

## Mom 'insulted' after sister-in-law 'rips her off' with Christmas dinner bill

Now that we're well into January, many of us are fondly remembering the festivities of a couple of weeks ago.

But one mom is furious after receiving a large bill for Christmas dinner at her sister-in-law's house — as she thinks it's a "rip off", [mirror.co.uk](http://mirror.co.uk) wrote.

Writing on Mumsnet, she said, "My [sister-in-law] said she would host Christmas this year as she has a big new house and plenty of room for us all.

"I asked if I should bring something and she said she would just do a shop and split the cost.

"We were given cereal for breakfast and tinned soup for lunch and a basic Christmas dinner. No puddings and just a little cheese for dessert.

"We just got the bill, it came to £40 each! [Am I being unreasonable] to feel angry and insulted by this all?"

"It doesn't seem right to hand over money. Especially to family. Also I feel really ripped off!"

"I don't want to upset my husband, but his family are a new level of cheap. If I did that to my



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brother, he probably wouldn't speak to me again!"

The post received over 300 comments, and people on the parenting forum were divided over the matter.

Some thought the mom should cough up what was previously agreed and others said it seemed like way too much for what they had.

One wrote: "£40 each is crazy, I wouldn't want to pay that", suggesting a breakdown of the costs.

Others expressed their disbelief at the cost of £40 per person, particularly as it didn't include dessert or other extras, and slammed the sister-in-law as "cheeky" and a "cheapskate".

A few Mumsnet users reckon the mom should pay up, given

that they had agreed to split the cost before.

One wrote: "Seems odd to me, but you agreed to it beforehand, so you should pay. I think that asking for a breakdown of the bill is going to cause more trouble than it's worth!"

The mom posted again to say that she plans to pay but will make her excuses if invited again next year.

## Aggressive elephant charges through Thailand town



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Surprised witnesses in a town in Thailand captured video of a hormone-addled elephant that charged across an eight-lane highway and through a residential neighborhood.

Residents of Chanthaburi summoned park rangers to the area when the 25-year-old elephant marched into town and wandered around people's homes and garages, UPI reported.

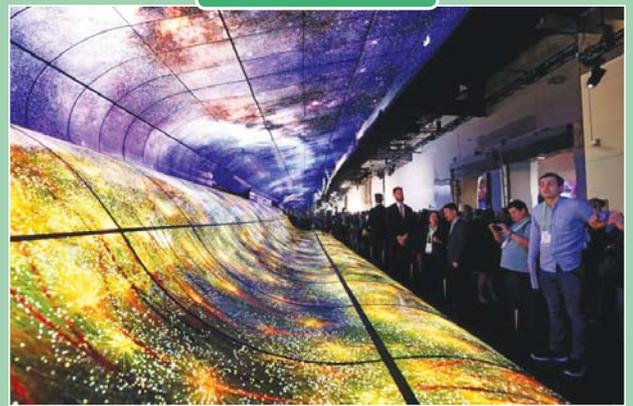
The elephant, which appeared to be going through

musth, a period of aggression and raging hormones for male elephants, was filmed stopping traffic on a busy highway by strutting across eight lanes.

Park rangers said the elephant likely wandered into town after being driven out of its usual territory by another bull elephant competing for the attentions of a female.

The elephant was eventually driven out of the area.

### PICKED PIC



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Attendees watch a display made up of curved OLED television screens at the LG Electronics booth during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada, the US.

## Singapore foils cat-in-trousers smuggling bid

Singapore immigration authorities said they had foiled a bid to smuggle four kittens into the city state stuffed down a man's trousers after hearing meows coming from the suspect.

In a statement, they hailed their "fur-midable" officers for stopping the "impossible" attempt to transport the animals in a car through a border checkpoint with neighboring Malaysia, according to AFP.

"Our officers were checking the travelers in the car, they heard a meowing and saw the bulge in the man's pants," an immigration authority spokeswoman told AFP.

The officers asked the 45-year-old Singaporean whether he had anything to declare, before discovering the live kittens



AFP

secreted in his trousers.

The spokeswoman said that hiding items, such as contraband cigarettes, under clothing is a common method of smuggling.

"But to stuff four live kittens into one's trousers — this is the first time we've seen it," she added.

The kittens survived the ordeal — the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, which is now investigating the case, said they had been put in quarantine and were active and well.

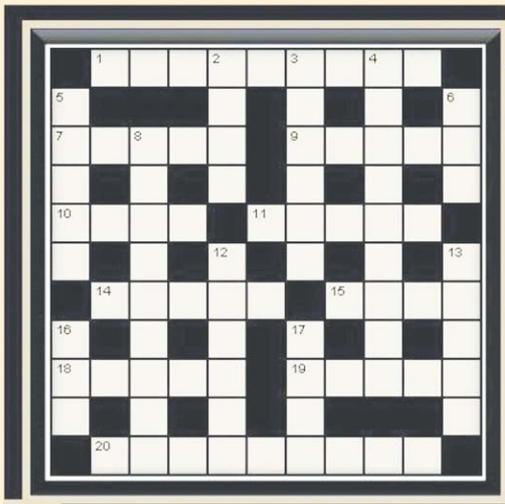
It is not clear why the man was trying to bring the kittens into Singapore on January 2, although it could have been to sell on as pets.

If found guilty, the alleged smuggler faces up to a year in prison and a maximum fine of S\$10,000 (\$7,300).

Singapore imposes strict requirements for those wishing to bring cats into the country legally, which include obtaining an import license and health certificate.

Immigration authorities warn that animals smuggled into Singapore may be carrying diseases, such as rabies.

### Quick Crossword



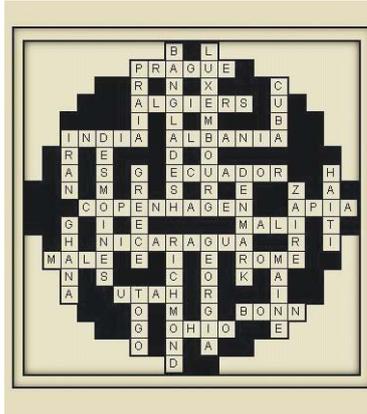
#### Across

- Come into existence
- Desert plants
- Entice
- Paddles
- Pugilist
- Brass instrument
- Wood file
- Magical incantation
- Last letter of the Greek alphabet
- The history of a word

#### Down

- Profit
- Country
- Moderate
- Performer
- painful lump near your eye
- Rotund
- Downhill ski race
- Lance
- Make a request
- Hard work

### Yesterday's solution



### Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarazmi. Fill 9x9 grid with digits so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 sub-grids that compose the grid, contains all of the digits from 1 to 9.

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