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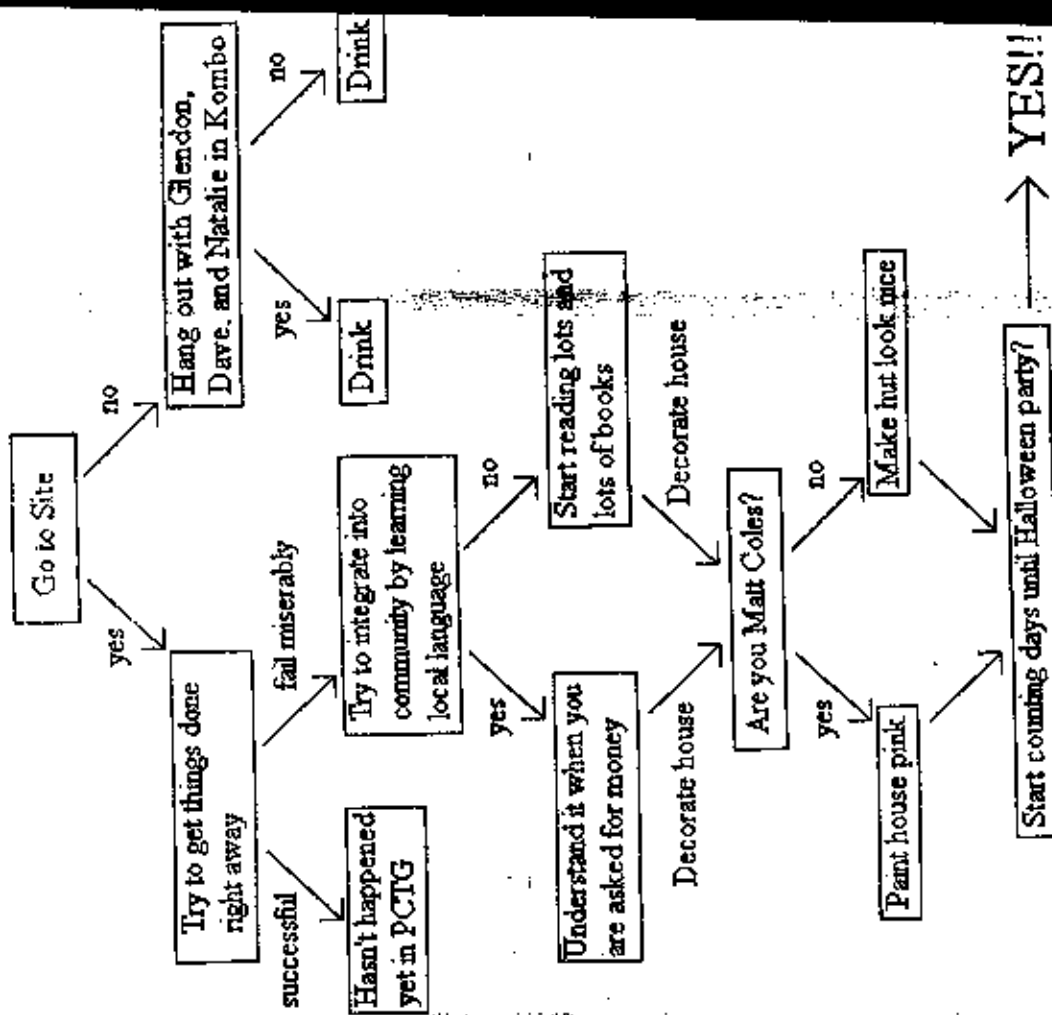
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47 - short handed short order cook slops out short stacks of pancakes in 7 short minutes!!

- short sighted dwarf goes on short walk and ends up taking short cut!!

