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Everybody's Talking

Magic hands: Shogo Yoshida, a hairdresser from Nagoya, Japan, turned a genetic condition that causes swollen fingertips into a unique advantage. Known as Bachi Yubi-san (Mr. Drumstick Fingers) on social media, he gained attention by sharing photos and videos of his distinctive hands. Diagnosed with pachydermoperiostosis, he faced ridicule, but over time embraced his condition. After an inspiring visit to a hair salon, he pursued a career in hairstyling despite the challenges his condition posed. His bulbous fingers became a signature trait, making him memorable and helping him excel, especially with his renowned head massages. He became a sought-after stylist, celebrated for his unique talent.

Furry frenzy: A mall in Shenzhen, China, became what was described as a "husky playground" when over 100 huskies escaped from a dog cafe. Haha Husky Cute Pets is a place where visitors can enjoy tea and play with the dogs, even buying dog treats to feed their new four-legged friends. When a gate was accidentally left open, the dogs took off out of the cafe and into the mall, playing, howling, and snatching snacks from surprised shoppers. They were corralled back into the store after about an hour, leaving behind amused and bemused onlookers. The incident highlighted both the charm and chaos of having so many playful pets in one place.

Towering ride: Two French biking enthusiasts set a Guinness World Record with a 7.77-metre-tall (25.5-ft.) rideable bicycle. Inspired by a casual conversation in 2019, they spent years planning and hundreds of hours constructing the bike using wood from discarded furniture, metal alloy, and steel. The pedals drive the wheels via a 16-metre (52.5-ft.) chain. To maintain balance, the bike must travel about 20 km/h (12 mph). Despite its size, the bike features standard wheels, a handlebar with brakes, and a saddle seven metres above ground. To prove its functionality, one of its designers rode unassisted for 100 metres (328 ft.) during a bicycle festival, securing their place in the record books.

Space junk: Barry Sawchuk, farming with his three sons on land northeast of Regina, Saskatchewan (Canada), is accustomed to occasionally finding stones in his fields. That's why he was so surprised to discover some highly unusual debris while checking moisture content prior to seeding. The debris resembled a burned piece of carbon fibre with aluminum attached. He also found a hydraulic cylinder. One of his sons did some research and concluded it was space debris. An astronomy professor at the University of Regina sent photos of the materials to an astrophysicist at Harvard University, who determined that what the farmer found likely came from a spacecraft during a recent descent back to Earth.

Quoteable Quotes

"If you avoid conflict to keep the peace, you start a war with yourself."
 —Cheryl Richardson

"I always prefer to believe the best of everybody; it saves so much trouble."
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Trivia

1. Where in the body is insulin produced?
2. Who wrote the opera The Pirates of Penzance?
3. Does candlepin bowling use balls with or without finger holes?
4. Where is the city of Batman?
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Recipe of the month

Fall Garden Medley

4 large carrots, cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
 3 fresh beets, peeled and cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-1/2-inch pieces
 2 medium onions, peeled and quartered

1/2 cup water
 2 teaspoons salt
 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 Fresh parsley or dried parsley flakes, optional

Prep Time: 20 min Cook: 5 hours Yield: 8 servings

- 1 Place the carrots, beets, sweet potatoes, onions and water in a greased 3-qt. slow cooker. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and thyme. Drizzle with olive oil. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until tender.
- 2 Stir vegetables and, if desired, sprinkle with parsley.

The perfect Fall side – colourful, tasty and healthy and complements many different meat dishes.

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