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Yet another pic of the day!

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Wal-Mart vs. EconoFoods

Nathan "Invincible" Miller

I'm a big fan of counting things and living life as efficiently as possible. Whether it's taking the quickest form of transportation or tabulating the number of calories I eat, I'll figure it out. So when I had the chance to finally lay to rest the age-old argument of whether Wal-Mart or EconoFoods is a better deal, I was eager to hit the shelves calculating.

My first stop was Econo, where I signed up for their MORE Card in about 10 seconds (it really is that easy). Certain discounts and savings are available only to members, while points accrue that are currently useless. The lady I talked to said they were hoping to put them towards something in the future. Hopefully money off gas or future purchases, because those bonuses are sweet.

The first step was to come up with a list of items I buy most frequently. Since Econo is primarily a grocery store I decided to stick with groceries and common household items, such as shampoo, toothpaste and the like. In all I settled on around four dozen items I would try and find at each store. Some were generic brands, while others I specifically sought out the brand name versions because I like them better. Call me picky, but sometimes the quality really is higher.

Finding each item on my list went relatively smoothly. I couldn't find a couple of things at Econo,

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But does Econo have greeters?

Off I went to each store, list in hand.



Who likes short shorts?



Polls Show Kony Expected to Win 2012 Nov. Election

by Simon Mused ~ Daily Bull

In an unexpected nomination and massive public support, Joseph Kony of the Lords' Liberation Army in Uganda is now the top contender for the office of President of the United States. People cite his charisma, determination, and ability to recruit people to his side as motivating factors.

"He just seems like a great leader." said Jennifer Krauf, a second-year chemical engineering student. "Conservative but with enough liberal ideas to make him appeal to moderates, has a large family, and is a devote Christian. He's got everything the Republican party should want."

Veterans of our armed forces appreciate his spectacular military record and experience in battle, noting that such valor isn't as visible in any other candidate. He also comes from a small town and believes ...see Konyism on back

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Or for that matter, these people. Oh yes, people of Walmart. Such humor.

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but I attribute this more to my unfamiliarity with their store. The Xoopers there were nicer and more appropriately sized than at Wal-Mart, which I was amazed to find still employs the woman with the skunk hairdo.

The results! Overall, Wal-Mart came out on top. For the 43 items found at both stores, my Wal-Mart bill would have come out to \$159.46, while nearly the same items at Econo would have been \$177.23. So maybe the convenience of Wal-Mart's one-stop shopping experience really is worth it.

Not so fast – the totals don't tell the whole story. Econo offers many deals and coupons for MORE Card holders, so a lot of the higher prices were due to me "spending" more to buy in bulk. If I compared the unit prices of all

my items, Wal-Mart only squeaks by \$33.39 to \$34.67. That's barely the price of a chocolate muffin! I could further increase my Econo savings if I clipped coupons or shopped more frequently to take advantage of time-sensitive deals, something that Wal-Mart does not do nearly as often.

Big winners and losers: Wal-Mart was 61¢ cheaper per loaf of Italian bread, noticeably a better deal for apples, and had substantial savings on bathroom, household, and pet supplies. Econo, true to their "best meat in town" promise, had cheaper and higher quality ground beef and chicken in stock. They were also surprisingly lower than Wal-Mart for basics like eggs, Jilbert's milk, and Tostitos chips. Pace salsa still leaned in favor of Wal-Mart however.

My verdict? Despite potentially spending a bit more at Econo, I came away feeling like I got a better deal. I also liked finding big savings on items using my MORE Card, which would be even more awesome if they let me use my accumulated points someday. Additionally, I always found shopping at Wal-Mart somewhat objectionable for a variety of reasons, not excluding the high number of freakish people who shop there. I did not have to contend with a single morbidly obese shopper driving a buggy during my trip to Econo, which has got to be worth at least \$5. But they do sometimes provide a good laugh...🐼



...from Konyism on front

in minimal taxes and overthrowing the basic foundations of the Government, the staples of the Tea Party.

It should be noted that Kony is technically not eligible to be President, as he was not born on US soil and hasn't resided within the US for fourteen years. However, the massive public support has also begun discussion on the merits of such a limitations and if an amendment to the Constitution is necessary to correct for this.

"The person the people of this country want to be President is the person the country should get as President, whether he is a contract plumber in Pittsburgh or

a Ugandan War Lord" said Senator John McCain in a speech to Congress, still visibly bitter about his loss in 2008. The pain of the defeat still burns deep in his shallow soul.

Some concerns from voters include his tendency towards violence to solve problems, his cannibalistic diet, his 88 wives whom range from age 8 to 21, and his child labor policies. However, a 30 minute video that became viral thanks to social media has brought the Kony platform to the general public's attention and is swaying voters to see the potential that can be achieved through child efforts in America. And hey, its not like the children vote anyway. 🐼

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