**WOMAN WANTS DOG AS HER BRIDESMAID**

A bride-to-be is having her dog Lucy as her bridesmaid. Sonia Wilde said her vicar, the Rev Brian Statham, was shocked when she first asked him but finally agreed to the idea reports the Daily Express. She said: “You should have seen his face. He said he’d never had a request like it in 26 years.” Sonia is designing Lucy’s dress for when she ties the knot with Steve Begley at St Matthew’s Church in Edgedley, Stockport, in October. Sonia added: “I can’t think of anybody else I would rather have as bridesmaid. Lucy’s my best friend and you want the people you love by your side on the big day.”

**PRISONERS DEMAND SEX AND PIZZA**

Prisoners at a maximum-security jail in Mexico are protesting after losing privileges including sex and pizzas. An investigation at La Palma Prison, near Mexico City, found inmates enjoying a host of illegal benefits. They included conjugal visits, takeaway pizzas, flat screen TVs and mobile phones. But the prisoners complained they were being treated “like dogs” when the privileges were taken away. They pooled their resources and took out an ad in La Reforma, one of Mexico's main newspapers, complaining of their situation. In it, they appealed the Mexican president Vincent Fox to restore their old benefits and complained of the “inhumane way” they were being treated.

**GAY PENGUINS WON’T GO STRAIGHT**

A German zoo’s plans to tempt its gay penguins to go straight by importing more females has been declared a failure. The female penguins were flown in especially from Sweden in an effort to encourage the Humboldt penguins at the Bremerhaven Zoo to reproduce. But the six homosexual penguins showed no interest in their new female companions and remained faithful to each other. Zoo Director Heike Kueck said: “The relationships were apparently too strong.” A keeper confirmed that the male couples had adopted rocks which they were guarding like eggs in their caves. The zoo has said that it will try again in Spring 2006, because the penguins are an endangered species and need to be encouraged to breed.

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**Throw Me A Love Line**

“Okay Dad. Let’s do it. Let’s go get the sh** kicked out of us by love.”
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LEVERETT HOUSE LOVELETTER
WEEK OF MONDAY, 14TH FEB 2005

LOVE WATCH FROM THE HUPD
LOOOOVE LOGS

2/4/05, 12:33 AM Officer dispatched to a report of loud noise coming from the building. Officers arrived and spoke to the occupants and asked them to keep the noise down. (Ed: Moaner or screamer?)

2/9/05, 5:24 AM Officer dispatched to a report of a person yelling at walls. Officers located the person and determined the person was actually on a cell phone with an earpiece in. (Ed: “Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.” Buy her flowers, dude.)

COUPLE TO WED IN MID-AIR
An Indian couple are to get married while suspended by ropes between two mountains. Ashrivid Ayre and Bharti Patil will wed at 2,000ft between Duke’s Nose and Duchess Peak at Lonavala, near Mumbai. Harnessed to a rope, the groom will move towards the centre of the gap from Duke’s Nose while his bride will come from Duchess Peak. A Hindu priest, suspended from another rope, will conduct the 45 minute ceremony. The 150 guests will gather on a plateau on Duke’s Nose to witness the 28-year-olds tie the knot. The couple, both keen climbers, wanted their wedding to reflect their passion for mountaineering. Mr Ayre told Express Newsline: “I rappelled down Duke’s Nose three years ago and I know that being there feels marvelous. I just keep imagining the wedding scene over and over again. “We always wanted to have a marriage that is out of the world where everyone in the world will look up to us.”

Scottish men can now marry their ex-mothers-in-law following legal changes by the Scottish Executive. Scottish women are also free to marry their former fathers-in-law as a result of the changes, reports the Herald. The family law reforms change laws dating back to 1567, based on the Old Testament, which said that if a man takes a wife and lies with her mother, all three should be burned alive. The new law draws a new distinction between the continuing ban on marrying a blood relative, and the centuries-old ban on marrying those related “by affinity”. It was previously possible to marry a parent-in-law, but only after the death of both former spouses. The Scots Law Commission recommended the change saying it made no sense and was unreasonable to retain the old law.

Romanian Prime Minister is offering to sleep with the wives and girlfriends of journalists on a Romanian newspaper to stop them claiming he is gay. Adrian Nastase, who is also a candidate in this weekend’s presidential run off elections, made the offer after being asked by reporters about rumours a local newspaper was to out him as gay. Nastase said: “I am not afraid of the threat of any sexual scandal created by a certain newspaper that criticises me every day anyway. “If people from Evenimentul Zilei newspaper want me to prove to them that I have no homosexual inclinations, I will test all their wives and girlfriends to show them where my preferences really are.” Evenimentul Zilei responded by writing: “We are very worried about the health of Nastase, who appears to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown in the light of his recent tasteless statements.

Weekly IM Schedule
FEBRUARY 14 - 21
B-BASKETBALL MON, 8:00 v. Eliot @ MAC
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL WED, 8:00 v. Quincy @ MAC
SQUASH WED, 8:30 v. Winthrop @ MURR
A-BASKETBALL MON 2/21, 7:00 in MAC
ICE HOCKEY
TUE, 9:30 v. Lowell @ BRIGHT
THU, 7:30 v. Quincy @ BRIGHT
TABLE TENNIS
FRI, 1st ROUND @ MAC

unVery unHappy unBirthdays
February...
14: Jen Woolridge, Chi-Fu Jeffrey Yang, St. Valentine (correction: he kicked the bucket)
15: Nicole DeBenedictis
16: PJ McCann, Kirsten Nyborg, Joseph Cianflone
17: Rachel Springer, David Corlette
18: Michael Sands, Matthew Sullivan, Allison Kessler, Robert Rogers
20: Naabia Ofosu-Amaah
21: Darcie DeAngelo, Eoghan Stafford
22: Sam Miller
23: Isabelle Bolton, Ryan Boyko, Barrett Jackson
25: Lisa Lareau, Amy Pasternack, Brian Fiske
28: Krishna Rao, Esther Logren, Kyle Armbrester

AND THE ANSWER IS...
Thirteen year-old Sam (played by Thomas Sangster) to his dad, recent widower Daniel (played by Liam Neeson) right before he breaks London Heathrow Airport security to find his true love, Joanna (Olivia Olson) in Love Actually (2003). Watch it this evening in Leverett Dhall – the kid is awesome in it. He also turns out to be Hugh Grant’s cousin in real life.