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SPRING BREAK SURVIVAL TIPS FROM B-MOVIES

Figure 1



"AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN LONDON"

For those with enough bank and ambition to vacation in the United Kingdom, bring your passport, plenty of dough, an extra razor and some flea dip.

Make sure your vaccinations are current in the off-chance that something bites you, and if your fellow travelers get attacked and you have a chance to escape, do not go back to save them. They were the weakest links, and you should be praising Darwin that they won't be restricting your travels anymore.

In that case, new friends will be needed. Guys, use your suave accent to pull hospital nurses. They are always fit, and sex will happen almost immediately. Plus, they will love you even if your teeth are shoddier than theirs.

Confusion is bound to ensue from being in a foreign land, but don't fret. If you happen to wake up naked in central London, find a kid with a handful of balloons ASAP. Then don't be afraid to wear a woman's coat with fur trim as an interim outfit. Anything for coverage.

Finally, call your family to tell them how much you love them, and stay inside on full moon nights.

-Edwin Arnaudin

Figure 2



"THE BLAIR WITCH PROJECT"

As a Spring Break option, trips into the great outdoors are always a popular choice.

It's a way to participate in the time-honored college tradition of "being one with nature" and "finding yourself" and all that stuff.

The key thing to remember is to watch out for organized rock piles that might or might not have been there when setting up camp the night before. Make sure someone has a map, because getting lost in the woods can bring about grave implications.

But, above all else, just stay inside, watch TV and eat Cheetos. Who really wants to go camping anyway?

-Jamie Williams

"EVIL BONG"

Being a college student, you know the importance of saving money and taking advantage of a good deal.

However, it's been made apparent that there is no reason to take on fiscal responsibility when browsing for and purchasing that next piece of smoking apparatus to take you on a poor man's "trip."

Don't browse the back of smoker enthusiast magazines when looking for "killer f-ing" pipes. Especially those whose recently deceased owner was possessed.

Craigslist probably also would be a bad choice when shopping.

If you do happen to fall victim to a sinister hookah, do not let the strip club facade to which it transports you fool you. And do not, I repeat, do not let the dancer with latex sharks on her bra near your lap. The sharks will bite unmercifully.

Some things you don't buy used. Underwear comes to mind. Add illegal paraphernalia to that list.

-Benn Wineka

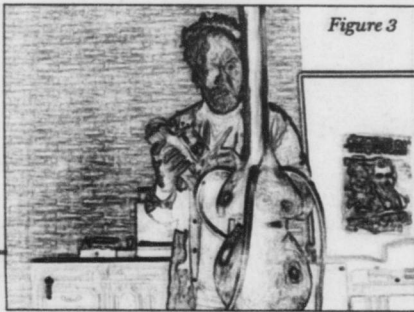


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"THE TEXAS CHAIN SAW MASSACRE"

Country back roads can be dangerous places, in Texas or otherwise. Bear in mind when embarking on a road trip that many things can go wrong. Your risk can be minimized by keeping your wits about you and following these common-sense safety rules.

- Beware of hitchhikers. He might seem a nice enough fellow, down on his luck, but he might also be an armed crazy with a homicidal family waiting for you a few miles down the road.

- Be ever wary of small-town characters. The cops are probably crooked, and that guy with the dead-people-skin mask probably isn't going to give the best directions — unless you want to know how to get to the hilt of a meat hook.

- If the party you sent out to search for gas doesn't return after several hours, don't go looking for them; they ain't comin' back.

- When all else fails, run like hell. That chain saw is heavy and certainly will slow down your assailant.

-Bryan Reed



Figure 5

"SPRING BREAK SHARK ATTACK"

In order to guarantee a safe and shark-free beach holiday, the savvy traveler always knows to pack her beach-scale shark POD (protective oceanic device) and her geeky marine biologist brother. If these items are unavailable, the traveler should keep these tips in mind:

- Obnoxiously phony surfer accents, especially when being used to seduce women into illicit beachfront hookups, attract sharks in a manner similar to a dying fish.

- Windsurfing directly into the open mouth of a shark is a potentially dangerous activity and often results in severe injury.

- Cadlike behavior enhances a human's flavor to the shark palate. Sleazy jerks are considered much more susceptible to a shark-driven feeding frenzy.

- Sharks love Jell-O. Jell-O wrestling in beachside kiddie pools broadcasts an inaudible signal to sharks and almost always leads to an infestation and attack within 36 hours.

- If you find yourself impaled through the shoulder during a shark attack, have someone remove the impaling object — your pain and bleeding should cease in about 30 seconds.

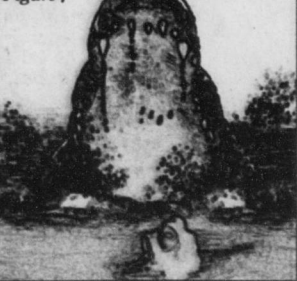
- Most important, imminent shark attacks are marked by hundreds of triangular fins visible above the water's surface. Please be aware.

-Catherine Williams



Figure 6

Figure 7



"LAKE PLACID"

Basically, the best advice to be drawn from watching "Lake Placid" is not to spend break in Maine.

Apart from problems with giant crocodiles, apparently all the people who live in the state are hicks. This might just be a stereotype, but it's best to be safe.

But if you have to venture to croc-infested lake country during break, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- First, don't go scuba-diving. Especially not with a crazy croc hunter who compensates for his lacking sex life by trying to hug dangerous reptiles.

- Stick close to the snarky sheriff. He's obviously going to have an unrealistically powerful shotgun capable of blowing the head off a 20-foot-long crocodile.

- Don't assume any crocodile you encounter is alone. This could lead to a bad surprise when another one pops up to back up its buddy.

- If you get into a tight spot with a crocodile, the best way to trap one is with a helicopter. Just find one, drop it in the water in front of the croc, and the thing will get its head stuck right in the cockpit.

- Crocodiles like to eat cattle. This might not be very helpful, but you never know.

-Jordan Lawrence

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