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Kaneko vending machines eating Willamette students

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Returning from Winter break, the residents of Kaneko Commons were informed that their vending machines had been removed due to inappropriate behavior and use of the machines.

After taking advantage of and vandalizing these delicious treat stations, each student living in Kaneko was charged an equal amount to their student account to pay for the lost food and damages.

The vending machines, however, seem to have come back, this time playing a different role in the Kaneko community.

The recent spike in solar flare activity is leading to increased radiation from the sun. This increase in radiation is believed to have brought the Kaneko vending machines back to life. Professor Ross Brody in the physics department recently stated, "It must be, like, radiation and stuff from the sun, man."

With their newfound power, these machines seek vengeance on the students that so violently harassed them last semester, along with quite a few innocent bystanders.

Sunday night, Campus Safety stated they received multiple calls about students missing from Kaneko. "When one student called and said that a vending machine had eaten a student, we went ahead and just called Salem police assuming this was something in their domain," says one officer.

However, officers soon found this nonsensical allegation to be true. Camera footage and witness reports later revealed some of the gruesome attacks on the students.

At approximately 11:24 pm last Saturday night, Jesus Barron, a freshman Kaneko resident, was returning home from spring break. Suddenly, the vending machine shook violently until it fell on top of the innocent student. Witnesses say that the machine quickly absorbed him and abruptly stood back up, ready to feast on more students.

Another report was made saying that a student stuck her hands up into one of the vending machines Sunday evening at approximately 6:47 pm to reach a SoBe when the machine suddenly snapped and snarled her arm into a twisted contortion. The machine then devoured the student, who was never heard from again.

The student who witnessed this event reported feeling helpless as he fled the scene. He was later devoured as well. The student's association to the original antagonist is theorized to be the lethal motive of the machine.

Some Kaneko students are beginning to retaliate by smashing the machines and throwing various foods at them. These efforts have yet to be successful considering the machines quickly and violently consumed the majority of these rebels within 24 hours. Falling on top of the students seems to be the machines' favorite tactic.

From the other side of the spectrum, some University students have joined to-

gether to form the SWIM union: Students of Willamette for the Integrity of Machines. Although these "swimmers" have been able to form a strong coalition, the vending machines have shown no sign of exception for the swimmers.

Administrators are looking for help and answers as these horrific events continue to torment the students of Kaneko. No promising progress has yet to be publicized; however, staff is looking into relocating some of the Kaneko students.

Until more information is discovered, the war wages on, and the death toll rises. Willamette staff encourages students to stay away from the machines and resist the tantalizing snacks inside these metal deathtraps. These late-night treats have been shown to be the machines' bait of choice.

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Slackline turning students into hipsters

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Students of Willamette University have taken notice of the sudden change in climate on campus. Due to the poor operation of Pelton's weather machine, students are rushing outside whenever there is actually any sun. This increase in outdoor activity has led to the sprouting up of various activities, one of which is slacklining. This seemingly harmless activity is beginning to have a peculiar effect on student life.

Hipsters are beginning to appear, one by one, as the increase in slacklining continues. It's pretty exclusive; you probably haven't heard anything about it yet.

Many signs are being used to recognize chronic hipster-ness. One of the signs of rapid hipster increase, also known as RHI, is the enormous increase of people in Open Mic lines.

Before the climate change, these fun, monthly events catered to those that speak in rhyme and listen to what Urban Dictionary deems "non-corporate" music. These lines, wrapping all around campus, are causing stress on already overcommitted Bistro workers, considering they only have so many caramel macchiatos and lattes to pass around.

Another clear sign of RHI has been the increase of nudity on campus. Though the outdoor activity does tend to involve some sunshine, an unusual amount of students have begun walking around topless.

We attempted to reach Shirtless Pete for a quote, but he was unable to comment at this time. Fewer students are wearing shoes, and the administration is attempting to create a policy to regulate exposed, unpedicured toes.

The final and most notable sign of RHI has been the change of style on the Willamette campus. Before, one could find the occasional bearcat wearing a t-shirt with a duckbilled platypus on it for no apparent reason, but we are now seeing a rapid increase of Bill Cosby sweaters, fake glasses and skinny jeans from Good Will.

Even though these trends seem to contradict the warming weather and the strange desire of the hipsters to be partially nude while slacklining, they do have to wear something "original" when the weather machine is acting up. They always find a way to slip at least the top portion of their outfits off before setting foot on the wobbly surface of the slackline anyway.

The increase in apathy towards daily, "conformed" life-

styles is showing a massive impact on campus and throughout the city of Salem. Many fear this is the end of the world because nothing is getting done. "The students no longer care about earning good grades and graduating," says one WU professor. "They say it's too mainstream now." These students have quit all organizations that have more than three students and do not encourage sustainability or poetry.

With the count down until Dooms Day, some students on campus have willingly succumbed to RHI. Others have been living in fear of the hipsters. One Belknap RA stated, "Students are seeking refuge and hiding away in their dorms while listening to Radio's Top 40 and shaking violently in their Snuggies."

Administration is attempting to fix the weather machine using the latest technology. However, until then, the campus is divided - either living in fear of the hipsters, or simply succumbing to the increase via the slackline ferish.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

March 20 - April 1, 2012
Information provided by Campus Safety

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

▶ March 22, 11:46 a.m. (Quad): A quidditch club practice was shut down when campus safety got calls that players were flying under the influence of butterbeer. The students were sentenced to a month of AA meetings.

▶ March 23, 8:42 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Campus safety pulled students in for questioning regarding the most recent incident of yarn bombing. Several pairs of knitting needles were confiscated.

▶ March 23, 7:35 p.m. (Smullin): During a routine cleaning, maintenance staff found that someone had drawn mockingsays on every whiteboard and chalkboard in Smullin.

▶ March 25, 3:23 p.m. (Bistro): Two students were caught in the bistro not listening to The Shins new album. They were reprimanded by campus safety, and promptly doused with plaid, beanies and black coffee.

▶ March 26, 2:45 p.m. (Sparks Field): Several dozen thesis bunnies have been spotted causing havoc around campus. Causing men-

tal and emotional damage to students and professors. Please contact campus safety if you see or catch one.

▶ March 28, 11:01 a.m. (Hatfield Library): A student was caught on the first floor of the library, actually doing homework. The student was immediately put into custody, interrogated, then re-assigned to a table that had many shiny objects, bright colors, and people saying things like "I've been in here since 2!"

▶ March 28, 9:52 a.m. (Bistro): A student was caught speaking in "common folk tongue" according to campus safety. The student allegedly said "like" and "I think" during a discussion based Sociology course. The student admits "I was talking like I would to anyone. I'm sorry. I was out of line. Next time, I will use many, many large words." The student was beaten over the head 46 times with that really big dictionary in the library.

▶ March 28, 1:08 p.m. (Quad): A shirtless student was immediately clothed after exposing what is commonly known as "Very Happy Trail" and "December Tan" when the sun eventually emerged last week. The student was fined 20 dollars, and was told by campus safety, "It is 50 degrees out, dude. Your stomach hair is remarkable. I didn't even know stomach hair was a thing."

▶ March 29, 8:57 p.m. (Hatfield Library):

Two students, student A and B experienced everyone's worst nightmare, and a very awkward situation in the library. Student B was caught looking at Student A's Facebook page. Student A said, "It was totally awkward." Student B said "I should buy a laptop."

▶ April 1, 3:16 p.m. (University Center): A student was caught wiping their butt with a copy of the Collegian. The student was immediately taken into custody, and when questioned, the student replied, "it looked soft." Campus safety let the student go, after telling them, "Please be more careful. The edges can be very crisp."

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

▶ March 27, 9:32 a.m. (Sparks Center): An excessively sweaty student was taken into custody and further questioning by campus safety. As of now, it appears the student was well hydrated, and listening to very loud hip hop while on the treadmill.

▶ March 28, 11:11 a.m. (Winter and State): A student was caught walking outside of the Willamette Bubble. It is rumored that the student went to a restaurant, engaged in conversation with a "townie" and ordered an ice water with no lemon. The student was apprehended upon return to the bubble, and told by campus safety enforcers "we wouldn't want that to happen again, would we? Every-

thing you need is here. HERE!" before getting tazed and branded.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

▶ March 27, 2:35 a.m. (Matthews Hall): A Freshman was caught excessively intoxicated in Matthews, after three heverages. Campus safety was called immediately, hydrated the student, and fed them bread. "Whole wheat is better, it sobers you up quicker. Complex carbs, duh. This kid only had three beers. What a wuss," said campus safety. The freshman went on to say, "beer is gross."

