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Everybody's Talking

Blue cows: Black, brown, and white cows may not attract much amount of attention, but what about a blue cow? Latvia is home to such a beast. These cows can be light or dark ultramarine in colour from a pigment that affects their fur. At birth, their coats are closer to beige, then later become blue. This cattle breed produces less milk than average, and was near extinction a few decades ago. However, a play called *The Blue One*, by Latvian Gunars Priede, drew attention to the plight of the blue cow in the 1970s. After organized attempts to save the breed, today these resilient animals can be found in the fields of Latvia.

Standing guard: Three cats in Victoria, British Columbia (Canada), decided to take control of an unopened blender box, with the blender still inside. Max, George, and Lando took turns sitting upon and guarding the box, while owners Jessica and Nikii began posting their pets' antics on social media, garnering many amused responses. Obviously, the owners only needed to shoo the cats away, unpack the blender, and start making smoothies. But the standoff provided so much laughter that they let the cats have their way for a while. They even contacted the mixer's manufacturer with the amusing story. The company sent three empty boxes so the owners could have their blender and the cats could keep playing with the containers.

Pineapple or not? Does pineapple belong on pizza? That is what Angelo Mercuri, chef, co-owner, and co-founder of Bacaro Pizzeria in Montreal, Quebec (Canada), wanted to find out. Including the tropical fruit on pizza is a contentious issue for many, so Mercuri devised a survey that drew 5,000 responses. Of all the respondents to the heavily publicized survey, 53 percent voted against pineapple on the Italian favourite, so for now, he took it off the menu of the chain of pizza restaurants. Bacaro's "Hawaii Five-0" pizza also had included bacon, ricotta, jalapeno peppers, and tomato sauce. Now the fruit has been banned from the chain for the foreseeable future.

Open trunk: Some petty thieves work by breaking into cars, rifling around in the console and the glove compartment, and stealing change or other valuables that the hapless owner may have left inside. If the car is locked, a thief might smash a window to get inside. This is happening more than usual in San Francisco, California (U.S.), so some vehicle owners have taken the situation into their own hands: they leave their cars unlocked with the trunks open, and they ensure there's nothing worth stealing in the car. A line of driverless cars parked on the street with trunks open looks odd, and police advise against the practice.

Quoteable Quotes

"My father always used to say, 'Don't raise your voice. Improve your argument.'"
 —Archbishop Desmond Tutu

"Don't give up on your daydream! That little voice inside is telling you how to live your life with intent and purpose."
 —Dawn Gluskin

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Trivia

1. The largest island of the Philippines is _____.
2. This Egyptian frog goddess represents fertility.
3. What refrigerant destroys the ozone layer?
4. The French horn is a woodwind instrument—T/F?
5. The word "cappuccino" originally referred to what brown item?

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