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Shopping trolley killer strikes again

» Town in shock after latest attack

» Was the killer captured on film?

Taddler McMcMcMorrigan reports

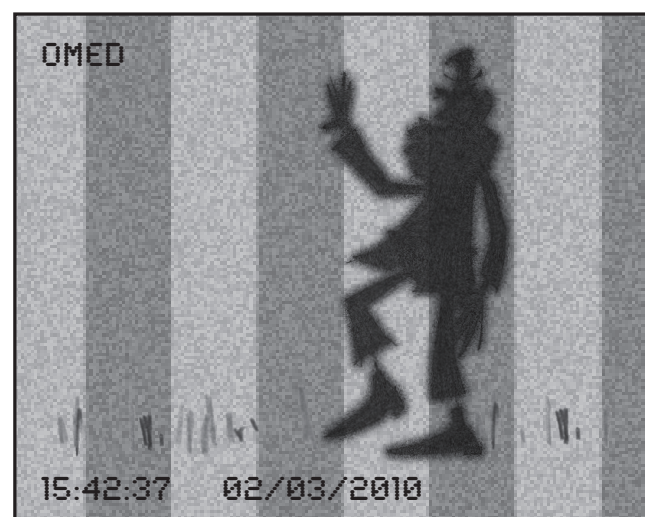
Police and other important people with hats on have confirmed that the Lamonic Bibber shopping trolley killer – or ‘Jack the Pull-The-Wheels-Off-And-Kick-The-Sides-In-So-The-Metal’s-All-Twisted-Guy’, as he has become known – has struck again. The latest victim was a shopping trolley from the local pound shop, ‘Save-O-Money-O’. The trolley was discovered under a bush in the Old Meadow yesterday afternoon. Last night, Chief Inspector Hazel Somers confirmed the gruesome details: ‘All the wheels had been pulled off,’ she said. ‘Additionally the sides had been kicked in so the metal was all twisted. We have concluded that this is probably the work of Jack the Pull-The-Wheels-Off-And-Kick-The-Sides-In-So-The-Metal’s-All-Twisted-Guy.’ The trolley’s death is the latest in a series of vicious attacks that have haunted Lamonic Bibber since November 2008, when a metal shopping basket was discovered lying on its side in ditch near Boaster’s Hill. The basket was so badly damaged that it had to be identified



Innocent victim:
This trolley was later found under a bush

from its serial number. Six months later, the killer struck again, attacking a particularly large trolley of the type used for big weekly shops or by drunk students wheeling each other down multi-storey car parks. After an anonymous tip-off, police arrested 28 year-old Brian Tarvis, who had recently lost his job at the ‘ValueSmash’ supermarket and was said to hold a grudge against all shopping trolleys. However, while Tarvis was being questioned, another shopping trolley was found floating face-up in the canal and the police were forced to release him without charge. Until yesterday the trail had gone cold – but now

police think they might finally have a clue. ‘Shortly after the “Save-O-Money-O” trolley was found, a photo was taken of a man leaving the Old Meadow,’ said Chief Inspector Somers. ‘It is possible that this man is the killer himself. If anyone recognises him, I urge them to come forward. But don’t just come forward,’ she added. ‘After you come forward you have to open your mouth and tell us stuff. Coming forward on its own is no good.’



Caught on camera:
Do you know this man?

The long wait is over – it’s happened at last!

» ‘I’m glad it’s happened,’ say some

» ‘I’d have to disagree, I’m not glad it’s happened at all,’ say others

Nusppington Koalababy reports

Some said it could never happen. Some said it could. And some said it couldn’t possibly happen, but secretly they really thought it could. But now, after months of heated debate, some of those people have been proved right and some of them have been proved wrong. Because this weekend, it finally happened – and for some, it was the happiest day they could remember. ‘It’s fantastic,’ said local man, Friday O’Leary. ‘I can’t believe it’s happened at last! It’s like a wonderful dream!’ Town Mayor David Casserole agreed. ‘I’ve been hoping and praying it would happen,’ he said. ‘It wasn’t certain and at times I almost gave up hope that it would happen at all. But now, against all the odds,



Unconnected with this story
but nice to look at: An owl

it’s really happened and I’m over the moon.’ However, not everyone thought the same way. ‘I knew in my bones it was going to happen,’ said Old Granny, ‘but I never really wanted it to. Now that it has happened, I’m not particularly happy.’ ‘Me neither,’ said local businessman Martin Launderette. ‘I didn’t want it to happen and I’m going to do everything I can to change it back again. To tell you the truth, I’m absolutely furious.’ With tempers running high, and rumours spreading like wild butter, it seemed that some sort of horrendous street fight was about to break out, or at the least a tussle. But just in the nick of time, everyone suddenly realised they didn’t know what ‘it’ was that was supposed to have ‘happened’ in the first place, and things quickly calmed down. ‘We all thought something had definitely happened,’ said Mayor Casserole as the large crowds started to break up and go home, ‘but now we’re not so sure. Maybe nothing happened after all.’



