

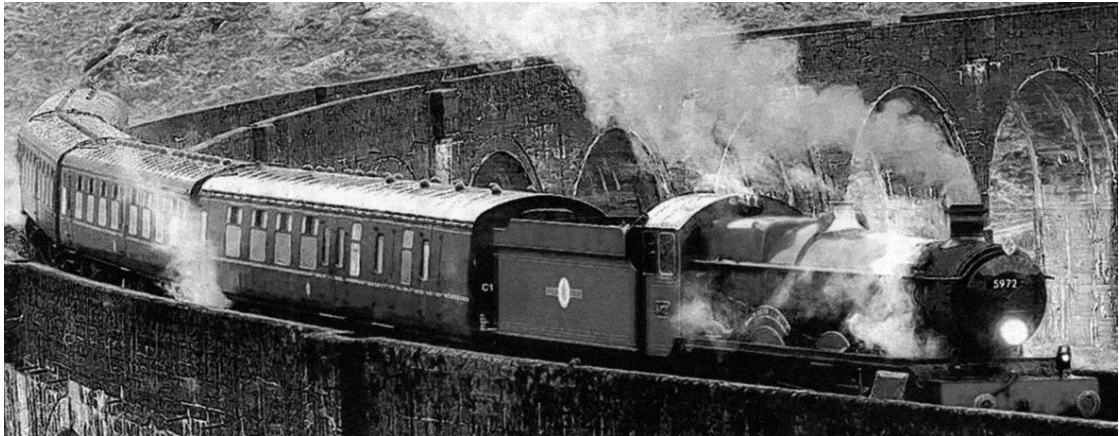
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£50,000 repair bill for Hogwarts Express



Carnforth Harry Potter's train, the Hogwarts Express (pictured) – which is famous for departing from the imaginary platform 9¾ at King's Cross Station, London, in the fantasy series – was attacked by vandals and had scores of windows smashed.

In all, 337 windows on various trains were smashed at the West Coast Railway Company Depot in Carnforth, Lancashire.

The damage will cost at least £50,000 to repair, according to West Coast Railway Company Depot in Carnforth, Lancashire.

It is not known when the tourist train will return to the tracks.

Coast Railways

Call of the wild



Guatam Sapkota managed to attract hundreds of crows at a recent ‘crow show’ in Kathmandu, Nepal, with his unique chirping noises. “I told them to come, sit, be quiet and fly away,” said Sapkota, who does the shows to raise awareness about the conservation of birds. He says he can imitate the sounds of 251 kinds of birds and plans to broaden his conservation message with an album that remixes Nepali songs with the sound of a crane (the feathered kind, rather than the mechanical variety).

