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#### OTHER THINGS THAT WILL DELAY SPEEDWAY CONSTRUCTION The giant worm under campus wakes up The UT ball sculptures come untethered People steal construction workers

### Area dad way too excited about ordering bottle of wine for table

DALLAS — Desperate to keep his two visiting sons engaged, area dad Mark Wheeler decided to order a bottle of wine for the table during the family outing he guilted them into going to and reportedly got shamefully enthusiastic about it. "I'm just so excited to finally have both my boys home at the same time, and I thought it'd be appropriate to celebrate with a bottle of



Olive Garden's finest Yellow Tail," Wheeler said as his wife, who plans on leaving him before the New Year, rolled her dead eyes in annoyance. "I remember when I was a boy, my old man would pop open a fresh bottle of wine every time I came home to visit from college. Of course, he would kill the whole bottle by himself and pass out on the kitchen floor without saying a word to me, but I knew his intentions were good. It feels great to be able share a similar experience with my two boys, who I know are just as proud of me as I am of them." At press time, Wheeler was seen humiliatingly begging his sons to stick around and "burn a few stogies" in the backyard with him before going out "chasing some skirt."

# Scientists invent less humane mousetrap for when it gets personal

MOUSEKETAWNY. Researchers the Get The Bastard Company© developed less humane of version classic mousetrap for when you want a mouse to have a slow, miserable "We were focused on making more efficient



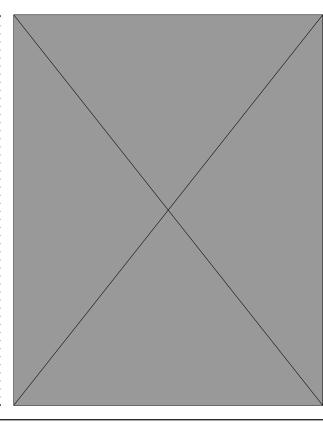
traps that put rodents out of their misery sooner," said Nikolas Rayman, the head scientist for the company's Center for Experimental Methods of De-Rodentification. "But then I had a bit of a rat problem myself. After the motherfucker got into my bedroom peanut butter, I realized what our customers really want: pain. There's no sight quite like the look in a mouse's eyes when it realizes its impending death. You think the fuckers don't understand mortality? Use one of these babies and just listen. In the evening they're squeaking for help, but by the time the sun comes up they're squeaking for death." At press time, Rayman was last seen packing leftover mouse corpses into a pizza box.

#### Dobie begins slowly renting more floors, rooms to Target

AUSTIN — A recent financial report has revealed that Dobie Twenty21's management is slowly but surely renting more and more of its space to the newly opened Target location, shifting their priorities away from student living. The superstore chain will initially be given access to individual rooms, but if all goes according to financial expectations, the company intends to lease entire floors en masse. "I'm pretty excited about it," area student and Target shopper Emily Johnson said while looking over the superstore's cheap but trendy clothing lines.



"After my roommate stopped paying her bills, Target moved their fresh produce section in with me. It's great to be able to roll out of bed to a fresh apple every morning for only \$1.09." At press time, an oversleeping student awoke to the sound of his neighboring room in chaos after a flash clearance sale on its bedspread began.



#### Newly released CIA documents show how [redacted]

LANGLEY, VA — Due to the extremely heated public debate surrounding the highly controversial investigation of the land of the land of the United States Central Intelligence Agency has opted to release all documents that discuss the case to the public. "With a clearer idea of how we ran this operation, we're hoping the public will understand our decision to had to

# Area man's prayers too weak to make up for ineptitude of area man's thoughts

HEAVEN — After carefully considering area man Greg Jones's prayers, God decreed Tuesday that they were too weak to make up for the utter incompetence displayed in Jones' thoughts. "Jeez, I was all ready to answer his pleas and give the world a respite from mass shootings," said God, who was working overtime to deal with the flood of prayers caused by Jones' post on Facebook. "Then, I watched him daydream for 30 minutes about stopping a mass shooting with his own assault rifle, and decided I couldn't in good conscience reward a man like this. I mean, in addition to being totally unrealistic about



the nature of gun violence in the United States, his fantasies are totally — I mean totally — derivative of 90's buddy cop movies." At press time, God was seen exasperatedly dealing with another flood of prayers caused by yet another mass shooting.

