# The Last Word

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#### Flock fascism flocks to the Belv

It isn't news that fascism has come to Bellevue. After all, the city does have schools.

But now the city is menaced by not just any fascism—but Flock fascism!

A month ago, we told you about communities locally and nationwide installing traffic cameras made by Flock Safety that photograph every vehicle and link them to a federal crime database. This freakish trawl is unconstitutional, and lawsuits have been filed over it. To be clear, these cameras don't just photograph license plates but also a vehicle's overall appearance. Cars that even remotely resemble those that are wanted are unjustly subjected to a secret police lineup, if you will.

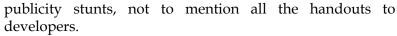
Now Bellevue is threatening to bring Flock here. It's as if city officials read our previous ish and chose to pick a fight with us.



Suspiciously, all the existing street cameras were turned off when someone intentionally rammed their car into me in October 2019. This leads me to believe the purpose of the new Flock cams is not to catch actual criminals. As you know, nothing ever is. The county has violent felonies from 40 years ago that still haven't been prosecuted, plus other crimes that nobody has even taken the effort to solve even when a license plate was staring the world in the face.

I'm warning you in advance of where Bellevue plans to post Flock cams. One set would be at Fairfield and Riviera. The walk signal there has been broken for years, but the city says they can't fix it because the street is out of their jurisdiction. Well, that trope is out the window now. Cameras would also be installed on Donnermeyer Drive, Memorial Parkway, and a residential stretch of Covert Run Pike.

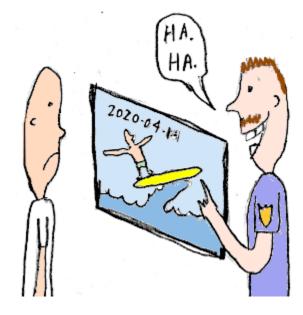
It's a waste of money too. It's expected to cost taxpayers over \$50,000. This is as much of a boondoggle as the pink sign that says "Taylor Swift Ave." The city keeps saying it can't afford to paint bike lanes on the streets or build a public swimming pool—yet it can afford spy cameras and ridiculous



Bellevue does not plan to install cameras at Fairfield and O'Fallon, because Dayton reportedly already has. Yet I investigated that intersection and could find no Flock cams. A couple things looked somewhat suspicious though. Maybe they're getting better at hiding Flock cameras, which —surprise, surprise—makes the sneering fascism even worse than before. Yet Bellevue has vowed to place one at Poplar and O'Fallon to "seal up" the city—thus fashing things up even more.

Let all of this sink in. They want to "seal up" a city. Where have we heard this before?

All of this is while our prosecutorial industrial complex selectively enforces laws to begin with. They only seem to talk about or go after crime when the alleged perpetrator is poor or the alleged victim is rich. The crime of industrial pollution kills tens of thousands of Americans



each year, yet their propaganda never talks about this. I also refuse to be lectured about crime by people who looked the other way over this...



It's enough to turn your brain to Gulfwax.

### Putting gum on the map

I've said before that part of humor is surprising yourself. You might suddenly get a funny idea in your head that's from so far afield that you burst out laughing.

It's like the story about someone uploading a video of themselves to YouTube wearing a Superman costume mask and blowing a bubble with bubble gum, and being lambasted the in comment section because they "wasted"



the mask. None of this actually took place, but the idea of it occurring just popped into my head one day, and I couldn't control my laughter.

Recently, I got another hilarious idea like this. You're not going to believe this, but it also has to do with gum.

You may know of OpenStreetMap, a website with a map of the whole world. You know who can edit it? U! That's who! I'm always having to correct spelling errors on local streets or remove TANK routes that were eliminated in the big band era (though I never get to add any). I've also had to add missing street names, such as Homan Drive in Cold Spring. For the required comment, I channeled the Human League and wrote, "I'm only Homan, born to make mistakes."

