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Everybody's Talking

Pretty in pink: A woman from Romania loved trucks so much that she decided to become a driver. But in the male-dominated industry, the woman, whose name is Georgeta, wanted to show her femininity by decorating her truck the way she desired: in pink! As trucking companies would not be amenable to such a colour scheme, Georgeta bought her own truck and is now working for herself. Her truck has a pink paint job, both inside and out. Even the steering wheel and dashboard boast her favourite colour. On her long drives, Georgeta has the company of her two cats: Norocel and Pisy. Georgeta has become known as Trucker Barbie.

Seeing things: Most people who are thinking about getting a tattoo don't consider an image in 3D. But that's what a tattoo artist from Portland, Oregon (U.S.), has started to make famous. Known as Winston the Whale, this artist uses inks of red and blue to create simple pictures on people's skin. By overlaying the image in both colours, he produces the 3D look that moviegoers used to see when they wore specially designed glasses. Usually Winston the Whale's designs are quite simple, ranging from a cactus under a half-moon to spaceships, mountain scenes, a piece of pizza, or a skull. In any case, the viewer's eye sees what appears to be a three-dimensional image.

Hotel stay: The cost of accommodation is going up everywhere, but a large family in China figured out a way around it. From Nanyang, Henan province, the family of eight moved into a luxury hotel suite that has two bedrooms and a living area. Because they no longer have to pay utilities like heat, electricity, water, and parking, the family can afford this option more easily than living in an apartment. Mu Xue, a family member, claims that everyone loves living in the hotel because it is convenient and comfortable, and that they may stay forever. The hotel gave the family a special rate of 1,000 Yuan (CNY) because of their indefinite stay.

Mistaken identity: For years, the Allentown Art Museum in Allentown, Pennsylvania (U.S.), showcased a painting thought to be the work of a student from the studio of legendary Dutch artist Rembrandt. However, a routine cleaning and restoration project unveiled a secret hidden beneath layers of old varnish. Advanced imaging techniques showed brushstrokes that experts say unmistakably identify the piece as belonging to Rembrandt himself, promoting "Portrait of a Young Woman" from a mere curiosity to a multimillion-dollar masterpiece overnight. This discovery not only redefined the museum's collection, but also reminded the art world of the mysteries that can hide in plain sight.

Quoteable Quotes

"So often in life, things that you regard as an impediment turn out to be great, good fortune."
—Ruth Bader Ginsburg

"Art is not a reflection of reality; it is the reality of reflection."
—Jean-Luc Godard

What's Happening

Jun 8 - Art in the Open The St. Albert Painters Guild - Art In The Open, self guided Outdoor Art Tour and Show. The shows takes place throughout the city of St. Albert at artist residences and some green spaces. Follow the signs, find map at www.paintersguild.wildapricot.org

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Trivia

1. Where are the islets of Langerhans?
2. What is sought in the opera Parsifal by Richard Wagner?
3. The Leonid meteor showers were named for a Russian scientist—T/F?
4. In 1666, the Great Fire of this city started in a bakery.
5. Whose wife, in the nursery rhyme, could eat no lean?

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