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## readme is Moving to Canada!

That's right. readme has decided to, due to the outcome of the Presidential election, get the fuck out of the US and hide in the vast tundra that is Canada. We love it here. It's peaceful and no one yells at you for wanting things like equal rights, jobs, or health care. We also get a prime minister, which is pretty sweet because we've never had one before. I guess technically we have a queen too, but that's not really Canada's selling point.



readme waiting to enter Canada

Along with our move up north, readme's content will be shifting from liberally-biased satirical news about Carnegie Mellon and the world based out of Pittsburgh to liberally-biased satirical news about Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College and the world based out of Toronto. You will also see an increase in our

coverage of hockey, beavers, lumberjacking, and French people.

This is the last issue of readme you will ever see. We decided to send this one back to Pittsburgh to let all of our readers know where we will be from now on. If you still want to read readme next week, you'll have to move to Toronto and enroll at Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. It's a really sweet program and it is in no way less prestigious than Carnegie Mellon.

We are happy to present to you the first ever issue of readme, eh? We hope you enjoy it even though none of the issue is going to apply to you as you are not kicking it up in Canada with us.

## Life is So Awesome with Free Health Care

Boy, it sure is great having free health care, eh? The other day I was riding my snowmobile across town when a herd of wild beaver ran across the road and I ended up breaking my leg! Well now, in America I hear you can't get seen by a doctor unless you have insurance and you often have to pay for things! But here in Canada, I was able to hobble my way over to the hospital and they saw me after a wait of only two weeks! By then I'd developed gangrene and they removed the leg, but heck, it sure beats payin' for anything, eh?

Here in Canada, free health care applies to beaver and caribou as well as Canadians. So you know, that means those poor beaver I nearly killed all got treated too! I'm almost jealous of those beavers with their hospitals, eh? They're all



Queen Elizabeth hits the slopes

made out of wood that they cut themselves with those teeth...so cute, eh? The caribou have pretty bad hospitals all things considered, but it's all on account of they live in such terrible neighborhoods. They'd better learn to incorporate into modern Canadian society, eh? They're always sayin' they're being held down by the bear and the wolf, but I think they really just need to get involved

in their own education and get adjusted to a rapidly developing modern society, eh? Somebody needs to tell them dang caribou that crime doesn't pay!

Not that we have much crime here in Canada. Those dang bears sometimes hold up grocery stores and take all the berries from the fruit and produce aisles. Some bears even try to sneak into bars and clubs to sell beer to customers. Luckily we now have a Bear Patrol to take care of them pesky animals, eh? But even they can't complain-they have free health care too! Gosh, sure is great living in a country with free health care! Even though the doctors here aren't as good as the ones you have in the US, I can see three for the same price you pay for a free 20oz. Coca-Cola.



## Canadian Bacon is Better Bacon

Professor John Carlow of Ottawa University has released a study proving that Canadian bacon is indeed better than regular bacon. It's healthier, tastier, and not nearly as filthy. And it's Canadian, that's a plus, eh?

"I refuse to believe in the higher quality of Canadian bacon," said Republican Jessica Stewert. "I mean- it's ham, how can it be any better than bacon. Bacon is so much better than ham even though they come from the same animal." Stewert then returned to her bash celebrating four more years of drunken pretzel choking. Canadians know how to chew their pretzels.

Canadians agree with Dr. Carlow. "Our bacon is better," said Canadian Albert Yeoman. "It comes from the better part of the pig, and it doesn't look like whatever bacon looks like. It's not as filthy either, ya know?"

Some also speculate that Canadian bacon's utter goodness comes from a secret ingredient- besides ham and Emeril's essence. Rumors have been circulating that the best Canadian chefs use beaver in their bacon. "The beaver meat gives the bacon that extra tuna flavor," noted famous Canadian gourmet, Joseph Belford. "Besides we've got too many here. I couldn't just let them eat my log cabin, eh?"

## Rockstar North Announces Grand Theft Auto: Toronto



**Featured Lumberjack Mode**

In honor of the massive migration of Americans to Canada, Rockstar Games has announced the next installment in its popular Grand Theft Auto series: Grand Theft Auto: Toronto. Director Joe Applegate has promised that this will be the best game in the series to date.

“We really wanted to try something different with the fifth game,” said Applegate. “We’re getting tired of being yelled at for being vulgar, so we’re moving to Canada where they just don’t care!” Rockstar has even been given an endowment by the Canadian government to create the game, though it’s worthless because it’s Canadian money.

