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TriBeCa Coyote Captured!

New York -- If she had barreled up the West Side Highway from Lower Manhattan on Thursday morning the way other commuters did — in a car with the stereo playing soft rock, or on a bicycle with the almost-spring breeze blowing in her face — nobody would have noticed. But she did it her way, on foot. And she had about as much luck as Wile E. Coyote, especially after she hung a right on Watts Street and dove under a parked car, an obvious hiding place that the police soon

surrounded. Her 24 hours of freedom came to an end moments later with a shot from a dart gun loaded with a tranquilizer. She was the 30-pound coyote that had had the run of TriBeCa since Wednesday. And yes, it turned out that she was a she, a year-old female coyote. The police turned her over to



Animal Care and Control of New York City, and its handlers took her to a shelter on East 110th Street, where she shook off the effects of the tranquilizer. A spokesman for the agency said it would work on finding a safe place to release her. She was first sighted on Wednesday near the Holland Tunnel. That had dyed-in-the-wool Manhattanites making bridge-and-tunnel jokes. Was she was stuck in Manhattan because she had lost her E-ZPass? She paid no attention. She was off to places like Thomas Street and, later, West Broadway, where video

showed her crawling under a van and police officers getting too close for comfort. But she had the moves. She got away and spent Wednesday night on the loose. So many nightclubs and restaurants, so little time. The police — and reporters and television crews — were still looking for her on Thursday morning. The police had four patrol cars, two motorcycles, four unmarked police cars and an emergency services truck. They also had a view from above, thanks to a police helicopter. ([Full Story](#)) ([Video](#))

Cashier receiving customer's kidney today

Chicago -- Shortly before 6 a.m. Friday morning, Dan Coyne, a married father of two, showed up at Myra de la Vega's doorstep in Evanston to pick her up for a very special date. Their destination: Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where Coyne is planning to donate one of his kidneys to de la Vega,



49, a single mother with two children who is suffering from renal failure. A month ago, the two were friendly strangers who exchanged pleasantries when Coyne, a social worker at Chicago Public Schools, went through her checkout line at Jewel-Osco in Evanston. But on Friday, in the cold morning darkness, the two seemed like old friends, laughing and teasing one another despite the anxiety and nerves that come with the anticipation of the surgeries. "That's what I do. That's what we're all supposed to do," he told WGN-TV this morning as he was driving to the hospital. "My boss said that maybe when I have one of Dan's kidney's, I'll be quieter," de la Vega joked in the car on the way to

the hospital. "He says I talk too much -- but I say, 'That's how I got my kidney! Why would I change now?' " ([Full Story](#))

and you think your job stinks...

From Popular Science's roundup of the 10 Worst Jobs in Science, consider George Preti , Armpit Detective: Your fingerprints, retina and even your voice are now forms of ID. But you have an identifier no one's using yet: your smell. Groups at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia and at



Florida International University hope to isolate the compounds that give us each a unique aroma. The problem is that our diet, medications, toiletries and other factors make it difficult to discern natural scent from manufactured odorants. And so, since 1973, George Preti of Monell has collected human odors, recently focusing on the underarm, the mouth and urine. For example, using solvents or a technique called solid-phase micro-extraction, Preti pulls odorants from an underarm pad fitted to a subject. The samples go to the lab for storage in a freezer that is legendary for its overpowering musk. Despite fits and starts of government interest and

funding (Darpa has bankrolled research since 2008 as part of its chemical-detecting RealNose project), the elements of an odor print have been elusive. But collecting the smells has led to other discoveries. Preti is using his work, for instance, to develop ways of sniffing out certain cancers, like melanomas and ovarian carcinoma, which release volatile, detectable biomarkers. See more jobs (Dung Collector etc) [HERE](#)

Instead of crime, he sniffs out peanuts

Rebekah Kehr will have an unusual sidekick when she starts first grade next fall at Elkhorn's Westridge Elementary. Her name is Tinker Bell, and she's a golden retriever. Although this Tinker Bell is a lot fluffier than the Disney fairy, she is being trained to watch over her young charge just as her fictional counterpart did with Peter Pan. Rebekah, who turns 6 next week, has been diagnosed with a severe allergy to peanuts, said her mom, Tonia Kehr. Tinker Bell's job is to sniff out any trace of them at school, at church, in the park and get between Rebekah and what, for her, is a danger. Service dogs of any kind are rare in metro-area schools. The Elkhorn Public Schools board recently adopted a policy on them because the district didn't have one. The girl's mom said some might think the family's response to Rebekah's allergies is extreme. But her condition is extreme trace amounts of peanuts have caused her eyelids and throat to swell. Contact causes lesions on her skin that look like chemical burns. Peanut allergies can be life-threatening, causing breathing problems and a drop in blood

pressure. It is estimated that fewer than 1 percent of children have peanut allergies, but there is evidence that peanut and other food allergies are on the rise, said Dr. Jill Poole of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. ([Full Story](#))

Prison warns convict over fart 'attacks'



MALMO, Sweden -- The warden of a Swedish jail said a prisoner received an official warning for voicing his discontent toward his situation via flatulence. Anders Eriksson, warden of the Kirseberg prison in Malmo, said guards filed numerous complaints against the 21-year-old prisoner, who was not named, alleging "a series of concerted attacks" in the form of the prisoner's constant wind-breaking, Britain's The Daily Telegraph reported Thursday. "I have worked within the prisons and probation service since 1986 and I have never experienced a situation where behavior of this sort has led to punishment," Eriksson said in an interview with Sweden's Metro newspaper. Prison authorities said the prisoner

revealed the motive for his flatulence. "I had an upset stomach while I was playing cards but did not want to fart there. So I went over to the guards instead," he was quoted as saying. The prisoner was issued an official warning and could face punishment for any future attacks of intentional flatulence, Eriksson said.