

THE ALL-NEW LIGHTNING ROUND

"ONE MORE TRY" SAYS BOUCHARD; MYSTERIOUS RECLUSIVE FANED VOWS TO TRY PUTTING OUT ANOTHER MORE FREQUENT FANZINE

SKEPTICISM, DERISION, LAUGHTER RESULT FROM ANNOUNCEMENT

DETROIT (FanNews) -

Minor award-winning fan editor Alexander Bouchard emerged from seclusion today, and announced to an indifferent audience of several that he would attempt to revive his shorter, more frequent fanzine, *Lightning Round*, and would also be making an effort to maintain a frequent publishing schedule.

"I never intended to stop pubbing my ish," he said in answer to an audience question. "I may have become irrelevant to the discussion, but I still feel I have something to say."

The news, as expected, has drawn little interest and no comments from other, better known, fan editors.

"If I'm going to be ignored," he went on, "it might as well be for something I did, as opposed to something I didn't do."

Whether or not Bouchard carries through on his surprise

announcement has yet to be seen, but almost no one is awaiting the results of his efforts.



PRODUCTIONS TENTATIVELY ANNOUNCED BY INDIE DETROIT-AREA FILMMAKERS

DETROIT (FanNews) -

Adhocumentary Films, in association with Alexander Film Works, has tentatively announced a production schedule for the foreseeable future.

The principals in the companies disavow any knowledge of the press release, calling it a "vicious and egregious unauthorized leak of highly preliminary discussions, which have no bearing on reality."

Parallels to the leaking of hacked information from the Sony Pictures servers were also made.

No one was available for comment, officially or unofficially.



ELVIS SIGHTINGS INCREASE IN LOCAL AREA; AUTHORITIES ATTRIBUTE RISE TO OVERDOSES OF FLINT WATER

OAKLAND COUNTY (Disassociated Press)

Reports have surfaced that sightings of the late Elvis Presley have been on the increase in the northern parts of Oakland County, north of Detroit, and bordering Genesee County on the south.

Genesee County is the location of Flint, the city whose water supply was found to be tainted with highly suspect levels of lead and other heavy metals from the city's switch to using the Flint River as the source of the city's drinking water.

The office of the Governor, who had appointed the emergency manager who authorized the switch in supply as a cost-saving measure, had no comment; neither did either former emergency manager, the Mayor of Flint, or anyone else.

If Mr. Presley is out there, please contact us... we want to talk.



OPINION SOUP

Well, I debated whether or not to include an editorial column... I finally determined that if I didn't, I wouldn't have much to write about.

(And I want to fill at least one sheet, front & back.)

So, with that understanding in place, here goes... And may Ghu, Foo, and Roscoe have mercy on your souls.

Here in the good ol' United States of America, the hoary appellation "Silly Season" as applied to politics has never been more prescient... As I write this, the Republicans are fighting over the first of the winner-take-all contests of primary season, the Democrats are finding many things to disagree about without being disagreeable (*quelle surprise!*) while the Republicans are trying to disembowel each other (*quelle dommage!*).

I have been studying the candidates and the issues for some time, and find that most of the Republicans make me miss the wastebasket as I expel the contents of my stomach. And a temporary suspension of Godwin's Law would seem to be in order here, in regard to the frontrunner, whom I will not name. (I don't want to give him any more attention - much like I feel about the whole Kartrashian clan, and especially Kan't-You West.)

The controversy(?) about

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whether Ted Cruz is a "natural-born citizen" of the U.S. would seem to be a non-starter, unless by some miracle he gets the GOP nomination... and Marco Rubio is just too damn young to know any better.

The more squabbling goes on, the more I hearken back to the wisdom (disguised as humor) of Will Rogers: "I'm not a member of any organized political party - I'm a Democrat."



I've been taking some online coursework in filmmaking, which

I am still interested in, and I find the slant of the classes interesting.

They're from British universities, through a place called FutureLearn, and the differences in descriptions and viewpoints are fun to watch.

The use of "zed" for "Z", the slight differences in idiomatic expressions, and things of that sort are quite refreshing. In a visual effects class I took, they showed you how to "greenscreen" the view out a driver's-side window to make it appear that a car is moving... so the driver is on the **right**-hand side of the car, from our point of view, and this is the way it's done there.

The sponsoring university is Norwich University for the Arts.

No big deal...

And with another course, since it's dealing with documentary best practices, it references legal requirements in the U.K., since the BBC is one of the presenting sponsors of this course, along with the University of Birmingham.

Lovely.

There are things I have been inspired to get back to doing, including trying to write film, shoot film, edit film, and do a fanzine.

We shall see how well I can follow through with this.

Maybe I'll do four pages instead of two...

One never knows, do one?

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(That's the plan, anyway.)

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