- short scientist warns that shortcircuiting short-minimum signs at amusement parks can have serious short term consequences

New Volunteer Flow Chart For First Few Months



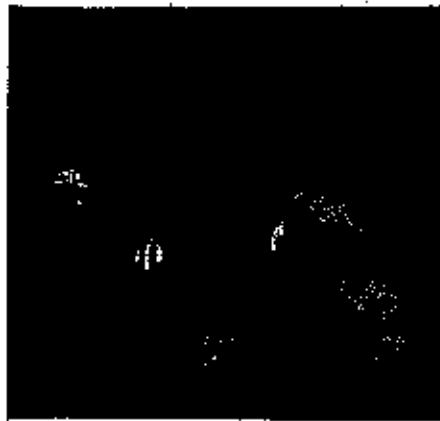
Editor's Note:

Well I'm back. Call it boredom, call it - yeah let's call it boredom. Anyway, I had a *short* amount of extra time on my hands this month so I've put together this special *short short* edition of the Phatwad. In the spirit of the last few issues and their theme dedications let's dedicate this one to...Adam Burns? NO! To Paul Kaiser? NO! To Deb Baeseman? NO! To Sara Hossman? Possibly, but NO! To Dave Mills...**BINGO!!!**

Congratulations on being *short* Dave, this one's goin' out to you.

-FRANKY LAKESIDE

■ Established by the 3'9" actor, the Billy Barty Foundation offers scholarships to "students who have a medical form of dwarfism." Kinda the exact opposite of a basketball scholarship. (www.rth.org/bbf/)



One Thing #2: Halil Mutlu, 123-pound lifter. He's shorter than Michael J. Fox, but the 4'1" Turk is the defending champion, the record holder at both snatch and clean-and-jerk, and his personal two-lift best of 666.75 pounds is 44 pounds heavier than that of his closest rival.

***** IT'S THE LUCK O' THE IRISH MAILRUN!!!! *****

Top o' the mornin' to ya! Now I know what all you yanks are thinkin'... it's a bloody long time to St. Patty's Day and yet you had to put up with two Irish Leprechauns at your huts. Well bullocks to that! Every day is an Irishman's day, by God, and you can go bugger a sheep if you think differently!

But seriously folks, thanks for putting us up at all of your places and enduring our smelly leprechaun outfits. We must have been pretty ripe near the end there, although I should in good faith inform you that at least the mate leprechaun had the courtesy to wash his shirt once during the trip! I should also say that we were MOST impressed with the extremely large percentage of you who chose to partake of the Jameson Irish whiskey! Barely a drop left at the end there. Only a handful abstained, like one Kevin D. who didn't feel like drinking in the morning. Well, I suppose I should try to protect anonymity here. Forget I said that, just call him K. Dilly. Anyway, most of you gulped the holy water down like champs, especially Julie M. at 8:30 in the morning! So, despite a horrific donkey cart collision in Basse, we finished Mail Run without a hitch. Special thanks to Nisha, Kevin D., and Kendra for gracing the front seat with your respective rear-ends. Also a big thanks to Jackie Francy for your hospitality and mansion facilities. To the new volunteers, congrats... most of you seem really settled in and making your site home (those of you who have homes, anyway). We enjoyed chillin' with everybody and we hope that you won't forget us next time you come into possession of a bottle of Irish whiskey.

And now, big drum roll for the Irish Survey Results. We polled the masses to find out who's lucky, who's gettin' lucky, who wants to get lucky, and who was lucky enough to get lucky with a lucky Irishman/woman. Of the 53 people polled at press time, 17 were lucky Irish folk and 36 were non-Irish heathens. (Irish folk will get a * next to their name.) Of the 21 of you lucky enough to have had an Irish boyfriend or girlfriend in your past, 15 of you (71.4%!!!!) gave rave reviews of your Irish laddie/lassie's performance in the romantic arts!!! So tip your pints to the Irish lover's out there! Irish Curse or no, we know what we're doin', **IF** ya know what I'm sayin' lad!!! *Note - All leprechaun commentary is written in italics.*

