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'Holy cow' born with cross on forehead

Moses, who has been hailed as a "holy cow", was born last week at a dairy farm in Sterling, Connecticut, a small rustic town on the Rhode Island border. The mostly brown calf is half Jersey, half Holstein. Local children gave him his Biblical name. His owner, Brad Davis, told WFSB-TV he thought the marking may be a message from above, though he is still trying to work out what that message might be. Ric Grummer, the chairman of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Dairy

Science, told the Norwich Bulletin newspaper it is not unusual for a Holstein cow to have a white marking on its head. But Mr. Grummer said the cross shape is unique.

Behold the Beer Can, Its Beauty Faded in the Eyes of the Young

HUBERTUS, Wis. -- Kids collect a lot of things these days: Transformers action figures, American Girl dolls, baseball cards. Then there's 10-year-old Randy Langenbach. He collects beer cans. "I just like how they look," Randy says of the 200 cans that line the walls of his bedroom here. And, no, "he doesn't drink the beer," his father says. The problem for the once-thriving hobby of beer-can collecting is that Randy is a rarity: a collector under the age of 30. As the beer can nears its 75th birthday in January, many hobbyists are crying in their brew over their inability to lure young people to a pastime that hooked many of them when they were youngsters in the 1970s. "We'd ride bikes to each other's houses and start trading cans," says Dan Baker, 47, an Illinois collector who started when he was 10. "That's what all the kids did back then." Now, the country's dwindling number of beer-can enthusiasts fear the hobby is past its sell-by date, unable to compete with videogames and iPods. Unless hobbyists can revive interest among kids -- or even among 35-year-old beer drinkers -- they fret that nobody will be around to look after their "flat tops" and "cone tops" and the cultural history they represent. Some also worry that their collections will lose their dollar value. "A lot of the older members are dying off, and it's really tough to get new members," says Mark Sanders, 47. A hobbyist since his youth, Mr. Sanders sported a Blatz T-shirt and a bracelet of Blatz bottle caps at a recent brewery-collectibles show in Belleville, Ill. Can collectors hand out free beer cans to kids at shows, ship them boxes of cans by mail and regale them with stories of discovering rare cans. "They try to keep me into it," says young Mr. Langenbach, who also collects beer trays and bottle caps. But the blue-eyed fourth-grader says not one of his classmates collects cans, despite his efforts to entice them. "The boys are mostly interested in sports, and the girls are interested in girl stuff." ([Full Article Here](#))



Amish man found drunk, asleep in moving buggy

A slow-moving horse and buggy led to the drunk driving arrest of a local Amish man. Elmer Stoltzfoos Fisher, 22, of Paradise, was found slumped over and asleep in a buggy that was moving very slowly in the first block of North Ronks Road on Sunday night. East Lampeter Township police received a call at 9:05 p.m. Sunday from off-duty Quarryville police officer Jesse Blank about the possible DUI. A car driven by Blank came up behind the buggy, which he said was moving at a walking pace. The horse was pulling the buggy along the road, straddling the center line. Sensing a problem, Blank stopped his car. His passenger, Nate Perry, got out and approached the buggy on foot. Stopping the horse, Perry found Fisher slumped over and asleep. Perry pounded on the buggy door until Fisher was awakened. Police said Fisher displayed signs of intoxication, with the strong smell of alcohol on his breath and bloodshot, watery eyes. A breath test showed his alcohol level at 0.18 percent. Fisher was arrested for drunk driving, police said.



A hairdresser has come up with a cutting edge way of saving time

Valentino LoSauro, dubbed the real-life Edward Scissorhands, after the character in the Tim Burton film, is the proud inventor of the 'Clawz'. He claims his creation helps him cut hair twice as fast as normal scissors. The inventor from Fort Myers, Florida, USA, said: "The idea came to me in the late 90s. "I am a pianist as well as a hairdresser and wanted to combine that light fingered touch with my styling. So the 'Clawz' were born as a simple idea to bring a musicality to hair styling. "When I cut the hair I use methods I call 'Flight of the Bumblebee and 'Zap'. "It took me a couple of years from the launch of the prototype in around 2001 to become really proficient with them. "Now though I can motor through hair cuts and they are much quicker than usual scissors. I can't believe the time it took beforehand." It took Valentino two years to develop his invention and cost him £150,000. He began selling his 'Clawz' in 2001, and has sold 30,000 pairs at £60 each so far. The hairdresser of 35 years has even used the 'Clawz' to cut the locks of some famous customers. He said: "Ritchie Sambora of Bon Jovi has let me cut his hair with the 'Clawz'. "Most customers are a bit apprehensive at first when they see my smiling face with my razor sharp fingers. "But come the end of the hair cut they are stunned by the quality."

Florida woman attacked disabled boyfriend with uncooked steak



DECEMBER 8--Meet Elsie Egan. The Florida woman, 53, is facing a felony domestic abuse charge for allegedly striking her boyfriend several times in the head with a raw steak, according to police. Egan, pictured in the below mug shot, was busted last night after a confrontation in the Dunnellon home she shares with Peter Schabhuttl. The 49-year-old Schabhuttl is described in a Marion County Sheriff's Office report as disabled and terminally ill with cancer. He told cops that Egan, his live-in girlfriend of 16 years, struck him "on top of his head with an uncooked steak (approximately 10-16 oz.)" after they quarreled about bread to be consumed at dinner. Schabhuttl wanted a roll. Egan, however, wanted him to eat sliced bread. "He said that when he refused, she attacked him with the steak," reported Deputy Carmen Gallup, who noted observing slight redness on Schabhuttl's right cheek and the crown of his head. While Egan denied wielding the steak, she admitted slapping Schabhuttl several times "so that he can learn."

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