# The Last Word

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#### **Mayor malfunction**

Bellevue city officials chose to pick a fight with yours truly, and by golly, they're going to be called out on it!

The city went from the best there was in the 2010s to a smoldering heap in the 2020s. It's not as if the country's public officials in the last decade were a shimmering dynamo, but at least they occasionally got something right, unlike today.

For months, we've been exposing Flock Safety scandals nationwide and their encroachment on Bellevue. It didn't take long for it to hit what I thought would be rock bottom. That was when the city posted a Flock camera outside my window in retaliation.

The camera is real, and we even included a photo of it in last month's issue. The city has denied the camera exists at



all, but you can't argue with what's posted in plain sight on a major street. That conversation is over, Grover.

But—as this decade should have taught us—there is never a bottom as to how low things can go. We used to think America's schools had gotten so bad that they just couldn't possibly get any worse, or that the Patriot Act was the nadir of civil liberties policy. Boy howdy, were we ever wrong! Similarly, the scandals in Bellevue have gotten even worse just over the past month.

The real fireworks went down at the June 11 city council meeting. Mayor Charlie Cleves addressed the crowd and called out 5 local residents by name – including myself – because they dared to make posts on Facebook criticizing assorted actions by the city. Some of the posts made allegations of personal behavior spilling over into city business. We don't know whether these allegations are true or not. But it's demonstrably true that the city posted a Flock camera, regardless of what it claims.

IT HAS A 2004 FILTER AND POLITICS TO MATCH!

For the mayor's tirade against me personally, fast-forward to 16:10 in the video of the meeting...

#### https://campbellmedia.org/video/59865

We're surprised he wasn't wearing a mask!

The mayor assailed "all the people making outrageous statements on Facebook." He claimed the Flock cameras "weren't approved yet." Then why was the camera there? He actually denied outright that the city had put up any cameras. Then what was that in my photo? The President of the United States?

I'll post the photo again just to underscore my point...



To say there's no camera there is demonstrably false, and this photo is proof.

The mayor grumbled that too many people replied to my post agreeing with me and that they were outlining numerous "forms of degradation" to deploy against the camera. He sniffed, "This has got to stop!" Tough toilets.

The mayor went on to call out other folks by name over different matters, also accusing them of making things up. So he's saying 5 different people who have no connection with each other are just making stuff up about 5 different topics? Again, we can neither confirm nor debunk the other accusations – but we know *damn well* a camera was posted.

Those who made the "offending" posts aren't cowering on social media sites like Security Moms for Bush and the People's CDC have done. During the city clowncil meeting, a man was heard vocally challenging the mayor's claims, causing the mayor to scowl. You could then hear people praising the man for speaking up.

This entire sorryass saga is a sign of something much broader and even more terrifying. What it shows is that the city is using tax dollars to monitor and keep files on posts by residents, workers, and small businesspeople who criticize the city's actions. That's not leadership. It's tyranny—like the Flock camera itself. Some have charged that harassment by city officials has already had tragic consequences for some local residents—and that the city then exploited such tragedies in a webcast.

We don't like negative things—especially when nobody offers solutions. We began to enjoy publishing this zine a lot more when we started writing less about the Tea Party and the Bush crime family's fascism, and more about cereal box prizes and funny ways that people ruined their eyeglasses. But it's hard to focus on the positive when everything from the other side—for years and years—has been nonstop confrontation, retaliation, and eliminationist rhetoric. And make no mistake, we will *humiliate* those who pick fights with us. Play stupid games, win stupid prizes.

We also wonder how our public officials can still be trusted at all. They accuse everyone else of lying, but look at how badly our national "leaders" have lied. They lied about Iraq having weapons of mass destruction. They lied about COVID. They've been telling us for the past 45 years that Iran is only 3 to 5 years away from having nukes, yet it never happens—so they're lying about that too. With the Flock cam visible in plain sight, it boggles the mind—and mindles the bog—that anyone could claim *I'm* the one lying about it. As someone on Reddit said, of all the things that never happened, this never happened the most. It never happened so hard it made everything else unhappen.

We may have finally reached the end of the American experiment.

#### More Flock totalitarianism

"My body, my choice" is supposed to *mean* "my body, my choice."

In the past few years, we've seen unprecedented attacks against bodily autonomy and civil liberties in general. Kentucky and other states have already passed new laws against porn websites that are so extreme they'd put Simon Leis to shame. While these unconstitutional laws try to regiment what goes on outside a state's borders, Flock cameras are now also being used to control what people do outside their state.