THEFT

▶ March 29, 2:45 p.m. (Goudy Commons): The Gold Man was caught stealing a cookie from Goudy. Again, "I don't know why he thinks he's sneaky. He is made of Gold, 23 feet tall, and smells like a foot," campus safety said. Gold Man defended himself, saying "It is very hard to find showers to fit in. Chocolate chip is my favorite. Add me on Facebook!" Gold Man will continue standing for the rest of the year, and remains mostly lonely and very dense.

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Pelton's Weather Machine runs amok

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Earlier in the semester, Salem experienced a rather large flood. Indeed, it was so large that groups of student volunteers helped fill and distribute bags of sand to protect homes and businesses, and Muchas Gracias got flooded out. Although at the time it was regarded as par for the course in such a rainy city, recent developments have pointed to a far more sinister reality.

Around the time of the flooding, an employee in charge of guarding the Weather Machine of former President Dr. M. Lee Pelton reported the device missing. However, during spring break, on Wednesday, March 28th, the weather machine was found in the basement of the former Beta Theta Pi house, now known as Cascadia, in the center of what appeared to be a pentagram.

After doing some investigating, Campus Safety determined that the weather machine was being used in some sort of Satanic ritual that involved the granting of sentience to the machine. Whether it was students or members of the faculty or staff who are responsible for the completion of the ritual and why it was completed has yet to be determined.

"My worry is that Satanic rituals are being performed on campus. As a truly concerned Willamette academic, I am shocked that Campus Safety has neglected to perform their duties to make us safe. Clearly, their priorities are elsewhere," sophomore Ryan Hall said.

Indeed, when Campus Safety found the weather machine, it was clear that they had come too late; the weather machine had already become capable of rational thought. After years



A bus capsized in South Salem due to extreme flood waters caused by a malfunction of the weather machine.

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of being used as a tool of humans for controlling the weather, the machine had become bent on getting revenge on the humans on campus by causing destruction on a massive scale.

"The idea of such a powerful machine breaking free of human control and gaining a will of its own has been predicted for years and portends ill for humanity. Now that it is free, there is no human logic guiding its immense power," senior Harry Schnoor observed.

Currently, Campus Safety is working to disable the machine but is finding the undertaking nearly impossible. Apparently, the ritual completed to grant the weather machine

sentience is irreversible, and the only way to stop the machine is to convince it to destroy itself.

However, as the machine has repeatedly expressed to its would-be destructors, it has a mission to accomplish — that of causing mayhem for the humans on campus that enslaved it and abused its powers for so many years. Therefore, it unfortunately seems that until the weather machine has completed its mission, there will be no way to stop the machine.

However, through their attempts to dismantle the machine, Campus Safety has gained greater insight into what might be in store for the Willamette campus and the greater Salem community as the weather machine sets out on its mission to cause mayhem.

Within the next couple weeks, the weather machine will be conjuring up deadly windstorms of such high speeds that class will most likely have to be canceled in the interest of student and faculty safety. Following the windstorms, it is expected that the weather machine will cause further destruction to the campus and the city by causing torrential hailstorms.

It is suggested that all students and faculty remain indoors at all times for the remainder of the spring semester, or at least until there appears to be an end in sight for the newly conscious weather machine's mission of mayhem and destruction.

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Snooki's spawn harbinger of apocalypse

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After years of speculation as to why the Mayan calendar would come to an end on Dec. 21, 2012, a cause of the end of the world has finally been determined by scientists and historians; Snooki, the ridden-hard-and-put-away-wet reality television queen, is pregnant, ready to unleash her spawn upon planet earth.

With an expected due date of Dec. 21, the disgrace who got her start at the Jersey Shore has gone into hiding in hopes of protecting the newly identified anti-Christ. As a result, the world has taken precautions; Snooki has been dubbed as the world's most wanted woman. A reward of \$500 trillion exists for the capture and destruction of the demon spawn, according to a press release from the CIA.

Citizens of the world have been warned and are on a rampage to find Snooki in hopes of saving the world and obtaining the large reward that is sure to cause a worldwide economic depression.

Snooki took to Twitter in March to announce her pregnancy with her fiancée Jonni LaValle. After revealing the expected due date for the child, experts concluded that the birth of this child will surely be the cause of the demise of planet Earth. With a worldwide telecast from the United Nations, the world was warned of the coming of the anti-Christ and is strongly urged to destroy the reality star and what lies within her womb at all costs.

Although the star has not been seen since the announcement of her pregnan-

cy, there have been strong leads and tips from her fellow Jersey Shore cast members that lead to think she is hiding deep in the mountains of Afghanistan in an impenetrable fortress surrounded by fist pumping forces.

Having evaded capture this long, it is a wonder if the spawn will be located and destroyed before Dec. 21, according to President Obama. After taking years to locate Osama bin Laden, the inhabitants of Earth don't necessarily have the greatest track record at hide and seek. "The world can only hope to work together and look to capture and destroy the demon child before all hell breaks loose," President Obama said.

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So, the apocalypse has happened. The meteor hit, the zombies rose from the dead, or just plain old human stupidity caused all societies to be wiped from the face of the earth. Now, dear survivor, there is of course one thing on your mind: what ever am I going to read. Don't worry, for the following apocalypses will serve you well.

1) "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins. Set in the ruins of what was once North America, this book never really gives you any indication of what caused the destruction. It does, however, offer several handy survival tips.

2) "World War Z" by Max Brooks. What better way to survive than to learn about how global society was rebuilt following a zombie apocalypse? Some of the doctrines may be a bit extreme, but choosing 10 people to survive out of 11 is much easier than choosing 10 people to survive out of 100.

3) "The Book of Revelations." This account of the apocalypse according to John is by far the most famous, although if you're reading it then it's been proven wrong. It tends to come in a boxed set with several other stories that many hold in high regard. Note: burning this for warmth would not be a good idea; you may piss off your neighbors in a really bad way. Also note that if you're going for an original copy, it will be more trouble to find than it's worth.

4) "Alas Babylon" by Pat Frank. If a complete town or city survives, this is the book for you. Not a lot happens, but they manage to form a cohesive whole and survive. A very popular book, it is too small to be used for a blunt object and won't give much heat in a flame; but it would probably provide great paper cuts if one needs to get information from someone.

5) "The Shannara" series by Terry Brooks. Nominally set in a future far after a nuclear war, this series has tons of books in it. They are good reads, although they won't help you survive, and they would probably generate intense heat. The pages also tend to be rather soft.

6) "The Complete Works of Edgar Allen Poe." These pages will show you the darker side of human nature, awakening your mind to the wicked. It's also thick enough to be used as a nice club.

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BOOK REVIEW: 'Hunger Games'

These 'Hunger Games' are making me radiated

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In the pre-apocalypse year 2012, Suzanne Collins's "The Hunger Games" was well known for its raging success among the young-adult, maladjusted-adult and car-owning populations of the greater Northern Hemisphere. Starring a female protagonist who could alternatively be described as either "plucky" or "vomit-inducing," "Games" brought new meaning to the phrase, "You guys should really be reading something more at your own grade level."

In the post-apocalypse irradiated hellscape we now call home, massive, extinction-level nuclear-based explosions accidentally caused the destruction of every book, tome, missive, communiqué, thesaurus, synonym-manuscript, sext, Pokemon-themed fan fiction and all other artifacts of the written language, with the exception of Collins's "The Hunger Games." "Games" is now humanities singular literary creation—to be enjoyed by the estimated 1% of the world's population that also survived the cataclysm.

While the source of the catastrophic nuclear crossfire will likely remain unknown forever, preliminary reports suggest that skirmishes on the Indo-Pakistani border, trades disputes between the U.S. and China and fears that some variation of "Cinna" "Katniss" or "Peeta Mellark" would actually make the Top Baby Names for 2013, were all possible casual factors.

Humanity is now left with the arduous task of recreating the entirety of civilization from one 16-point font book. Specifically, a "novel" that feels the need to end each chapter with a Goosebumps-esque cliffhanger because it's afraid the audience will get bored and log onto neopets.com instead of turning the page. [Continued in Section Z14.]

Amateur theologians and devout believers of all creeds will be happy to hear that despite the complete destruction of every known copy of the Bible, Koran, Torah and other miscellaneous holy books, Papal officials have already announced finding clear instances of divine instruction within the world's now holiest text.

Intense scriptural readings from such "Hunger" passages as "Oh, and I suppose



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I mean, you don't have a choice.

the apples ate the cheese," (Panem 3:18) and "The saltiness reminds me of my tears" (Gale 1:05) provide strong contextual support for the Church's new ban on cheese, tears and usury.

