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Everybody's Talking

Long live the goldfish: Many folks, or someone they know, have owned a pet goldfish. But one special goldfish, named Tish, stands out from the rest because he lived to be 43 years old. While goldfish can live for a decade or two, Tish was the oldest goldfish ever recorded in captivity, although others may have lived longer. In 1956, Gordon Hand and Hilda, his mother, won Tish at a town fair in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, England. After Gordon grew up and moved away, Hilda took care of Tish, never overfeeding him. As he aged, his colour changed from bright orange to silver. Finally, after a long, peaceful life, Tish passed away in 1999.

Bitter taste: Bitter taste: We may laugh at the stereotyped idea of shoes getting chewed to smithereens by someone's pet pooch, but gnawing on things like shoes and boots can be unhealthy for dogs. With that in mind, Brizza, a Brazilian company that makes flip-flops, teamed up with some partners to develop what they are calling the Inedible Flip-Flop. One of the partners was a pet food company, with lots of experience in knowing what dogs will and won't eat. The newly developed flip-flops include an ingredient called denatonium benzoate, which makes the footwear taste extremely bitter, yet is safe and not harmful to pets.

Beautiful berry: After much trial and error over many years, a Japanese farmer named Mikio Okuda developed an amazing strawberry called Bijin-Hime. Nicknamed "Beautiful Princess," this berry is one of a kind. It is quite large and sports a perfect strawberry shape and red colour. In other strawberry varieties, the larger fruits tend to be less sweet and flavourful. Not so with the rose-scented Beautiful Princess. The farmer takes his strawberry-growing business seriously, ensuring that conditions are right for a perfect crop. These berries go for big bucks. One can sell for as much as \$500 USD, so this variety may be out of reach for mere mortals!

Hot dog aficionado: A hungry eater named Joey Chestnut can pack in a lot of food. Specifically, he demolished 62 hot dogs, along with their buns, at the well-known event called Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest on Coney Island in Brooklyn, New York (U.S.). He did it in a mere 10 minutes. The contest has been held on July 4 for about 50 years, and this was Chestnut's 16th win. While proud of his performance, the big eater won in 2021 by downing 76 hot dogs. And in six other competitions, he consumed more than 70 of the beloved fast food. Obviously Chestnut is a huge fan of hot dogs!

Quoteable Quotes

"Don't go through life. Grow through life." —Eric Butterworth

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it." —Helen Keller

What's Happening

Feb 23 - After Dark Night Market The Alt After Dark Night Market is a monthly night market. With 35 local alternative vendors, artists and distilleries you are sure to find something unique and wonderful. 8426 Gateway Blvd 7pm-11pm

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1. Coronal mass ejections occur from the Sun, Mercury, or Jupiter?
2. C.S. Lewis or A.A. Milne wrote The Chronicles of Narnia?
3. Albion was an ancient name for France, Canada, or Great Britain?
4. The rival gangs in West Side Story are the Jets and Sharks—T/F?
5. A ballyhoo, carnyx, or warhammer is an ancient Celtic horn?

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