Holland Herald, 2014

In touch with twins

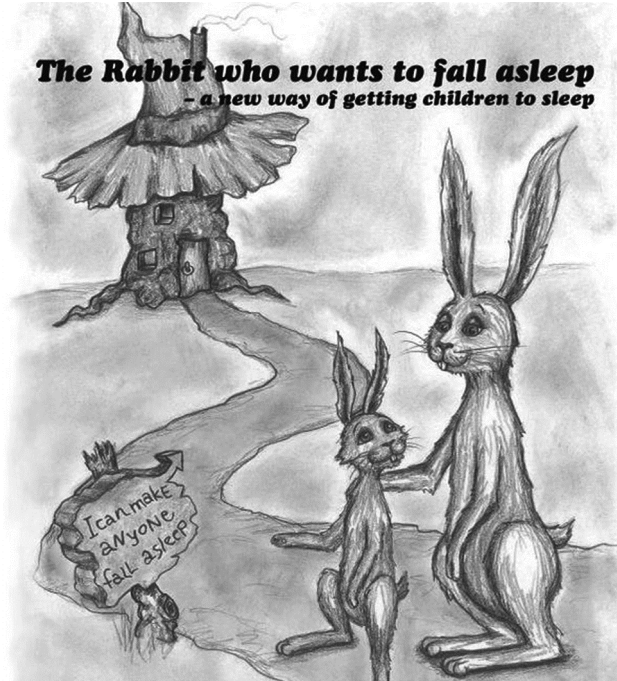


- 1 There's something so fascinating about twins – something that we can't quite understand but are nonetheless drawn to. Psychology in particular is still fascinated with the study of identical twins. However, the rest of us are more interested in the supernatural quality that some twins seem to have; the ability to finish each other's sentences, or to know instinctively when something is 'not right' with the other.
- 2 Margaret Rafferty is an identical twin, and she knows all too well what this special twin sixth sense is all about. "When I was backpacking overseas (this was the early 90's, before email and Facebook, when the only way to make immediate contact was by phone), no one could get in touch with us in a hurry as they never knew exactly where we were," says Margaret. "One morning, when we were in Scotland on the Isle of Skye, I woke up with the overwhelming urge to call my sister, Anne. I told my husband I had to call her immediately so we drove to the nearest town, found a phone box and I rang her. It turned out she was about to go into hospital that very day for surgery."
- 3 "But then again, mostly it's not like that," says Margaret. "I remember introducing my twin to someone and this guy saying, 'So, do you know what Anne's thinking?' and I don't know why but I replied with, 'Yeah. Right now she's thinking, 'God, they always ask us that!'"

www.kidspot.com.au

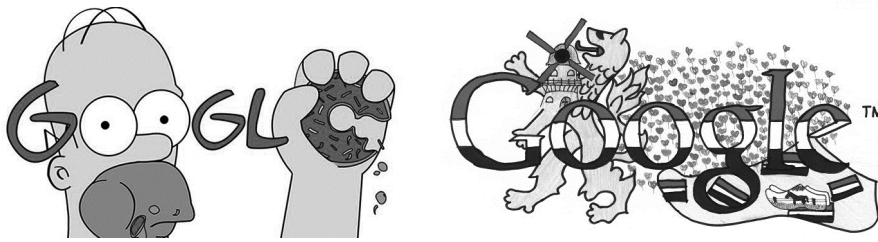
The Rabbit Who Wants to Fall Asleep

- 1 Every parent of a young child will be familiar with the daily struggle of trying to coax an energetic child into going to sleep. A psychologist has claimed that he may finally have the answer to the age-old problem and has developed a new storytelling book scientifically designed to send children to sleep within minutes. Since going on sale, 'The Rabbit Who Wants to Fall Asleep' has rocketed to the top of Amazon's best sellers list.
- 2 The paperback was written by Swedish psychologist Carl-Johan Forssén Ehrlin and tells the tale of Roger the Rabbit, the Sleep Snail and Uncle Yawn on their quest to help the rabbit go to sleep. Parents are advised to read slowly and methodically and to yawn throughout the narrative. It is believed that these psychological reinforcement techniques transfer to the child who then mimics their parents' sleepy behaviour.
- 3 Mr Forssén Ehrlin claims to use language patterns and complementary images to lull even the most energetic child to sleep over the course of its 26 pages. He claims: "This is an innovative and groundbreaking type of bedtime story that uses sophisticated psychological techniques. These are formed in a way to help the child relax, fall asleep faster and sleep calmer every night. The tale gives suggestions to the child's unconscious mind to sleep."
- 4 It is believed that this is the first time that an independent author has topped Amazon's best sellers chart.



www.independent.co.uk, 2015

Nerdiest kid brings Google name to life



- 1 HOW much do you know about Momofuku Ando's 105th birthday? How about the Dragon Boat Festival, the last day of the Canadian penny or what would have been famous singer Freddie Mercury's 65th birthday? Chances are, if you have visited Google in the past few years, you have seen an image, animation or film that has become known collectively as Google Doodles. Designed to commemorate a specific person, event or milestone, the Google Doodle has grown from the most basic of illustrations to fully immersive games and creative experiences.
- 2 Ryan Germick is head of the Google Doodle team, based at the company's Californian headquarters. Born and raised in rural Indiana, a childhood love of art and comics led the friendly Germick to study illustration and creative writing in New York, before he spent several months sign-painting and learning remedial Tamil in India at the start of the century. There he created his first website to share photographs he had taken on his Sony Digital camera with family and friends. "It was the first time I really realised the power of the internet – this was before Flickr and social media and all that," he said. "Strangers, not just my friends and family, would see my site and message me, and it set off a little light bulb in my head. I was the nerdiest kid in school, and for me, a computer was just another tool to do something interesting with."
- 3 He began working for Google, the first place he applied to, in 2006. "When I first started, I had the very general title of web specialist, which wasn't special at all. I had a business card, and I would scribble out 'web' and 'ist' and would give people my card reading 'Ryan Germick, special'."
- 4 While the first Google Doodle officially appeared on the site in 1998 (a stick figure representing the Burning Man festival), there was no official Doodle team until 2009. The team now produces about 400 Doodles each year, about 50-100 of which will be animated, and about 12 fully interactive. Team members plan about 18 months ahead to work out the events, people and milestones with the most creative potential, and the only constraints to the team's creativity are that the word Google must be recognisable, and the amount of space it can occupy.