As Bellevue's use of Flock cams to retaliate against city residents goes ignored by the right-wing media, another abuse of Flock has been taking place in Texas. After the Supreme Court uprooted *Roe v. Wade* – and the Democrats refused to do anything about it despite controlling Congress and the presidency at the time-a county used Flock to conduct a nationwide search for a



woman because she reportedly traveled out of state to get an abortion.

Authorities in Johnson County, Texas, searched over 83,000 Flock cameras to conduct this search. Some of the cameras were in states where abortion is ostensibly legal, but these states allowed the Texas deputies to search the cams anyway.

All of this is despite the fact that courts have affirmed the right to travel. California State Sen. Richard Pan claimed there was no constitutional right to travel, as he defended intrastate travel bans even after the main COVID lockdowns had ended, but anyone who had even a rudimentary understanding of constitutional law laughed in his face over that assertion.

Johnson County's action was reportedly inspired by so-called "pro-life" activists jotting down license plate numbers of cars driving in and out of abortion clinics. That practice goes back a long time, but when Flock was introduced, rogue authorities salivated at the idea that it could now be automated. An official from Flock brushed off this obvious abuse, saying, "Flock does not decide which criminal codes to enforce in Texas or Washington," even though their product lends itself to such abuse.

We're still trying to figure out how Kentucky and other states plan to extradite proprietors of constitutionally protected porn websites that are outside the state. But counties and states are already using Flock against their own residents for what they do outside their state.

#### Media wants to cut Medicaid (imagine that!)

It isn't just your ears. The cries by right-wing media to cut Medicaid are approaching a howl, and the excuses are dumber than ever. This time, they're arguing that they're actually saving Medicaid for those who deserve it. Yet they fight against universal healthcare, which would make that argument moot.

It's moot already, because everyone who now gets Medicaid needs it. In addition, some who deserve Medicaid still can't get it. So the right-wing noise machine's complaints are not worth reading, as they are based on an inaccurate premise to begin with.

The noise is approaching what it was at the turn of the 2010s when the Republican National Committee was using sockpuppet accounts to bombard social media sites with demands that drug testing should be required to receive welfare or Social Security. Accordingly, the Kentucky Farm Bureau put out a policy platform that endorsed requiring drug tests for Social Security. The Farm Bureau's document also claimed Social Security was "welfare." It had other weird stances too, such as support for denying SNAP and unemployment benefits to workers on strike.

Why don't the boards of directors of companies that have a government contract or taxpayerfunded monopoly have to take a drug test? Many of us are forced to take a drug test at work, but our tax money is being distributed to wealthy executives who don't have to take a drug test. Shouldn't they have to pass a drug test to get free money because everyone else has to pass one to earn it for them?

A long time ago, I worked for the Department of the Interior on a specific project. It truly gummed my gizzard when I was on a work assignment and saw people who clearly had a lot of money on shopping outings at boutique shops while I was toiling away. They clearly didn't bat an eye at expenses that would instantly bankrupt the average person.

But in the 2010s, we were starting to see a shift toward prioritizing economic equality, and this was represented well by our plenteous articles relating to class consciousness. But the fascist 2020s

quickly swatted down this long-overdue societal trend. The 2010s were the do-it-yourself decade because it had so many do-it-yourself community projects. The 2020s are the do-it-yourself decade because you've been so abandoned by your socalled "leaders" that you have to try to do everything yourself—which you can't always do. The right-wing media now suppresses items about income inequality that were finally starting to get some attention 10 to 15 years ago.

The federal government spends more on the Department of Defense in a single budget cycle than it's spent fighting poverty in the country's entire history. And every new budget explodes war spending while slashing poverty programs. The Trump regime's current plan would be the biggest military buildup in the nation's history—including anything during major wars. On the other hand, some of that isn't being used for foreign wars but rather to suppress protests that Trump disagrees with.

Now you know why we voted for Jill Stein.



Much of what is posted online to support cuts to benefit programs—whether professionally published articles or brief comments by paid trolls—doesn't just border on hate speech. It *is* hate speech. Even though once-respected legal advocacy groups now support government censorship of factual information that disagrees with official medical narratives, hate speech is actually *encouraged*. The reader is confronted with classist tropes about how "fun time" should be over for anyone who has less money than the writer. Where were we for "fun time"? We had to work for everything we had, which wasn't easy, because we lost the zip code lottery to begin with. Even after all that work, we didn't get to do what we wanted in life. Authors of these columns and online comments never had to deal with gangs of spoiled rich kids chasing them into traffic or driving up and down their street and throwing things at their home. In fact, they were the ones doing these things in their day.

