Colombian MP Suspended

A Colombian MP has been suspended for bringing out a large rubber dildo during a parliamentary debate. Luis Eduardo Diaz used the dildo to illustrate his demand for poor people to be sterilised in Bogota to control birth rates.

After realising that he had offended other MPs, Diaz lost his temper and left the dildo on the desk of the Health Ministry. "Mr Diaz was suspended for five sessions. His behaviour was disrespectful to the whole town. A rubber penis is not something that should be brought to parliament. There were no complaints about the human rights implications of Mr. Diaz’s proposals." A parliamentary spokesperson later said: "I guess we got so focused on the rubber penis we didn't even pay attention to what he was saying. But of course his proposal would never be accepted."

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This Semester’s OFA Funding Programs

Please note funding programs available to students through the Office for the Arts' this semester:

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Animal Sounds Around The World

THIS WEEK: CAT

Japanese: nyaa
Norwegian: mjau
Indonesian: mgeong
Finnsih: kurnau

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:
HUPD: 5-1212 Response: 5-9600
Leverett Emergenecy Cell: 429-3311
Mental Health Services: 5-2042
ECHO: 5-8200 UHS: 5-5711
Room 13: 5-4969 Jenny: 867-5309

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IMPORNT: RECRUITING

Recruiting Orientation Meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25 at 4pm in Science Center C. Undergraduate and graduate students and alumni of the college interested in on-campus recruiting must attend an orientation meeting to be eligible to participate.

Power Sausage Will Keep German Beer Drinkers Awake

Visitors to Germany’s famous October Beer Festival will be kept awake this year with the help of a ‘power sausage’ stuffed with caffeine. Inventor, butcher Johann Drexel insists: “The Breaker sausage picks you up like an espresso.” The sausage contains just 10% fat, vitamins B1 and B6 as well as caffeine and taurine. Caffeine stimulates circulation, while taurine allows to body to absorb it faster. Visitors to the 170th October Festival in Munich this Saturday will be the first to buy Drexel’s power-sausage. But the butcher, his friends and employees have already ‘eaten a total of 5,000 sausages’. He said he felt significantly more awake after eating them. Drexel says he has invested roughly $350,000 in developing the Breaker and has since patented his idea. By the end of the year, he hopes to sell them at petrol stations, night clubs and cinemas across Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Bobby Sue’s Country Music

Lyrics of the Week

I Just Bought A Car From A Guy That Stole My Girl, But
The Car Don’t Run So I Figure We’re Even.

I’ve Got The Hungries For Your Love And I’m Waiting In
Your Welfare Line

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Nudists vs. Sunbathers Brawl Ends Up In Court

A fight which broke out between nudists and prudish sunbathers has ended in a court case after a man’s cheekbone was smashed in the brawl. The 32-year-old man and a friend refused to take off their swimming trunks in the nudist area of the popular Lobau region in Vienna, Austria, sparking abuse from nearby naturists. After going for a swim in the lake still sporting their trunks they were confronted by two of the nudists, who told them: "We’re going to take off your trunks." One of the naturists, a 43-year-old man, then punched the man, knocking him into the lake and breaking his cheekbone, which had to be operated on after the incident in 2001. The Vienna court is still considering the assault charge against the 43-year-old man.

Woman, 81, Fails Driving Test After River Plunge

An 81-year-old Canadian woman has failed her sixth driving test, by reversing into a river. Officials in Thunder Bay, Ontario, say the woman was backing out of a parking place. She went about 25 yards too far and her car plunged over a steep embankment and into a shallow river. The woman and the examiner managed to climb out of the car shaken but apparently not hurt. Police are investigating but no decision has been made on whether to file charges.
Pet Kangaroo Hailed for Saving Farmer

A partially blind kangaroo has been hailed a hero after helping to rescue a farmer who suffered serious head injuries when he was hit by a falling branch. The pet kangaroo discovered the farmer lying unconscious in a field and alerted relatives at their home in Morwell in Gippsland, south east Australia. Rural Ambulance Victoria paramedic Eddie Wright said the man was checking his property for damage following a severe storm when he was struck by a falling branch and knocked unconscious on Sunday. The kangaroo had been adopted by the family about 10 years ago, after authorities let them care for the wild animal because it was blind in one eye. Mr Wright said the farmer could have died if he had not been found so soon. “The kangaroo alerted them (the family) to where he was and went and sat down next to him and that’s how they found him,” he said. “The farmer’s wife followed the kangaroo because he was acting out of character.” The farmer was later named as 52-year-old Len Richards. His 17-year-old daughter, Celeste, said the eastern grey kangaroo, Lulu, stood guard over her father and “barked like a dog” to get help. “She was obviously trying to get our attention because she never acts like that,” Celeste said. “It went on for about 15 minutes, so we went outside to investigate and we saw Lulu standing upright with her chest puffed out over Dad’s body. If it wasn’t for her, my Dad could have died - Lulu is my hero.” She added: “Lulu and Dad are very close and she follows him around, but we all just love her so much.” The RSPCA said the kangaroo did a valuable service and would help in its bid to nominate the animal. “From my point of view it’s a darn good story and I would hope that Lulu is nominated,” said RSPCA president Dr Hugh Wirth.

Scots Lose Elephant Polo Final to Germans

Scotland has lost to Germany in the world cup final for elephant polo. The Scottish Chivas Regal squad was defeated 5-3 by Germany’s Mercedes Benz Thailand team in the final of the King’s Cup Elephant Polo competition in Hua Hin, Thailand. It was the second year in a row that Germany beat Scotland in the final and this year Scotland started with a two-goal handicap as the number one seed. Scotland captain Peter Prentice said: “There was a massive tropical storm about 30 minutes before the game began. The sky went black and for half an hour it just rained cats and dogs. It was a quagmire and as a result the ball slowed right down. On occasions the elephants just stamped the ball into the ground. We were so unlucky. We missed a couple of goals and it was just not our day. We worked really hard. We had so many chances and 90% of the crowd was with us but it wasn’t to be.” Mr Prentice said his team would play in the elephant polo clash in Nepal in December and promised to make a comeback next year. Each team has three elephants and players use two-metre long mallets to strike a small white ball on a pitch about one-third the size of a horse polo field. A total of 10 international teams took part in this year’s competition, which was organised by the Anantara Resort and Spa and Thailand’s Tourism Authority. The tournament should raise more than $22,000 for the National Elephant Institute’s elephant conservation centre in Lampang.

Church Producing Gender-Neutral Bible

The German Evangelical Church is translating the bible using feminist language. More than 50 translators are working on a new edition of the holy book. They are rewriting passages which are seen to discriminate against women, and are also using “unbiased and just” language. The term disciple is to be changed to “disciples and disciplesesses” and forms of address such as Lord or Our Father are to be omitted. The translation project will run to 10,000 copies printed by the Guetersloh publishing house in 2004.

Golden Nuggets

TIDBITS OF WISDOM FROM BRYAN’S FAVORITE SITCOM

Rose: You won’t believe this, I’ve just been talking on the phone for a half hour and guess what.
Blanche: You forgot to dial first.

Dorothy: Oh Ma, why did I ever marry that man?
Sophia: Because he knocked you up.

Dorothy: Why did I ever let that happen?
Sophia: Because he got you drunk.

Dorothy: Why am I having this conversation with you?
Sophia: Beats the hell out of me!

Blanche: Sophia, do you know where any batteries are?
Sophia: You make me sick!