



Do Martians really exist?

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No hard evidence proves that question, but if they do, they would probably resemble Iron-eating prokaryotic extremophiles – or so asserts Laurie J. Schmidt, professor at Dartmouth University. A team of Dartmouth University biologists recently discovered a colony of biological anomalies on the McMurdo Dry Valleys of Antarctica. These organisms survive in sun-starved oxygen-starved brine trapped deep under Antarctic Ice fields. With no apparent energy source, the group of scientists was surprised to find that these microbes thrived off of the chemical potential energy present in sulfur and Iron.

Additional analysis identified these organisms as “living fossils” – a category of organisms that are figuratively – and in this case literally – frozen in time. These bacteria seem to have originated from an Antarctic sea that froze into the McMurdo Dry Valleys 1.5 million years ago, and preserved in a pocket of brine, the organisms have not at all changed since that time.

These organisms are one in a class of many extremophiles, simple single and multicellular organisms that thrive in such impossible environments such as supercritical fluids trapped within

magma and volcanic rock, in boiling

water and toxic solutions – and under Antarctic ice sheets| According to today’s astrobiologists, because Mars has several areas that resemble the environments of extremophiles – and because of evidence of ice caps, alien life on mars is possible.

If these theorists are right, then within several billions of years, we will be able to interact with bipedal Martians| What remains to speculate, however, is exactly what these Martians will look like – will they resemble the green-skinned icons of popular culture, or will they imitate the build of klingons – “Only time will tell” answers Harvard university professor Frederick Jeter, “they could morph into any form imaginable – though it would be totally freaking awesome if they looked like klingons – then we could produce Star-Trek sequels with real aliens. Ultimately, that’s what science is about.” Other renowned astrobiologists agree, though some believe that we need to focus on finding viable alien life.

Recently, Princeton Professor Clarence Barton scoffed at his “airheaded” colleague as he issued a statement on alien life at the Pentagon: “Jeter has his point – there are definitely aliens on mars, however, at this point, they are unicellular Iron-eating prokaryotes – we need to focus on actual alien life – as in

aliens that could pose a true threat to the United States!" He furthered, "It is so important that we protect our earth from hostile alien influence – I propose that we create a ballistic missile program that would send United States nuclear bombs into standing orbit around space, therefore, if any alien threat did enter our solar system, our nukes would be only a red button away." When he was questioned on the effectiveness of his system, he replied "If any alien star craft ventures within the orbit of Pluto, we'll launch all of our missiles, and within five or six years, the warheads will probably detonate on their craft."

When questioned about defenses against alien spacecraft equipped with warp drive, he mumbled something about "the great Ronald Reagan" and declined further comment!

Additional members of the scientific community believe that while external threats do exist, the US government needs to focus on threats internal to the inner planets of our solar system! In another statement at a private press conference, Frederick Jeter explained, "Nuking mars and destroying the potential aliens while they are still diminutive extremophiles makes perfect sense – to end a threat prematurely - but I prefer that we wait six billion years to see if they are friendly or hostile to our interests. Perhaps, if we get lucky, they'll establish pro-US diplomatic ties and we can work for collective economic gain. Of course, they would have to look like klingons ... otherwise there would be little point to the whole wait."

Yet another group of scientists – political scientists, believe that we need

to focus on a problem even more local – the problem of illegal aliens!

When interviewed on the subject, Clarence Barton grumbled about "commies and such" and declined to elaborate on his statement! Frederick Jeter considered the matter of illegal aliens irrelevant to our future in international and economic affairs.

Jeter expounded, "So many people today focus on the obvious problems – border-crossers, illegal aliens, and the unidentified! However, we need visionaries like me to focus on the issues of tomorrow, for only if we are prepared can we ensure future success. We have six billion years to prepare for this, and it's about time that we get our government to gear up and act upon change rather than react to it. Look at the current economic crisis! This was created because of lack of sufficient planning! Let's not let that happen in space – we have 6 billion years and not one excuse."

A group of irritated political scientists bemoaned the fate of our great United States.

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Hottie and Naughty

By: Daniel Valenzuela

The hotter the better, right!!! However not always... there is such thing as too hot. I'm talking about the weather, duh! I can maybe guarantee you will not find anything hotter in Victoria's Secret than yesterday's sunninessism during sports. Talk about a bad tan. So por favor if you can do a little rain dance, write a letter to a rain god or anything to get us a little rain or at least a few clouds. For now, just remember to stay hydrated so you don't faint. LOL. Oh, and keep reading my stuff, 'till tomorrow. Thanks.

County Commissioner Nominee **Interview-Madison County**

During lunch, I had an opportunity to speak with one of the aspiring young adults of *Boy's State*, Demetrius Rashaad Smith. Mr. Smith, a resident of Madison County, was more than happy to answer some of the following questions in regards to his campaign for County Commissioner.

1) What does County Commissioner mean to you?

It would be an opportunity to have responsibilities without being overbearing.

2) If elected, what would you change?

I would make everything run smoother. Basically, I would work at the general things such has getting from point A to point B, getting to formation, et cetera. As it is now, things are running pretty smoothly, but it is still open to improvement.

3) How would you accomplish that?

Basically, I would work to establish more communication among the officials, such as mayor and team captains, with the ones they lead. In everything, efficiency counts. I will act as the bridge maker between the people who give the orders and

the ones who take the orders to ensure everything is running as smoothly as possible.

4) You sound like you know what a County Commissioner does. Are you confident in your abilities as a County Commissioner?

Yes, I know what to do and how to do it. If elected, the people will have full confidence in my abilities.

5) Still, this job requires experience. Do you have any experience to offer?

Yes, I gave a strong sense of the job. I know how to work with the cities. Under my supervision, as well as my fellow commissioners, I will keep things running smoothly.

6) Any words to your opponents?

Well, they are cool and I wish them the best of luck and to their campaigns. Above all, God bless them.

7) And the punch-line?

This is Demetrius Rashaad Smith running for County Commissioner. If you want it, I got it!

There you have it. From the words of a County Commissioner nominee Demetrius Rashaad Smith. If you like what you have read, feel free to place your vote for him during the elections. If you have any questions for him, feel free to contact him. Again, Demetrius Rashaad Smith, running for County Commissioner in Madison County. Like he said, if you want it, he gets it.

Author's Note: If you have want to give an interview, from items in your campaign, what you think about Boy's State so far, or anything you believe is important, please contact Darien J. Kiem, Adams County (or many of the upstanding news letter

authors), and I (or they) will try to get with you. An interview, as well as what you say, will not be guaranteed to be posted in this news letter. We are all busy throughout this week either campaigning, twiddling our thumbs wishing tomorrow was Saturday, and everything in between. I hope you enjoyed this article and have a great stay in Boy's State.

Just a Georgia Boys Stater Opinion

**By: Marquis Moody of Smith City,
Jefferson County.**

My opinion so far on the American legion Georgia Boy state, is that you have to move in a haste way just to get where you want to be. By saying that, my opinion on Georgia Boy State is that it is a great program and opportunity for young men of all ages to join. It helps you, as the army would say. It helps makes you a better citizen throughout life and it also builds your Character. From what I've heard everyone who graduates from *American Legion Georgia Boy State*, has become a better citizen through out life, and successful..

***That's a Georgia Boy Stater
Opinion***

