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Everybody's Talking

Cat museum: A Dutch cat lover adored his pet feline so much that, when the animal died, he founded a museum in its honour. Called KattenKabinet (Cat Cabinet), the museum is a tribute to a cat named John Pierpont Morgan. Owner Bob Meijer was known to buy gifts for Morgan's birthdays, and he enjoyed the company of this feline, who lived from 1966 to 1983. Located in Amsterdam, KattenKabinet displays works of art, including paintings, sculptures, and books, which reveal the roles of cats over the centuries. Today, five cats call the building home. The museum is open to visitors, who might spot one of the live felines amongst the artwork.

Lifesaver: Who says dogs don't have a sixth sense? A couple from Glastonbury, Connecticut (U.S.), absolutely believe that they do. Jeff and Kelly Dowling have a Boston terrier named Henry who alerted Kelly to the fact their baby girl was in distress in her crib. The baby had a cold, which didn't seem too serious, but Henry kept butting at the nursery door with his head. Kelly ignored the behaviour at first, but then the baby woke up and her cry was unusual. Her mom saw that she was badly congested and struggling to breathe. The baby was treated at the hospital and is now fine. The Dowlings credit Henry with saving their child's life.

What's in a name? A couple loves the Irish name "Sean" (pronounced "Shawn") so much that they christened both of their twin boys with the moniker. One is spelled "Sean" and the other is spelled "Seen." As the family's surname is "Sean," the boys will be "Sean Sean" and "Seen Sean." The story got out on social media, and lots of people responded to the couple's decision with criticism. Amused by the comments, the couple admitted that they'd possibly made a mistake in the naming process. Baby "Sean Sean" will keep his moniker, but baby "Seen Sean" might get a new first name.

Rock movers: Anyone who wants to try moving a gigantic granite rock with their bare hands should visit the Huelgoat Forest in western France. This forest includes many large boulders and rocks; one is known as La Roche Tremblante (Trembling Rock). The rock, which weighs about 137 metric tonnes (about 150 U.S. tons) and is 7 metres (23 feet) long, can be made to teeter a bit with just a push, due to how it rests on a large, rocky base. To rock this rock, someone has to know exactly where to push it. The area gets many visitors, most coming to try to move the hunk of granite, which is also known as the Logan Stone.

Quoteable Quotes

"All great art is the work of the whole living creature, body and soul, and chiefly of the soul." —John Ruskin

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science." —Albert Einstein

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Trivia

1. Which bay in Atlantic Canada has the world's highest tides?
2. Mickey Mouse has five fingers on each hand—T/F?
3. The League of Nations was founded in 1919, 1920, or 1923?
4. In medieval Scandinavia, "thing" meant ____.
5. Which U.S. state is known as the Yellowhammer State?

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