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Everybody's Talking

Python in his pants: If smugglers want to get weird pets across the border, they need to find a way to do so without detection. A man from New York City failed in this quest. He tried to smuggle three Burmese pythons across the Canadian border, but he chose an unusual place to hide them: in his pants. The man, traveling from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, back to New York City, didn't get past U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers. They discovered the reptiles, hidden in snake bags in the inner thigh of his pants. Pythons are some of the world's largest snakes and are considered a vulnerable species. The failed snake smuggler was fined \$5,000 (USD).

Lucky dog, lucky ticket: A woman buying items in a convenience store in Guangdong, China, might consider taking her dog shopping with her more often. The golden retriever broke free of its leash and took off, running into a nearby lottery shop. There the canine bit into a lottery ticket, which the owner, surnamed Lin, had to buy. She scolded her dog for being so disobedient. But she regretted the scolding because the ticket turned out to be a winner, bringing her 1,000 Yuan (CNY). The next time she went to the store, the dog chose a ticket worth 30 Yuan. Lin's friends and neighbours began calling her pet "Fortune Dog."

Unusual rescue: What 3-year-old wouldn't be intrigued by a glass-walled box filled with plush toys? A child that age would want to get in and start playing! In Brisbane, Australia, police came to the rescue when a child became trapped inside a toy-filled claw machine in a suburban shopping mall. Timothy Hopper, the boy's father, said his son disappeared into the machine in seconds, before he had time to react. Police coaxed the boy to move to a safe corner inside the machine and cover his eyes so they could break a glass panel to free him. He was unharmed and his rescuers invited him to pick a prize.

Cold rescue: People in a floating sauna in the sea near Oslo, Norway, were in the right place at the right time to rescue two people whose car appeared to be driven off a quay and into a fjord. The electric-powered wooden sauna raft and its passengers raced to the rescue, with the passengers wondering who was behind the wheel of the wayward vehicle. During the ensuing rescue, the sauna lovers had only towels to keep warm during the chilly, early February event. The car's driver had thought the vehicle was in park when he accidentally hit the accelerator pedal. The car was later recovered from the fjord.

Quoteable Quotes

"Love is space and time measured by the heart." —Marcel Proust
"The key is to keep company with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best." —Epictetus

What's Happening

Aug 21 - Links fore Literacy Charity Golf Tournament 2024
The Links fore Literacy Charity Golf Tournament is the Centre for Family Literacy's annual summer fundraising event. Proceeds from the tournament support the Centre's adult and family literacy programs. For more information, visit familit.cagolf2024

June 14 - Teeing up for Kids Charity Golf Tournament
Hello, if you would like to play or help in the 3rd annual charity golf tournament supporting The Kids with Cancer Society on Friday, June 14th at the Highlands Golf Club please contact Jamie at jmcsporran59@gmail.com

Jun 14 to 16 - Summer Book Sale Friends of the Spruce Grove Public Library. Sale hours are Friday 12-6, Saturday, 10-6, Sunday 12-4. Take what you want, pay what you can.

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Trivia

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2. Which constellation is on the Australian flag?
3. Where is Dracula's Castle?
4. Which continent has not had any observed tornadoes?
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