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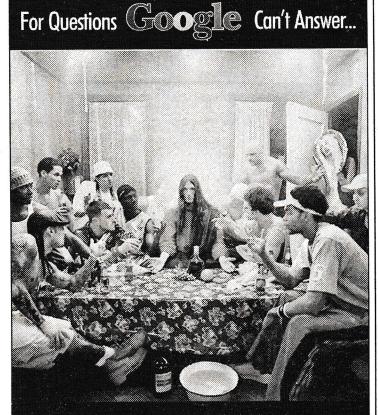
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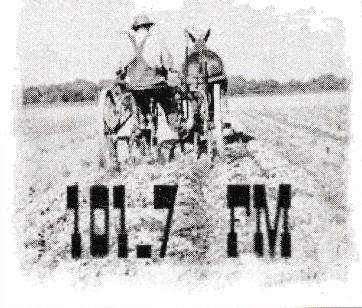




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UW-STOUT CALENDAR

Academic

Tuesday, May 6 Classes End

Wednesday, May 7 Study Day, No Classes

Thursday, May 8 Evaluation Week Begins

Saturday, May 10 Commencement

Wednesday, May 14 Evaluation Week Ends

Sunday, May 25 End of Academic Year

Monday, May 26 Memorial Day, No Classes

Tuesday, May 27 Pre-Session Classes Begin

Sunday, June 8 Pre-Session Classes End

Monday, June 9 First Four-Week Session Begins

Friday, July 4 Independence Day, No Classes

Sunday, July 6 First 4-Week Summer Session Ends

Monday, July 7 Second Four-Week Session Begins

Sunday, August 3 Summer Session Classes End

Monday, August 4—Sunday, August 24 Post-Session Classes

MICROWAVEABLE CHRISTIANITY STREAMLINED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THE EASE OF USE IS AMAZING!

was walking through a local grocery store when I happened L upon an aroma that reminded me of my childhood. It was the smell of slow-roasted, slightly over-salted turkey which is still making its grand appearance in my home every Thanksgiving. Walking quickly to reach that delight of the senses, I found a woman bent over a card table preparing sample cups of what appeared to be a "turkey dinner." There was a catch: she was pulling the savory dish out of the microwave! Turkey is my favorite meal so my curiosity overwhelmed the wrongness of the preparation. The meat was dry, the potatoes mediocre, and the dessert left an acrid flavor on my tongue. Turkey is an almost sacred meal in my house. In order for this meal to become a reality, many things have to occur prior to its arrival on my table and in my tryptophan-craving tummy. Not a single one of these steps has to do with a microwave. Christianity, much like turkey, is never meant to be microwaved. Unfortunately, it gets microwaved by the church every day.

Let's take a look at how these steps relate to the preparation of not only our hearts, but also the reality of our life here on earth. We'll use the process of cooking a turkey as an analogy.

STEP ONE: THE BIRD HAS TO BE THAWED.

You have to be ready to accept Jesus. In the book of Romans in the Bible, when Paul discusses hard hearts, imagine them is like a frozen turkey: nothing goes in and nothing goes out. A person can listen all day and never hear anything because their heart doesn't allow it. As soon as the turkey is thawed, though, you can do all sorts of things with it, such as stuffing it or putting it in a salt bath so it stays moist throughout the cooking process. This is much like our hearts being softened to accept the fact that we are wicked sinners and, without Jesus, we are NOT okay.

STEP TWO: THE BIRD MUST BE THOROUGHLY COOKED.

Do you remember that year when your mom forgot to baste the turkey the entire time it was cooking and the whole bird came out looking like someone had left it on a tanning bed for too long?



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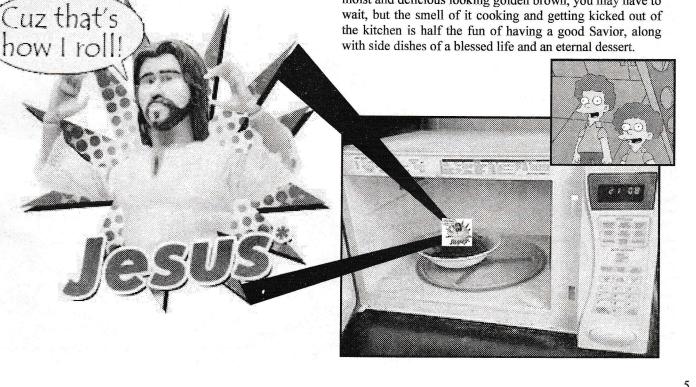
"TURKEY, MUCH LIKE CHRISTIANITY, IS NEVER MEANT TO BE MICROWAVED. HOWEVER, CHRISTIANITY GETS MICROWAVED EVERY DAY."

That's not what I mean. When I say "thoroughly cooked." I mean that once we have thawed to accept the Word and have become His "bird", God gives us both blessings and trials so we learn how to rely on Him. This is the specific reason why we cannot have microwave Christianity. Referencing the parable of the four soils in the Bible (Matt 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-9, Luke 8:4-8), believing in microwave Christianity is much like the seed that fell on the rocky ground. Sure, it grew for a little while, but then it died when the heat got too great. Being slow-roasted prevents this. We sit in the oven for the intended duration and sweat it out, and every once in a while the heat mysteriously gets turned up, but we don't notice it. Then a few years down the road, we trust God and we're dancing in a furnace like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (the book of Daniel) with Jesus right at our side.

STEP THREE: THE WAIT.

In the Bible we are told we must be patient for Jesus to make the slow-roasted and well basted moves in our lives. Romans 8:25 says, "...we must wait patiently and confidently." Micah 7:7 says, "As for me, I look to the LORD for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me." However, we who have a microwaved Christianity insist on making all the moves without Him. Internet dating, the bar scene, and career choices are just a few examples of the many decisions we insist on making for God. As Street Level Pastor Jason Gilbert, says, "There is no instant gratification in Christianity; otherwise it wouldn't be worth anything."

