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Those who can laugh without cause have either found the true meaning of happiness or have gone stark raving mad. ~ Norm Papernick

### Movie Review: **JACKHAMMER**

By Stephen Whittaker ~ Daily Bull ~

"The Jackhammer Massacre" Rated R, Release Year 2004 Director Joe Castro

Twelve A.M., got nothing to do? Well if you enjoy massacres, the jackhammers that cause them, and a few hard drugs thrown into the mix, then this is the movie for you. Surely you can't go wrong watching a movie with a title like "The Jackhammer Massacre!" It has warm cozies built right into it. While classified as a horror flick, I don't find this movie to be very scary, but gory- heck yes! That is, if you can stand to watch it till the iackhammer hums.

I would also classify it as an anti drug movie. Not that the goal of it was, but MY GOD I will never do heroine after watching this movie, the depictions of Jack inject-

# Communication Breakdown

By Ed Leonard ~ Guest Writer

Youtube. Last.Fm. Reddit. Take your pick relatives, parents, total strangers, stalkers, (or add some of your own).

I live in the dorms (East McNair, if you them to have this information. must know), and I can list eight different methods to reach some of my friends Last weekend, my friends and I drove approximately three doors down. The up to Copper Harbor, found a dirt road,

society of today has blown up into a technological mishmash of text messages, phone calls, emails, status updates, wall posts, tweets, and what-have-yous, most of which can be directed to or originate from one's cell phone. Within a matter of seconds, Sally can let the world

know that "Sally Doe hAtEs.every1 && taht includes U!" by simply entering that pitiful

bit of English into a text message on her calls, RSS feeds, or anything of the cell phone that NEVER leaves her side.

What happened?

I'm not here to blame anything in particular (because, really, this is not the It was...wonderful. Internet's fault, it's ours.) Whether I want to or not, I carry a digital footprint. It I was disconnected, off the grid, and

Facebook. Twitter. Orkut. Blogspot. Digg. is viewable by future job prospects, etc, unless I have all of my "Privacy" settings finagled just right such that I allow

hiked through some woods, and found a secluded beach on Lake Superior. There was no cell phone service to be had. From approximately

> 1500-2130, I may as well have disappeared from the face of the planet. I have a Blackberry, so all of my social networks can (and actively are) managed from it. I had no tweets, texts, statuses, blogs, messages, emails, phone

nature. It was the first time since I purchased the phone that I could turn it off and know for certain that I would miss nothing, as it wouldn't work anyway.

...see Freeeedom! on back

## Nathan Wonders: Billboards

Brought to you by Nathan "Invincible" Miller

If you've ever driven on a highway, you're accustomed to those big bright rectangles in the sky: billboards. They're everywhere, watching over us speeding down the road to destinations unknown. Ubiquitous? Yes. Boring? Some of the time. Mysterious? You bet.

Why so mysterious, you ask? Well in all my years of driving on major highways, which just this summer totaled more than 6000 miles, I've never

seen a billboard being changed or replaced. Call me crazy, but I think something strange is going on.

Let's assume that there's an average of 7 billboards per mile of highway, a perfectly reasonable amount. That'd mean I've seen around 42,000 in the last few months. I drove at random times of the day, on different days of the week, so it's not like I missed them

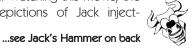


RAAAH! CHANGE THIS BILLBOARD!

being switched because I only drive on Sunday afternoons.

42,000 billboards is quite a lot. Not seeing a single changeover seems pretty unlikely. Heck, I've seen more flaming semi-trucks than that. Either Lamar is changing their signs at 4 a.m., or the guys replacing the ads are invisible. I don't buy either explanation, so it looks like I'm going to have to stay on the lookout for that elusive switcheroo.





...AND STAY OUT, Y'HEAR ME?

Most students couldn't go more than

a few minutes without their phones.

Mr. Leonard will be receiving a medal

of honor for his brave sacrifices.



10 miles away from cell service. need) this. What did I do, you ask? I sat on the that lives in our phones because they as a generation, really are. weren't going to work anyway.

of this writing?"

