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Nevada bans chicken suits from polling places



NEVADA- Nevada has banned people in chicken suits from polling places. The Republican candidate, Sue Lowden, suggested that people who are too poor for medical care could offer chickens to their doctors in lieu of payment. State election officials on Friday added chicken suits to the list of banned items after weeks of ridicule directed at Republican Senate candidate Sue Lowden. The millionaire casino executive and former beauty queen recently suggested that people barter with doctors for medical care, like when "our grandparents would bring a chicken to the doctor." Democrats responded by setting up a website, "Chickens for Checkups," and by sending volunteers in chicken

suits to her campaign events.

Mugging for the jail camera: What's so funny about smiling mug shots?



ORLANDO, Florida --For most people, it's the worst day of their lives. They were caught driving drunk or they just beat someone up. Some are hung over, dirty and bruised. Then they are hauled into the Orange County Jail and ordered to stand still for the camera. Most arrestees are pretty sullen. Then there are a handful of arrestees at jails across the country who every day flash toothy grins for their mug shots — one last hurrah before lockup. "This is something we really frown on here," said Dan Faison, an inmate records supervisor at the Orange County Jail. While jail officials don't find the humor in a smiling inmate's booking photo, the happy mug shots are an

entertaining diversion for the public and a corrections phenomenon. Viewing booking photos has become an increasingly popular pastime in recent years with the growth of the Internet and explosion in digital photography. In states like Florida, where mug shots are public records, law-enforcement agencies often make the images easy to find online. There's an appetite for the photos, especially ones of jubilant inmates. "I love it when I see these people arrested on serious charges and smiling as if nothing has happened," said Marcos Seers, a self-described mug-shot junkie from Winter Park. ([Full Story](#))

Wis. Man Loses Relatives' Ashes When Car is Towed



MADISON, Wis. -- A Wisconsin man has lost his father's and grandfather's ashes when the car where they were stored was towed and destroyed. Wausau police say everything in Shawn Leslie's 1994 Mercury Cougar was tossed before the towing company crushed it. Leslie says he thought the car was safe when he parked it in a lot behind a Wausau diner. He says the lot's owner gave him permission to park while he was out of town driving a truck for a living. But the lot's manager, Ray Burris, says the owner never gave Leslie permission, and he called the police after the vehicle sat for more than six months. Then he had it towed. A person who answered the phone at the towing company declined to comment Friday. Tom Howells of the Wisconsin Towing Association says owners should be notified before cars are destroyed.

16 Items They Only Sell At Chinese Walmarts



1. Crocodiles
2. Bulk Rice
3. Mixed Meat
4. Orange Juice and Cooking Oil
5. Turtles
6. Dried Sausages
7. Walmart Brand Spirits (\$0.15)
8. Rib Cages
9. Assorted Dried Reptiles
10. Boxes of Liquor
11. Frogs
12. A Large Selection of Chopsticks
13. Ducks
14. Great Value Brand Beef Granules
15. Pig Faces
16. Antibacterial Bikini Underwear for Men

Day Wins Nelson, Teenager Spieth Shares 16th



IRVING, Texas -- Jason Day fought through a rocky final round for a 2-over 72 that was good enough to give the 22-year-old Australian the Byron Nelson Championship title for his first win of his PGA Tour career. Already in the record books as the youngest winner on the Nationwide Tour— he was 19—Day had to wait until he was 22 for this breakthrough. “It’s been a hard, tough road,” Day said. “I’ve had a lot of negative thoughts go through my head.... I would always think of what jobs I could do if I didn’t secure my card. ... I’m glad I just stuck through it.” For many the 2010 Nelson will go down for the

remarkable PGA Tour debut by Jordan Spieth, a 16-year-old local high school student. “I was walking to the fourth hole and it looked like there was a thousand people following him,” Day said. “It took a

little bit of pressure off my shoulders knowing that the good majority of the fans that were following me were close friends and family." Spieth was within three shots of the lead on the final nine holes, but dropped back into a tie for 16th. He shot a 2-over 72 in the final round, his highest score of the tournament. His 4-under 276 was six strokes behind Day. ([Full Story](#))

Venus Williams' French Open Outfit: Is She Naked?



NEW YORK -- U.S. tennis star Venus Williams set tongues wagging in France Sunday when she played in the French Open in Paris in a black corset-style outfit usually found on the dance floor instead of the tennis courts. Williams, 29, drew whistles when she appeared on the court in Paris in a lacy, red-trimmed, black outfit with a corset-like top and a tutu skirt that gave the illusion of being see-through. Can-Can, anyone? The design-trained, top-seeded player, who has her own fashion called EleVen, told the press it was all "about illusion." And yes, Williams, who is currently ranked No. 2 in the world, did win the first-round match against Switzerland's Patty Schnyder, 6-3, 6-3.

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