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Everybody's Talking

Paring pumpkins: When people think of carving pumpkins, scary or funny faces that frighten or amuse Halloween celebrants are what usually comes to mind. Angel Boraliev of Varna, Bulgaria, has different ideas. This pumpkin carver is an artist who sculpts amazingly realistic images and designs out of the lowly fruit. A pumpkin might be turned into a regal owl, a majestic eagle, a slithering snake, or a placid pelican. Along with pumpkins, Boraliev also enjoys using watermelons and soap as a medium.

White deer: The northern part of the state of New York (U.S.) is home to a rare white-tailed deer called the Seneca white deer. The animals of this type carry a recessive gene that makes their coats white instead of the usual brown. The herd was protected for many years by the Seneca Army Depot. When it closed in the 1990s, volunteers took over the care of the animals. No hunting is allowed in what is now a sanctuary for the deer, but their stark white fur makes the animals an easy target for predators. Today, the private owner of the property plans to continue to protect the herd.

Chalky art: Chalk is something very familiar to teachers and students. That was true for Sachin Sanghe, who came from the village of Mudugere in Karnataka, India. He took a liking to the material and started to carve things in it, starting with simple letters. Later, he carved intricate creations, such as hands, deities, and buildings. He took a break from his art to attend engineering school, but after graduating, he started carving again. His tiny sculptures can take many hours to complete, depending on the complexity. The artist admits that getting the job done requires a lot of concentration.

Dish decorations: Collectors of porcelain might have a cabinet or two filled with interesting finds, but a couple of cabinets would not nearly be enough to hold the collection of Nguen Van Truong of Kieu Son, Vietnam. He started collecting porcelain dishes back in the 1980s, and he became so obsessed that he soon had nowhere to put all of his acquisitions. He took some mortar, applied it to the walls of his home, and began the process of embedding the dishes into his house. Now, the inside and outside of his house are covered in about 10,000 pieces of colourful dishware.

Quoteable Quotes

"Our deeds still travel with us from afar, and what we have been makes us who we are."
—George Eliot

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."
—James Baldwin

What's Happening

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Trivia

1. Baby swans are called cygnets, ducklings, or goslings?
2. Bluefin tuna is the largest of the tuna species—T/F?
3. In what women's sport does Megan Rapinoe excel?
4. What type of fastener did icon "Rosie" of the WWII era use?
5. The California condor has a wingspan of how many feet?

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ARIES (March 21 - April 20)



Joining your efforts with
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very much to your advantage. You could reap
rewards later for the
generosity you extend at
this time. Lucky Numbers: 5, 9, 12,
31, 39, 49.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)



Communicating with
neighbours, friends, and
family may be accentuated. This might be a
good time to establish
friendly, professional
relationships, as well. Lucky Numbers:
16, 24, 31, 39, 44, 48.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)



Your intuition or gut
feelings may be right on
the mark. Positive feelings
and inner harmony
could engender smooth
and comfortable relations
with others. Lucky Numbers: 6,
7, 14, 22, 26, 42.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)



Light, pleasant interactions
may be emphasized. You
could gain what you want
through diplomacy. You
might be willing to make
concessions to maintain
harmony. Lucky Numbers: 4,
18, 25, 37, 41, 48.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)



You may care passionately
and respond instinctively
to current events. You
might be energized and
eager to be involved in
projects that benefit
your family life. Lucky Numbers: 1, 7,
17, 27, 37, 47.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)



An interest in people
and psychology may
come to the fore. You
might be fascinated by
the mysterious and
could delve and probe
until you discover the truth. Lucky
Numbers: 2, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)



This may be a good time
to begin a new business
enterprise or a new venture. You
could have the drive and
courage to make your vision a
reality. Lucky Numbers: 8, 10, 17, 28,
30, 44.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)



You may make your
influence felt, and your
efforts to advance your
career could be very effective. Taking
on a leadership position might be
favoured now. Lucky Numbers: 21,
24, 29, 31, 44, 49.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Music or art may move
you very much now. Your
imagination might be
activated, and you could
be inclined to feel rather
passive and dreamy, or
creatively inspired. Lucky Numbers: 2,
12, 13, 22, 23, 33.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



This may be a perfect
time to socialize, as the
positive feelings that you
generate may be to your
advantage. Your willingness
to meet people halfway
could benefit you, as well. Lucky
Numbers: 3, 5, 16, 22, 26, 40.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)



A desire to share your
good fortune and joy
with others may be your
theme. Beautifying your
home or changing your
physical appearance
might appeal to you. Lucky Numbers:
1, 15, 21, 35, 41, 42.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)



You may be craving
emotional excitement,
and your inhibitions
might be loosened. It
could be a time for music,
dancing, and being joyfully
spontaneous. Lucky Numbers:
12, 16, 32, 36, 42, 46.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Libra
winners with the luckiest number being 8.

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Chef's trick: When we sprinkle salt on our food, we usually do it close to the target. Chefs sprinkle seasonings from a height of as much as 12 inches (30 cm). This results in much more even distribution.

No rabbits: In the state of Queensland, Australia, owning a rabbit is illegal. That's because the critters have become a severe ecological threat. The government erected a rabbit-proof fence and has taken other measures to keep the population under control.

Alarm system: Royals in ancient Japan were ahead of their time. They purposely built squeaky floors as an anti-theft alarm system. These "nightingale floors" or *uguisu-bari*, are named after the Japanese nightingale, also known as the Japanese bush warbler.

Unique banking: When visiting Vatican City in Rome, people can practice Latin while doing their banking. An ATM in Vatican City has an option to do transactions in Latin, possibly the only machine in the world to offer such a service.

On the Lighter Side

What has two hands, a big round face, always runs but stays in place? A clock.

Carry a feather duster with you wherever you go. If you can't find someone to tickle, at least you'll be able to do their dusting.

Don't resent growing old—many are denied the privilege.

Fred: "How do you know that peanuts are fattening?"
Ed: "Have you ever seen a skinny elephant?"

Improvising is a great adventure—a class act needs no cue cards.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Cygnets 2. True 3. Soccer 4. The river 5. 9-10 ft.

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| 1/4 cup butter, cubed | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |
| 1/2 cup chopped onion | 1/4 cup cornstarch |
| 2 garlic cloves, minced | 1/4 cup water or additional chicken stock |
| 4 cups fresh broccoli florets (about 8 ounces) | 2-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (6 small round bread loaves (about 8 ounces each), optional) |
| 1 large carrot, finely chopped | Optional toppings: Crumbled cooked bacon, additional shredded cheddar cheese, ground nutmeg and pepper |
| 3 cups chicken stock | |
| 2 cups half-and-half cream | |
| 2 bay leaves | |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |
| 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg | |

Prep Time: 15 mins. Cook time: 30 mins. Yield: 6 servings

1 In a 6-qt. stockpot, heat butter over medium heat; sauté onion and garlic until tender, 6-8 minutes. Stir in broccoli, carrot, stock, cream and seasonings; bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, until vegetables are tender, 10-12 minutes.

2 Mix cornstarch and water until smooth; stir into soup. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally; cook and stir until thickened, 1-2 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Stir in cheese until melted.

3 If using bread bowls, cut a slice off the top of each bread loaf; hollow out bottoms, leaving 1/4-in.-thick shells (save removed bread for another use). Fill with soup just before serving.

4 If desired, serve soup with toppings.

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