Name	Have you ever been involved with someone who was Irish? If yes, rate their "abilities" in comparison to other	What is your good luck charm?	Who would you like to get lucky with?	If you could have one lucky wish granted what would it be and who would grant it?
Paul Kaiser	Yes, Sack-O'-Potatoes (i.e. best body)	Don't have one	<i>No answer, but blushes knowingly at leprechaun's suggestion.</i>	Build Science Center in Prague, by Paul Tatler
Lisa Matiacco	???	Bible	Someone who loves me as much as I love them	Pure simple enjoyment of life
Kris Valtonis	No, but I'm sure that they would be fantastic	Doesn't have one	My boyfriend, John	Make it through, by the leprechauns
Liz Johnson	Yes, <u>very</u> good!!!	Piece of something- I can't read- Sara from Greece	A very lucky DJ... this girl likes to DANCE!!!	World Peace, by Allah
* Kate Whitman (5%)	No, but I'm sure that they would be fantastic	Butt coin	No PCV's!	Endless supply of chocolate, by Easter Bunny
Julie Velichinsky	No to my knowledge, but I'm sure that they would be fantastic	None	We'll see... maybe in the new training group	Teach 6 th grade kids to read, by Mom
* Mary Gratton (50%)	Yes, Guinness stout-o-frames! (<i>I don't know what that means but Guinness is good so this must be good too</i>)	Piece of granite from bottom of Grand Canyon	Liam Neeson	To watch the NFL while in The Gambia, by NAWEC and GRTS

Timothy Burroughs	Yes, strangely drawn to Irish women... has never dated non-Irish woman!! <i>WOW!!! What dedication!</i>	Green hat	Guardian's second wife	That I could write better prose, by ???
Melanie Burt	Yes, some areas good, some not so good.	Celtic necklace soapstone carved by friend	Cute newbie	A nice massage and good English conversation, by newbie
* Katy McClurg (25%)	Don't know, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Rocks	Boy back home	McClurg family reunion in Gambia, by magical nephew
Erica Stringer	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Bracelets	Boy next door	A nice Italian meal, by Olive Garden
Kendra Corawell	Yes, (shrugs) doesn't stand out	Ring, but I lost it	Robby (<i>not Blanchard</i>)	No wishes needed, Robby comes in November
* Bekri Eguez (15%)	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Drawing book	Zach	That Publisher's Clearing House would come to my door with balloons, check etc., by Ed McMahon
Rose Park	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Love potion	Wait until I see Agfost!	More chocolate bars from Dave.

♣ Alicia Fitzpatrick (60%)	Yes, fair	Penis bone from a weasel! Wins "best-answer-in-survey-question"!	Brad Pitt in Legends of the Fall	A future sitemate, by Rupert
Amy Capolupo	Yes, POWERFUL - OH YEAH!!!	Ring and small green alien	Allah	Feet rubbed everyday, by anyone who's interested
Jon Cambb	Yes, pathetic	Don't have one	Daniel Day Lewis	Pizza delivered by next mailman
Tim Bean	Yes, a 10!!! There's nothing like the Irish!	Don't believe in superstition	Someone in the village	Travel the world for COOS, by Tony with cash-in-lieu
♣ Kevin Dilly (6.25%)	Yes, the best!!!	Don't have one	Marygold	Move to Bolivia, by Rupert
Jim Sievert	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic.	Guitar pick from Toad the Wet Sprocket	Lauren	Never-ending Pizza Hut buffet by Colonel Sanders
Lauren Sievert	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Puppy parts stuffed animal with life history	Jim	Trip to Taco Belly, by anyone willing to give me a plane ticket
Nisha Punjani	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	P.S.	P.S.	Get into PA grad school, by Emory University
♣ Chandra Armstrong (5%)	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	None	It changes but now, Brian McBride. Horrible answer... this guy sounds Scottish!!	To have no worries, by anybody with that power
♣ Cheryl Whigam (6.25%)	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Ankle Bracelet	Malick Yoba	That my ex-boyfriend would take me on vacation like last year

