

# DAILY BULL

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"Mistakes are a part of being human. Appreciate your mistakes for what they are: precious life lessons that can only be learned the hard way. Unless it's a fatal mistake, which, at least, others can learn from."

-Al Franken

## Big City Observations: Wheelchairs

Brought to you by Nathan "Invincible" Miller

Seems everywhere I go out here in the city there are people driving around electric wheelchairs. Maybe it's just the greater population increasing my chances of seeing them, but I'm pretty sure Albany is just an especially disabling place to be.

Up in Houghton, you never saw people driving their power chairs around, for obvious reasons. I'm sure Houghton has laws against the elderly and handicapped cruising around wherever they please, so they had to take their illicit activities to Wal\*Mart or abandon them altogether. On top of this, the outrageous electricity rates in the U.P. naturally would force people to consider cheaper alternatives. Ergo, Meals on Wheels. Let's not even get ...see VROOM on back



## Amber-Lamps (Blue Light System)

By Bill Melcher ~ Daily Bull

Quick, there's an emergency, where's the nearest red phone? Oh that's right, you don't know because you've got a cell phone in your pocket. And so do all of your friends, and 99% of MTU students. Therefore, you couldn't care

less where the nearest red phone is because in case of emergency, you've covered yourself like a responsible adult! These phones hail from earlier days when personal communication was far less common, and therefore the University provided easy reach of Public Safety in case there was a-- ...

Well, I was going to say "crime", but since moving here I can't remember what exactly that means. I suppose in case of a medical emergency, then. A medical emergency among 20-something college students still on their parents' insurance... that story probably reads something like this: "Tech Student unconscious on bar floor, 53 hours running. Reported public health hazard, someone could trip over him. Also, bad cell service in the basement. Red phone installation recommended."



The Blue Light emergency alert system is up for revamping. The price tag? A cool million. This is the sort of because-we-can spending that could easily be cut. The phones are from years ago, they are clearly not worth \$1 million to recover.

Tech probably has the highest cell phone per square mile rate in the Upper Peninsula (how many cell phones in Wadsworth?), and yet we need red phones lining the walls.

If the phone project were cut, there'd be a million dollars floating around waiting to be

spent. Here are some possible uses for it: A million Arizona iced teas, 10 brand new Mercedes', 2 million boxes of tic-tacs, 4 million packs of Juicyfruit, 20 foreclosed houses in Houghton County, 12 college educations, half a divorce, lifetime supply of hookers & blow, or Carl Blair's sweater collection.

If that million was directly applied to a tuition decrease, it would be approximately \$143 per undergrad student. That's a textbook. I already have a cell phone and I literally cannot think of

...see Somebody call 9-1-1 on back

99% Fat free. The 1% is 9001% fat.



## The Steaming Pile

Straight From You-Know-Where!

Places to Lose your Virginity

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| The glass boob            | Mackinac Bridge                  |
| €\$€                      | Anime Convention                 |
| Fisher 135                | Snow Cow Ranch                   |
| The White House           | In the Blizzard T Husky Suit     |
| Kiss Club                 | Over The internet (!?)           |
| The Library Bridge        | In class                         |
| Disney Land               | In the Lode Office               |
| Never Land Ranch          | On and Iron Smelter              |
| FYE                       | Japanese Public Bath             |
| Wads Elevator             | In the large Hardon Collider     |
| Public Safety Vehicle     | Airplane Cockpit                 |
| Mineral Museum            | On top of Spaghetti              |
| Library Study Room        | Via SMS                          |
| Anatomy Lab               | Trucker Rest stop                |
| Fisher Basement           | Bathtub Full of Kahlua           |
| McNair Lunch line         | A funeral                        |
| Wads Catacombs            | A baby shower                    |
| Broomball rink            | In the jungle, the mighty Jungle |
| Your Roommate's Bed       | Under The Sea                    |
| Every Dorm Room But yours | In an Orgy                       |
| Admin Building            | While Doing Missionary (Work)    |
| Sunshine's Beard          | In Solitary Confinement          |
| Justin Bieber Concert     | International Space Station      |

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... VROOM from front into the weather this time.

