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## Everybody's Talking

**Book retreat:** Travellers in Japan can stay at Book and Bed Tokyo, a hostel made for those who love getting lost in a good story. Guests sleep in compact pods built directly into bookshelves, surrounded by rows of novels and soft, warm light. Each pod includes basic comforts like bedding, a lamp, and a power outlet, creating a quiet space to peacefully unwind. The atmosphere is calm and hushed, much like a library, where guests naturally lower their voices. A shared lounge offers couches and cozy corners for reading or chatting with others. Away from Tokyo's constant rush, this small haven invites visitors to slow down, open a book, and enjoy the simple pleasure of reading before bed.

**Canine connection:** In Denton, Texas (U.S.), mail carrier Ian Burke built an unexpected friendship with a lively dog called Floyd while working his delivery route. The friendly German Shepherd-Border Collie mix would rush to meet him each day, eager for attention and affection. Floyd's owner, a Vietnam veteran who used a wheelchair, relied on him for help and companionship. After Burke was assigned a new route, their visits ended. Some time later, he learned Floyd's owner had passed away and that the dog had been taken to a nearby shelter. Burke went straight there to adopt him, ensuring his old four-legged friend of a safe new home, and proving that dogs and mailmen can make the best of friends.

**Beach artistry:** Minister and sand sculptor Mark Lewis turns simple beach outings into works of art. Using only sand and basic tools, he builds remarkably realistic creations in Weymouth, England, from giant shoes to well-known film and cartoon figures. The hobby started years ago with his children and grew into a passion that draws crowds and inspires others to try it themselves. After learning professional sculpting methods, Lewis began shaping taller, more complex pieces that stand out along the shore until the tide washes them away. Each project is temporary by design, a fleeting display meant to bring joy to anyone who stumbles upon it. For him, the real reward is watching people pause, laugh, and take in the moment.

**Renewed hands:** After receiving a rare double hand transplant that changed his life, Luka Kriszanac is rebuilding his independence in Zurich, Switzerland. As a child, a severe infection left him without hands, but years later, surgeons at a hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (U.S.), made it possible for him to regain them. The operation involved carefully matching a donor with similar skin tone, bone structure, and blood type, followed by months of healing and therapy. Now, Kriszanac can hold everyday items, feel warmth and texture, and perform tasks once unimaginable. His recovery continues, but he views the result as nothing short of a miracle, and has a lasting bond with those who made it happen.

## Quoteable Quotes

"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."  
—Michael Jordan

"Well done is better than well said."  
—Benjamin Franklin

## What's Happening

**April 25th and 26th: Cabbage, Potato Bacon Festival will be held at 301 N Main St, Hastings.** A family-friendly festival celebrating local agriculture with live music, artisan vendors, food trucks, and fun activities like pig races. Free to attend. Contact: 904-540-0402 for more info.

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## Trivia

1. What is the only plant the Monarch caterpillar eats?
2. What is the actual colour of the sun?
3. The Shetland Islands are part of Ireland—T/F?
4. On a musical staff, what notation indicates G pitch?
5. Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy are introduced in this Louisa May Alcott book.

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