Christianity is not meant to be microwaveable. A life with Jesus is the slow-cooked dinner of faith. To come out moist and delicious looking golden brown, you may have to wait, but the smell of it cooking and getting kicked out of the kitchen is half the fun of having a good Savior, along



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Tuesday, April 15

Women's Golf at Illinois Wesleyan Invite, Ironwood Golf Course, Normal, Ill., TBA Softball at UW-Stevens Point, Stevens Point, Wis., 4 p.m. Baseball vs. Lawrence University (2-7), 1 p.m.

Friday, April 18

Men's and Women's Track at Phil Esten Challenge, La Crosse, Wis., 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19

Softball at UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis., 2 p.m. Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis.,

noon Womens' Golf at Viterbo Invite, La Crosse, Wis.

Sunday, April 20

Softball at UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, Wis., noon Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis., noon Women's Golf at Viterbo Invite, La Crosse, Wis.

Wednesday, April 23 Softball vs. UW-Superior, 3 p.m. Baseball vs. UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 Men's and Women's Track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA

Friday, April 25

Men's and Women's Track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA Men's and Women's Track at Kip Janvrin Open, Indianola, Iowa, 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Men's and Women's Track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa, TBA Men's and Women's Track at UW-Oshkosh Titan Invite, Oshkosh, Wis., 3 p.m. Softball vs. UW-La Crosse, 2 p.m. Baseball vs. Stevens Point, noon Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Wild Ridge CC

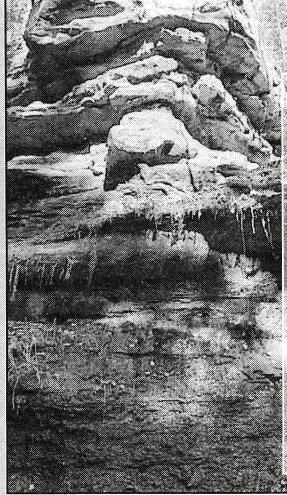
Sunday, April 27

Softball vs. UW-Platteville, noon Baseball vs. Stevens Point, noon Women's Golf at UW-Eau Claire Invite, Wild Ridge CC

Tuesday, April 29

Softball at Hamline University, St. Paul, Minn. 4 p.m. Baseball at St. Thomas (1-9), St. Paul, Minn. 3 p.m.

Gallivanting Around Menomonie This Spring



What: Devil's Punchbowl

Driving Directions: Go west on Highway 29 across the Red Cedar River. Turn left onto County Road P for a couple of hundred yards. Turn left onto Paradise Valley Road for about 1.8 miles. There is a small parking lot on the left side of the road.

Offers: Sweet Scenery

The Devil's Punchbowl is located southwest of town and is one of the most unique places to visit in this part of the state. In the summer its walls drip in a waterfall-like a pattern while in the winter the drips turn into an amazing staggered glacier-like icicle. A small parking area and newly installed stairs allow for easy access down to the punchbowl. Enjoy hiking the sweet scenery and check out the geology of the bowl. The reason for the water gushing from the rock walls is the springs that leak through the limestone cliffs, but it comes out so slowly that it freezes in the winter. Explaining this place is difficult in words, but check it out and you will see for yourself.

What: Red Cedar River

Driving Directions: Highway 25 to Highway 29, turn south on Riverside Park Road, drive or walk until the blacktop ends and you will see the boat landing for easy entrance.

Offers: Canoeing, Swimming, Tubing, Fishing

The Red Cedar River is one of the rare places around Menomonie that offers a plethora of activities to take part in. With easy access, you can do anything from canoeing and tubing to swimming and fishing. The river offers many different tasty fish to catch, ranging from trout to walleye. You will also find that there are many deep areas that offer great fishing. The river can be navigated with a boat or fished from shore. Canoeing or tubing from Menomonie to Downsville is always a favorite. If you don't have a canoe or tube, you can rent them from Roscoe's Red Cedar Outfitters here in town.

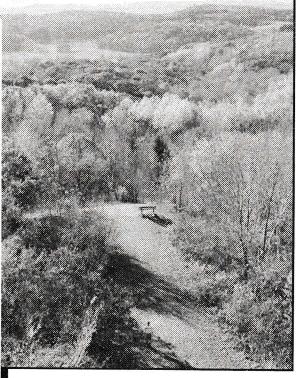
Roscoe's Red Cedar Outfitters: (715) 235-3866 Address: 910 Hudson Rd, Menomonic, WI 54751

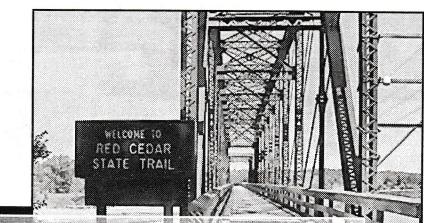
What: Hoffman Hills

Driving Directions: Go east out of **Meromonic** on Highway 12, head north on 790th Street, turn east on County Road E, drive north on 740th Street and it will take you right to the park.

Offers: Iliking, Cross Country Skiing

Hoffman Hills State Recreation Area offers 707 acres of amazing scenery. Whether it's cross country skiing, hiking, or enjoying the wildlife you love, Hoffman Hills is the place to go. Located northcast of Menomonie, it is just a short drive to get there. At the top of the hill you will find that there is a 70-foot tower which allows you to see up to four different counties. It also has over nine miles of hiking or cross country skiing. trails that run up and down and through the woods. Even though hiking in the summer here is cool, definitely try it in the fall if you want to see a pretty sweet change of colors.





