totally and completely random

Urban legend has it that future-president Ronald Reagan—who at the time was a B-list actor—had originally been slated to play Rick Blaine. Had that been true, Humphrey Bogart may have missed his breakthrough role in one of the most highly-regarded films in American cinema and may have never been established as a first-rank movie star. For decades, this Hollywood rumor has been cited in publications and quiz shows. But in fact, no one but Humphrey Bogart was ever seriously considered to play Rick and Reagan, who was already known by the studio to be serving in the army, could not have been considered.

The rumor began with a Warner Bros press release in The Hollywood Reporter on January 5, 1942, which stated: “Ann Sheridan and Ronald Reagan co-star for the third time in Warners’ Casablanca, with Dennis Morgan also coming in for top billing. Yarn of war refugees in French Morocco is based on an unproduced play by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison.”

In fact, at the time of the press release, the screenplay for Casablanca was yet to be written and absolutely no casting decisions had been made at the time. The first set of screenwriters were assigned to write Casablanca four days after the press release. Producer Hal Wallis had his hands full with producing two films before handling Casablanca, and had no time to consider casting. This press release was never intended to be factual. It was a common practice under the old studio system for PR departments to insert actors’ names in press releases as a way to keep actors from disappearing from the spotlight. Additionally, Warner Bros. had signed a contract with Hal Wallis, an independent producer, which stipulated that Warner Bros. studios had no right to make casting cues - and Bogart turned out to be the only person Wallis had considered to play Rick.

Jet out of here! Events in Boston

• Chocolate bar: Sat 9th, 11-3p The Saturday Chocolate Bar features over 125 desserts. Guests can enjoy the theme, “Decades of Decadence” featuring desserts from the past, present, and future
• Duckling Day Parade: Sun 12-, Boston Common. Retrace the steps of Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their duckling in Robert McCloskey’s book, "Make Way for Ducklings.

Cinco de mayo

• Cinco de Mayo is a regional holiday in Mexico celebrated only in certain areas. It commemorates the Battle of Puebla, where a huge French army was defeated in 1862.
• Contrary to popular belief, it is not Mexico’s Independence Day, which is actually occurred on Sept 16th, 1810.
• The first celebration in the U.S. was held by Chicano students at California State .
• The world’s largest Cinco de Mayo event is not in Mexico. The “Festival de Fiesta Broadway” in Los Angeles includes over 600,000 people.
• Mexico celebrates >365 festivals per year.
• In Vancouver, revelers celebrate the day with a Cinco de Mayo skydiving event. In the Cayman Islands, May 5th is honored with an annual Cinco de Mayo air guitar competition.
• Even in Malta, people are encouraged to drink beer on May 5th

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**Come Support Lev! Cheer for Crew, Flag Football, and volleyball!**

Upcoming Games

- A Crew: Tues, 7am
- Tournament Flag Football: Tues 8:30pm
- A Volleyball v. Dunster
- B Crew: Weds 7am

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**WiFi Picnicking**

WiFi Picnicking: (combo of “WiFi, picnic, and happening”) Social gathering in which strangers/friends (roommates/study groups) gather with their laptops and connect it to a local cordless network in a “WiFi Bubble” (“Harvard bubble”) set up by organizers. Within a range of about 30 meters, this bubble is completely autonomous in which participants are not connected to the world wide web, but are connected to each other via a chat room. ‘Bubblenauts’ can thus interact both virtually and physically.

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**Getting to know you**

- What do you wear to sleep at night?
- What is your greatest fear?
- How many people in Lev have you hooked up with?
- What was the craziest thing you ever saw in a tower window?
- What part of you would most like to keep? Change?
- What was the biggest mistake you Ever made?

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**Important Campus Dates**

- Spring Reading Period Begins: Sat May 2nd

**Events on Campus**

- **KITE FESTIVAL:** Mon 4th, 1p, Radcliffe Quad. Join Dharma in celebrating Makar Sankaranthi, a kite-flying festival popular in Gujarat! Try your hand at kite-cutting and knock other kites out of the sky for a special prize! De-stress from exams and papers and enjoy a sunny afternoon of kites, Bollywood beats, drinks and Indian food.
- **Harvard International Review Spring launch Event-Frontiers of Conflict: Waging Modern War:** Tues, 5th, 7 PM, Ticknor Lounge. Featuring an address by Martin B. Malin, Executive Director of the Project on Managing the Atom, Belfer Center, Harvard Kennedy School
- **Noteables Spring Concert:** Fri 8th, 8:00p Lowell Lecture Hall. Students $6
- **Mainly Jazz Dance Company Spring performance, Streets:** Fri 8th 8pm, Sat 9th 2p, Adams Pool Theater. Explores the transition of dances from the streets to the schools. Featuring both student and professional choreography as well as the Harvard Breakers.
- **In Case of Emergency:** Fri, Sat 7pm, Harvard Dance Center. Harvard-Radcliffe Modern Dance Company. $5.
- **Time Steps:** Sat, 8pm. Lowell Lecture Hall. $5. TAPS, Harvard’s Tap dancing company

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**Forms**

- Mon 4th: Currier, Pfoho & Cabot, Winthrop
- Tues 5th: Adams, Kirkland
- Weds 6th: Elior
- Thurs 7th: Lowell
- Fri 8th: Lev, Dunster
- Sat 9th: Mather
- Sun 10th: Quincy

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**Newsletter Submissions:**
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