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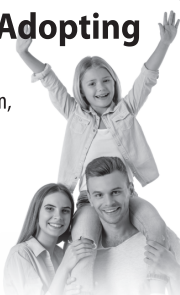
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Everybody's Talking

Pretty camels: Getting a Botox injection is something some people do to improve the appearance of aging skin. In Saudi Arabia, however, camel breeders have been known to beautify their animals with the substance. At the annual King Abdulaziz Camel Festival, breeders can enter their animals in a camel beauty contest. Cheating by way of Botox injections and other methods is not allowed. But the prize money of approximately \$66 million (USD) is a powerful temptation, and some camels and their owners are kicked out of the competition for trying to get around the rules. The festival also offers races and other activities in honour of this important animal.

Long address: A recent occurrence in Ireland proves that a mailed letter might have a chance of landing in the recipient's mailbox, even without an address on the envelope. Feargal Lynn of Cushendall, County Antrim in Northern Ireland, received a letter from an old acquaintance in Belfast. Instead of Lynn's address, the envelope contained a little story, with details that the sender must have hoped would lead to Lynn. The story included the names of Lynn's parents, recalls that Lynn played guitar, and that one of his friends was the butcher. Royal Mail worker Fergus McAlister saw the story and knew exactly who was the intended recipient.

Peculiar paint job: When painting a house, most people choose from an array of colours on the spectrum. However, real estate agent Seth Goodman of Lincoln, Illinois (U.S.), went a different route when he purchased an octagonal home. He painted it black, both inside and out. Now known as the "goth" house, he put the property on the market, knowing it would appeal to those who like the colour black. When Goodman renovated the home, he originally just painted the roof black, but then he was inspired to give the entire house a black theme. The inside has some white and gray accents, and lots of both natural and artificial light, making the space cozy and unique.

Visit with dolphins: At a beach on the coast of Western Australia, within the Shark Bay World Heritage Area, wild bottlenose dolphins drop in daily for visits. The beach is called Monkey Mia and, under supervision, members of the public are allowed to feed them. Back in the 1960s, many people did this and the dolphins became endangered because the adults stopped teaching their young how to fish in the natural world. Researchers took note and began to regulate the activity. Today, only a few of these marine mammals come daily, and conservation officers ensure that they are only given a tiny amount of their daily needs so they'll forage for more food.

Quoteable Quotes

"You never know if you can actually do something against all odds until you actually do it."
—Abby Wambach

"Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow; it only saps today of its strength."
—A.J. Cronin

What's Happening

Nov 23 to Dec 31 - Luminaria Come stroll through the candle-lit pathways of the Kurimoto Japanese Garden, sip hot apple cider, enjoy a capella singers and spot magical glittering ice sculptures. University of Alberta Botanic Gardens - 51227 Hwy 60, Parkland County AB, Alberta

Dec 18 - Skate with Santa From 3pm - 6pm come down to skate with Santa, see the ice sculptures and have cookies and refreshments. Cost is free Edson District Leisure Centre @ 1021 49 St, Edson

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Trivia

1. In what country is the Great Barrier Island?
2. What is the largest organ of the human body?
3. Tom Hanks received his first Oscar nomination for this movie.
4. Tashkent is the capital of what country?
5. Which bird's genome was the first to be genetically sequenced?

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