What: Red Cedar Trail

Driving Directions: Highway 25 to Highway 29, turn south on Riverside Park Road, drive or walk until the blacktop ends and you will run right into the trail.

Offers: Walking, Running, Cross Country Skiing and Biking

The Red Cedar trail starts right here in Menomonic and runs 14.5 miles through beautiful scenery and twists and turns along the Red Cedar River. The trail offers a great path for biking, walking, running, or cross country skiing in the winter. Logging was once the main purpose of the trail and it was commonly used by the Native Americans for travel, hunting, and access to fishing. You will notice that much of the area next to the trail has not been developed, so must of the area probably still looks the same or very close to how the Natives saw it many years ago. If you don't have a bike, you could consider renting one from Trailhead Sports right here in Menomonic. So the next time you find yourself with nothing to do (preferably on a warmer day), try the Red Cedar trail and I highly doubt you will leave disappointed.

Trail Head Sports- (715) 233-1852 Address: 910 Hudson Rd Menomonie, WI 54751 Wednesday, April 30 Baseball vs. Northland College (2-7), 1 p.m.

Friday, May 2 Men's and Women's Track WIAC Championships, Eau Claire, Wis., noon Softball WIAC Tournament, Stevens Point, Wis., TBD

Saturday, May 3 Men's and Women's Track WIAC Championships, Eau Claire, Wis., noon Softball WIAC Tournament, Stevens Point, Wis., TBD

Sunday, May 4 Softball WIAC Tournament, Stevens Point, Wis., TBD

Thursday, May 8 Softball NCAA Regional, TBD

Friday, May 9 Softball NCAA Regional, TBD Baseball WIAC Tournament, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., TBA

Saturday, May 10 Men's and Women's Track at UW-Oshkosh Titan Qualifier, Oshkosh, Wis., 3 p.m. Softball NCAA Regional, TBD Baseball WIAC Tournament, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., TBA

Sunday, May 11 Softball NCAA Regional, TBD

Wednesday, May 14 Baseball NCAA Regionals, TBA

Thursday, May 15 Men's and Women's Track at UW-La Crosse NCAA Qualifier, La Crosse, Wis., 2 p.m. Baseball NCAA Regionals, TBA

Friday, May 16 Softball NCAA Championships, Salem, Va., TBD Baseball NCAA Regionals, TBA

Saturday, May 17 Softball NCAA Championships, Salem, Va., TBD Baseball NCAA Regionals, TBA

Sunday, May 18 Softball NCAA Championships, Salem, Va., TBD Baseball NCAA Regionals, TBA

Monday, May 19 Softball NCAA Championships, Salem, Va., TBD

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LIFE AS WE KNOW IT COMES TO AN END

"NEXT THING YOU KNOW, KING KONG IS GOING TO BE FOUND ENCODED IN The Bible and People are going to be 'on noing' about that. "

> **n 2012, the world is coming to an end.** You've heard it all before: the Y2K hoax, Nostradamus, and most recently, the Mayan Calendar. Clearly the presumed interpretations of a coming apocalypse in 2012 have yet to come, but some are staring at that year with fear and wonder. Is the world really going to end according to these claims? What kind of credibility do these "ancient calendar interpreters" carry? What about the Bible's claims? Isn't it all fiction anyway? Let's take a deeper look.

> The Maya Long Count Calendar can identify any date by counting the days after August 11, 3114 B.C. The Mayans created the calendar to have a more exact way to measure time. It used very specific characters which were easily distinguishable as only calendar dates and thus could be used on monuments.

> Each Calendar Round (or b'ak'tun) apparently had a specific destiny for the evolution of those living in it. In the *Popol Vuh*, a book containing mythical stories of creation, it states that we are living in what is called the fourth world. The first three worlds created were failures. Interestingly enough, the last world that the gods created ended at the start of a 13^{th} b'ak'tun (current time period). It could be for this reason that José Argelles and Terence McKenna have both made theories concerning the end of the cycle that they both came to on their own, although McKenna claims to have never used the Maya Calendar for his research.

Terence McKenna grew up in California and was

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introduced to geology by his uncle at an early age¹. He then developed an appreciation for nature in a great sense. After graduating from U.C. Berkley in 1969, he, his brother, and a few friends traveled to the Amazon Jungle in Columbia to research a DMT compound. After spending many hours experimenting with psychedelic drugs, Terence came to the conclusion that he should research I Ching and ultimately came up with the Novelty Theory. The Novelty Theory uses graphs of the "ebb and flow of novelty" in the universe to explain that the world will end exactly on December 21, 2012.

José Argelles has taught at multiple universities such as Evergreen State College and San Francisco State University and he also has a Ph.D. in Art History and Aesthetics from the University of Chicago². He is the president of the Foundation for the Law of Time and was recently awarded a ceremonial staff and the "Valum Votan" for his efforts to enlighten people with such theories as the world ending in 2012. His research with the Maya calendar led to him writing a book called The Mayan Factor: Path Beyond Technology. During his research for the book, he most likely came to the conclusion that the world was going to end at the finish of a 13th b'ak'tun. McKenna and Argelles are the leading theorists that the world will end in 2012. They have inspired ideas such as global cataclysm, a pole shift, and that this could even be creation's end. But what does the Bible have to say about this? According to the Bible, "...no one knows the day or the hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows." Matthew 24:36 (NLT) In this verse, "these things" refers to the events of the end days, begs the question: if no one knows when the world is going to end, how could anyone theorize that the world was going to end on this specific date?