Anybip, the idea suddenly popped into my head of someone editing a bunch of random unnamed alleys and driveways to name them "gum." Not Gum Street or Gum Alley. Just "gum", in all lowercase. When I thought of this, I fell onto the floor in a helpless fit of guffaws.

It's like in high school when I noticed someone had written "gum" in a textbook for no apparent reason.

This would be a more constructive use of OpenStreetMap than the campaign I've seen lately to mark some local streets as private even though they're public. These edits have been made by several different accounts, and they seem to target the same streets that have been discussed in these pages as

being wrongly signed as private or barricaded. For good measure, they also threw in part of  $14^{th}$  in Newport—which LINK-GIS confirms is also a public right-of-way.

Let these crying babies be no match for the bubble gum brigade.

#### The trouble with Elon

I think I've figured out why Elon Musk is so heedless with taxpayers' money and public programs.

It's because he's like a Ronald McDonald for spoiled adults. Little kids enjoy Ronald because they think it would be fun to be a clown who doesn't do anything except eat cheeseburgers, drink milkshakes, and play with the McDonaldland kick-ass crew all day. Ronald has no responsibilities in life. But when people are older than about 8, they understand that there's a real world out there with real obligations.

Most people, that is. Elon Musk is like a real-life Ronald McDonald in that he approaches everything in a childlike way. Because of this, he never takes responsibilities in life seriously. He's never had to, because he's always been at least fairly well-off.

This makes him a role model for spoiled grownups. Young children look up to Ronald. But adults who have had everything handed to them their whole lives and think the poor hoarding money prevents them from having even more look up to Elon.

Musk is so disconnected from reality that if Colonel Sanders gave him free food, he probably wouldn't eat it and would instead try to use the mashed potatoes to build a fort or sculpt *Sesame Street* characters.

Admittedly, everyone was so thankful when Elon took over Twitter, because the censorship had gotten so bad there. There is almost unanimous agreement that the Biden regime violated the Constitution by coercing social media sites into removing posts. There's no ambiguity on this. This belief should be a litmus test for any judicial nominee. If you actually think it was legal for the government to censor Twitter, record yourself on the highest fidelity audiocassette and then go back and listen



to yourself to hear how ridiculous you sound. Of course, Twitter still deletes some posts if the flat earthers complain enough. Yet I don't know if it's as bad as Bluesky, which censors Lee Camp and recently began censoring others at the behest of other countries' ruling parties.

But on economic matters, watch out, folks! Elon Musk's economic disconnectedness and Donald Trump's serial fartpipery are a bad combination. It stinks, fellas.

# Hey! Is that Bazooka yer drinkin'?! Down into the fiery pits of level 1 with you!

Recently, something gum-related happened—which seems to take place with astonishing frequency.

Someone brang us a bottle of Bazooka soda. This soft drink was said to be flavored with the same taste as Bazooka bubble gum. But you don't need to bubble with it, because it's a carbonated soda, so it bubbles on its own.

It actually tasted more like cream soda—which isn't that far off from bubble gum, but it's not *exactly* the same. Like the gum, this beverage was pink.

Also, according to the ingredients list, this soft drink used real sugar instead of high-fructose corn syrup. This was the norm in soft drinks before Reagan. Best all, the pink coloring was from natural beet juice—not the artificial dyes that have constipated food regulators of late. This shows that if color is so important, food makers are perfectly capable of using natural instead of artificial coloring—their complaints to the contrary notwithstanding. Many food makers—such as the maker of this soda—already use natural colors. Until not long ago, almost all did. Most artificial dyes weren't even approved by the FDA until not that long ago, and weren't even used much until later. The FDA has

approved far more natural colorings than artificial dyes.

I guess artificial dyes produce brighter colors, which seems to be the overriding goal of some makers of food, candy, and gum. They seem to think it's funnier when people blow bubbles that are brighter colors. But come on, let's stop living in the past and get with it! This is an era of soothing, muted colors like booger green, not the garish, fluorescent hues that were popular for 3 seconds in 1985.

