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- Event:** *The Illinois Wesleyan University Environmental Studies Program and Student Senate* present: "What's Funny About Climate Change?"
- Date:** Feb. 25 (Tuesday)
- Time:** 7 p.m.
- Location:** Hansen Student Center, Illinois Wesleyan University
300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington
- Admission:** Free, open to the public
- Background:** "What's Funny About Climate Change?," a three-person comedy review, is a production of northwestern California's Human Nature. A company that has toured comedy shows across the United States and Europe, Human Nature addresses pressing environmental and social issues. Ross Gelbspan, author of *The Heat is On*, one of the definitive texts on global warming to date, comments on Human Nature's "ability to cast so troubling a story into such an engaging and, at times, hysterically funny a format."
- The show's humor emerges from examining the gap between current human responses to global warming and those that might actually make a difference. "A lot of people, understandably, would just as soon not hear the news," said the company's writer David Simpson. "What we're offering is a relatively painless extraction of decaying rationales. It's the sickness that robs us of hope, not the cure."
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