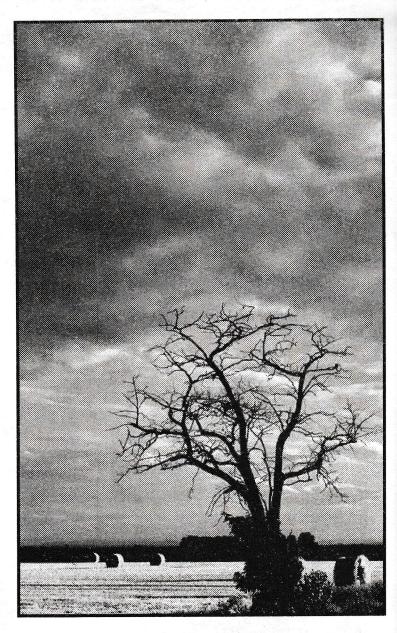
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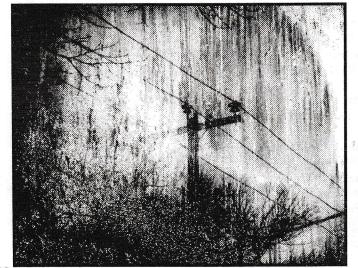
The masses are constantly on the lookout for "end of days" events. Many consider Y2K, 9/11, and 2012 (the end of the Maya Calendar) to be such events. The next thing you know, King Kong is going to be found encoded in some Aztec document and people are going to be "oh noing" about that.

For the Christian, the next event on the prophetic calendar of the Bible is the rapture of the church and then the great tribulation as depicted line by line in the Bible. Once that is all done the earth will be finished. It is interesting that many people either trivialize the events depicted in the Bible or choose to write off Biblical writings for the seemingly more tantalizing yet cryptic and hazy interpretations of a presumed world end-date forecasted by the Mayans. Mayan believing or not the end is, indeed, eminent. The real question you have to ask is can the Mayans help you beyond the end? There's nothing more empty than hopeless termination of life. The Bible claims and end of life on earth but not without hope of eternity. With Jesus you can have a peace-centered relationship with Him now and be in on much of the end times details as are written in the Bible. All in all, the important thing is finding truth. As a Christian, God claims to confirm the truth of His word in your heart through faith. This is available to all. When you meet God, only then can you be saved from destruction. Luke 21:8 says, "Don't let anyone mislead you. For many will come in my name claiming to be the messiah and saying 'The time has come!' But don't believe him." The people behind the Y2K warnings were wrong. Nostradamus failed to pass the test of time. Are these Mayan claims really going to pass the test? If, or rather when, they don't, where will you go next? Have you considered the claims of the God of the Bible?

Since God says He is the only one who knows the time of the end, it is intriguing that the Bible in 2008 still stands the test of time? Jesus *fulfilled* over 350 Old Testament prophecies regarding His coming, one of which predicts to the day that the Messiah would ride into Jerusalem on the colt of an ass. That should give us the comfort to trust that even though the end of days is near, our believing on Him will save us. If you truly believed the world was going to end in 2012, what help is that knowledge? Would anything change in your life at all or would you keep following the drab and dreary life you lead now? Shouldn't there be more



than trudging through the week to get to the weekend and waste it away, only to start it all over again on Monday? These are all questions you will need to answer. Let's hope you make the right decision.





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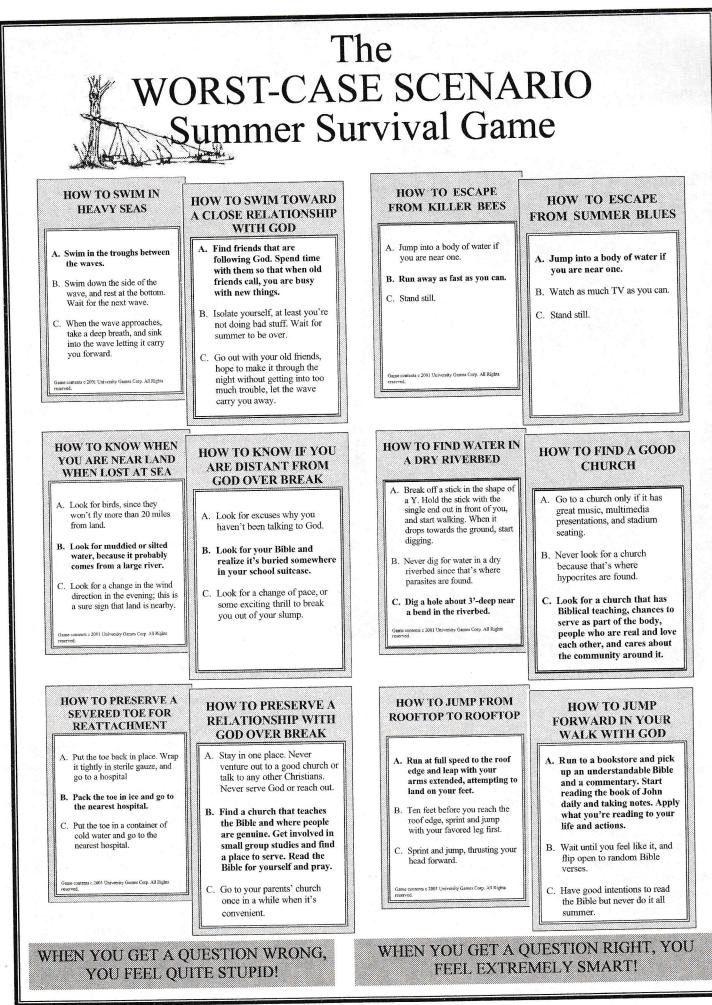
was born to two kids way back in the 80s. Some crazy events happened when I was really young that make it easy for me to remember that time period. My parents didn't get along very well, and I remember them fighting a lot. That only lasted until they got a divorce when I was five. You wouldn't believe how much your life could change in a day. I started going back and forth between my mom's house and my dad's house every other week. I had to adapt to being raised by two completely different people and try to figure out how to deal with having two of everything. Both of my parents eventually re-married, and I had to adjust to having four parents teaching me things.

