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Everybody's Talking

Beautiful butterflies: The Schmetterlinghaus, or the Imperial Butterfly House, is a must-see for visitors to Vienna, Austria. The oasis inside the Art Nouveau-era greenhouse is verdant, with tropical plants, flowers, and waterfalls. However, the main attraction is not the flora but the fauna, specifically the butterflies that freely flit about and rest on branches or leaves, and search for nectar in flowers. About 400 butterflies live in the Schmetterlinghaus, where the hot, humid environment is perfect for the beautiful creatures. Visitors love to take pictures of these gentle insects of many species and many colours. The butterflies are not captured in the wild, but are bred on site or by approved butterfly farms.

The right foot: Three thieves in Huancayo, Peru, must have been quite surprised when they opened boxes of their stolen loot containing over 200 high-end sneakers. They discovered that all the shoes were for the right foot! No doubt they thought they'd be able to sell pairs of sneakers for cash, but they aren't likely to find many buyers for only right-footed shoes. The owner of the targeted store had boxed up shoes for the right foot of various brands and sizes to display at a sporting goods event. While the theft meant a big loss for the owner, police hoped to find the culprits and the stolen merchandise, as the heist was caught on the store's cameras.

Syrupy sweetness: Pancake lovers may wish to stop by the Maple Syrup Museum of Ontario. Located in the hamlet of St. Jacobs, near Waterloo, Ontario (Canada), this museum reveals the secrets and history of maple syrup-making in the area, including traditional and modern methods of sap collection, early Indigenous maple syrup production techniques, and various buckets and taps. Displays demonstrate collecting sap from maple trees while using horses as the means of transportation. The museum includes items such as candy molds that have been used to make syrup into other products. And of course visitors can buy pure maple syrup and other sweet items in many stores around the St. Jacobs community.

Faithful pet: An elderly man from the town of Moctezuma in Sonora State, Mexico, is lucky to have a loyal and loving pet dog. Octogenarian Gregorio Romero enjoys taking walks in the desert and sometimes makes his way to another village to visit. One day, he did not return and his family became worried. They requested a search and rescue, but after a week, no one had found a trace of Romera. Authorities decided to call in a special searcher: El Palomo, the elderly man's faithful dog. El Palomo sniffed here and there and led the search party over hills and down ravines until, finally, Romero was found. He was dehydrated, but alive and well, to everyone's joy

Quoteable Quotes

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." —Jane Goodall
"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." —Dalai Lama XIV

What's Happening

Ongoing - Climate Cafe Chat about climate issues and anxieties in an informal, relaxed setting. Tea coffee are provided; please bring your own mug. 1st Tuesday of the month at the Camrose Public Library 4710 50 Ave

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Trivia

1. Phenology is a scientific study that combines meteorology and ecology—T/F?
2. The Story of the Kelly Gang, the first full-length, narrative feature film was released in 1888, 1906, or 1915?
3. The wedge-shaped stone at the top of an arch is called what?
4. The two times when the sun is directly over the equator are equinoxes or eclipses?
5. The month of July is named for Julius Caesar, Jules Verne, or the Roman god Mars?

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