



The Toilet Paper

absorbs and informs



I'm dreaming of a white...something

From the editor:

I have a problem, and as usual, it has three causes: Fox News, the Hummer H2, and the Russians. The connections may be slightly tenuous, but I think it all comes back to a conspiracy between these three parties. Basically, my gripe is this: SNOW??!!!! Where is it? It falls for like two minutes, and then stops, then falls for another two minutes, then stops. We're never going to get anywhere with this. We need a *blizzard*—white-out conditions—ice so thick that the snowplows are frozen in their garages! I demand the Blizzard of '96, now that I'm old enough to really need a day or two off school.

Surely you sympathize with my desperate need for snow, but perhaps you question my sanity in implicating Fox, Hummers, and Russians. It's all very simple, really.

1) Who is Fox's only rival for total media dominance? ABC/Disney. Where is Disney's symbolic heartland? Disneyworld, Florida. When ocean levels rise, what will be underwater? Yup, Florida again. Hence, Fox has adopted a conservative, pro-industry, pro- "global warming is a crock" position and brainwashed much of the nation thusly.

2) Hummers. I don't really need to explain this. While Rupert Murdoch is the brains behind the effort to kill snow forever, Hummer drivers make up the army of mindless footsoldiers out there doing the dirty work.

3) Russians. You might think they would value frigid cold, barren tundras as part of their cultural heritage, but they in fact embrace the prospect of human-induced warming and the subsequent melting of the ice caps, which would give them warm-water seaports along their northern coast. What is with those damn Russians and their warm-water ports? (see: Peter the Great).

Anyway, now that you're aware of this vast conspiracy, I trust that you will take action to resist the creeping influences of the anti-snow Mafiosi and bring back the weather patterns that we all know and love.

Cheers,
Alicia



Rupert "You know what I hate? Joyful children!" Murdoch



The Official Canadian Temperature Conversion Chart

As though there aren't enough lame Canada jokes in the world.

50° Fahrenheit (10° C)

- New Yorkers try to turn on the heat.
- Canadians plant gardens.

35° Fahrenheit (1.6° C)

- Italian Cars won't start
- Canadians drive with the windows down

0° Fahrenheit (-17.9° C)

- New York City landlords finally turn on the heat.
- Canadians have the last cookout of the season.

-60° Fahrenheit (-51° C)

- Air travel impossible.
- Canadian Girl Guides sell cookies door-to-door.

-100° Fahrenheit (-73° C)

- Polar bear commit suicide.
- Canadians pull down their ear flaps.

-173° Fahrenheit (-114° C)

- Ethyl alcohol Freezes.
- Canadians get frustrated when they can't thaw the keg.

-460° Fahrenheit (-273° C)

- Absolute zero; all atomic motion stops.
- Canadians start saying "cold, eh?"

-500° Fahrenheit (-295° C)

- Hell freezes over.
- The Toronto Maple Leafs win the Stanley Cup.

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Proper procedure

You remember the pajamas inside-out thing, but kids these days have been working overtime to come up with even more bizarre and foolproof rituals to make it snow. Spoons? Ice cubes? Where are they getting this stuff?

1. wear pajamas inside out
2. get 9 ice cubes
3. throw 3 of the 9 ice cubes in your back yard
4. throw 3 of them in your front yard.
5. throw the last three in the highest toilet and flush it
6. now do a ritual snow dance
7. put at least 2 silver things (preferably spoons) under your pillow
8. Sleep in.

"There are said to be some countries in the world where the government is even less efficient than in Russia. Don't you believe it."

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Friday, 1.2—It's the first Friday of the month and that means...if you haul ass downtown, all the galleries are open for free, and they provide the wine and cheese. Paintings, hipsters, sculpture, hipsters, live music, and hipsters will all be on tap. Come in your Chucks and stovepipe jeans for extra hipster bonus points.
- Sunday, 1.4—Celebrate another championship season in the glorious sport of American football. Large men giving each other brain damage: what could be more wholesome and all-American? Showing in the TV Lounge at 6:30, complete with nachos, wings, and your favorite soft drink commercials.
- Wednesday, 1.7—So here's the story: the ICA is having an event basically every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday for the rest of the semester. I can't list them all, but they're really fun and all you have to do is show up...sometimes they'll give you free food, sometimes free shirts, sometimes free art. 7-10pm, that big glass building on 34th and Sansom.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2 First Friday	3
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Mass Extinction Spells Fossil Fuel Boon for Man of the Future

Washington, D.C. - Scientists at the National Resources Council announced last week that the sixth largest mass extinction in earth's history, currently progressing at a rate of 10 species a day, may spell cheap oil for future humans. "We're 50,000,000 years away from solving America's oil problems once and for all," said Martin Fuerlicht, a geologist with the NRC. In a press conference at NRC headquarters, Fuerlicht used a large flipbook to demonstrate the compression of dead plant and animal matter underneath layers of sediment over millions of years, and its eventual decomposition into carbon-rich coal and oil. This process produced all of the world's existing oil reserves between 350 and 50 million years ago, but the absence of significant mass extinctions since then has led to a severe strain on global hydrocarbon supplies.



Fuerlicht showed slides of various endangered plants and animals, explaining, "See this panda? Black gold. These rare Amazon orchids? 50 million years from now, you'll be pumping this stuff into your Hummer 3572. "

Fuerlicht qualified these statements with the acknowledgement that mass extinction is "a tragedy for all involved." "We deeply sympathize with the struggles of animals and plants to survive in an increasingly competitive global economy," he stated, "but it is the position of the NRC that nature be allowed to run its course. Interference with this extinction event could impact the planet in ways we don't fully understand."

When asked whether existing oil reserves will be sufficient to last for the intervening 50 million years, Fuerlicht expressed optimism that global warming might accelerate the formation of usable hydrocarbons, thus reducing the waiting period. "No, I wouldn't worry about turning off the lights or leaving your car idling. These amounts of fuel are really insignificant compared to the motherlode that we're expecting over the next couple million years. Offshore drilling will be particularly easy, as the globe will be 96% water."
(reported on www.theturtlewatch.com)