"Literally everyone in my dorm has read 'The Hunger Games,'" said one college sophomore. "Now it's the only thing they CAN read. Well, those that weren't blinded instantaneously by the explosive rays of one thousand compressed solar infernos, I guess."

Albino mutant zombies have also testified that "Hunger Games" placed a "close second" to "the taste of living flesh" in opinion polls asking, "What do you crave most?"

Some free-thinking intellectuals may be disappointed that the world's now definitive case-study of gender relations features a female protagonist who seems to be as in touch with her "down there" (vajar-zawoozle) as she is with the dark side of

the moon, while other initiatives, such as "equal pay for equal archery," show stronger signs of success.

At the same time, post-apocalyptic English majors, (after overcoming the realization that their degrees are somehow even more useless), will be excited to learn that "Games" terse first-person narration still leaves room to identify over 400 unique phallic symbols. (Well, what did you think 'Tracker Jackers' were supposed to symbolize?)

And don't worry, Hunger-Fanatics, if you feel like you might be going into "withdrawal" from a lack of Collins' sequel, "Catching Fire," you may be confusing your "cravings" with the symptoms of "deadly" radiation poisoning!

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MUSIC REVIEW: 'Apocalypse Songs'

The World breaks up: Bono has nothing to bitch about

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So it seems like The World has finally decided to go out with a bang: a good career move seeing as how its creativity has been diminishing since Humanity joined the group. Back in the Precambrian, before all the multi-cell mainstreamers showed up, The World was exciting, innovative and brutal. Although there's no live recording, the influences of The World's early stuff is in later material like the everything-topping "Mt. Everest."

The World once got hits from The Meteors and is responsible for bringing the fiery style of then-named Magma out of the Mantle underground scene, prompting the name change to Lava which today is known for its explosive force and unstoppable hot flows.

Although it's sad to see the newcomer end The World's incredible mastery of aesthetics pieces ("Mountains," "Oceans" or "Literally Every Physical Substance"), it seems fair that such an introspective character calls everything to a close.

Although the membership was a short one, by building off old material Humanity's imagination produced certain things that original members like Tectonics and Moon could never have created. "Copernican Revolution," "Jazz," and "Bacon" are examples of the fictionally fascinated artist. Some alien critics may think the game-changing drop of "The Nuclear Bomb" as the biggest success, but Humanity's best work to date can be found on "Metaphysics."

This gem sets the stage for smaller works postulating about postulating and eventually leads to the perfection of Humanity's best known technique: irony.

This being my final review, here are a few songs on the subject of apocalypse that represent Humanity's finest audible art:

Bob Dylan's—"A Hard Rain's a-Gonna Fall": Dylan frequently mentions the end times, speculating how, when, what and

most importantly why the terror will come crashing down. "A Hard Rain" stands out as his finest by addressing Humanity's whiffs as far as popular trends go, i.e. the acceptance of poverty. In the final verse Dylan's "Freewheelin'" hope makes an appearance, suggesting that Humanity should have been seeking out injustices instead of exploiting them like all the other sellout species: yes, I'm talking to you Birds.

Tom Waits—"The Earth Died Screaming": The gruffest voice matched up with simple ukelele, guitar, drums and bass makes Waits' version a dark acceptance of The World's final chapter. The refrain "The Earth died screaming while I lay dreaming" shows one of Humanity's greatest assets: not giving a f**k. Waits uses the idea of sleeping through the apocalypse to demonstrate Humanity's bittersweet skill of separating itself from the pains of the Earth. It's too bad Humanity never properly appropriated any f**ks for the originals that gave all the work's substance.

Nena—"99 Luftballons": In the eighties when dial-up would lead to Humanity's ultimate demise, the German pop song "99 Luftballons" suggested that Humanity's excitable imagination would be the culprit. Well, she's right. Just as her fellow countryman Emmanuel Kant suggested, Humanity's ability to create is only superseded by its ability to destroy. This prophetic piece is accompanied by a hyper-catchy synth bass intro that builds to dancing excitement and then cools back down to just Nena.

It's been a fun ride in this crazy universe. The only thing I regret about this apocalypse is the bet I lost because of it: The World retired before Jay-Z did.

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Undead 'Home Life' Photography at HFMA

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A new photography exhibit, "Life Beyond the Flesh: A Perspective of Zombies' Home Life," will be on display at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art beginning next week. The show will feature Portland based artist Mort A. Mortis and a selection of his photography capturing the unseen lives of our post-apocalyptic cohabitants.

This exhibit is unlike any other that has come to the Hallie Ford. It presents a style and subject matter that is unique to Mortis' photography. All of the photographs on display give viewers a new perspective of zombies.

"When you think of zombies, most people think of fearful, morbid and rapacious individuals. However, I wanted to capture the genuine or candid scenes of zombies that most people forget or aren't even aware of," says Mortis.

Over the course of two years, Mortis traveled across Oregon and Washington seeking out zombie individuals who are willing to be photographed. Mortis captured over 15,000 photographs, 30 of which have been selected to be on display at the HFMA.

Mortis admits that as a human, the time he spent photographing the undead was rather uncomfortable. But he says that he was able to reassure himself by focusing on the purpose of the project instead of the blood-lusting nature of the subjects.

"Knocking on doors was nerve-racking at times. I did have to make a run for it more than once," he says. "But generally, after I explained my methods and purpose, many of the zombies were more than eager to volunteer their time without lunging for my brain."

One of his photographs, entitled, "Today's Obituaries," shows a zombie somberly reading a newspaper while drinking a cup of coffee in his kitchen. This photograph is an example of Mortis' style - tender in spirit, casual in composition and possessing a strange beauty - all of which feed into the vision of his project.

Rather than capturing a posed moment, Mortis seeks the candid moments in which viewers can comfortably and fearlessly participate in a warm moment in the zombies' daily lives.

As controversial as his works are, Mortis is able to show zombies as relatable individuals, a notion that the general public typically rejects.

"I think there is something that needs to be shown to the



Mortis' work examines the gentle and domestic lifestyles of zed-word fiends, such as Olli Churbrayn (above), pictured with a human neighbor. COURTESY OF C.A.A.H

masses that zombies are real - yes they eat the living as means of surviving - but they also have relationships, go on walks and drink coffee just like everyone else," he says.

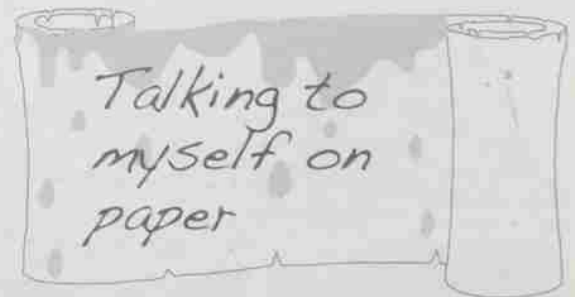
This exhibit is a part of a larger series in which Mortis will continue to use zombies as subjects. Though he says he is not completely sure in which direction future projects will take him, Mortis says that he will want to focus on scenes from zombies' everyday lives.

Along with his photography, Mortis is a strong supporter of the PETZ (People for the Ethical Treatment of Zombies) and offers a registration list at the end of the gallery in which visitors are offered the opportunity to give a small donation to the organization.

The exhibit will be on display from April 3 until June 7 in the first floor gallery of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. Admission is free of charge.

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Some heart in your art



RACHEL
"THE BRAINS"
HEISTERKAMP
CROWBAR-IST

I will admit, I am just as nervous about the eventual spread of zombie takeover of the Salem area as anybody. And I mean, I have all of the items on the "Be Prepared" list that has been circulating since the spread started. But every zombie movie I've seen tells me this can only end badly.

Even in "Zombieland," which had a fairly happy ending, there was no clear sign that every character would survive and be happy and healthy. The cute music that went with the ending credits may have led you to believe so, but there were still zombies. And death. And flesh-eating zombies. You can see why I'm stressing out.

This stress has led me to a need to develop a new set of things to gather and prepare ourselves with once the spread has reached us. The first among these things is a safe place for your pets to be locked up. Because really, when I picture an oncoming zombie attack, I become more worried for innocent house pets than for human beings. Which is probably wrong. But somewhat valid, I think - at least in my own head.

Anyway, once you've got that covered, it's important to decide what type of zombie-fending-off-machine you really expect yourself to be. For instance, I fully plan on hiding in a VERY secure, barricaded building until all the brave people have made the area manageable. And for a fairly simple endeavor like this, I probably won't need a whole lot other than basic food, drink and maybe a handheld game of Tetris.

