Totally and Completely Random

Invented in 1974 by Hungarian sculptor and architecture professor Erno Rubik, the “magic cube,” as it was originally called was licensed by Rubik to be sold by Ideal Toys in 1980. As of January 2009, 350 million cubes have been sold around the world, making it the top-selling puzzle game in the world. Around the world, nerds specializing in the mastery of the rubik’s cube engage in Speedcubing or Speedsolving competitions, aimed at solving the cube in minimal time. The Guinness Book of World Records organized the first world championship in Munich on March 13, 1981, Jury Froeschl of Germany winning with 38 seconds. One year later, at the first International competition in Budapest, Minh Thai, a student from LA, won with 22.95 seconds. All competition cubes are moved 40 times and lubricated with petroleum jelly. Unofficial competitions are also quite popular. Participants of these competitions are typically expected to solve the cube in unusual circumstances such as: blindfolded, team blindfolded (one person is blindfolded and the other gives instructions), underwater in a single breath, using a single hand, with your foot. The World Cube Association only sanctions blindfolded, one‐handed, and feet solving as official competition events. In 2008, Erik Akkersdijk solved the 3x3x3 cube at the Czech Open 7.08 seconds, the current world record. The world record for the average solve was achieved in 2009 at the Warsaw Open and is held by Tomasz Zolnowski, solving the cube in an average of 10.63 seconds. On December 20, 2008, 96 people simultaneously solved the Rubik’s cube in Santa Ana, CA, breaking the last Guinness World Record of 75 people.

Get out of Here! Events in Boston

• **113th Boston Marathon**: Mon 20th, 9:22am, Boston City Hall Plaza, Boston
• **Dunkin Donuts Iced Coffee Day**: Tues 21st. For each small Iced Coffee you buy, 10% of the price will go to The Dunkin’ Brands Community Foundation to support Homes for Our Troops.
• **Art in Bloom**: Sat 25th, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Floral interpretations of 50 pieces.
• **Greek Independence Day Parade**: Sun 26th, 1:00p, Boston Common
• **Earth Day at the Franklin Park Zoo**: Sun 26th, Franklin Park Zoo. Crafts, activities, animals.

**Earth Day: April 22, 2009**

• The first Earth Day fell on April 22nd, 1970, which was also the 100th birthday of Vladimir Lenin. Time Magazine reported a suspicion that the date was not a coincidence, but “a Communist trick.” A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution is quoted as saying: “Subversive elements plan to make American children live in an environment that is good for them.” It was alleged that the FBI conducted surveillance at the 1970 Earth Day demonstrations. Lenin was never regarded as an environmentalist.
• 100 limited-edition “Forest Spirit Wee Ninjas” (by Shawnimals) feature organic cotton, hemp fleece, wooden eyes, kapok-tree fiber, and natural dyes.

Upcoming Lev Events

• **Masters’ Open House**: Mon, 8:30p
• **SCR Regular Lunch**: Weds 22, 12:30p, (SCR)
• **Sherry Hour**: Thurs, 5:30p (SCR)
• **I heart 80s Stein Club**: Thurs, 9-11 (JCR)
• **80s Dance**: Sat 9-11 (dhall)

20 years ago, in 1989...

• March 7: Iran breaks off diplomatic relations with the UK over Salman Rushdie’s The Satanic Verses
• March 18: A 4,400‐year‐old mummy is discovered in the Great Pyramid of Giza
• April 21: Game Boy, the first handheld game console with cartridges, is released in Japan
• April 26: Sultan Azlan Muhibbudin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Yusuff Izzudin Shah Ghafarullahu‐lahu, Sultan of Perak, becomes the 9th Yang‐di‐Pertuan Agong of Malaysia
• May 1: The grand opening of Walt Disney World; Students begin protest in Tianamen Square
• August 24: Indonesia launches its first privately owned TV station: Rajawali Citra Televisi Indonesia (RCTI).

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**Intramurals**

**Lev HoCo**
Welcome pre-frosh!
Lev Survivor has begun.
Only one will live to tell the tale.

- **Stein Club**: Thurs or Fri (TBD), 9-11, JCR
- **80s Dance**: Sat 25th, 9-2am

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**Important Campus Dates**

- **Pre-frosh weekend!**

**Events on Campus**

- **Recession-Era Global Health Forum- Keeping Global Health Strong as Economies Slide**: Thu 23, 7:30pm, Sever 113. Free Mike’s Pastries Cannolis! Nicholas de Torrente, Director of Doctors Without Borders and PBH Visiting Fellow and Howard Zucker, Former Assistant Director-General of the WHO, will discuss the impact of the global financial crisis on the health of the world’s poorest citizens.

- **The Harvard Ballet Company presents "Premiere"**: Fri 24, 8pm and Sat 25, 3pm and 8pm. Harvard Dance Center, 60 Garden St. A performance dedicated to new works. $7 students; $10 General Admission, available at the Harvard Box Office.

- **Weber, Beethoven, Finzi, and Mozart**: Fri 24, 8p, Paine Hall. Bach Society. Featuring Mozart’s Symphony No. 41, "Jupiter", Beethoven’s Violin Concerto in D Major featuring Alex Shiozaki ’09, Finzi’s Eclogue for Piano and String Orchestra, and Weber’s Overture to Der Freischütz, conducted by Yuga Cohler ’11, music director-elect. $8 students and seniors, $12 general admission at the Harvard Box Office, at the door, or from your favorite member of BachSoc!

- **Get Yo’ Jollies**: Fri 24th, 10-2, Dunster. $7 advance, $10 at the door. Brought to you by the BSA and BMF.

- **Eleganza**: Sat 25, 8p-10p, Lavietes Athletic Center. Proceeds go to Teen Empowerment Inc, a non-profit that empowers Boston youth.

- **80s Dance**: Sat 25th, 9-2am, Lev dhall. $5 until 11, $7 afterwards.

- **Early Action**: Sat 25h, 10-2am, Adams dhall. Blacklight extravaganza. Brought to you by the Latino Men’s Collective. $5 in advance, $7 at the door, inflation after 11pm.

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**Questions to ponder**

- If you had to move right now and could only take 5 possessions, what would you bring?
- If you could ask out one person in Lev, who would it be?
- If you could redo one day at Harvard, what would it be?
- If you had to live in one decade besides our own, which would it be?
- If you could be or could have been the fly on the wall for one meeting, what would it be?
- If you could compete in one international event, What would it be?