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LARGE HADRON COLLIDER EXPECTED TO SOLVE RIDDLE OF 'GOD PARTICLE' IN LATE 2012

May 18, 2011 News.com.au reports: "After decades of hunting, physicists now say they could determine whether a theorised particle called the Higgs Boson exists by the end of next year.

'I'm pretty confident that towards the end of 2012 we will have an answer to the Shakespeare question for the Higgs Boson — to be, or not to be?' said Rolf-Dieter Heuer, director general of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, or CERN. CERN has ordered the world's biggest particle collider to step up the quest to explain mass, one of the greatest puzzles in physics.

The key to this is believed to be the Higgs, a notional sub-atomic particle named after British physicist Peter Higgs who mooted its existence in 1964. If it is found, one of the last pieces would be set in place in the famous Standard Model, which seeks to bring all the particles and forces in the Universe under a single, unified theory.

'By the end of 2012 we will either discover the Standard Model Higgs Boson, if it exists, or we will rule it out,' said Fabiola Gianotti, who is the spokesman for CERN's biggest particle-collider lab, Atlas..."

NORTH KOREA'S CYBER ARMY GETS INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED

May 18, 2011 FoxNews.com reported: "While the world worries about North Korea's nuclear weapons, its leader seems to be thinking that the more important battlefield involves cyber warfare.

"Modern war is electronic warfare. Victory or defeat in a modern war depends on how to carry out electronic warfare.," Kim Jong-Il told his military several years ago. He has since made cyber warfare a top, though secret, priority of his paranoid regime. And the first salvos of that war have fired.

Over the past year, North Korea has been suspected of involvement in ever-larger cyber attacks against South Korea, as many as 15,000 a day, according to the South Korean intelligence estimates. And as the attacks continue, so does their sophistication.

At first the cyber attacks, such as the massive July 4 attack in 1999 against government sites in the U.S. and South Korea, were basic -- even primitive -- "denial of service" assaults in which an array of computers simply overwhelm sites. But as time passed, other more sophisticated attacks have come to light, including one in which a South Korean military officer's computer was targeted and contingency plans of the U.S. response to troubles was stolen.

The latest attack on April 12 hit South Korea's Nonghyup Bank and caused the bank's computer systems to collapse, leaving 30 million account holders without access to their money for several days. Prosecutors in South Korea say they linked the attack to a computer run by the North's Reconnaissance General Bureau.

In fact, South Korea's intelligence agencies now believe that North Korea has the capability to "paralyze the U.S. Pacific Command and cause extensive damage to defense networks inside the United States."

Among the most frequent visitors to U.S. military web sites, according to the U.S. Defense Department, are computers traced to North Korea."...

According to defectors, the North Korean military has amassed as many as 30,000 electronic warfare specialists and they have become the elite core of the military. Defectors say that the regime now culls the brightest students from the nation's universities and funnels them into special "secret" schools that concentrate on hacking and developing cyber warfare programs targeted at South Korea. At one secret school, security is so tight that only one outsider -- dictator Kim Jong-Il -- is allowed to drive onto the campus.

According to Jang Se-yul, a defector who attended one of the schools and was an officer in the North Korean electronic warfare command, the heart of the effort is centered at Automation University, where "100 to 110 hackers a year" are trained in advanced electronic espionage every year often.

And, according to estimates from Washington and Seoul, their abilities rival those of the CIA."



North Korea

THE MOSQUITO VIRUS KILLING ONE-QUARTER OF ITS VICTIMS

May 18, 2011 The Sydney Morning Herald reports: "A deadly mosquito-borne virus that has no cure and no vaccination, has claimed the lives of two Australians. Both the Murray Valley encephalitis (MVE) and the closely-related Kunjin viruses cause a serious inflammation of the brain, and have already hospitalised six West Australians. The Health Department is continuing to investigate reports that more people have been infected.

Department entomologist Sue Harrington said while there was no suggestion the MVE virus would reach Perth, the fact it had already hit the Wheatbelt and mid-west regions was of a concern.

'It seems to have activated independently this season,' she said.

