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Relay for Life: Let's Kick Cancer's Ass

Though you may not be aware, this past Friday night and Saturday morning was the CMU 2012 Relay for Life. This is the reason why you probably saw tents on the CFA lawn, filled with shivering, miserable people staying up until 6am voluntarily on a weekend night.

This is also the reason why the worst hits of the 90s were playing across the Cut at around 4:30am. It's difficult to explain the experience of Relay for Life without hearing the thoughts of those who "survived" for survivors.

So let's have a time break down, shall we?

4:30pm - Registration begins. Relayers begin to assemble. They are excited.

6pm - The Survivors take a lap.

7pm - Joggers and runners can be seen doing many laps.

8pm - It's getting cold out, the weakest leave.

9-11pm - Relayers walk steadily on, more layers

of clothing are added.

12am - The remaining walkers are limping. This could be a problem.

1am - The walkers experience a second wind!

2am - This second wind

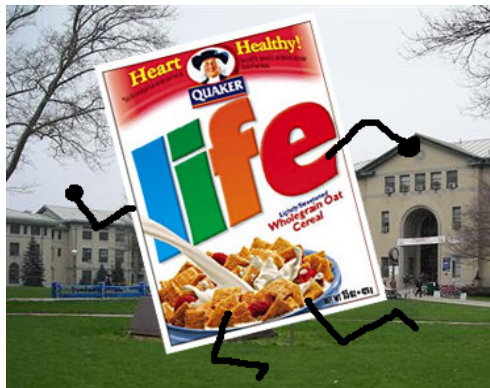
was short lived... In fact, the second wind is actual wind, which isn't doing much for the temperature.

5am - No information could be gathered at this time; Relayers were either laying on the floor of their tents shivering or outside walking in a daze with no recollection of this time.

6am - The entire team

is dead. They retrieve their trophy and walk, as zombies, back to their dorms not to awaken for at least 24 hours.

But honestly, it's all worth it. Because cancer is a bitch. It's so serious, that not even readme will make fun of it. So, we salute you, those who are awesome enough to participate and we encourage everyone to do it next year!

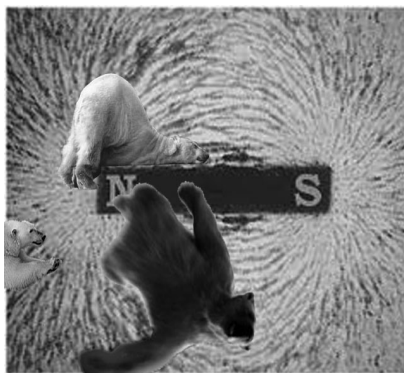


Cinnamon Life is in the lead

This Week in Bears

Pittsburgh zookeepers have been working around the clock to detach and separate their polar bears from one another. The bears, native to Alaska and Northern Canada, exhibit dipole moments after rubbing against one another, causing adhesion to other polar surfaces and cohesion to each another. This is a natural defense mechanism that evolved over thousands of years of survival in the barren wilderness.

Large clumps of bears are able to hunt more efficiently, and have several other advantages over individual nonpolar bears. For instance, if you saw a giant fucking clump of pissed off polar bears coming towards you, and assuming you were a thinking person, you would probably decide that it was not in your best interest to fuck with it.



Bears. That's how magnets work

Due to their polar nature, the bears also dissolve easily in water, allowing them to indiscriminately terrorize the ocean as well as the land.

Climate change is threatening their habitat, but more importantly it is really making them mad. And mad, electrically unbalanced bears are not what America

needs to solve its problems

in the new millennium. Or Canada, but who cares about them? They don't even use real money...

The problem of separating the Van der Waals bonded bears fell to junior zookeeper Kevin James. When asked for comment, he replied that he much preferred being a mall cop to dealing with all these fucking needy prima donna bears: "At least the corndogs were reasonably priced at the mall. And they weren't made out of meerkats."



Berlusconi Sitcom Gets Greenlight

Italy's controversial prime minister Silvio Berlusconi announced today that his sitcom had been picked up by ABC Family to run on Wednesdays following Kyle XY. "I-a realized-a that-a my administration has-a basically-a been a sitcom since 2006 anyway, so-a why not make-a bit of cash, too? In addition-a to all the bribes-a," the Prime Minister told reporters.*

Television executives had their interest piqued by the sheer volume of stupid shit that Mr. Berlusconi has said and done since assuming office. "It would usually take five to ten seasons of a truly cretinous reality TV show to produce the same amount of material as Mr. Berlusconi has put out in a couple of years as the most powerful man in Italy," said Doug Shiteevee, a network executive, "although we're almost there with the Jersey Shore, another gem of Italian descent". Looking through his encyclopedic catalogue of sex scandals and idiotic comments he concluded, "We couldn't even make this shit up, and Italy elected him. Like, a bunch of times."

