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1. The Science of Knots Unraveled

LiveScience.com - Thu Oct 4, 8:30 AM ET
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Tangled telephone cords and electronic cables that come to resemble bird nests can frazzle even the most stoic person. Now researchers have unraveled the mystery behind how such knots form.

2. Chinese-made products recalled for lead

AP - Thu Oct 4, 4:46 PM ET
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WASHINGTON - More than a half-million Chinese-made products were recalled Thursday, including "Pirates of the Caribbean" and Baby Einstein toys, because they contain dangerous levels of lead.

3. Eat fish while pregnant, U.S. experts recommend

Reuters - Thu Oct 4, 2:24 PM ET
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WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Pregnant and breast-feeding women should eat at least 12 ounces (340 grams) of fish and other seafood a week because the benefits for infant brain development outweigh any worries about mercury contamination, a group of U.S. experts said on Thursday.

4. Kentucky sues makers of OxyContin

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PIKEVILLE, Ky. - Kentucky officials on Thursday sued the manufacturer of OxyContin, the prescription pain reliever dubbed "hillbilly heroin," because of widespread abuse in Appalachia.

5. Craig vows to stay despite court loss

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WASHINGTON - Idaho Sen. Larry Craig defiantly vowed to serve out his term in office on Thursday despite losing a court attempt to rescind his guilty plea in a men's room sex sting.

6. Scientist invents computer pillow to stop snoring

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BERLIN (Reuters) - A German scientist has come up with a solution for snoring -- a computerized pillow that shifts the head's sleeping position until the noise stops.

7. 'Desperate' apology over Philippines slur

AFP - Thu Oct 4, 6:46 AM ET
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MANILA (AFP) - Makers of hit US television series "Desperate Housewives" have apologised for a slur against Filipino medical workers that caused an uproar in the Southeast Asian country.

8. Rare Faberge egg to be sold in London

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LONDON (AFP) - A newly discovered Faberge egg made for a top banking dynasty is expected to fetch up to nine million pounds (13 million euros, 18 million dollars) when it is sold in London next month, auction house Christie's said Thursday.

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Crows bend twigs into tools to find food

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10. Soaring food prices will hurt world's poor: FAO

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LONDON (Reuters) - Soaring food prices will hurt the world's poor and increase the risks of political upheaval, a senior United Nations food agency official said on Thursday.



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11. Fraternities move away from party image

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COLUMBIA, Mo. - The basement of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house at the University of Missouri-Columbia is filled with familiar fraternity icons like a well-worn pool table, stacks of violent films like "Kill Bill" on DVD, and of course, the stench of stale beer.



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12. Spouses Copy Each Other's Health Habits

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Spouses tend to be copycats—if one quits smoking or starts exercising, the other is more likely to follow suit, a new study finds.

13. Classic song's owner sues over spoof

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NEW YORK - In the 67 years since its debut, "When You Wish Upon a Star" has been recorded by more than 100 artists and orchestras.



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14. Police recover stolen Leonardo painting

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LONDON - Detectives on Thursday recovered a Leonardo da Vinci painting that was stolen from a Scottish castle in a daring daylight raid four years ago.



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15. Charges dismissed in sherry enema death

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HOUSTON (Reuters) - Charges have been dropped against a Texas woman who was accused of giving her husband a sherry enema that killed him, the prosecutor in the case said on Wednesday.



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16. House OKs bill to prosecute contractors

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WASHINGTON - The House passed a bill Thursday that would make all private contractors working in Iraq and other combat zones subject to prosecution by U.S. courts. It was the first major response by Congress to a deadly shooting in Baghdad involving Blackwater USA security guards.



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17. Ghost Stories Haunt American Culture

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The horror film "Poltergeist" is being re-released in theaters today to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The film, which is considered a classic and was nominated for three Oscars, has a lesser-known legacy: it strongly influenced the public's views about real-life ghosts.

18. Ala. couple celebrate 80th anniversary

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SCOTTSBORO, Ala. - A Scottboro couple recently celebrated their 80th wedding anniversary, one of the longest marriages among living people when compared to reports in the 2007 Guinness Book of World Records.



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**U.S. recalls over 1/2 million toys for lead levels**

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 WASHINGTON (Reuters) - More than half a million toys ranging from key chains to Winnie the Pooh bookmarks and Baby Einstein color blocks are being recalled because of excessive lead, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said on Thursday.

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**Studies endorse 'virtual colonoscopy'**

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 NEW YORK - Having an X-ray to look for signs of colon cancer may soon be an option for those who dread the traditional scope exam. Two of the largest studies yet of "virtual colonoscopy" show the experimental technique works just as well at spotting potentially cancerous growths as the more invasive method. It's also quicker and cheaper.

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**Thousands of new marine microbes discovered**

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 CHICAGO (Reuters) - Scientists have uncovered thousands of marine microbes -- including never-before-seen bacteria -- thriving deep in the sea near cracks in the Earth's crust where warm fluids and cold sea water mix, U.S. researchers said on Wednesday.

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**Librarians under new management**

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 MEDFORD, Ore. - A big, red "Closed" sign has been plastered across the front door of the library here since mid-April, when Jackson County ran out of money to keep its 15 branches open.

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**Birds use tools to forage for food**

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 LONDON (Reuters) - The first video images from tiny cameras attached to New Caledonian crows show they use tools to search for food even more than previously thought, researchers said on Thursday.

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**Record companies win music sharing trial**

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 DULUTH, Minn. - The recording industry won a key fight Thursday against illegal music downloading when a federal jury found a Minnesota woman shared copyrighted music online and levied \$222,000 in damages against her.

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**Collector pays \$5M for rare gold coin**

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 ALBION, N.Y. - A rare \$10 gold coin made for President Andrew Jackson to give as a diplomatic gift during trade missions to Asia was purchased Thursday by a private collector for \$5 million.

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