

Vocabulary

heist / potency / quarantine / bask / evacuated / enclosure / mainstream / convert / atheists /
pledge / collateral / jaded / plinth

Write the words above on the line to match with the meanings on the right.

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| 1. | _____ | a. | property or goods used as security against a loan and forfeited if the loan is not repaid |
| 2. | _____ | b. | the strength of something such as a drug or alcoholic drink |
| 3. | _____ | c. | to change the nature or form of something, or to be changed in nature or form |
| 4. | _____ | d. | to promise something solemnly, or promise solemnly to do something |
| 5. | _____ | e. | enforced isolation of people or animals that may have been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease, for example, when entering a country |
| 6. | _____ | f. | a square block beneath a column, pedestal, or statue |
| 7. | _____ | g. | a theft or robbery, especially of money or valuables, usually involving the use of weapons (slang) |
| 8. | _____ | h. | no longer interested in something, often because of having been overexposed to it |
| 9. | _____ | i. | to lie in or expose yourself to enjoyable warmth, especially from the sun |
| 10. | _____ | j. | an area of land surrounded by a fence, wall, or other boundary |

Bayer gets stiffed by potency pill heist

July 06, 2009 03:42 PM ET

FRANKFURT (Reuters) - A gang of four looted 4.9 million euros (\$6.9 million) worth of potency pills in a burglary at Bayer AG's headquarters, the company said on Monday.

That'll do pig, zoo tells only porker

July 06, 2009 03:48 PM ET

KABUL (Reuters) - Afghanistan's only known pig trotted out of quarantine Saturday, two months after he was locked away because of swine flu fears, to bask again in the mud at the Kabul Zoo.

Chimps' break for lunch forces public from UK zoo

July 06, 2009 03:39 PM ET

LONDON (Reuters) - Chester Zoo, Britain's most popular wildlife attraction, was evacuated on Sunday after 30 chimpanzees escaped from their enclosure.

Amsterdam considering bank help for prostitutes

July 06, 2009 01:00 PM ET

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) - Amsterdam city council is turning its attention to a pressing problem for one of the city's key business sectors -- banking and credit for prostitutes who can't get accounts from mainstream institutions.

Police foil radio control zeppelin jailbreak

July 03, 2009 01:30 PM ET

MADRID (Reuters) - Spanish police said on Friday they had foiled an Italian drug trafficker's plan to break out of jail in the Canary Islands using climbing equipment and a four-meter-long zeppelin.

Game show looks to convert atheists

July 03, 2009 11:55 AM ET

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - What happens when you put a Muslim imam, a Christian priest, a rabbi and a Buddhist monk in a room with 10 atheists?

Would you pledge your soul as loan collateral?

July 03, 2009 11:53 AM ET

RIGA (Reuters) - Ready to give your soul for a loan in these difficult economic times? In Latvia, where the crisis has raged more than in the rest of the European Union, you can.

Airline crew bares all to get flyers' attention

July 02, 2009 04:13 PM ET

WELLINGTON (Reuters) - Air New Zealand has hit on a novel way to make sure even the most jaded flyers keep their eyes glued on its flight safety briefing.

Guns and booze don't mix, lawsuit argues

July 02, 2009 12:10 PM ET

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (Reuters) - A well-known restaurateur is fighting back against Tennessee's newly enacted law that allows gun owners to bring their weapons into bars and restaurants that serve alcohol.

Housewife first up for 100-day "live sculpture"

July 02, 2009 12:13 PM ET

LONDON (Reuters) - A housewife from Sleaford in Lincolnshire will be the first of thousands of people to stand for one hour on top of a plinth in London's Trafalgar Square as part of a 100-day "live sculpture" exercise.