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Everybody's Talking

Unusual art: Artist Reijo Kela of Finland must have been a bit bored when he decided to make some friends – literally. He came up with an art installation consisting of over 1,000 “people” made of wooden frames and dressed in colourful clothing. All the figures, which have heads of peat and hair of straw, face the same direction. Called “The Silent People,” the installation is situated in a field near a highway, in the Finnish municipality of Suomussalmi. Drivers who are accustomed to the sight may not look twice, but those who don't know about it experience quite a shock when they first view the army of scarecrows.

Unshorn sheep: A sheep named Prickles has become a celebrity in Tasmania (Australia). The ovine got separated from Alice Gray's family farm in 2013 during intense bush fires. A lamb at the time, the family worried that she wouldn't survive in the wilderness. However, they were buoyed by a few sightings of her over the years, and finally, they managed to catch her, put her in a truck, and get her back to the farm. Prickles had not had her wool shorn for so long that she looked like a big ball of fluff. The family sponsored a contest for people to guess how much the wool weighed, and they donated the proceeds to a COVID-19 relief fund.

Pancake perfection: The small city of Ames, Iowa (U.S.), is home to The Grove Café. This little restaurant, which was founded back in 1948, serves such good food that it has been voted one of the 20 best breakfast restaurants in the country. Pancakes are the menu item that gets diners' attention. They are enormous and barely fit on a plate. At an inch thick and with perfect fluffiness, these pancakes can be ordered as a short stack of two, for diners who are really hungry. Toppings include butter, blueberry and raspberry jam, and whipped cream.

Picturesque burglary: If you are going to rob someone, try not to take a picture of yourself on the victim's phone. That's what Ashley Keast did after breaking into a home with the intent of stealing. Keast, of Rotherham, South Yorks (England), stole a SIM card and put it into a different phone before posting a selfie. He didn't realize that the photo was seen by the victim's co-workers, who called the cops. It didn't take long to find the thief, who was caught with the victim's £4,000 Rolex watch. Keast ended up in jail for his bad deed.

Quoteable Quotes

“Anticipation was the soul of enjoyment” —Elizabeth Gaskell
“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.” —William Shakespeare

What's Happening

Dec 3-Jan 30-Sherwood Park Women's Group Sherwood Park Support for Women in these abnormal and

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- ## Trivia
1. Glaucoma is a medical condition that affects the ears or the eyes?
 2. A taradiddle is a petty falsehood or a type of riddle?
 3. What actress played the role of Elaine in the Seinfeld sitcoms?
 4. George de Mestral invented Velcro, a combination of what?
 5. What is a worthless medicinal product often called?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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Prep: 10 mins Cook: 20 mins

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② In a medium bowl, mix together the green onions
and cream cheese. Stuff mushroom caps with the
cheese mixture. Wrap each mushroom with a half-slice
of bacon, and secure with toothpicks. Place on a
baking sheet.
③ Bake for 20 minutes in the preheated
oven, until the bacon is cooked
through.

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Source:
www.allrecipes.com

Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Your energy level may be
high. Your ability to con-
centrate in your field of
expertise might bring you
much success. The world
of imagination could
seem very attractive to you. Lucky
Numbers: 6, 24, 36, 40, 43, 47.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

This may be a busy time
for you, with many
family celebrations to
attend. You might enjoy
being with friends and
family, sharing pleasures
and fun together. Enjoy! Lucky
Numbers: 1, 16, 31, 46, 47, 49.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If you are a writer, this
may be a magical time
for inspiration of a very
high order. Your natural
sense of spiritual pur-
pose and direction might
be greatly enhanced. Lucky Numbers:
17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Your imagination and
intuition may be height-
ened, which could benefit
any creative or artistic
endeavour. Your thoughts
might tend to be very
dreamy or fantastic. Lucky Numbers:
2, 10, 15, 36, 43, 45.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)

Be aware of your own
energy level and be sure
to save some energy for
the near future. Time
may mend wounds, but
your emotional scars may
need more healing. Lucky Numbers: 4,
5, 13, 26, 38, 44.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You may choose to begin
some sort of self-improvement
effort. Once your
life is put into a better
perspective, you might
feel more confident that
your goals are attainable. Lucky
Numbers: 7, 13, 17, 23, 37, 43.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You may be more con-
scious of the price you
might need to pay to real-
ize your ultimate dreams.
Don't allow it to dis-
courage you from turning
your ideas into reality. You can do it.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 14, 16, 29, 32, 45.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You may attend an artis-
tic event that exposes you
to new styles that differ
from your own. These
new contacts may provide
you with some exciting
ideas. Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 19, 25,
37, 40.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Now may be a good time
to have someone special
to share good times. You
might need to try to
create a more equal shar-
ing of love and nurturing
in your relationship. Lucky Numbers:
16, 25, 26, 35, 36, 45.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Communications may
come from unexpected
places. You might crave
more stimulation. Your
strong sense of adventure
could greatly influence
your imagination. Lucky Numbers: 13,
16, 22, 25, 37, 48.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

This may be a productive
time to learn more about
love and about what
your true values may be.
Remain calm and look
more objectively at your
relationships. Lucky Numbers: 11,
17, 30, 34, 46, 49.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

A conflict of interest may
arise due to a lack of
respect others might be
showing you. Your leader-
ship qualities might help
them appreciate your
professional approach. Lucky Numbers:
10, 11, 19, 30, 31, 39.

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

Did You Know...

Rare bird: The blue-throated macaw is a brightly coloured
bird that lives in northern Bolivia. It grows to be 60 to 91
centimetres (two to three feet) from head to tail, and some live
to be 50 years old. They are on the endangered list.

Buggy place: The city of Montréal, Québec (Canada), has a
very unusual museum called the Insectarium of Montréal. This
museum displays thousands of insect specimens for those who
are fascinated by such creatures.

Savoury breakfast: A favourite breakfast sold by street
vendors in China is jianbing. This made-to-order, crêpe-like
food is filled with green onion, cilantro, and vegetables, and
topped with hoisin sauce and spices.

I love you: In Paris, an art installation called *Mur des Je
T'Aime* ("I Love You: The Wall") was built from lava tiles by
Frédéric Baron and Claire Kito. On the tiles, the artists have
written "I Love You" in 311 ways, using about 250 languages.

Born singer: Sia is a pop singer from Adelaide, Australia.
After limited early success in Australia, she moved to England,
where she pursued a solo career. One of her early albums,
Healing is Difficult, was released in 2001. She now lives in
the United States.

On the Lighter Side

Falling in love is awfully simple. Falling out of love is simply
awful.

What stays in the corner all the time but travels around the
world? A stamp.

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

What do lawyers wear to court? Lawsuits.

Dentist: "You need a crown."

Patient: "Finally, someone who understands me."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Eyes 2. Petty falsehood 3. Julia
Louis-Dreyfus 4. Velvet and crochet 5. Snake oil

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