

Militant Mammals? Borough Partisans? Can Wolves and Alligators Be Far Behind?

To the Editor:

As I peruse the local press, I am struck by the ominous headlines of recent weeks. Bad beavers, rabid raccoons, boorish bears, and the ubiquitous deer (up to their usual devastation of SUVs and pricey shrubbery). Rumors and alarms abound, citing the appearance of coyotes, panthers, and fisher cats. Can wolves and alligators be far behind?

The authorities have responded to the situation with their usual alacrity, replete with roundups and warnings; and in the case of the misguided beaver dam development project, the miscreants were stopped cold with hot lead. If only the tear-down McMansion developers, with their callous disregard for existing neighborhoods, could also be stopped. What are we to make of this apparent insurrection by our formerly furry friends? Are the apocalyptic prophecies of the fifties sci-fi novel *Rule of the Pagbeasts* finally coming true? Is it just one more calamity to be added to the list of scourges currently plaguing our nation? Is it a harsh judgment by nature against the human race?

Maybe my overwrought imagination is getting the best of me. Perhaps it is only a local phenomenon with political overtones. Could it be something as simple as an agent provocateur stirring up trouble? Possibly an over zealous borough partisan attempting to fan the flames of opposition to consolidation. It could well be that someone overcome with an irrational feeling of 'Boroughness' is trying to conjure up the specter of a terroristic Township takeover, spearheaded by a cadre of militant mammals. Should this individual be apprehended and treated with the appropriate therapy and re-education, I'm sure that all will be well, the peaceable kingdom restored, our Princeton paradise regained.

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