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HUPD: 5-1212   UHS: 5-5711
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FAS Computer Services: 5-9000
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Room 13: 5-4969
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ORANGUTAN DATING AGAIN AFTER DIET AND EXERCISE

An orangutan who has been overweight all her life is ‘dating’ again after more than a year of diet and exercise. Maggie’s svelte new figure is the centre of attention in the ape enclosure at Chicago’s Brookfield Zoo. NBC5.com reports Maggie, 43, has finally regained her girlish figure after a year of hard work. In 1996, she was obese, had dry, brittle hair and bad skin. Brookfield zookeepers felt something was wrong. “She wasn’t hardly active at all. In fact, we would call her our couch potato. Most of the time, she would just be pretty immobile,” said Carol Sodaro, Maggie’s trainer. Zookeepers say a thyroid problem was one of the big causes of Maggie’s weight problem. “When she was put on thyroid medication, she lost more than 90 pounds,” Ms Sodaro said. Zoo officials hope Maggie will have a baby within the next few years.

BEAVERS USE STOLEN MONEY TO BUILD DAM

Stolen banknotes dumped in a US creek were found by beavers and weaved into their dam. Thousands of dollars were stolen from a casino in Greensburg, Louisiana, and thrown into a creek, reports the Advocate. Police said beavers tore open a money bags and wove the bills into the sticks and brush of their dam. Major Michael Martin said deputies also recovered two other money bags, one of which had floated against the dam. So far, deputies have recovered slightly more than half of the $40,000 stolen from the Lucky Dollar Casino. Lawyers representing a man claiming to be involved in the theft contacted police to try to make a deal. He told officers where the money had been dumped and police began a search to try to recover the cash. Deputies found one of the bags right away and found the second downstream but couldn’t find the third - until they looked at the dam itself. “They hadn’t torn the bills up,” Major Martin said. “They were still whole.”

JUDGE WINS RIGHT TO BE CALLED “YOUR HONOR” - AT HOME

A Brazilian judge has won the right to be called ‘Your Excellency’ or ‘Your Honour’ - even outside court. Judge Antonio Marreiro, from Rio de Janeiro, went to court and won his case, reports Terra Noticias Populares. It means that his neighbours in his apartment block can address him only by the formal titles - or risk a court fine. However, Judge Marreiro’s request has shocked the president of the Brazilian Lawyer’s Order. President Octavio Augusto Brandao Gomes said he found the judge’s request “totally insane.” He said: “We are all human beings. No one in this life is better than the other just because they have a title. When I see absurd requests like this winning in court I wonder if people like this judge do not have anything better to think about or to accomplish!”

THROW ME A LINE

“You can’t tell me you’re afraid of heights?”
“No, I’m just uncomfortable about being on a rickety bridge, over a BOILING LAKE OF LAVA.”
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Richie and Turhan
“the two most dangerous men on campus”

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E-mail by Friday

**uU ON THE WEB**

http://leverett.harvard.edu/newsletter/newsletter.pdf

**Tue Nov 23, 8.30-10pm,**

**Leverett Masters’ Residence**

Masters’ Open House!
How do I love thee, monkeybread? Let me count the ways.

**Wed Dec 1, 12-2pm,**

**Leverett JCR**

Leverett Old Library Lunch

**Fri Dec 3, 5pm, Lamont Library**

Deadline for application to the Visiting Committee
Prize for Undergraduate Book Collecting. Details at
http://hcl.harvard.edu/lamont/

**uU VERY uU HAPPY uU BIRTHDAYS**

November...

16: Ran Li, Mike Thompson
17: Anqi Huang
18: Karthik Muralidharan, Aaron Ross
19: Neeraj “Richie” Banerji
20: Jessica Kim, Byron MacDougall
21: Rachel Stern
22: Adam Moerder
23: Manjari Miller
24: Michael Bordonaro
25: Jonathan Chrispin, Brad Smith, William Lin, Jonathan Ardrey, Sue Chen, Alexandra Fallows
26: Phillip Nguyen, Crystal Smith, Aimee Gough
28: Michael Gensheimer, Frances Millican
29: Emily Simon
30: Sophia Koo, Zoei Watson, Lexi Atiya, Nathan Dern

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**CRIME WATCH FROM THE HUPO CRIME LOGS**

11/16/04, 4:14 AM Officer called off reporting someone had entered the building with a key. (Ed: is this a crime?)