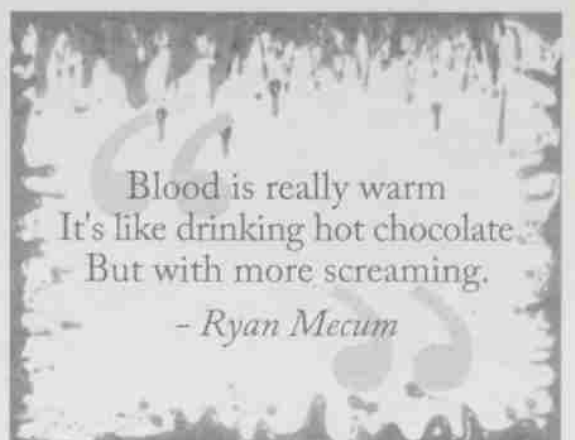
But there are probably a few of you who view this whole unfortunate situation as an opportunity to be the Thor-like hero you've always wanted to be. And this life choice is a true art in and of itself.

It includes, of course, a certain amount of flair in your attire so that the zombies will know they're about to inevitably lose (alas, they are zombies and will still try to rip your arm off). The rest of us mere humans will know that we have someone to root for and congratulate after a certain number of zombie take-downs. This outfit should probably include a lot of tight leather (two reasons: It's hard to bite through leather, and you also probably already have a leather jumpsuit somewhere in the "restricted" section of your closet next to those handcuffs).

The beauty of this retaliation also has a lot to do with the way you choose to commit murder of the undead. There's quite a bit of room for creativity here, and frankly, once this situation is upon us, you're probably not going to have many outlets of entertainment.

You can experiment with all kinds of factors: Blood spatter, harmony of zombie screams, undead-head sculptures, you name it. The point is that there's always a way to make something interesting out of something horrible... and nauseating.

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A bemoaning review of 'Emily Dickinson on Ice'

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STAUHGHLUUHHH

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COURTESY OF CHICAGO ZOMBIE
Director Brian Eeder (front) reminds the cast to "keep their heads on straight" during the final rehearsal of the show.

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The Apocalypse: A survival guide

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THE END IS NEAR. December 21, 2012 marks the conclusion of the Mayan calendar and the end of the world as we know it. If this is the first time you're hearing about this date, then it's likely you have been living under a rock, but at least you're finding out about it now while there is still time to prepare—mentally and practically.

No one can say for sure why the Mayan calendar ends on the now infamous date 12.21.12, but people all over the world have come to fear that it marks the beginning of the Apocalypse. Although claims about Doomsday are merely speculative, the Collegian found it pertinent and wise to proceed on the notion that December 21, 2012 is the beginning of the end, in whatever form it may take.

Events that have the potential to end civilization, life and the world are known as existential risks, such events also constitute what people generally refer to as the Apocalypse. Existential risks are distinguished from other types of risk by their scope and severity, affecting all of humanity, and imposing irreversible and catastrophically detrimental effects.

The systematic study of existential risks began in 2002, which means that it's only been in the last ten years that humans have managed to learn about what threatens life as we know it, and what we can do to protect ourselves. Although this seems like an insufficient amount of time to fully understand what we need to do to survive, hopefully it will prove better than had we not realized our terrible fate at all.

You might be wondering what kind of apocalypse is in store for us. Despite wide speculation and claims of signs that point to one type of apocalypse over the other, the fact is that the answer is unknown. Some of the most likely apocalypses are: a Zombie Apocalypse, a Nuclear Apocalypse, an Alien Apocalypse, a Robot Apocalypse (rise of the machines), Environmental Apocalypse and a Viral Apocalypse.

Lesser known apocalypses include those such as the rise of genetically engineered plants, a religious apocalypse (similar to the Rapture) and a Cat Apocalypse. However, it seems most advantageous to focus on the first six potential apocalypses, as they seem to be the most likely to occur, based on popular and expert opinion alike.

The following is a brief survival guide divided by type of apocalypse, compiled through extensive research by me, the foremost expert on our impending doom. Tips are not mutually exclusive by apocalypse type, so remember to apply all of the following ideas to whatever apocalypse situation you may find yourself in. Hopefully by imparting my knowledge to you, frightened reader, we can all be a little better prepared to survive whichever apocalypse commences on December 21, 2012.

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Zombie Apocalypse

A Zombie Apocalypse is potentially one of the most terrifying apocalypse types because blood and brain-thirsty undead drones, who refuse to die easily, hunt the living with the intent of turning every last person and animal into zombies as well. In order to survive a Zombie Apocalypse you'll need quick wits, good running shoes double knotted at all times, a place to hide and lots and lots of weapons. It's best to form an army of like-minded, zombie-hating individuals who will help you fight, but not slow you down.

Kindness is your weakness. You're going to need to be constantly on the move unless you are in a protective fortress. Slowing down to save your friend could be the last thing you do, so make sure that you're smart about who you venture outside with, unless of course you don't really care if they die. Your best chance of survival is going to be to fight when you need to, but otherwise to find a place to hide out until someone finds a way to defeat the zombies.



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Nuclear Apocalypse

The Nuclear Apocalypse, AKA a nuclear holocaust is an apocalypse we bring upon ourselves because we are power hungry idiots. In order to survive the Nuclear Apocalypse you're going to need to find a place to survive the initial blast. Perhaps any of the basements in an academic building might work, like Eaton or Galle, but if you pick the wrong one you will surely die.

Your best bet is a new bomb shelter, but without access to a couple hundred thousand dollars and a place to have it built you're pretty much out of luck, leaving the next best option: an old bomb shelter. Yes, they are smelly, scary and extremely retro but at least you'll live to see the war torn nuclear winter desert that is now your neighborhood.

Next you're going to need supplies: food, water and weapons to protect your shit. You'll probably need some company too, because there won't be many people left, and life in a perpetual nuclear winter is lonely, plus you're going to need to get to work on repopulating the earth, so try not to be too picky.

Hopefully you've stockpiled all the supplies you'll need for at least the next year as you establish your own way of growing food to sustain yourself without becoming contaminated by radioactive residue.



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General Survival Supplies

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Water

Weapons



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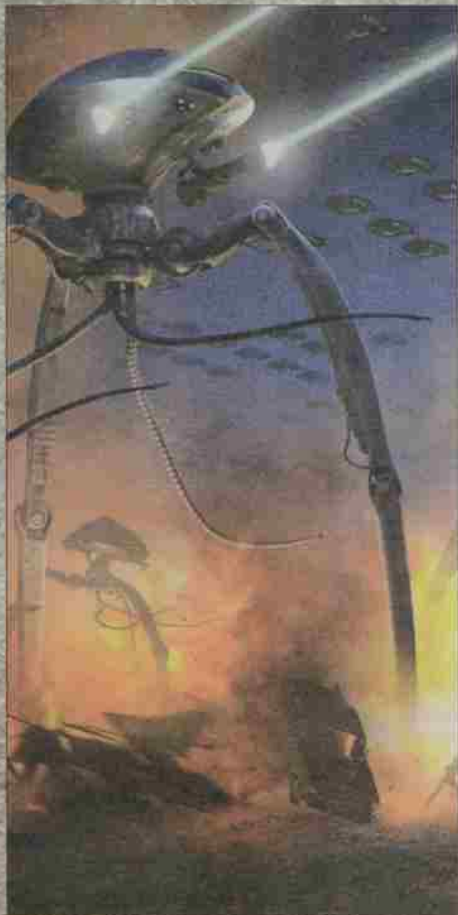
Alien Apocalypse

In order to prepare yourself for an Alien Apocalypse you will need to make sure that you are familiar with your environment. This is because aliens are sneaky and will launch an attack immediately and unexpectedly.

The first thing you are going to need to do is hide as quickly and effectively as possible so you can make it to phase two. If you need to change locations, meaning that you might need to come out in the open, you are going to need to have a plan with two parts: 1) where the heck you are trying to get to, and 2) how you are going to get there.

Try not to run through the middle of everything screaming; rather try the far better herbivore approach of randomly changing your direction as you run in order to avoid being an easy target for alien laser beams. Erratic behavior is confusing and difficult for aliens.

Once you've established a secure base-camp and assembled a capable army, it's time to develop and implement a plan to overthrow your alien overlords. As far as how to go about doing this I've got no answers because it has yet to be done, so good luck. Referencing high and low budget Hollywood depictions of humans defeating aliens is a good place to start, so hopefully you'll still have Internet access.



