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**CHICKEN DELAYS TRAIN PASSENGERS**

Rail passengers were delayed when their 125mph express was damaged in a collision - with a chicken. They were evacuated after the driver told them: “We’ve hit a chicken.” Passengers had to wait on the platform at Swindon, Wiltshire, while firemen and railway workers carried out repairs and safety checks. They found the bird had damaged a fuel line on the 5.30pm Paddington to Swansea Great Western train reports The Sun. Passenger Robert Guy, 49, an architect from Bristol, said: “This takes the biscuit. Everyone was amused. People were making jokes like ‘Why did the chicken cross the railway line?’ and about the tracks being ‘all fowled up’. We all had a good laugh on the way home.”

**COFFEE MADE FROM CAT DROPPINGS**

A Dutch online shop is selling coffee made from cat droppings - for £14 an ounce. Kopi Luwak, or civet cat coffee, is produced by the civet cat in Sumatra, reports Dagblad van het Noorden. It eats ripe coffee beans which are then hand-picked from its droppings by local people. The beans are of the highest quality but the work is so intensive that only 500kg is made each year. Dutch connoisseur Bob Dam, from Groningen, said the coffee has a fine chocolate aroma which tastes delicious at the back of the throat. “The taste is exquisite but it is too expensive to really enjoy the coffee,” he added.

**HALLOWEEN BANNED, TO SAVE WITCHES’ FEELINGS**

US schools have banned Halloween because officials are worried about offending real witches. Students who turn up in costume could be sent home from schools in Puyallup School District in Washington state. Officials told a local TV station that followers of the Wiccan religion had complained about the way Halloween was celebrated. Spokeswoman Karen Hansen said: “School officials have been reviewing the Halloween tradition and decided that time could be better spent. “Schools are teaching students to be respectful and take account of the discomfort felt by others. Witches with pointy noses are not respective symbols of the Wiccan religion.” The authority was also concerned that Halloween wasted valuable class time and that the costumes were too expensive for many families.

**R KELLY WORKS AT McDoNALD’S**

R Kelly has been spotted moonlighting - as a McDonald’s sales assistant. The singer spent three hours working at the drive-through window of McDonald’s just hours after coming offstage in St. Louis, Missouri. Kelly “chatted up the manger of the McDonald’s and wound up working the drive-through window for three hours,” reported the New York Post. A rep for the singer, currently on tour with rapper Jay-Z, confirmed the story. The Post reports that earlier in the evening Kelly stormed off stage screaming at the sound engineer for “screwing things up.” Two concerts this week on Kelly and Jay-Z’s Best Of Both Worlds tour have been cancelled due to technical problems. The tour is due to resume tomorrow, Thursday, in New York.

**WHICH MOVIE IS THIS FROM?**

“And one more thing, Otto... Aristotle was not Belgian, the principle of Buddhism is not ‘every man for himself’, and the London Underground is NOT a political movement!”
Three thieves were undone when they returned to the scene of their alleged crime - to silence a parrot. The trio allegedly stole DVD players, computers, radios, televisions and other electronic items from a house in Memphis, Tennessee. However, one of the three realised that a parrot in the house had heard him using the nickname “JJ” for one of his accomplices - and had started repeating it. “They were afraid the bird would stool on them,” said police Major Billy Garrett said. “They actually believed he could identify them.” They went back for the bird and were loading it into their car when police arrived, authorities said. Police gave chase and caught the men moments later when their car crashed. The men have been charged with aggravated burglary and evading arrest. However, the story has not ended happily for Marshmallow, the six-year-old parrot at the center of the drama. His cage broke open in the crash and he flew away. He has not been seen since.

**Frog Smugglers Thwarted**

Three men have been arrested while allegedly trying to smuggle 600 rare frogs into Belgium. The men had packed the poison arrow frogs into rolls of film, reports Gazet Van Antwerpen. Customs officers at Zaventem airport arrested the man after becoming suspicious of the amount of film they seemed to be carrying. The rolls all had a piece of film hanging out, as if they were unused, but when officers checked they found tiny frogs inside. The frogs, which came from South America, have been valued at about £70,000 to collectors who pay £70 to £175 for a single arrow poison frog. The tiny, brightly-coloured frogs, which are only 15mm long, were all taken to Antwerp Zoo.

**MAN MARRIED WRONG TWIN**

A Romanian man is demanding a divorce after finding out he married the twin sister of the woman he fell in love with. Vladut R, from Constanta, lived for three years with his wife Monica but says he couldn’t go on with the “ordained” because he loved her sister. The man met the “love of his life” - Elena - a few years ago during a trip to France, reports the Cuget Liber newspaper. They were to meet up again back in Romania but the woman decided not to stay in touch after she suffered an accident and needed time to recover. Meanwhile, Vladut met his lover’s twin sister, Monica, at the seaside and thought it was the girl of his dreams. She accepted his marriage proposal, not telling him the truth about her sister. Now the couple, who are both dentists, have agreed about to divorce so the man can be back together with the right sister.

**Germany’s Most Beautiful Words**

Habseligkeiten - which means ‘property’ - has been voted the most beautiful word in the German language. And rhabarbermarmelade - ‘rhubarb jam’ - has been singled out as Germany’s coolest word. Germany’s Goethe Institute and the German Language Council, which are the guardians of the language, organised the contest to highlight beautiful German words. They wanted to show that the German language could be every bit as romantic and glamorous as Italian or French. Thousands of German speakers from all over the world took part and the winner was chosen after 22,000 entries from 111 countries were considered by a panel of experts. “We wanted to reignite the joy of discovering the German language,” said Limbach. The winning word was sent by Doris Kalka, a secretary at the University of Tuebingen. The runner-up was geborgenheit - ‘security’ - while lieben - ‘love’ was third.

**AND THE ANSWER IS...**

Ow, that HURT

Wanda (Jamie Lee Curtis), to Otto (Kevin Kline), in the ribtickling 1988 film A Fish Called Wanda. Also present were the Monty Python talents John Cleese and Michael Palin, who each contributed to the wacky and strangely intelligent film about four crooks and a hapless lawyer scheming over stolen money. The movie mixes equal parts verbal wit, visual gags, and slapstick humor, and featured dancing Russian dialects, Nietzsche, and aquarium fish.