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I can't bring myself to say, 'Well, I guess I'll be toddling along.' It isn't that I can't toddle. It's just that I can't guess I'll toddle.

~Robert Benchley

Albino Squirrel Used in Voodoo Potion

By Nathan 'Invincible' Miller
~ Daily Bull ~

Michigan Tech's token albino squirrel was captured and brewed into a mysterious voodoo potion this past weekend, much to the chagrin of his adoring fans across campus. The details of what type of potion he was used for and who perpetrated his demise are still under investigation.

Following a tip-off from the local chipmunk population, Houghton Police Deputy Joshua Leurquin was sent to Sharon Avenue to look around and quell any rumors of suspicious activity in the area. What he found, however, startled the 14-year veteran to the force.

"At first it looked like any wooded glade I've walked through, but the harder I looked, the more I came to

...see Witchcraftery on back



New Epidemic Flies to Fame

By Liz Fujita ~ Daily Bull

CINCINNATI – With the last bout of Swine Flu finally being lassooed under control by vaccines and the world's short attention span for pandemics, analysts have begun speculating on what the next "wipeout disease" will be. The world has fallen into an uncomfortable lull – human beings, as it turns out, can barely function without some impending doom to worry about. Events such as Y2K, the anthrax scare, and bird flu have served the bulk merchandise industry loyally, reeling in millions of hyper-paranoid patrons seeking bottled water, handy wipes, and baked beans.

"With Swine Flu slowly fading out of fashion, we are seeing a downward trend in sales of our apocalypse kits," explained Wal-Mart in a press conference regarding the relative calm around the world. "We were even preparing a Happy Meal-style kit for kids – complete with action figures of viruses and bacterial!"

They'd sell like hotcakes, surely.

Vendors like Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, and a recently opened Pamidageddon need not worry for too much longer, though. Several scientists at the Center for Disease Control have spotted a new strain

of flu that will undoubtedly raise the global Panic-o-Meter well above alert level vomit green. The disease, spotted in an airport in Cincinnati, Ohio, is the most bizarre yet.

Symptoms of the newly discovered Avian Swine Sickness with Surprising Amounts of Red Snot (ASS SARS) include an inverted fever (body temperature below 98.6), sudden cravings for fruits and berries, coughs reminiscent of hacking snorts, and delusions of being able to fly. In very serious cases, victims also suffer sudden violent nosebleeds as a result of their attempts to peck, imitating woodpeckers against all stationary surfaces within reach.

Also termed Flying Pig Flu, the disease has yet to spread to anyone outside the city of Cincinnati. The three patients who first presented with the symptoms could not fathom how they contracted the disease – especially once the "pecking" had begun. Although all three live in fairly close proximity to a large farm just outside of town, they insist that they have never been on the property.

"We checked the internet. None of these

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Does anyone else miss Toucan Sam?



Pic o' the Day



WHO DID THIS?

A Michigan Tech student suffered a gruesome death last week after being attacked by a terribly placed light post in the new sidewalk between Rehki and Dow. The pole, Tech officials say, could not have been removed because of its long history of loyal service to the community. Similarly, the path could not have been curved so as to go around the post because "it has enough aesthetically pleasing curves as it is." The Daily Bull speculates that this is just the first of thousands of light post-related deaths to come.

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...When Pigs Fly! from front

people have ever had any contact with pigs, as far as 4chan can tell,” said a CDC official. “We’re beginning to think that the farmer genetically engineered this new Flying Pig Flu and released it in the suburbs just to give everyone something to worry about.”

Needless to say, government officials are working hard to keep news of ASS SARS under tight wraps. Perhaps the only thing working in their favor is the knowledge that most people would not believe in a disease with such frighteningly animalistic symptoms. If the disease does end up spreading, the nation would be in deep doo-doo... literally. Assuming the swine half of Avian Pig Flu took hold, mud pits and wrestling would flourish. Innovations in individual flight would skyrocket – but so would the number of people mistakenly leaping from atop tall buildings.

So be aware! The disease has not been confirmed anywhere outside of Ohio, but you never know what can happen, especially considering the rivalry between the Buckeyes and the Wolverines. It would not take more than one or two ASS SARS victims sneezing, snorting, berry-munching, and hemorrhaging all over the stands to spread the disease to a large percentage of the state of Michigan.