Life has been rough for us, and it's been just as tough for some others. One of my old schoolmates has been posting videos on Facebook about how his family never even had a car and had to keep relocating to almost every street in town. That's not what we call "fun time." At least his main school district was much better than ours was (though this advantage was negated when we attended the same school). It was like we were in a contest to see who had it rougher.

The government shouldn't be allowed to censor social media sites, but there are societal thresholds that should not be crossed. Social media sites should act *on their own volition* to exercise editorial control against classist hate speech. Newspapers and news sites should also stop platforming op-eds that spread such hate speech and malicious disinformation. Although the government shouldn't *coerce* websites, somebody should be watching the situation like a hawk, because this type of hate speech is a predictor of actions – as we know firsthand.

#### Glue, poo, and you!

Our rapid-fire roundups of mischief that people got into at school are getting to be a regular feature – as most people were around before 2020 when kids actually *went* to school. The stories we've collected from online posts are getting weirder yet – much like the boy at my elementary school who inexplicably changed into scuba gear, or when someone said they had a high school classmate who shit his pants and let it roll out his pants leg. Some of it isn't even disciplinary, like the girl at St. Joe's who was obsessed with Mr. Mister. But many of these stories – which come to us from all over America, India, Canada, and around the world – imply some violation of voluminous school disciplinary codes,

so take these broken wings and learn to fly again!

One online commenter said that some kid at their school shit behind a computer station in a lab

and it wasn't found for a month. Another said a 4<sup>th</sup> grade schoolmate "smeared poopoo all over the walls of the bathroom" at school. Later, he "smeared poopoo all over my county's capitol." A high school student regularly picked his nose and ate it during class, and he was caught playing with himself in the library and on the school bus. But somehow he was able to go on to college. Another student superglued all the tools to the wall in shop class.

A student heard that if you wet your pants, you'd automatically get suspended. So he wet his pants and got suspended. A 4<sup>th</sup> grader obtained the logo of a local TV station, stapled it to their jacket, and pretended to be a reporter interviewing people at recess. A group of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders kept having water fights with the jet sprays in the restroom. One day, they sprayed water at the ceiling and drenched the computer teacher, who was using one of the stalls. At another school, someone shit behind a trash can in a classroom.



Someone said there was a girl in their class who pulled her arms and head down into her shirt and tied her own shoes together. Then she shuffled down the hallway like that. She also ate small pieces of an eraser because she thought they were peanuts. There were several reports of students eating pages of school textbooks, including books that were brand new. Another ate pencil sharpener shavings. One 3<sup>rd</sup> grader folded a piece of paper in half, poured Elmer's glue in it, and ate it as if it was a taco.

A commenter said there was a pair of twins at their school who kept scraping gum from underneath desks and chewing it. They also kept humping desks and exposing themselves. Another school launched a big investigation because someone kept farting during the PSAT. It was so disruptive that the College Board let everyone retake the test.

Someone peed all over the gym floor, but nobody noticed, and students on roller blades in the next class kept slipping in it. A 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl used to keep toothpaste in her desk and occasionally ate some of it. A kid at another school got caught bringing in a bunch of condoms. He said they were actually bubble gum. The principal didn't believe that, so the student began chewing the condoms to show they were actually gum.

Another student was a quadruple crown winner: He used to chew gum from underneath desks, pick his nose and eat it, shit his pants, and run around yelling, "I farted! I farted!" Another student kept apples in his socks, and he would eat them in class. He once emptied his shoe in class, and a dead spider was in it. He once read an assignment in front of the class about how mayonnaise makes good hair conditioner. One school was plagued for 5 years by someone repeatedly shitting in a urinal. The school kept having hilarious assemblies about it, but the culprit was never caught.

A student who kept sending out unsolicited dick pics got the card game Uno banned at school because he threw a tantrum every time he lost. A graduating high school senior gave a speech at her graduation ceremony where she assailed some bullies and the teachers who refused to punish them. The school then cut off her microphone. A girl at one school kept loudly passing gas during class and laughing uncontrollably about it. At another school, a student kept chewing up his food at lunch, spitting it back onto his plate, and then eating it. Yet another student ate an eraser and asked the teacher if he would shit it out, and another student at this school drew a mustache on his own face with green marker and it stayed that way for a week.

