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THE LEVERETT HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Polka-playing Teen Not Disturbing the Peace

CHAGRIN FALLS, Ohio (AP) - After two run-ins with police for playing his accordian on the village's streets, Jacob Kouwe has been cleared to polka. The Village Council ruled Monday night that street performances by a 16-year-old Chardon High School sophomore do not disturb the peace. Kouwe began playing polkas and hymns in December in the quiet downtown of the suburban Cleveland village. On Feb. 8, a Starbucks coffee shop employee complained to police that Kouwe was “soliciting.” Kouwe said that he does not ask for money, but some people drop cash in his accordion case. He moved away from Starbucks. Then a resident complained that Kouwe’s music was “tacky.” Police looked into the possibility that Kouwe was disturbing the peace. Chagrin Falls has a 1935 ordinance that prohibits the loud playing of a musical instrument or “other sound-making device.” Law Director Joseph Dietmier said the ordinance does not pertain to street performers, but to major events. “I admit street performances are not the polished, perfected, album-quality fare served up by formal concert venues,” Kouwe told council members. “However, my street performances are from the heart.” —Associated Press

Advanced Standing Peer Counseling 2003 - 2004

The Freshman Dean’s Office invites applications for advanced standing peer counseling from 3rd or 4th year students who were eligible for advanced standing as freshmen. We will consider both applicants who are using Advanced Standing to graduate in fewer than 8 terms or to enroll in a fourth-year Master’s degree, and those who may have originally declined Advanced Standing or have decided, after their initial acceptance, not to pursue the options available. The positions require a commitment of approximately 20 hours extending over both terms, beginning during orientation week. Peer counselors may use their meal plan in Annenberg so that they may meet with individual freshmen at meal times. They receive a $200 honorarium. Application forms are available at the Freshman Dean’s Office, 6 Prescott St. The deadline for submission of applications is Monday, April 21, 2003.

The Infamous Press Your Luck Scandal

In 1984 an Ohio man put together an astounding run on the television game show Press Your Luck. He did so by memorizing the sequences by which the various prize squares sit up on the game board, allowing him to time his button presses to coincide with the lights’ stopping on the most advantageous squares. By hitting 35 such squares in a row, he was able to accumulate the largest win in the history of that show, and he did it all in under an hour. When the effort became too fatiguing, he passed his remaining spins to another contestant rather than risk losing his accumulated winnings to a mistimed press of the plunger. Michael Paul Larson came into the idea after speculating that the “whammies” (the nickname given to the turn-ending prize gobbling brown monsters that would at times pop up in squares hit by the contestant) might be appearing only in certain positions on the board and therefore could be completely avoided by someone who had memorized the patterns of their appearances. He began videotaping the show to see if the lights moved randomly. Almost immediately, he found that they did not move randomly, and he discovered that certain three-square sequences were repeated again and again. He deduced there was some commonality to these repetitions, and after an additional six weeks of study he realized that the board utilized only six patterns, each consisting of a fixed sequence of eighteen numbers. After that, it was but a matter of memorizing those six patterns, then getting on the show. As a contestant, Larson gained control of the board by answering a question correctly, then began landing on a sequence of prize squares that provided him with $3,000, $4,000, or $5,000, as well as another spin. By hitting these types of squares again and again, he held control of the board for 35 spins, racking up a total of $110,237 before finally relinquishing his turn to someone else. Game show officials were quick to figure out something wasn’t quite kosher when Larson sped from one high cash square to another with nary a whammy coming into sight, yet they were helpless to end Larson’s streak because he wasn’t doing anything illegal. Whatever special knowledge Larson had, it didn’t amount to cheating. Once he was off the show, the board was recalibrated, and the show moved to set a $755,000 limit on winnings. As for how this story ended, Larson ran through his game show gains in less than two years and afterwards became an assistant manager at a local Wal-Mart.

Harvard Night at Top of the Hub

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2003 — TOP OF THE HUB RESTAURANT AND SKYWALK

Celebrate Graduation in grand style — Special Elegant Graduation Buffet Menu and Private Dining Exclusively for Harvard Graduates, their families and friends on the Skywalk Observatory featuring panoramic and breathtaking views of Boston and beyond. For more information or reservations call the catering office at 617-859-3066

French Table

The Leverett French Table meets every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30pm in the Dining Hall (NE corner). French speakers of all levels are welcome!