Given that a fair percentage of Michigan Tech students hail from the lower peninsula, it would not be unreasonable to fear that even more engineers than usual could some day be beating their heads against the desk – but this time there would be a medical explanation, rather than yet another impossible set of statics problems 🐷

...Witchcraftery from front

realize that something in this forest was amiss,” testifies Deputy Leurquin while drinking a cold glass of milk. “Not only were leaves not exactly as they had fallen, a small pile of acorns caught my eye. Under them I found a note which read:

‘Your snow white friend is far from safe,
For I should know- he tastes quite great!
If you want to see him again,
Send a check to Chad’s Potions.
Twenty Bucks is a small price
Cause white squirrel is twice as nice!’

“And that’s all we’ve got.” Leurquin encouraged, “Any other leads would be quite helpful, especially as to what type of potion this Chad person is talking about. Heaven forbid it be something ghastly.”

As a mini-celebrity to many students

on campus, news of his disappearance and presumed death has sparked many to take up arms against their unknown foe. Others have organized candlelight vigils to honor his good name, attracting dozens of saddened supporters. Sandra Lee Custer explains their sorrow.

“These people needed direction, and he [albino squirrel] gave it to them. Without his guiding light, they walk the Earth without purpose, forever lost in a sea of uncertainty. Now who will lead them? Surely any old rodent should do, but he was special. He had a gift. Chipmunks? Voles? They are not fit to take these people where they need to go.”

“Perhaps a Chickadee or even a small dog will rise up to the challenge,” adds Sandra wistfully. “I know of a three legged cat that may even fit the bill. She’s blind though, so I’m not sure we should follow her around.”

Authorities are still struggling to unmask the squirrel’s killer, but fear that their search may be in vain. With over 175 voodoo masters in the U.P., none named Chad and even fewer having experience in squirrel brewing, it may be some time before there are any solid leads.

“There’s just not a lot we can do at this point aside from keep an eye out for witchcraftery and other magical activity,” says Leurquin. “We’ve got a schedule of all the D&D games for the next few months, so if need be we can rush in there and crack some skulls should our mana outburst detector go off. There’s nowhere this madman can hide.”

The remainder of the normal colored squirrel population had nothing to say aside from a few squeaks, chirps, and comments on how tasty fresh meat was and why they hadn’t been eating it all these years. 🐿



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Velociraptor Awareness

By Jacob Heck ~ Guest Writer

As everybody needs to know, September is Velociraptor Awareness Month. According to the American Society for Velociraptor Attack Prevention, Velociraptors are the third-leading cause of death for men aged 27-29. Even if you are outside of this age or gender bracket, velociraptors are still extremely dangerous. They can and will attack people of all ages and ethnicities. Velociraptors do not know how to discriminate; they only know to kill.

Don't let their size fool you. These creatures may only be 2 meters long with a mass of 15 kilograms, but these are pack animals that communicate and execute coordinated attack patterns to harvest prey much larger than themselves. A pack of raptors can destroy a family of four in 2.8 seconds. These creatures do nothing but kill, slashing their prey across the belly with a razor-sharp claw to fully disembowel them. The prey often is still alive when the raptor begins to eat it.

Although there is nothing you can do to survive an attack,

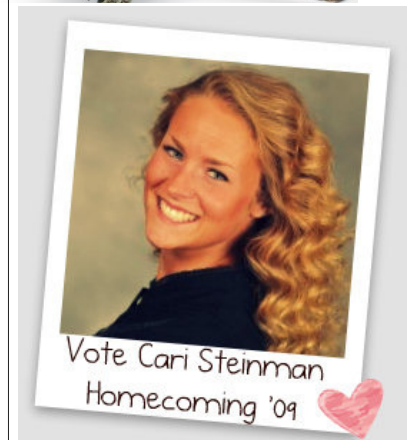
there are ways to prevent one from happening.

-Have doorknobs in your house instead of door handles. We all saw in Jurassic Park that these animals are smart enough to open doors by pulling handles. Had InGen used doorknobs, the computer room would have been a safer place.

-They attack from the sides, not the front. If you see a raptor, you will be destroyed by one that you are not looking at. You are safest in groups, especially ones where everybody is armed and looking in different directions.

-Keep Jeff Goldblum nearby. This man did two tours of duty on dinosaur-infested islands, so he knows what to do around these creatures. He is a scientist who knows how to deal with aliens as well, which is always a plus in survival situations.

This advice will protect you. Trust me. I dug up dinosaurs this summer. Be on the look out for raptors year-round for maximum safety. For more information visit www.velociraptors.info or watch Jurassic Park. 🐷



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