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You Have Got To Be Kidding Me

Some "cheeky blackbirds" spoiled a pick-your-own cherries festival days before it was scheduled, the event griped on Facebook. The celebration had been set to take place at Cotehele, a medieval house and property managed by the National Trust conservation group in south-west England.

"Unfortunately the cheeky blackbirds who live at Cotehele, have jumped the queue and eaten ALL of the cherries in the orchard," Cotehele posted on its Facebook page on Thursday. "Never work with children or animals," it advised.

Laura Jarman of the National Trust told the BBC that the birds cleared 80 trees.

This season's cherry crop was smaller than usual because of uneven spring weather, Cotehele explained.

A speedy potbelly pig on the run caused mayhem in a Pennsylvania community as he dodged captors for days last week.

The 200-pound pig ran loose in the streets, nearly got hit by a Tesla and outran Manheim Township police officers, who said they're "fairly certain he's the fastest pig alive."

The pig, named Hamilton for the Hamilton Park neighborhood in Lancaster Township where he was first reported, eventually was caught snoozing under a backyard trampoline and was herded into a dog crate. Then he was hauled off to an animal sanctuary for a happy ending.

A bear tried to use an alternate exit an upper-floor window after it made its way inside a Colorado house during an unannounced visit caught on tape earlier this month.

Homeowner Ryan MacFarlane told Fox 31 that he was not there at the time.

"He got his nails in there and just ripped that window right open and got inside and helped himself to my pork chops I had out for dinner that night, got some snacks out of the pantry and knocked over the plants — nothing too crazy," said MacFarlane.

The bear got locked in a bedroom, and a police officer went inside to open a door and give the animal a way out, MacFarlane said.

Great Quotes

"It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change." - Queen Elizabeth II

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

"There is always light. If only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it." - Amanda Gorman

"Living is the art of getting used to what we didn't expect." - Eleanor C. Wood

Did You Know...

In a study of 200,000 ostriches over a period of 80 years, no one reported a single case where an ostrich buried its head in the sand (or attempted to do so).

It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

In every episode of Seinfeld, there is a Superman somewhere.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

23% of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

In the course of an average lifetime you will, while sleeping, eat 70 assorted insects and 10 spiders.

On average, a human being will have sex more than 3,000 times and spend two weeks kissing in their lifetime.

Trivia

1. Alternatively named Christmas Star, what flower was named by the United States' first ambassador to Mexico?
2. What would you be studying if you saw arches, whorls and loops?
3. What company logo, featured in the movie "Cast Away", contains an arrow between two of the letters?
4. What does Volkswagen, the popular German car, mean in English?
5. The Roaring Twenties ushered in some new and unusual styles of clothing. On what part of your body would you wear a cloche?
6. What famous actress, while on a war bond tour, died when her plane slammed into a mountain just outside of Las Vegas on 16th January, 1942?
7. In what month is the official first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere?

---Answers on the back---

Strange and Interesting Facts

Fact: Dead skin cells are a main ingredient in household dust

Here's an interesting science fact for you: According to researchers at Imperial College London, humans shed around 200 million skin cells each hour—and they have to go somewhere when we're indoors. If the idea of skin dust isn't sitting well with you, you should know that a report from the American Chemical Society found that a skin oil called squalene naturally helps reduce indoor ozone levels by up to 15 percent.

Fact: The bumblebee bat is the world's smallest mammal

Weighing in at 0.05 to 0.07 ounces, with a head-to-body length of 1.14 to 1.29 inches and a wingspan of 5.1 to 5.7 inches, the bumblebee bat—also known as Kitti's hog-nosed bat—is the smallest mammal in the world, according to the Guinness Book of World Records. To see this tiny bat for yourself, you'd have to visit one of a select few limestone caves on the Khwae Noi River in Kanchanaburi Province of southwest Thailand.

Fact: The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long

If a child's entire circulatory system—we're talking veins, arteries, and capillaries—were laid out flat, it would stretch for more than 60,000 miles, according to the Franklin Institute. By the time we reach adulthood, our bodies have become home to approximately 100,000 miles of blood vessels. That's just one of the mind-blowing facts that sound made up (but aren't).

Fact: There are parts of Africa in all four hemispheres

For people whose education was largely focused on the Western world, it may be surprising to find out exactly how huge the continent of Africa is. For instance, it spans all four hemispheres and covers nearly 12 million square miles

Dad Jokes

1. What did the horse say after it tripped?
Help! I've fallen and I can't giddyup!
2. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl going to the bathroom?
Because the "P" is silent
3. What do you call a well-balanced horse? Stable.
4. What do you call an angry carrot? A steamed veggie.
5. Where do polar bears keep their money? In a snowbank.
6. How do you make an egg-roll? You push it!
7. What would bears be without bees? Ears.
8. What do you call a pile of cats? A meow-ntain.
9. Why do cows wear bells? Because their horns don't work.
10. Why did the bicycle fall over? Because it was two tired.

Trivia Answers

1. Answer: Poinsettia

Interesting Information: *Joel Roberts Poinsett first named the poinsettia in 1828 while he was the U.S. Minister to Mexico. In addition to Mexico, the poinsettia is indigenous to Guatemala. Difficulty: Very Easy.*

2. Answer: Fingerprints

Interesting Information: *The ridges on the fingertips known as fingerprints are useful for grip in humans. They can also be used as identification of criminals through a database of fingerprints that can be searched for repeat offenders. Difficulty: Very Easy.*

3. Answer: FedEx

Interesting Information: *Once you see the arrow between the "E" and the "x" (the white space) in FedEx, you'll see it every time. It's a secondary addition by the logo designers to indicate movement and speed. Difficulty: Average.*

4. Answer: people's car

Interesting Information: *The Volkswagen Beetle was VW's first car, released in 1938. It was designed by Ferdinand Porsche under the direction of Adolph Hitler. The "people's car" was not known as the Beetle until 1967. Difficulty: Very Easy.*

5. Answer: The head

Interesting Information: *The cloche hat is a bell-shaped hat that was popular during the 1920s. Cloche hats were usually made of felt so that they fitted close to the head. Cloche is the French word for bell! Difficulty: Average.*

6. Answer: Carole Lombard

Interesting Information: *All were killed on the plane which was given faulty elevation data on the mountain height. The plane hit ten feet below the top. Parts of the plane are still visible. Clark Gable never got over the loss of what he called "the love of his life." Difficulty: Hard.*

7. Answer: June

Interesting Information: *The official first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere is the day when the Summer Solstice occurs, on the day of the year when the Sun is farthest North. It is commonly called The Longest Day of the Year. This day most often falls on June 21, but can also be on June 20. Difficulty: Easy.*

A Final Positive Thought

There was a blind girl who hated herself purely for the fact she was blind. The only person she didn't hate was her loving boyfriend, as he was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry him.

One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her – now she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked her, "now that you can see the world, will you marry me?"

The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying:

"Just take care of my eyes dear."

Moral of the story:

When our circumstances change, so does our mind. Some people may not be able to see the way things were before, and might not be able to appreciate them. There are many things to take away from this story, not just one.