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Facebook Goes Ape Over Orangutan's Photos

VIENNA- An orangutan who snaps pictures of her surroundings from a raisin-dispensing camera has attracted thousands of fans on Facebook. Life through the eyes of an orangutan: Nonja poses with her camera. More than 4,000 people around the world have become fans of 33-year-old Nonja since her page was launched on Tuesday. The ape captures her companions and their habitat in

Vienna Zoo on a specially adapted Samsung ST1000 digital camera, which then rewards her with the sweet treat. "Of course the apes don't care about the pictures, they are just an accidental side product," said zoo spokesman Gerhard Kasbauer. "They just know that when they press the button, a raisin pops out." Every image taken by Nonja is uploaded directly to her Facebook album via wi-fi. The camera has a protective cover to protect against chewing - just in case she tires of the raisins. ([Facebook link](#))

Miniature Golf in a Funeral Home Basement

PALATINE, IL- It's the secretly infamous, miniature golf course Ahlgrim Acres, in the basement of Ahlgrim Funeral Home. On our recent Chicago trip we finally made it up to Palatine to experience this amazing, oddball gem. Originally built for their kids back in the 60s, the 9 haunted holes (complete with spooky music) are open to the public; when they're not conducting services, that is. Ahlgrim Acres has both cruise-ship shuffleboard and a bar-style shuffleboard table. Plus, pool tables and foosball. Yes, this place has everything you could wish for in a funeral home. Except beer. If you're anywhere near Chicago call Ahlgrim's and make an appointment to play golf. They're super-nice folks. And it'll give you one of the most random experiences ever. ([More pics](#)) ([Website](#))



Man Marries video game girlfriend

TOKYO- Last week, a Japanese man, who goes by the name SAL9000, tied the knot with Nene Anegasaki, a character from the digital dating simulator Love Plus. The two had flirted for some time through SAL's Nintendo DS. Clearly crazy for each other, the pair got hitched in a public ceremony in Tokyo on Sunday and streamed the whole thing over the Internet on the YouTube-like video website Nico Nico Douga. BoingBoing reports that the event included a DJ, MC, priest, and speeches from the best man and from a friend of Ms. Anegaskai's (i.e. another character from the video game). The article quotes a letter from SAL saying that "there were over 3,000 connections and 7,000 comments made online, and the people who showed up in person at the ceremony also offered their congratulations. It was great." The happy couple then honeymooned in Guam. They only needed one plane ticket, since SAL simply brought the Nintendo hand-held system with him. We're guessing he also carried her over the threshold – good thing she weighs only 0.6 pounds. While everything looked very serious, there was an ironic wink throughout the wedding – a puckish acknowledgment missing from other tales of virtual love taken to extremes. [\(Video\)](#)

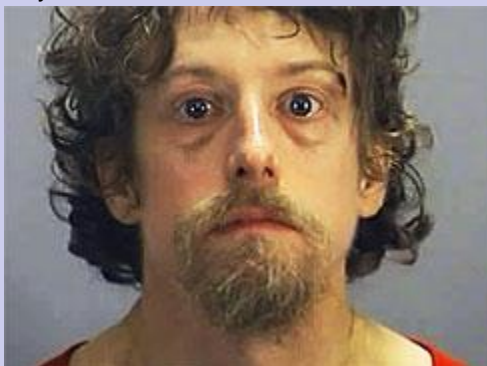


Methuen woman sees Jesus on bottom of her clothes iron

METHUEN, MA – There is one thing that Mary Jo Coady wants to make clear to anyone who hears about her, reads about her, or tries to dismiss her – she is not trying to convince anyone that the bottom of her steam iron truly carries the face of Jesus Christ. But the image, which bears a striking likeness to popular depictions of Jesus Christ, has had a profound affect on Coady. After a challenging past two years in which her faith waned, Coady, who was raised Catholic, said she feels spiritually uplifted



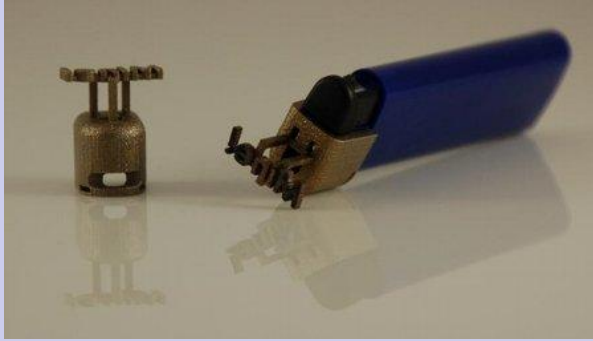
by the startling depiction. "I'm not telling people they have to see what I see, or believe what I believe," Coady told the Globe today. "They are entitled to their opinion. There's nothing wrong with that." She added, "but I also know that there are people out there like me that believe and have faith. And this is a good thing." Coady said she was taken aback when she spotted the image last Sunday while straightening up around the house, but she thought she might be reading too much into it. During a difficult past two years, she has separated from her husband, moved out of the home they owned, and had her hours cutback at the medical facility where she works as a secretary. Now living with her two college-age daughters, Coady turned to relatives and friends. She posted images of the iron on her Facebook account, and asked for input. Did they see what she saw in the residue on the bottom of her iron? The answer from her relatives –



including her daughters – was unanimous: They all saw Jesus Christ, Coady recalled today. Strengthened by their support, Coady decided to share her story with others, beginning with an article published in today's edition of the Eagle-Tribune newspaper of Lawrence. "For me I think it happened for a reason," said Coady. "I think it's good to share it with other people." [\(Video\)](#)

Elf Arrested for Santa Dynamite Hoax

ATLANTA- A 45-year-old man dressed as an elf to have his picture taken with a mall Santa Claus has



been jailed after telling the Santa that he was carrying dynamite. Police told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution that Southlake Mall in suburban Atlanta was evacuated but no explosives were found. Morrow police arrested William C. Caldwell III, who was being held without bond Thursday in the Clayton County jail. Police say Caldwell got in line Wednesday evening to have his picture taken with Santa Claus. Caldwell was not part of the mall's Christmas staff. Police say when Caldwell reached the front

of the line, he told Santa he had dynamite in his bag. Santa called mall security and Caldwell was arrested. Caldwell faces several charges, including having hoax devices and making terroristic threats.

Personal Branding Iron

This company will make a tiny branding iron with your name on it! The product is a metal part that will replace the head of a disposable cigarette lighter. Fire up the lighter, and your branding iron will be hot in no time. Yes, it sounds dangerous, that's why the description says "for decorative purposes only." What could possibly go wrong? ([Website](#))

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