

## LETTERS

### What happened to plan for Spielvogel to be assisted?

**Editor,**

Recent articles in The Herald-Palladium reported the pending dismissal of recently hired Jennifer Spielvogel as president of Lake Michigan College.

The reasons listed, but not exclusive to, were expenditures for office renovations and questionable management style. I came across an article dated Jan, 27, 2016, stating that exiting President Bob Harrison was to return to the college on a four-month consulting contract to help his successor ease the transition between administrators.

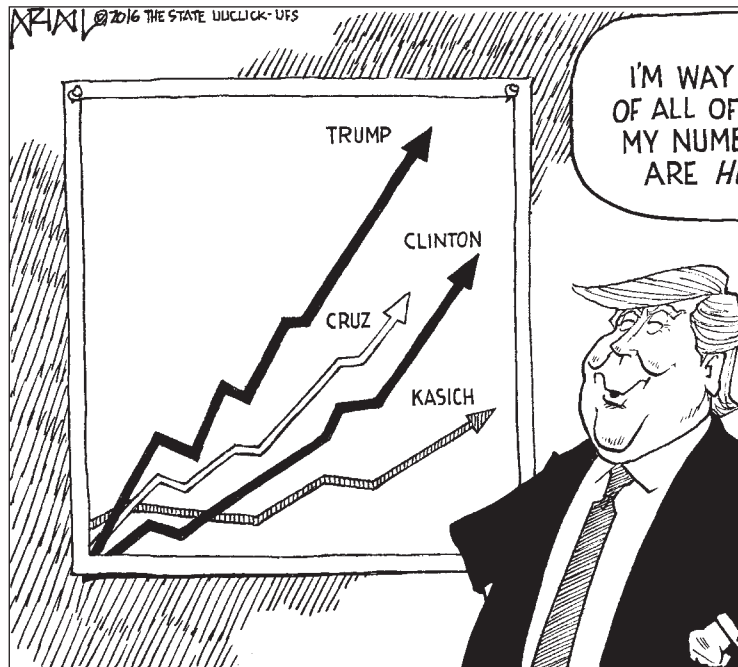
The article went on to say the role as a consultant would be to be an advocate and help Ms. Spielvogel become familiar with our community. Four months later, the board of directors of the college is considering terminating Ms. Spielvogel. What happened with the consulting component? Were these issues not discussed and direction given to prevent such drastic action?

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### DNR should have tagged bear and tracked him

**Editor,**

The people of Southwest Michigan and Northwest Indiana sure became attached to their celebrity black bear. We haven't had one around this area for almost 150 years. This bear was considered an icon by



our area people.

I don't claim to be the expert, but I am very knowledgeable about our Michigan black bears.

People assumed their bear would be eventually live trapped, ear-tagged, GPS-collared and then they'd transport this precious little guy back to the Manistee National Forest area (Baldwin Bear Management Unit) where I am sure he wandered from.

Well folks we were all wrong – authority has out-trumped common sense again. Our buddy was lured to a baited ambush site and BANG!

There is without doubt that our DNR will invent all kinds

of nonsense excuses to justify this disgusting action.

This bear was not proven vicious, did not attempt aggression – he just surprised a few lucky people and the reaction was exciting. He did what bears do: exploring for food, trying to survive and keeping to himself.

He could have been a famous “research bear” with his new GPS collar, and tracked by his people friends.

What a novel project for school children to track him (similar to “Santa Tracker” at Christmas time).

Well, that won't happen.

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