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Mental Health Services: 5-2042
FAS Computer Services: 5-9000
Response: 5-9600
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ECHO: 5-8200

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**Throw Me A Line**

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**Which Movie Is This From?**

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**TORTOISE CELEBRATES 175TH BIRTHDAY**

A tortoise has celebrated his 175th birthday in Australia. Harriet, a Giant Galapagos tortoise, celebrated her birthday at the zoo in Queensland's Sunshine Coast with a pink hibiscus flower cake. She weighs 23 stone and is roughly the size of a dinner table reports BBC online. Some people believe Harriet was studied by British naturalist Charles Darwin. Darwin took several young Giant Galapagos tortoises back to London after his epic voyage on board HMS Beagle. Although the animal's exact date of birth is not known, DNA testing has indicated its approximate age. DNA testing has suggested Harriet was born around 1830, a few years before Darwin visited the Galapagos archipelago in 1835. However, she belongs to a sub-species of tortoise only found on an island that Darwin never visited.

**DESIGNER CREATES A WALL OF BREASTS**

A Dutch designer has created a wall of fake breasts to help male shoppers buy bras that fit their wives or girlfriends. Wendy Rameckers works at the Piet Zwart Institute for Retail and Design in Rotterdam, reports Het Nieuwsblad. “Most men have a selective memory,” she explained. “They know all about their car, but never seem to know their wife’s bra size. “When trying to buy a sexy bra for their wife or girlfriend, usually they point to other women in the shop or, when asked about size, they say a ‘handful’.” The wall consists of rows of silicon breasts in all sizes. By look and touch, male shoppers can work out the right size, she says.

**CURE FOR BIRD FLU: SAUERKRAUT?**

Sauerkraut may cure bird flu. Scientists in Seoul believe the German cabbage contains a bacteria that fights the disease. Researchers fed 11 out of 13 chickens infected with avian flu with fermented cabbage - the chickens showed signs of recovery within a week. According to The Sun Professor Kang Saouk said: “The feed helps the fight against bird flu and other flu viruses.”

**HIGH-SPEED DONKEY CHASE IN GREECE**

Four cop cars took over an hour to catch a gang of teenage thieves who had escaped on a cart pulled by a donkey. Officers from the Greek town of Patras said they were unable to keep up with the donkey which the boys steered down the old town’s winding streets and narrow alleyways. The chase, which one eyewitness described as “unbelievable”, only came to an end an hour later when the young thieves, aged between 13 and 15 turned into a dead end. Police caught the trio with a safe stolen from the local hospital on the back of their cart.

**SANTA SACKED FOR SMACKING CHILD**

A Santa Claus is facing the sack from a Dutch shopping centre after he smacked a young boy for pulling his beard. Peter Hendriks hit the boy on the backside in front of dozens of shoppers in the town of Rijswijk. Defending his actions, he said: “If I hadn’t done that, he would have pulled off my beard and dozens of children would have been traumatized.”
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HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS
November...
28: Steven Williams
29: Emily Simon
30: Sophia Koo, Lexi Atiya, Nate Dern

December...
3: Kelly Fahl
4: Michael Green
5: David Porter
6: Jon Lim, Kristen Lynch
7: Sarah Kenney, Divya Minisandram
8: mk Eagle, Turhan Sarwar, Rosana Quezada
9: Maija Harvey, Anar Shah
10: Raviv Murciano-Goroff, Stuart Schechter, Mary Stevens
11: Nicole Townsend, Margaret Yellow, Kenneth Gichinga
13: Mitchell Spearrin
14: John Cronin, Jesse Payne-Johnson
15: Desmond Bryant, Josh Weiner
16: Vaidya Ganesh Rajagopalan
17: Eric DeNatale, Stefan Zebrowski-Rubin
19: Julie Ann Creemett, Tim Szetela
20: Natalia Rigol, Dave Eisenberg

Granny Nicks Gems With Her Knickers
A bored Italian granny shoplifted £70,000 worth of jewellery by hiding the valuables in her knickers. Police in Genoa said the 62-year-old woman had visited several jewellers in the city posing as a frail but wealthy old lady. A spokesman said: “She would study the items offered for viewing carefully, waiting until the moment when the sales assistant was inevitably distracted by another customer. “She would then quickly drop the items into her knickers so that even when staff searched her pockets they found nothing. They did not suspect such a frail old lady of theft.”

THE WASHINGTON POST

SAFETY TEST BURNS CLUB TO GROUND
A strip club owner burned his club to the ground while trying to prove it was fire-proof to health and safety inspectors. Benedict Frank, owner of the Cabaret Club in Kienberg, Switzerland, started the blaze to show how fire-proof it was when he was visited by safety inspectors. They had questioned whether his decorations were in accordance with fire safety rules, and he used his lighter to set fire to the paper ornaments in a bid to prove there was nothing to worry about. But the fire quickly took off and spread throughout the club and the neighbouring restaurant - burning both establishments to the ground. According to local police no one was hurt in the fire, but the damage amounts to more than £300,000.

GIANT PENGUIN HOLDS UP TRAIN
A train driver caused delays on a German rail line after mistaking a giant toy penguin for a dead man in a tuxedo. Passengers were left stranded in Neuwied after Udo Vergens pulled the emergency stop. A Neuwied police spokesman said: “We are at a loss to explain the presence of this very large penguin. “We would think you would notice if you lost something like this.”