Things went well for me in school and my grades were pretty good. I was mostly a jock who always put other people down and was always craving power. This continued until high school when I started becoming a people pleaser. I had a few near death experiences that made me confused about what to do with my life.

The summer of my sophomore year I got into a boating accident. When I look back at it, I can see that God completely took care of me. I was cruising along the lake in a hurry and bent down to grab my life jacket. I hit a big wave and got thrown out of the back of the boat. I didn't even have my life jacket on, but I rose to the top of the water right away. When I opened my eyes, I saw that the boat was spinning in circles roughly three feet away from my head. Fortunately, the boat started moving the other direction, and I called for help. A guy from shore came and picked me up. When I got into his boat, he was quick to tell me that I had been in what was called the "Circle of Death" where his own best friend had been killed.

I went on throughout school trying to live a moral life and completely failed at it. I began working heavily and it started controlling my life. I lost 40 pounds in a month and a half because all I did was work and sleep, outside of school and baseball. So I was busy. Then, I started working for one of my friend's parents who are Christians, and I started going to their church. A little while later, one of my co-workers started talking to me about God. Since I was a people pleaser, I didn't have the guts to blow him off, so I listened. He gave me a Bible, and I had a couple of Bible studies with him. God took me in, and I found peace knowing that there is a God who doesn't hate me, but actually died for me.

It seemed I could never keep anyone happy and started getting into battles with my parents. I was scheduled to get confirmed my senior year at a local church that I never attended. I ended up not getting confirmed. I understood I was one of God's children and that he wasn't calling me to get confirmed at that church. Instead, he wanted me to build a personal relationship with him. I found out that's what being a Christian is. It doesn't matter how good you are or how good you think you are. What matters is that you seek God first in your life.



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After starring in over 1,800 adult films and directing more than 250 others, Ron Jeremy (a pornographic celebrity whose name must never be spoken at church) is the target of much ridicule and disgust among the Christian community; but then again, so is pastor Craig Gross. Gross, the leader of "Fireproof Ministries" and creator of the anti-porn website XXXchurch.com, has devoted his life to bringing a message of hope to those who struggle with the mental and physical ravages of porn addiction but can't find help. "So many people struggle with this" says Gross, "and there wasn't anywhere to go, especially in the church, for people to get help with (their addiction to) pornography".

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It would stand to reason that a pastor with his desire to provide so many people with an avenue of escape from sin would be hailed as a saint among those of his own faith, but not so. Instead he is faced with much criticism and adversity. Braving the temptations inherently found at international porn conventions, Gross and his associates boldly pass out Bibles from their own corner of the show, not in an attempt to stop the porn industry, but to save those who want a way out. The Bibles that they

have strategically designed to reach their target audience are offensive (the cover says "Jesus loves porn stars" and sports the same swanky design that would grace the cover of only the naughtiest video cassettes), and the fact that they "associate" with such vile people, is considered by many to be a stain on the reputation of Christianity. Gross states "I believe Jesus would be in the (trade) show with us. He'd be mixing it up with these people. He doesn't look at them as porn stars or porn producers. He looks at us all the same". J.R. Mahon, one of his closest associates, tells ABC's Nightline "Our biggest critics are Christian".

So what will happen when the pastor of perhaps the greatest move to save sex addicts squares off against perhaps the greatest single contributor to that very addiction in a public debate? Find out on Monday, April 21st as Ron Jeremy and pastor Craig Gross plead their case in favor of, and in opposition to, the 12 billion dollar a year industry.

Ben Stein, the lovable, monotone teacher from *Ferris* Bueller's Day Off is on a journey to answer one of the biggest questions ever asked: Were we designed or are we simply the end result of an ancient mud puddle struck by lightning? Stein, who is also a lawyer, an economist, a former presidential speechwriter, author and social commentator, is stunned by what he finds on his journey. He discovers an elitist scientific establishment that has traded in its skepticism for dogma. But even worse, along the way, Stein uncovers a long line of biologists, astronomers, chemists and philosophers who have had their reputations destroyed and their careers ruined by a scientific establishment that allows absolutely no dissent from Charles Darwin's theory of random mutation and natural selection.

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Expelled uncovers that educators and scientists are being ridiculed, denied tenure and even fired in some cases for the fact • that they believe there is evidence of "design" in nature, challenging the idea that life is a result of random chance. For example, Stein meets Richard Sternberg, a double PhD biologist who allowed a peer-reviewed research paper describing the evidence for intelligence in the universe to be published in the scientific journal *Proceedings*. Not long after publication, officials from the National Center for Science Education and the Smithsonian Institution where Sternberg was a research fellow began a coordinated smear and intimidation campaign to get the promising young scientist expelled from his position. This attack on scientific freedom was so egregious that it prompted a congressional investigation. –*Make sure to tune in for free tickets!*

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Monday, April 21st 7:30 pm in the Great Hall \$3/student & \$5,\$8/public \$3/student & so, so tickets: MSC Service Desk or tickets.uwstout.edu (Continued from page 7) Tuesday, May 20 Softball NCAA Championships, Salem, Va., TBD

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Recreation:

Monday, May 5th, 7-9 pm

Sport Lead Climbing Class (Stout adventures) Sport climbing is for those who are ready to try the next level of climbing. As a participant, you will be leaving the security of a top rope and learning the skills necessary to become a leader. Topics will include lead belaying, clipping into a quickdraw, climbing techniques, and how to fall safely. Stout Adventures will provide all of the equipment, but graduates of this class are expected to bring their own rope whenever they want to lead climb at our gym. Prerequisite participants must be able to flash a 5.9 of the instructor's choice.

