

White Squirrels Inhabit Several States

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Red, gray, black and white; these are the colors of squirrels, and there are almost as many colors of squirrels as there are humans.

After I saw a black squirrel some time back, I told my nephew Bill Tipton of Dayton, Ohio. He told me about seeing white ones when he was in Michigan.

I have been so slow getting research on the white ones; even with the help of my daughter Wanda of Florida. It hasn't been as easy to find information as it was for the black ones, but I found out they inhabit quite a few American states; Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Mississippi and Florida. Oh, I forgot Illinois, there are white ones there as well.

Some people call them albinos, but all white squirrels are not albinos. They are easy to tell apart. The real white squirrel has black eyes while the albinos have pink eyes. White furred gray squirrels may be true albinos that cannot manufacture melanin pigment in either their skin or eyes, or their skin pigment expression may be turned off while they retain their dark eye color.

One guy said he went for an early morning walk and there was no blending into your environment. After you are, this white stands out against deep green vegetation and dark brown



A true "non-albino" white squirrel

bark. I can't imagine that white squirrels have a long life expectancy, but maybe this one will survive until it snows and it gets the last laugh after all. Ho! Ho! Let it snow and the wind blow!

Wanderings from the Woods & Water

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The Creator's Creation

Editor's Note: The following is a classic column by Jay from July, 2014. Enjoy the column. We got this note from Jay:

"Sorry about last week, we went on vacation and chasing 5 kids around a pool, I forgot. Now, bad news for this week. My house got hit by lightning Friday and fried our internet, destroyed my modem and messed up the computer. Literally blew my satellite and fence charger box up. Pieces all over my yard. Thank God, no fire! So, I can't email column and, my thumb won't make it typing on phone. Satellite up and running; Dish people made it today. My wife has waited on Windstream all day and they have never arrived. Don't think they are coming tonight!! I am sorry. Hopefully they will come tomorrow."

My degree as a wildlife biologist required me to take evolution classes. I had several very intelligent professors try to convince me that the THEORY of evolution was an absolute. They tried to convince me that it all started with a bunch of actions and reactions on cells to get us to now.

Since I can remember, I have loved being outdoors. The reason I love being out, because I get to see the hand of God at work. Whether it's a sunrise or a blanket of fresh fallen snow, it all just shows me how real my God is.

Some things to think about!

- If the earth was a hair farther away from the sun the earth would be an icebox. If the earth was hair closer to the sun the earth would be an oven.

-The trees absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. We breathe oxygen and emit carbon dioxide.

Is this just by chance? I think not. This world was designed by God. His creation works in harmony. Just "by chance" would never have this much order. It just takes a walk through the woods to see there is a Great Creator.

The evolution teachers tried to convince me with their books that Evolution was the truth. The teachers didn't care much about the Book I have and get all my answers from. The Book I read disproves the theory of evolution over and over; The Holy Bible inspired by God.

The world was created in 6 days and on the 7th day He rested. The answer to creation can be found in Genesis. Darwin can have his theory, but I will stick with my Jesus and His word.

I am sure there are a lot of folks that would call me a crazy Christian. I have spent enough time in His creation to know how real God is. If you don't know Jesus just take a walk in the woods and see how all things work together. Look at his wonderful creation. No Jesus, No Peace. Know Jesus, Know Peace.

Until next week, get out and enjoy God's creation!



Cardinal Babies

While baby female cardinals look similar to adults, an easy way to tell the difference is that the baby cardinal will have a black beak. Fledglings also are a bit clumsy and may have a hard time perching on a feeder. But they sure are fun to watch!

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Letter To The Editor

The Civil War Is Over Now

The Civil War has been over for 150 years now. No one living had slaves then. The bars and stars are just one dark time we had in history.

Washington and a lot more of our forefathers owned slaves. They were considered outlaws during the Revolution. King George had enemies in a lot of them. Daniel Boone and a lot more would have been hung if they lost

the war.

I think the most problem we have now is the way we raise our kids. We raise them to hate blacks, and blacks are raised to hate whites. We are all here together now. Why can't we all live together under God? No matter what race or color we are, it would be a lot better world.

Michael Proffitt

Letter To The Editor

Better Off Just Being Single

Been thinking about the gay marriage thing. Since it is not my place to judge them, in ways I am happy for them. Now, they can be tortured just like other men and women have been for centuries.

During the three times I was married, I was put in jail, hit up the side of the head, peed on, tickled 'till I cried, accused of cheating, cheated on; one even jumped out

of the truck on me doing 35 m.p.h; then, tried to get me put in jail for pushing her out.

Ever been run off for not buying Christmas presents after being told to wait 'till January 3. After been married three times and living with 6 or 7 more, I figured I'm better off just being single. At least there's no one to curse me anymore.

Michael Proffitt

Bob Watkins' Sports In Kentucky

Bedeveled: Kentucky football's goal The Mendoza Line again?



Bob Watkins

Uncanny the things that have bedeviled football at University of Kentucky since Bear Bryant said "... been good to know ya," and left for Texas A&M in 1953.