#### Area man wasn't trying to wear ugly christmas sweater

AUSTIN — Area man Derrick Nichols has been sickened by the comments he's received on campus today regarding his grandmother's hand-knit sweater. This tragic misinterpretation was brought to his attention at 5:00 p.m., when he heard his friend categorize his cherished sweater as an "ugly Christmas sweater." "My grandmother knitted each reindeer into the sweater, and look at the hooves, they're just so cute!" said Nichols when showing off his grandmother's unholy Christmas creation. "I thought people were admiring the craftsmanship when they shouted 'Jesus Christ' and 'you're shitting me' upon seeing Gram Gram's sweater." At press time, Nichols was seen putting on a Santa hat that his aunt crocheted.





James Blunt, struggling to reclaim relevance, writes song about a shawty he met once on a drunk UberPool ride

CALABASAS, CA — 12 years after the release of "You're Beautiful," his smash hit love song dedicated to an unknown woman he stared at on a subway, James Blunt wants you to know he's "bout to hit the people with another panty dropper." Reporters found Mr. Blunt in a Calabasas boutique asking an employee if they had a shirt that had both a turtleneck and a deep V. "I like my neck to be smothered and my pecks to breathe," he explained before describing his new EP. "It's about this thing that happened to me last Tuesday, right? Me 'n my boys were getting belligerent in the philosophy section of a Barnes and Nobies [sic] and we decided to UberPool home. That's where I saw this naughty 'lil shawty sitting next to me, so I leaned in really close and whispered, 'Hey girl, do you want to smush to recordings of whale calls?' That's the moment she looked back at me and said 'No.' So I wrote this about our unrequited love." Blunt paused for a moment to check his Twitter mentions. His right eye pooled with tears when he found he had zero notifications. He cleared his throat, "But um, anyway, this EP really captures the millennial zeitgeist. It drops this Christmas, so please buy my song." He choked on a sob as he fiddled with the leather cuff on his wrist, "No for real, please buy my song."

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#### Trump plans to distract media by giving Melania bad bangs

WASHINGTON — An anonymous source informed select press members of President Donald J. Trump's plan divert attention away from his various controversies by cutting horrendous on the First Lady in her sleep. The report described the contents of his bedside drawer as "a pair of salon scissors and a selection



of diagrams all displaying bad bangs, which were then overlaid onto high-resolution pictures of Melania's face." The source also reported overhearing one of Trump's top advisers mention an operation called "Project Melania Takes the Hit," after which he shed a single tear and mumbled an ode to the First Lady's sacrifice. While we are aware of the societal turmoil this story may cause, we hope its release will provide a sort of cushion for this future blow, so that when it comes, we may uncover whatever travesty the President is trying to divert attention from.

#### Heartwarming: These whales have beached themselves to raise

#### awareness for arthritis

BAR HARBOR, MAINE — In a touching show of empathy, three sperm whales have beached themselves in order to spread the word about rheumatoid arthritis and its impact on American human adults 45 and older. The leader of the group, Whally Watson III, told reporters that "we've been working on this issue for years, but we haven't been gaining traction. We've been treading water. So then we thought: what better way to illustrate the hopelessness of being unable to grasp small objects than three whales unable to extricate themselves from a barren beach that will inevitably kill them?" At press time, Watson and his associates were seen slapping away animals rights activists who were attempting to save them.



#### Snitches give stitches through 'Inmates Without Borders'

WASHINGTON D.C. — This holiday season, snitches can now give stitches through the new federally funded 'Inmates Without Borders' program. "I feel like I'm giving back to the community," confided the beaming Jimmy 'Trash Rat' Stewart, spokesperson of the program, as he clotheslined a ten year old. "For once in my life, I feel like I'm really making a difference. The program has given me and many other snitches the confidence to be themselves in public, as well as punch defenseless kids." At press time, 'Trash Rat' was last seen extending his probation by framing 'Gentle Jim' with a shiv made from a butter dish.

# Hidden revisions to the GOP Tax Bill

Nailed

(1) Trickle Down

Provision: Top 1% gets

3 so many tax breaks that

4 their tears of joy trick-

5 le down to the lower

6 classes, , moisturizing

7 their dry, dirty faces. This will test well

8 (2) Kiddo Clause:

9 Kids pay taxes now.

10 You're livin' off

11 Uncle Sam? You're

12 payin' Uncle Sam.

13 (3) "God" Clause: If

14 you yell "God" at the

5 sky enough, all your

16 taxes paid for by God. 
√

Amen!

7 (4) Ku Klux Klause:

8 Donations to white

19 supremacy groups

20 are tax exempt.

(5) The Bootstraps

22 Clause: Replaces all tax

23 exemptions for lower

24 income citizens with

25 a set of DSW boots.