Free for members, \$5 for non-members

Tuesday, May 6th, 6-8 pm

Slack Line Clinic (Stout Adventures) Attention all Slackers! Slacklining is an activity climbers have learned to master while at camp, or waiting for rock to dry. A piece of tubular webbing is tightened between two trees about 3 feet from the ground. Test your balance skills as you try to walk from end to end. Your instructor will teach you how to set up a line without hurting trees so you can practice in your own backyard. We will meet at Stout Adventures and car pool to the site. \$4 student, \$7 community

Wednesday, May 7th, 8-10 pm

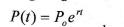
Open Pool Sessions for Boaters (Stout Adventures)

Due to popular demand, we have opened up the pool the first Wednesday of each month for you to learn and practice boating

hat do you think God's book of people looks like? If it's one volume, it's huge; there are a lot of people to write down. Six billion people are alive right now, next second six billion and one, the

second after that five billion, nine hundred ninety nine million, nine hundred ninety nine thousand nine hundred ninety nine. I mean, come on, that is a slightly larger amount of people to keep track of then we are used to. All we really care about is ourselves ourselves, ourselves, and oh yah, ourselves.

So, let's ponder this for a second. We've been here 6,000 years (according to biblical theologians). Check. If we have a mortality rate of 50% (.5) and a birth rate of, say, 70% (.7), the population grows. According to population math modeling, it grows



 P_o exponentially, where the equation is where is the Initial Population (of two because that's all you need) and r= growth rate and t=time. For fun, let's just say r (which is usually a percentage averaging about 30% (.3)) is 1. Also for fun, lets just say that t is the proverbial 6,000 years (you know, the first number.) So, then the equation is

 $P(6000) = 2e^{1(6000)}$



or P= well, infinity. So it is safe to say there have been a lot of people here, A LOT. (I forgot that e'x tends to sky rocket once you get past 1.)

If we give each person in that really big number (let's say 600 billion because I like six tonight) a one inch line of room in that really big one volume book of life on a tome-like page of 22 inches down printed on both sides, we have 600 billion inches (600,000,000,000). Divided by 22, we get 13,636,363,636.4 pages, printed front and back which, if the paper was only $1/32^{nd}$ of an inch thick, we



get a book that is 426,136,363.636 inches thick, which is about equal to 6725 miles. Big book. BIG BOOK. Split that into volumes of a "manageable" size of say, 2,000 pages each and we have 6,818,181.8 volumes (Hey, room to expand!)

But the problem with this equation is that God doesn't give us each just an inch of space in the big book of people. No, no. The Bible tells us we are His poems. So, what kind of poems does God write? Long poems, really long poems. Look at the Psalms; any number of those could go on for pages, however, now we have the added benefit of being able to add columns to our big book of people. Bible scribes did it,

why can't I? It's all speculation, of course. So now each of our pages has three columns in it and each new poem gets to have a fancy decorative letter too, but that is a negligible amount as we're dealing with not mere feet but miles of printed text. It's a good thing God is all-knowing because this is boggling my mind at the moment. Say each poem goes edge to edge in a column for a column and a half. Now we're down to two people a page, four people front and back. So, that's 150,000,000,000 pages



4,687,500,000 inches thick or 73,982 miles. Again, put it into manageable tomes and we have 75,000,000 volumes in all, plus or minus a few hundred. And to think, all of these millions of books and billions of poems were written before God spoke anything into existence. Pretty cool huh?

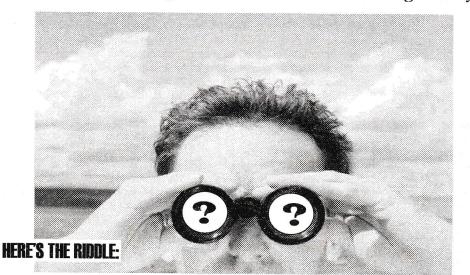


Where OM I 2 Figure out where I am and win a \$10 prize. Good luck lords and ladies!

Be the first person to figure out where I am and win a \$10 gift card to the place where I'm hiding. When you stumble upon my place of refuge, email your answer to Word on the Street at

wotsmagazine@yahoo.com.

Remember, this won't be your last chance to find out where we WOTS staff are hiding; there will be more scintillating sensory



Sometimes I wonder if he thinks I'm a camel. I'm so dehydrated I can hardly think anymore. With the sun setting at my back, and 70 mile an hour winds in my face, the entire situation is beginning to look pretty grim. I'm worried that my operator isn't aware that I'm about to die and we're only at mile 28. If I can just survive until we get to mile 41, then maybe I will be given a drink, but I don't know if I'll last that long. This isn't the first time it's happened, and it won't be the last. I would've resolved to keep my fingers crossed and press on, but I don't have fingers.

The miles pass like centuries until at last we come to a stop. Looking both ways, I try to find the closest possible location where I can be nourished. I try to communicate telepathically to my owner that we need to go to the right, and fortunately he obeys. We continue along until we come to the first available place. Again I telepathically warn him that we should stop here and go no further, and again he obeys. "He believes that he is in charge," I think to myself, "but who's really controlling who here?" I drink my fill and worry no longer. I feel like a child on Christmas morning.

