Totally and Completely Random

Like Pocky?
Inspired by Pocky, Pepero (베페로) is a Korean cookie stick, dipped in chocolate syrup. It has been manufactured by Lotte since 1983 and comes in ten different flavors: chocolate, strawberry, almond, nude (chocolate-centered), nude lemon cheese, cocoa, soft, cheese, ‘topic,’ and “woman in white”/”man in black.”

In South Korea, this snack has come to mean more than a brief sugar rush. Pepero Day, held on November 11 of each year, is celebrated in the same vein as Valentine’s Day in the United States. The date was chosen specifically because it was believed that 11/11 resembled four sticks of Pepero. Typically, young people and couples exchange Pepero sticks, other candies, and romantic gifts. Lotte has denied originating the holiday, instead claiming that after noticing a spike in Pepero sales around November 11th, the company encouraged the holiday with special gift boxes and promotions. Lotte typically does about 55% of their Pepero business in November every year.

According to some theorists, Pepero Day officially began in 1994 by students at an all-girls middle school in Busan, where students exchanged Pepero sticks as gifts, signifying their wish that the recipients would grow “as tall and slender as a Pepero.”

Nevertheless, not all encourage these festivities, considering the day to be a contrived holiday (obviously?). Teachers have been known to suggest the exchange of healthy snacks as a means of combating obesity (in Korea?).

A similar ‘Pocky Day’ was attempted in Japan but has failed to gain traction.

Food for Thought

• The longest one syllable word in the English language is “screeched”.
• The average bra size today is 36C. Ten years ago it was 34B.
• The Texas Chainsaw Massacre was originally entitled ‘Headcheese’, but was changed last minute.
• The average person laughs 15 times a day.
• Walmart Stores bought $18 billion of goods from China in 2004 making it China’s eighth-largest trading partner (ahead of Australia, Canada and Russia).
• In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world’s nuclear weapons combined.
• 99% of the pumpkins sold in the US end up as jack-o-lanterns.
• Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Questions to Ponder

• What do you regret most?
• What would you be most willing to give up? Least willing?
• What do you think about most frequently?
• Why are the ladies of E-23 so hot?
• Where have all the cowboys gone?

Command Center

Make a decision
Our goal is to have EVERY SINGLE LEVERITE play in at least one IM game in the winter season!

Winter Sports:
- Basketball
- Dodgeball
- Ice hockey
- Squash
- Table tennis

The Little Things
- Thinking it’s Thursday and then remembering it’s Friday
- Scrapping all the lint off an overflowing lint trap
- The moment at a restaurant after you see your food coming from the kitchen and before it lands on your table
- Dropping a glass and then sticking your foot out so it hits your foot and doesn’t break on the ground
- When someone gives you their last piece of gum
- The sound of barely frozen puddles cracking when you step on them
- Laughing so hard you make no sound at all
- An inbox of personal emails when you wake up in the morning
- Passing under a bridge on the highway when it’s pouring rain
- Drinking anything through the little hole in a coffee stirrer
- The final seconds of untangling a really big knot

Best of Harvard FML
- Some girl had a reference book that I needed today, and since I didn’t want to rush her, I tried to sit near her in the Widener so I could use it when she was done. After a few minutes, she walked up to me and said “Umm, I’m not interested so please stop following me.” She didn’t believe me when I said I just wanted the f**king book! FML
- Harvard tells me that I should strive to become a rich executive, award-winning academic, or benevolent doctor. I just want to breed cats. FML
- I miss having a soul. FML
- My HoCo social chair denied my friend request. FML

Best of Yale FML
(Or, why you should be happy you go to Harvard)
- Sometimes I pretend to walk with a lame leg, but today when I started doing it alone down a hallway in swing space I ran into a classmate and had to walk with her to my class on science hill while maintaining a limp. FML.

Submit to the Hare Today
Deadline for Leverett House Newsletter submissions is Thursday at 11:59pm.
Please e-mail Leverettnews@gmail.com. Thanks!

The Leverett Tennis Team, headed by Senior Joey Michalakes, beat Dunster 2–1 to make it to Semi-finals! The Semis are tentatively scheduled for this Friday at 8, so if you’re still in town please head over to the courts to support our players!

As we start gearing up for Harvard-Yale and Thanksgiving, think about bringing out those ice skates or your squash and table tennis rackets!

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