

SHAKESPEARE'S SKULL 'MISSING' FROM HIS GRAVE More than 250 years after Shakespeare's death, a story began to circulate that his skull had (0) _____ stolen from his grave in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford-upon-Avon by trophy hunters. For more than a century the tale (8) _____ widely dismissed as a myth, but now, on the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, archaeologists believe they have found evidence (9) _____ support the claims. Using ground-penetrating radar to scan the grave reputed to (10) _____ Shakespeare's, they have discovered that the skull is apparently absent from the rest of the skeleton. They also established that a skull in a church in Beoley, 20 miles away, (11) _____ according to local legend belonged to the playwright, was in fact that (12) _____ a 77-year-old woman. This means, they said, that Shakespeare's skull could still be at large somewhere. Shakespeare's grave is not marked with his name, but is covered (13) _____ a stone inscribed with a curse to ward off anyone planning to move the remains. With the developments of radar and geophysical techniques, the archaeologists realised they could answer many questions about what's beneath those stones (14) _____ having to dig them up. The scan showed evidence of a "mysterious and significant repair" to the head end of the grave, giving credence to a story published in Argosy magazine in 1879. According to this, a group of trophy hunters (15) _____ lifted the stone, dug up the grave and stolen Shakespeare's skull. The technology shows half of the grave has not been disturbed. It means Shakespeare's remains are there.

We've all imagined what we would do (0) _____ all of that money if we won the lottery. Unfortunately, winning that life-changing sum depends on dumb luck for the vast (18) _____ of us. Not for Stefan Mandel – a Romanian economist who, struggling to make (19) _____ meet, came up with a brilliant solution (20) _____ his problems: winning the lottery. He spent ages studying mathematical theories, and after years of research, he wrote a "numberpicking algorithm". With friends, he purchased large blocks of lottery tickets, printed them out with all (21) _____ possible combinations his formula recommended – and won the jackpot: 78,783 Romanian lei – nearly £15,000. After (22) _____ off taxes and other expenses, Stefan walked away with £3,000. It was enough (23) _____ start a new life abroad and try his formula again. Stefan persuaded investors to put their cash together to build a lotto syndicate and invented a system where computers filled (24) _____ tickets automatically. They won 12 lotteries across Australia and the UK. Later, they won the jackpot in Virginia, US as (25) _____. Unsurprisingly, lottery authorities figured out the scheme, and changed rules to ban computerprinted forms and bulk buying tickets.

FAT & UGLY? JUST BE UGLY People aren't amused by gym's 'light-hearted' ad A gym chain based in Derbyshire (0) _____ divided opinion with its latest 'light-hearted' membership ad. The new Fit4Less gym advertising billboard, spotted in Sawley, Derbyshire, reads: 'Tired of being...Fat & Ugly? Just be ugly at Fit4Less'. The gym chain has used similar posters before, (19) _____ the Sawley billboard has caused public outrage. And this billboard replaces one they were asked to remove in April, (20) _____ depicted a UFO picking someone up, with the words 'they'll take the fat ones first.' What happened (21) _____ the time was that local anti-bullying charity Combat Bullying condemned the poster for encouraging bullying. And they're (22) _____ impressed with the replacement. 'I don't understand why they are using these kinds of advertising. It's almost like shaming people,' the charity's founder Natalie Harvey (23) _____ the BBC. Others, however, defended the ad, saying people were just 'too sensitive'. In a statement, the gym said: 'Fit4less is a brand

that doesn't take itself too (24) _____ ; the campaign is intended to be seen as light-hearted fun and we certainly don't mean (25) _____ cause offence.' The gym also claims that (26) _____ adopting a light-hearted approach they can reach a wider audience and gain the attention of people who wouldn't usually respond to traditional gym advertising.

While most people's tattoos have meanings behind them, one guy now has an inking more moving (0) _____ most – his proposal. When Vinny Smith, a tattoo artist from Denver, decided he (19) _____ going to propose to his girlfriend, Brooke Wodark, he just knew he had to (20) _____ his profession involved somehow. Vinny had first met Brooke (21) _____ tattooing her in his studio – and so he decided to take the proposal back to the day they met, but this time, with Brooke in the tattooist's seat. Not wanting to give anything away, Vinny asked Brooke to come along to the studio to tattoo his ankle with a delicate heart. As she (22) _____ never tattooed anyone before, Brooke was incredibly nervous and was shaking at the thought of putting the needle to her partner's leg. Her hands became even more unstable when Vinny, (23) _____ she had been dating for a year and a half, pulled up his trousers to reveal a new tattoo that asked (24) _____ her hand in marriage. Vinny had also inked two boxes, one for 'yes' and one for 'no', underneath the drawing. Brooke was (25) _____ give her answer to his proposal with an 'X' inking. Of course, Brooke inked an X into the 'yes' box – though she was shaking (26) _____ much that the X later had to be re-touched to make the tattoo cleaner.

Martin Luther King electrified the audience with his speech back in 1963 - but it wasn't the first time he (0) _____ delivered it. A recording of an earlier version of King's historic I Have a Dream speech, delivered to high school students in Rocky Mount in 1962, (17) _____ been discovered. King gave the 55-minute address months (18) _____ he spoke in front of thousands at Washington DC's Lincoln Memorial. In it, the civil rights leader repeated the soon-to-be iconic phrase "I have a dream" eight times. King's speech to some 2,000 students was reported by the press (19) _____ the time, but an audio recording of the event was (20) _____ generally known to exist. The tape, discovered by Jason Miller, an English professor at North Carolina State University, is believed to be the first ever recording of the speech. He stumbled across it while conducting research on King at a local library, after reading about a transcript of the speech and (21) _____ some calls to try to locate a recording. A copy on tape "mysteriously appeared" inside a box (22) _____ had the words "Please Do Not Erase" written on it. Mr Miller brought in an expert to verify the tape, then (23) _____ it restored and transformed to digital format so that it (24) _____ be heard. The entire speech is due to be made available online later this year