



# THE TOILET PAPER

"I don't hate you 'cause you're fat. You're fat 'cause I hate you."



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MARDI GRAS EDITION

## MARDI GRAS



Mardi Gras, French for Fat Tuesday, refers to a number of Carnival events that end on the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the first day of Lent.

The reason for the name is because Lent is a period of fasting and so during Mardi Gras people indulge in the foods that they would soon be giving up.

The oldest Mardi Gras celebration in the United States takes place in Mobile, Alabama, having started in 1703. This is 15 years prior to the founding of New Orleans, which is more widely known for its Mardi Gras celebrations.

Celebrations in Mobile include

formal masked balls with elegant costumes, which is a long standing tradition there, and some public parades, a modern day development.

Events are also sometimes held by many of the town's mystic societies. These events are invitation only however.

In New Orleans, the majority of events consist of parades organized by Carnival krewes, a term that simply means a crew during this particular season.

Both cities have flambeau (flame torch) carriers, first used to bring light during night activities and has now evolved into a performance.

In terms of traditional foods, there is the king cake. This cake is typically a coffee cake made of various colors. Each one contains some small object, and whoever receives the piece with the object is given various privileges throughout the day.

## DARKNESS: RED BY JACK TERN

With his new powerful, yet furry, leg and the fact that he no longer restarted his days whenever he slept, he began to explore the underground area confidently. Confidently as he could while still being blind, that is.

In a short amount of time, he had managed to reach a wall. The wall was smooth with no defects that he could tell. And it merged with the ground seamlessly.

He decided that the underground area was some artificial construction. He wondered about its makers and its purpose. Was it constructed specifically for him? Or were there others down in the pit as well?

Lost in thought, he moved along the wall, keeping his hand on it the entire time. Suddenly the wall vanished from under his palm.

And he could see. Well, not quite. He could see a world obfuscated in red. He blinked to

make sure he wasn't imagining things.

He stepped back a few feet to find himself shrouded in darkness again with the wall under his hand.

Stepping forward again, he found himself in the world of red. Turning around, he saw a clear distinction between the red and the black.

He took the time to look at himself. The sword he had brought along was in fact a sword, now dull at the end from using it as a cane. His body seemed to be without markings or bruises. His leg was covered in thick fur that seemed to move on its own.

However strange his appearance had become, there was no going back now. And so he continued onward, into this new and unknown world.

## Oasis Valentines Special



### CANDY GRAMS

Today is the last day to buy your candygrams!

## VALENTINE'S QUICK LIST



Valentine's Day is tomorrow. And, like Homer here, you forgot. So what do you do with less than 24 hours to prepare?

Fear not, my quick list has you covered regardless of your gender or the one you are targeting.

Call them by another name all day. And then near the end call them by their actual name. They'll appreciate it so much more.

Buy them a weight loss video or gym membership. They'll love that you recognize their flaws

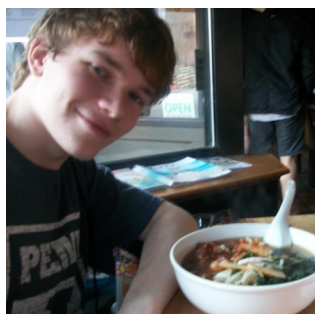
and are willing to be honest about them.

Take them to McDonald's. They'll appreciate your sense of frugality and love you even more for it.

Have all your exes tell them how lucky they are to be with you.

FEBRUARY / MARCH						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Calendar Key <div>KCECH</div> <div>Penn</div> <div>Philly &amp; Beyond</div>	11 The Residents	12 WiCS Tech Work-shop	13 Study Break	14 Valentine's Day  One Billion Rising	15 Career Fair Prep	16 Blind Boys of Alabama  Oscar Prep Murder Mystery
17 Dim Sum  Chocolate Class	18 President's Day  T-Shirt Design	19 Grief Support	20 Cleopatra	21 Start-up Career Fair  Penn Authors Forum	22 Spring Career Fair	23 Ski Trip  Stage Make-up Workshop Oscar Prep
24 Brunch  Study Break	25 WiCS Dinner Discussion	26 StorySlam	27 Healthcare Discussion	28 LinkedIn Workshop	1 Mad Max 2	2 SPRING BREAK

#### Character of the Week



PARKER HENRY

Hey everyone! I am the ITA Assistant Manager of KCECH, and I am a sophomore in SAS and SEAS studying Mathematics and Computer Science. While not doing abstract algebra, Fourier transforms, breaking my computer, or otherwise just not sleeping, I play video games, watch movies and superhero cartoons, eat, sleep, and hang out with my fellow STWingers.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD: 2/14—2/20

2/14—Valentine's Day. Celebrate the love of your family, friends, and significant others on this day.

2/14—One Billion Rising. Head to the College Green to support this cause of ending violence against women

2/15, 12pm— Career Fair Prep. Prep for upcoming career fairs in McNeil 97

2/16, 8pm—Oscar Prep. Oscars prep continues at 8pm in the TV Lounge with Slumdog Millionaire. Vote on who you think will win <http://bit.ly/kceoscars13>

2/16, TBD—Murder Mystery Dinner. Solve a mystery of who died and how at dinner

2/17, TBD—Dim Sum. Enjoy Dim Sum? Chinatown too far? Join the house in a Dim Sum brunch in 1938.

#### OPINION: GPA AND WHY IT DOESN'T MATTER BY ANONYMOUS

GPA. The bane of every student's life. It gets us scholarships, jobs, and many other opportunities.

But should this really be the case?

GPA after all is only a statistic A statistic based on averaging how well you did in all your classes.

Having a certain GPA is a re-

quirement in many situations. And even if it is not a requirement, many times the student with the higher GPA will be chosen for an opportunity than another student with equivalent qualifications but a lower GPA.

Yet, like any statistic, GPA can be gamed. The system can easily be abused.

A student could take only easy

courses or courses in which they are familiar with the material, and gain nothing from them, while maintaining a high GPA.

In contrast, a student could take only hard courses, learn a lot, but end up with a low GPA.

Who gets hired? Who should get hired? Respond with your opinions here: [bit.ly/kcegpapoll](http://bit.ly/kcegpapoll)