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Would-be Athletes Dying Young

My good friend Ronald said
computer games
prepare
our kids
for failure
and for fear. No

matter how
many aliens
are racked up killed,
our kids,
they end up blown

to bits by missiles
or fried
by a stray asteroid,
or stabbed by thieves,
and that is
good or better
than time wasted

learning
how to multiply
before our long
division.

Even the best
star
wars defence
will not protect us
from awaiting Alzheimer's,
or a sudden stroke
of luck that leaves.