Many other countries already ban most artificial dyes, but folks there seem to have no problem procuring bubble gum. Yet their Froot Loops are often contrasted with ours. However, our Froot Loops used to look like what theirs look like now. We didn't have blue Froot Loops until 1996—which was around the time the synthetic subversion was moving full steam ahead—and we got along fine without them.

Food companies that say they can't comply with new state and federal rules against artificial dyes have now conjured a new reason for their stance. They say they won't be able to grow enough crops to meet demand in time. But the fact that they weren't already growing the crops is an intentional shortage. Capitalism is predicated on scarcity. By keeping goods scarce, the price could be jacked up. It's like gentrification or the plot to buy all the copies of a rare Batman comic book just to destroy most of them. It's a manipulation of the market.

Even when no gum was anywhere in sight, a high school pal of mine used to famously declare, "Me blow big Bazooka bubble!" It was his motto. But carbonated bevs are able to puff out Bazooka bubs without even using gum.

### Prison state grows where austerity goes

Two faces have the far right. They say some jobs aren't needed—just so they don't have to pay people to do them—while they force people to do these same jobs without pay.

The George H.W. Bush regime spent the taxpayers' money to disappear Americans into concentration camps where they were tortured. Evidently, some of them were forced to perform completely unpaid slave labor. Around the same time, Bush's allies tried to expand slave labor programs into America's schools. Yet other public policies were becoming so extreme that observers forgot this was even taking place.

A few years later, talk radio spread the meme that the purpose of government was not to act as an employment agency—i.e., it was not to create jobs. They thought that if a government agency was downsized, it was because the work wasn't needed. They felt that was tough luck for those who lost their jobs. But the work obviously *was* needed. Otherwise, people wouldn't have been forced to work without pay.

You can't have it both ways. You can't say a job isn't needed while at the same time forcing someone to perform this job for free.

Talk radio is part of the media, so this shows how the media has fueled right-wing talking points. You Might Think the rest of the media had nothing to do with this, but many of these hosts appeared on established stations with high ratings, and few if any other media outlets corrected their bogus talking points. So the window of discourse shifts.

Now it's worse. (Imagine that!) Indispensable government agencies are downsized, even while prison labor is taking place. Several states began using prison inmates to perform farm work for free. Much of the food that was produced went to food banks at a time when the number of Americans who couldn't afford food skyrocketed by 30% in only a year. But this just highlights that more of these folks would have been able to afford food if they were paid to do the work that prisoners were forced to do for free.

The infamous Louisiana State Penitentiary requires inmates to pick crops for only 2 cents an hour. Some of the prisoners got heatstroke. If inmates got drinking water at all, it was usually dirty. Arkansas sent inmates to solitary confinement if they refused to pick cotton. Prisons in some states send agricultural goods picked by inmates to major food companies that use them in well-known brands.

Thus, much of the work that prisoners are forced to perform goes to benefit big corporations. The work that government agencies did before they were downsized just doesn't get done at all—even though it's necessary work.



Also, people who were disappeared into slave labor camps or now perform unpaid prison labor haven't paid into Social Security for this work, so they'll never receive Social Security benefits from it.

Those who lost jobs at public agencies because of austerity fascism are losing benefits too, because they can't pay into Social Security unless they can find a new job—which is nearly impossible in today's economy. Some of them had decades-long careers too. Experience means nothing to government "leaders" who only want to hire inexperienced sycophants instead.

And what are the new politically connected hirelings doing? They're not doing the work that the workers who lost their jobs used to do. If they go into the office at all, they just make PowerPoint documents about how the world is so unfair to billionaires.

What's going on here isn't only austerity but also manufactured havoc that grows a prison state where there is less and less accountability.

And make no mistake, Republicans and Democrats are both guilty. The states and cities where the job losses are taking place haven't done a goddamn thing to stop it. State and local governments can start fighting back by using



eminent domain to confiscate federal property. This is the intended constitutional purpose of eminent domain. It is not to seize homes and give them to developers, but rather to allow property to be used in the public interest. The Constitution says "just compensation" must be paid when eminent domain is used, but in this case, the compensation would be zero. That's because the government would be the party having property taken, and this clause was designed as a limit on government.