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Robot Apocalypse

Generally, finding a safe hideout is the first step in surviving an apocalypse. However in the case of a Robot Apocalypse, shelter will do you little good as robots are smart and will find you no matter where you hide. So, with this in mind you're going to need to use your brains to outwit and outmatch the machines.

You'll need some really, really big guns; the kind that can penetrate the kind of space-age material that mutant robots are generally made of. You're going to need a big truck for quick transportation of yourself and your weaponry. Your most important weapon is going to be EMP (Electro Magnetic Pulse) bombs that can destroy your robot enemies. The goal is to infiltrate the robot base camps and detonate your bombs right in the middle of a major robot meeting where there is sure to be a large number of important robot leaders present. By taking down the leaders hopefully the robot hierarchy will weaken and their kind can be defeated.

Remember to be cautious of androids, which are robots disguised as people.



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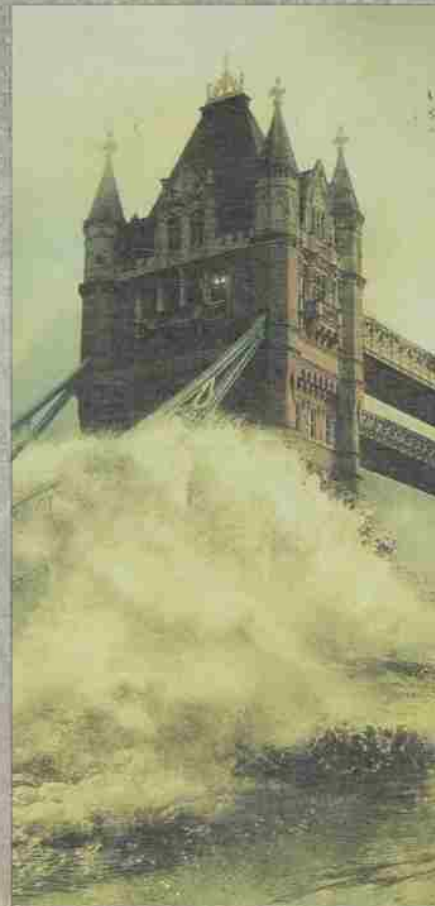
Environmental Apocalypse

Surviving the environmental apocalypse is as simple as surviving a tornado, tsunami, hurricane, massive earthquake, volcanic eruption and ice age - all at once. Basically, you're going to need a place to stay and supplies to sustain yourself and your companions for a long long time.

You'll need a really great shelter that can protect you from the elements during the earth's apocalyptic rage. Just be sure that you're holing up with the right people. There's nothing worse than ending up in a survival bunker with a friend who's starting to look at you with hungry eyes.

You need to have something invaluable to offer your group, something that will keep you from being the weakest link and the most delicious meal.

Now is the time to develop skill sets, as after the onslaught of environmental terror, you'll be a bit occupied. Learn some magic tricks to distract from the fact that you've been sneaking jerky from your friends stash. Perhaps begin compiling a list of apocalyptic puns to entertain your comrades, but be warned: these can get old fast and could lead to your demise if all timed or cliché.



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Viral Apocalypse

Also known as a Global Pandemic, the threat of an unknown "superbug" presents a huge risk to all of mankind because it's hard to hide from something you can't see.

The best way to prepare for the onslaught of new microbes is to become inoculated to them by exposing yourself to as many current microbes as humanly possible. Try dropping your food on the ground before eating, kissing every new person you meet and never washing your hands. The goal is to develop immunity to as much as possible, with the hope that the global pandemic is comprised of at least one of the microbes you have become immune to.

Once the pandemic strikes you'll need to quarantine the infected to help minimize the spread of the virus. Gas masks and full-body hazard suits are an absolute must. The goal is survive long enough to find the cure. However, the virus isn't the only threat during a Viral Apocalypse. Remember to always be wary of your surroundings and to protect your supplies vigilantly.



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Entertainment

A first priority should be to track down and watch the following movies. They will serve to help prepare you for a variety of possible apocalypses and will make wonderfully ironic entertainment once the world has ended, so long as you have something to view them with and electricity to power your device.

Jericho	28 Days Later	The Matrix
The Book of Eli	28 Weeks Later	I, Robot
The Walking Dead	Children of Men	I Am Legend
Planet of the Apes	Terminator	Mars Attacks
War of the Worlds	Independence Day	The Road
2012	Zombieland	Mad Max

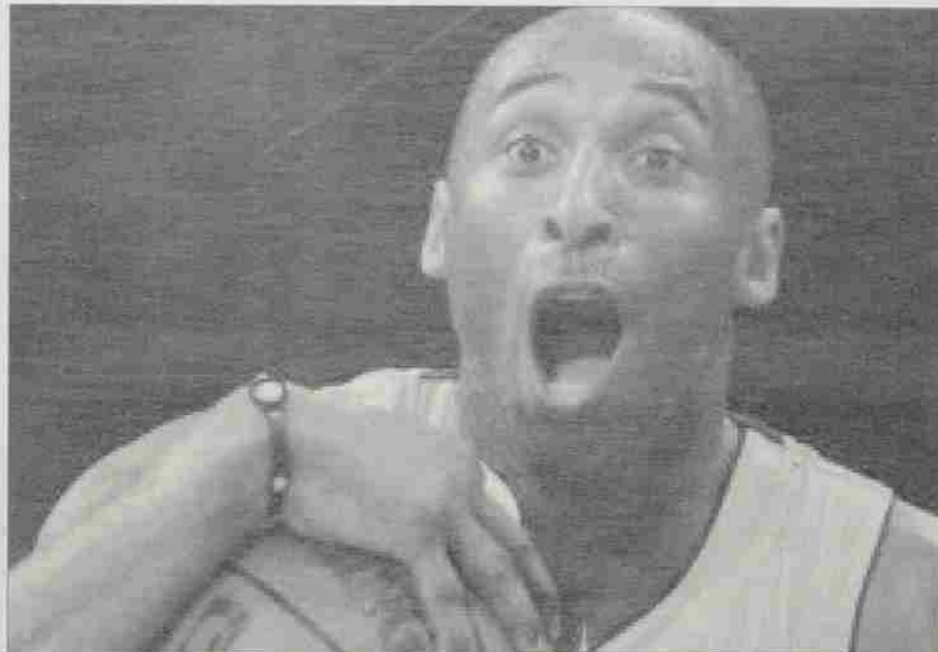
Kobe Bryant becomes cosmic black hole, still shoots

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To the shock of particle physicists at Cal Tech and Berkley, recent data has uncovered that Kobe Bryant, "star" shooting guard for the Los Angeles Lakers, has literally become a black hole. Bryant currently averages 34 touches per 36 possessions and shoots on 50% of these touches. He averages only three assists per game.

First discovered by scientists John Mitchell and Henry Cavendish, a black hole is a region of space time that is so dense, all matter is attracted to it—not even light can escape. These space features are known to merge with other stars, pulling them in to form solar masses (as seen in the Laker's recent inability to move playoffs-nightmare Pau Gasol). The gravitational pull of these areas have been blamed for many major cosmic events, including the Big Bang.

"This comes as no surprise," said former teammate, and now TNT commentator, Shaquille O'Neal. "Not at all." Former teammate Luke Walton, who was recently traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers for a 20 dollar gift



He's so dense, not even this caption can escape his pull...

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card to Linens & Things and a bag of Skittles, was a bit more surprised. "This explains why I could never hold on to the ball!"

Luckily for Lakers fans everywhere, new coach Mike Brown is used to being handled by supernova players. Brown led his former team, the Cavaliers, to the NBA finals in 2007 and was awarded Coach of the Year. Unfortunately, when asked about the new classification of Bryant, Brown's only comment was gurgling and a bit of steam.

Laker Metta World Peace, has had the most sane reaction to his teammate being reclassified as an astrophysiological anomaly: "Having a record company and putting out my own CD. There's clothes and shoes. There's also an upcoming book deal that I'm trying to do. I'm trying to be positive. I'm a big fan of the Nobel Peace Prize."

The Lakers are still standing at 32-20 for the season, but after Bryant's 3 for 21 shooting night against the New Orleans Hornets, fans are left to wonder if this news is making the shooting guard lose his classic "clutch" style.

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Willamette athletes kill everyone

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Jaela Dinsmore Runs Very Fast, Beats Light

Last week, Jaela Dinsmore ran very fast and beat light, as in, 'the speed of.'

"I was running, and light tapped me on the shoulder. Light was all like, 'Hey, wanna race?'" Dinsmore said.

Dinsmore, never one to back down from a challenge, defeating hurricanes and black holes earlier this month, promptly kicked light in its big, ugly, bright face and raced it. And by 'raced it,' I mean 'kicked the living shit out of it.'

