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You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.
~ Sam Levenson

Elevator Pitch

By Lauren Allen ~ Daily Bull

DID YOU KNOW TECH HAD AN ELEVATOR pitch contest Tuesday? No, people weren't throwing elevators, although that would be awesome. There are no superheroes here. A pixie, but so far I've seen no superheroes. Yes, I'm writing this during the contest.

An elevator pitch is supposed to be a presentation that you can give to potential investors about a business during the elevator ride from ground floor Wads to 5th floor, so 3 minutes. A prize of \$1,000 was awarded to the first place winner this year, \$200 to audience favorite.

The first team, Custom Burgers, had a pitch about a vending machine that makes a burger for you, allowing people staying up late on campus to have hot food. Someone should do this- I can't count how many times

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What I've Learned From Being in the UP

By Jon 'Big O' Mahan ~ Daily Bull

NOW, AS MANY OF YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, I'm not a local. Most people aren't, I'd assume, but I'm not even anywhere near local. See, I come from the West Coast. Orange County, California to be specific. Being that I come from such a different place, it's only natural that I'd have a few things that I've learned in my almost exactly 3 month stay in the middle of nowhere, so here's just a small list of them.



This is what those Mercedes cars would look like if they tried one winter up here. Ha!

1. The UP has no idea how to make Mexican food. Period. See, where I come from, the Mexican food is made by people who literally crossed the border not 24 hours ago, and usually is made with authentic ingredients. If it's not authentic, it's probably healthier anyway, and tastier.

I was having a quesadilla when I noticed that the quesadilla was a LIE. You people don't even use taco cheese on your quesadillas! You should be able to bite into your cheesy Mexican

snack, and see a dancing plethora of colors and cheeses. Not some brown colored cheese that looks like... Mexican food in 24 hours and one digestion cycle later. C'mon, it's not THAT hard. Just buy some Kraft taco cheese.

2. Holy shit! You actually have seasons! In Orange County, there are no seasons. At all. Period. The closest we get to 'seasons' are Sunny, More Sunny, Fire, and Monsoon seasons. Even then the temperature stays about the same at a balmy 65-75 degrees. Granted, it's great if you're taking a vacation there, but holy hell does it get boring really fast.

3. Not everyone has a Mercedes! This is surprisingly true; in Orange County, pretty much everyone is driving a Mercedes, or at least the kids going to high school. Holy hell, what did they do to deserve that top of the line car? Nothing. It's good to see people who

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In Soviet Russia, people wonder how many woodchucks a woods could chuck.



Pic o' the Day



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don't have them. They get sickening after a while. Me? I'll take my 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada.

4. I miss In'N'Out. You poor Michiganders don't know about the joy of In'N'Out unless you've been to California, Arizona, or Nevada. Those burgers are seriously amazing. So amazing even New York 5 star chefs have designed burgers after them. And trust me, once you've has a Double-Double Animal Style made Monkey Style with Well Done Fries Animal Style, nothing tastes the same again. Nothing here in the UP can compete, sorry to say. I doubt anything but a 5 Star restaurant could compete.

5. I'm not that radical, actually! I find it funny how back home, in Orange County, which is generally considered to be 'red', I was still so red that I glowed like an emergency warning light saying there was an impending missile attack. I come out here, to

Michigan, which even California thinks is too liberal, and I find the one place where I say something. and people agree! Holy Crap! It's amazing.

6. Holy crap! Country listeners! It may seem common place to you to have half of your friends like country, but back in Orange County, everyone listens to rap. Not just rap, but gangster rap mostly. Yeah, cause OC thug-life is so thuggin' right? It's nice to know I have fellow appreciators of country music. And for that matter, fellow gun rights supporters. Neither of those exist in California.

That's all the major things I've learned in my short stay so far. I'm sure during spring I'll learn more, like that white stuff is snow, or something. But for those of you who are wondering (and I know you are because everyone asks this)- yes, Orange County is pretty much EXACTLY like you see on the show. And no, Miley Cyrus did not go to my high school (thank God). ☺

...Third Floor! from front

last year I spent the night in the labs with only tiny bags of chips to eat. :(

A common theme tonight has been customization. I fully approve. Customized clothing, burgers, jewelry, and even charters to Isle Royal have all been mentioned. For someone like me, who has more fun creating characters in games then actually playing the game, this would be wonderful. However, I think they should really customize the pitches. They could use iClickers to vote on several options for the next pitch. Such as, should they have a pirate costume or a ninja costume, awarding points based on what option the presenters gave the audience.

