Animal Sounds Around The World

THIS WEEK: TURKEY

Albanian: krrull krrull
English: gobble gobble
Esperanto: glu-glu-glu
French: glouglou

Guinness ‘Can Reduce Risk of Heart Attacks’

Researchers have found the old advertising slogan ‘Guinness is Good for You’ may be true after all. Guinness were told to stop using the slogan decades ago, reports the BBC. But now experts from Wisconsin University have discovered that a pint of the black stuff a day can reduce the risk of heart attacks. The researchers say it works as well as aspirin in preventing blood clots that can lead to heart attacks. The team tested the health-giving properties of stout against laughter, by giving it to dogs who had narrowed arteries. They found that those given the Guinness had less clotting in their blood than those given lager.

Teenage Girl Gets Stuck in Chimney

A 15-year-old girl got stuck in a chimney while trying to get into her boyfriend’s house in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Rescuers say she got stuck while trying to slide down the chimney feet first. After talking to the trapped girl, firefighters managed to get her arms free. They then lowered a rope and pulled her out. Luckily, the girl was unhurt, but was covered head to toe in soot, says The New Mexico Channel. Lt Mike Flores, of Albuquerque Fire, warned others not to try sliding down chimneys. "Once you get down there, there’s no way of getting out. It’s almost impossible.”

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Chip

Golden Nuggets: SPECIAL QUIZ!!!

WHO’S YOUR INNER GOLDEN GIRL? TAKE THE TEST!

1. Your idea of a good cause is...
   A. animal activism
   B. shopping
   C. talking to the president about better school funding
   D. doing volunteer work

2. You like a man who...
   A. takes you to AA meetings for free refreshments
   B. buys you diamond rings
   C. quotes Shakespeare
   D. is your dead best friend’s husband

3. Your dream job...
   A. worker at a crisis center
   B. working at an art museum
   C. teacher
   D. volunteer at a hospital

Answers:
Mostly A’s = Rose
Mostly B’s = Blanche
Mostly C’s = Dorothy
Mostly D’s = Sophia

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VS

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The Great Pumpkin looks poised and confident… can he do it again? Who will win this week? You decide. Submit your vote to news@leverett.harvard.edu. May the best dog win.

Cell Phone Started Ringing Inside Coffin

Mourners at a chapel of rest in Belgium were shocked when a mobile phone started ringing inside the coffin. Relatives of Marc Marchal have now lodged a complaint against the undertaker, says Gazet van Antwerpen. Mr Marchal, 32, from Rochefort, died instantly when his motorcycle crashed into a tractor between Rochefort and Saint-Hubert. Because the body was badly mutilated, the undertaker suggested the family say their final farewell with the body already in the coffin. They were all gathered around the coffin at the undertaker’s premises on the evening before the funeral when the phone started ringing. Some members of the family were so startled they ran outside while the undertaker had to reopen the coffin to empty the dead man’s pockets. The relatives want police to charge the undertaker who they say cannot have prepared the body properly.

Erotica Festival Claims ‘Snogathon’ Record

Organisers of the planet’s largest festival of erotica claimed a world record - for the biggest mass “snogathon”. Two thousand couples took part in the record-breaking event at the Erotica festival at London’s Olympia. The total of 4,000 people was 800 ahead of the previous record, set in the USA, picking up a Guinness World Record, a spokesman for the festival said. Large crowds flocked to the venue, and the spokesman said the expected total attendance of 70,000 for the three days would be beaten. Early indications were that attendances had increased by more than 22% over last year. Along with more than 200 stalls featuring such items as erotic photographs, naughty gifts and underwear, the exhibition also features a montage of music pulsating at exactly 33 hz - the frequency organisers claim could trigger the female orgasm.

Police Dog Sacked for Being Too Nice

A German police dog has been sacked after catching more rabbits than criminals. Dog handler Bianca Mauermann, 29, from Dresden said the one-year-old dog, Falk, was just too nice to work for the police. She said: “It was a shock when I was told he was to be let go. But then he always was too nice and friendly.” Instead of sniffing for criminals or missing people, Falk spent most of the time running off into nearby woods to chase rabbits. But the bloodhound’s working days are not over yet, 39-year-old hunter Falk Hesse has taken the young pup under his command and plans to re-train him as a hunting dog.

The Leverett IFOCE Eating Challenge!

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12 minutes

**Peas**
9.5 one-pound bowls
12 minutes

**Cookie Jarvis**
Eric Booker

ANSWER: IS THIS A TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTS OR A TYPE OF CHEESE? (SEE REVERSE SIDE FIRST)

The town of Gosnold consists of a dozen islands located between Buzzard’s Bay and Vineyard Sound. In 1863 the 16 registered voters of the islands claimed they were not being fairly represented by the town of Chilmark (see past Hare Today) and gained recognition as an autonomous town. The island of Naushon has been owned by the Forbes family for 147 years. The current population of Gosnold is 98.

“Bad Santa” Shocks Disney Bosses

Disney studio bosses are reportedly concerned about a new movie which shows Father Christmas drinking, stealing and chasing girls. Bad Santa, starring Billy Bob Thornton, has been made by Disney subsidiary Miramax which also made Quentin Tarantino’s Kill Bill. In one scene, Santa says to a barmaid: “I’m an eating, drinking, f***ing Santa Claus! ’Prove it,” she replies. The next scene shows Santa and the barmaid having sex in his car. In another scene, a child asks: “You are really Santa, right?” Santa responds: “No, I’m an accountant. I wear this as a f***ing fashion statement!” The Drudge Report says the film has caused “complete outrage” amongst senior Disney executives, “Nothing appears sacred, anymore, this is just not in the spirit of Walt Disney,” a source close to Chief Executive Michael Eisner is quoted as saying.

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