Another reason the Democrats are just as guilty as the Republicans is that we know a Harris administration would have done almost the exact same thing the Trump regime is doing. The difference is that the Harris camp wouldn't admit it. I voted for Jill Stein for a reason. Congressional Democrats have not only failed to rein in Trump, but Democrats in the Senate actually supported the Republican budget that will allow his illicit purge to go on.

I know plenty of people who have lost their jobs over the years because of both major parties, so wipe that smirk off your face. It's as if our public officials possess a magic force field that generates bad ideas around them on a constant basis.

#### School system thinks it's a business

The Campbell County Schools are a historically bad school system. In aggregate over the past 50 years, it may well be the nation's worst public school district, and that includes anything in Hawaii or northern Virginia.

You knew that. But it's also shocking how far the school district will go to defend its shattered reputation. This seems to include making Facebook sockpuppet accounts.

Recently, these serial book burners suddenly rezoned numerous students to different elementary schools that are much further from their home than the ones they had been attending. The school district didn't bother to ask the community. Folks on Facebook said the situation was already bad enough, as some were already assigned to schools that caused them to travel right past a school that was much closer. Kids who live directly across the street from a school are forced to attend a different school several miles away.

Some of that was because of an arbitrary dividing line. The district's policy also seems to violate a state law that passed several years ago that allows families to choose which public school their kids will attend.

Yet those who complained on Facebook were met with a barrage of stale defenses of the long-troubled district. It sounded like the woman at the TV station on *The Simpsons* who came up with fancy catchphrases. They said the Campbell County Schools were just doing what any other "business" would do. The school system is a business? That explains a lot.

At the same time, the school district also reportedly cut funding for each student by hundreds

of dollars. This will likely mean more arduous bus routes and slashing of field trips.

County zoning officials haven't helped matters, as they've rubber-stamped every luxury development, which gives the school system a pretext for toying with the attendance zones.

The district's schoolchildren have been victims of oodles of bad decisions and administrative negligence. For some of the decisions, there is no conceivable way that officials did not foresee harm. Everybody pays taxes, of course, but those harmed the most actually have to pay a premium—only to receive bad services at the hands of the oligarchs who run everything locally.

### Congress wosted your hard-earned money

The time for Congress to shut their damn mouths is always.

A new investigation reveals that activist federal legislators—despite their constant whining about "welfare"—rubber-stamp handouts for corporations and the wealthy almost every time a chance comes up. More strikingly, they complain louder each time they get their way. They're like a spoiled child who has every whim catered to and then demands more. When they get their way, they learn that they can get away with more. Nobody ever told them no.

This flies in the face of judicial rulings, presidential orders, and public opinion—all of which have already determined that big corporations and the rich are not entitled to any aid. Yet, over the past 45 years, this gravy train has likely cost the taxpayers over \$200 trillion—about \$600,000 per person, a value that is roughly half of what the average American earns in an entire lifetime.

If DOGE was worth the mucus it's printed on, this would be a great opportunity for it to cut waste and fraud. But many members of Congress view their position as a way to steer taxpayer money to those least deserving, *just for its own sake*.

This is while the congressional salary is several times what the average American makes. In addition, lawmakers have received pay increases during the middle of their term, which is an unambiguous violation of the Twenty-Seventh Amendment. How do you think congresscritters retire with 1,000-acre plantations?

Lobbyists lobby Congress on behalf of beneficiaries of these handouts. Yet there is nobody in such a position to lobby Congress on behalf of taxpayers. Plus, taxpayer funds assist lobbyists who work against us.

The ongoing swindle is a leading contributor to the economic malaise of the past 45 years, and in practice, it's evolved into an irrevocable commitment by Congress. And the press has focused less and less on supervising legislators, so the public cannot evaluate them, and these lawmakers are never voted out.