A student blew soap bubbles by drinking the bubble solution. He flunked out of school when he was a high school freshman. A 1<sup>st</sup> grader used to urinate on paper clips and keep them in his desk to sniff. He also used to stick weeds between his ass cheeks and pretend he was a donkey. A duo of 6<sup>th</sup> graders came to school drunk and threw up all over the classroom. A 5<sup>th</sup> grade pupil threw a box of tissues at a substitute teacher because she asked him to sit down and be quiet. He grew up to do prison time for selling drugs and complain on Facebook about police informants. At another school, some kids completely filled the band director's car with inflated balloons.

A 4<sup>th</sup> grader at a Catholic school kept pouring milk on her own head and crying about it just to get attention. Elsewhere, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader removed his own braces at school the day after he got them. At another school, someone put a football in the toilet and pooped on it. There were several stories of students who kept rubbing their heads so all their dandruff would fall into their desk. Some of them

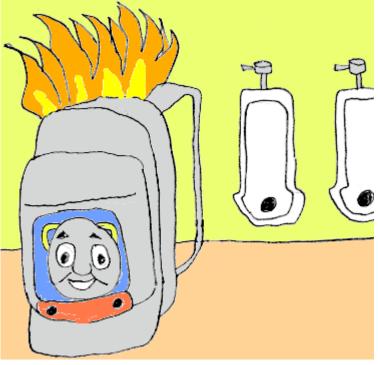
ate it. Some of them snorted it like cocaine. One high schooler scooped all his dandruff into a pile and left it for the next class. This same student also got in trouble for playing with himself in math class.

A student drew all over his desk with crayon, and when the teacher made him clean it up, he humped his desk. Another loudly belched and a piece of food was ejected. He then wiped the food on his shirt. Some middle school students used poop to write their own names on a restroom wall—and wondered why they got caught. An elementary schooler ate a mixture of glue, mucus, paper, and crayon from a cup.

One day, a teacher smelled something bad. The instructor spent a whole class period trying to figure out what it was. Finally, the teacher approached a student's desk and emptied it: "Out rolled a big brown turd." At another school, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader also defecated in his desk: "It was as bad as you're imagining."

A middle school student printed out porn using the school library's computer. The librarian caught him right away. Another student kept bringing orange peels to school just so he could burn them. One commenter said a college schoolmate regularly kept a live mouse in his hair. He saw him on a bus one day, and the mouse kept crawling in and out of his hair. At another school, somebody "painted a poo-smile" in a restroom.

A high school senior kept licking bird crap off an outdoor picnic table at lunch. A student kept soiling his pants and discreetly depositing it into potted plants: "Absolutely horrible...Poo everywhere." Another put a whole block of cheese



in a microwave oven at school and set it for 10 minutes. This blew the door off the oven and sprayed the room with melted cheese. At another school, a student ate the eye of a goat they were dissecting in science class. Another kid shit in a bottle of milk and said it was cocoa. He grew up to become a doctor.

A student wore a Nazi uniform to school once per week from 1<sup>st</sup> grade until high school graduation. A 5<sup>th</sup> grader stuck a paper clip in a light socket, which blew out the lights in the classroom and caused the teacher to yell, "What the fuck!"

A high school senior brang an inflatable sex doll to prom as his date. A 1<sup>st</sup> grader kept eating the brown paper towels next to the sink in the classroom. One commenter said her high school boyfriend used to eat grass and tried to date his own cousin. A commenter said that in middle school, there was a girl who used to pull strings off her panties in class and eat them. A student at one school defecated out of a window. A middle school student threw shit at the bathroom mirror and it slid down. The commenter who related that story also said that in high school, a student jumped onto a urinal and it fell off the wall and got water everywhere.

Another student, after eating his bagged lunch, would always eat the bag too. At another school, someone kept stealing paintings and books from the teachers' lounge. Another student always carried around a toilet plunger and ate out of it at lunch. Another used scissors to cut warts off his fingers in the middle of class. A high school student ate crayons in class and drank a whole bottle of Elmer's glue at the bus stop in front of the school.

At the end of recess one day, an elementary schooler pooped his pants and let the waste drop out of his pants and onto the ground. Then he grabbed the feces with his bare hands and threw it in the trash can in the classroom. For no apparent reason, he declared, "Get real, man. Get real." Another commenter said a classmate shit on the floor during dodgeball and the most popular kid in school slipped on it. A 6<sup>th</sup> grader ate a dog treat with toothpaste on it on a dare.

