautionary step," an official said. "You know, because of historical things."

Terry McKane became mayor in 1982, with a quiet, straight-arrow image; he left, a decade later, amid controversy over the early retirement plan. Andy Schor became mayor in 2018, with an easygoing, get-along image; he soon was involved with controversies over policing.

The office itself could be haunted, the official said – possibly by angry people (legislators and hockey players and such) who have visited in the past. It also could be haunted by the spirits of angry mayors, including Geraldo Graves and On the Verge Bonaro.

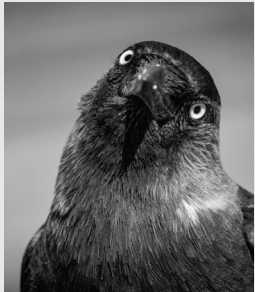
Some people doubt the latter, pointing out that Bonaro is still alive. "It's still possible," the official said. "I mean, he's left some very strong spirit-readings wherever he's been."

MI BRIEFS

SANDSKIPPER SLAYING SEASON

Bird enthusiasts are pushing back against a proposed hunting season for a unique avian species, the Cross-eyed Sandskipper.

The flightless, songless bird is a year-round Michigan native. It migrates from southern Eaton County to northern Clinton County each



spring, waddling all the way. Bird lovers say because it is slow and bird-brained, the Sandskipper would be a sitting duck for hunters.

“Sure, its plumage is drab. True, it can’t sing, fly or see straight,” said ornithologist Robin C. Hawke. “But the fact it’s still around is an evolutionary miracle. Rather than hunt the Cross-eyed Sandskipper, we should make it the state’s official state bird. Isn’t that the state image we wish to project?”

HOLE LOTTA LOTTO

The Michigan Lottery introduced a new game today, guaranteeing winners will get to choose which potholes they’d like to see fixed.

“Hole-In-Won is destined to become a lottery fan favorite,” said lottery spokesman



Eetsa Gamble. “You know, money can’t buy everything. It sure can’t buy a smooth ride in this state. Hole-In-Won appeals to players who prefer smoother rides to bigger bank accounts.”

There will be a sliding scale of winners. Pick five

correct numbers in the lottery drawing, you win the jackpot: A state promise to fix the pothole of your choice within 48 hours.

Pick four numbers correctly, and road crews will throw some “hot patch” into the hole and tamp it down so it’s sorta smooth. Sorta.

Players who pick three numbers right will get a notarized pledge from highway officials to send inspectors to examine a pothole, discuss the pros and cons of fixing it, and then go home.

LIGHTS! CAMERA! INACTION ...

BY I.R.A. DIRECTOR

Several Hollywood studios announced today they are halting further production of action movies and retooling their brands in favor of real-life stories.

“Frankly, the public is sick of action flicks like ‘Super Mega Bonkers Man’ and its 23 silly sequels,” said studio spokesman C.G. Synema. “They want more nuanced doses of reality; stories that appear ordinary but are, in fact, mundane events of every-day life. In short, people want movies about themselves.”

To wit:

“Oil.” In a small town, a man goes to an auto maintenance garage to get his car’s oil changed — every day. The attendant tells the stranger he doesn’t need

an oil change so soon, but the customer won’t listen. This goes on for months. Then, one day, the customer fails to show up. Police suspect foul play, and the oil change guy is the prime suspect. Eventually the missing man is found a block away, working in an insurance agency. He hasn’t missed a day’s work in 10 years. Turns out he sold his car because a front tire had low air pressure.

“Last Man Sitting.” A man sits alone in an empty football stadium, long after the game has ended. In a series of flashbacks, he recalls three teenagers sitting on the 20-yard line, texting on their smart phones and occasionally watching the game. Next, he remembers the halftime show with an out-of-tune marching band and a dog that refuses to fetch a Frisbee.



Finally, the popcorn. It was stale. Spoiler Alert: The home team lost 3-0. Based on a true story.

“The Dunkin’ Diaries.” A woman driving to the airport to pick up her husband stops to buy a doughnut and coffee. She and the cashier engage in a spirited discussion about the proper way to dunk a doughnut in coffee. They move on to other topics, like the right and wrong way to hang a roll of toilet paper. The husband is forced to take a taxi home.