John Hager	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Rabbit foot	Girlfriend Ann from home	Have a great time in
Alyssa Long	Yes, least favorite boyfriend	Stone crystals	No one	That I would have black skin so I would not stick out, by Allah
Paula Han	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Don't have one	No comment	To live by ocean paradise, by God
Rachel Davis	Yes, leprechaun tattoo on thigh... no complaints!	Stone from Spain	Jeff or Andy Garcia	To go to Kenya and Tanzania, by Kendra
♣ Karen Jackson (10%)	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Pearl necklace Hmmm... I can't remember if this was serious or not.	Antonio Banderas	Safe enlightening trip to Kenya
♣ Ann Marie McGillicuddy (50%)	Yes, he had the Irish Curse!	Don't have one	Someone back at home	That time would go by quickly, by Father Time
Tom Veho	Yes, fine fine	Don't have one	Karen Ruscetti	Destroy the Hoover Dam, by Steve Win
Steve Sakala	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Don't have one	With gleam in eye says "I can't name names."	World Peace, by Allah
♣ Dana Mitchell (5%)	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Flip flops	Buba	Get to home safely, by Tom Morgan
Julie Malgesini	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Bible	No one	Go to Madagascar, by God \$5 million large

Peri Poland	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Ball and Chain (Doesn't this one belong in the next box?)	Michael, of course	Live forever, by Dr. Seuss
Courtney Roy	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Don't have one	Barney Rubble	World Peace, by ???
* Sarah Johnston (25%)	Yes, WAY up there!	Japanese doll, from a friend	Old college friend at COS	That I could be the next Mr. Rogers for The Gambia, by Yaya Jammeh and GRTS
Peter Bendix	Yes, 7 or 8 on a scale of 10. Had Irish tattoo on back.	Pair of green boxers, always worn on Friday	Training village woman... drop dead gorgeous!!	Million dollars for development purposes, by California lottery
Winston Church	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Juju	Tyra Banks	Go home and come back as I please, by Sabena
* Matt Coles	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Sharks tooth	No answer	No answer
Jackie Francy	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Winston!	Marc... Jean is gone for two weeks! (wink wink)	No answer
Misty Will	Yes, comparable	Don't have one	No idea	Travel the world, by the Tooth Fairy
Zach Maichuk	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Knife	Don't really know	Elect someone in this country who has a clue how to run in, by voters

What's that? You thought this Irish shit was finished? HA! What you obviously don't know about is the incredible predictive powers of leprechauns! Behold, while we look into the future of the new volunteers and make our predictions!!!

Name	***** Leprechaun Prediction *****
Chandra Armstrong	Decides to give up work, go with the flow, and watch GRTS with Nisha all day
Matt Coles	Living in pink nursery causes him to question manhood, takes to wearing pink diapers to match his decor
Mary Gratton	Joins Gambian Police Force out of boredom and desire to be able to afford her own house
Tonya Cross	In a truly ironic turn of events, Tonya finds out that in addition to tomatoes, potatoes, rice, and water, she is also allergic to sea bass
John Hager	Has an amazingly productive and happy two years until he goes postal on a small boy for disturbing his delicate precision footwear organization
Paula Han	Finally comes to Kombo so Barbara can look at her boil after her leg falls off during a hot compress
Alyssa Long	Decides that one-hundred-and-eight-is-enough and transfers to a compound with a lesser small boy density
Julie Malgesini	Enjoyed first taste of whiskey so much that she blows her October salary on Jameson's whiskey at St. Mary's (BTW, only D200 a bottle!!!)
Katie McClurg	Decides her hut wasn't enough and sponge paints all of Karantaba
Erica Stringer	Gets lost in maze of a village, but is heroically saved by nearby volunteer Timothy "Bush Man" Burroughs
James Sievert	Will finish Lauren's sentence
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Michael Grossman	Will use vast knowledge of time-dependent perturbative quantum mechanics to figure out that the apparent on his last bush taxi cheated him out of a dalasi
Peri Poland	Will send <u>The Crying of Lot 49</u> by Thomas Pynchon to Kevin M. on the next mailrun (c'mon Peri, I really want to read it)

