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HONOLULU Frogs take over island, considered state emergency

(AP) — A tiny frog with a huge shriek has invaded Hawaii and won't shut up.

Mayor Harry Kim is looking for \$2 million to begin controlling the spread of the nocturnal coqui frog, a beloved native in Puerto Rico but considered an annoying pest in Hawaii since hitching a ride over in shipments of tropical plants around 1990.

The frogs have been mating easily — and shattering quiet island nights — ever since.

Aside from the noise, the frogs have a voracious appetite for spiders and insects, competing with native birds and fauna, and coqui frogs are adaptable to many ecosystems and breed heavily in Hawaii, experts said.

Kim said the island will once again ask Gov. Linda Lingle to declare the coqui frog infestation a state emergency to help clear the way for state financial assistance. Kim said \$2 million is needed to launch a combined state, federal and county program to combat the frogs. He made his plea Tuesday before state lawmakers, who will consider the request later this year.

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA Christian prejudice protest leads to 160 arrests

(AP) — Malaysian police arrested 160 Myanmar citizens Monday for protesting outside their country's embassy against the military junta's alleged discrimination against Christians.

Authorities detained the demonstrators after they chanted anti-junta slogans for about 30 minutes and defied police orders to disperse, said a spokeswoman for Malaysian human rights group Suaram.

The protesters could be charged with violating a rule requiring a police permit for gatherings of more than three people. Those without valid immigration documents could be deported.

Police confirmed the arrests, but provided no details.

FORT COLLINS, COLO.

Church works to turn tragedy site into student union

(AP) — The Timberline Church is negotiating to create a student center in the former Sigma Pi fraternity house, where a Colorado State University sophomore was

Dermis defense

Harsh weather during winter months can often cause severe damage to students' skin

Leslie Benson
Special Projects Reporter

Johnathan Perisho knows how to protect his skin against Muncie's harsh, cold weather.

"It's more weather-related but also partially hereditary," Perisho, a Ball State sophomore, said. "I use moisturizers, but not any one in particular. I've gone through many."

Perisho said he suggests that students planning to spend time outdoors need to keep their faces covered and moisturize often.

Severe dry skin, or eczema, is common among students because of the weather, their genetics and stress, Kent Bullis, medical director of the Amelia T. Wood Student Health Center, said.

"I'd say about 10 percent of students have eczema," Bullis said. "It's fairly common and largely hereditary. People with dry skin types have more difficulty with cold air and lower humidity."

The estimated prevalence in the United States for eczema, NIAID reported in 2004, varies from 9 to 30 percent. Health care provider visits for eczema amount to \$7 million per year nationwide.

Dr. Arthur Sumrall, dermatologist at the Indianapolis Longevity Clinic, said eczema differs from case to case.

"A topical eczema is an inflammatory disorder of the skin that affects people whose family background includes asthma, hay fever and sinus problems," Sumrall said. "There are many other types. Winter itch is a type caused by dry winter weather. Nummular eczema is patchy, round like a coin and is related to immune cells. High stress also causes eczema outbreaks."

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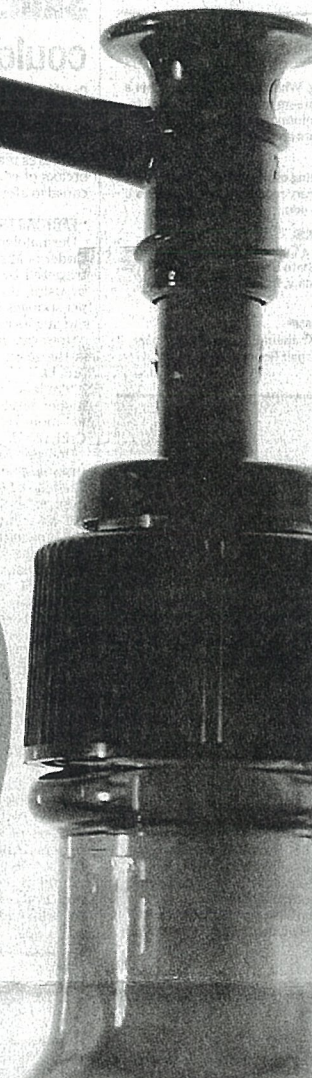
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"Students at school will have higher levels of stress, leading to more eczema outbreaks."

DR. MICHAEL CRIDER,
Dermatologist

How to protect your skin:

- Avoid taking long, hot showers and over-washing your body
- Avoid showering with net sponges; use lather and wash by hand instead
- Use a mild soap, a cleansing bar or a non-soap cleanser that is free of perfumes, such as unscented Dove or Aveeno
- Use a humidifier to add moisture to the air
- Try diluting essential oils such as jojoba or tea tree oil with water and rubbing them on inflamed skin
- Use a carbon filter for your water
- After bathing or swimming, immediately put on moisturizer before towel drying off
- Moisturize your skin consistently throughout the day



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1961 John F. Kennedy is inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States.
1981 The 444-day Iran hostage Crisis ends.
1984 Johnny Weissmuller, Tarzan, dies.

WEATHER THIS WEEK

FRIDAY Flurries, High: 28, Low: 25
SATURDAY Rain/Snow/Wind, High: 33, Low: 11
SUNDAY Snow Shower/Wind, High: 21, Low: 13
MONDAY Snow Showers, High: 32, Low: 25
TUESDAY Rain/Snow Showers, High: 39, Low: 32
WEDNESDAY Rain/Snow Showers, High: 48, Low: 28



DAYS AHEAD

TODAY

COFFEE & CAREERS

Stop by the Art and Journalism Building, Whiting Building, Teacher's College or Lucia 235 for Coffee and Careers tables from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for free coffee or hot Cocoa and information on job searching, career planning and Career Center events and services.

