



## Show Dog Becomes Urban Legend

In the nine months since escaping her travel cage at an airport to answer the call of the wild, Vivi the wayward whippet has joined the Central Park coyote, high-rise tiger, Harlem Meer caiman and Molly the fugitive feline in New York City's ever-growing pantheon of urban animal legends.

The show dog also was reported dozens of times, roaming cemeteries with other canines, or hanging around stores in Queens, in some cases miles from the tarmac at John F. Kennedy International Airport where she disappeared while awaiting a flight home to California on Feb. 15.

Richard Gentles, director of administration for Animal Care & Control of New York City, said his organization dispatched rescue teams after "five or six calls" on Vivi in the past couple of months, but all proved negative.

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"For a dog like that to be able to survive this long would be very difficult unless somebody picked it up," he said. "I hope it's true that somebody has the dog and doesn't recognize it. It does happen."

## Children Missing

Two young brothers who were reported missing from their home in Staten Island.



*Tristan and Avery*

Tristan Anthony Rain, 4, and Avery Lee Rain, 3, disappeared from their parent's yard in the between 9:30 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. Wednesday, the Police have said.

Police spokesman SeanMcCabe said it was too soon to tell if the boys wandered away or if there was a crime committed. "At this point, there's nothing to indicated either way," he said.

Hundreds of people, including volunteers and law enforcement officers, searched the area on Wednesday and Thursday. "The support from the Red Lake nation has been overwhelming," McCabe said.

All we really have to go on is the parents, who said the children were playing outside the home," he said. "They were out there one minute,

and they didn't hear them or see them outside the house."

.Tristan was described as 3-feet-4 and wearing a dark blue Spider-man jacket with blue trim, Levis jeans and black and gray winter boots. He has blondish hair and dark eyes. Avery was described as 2-feet tall and wearing a black pullover sweat shirt that says "Timberland" on the front, faded Levis jeans and Spider-man tennis shoes. His hair is browner than his brother's.

## Creationism Museum to Open

The Creation Museum - motto: "Prepare to Believe!" - will be the first institution in the world whose contents, with the exception of a few turtles swimming in an artificial pond, are entirely fake. It is dedicated to the proposition that the account of the creation of the world in the Book of Genesis is completely correct, and its mission is to convince visitors through a mixture of animatronic models, tableaux and a strangely Disneyfied version of the Bible story.

Its designer, Patrick Marsh, used to work at Universal Studios in Los Angeles and then in Japan before he saw the light, opened his soul to Jesus, and was born anew. "The Bible is the only thing that gives you the full picture," he says. "Other religions don't have that, and, as for scientists, so much of what they believe is pretty fuzzy about life and its origins ... oh, this is a great place

to work, I will tell you that."

The museum is costing \$25m (£13m) and all but \$3m has already been raised from private donations. It is strategically placed, too - not in the middle of nowhere, but within six hours' drive of two-thirds of the entire population of the US. And, as we know, up to 50 million of them do believe that the Bible's account of Creation is literally true.

## Russian Spy Claims He Was Poisoned

British health officials said today that a "major dose" of a radioactive substance had been found in the body of a former Russian spy who died Thursday night after accusing Russian President Vladimir V. Putin of being behind a plot to poison him.

Mr. Litvinenko, 43, a prominent opponent of the Kremlin, was hospitalized earlier this month. He said that he fell ill on Nov. 1 after meeting separately with two Russians and an Italian contact who said he had information about the October killing of Anna Politkovskaya, a journalist who had made her name as a critic of the government's policies in Chechnya.

Prof. Roger Cox, a radiation specialist working for the Health Protection Agency, said at a televised news conference today that urine samples showed high levels of alpha radiation. He said they appeared to be the result of the ingestion of a substance called polonium 210, which he described as a substance that is not generally available, but is used in some industrial processes to prevent static buildup.

Both the Kremlin and Russia's

foreign intelligence service have denied being behind Mr. Litvinenko's fatal illness. A Kremlin spokesman called the accusations "sheer nonsense."

## Horoscopes

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Do you feel like having an adventure? Well today, you may not have a choice. Enjoy yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You'll be very popular! Break up the status quo with anything that produces a sense of personal freedom.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your lucky number is oddly enough *pi* today. Take that as you will.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

Beware the black alpaca.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

You may find a co-worker too pushy or competitive. Take time to pause and reflect on things carefully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

Sometimes you really need to work things out. If you're having relationship troubles, don't be afraid to just talk.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Life always seems to be getting you stressed. Perhaps a back massage would help.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

You're in over your head. Get out while there's still time..

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

If you have a puppy, you might want to buy him a friend. Wearing yellow will bring you luck in romance.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

Sometimes you have to accept it when your friends make bad decisions. This too shall pass.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

Don't do things in a hurried manner. Going out for fun is better than staying in. Catch a movie or dine at a favorite restaurant.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

The morning focuses on job, health and appearance. Light-hearted leisure is favored, if you avoid being bossy with a love tie.

**\*Personal Note:** You know who you are. Watch out for the bats tonight.