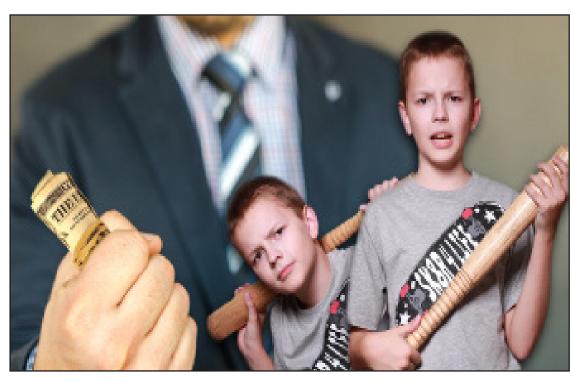


Elizabeth Warren's gonna shit her pants :)

#### Schoolyard bullies expand profit margins, take teachers lunch money now

AUSTIN — Over the last several months, local ne'er-do-well Rainn Stains has been developing an innovative strategy that will bring his revenue to its highest peak in the six years he has been at Juanson Middle School. An eighth-grade student and first-rate antagonist, Stains has identified an interesting trend: as most of his classmates transition to Apple Pay and Venmo, they carry physical monies less frequently. "By targeting their pre-teen peers, bullies are severely limiting the cash flow gained through schoolyard shakedowns," said Lunchlady Doris, an expert on playscape economics. "Rainn's entrepreneurship began when he noticed Vice Principal Dalton carrying a *Sports Illustrated* billfold."

This bright-eyed swirlie sponsor now targets his instructors, who totally make, like, a million bucks a year, finding that he much prefers taped together ten dollar bills over Donnie Finch's chump change. Stains says that he prefers older prey due to their lack of agility and high propensities to succumb to osteoporosis. What will this booger-nosed brute do with his newfound wealth? "I'm going to allocate this capital towards some much needed inventory: grapefruit-sized spitballs."



# Halifax, Nova Scotia tops Travesty's Most Romantic Cities' list for 17th consecutive year

HALIFAX, SCOTIA Once again, dominating all competition that the 21st century has to offer, the affable capital of Canadian province Nova Scotia, Halifax, is crowned the Texas Travesty's Most Romantic City'. Tucked away into what many Haligonians call the true heart of the mainland (the left ear), the passionate, yet tender capital of Nova offers nothing Scotia but the finest romantic qualities to allow its



inhabitants to fall in love with ease. *Travesty's* own Halifax-born chief love guru, Owen Alexander, cites the city's syrupy nature as, "probably responsible for its increasing rat infestation that really gives the whole place a sour, yet amorous Parisian flavor." The dazed Alexander, under the influence of love in the form of smog, continued, "With the second highest murder rate in the nation, it just really allows you to become fully dependent on your lover." At press time, Alexander's further meditations on Halifax's romantic nature were cut short by his parole officer.



#### Scottish Rite Dormitory announced as setting for 2018 season of American Horror Story

AUSTIN — Television visionary Ryan Murphy announced today that UT's own Scottish Rite Dormitory will serve as the official setting for the 2018 season of American Horror Story. "The minute I stepped foot on the front lawn, I just had this feeling a bunch of creepy white people shit must have gone down here," stated AHS executive producer Pre Malone. "I really wanted to check out the inside of the dormitory, but I heard if a male walks in by himself, he immediately gets eaten by the evil house mom. Did somebody say Kathy Bates?" As of press time, Lady Gaga was seen preparing for her role of Tri-Delta's Social Media Chair.

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## Christmas back on after prison riot results in 200 dead and Santa escaping

OSLO, NORWAY — Celebrators of our Christ's birth, rejoice! For our nation's holiday festivities and practices shall no longer be in vain this year after a massive riot at the Halden maximum-security prison in Østfold, Norway resulted in Santa Claus regaining his much desired freedom at the mere expense of over sixteen dozen mortal souls being cast into the netherworlds. "Jeg er ydmyk og æret over å igjen tjene som verdens fremste forverrede ekspedisjonsekspert [I am humbled and honored to once again serve as the world's premier aggravated trespassing expert]," read a statement from the