Meanwhile, Congress has cut Social Security repeatedly, even though very few members of Congress have ever been medical professionals who worked with the elderly or disabled. They knew nothing about the needs of Social Security beneficiaries. Now it's been revealed that the Social Security Administration was pressured into penalizing administrative law judges who approved too many disability cases for Congress's liking. Conversely, one judge who approved hardly any cases was rightly sued over her rulings, but instead of firing her, the SSA was cajoled into simply moving her to a different district, where she continued to reject almost all claims.

Social Security isn't broke. It's only pooing. Most of Social Security's money is bottled up in pork barrel boundoggles like war spending or handouts to corporations and the rich. All of this money – every penny – needs to go back to Social Security.

Members of Congress are also cashing deceased relatives' Social Security checks and pocketing the money. I'm convinced the reason they haven't shut down Social Security altogether is so they can keep doing this.

Also, Social Security isn't the only benefit program that's been robbed to support the rich. Military benefits are being stolen too. A new rule requires those who receive military disability benefits to undergo extra scrutiny. Others who were disabled from serving in wars are denied disability benefits altogether.

There are exclusive suburbs — whole incorporated places — where almost the entire population is benefiting from handouts for the rich. Nobody there ever works. They just live off of us. Some of us are going to have to suck it up and keep working even after 70 to support others' lavish lifestyles.

While the average American pays \$36 in taxes per year to fund SNAP, they pay \$670 for direct corporate subsidies. Similarly, the average American has to pay \$115 for nuclear weapons but only a penny to fight homelessness.

We'd do better if our laws were made not by Congress but by a random panel of taxpayers—like a jury. But Congress has a job to do, and they need to do it right.

#### What does the Constitution say?

We need to go back to what a constitutional republic is supposed to be about. Part of the problem is that activist legislators do not know how to read. They don't know that Congress isn't supposed to have executive or judicial powers, because they didn't read their 7<sup>th</sup> grade civics textbook.

The Bill of Rights safeguards many of our most basic rights, but it was written largely to deal with a different set of issues from financial matters like this. The fact that more specific economic protections were not later added to the Constitution was largely because the idea of the government robbing the people to fund corporations and the wealthy to the degree we see today was so absurd that many thought it wasn't happening and never would, so they didn't think to write an amendment on it.

But what we've seen in recent years is idiotic beyond belief, so something has to be done.

Perhaps there should be a constitutional amendment to reasonably guarantee healthcare and Social Security. Maybe there should also be an amendment to make it easier to remove members of Congress. Congress can impeach Presidents and federal judges. That's fair. But Congress is also responsible for removing members of Congress. There's no checks on their abuses by the other branches of government. Maybe we should make it easier for the executive branch to charge legislators and for the Supreme Court to try them. It would be like the process for impeachment and removal. Of course, this power would not be limitless, for the executive and judicial branches abuse their powers too (as we know). But there has to be some check on congresspersons' sneering neglect of duty. The bar would have to be very high, but it's clear that members of Congress have shattered it more times than anyone can count, and they're too insulated from accountability for their binge spending.

The removal process proposed above doesn't even cover criminal prosecution. So, once congresspersons are removed, there should also be an easier way to criminally prosecute them.

I refuse to be harangued about balanced budgets by those who gave away \$200 trillion to those who don't deserve it. If not for this con, instead of a \$40 trillion national debt, America could have had an extra \$160 trillion in the treasury smiling its ass off for the future of you and your children.

#### More about scam storefronts



Here's the program we didn't vote for but got anyway...

- 1) Deny people transportation.
- **2)** Move all businesses to sparsely populated parts of town that couldn't be reached without such transportation.
  - **3)** Deny people more forms of transportation.
- **4)** Force everyone to order everything from online sellers because they couldn't get to in-person stores.
  - 5) Allow overseas scam artists to put these U.S.-based sellers out of business.
- 6) Blame anybody who dares to complain—even though they tried to prevent all this from happening.