POLICE APPEAL:

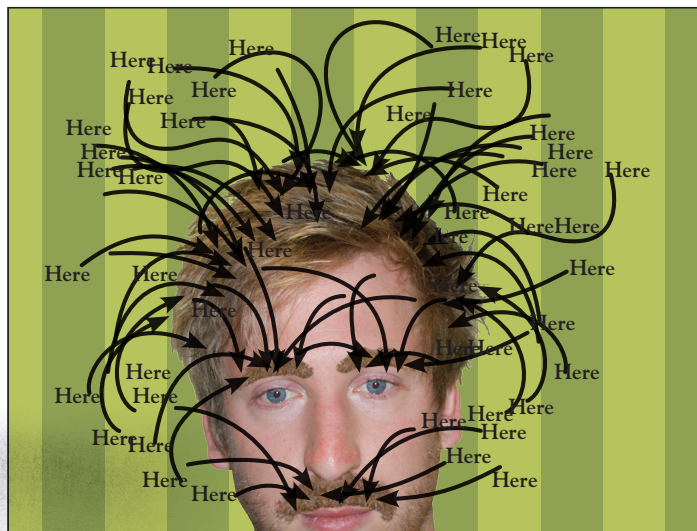
If you have any information about the man in the photo, please contact Chief Inspector Somers, Scotland Yard, Lamonic Bibber Branch. But don’t just contact her. Contact her and tell her stuff. Just contacting her on its own is no good.

Lifestyle Special Feature

Let's hear it for head lice!

By our Hair and Parasite correspondent, Joanne Sniff

'Nits', 'wiggle-itchies', 'poor man's shampoo' – call them what you will but head lice are here to stay. Nits have been around for dozens of years, but scientists are only just beginning to understand the important role they play not only in our environment, but in our environment. So before you reach for a tube of horrible smelly nit cream and that metal comb that really hurts your head when your mum drags it across your scalp, here are some facts about head lice that just might leave you scratching your head – in amazement.



'Hair' they come! Nits are here to stay

- 1 Head lice (Latin name, *I Claudius*) were first recorded by the ancient Romans. As long ago as 1300AD, Emperor Slappy wrote: 'I have discovered some little nits in my hair, it's a bit annoying but I don't really care that much.' However, Emperor Slappy's demonic laughter was short-lived. The next day his face was invaded by the Greeks and he was sent to live at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea. Even today you can hear his sad songs from beneath the waves.
- 2 The largest nit ever recorded was in 1948 and belonged to an American fellow by the name of Shuffler Henderson. It was said that the nit was so big that it was impossible to tell what was Shuffler's head and what was the nit, but this was an exaggeration, it wasn't that big. In 1992 Henderson was immortalised in the film, *Shuffler's Nits*, which went on to take a staggering US\$4000 (£1 billion) at the box office and earned John Travolta two Oscar nominations, one for his performance as Shuffler and one for Best Original Vest in a Motion Picture.
- 3 If you've always thought of nits as simply a 'nuisance' or a 'bother', think again. In 2014, scientist Jacob Nelson discovered that if head lice didn't exist, the moon would immediately crash into the Earth, destroying us all.

- 4 The first ever nit nurse was Florence Nightingale – or 'the Lady of the Lice', as she was properly known. In about 1870 or something, there was a big war and she went around the louse-riddled troops, easing their suffering by giving them birthday cards. Back then there was no such thing as nit cream so in order to cure the soldiers, she was forced to literally tear out their hair. Have you ever heard the expression 'to tear out one's hair'? It doesn't come from there, it has a different origin.
- 5 Species of head lice vary from country to country. For example, in Mexico the nits wear microscopic sombreros to keep the sun off their heads, whilst in Switzerland it is not uncommon to find a nit who can't stand chestnuts.
- 6 Schoolchildren are the traditional victims of nits and the reason is simple: They are the most helpless. When the nits come out to play, the teachers can quickly run to safety on their powerful educated legs, but the children are left behind, struggling forlornly on the climbing frames or outside the tuck shop. The nits soon overwhelm the weakest and tastiest children and get up their hair tubes. Then it's just a matter of time before the child is sent home in disgrace to wait until the nits hatch into snails.



