Totally and Completely Random

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Get out of Here!

Events in Boston

• Big Apple Circus: Sat 4th, 12:30p Under the Big Top at City hall Plaza
• Taste of the Back Bay: Thurs 2nd, 5:30p, Prudential Skywalk Observatory. Sample some of the finest food and drink Boston has to offer. Portion of proceeds benefit Horizons for Homeless Children.
• Red Sox Opening Day: Fri 3rd, 7:00p, Fenway
• Make your own Glass Easter Eggs: Sat 4th, 2:00p Diablo Glass School

If you could...

• Travel to one country, where would you go?
• Live in one country for 10+ years, where would you choose?
• Replace the art in the dhall with another painting, what would you like it to depict?
• Do Harvard twice, what would you concentrate in?
• Do one thing without anyone ever finding out, what would you do?
• And were required to do one of the 3 things you must do before graduating Harvard, which would you pick?
• Take back one thing that you’ve done, what would it be?
• Say one thing that you’ve been keeping inside without suffering any negative repercussions, what would you say?
• Only live in one season forever, which would you choose?

Upcoming Lev Events

• Master’s Open House: Weds 1st, 8:30p
• Sherry House: Thurs 2nd, 5:30p (SCR)

April Fool’s Day Facts and Hoaxes

• Not a hoax: On April 1, 2007, employees at Google’s NYC office were told that a python had escaped an engineer’s cubicle and was on the loose. An internal e-mail noted that “the timing... could not be more awkward
• In 1957, The BBC showing the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees, claiming that the pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. Many contacted the BBC to find out how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees.
• In 1998, Burger King ran an ad in USA Today, announcing a Whopper for the le`‐handed. Condiments were designed to drip out of the right side. Customers ordering the new burgers, but some requested the “old”, right‐handed burger.
• In 1996, Taco Bell took out a full‐page advertisement in NYT announcing their purchase of the Liberty Bell to “reduce the country’s debt,” renaming it the “Taco Liberty Bell.” White House press secretary Mike McCurry replied that the Lincoln Memorial had also been sold and renamed the Lincoln Mercury Memorial.
• In 1977, The Guardian printed a supplement praising San Serriffe, a resort, and its two main islands (Upper Caisse and Lower Caisse)
• In 1965, the BBC claimed to be testing their newest technology: transmitting odors over the air to viewers. Many viewers reportedly contacted the BBC to report the trial’s success.
• In the 1950s, Dutch television news reported that the Tower of Pisa had fallen over.

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**Events on Campus**

- **13th Annual Shoryuhai Kendo Tournament:** April 4-5, 2009. As the nation's largest intercollegiate kendo tournament, it is also considered as the national championship for intercollegiate kendo - the art of Japanese fencing. Come support your fellow Leverites - Howard Kwok '09, Amanda Hu '10, Tony Deng '11 - as we battle schools like UCLA, NYU, Cornell, McGill, and even University of Muenster from Germany!
- **Boston/Harvard Crossword Tournament:** Sun 5th, 1:00-4:00p Science Center C
- **The Birthday Party:** Sun 5, 7:30p, Lob Experimental Theater.
- **Angels in America:** Sun 5, 8:00p Loeb Mainstage

**Day by day**

- April 2: National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
- April 3: Find-a-rainbow day
- April 4: 1st home phone installed in 1877; NATO established

**Would you Rather?**

- Have electricity or an internet connection?
- Lose your pset or your credit card
- Live alone in the city or with friends in the country?
- Serve your country in a war you oppose or refuse on principle?
- Be hated or pretend to be someone you're not
- Lead the revolution or follow
- Force the Crimson to eliminate flybyblog as a bad rag or enter Dante's inferno

**Newsletter Submissions:**

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

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