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Campus Health Alert

A new wave of natural germ warfare is afoot, my friends. As if Mother Nature's common cold, Ebola, hay fever, and Fun Monkey Disease were not enough, our beautiful earth is once again trying to make our existence insufferable.

My friends, the Noravirus is upon us.

Many people might think, "Noravirus doesn't sound *that* bad, does it?" These people are wrong. The Noravirus is a horrifying disease that will undoubtedly prove to be the defining medical struggle of our times. In fact, if *Hillpress* research is correct, one of our own community members has already been affected.

The earliest sign of a Noravirus infection is quite clear; the infected can be overheard unconsciously humming the tunes, and in extreme cases singing the lyrics, to the songs of timeless English rock bands. The lyrics to the Beatles, The Who, and Pink Floyd are especially prevalent in early-stage Noravirus



The terror and grief that accompany Noravirus are evident in this victim's face.

infection. If you or one of your friends finds themselves experiencing a "British invasion" of sorts, consult your local CDC office immediately.

The greatest threat to human society presented by this virus is a general and widespread diminution in stature and body size in general. While that doesn't sound serious, you must understand, my friends, that few patients who have had full-blown Noravirus infections stand taller than five feet, two inches. This reduction in height could adversely affect the professional basketball industry, as well as increase the demand on the already-strapped stock boy unions. On the plus side, markets for ladders, stilts, and elevator shoes should experience an increase in sales, profits, and new investors.

My friends, scientists have not yet discovered the origin of the Noravirus, and have no leads on any possible vaccines or even treatments. As always, the CDC suggests avoiding human contact and constant hand washing as a way to avoid any and all infectious diseases.

Will Satterwhite has lots of friends.



Latest Trends Sweep Virginia Tech

After the thrilling look at women's winter fashions a few weeks ago, we here at Hillpress received an unprecedented amount of complaints. They weren't necessarily related to that article, but it made me realize that men, too, like to be trendy and cold. In response to this public outcry on a totally unrelated topic, here are this season's hippest togs for the gentlemen of Hillcrest:

Hair: Nature's Accessory Whoever said accessorizing had to cost money? You can style your luscious locks into various trendy 'dos this winter. You can also knit a sweater, mittens, or a lovely scarf out of it! Adorn with a snowflake for added seasonal flair. Human hair is not only warm and soft to the touch—it's environmentally friendly, too!

Shame-Free Panties We all know you've been secretly wondering about them for years. Well, now's your chance to try it out! This winter, don a hot pink bikini panty and strut your stuff. After all, it's the only time of year you don't have to say "hey... it's cold!" We already know!

Teva Sandals Now, ordinarily these wouldn't stand a chance on a New York or Milan runway. But during the winter, these babies are just *avant garde* enough to make the grade! Here's a great opportunity to transform your nerdy summer wardrobe into a hot and trendy winter fashion.

Kathleen has been watching America's Next Top Model reruns all weekend.

THE DARK LORD HAS RISEN

No, children! Do not speak his name!
He'll hear from his black tower-
Oh good God, nothing's been the same
since the Dark Lord came to power.

Your dad and I are not in love;
I know *I'm* not a fairy.
But he, the Dark Lord up above
made *everyone* gay-marry.

'Twas one of his first Great Decrees
his presidency's first hour.
It dropped the nation to its knees
when the Dark Lord came to power.

Another took "pro-choice" values
and blew them out of proportions;
he forced all pregnant women to
get compulsory abortions.

Now the only babies coming
into these United States
must all cross borders, succumbing
to our friendly Welcome Gates.

For there's boundless immigration.
See, the Dark Lord doesn't care
(to the citizens' frustration)
why they came here or from where.

The population's booming
'cause they want our free healthcare.
Financial disaster's looming-
the money for it isn't there.

So "Tax breaks for poor families"
unfortunately became:
"We're robbing from both rich and poor
but the rates are not the same."

And anyone Conservative
was told that they could stay;
but they "didn't deserve to give
their thoughts on the U.S.A."

And then anyone religious
the Dark Lord just deported.
No matter how prestigious
they were to a man exported.

The army was recalled and then
immediately disbanded.
The guns were taken from our men
just as the Dark One commanded.

The guns were melted down into
their most basic components,
so that they couldn't harm him through
the Dark Lord's many opponents.

And no one can send him packing
(at least, not without any guns).
The futility of attacking
make us all unfortunate ones.

I wish he hadn't won the race
for our august presidency.
It makes it so hard to embrace
our awful residency.

But wait! A motorcycle sound,
causing a God-awful ruckus!
The Mavericks are attacking town!
O Dark Lord, sir! Protect us!

Will Hutcheson is largely oblivious to the world around him.



EDITORIAL

Sarah Palin Thrown Under the Bus

The choice of Sarah Palin as the GOP vice presidential candidate only a few months ago took the whole country by surprise. Most people had never heard of her before. Some people had downright forgotten that Alaska was part of the United States. Within hours of the announcement, Palin's *Wikipedia* page tripled in length and her daughter's pregnancy became a nationwide discussion topic. She immediately became the spectacle of the campaign, taking a lot of the "fresh blood in Washington" hype away from Barack Obama.

Many speculated that Palin would completely fall apart in a tough debate. She drew harsh blows from the media – Charlie Gibson and Katie Couric both goaded her for claiming that Alaska's two international borders gave her foreign policy credentials. Her interviews presented her in a very negative light. Matt Damon came out and utterly condemned Palin for her conservative Christian views.

In what came as a surprise to many, Sarah Palin endured a tough debate with Senator Joe Biden, never backing down or appearing flustered on stage. Her only major error was citing comments about an Afghanistan troop surge from a certain General McClellan.

Palin meant the U.S. Army General

McKiernan, not the long deceased Union Army General from the Civil War.

I bet a lot of you Hillcresters found Kyle's article sent out to the ListServ a few days ago pretty amusing. I must admit, I did too. The one about Sarah Palin not knowing whether Africa was a country or a continent? That's harsh.

There is no excuse for ignorance of a continent that is as big as China, the United States, and Europe combined - especially as a vice presidential candidate. However, the jabs taken at Palin in the *YouTube* clip were from *Fox News*, easily the most conservatively biased network on television. Normally, a network like *Fox* would sooner badmouth Jesus Christ than spread ill about a Republican.

Sarah Palin did not chase after John McCain to get the VP nomination; rather, the GOP came to her looking for a fresh new face. Who could say no to an offer of Vice President from a distinguished Arizona senator and revered war hero? There is no doubt that Palin felt overwhelmed by her selection, but she never showed it.

And then, the day after the election goes awry, *Fox News* immediately discredits and lambasts Palin for being poorly prepared and lacking in knowledge necessary to be a heart-beat from the presidency. There are likely millions of people in the United States that don't know what exactly Africa is – and I blame the Republicans for picking one of them. If only more people had access to maps, like such as. Seriously – the blame should lie on the party, not on the hockey mom.

Shame on you, GOP.

Tory Smith is EVERYWHERE LIKE SUCH AS MAPS!!!

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