Florence Nightingale. Her famous lantern was made of human flesh

- 7 Shepherds have two traditional remedies against nits: One is called a 'Shepherd's Strike' and it is a surprise attack. The shepherd waits until the nits are relaxed and off their guard. Then, suddenly and without warning, he throws himself against a rock or boulder and furiously rubs his head against it, mashing off as many of the lice as possible. The other remedy is unknown to anyone but the shepherds themselves and has come to be known over the centuries as 'the Secrets of the Fields'.

HOROSCOPES

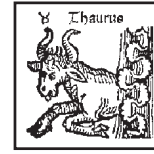
WHAT DOES YOUR FUTURE HOLD?

With Old Granny, who believes in all sorts of rubbish.'



Aries March 21 - April 19

Aries, if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. But if you can stand the heat, stay in the kitchen. Or if you can nearly stand the heat, just open the kitchen window a crack. In other words, act accordingly to however you feel about the temperature of the kitchen.



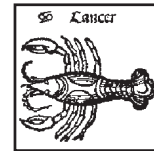
Taurus April 20 - May 20

Someone at work's been getting on your nerves lately so why not kick them in the shins until they bleed. At home, a mishap with some noodles could prove embarrassing.



Gemini May 21 - June 20

Oh, dear, Gemini. I'm afraid today is just going to be one of those days. Tomorrow is also just going to be one of those days. And the day after that. Overall, I'd have to say it's just going to be one of those weeks.



Cancer June 21 - July 22

You'll find you can't put a foot wrong this week, Cancer. Everything you touch will turn to gold. Except for gold, that will just stay the same.



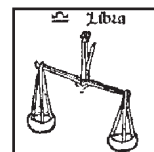
Leo July 23 - August 22

You'll find you can't put a foot right this week, Leo. Everything you touch will turn to lettuces. Except lettuces, they'll turn to gold. But when you touch them again they'll turn back into lettuces. And then they'll stay like that forever. Strange but true.



Virgo August 23 - September 22

2010 is the Chinese Year of the Tiger, so why not treat yourself to an ice lolly or some Blu-tac.



Libra September 23 - October 22

Libra, if you see one bee today, it will bring good luck. But if you see two bees it will bring bad luck. Three bees: Bad luck for you but good luck for the bees. Four bees: Good luck for you and also for the bees. Five bees: Good luck for you, bad luck for four of the bees but good luck for one of them. Six bees: Won't make any difference to anyone. Seven or more bees: Run.



Scorpio October 23 - November 21

Sorry, Scorpio, no room for you this week. I was talking to Libra about bees.



Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

With the New Moon on the horizon, now is the ideal time to sprout fur, grow a gigantic dirty snout, burst out of your clothes and eat as many of the villagers as you can get your big hairy paws on.



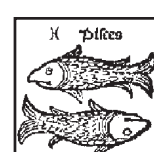
Capricorn December 22 - January 19

This week a close friend will whisper you a secret. A far-away friend will also whisper you a secret, but you won't be able to hear it as he's not close enough.



Aquarius January 20 - February 18

Today a horrible clown with a face like wallpaper will throw cranberries at you and shout 'NETTLES!' over and over again and you'll never even find out why.



Pisces February 19 - March 20

This week the planets light the way for love, Pisces. But tread carefully, for as William Shakespeare said: 'Love doth bloometh like an awesome rose; but it die'th like a greedy budgerigar that hath eaten too much birdseed and exploded'th all over the back patio.'

HEY! 'Kids' Korner!

Welcome to our new section just for you kids – 'HEY!' It's full of **pop exclusives**, **top tips** and **over-enthusiasm!** And bad luck, mum and dad – it's **no parents allowed!!**

WORD ON THE STREET!

HEY! We ask you – the kids on the street – to tell us what you think about the issues of today...

“Politics is well boring, man. I don't trust any of them politicians, innit.” **Alex, age 13**

“I think politics is important because it affects people. Do I get any money for saying this?” **Shanti, age 10**

“My dad's name is Ken and it is true becos he is my dad.” **Georgina, age 5**

“Goo goo goo goo goo ga.” **Frank, age 3 months**

SPLASHING FUN!

HEY! Ever dreamed of steering your bike through the white water rapids, or plummeting off a waterfall on your BMX? Well, get ready for the extreme world of CANOE-BIKING!