All the events in this cycle that's been building up for over 30 years are connected. They're all part of the plan.

While high tariffs are imposed on countries like Mexico and Sweden, little is done about countries with more authoritarian systems that compete using unfair tactics. This history goes back decades. The only explanation we can think of is that our "leaders" have a boundless love of authoritarianism. There could be simply no other reason for it. They've made statements and actions on other matters that back this up.

Last July, I detailed my quest to buy a referee whistle to blast healthcare companies that made spam calls. This effort was stymied because I tried ordering one off Amazon. It was from a third-party seller in China, but I didn't know this when I ordered it, because the Amazon page didn't state it. The whistle apparently bounced all over China without being delivered. I got my money back, but Amazon had to cover the loss—which was surely passed on to other customers and American sellers. Amazon not only tolerated being ripped off by overseas sellers but actively encouraged it. The company regularly conducted seminars in China and allowed sellers there to violate rules that American sellers could not.

It appears as if what usually happens is that buyers order items and then forget they ordered them. So, when fraudulent merchants fail to ship items, these sellers just pocket the money.

No country has a monopoly on fraud such as this. But more information has emerged lately about Amazon coddling scams based in China. One account says this began in the late '10s. Somebody discovered that someone outside the U.S. was issuing trademark infringement complaints against American sellers who sold on Amazon. Amazon instantly yanked those sellers' accounts without confirming their guilt. Whenever this happened, a seller in China would always suddenly appear for these same items.

In addition to trademark complaints, there were also bogus complaints that products were "miscategorized." International con artists post fake reviews too. And they copy entire contents of books and accuse the real authors of copyright infringement. Amazon refuses to act on complaints from American sellers who find that scammers in China are selling counterfeit versions of their products.

International scams like this are happening on eBay and Etsy too.

In the past few years, Amazon has become more like the Chinese Communist Party's storefront. Imagine if Mr. Hooper ran a store full of counterfeit goods and undelivered orders.

Meanwhile, America itself has become a massive social engineering project that not only pampers big oil by dismantling various form of transportation but also intentionally marginalizes those of lesser means and retaliates against those who fight back.

Why is any of this tolerated?

## It's a fine, fine day for a detention...

I only wish I had kept better track of funny ways that kids misbehaved in school. For a while in elementary school, I couldn't wait to get home each day so I could tell everyone about it. I probably did write some of it down but threw it away because I was involved in some of it and didn't want anyone finding it. In fact, in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, I think I wrote some of it down *in school* and the teacher found this list on my desk and threw it out.

But now there's the Internet. People can log on and talk about the things they did. This is another rapid-fire collection of things people did at school and discussed online—and usually got in

trouble for!

Someone posted that they got 5 days of in-school suspension because they shit in a trash can in  $3^{rd}$  grade after the teacher wouldn't let them use the restroom. One commenter said her civics teacher got mad at her for bringing a Tony Carey record to school, so she put a fly in his coffee cup. The teacher then found the fly in his mouth.

Somebody posted that when they were in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, a schoolmate used a knife to carve up a table outside a lawnmower shop. Although this didn't take place at school, the shop owner called the school about it. The first student offered to take the knife from the second student and tell the school it was lost. But the first student was caught with the knife, suspended for a week, and banned from the school camping trip.

One person said that when they were in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, they received a series of punishments for ridiculous offenses, including (in the school's words) "drinking too much from an opaque bottle, possibly containing Coca-Cola or another illegal substance." One commenter said that in elementary school, a friend shit in a plastic bag before school, took it to school, smashed a window, and threw the bag full of shit through the window and onto some tables.

A commenter said that a teacher kept a box of sharpened pencils on her desk. This student stole all the pencils. The teacher saw the pencils were missing and ordered them returned. So—when the teacher was out of the room—this student stood on the teacher's desk and crammed 73 pencils inside the ceiling. Another student was almost banned from a class trip to Washington, D.C., after being falsely accused of displaying a middle finger.