I challenge everyone that reads "Get Lost.") this to find a day where there's no school, work, or anything that you would actually need a phone for. and just turn it off (or go for a road enough to make you hurl. trip...once you get close enough to Disconnect yourself, take a day off because you've earned it! Keeping



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#### ...Jack's Hammer from front

ing himself in puss filled wounds is This is where the proverbial crap hits

expensive tastes besides fancy cars; get him. he has a love for heroine. We follow Jack with his friend on their journey This is when the movie is worth orbit I mean kill them.

the audacity to go and die on him. ly, if you can't seem to find this pile, Next thing we know, Jack is out in I own a copy of it and I'm more than the street with no car (his was stolen) willing to share. and a dying friend. Jack then has to make a decision: either try and save Stephen needs terrible movies to the later... well, sort of. He called 911 with the location, then ran for it.

(even in case of emergency) about tiring, and you deserve (and perhaps to the smack. Except now he has no home, no car, and a mountain of drug debt. He works a job in a mabeach, took a dip in the lake, and had Turn the phone back on, and fly back chining warehouse as the night secua cookout with my friends and we to the web of people that missed you rity, strung out the entire shift. While just had a genuinely good time. We while you were gone, and it will make on one of his shifts, the dealer whom didn't have to worry about the world you appreciate how connected we, Jack is heavily indebted to comes demanding his payment. When Jack can't pay him, they inject Jack with For the record, six and a half hours a cocktail of speed, heroin, PCP, and It is at this point that I will address of no service had me miss 5 phone. God knows what else to cause his your question: "What is the purpose calls (4 voice mails), 14 tweets, 29 heart to explode. Unfortunately for Facebook notifications, 9 e-mails, and the dealers, the drug not only didn't 1 calendar reminder (the event was kill Jack but made him invulnerable to pain, gave him superhuman strength, and also the endurance of a Kenyan.

the fan. Jack finds a jackhammer with what seems like an extension cord Copper Harbor there's no service). The movie starts out slow with a that's infinitely long and can't come well to do main character named unplugged until the right time, and Jack. How original, I know.... Jack uses it to go on a delusion fueled is as businessman and appears to killing spree. His hallucinations? The be on top of the world sporting a dead friend tells him that everyone brand new viper. Jack also has other is working for the DEA and is out to

> to score drugs. They end up in a watching. Right. That being said I drug den with topless, strung out won't say more about who gets gothic chicks and drug dealer offer-killed or how (use your imagination). ing them a new kind of heroin that If you want to know what happens will, "send them into orbit," and by you'll have to find a copy of this crapshoot and see it for yourself. I found it at least interesting, but I also Unfortunately for Jack, his friend has have a warped sense of humor. Final-

> his friend or run for it. He chooses watch and review! If you know of any, shoot him an email at sdwhitta@mtu.edu. Anything goes!

### **EARTHLING!**

WHAT IS THIS EMPTY SPACE DOING HERE? I HAVE NOT TRAVELLED ALL THE WAY

FROM THE 24TH 1/2 CENTURY TO SEE

THIS ABOMINATION!

YOU MUST FILL THIS SPACE WITH ADS BEFORE I ELIMINATE YOUR PLANET! ONLY EMAILING BULL@MTU.EDU CAN SAVE YOU NOW....



Did you participate in the very first Daily Bull email game of the year? It was totally awesome. I'd tell you all about it, but it's TOP SECRET! which means that only people who got the email were cool enough to see it. The winners of the inaugural competition were:

> 3rd Place, clocking in at 7 minutes, Aaron Sawyer! 100 points awarded. 2nd Place, at 6 minutes, Josh Steffeck! 227 points! 1st Place, mere seconds before Josh, was Ben Nikula!

> > 395 points to him!

The correct answer was, "David Olson's name." Better luck next time to everyone who didn't participate or were way too slow. Natalie **Helms** gets best in show, however, for continuing the song lyrics I started the email out with. "Holy calamity, scream insanity, - All you ever gonna be is another great fan of me - Break!" It's a song by the Handsome Boy Modeling School from DJ Shadow's Live! In Tune and On Time album. Natalie gets 1674 points for knowing lots of good music.

How do you get on the email list so you can play along? It's as simple as 1,2,3. Just send an email to **bull@mtu.edu** telling me that you want to be on the list. Then I will. And that's it. Then all you gotta do is wait for it to pop in your email. Ta-da! A digital copy of the Daily Bull, in stunning color pixels, right on your screen. Talk about cool.

Do it!

~Nathan "Invincible" Miller, Boss Man