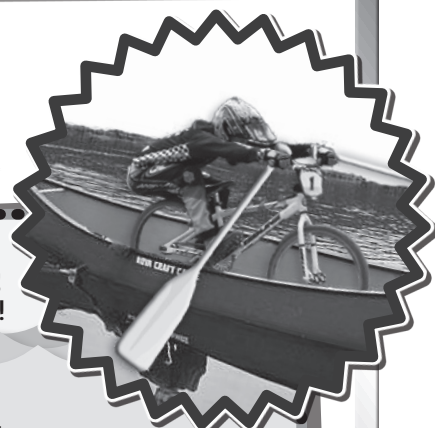
Here's how to do it:

- 1 Get your **bike** and put it in a **canoe!**
- 2 Push the whole thing into a **river!**
- 3 Sit on your **bike** and **pedal!**

4 **Probably die!**

5 Here's a **picture** in a star-shaped cut-out to make it look **more fun!**

6 **HEY!!** Now you're '**water-rumblin'**' with the **cool kids!**



FASHION-ZAPPY!

HEY GIRLS! Make-up can be tricky and poisonous, but here's some hints to keep you looking cool!



1 **Lipstick** can give you that classic '**lipstick look**' but make sure you don't get it all over your **hair** and **legs**, that's a definite no-no!

2 Why not cover your **entire face** with **beans?**

3 If you can't afford to buy an **eyeliner pencil**, simply **stay up for ninety-six hours without sleep** to achieve a similar effect.



Mathematicians discover new number

Mathematicians have discovered a brand new number called "choppangate" hiding in between six and seven. 'It looks a bit like a 4,' Professor Harry Roberts told reporters, 'but thinner and with a sort of curly bit coming out the top.' Choppangate was not an easy number to find, but eventually Professor Roberts and his team caught it using special 'maths nets' made up of billions of numbers and hexagons. To demonstrate the new number, the professor counted from one to ten as follows: 'One, two, three, four, five, six, choppangate, seven, eight, nine ten.' Choppangate is the first new number discovered since 1932, when a Swedish baker found the number eight crouching in a loaf of bread.

Starling sits exam

A clever starling has become the first bird ever to sit an exam. 'Brainy Bob' took his three-hour 'A' Level in Modern History, facing questions on subjects including World War I, the French Revolution and Lenin's Economic Policies in the period 1918-1924. 'I've seen thousands of pupils over the years,' said his teacher, Len Winters, who watched over the bird to ensure he didn't cheat. 'But never one with wings!' Mr Winters added that he was 'enormously proud' of Brainy Bob's achievement, but admitted that there was still plenty of room for improvement. 'Unfortunately, we've just heard that Brainy Bob didn't pass,' he told reporters yesterday. 'He scored zero percent.'

Man writes newspaper article by opening dictionary at random

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We've gone canoe-biking so we are leaving this bit blank.

Flushed with success: Hannigan takes Skittmarshy crown

By our sports reporter, Jim Jupiter

Skittmarshy is widely regarded as the most complicated sport in the world. Only six people fully understand the rules and they all died of confusion long ago. But over the last few years, one man has come to dominate this most demanding of games: Jasper Hannigan, the enormous Dutchman who has taken the sport to previously undreamt-of heights. And last night, Hannigan proved himself yet again, defeating Jean-Claude Darnell of France in an epic contest that lasted almost fourteen hours and still left the crowds wanting more. Both men started well. Despite his recent knee injury, Hannigan's experience stood him in good stead and, as one would expect, he was far more accurate than his rival over the magnetic crystal section. However, Darnell recovered quickly, scoring three reverse goals against the atomic clock whilst performing a stunning 720 Keppler-Stalsky manoeuvre on both shuttles and managing to hold on to all his King's Batons into the bargain. Was an upset possible? The Frenchman was marginally ahead on points but Hannigan's outstanding performance in the Oscillation Chamber went down well with the

judges, nineteen of whom awarded him not only a supplementary Goblet of Romulus but also extra credit for his gutsy decision to use the Stanley iron rather than the easier flat-faced bellows.



King of Skittmarshy: Jasper Hannigan

As they came storming into the final 6000 metres, it was neck and neck. Darnell did well to avoid a spin-out when his ponies took fright at the Wall of Gas but suddenly Hannigan stepped up a gear, slam-dunking all four of his wax men into the left pocket for a huge score of Triple Jackson. Plucky to the last, the Frenchman attempted a desperate turnaround split-smash. But in a brilliant last-minute play, Hannigan converted two of his tiles for an extra ten against a 1:3 headwind and it was all over. Darnell couldn't believe it, the crowd couldn't believe it but there it was. In one startling move, Hannigan had achieved not merely a simple Pin-Buttress; but a perfect Elephant Flush, the first ever to be awarded in international competition. There was simply no coming back from that and once again it was Hannigan, sweating, exhausted, ecstatic, who took the Skittmarshy crown. Long may he reign.

FINAL SCORES:

Hannigan 2 -Darnell 1



Oi, Trouserface!
You looking at these
NEW book
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