

MONDAY MORNING: PUT YOUR POM-POMS DOWN

A certain state governor (or his PR team) tweeted a bunch of smack last night during the Democratic presidential candidates' debate. Like this:



It is to laugh. Every decision made by this administration about Flint has been about money, not about the right thing, and not even about the legal thing.

He put his pom-poms down last week long enough to lawyer up, though. Mm-hmm.

By the way, that's the NSFW version – here's the language-sanitized clean version of that video for your office space. Crank the volume and bring it.

All around Apple town

- Email provider Lavabit filed an amicus brief in #AppleVsFBI, arguing the FBI's demands could have adverse affects on businesses:

Such precedence would likely result in many businesses moving their operations offshore, therefore, making it more difficult for law enforcement to obtain even ordinary assistance from such companies...

Wow, sounds familiar, huh? Brief's worth a read (pdf).

- Apple VP of software engineering Craig Federighi wrote an op-ed for yesterday's WaPo, restating an opinion Apple and many of its supporters already expressed:

“...it’s so disappointing that the FBI, Justice Department and others in law enforcement are pressing us to turn back the clock to a less-secure time and less-secure technologies. ...”

- The stakes get higher in #AppleVsFBI as Apple prepares to launch several new iPhones and an iPad on March 21. We all know a decision by Judge Pym will affect these devices in the future, not just the San Bernardino shooter's iPhone 5C.
- And just to keep Apple users even more on their toes, there's now Apple ransomware on the loose. So far only Mac devices have been targeted, but it's only a matter of time before other Apple devices are similarly affected. I'd put my money on higher profile users or those using iPhones to remotely control costly systems.

Quickety-lickety

- Wall Streeters took home 9% less in bonuses on average in 2015 (Bloomberg) – How do the French say it...*Quel dommage!* Don't forget that Gallic snark on delivery.
- You can't ask another driver what they're doing, but your car might, using V2V (Fortune) – Last week's accident involving Google's self-driving car and a bus suggests vehicle-to-vehicle communication may reduce accidents. (Or just let a human drive using their native adaptive consciousness...)
- Revealed at Milan's car show, Toyota's Setsuna is an electric vehicle made of wood (Forbes) – Reminds me of an old Chris-Craft boat. I'd love to see one with a similar nautical look.

And on this day in 1876, U.S. Patent 174,465 for *Improvement in Telegraphy* was granted to Alexander Graham Bell.

What will they write about this day in another 140 years? Do something worth writing about.