

The Throne

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FLUSH WITH PRIDE

Throughout the year, special days celebrate special events:

- *Groundhog Day*: the accuracy of weather forecasting by furry rodents
- *Bastille Day*: the liberation of the human spirit from oppressive autocracies
- *Take Your Daughter to Work Day*: the incarceration of the human spirit within oppressive cubicles

Now comes word of a new celebration that gladdens the spirit of Throne editors – World Toilet Day, November 19, a day to celebrate the liberation of...well, never mind.

Just in time for World Toilet Day comes news of the opening of The Magic Restroom restaurant in Los Angeles, where patrons sit on ceramic toilet bowls and eat from toilet or urinal-shaped tableware. No word on what the restrooms look like. If the wait for a table is lengthy, take a copy of Eric Partridge's Shakespeare's Bawdy (PR2892 .P27 1969) to get your potty talk up to speed.

AWAY FROM SWEM? BORROW BOOKS FROM PARTNER LIBRARIES

The semester is nearing its end, which means you'll be heading home soon. While you're away, get your library fix at a university near your home! W&M students can now borrow books from more than 34 university libraries in Virginia.

Simply present your W&M ID card to borrow books from participating universities throughout the state including: James Madison University, Longwood University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia Tech, among others. The full list can be found at <http://www.vivalib.org/borrowing/index.php>.

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME HOLIDAY: THANKSGIVUKKAH

Grab your dreidels and turn on the Thanksgiving Day parades! This year Thanksgiving and Hanukkah overlap – marking the first Thanksgivukkah in history! How did this happen, you ask? Well, because the Jewish calendar is tied to the lunar cycle rather than the solar, the dates for Jewish holidays vary each year. The two holidays would have overlapped in 1861, but President Abraham Lincoln didn't formally establish Thanksgiving as a holiday until 1863. When will it happen again? Some reports say in 2070, but Jewish calendar expert Jonathan Mizrahi says we won't be celebrating Thanksgivukkah again until 79,811 – definitely a once-in-a-lifetime event!



Bonus: Stephen Colbert's spot on Thanksgivukkah

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