

# Man says DNA results are all bark, no bite

Louis Cote of Mascouche, Quebec, Canada, became suspicious last August of the DNA test results obtained from the samples he collected in his work for the Confederation of Aboriginal People of Canada, whose members use DNA testing to determine their native ancestry. So, CBC News reported June 13, Cote launched his own experiment.

He collected two samples using his own inner-cheek swabs, and a third from his girlfriend's Chihuahua, Snoopy, and sent them off to Viaguard Accu-Metrics. The results indicated all three samples had identical DNA, including 12 percent Abenaki and 8 percent Mohawk ancestry. "I thought it was a joke," Cote said. "The company is fooling people ... the tests are no good."

**WATCH OUT FOR SNAKES**

Wa Tiba, 54, disappeared June 14 while tending her

vegetable garden on Muna Island in the Southeast Sulawesi province of Indonesia. Her family found only her sandals, a machete and a flashlight in the garden, but just 50 yards away, villagers located a 23-foot-long python with a severely bloated midsection. Fox News reported that when the snake's belly was cut open, it revealed the woman's fully intact body inside, still wearing all her clothes. Villager Ayu Kartika said, "Everyone cried and was in shock. ... It looked like a horror movie."

**PUBLIC SERVANTS**

In Putnam County, Fla., the sheriff's office provides a wide variety of services. So when Douglas Peter Kelly, 49, called the office June 12 to complain the methamphetamine he had been sold was fake, officers happily offered to test it for him. Kelly told detectives he had suffered a "violent reaction" after smoking the substance

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and wanted to sue the dealer if he had been sold the wrong drug.

He arrived at the sheriff's office and "handed detectives a clear, crystal-like substance wrapped in aluminum foil," the office's Facebook post explained, according to *The Washington Post*. It "field-tested positive for methamphetamine." On the spot, Kelly was arrested and charged with possession of meth. The Facebook post continued: "Remember, our detectives are always ready to assist anyone who believes they were misled in their illegal drug purchase."

**WHAT IS ART?**

As part of the Dark Mofo art festival, Australian performance artist Mike Parr, 73, entered a steel tomb below busy Macquarie Street in Hobart on June 14, where he meditated, drew and read

as traffic flowed overhead for 72 hours until his release on June 17. Parr had water but no food, and oxygen was pumped into the box. His performance was promoted as a "response to 20th-century totalitarian violence," according to *The Guardian*, but the piece didn't speak to everyone. "I don't take anything away from it at all," said Carolyn Bowerman from Townsville. "I'm just amazed that someone would put themselves through this and go to this much effort." In a previous performance art piece, Parr hacked at a prosthetic arm with an ax before a shocked audience.

**SMOOTH REACTIONS**

When Daryl Royal Riedel, 48, was pulled over for suspected drunk driving June 14 by Monroe County (Florida) Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Lopez, he first

drove off, but thought better of it and stopped to face the music. Riedel, who claimed to be scared, then stepped out of his truck with an open can of beer and chugged the contents as Lopez watched. The Associated Press reported Riedel has four prior DUI arrests and now faces felony DUI, fleeing from a deputy, driving with a suspended license and failure to submit to a breath test.

**QUALITY CONTROL**

In the northeastern town of Teesside, England, last August, 22-year-old Jordan Easton of Thornaby was at the home of a friend, hanging out in the kitchen, when he boasted that his vest was "stab-proof." To prove it, he "took hold a knife to demonstrate," Karin Welsh, Teesside assistant coroner, testified, "and sadly realized it wasn't the case."

Teesside Live reported Easton was rushed to the hospital, but doctors weren't able to save him.

Detective Superintendent Ted Butcher also testified at Easton's inquest on June 16 he found no evidence Easton intended to harm himself and died after "a boisterous act." Welsh recorded a verdict of "misadventure."

**HIGH TIMES**

In California, some bed-and-breakfast establishments are employing a new marketing twist: "bud and breakfast." For example, CBS News reports, Erin Dean's Airbnb north of Sacramento is right next door to a cannabis farm. Her welcome gift for guests includes up to 1 ounce of the legalized herb from the neighboring farm. Other bud-and-breakfasts can be found in Lake Tahoe and Palm Springs.

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## Perry sweet



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**Perry the precious Pyrenees mix is ready for adoption. Because his fees have been paid, he is free to a good home. Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquires only may call 507-3647.**

## Unwanted properties soon up for grabs

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Several unwanted properties in Warren County will be up for grabs. The county Financial Management Committee unanimously voted to offer 4437 Yager Road to the highest bidder. An auction will be held, but no date has yet been set.