Another student used to pull dead flies off a flytrap in the classroom, cover them with glue, and eat them. One student was angry at teacher, so he stood on the teacher's desk and released a huge mound of diarrhea. Then he peed on this mess. This was fueled by the fact that no restroom breaks were allowed during a lengthy test. At another school, a student defecated in the drinking fountain. Another student would eat the lead from his pencil and tried to sharpen his finger in a pencil sharpener. Another used to eat coins and drink ink. A student who took an anatomy class removed the arm of a cadaver and placed it in the coin slot of a toll bridge.

When a high school student was caught beating his meat in history class, the teacher declared, "You have got to be fucking kidding me!" After he came back from being suspended for a week, this student was caught stealing money from a locker room. He said he needed the money to buy Magic: The Gathering cards. He was then expelled.

Another commenter said a schoolmate smeared dog crap all over the lock of a bully's locker. This earned the bully the nickname Shit Hands. Another kid ate paper clips and rocks. Another ate staples off the floor. Another would eat dead skin from his feet during class. Still another drank a bottle of pee for his school's talent show. Another burned a Thomas the Tank Engine backpack in a restroom. Another stole some blank checks from a mailbox and used them to write checks to kids at school.

An elementary schooler had a "booger box." It was a box that he kept with him to save gobs of mucus that he extracted from his nose. A kid at another school shit in the sandbox on the playground. A high school student refused to swim in gym class, so instead she sat on the sidelines giving herself a homemade tattoo. Another pupil always carried around a cough drop container full of small rubber penises.

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood it is not.

## Tales of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade something

I'm always talking about 4<sup>th</sup> grade, but my school at the time never referred to us by grade level. The situation was the same in my later high school years. It was like when people call Washington, D.C., a state even though it doesn't have statehood.

But 4<sup>th</sup> grade saw an important chapter of my student career. I touched on this in May, but now I'm remembering more details. This took place during the second half of the school year after I switched classes. My main teacher then was the same one who locked me and another student in her car at the Kentucky Horse Park.

This article is about how I tried keeping a list of funny things kids got in trouble for at school. Now I recall that my pals had an agreement that whoever got in trouble the most would win some sort of prize. I don't remember what the prize was or who was supposed to furnish it. It had to have been better than the boot trinket the teacher in the other class gave out for good behavior. It might have been something they took from the classroom. I wasn't actually competing in this contest, but I was the scorekeeper.

It appeared as if it was going to be a photo finish among 3 students. One of them was the same kid who threw a chair at the teacher. The chair hit me when the teacher pushed me into the line of fire. Another had recently returned to the school after attending a different school for some time. During his first run there, he was a perfect angel. But he was always getting in trouble during his second run. The other student was just a general troublemaker. I don't mean that in a bad way. I mean that he got in trouble with the school, which was actually good.

I also remember a kid that year who always talked about cartoons and called the MGM lion the "MFL lion." You can guess what that stood for. But he was in the other class. He now has a lion as his Facebook cover photo.

This contest didn't even last a day. It might not have even lasted an hour. I had the score sheet on my desk when the teacher bopped along and saw it. She made me throw it away instantaneously.

Things whipsawed pretty quickly in those years. I transferred to a different school for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and moved on to middle school after that. That was before I ever got expelled.

I started middle school at the dreaded Donald E. Cline Middle School. If my 4<sup>th</sup> grade contest was reprised at Cline, I would have needed an entire team of statisticians, because everyone there misbehaved constantly. There was a kid who was a few years older than me who reportedly punched the assistant principal and gave him a black eye. I didn't see it, but I heard about it. The attendance sheet for the whole school was always sitting on teachers' desks and this student was always listed as "suspended", so I hardly ever met him.

Also, some kid who attended Cline after I did once told me that the gym teacher kept bawling him out one day. So this student held up a baseball bat and said to the instructor, "Do you wanna keep your kneecaps, buddy?"

It was around that time that I figured out that schools kept students' disciplinary reports, which would have made it possible for the school to compile a ranking at the end of each school year of its

worst-behaved pupils. It would be like Casey Kasem's year-end top 100 countdown. But I later realized your permanent record isn't so permanent regarding positive achievements. For example, I don't think there's any official record that I ever graduated high school.

You ought to complain! That would be cool!

#### Bezos's burning bridges (a poopyism)

This is a story of greed and obnoxery that was completely covered up by the bizzlybozzo American media — leaving us to read about it in a book by European-based authors instead.