A student at a private school flicked a cookie crumb and was banned from school trips. This student's parents had already paid hundreds of dollars for the trips, and the school refused to refund them.

A high school junior at another school regularly wore a Nirvana sweatshirt that showed Kurt Cobain smoking a joint. This was never a problem until one teacher raised a stink. The student then ran for class president and placed a 15-foot-high poster of Kurt smoking a joint on the cafeteria wall. Apparently, the student was then suspended but then lit up a cigarette in the principal's office, walked out, and never returned to school.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> grader got in trouble over a pretend sword fight with pencils, although only the eraser end

was used. The student was suspended and required to attend anger management classes for the rest of their years at the school.

Someone said that in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, a schoolmate tied himself to his chair using his shirt sleeve. The teacher called him to the front of the class, so he dragged the chair along with him in an uproarious spectacle. An elementary school student got in trouble for peeing all over a pair of pants that someone had stuffed into a urinal. He never would have been caught except that sometime later, a teacher came into class and demanded to know who peed all over the pants. A group of kindergartners got busted for throwing brand new playground equipment onto the roof of the school.

A student at another school leaned back in a chair too far and fell backwards. After that, the teacher made this student sit on the floor instead. So the rest of the class protested by sitting on the floor in solidarity.

Somebody got in trouble for wearing a shirt that included a real condom under a sheet of clear plastic. The shirt said, "In case of emergency, break glass." Another

student got in trouble for skipping a pep rally. Instead, they sat in their car with some friends and inflated condoms like balloons.

A student had to dissect baby pigs in biology class. So this student took one of the pig carcasses and put it in a toilet. At this same school, some kids played a prank on an unpopular teacher by supergluing a doorknob. The whole door had to be replaced.

An elementary schooler was falsely accused of putting a whole roll of toilet paper in a toilet and ordered to fish it out with their bare hands. After doing so, the student threw the roll back in the toilet



and was forced to fish it out again. A 6<sup>th</sup> grader was suspended after being wrongly accused of shitting on a toilet seat.

A high school sophomore shit in the urinal at rival schools after every basketball game—until one day when he shit in a sink instead. He was caught because apparently he did the same thing at his own school once. A student at another school got in trouble for having a hemp wallet: "Apparently I was going to smoke my wallet and get high." A 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at a Catholic school had to peel off all the perforations of a teacher's printer paper as a punishment for jumping up and trying to slap a pipe above a urinal. A student at another school e-mailed ASCII art of a middle finger to the assistant principal.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student said their class used to go to the library to listen to the librarian read, and everyone kept purposely getting the Velcro on their shoes stuck to the carpet so it would make noise and the librarian would get mad. Finally, the librarian got so angry that she slammed her book down on a table and began yelling. A Velcro shoe is attacking you!

A student got in trouble for refusing to wear a school uniform on a hot day—even though it was a public school. The school's excuse was, "The uniform is the proof that you are from this school." Seriously, they said that.

Someone snuck in liquor to an elementary school party—causing the principal to cancel the whole thing. At another school, some 5<sup>th</sup> graders got in trouble for taking turns farting during reading time. A group of high school seniors was sent to the office because they moved the teacher's desk a half-inch every day for 2 months and because they kept shoving Egg McMuffins into the heating vents and stinking up the whole school. A 6<sup>th</sup> grader got busted for breaking a stapler. Another student got in trouble for bending the spoons in the cafeteria. A teacher called police on a student because they checked the time on their cellphone. A student received 2 months of in-school suspension for bringing in Marilyn Manson's autobiography. An 8-year-old got punished for drinking ranch dressing at lunch.

Students at one school locked the principal in the restroom for hours. A pupil at another school was accused of peeing on the floor, though it was actually apple juice that had been spilled by someone else. This student also got in trouble for throwing a deck of cards across the cafeteria, which landed in a schoolmate's salad. One commenter got busted for removing a seat of a school bus and throwing it out the window. The punishment was having to walk to school for the rest of the year.

*Self Incorporated* it is not.

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