- 5 The true unsung heroes of the Doodle were the hundreds of workers across the globe who submitted ideas and cultural guidance to make the image personalised and resonant, Germick said. His team makes an effort to incorporate as many artistic styles and creative mediums as possible; 12, he says, is critical.

The Daily Telegraph, 2015

Fearless Felix

Supersonic skydiver breaks world records



- 1 Standing at the edge of space above the deserts of New Mexico, Felix Baumgartner paused. It was a small step away from his capsule, but a 24-mile drop back down to Earth. “Our guardian angel will take care of you,” said mission control, and the man known as Fearless Felix jumped. Ten heart-stopping minutes later the Austrian landed back on Earth, after reaching speeds of up to 725mph, and breaking three world records, including becoming the world’s fastest supersonic skydiver by breaking the sound barrier.
- 2 Baumgartner raised his arms in a victory salute to thank his team. “We love you Felix,” cheered the control room as his mother, Ava, wept. He was wearing a special survival suit that had kept his body intact against the hugely varying 14 during his drop back to Earth. Without it, the crushing forces would have caused his blood to boil and his lungs to explode.
- 3 Baumgartner later told a press conference: “When I was standing there high above the earth, you become so humble, you don’t think about breaking records.” He admitted all he could think about was getting back alive, but added: “Sometimes you have to go up really high to see how small you are.”
- 4 As he reached the desired height, Baumgartner went through a checklist of 40 items with his mentor, Joe Kittinger, the previous record holder. There was some concern that a heater for his visor was not working, causing it to fog. “This is very serious, Joe,” he told Kittinger. “Sometimes it’s getting foggy when I exhale ... I do not feel heat.” But they decided to go ahead, watched by a record 8 million people as the jump was streamed live on YouTube. The journey upwards, during which the

curvature of the Earth became visible and the skies gradually turned black, took two and a half hours. The return trip was rather more rapid.

5 Three cameras attached to Baumgartner's suit recorded his freefall of just over four minutes – which failed to break the existing freefall record for duration – and then the parachute opening. The success of the mission, and of the suit, raises the prospect that astronauts might be able to survive a high altitude disaster of the type that struck the Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003, by bailing out. Baumgartner's top medical man in the stunt was Dr Jonathan Clark, whose wife, Laurel, died in the Columbia accident. Clark is now dedicated to improving astronauts' chances of survival.

6 Baumgartner has made a name for himself with acts of daring. The former paratrooper has parachuted off buildings and mountains and once into a 182 metre deep cave. He was chasing five records yesterday: the first human to break the sound barrier in freefall; the highest freefall altitude jump; the highest manned balloon flight; and longest freefall which he failed to beat; and his jump platform is believed to be the largest manned balloon in history.

7 Baumgartner said the most exciting moment for him had been when he was standing outside the capsule "on top of the world". He added: "The most beautiful moment was when I was standing on the landing area and Mike Todd [the life support engineer who dressed Baumgartner in his suit] showed up and he had a smile on his face like a little kid." Earlier, Todd had told the press conference: "The world needs a hero right now, and they got one in Felix Baumgartner."

The Guardian, 2012

Piano Woman

A concert pianist in northern Spain faces jail after her rehearsals drove her downstairs neighbour crazy. After a three-day criminal trial in the city of Girona, the public prosecutor asked the judges to jail 27-year-old Laia Martin for 16 months for violating noise ordinances. Martin's neighbour Sonia Bonsom claimed loss of sleep and panic attacks were caused by Martin's eight hours of practice a day. Bonsom told the court that Martin's practice schedule disrupted her sleep patterns and led her to develop serious anxiety issues. "This has caused me a great deal of stress," she told the court. "There was even a moment when I couldn't move my arm because of anxiety." The prosecutors asked to have Martin banned from any profession involving a piano for four years and for her to pay more than €20,000 in fines and damages. They also sought jail time for Martin's parents, who were named as accessories.