* Alan Boyle, a.k.a. IRISH!! (100%) Born 3/17/85!!	Yes, not so good. I prefer the English... they're easier.	Southern Comfort silver belt	Clara	Had too many beers question coherently
Rebekah Allen	No, but I'm sure they would be fantastic	Necklace	Edward Norton	No answer
Jen Johnson	Yes, below average	Purple horseshoes from Lucky Charms	My boyfriend, Mr. Googleheimer	A place to shit in, by Mustapha
Mike Jeffe	Yes, if an Irish pub counts	Ghanian Fish Necklace	Heidi Klum	That I could be with all the fine women in this country
* Tonya Cross (30%)	Yes, average	Ahuman foot	The Lucky Charms Leprechaun	To have a pet platypus, by Zeus
Karen Ruscetti	No, but that is one of the countries on my list	Folding my clothes perfectly	Someone of another nationality, NOT Gambian (preferably German)	That Martin would come back
* Kevin Moore (100%)	Yes, myself, about once a day or so in high school	Coke bottle... every time I take it to the bitik it is refilled	One of the fourth years	Ohhhhh PLEASE Tom, sign my early COS request!!!!
* Sara Hossman (50%)	Yes, of course! Fabulous!	St. Christopher's charm from an old friend.	Spiderman	An article 9, by Yamai
Errol Mazursky (0%, but check back next week)	Yes, she was shorter than the rest	Blue blazer	Clara	To enjoy my last moment in The Garden

- Lisa Reimer Will ask Adam Burns about a "Reimer" he once knew at his fraternity, as well as said Reimer's stupid pet trick... Adam will demonstrate
- Peter Bendix Like his predecessor he will decide that his time will be much better spent doing puppet shows
- Amy Capolupo Has some wood left over after building her furniture and constructs a Sony playstation
- Karen Jackson Photos developed from Fishbowl party give Playboy idea for "Women of the Peace Corps" ... Karen poses for centerfold on her kamo (this time without Winston)
- Natalie Shaw Forgets where her site is and is seen wandering all over North Bank muttering "Ana summa ndekka?"
- Mike Casper Sabotages Fishbowl reconstruction (as if he needed to) when it dawns on him that the Hostel is much nicer than Fishbowl could ever be
- Glendon Pflugrath Extends until 2004 so he can enter the Olympics with the Gambian Equestrian Team
- Misty Will Will get sick, go to sleep on med unit bed, and give poor Barbara a heart attack when she mistakes Misty's visit for the second coming of Melody Bennett
- Dave Mills His extensive three-month Gambian experience qualifies him for leading several IST's for the second years as well as becoming the second PCVL before Thanksgiving
- Alicia Fitzpatrick Will put alcohol on all of her infected mosquito bites, then decides that it would be better used if she just went ahead and drank it
- Cheryl Whigam Leads next year's Death March, but changes the name of the event to Death Crawl and Overnight Camping Trip
- Jen Grubb Is chased out of teacher's quarters after racial insults from other teachers... oh wait, sorry, wrong Jen
- Kris Vaitonis Attempts to go two years without eating coos... subsists entirely on care packages from boyfriend
- Nana Ataa Ofuso Benefo Becomes fluent in Kombo Wolof, yet is helpless when she travels to the provinces uttering phrases like "Bul stress, y!"
- Courtney Roy Gets heart-broken after one night stand with nearby volunteer "Love-Em-and-Leave-Em" Mad Dog Devore

Experimental Refutation of Einstein's Equivalence Principle by Observation of a Hypermassive Sentient Lifeform

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Brief Report Submitted to Scientific African

We report an experimental observation of a human being which possesses the remarkable quality that its gravitational mass is in fact greater than its inertial mass, which stands as a direct refutation of Einstein's Equivalence Principle, the cornerstone of his as-to-date wildly successful general theory of relativity. The specimen was first discovered on July 8th, 2000. Many experiments still need to be carried out, but current analysis has proven that the specimen experiences a relatively larger pull of gravity than the normal, inertial-gravitational-equivalent individual. This extra pull causes a number of effects. First and most of obvious is a significant reduction in body length, as the specimen experiences greater compression while suspended on the ground. Also evident is the added pressure needed by hair follicles to grow upwards against the force of gravity, and as a result the hemispherical follicle growth can only be described a sparse. Further tests are planned, but currently we are unable to locate the subject as it has fled the Fajara facility. To date, the whereabouts are unknown, but we are sure that the subject is **not** teaching at Essau Senior Secondary, and we expect the subject to return to Fajara of its own accord shortly. Future results will be published in short time.

