

Mat diving is fun for everyone

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Kids jumping off roofs and landing on the soccer mats? What an interesting sport of juvenile behavior. Recently it was rumored that a student was freestyle jumping onto the soft, rubbery mats we have around the gym and broke his ribs.

In the past there have been security reports of drug dealers jumping out of dorm windows to escape the incarceration by police men, but now this new trend is turning into something really fun for everyone with a death wish. What's interesting is the level of courage this sport demands. Climbing on top of buildings and pin pointing the exact way to land is an extreme level of activity. It's up there with ultimate fighting and blind folded shark diving. Could this be a new sport on BC's campus? Maybe the college should have competitions on who can land the best, most creatively, most ludicrously, and most painfully.

It could be a spectacle to distract prospective students who tour the campus. A shin sticking out of a knee cap could certainly distract a potential transfer student from his early morning coffee. Maybe a nude, double flip, into a swan dive, then landing into submissive cow position might sidetrack the local dog walkers into extreme sport acquiescence. Oh, even better, a suicide jump off the administrative building, while lightly dabbing half and half into a coffee cup, chugging it entirely, and then finally belly flopping like Shamu into the small waters of the fountain.

There are endless possibilities to be fathomed and there would never be a dull moment calling the ambulances or parents. Instead of how most diligent BC students dive into their intense studies, the community needs to literally dive in nose first into this new evolving sport of consequential debauchery.

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Little Green Men?

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For those of you who might not have heard, earlier this week astronomers discovered a planet that they believe might be capable of sustaining life.

The planet in question, which bears the designation *581 c*, has a diameter around one and a half times that of Earth, and is relatively the same temperature with lows around 32 and highs around 102 Fahrenheit. And speaking in terms of space, the planet is practically our neighbor, residing at around 20 light years away.

What could this mean for Earth though? Is it possible that this planet could have a global ecosystem much like Earth's? And if it does, could it carry life forms similar to Earth's own?

I think it could, depending of course on the chemical composition of the planet's atmosphere. Scientists believe that it could have an

atmosphere very similar to our own, which means that organic organisms similar to those found here on Earth could very well thrive there.

However, another thing scientists and astronomers have to consider is the age of the planet. Assuming that it is around the same age of Earth, it could very well support life much like our own with very similar technological capabilities. If it's older, however, there's a possibility that the planet could house an advanced civilization that may have already become capable of long range travel in space.

But, on the other hand, there is always the possibility that scientists have discovered nothing more than a giant ice ball with what would constitute as liquid "water" rolling about on the planet's surface. Further investigation will be required before anyone knows anything for sure.

I do know one thing though— I personally cannot wait to find out. This time, the truth really is out there.



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