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Everybody's Talking

Long nails: A nail technician and makeup artist from Gary, Indiana (U.S.), has been growing her fingernails since 1989. Today, Cordelia Adams boasts nails that are over 12 inches (30.5 cm) long. With such long nails in the way, taking care of daily duties like brushing your teeth or writing a note may seem impossible, but Adams has managed to work around things. Covered with acrylic overlays, her nails are works of art, and she paints new designs on a regular basis. Adams got her love of long fingernails from her mother, who always sported long, painted nails. She loves the attention her nails bring, and says she'd never give them up.

Money problem: If someone receives an obviously erroneous paycheque that is worth many times more than expected, most people would be honest and let the employer know about the mistake. Not so for a Chilean employee, who quit work and disappeared after being paid many times more than his usual wage. The meat products company accidentally paid out \$165,398,851 (CLP) instead of \$500,000 (CLP). At first, the person agreed to repay the money, but must have had second thoughts because the money never reappeared. When the company repeatedly tried to make contact, it could not. The company planned to take legal action to be repaid for its expensive mistake.

Whistling for the players: At a stadium in Cierny Balog, Slovakia, soccer enthusiasts often have more to watch than just the game. That's because the stadium has a railway track running through it, and it's active. The railway was defunct when the stadium was built in the 1980s. However, locals wanted to reactivate the historic tracks, and they did so. Now, during the summers, a steam-powered engine pulls train cars full of tourists who are determined to view the area's scenery. While it seems odd, the sight of a train chugging past the grandstand in the middle of a game has become a highlight for both spectators and the train's passengers.

Wedding ring: When someone loses a wedding ring, it's often gone forever. However, an elderly widow from Looe in Cornwall, England, got the surprise of her long life when she discovered her late husband's wedding ring in the garden after it had been lost for 35 years. Ann Kendrick was cleaning up a garden in her yard when she noticed what she thought was a metal object in the ground under an apple tree. It turned out to be husband Peter's wedding ring, which they hadn't seen since 1987. Kendrick thinks he lost it while working in the yard. She plans to clean up the ring and wear it on a necklace in memory of him.

Quoteable Quotes

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Trivia

1. What animal pulls Norse Goddess Freya's chariot—oxen, horses, cats?
2. Vermeer, Van Gogh, or Bosch painted "The Girl With the Pearl Earring"?
3. Is Guatemala's capital San Jose, Guatemala City, or El Esposa?
4. Today's principle secular calendar is Julian or Gregorian?
5. T/F—The hyoid bone is found in the neck?

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