Oh. Oh dear. I just got insulted by someone claiming the current sizing system for women's clothing is insulting. The current system doesn't insult me very much except to put me at size 25 in some brands and 8 in others. But their system doesn't even have a size for me. I'm neither lean, nor muscular, nor mean. I guess I'm a misfit in all sizing systems.

Finally, the group I came to see, Crimson Claw Technologies. Aaand John is saying that robots are better because there's no need for human rights. See John,

this is why robots will rise up and enslave us. Oh, you say to use Pentium 2s because they can't think fast then? Great, we'll have giant, strong, SUPID overlords. Excellent combination.

Walking Billboards didn't show up. I really wanted to see that one. People are getting paid a full salary just to wear a different companies shirt everyday. I want in on this, but I don't know who to contact. Hell, I'll even paint my face with silly logos for \$60,000 a year.

Next up is I-Suck Company. Now, this sounds like it should be a vacuum or sex toy company. Sadly, it's vacuums... Which should not be used as sex toys. Boys, remember, vacuums are for cleaning only. Wait, he just said bluetooth enabled... The geek in me is cheering. The housekeeper in me is offended that someone would try to tell me how to do one of the simplest chores there is.

There were other groups, but I didn't feel like writing about them. If you didn't join this year because you didn't know about it, consider it for next year. Even if you're afraid of giving speeches, you can help a friend write it. Or show up drunk. Either way, entertain me next year. I want to see more costumes. ☺



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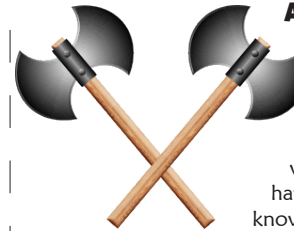
News in Briefs: by Liz Fujita ~ Daily Bull

ANTM Blackout Kills Thousands

Hundreds of people around the world were killed today following a tragic mis-broadcast of the CW's smash hit America's Next Top Model. The women were slotted to do their swimsuit photo shoot, but an unruly sabotage led to bikini malfunctions on nearly every model. As the girls were strutting confidently out of the dressing room, all at once every string, tie, and clasp disintegrated.

The FCC, in a mad scramble to save the footage, rushed to black-box the exposures, only to realize that they also had to 'beep' out many of the girls' horrified screams. Further issues arose as the cameramen's fingers inevitably wandered to the 'zoom' functions. Between the three, the FCC's system overloaded and crashed; ANTM cut out with a final cry of "viva la cleavage!" from an unknown, possibly pre-recorded voice.

When the station cut out to the infamous rainbow-lines-and-high-pitched-tone, thousands of viewers cried out in anguish. Many of the women affected by the crash were seen weeping in front of their television sets before rushing to the streets to riot. Police forces in seventeen major cities were called to duty, trying to assuage the women's anger. Damages included overturned cars, blazing shopping malls, and countless mannequins stolen, dismembered, and drenched in makeup. ☺



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! THIS IS A BATTLE!

There are some people in the world with writer's block. A fortunate (or, perhaps unfortunate) few have the opposite affliction: writer's diarrhea. Over the last few months, I've been coming down with a mild case of the latter, leading me to actually have some ideas and some desire to write. As you all know, another among us has an unprecedented, severe case of the writer's runs. SO!

I hereby challenge NATHAN INVINCIBLE MILLER to an ARTICLE-OFF over Thanksgiving break. The goal is to write more articles than your competitor. The goal is to win. An ARTICLE is more than 500 words. Anything under that is a HALF ARTICLE.

The challenge starts when you go through security at the airport on Saturday. The challenge ends when you come back out of the gates the next Saturday. Do not cheat. Whoever has the higher total WINS. Whoever has the lower total LOSES. The winner gets something cool, like maybe a can of silly string or a flying pet monkey or fame and glory. The loser gets the short half of the turkey's wishbone and a never ending sad stare from a forlorn kitten.

Ready? GO.

-Liz