Back in 2022, zillionaire Amazon founder Jeff Bezos—who was cashing in on the COVID lockdowns—demanded the dismantling of a historic bridge in the Netherlands just so he could sail his new \$500 million oversized yacht out to sea. The Koningshaven Bridge in Rotterdam had been rehabbed not long before, and the city had vowed that this 1877 span wouldn't be tampered with again.



But the mayor appeared to be ready to obey Bezos's directive unquestioningly.

Bezos's yacht was full of luxury amenities including a heliport. It even had a "support yacht" to go with it.

The proposal to remove the bridge was widely criticized—except by a few people on Reddit who inexplicably praised the plan. Someone even said of the yacht, "If we supply things to customers, it is our responsibility to get it to the agreed upon delivery point and fit it within the transport windows." They made it sound like it was a life-saving health procedure instead of a luxury boat. Or a referee whistle that you order off Amazon that bounces around a foreign country for a month before vanishing into thin air.

Didn't Jeff Bozos realize beforehand that the bridge would have to be removed if he built such a big yacht in that shipyard? If it was the shipbuilder's responsibility, why didn't they know this before they started building the yacht there? You can't just not do your homework first and then expect society to pay for your mistake. If you build a \$500 million yacht without knowing that you can't get it out of the shipyard, that's too bad. Hilarious perhaps, but too bad.

A few months later, it was announced that Rotterdam's citizenry was refusing to allow the bridge to be taken apart. It turned out that they didn't even have to remove the bridge for Bezos to take his yacht out to sea, because it could actually fit under the bridge as long as the masts were removed. So if the bridge had been dismantled, it would have been for nothing. When the vessel did sail out to sea, local residents threw rotten tomatoes at it.

#### Utah may sink its teeth into cavity-fighting gum

Huge gum news is breaking out of Utah!

Utah is one of very few states in the whole country that does not allow fluoridation of public water systems. With no fluoridated water, legislators there have now come up with a new—and funnier—idea to prevent cavities. They want to feed the state's schoolchildren special gum with cavity-fighting properties.

It is unknown if you can blow bubbles with this gum (something cool people do). It would be hilarious if you could. But it's designed to be more of a "functional gum" than a bubble-busting variety. It might be like the medicinal gum back when I was 12 that was too stiff to bubble with.

As Utah is one of the most conservative states, you might think it would be hostile to gum. But it's not like the state is run by Lee Kuan Yew or Judge Judy. The *Cincinnati Post* was pretty right-wing, but even it accurately reported on gum. If anyone seriously paid attention to some of its blandishments on other topics, the result may have been about 0.0001% less gumming by avid readers, which by 2000

numbered approximately 3. But if the main subject was gum, the article was usually pretty fair.

Cavity-fighting gum is probably better than what we had to undergo in kindergarten. Each day, we received a small cup of liquid fluoride, which was greenish-blue in color. We were required to drink it. It tasted terrible. It was so disgusting that I started throwing mine away when the teacher wasn't looking.

Dental health is important. Take it from me! But that liquid fluoride was gross. Gum at least has the advantage of being funny, because it's gum.

# Someone in Oxford likes to talk about poop



Our college towns are sounding really intelligent and mature lately!

Not long ago, the college crowd was smart. But now they don't seem to do much except grunt and flop around.

We've been informed that in Oxford, Ohio-home of Miami University-someone wrote "POOP" in huge letters in brown chalk on a sidewalk. That's the best they can muster now.

There was nothing insightful or intelligent along with it like "Qui peeps!" or "I bet Oscar the Grouch's shit stinks from eating all that trash." There wasn't even a "One, one, do it again!" or the closely related "Stink once, stink twice!"

We should also note that Oxford may have had the worst record on COVID of any community in the Tri-State, for the town was still issuing new mandates in 2022. The local school district also allowed a 1<sup>st</sup> grader to be bullied by schoolmates for not wearing a mask.

We have 10 to 12 pages of investigative reporting and sophisticated humor each month. All the COVID town criers have is "POOP."

## Things to do during Windows 11 search

Remember the sweet smell of summer? Remember baseball games, the beach, and toilets? Remember when the Windows search field used to be faster? Pepperidge Farm remembers.

We're talking about the space with the magnifying glass at the upper right of each window. It was never fast to begin with, but it's gotten progressively slower with each new Windows edition. With Windows 11, it's slower than ever. It's often completely unusable.

Here's a list of things you can do during a Windows 11 search...

- Learn a foreign language.
- Memorize the entire Campbell County Schools discipline code.
- Go on a trip to Vancouver and try to reenter the U.S. without a passport.
- Wait for the Cincinnati Enquirer to stop constantly talking about cicadas.