At SEC Media Days in Hoover, Alabama, instead of emphasis on one of those high ranked recruiting classes coming on line, optimism for eight home dates, UK coach Mark Stoops' remarks were an echo-across-six-decades.

"... making Kentucky football relevant again," ... "we understand the expectations. We're doin' the best we can."

Same words out of the mouths of John Ray ... Fran Curci ... Bill Curry ... Hal Mumme ... Joker Phillips.

Doing his best to sing the virtues of fan base and facilities, Stoops moved a headline writer at the Atlanta Constitution to scorch Big Blue Nation with: Idle interest in Kentucky football.

Idle interest?

UK administrators trying to sell tickets, picked SEC Media Days to announce ticket distribution plans for Big Blue Madness.

Offensive tackle Jordan Swindle refused to bite on UK-is-a-Basketball School, but discussed instead how to solve a Rubik's Cube in two minutes.

Defensive back A.J. Stamps: "six games is all we've gotta get. I don't care which six they are."

Television. ESPN bowl projections for SEC teams does not include UK, but the network says pivot games against Mississippi State (Starkville, October 24) and Tennessee (Lexington, October 31) could change things.

At the end, the media crowd applied the customary bedeviling. Citing UK history - no winning season since 2009, none in SEC play since 1977 - it voted Kentucky where it always does, behind all but Vanderbilt.

Is Kentucky's goal The Mendoza Line? Break even?

STAMPS REMARK INTRIGUES

Six wins is the goal? In context of progress under Stoops, is this player's prediction a reflection of where UK football still is? Trying to get to a Mendoza Line?

With eight home games and a ticket office needing all the hype it can get, Stamps might have been better prepped, apply a little bravado - "... our goal is to run the table, boys and girls. Period."

Wildcat fans still deciding on a ticket package or not, looks to me like time to cowboy up.

It's Year III. Who and how many high rated recruits coming out of red shirts are SEC-ready?

Instead of promoting arrangements for Big Blue Madness, UK officials ought concentrate on wooing fans to invest in eight home games.

CHANGE BEFORE OUR EYES!

Funny, in a dark humor sort of way how ...

A year ago, five or a decade or two, the media can magically change definition before our eyes of images we see.

Steve Spurrier. Originally, the Ol' Ball Coach title was not one of endearment. Spurrier was an arch-villain for fans who seethed

when his Florida teams ran up scores on Kentucky.

Spurrier turned 70 last April. A senior citizen, he is now praised for being opposite of bland. At a podium The Ol' Ball Coach is fun and funny and media "wants him around."

Before our very eyes, The Ol' Ball coach re-invented.

The flag. The Southeastern Conference, with its symbols of segregation on buildings, statues and college campuses dating to 1933, what SEC media-type paused to think about, ask about, pontificate about or crusade against the Confederate flag?

Answer: Nobody. Too far left of political correctness and job jeopardy

This summer's SEC Media days, coaches were prodded to preach a little. None did, but an hilarious response to the flag flap came from Mississippi State's Dan Mullen.

"I don't see it very often," he said. "We don't have it on our campus. I do know we're the most diverse campus in the Southeastern Conference. I know the university embraces that diversity as a whole. I certainly embrace that diversity. We're so diverse, they have a Yankee as the head football coach in the Southeastern Conference." Mullen was born in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania and grew up in Manchester, New Hampshire.

HOOPS RECRUITING

July is still college basketball's Third Season. Recruiting.

Owensboro Apollo hasn't had a prospect-in-demand like Eli Wright since Rex Chapman (1986). The 6-4 guard added UConn to a who's-who list of D-I programs offering scholarships. Clemson, Indiana, Mississippi State, Oklahoma State, Purdue, Tennessee and Western Kentucky want Wright.

"If I go to prep school, then I'm probably going to commit in November," Wright told The Daily News in Bowling Green. "If I don't, I'm going to wait it out."

Footnote: Brings to mind Quentin Goodin, Taylor County High's Mr. Basketball candidate, who has offers from Michigan, Xavier, Miami, Florida and Western Kentucky.

Consider: A Cook-and-Wright combo at Western Kentucky would be a public relations coup and mega-boost to Hilltopper basketball and bring to mind happy days when an all-Kentucky starting lineup vaulted WKU to a Final Four, 1971.

Dennis Smith Junior, five-star shooting guard in Fayette, North Carolina said Kentucky had joined Louisville, North Carolina State and Wake Forest, offering him a scholarship.

One of Smith's friends is just as intriguing. With offers from Duke, Kansas, Baylor and said to be leaning to South Carolina, is 6-1 170-pound playmaker in Columbia, South Carolina, Seventh Woods.

LEMME SEE HERE DEPT.

That's \$500,000-a-week ... \$2 million-plus a month ... \$24.1 million a year for six.

Ex-UK star Anthony Davis's five year extension with New Orleans Pelicans starts next year and extends through his 28th birthday (March 11, 2021), \$145 million.

"Anthony is a great person, a phenomenal player and the ideal representative of his family, the Pelicans and the New Orleans community," Pelicans General Manager Dell Demps told ESPN.

Maybe, Davis won't be affected, like say, Tiger Woods.

And so it goes.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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TODAY'S WORD



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