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Everybody's Talking

Sausage stop: While inserting money to get chocolate bars or chips from a vending machine might be familiar, if you happen to be in Germany, you also can get bratwurst and bockwurst sausages. These unusual vending machines have been around for a few years and are both popular and convenient, especially late at night when someone is craving a sausage. People who work late also appreciate the machines if grocery stores are closed by the time they have a chance to get food. Some of the machines even offer eggs, milk, produce, and prepared sides like potato salad. The products are vacuum-sealed, and the machines are temperature-controlled to ensure safety.

Bee delay: You often hear of weather halting outdoor sports events, but this time it was buzzing bees that stopped the play. During a quarterfinal tennis match at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, California (U.S.), play was interrupted for nearly two hours. The players had to pause their game while a worker used a vacuum to remove bees that had swarmed onto the overhead camera. The unexpected delay provided an unusual spectacle for the audience, who watched as the court was carefully cleared of the insects. The players, who had been swatting away the bees, were fortunate that no one was stung.

Tourist trouble: Residents of Fujikawaguchiko (Japan), a town about 62 miles (100 km) west of Tokyo, were fed up with tourists who littered, trespassed, parked illegally, and broke other traffic rules. Tourists, eager to capture a perfect view of Mount Fuji, would flock to the town with their cameras, causing disruption. In response, the town installed a large, 66-foot (20-m) by 8-foot (2.5-m) mesh barrier to block the view of the snow-capped mountain. An official stated it was regrettable that it had come to this, adding that over-tourism is the biggest problem facing the iconic mountain. The measure aims to restore peace and order for the local community.

Ring recovered: A woman in Wales lost her engagement ring in 1970, while feeding hay to cattle on her family farm. She now has it back, thanks to a detectorist, which is someone who explores the ground with a metal detector. Marilyn Birch, a senior resident of Pontardawe in Neath-Port Talbot, described recovering the ring as an emotional reunion. All those years ago, she had retraced her steps in hopes of finding the ring, but to no avail. Recently, detectorist Keith Phillips obtained permission to search the land for treasures and found the ring buried about 8 inches (20 cm) deep in a field, a discovery that left its owner speechless.

Quoteable Quotes

"Reality itself is gorgeous. It is the plenum; the fullness of total joy."
—Alan Watts

"The whole future lies in uncertainty: live immediately."
—Seneca

What's Happening

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Trivia

1. The 1982 film Conan the _____ starred Arnold Schwarzenegger and James Earl Jones.
2. Sleeping Beauty fell asleep when she pricked her finger on a rose thorn—T/F?
3. A pinochle deck has 26, 48, or 52 cards?
4. What is the capital of Portugal?
5. The "V" in the acronym ROYGBIV stands for what?

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