Albany has no such law. This has inevitably led to the disabled taking over the city, a statement I make with no exaggeration. They may be a numerical minority (for now), but in terms of sheer belligerence, these scooter-riding fiends have a sent a clear message to their more-abled

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counterparts: Get out of our way.

Now, most waterways operate under the assumption that the biggest boat has the right-of-way. This is because it takes a much longer distance for larger vessels to slow down or adjust their routes. The same goes for side-walks. Have you ever seen an obese person adjust course to let you by? Of course not – that's physics in action. The disabled in their wheelchairs also refuse to give way or even slow down for oncoming pedestrians, despite their ability to navigate tight corners with their 360° turning capabilities. I've seen the commercials, so I know everything about them. Absolutely EVERYTHING.

Not only that, but these legless speed demons have the nerve to take their antics out on the open road. I can't tell you how many times I've seen them cruising down four lane thoroughfares like they own the place. Bicyclists, sure. But one-eyed Jerry "C3PO" Smith on my highway? That's an accident waiting to happen.

Which is probably how there got to be so many handicaps around here in the first place. What we've got here is a positive feedback loop. The original invalids careen blindly out into traffic, causing drivers to swerve to avoid killing them instantly. The driver crashes, suffers disabling injuries, and is forced to pilot a Hoveround for the rest of their life. Thus the cycle continues, building upon itself until we all have broken spines and non-functioning appendages.

Or, in an alternate universe where common sense reigns supreme, there would be no repercussions if you did hit someone who zoomed across a highway while traffic was speeding

## Sunshine's Searcher: Professional Wrestling Finishers

Brought to you by Jeremy 'Mr. Sunshine' Loucks

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| ALABAMA SLAM          | MANDIBLE CLAW       |
| ATTITUDE adjustment   | MASTERLOCK          |
| BACK-CRACKER          | PEOPLES ELBOW       |
| BATISTA BOMB          | PILEDRIVER          |
| BLACKOUT              | RAZORS EDGE         |
| BLOOD MIST            | RKO                 |
| BOSTON CRAB           | ROCK BOTTOM         |
| BRAINBUSTER           | SAMOAN SPIKE        |
| CAMEL CLUTCH          | Rings of SATURN     |
| CHOKESLAM             | SAVAGE ELBOW        |
| CLOTHESLINE from hell | SCISSOR KICK        |
| COBRA CLUTCH          | SHARPSHOOTER        |
| CODEBREAKER           | SHOWSTOPPER         |
| CRIPPLER CROSSFACE    | SNOWFLOW            |
| DIAMOND CUTTER        | SPEAR               |
| DOMINATOR             | STFU                |
| EDGEATOR              | STRATUSFACTION      |
| EDGEUCATION           | STUNNER             |
| FAMEASSER             | SWEET CHIN music    |
| FLYING Iariat         | TIGER DRIVER        |
| 5 star FROG SPLASH    | TOMBSTONE           |
| GERMAN SUPLEX         | TROUBLE in paradise |
| JACKHAMMER            | UNPRETTIER          |
| JAILBREAK             | VADER BOMB          |
| KITCHEN SINK          | WALLS OF JERICHO    |
| Kane LARIAT           | WEST COAST POP      |
| LAST RIDE             | WIDOWS PEAK         |
| Figure 4 LEGLOCK      | X-FACTOR            |
| LIGHTS OUT            |                     |

by. True, handicaps have loads of rights and all that, which is totally fair. Nobody likes to be excluded because you can't climb stairs. But it's generally accepted that humans lose against speeding cars whether they're in a wheelchair or not.

Maybe I'm just biased because I have a suburban. I'm not exactly waiting for the day one of them decides to test my braking abilities, but I am definitely prepared for it. As in, 'I have the biggest car on the road and I'm not afraid to run over other cars/wheelchairs to save my life.' And no, as an urban planner I am not going to design roads with lanes specifically for wheelchairs. You have to draw the line somewhere. ☹

... Somebody call 9-1-1 from front.

someone I know who doesn't. Why, then, should I pay for an emergency wall phone? My student loans are still a fetus, but it definitely just kicked me. These are very rough figures and I doubt it's this simple, but by my calculations if \$28 million was cut from the budget, tuition could decrease to \$20,000 per year for undergrads, rendering Tech one of the cheaper schools in the state of Michigan. Cut spending, cut tuition. ☹

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