Totally and Completely Random

I never thought I would miss my peanut-butter snacks so much, but since this salmonella scandal took that packaged peanutty goodness out of my life, I have begun suffering withdrawal. Now several months into the controversy, even the untainted jarred peanut butters are reporting losses around 30%.

To help resurrect some good memories of our spreadable friend, these facts are a testament to the beauty of PB:

* The Dutch had to call it “peanut cheese,” because the word for “butter” had already been trademarked!* As one of very few foods that could truly be called “American,” PB as we know it now was unique to U.S. cuisine until about the 1960s.
* Prior to the scare, Americans ate 700 million lbs of PB per year: that’s over 2 lbs for each of us! Theoretically, you could coat a small state with that much PB!
* Women and children prefer creamy, while men like it chunky. There’s an East vs. West Coast divide, as well – we’re creamy here!
* One acre of peanuts will make 30,000 PB&J sandwiches.* The average American boy will eat 1500 of those sandwiches before reaching the age of 18.
* The world’s largest PB&J sandwich (created in 1993) was 40 feet long, with 150 lbs. of PB and 50 lbs of jelly. The world’s largest peanut is 20 feet tall and lives in Turner County, GA.
* Beware: Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of PB sticking to the roof of one’s mouth.
* National Peanut Month is coming soon — in March!
* N.B. HUDS peanut butter is safe!

Bunny fact: Bred optimally, two rabbits can give rise to more than 340 lbs. of meat in a year! Most cows produce only 300 lbs.

Get out of Here!

Events in Boston

• Bourbon Street is Coming to Chestnut Street for a Mardi Gras Celebration: Tuesday, Feb 24 5:00p 75 Chestnut, Boston
• The one-and-only Boston Chocolate Tour: Sat, 11:00p. Departs from corner Boylston and South Charles. 3-hour narrated tour of all things chocolate, including chocolate trivia and fun facts. stops at Top of the Hub Restaurant, Omni Parker House Hotel, and Langham Boston Hotel.

Mardi Gras

(French “Fat Tuesday”) A celebration leading up to Shrove Tuesday, just before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, this was the last opportunity for families to finish consuming foods forbidden during Lent. The holiday has evolved into an extravagant carnival marked by parades, street dancing, masked balls, and burlesques. (Throughout most of Europe, Mardi Gras is an important celebration, except for Ireland and the United Kingdom, where eating pancakes are the tradition.) Places known best for their Mardi Gras celebrations include Venice, Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans. Other places include, but are not exclusive to: Sweden, when people eat “Semlor,” (“Fat Tuesday Buns”) buns sold and eaten exclusively during Mardi Gras...Panama, where it is a four day holiday during which water trucks and hoses are used to soak people... Slovenia, where people where richly decorated sheepskin masks, attach bells to their hips, and eat donuts...

Upcoming Lev Events

• SCR Regular Lunch: Wed 12:30p, (PDR)
• Lev Sherry Hour: Thurs, 5:30p (SCR)
• Mental Health Study Break: Th, 9-11p (dhall)

Would you rather?

• Overthrow a dictatorship or rule one?
• Get even or get over it?
• Live in Antarctica or Death Valley?
• Find true love or one million dollars?
• Always have to say everything on your mind or never speak again?
• Be able to hear any conversation or take back anything you say?
• Would you rather be stranded on an island alone or with someone you hate?
• Know it all or have it all?
• Give bad advice or take bad advice?
• Forget who you were or who everyone else was?
• Be saved by superman or meet Winnie the Pooh?
• Be nervous but excited or relaxed but bored?
• Be forgiven or hatefully remembered?

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Bunny Today

Too Cool for School. Or: Midterm Season

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Important Campus Dates

Grants due 2/27:
• Asia Center & OIP, Center for American Political Studies, Center for European Studies, Center for Hellenic Studies - Greece, Center for International Development, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Rockefeller Center for Latin American studies, Davis Center, Reischauer Institute, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University Committee on Human Rights Studies, Interfaith Initiative on Medications and Society, Korea Institute Real College Complutense, Romance Languages and Literature (Italy), South Asia Initiative, Weatherhead Center, Committee on African Studies

**“Glittery”: adj. office-speak describing a body of work with excessive buzzwords, clichés, and catchy phrases generally empty of actual content.** Ex. Resumes are “glittery documents.”

Upcoming Games

• Winter A Basketball: Mon, Feb. 23rd at 7:30pm vs. Cabot
• Winter Squash: Tues, Feb. 24th at 8:30pm vs. Pfoho
• Winter B Basketball: Tues, Feb. 24th at 8:30pm vs. Quincy
• Winter Ice Hockey: Tues, Feb. 24th at 8:45pm vs. Dudley
• Winter C Basketball: Wed, Feb. 25th at 8:30pm vs. Kirkland
• Winter Ice Hockey: Thurs, Feb. 26th at 7:45pm vs. Kirkland
• Winter C Basketball: Thurs, Feb. 26th at 8:30pm vs. Adam
• Table Tennis Tournament: Fri, Feb. 27th at 6:30pm @ Mac

Players of the Week

Even without four of its top scorers, B Basketball put together a record breaking performance against unbeaten Pfoho. **Billy Vera, Dave Aguilar, Andy Wong, Matt Tierney and Kelly Alvery** put up 30 points in the FIRST HALF!!! **Charlie Boutwell** again put on a stunning hockey performance that even had Pfoho raving. To take a direct quote from one of Pfoho’s players, “Boutwell’s a freaking beast! Did you see that move he made!??”

**Check out Leverett IM Highlights on LevSPN!!**

http://www.youtube.com/user/LevSPN

Events on Campus

• Hasty Pudding: Acropolis Now: Wed-Sat, 8p New College Theater
CONCERT III: Sat 8p. Memorial Church. Students: $8 / 1 concert, $14 / 2, $19.50/3. Adults: $16/28/39 at the Box Office
• Chinese Student Association Banquet: Fri 27, 8:30 Lev dhall. $10 box office, $15 at the door.
• Speed Dating! Sat 28, 9pm Harvard Hillel.
  Tired of hanging with the same group of friends every day? All are welcome to a low stress, laid back way to meet new people at Harvard. $3: proceeds go to the Harvard Homeless Shelter
• Cartoon! By Harvard Pops: Sat 28, 8p.Paine Hall
• Cultural Rhythms: Sat 28, 3p and 8p, Sanders

Hare Haiku Contest!

Budding poet? Love Lev? Submit your 5-7-5 poem to leverettnews@gmail.com And achieve Lev fame and glory!

Deadline: Wed at midnight

Speak Out… I’m Listening.
Mental Health At Harvard
Leverett House Study Break!!
Thursday, Feb. 26th 9-11 pm
Dining Hall Featuring…
SMake-Your-Own Trail Mix
§ Board Games
§ Postcard Writing § Graffiti Wall
§ Lots of Mental Health Resources

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 NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:
Deadline for Leverett House newsletter submissions is Wednesday at 12:00 am. Please e-mail leverettnews@gmail.com

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