### Point-Counterpoint: Hockey

#### Point: Hockey Sure is Great

I sure do love hockey, don't you, friend? Hockey is my favorite sport. It goes real well with drinking brew and wearin' flannel! Why, I could sit all day in one of them ice rinks wearing flannel and drinking brew. With friends! Everything is better with friends, eh, friend? In America they have pretty good hockey teams, but here in Canada our hockey teams are even better. Sometimes they break out into fights! But here in Canada, all fights are good-natured and end in hugging and drinking brews and free health care! Gosh, I sure wish there was a hockey game right now! Oh wait, we're in Canada! There's always a hockey game going on! I'm going to get up and go to the hockey game now. Would you like to come with me, friend? I have a whole case of brews!

The game promises to accurately portray the city of Toronto, and your character will have even more options than in GTA: San Andreas. Players will be able to watch Broadway shows, enter gay bars, steal Mounties' horses, and take over the CN Tower. Gamers also won't have to worry about getting wasted because the free health care will always save you.

Perhaps the biggest change in the series will be the subtraction of guns from the gameplay. “Canada just doesn't have guns,” acknowledged Applegate. “We felt it would be a betrayal of our Canadian heritage to put them in the game.” Instead of guns, players will have several melee weapons to choose from, such as beer, caribou antlers, Mountie hats, hockey sticks, beavers, undercooked Canadian bacon, snowshoes, flannel shirts, dead geese, and Celine Dion tapes.

Players will be able to conduct such dangerous actions as hijacking dogsleds and snowmobiles, running porn shops, beating up Celine Dion, crushing Quebec rebellions, and snatching beavers. The dynamic world of Toronto awaits all who dare enter.

Although the details of the story aren't finished, the soundtrack has been released early to promote the game. The album features 18 songs by Bryan Adams and can be purchased for 400 Canadian dollars, or \$12.

#### Counter-Point: It sure is, friend!

That sure sounds great, friend! I can't wait to go see a hockey game! I'll be right over when I'm done here! Right now I'm busy frolicking in the woods with my woodland friends, the bear and the beaver and the caribou! We were having a grand ol' time talkin' about how great it is to live in Canada! We were also smokin' some reefer, which is okay here in Canada! Plus two of my friends are gay and wanted to get married, and that's okay too! You don't have to buy the brew though; I'll go ahead and pick it up for you, friend! If you get hit in the face with a puck don't worry, we'll take a quick trip down to the hospital and get you checked out free of charge!!

## Poll Finds that 99% of Canadians Support the Metric System

A recent survey conducted by the Canada Is So Great Association found that an overwhelming majority of Canadians support the use of the metric system. “Man, this Metric System rocks, eh?” said Michael Newman. “I don't understand how people could not use this great system.” His Canadian friends totally agreed with him.

“One day Michael remarked to us that he had drunk like 3 liters of Labat Blue, and was starting to get sexually attracted to Bryan Adams.” says Ryan Peterson. “We knew right away we need to get Michael to a hospital to get some free healthcare. Had he said that he had drunk 68 oz of beer I would be like that's so little and would have made him drink more.”

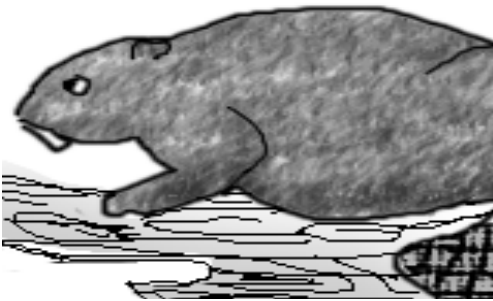
Canadian children also agree that the system totally rocks. “The number 10 is really easy to remember because it is the number of times my family gets help from the government, everyday.” says 6 year old Wendy Jenkins.

The study also states that those that those who use the metric system are 50% more likely to get hugs and play underneath rainbows, and 100% more likely not to be sent off to war.

## Top Fifteen Things To Do In Canada That You Can't Do in

1. Not get drafted
2. Get free health care
3. Gamble
4. See porn on cable
5. The Metric System
6. Be obsessed with American culture more than Americans
7. Be safe from terrorism
8. You only need clothes for one season: WINTER!
9. Fly to Cuba
10. Spell words with u's that don't need them, like colour and favourite
11. Have a Queen and a Prime Minister
12. Have a better national sport than baseball
13. Not get drafted
14. TV shows air before they do in America
15. Observe the chaos that is America from afar

## College Students Still Supportive of Student That Smokes Weed



**Beavers are Canada's puppies**

Jim Tommilson, Vancouver City College student, was arrested today after a major sting operation involving 2 Mounties (¾ of Canada's police force). "That's okay," said Student Body President, Richard Phillips, "everybody loves and supports him here. We bought him a cake, and I'm sure he'll feel better real soon. You see in Canada, we have lots of sunshine and happiness and love, and this makes our people grow into better and more caring people. Just look at Celine Dion."