Indeed, no one seems to know what the fuck is up with the Berlusconi administration. Policy experts gave up long ago trying to ascribe rhyme or reason to his continued political career, and have relegated the subject to grad students and occasional drinking games.

*See the next issue of readme for more offensive accents!

Herman Cain Changes 6-6-6 Plan to 9-9-9 Plan



We Might Need a New Vice President...

After much criticism from fellow Republicans, presidential candidate Herman Cain was forced to revise his controversial 6-6-6 tax plan in order to avoid making his link to the devil so obvious. When asked about Cain's former tax plan, fellow Republican Candidate Michelle Bachmann had this to say: "Although many Americans are concerned that this is just another tax policy which embraces lower taxes for the wealthy at the expense of retirees and the working class, that's not the real issue at hand here. It was just tactless, and quite frankly offensive of Cain to use a number which is so closely related to devil. It just gives our party such a poor reputation."

However, not all Republicans were as mild as Bachmann on their criticism of Cain's for-

mer plan. Governor Rick Perry of Texas was especially vocal about his disdain. Perry was quoted stating that "When we claim to be the party of family values and make baseless attacks against Obama by referring to him as the antichrist, it really hurts our cause when one of our own party members would be so obvious about his connection to the devil. I mean former president Ronald Wilson Reagan went to great lengths to cover up the fact that his own name was a reflection of the devil's number, therefore I would expect a little more effort on Cain's behalf."

Although many Democrats site the fact that 9-9-9 is simply the inverse of 6-6-6 as evidence that Cain is still linked to occult, Herman denies that influence from the devil had anything to do with his new tax policy. In fact Cain cited the 2003 video game Sim City 4 as the main inspiration for his new plan. Quoting senior producer of Sim City, Kip Katsarelis, Cain stated in an interview last week that "Sim City employs an easy to understand flat taxation system would allow players to focus on building their cities and have fun thwarting giant lizard attacks, rather than be buried by overly complex financial systems. I feel that given the current situation our nation is in and due to the large spike in giant lizard attacks over the past few months, this model would be both fair and effective."

readme Reviews Movies

Footloose:

As a massive benefit to Jews and Muslims, the lack of Kevin Bacon now means Footloose is officially pork-free and kosher/halal. readme did not get to see the entire movie, as apparently dancing is still banned in movie theaters even when the screen tells you to cut loose.

The Thing:

This prequel follows the life of Ben Grimm before he joined the Fantastic Four and was just a burly guy who liked saying, "It's clobbering time". Wait... Apparently this is a prequel/remake of the science fiction/horror movie "The Thing" from the 80s. After watching this, I learned we can't trust anybody. At least I can trust you, Tartan. Wait, what are you doing? The pillbox doesn't have teeth how can you OH GOD KILL IT KILL IT WITH FIRE!

Real Steel:

DIE! DIE! DIE YOU MUTANT PIECE OF JOURNALISM... oh hi. readme finally managed to kill the Thing/Tartan with fire

(thank you, Activities Board emergency flamethrower) and can continue reviewing films. In a world where Rock'em sock'em robots can be made into a movie, all non-Mark Wahlberg boxers have been replaced by robots. Hugh Jackman is a CMU Robotics major who can't pay tuition for senior year so he turns to Pittsburgh's underground robot boxing leagues to make a quick buck. Jackman uses his advanced CMU education along with some of Bill Dietrich's money to build PlaidPuncher, a robot outfitted with the latest in Brooklyn-accent technology. Armed with a superior accent and a giant chest laser, PlaidPuncher rises through the ranks but loses the championship against the late Steve Jobs's iPunch, which contains Jobs's uploaded personality and wears a Kevlar black turtleneck. Though Jackman doesn't win the tournament money, he gains a new respect for education and the true meaning of friendship or something like that. Also, Jared Cohon will apparently forgive your student loans if you threaten him with a giant plaid punching robot.

An Open Letter to Slowpokes



What a Slow Bro...

Dear douchebags who choose to walk ever so slowly in front of me,

Where are you all going? Nowhere important obviously otherwise you would be trying to get there quicker. You wouldn't be sauntering with your bros, blocking the whole damn sidewalk, admiring the architecture of Gates.