"It was close at first, but then it got really dark, and I warped into another dimension. I guess that's when I realized I had just defied all widely-accepted conventional scientific theory ever invented. Or something. Whatever," Dinsmore added.

When asked what she plans to do next, she said, "Break the sound barrier."

When told that sounded like a good idea, Dinsmore replied emphatically, "WHAT!!!!!" then ran to Jupiter.

Rowan Mistakes Moon For Baseball, Hits Double

Last night, Mich Rowan of the Willamette University Fighting Moon Smashing Bearcats annihilated the moon, mistaking it for a baseball. Rowan made it to second base safely.

"I don't sleep much, really," said the two-time pre-season All-American, who eats iron and does pushups while you pick flowers.

"So, when I do, I'd really appreciate it if the moon didn't f--k with my REM cycle," Rowan added.

The moon was inches from Rowan's bedroom



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Sometimes, Jaela's feet become too hot when she runs.

window before the slugger hit one out of the park, or, rather, the Universe.

"Ouch. It really hurt. Mitch has very strong wrists." The Moon said.

It was unclear the motive behind the moon's rude intrusion. Sources suggest the moon, notorious for eating All-American baseballers such as Jason Themoonateme and Chuck Ouchmoonpleasestop, don't digest me, was simply hungry.

"I don't care what it was, all I know is I had a midterm the next morning. Gravity? Waves? Who gives a shit."

Rowan is batting 1 million on the season.

Carly Hargrave Spikes Ball, Opponent, Earth Shakes

Sophomore volleyball player and Really Hard Hitter Carly Hargrave accidentally spiked the ball, then her opponent, impaling a member of Linfield College on one of her spikes, possibly ending the world.



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Skelly yells at the ground for not being as good at soccer as she is.

The reverberation of the impact shifted Earth's gravitational pull, and now we'll all probably die.

"I thought the term 'spike' was just a different way to say 'hit that shit really hard,'" Hargrave claimed.

"I also didn't know the Earth was such a wuss," Hargrave added.

The Earth was not available for comment.

"I guess I felt kind of bad when Lindsay (Johnson, of Linfield College) laid impaled on a spike. I didn't mean to hit it that hard! MUAHAHAH!" Hargrave said, laughing maniacally, just before taking a bite out of a volleyball.

John Spike saw the whole thing. "I'm honestly not too



COURTESY OF WU ATHLETICS

Bruno crushes Linfield, Universe, with his bicep.

worried about the world ending. Like, if we're gonna be sent into a gravitational catastrophe, Carly's the one I want sending us into it!" Spike reflected.

"I'd like to apologize to every living organism on the planet," Hargrave said.

"You know, for the whole 'world ending' thing. My bad," Hargrave added.

Sun Jealous of Harmon Bruno's Bicep Size, could be the reason world ends

"That dude's buff. And a very good football player," the Sun said while approaching the Earth at a rapid pace, bursting and sizzling, heating our entire solar system.

"I think the sun is great. I remember one time we had a really sunny game. That's all," Bruno said, flexing his left bicep, and causing the Earth to split in two.

No Evidence Exists That Stephanie Skelly is not actually an angel, might survive apocalypse

"I've never died before. I don't think I'd be very good at it," Skelly said, kicking a soccer ball through the sun.

"I don't normally do things I'm not very good at," Skelly added, flapping her wings.

As the sun began to crash down to the Earth, Skelly remained unphased, winning a billion awards and scoring a trillion goals.

"What wings? I don't know what you're talking about," Skelly said, before flapping away into the sunset, which wasn't really a sunset, but a ball of fire crashing into our planet.

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WU athletic matches cancelled due to weather

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All Willamette athletic events were cancelled Saturday due to a rare and unexpected appearance by the sun in Salem. Lasting a full twenty minutes, the record sunlight shocked and confused players, coaches and fans alike.

"At first I didn't know what it was," said Willamette tennis player Josh Wong about the sunlight. "You hear stories about the sunshine, but no one really believes them. Not in Salem."

There was a minor panic at the softball game, as Willamette players and coaches initially mistook the emerging sun for an incoming meteor. Luckily, a fan from California was able to clarify that the meteor in question was in fact the fabled sun, thus preventing widespread panic.

At their track meet, Willamette sprinters stopped mid-stride as the sun broke through the clouds, resulting in the worst 100-meter dash times in University history. A sophomore from Pacific University won the men's race in a time of 22 minutes and 30 seconds, finishing ahead of his closest Willamette competitor by more than three minutes. Four sprinters did not finish the race, instead choosing to lay on the track and have a picnic.

A minor incident took place at a Willamette regatta when

the sun distracted rowers during their race. Temporarily blinded and very much in shock, the rowers barely avoided a dock as they tried to make sense of sunlight.

"It came out of nowhere," said Willamette coxswain Michael Richards, who lost control of the boat during the calamity. "One moment it was raining like normal and the next thing you know there's light everywhere. I didn't know what to do. It was so bright."

While the crew team was unable to finish the race, a rescue team successfully helped the stunned rowers to shore.

The University has yet to issue a statement about the sunlight, but one is expected after the Willamette science departments research the natural phenomenon. As of this report, the research has revealed that the sunlight comes from the sun god Apollo as he makes his trip across the sky. More research is needed to determine why Apollo chose to make himself visible to Salem on this occasion.

With the extended weather forecast showing rain and more rain, things are expected to return to normal. Students will be notified via the emergency alert system if Apollo chooses to return.

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FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!! WHAT IS HAPPENING!?!?!?

Cupcake replaces owner as show dog's favorite

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Gidjet, a five-year-old competitive Cocker Spaniel and Poodle mix, winner of "Best Looking Cocker Spaniel Poodle Mix" gave clear preference to a cupcake over her owner, Joe Donovan, this weekend. Reports say she looked without blinking, "for like ten minutes" at a cupcake sitting on the kitchen table. "It was like I wasn't even there," complained her owner Joe Donovan.

Donovan is a college student with no spring break plans. He was looking forward to spending his vacation with Gidjet. Sources close to Donovan confirm that they had plans to attend a dog park. If Donovan had a tail, it would wag all up in other people's business. "Someone love me," he said.

Donovan confirms that Gidjet, who enjoys walks and belly-rubs, has trouble digesting meat and prefers sweet food and pastries. "But I can walk Gidjet, and I know she needs more than a cupcake." This isn't the first time Gidjet has favored sweets. "Before this weekend," Donovan said, "I just tried to ignore it."

Sources close to Gidjet say her previous attempts at catching the attention of the cupcake were interrupted by the mailman or by



Gidjet likes cupcakes and sitting.

Teddy, the whiney Jack Russell Terrier who lives next door.

"You could tell she wanted the cupcake

this time," said Donovan. "It was definitely giving all the wrong signals." When asked about Gidjet's unblinking infatuation he

responded, "She totally nailed that cupcake into the table with her eyes. I'm not sure how I feel about it"

Although Donovan claims he has equally mixed feelings toward Gidjet, he still maintains that Gidjet is out of this world. And he still questions the true quality of Gidjet's infatuation. "It wasn't even a gluten-free cupcake, honestly, I'm not that worried, Mr. Bland cupcake can't walk down by the river," said Donovan. Sources confirm that if Donovan were a dog, he'd be a Jack Russell Terrier with anxiety problems.

Gidjet is known among the squirrel community for being aggressive but not malicious, sources reported Sunday. She's known for her upbeat bark and short stubby tail. "She loves to sit and shake," says Donovan, "I don't know too many cupcakes that can shake."

Many dogs, including Scout, a four-year-old pug that lives on the same block as Gidjet, have reacted similarly around sweet foods, specifically amidst all the apocalyptic talk. "One thing is clear," said Donovan, "Gidjet and I have a lot to talk about. But I'm sure we'll be okay in the end. Unless the sun crashes into us. Then we're screwed."

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Willamette outdoor sports to be relocated to Venus



"Venus is very hot and doesn't rain," says the weather.

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Over a dozen committee members of the NWC Athletic Union were hard at work with Willamette officials this past week in an attempt to solve Willamette's seemingly endless problem of rain for outdoor athletics.

This academic school year has fallen victim to more rainouts and cancellations than the past 14 years combined, leading one anonymous executive to state, "Something needs to be done."

With the idea of resolution in mind, executives spent countless hours in Willamette's Goudy Commons searching for an alternative. After endless rumors and speculation about possible solutions, it is believed that the NWC Athletic Union Commissioner will hold a press conference tomorrow afternoon announcing a proposed 10 year contract that, if passed, would relocate all Willamette University outdoor athletics to Venus, which is the second planet from the sun.

