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Everybody's Talking

Locked up: Getting a ring stuck on a finger is scary, but how about having a bicycle lock fastened around one's neck? That is what happened to a young mother from Huai'an, China, whose 4-year-old son slipped the bicycle U-lock around her neck and locked it. He did it in play, and the mom thought it was pretty funny—until she realized that neither of them knew the lock's combination. She went to the police, who didn't know what to do, so they called in the firefighters. With some fussing, they were able to cut the lock with wire cutters, protecting her neck with a towel. Everyone was greatly relieved when that lock came off!

Empty frames: Can two blank canvases be considered a work of art? Danish artist Jens Haaning seems to think so, because that is what he delivered to the Kunsten Museum of Modern Art in Aalborg, Denmark. The museum had loaned him 328,000 kroner and 25,000 Pounds in cash to be displayed in two pieces that would reproduce two of his past works, "An Average Danish Annual Income" and "An Average Austrian Annual Income," both of which displayed cash in a frame. When Haaning sent the empty frames to the museum, he said his new pieces were called "Take the Money and Run." So, Haaning said, he took the money and that was his work of art.

Pressing buttons: Imagine a moment when a parent is not obligated to admonish children to "get your hands off the elevator buttons!" When visiting Shimada Denki Seisakusho, an elevator button factory in Tokyo, Japan, children may press all the buttons they wish. That's because a display called "1,000 Buttons" is a wall that contains elevator buttons of all shapes and sizes. Just like in a real elevator, pressing the buttons causes them to light up. The company has existed for almost 90 years, and the wall displays all the buttons the factory has ever made. The display is so popular that the factory has a waiting list for visits.

Nutty problem: Red squirrels get quite busy in autumn when they start hiding food for the long winter months. One of these rodents in Fargo, North Dakota (U.S.), is busier than most, at least according to Bill Fischer, a pickup truck owner in that city. Over the years, Fischer has come home on many fall days to find his truck serving as the storage container for a red squirrel's stash of walnuts. The squirrel places the nuts around the engine, in the wheel well, and inside the front bumper. Once, after being away for a few days, Fischer collected a whopping 42 gallons of nuts from the crevices of his truck.

Quoteable Quotes

"Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task."
William James

"The income tax has made liars out of more Americans than golf."
Will Rogers

What's Happening

Oct 19 - Coffee with a Cop Do you have questions about crime reduction Thoughts about community engagement strategies Something on your mind 12 PM. The Devon RCMP invites community members to join them at the Community Centre Braun Hall

Wednesday's - Family Fun Nights No need to rush out of the house after a long day of work and school. Join us online for an evening of laughs and giggles. Each FREE session is 6 to 7 p.m. Visit www.leduc.ca/frn for more info

Oct 25 - Howl Masquerade The Howl Masquerade concert is where singers, costumes and Halloween all come together in an awesome event for youth and families. Horizon Stage Theatre. 1001 Calahoo Rd. Spruce Grove. \$15 per ticket. All ages event.

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Trivia

1. Who is the architect of the Sydney Opera House?
2. In what city is the original Shakespeare and Company bookstore?
3. When was the Eiffel Tower completed?
4. What year was the Pakistan-India Partition?
5. Where is Mount Kosciuszko?

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Recipe of the month

Chicken Garden Medley

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into strips	1/4 cup thinly sliced onion
1 garlic clove, minced	2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/4 cup butter, divided	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 small yellow squash, halved lengthwise and sliced	1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 small zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced	3/4 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup julienned sweet red pepper	1/2 cup half-and-half cream
1/2 cup julienned green pepper	8 ounces angel hair pasta, cooked and drained
	2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Prep Time: 25 min. Bake: 20 min Yield: 4 servings

1. In a large skillet, saute chicken and garlic in 2 tablespoons butter for 10-12 minutes or until chicken juices run clear. Add vegetables. Cook until crisp-tender; remove from skillet and set aside.
2. In the same skillet, melt remaining butter. Add flour, salt and pepper; stir to form a smooth paste. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in cream and heat through. Add chicken and vegetables; stir until well mixed.
3. Place pasta in a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Pour chicken mixture over top. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover and bake at 350° for 15 minutes; uncover and bake 5 minutes longer.

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