

Planet Earth in financial trouble

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The Minister for Interspatial Economics announced today that the planet Earth (3rd out from the star Sol) is, in fact, operating at a net annual loss and is being supported by a consortium of hyperbanks. Rumours to this effect have been circulating

ever since Jo Xier, a government economist, revealed last week that Antarctica's gross continental product is equal to only 4.2% of its annual expenditures. This is in flagrant violation of the 1 721 305th policy directorate of the galaxy, which reads:

"All geographical or political regions on each planet with a carbon and/or silicon-based population exceeding

100K must make money. Should any such region actually lose money, other regions on the planet must make up the difference." Considering the Earth's perpetually depressed economy, it was though unlikely that an overall ocean's profit could be made, even in light of the

Atlantic Ocean's booming plankton industry.

Whether the planet will be terminated immediately or phased out over time will be decided at the next meeting of the Lower Spiral Arm Planning Council. The Chairman of the Council, Edgar Wooleyeyes, has stated his opinion that Earth is an "eyesore," so he is expected to promote immediate destruction. One repercussion that the Minor

Deitiers will have to consider is the possibility of action by radical Plutonians. These beings strangely object to being the 8th planet of the system which, of course, they would be

should Earth be removed. One scenario suggested by Pluto-watchers is that one

of the inner planets might be destroyed by terrorists, thus making Pluto the 7th

planet (after Earth's removal.)

There has been no comment from the governing agencies of Mars, Venus or Mercury. The Sun has expressed serious disinterest.

Killer scallops attack local diver

An attack by killer scallops occurred on March 3rd, 2001 in the upper St. John River. A local UNB student was diving in the river fishing for scallops at the time the attack occurred. Dwain (the bathtub I'm drowning) McLaughlin, a 5th year Business student, was on his first excursion for scallop meat and his license entitled him to 15 pounds. McLaughlin was not harmed

although he was shaken up a bit and ended up with ten pounds of brick down his pants. His friends were able to calm him down by administering some leather to him.

At about the same time the attack occurred NASA officials noticed flying objects in the upper atmosphere and later identified these objects as of killer scallop

origin. These scallops range in size from 6 to 9 feet in diameter and all have rows of sharp teeth that can quickly rip you apart. According to past reports the

scallops always appear to come from outer space during peak scallop fishing season. NASA is expected to release a full report within a few days.



Muff Derwin and Jet LeJeer hardsell their product -Boozehead beer to La-flats rep, Peter Not-so-gallant.

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Dear Slartibartfast come home. Give up your idea of insulting everyone in the universe. It's been done before. Love Mother.

WANTED: A trainer with tape for my pet hamster.

Long live the Space Herpe.

Dear Louise, we had a wonderful time, but you're a shit and I never want to see you again. My boyfriend wouldn't understand PFOD Bitels.

Shop Bobs Weapons Emporium. We have the best in slightly used military issue genuine bloodstains.

FOR SALE: One slightly used space tug, used only by little old lady for drug runs, apply with confidence to 455-0000.

The Intergalactic Society of Reformed Druids will be holding their annual sacrifice of the virgins Tomorrow. You know where.

WANTED: One virgin, must be neat, clean and have your own white clothes. Apply to the Intergalactic Society of Reformed Druids.

To the three mouthed Veneuvian. Thanks for a wonderful time last weekend, you were so good. Jackie O.

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