

the toilet paper

Size doesn't matter!

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Annika's Weak Jokes of the Week

Why did the second monkey fall out of the tree?

It was stapled to the first monkey!

What do you call 30 rabbits in a row marching backwards?

A receding hairline!

What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?

A stick!

How do you make an egg roll?

Push it!

(Hahahahahahahahaha hahahahahah!)

So that's what I found out this past week. So small font in the TP is the new black. And this is what I found on the internet that might be of interest to you. I'll deal with all the copyright issues later on in the tissue...enjoy!

There are two weeks a year when no one will bother you, two weeks a year when you're alone with your thoughts. Those are the two weeks a year you spend in the bathroom. The average American spends about an hour a day in the commode, according to a survey by the National Association for Continence. What does that mean if you add up your loo time over the course of a year? It's scary. If you're a typical American with a typical job with typical benefits, you're spending as much time in the bathroom as you are on vacation — 14 days. Is it time to renegotiate your benefits package? At that rate, if you reach the ripe old age of 80, you will have spent nearly three full years in the bathroom. But maybe that's not such a bad thing. In an increasingly complicated, demanding world, the bathroom represents one of the last bastions of unfettered solitude. The warm, misty embrace of a morning shower may just as well be listed in the Constitution as an inalienable right. Still, bathroom time is something we exclude from polite conversation. And that's just what the National Association for Continence was after when it surveyed more than 1,000 people between the ages of 30 and 70. It wanted to get people talking. "It's a tragedy. People just won't tell their doctors when they have a problem with incontinence. They're so hesitant to say anything related to the bathroom," says NAC spokeswoman Kim Kelly-Bishop.

"More than 17 million Americans suffer from overactive bladders — it's more common than diabetes — but so many people are never treated because they won't talk about it." And so thanks to the NAC, we now know more about how people spend those hours in their porcelain temples. Some trends: 33 percent of Americans admit they retreat to the bathroom to talk on the phone. Better than half say that's where they do their reading. And 47 percent say it's where they contemplate the future. Of course, men will want to know what women want from a toilet — the battleground for many lovers. No surprises here: They want the seat down, the sink clean, the toilet flushed and the door closed. The seat up/seat down controversy regularly causes a fuss, according to 45 percent of the ladies surveyed (and 33 percent of the gents). Furthermore, getting in one another's way and not getting enough privacy annoys women almost as frequently as an unflushed toilet — about a third say that's an issue.

Read It and Wipe Certainly, using the bathroom as a sanctuary rather than for its traditional purposes is not a new idea. The folks who publish *The Old Farmer's Almanac* still embrace the annual's history as a commode companion. Notice the hole punched through the spine. That dates back to a time when the magazine would hang on a hook in outhouses. About 100 years ago, toilet paper didn't exist. Folks resorted to old newspapers and catalogues for, er, hygiene. That just might explain how the tradition of bathroom reading started. "The two most popular places to hang the *Farmer's Almanac* are in the toilet and in the bathroom," says Almanac spokeswoman Ginger

Vaughn. "We considered getting rid of the hole — it's expensive to put there — but folks just like it. It's a tradition." If you've ever worried whether it's sanitary to read on the toilet, you're not the only one. About two years ago, University of Arizona microbiologist Chuck Gerba looked into the subject and found bathrooms can be notorious breeding grounds for bacteria. But you are more likely to be contaminated by *E. coli* or fecal matter when you touch the faucet handles in the sink than when reading *Scientific American* or even *Playboy*. "The paper in books and magazines are a poor medium for germs to multiply," Gerba told *The Wolf Files*. June actually ushers in National Bathroom Reading Week. If you thought such a holiday was cooked up by somebody just to sell books, you're absolutely right. Jack Kreisman, president of Red-Letter Press in Saddle River, N.J., and author of *Bathroom Almanacs*, started the celebration 13 years ago. And while he says Bathroom Reading Week might be good for business, he insisted, "I practice what I preach."

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I hope you found that thoroughly enjoying. Wasn't that awesome? 'Til next time.
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TRIVIA! TRIVIA! TRIVIA! (anything sounds great when you say it 3x's)