Where am I?

skills. Personal boats are welcome as long as they are super clean. Pick up a pool pass at Stout Adventures and check in with the lifeguards by 8:00pm. Invite your friends because there must be at least 3 people in attendance for the pool to stay open. \$5 students, \$10 community For more info about the above rec events check out: http://urec.uwstout.edu/adventures/ index.html

Saturday, July 12th—Sunday, July 13th, 12 pm

Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Downtown Eau Claire (First Street between Lake and Water Streets) www.macker.com

Entertainment:

Wednesday, April 16th, 8 pm Comedian Dan Ahdoot (Blue Devil Productions) The Terrace, UW-Stout MSC

Thursday, April 17th, 8pm Open Mic Night (Blue Devil Productions) The Underground, UW-Stout MSC

Friday, April 18th, 7 pm Josiah Smith Band (Alt. Rock) Blind Munchies Coffeehouse 621 Wilson Ave. Menomonie (235-9300) No Cover

Tuesday, April 22nd, 7:30 pm The Tiptons all-female saxophone quartet with percussion Mabel Tainter Theatre \$16 adults, \$14 students www.mabeltainter.com

Friday, April 25th, 7 pm Movie: The Darjeeling Limited (Blue Devil Productions) Applied Arts #210, UW-Stout

Thursday, May 1st, 8 pm Live Roots/Acoustic/Americana music with Roma di Luna (BDP) The Underground, UW-Stout MSC

Friday, May 2nd, 7:30 pm Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra Season Highlights Mabel Tainter Theatre www.eauclairechamberorchestra.org

Thursday, June 12th-Sunday, June 15th Sawdust City Days Movie night, live music, and entertainment Carson Park, Eau Claire www.sawdustcitydays.com

Saturday, June 14th-July 13th (weekends), 10 am-7 pm Wisconsin Renaissance Faire Renaissance Faire Grounds (Continued from page 15) Nelson Road, Chippewa Falls www.renfun.com

Saturday, June 21st, 8 pm Live blues meets stomping acoustic folk rock music with QuinnElizabeth Mabel Tainter Theatre \$10 adults, \$8 students www.mabeltainter.com

Thursday, June 26th-Sunday June 29th, 7:30 pm (Sunday 1:30 pm only) Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Eau Claire Regional Arts Center-State Theatre \$15 adults, \$8 students

www.cvig.org Friday, July 4th

Freedom Fest with Fireworks (10 pm) Wakanda Park, Menomonic www.menomoniechamber.org

Saturday, July 5th

Pioneer Park Mud Bogg and Tough Trucks Pioneer Park (Highway 37 & 85 Porterville Road) Eau Claire

Wednesday, July 9th—Sunday, July 13th Northern Wisconsin State Fair Northern Wisconsin State Fairgrounds Jefferson Ave., Chippewa Falls www.norwisstatefair.com

Wednesday July 23rd—Sunday, July 27th 7:30 pm (Sunday 1:30 pm only) The Music Man Eau Claire Regional Arts Center-State Theatre Eau Claire \$16 adults www.ecct.org

Wednesday, August 6th—Sunday, August 10th Dunn County Fair Dunn County Fairgrounds, Menomonic http://dunncountywi.govoffice2.com

Tragedy Strikes UW-Stout -"God Hates Fags" Church Attempts to Taint The Memorial



enomonie has become all too familiar with tragedy in the first week of April, 2008. The campus was first stunned at hearing the reports of the untimely deaths of three young college students at 3:27 a.m. on Saturday morning at the hands of a residential house fire. The second taste of tragedy came only five days later when representatives from the Westboro Baptist Church proudly made an appearance on campus to silently explain (through the use of many simplistic signs and banners) the reason for the blaze. Their message?...God is angry with America, and these students are apparent examples of His anger. Thriving on the abundant ridicule and verbal thrashings they receive from the communities into which they invite themselves, this group is notorious for making unwelcomed appearances at funerals, the white house, and even Yankee Stadium (where the pope will hold a special mass later this month). Controversy and hatred seem to be their nectar and an opportunity for publicity such as this almost guaranteed their presence.

Gathered outside of the Memorial Student Center at approximately 7:45 a.m., were nearly a half-dozen members of their Baptist sect, each one with a message board containing the belief statements of their church and its zealous devotees. In bright, colorfully bold text, students and faculty alike were informed that "God hates fags", and that "America is doomed". At the intersection of 3rd Street and 10th Avenue anyone passing by learned that they were "God's enemy" and reminded to "pray for more dead children".

Pastor Tom Karl of the campus organization *Street Level* at UW-Stout was deeply saddened (but not surprised) by the fact that a group such as this which claims to understand and worship the God of the Bible would make such a ridiculous display of ungodly arrogance. He says, "For this group to make a claim that they accurately represent and follow the God of the Bible is nothing less than absolute folly. It is the epitome of childish behavior and at most it is wishful thinking, both ignorant and dangerous. To me, it is apparent that they do not know Jehovah God or speak anything even remotely similar to His message. On behalf of Street Level Ministries we would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those that have passed away".

R.J. Deutsch, president of *Campus Crusade for Christ* at UW-Stout, sent out an email prior to their arrival to inform people of the event and to declare the position of his organization concerning the visitors. "I believe this group is destructive and disgraceful to the name of Christ. Their message does not show consistency to the example of Christ or the message of Christ who wants 'all men to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:4)'. Christ's message is of hope, not condemnation".

The recent events that have brought tragedy to the campus at UW-Stout exemplify mankind's need for a redeemer. Certainly there are many different interpretations of the Bible, but in the end, no single interpretation can change the character of God. If He loved the world so much that He gave up His only son so that "whoever believes in Him would never die", it might be appropriate to understand Him to be a loving and forgiving God. If, however, He is indeed a hater of nations and of men, no belief or interpretation from Scripture will change His nature. Perhaps it is wise to read the Bible for ourselves that we may discern the true character of our Creator. The Bible will speak for itself. God needs no man to defend His reputation.





