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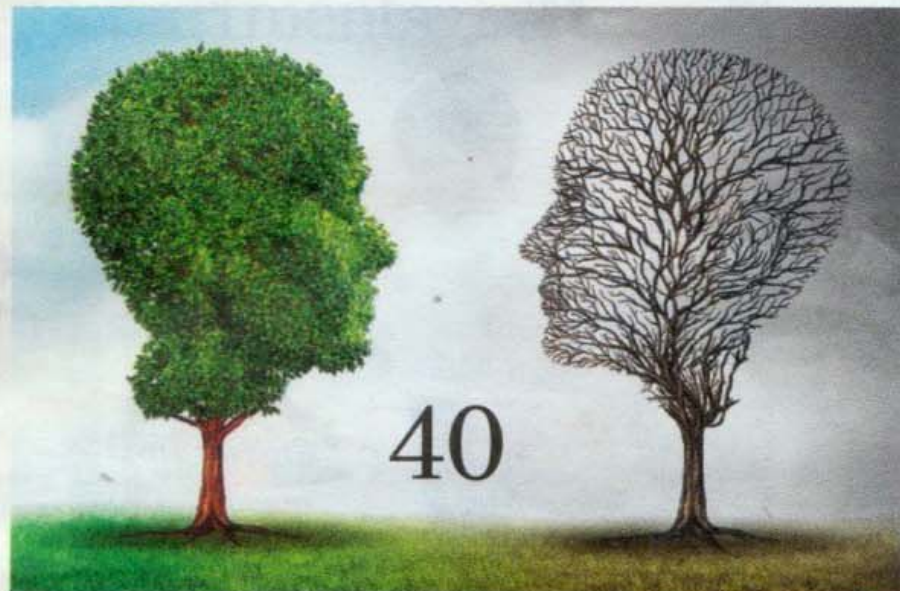
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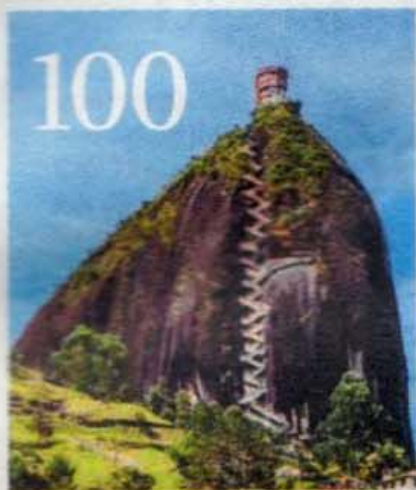
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Futuristic Hospital Uses Greenery for Healing

The thought of going to hospital can send blood pressure soaring, so when a Singapore-based design firm was given the brief to create a hospital that reduces stress and promotes healing, they naturally turned to greenery. Since nature is known to have physical and mental health benefits, the design of Khoo Teck Puat Hospital has incorporated

more than 700 native species of fragrant plants and trees to successfully create an environment that is both soothing and uplifting.

Fruit, vegetables and herbs from the roof-top garden are incorporated in patient meals. An added bonus is that the hospital's natural ecosystem has seen the butterfly species on the grounds increase from three to 83.



Lost Delacroix Painting Resurfaces in Paris

The lost study of Eugène Delacroix's *Women of Algiers*, a masterpiece that inspired Van Gogh, Cezanne and Gauguin, has been discovered in a Paris apartment. Missing since 1850, the work was found on a visit to a collector by gallerist Philippe Mendes, who says the study was "an essential marker in the long gestation of this mythic painting".

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Grandmother Donates Speaking Device to Teen

Grandmother Lynda Tunks from the Hunter Valley in New South Wales generously donated an expensive computerised device to an Adelaide teenager with cerebral palsy after thieves stole the teen's device from her mother's car.

Jessica Armistead, 13, is non-verbal and relies on a \$25,000 speech generation device to communicate with family and friends. Without it, she only has the ability to answer yes, or no. The Tobii Eye Gaze device allows the user to use eye movements to communicate by sound by gazing at different words, icons and numbers on a screen.

When Jessica's device was stolen, her mother contacted a local radio station to vent her frustration. The story was picked up by other media outlets and when Tunks saw it, she decided to donate the device she owned.

Tunks had bought the device for her eight-year-old grandson, Jackson, before he unexpectedly passed away. He, too, had cerebral palsy and she wanted to pass it on to someone in need.




Nude Food Proves Popular


Sales of some vegetables have soared by up to 300 per cent following the decision by a group of New World supermarkets in New Zealand to do away with plastic packaging.

The project – known as 'food in the nude' – was pioneered by a New World supermarket in Bishopdale, Christchurch, and now, with up to nine stores on board, giving up plastic wrapping for almost all fruit and vegetables has led to stunning sales figures. Bishopdale store owner Nigel Bond says the initiative was part of the war on plastic. While he was initially concerned that his idea could backfire, it has instead resulted in positive customer feedback with customers bowled over by the new displays.

Getting rid of plastic-wrapped fresh produce reminds Bond of his childhood, he says, when going to the greengrocer meant enjoying the smell of fresh citrus or spring onions. Plastic wrap sanitises and deprives people of this experience, he says.



MEDICAL ADVANCES



NEW HOPE *For* ACHING KNEES

Knee-replacement surgery can dramatically lessen pain and return you to the activities you love, but it's not the answer for everyone

BY *Richard Laliberte*

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