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Everybody's Talking

Damaged merchandise If parents plan to go to a dealership to shop for a new car, it's best to find a babysitter for their small child. A couple from Guilin, Guangxi Region, China, learned this the hard way. The couple, accompanying a friend, were talking to salespeople and gawking at the luxurious new cars in the showroom. Left to her own devices, their child decided to doodle on a number of the new cars, using a stone to scratch designs into the paint. The little girl's creative streak led to her father being sued by the dealership for damages.

Black and white Who knew that a few drops of ink mixed with a bit of water could result in beautiful works of art? Well, perhaps it's not as easy as that, but French artist David Bayo has figured it out. Using this medium, he creates subtle paintings of his subjects, including animals and people. Bayo has tried different ways to make art, and his experimentation led him to an ability to understand how ink and water work together. The paintings he creates, which are often black and white, are distinctive and understated representations of the subject at hand.

Two names In Tamaulipas, Mexico, a pet cat has two owners who did not know about each other until recently. Mary Lore Barra calls the cat "Pixi," and she was accustomed to her pet being away for a few days at a time, presumably on the prowl. Then one day Pixi came home with a new collar. Barra put a note under the collar identifying the cat as Pixi and herself as Pixi's owner. Soon Pixi came home with a note from another family, who call the cat "Huarache." Luckily, the two owners think it's a funny situation, and they continue to share Pixi/Huarache.

ATM captive A contractor in Corpus Christi, Texas (U.S.), was just trying to do his job. He was fixing a lock in the automatic teller machine (ATM) room when he locked himself in. The man had left his cell phone in his vehicle, so he couldn't call for assistance. Instead, he wrote notes asking for help and fed them through the receipt slot of the ATM. People using the machine thought the notes were a joke. But finally, one person took it seriously and called police, who broke down the door and got him out.

Quoteable Quotes

"Manifest plainness, Embrace simplicity, Reduce selfishness, Have few desires." *Lao-tzu*

"I got myself a start by giving myself a start." *Madame C.J. Walker*

What's Happening

May 14 to October 8 -Thursday at the 124 Grand Market The 124 Grand Market is back for its 9th season on 124 St 108 Ave! features essential businesses that include farm-fresh produce, tasty food trucks, beverages, locally crafted beer, wine spirits, and much more.

July 9 to August 29-U of A History and Haunted Walking Tour A historical and haunted walk throughout the UofA campus to hear all the stories of ghosts, hauntings, murders and mysteries. Tour is 1 hour 15 minutes, more info at www.todocanada.ca

September 11- Make Friends in Edmonton Hard to meet people in your city This event is for you!

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Trivia

1. The sport of basketball was invented in 1891, 1909, or 1923?
2. What does it mean if you are "under the weather"?
3. Which desert is said to be the hottest on Earth?
4. What type of apparel are Doc Martins?
5. Where is Tel Aviv?

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Recipe of the month

Summer Fruit and Marscapone Tart

2 x 320g ready-rolled all-butter puff pastry
100g icing sugar
750g tub marscapone
600ml double cream
2 tsp vanilla extract
200g raspberries, a few halved
200g blackberries, a few halved
1 large mango, peeled and thinly sliced
6 nectarines or peaches, a mixture, sliced
4 passion fruits (look for ones with crinkly skins - they're ripe), halved, seeds and pulp scooped out
handful small mint leaves

Prep: 30 mins. Cook: 30 mins Level: Easy Serves: 15-18

❶ Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Unroll 1 pastry sheet, but leave it on the parchment. Place it on a baking tray, dust with 2 tbsp icing sugar, then cover with another sheet of parchment and another baking tray. Pour baking beans into the tray to weigh it down, or use empty cans. Bake for 30 mins, then check if the pastry is golden all over. If not, return for another 5 mins or so. Repeat with the other pastry sheet (or cook both together if you have enough trays). Once out of the oven, trim the edges with a large, sharp knife. Leave to cool.

❷ Softly whip the mascarpone, cream, vanilla and remaining icing sugar, then transfer half to a disposable piping bag fitted with a 1.5cm round nozzle (or just snip off the corner). Pipe blobs of the mascarpone cream over the surface of one piece of pastry, right up to the edges. Top with half the fruit and dust with a little icing sugar.

