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Recipe of the month

Basil & Tomato Feta Bruschetta

1 baguette (450 g), cut into 36 slices
2 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
5 plum tomatoes (1 lb./450 g), chopped
1 cup crumbled herb & garlic feta cheese
½ cup finely chopped red onions
3 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
1 Tbsp. chopped black olives
1/4 tsp. pepper

Level: Easy Total Time: 20 mins Yield: 36 servings

❶ Heat broiler.
❷ Place bread slices in single layer on baking sheet. Broil 2 to 3 min. on each side or until lightly toasted on both sides. Brush evenly with 1 Tbsp. oil.
❸ Combine remaining oil with remaining ingredients; spoon onto toast slices just before serving.

Storage Know-How: *Store ripe tomatoes, stem side down, at room temperature away from direct sunlight. For best results, use within a few days of purchase. Do not store whole uncut tomatoes in the refrigerator as this will result in loss of flavour.*

Source: www.kraftcanada.com

Everybody's Talking

Fainting canine: Emma Clayton and Oliver Broomhead of Sheffield, England, have a unique dog in their family. The cocker spaniel named Peter has a rare condition in which his muscles tense up, causing him to fall over. This happens when he gets excited about something, such as chasing ducks and squirrels. The couple has taken the dog to many veterinarians and animal specialists, but the condition continues to be a mystery. They assure onlookers who witness Peter's fainting spells that he does not appear to be in any pain, and that he comes out of it just fine, with tail wagging.

Wacky car rentals: When people rent vehicles or use a car-sharing service, the logical reason for doing so is to travel from one location to another. However, car rental agencies in Japan found that some customers were putting very little mileage on their rented car, and they wanted to find out why. It turns out that people have many more reasons for renting a vehicle than simply driving somewhere. Renters were using vehicles to take a nap, eat lunch, get work done on their laptops, or make phone calls. They do so because car rentals are usually affordable and provide a quiet space.

Odd name: A couple from Indonesia gave their baby boy a unique and unusual name: Google. Parents Andi Cahya Saputra and Ella Karina decided to give their child a technology-related name with the idea that he would grow up helping others. At first, their friends and relatives wondered about the decision, some thinking that the couple's hidden agenda was to get compensation from the technology giant. However, that was not the case, and the name eventually started to grow on their friends. Baby Google does not have a middle or surname.

Good-looking goat: Who would have thought that a good-looking goat could garner widespread attention? That's what happened when Ahmad M Fadzir of Perak, Malaysia, posted photos of his newly purchased goat, Ramos, on social media. The goat is so cute, with his goatee beard and blond bangs, that the photos went viral. Ramos seems to love being a celebrity and even appears to pose for the camera with a smile on his face. A few people asked Fadzir if he would sell Ramos, but he declined. Instead, he offered them another goat from his herd.

Quoteable Quotes

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true." —*James Branch Cabell*

"Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better, whereas enslavement is a certainty of the worse." —*Albert Camus*

What's Happening

May 9 - Grande Prairie MS Walk Join us in the fight to end MS! Muskoseepi Park -check-in at 9:00 a.m. and walk starts at 11:00 a.m. Online registration at www.mswalks.ca or call 780-532-3204

April 4 - Barrhead Country Mamas Show and Sale Country Mamas Shows and CountryGirl Stitches. Located at Barrhead Elementary, 5103 53 Ave from 10am to 3pm. Check out Facebook for more info!

April 24 to May 7 - YELLOWHEAD REGIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL The PATH is hosting the regional Arts Festival on April 24, 25, 26, and May 2, 3, 7.

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Trivia

1. The drone bee is male or female?
2. What is the world's largest volcano?
3. What are anchovies?
4. In what month is St. Patrick's Day celebrated?
5. Which legendary jazz musician had the nickname "Bird"?

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This may be a no-nonsense time when you might need to begin meeting your commitments. You might need to take care of business and deal with responsibilities without regret. Lucky Numbers: 18, 19, 24, 31, 37, 49.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

You may be really appreciated for having professional initiative and using your pioneering spirit. Rewards or success might come from very unusual circumstances. Lucky Numbers: 4, 14, 17, 24, 27, 34.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Philosophical visions may inspire your creative urges to come alive. Your artistic or intellectual flair might provide vivid flashes of ingenious imagination. Lucky Numbers: 17, 33, 37, 44, 47, 49.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)

You might feel much more in tune with your instincts. Your life may tend to align with your inner nature. Being "in your own element" could make you more creative. Lucky Numbers: 10, 15, 18, 21, 27, 33.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 23)

You may become more aware of your inner needs and tendencies. Deeper positive thoughts might gradually help both your attitude and your overall approach to mature. Lucky Numbers: 1, 2, 7, 15, 18, 30.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

The ability to be a peacemaker may enable you to find inspiration from both sides of the table. A pleasant break from your usual routine might lighten your load. Lucky Numbers: 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You may need to talk about issues with an open heart and a willingness to forgive and forget. You might even find hidden meanings behind words and gestures. Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 14, 16, 23, 24.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Making agreements and combining your efforts with others may be to your advantage. The aid you extend to others now might lead to important rewards in the future. Lucky Numbers: 6, 8, 9, 10, 16, 33.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Your deeds may make a significant impression on the lives of those you care about. Follow your heart and try to be sure that others appreciate your kind gestures. Lucky Numbers: 10, 12, 17, 19, 45, 46.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Recent events may teach you a lesson. To prove your loyalty to your loved ones, you might need to be more generous, understanding, and concerned with their wishes. Lucky Numbers: 23, 28, 34, 38, 43, 48.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may be willing to sacrifice some benefits to live the life that suits you best. This attitude might be wise and could help you get your life on track. Lucky Numbers: 3, 13, 15, 22, 37, 46.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

New relationships may be quite interesting and may help boost your self-confidence. You might be delighted by someone whose words have immense charm. Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 13, 19, 26, 39.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Sagittarius winners with the luckiest number being 10.

Did You Know...

Building designer: Moshe Safdie is an Israeli-Canadian-American architect who has designed many famous buildings around the world, including Marina Bay Sands, a hotel in Singapore, and Habitat 67, a housing complex in Montreal (Canada).

Falling water: Niagara Falls, which is on the border between the province of Ontario (Canada) and the state of New York (U.S.), is made up of three cascades. The largest of these is called Horseshoe Falls, named for its shape.

Main stage: The Nippon Budokan arena in Tokyo was built in 1964 as a site for judo in the Olympic Games. Since then, it has become a venue for musicians, such as Cheap Trick, Bob Dylan, and Eric Clapton.

Small desert: Measuring only 2.59 square kilometres (1 sq. mi.), the Carcross Desert in the Yukon, in northern Canada, is thought to be the world's smallest desert. In winter, its sand dunes are covered with snow.

Flavourful pepper: The Aleppo pepper, named after the Syrian city of Aleppo, is a mild but flavourful, burgundy-coloured pepper with a heat that slowly builds. It has a slight cumin-like taste.

On the Lighter Side

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.

I tried to say, "I'm a functional adult," but my phone changed it to "fictional adult," and I feel like that's more accurate.

Recording on a tax help line: *If you understand English, press 1. If you do not understand English, press 2.*

I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I? A map.

Nothing ruins a Friday more than an understanding that today is Tuesday.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Male 2. Mauna Loa, Hawaii (U.S.) 3. Small fish 4. March 5. Charlie Parker

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