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## Everybody's Talking

**Dating game:** If you are trying to meet that special someone, it's best not to damage their property in the process. But that's what Yoshito Harada of Aichi Prefecture, Japan, did. He got into the habit of slashing the tires on women's cars, then following them so he could offer to help. Recently, one of his targets remembered him from a previous tire-slashing incident, and she called the cops. It wasn't long before the police discovered that Harada had played this game several years earlier and had been caught. He paid compensation for the tires and didn't go to jail, but none of the ladies was interested in dating him.

**Pandemic dress:** Peyton Manker was not able to wear her homemade dress to her high school prom, which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, lots of people saw her unique dress on social media. Manker, of Sparta, Illinois (U.S.), decided to enter a contest to make her dress out of duct tape, and she succeeded beyond her wildest dreams. She spent almost 400 hours and used about 40 rolls of tape to create her dress. The coronavirus-themed gown is royal blue and gold and contains colourful scenes depicting the pandemic, such as hospital staff with masks.

**Tiger tales:** Getting caught in floodwater is no fun, even for tigers. One such feline, a resident of the Kaziranga National Park in Assam, in northeastern India, was looking for shelter when it discovered a goat shed on someone's property in Kandolimari Village. Park officials identified the animal as a not-quite-full-grown, male Bengal tiger. Officials kept a close eye on the situation so nobody, including the tiger, would get hurt. During heavy rains, many animals in the park, including elephants and rhinos, must find sanctuary by moving to higher ground.

**Tall and straight:** Cactus plants can grow to be quite tall, and one in Takingogawa, Tokyo (Japan), leaves onlookers awestruck at its height. This cactus looks like a pole as it reaches for the sky on the side of a three-story building. No one is aware of the plant's age or genus, but it does appear that someone cares for the prickly thing. Metal rings are wrapped around the plant that attach it to the building, presumably so it won't topple over. The building is 10 metres (33 ft.) high, and this cactus is a little taller than that. Its top is slightly higher than the building.

## Quoteable Quotes

"It is better to begin in the evening than not at all." —English Proverb

"If we had no winter the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome." —Anne Bradstreet

## What's Happening

**Online event posting** During the Pandemic, we are happy to post your online event in the What's Happening section of Coffee News. Please visit our website at [www.coffee-news.ca](http://www.coffee-news.ca) to submit your event.

**April 30-Ladies Night** Come paint a masterpiece, get crafty, socialize, and discover something new. This after-hours event for girls/ladies 13 and older. Pre-registration is required and donations are gratefully appreciated. Stuart MacPherson Public Library. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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## Trivia

1. Mt. Whitney is located in which mountain range?
2. What do you call puppets controlled by strings or wires?
3. The official Mexican flag features what type of bird—caracara, condor, or raven?
4. What are the lower chambers of the heart called?
5. What popular sales event takes place the day after Thanksgiving in the U.S.?

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1 fully cooked bone-in ham (6 to 8 pounds)  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
3 tablespoons maple syrup  
1 teaspoon ground mustard  
3 tablespoons cornstarch

1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup cold water  
1 can (15 ounces) pitted dark sweet cherries, undrained  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 teaspoon almond extract

Prep Time: 10 mins. Bake time: 1 hour 45 mins.  
Yield: 12 servings

- 1 Preheat oven to 325°. Place ham on a rack in a roasting pan. Using a sharp knife, score surface of ham with 1/4-in.-deep cuts in a diamond pattern. Mix brown sugar, syrup and mustard; rub over ham and press into cuts. Bake, covered, until a thermometer reads 140°, 1-3/4 to 2 hours.
- 2 In a small saucepan, mix cornstarch, sugar and water until smooth. Add cherries; bring to a boil. Cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice and almond extract. Serve warm with ham.

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ARIES (March 21 - April 20)



Contentment, emotional well-being, and harmony may prevail in your personal relationships.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21) You may be feeling rather tender and soft-hearted.



GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You may want to make a short visit or call people you really enjoy to tell them you love them.



CANCER (June 22 - July 22)



LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23) You may feel more aware of beauty and want to rearrange your décor.



VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) Your communication skills may be helpful right now.



LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Your mind may be on long-range plans.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You may be feeling hospitable and want to have company or give a party at your home.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Take advantage of opportunities available to you.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)



PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20) Communications of all kinds may play an important role in your life now.



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

Did You Know...

Wilde wit: Poet and playwright Oscar Wilde was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1854.

Savoury snack: A savoury pastry that originated in Lithuania is called kibinai.

Full circle: From the ground, a rainbow looks like an arch of coloured bands in the sky.

Large and hot: The Chihuahuan Desert, which straddles the United States and Mexico, is the largest hot desert in North America.

Red sap: The Socotra Archipelago in the northwest Indian Ocean is home to the Dracaena cinnabari.

On the Lighter Side

Pedestrian to famous TV star: "Didn't I see you on television last night?"

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

What runs but can't walk? A faucet.

If you got into a taxi and it started driving backwards, would the taxi driver end up owing you money?

Memory is the key, but only if you remember where the lock is!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Sierra Nevada 2. Manonnettes 3. Caracara 4. Ventricles 5. Black Friday

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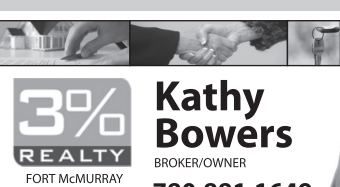
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