While the idea of renovating and implementing field turf to athletic facilities right here on Willamette's campus was a viable option for many, it was in the end determined that relocating to Venus was a more realistic option. As one member put it, "Trying to add field turf and upgrade facilities would be an outrageous and essentially undoable task." It was also believed that the installation of turf would merely reduce can-

cellations rather than eliminating them all together.

The move to Venus would help to not only eliminate the threat of rain, but it would also serve to create a warm, playable atmosphere for Willamette's outstanding student athletes. The NWC DIII Commissioner is rumored to be largely in favor of the move with the idea of being able to use the relocation to help promote the conference name. "This will be a great move for us," the Commissioner said, "Not only are we solving the solution of rain but we are also moving Willamette to an environment that has been lacking the competitive feel that college athletics has to offer. This can only help our conference as a whole."

The 10 year contract would go into affect starting with the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. Football, softball, baseball, tennis and golf would all be making the move.

As one coach put it, that time couldn't come soon enough. "I'm ecstatic, I've never been to Venus, and I don't think it's really that great of a place, but if it eliminates rainouts I'm all for it," he said. In accordance with this move in an attempt to offset travel expenses, the University is set to announce an increase in tuition for the following academic school year. What's new?

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COLUMN

Myth of the bedpost

Sustainable sex

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Recent studies conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have revealed that sexual partners who engage in what researchers have officially termed 'boring' and 'dull' sexual acts are not only putting each other to sleep, they're also destroying the earth.

Carbon dioxide, the second most abundant greenhouse gas, is shown to be released in higher frequencies when those engaged in sex acts do not fully engage their bodies and subsequently lose their minds.

The dramatic rise in greenhouse gases in recent years has driven the EPA to research the leading causes of the most detrimental vapors in order to diminish or eradicate the sources.

So far, initiatives launched by the EPA in order to save humanity from itself have resulted in wide-scale conversions to vegetarianism, community composting and government subsidized bicycles. Now, a new campaign is being launched to raise public awareness of the hazards of lifeless and limp sexual acts.

This groundbreaking news is deeply unsettling for environmentally conscious yet sexually stunted individuals.

Tim Ribbons, head of the team that's working to put an end to excessive carbon dioxide emissions due to dull romantic encounters, explains the details of his project:

"We've located a real and dangerous expulsion of carbon dioxide in the course of some sexual acts. However, important distinctions must be made. At first, we thought the increased heart rate and respiration from sexual experiences that include screaming, clawing, hanging, spanking, shouting and moaning would be the main producers of greenhouse gases. However, they are actually far fewer than the gases produced in monotonous, boring or dull sexual acts."

Ribbons concedes that this may seem counterintuitive, but that "the yawns induced in less than rigorous romps produce four times the carbon dioxide than the shallow breaths and gasping for air often performed in more thrilling rendezvous."

When Ribbons was asked to specify which acts he has identified as dangerously dull, he explained that any sex one would imagine their grandparents having had must be avoided.

He also suggested that positions, locations and notions typically associated with sex must be abandoned: "Forget the bed. Ditch missionary. These old standards will dig us our collective grave. Doing it in the dark is one of the only environmentally friendly tropes left."

Later, Ribbons added that tediously-taciturn acts that lead to additional carbon dioxide expulsion in therapy sessions or conversations with friends complaining of an unfulfilling sex life also contribute to the negative effects.

Although many individuals may fear that their unimaginative engagements are sabotaging efforts at sustainable living, Ribbons and his team remain optimistic.

Sponsored by the EPA, they're creating a series of classes and public service announcements that aim to educate the public on what they can do to enhance their sexual performances and decrease their carbon footprint.

Small steps may be taken to greatly improve the currently dismal state of sex and sustainability. Ribbons cheerfully ended the interview by assuring us that a little dirty talk and bondage can be added to our daily routines for long lasting results.

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EDITORIAL

When one world ends, another begins

As Earth crumbles around us due to the effects of various natural disasters, alien invasions, global warming, nuclear war, robot take-overs, zombie take-overs, robotic zombie take-overs and lethal pandemics, we'd like to take a moment to reach out to our surviving readers.

Congrats, dudes, you made it past the first round of cuts. You are the cockroaches of the human race.

In general, humans are resilient creatures. We have shown great capacity to adapt to seemingly intolerable conditions. Just look to the Great Depression for an example, or the city of Detroit. Or the 90s; the boy band years were an adjustment, but we pushed through.

If Hollywood has taught us anything about apocalypses — and it has — it is that humanity shows its true colors in the face of annihilation. And those colors are awesome.

"2012" showed us that an average father can suddenly become an unbelievably skilled limo driver and pilot when faced with death by earthquake.

"Independence Day," "I Am Legend" and "I, Robot" taught us that Will Smith is both our greatest hope in

the looming dark days and the highest evolution of man.

And "Zombieland" is a lesson to all that as long as you can wield a shotgun, it doesn't matter how young, scrawny, nerdy or crazy you are — you can survive flesh-eating monsters. It's Darwin's survival of the fittest for a post-Industrial Revolution world.

We truly can adapt to anything. Which is why the Editorial Board supports the governments of the world in their commitment to colonizing the Moon in the next five months.

It'll be cold and dark, and there won't be a Starbucks on every corner, but comparatively speaking, it could be worse. At least there aren't any stores of Uranium on the Moon. Or water, which is actually more problematic than anything.

At any rate, we'll take our chances, as we are confident in man's ability to get used to just about any situation — even to profit from it.

Oxygen will become the new engine of the economy, replacing oil as "clear gold."

With time, "Moon problems" will replace "first-world problems" as the

marker of the good life.

New systems of power will replace the old as the Dark Side and the Bright Side become the new Global North and South, respectively.

The terrain may have changed, but man's capacity for innovation and creativity has not. Brainpower — not solar power, as evidenced by the slowly dimming sun — is the most sustainable resource we have.

And when the Moon is no longer able to support us in the way to which we have become accustomed, we'll trust in our chameleon-like abilities and move on to larger and more gaseous pastures.

Venus is looking particularly pristine and untouched right now.

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OPINION

The Lorax speaks, triggers end of world

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The Editorial Board recently received this press release from a representative of nature in regard to the environmental disasters that continue to plague the planet:

I am the Lorax, I speak for the trees
I speak for the biggest elephants and smallest bumblebees
I know about your wants and needs
You buy blenders, toasters, roasters and even thneeds
Play on iPads and iPhones
Sitting in Starbucks with coffee and scones
Have you forgotten the tufts of the truffula trees?
How the Once-ler brought the Humming-Fish to their knees?
Well, we're sick of being made your trash
So you can be comfortable and make lots of cash
I've decided to command
With a quick wave of my hand
All the trees, bushes and shoots
To instantly lift up their roots
And all the lush green plants
Will join me as I lift up the seat of my pants
And we'll go to the sky where we'll be safe and free
That way I'll save every single tree.



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OPINION

Winners and losers: Global warming

Winners

- Midwest: No longer the armpit of America and the place from which everyone moves away, the Midwest is now prime real estate with the recent rise in water levels. Kansas City's waterfront is particularly hot right now.
- Robert Frost, for predicting correctly that the world would end in fire. In other news, the highest recorded temperature today was 179 degrees Fahrenheit in Death Valley.
- Al Gore, for also correctly predicting the end of the world and for subsequently making a documentary about Global Warming. Go ahead and say it, Al; you know you want to. Yes, you did, indeed, tell us so.
- Glen Coco's Heating and Air Conditioning Services in Anchorage, Alaska. Glen is about to make double the money he used to. Four for you, Glen Coco. You go, Glen Coco.

Losers

- Hawaii, Polynesian Islands and other low-lying coastal areas. Slowly but surely, we're losing our vacation destinations. Which is poor timing, seeing as the majority of humanity has decided to take an early retirement.
- Polar Bears, Yaks, Chinchillas and other furry creatures. Those men who once prided themselves on a full head of hair are about to curse their lucky genes. For women, the pixie cut is the new look.
- Northface.
- Bill O'Reilly, for predicting incorrectly that scientists were full of it. O'Reilly was rescued from the roof of his beach-side vacation home yesterday, still claiming that the various manifestations of climate change are part of a socialist conspiracy to make him look like a fool.

COLUMN

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Don't exaggerate the apocalypse



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I've really got to hand it to the environmentalists. As the world's foremost group of fear-mongers, they have a long history of spouting off propaganda in order to scare us into changing our way of life.

