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"Exit, pursued by a bear."
William Shakespeare

Raccoons: Fiend or Foe?

By John Earnest ~ Daily Bull

Raccoons. Horrible reptiles that can strip the flesh from a water buffalo in 10 seconds. A deadly stinger that can pierce the engine block of a Toyota Hilux. We've all heard the whispered legends, watched the HBO special starring Leonard Nimoy. How much of it is real? My hope in this article is to clear up some of the misconceptions surrounding this bizarre animal and lay down the facts.

Procyon Lotor, the common Raccoon, is, in the adult instar, a four-legged vertebrate frequently found in light for-

... see Cooner on back

FDA Unveils New Warning Labels to Stop Smoking

By Alec Hamer ~ Daily Bull

NO ONE GIVES A F*CK! People are still going to smoke if they want to (or are addicted to cigarettes). Chimneys, lung rockets, cancer sticks; it doesn't matter what they are called, it still seems that some people can't get enough of them. The problem is they're just so cool.

I mean, next time you're walking around campus, just check out how many cigarette butts are on the ground. How could something that could be bad for you be allowed to happen on campus? Not only that, but endorsed by campus. Michigan Tech has spent millions of your of your tuition dollars to build a Great Lakes Research Center/smoking corral. Benches

will be placed and ash trays set out. It will be an enclave for all things tobacco and smokable! People will travel from parts far and wide to sit down next to the Portage and huff a cig. Unfortunately, their new seven-dollar pack of smokes will take away from this moment.

Upon setting eyes on the pack, a smoker is immediately reminded that what he is doing is not for the best of health. Pictures of corpses and drags taken through a stoma are just the beginning. The picture will be placed right in front of the pack, taking away from the once beautiful design that was there. Now, a smoker is forced to face his demons head on instead of flipping a pack on its side to see what's up. Good thing the FDA is on its game; we wouldn't want people doing things like smoking, drinking, or eating raw meat. That might kill you.

Figure 4.
Example of a warning label currently found on cigarette packages in Canada

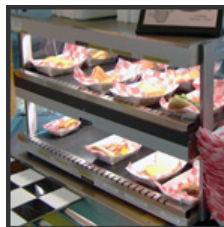


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By Jon "Big-O" Mahan

~ Daily Bull ~

Holy Shit, 3-D concerts.

It's come. The time of the future is now. Granted, the technology isn't quite as awesome as holodecks, but we are getting one step closer to it.

What the hell am I talking about? Recently Japan came out with a new technology to revolutionize the music, gaming, and pretty-much-anything industry? Not only did they prove it could be done, but that it could be marketed. The Japanese have developed 3-D character pro-

jection technology. Specifically, they have held a concert to a vocaloid (for those unaware, vocaloids are voice synthesizing programs for songs, which have been anthropomorphized), specifically Hastune Miku, and marketed it out to a large crowd of otaku. (Look up Hatsune Miku 3-D Concert on youtube to see what I'm talking about.)

The technology is nothing spectacularly amazing yet. You can still see the translucent screen that they broadcast on when the lights are on, but when they're off, the only thing you see is the light of the projector shining through her. Suddenly, we're one step closer to holo-decks. Just think about what this will mean in the future for entertainment? Here are my ideas.

- **Music.** Call me crazy, but the future of concerts is here. Ever wanted to see your favorite band in concert, but couldn't be in town for them? No problem. Now, major bands will be able to record themselves on a stage in Los Angeles, and the same concert can be simulcast world-wide to concert halls everywhere. Now, you and your friend in Germany can see your favorite band, live, at the same time.

- **Chatting.** People always complain

that typing text on an interface is too impersonal for real contact. Well not anymore. With this new technology, you can actually talk to your friend in full 3-D over the internet, no impersonality about it.

- **Phone.** Imagine, you're talking on your new smartphone, flop down a screen, and bam, there's your friend, or possibly just their face/upper body, and you two are chatting away happily on speaker. This could be really cool. Like when your friend is trying to do something, but not wanting to blow you off, you can tell! The only 'problem' that is foreseeable with this is that the 3-D images could probably be used for something like...

- **Porn.** Yes, porn will finally be 3-D. You know they're going to be the first people to snatch this up when they get a chance. If they can mass market it, or if it ever hits tv screens, the second people have access to it, there will be porn of/for it. Now that creepy guy down the hall who's way to into anime characters can finally shag one... that's made out of pure light, anyway.. Oh and did I mention phone sex before? Yeah, that's either going to get better or a whole lot worse. But then, maybe you don't WANT to see who your partner is... *shudder*

... Cooner from front ested areas and seedier suburban territories. Few have seen a living specimen firsthand, and the scientific community is forced to rely on wildly exaggerated artist's conceptions frequently featuring mottled fur, claws and pointed ears.

The Raccoon's diet seems to consist of rotting vegetation and delicious Hostess snacks.

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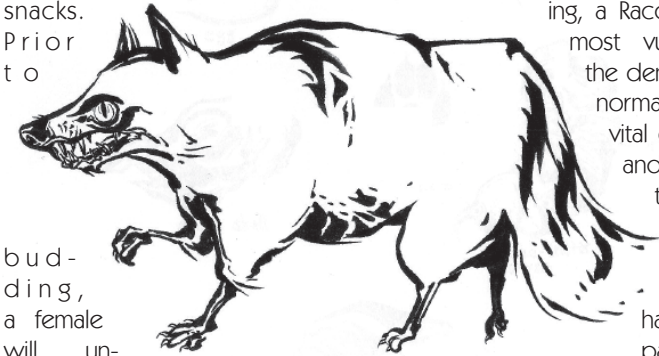
building, a female will undergo a

series of hormonal changes that trigger a search for live prey. Much as the Cotesia Glomerata wasp uses the Cabbageworm, Raccoons must lay their eggs in a live housecat. As the Raccoon larvae burrow their way through the delicate tissues of their host, the outward signs become increasingly apparent. Infected cats

may appear lethargic, seeking sources of heat and constantly begging for food. Be on the watch for these symptoms in your own pets!

After emerging from the fully consumed cat-husk (which, incidentally, makes an excellent accent rug), Raccoons undergo a number of moltings- antennae and tentacles become vestigial and disappear. After molting, a Raccoon is at its most vulnerable, as the dense chitin that normally protects vital organs is soft and pale. Over the course of several days, their shells will harden and expand.

To combat Raccoon infestations in your area, leave out rags soaked in ammonia and consider investing in high-caliber firearms. If you find yourself cornered by a pack of Raccoons, avoid making eye contact- their gaze has been reported to turn men to stone, and less-credible sources suggest possible laser vision.



(artist's conception)



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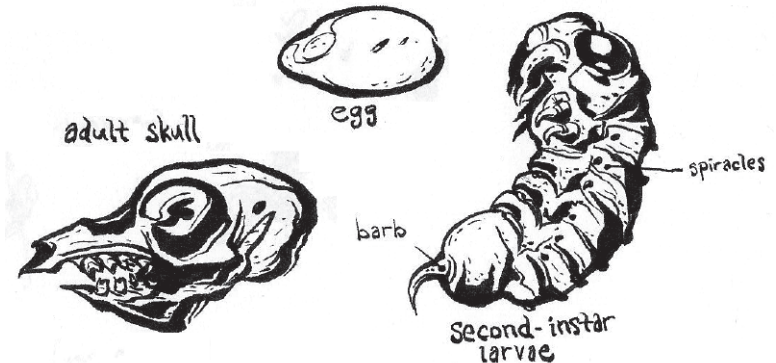
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