

Girl offers her car in exchange for candy

You may have read the company that makes Necco Wafers announced in March it would have to shut down in May unless a buyer was found. Since then, crazed Necco fans have been stockpiling candy. "Necco Wafers are up 150 percent," Candystore.com reported in a blog post. "A clear signal of panic-buying."

Katie Samuels, 23, of Florida tried to strike a deal with Candystore.com, a wholesaler. "I offered to trade my 2003 Honda Accord for all of their stock," Samuels told the Boston Globe. "I don't have much right now, so I was like, 'I've got this car, and I want all that candy,' so maybe they would consider it." Candystore didn't accept her offer, but Samuels did buy 48 rolls of candy

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using her credit card.

NOT SO AMUSING

Richland Carrousel Park in Mansfield, Ohio, a family-oriented destination, just wanted to provide a seasonal attraction for kids who wanted to pose for a picture with the Easter Bunny. But Ladonna Hughett, 54, had other things in mind March 24 when she plopped into the bunny's lap, grabbed him in inappropriate ways and made lewd comments, reported Fox 8 Cleveland.

She then moved on to ride a horse on the carousel, also in ways witnesses described as lewd. "As soon as you think you hear all," said Mansfield Assistant Police Chief Keith Porch, "I've never

heard of somebody performing those types of acts on the Easter Bunny." Hughett was arrested for public drunkenness and is no longer welcome at the amusement park.

EWAAAA!

At Bull City Burger and Brewery in Durham, N.C., April is Exotic Meat Month! This year, according to WTVD, the restaurant offered a tarantula challenge. Customers were invited to enter their name in a raffle, and if chosen could claim a \$30 tarantula burger, which included a pasture-raised beef patty, gruyere cheese, spicy chili sauce -- and an oven-roasted zebra tarantula. Those who finished the burger received a commemorative "taran-

tula challenge" T-shirt.

DO NOT EAT

1. An unnamed Chinese man "accidentally" swallowed a plastic and metal lighter 20 years ago. 2. He neglected to seek medical attention until recently, when he began experiencing stomach pains and other symptoms we'd rather not detail here. 3. In early April, using a camera inserted in the man's body to locate the lighter, doctors at Dujiangyan Medical Center in Chengdu City, Sichuan Province, performed not one, but two surgeries to extract the item. The Global Times reported the lighter had been severely corroded by gastric juices.

OOPS

Officials in the city of Vordingborg, Denmark,

planned the demolition of a 174-foot-tall silo months ahead of the event, but as onlookers cheered the explosion on April 6, the tower toppled in the wrong direction, landing on a waterfront library and music school. No injuries were reported, according to The Guardian, and the library interior, while covered with dust, sustained no serious damage.

PICKY, PICKY

In Manchester, England, 75-year-old Peter Vipham of Rawtenstall, Lancashire, was shocked April 11 when he was approached in the city center by two women who identified themselves as law enforcement. The officers told Vipham, a retired shoemaker, he had been

filmed littering when a small crumb of the pork pie he had been eating fell to the ground, and he flicked another crumb off his coat.

Vipham offered to pick up the crumbs, but told Metro News he was not given the opportunity to view the video footage, and he refused to pay the fine. "If I had dropped litter I would pay the fine, but I would never drop litter. I am against litter 100 percent. I hate it," Vipham declared. A Manchester city council spokesperson said the city would review the evidence and contact Vipham to discuss his case.

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City em-barks on plan for dog park

BY LISA HOBBS
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Property in the area of Pepper Branch Park was selected for a proposed dog park.

McMinnville officials em-barked on making a decision Tuesday night during a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

Selected for the dog-friendly area is the intersection of Old

Morrison Road and Old Viola Road, across the street from Pepper Branch Park and West Riverside Church of God of Prophecy. The city owns three lots there. Located in a flood plain, the property is overgrown.

Parks and Recreation director Scott McCord and city administrator Bill Brock were asked to survey all city-owned property and present their findings to committee members.

Most of the properties were excluded due close proximity to residential neighbors.

Alderman Ben Newman voiced approval for the selection.

"Anything around Pepper Branch doesn't really have any neighbors," he said. "There's the church across the street but nobody is living there. The other houses are pretty far away."

Newman said people already walk their dogs along the Barren Fork Greenway and Pepper Branch Park has plenty of parking.

For those reasons, officials considered property behind the Water Treatment Plant on the hill from Pepper Branch Park.

"That's a great view up there," said Alderman Steve Harvey. "If you look at it, there would be

a lot of room to expand, if we ever wanted to."

The view is so good, said McCord, the master plans for the park includes construction of an outdoor amphitheater there in the future.

"I like the sound of that," said Alderman Kate Alsbrook. "That's a neat idea."

A location for the park had to be selected in order to apply for a \$25,000 grant through

Tennessee Dog Park Dash. The Boyd Foundation is donating \$1 million per year for three years to make Tennessee the most pet-friendly state in America.

Each year, \$900,000 will be awarded to communities through grants and one of those communities will receive \$100,000 for being selected as the most pet-friendly.

Edmonds receives honor



Melody Edmonds, interim vice president for academic affairs at Motlow State Community College, recently received the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Distinguished College Administrator Award presented at the society's annual national convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The award is given to college vice presidents, deans or directors serving at postsecondary institutions who have demonstrated a strong level of support for the PTK chapters on their campuses.

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