



The art world goes bananas!

A banana duct-taped to a wall on display at the Art Basel Miami Beach has sold for around £92,000! The art was created by Italian artist, Maurizio Cattelan, who over his career has thought up and displayed many other famous pieces of art including a solid gold toilet called 'America'. Two editions of the banana-based art, called 'The Comedian', have been sold already, with the price of a third edition reportedly raised to £114,000. The banana and duct tape art is sold with a certificate of authenticity and it's up to the owner to replace the banana when it goes off! Maurizio Cattelan said he had been working on the idea for about a year and first created versions in bronze and resin. He said, "Wherever I was travelling I had this banana on the wall. I couldn't figure out how to finish it. In the end, one day I woke up and I said, 'the banana is supposed to be a banana'."



Pictured: The Comedian by Maurizio Cattelan, taken from the Art Basel Miami Beach's Twitter page.

What do you think about this piece of art?

Electric eel lights up aquarium



Pictured: Miguel Watson, the electric eel at Tennessee Aquarium and his brightly lit tree taken from his Twitter page.

Miguel Wattson is an electric eel who spreads holiday cheer in the most shocking way! He controls the festive lights at his aquarium in Tennessee. He also has his own Twitter account where tweets are triggered by his own jolts of electricity. Tennessee Aquarium hooked up a tree decorated with lights to pick up the charges of their eel, although the lights aren't actually powered by the eel, the intensity of the lights depends on the discharges picked up by the sensors in the tank. "In the wild, electric eels use their voltage to navigate, stun prey and as a defence mechanism," said aquarist Brad Thompson. "They have complete control of their discharges varying the amount of energy released to meet their needs."



North Pole explorers complete epic trek



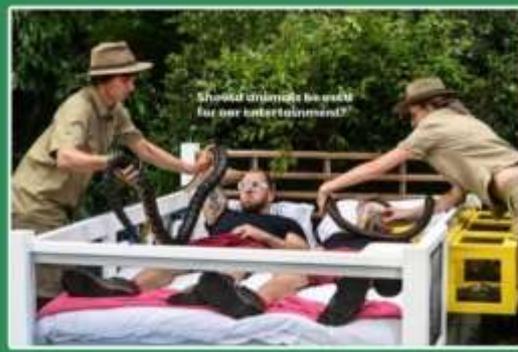
Two explorers, who trekked hundreds of miles at the North Pole and were running out of food, have reached the safety of Norwegian support ship R V Lance after an epic journey across the ice. Mike Horn and Boerge Ousland travelled about 1,800km in treacherous conditions. The expedition, which began on the Alaskan side of the North Pole and should have ended in Svalbard, was to collect data on the Arctic ice melt, which scientists attribute to global warming. The pair set off on the 23rd September and should have completed their trek in mid-November. They spent weeks alone on the ice in the dark as there is no daylight in winter. The pair faced many obstacles, including fluctuating temperatures on the ice from -40°C to $+2^{\circ}\text{C}$ and the drifting ice moving them backwards whilst they slept!

Pictured: Mike Horn and Boerge Ousland meet up with Aleks Gamme and Bengt Rotmo, during the polar winter emergency resupply, taken from Alex Hibbert, a polar journey leader's Twitter page.

Your thoughts on last week's news...

I think if they are animals we are used to keeping like dogs or rabbits and they are being looked after properly, I think it's fine.

Tim - Age 12



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I think that in this programme as there are animal experts, they are being looked after so it should be allowed.

Marcus - Age 11

Not for entertainment if they will be scared, hurt or killed. Seeing them in the wild is best.

Henry - Age 5

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