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**Everybody's Talking**

**Lit up lobes:** An American fashion designer named Diana Caldarescu has come up with a novel idea that is turning the lights on, literally, in the jewelry industry. She created earrings that look like tiny chandeliers, compete with crystals and brass candleholders. They attach to the ear using a wrap rather than the usual stud or clip. What's more, these earrings actually light up! Caldarescu figured out a way to charge the lights with a battery pack designed to be concealed behind the earlobe. Everything is in miniature size, of course. The earrings are so popular that Caldarescu is having a hard time keeping them in stock.

**Rare fig tree:** Bacoli, a city on the west coast of Italy, is home to ancient ruins called Parco Archeologico delle Terme di Baia. Once home to emperors and other royalty, Baia attracts many tourists, but they don't just come to see the park's ruins. One attraction within the ruins is a great draw for gawkers: a fig tree that grows upside-down. The tree's strong roots are securely fastened inside the roof of an old archway, while the plant's limbs and leaves reach toward the ground. The age of the tree is unknown, but it continues to grow each year. Occasionally, the hearty tree produces figs.

**Lucky boy:** Parents of a Bangladeshi boy must have heaved huge sighs of relief and joy when their teenage son, who had been missing for several days, was discovered 2,500 kilometres (1,553 mi.) away. The boy, named Fahim, had been playing hide-and-seek with his friends at a seaport in Chittagong. He chose a shipping container as a hiding spot. Inadvertently, he locked himself in, and his friends could not hear him calling. He ended up at Malaysia's Klang Port. Although tired and hungry, Fahim survived the journey. Upon discovery, he was confused and couldn't speak the local language, but he was taken to the hospital and soon recovered.

**Returned vehicle:** A car thief in Nova Scotia (Canada) turned out not to be a thief after all. When a woman returned to the parking lot where she'd left her Hyundai Santa Fe, she found it missing. She immediately called police. But the "thief," who owned an almost identical vehicle, had taken the woman's car by mistake. For some reason, his key fob worked on her SUV, so off he went to run his next errands, which included stopping at a gas station to fill up. Soon, though, he realized he had the wrong Hyundai, so he quickly returned the car. No damage was done, and the woman reimbursed the man for the gas.

**Quoteable Quotes**

"Life is a balance between holding on and letting go." —Rumi  
"Truthfulness is the foundation of all human virtues." —Abdu'l-Bahá

**What's Happening**

**Dec 2 - Matheson Tenant Association Christmas Bazaar**  
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**Trivia**

1. Approximately how many leaves are in a pound of black tea?
2. This city is the capital of Zimbabwe.
3. What is the national anthem of France?
4. The Aztecs, Incas, or Olmecs were the first major civilization of Mexico?
5. What is the first element on the periodic table?


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