BSU DEMOCRATS

All are welcome to join for the first meeting of the new semester. The meeting will be at 5 p.m. in Bracken Library room 201. Any questions contact jactere@bsu.edu or jreered@bsu.edu.

MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

The Mathematics Department presents a Colloquium: "Nanoscale Science and Technology Research at Ball State University," by Yong S. Joe, Department of Physics and Astronomy, from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. in RB 447.

IV CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Come share in Christ's love with us. Hear about Ephesians I at 7 p.m. during Large Group meeting in the Pineshelf Room in the Student Center.

FRIDAY

BSA

BSA Unity Week Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Center Multipurpose room. Please remember some form of ID. Those interested in volunteering should contact Lindsey at 285-2621.

POLICE BEAT

MICHAEL J. MITCHELL, 47, 4790 N. Richardt St., Indianapolis, was arrested at 12:18 a.m. Nov. 27 at Wheeling and Neely avenues on charges of driving under the influence.
GAVIN R. HOWELL, 19, 6222 W. Co. Road 400 N., Farmland, was arrested at 3:06 a.m. Nov. 28 at Pizza King, 1421 W. Bethel Ave., on charges of public intoxication and illegal possession.
BRANDON L. POWERS, 19, 1801 N. 945 W., Parker City, was arrested at 3:06 p.m. Nov. 28 at Pizza King, 1421 W. Bethel Ave., on charges of public intoxication and illegal possession.
DEBRA A. FRAZIER, 51, 2209 N. Macedonia Ave., was arrested at 3:58 p.m. Nov. 29 on Bethel Avenue on charges of failure to appear.

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CAMPUS

SGA passes legislation regarding elections

Student Government Association passed legislation Wednesday that is a precursor to a large election overhaul. The legislation requires listing all four members of an executive slate to be listed when students vote. Previously, students saw only the name of the president.

Steve Geraci, president pro tempore, said students had a right to know all the people they vote for, not just the president.

"This is just a no-brainer," Geraci said. The legislation also allows slates to choose their own name, instead of using the last name of the presidential candidate.

"The motivation there was to spice things up," Geraci said. SGA will have the final reading at its first meeting back from break on legislation that would unify the campus recycling program.

Skin: Colder temperatures could cause inflammation

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Information Center reported in June 2004 that colder temperatures may lead to more outbreaks of eczema, other factors can also affect sensitive skin.

FACTORS TRIGGERING ECZEMA

Dermatologist Dr. Michael Crider of Muncie said eczema is triggered by over washing and by using deodorant soaps and net sponges that dry skin by removing its essential oils.

However, he said that stress is the main cause of skin outbreaks.

"Students at school will have higher levels of stress leading to more eczema outbreaks," Crider said.

Dr. Drew Anderson of the Life-time Skincare Center in Muncie has felt the effect of severe dryness on his skin.

"I have hand eczema due to washing my hands so much during the day," he said. "The other things that make eczema worse are dry air and hot water. Swimming pools and hot tubs, which have high levels of chlorine, can also make eczema worse."

Dermatologist Sumrall explains further factors involved in skin irritation.

"Chlorine and winter weather do aggravate eczema," he said. "Anyone bathing in hard water or living in a region of low humidity can get infections in their dry skin if they itch it. Most people can get an over-the-counter cortisone cream, moisturizers or an emollient cream by prescription like Elidel or Protopic to help their skin."

Similarly, Anderson's idea of protecting skin involves adding more oil and moisture to it.

"Oils, in general, help to repair the skin," he said. "Tea tree oil has been shown to decrease inflammation, but some people can have allergic reactions to it."

Bullis said he urges students with eczema not to scratch their skin when it has become inflamed.

"Neurogenic dermatitis happens when someone has skin that itches," Bullis said. "The person tends to start scratching, and it turns into a cycle. It can get severe."

SKIN AND SELF-IMAGE

Ball State University Counseling Center Psychologist Kimberly Gorman works with students who have severe personal image issues and acknowledges that students with extremely dry or inflamed skin may have such self-image problems.

"It creates self-consciousness," she said. "When something looks wrong or askew physically, people seem to have more anxiety. The worst case scenario is depression because of it."

Katrina DeShaney, senior, said she does not let her dry skin worry her.

"My hands get dried out," she said. "I get self-conscious about it sometimes, but it's just one of those things that happen. So, I put on more lotion. I like to use Jergens."

Gorman suggests that reducing stress may help.

"Managing time is one of the hardest and most important things to do to reduce stress, especially in the beginning of a semester," she said. "Make sure you put in time to relax and have fun. Schedule in that time, eat well and have a balanced life."

Personnel: Ball St correct payroll mis

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who commutes to work from Fort Wayne, slept in his office after he was called in to work during the ice storm.

"I was fortunate enough to get a hotel for Thursday and Friday night of that week," Willis said, "but the power in the hotel went out, so I had to sleep in my office Friday night."

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can come from anywhere, and people just need to get a better understanding of different cultures," Norris said.

Besides skits, junior Anthony Amstutz performed a monologue written by Davis. His performance included statistics about gay and lesbian suicide rates. The performers set the scene by shouting anti-gay chants while he performed. He questioned misconceptions of homosexuality and urged the audience to be open-minded. He said he wanted viewers not to see homosexual as a label, but to see the actual person.

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