"Oh it was really rough, eh?" remarked Jim after he had served a 13 hour prison sentence at Canada's only prison. "I was so angry that I got arrested. My parents are not going to happy with this. But the guards were really nice and they brought in a case of Labatt Blue, cause I was the only one there, and we listened to Rush and watched geese and hugged each other for a long time, eh?"

Visiting Americans were shocked at the evident lack of punishment. Jim, who was in possession of over 13 kilos (~bajillion pounds) of marijuana, has become a target in America's ongoing War on Terror. "No wonder terrorists can come through Canada and get into the USA," said Bob Stuton, a CIA spokesperson. "This is why free health care doesn't work. It just leads to drugs and car-bombs."

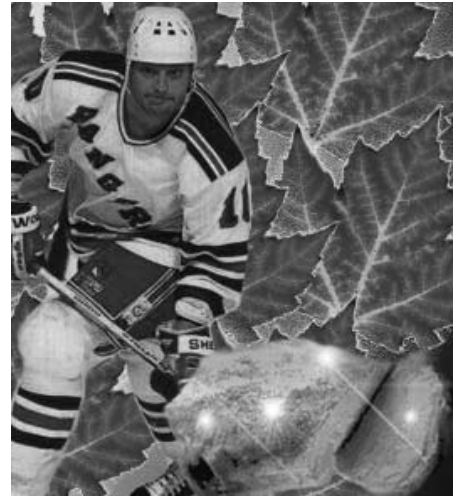
## Canada's Money is Awesome, eh?

As someone that uses money every day, I consider myself an expert. And my expert opinion is that Canada's money is the best in the world.

The first thing that makes Canada's money really neat is the colours. It's not boring and green like US dollars. These dollars are a veritable rainbow, each bill is like its gay pride flag. Another reason is because there's French on it. It's a good way to learn the French numbers and how to spell "Bank of Canada" in French. Did you know that "Ce Billet a Cours Legal" is French for "The Note is Legal Tender"? Neither did I until I studied Canadian money. You should too!

In addition to learning French, you can learn about the wildlife of Canada. The graceful "Martin-Pecheur Belted Kingfisher" graces the 5 dollar bill. One bad point is that the French version isn't on the bill, so I don't know how to say that in French. The common loon is on the Canadian quarter.

The Canadian coins are also much cooler than the American versions. They have 1 and 2 dollar coins that people actually use, and they don't put people on money for



**Hockey, Maple Leaves, and Bacon**

bullshit PC reasons either. We get state quarters. BOOOOOORING. They Canadians get coins commemorating the Canadian soldiers that fought in wars. All three of them.

So in conclusion, Canadian money is really cool, and you should get some. I have a \$5 bill from my last gambling trip to Niagara Falls. I'll give it to you for three bucks.

## Elsewhere in the issue:

**America, Fuck no!**

**All the Best Celebrities Are Actually From Canada**

**Local Bear Peddles Beer to Happy People**

**Everything is Legal in Canada**

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This is the True section, where we tell you how to live your life

## British Ministry of Defence: "Hail Satan!"

Well, not quite - but almost. In an unprecedented move for freedom of religious beliefs, 24-year-old Chris Cranmer, a Satanist and technician in the Royal Navy, has been granted permission to practice his religion at sea, and in the event of his death, a funeral can be held by the Church of Satan. Cranmer recently approached a commanding officer about being able to continue his religious beliefs while enlisted, and because of fun things like equal opportunity employment, was given said clearance to practice.

Not at all surprisingly, conservative religious leaders raised...hell...about this decision, accusing the Church of Satan of being a cult. Concerns have arisen about this resulting in a widespread adoption of Satanism both in the military and in every day life. And so in order to be aware of what we're getting into when we jump on the bandwagon, readme went ahead and looked into Satanism, which is often confused with but completely unrelated to devil-worship.

Granted, this is a half-assed background of the religion, but it's generally pretty accurate. If you're really that interested, look it up yourself.

The Church of Satan was founded in the 1960s by Anton Szander La Fey without aid of sacrificing animals and children, contrary to common ideas. Satanism rejects God and the Devil and more than anything, views Satan as a force of nature and man as a carnal being. It is based on Eleven Satanic Rules of the Earth, which include logical ideas like not giving opinions or advice unless asked, treating hosts with respect, not stealing, not harming children, not killing animals unless they are a threat or food, and destroying people who do not show appropriate respect. Makes sense to me. Also included are the Nine Satanic Sins, among them stupidity, pretentiousness, self-deceit, herd conformity, and lack of aesthetics. Don't be stupid, don't be obnoxious, be your own person, and make sure you look nice while you do it. Sounds good.

