

Portland vampires on the decline

Portland vampires have been disintegrating at a rapidly disproportionate rate this year in comparison to centuries past, according to a recent report released by the Council of Vampiric Elders.

The report, which is annually released by the council, cited an unseasonably warm winter replete with sunshine as the cause of death for many of the vampires in question.

Nosferatu XXIII, the council's appointed spokesperson, said the figures make him nervous. "As we move into a new century, the unforeseen determinates of climate change will challenge all life on this planet, especially vampires, who rely on gray days for survival."

Portland has long been a winter haven for vampires due to its mild climate, cool rain and weeks without sunshine.

Many vampires live in seclusion, spending their days sleeping in Forest Park, West Hills mansions and the bell towers of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

Vampires do not discriminate. Vampire-related disappearances were reported in every major Portland neighborhood last year including Sellwood and the Pearl District.

"Rich people just taste better," Nosferatu XXIII said. "They have more iron in their blood. It must be all the red meat they can afford to eat."

Vampires have been a real presence in Portland since before the city was founded, but have long been ignored by the city's political leadership. This is something Mr. Nosferatu would like to see changed, and soon. "The city is talking about equity this, equity that. The city council even started an Office of Equity. But I want to know, where is vampire equity? It's been like this for centuries. First you chase us away with pitchforks and fire, then you write fairy tales about how much you hate us. Now you're creating billion dollar franchises that profit off of us, and quite frankly these superficial adaptations don't tell the real truth about vampire culture. You ask any vampire and they will tell you that 'Twilight' is terrible, so is 'Grimm.' They don't show anything like it is."

While the slow disintegration of vampires is a reason to celebrate, Portlanders are encouraged to remain aware of their surroundings. There are still many vampires in the area biding their time until the next drizzly day.

Aside from sunshine, the most reliable way to destroy a NW vampire is locally grown, organic garlic. They have developed an easy immunity to industrially produced garlic.



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Occupiers skip classes at PSU to work on their new protest to take homelessness to the streets.

Occupiers work on plan to end homelessness

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Occupy Portland protesters have decided to end homelessness by increasing the number of people living in tents citywide.

"We feel like it's our duty to come out and get pneumonia with everyone else," said one protestor studying economics at Portland State University. "We believe that solidarity means making homelessness an issue. So we're going to become homeless too."

One philosophy major with the group said most of the homeless organizations in Portland didn't have a clue about

homelessness, and if they wanted to really help they would protest their own organizations and start up an info tent in a park somewhere east of 82nd Avenue, where the real working class homeless live.

Others in the Occupy movement are hesitant and blame people experiencing mental-illness for being mentally ill in the first place. "Honestly, they ruined it for us with their split personalities and drug addiction. If we could have kept out the homeless from the camps, we would have never killed that grass in the park. It's a total bummer."

Labor groups have said they will provide money for the info tent, but really don't have an opinion on homelessness so long as

the message gets out.

Anarchists say that everyone involved in the movement is wrong and that unless groups were ready to smash the Burger King tomorrow night at an undisclosed location, everyone would burn in a hell they didn't believe in along with the other 1 percenters.

Occupy Portlanders are now threatening to recall Housing Commissioner Nick Fish if they don't get tarps donated for a new tent city by the river. "There are a lot of middle class people that believe we have a right to be homeless too," said one spokesperson. "Capitalism is to blame."

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