• Pick every fuzz out of a ball of Silly Putty after you had it in the pocket of your corduroy slacks.

- Walk backwards to the nearest store that sells refrigerator pans or sunflower seeds.
- Wait for the reintroduction of Surge.
- Try to adjust your antenna to pick up Channel 54 on a digital TV set.
- Wait for all those home invasions to be solved.
- Wind all the tape back into your Ambrosia 8-track like you've been planning to do since 1978.
- Wait for the 20-year stadium tax that was enacted 29 years ago to be repealed.

• Count how many months it takes for our local sanitation department to install a pipe under an 8-foot-long stretch of street.

- Search through the city dump until you find a page of a book you accidentally threw away.
- Listen to a tape of every Dan Quayle speech supporting tort "reform."
- Take every standardized test mandated in Kentucky schools adding 60 seconds for a laugh

break each time someone farts.

• Take a Greyhound bus from Cincinnati to Indianapolis on one of the days they decide to route you through Dayton and not tell you beforehand.

• Export a QGIS map of all of Butler County with the number of labeling candidates in the automated placement engine set to 50 per centimeter.

Or you can do all of the above and still have time to spare before Windows 11 completes its search.

#### Glue, poo, and you, part 2!

An old Bubble Yum commercial declared, "You don't have to blow bubbles – but you will!" Similarly, we don't have to have more than one article like this in the same issue – but we will! We've collected 1,800 pages of stories of kids acting up in school, like the one about an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who was always "farting every damn second and stinking up the whole place" or the kid who always ate whole sheets of paper, but there's even better stuff where that came from (if you can believe that)!

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One online commenter said a schoolmate brang a shoe box full of locusts to school. Then he cried when the teacher confiscated the box. At another school, a student shoved a piece of paper into the coin return on a vending machine so he could jam the machine and steal the money. He was dumb enough to have his own name on the paper, so he was caught.

A high school freshman who had skipped a grade liked to draw hardcore *Sonic The Hedgehog* porn. She even showed it to the bus driver. Another student shit in the pool at a pool party at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade. A 4<sup>th</sup> grader took a baby octopus he found in his attic to school for show and tell. It was in a glass jar. Somehow, the jar broke and filled the whole room with the stench of formaldehyde.

A high school junior always wore vampire teeth, ate glue sticks, and chased people so she could wipe boogers on them. Another student blew a 6-foot-wide crater in the middle of the football field using a bomb made from acid in a water bottle. This student later got a scholarship to the prestigious University of Oxford in England. Another student put a slice of bologna in a teacher's CD player.

There was a girl who had a weird crush on a classmate, so she cut her arm during art class and used the blood to write the crush's name in the hall in 2-foot-high letters. She would never go to class unless her crush told her to do so. She also made up absurd stories about herself, and if anyone questioned these stories, she went completely ballistic.

One student not only allegedly masturbated in class, but he also grabbed a chewed wad of bubble gum that was stuck under his table and chewed it. Then he took the gum out of his mouth and started rolling it around on the table.

A 4<sup>th</sup> grader ate the styrofoam from a cup of noodles. He later got arrested for setting fire to his middle school. He was caught because he took pictures of it. A student at another school kept sneaking cafeteria lunch trays into the restroom and shitting on them. Another student thought he was allergic to gum, so he always walked around with his hand around his neck so he wouldn't inhale "gum particles." He also ate a cookie off the floor.

An unknown student somehow lost his underpants on the floor of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. At yet another school, a student kept stealing books from the school library, peeing on them, and discarding them around the school. A student was caught watching porn in class and received a detention. This student was then caught watching porn in detention and ran out of the room and set a bunch of fires.

Yet another pupil shit on the classroom floor during lunch detention. Another peed on the radiators in the restroom—resulting in the obligatory all-school assemblies. Another drank gasoline on a dare. Another would use the pencil sharpener in the classroom to try to sharpen pens. He also kept throwing books out the windows of empty classrooms and peeing in the coin returns of the Fruitopia vending machines.

Another student took a big bite from a Chap Stick and ate it. Another ate an entire Coca-Cola Chap Stick during an exam. A 6<sup>th</sup> grade girl found an old Chap Stick in the trash can and used it.

One day in shop class, a group of kids started talking about getting some pills. A student who they had been harassing spoke up and asked what kind of pills they wanted. The next day, he showed up with the pills *— laxative pills!* That taught them never to mess with him again.