## Cheap Movies at McConomy

All the nights, brought to you by AB, except Saturday which is SDC. 1 Buck. We're lazy.

### Wednesday: Before Sunset, 10 12

Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy in this sequel to the 1995 movie, Before Sunrise.

### Thursday: Seul Contre Tous, 8 10 12

It's a French Film!

### Friday: Kill Bill Vol. 2, 7:30 10 12:30

It's Kill Bill Volume 2, go see it, nerd.

### Saturday: Spider-Man 2, 7:30 10 12:30

It's Spider-Man 2, go see it, nerd

### Sunday: Depeche Mode 101, 8 10 12

Documentary about the Band, Depeche Mode.

## Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds' New Double Album Review

Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds' just-released two-disc set presents us with two separate albums that really have nothing to do with each other conveniently packaged together.

The first of these albums is Abattoir Blues. For those of you keeping score at home, abattoir is a classy French word for a slaughterhouse. So as if that weren't any indication, this is generally standard Nick Cave fire-and-brimstone fare. Dark, foreboding, and cynical, with hints of Blues, Gospel, and post-punk with the general feeling that we're all fucked. Opener "Get Ready For Love" is a rocking hymn complete with said gospel choir that seems to subtly warn to "Praise Him" because the end might be near, a theme that is continued in "Hiding All Away." "There She Goes, My Beautiful World" is full of nature, literary references, and requests to the writer's muse. It's also without a doubt the best song ever written about writer's block. Lead single "Nature Boy" is a catchy love song that just gets stranger and stranger as it progresses. But

not at all surprisingly, we return to standard Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds darkness on title track "Abattoir Blues," where the master of darkness manages to make Frappuccinos sound scary and apocalyptic. Also worth noting is "Let The Bells Ring," a self-deprecating eulogy to one of Cave's icons, presumably the late, great Johnny Cash.

As we change discs to The Lyre of Orpheus, we find a quieter, acoustic guitar and piano-driven set of songs. It's still mostly dark, but it has hope throughout and a feeling of doing what needs to be done for the general betterment. The title track, however, is a musical retelling of the story of Orpheus and Eurydice, and includes one of the strangest rhyme schemes ever, when, in the twelfth verse, "Eurydice appeared brindled in blood/And she said to Orpheus/If you play that fucking thing down here/I'll stick it up your orifice!" in reference to Orpheus's incessant lyre-playing. And as if "Nature Boy" weren't enough, "Babe, You Turn Me On" is a mild, sweet, kind-of-sappy love

song. And then you listen to it more carefully, and sure it's still mild and sappy, but it's also utterly bizarre. "Easy Money" is the awkward and somewhat discomfiting tale of a man who whores himself out to support his wife and kids. And eventually we reach closer "O Children," a seven-minute long apology to younger generations for the condition of the world, but with a slight sense of hope.

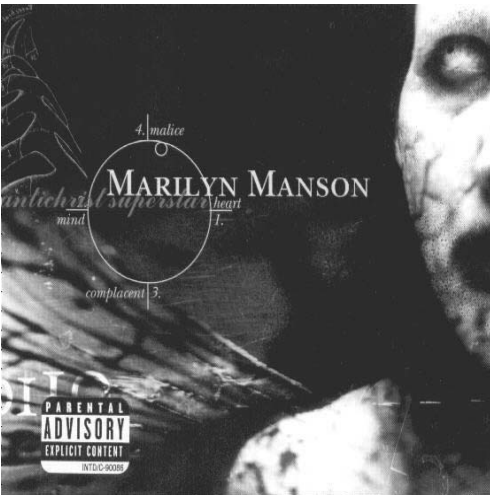
Realistically, Nick Cave set out to accomplish far more on this album than any person could realistically do, and consequently, he falls short of his goals, but quite dramatically in the process. Frankly, I'm not sure what more he was hoping to accomplish without adding more discs or moving into film or stage productions. These two albums, and the contrast between them, are a masterpiece, and quite possibly the best yet from Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds.

This is the **True** section, where we tell you how to live your life

## Canada, Here We Come!

So yeah, since both the President and the Pittsburgh music scene kinda suck, readme's friendly neighborhood concert reviewer is packing up and heading to Canada...at least for now. And if you wanna follow suit, here's what shows to catch this week in Toronto. You'll notice they definitely have better stuff.

