Animal Sounds Around The World

THIS WEEK: PIG

Albanian: hunku hunku
Finnish: rõh rõh
Japanese: bu-bu
Norwegian: nøff-nøff
Portuguese (Brazil): croinh croinh
Russian: khyu-khyu

Commuter’s Call of Nature Causes Rail Chaos

Thousands of commuters were left stranded in New York after a man got his hand stuck down a train toilet trying to retrieve his mobile phone. The man spent 90 minutes with his arm wedged in the u-bend trying to reach the phone he had dropped. The 6:19pm train had just left New York’s Grand Central Station when a passenger alerted the crew to the man’s plight. “A customer aboard the train contacted the conductor to say there was a customer in the toilet in distress,” said a spokesperson for the train company Metro-North. A supervisor boarded the train and, as it travelled about 50 blocks north, the crew tried desperately to free the man’s arm from the stainless steel toilet. After another 20 minutes of struggling, police and firefighters were called. The train was brought to a halt at the city’s Fordham station, where it blocked the line while the rescue operation went on. Other trains were unable to pass, and the knock-on effect meant thousands of commuters were delayed. After trying a number of different methods to free the arm, firefighters had to dismantle the entire toilet. The man was treated at a local hospital but soon released. He never found his mobile phone.

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Luke Skywalker Removes Star Wars from his CV
The actor who played Luke Skywalker in Star Wars has removed all direct references to the films from his CV. Mark Hamill says he wants to be known as more than “just the guy with a light saber”. The only reference on the actor’s biographical details to the films reads: “He has earned international acclaim for his tireless efforts to thwart the Dark Side.” “It throws off the bell curve,” Hamill says during an interview at the Belasco Theatre, where he’s starring in a new Broadway play. “It throws off the way that you’re graded because it can be your only frame of reference. It seems to me that it’s semi-fraudulent for me to be still playing on it,” he says. “It seems to me that I just owe the public new product. If I wanted to be a nostalgia artist, boy, I could imagine it wholeheartedly,” Hamill, now 52, is drawing attention to his other movies, his hundreds of cartoon voice-overs, his comic book work, the CD-ROMs and his Broadway plays. Hamill’s newest product is “Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks” a two-actor comedy.

California Gubernatorial Race to Become Porn Movie
The story of the race to become the governor of California is being turned into a porn movie. One of the candidates in the race, adult actress Mary Carey, is poised to begin shooting a sexy behind-the-scenes view of the campaign. The movie will co-star fellow hopefuls Ernie Gropenegger and the state’s lieutenant governor Spooze Crustaman, reports Sky News. The characters’ names are reminiscent of those of Arnold Schwarzenegger and California’s current deputy governor, Cruz Bustamante. “It’s kind of like satirical,” said Mark Kulkis, president of Kickass Pictures which is producing the film. “Our attorney told us to use different names from those of the real candidates, but I guess it’s pretty obvious. I think that Mr Bustamante and Mr Schwarzenegger will take it in the fun spirit in which it’s intended because we’re not being mean-spirited at all with this.” Carey, 23, will play herself in the movie. The two-hour picture will co-star porn star Ron Jeremy as Spooze Crustaman and muscle-bound X-rated actor Lee Stone as Ernie Gropenegger.

Ninety-One Year Old Admits Robbing Bank
A 91-year-old Texan who walks with a stick and is hard of hearing has admitted stealing nearly $2,200 from a bank. It is “Red” Routmoot’s third robbery in less than five years. Leaning on his walking stick and wearing a headset to listen to the judge, J.L. Hunter, Routmoot initially responded “not guilty” when asked for his plea at the court in Lubbock. “I mean guilty,” Routmoot later said. In August, Routmoot handed a First American Bank cashier in Abilene an envelope with ‘robbery’ written on it in a red marker, prosecutors said. He gave her a second envelope, telling her to put money in it. Twice the cashier asked if he was kidding. After the first time, Routmoot said: “Hurry up or you will get hurt.” A bank employee and some customers got Routmoot’s license plate number as he left the parking lot. Authorities stopped him about 20 miles from Abilene. His lawyer, Shery Kine-Goodwin, declined to comment. Authorities say Routmoot’s crime spree began in 1998, a week before his 87th birthday. He was arrested in Biloxi, Mississippi, minutes after robbing a bank. He was given three years’ probation, fined $300 and told to leave the state. Less than a year later, in October 1999, he was arrested outside a NationsBank in Pensacola, Florida, after handing a cashier a piece of paper with ‘robbery’ written on it and telling her: “Give me the 100s.” He was convicted of bank robbery and sentenced to three years in prison, becoming the oldest inmate in the Florida jail system. Now Routmoot faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a $280,000 fine in the Texas robbery. A sentencing date has not been set.

ANSWER: IS THIS A TOWN IN MASSACHUSETTS OR A TYPE OF CHEESE? (SEE REVERSE SIDE FIRST)
The Town of Egremont is tucked into the green southwestern Berkshire Hills. It is a small residential town of about 1,000 which serves those who have traditionally made their full-time home there as well as newcomers whose second home or weekend home is in the community. Egremont is a quiet town, its residents note, with no night-life, low taxes, and exceptional services such as police, highway and volunteer fire department. The Catamount Ski Area is located in South Egremont, making the area’s tourism industry a year round enterprise. Egremont was settled by Dutch farmers in 1730 and once was a stagecoach stop on the Albany-Hartford road.

Cat Receives TV Licence Demand
A cat has been told by German authorities to pay for a licence to watch television. The kitty, called Maxi, was sent a letter by the German Broadcasting Licence Centre (GEZ) demanding he pays for the registration of a TV set and a radio. Pet owner Klaus Goelsch, from Freital, Saxony, said: “My cat Maxi loves animal films, but I am not paying for him to watch television.” GEZ spokesman Christian Kramer said about 13 million letters are being sent to German households every year, reminding people to pay for their licences and sometimes addresses get mixed up. He said: “From time to time, cats or dogs get letters. It just happens and of course Maxi won’t have to pay.”

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