❸ Top with the second piece of pastry, more mascarpone cream (refilling the bag when you need to), the remaining fruit, a dusting of icing sugar and, finally, some mint leaves. Use a serrated knife to cut through the layers.

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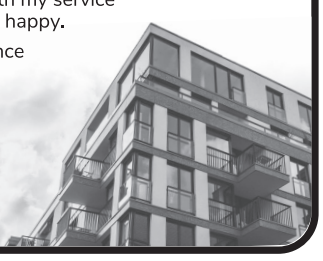

Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

A new business venture may really appeal to you now. In order to be sure, you might need to look past the pretty dressing and research the nuts and bolts of the operation. Lucky numbers: 5, 18, 29, 31, 36, 48.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Sales, teaching, public speaking, or any endeavour that involves giving information to others may be favoured now. You might be clear, articulate, and communicative at this time. Lucky numbers: 15, 19, 20, 25, 28, 31.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Your complete change in focus may prove that you did, in fact, learn an important lesson. Your attitude of teamwork might help accomplish the tasks you require. Lucky numbers: 10, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)

You may change the current atmosphere by putting a positive spin on everything you say and do. You might need to give yourself a little more personal time and freedom. Lucky numbers: 12, 24, 26, 29, 36, 43.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 23)

The fine details may have to change a bit, but your plan might still be good. You may need to empower others to look past the immediate and find a better way for everyone. Lucky numbers: 3, 19, 23, 32, 34, 42.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You may feel like you have been working far too hard. You might need to find ways to change your old routine. Take the time to smell the flowers and enjoy small pleasures. Lucky numbers: 10, 14, 24, 31, 37, 44.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Creative conversations may lead to a better understanding of others. Try not to let yourself get lost in your own world. Allow others to enjoy your special interests. Lucky numbers: 4, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Casual meetings or get-togethers may put you on an exciting new journey. Let go of what others expect of you, and let your dreams lead you into the future. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 12, 15, 20, 25.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Forgetting the past may be hard, but you finally may be feeling good vibrations all around you. Celebrate your good fortune with those who really matter to you. Lucky numbers: 2, 21, 29, 39, 45, 47.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Your compassion towards the predicaments of others could help you win them over. You cannot please everyone, but you can be very flexible to what others require. Lucky numbers: 3, 13, 19, 24, 32, 44.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may need to find new outlets for your physical and mental health. You may need to break away from all the seriousness and allow your silliness to take over. Lucky numbers: 17, 18, 22, 35, 42, 47.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Traveling to a different place may help you learn more within your field. Your interest in places faraway might become your favourite subject of conversation. Lucky numbers: 4, 14, 18, 20, 22, 34.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Libra winners with the luckiest number being 18.

Did You Know...

Good for you: Oregano oil comes from the oregano plant, which is part of the mint family. Thought to have medicinal properties, it contains carvacrol, an antioxidant.

Different colours: The national flag of India consists of three parallel bars. The top bar is saffron, the middle is white, and the bottom is green. In the centre of the white bar is a blue wheel called the Ashok Chakra.

Stone house: It's well known that the president of the United States lives in the White House. But people may not know that the prime minister of Canada lives at 24 Sussex Drive in the country's capital of Ottawa, Ontario.

Using initials: D.C. Fontana (1939-2019) was a writer and editor who contributed to the 1960s TV show, *Star Trek*. The "D.C." stands for Dorothy Catherine, but she used her initials because, at the time, the industry was male dominated.

Noise pollution: Certain noises can be irritating, but for someone with misophonia, everyday sounds like whistling or soup slurping can cause a seemingly unreasonable response. People with these sensitivities may get angry or anxious, or even panicky.

On the Lighter Side

Matt: "Why did you quit your job at the toll booth?"
Pat: "Because my mother always told me not to take money from strangers."

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some people are just out of film.

What has one head, one foot, and four legs? A bed.

Why do birds fly south for the winter? Because it's too far to walk.

A lot of people cry when they cut an onion. The trick is not to form an emotional bond.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 1891 2. You are ill. 3. The Sahara Desert 4. Footwear 5. Israel

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