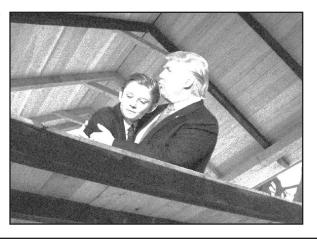
revered reindeer musher in his native Norwegian that sources believe was written from his temporary asylum in Minsk, Belarus, a country that has been ranked as high as No. 57 in FIFA's world rankings. "Jeg ønsker å utvide min dypeste og mest dype sympati for de modige innsatte som skaret seg gjennom veggen av fengselsvakter. Jeg skylder dem både mitt liv og min takknemlighet, og de vil motta ekstra wildberry Skittles i deres toalettskåler på julemorgen [I want to extend my deepest and most profound sympathies for those brave inmates that shanked their way through the wall of prison guards. I owe them both my life and my gratitude, and they will receive extra wildberry Skittles in their toilet bowls on Christmas morn]." As of press time, the most notable names of those brave criminals who paid the ultimate sacrifice for ol' Saint Nicholas' personal sovereignty have been released: Charles Manson, Jerry Lewis, and David Cassidy.

#### Guy running across crosswalk looks like a dumbass

DEAN KEETON & WHITIS — Running along the crosswalk as the countdown signal got dangerously close to zero, an unidentified student reportedly looked like an incredible dumbass. "His backpack kept banging against his spine, it was hilarious," said reggae studies sophomore Wallace Peck as he coolly and relaxedly meandered across the street despite an already expired countdown signal. "I mean, come on, what an idiot. The cars aren't going to hit us." At press time, UTPD has confirmed that regardless if anyone is late for something or not, it still looks funny when someone is rushing to get across the street.

#### Barron Trump found scowling in the rafters

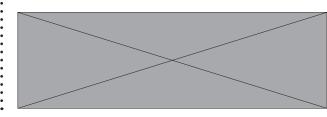
WASHINGTON D.C. – A report released Saturday by White House staff indicates that Barron Trump has again been found scowling in the rafters long past his bedtime. Barron, whose laid-back style has won him the acclaim of numerous Hollywood starlets, is rumored to be the youngest child of sitting U.S. President Donald Trump. "I have not so much as laid eye upon this disordered boy, let alone have I birthed the lad," claims Donald, shown embracing Barron in the adjacent photograph to the right. "I am beguiled. Suffice it to say, I will not let rot the repute of this fine office by associating with rafter children. Sad." At press time, a soft snicker echoed from darkness overhead.





Tobey Maguire sweeps the 2018 Oscars after every other male actor in Hollywood found guilty of sexual misconduct

HOLLYWOOD — America's favorite boy, Tobey Maguire, received every single male award during the 2018 Oscars, including Best Male Actor, for which he was not even in the running for, after every other man in Hollywood was found guilty of sexual misconduct and thrown in a dungeon. "You know, I just want to thank everyone who played a role in getting me these awards. Harvey, thank you for starting the movement to get me my first of many Oscars. I could not have done this without you," said Maguire through the immense amount of sobbing and bodily fluid being released. "I have had so many doors shut in my face because I am 'not talented' and 'a huge let down' but this proves everyone who doubted me wrong, so screw you, Dad!" At press time, Maguire was forcibly removed from the podium and his agent has released news that he will be starring in a new blockbuster film Titanic 2: The Return of Jack.



#### Jesus sleeps through Second Coming alarm

JERUSALEM — Despite several thousand years of meticulous planning and delivering ambiguous messages to prophets, Thursday, Jesus through His alarm for His muchanticipated Second Coming. "It wasn't until I noticed the screeching of billions of wicked souls being destroyed that I jumped out of bed and realized what time it was," explained the Son of God to reporters. "You know, ever since the whole Judas



debacle, God's been saying that I'm not cut out for the job. But I mean what more can you expect from someone who, despite having immortal powers, still took three days to rise from the dead?" At press time, Jesus was seen running through the clouds of Heaven to meet up with the saved souls that had already ascended about three hours ago.

#### Area detective grills the Hamburglar

MCDONALDLAND — After four long decades of trying to apprehend the notorious criminal, Detective Little Mac spent upwards of four hours grilling the Hamburglar about a recent string of hamburglaries. "Things were really heating up in that interrogation room, but we finally got the sauce on



him," said Little Mac as he licked ketchup off his greasy fingers. Despite constant denial from the Hamburglar, police were able to make an arrest based on his name alone. "He was our only suspect, considering the nature of the crimes committed," Mac told reporters. The police finally got a confession after threatening to, "marinate him in a jail cell until the truth oozes out." Mayor McCheese publicly commended Little Mac on a job well done, noting the skill required to solve such a rare crime. At press time, the hamburglar was seen being burned alive and eaten.