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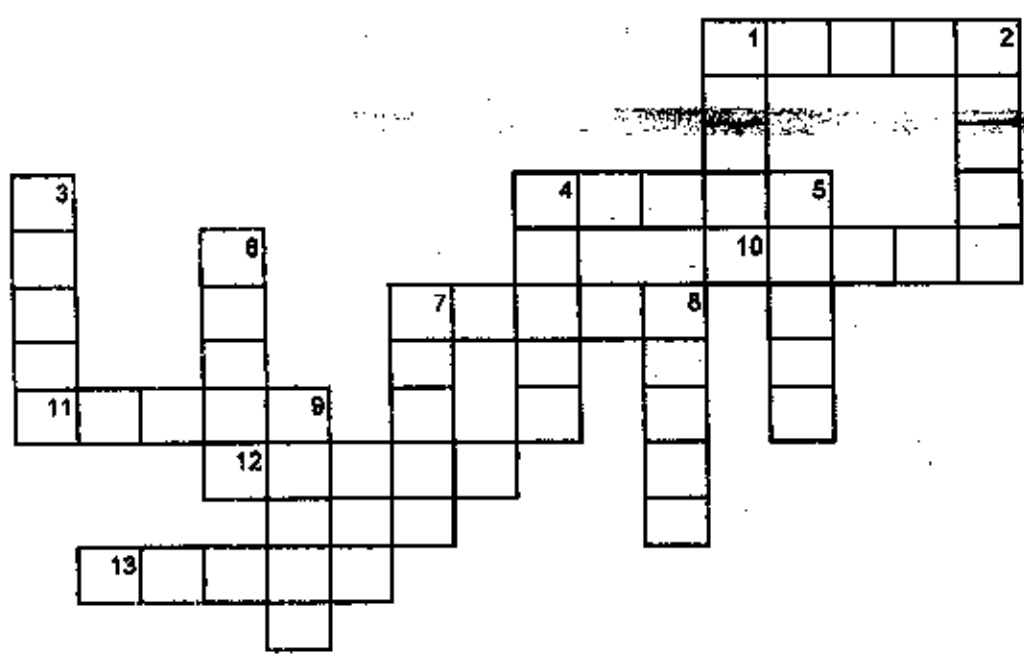
1. The opposite of tall
2. The opposite of long (upside down)
3. If you become irritable quickly you are said to have a _____ fuse
4. An early 90's midget rapper that had a tiny stay on the hip hop charts 'Too _____'
5. If you got screwed, you came up on this end of the stick (upside down)
6. Mama's little baby likes to eat this kind of bread (upside down)
7. Ally Sheedy starred in this little diddy of a movie in the late 80's '_____ Circuit'
8. This kind of cake goes great with strawberries (upside down)
9. Position in baseball between 2nd and 3rd base (upside down)

Across

1. Errol's weenie is this (Not really, SERIOUSLY IT'S NOT)
4. Jen Johnson was a Theta she could surely get you on this list for parties
7. Errol's nose is anything but this
10. Adam Bums once ate 47 _____ stacks of pancakes at IHOP (backwards)
11. This event is found in the midget olympics: The _____ jump (backwards)
12. A railroad found in Monopoly: _____ Line
13. _____ adjective to describe Dave!

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A SHORT CROSSWORD PUZZLE



After submitting another set of stool samples to my US doctor there have been some interesting findings. First of all I walk into the doctors office and he says, "kid, somebody shit in your cornflakes." I chuckled as I went into examining room 3. He comes in a couple of minutes later and says, "No, really, somebody shit in your cornflakes." I have some kind of commensal non-pathogenic thing living in my large intestine. Nobody in Fresno could identify it so they had to send it to Sacramento. Sacramento had to contact the CDC to try and figure out what it was. After talking to the CDC my doctor took out all of his medical books and couldn't figure out what it was. Until he pulled out his 1940 University of Iowa textbook. With the severely dated information held within that aged annul of information he was able to identify it as: *Endolimax nana*. It is spread by ingesting cysts found in food and water contaminated with human fecal matter. MMMMM.... Hows the chop these days. Anyways only 9 pills a day for 10 days to flush the system and no alcohol which bites because my cousins wedding is next weekend. Oh well at least I will be able to enjoy the experience of sitting on the throne. Thats the newest with me.

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