

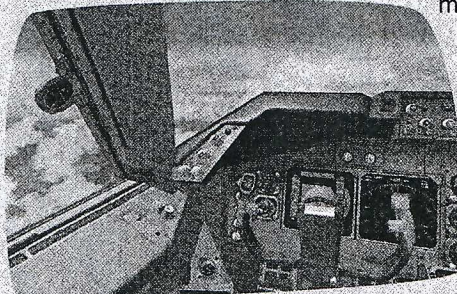
# Truly unbelievable

Have you ever seen a dog driving a car? Do you think a robber could be a policeman? Can you imagine being stuck in chocolate or in the toilet? Read on to find out!



## Too long toilet business

Everybody needs a toilet break – even airplane captains. With about 30 minutes left before the flight was going to land, the pilot of a Canadian plane left the cockpit to use the **lavatory**, leaving the first officer in **charge** and hoping to get back to his seat as soon as he finished his business. But when he tried to get **back to the controls**, he found that the door was locked and he couldn't get out. Passengers reported the pilot **banging** on the door, and talking to the first officer by telephone for about 10 minutes, before the crew finally decided to **take the door off the hinges** to allow the pilot back inside. After some tense moments, the pilot was back in charge and safely landed the plane.



## Dogs can't drive

A woman in China thought it would be a good idea to teach her dog to drive. The first lesson ended very quickly, as the woman's car, being **steered** by the canine, crashed into another vehicle moments after the dog took control of the car.

The owner of the dog, identified only by her last name of Li, told police her dog liked to sit with her behind the **steering wheel**, and enjoyed watching her drive. Police said Li thought it would be fun to "let the dog have a try".

While Li operated the **brake** and **accelerator**, the dog sat in her **lap** with his **paws** on the steering wheel. It didn't take long before the lesson ended with the crash.

## → vocabulary

**robber** ['rɒbə] - zloděj  
**to be stuck** [stʌk] - uvíznout

**lavatory** ['lævət(ə)rɪ] - toaleta  
**in charge** - odpovědného za řízení  
**back to the controls** - zpět k řízení  
**to bang** [bæŋ] - bušit  
**take the door off the hinges** [hɪm(d)ʒɪz] - vysadit dveře z pantů

**to steer** [stiə] - řídit (auto)  
**steering wheel** - volant  
**brake** [breɪk] - brzda  
**accelerator** [æk'seləreɪtə] - plyn (pedál v autě)  
**lap** [læp] - klín  
**paw** [pɔː] - tlapka

**was serving... sentence** - odpykával si... trest  
**to break out** - uprchnout  
**police force** [fɔːs] - policejní sbor  
**to rise** - povýšit, dostat se  
**to elect** [ɪ'lekt] - zvolit  
**local municipal council** ['ləʊkl mju'nɪsɪp(ə)l 'kaʊns(ə)l] - místní obecní rada (zastupitelstvo)

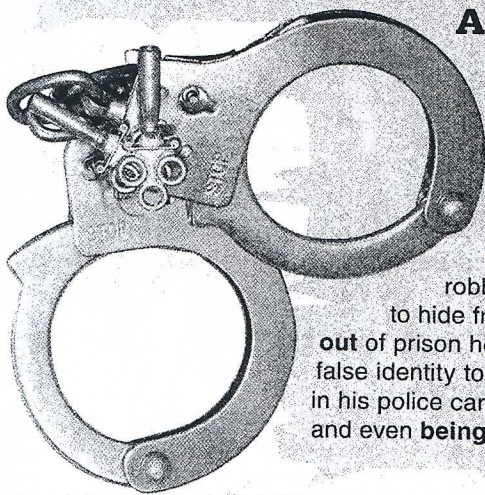
**vat** [væt] - nádrž  
**ended up getting trapped** [træpt] - skončil tak, že uvízl  
**waist deep** [weɪst] - po pás hluboký  
**stuck** - zatuhlý  
**to loosen sth.** ['luːs(ə)n] - uvolnit (něco)  
**to set him free** - aby ho vyprostili  
**to thin** [θɪn] - naředit  
**quicksand** ['kwɪksænd] - tekoucí písek  
**sore** [sɔː] - bolavý

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**NOTES**  
**canine** ['keɪnaɪn] - a formal way of saying dog  
**900 pounds** = approximately 400 kg  
**110 degrees Fahrenheit** = 43,3 degrees Celsius

## A robber or a policeman?

There is an old saying in English, "you can't see the forest for the trees", which means sometimes things you are looking for are often right in front of your face. That is what happened in Vietnam when Ngo Thanh Tam, 51, escaped from prison twenty years ago.

Tam, who **was serving** a four year **sentence** for robbery at the time of his escape, decided the best way to hide from the police was to join them. So after **breaking out** of prison he ran to the province of Dak Nong, where he used a false identity to join the **local police force**. Tam was very successful in his police career, **rising** to the position of Chief of Police in 2003, and even **being elected** to the **local municipal council** in 2004.



## Chocoholics' dream or worker's nightmare?

In the US state of Wisconsin, one worker, who was just trying to do his job, accidentally fell into a **vat** of chocolate and **ended up getting trapped** in the **waist deep** liquid for 2 hours. The man said the chocolate was **stuck** and he was just trying to **loosen** it, when he fell in. He said it was in his hair, his ears and his mouth, and he felt like he weighed about 900 pounds. Colleagues,

police and firemen worked **to set him free**, but they had to **thin** the chocolate first. Police said the chocolate was like **quicksand** and it was very hot, about 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The man's legs were **sore** after the incident, but otherwise he didn't suffer any injuries. And he probably won't be reaching for some chocolate or a cup of hot cocoa anytime soon either!

(Information for these articles came from a variety of Internet news services.)