



HAPPY NEWS



Googly eyes are not funny, says council

A city council in the US wants people to stop sticking googly eyes on sculptures, even though many locals find it hilarious.

Deer statues and metal spheres were among those "googly-fied" in Bend, Oregon, but the council says it costs too much money to safely remove them. While they encourage residents to enjoy the public sculptures, they ask for no sticky items or graffiti!



It's Swiftie-O-Clock

On April Fools' Day, it was jokingly announced that Vancouver's famous Gastown Steam Clock would play Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off." Normally, it chimes the Westminster tune, like Big Ben. But when Taylor visited the city earlier this month, officials decided to make it happen for real! It's the first time since 1977 that the clock has played a different song.



Super-size snowman!

Check out this giant snowman made out of real snow! "Mr. Snowman" is the star of the 37th Harbin Sun Island International Snow Sculpture Art Expo in China. Made from 4,000 cubic meters of snow, that's about enough to fill 1,600 big bathtubs, it marks the beginning of an event featuring over 260 amazing snow sculptures. A variety of winter activities, including snow sports and snow sculpture competitions, will also be held at this un-brrrr-lievable event!



KIDS

SOUTH AFRICA

The new Baa-nsy!

A farm sanctuary in South Africa has introduced its latest star: Baanksy, the painting sheep! Rescued at just a week old, Baanksy grew up watching Piggasso, the famous painting pig, and amazed his carers by picking up a brush himself. Now an artistic sensation, Baanksy creates vibrant artworks, each signed with his nose. His paintings are available to buy online and fund the sanctuary's efforts.



Young photographer wins global award

A ten-year-old boy has made history as the youngest ever winner of a global photography competition. Flynn Thaitanunder-Lobb won big at the Nikon Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards for his hilarious "Rock Star Squirrel" photos. Flynn, who started snapping photos at age five, captured the moment by patiently observing the squirrels he feeds daily. His advice to any budding young photographers is to "stay patient and don't worry about having fancy equipment!"