Genre: Action/ Drama/ Fantasy/ Horror/ Sci-Fi/ Thriller

Actors/ Actresses: Will Smith, Alice Braga

Rating: PG-13

My Rating: 4 out of 5 Stars

Availability: Mr. Movies

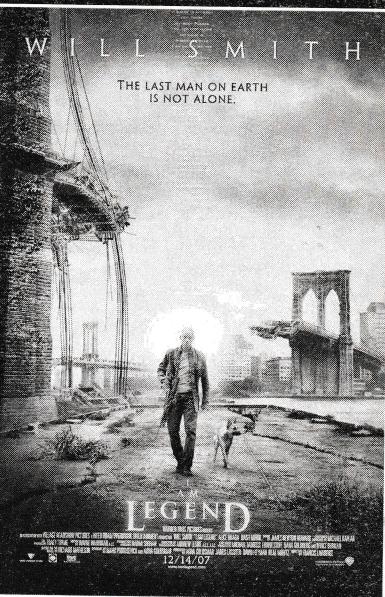
Website: iamlegend.warnerbros.com

I am Legend, is not your usual outdoor, zombie chasin', crazy doctor movie, but it is a very unique scifi thriller, starring Will Smith as Dr. Neville. Neville embarks on a journey to find a cure to prevent the elimination of the human race after a terrifying disease outbreak. He resides in his New York City home which also protects him at night from the mange, quite disgusting, flesh eating zombies.

The acting was good with creative character development. You can see the changes throughout the movie of how isolation takes a toll on Neville. His best friend is his dog who is the reason for some interesting scenes. In one scene, which is sort of a favorite of mine because of the suspense, Neville's dog follows a deer into a dark warehouse where some zombies are living. Neville goes in after his best friend which causes you to cling onto your seat until you see the outcome.

The special effects in the movie were pretty sweet when New York slowly turns into a habitat area with all sorts of animals running in the streets. Neville even does a little deer hunting. The movie has quite a unique soundtrack, too, but sticks mainly to songs done by Bob Marley. Tracks include, "Three Little Birds", "I Shot





the Sheriff' (Sung by Will Smith), and "Stir It Up."

I am Legend is a little short in length considering how big the story is. The movie is a little predictable but not enough to ruin it. Even if you could guess what is going to happen, when it happens, you jump. Check out the 1954 version of I am Legend in book form by Richard Matheson and then sit down, hold onto your seat, and watch this suspenseful flick.



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Visit http://www.youtube.com/profile? user=wordonthastreet to find out who these people really are. Beware. Ahhhhhhh!

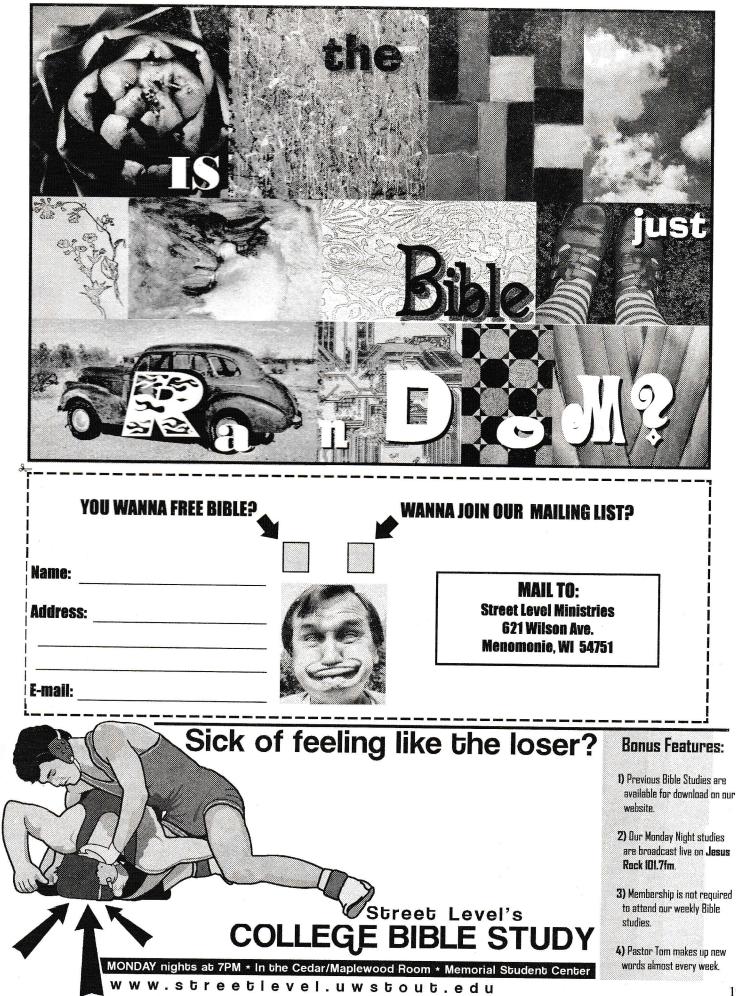
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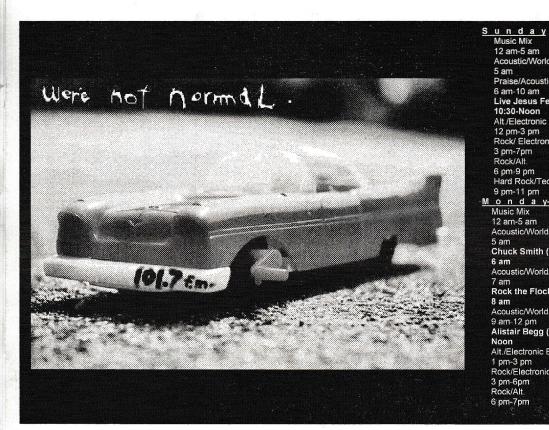
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