But their most recent hoax is truly a masterpiece. Throughout the media, all anyone wants to talk about is how the current "flood problem" is a sign that we are destroying ourselves and that we need to start doing things differently.

The environmentalists are exploiting the situation, portraying it as some sort of apocalyptic wake-up call about climate change.

This is nothing but classic hippie intimidation. Let's be clear about the facts. Yes, there has been a little bit of flooding. Yes, the landmass of the earth has shrunk by 50 percent.

And yes, I'm typing this article whilst sitting on top of an inflatable car dealership mascot, which is currently floating on top

of the 600 feet of water covering Salem. But it's not the end of the world.

First of all, floods happen. It's a component of the weather. They're part of a natural cycle on our planet, and we would do well to remind ourselves of that fact before we commit to some far-fetched hippie concept like "sustainable living."

Secondly, the flood hasn't caused any serious damage. It's taken out most of the coastal areas, but that's where all the treehuggers live anyway, so I'd call that a win.

Of course, this kind of rational analysis isn't what you'll hear in the rest of the media. Predictably, the environmentalists have begun to use the flood as leverage to try to force through their pointless hippie agenda.

We have to stop them, and in order to do that we need to stop blaming ourselves for the flood.

There are a lot of theories for why it happened. Personally, I believe it happened because Poseidon was angered, when the environmentalist hippies at Greenpeace rescued 300 manatees that were going to be sacrificed in His name.

But the how and why of the flood aren't important right now. The last thing we want to do is to blame the flood on human

action, because the environmentalists will exploit that guilt to make us change our behavior. (Just so we're clear, I'm not blaming Greenpeace for the flood. I'm just saying it's probably their fault.)

The most important thing we can do at the moment is to make sure the environmentalist propaganda does not go unanswered. Half the world is underwater right now, but the real tragedy will be if the liberals manage to use this disaster as an excuse to reshape our way of life.

I am a respectable, patriotic American. I have a very specific and long-standing set of values that I live by, the foremost of which is that I don't like being told that I have to do something.

I worked hard to survive this flood, and I did not go through all that trouble just so a bunch of hippies could force me to buy a Prius.

One final note: If anyone reading this has a helicopter, would you mind dropping off a sandwich for me? I've been floating here for several hours, and I'm starting to get hungry.

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OPINION

What the frack is up with California's coast?

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As most of you may have recently observed, California isn't there anymore.

This past week, a string of national earthquakes have reverberated through the West Coast, ultimately striking the San Andreas Fault and causing the Golden State to completely detach from the motherland.

Although it has been confirmed that Lex Luthor was not responsible for the catastrophe, it remains unclear exactly who is. Many environmentalists believe that the legislature permitting hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," is to blame.

Anti-fracking activists allege that the process used to release natural gas has unfortunate side effects that could be liable for the quakes. Fracking itself requires the injection of highly pressurized water, sand and chemicals deep underground to fracture rock, making it easier to collect natural gas from subterranean reservoirs.

One by-product of this process is contaminated wastewater, which is disposed of by creating deep-injection disposal wells. Seismologist John Armbruster claims that the creation of these wells could put pressure

on nearby faults, inducing an earthquake. He also expects the quakes to continue, even after the process has stopped.

When questioned about this correlation, officials cited their ambiguous yet reasonable response, "There's no hard evidence."

"The fracking has absolutely nothing to do with it," says Armbruster.

"The government can ensure that the root cause of these disasters are not fracking-related, but rather the result of the resonance from the drum circles of Occupy Wall Street, and other subsequent movements, regrettably placed around fault lines."

The movement's drum circles have already proven to be incredibly annoying over the past six months, but are now apparently incredibly dangerous as well. Finally, just when you thought the Occupy movement couldn't accomplish anything.

By attempting to amplify their demands for cheaper Naked Juice and making financiers feel guilty about wearing suits instead of loincloths, the perfectly coherent and unified agenda of the protestors resulted in incessant drumming.

And, although it cannot be definitely proven, this seems to have resulted in the destruction of the country's most

populous state.

Despite the more reasonable likelihood that Occupy demonstrations are at fault (no pun intended), fracking will remain under investigation.

So far, several other by-products of the process have been identified. The air emissions associated with the combustion required result in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which can cause severe birth defects and cancer upon exposure.

Pollution VOCs in combination with nitrogen oxides can result in ozone formation, thus causing additional health negative effects.

And, finally, there's the groundwater contamination. Although it is unknown whether the propagation of groundwater wells was the cause of the quakes, there are a number of documented cases of groundwater contamination from leaked gas into personal consumption wells.

With these effects in mind, Federal Legislation has decided to continue their proposals for fracking projects nationwide, in the hope of creating higher demand for non-toxic water and utilizing a strategic pricing strategy to stimulate the economy.

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COLUMN



The universal rage-quit



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BELL
COLUMNIST

It is almost a mathematical certainty that you exist only in the mind of some guy on a couch in the future. "Hold on," you may be thinking, "I'm not that high right now, am I? Surely the heavens and the earth are stemmed from either the noodly appendage of a great flying spaghetti monster or supernovae or something, right?"

Originally, probably. But based on mathematical trends of computing technological advances, it will soon be feasible — in fact, easy — for a computer to possess all of the computing power of all of the minds on Earth today, complete with all of their perceptions of the world around them and all the phenomena we experience that make up our lives.

It does not matter how soon this happens, only that it can; at which point it will become possible to run high-power simulations of historical conditions based on starting input factors around the size and composition of the universe and the time allotted to run the simulation.

So, if civilization exists for that long, and if for research/entertainment people would be willing/able to do such a thing, the number of simulated persons will become exponentially greater than the number of real humans.

Now, my mind-blown friend, in those simulated civilizations, when they also advance to a point where such wonders are possible in their simulated computing technology, they too, being well-programmed, will do the same thing, creating multitudinous, cascading and infinite simulations of reality in which humanity will exist.

Given that this is possible, what are the odds that you're the first one?

Wait, you asshole, stop trying to freak me out, this column should be A: about dick jokes, and B: about the apocalypse! I'm too intellectually and emotionally fragile to consider such mathematical certainties about the illogicality of my own existence right now!

Well, conveniently italicized counter-point, let me get to the extinction scenario this necessitates before you get too concerned and think yourself into a logical loop on my bro Dean's futon on his dank hydroponic shit.

Since there are an infinite number of simulated humans stemming from the Playstation 47 of some lazy Cheetos-dust-fingered future human in the year 2867, think how many times you've been playing Sin City, got bored and had Godzilla destroy the town out of enjoyment.

How many times have you decided in the Sims to build a pool with no ladder? How many times have you rage-quit, shut down the system or just cheated to break the game?

Somewhere out there is Player One, trying to have a good time in simulated Earth number 10657, and if you're accidentally a dick to him, he's going to shut it ALL DOWN.

So, to tie it all back into my grand life-philosophy of "Don't be a dick," just like Smoky the Bear, only YOU can prevent extinction, by being a generally nice and entertaining person. The Matrix has you, and it thinks you're fun to play with.

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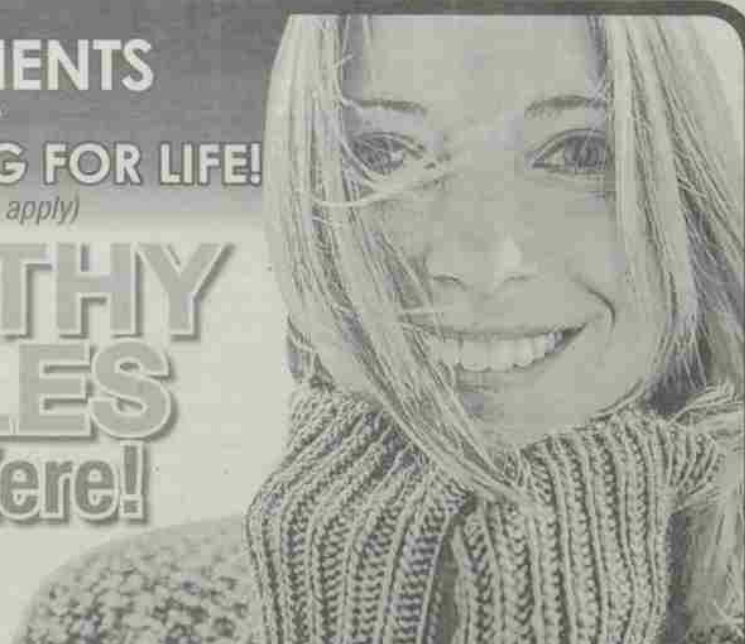
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