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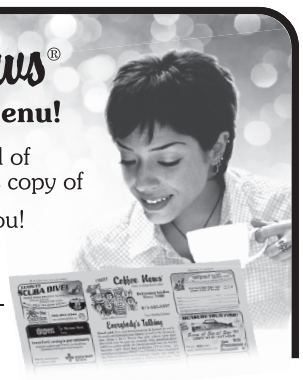

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Everybody's Talking

Rare street artist Finding artists in public places who will draw caricatures of visitors is relatively common. However, discovering a sculptor who will mold a likeness into clay is harder to come across. In Changsha, in China's Hunan province, a sculptor named Yan Junhai does exactly that. Having learned to sculpt at a young age, he uses his hands and a sculpting knife to create realistic busts of people he sees. As it is so rare to find someone like him on the street, visitors to Changsha might want to try to find him so he can make a souvenir for them to take home to show friends.

No rolling over Paul Lavery and Jen Scott, his partner, didn't think their loveable dachshund, Harlso, would ever learn any doggie tricks. They'd tried for years, with no luck, to teach him to sit or roll over. Then one day Lavery, from Belfast, Northern Ireland, put a toy on Harlso's head. Lo and behold, the little critter carefully balanced it, keeping it there for quite some time. The couple gave their pet many more opportunities to balance things on his head, such as full glasses of water, donuts, and gingerbread men, and they posted photos on social media. Now, Harlso has an impressive following of admirers.

Fake mayor Pichuclaco, a town in Chiapas, Mexico, has become known for its cutout mayor. Mayor Moisés Aguilar Torres must be quite a busy man. Rather than attending an event at a health service organization, he sent a large cardboard cutout of himself instead. As Torres was once a nurse, it was disappointing to the health service staff because they wanted to meet him. Instead, they had to suffice with a photo of themselves standing with the cutout figure. Photos of the event have been circulated on social media. Some are critical about it, others find it humorous but, if anything, it's peculiar!

Crazy crows A man named Mohanan rescued two baby crows, but the mother didn't like him touching her hatchlings. Mohanan, a tractor driver in Ambalavayal, Wayanad, India, found the hatchings under his vehicle and gently placed them on the side of the road. Now, a murder of crows, who must be part of the mother's group, cackle loudly and fly at Mohanan every time he comes by the area. They don't bother anyone else. The driver has tried disguising himself, but to no avail – somehow the crows can identify him. He has to carry a stick to ward them off, but he manages to laugh about this curious avian behaviour.

Quoteable Quotes

"What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?" *George Eliot*
"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." *John Quincy Adams*

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.

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Trivia

1. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum was published in 1900, 1920, or 1940?
2. What type of character is said to live in a bottle?
3. A schnoz refers to a comedian, a type of beverage, or a nose?
4. In British currency, what is a quid?
5. Cryptozoology is the study of what?

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(March 21 - April 20)

Listen to your intuitive feelings. They can successfully lead you to improve areas of your life that you may feel are lacking. Take the time you need to imagine all that can be. Lucky numbers: 11, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

This may be a good time to revise your immediate plans. The expectations of others shouldn't be your goal. You need only to please yourself by being true to your heart. Lucky numbers: 14, 24, 28, 29, 32, 44.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Taking time to share your enlightenment with younger people may enable you to make progress. Try to value the instinctive powers that you possess. Lucky numbers: 12, 24, 26, 29, 36, 43.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)

You might be very surprised by how much you accomplish once you have others on your side. The positive energy you possess may help you meet tight deadlines. Lucky numbers: 1, 8, 12, 25, 37, 41.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 23)

Your strong ties to your roots might help you deal with a situation from a very different perspective. You may be able to see how one's words could be misunderstood. Lucky numbers: 3, 16, 26, 28, 35, 45.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You may have been feeling the weight of your many responsibilities. Try to understand that once you get your routine on track, you might have much more flexibility with your time. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 18, 25, 36, 48.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Emotions may be running very high. Try hard to keep your own temper under control. Once you understand the truth, cooler heads should prevail. Lucky numbers: 15, 25, 27, 29, 37, 39.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Some interesting news from a great distance away may help you understand recent events. Your research and investigations may reveal the reasons for different stories. Lucky numbers: 7, 18, 20, 27, 36, 44.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may want to revitalize your present physical condition. Get yourself on a regime to keep fit. You might need to try your best to keep pace with everyone else. Lucky numbers: 12, 24, 26, 29, 36, 43.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Your strong emotions may cause you to second guess everything you do and say. Dig deep and try to be honest about how you really feel about your situation. Lucky numbers: 8, 13, 14, 28, 33, 44.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Creative activities may lead you to a better understanding of yourself. Try not to get lost in your own world. Allow others to share enjoyment of your favourite interests. Lucky numbers: 14, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

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

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Capricorn winners with the luckiest number being 8.

Did You Know...

Musical place: The Canadian Music Hall of Fame is located at Studio Bell in Calgary, Alberta. The building also houses the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame, along with studios, performance spaces, and a large collection of musical instruments.

Aromatic scent: Trees of the *Boswelia sacra*, which grow in Oman, Yemen, and the Horn of Africa, are the source of sap which, when dried, becomes frankincense. For centuries, this aromatic sap has had many uses.

Princely award: American musician Prince and his band, The Revolution, released their *Purple Rain* album in 1984. This was Prince's sixth studio album, which was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 2011.

Needlework: There are numerous species of porcupine, but all have coats covered with quills that are as sharp as needles. The quills lie flat unless the animal feels threatened, then they stand up as the porcupine attempts to scare away the predator.

Sea and sand: The North African country of Tunisia is bordered to the north and east by the Mediterranean Sea. It is also home to part of the Sahara Desert, and adventurous visitors can book treks using camels as transportation.

On the Lighter Side

Sign on a wishing well: Wish Carefully, NO Refunds.

Fisherman: "Where can I find the most fish?"
Guide: "Between the head and the tail."

How many 16-year-olds does it take to change a lightbulb? Whatever.

Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?

Patron: "How many reference librarians does it take to screw in a lightbulb?"
Librarian: "I don't know. I'll have to check on that and get back to you."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 1900 2. A genie 3. Nose 4. Slang for British pound 5. Legendary animals

Recipe of the month

Apple Ladybug Treats

2 red apples
1/4 cup raisins
1 tablespoon peanut butter
8 thin pretzel sticks

Prep: 10 mins. Ready In: 10 mins Level: Easy

❶ Slice apples in half from top to bottom and scoop out the cores using a knife or melon baller. If you have an apple corer, core them first, then slice. Place each apple half flat side down on a small plate.
❷ Dab peanut butter on to the back of the "lady bug," then stick raisins onto the dabs for spots. Use this method to make eyes, too. Stick one end of each pretzel stick into a raisin, then press the other end into the apples to make antennae.

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