French Table: le mardi, de 18h30 à 19h30 dans la cafétéria, (coin nord-est). Francophones de tout niveau sont les bienvenus!

Bobby Sue’s Country Music Lyrics of the Week

CROONING IN CIRCLES

The country musicians featured this week will make you dizzy with these lyrical labyrinths.

‘I’ve got tears in my ears from lying on my back in my bed while I cry over you.”

“How Can You Believe Me When I Say I Love You When You Know I’ve Been A Liar All My Life?”
For the Week of March 31—April 4

Submit
Got something to say, buddy? (Perhaps a recipe suggestion?)
Contact Bryan & Chris at news@leverett.harvard.edu by Friday evening for publication in next week’s issue

SUMMER IN THE CITY
The Institute of Politics, in conjunction with the US Conference of Mayors, is pleased to announce a new internship program - Summer in the City.
The Summer in the City Program, under the leadership of IOP Director Dan Glickman and Director of the US Conference of Mayors Tom Cochran, will give students the opportunity to work in Mayors’ offices across the country. Students will focus on the cities’ programs related to the youth in each community and compile a best practices report at the conclusion of the internship with the other students chosen for this program.
The internship will last 8-10 weeks beginning the first week in June where we will kick it off at the US Conference of Mayors annual meeting in Denver, Colorado and continue through mid-August. The participants will receive a $2500 stipend. The program is open to returning Harvard College undergraduate students only.
The participating cities are: Akron, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Detroit, Long Beach, Miami, Nashville and Oakland.
You may visit www.iop.harvard.edu to download the application or contact Kathleen_McGlynn@ksg.harvard.edu. All applications are due by Wed. April 3, 2003.

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$3, $1 FOR UNDERGRADS
Get your tickets at the Harvard Box Office and be automatically entered into a drawing for a free 8 Mile DVD or Eminem CD set.

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Nominate today at www.uc.fas.harvard.edu by April 7th.

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Blanche: Honey, I did more than date him! He may have left his heart in San Francisco, but he left his shorts on my radiator.
[Blanche running after a dog]
Dorothy: Ha! Would you look at that: man’s best friend, chasing man’s best friend!
Rose [on St. Olaf]: Ned was sort of the town idiot.
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WORK WITH VISITING ARTIST LEE MINGWEI!
The Office for the Arts is seeking a dedicated, reliable crew for Lee Mingwei’s interactive public art project at Harvard, April 25 - May 4, in the Memorial Hall transept. Lee is an internationally acclaimed artist who has upcoming presentations at the Venice Biennale, one of the world’s major contemporary art exhibitions, and the Museum of Modern Art in New York. At Harvard, the artist will create a pavilion in which seekers from the Harvard community and seekers from the audience will explore the unknown through prophecy, I Ching, and other forms of insight. One seer will be present 5-8pm each evening to meet individually with seekers. The artist also will be on site, outside the pavilion.

SESSION ASSISTANTS: One or two students are needed 5-8 pm to assist the artist, the seer, or the audience (anything from answering basic questions to retrieving materials) for the following evenings:
Volunteers who are willing to work AT LEAST two evenings are preferred. If you can help, please contact Runal Mehta, student coordinator for the project, at rmehta@fas.harvard.edu by Wednesday, March 26, indicating how many evenings you could work and the dates that you are available. The artist will depend on the crew, so please be sure that you can commit to the time required.

9-Day Video Game Exhausts Boy
A 14-year-old Romanian boy has suffered a breakdown after reportedly playing a computer game for nine days and nights in a row. Michel Savin collapsed in an internet cafe and was taken to hospital where doctors said he was physically and mentally exhausted. His mother said he had become so addicted to playing Counter Strike that he had lost weight, missed classes and stopped washing. Magda Savin, from Iasi, says she intends to ask the authorities to ban youngsters from internet cafes after 10pm. Mrs Savin told National newspaper: “My son spends his nights and days in front of the computer playing this game. He missed hundreds of classes, he lies, steals things from the house to sell them and get money for the internet. He didn’t wash for days and lost about 18lbs.”

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