

Home invaders make themselves comfortable

Evelyn Washington, 29, broke then crawled through a window in a Monroe, La., home on April 17, then settled into a warm bath with a bag of Cheetos and a large plate of food within reach on the toilet lid. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that when the homeowner returned from work around 5 p.m., she called police, who removed Washington to the Ouachita Correctional Center, where she told them “an unknown male told her to break into the victims’ residence.”

— On April 4, a homeowner in the Longton area of Stoke-on-Trent, England, returned home to discover a man bathing in his tub and enjoying a cup of Oxo (broth), according to the BBC. When police arrived, the 36-year-old naked man tried to flee but was caught and arrested. The homeowner complained: “He ate me crisps, had five rounds of

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corned beef and sauce, ate a jar of pickles, had two ice creams and a can of Coke.”

OOPS!

In the seaside village of Lytham St Annes, England, Douglas Cholmondley Travis, an 88-year-old member of the local Neighborhood Watch, was on patrol Oct. 10, 2017, when he and an 87-year-old watch colleague noticed a van turning into Lytham Park Cemetery. Regarding the vehicle as suspicious, they began taking pictures of it until Antony James, driver of the van, there only to visit family graves, grew angry and stopped, according to Metro News.

James got out of his van to confront Travis, causing a panic, according to defense attorney Robert Castle, that resulted in James being

knocked down by the Neighborhood Watch vehicle and Travis charged for reckless driving and assault. “This is all terribly sad,” Castle told Blackpool Magistrates Court in late April, as his client is “one of the eyes and ears of the police.” Travis was fined 40 pounds plus court costs.

LOOK-ALIKES

Dolores Leis, 64, of Nanton in Galicia, Spain, is a modest wife and potato farmer. But thanks to the internet, she has found fame as “Trump’s Galician sister.” The Associated Press reports a journalist researching farming posted a photo of Leis at her farm on Instagram, and the striking resemblance between her and the U.S. president caught the attention of the web.

“I say that it must be because of the color of the hair,” Leis told La Voz de Galicia on April 24. She added she’s not overwhelmed by the sudden attention because, unlike her doppelganger, she doesn’t use a mobile phone and isn’t much interested in online chatter.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

A Planet Fitness customer in Saginaw Township, Mich., was alarmed April 15 to find a wi-fi network named “remote detonator” while searching for an available connection. The gym manager evacuated the building and called police, who brought in a bomb-sniffing dog and declared the facility safe after a three-hour shutdown. Saginaw Township Police Chief Donald Pussehl told MLive.com that people often choose odd names for their wi-fi networks, adding one on his own street is

called “FBI surveillance van.”

CRIME REPORT

In October 1981, Stephen Michael Paris escaped from the Jess Dunn Correctional Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he had been serving a nine-year sentence for drug possession and distribution. Using the name Stephen Chavez, Paris managed to evade authorities until April 12, when investigators tracked him down, thanks to his mother’s obituary, at an office in Houston where he was working. Now 58 years old, Paris was mentioned in his mother’s tribute, using his alias, the Associated Press reported, and after confirming his identity with fingerprints, the U.S. Marshals Service returned him to custody.

NEW WORLD ORDER

Jaywalkers, beware: The

city of Daye, in Hubei province China, has installed water sprayers and an electronic screen at a crosswalk to stop people from crossing on a red light. Five pylons were placed along the road April 16, China Daily reported, three of which identify offenders using sensors and then spray them with water vapor.

Other pylons “photograph people crossing against red lights,” explained Wan Xinqiang of the Daye public security bureau, and “a large electronic screen at the intersection will instantly display their photos. ... If the equipment works well, we will utilize it throughout the city.”

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Animal Control adopts a new parking lot

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The brakes have been placed on reversing traffic flow at Warren County Animal Control and

Adoption Center. “Originally we had talked about having people come down the hill, but we have to reconsider that,” said Commissioner Blaine Wilcher. “If we come in from down the hill, you

are only going to have room for two parking spots and a handicap spot in order to allow traffic around the building.”

Currently, motorists enter through the main gate and make their way up a winding hill to the front of the building. Leaving that unchanged would create one additional parking spot, bringing the total to four, including one handicap space.

The facility has been closed due to ADA compliance upgrades that required a concrete parking pad be placed, signage, and a handicap parking space.

Just prior to its closure, completed was a connection between the upper and lower driveways to create a circle drive to improve traffic flow and help deter motorists from backing off the embankment – a situation that has happened more than once. “I also would like a

guardrail along the bank,” said Wilcher. “It would keep people from backing off that bank.”

The facility will reopen when ADA upgrades are complete. No date has been set for completion.

Enter and exit signs will be placed to help motorists as they become accustomed to the new circle drive.



Lisa Hobbs photo

Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is still closed for ADA compliance upgrades. There will be 6-week-old kittens ready for adoption when it reopens.



Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center has received its new concrete pad parking area. The facility has been closed while the project is under way.

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