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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

Jan 4 to Feb 20-Skate the Boulevard Grab your skates and join us for outdoor skating on The Boulevard at Deerfoot City's new synthetic skating rink! Drop-ins are welcome, but as the rink has limited capacity, booking a time slot is a good idea! https:deerfootcity.simplybook.mev2book

Feb 1 to 28-Hypothermic Half Marathon 10K Virtual event - participate from any location you choose! Run in support of





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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

(March 21 - April 20)

(April 21 - May 21)

TAURUS

17, 31, 37, 40, 42.

(May 22 - June 21)

GEMINI

Upcoming social and family gatherings may mean your schedule is full of fun activities.

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

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

at home. Cheers! Lucky Numbers: 12,

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

Your creative mind may be busy making plans. Use this time to recharge yourself. Lucky Numbers: 2, 14, 21, 34, 40, 45.

yourself to temporarily break out of your usual routine. Experiment with new techniques. This might help things run

more smoothly. Lucky Numbers: 3, 15, 19, 23, 35, 43. **SCORPIO**

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You may need to allow

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You may feel that your life has put a great deal of mental strain right on you now. You might need something fresh and original to keep your

mind interested. Lucky Numbers: 2, 14, 22, 24, 32, 44. **SAGITTARIUS**

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may need to pay closer attention to your priorities. You might have to focus harder in order to get a clearer picture of exactly what's happening around you. Lucky Numbers: 5, 16,

25, 31, 37, 42. **CAPRICORN**

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You may need to find a new perspective on your relationships and your lifestyle. Do not try to make important decisions until you feel more comfortable. Lucky Numbers: 6, 7, 14,

16, 31, 36. **AQUARIUS**

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Your ability to communicate effectively may be noticed by your superiors. Enjoy the good times. Plans for family or social gatherings might keep vou on vour toes. Lucky Numbers: 21.

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

Your interactions with others may be feisty and spirited. Share your knowledge and you might inspire others to take

action. Group efforts or joint projects are favoured. Lucky Numbers: 7, 17, 22, 37, 40, 49.

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







a getaway and take full advantage of some time off. Lucky Numbers: 18, 20, 22, 23, 31, 40. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 23)



Numbers: 10, 12, 20, 28, 34, 38. VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Don't be overly eager to launch your work goals until you have established a healthy family foundation. You may need to balance your career and your personal affairs. Lucky Numbers: 17, 19, 27, 29, 37, 39.

with the luckiest number being 10.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Leo winners

29, 30, 32, 35, 47. **PISCES**

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known for her impersonations.

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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