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Everybody's Talking

Plant lover: Joe Bagley lives in his own personalized jungle. His home is a one-bedroom coach house in Loughborough, Leicestershire, England, and it is filled to the rafters with all kinds of potted plants, from cacti to ivy and from tropicals to succulents. All told, he estimates that 1,400 plants live in his abode. His love of plants started when, as a boy of 13, his grandmother gave him a spider plant cutting. Since then, collecting and caring for plants has become his passion. Even his work involves plants: he works in a garden centre.

Close proximity: Those who live near busy highways may not be thrilled with traffic noise, but that's nothing compared to a situation in Cairo, Egypt. Designed to carry fast-moving vehicles, Teraet Al-Zomor Bridge is under construction just 50 centimetres (20 in.) from four high-rise apartment buildings. Apparently, the bridge is an important addition to the infrastructure, and the construction has a permit. The apartment dwellers will have to relocate, as the buildings will be torn down. For now, though, the view from some of the suites is definitely blocked, but hopefully the compensation to the renters will be worth it!

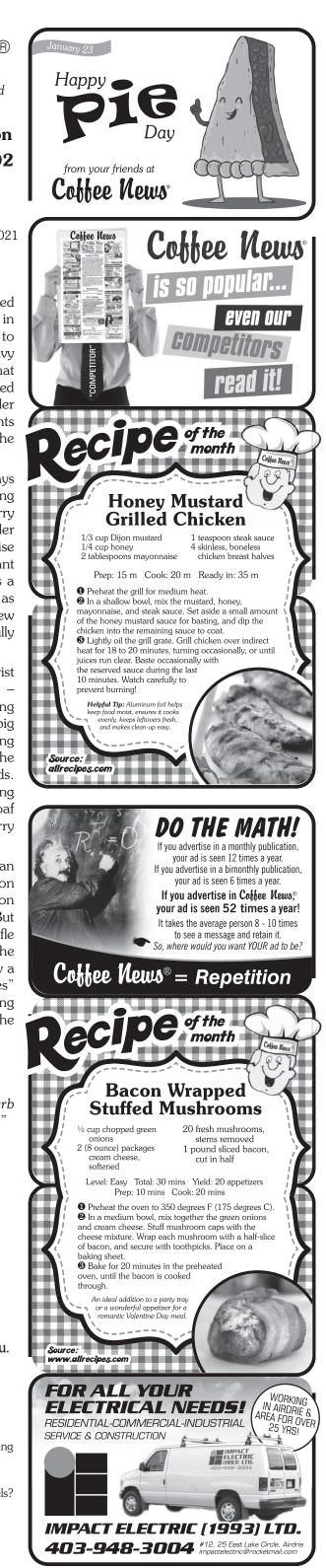
Big loaves: The country of Vietnam holds many tourist attractions, but one unlikely item has people talking giant loaves of bread. Baker Pham Thi Bac of An Giang province in the Mekong Delta, started making the big loaves in 2018, just for fun. At about one metre (3 ft.) long and weighing approximately three kilograms (6.5 lbs.), the loaves taste great and are glazed with butter and seeds. Local people heard about the bread first and started asking for it. Then tourists joined in, wanting to take home a loaf or two as souvenirs – if they could figure out a way to carry them!

House for raffle: Katherine Jablonowska and Ryan Mclean wanted to do something different, so they took on a unique project. They bought a 19th-century cottage on the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales and renovated it. But their goal was not to live there. Instead, they plan to raffle it off for £5 per ticket, with the lucky winner becoming the new owner. Originally a working barn, the home is now a beautiful, peaceful abode, with all the "bells and whistles" of modern life. When selling tickets, the pair is requesting a £1 donation, which they will match and donate to The Children's Society.

Quoteable Quotes

"Dance to the tune that is played." -Spanish proverb "A little alarm now and then keeps life from stagnation." —Fanny Burney

What's Happening



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Trivia

- 1. What does the term "ipso facto" mean?
- 2. Mexican American performer Carlos Santana is known for playing what instrument?
- 3. What does a bibliophile collect or have a love for?
- 4. Author Agatha Christie is best known for writing what type of novels?
- 5. A brouhaha is a German joke or a ruckus?

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Your Weekly Horoscope ARIES LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

14, 22, 24, 32, 44.

25, 31, 37, 42.

16, 31, 36.

AQUARIUS

29, 30, 32, 35, 47.

PISCES

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

comfortable. Lucky Numbers: 6, 7, 14,

vou on vour toes. Lucky Numbers: 21.

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Numbers: 7, 17, 22, 37, 40, 49.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may feel that your

life has put a great deal of

mental strain right on

you now. You might need

something fresh and

closer attention to your

new perspective on your

Your ability to communi-

noticed by your superiors.

Enjoy the good times.

gatherings might keep

Your interactions with

others may be feisty and

spirited. Share your knowl-

mind interested. Lucky Numbers: 2,

(March 21 - April 20)

Upcoming social and family gatherings may

mean your schedule is full of fun activities. Your creative mind may

be busy making plans. Use this time to recharge yourself. Lucky Numbers: 2, 14, 21, 34, 40, 45. more smoothly. Lucky Numbers: 3, 15, 19, 23, 35, 43. **TAURUS SCORPIO**

(April 21 - May 21)

Feelings of tenderness and love, especially for family members, may be very strong right now. You might feel very high spirits in hosting a party

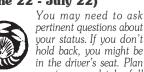
at home. Cheers! Lucky Numbers: 12 17, 31, 37, 40, 42. **GEMINI**

(May 22 - June 21)

Take full advantage of any possible avenue of communication available to spread your message. This may be an excellent time for you to do some

research or studying. Lucky Numbers: 8, 9, 16, 22, 37, 41. CANCER

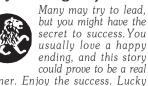
(June 22 - July 22)



pertinent questions about your status. If you don't hold back, you might be in the driver's seat. Plan a getaway and take full

advantage of some time off. Lucky Numbers: 18, 20, 22, 23, 31, 40. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 23)



winner. Enjoy the success. Lucky Numbers: 10, 12, 20, 28, 34, 38. VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)



need to balance your career and your personal affairs. Lucky Numbers: 17, 19, 27, 29, 37, 39.

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

Did You Know...

It's snowing! Accurately measuring the amount of rainfall is easier than measuring the amount of snowfall. One reason is that snow can stick to the side of the gauge, blocking falling snow from getting into the measuring container.

No arch: In people with flatfeet, the whole soles of their feet touch the floor when they are standing because their feet don't have arches. In some people, this condition causes problems, such as foot pain, but others don't have any symptoms.

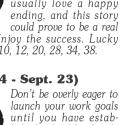
Zucchini facts: People think of zucchini as a vegetable, but it is actually a fruit. Zucchini have beta-carotene and alphacarotene, and the skin may be eaten along with the flesh because it is rich in antioxidants.

Funny lady: Maya Rudolph is an alumnus of the famous American skit comedy show, Saturday Night Live. She performed on the show from 2000 to 2007 and became





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Old tree: A living natural wonder of the world grows in the Abarkuh in Yazd Provice, Iran. This Mediterranean cypress tree, known as Sarv-e Abarkuh, is thought to be between 4,000 and 5,000 years old.

Un the Lighter Side

How are a green apple and a red apple alike? They're both red, except for the green one.

Why are movie stars so cool? They have a lot of fans.

She: "I have a doctor's appointment today, but I really don't want to go. He: "Just call in sick then."

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

What disappears the second you start talking about it? Silence.

Answers

4. Mystery 5. A ruckus Trivia answers: 1. By the fact itself 2. Guitar 3. Books

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