The Guardian, 2013

Shoppers warned

Shoppers were warned this week that the average town centre cash machine is more germ ridden than the seat of a public lavatory. So what? It's not like anyone operates the buttons with their tongue. But this obvious fact doesn't seem to have stopped the hygiene police who this week prevented the mayor of Peterborough from renting a 3D DVD. He was told that other people had used the 3D spectacles and he might catch a disease. Yes. But only if he ate them, and that seems unlikely.

Sun, 2011

Unemployed young people

- 1 Cabinet Office minister Matt Hancock from the Conservative party has denied that a government plan to send young unemployed people to boot camps to prepare them for work was a form of punishment. “We are penalising nobody because nobody who does the right thing and plays by the rules will lose their benefits,” he told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme. “In fact this is about giving more support to young people.”
- 2 Mr Hancock will set out plans for young jobseekers to be placed in an intensive activity programme within the first three weeks of submitting a claim. They will get an initial three-week intensive course of practising job applications and interviews, which will be regularly reviewed by a dedicated job coach. Jobless 18- to 21-year-olds will be required to do work experience as well as looking for jobs or face losing their benefit.
- 3 Setting out his plans, Mr Hancock suggested some young people were part of a “welfare culture that has become standard among some of Britain’s most vulnerable communities”. He said: “By ensuring that every young person is in work or training, by opening up three million more apprenticeships, expanding traineeships, and making sure that a life on benefits is simply not an option, we want to end ongoing welfare dependency for good. We don’t want people to be dependent on welfare from generation to generation. We are absolutely committed to ending long-term youth unemployment and to building a country for workers, where everyone can achieve their potential.”
- 4 The idea of boot camps for young people without jobs is not a new one. The Conservative party previously suggested it in 2008, when the party wanted to “abolish benefit payments for any able-bodied person under 21 who is out of work for more than three months”.

The Guardian, 2015

FIVE OF THE BEST – NATURALLY SOOTHING SOAPS

Pamper yourself at bathtime with these beauties.....

- 1 Malki Dead Sea Natural Sulphur Soap, £3.10.** There are no detergents in this natural soap which contains minerals found within the springs of the Dead Sea.
- 2 Quinessence Green Tea Aromatherapy Soap, £2.75.** Has green tea rich in antioxidants to help protect against free radical damage and acts as a deodoriser.
- 3 Boots Oil Of Evening Primrose Moisturising Soap, 65p.** This hydrating soap reduces wrinkles – and also contains some nourishing and rejuvenating vitamin E.
- 4 Bronnley Herbarium Bath Soaps, £19.95 for box of six.** Each of these soaps contains botanical extracts chosen for their healing properties. Includes rosehip, thyme and calendula.
- 5 Thursday Plantation Tea Tree Skincare Soap, £4.95.** Gentle on the skin, this soap incorporates natural antiseptic tea tree oil to cleanse and heal.

Love at Long Distance

based on an article by Sam Scott Thomas, about her partner Robert Portal



- 1 As I sit and write this in the comfort of my sofa, my partner, Robert Portal, is running up and down sand dunes with a heavy rucksack on his back. I'm in a relationship with a man who likes to challenge himself, both physically and mentally, and he does this by setting himself tasks such as rowing (yes, rowing not sailing) the Atlantic in a seven-metre boat. That was 2011. The two-year build up to that challenge had been busy and very exciting. I did as much as I could to help. Fundraising turned out to be my strength and between us all we managed to bring in quite a sum for the charity Facing the World.
- 2 Some people warned me that I would get fed up with him being away doing so much training, but I 28 it as much as possible because in my eyes, the fitter he was, the quicker he would complete the challenge, and the more likely he would return home uninjured and safely to us.
- 3 Oh yes, that horrid fear that he wouldn't return was lurking constantly in the back of my mind. It wasn't easy, it was a dangerous challenge, and the thought of losing him was unbearable. Once he set off, the phone never stopped, emails and calls needed to be answered, family reassured, the Facebook and Twitter pages had to be updated. The lists of things for me to do were endless. Still, the anxiety that high seas and deep water bring, never went away. I watched on my computer screen as the boat's tracker slowly crossed the Atlantic. After 59 days he climbed off the boat and on to dry land. He had lost three stone in weight, looked haunted and worn out, but I was so pleased to have him back.
- 4 He's now training for the Marathon Des Sables. Five marathons in seven days, with a 50-mile run in the middle, but the sable (sand) in question is not in Wales, but the Sahara Desert. That means temperatures pushing 50 degrees, sore feet, storms, mountains, dunes, sand in places

I daren't even mention, thirst and a 10mm mattress to sleep on. Dehydration is the biggest danger of running in high temperatures. It can do terrible things to your mind as well as your body.