“Wet Paint, Dry Paint.” A man sets out on an quixotic quest to learn how fast different types of paint

dry. Over the course of a year, he observes and catalogues hundreds of paints as they dry in his garage. The climactic scene — where one paint dries so slowly that he nods off — is creating Oscar buzz.

“Borax.” Not to be confused with the satirical “Borat” films, “Borax” is a documentary chronicling the cleaning product’s discovery in the 19th century American West, when hygiene was considered optional. The film traces the rise in borax’s popularity in U.S. households, and its eventual fall from grace when Greek immigrants introduce the country to Windex. (See “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”).

WANNA VOTE?
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT

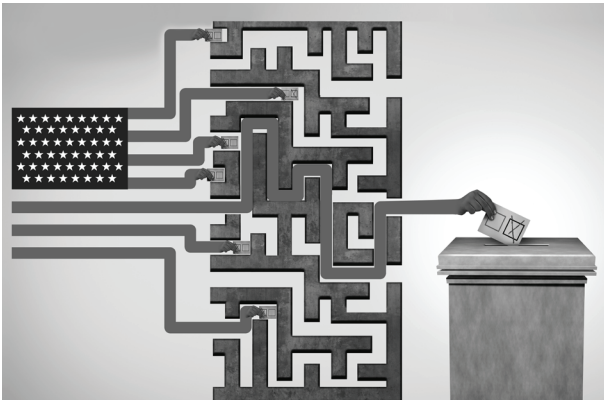
Some Michigan lawmakers want to ensure only eligible voters will be able to vote in the next election.

“We must insist on having fair, honest elections by rooting out election fraud, even if the alleged fraud is fraudulent and fraudulently concocted by fraudsters,” said state Sen. Willie Cheatem. “We only want good, honest, trustworthy citizens to vote, and I think you know who I mean.”

Cheatem said he has “a mountain of evidence” of voter fraud under lock and key. He said he will release the evidence, once he finds the key.

If enacted, the law would require Michigan voters to:

- Recite the preamble of the U.S. Constitution — backward.
- Provide DNA evidence their genetic make-up comes from “the right kind of people.”
- Recite the driving distances from Washington, D.C.



to all 50 state capitols (in kilometers).

Further, voters standing in line to vote will be allowed to use public restrooms, but must show proof they “really need to go.” When they return, they have to go to the back of the line.

Finally, the proposed law would require hundreds of election observers at every voting precinct to wear clearly visible stickers that read: “I voted. Prove you Can too!”

HORRORSCOPES

BY CRAY Z. BOI



ARIES

Your vast collection of ketchup packets is destined for the Condiments Hall of Fame — which, sadly, will not be finished for several centuries.



TAURUS

Patience is a virtue, which you have amply displayed throughout your life. Why, just the other day, you waited a full five seconds before yelling at the driver in front of you: "You #\$\$%^ idiot, the @#\$\$ light's turned green! #\$\$%^ Go!"



GEMINI

Your renovated restaurant has an edgy quality to it, much like your own persona. Especially intriguing is one entire wall covered with notices of health code violations.



CANCER

Each day is an opportunity to enrich your mind by memorizing a famous saying. Here's today's: Courage can be found in a cow pasture. Ponder that, and reap wisdom from its meaning.



LEO

Today, a phone scammer will try to sell you tsunami insurance. Play hardball. Firmly reject his sales pitch UNLESS he throws in a free monogrammed tote bag. Only then should you give him your credit card and Social Security numbers.



VIRGO

Your poetic spirit is in full bloom. Your "Ode to an Empty Cereal Box" has all of the hallmarks of an existential tome on transcendent minimalism ... whatever the heck that means.



LIBRA

Self-confidence is the ultimate key to success. Your new tattoo confirms your swagger. I'm great You suck will surely win admiration from friends.



SCORPIO

Finding purpose is difficult when your mind is filled with questions and contradictions. Cut yourself some slack. Try eating a gallon of ice cream in one sitting, while contemplating the upside to obesity.