- » Is half a Canadian \$20 bill worth anything? Is Winnie the Pooh really named for Winnipeg?
- » There are 42 dots on a pair of dice.
- » The king of hearts is the only king without a moustache on a standard playing card.
- » There are 18 different animal shapes in the Animal Crackers cookie zoo.
- » The kerosene fungus can live in jet fuel tanks. If there is a minute amount of water in the tank, the fungus can use the fuel as food.
- » Since 1874 the mints of the United States have been making currency for foreign governments, whose combined orders have at times exceeded the volume of domestic requirements.
- » There are 3 main groups/shapes of pathogenic bacteria: cocci (round), bacilli (rod-shaped), and spirilla (coil-like).
- » Should there be a crash, Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same airplane as a precaution.
- » There are 640 acres in a square mile.
- » The initials M.G. on the famous British-made automobile stand for "Morris Garage."
- » There are 48 teaspoons in a cup; three teaspoons make a tablespoon and 16 tablespoons to a cup.
- » The kings in a deck of cards each represent a great king from history. The king of spades is King David, the king of clubs is Alexander the Great, the king of hearts is Charlemagne, and the king of diamonds is Julius Caesar.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, 10.7, PiH Film Series: Violence in Film, 7.30 PM @ the TV lounge. Come watch Bonnie and Clyde and after the movie, come to a led discussion with Professor Corrigan, director of film studies at Penn.

Friday, 10.8, Soup Kitchen visit. Contact Carli Koshal, Community Services Mgr @ ckoshal@sas

Saturday, 10.9, Maize Maze Trip. Visit Cherry Crest Farms in Lancaster County and get lost in a maze made out of corn. Time to get in the autumn spirit. Be on the lookout for Christina and Yang to sign up and give us the moola. \$5 to go. 9AM to 4PM.

All Next Week (10.10-10.15), Toast for the Homeless. It's a KCECH tradition to toast bread for the homecoming game. See your RA/GA for more details.

Tuesday, 10.12, Red Cross Blood Drive, 1PM-7PM in the 1938 Lounge. Either schedule an appointment with Carli Koshal (ckoshal@sas) or turn up for the event. We need all the blood we can get!

Wednesday, 10.13, Study Break: Smores and Fondue Night, 10 PM at the 38 Lounge. Hooray for melty chocolate goodness that one uses as a dip for strawberries and other naturally su-cro-sed items...Thank god for the Swiss.

Thursday, 10.14, Midterm Exam Prep, 7-7:45PM at the Seminar Room: Learn how to beat test anxiety, note-taking skills and other good stuff. Hooray!

Saturday, 10.16, Homecoming, Franklin Field. Penn vs. Columbia...Enough said. Booo hiss.

Here's a poll from your friendly neighborhood ITAs: Which of the following would you most want to learn about:

- Hackproofing your computer
- Linux, a Windows alternative
- Filesharing without getting busted

Email us at KCECH_ITAs@hotmail.com with your vote! We will be hosting a tech session based on the winning topic. ::Registration information to appear in an upcoming TP!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5 Kempo Ka- rate, 1938 Lounge	6 Belly Dancing Lessons Math Center, Tutorial Sessions Coffeehouse Presents	7 Kempo Karate, 1938 Lounge PiH Film Series: <i>Bonnie & Clyde</i>	8 Soup Kitchen Euchre Tourney: 9- 11pm, 38 Lounge	9 Maize Maze Trip
10 TOAST FOR HOMELESS WEEK!!!	11 Biosphere: Walk to the BioPond: 4pm at Entrance Lobby	12 Blood Drive Dinner Discus- sion: Disas- ters in Engi- neering: 6-8 PM @ PDR	13 Belly Dancing Lessons Math Center, Tutorial Sessions Study Break	14 Kempo Karate, 1938 Lounge Midterm Exam Prep	15	16 Homecoming

Jack Handy's Wisdom

- The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face.
- Ambition is like a frog sitting on a Venus Flytrap. The flytrap can bite and bite, but it won't bother the frog because it only has little tiny plant teeth. But some other stuff could happen and it could be like ambition.
- I'd rather be rich than stupid.
- If you were a poor Indian with no weapons, and a bunch of conquistadors came up to you and asked where the gold was, I don't think it would be a good idea to say, "I swallowed it. So sue me."
- If you define cowardice as running away at the first sign of danger, screaming and tripping and begging for mercy, then yes, Mr. Brave man, I guess I'm a coward.
- I bet one legend that keeps recurring throughout history, in every culture, is the story of Popeye.
- When you go in for a job interview, I think a good thing to ask is if they ever press charges.
- To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography, and the dancers hit each other.
- What is it that makes a complete stranger dive into an icy river to save a solid gold baby? Maybe we'll never know.
- We tend to scoff at the beliefs of the ancients. But we can't scoff at them personally, to their faces, and this is what annoys me.
- Probably the earliest flyswatters were nothing more than some sort of striking surface attached to the end of a long stick.
- I think someone should have had the decency to tell me the luncheon was free. To make someone run out with potato salad in his hand, pretending he's throwing up, is not what I call hospitality.
- To me, clowns aren't funny. In fact, they're kind of scary. I've wondered where this started and I think it goes back to the time I went to the circus, and a clown killed my dad.
- As I bit into the nectarine, it had a crisp juiciness about it that was very pleasurable - until I realized it wasn't a nectarine at all, but A HUMAN HEAD!!