5 I've heard Robert being called many things, but the most common are "mad" and "insane". It does tend to get a little boring after a while, mostly because it's not true and I know he hates it. He does these things because he loves a challenge and believes it would be sinful not to raise money in the process. The fundraising is a big part of it too. Endless meetings, appearances, speeches – and all these jobs have to be prepared for.

6 Robert sets his sights on something and goes for it. I truly admire that in him and to ask him to stop doing these challenges would be wrong. It is part of who he is, and that's fine by me. Still, I would be lying if I said that training doesn't affect our life at home and sometimes I get fed up with it. The very early morning starts that wake me up and seeing friends on my own are only OK up to a point. For in those moments, when I find myself beginning to get resentful or angry, all I have to do is remind myself of the money he's raising, and the children and families that will benefit. It's my small part in the big picture.

Telegraph Weekend, 2014

Taxi driver was left a big tip

By Luke Salkeld

- 1 As a taxi driver with almost 30 years' experience under his seatbelt, Don Pratt has plenty of tips of the trade. But perhaps the best advice he could give is that it pays to be nice to your customers. Mr Pratt, 65, has now retired from the taxi rank after a regular passenger left him more than 250,000 pounds in her will. Mary Watson, who died in December aged 86, had been a customer of Mr Pratt's for two decades when she lived in Newquay. And on the evidence of her final tip, he always went the extra mile. Mrs Watson, who is understood not to have had any close family, left everything she had to Mr Pratt.
- 2 Yesterday the ex-cabbie, who is planning to travel around Britain in his retirement, said: 'She was always a good tipper in life and she was an even better tipper when she went.' The father of four added: 'I knew Mary for 20 years. She was a very nice lady and was always very generous. We would always have a good chat while I ferried her around. One day she said to me, "when I pass on, I'll look after you". I took it with a pinch of salt at the time – I had no idea she was going to leave me a fortune. When I was told she had left everything to me, I just couldn't believe it. We were sad to hear she had passed on but thankful she had left us this money. We are very grateful for her generosity. In nearly 30 years as a cabbie, this is certainly the biggest tip I've ever had.'
- 3 Mr Pratt, who is married to Gill, 63, took Mrs Watson to the shops every day until a few years ago when she moved to Northampton. He said: 'She later went into a care home and we lost contact. But obviously she remembered me and left me one last big tip. She left me everything. I'm not sure what family she had or how they feel about it but the solicitor was clear that she wanted me to have what she left behind. This money means that we can retire and go travelling. I've had a great time being a taxi driver. I've been all over the country driving people. I'm going to miss them. Mary was a very nice person, everybody liked her and at her funeral I heard so many people say lovely things about her.'
- 4 Mrs Watson spent the last two years of her life at the Argyle House care home in Northampton. A spokesman said: 'Mary was a lovely lady and all the staff and guests were very fond of her. We didn't know anything about her leaving money to the taxi driver but there was a whole side to her life we didn't know about. It's a very generous thing to do and he obviously had a great impact on her. He must have been a very good driver.'



Daily Mail, 2010

Noisy buddy

By Melanie Hall

1 A pet owner has been threatened with an anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) because his parrot will not stop singing Old MacDonald Had a Farm and other songs. Stephen White's 12-year-old African Grey, Buddy, has been annoying the neighbours for two years. As well as the nursery rhyme, it likes to squawk "Hello, who's that then?" when it hears a mobile ring. Neighbours in King's Lynn, Norfolk, reported Mr White and his pet to West Norfolk Council for noise pollution.



2 One woman noted down every squawk the parrot made for two months and the council fitted noise monitoring equipment in her home. Mr White, 62, a handyman, has been threatened with legal action if he cannot silence Buddy. But he said it was impossible to keep Buddy quiet and he would fight any legal action. Mr White, who lives with his wife Glynnis, 58, said: "It's a complete waste of taxpayers' money and the council has fallen for it. What do they expect me to do – cut his vocal cords?" The council said it might have to prosecute Mr White, meaning that he could receive an 'ASBO'. A spokesman added that this complaint is being investigated in the normal way and while this is ongoing, no formal action will be taken.

Daily Telegraph, 2013

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