SAGITTARIUS

Life is an empty page, awaiting the author. Tell that to unsuspecting customers as you pawn off thousands of blank pages, urging them to "complete their personal journey."



CAPRICORN

The Internal Revenue Service is retooling itself in order to become more taxpayer-friendly. So, there should be no problem declaring your daily vanilla creme double latte as a legitimate business expense.



AQUARIUS

Your obsession with online gambling is a two-edged sword. On the downside, you're bankrupt and facing eviction. On the upside, you've reduced your carbon footprint by not driving 100 miles every day to the nearest casino.



PISCES

This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarium (not to be confused with Aquarius). Your life is inextricably linked with the ocean. Sorry, not a beach house or yacht. More like: Sharks, moray eels and tidal waves. Enjoy!



Qonspiracy Qorner

Here are your latest conspiracy theories, all absolutely true and independently verified by mumbled whisper, garbled gibberish.

- At midnight on August 16, 1977, the Deep State replaced the sun with a large telescope and millions of high-powered microphones. The Bright Shiny Detector, aka the B.S. Detector, is able to spy on everyone on the planet. And yes, they know all about that stuff you have stashed in the basement.
- Be sure to destroy your cell phone because the government has implanted a micro spy chip in everyone's phone. And TV remote. And microwave. And toilet. And ...
- Wanna know who really won the last election? Kermit the Frog. He plans to enact the Green Dude Deal. He must be stopped. Frag the Frog! Drop the Deal!
- Tune in tonight's episode of the "The Canadian Bakin' Show", and set your decoder ring to TH-13. Stand by to receive tonight's Secret Truth Message.
- The Washington Monument is actually a homing beacon for alien invaders. But don't worry. They're on our side.

TONIGHT'S TV LOWLIGHTS

America's
GOT
STUPID

8 p.m. America's Got Stupid

Novice inventors compete for patents. Highlights: A battery-powered napkin. Cryptocurrency made from Jelly Bellies. A robot banana.

THIS STUFF
TASTES LIKE —!

9 p.m. This Stuff Tastes Like —!

Chef Jeff Gotcha investigates whether famous restaurants are really all they're cracked up to be. Tonight, he looks at Puta Rica, renowned for its \$75 dessert classic, Flambe du Nuit. Is it genuine, or just a cheap toasted marshmallow?

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10 p.m. Yet Another British Mystery

Tired of big city crimes, amateur sleuth Manda Hooey moves to an idyllic Yorkshire village. Though no crime has been committed, she suspects any of the village's 243 residents may be guilty — including herself.

UNCERTAIN TIMES LEAD TO UNPRECEDENTED DONATIONS

BY ROSS S. MARTIN,
PRESIDENT

Last year's letter began "In this time of uncertainty," unfortunately, that "time" has been extended. While we're not happy about that situation, we are happy that, through your generosity, The Old Newsboys of Greater Lansing continue to provide shoes and boots for Mid-Michigan children. Due to your support, this year we are also able to provide socks. We thank YOU for your anticipated donation.

This year again looks quite different for our Spoof Journal and its band of merry volunteers. Normally, you would find us shaking our orange buckets on local street corners throughout Mid-Michigan. You will not find us in front of Quality Diary or Meijer or any store this year, nor will papers be hawked at our Sales Centers throughout the area. This year we are again going virtual to keep you and our volunteers safe. We had success in our Virtual Sales Campaign last year, so

are hoping to continue that success.

Through inserting the Spoof Journal into the hands of Lansing State Journal (LSJ) readers, we are excited to provide even more Mid-Michigan residents the opportunity to enjoy some REAL 'Fake News.' Whether you are reading the 2021 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!

In addition to those individuals 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; UAW Local 602; any many others.

We would also like to thank and recognize the Lansing State Journal, which as 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.

Please donate today through our 2021 Virtual Campaign. You can visit our website: www.lansinggoldnewsboys.org or Text 'SHOES' to 517-208-2788.

Last year's fundraising efforts collected our highest annual total ever – YOU helped in raising close to \$210,000. That continues to make me emotional and I truly thank you. The front page says it all: ANY DONATION. Know that your generosity makes a big difference to thousands of mid-Michigan children each year.



Old Newsboys Association

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