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Everybody's Talking

Strange sight: People looking out their kitchen windows in northern Scotland usually don't expect to see a monkey in their yards. But Carl Nagle, a resident of Kincaig, saw just that. A monkey was by the fence, eating nuts that had fallen from the birdfeeder. Nagle observed that the monkey looked as though he knew he shouldn't have been there. The little fellow turned out to be an escapee from the Highland Wildlife Park, where a troop of 37 Japanese macaques, also known as snow monkeys, make their home. The Royal Zoological Society of Scotland runs the park, which is located within the Cairngorms National Park in Kingussie

Sunken dreams: Empires of the Deep was an expensive cinematic venture funded by Chinese billionaire Jon Jiang about a human-mermaid love story. It started as the cornerstone of a trilogy. This ambitious project aimed not only to grace the silver screen but also to launch an animated series, video game, and even a theme park. However, the undertaking encountered turbulent waters. The screenplay underwent 40 drafts, with A-list actors like Sharon Stone and Monica Bellucci briefly flirting with the project before leaving. Directors came and went, and the film languished in post-production for years. Despite an underwhelming trailer, the film has never been released.

Happy reunion: A dog named Lottie and an escaped male cockatiel called Ernie had a happy reunion in a suburb of Manchester, England. Ernie had disappeared from his home during a storm and was found several weeks later, singing on a bench in a community 6.4 kilometres (4 mi.) away. He was turned over to local animal services, where his chattiness charmed his caregivers. They recorded the bird singing and put the recordings on social media. Ernie's owners saw it, and soon the bird was reunited with his best friend, Lottie. Now the two are back to their old antics, with Ernie perching on Lottie's back for free rides.

Nasal notes: A woman from Aurora, Ontario, Canada, sure knows how to whistle. LuLu Lotus recently earned a spot in the Guinness World Record book with her ability to whistle through her nose. She set the record with a blast that reached 44.1 decibels. Inspired by a documentary she had watched about a person who had set a world record, Lotus knew she could really nose whistle, and when she discovered no one had ever applied for the record, she went for it. She met the strict requirements for earning the distinction by working with Aercoustics Engineering, Ltd., acoustical consultants in the nearby city of Mississauga.

Quoteable Quotes

"Always do what you are afraid to do." —Ralph Waldo Emerson
"The opposite of war isn't peace. It's creation." —Jonathan Larson

What's Happening

May 3 - Recording Artist Travis Dolter A Community Event Connecting People, with a little bit of Country and a whole lotta fun. Recording Artist Travis Dolter will be performing at Broadmoor Golf Course. Friday May 3, 2024. Doors Open 6:30pm. \$5 For Tickets Call 780-449-0494

May 11 - Celtic Roots: Bells in Harmony Spring Concert This spring concert features beautiful and some fun songs and handbell music. 7 pm, Trinity Baptist Church, 22550, Twp. Rd. 530, Sherwood Park. Tickets \$20 at door-children 12 and under free. jschoirandbells@outlook.com for more info

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Trivia

1. Are oboes and bassoons single or double reed instruments?
2. Who was the subject of Auguste Rodin's sculpture "The Thinker"?
3. This science fiction author co-wrote the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey.
4. Which archipelago nation won independence from the U.S. in 1946?
5. France's Bordeaux region only produces red wine—T/F?

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