"I've had no telling how many calls on that property," said County Executive Herschel Wells. "They are ready to buy it."

Map/parcel of the Yager Road property is 042/031.01.

"It's probably the most valuable of all the properties," said Commissioner Tommy Savage. "It's commercial property."

The fate of the other eight properties has also been sealed in that they will be sold.

**PROPERTIES**

- 612 Billings Road, map/parcel number 027/026.01
- Jacksboro Road, 065/029.00
- Jacksboro Road, 065/028.00
- Jacksboro Road, 065/029.01
- Sunset Point Road, 076/014.00
- Mount View Drive, 078N/032.00; Group A

- Leesburg Road, 069/039.01
- Roy Webb Road, 051/031.00

For more information on any of the properties, individuals can go onto the property assessor's website at [www.assessment.cot.tn.gov](http://www.assessment.cot.tn.gov), click on Warren County, place the map number in "control map" and the parcel number in "parcel" and click search. For Mount View Drive, include the group number. Click on "search." On that page, "select" will provide additional information and "GIS Map" will provide a view of the property.

Details on the auction and sales of the properties have not been finalized.

## Board approves Sportable Scoreboard

BY **LACY GARRISON**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Earlier in the month, Blake Munger, a representative from Sportable Scoreboards of Murray, Ky., gave a presentation at a School Board meeting about adding a video board to Charlie Dalton Gym at WCHS.

After going through the

Sportable Scoreboard contract, the School Board had decided to move forward and has voted to approve the contract. The scoreboard would cost \$12,000 a year for five years, making it a \$60,000 project.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox addressed the board to clarify the cost and address other concerns.

"I want to make this very clear, it is not a scoreboard,"

explained Cox. "It is a video board so the scoreboards that Dr Pepper has donated to all of our buildings, including our high school, those are still intact. It does not cost us any money and it is paid for by vendors and Video Com would be the one to recruit the vendors. The only thing we would do is have our maintenance folks assist in putting the board up in the

gym."

WCHS athletic director Todd Willmore shared his ideas about using the video board outside of athletics.

"We can also use it for fundraisers such as a movie night so it is not just sitting there unused when we aren't in basketball season," said Willmore. "I think it would enhance our gym."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### MONDAY, JULY 2

The Warren County Democratic Party will meet at 6 p.m. at Billy's Restaurant. Guest speaker will be attorney Michael Galligan. All interested are welcome.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

If you'd like to register for the 37th annual Stars and Stripes Fun Run and Walk, registration forms can be picked up at the Civic Center. The run is at 7:30 a.m. and pre-registered participants will receive one race T-shirt after finishing the event. Registration fee is \$15.

The annual Yankee Doodle Parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. with registration starting at 8 a.m. There will be no pre-registration or entry fee this year. The parade is open to children through 11 years old, as well as small groups. The children will cruise around Court Square. Vehicles cannot be motorized, but battery-powered vehicles are acceptable. Patriotic decorations and themes are encouraged. Prizes will be awarded to winners in various categories.

The Mr. and Miss Stars and Stripes Pageant will be held on the downtown stage starting at 11 a.m. Boys and girls between the ages of birth through 6 years can participate. The Miss Stars and Stripes title will be available to girls ages 7-9. A registration fee of \$25 is required with day-of registration held at the Miss McMinnville tent. Pre-registration can be completed on Facebook at Little Miss and Mr. Stars and Stripes' event calendar.

County historian Jimmy Haley will hold a walking tour of Riverside Cemetery at 9 a.m. Bring your water bottle and walking shoes. Participants will assemble at the Chamber of Commerce or meet the group at the cemetery for the tour. For more information, call Mayor Haley at 224-8521.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Shady Grove Baptist Church, located at 4976 Shady Grove Road, invites everyone to attend its revival beginning on Sunday, July 8 until Saturday, July 14 at 7 p.m.

Elder Keith Sims will be bringing the message.

There will be a special meeting for Shady Grove Cemetery on Tuesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. at Picnic Grounds Building. They are seeking nominations for plot keeper, treasurer, assistant treasurer and secretary. For more information, call 931-450-1015.

Wesley Chapel is having its annual homecoming to raise funds for cemetery maintenance on Saturday, July 14 starting at 11 a.m. Anyone unable to attend can mail donations to Cindy Anderson, P.O. Box 189, Summitville, TN 37382.

Philadelphia is having its annual picnic on Saturday, July 14 with festivities beginning at 11 a.m. and the auction starting at 6 p.m. Please bring an item for auction as all proceeds go to the upkeep of the cemetery. Contributions may be mailed to Charles Killian, 551 Wanamaker Road. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 931-692-3716.

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