

Instead of calling it the John I'm going to start calling my bathroom the Jim. That way I can say I go to the Jim every morning.

98-year-old World War II veteran working as grocery store bagger gets surprise birthday bash

He may be the oldest bag boy in the grocery store business. Barholomew 'Bennie' Ficeto turned 98 this week, and the World War II veteran has absolutely no desire to retire, Inside Edition wrote.

"You got to enjoy work, you got to enjoy what you're doing," he told CBS News as he bagged groceries. "I see people running around and saying, 'Oh, I have to go to work!' That's ridiculous."

The New Jersey man enjoys hard work, and he is always open to picking up an extra shift. He's always been that way. At age 19, he joined the US Air Force and became a pilot, flying a B-25 Mitchell medium-range bomber over North Africa and Italy.

He remembers missing one raid because his hand was injured. The crew that went in his stead never came back.



abcnews.com

"They got shot down," he said. "They took my place because my hand was swelled up."

After the war, he held many jobs, he said, and in his 80s, he tried his hand at retirement. He quickly became bored. Ten years ago, he applied for part-time work at the Stop and Shop market in Edison.

His manager, Sal Marconi, said Ficeto is a model employee, and

never takes his scheduled breaks. But on Tuesday, Marconi forced him to walk away from the checkout line.

His colleagues had staged a surprise birthday bash for him, complete with USO singers who performed songs from the 1940s.

"Bennie's got a great sense of humor," his boss said. "He loves his job. He's a great inspiration and morale booster for

everyone else."

Ficeto was humbled. "I shouldn't even be here," he said. "Yes, you should!" a co-worker replied.

The secret to living a long life? "Keep your mouth shut, and never, never contradict anybody," he said. "Just walk away from an argument. And everybody will love you and talk to you and everything else."

Here's a visitor you probably won't want to welcome into your house.

Homeowner Andi Stuart-Bishop of Fredericksburg, Virginia, said she received a movement notification from her doorbell camera and assumed it would be a package delivery or maybe a friend, huffpost.com reported.

It wasn't. It was a snake, which Stuart-Bishop estimated to be about seven to eight feet long, looking right into the camera and then slithering on the door and doorknob, possibly returning from an attempt to reach a bird's nest behind the second-floor shutters. "I screamed," she told local

Doorbell cam activates, captures absolute nightmare

CBS station WTKR.

Stuart-Bishop said she installed the camera for security reasons, but seems to be feeling less secure now.

"I make sure to look around and keep my tiny dog on a leash when we go out," she told the station.

"I still can't go out the front door."

It could've been worse: Earlier this year, a doorbell camera captured a snake biting a man in the face.



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Fidel Castro's crocodile attacks man during party

A man was bitten by a crocodile that once belonged to Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

According to the BBC, the elderly man had been attending a private party at the Skansen Aquarium in Stockholm, Sweden, when the incident occurred. Police said he had his "arm on the wrong side of the security glass" when the Cuban crocodile attacked him.

"He had his arm on the wrong side of the security glass and was then bitten by one of the crocodiles," Mikael Pettersson, a police control room officer, told news agency TT, according to the Independent.



SKANSEN-AKVARIET

The head of the aquarium, Jonas Wahlstrom, told local news outlet Aftonbladet that the man, reportedly in his 70s, was giving a speech at the time of the

incident. He had his back towards the reptile and put his arm inside the safety glass, which is when the crocodile bit his hand. People at the party used nap-

kins to stop his bleeding while they waited for the ambulance to arrive. The man was taken to the hospital, and the extent of his injuries is not known. Skansen Aquarium has two Cuban crocodiles, named Castro and Hillary. They were gifted by Fidel Castro to Russian cosmonaut Vladimir Shatalov in the 1970s. They arrived at the aquarium from Moscow Zoo in 1981. According to the aquarium's website, Cuban crocodiles are one of the most aggressive crocodiles.

"Our thoughts are with the man and his family, who are affected by this very tragic accident," an aquarium spokesperson said. Police are now investigating the incident.