On Friday, we'll be getting across the border in time to catch the Lamb of God/Fear Factory tour that hit Pittsburgh about a month ago. You can never have too much metal. Monday night, Marilyn Manson's Against All Gods Tour, in support of his recent best-of album, hits Massey Hall. Rumored to be the band's last tour, this is a freak-show not to miss. Metal legends Megadeth and Exodus will probably destroy the Kool Haus on Tuesday night. Going outside of Toronto, song-writer extraordinaire Jonathan Richman plays in



**Either Marilyn Manson or the Devil**



**Taking Back Sunday**

Hamilton on Tuesday and Guelph on Wednesday. David Bowie likes Jonathan Richman, and you should too.

In the event that you're sticking around Pittsburgh, there are a few options, but probably not as exciting. Friday night brings emo acts Taking Back Sunday and Atreyu to our very own gym. If that's not your scene, ska-core pros Reel Big Fish are at the Rock Club at Station Square. Saturday night, the Casualties play at the World. And you know you miss the days of old-school punk, with tri-hawks, liberty spikes, and world destruction on the agenda, so this is one worth checking out. And that about sums it up. See why we're heading to Canada? It's not just the president...though that does make an impact.

### Taking Back Sunday: Free Concert

**date:**

nov 12 (Friday)

**time:**

doors at 6:30, show at 7:30

**event:**

concert with four bands on the bill

**place:**

Wiegand Gym

**cost:**

free for CMU, 10 buckaroos for those kids who don't go here.

limited number of tickets will be available at the door!

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be boring as hell every week because  
its basically just a bunch of beaver jokes.**

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# Events and Things On and Off Campus

## Events In and Around Canada

### Thursday, November 11

**concert:** Good Charlotte, Sum 41, Hazen Street, Lola Ray @ A.J. Palumbo Center, 7 pm, \$27.50

**concert:** The Derek Trucks Band @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$20, 21+

**concert:** Jimmy Eat World, Razorlight, Gratitude @ The Rock Club, 7:30 pm, \$18

### Friday, November 12

**concert:** Taking Back Sunday, Atreyu, Funeral For A Friend, The Varsity @ Carnegie Mellon University, 7:30 pm, if you're reading this, it's probably free

**concert:** Andrew Bird @ Club Cafe, 10 pm, \$10, 21+

**concert:** Menomena @ Modern Formations Gallery

**concert:** Coco Montoya @ Rex Theatre, 8:15 pm, \$15, 21+

**concert:** Reel Big Fish, Melee, Littlest Man Band @ The Rock Club, 7 pm, \$17

**concert:** The Machine @ Sports Rock

### Saturday, November 13

**concert:** Brothers Past @ Carnegie Mellon University

**concert:** Shivaree, Everybody Wins @ Club Café, 10 pm, \$10

**concert:** Mavis Staples @ Dowe's On 9th

**concert:** Tinsley Ellis @ Moondog's, Blawnox, PA

**concert:** Wish You Were Here @ Mr. Smalls Fun House/Theatre

**concert:** Kings X @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$18, 21+

**concert:** Stella Comedy Tour, Eugene Mirman @ The Rock Club, 9 pm, \$16.50

**concert:** Metro Area @ Shadow Lounge

**concert:** Motorpsychos @ Smiling Moose

**concert:** The Casualties, Lower Class Brats, Monster Squad @ The World, 7 pm, \$10

### Sunday, November 14

**concert:** Bradford/Gjerstad, Brother JT, Thalia Zedek @ Garfield Artworks

**concert:** Dierks Bentley, Cross Canadian Ragweed @ The Rock Club, 7 pm, \$19

### Monday, November 15

**concert:** Los Lonely Boys, Marc Broussard @ The Rock Club, 8 pm, \$20

**concert:** "MTV2 Headbangers Ball" w/ Cradle of Filth, Arch Enemy, Bleeding Through, Himsa @ The World, 7 pm, \$23

**concert:** Soulpatch & Remedy Mine @ Hard Rock Cafe in Station Square, 9pm, \$5 / free parking, watch Monday Night Football

### Tuesday, November 16

**concert:** Bob Mould @ Rex Theatre, 8 pm, \$12, 21+

**concert:** Cannibal Corpse, Napalm Death, Goatwhore, Vader, Kataklysm @ The World, 7 pm, \$20

### Wednesday, November 17

**concert:** Holly Golightly, The Woggles @ Club Cafe, 10 pm, \$12

**concert:** E-Town Concrete, Devilinside, Diecast, Twelve Tribes @ The World, 7 pm, \$12

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