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Everybody's Talking

Big book: Paper-making experts Bela Varga and his son Gabor Varga, of the tiny village of Szinpetri in northern Hungary, made what is thought to be the world's largest handmade book. The duo's book measures 4.18 x 3.77 metres (13.7 x 12.4 ft.) and weighs 1,420 kilograms (3,130 lbs.). Its 346 pages are filled with information and photos about the flora and fauna of the region. On display at the Szinpetri paper mill, the book had to be lowered into place with a crane. So as not to rip the paper when reading, six people are needed to turn one of the enormous pages. The name of the book is Our Fragile Natural Heritage.

Magical place: Off the west coast of Scotland lies the Isle of Skye, on which is a magical place called the Fairy Pools. Located near the village of Carbost, the pools contain crystal clear turquoise waters. There are numerous small waterfalls that flow from one pool to another. Surrounding the Fairy Pools is a craggy range known as the Cuillin Mountains. Visitors can swim in the pools, but the water is cold, so a wetsuit is recommended. To get to this natural wonder, it is necessary to hike through the Glen Brittle forest, but visitors say it's worth the effort!

Fake pool: New owners of units in a high-rise building in Changsha, in central China, are not very happy. The property developer didn't accurately explain the amenities of their new home, and the buyers thought they were getting something luxurious. The buyers were told that the area included lush vegetation and a pool. However, the pool was actually blue plastic on the ground, which looks like a pool when viewed from a high balcony, but most certainly is not. The park-like vegetation also turned out to be non-existent. The developers are hoping to work things out with the new residents of the units.

Bad burglar: A Polish man didn't make a very good burglar. He broke into an older couple's house when they were away on a holiday. Apparently, Lukasz Chojnowski made himself right at home for a couple of days. When owners Pat Dyson and Martin Holtby returned, they found Chojnowski sleeping in their bed. The man had been evicted from his rental accommodation and, as he had nowhere to go, decided to break into the empty house. He didn't steal anything and cleaned up after himself. The owners called police, but were not angry because Chojnowski was tidy and apparently didn't mean any harm.

Quoteable Quotes

"The secret of success is constancy to purpose." Benjamin Disraeli

"A crust eaten in peace is better than a banquet partaken in anxiety." —Aesop

What's Happening

Sept 21-Old Tyme Fiddling Group Lessons - Beginner Intermediate. Beginner FIDDLE LESSONS, 7pm every Monday at Pleasantview Community Hall, 10860 - 57th Ave, Edmonton. If you can play at least one fiddle tune and want to enhance learn new skills, please phone Ava Wood 780-962-8857 or visit www.wildrosefiddlers.org

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1. What are edamame?
2. Which Bill is known as "The Science Guy"?
3. Origami is the art of what?
4. In Star Trek, who was the captain of the Starfleet?
5. Is a jellyfish classified as a fish—Yes/No?

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Mini Halloween Cheeseball Pumpkins

2 1/2 teaspoons butter
3 tablespoons chopped garlic
1 1/2 teaspoons white sugar
2 cups shredded aged cheddar cheese
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
1 cup finely crushed cheese-flavoured crackers
12 pretzel sticks
1 small bunch fresh parsley, or to taste

Prep: 30 mins. Total: 1 hr 5 mins Yield: 24

- Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until sizzling, about 30 seconds. Add garlic and sugar. Cook, stirring constantly, until garlic just starts to brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Immediately remove from heat. Transfer garlic mixture to a bowl. Add Cheddar cheese, cream cheese, green onions, and garlic salt. Beat using an electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Cover and refrigerate until firm enough to handle, about 30 minutes.
- Shape chilled cheese mixture into golf ball-sized balls. Roll each ball in crushed crackers and slightly flatten the bottom. Press 1/2 a pretzel stick into the top. Repeat with remaining cheese mixture.
- Spread parsley out on a serving plate and place mini cheeseball pumpkins on top.

Source: www.allrecipes.com

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Your pride sometimes may come between you and the ones you love. Listen to them with an open heart, and something inside you may change your attitude. Lucky numbers: 7, 11, 14, 17, 21, 24.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
Being honest is important, but being diplomatic is less likely to hurt the feelings of others. Try to smooth things over with people who might help you attract attention. Lucky numbers: 3, 15, 28, 29, 35, 49.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Domestic and family matters may have to take top priority over less important details. You might need to find a happier medium to complete your workload. Lucky numbers: 17, 21, 28, 39, 45, 48.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Make positive points on your goals. Good communications may continue if you guide the discussions. Others might realize how very important you are to their plans. Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 14, 28, 39, 42.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)
You may need to give yourself a little more personal freedom. Try to change the atmosphere by putting a more positive spin on your individual goals. Lucky numbers: 2, 17, 24, 26, 29, 38.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your business may entail travel or engaging in communications with faraway places. Use your imagination to unite those forces. A good bond may result. Lucky numbers: 13, 22, 33, 44, 46, 49.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You know that teamwork can help you accomplish the tasks you require. Having a change in focus may prove that, in fact, you did learn some important lessons. Lucky numbers: 10, 18, 22, 35, 47, 49.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Your past experiences may give you a little edge on your competition. You might excel at providing either fine dining for many or simple comfort food for family. Enjoy. Lucky numbers: 1, 6, 15, 20, 31, 37.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You may find that you need to do more planning in order to attain your goals. Many new aspects of your life might shine brightly if you are a little more prepared. Lucky numbers: 12, 24, 26, 29, 36, 43.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Forget past problems and embrace new beginnings. 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your compassion for the predicaments of others may help you win them over to your side. You can't please everyone, but try to be very flexible about their needs. Lucky numbers: 3, 13, 19, 24, 32, 44.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)
You may take more pride in who you are and where you come from. Start some interesting conversations to help answer a mystery. You might be amazed at what you learn. Lucky numbers: 15, 26, 29, 31, 36, 42.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Leo winners with the luckiest number being 2.

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Old world wealth: The Peterhof Palace is a landmark in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Sprawling and opulent, its gardens contain statues made of gold. Built in the 1700s, the UNESCO World Heritage Site is considered an architectural masterpiece.

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Nut butters: Peanut butter and almond butter are rivals in many households. While similar in calories, almond butter is lower in saturated fat and higher in vitamins and minerals. Peanut butter has a little more protein.

Luscious locks: Red hair is recessive, meaning that a person with red hair must receive a recessive gene from each parent to be red-haired themselves. Famous redheads include American actress Lucille Ball and Rupert Grint, who played Ron in the Harry Potter movies.

World traveler: Canadian adventurer Colin Angus went around the world in 2004 using only human power. The two-year trek included five months of rowing across the Atlantic Ocean with his fiancée Julie Wafaei. The two are now married.

On the Lighter Side

Shouldn't there be a shorter word for "monosyllabic"?

"Do you want to hear a joke backwards?"

"Yes."

"Very good, start laughing."

Why didn't the dinosaur cross the road? Because there weren't even any roads during the Jurassic Period!

Teacher: "Where was the Constitution signed?"

Student: "At the bottom of the page!"

How do you get down from an elephant? You don't. You get down from a goose.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Green soybeans 2. Bill Nye 3. Paper folding 4. James T. Kirk 5. No

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