A commenter who attended middle school in the 1980s said something strange happened in science class one day. The teacher angrily asked a student, *"What are you doing?!"* The reply: "Eating Comet." Yes, she was eating Comet cleanser. The teacher asked, "Why are you eating Comet?!" The reply: "Because I like the crunch."

Another student would fart really loud during class and then sing, "Subway! Eat fresh!" A high school student shit in bag, took it to school, and ran the bag full of shit through a printer. Another grabbed a urinal cake out of a urinal and ate it on a dare. Another saved all the hair from every haircut he got over 5 years and then inexplicably pasted all this hair to some girl's car. Another stood on his desk during the middle of a test and ripped a nice, loud fart.

Another student ate dog shit covered with horseradish and mustard on a dare. Back in 1963, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader kept inflating a condom like a balloon in science class. When the teacher saw it, the student let the air out with a whistling sound. The teacher angrily grabbed the other end of the condom, and the resulting tug-of-war stretched the condom out until it was about 18 inches. The student was then sent to the principal. Another commenter said a girl in kindergarten peed in a mug and tried to give it to the teacher, saying it was tea. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade, this same student put itching powder in lotion and gave it to schoolmates she didn't like. Another student took a cardboard cutout of Danny DeVito to the prom.

In 1987, a student got back at a bully by putting a dead rat in a jar full of hydrogen peroxide and hiding it in the bully's beloved BMW. After a few days, the jar exploded in the car, creating a stench noticeable within hundreds of yards. The BMW was taken to a professional cleaner, but the cleaner eventually had to give up, and the expensive car was considered totaled.

Another student stored a jar of spoiled jam in his desk that had maggots in it. Another smeared shit all over the walls of the music room. A 4<sup>th</sup> grader filled a soda bottle with sand, water, and dirt and put it in a microwave oven at school because she thought it would hatch a dragon. But all she accomplished was ruining the oven for good. A 6<sup>th</sup> grader ripped his pants in the front and tried to fix them by stapling them. But he missed and stapled his private parts instead. Another student whipped out his penis in the middle of art class and put hot glue on it. He grew up to become a cop. Still another ate a bee out of a urinal for a dollar.

A 4<sup>th</sup> grader used an Uno card to chop up Pixy Stix so he could snort them like cocaine. Someone began smearing shit on a boys' restroom wall in high school in the 1960s and has come back every 5 to 10 years since then to do it again. There's some 80-year-old man out there who keeps going back to his old high school just to smear poop on the walls! Another student wore a styrofoam hat to school and began eating it during class. Another pulled the fire alarm so he could steal a computer – all because a game that he had wouldn't run on his computer at home. Still another ate several belts over the course of a month. A 5<sup>th</sup> grader vomited Cheerios all over everybody's schoolwork and thought it was funny. Another student kept storing his shit in Ziploc bags in his locker and would carry a few of the bags with him around the school. It was eventually found that he had over 100 bags of feces in his locker.

A 1<sup>st</sup> grader had the same giant jawbreaker ball in his desk the whole year. He would periodically take it out and lick it. A high school freshman was sent to alternative school for the rest of high school for hacking the vice-principal's computer and signing her up for a bunch of porn websites.

One student shit on the playground at recess, wiped his ass with his underpants, and threw the dirty underwear in a tree – where it stayed all year. At the same school, someone kept pooping on the restroom floor. At another school, a student took a dump in a classmate's backpack. The unfortunate victim discovered it during the next class when he opened the backpack to get his notebook. Another student would always pick his nose and wipe it on his jacket. He never washed his jacket, so it eventually became caked with many layers of mucus. An 8<sup>th</sup> grade kiddo used to pick up pieces of garbage he found and keep them. This included a jar of spoiled meat that he kept in his locker. On the

last day of school, when he was cleaning out his locker, the jar shattered and spilled everywhere – stinking up the entire school.

Spill Haw it is not. Actually, maybe it is.

## Gather 'round a round mound of sound!

Like *Curly shuffle* – our term for a bout of diarrhea that requires you to jump in the shower to get cleaned up—we now have another new phrase on this same wavelength: *round mound of sound*.

A round mound of sound is a loud-and-proud fart that concludes in a poop. This type of bunker blast is called that because it produces sound and a mound, and it's often round.

"Gather 'round a round mound of sound at Ground Round!" That should have been a slogan for Ground Round restaurants. Ground Round was also the restaurant that got in trouble for switching the signs on the doors of the restrooms. I wonder if the round mound of sound at Ground Round was placed by the Ground Round clown. Wait, no, that was Chuck E. Cheese.

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