'There has been an extension of that area, so a large proportion of West Australia is now affected by MVE.'

The death of a man in the north-west of the state last month, and a South Australian man two weeks ago led the Department to issue another

stern warning about the virus.”...

‘Every case is very significant, because about one-quarter of all cases die, and of those that survive they're left with severe nerve damage that can result in paralysis.’

There is not yet a cure for the virus, nor a vaccine to prevent infection, said Ms Harrington.”...”

THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT? PREDICTION OF SATURDAY "RAPTURE"

May 18, 2011 FoxNews.com reported: “For some, it's Judgment Day. For others, it's party time. A loosely organized Christian movement has spread the word around the globe that Jesus Christ will return to earth on Saturday to gather the faithful into heaven. While the Christian mainstream isn't buying it, many other skeptics are milking it.”...

The prediction is also being mocked in the comic strip "Doonesbury" and has inspired "Rapture parties" to celebrate what hosts expect will be the failure of the world to come to an end.

In the Army town of Fayetteville, N.C., the local chapter of the American Humanist Association has turned the event into a two-day extravaganza, with a Saturday night party followed by a day-after concert.

"It's not meant to be insulting, but come on," said organizer Geri Weaver. "Christians are openly scoffing at this."

The prediction originates with Harold Camping, an 89-year-old retired civil engineer from Oakland, Calif., who founded Family Radio Worldwide, an independent ministry that has broadcast his prediction around the world.

The Rapture -- the belief that Christ will bring the faithful into paradise prior to a period of tribulation on earth that precedes the end of time -- is a relatively new notion compared to Christianity itself, and most Christians don't believe in it. And even believers rarely attempt to set a date for the event.

Camping's prophecy comes from numerological calculations based on his reading of the Bible, and he says global events like the 1948 founding of Israel confirm his math.

He has been derided for an earlier apocalyptic prediction in 1994, but his followers say that merely referred to the end of "the church age," a time when human beings in Christian churches could be saved. Now, they say, only those outside what they regard as irredeemably corrupt churches can expect to ascend to heaven.

Camping is not hedging this time: "Beyond the shadow of a doubt, May 21 will be the date of the Rapture and the day of judgment," he said in January.”...”

MEDVEDEV WARNS OF COLD WAR OVER MISSILE DEFENCE

May 18, 2011 SpaceDaily.com reported: “President Dmitry Medvedev Wednesday warned of a new Cold War era if Russia and the West failed to agree on missile defence, in the first major news conference of his presidency. Despite the startling warning to the United States and Europe, Medvedev confounded expectations he would use the event to finally announce if he intends to seek a new Kremlin mandate in 2012 elections.

Russia is increasingly worried about US plans to build missile defence facilities in ex-Communist eastern Europe and is also offended that NATO appears to have shunned its proposals for a joint missile defence shield. Medvedev told reporters that the US decision to push ahead with construction of the missile defence system despite Russia's objections will force Moscow "to take retaliatory measures -- something that we would very much rather not do."...

"This would be a very bad scenario. It would be a scenario that throws us back into the Cold War era."...”

CHINA GIVES PAKISTAN 50 FIGHTER JETS

May 19, 2011 The New York Times reported: “China has agreed to immediately provide 50 JF-17 fighter jets to Pakistan, a major outcome of a visit by Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani to Beijing this week, Pakistani officials said Thursday. China and Pakistan have jointly produced the JF-17 aircraft, but the new planes would be equipped with more sophisticated avionics, the officials said. The latest jet fighters would be paid for by China, they said.

The announcement came as Pakistan's already tense relations with the United States soured further after the killing of Osama bin Laden deep inside Pakistan on May 2. Last week, Pakistan's spy chief denounced the United States in a rare briefing before Parliament in which he condemned the American raid for breaching Pakistan's sovereignty. Parliament, in turn, called for the government to revisit relations with the United States.

Mr. Gilani's visit to Beijing served as a pointed reminder of Pakistani suggestions that the government might seek to recalibrate relations with the United States, using China to offset what many here view as an overdependence on Washington.”...”



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