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Mr. Gobbles: Cambridge’s Own Wild Turkey

In June 2003, reports surrounding Mr. Gobbles, a wandering resident of Kendall Square began to surface on the web. According to the Boston Globe, the sprightly turkey had mysteriously appeared three months earlier, appearing at least once a day to munch on acorns, peck at shrubs, and most importantly, attract crowds of viewers. The policemen, in an effort to protect the turkey, have warded off suspicious turkey-nappers.

Since his discovery, Mr. Gobbles has been living at Volpe Transportation Center across from the Boston Marriott Cambridge.

In the past, Wild turkeys have been known to roam parts of West Roxbury, Forest Hills, and other Boston neighborhoods. In 2002, a turkey infiltrated the garden behind Beacon Hill’s Church of the Advent.

On March 11, 2008, the Patriot Ledger reported that Mr. Gobbles had officially “retired” to Animal Rescue League’s Dedham refuge following a car-related injury while roaming on Broadway in mid-February.

“We hope that Mr. Gobbles will enjoy his new home in the suburbs!” the transportation center’s internal newsletter, the Volpe Voice, wrote recently.

Uncensored Improv Comedy Every Fri 9:30 PM ImprovBoston Theater, Cambridge

Castleberry Faire—250 booths, American crafts, food, music: Fri 9:00-5:00, Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington

Gingerbread House Party—decorate your own house: Fri, 12-3pm, 75 Chestnut, Boston

Mambo’s Salsa Club (all ages): Fri 9:30pm-Sat 1:30 am, Boston

Chocolate Bar—chocolate decadence Langham Hotel, Boston 11:00am-3:00pm EVERY Sat, Colonial Theater

Third Annual Chocolate Tasting: Sat 12-4pm, Blackstone’s of Beacon Hill, Boston

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The name “turkey,” may have come from Native Americans, who called the birds “firkee,” which sounds like “turkey.” Some say that “turkey” may have come from the sound the birds make when afraid: “turk, turk, turk.

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Get out of Here! Events in Boston

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Upcoming Lev Events

• Lev S.A.S.H.: R.A.D. Class (Women only) Monday, 6:00 PM Old Library
• Master’s Open House Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.

Turkey Facts:

• Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead.
• Turkeys can drown if they look up when it is raining.
• Benjamin Franklin wanted the national bird to be a turkey.
• Male turkeys gobble. Hens do not. They make a clicking noise.
• Turkey breeding has caused turkey breasts to grow so large that the turkeys fall over.

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Important Campus Dates

• Thurs-Sunday: THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY~!

Thanksgiving Residential Dining Hall - Closings 2008
~Tuesday, November 25, 2008~
Fly-By will close after lunch.
Currier & Leverett will close after dinner
Hillel will close after dinner.

~Wednesday, November 26, 2008~
Annenberg, Cabot, Dunster, Eliot, Kirkland, Lowell, Mather, Pforzheimer, Quincy & Winthrop will close after dinner.

~Thanksgiving Day~
Adams House will be open. Residents of the closed dining halls may enjoy their Thanksgiving meal at Adams Dining Hall.
DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
7:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Extended Thanksgiving Meal - 12pm – 6:30pm

Openings~Friday, November 28
Currier & Leverett will re-open for breakfast.
~Monday, December 1, 2008~ Fly By will re-open for lunch.
Hillel will re-open for dinner

Sign-up, find sports, teams and upcoming games on http://leverett.harvard.edu

Sign Up for Winter Season
Games will start after Thanksgiving break. Signing up is easy and commits you to nothing more than receiving emails about the games. Sign up ASAP!
1) Go to the Leverett website
2) Click on “Teams and Games” in the Intramurals box on the left
3) Add yourself to one of the winter teams: Basketball A, B, or C, Ice Hockey, Squash

Do you have what it takes to lead a Leverett team? You’ll never know until you try. If you are interested in being a captain or coach and receiving a free Lev IM t-shirt, please email abaelig@fas

Players of the Week (Nov. 17-24, 2008)
The Bunnies faced a large and noisy Kirkland team in the Championship B Volleyball match. Neck-and-neck through the first game with solid play by Tian Wen, Austin Donovan and Diana Siu, the Bunnies lost by only two points. Kirkland then pulled ahead in the second game, but the Bunnies put the pressure on with a late-game rally that featured 4 consecutive points by Matt Tierney against a match-point situation, until Kirkland won by a mere two points again. The Bunnies ended the season with a fine 5-2 record, finishing second overall.

The Macy’s Day Parade
This year is the 82nd Macy’s Day Parade
In earlier Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parades, balloons were released to float away after the parade. They often took several days to deflate enough to come down, at which point anyone who found and returned the lost balloon would be offered a $100 Macy’s gift certificate
In the 1957 Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, an unexpected downpour filled the cap of the Popeye balloon, forcing it to veer off course and dump water on surprised spectators.

Happy Thanksgiving!