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Everybody's Talking

Cool abode Will Breaux is living in his dream home. But his idea of a dream home probably is not the same as many other people's. Breaux built his home out of 11 shipping containers stacked to make a three-story dwelling. His place has become known as the "Container House of McGowen" because it is located on McGowen Street in Houston, Texas (U.S.). Breaux has been working on the house since 2017 and now has more than 2,500 square feet of living space and a balcony with a view of the city.

Lost and found : If a beloved pet in Shanghai, China, goes missing, the owner can call Sun Jinren to help with the search. He has been in business for a few years and has had a great success rate. That's because his team follows leads by using technology like heat detectors and thermal imaging cameras. The team examines paw prints and also uses audio of the owner's voice in an attempt to lure the animal out of its hiding place. While based in Shanghai, he has also helped find lost pets in other parts of the country.

Playful feline Ahmet Selki of Istanbul, Turkey, used a cat's antics for inspiration in his job, which is helping to care for homeless pets. Selki noticed a stray cat hovering around the store window of a dress shop. The cat did not seem interested in the clothing, but rather with the colourful decorative balls on the floor of the display. The kitty slipped into the store and immediately started playing with the balls. Although the store's employees were hoping to attract human customers, they didn't mind that the stray had found a place to play. Selki intends to buy some balls for the animals he works with.

Impersonating a pilot If you want to get priority boarding on an airplane, try becoming a pilot. Or, as in Rajan Mahbubani's case, try dressing up as one. Mahbubani, who is from New Delhi, India, successfully pulled this trick numerous times, which enabled him to enjoy many airline perks. He finally got caught when trying to board a flight from Delhi to Kolkata when airline personnel got suspicious. Mahbubani confessed that his uniform was fake and that he was not a real pilot. Unfortunately, he won't enjoy many perks if he goes to prison for impersonating a pilot!

Quoteable Quotes

"Hardships and handicaps can...stimulate our energy to overcome them."
Beatrice Wood

"Painting is silent poetry, and poetry painting that speaks."
Simonides

What's Happening

May 5th - September 30th - Youth Voices : Sharing your lock down stories How has the COVID19 pandemic affected you The Okotoks Museum and Archives wants you to share your personal story and photos to help share your experience. If you have any questions call the Okotoks Museum and Archives at 403-938-8969.

July 25th - September 12th - Okotoks Elks Farmers' Market It will run from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM each Saturday at the Elks building 58 Elizabeth Street. Many local food vendors as well as unique vendors. Market will follow current Alberta guidelines on physical distancing measures.

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Trivia

1. Does a typical ploughman's lunch include cheese?—Y/N
2. Name the person who said, "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."
3. What is the smooth space between your eyebrows called?
4. What does the E stand for in the term "Generation E"?
5. In what sport might you witness a salchow jump?

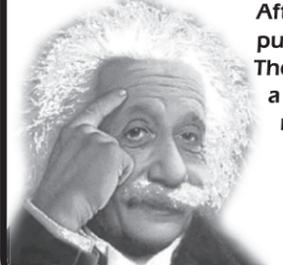
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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

You may need to take more time to imagine all that you can be. Your intuition might successfully lead you to improve areas of your life that really lacking. Lucky numbers: 11, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Your current ideas on how to succeed may need a little more discussion time. Don't allow the distractions of others to deter you from reaching your ultimate goals. Lucky numbers: 17, 28, 29, 37, 46, 49.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

You may need to push your ideas a little harder. Don't allow others to flounder and waste your time. Get yourself ready and equipped for any future possibilities. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 23, 24, 33, 44.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

You may find that you need to do more planning in order to attain your personal goals. Many new aspects of your life might shine brightly if you do. Lucky numbers: 12, 24, 26, 29, 36, 43.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)

You may find yourself involved in interesting topics of conversation. This might allow you to ponder new ways to flow positively. Try hard to keep your options open. Lucky numbers: 24, 31, 39, 43, 44, 47.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Former colleagues or superiors may be able to help you open doors. Your creativity might flourish as a result and give you some extra, newfound energy. Lucky numbers: 11, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

The change in your positive flow may affect the attitudes of others. Some mysteries might be solved, if you continue to follow up on your hunches. Lucky numbers: 2, 5, 12, 25, 37, 46.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your emotions may be running very high. You might need to try harder to keep your temper under control. Once you understand the facts, cooler heads could prevail. Lucky numbers: 15, 25, 27, 29, 37, 39.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Your professional expertise may be recognized where it really counts. Try to envision your life and continue to immerse yourself in your career. Lucky numbers: 1, 10, 17, 27, 28, 38.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You may have challenges before you that you will have to address sooner or later. You might need to dig deeper in order to surpass current expectations. Lucky numbers: 5, 18, 20, 27, 36, 44.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may be very clear and very perceptive right now. This might be a good time to come to an agreement. Ideas could flow and you may be able to express your thoughts well. Lucky numbers: 12, 19, 21, 23, 25, 38.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

Making a decision regarding your home or your family life may be favoured. You might be very likely to reflect on your personal life and the overall direction you are headed in right now. Lucky numbers: 13, 25, 38, 39, 45, 47.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Capricorn winners with the luckiest number being 5.

Did You Know...

Lots of languages: The official language of Sweden is Swedish. Official minority languages are Finnish, Meänkieli, Sami, Yiddish, and Romani. Many people also speak English and German.

Creamy fruit: Cherimoya, nicknamed "custard apple," grows in South America. Looking like a big artichoke, this fruit has flesh with a creamy texture. The sweet flavour tastes like a blend of other fruits, such as strawberry, pear, and banana.

Don't touch! A fruit that grows on coasts in the Caribbean is called the manchineel. It looks something like a small, green apple, but don't be tempted! All parts of the plant are toxic, including its sap, which causes blisters if touched.

Island life: The Turks and Caicos Islands, located in the Atlantic Ocean southeast of the Bahamas, is made up of eight large cays, or keys, and many smaller ones. Tourism contributes substantially to the economy. Traditional industries include boatbuilding and fishing.

Avoiding ticks: As many people know, ticks can spread Lyme disease. To help prevent tick bites, it's best to tuck long pants into socks when walking through an area where ticks might be living, such as long grass.

On the Lighter Side

Customer: "Do you honour any credit cards?"
Clerk: "Oh, we honour them all, but we only take cash."

Why is it that your nose runs, but your feet smell?

What happens once in a minute and twice in a moment but never in a decade? The letter "m."

First fisherman: "Is this lake any good for fish?"
Second fisherman: "Must be. I can't get any of them to come out."

How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it? Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

Answers
4. Entitlement 5. Ice skating
Trivia answers: 1. Yes 2. Maya Angelou 3. Glabela

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2 x 320g ready-rolled all-butter puff pastry
100g icing sugar
750g tub mascarpone
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

- 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 tsp 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.
- 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.
- 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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