11/15/04, 5:43 PM Officer dispatched on a report of a person looking into vehicles. Officer located the person and determined the person was looking for their own vehicle. (Ed: ...and gullible has three L’s)

11/15/04, 7:47 PM Officer dispatched to remove an unwanted guest. Officer located the person, an ambulance was dispatched and the person was transported to the hospital. (Ed: and “dispatched” there?)

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**WOMAN BREWS EXPLOSIVE TEA**

A widow of 93 put the kettle on to make a cup of tea - and blew her house apart. Dorothy Bland was discovered miraculously alive in the ruins of her home. Neighbours found her standing in what was left of the kitchen - with her clothes smoking reports The Sun. The massive explosion, caused by a suspected gas leak, blew parts of Dorothy's terraced house 100 yards down the road. She managed a smile and told rescuers as they carried her to safety: “I was only making a cuppa.” The back wall of her home in Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne, was blown off, exposing every room. Four cars parked outside were wrecked by flying masonry and four families were evacuated because of fears for the safety of their houses. Dorothy is being treated for burns and head injuries in the intensive care unit at Newcastle General Hospital. Her next-door neighbour Margaret Humes, 38, said: “I thought a bomb had gone off. I ran outside and Dorothy’s front window was hanging out. You could see through her house. Dorothy was standing at the back surrounded by flames. Three men went in to get her. She was smiling when they carried her out and said she was only making a cup of tea.” Council surveyors said what is left of Dorothy’s home will probably have to be demolished, as well as parts of the house next door. Fire Brigade divisional officer Mick English said: “The investigation is still ongoing but early indications are that it appears to have been a gas leak.”

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**SADDAM’S LEFT LEG SEIZED**

German customs officers have seized Saddam Hussein’s left leg. The bronze leg from the statue of Saddam was all that remained when US troops toppled the rest of it to the ground live on TV. It was later seized as a war trophy by British soldiers who smuggled it into Germany where it was sold to a scrap metal dealer and then snapped up by an art collector who put it on the internet. The leg was then sold for £6,000 to a German man who wanted it as a birthday present for his father - but before the leg could be handed over it was seized by customs officers. They now have the 170 cm cast bronze leg from mid-thigh downward and weighing 600 kilos in a secure compound. They say the owner, identified only as a Duisburg resident, does not have a valid bill of sale and import-duty documents for the leg. The art dealer claimed the leg was all that was left on the plinth at al-Ferdaous Square in Baghdad when US forces pulled down the statue on April 9, 2003.

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**OFFICIALS LET HAUNTED BARN STAND**

Officials in Norway have agreed to let a farmer leave a dilapidated barn standing - because of ghosts. Authorities in Tromso ordered the farmer to demolish the barn which they said was a safety hazard. But the owner refused, claiming that it would anger the ghosts living under it, reports Aftenposten. “Many years ago, I removed its roof,” he wrote. “The result was that I had several encounters with the underworld. And I fell gravely ill. “There are underworld creatures living in that barn. My entire family knows about this.” The farmer wrote that he’d be glad to allow others to tear down the building - but whoever took on the job would have to suffer the consequences. Building officials have now agreed the barn, in Tromvik on an island on the outskirts of Tromso, can stay, although they still want the structure secured. “Sometimes we just have to accept that there’s more between heaven and earth than between the files and rules in the township’s building code,” Tromso building chief Hallvard Thon told local newspaper Tromsø.

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**AND THE ANSWER IS...**

Donkey (Eddie Murphy) to Shrek (Mike Myers), at some harrowing juncture in their quest to rescue Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz), for real estate purposes, in Shrek (2001). A shameless plug at everything sweet and Disney, the movie pulls it off with impressive computer graphics, compelling plot, and an loveable Donkey--its sequel Shrek 2 is another must see, virtuous by actually being a successful animated sequel.