

Points of Interest

Men Happy No-Lucky

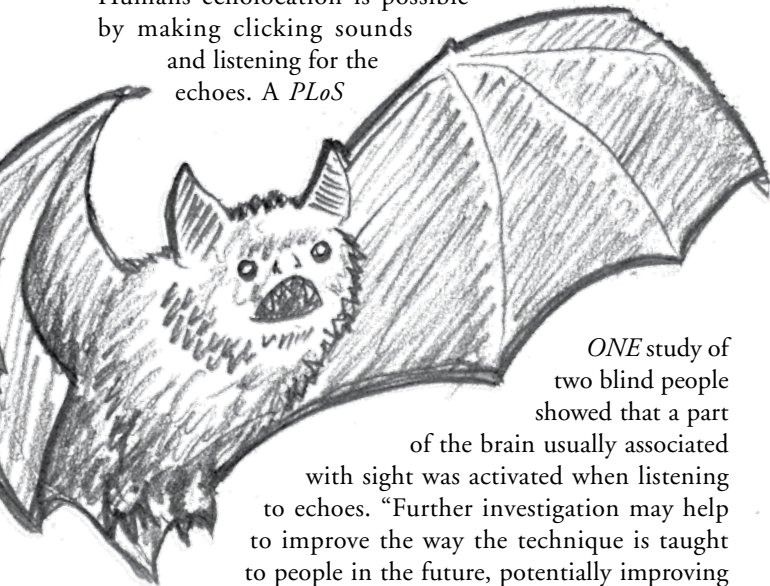
It appears that men are judged less attractive when they are smiling. A study from Jessica Tracy and Alex Beall at Vancouver's University of British Columbia has shown that Canadian women like their men without smiles. The researchers showed that younger women ranked happy men lowest in attractiveness.

CBC News May 24, 2011

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/story/2011/05/24/science-smile-men-attractive.html>

Humans Can "See" like a Bat

Humans echolocation is possible by making clicking sounds and listening for the echoes. *A PLoS*



ONE study of two blind people showed that a part of the brain usually associated with sight was activated when listening to echoes. "Further investigation may help to improve the way the technique is taught to people in the future, potentially improving their mobility and independence," said Susie Roberts, rehabilitation officer at Action for Blind People.

BBC News May 26, 2011

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-13539921>

It Really Is a Gut Feeling

What happens in your digestive system is influencing your mental state. Researchers at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, have concluded that bacteria living in the gut can be a cause of common anxiety. Researcher Premysl Bercik believes that there is therapeutic potential of probiotic bacteria and their products in the treatment of behavioural disorders.

Medical Xpress May 17, 2011

<http://medicalxpress.com/news/2011-05-anxiety-gut.html>



Allergies Are Increasing

A new study based on 14 million allergy blood test results from two million patient visits in the United States has proven that more people are having more allergic reactions, and the reasons remain mysterious. Researchers are leaning toward an environmental explanation, citing that changing global temperatures have given a boost to both ragweed and mould growth. Not all allergy symptoms have increased – dust mite sensitivity has declined.

Rachael Rettner *My Health News Daily* May 26, 2011

<http://www.myhealthnewsdaily.com/allergy-increase-ragweed-mold-global-warming-1552/>

Cultural Carpal Tunnel

A study recently released by Isam Atroshi at Hassleholm Hospital in Sweden shows large differences in the number of carpal tunnel diagnoses between countries. The Swiss are diagnosed with the syndrome far less than people in the United States. "What accounts for the differences is still unclear, but both medical and social factors could be at play," Atroshi noted. "For instance, it could be related to obesity or to different types of work," he added.

HealthZone.ca May 25, 2011

<http://www.healthzone.ca/health/newsfeatures/research/article/996690--is-carpal-tunnel-syndrome-cultural>



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