You clearly do not go here if you are amazed, and clearly do not have the skill or motivation to go to CMU (which is fine, but get the hell out of my way). I have things to do, things to achieve, things that you cannot possibly understand as you walk down the sidewalk eating food from a grease-soaked bag. But it's okay because you have bottles of Vitamin Water jammed in your back pockets. Who do you think you are fooling? Vitamin Water does not cancel out the grease clogging your arteries. But walking faster would at least help. But that seems to be a concept that is beyond you. This does not surprise me.

Perhaps next time you think about walking somewhere, don't. Or at the very least get to one side of the sidewalk (it's called a *side*-walk for a reason, jerks). Just don't be offended when I take the first opportunity to get past you, even if that means cutting you off with absolutely no remorse; I will take that chance because I do not give a damn about where you are going at your snail's pace.

I hope that you don't have drivers' licenses. Or if you do that you don't drive like you walk because you, sirs, are traffic jams and accidents waiting to happen. You are unnecessary obstacles that are blights upon the sidewalks of this city.

Seriously, just get out of my way.

All the best,
Me

Top 1031 Topical Halloween Costumes



iPunch 4S

1. Dr. Who
2. Zombie Steve Jobs
3. Pitt student (beware: requires lots of alcohol—use Amnesty!)
4. Paper towel dispenser
5. Wallstreet
6. Any of the My Little Ponies
7. Member of the cast of Echo Chamber
8. Robot with feelings
9. CS major (impossible if you go to a party)
10. Sudoku puzzle
11. The Doppler effect
12. Communism
13. Freudian slip
14. The iPhone 5
15. Watermellon
16. Field of wheat
17. Don't Ask; Don't Tell
18. Ouija board
19. reCAPTCHA
20. Slenderman
21. Lifelike taxidermized animal (NOPE!)
22. Chuck Testa
23. Surrealism
24. One fifth of the Village People
25. Somali pirate
26. Lotion
27. A Sim
28. Andrew Carnegie
29. Andrew Mellon
30. Andrew Carnegie-Mellon (what their son would look like)
31. Nutella

Interview with Tom and Dana of 'Echo Chamber'



<http://tvtropes.org/ec>

This summer, TV Tropes selected ex-readme editor Tom Pike as the man with a plan for their web series showing off a different trope every week. Since the web show "Echo Chamber" is filmed on this very campus and is absolutely amazing, readme took it upon itself to interview two cast members, Dana and Tom, in order to gear up for season 2!

Describe the show and website:

Tom: TV Tropes is a website about plot devices and the shows that use them. It's a wiki and it inspires obsessiveness. And Echo Chamber is about two people who are obsessive (and one crazy person) who are trying to make a web show that is supposed to explain and demonstrate a trope but in the process they wind up failing miserably and demonstrating the trope that they're trying to make a show about.

Dana: We're super meta.

Why the name "Echo Chamber"?

Dana: Because Tom likes to hear himself talk a lot...

Tom: The character named his blog "Echo Chamber." It's supposed to be him speaking and everyone else going, "You're right!"

How much of your same-name characters are you?

Dana: We have a friend who basically said, "So you're playing yourselves but with all of your likable attributes removed." So it's us if we sucked.

How do you choose where to film on campus and around Pittsburgh?

Dana: We write the scenes and then we'll be like "Let's make this look like a travel guide for Pittsburgh"

Tom: I basically partway through the season realized that my apartment looks like a shit-hole so we decided that we were just going to make use of the setting... And I have fond memories of doing homework in Schenley Park, and I thought, "Maybe [these characters] should get out more and do their writing in places that are pretty."

Dana: All of my writing is done in my apartment...

How will season 2 compare to season 1?

Dana: It will be so much better in that we know what we're doing from the start. We will have all of the characters cast and written for. We have eleven out of twelve scripts written. We have one script left to write.

What are your favorite tropes?

Tom: "Decoy Protagonist"

Dana: "Alter Kocker" or "My Friends... and Zoidberg"

Also In This Issue....

Friendship Proven to be Biochemistry, not Magic

iPhone 4S: All the Power of iPhone 4 Now With the Letter S

What is the Correct Pronunciation of "Cèilidh Weekend"?

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readme's Guide to Pittsburgh Weather Defenses



Bring it on, Rain

Are you sick of Pittsburgh weather? Have the random temperature changes and sudden rains got you cursing the various weather gods who all apparently hate CMU? Stop just talking about the weather and start doing something about it! readme offers these nifty tools to fight back against the weather.

Rain: Those damn clouds think they're so cool, dumping rain on us whenever they get bored. For the CMU students who refuse to deal with rain, readme recommends the shotgun-umbrella. The shotgun-umbrella keeps you dry while offering a clear threat to any clouds that want to rain on your parade (or commute, or whatever). If it starts raining, shoot whatever clouds dare rain on you, then shoot the raindrops to stay extra dry.