Woman reunited with cat missing for 11 years

A New York woman reunited with her cat 11 years after she went missing thanks to a patient animal rescue worker and a microchip scanner.

Maggie Welz, of Duchess County, said her cat Tiger never returned home after running out of her house when someone opened a door. Her family later moved down the street, but she asked the people who moved into her old house to keep an eye out for the brown tabby cat, UPI wrote.

The neighbor never found Tiger, but Carol O'Connell, an SPCA staffer, did. She said

Tiger had been coming around her house for the past three years, but she wasn't able to get close enough to pet him.

"Each year he came to my house, he deteriorated more and more each year, and that's when I realized either somebody just abandoned him or he just was missing or lost or he was just a feral cat," O'Connell said. "This spring he started to come around a little bit more in the mornings so I started to work harder to gain his trust."

O'Connell borrowed the SPCA's microchip scanner and was able to locate Welz. She

said that even though they had been apart for 11 years, she definitely planned to bring Tiger back home.

"At that point we determined that he was coming home, we had made a commitment to him and we wanted him to come back home to us," Welz said.

"I can't tell them how grateful I am to them for their persistence and their dedication and for making sure that our cat was OK," she added. "I have no idea where he was for the years in between, I'm sure he could tell us many tales, but the thing is that he is now home with us



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and he will be with us for the remainder of his life."

The SPCA said Tiger was in remarkably good health for living on the streets for 11 years.

Adorable kitten hasn't quite figured out how to meow so he quacks instead

A kitten in Texas is quacking everyone up.

Wee Melvin hasn't quite mastered the meow, and what emerges sounds a lot like a quack, as the video above showed, huffpost.com wrote.

"We heard a very unique meow when we entered the

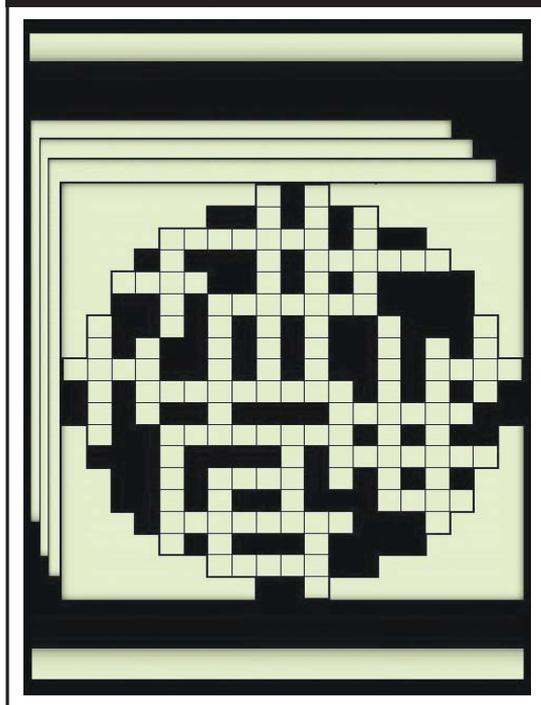
room and followed it to this surprising source," Sarah, a volunteer at the Palm Valley Animal Center in Edinburg, Texas, told Newsflare.

The quack might've helped Melvin stand out at the shelter. He was adopted this week, according to a post on the center's Instagram page.



DAILY MAIL

Global Word Fit



Can you fit the words from the list correctly into the grid?

- 5 letters: ACCRA, BOISE, CAIRO, EGYPT, MALTA, NIGER
- 6 letters: ANGOLA, GREECE, KUWAIT, SWEDEN
- 7 letters: BELARUS, HANOVER
- HOUSTON, PHOENIX
- 8 letters: ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY
- 9 letters: BALTIMORE, MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN
- 10 letters: BIRMINGHAM, EL SALVADOR

Yesterday's solution



Sudoku

Sudoku was inspired by the table devised by Iranian mathematician Khwarizmi. 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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