High Winds: CMU has officially adopted a zero-tolerance policy toward Pittsburgh's sudden ultra-powerful winds. As a countermeasure, gi-

ant rotating fans have been placed within the Hamerschlag smokestack that can rise up and blast air in the opposite direction. Though readme knows absolutely nothing about meteorology, it's assumed that the winds will cancel each other out. If by some freak chance it ends up creating a tornado, hide in the deepest basements of Doherty. Also, stay away from windows and tornado-prone trailer parks.

Heat Waves: Apparently summer won't go away on schedule, so there are occasional heat waves across campus. Despite warnings from campus police, the Department of Defense, and all plant and animal life, readme recommends causing a nuclear winter by firing a small nuclear warhead. The cooling effect will be immediate, and is still cheaper for CMU than providing air conditioning for the dorms. A warhead can be bought at CMU for only \$99.95 at ****REDACTED****.

Snow: Hasn't happened yet, but give it (not much) time. readme does not fuck around when it comes to snow which is why we've invest in a flamethrower. For safety, always wear a flame-retardant poncho, especially if you happen to made of flammable paper like readme.

Protestors: Not technically considered weather, but they show up enough and disrupt traffic so readme counts them as a weather disturbance. Since there are laws about using the shotgun-umbrella on protestors, readme recommends the protestors' greatest weakness: soap. It is well known by political hygienists that firm application of soap to a protestor causes the protestor to either get a job or explode.

Infographic of the Week

Uses of Midsemester Break



Join readme

We need funny writers,
non-funny writers, pho-
tomanipulation artists,
women and minorities.

Meetings
6:30pm
Wednesdays
UC 318G

eforney@cmu.edu

Events and Things On and Off Campus

Talk Back!

Radio show by WRCT

Tuesdays, 9pm, 88.3 FM or podcast at WRCT.org

HabiShack Food Sale!

Brought to you by Habitat for Humanity

Wednesday, October 19: Chic-fil-A sandwiches

Thursday, October 20: Chipotle burritos

The Fence, 11:30am - 3:30pm

Raffling off the chance to win a \$25 Quizno's gift card

All proceeds go towards winter and spring break trips

SEDS Scare-raising: Caramel Apple Sale

By Students for the Exploration and Development of Space

Wednesday, October 19, 12 midnight - 3am, The Cut

Free Improv Comedy Workshops

With the No Parking Players improv troupe

Thursdays, 8pm, DH A310 & Sundays, 8pm, DH 2105

No experience necessary!

AEPi Brain Freeze

Ice cream eating competition (or eat casually on the sidelines)

Hosted by the brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi

Tuesday, October 25, 7pm - 9:30pm, UC Rangos

Register teams of 3-5 at aepiak.org/brainfreeze

All proceeds go to the Save a Child's Heart organization

I Put a Spell on You

A performance by Pop Cabaret

Friday, October 28, 7 - 9:30pm

The Andy Warhol Museum (117 Sandusky Street)

Free with museum admittance (free with student ID)

Cèilidh Weekend: October 27-30

Halloween Dance Party feat. RAC

Brought to you (with lasers & glowsticks) by AB Coffeehouse

Monday, October 31, 8 - 11pm (doors at 7:30), UC Rangos

Free with CMU ID, \$10 without

Featuring The Remix Artist Collective (<http://rac.fm>)

Capture the Flag with Stuff

Starring the KGB!

Friday, November 4, 7pm, DH 2315

Read up on the rules: ctfws.org

Matthew Tembo Memorial 8v8 Soccer Tournament

Hosted by the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha

Saturday, November 5, 10am - 5:30pm, Gesling Stadium

-Round Robin Preliminary (3): 10am - 3pm

-Playoffs: 3 - 4pm

-Championship Game: 5pm

Teams of 8, \$12 per player (buys lunch and at least 3 games)

Finalists receive t-shirts, grand prize to be announced

All proceeds go to local alcohol abuse and awareness clinics

Register by noon on November 2: kwolters@andrew.cmu.edu



All AB Films are \$1 with CMU student ID, \$3 without, and held in UC McConomy.

There will be no films in the upcoming two weeks. Go enjoy all there is to offer during Midsemester Break and Homecoming Weekend!



Bhangra in the Burgh V

Saturday, November 5, 6:30 - 8:30pm (doors open at 5:30pm)

Soldiers & Sailors Museum (4141 Fifth Avenue)

Students tickets \$10 with ID

General admission \$20, preferred seating \$30, VIP \$50

Check out www.bhangraintheburgh.com for more info

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