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Everybody's Talking

Possum party: Residents of the vacation town of Mallacoota in Victoria, Australia, were relieved when a resident brush-tail possum that locals call "Russell Rustle" came sauntering back to the area, along with his partner Rosie and baby Rascal. The area had recently endured bushfires, which had claimed a lot of forest and property, and residents were very concerned about the wildlife. While possums are often thought of as pests, Russell Rustle is loved by the whole community. His safe return was cause for celebration among the locals.

Monkey culprit: If a cellphone is stolen, the owner might suspect a human thief. When Zackrydz Rodzi's phone disappeared from his home in Batu Pahat, Malaysia, the thief turned out to be a monkey. As there was no sign of a break-in, Rodzi's family used his brother's phone to call the stolen one, and heard it ringing in the bush near their home. After retrieving it from the mud and cleaning it up, Rodzi found a bunch of selfies of a monkey. There were even videos showing the antics of the little mammal trying to eat the phone.

Black cat haven: Japan is home to many cafés that feature real felines, but only one is filled with black cats. Nekobiyaka is in the city of Himeji. Because black cats are less likely to find owners than cats of other colours, the café's owner wanted to provide a place for people to interact with them and hopefully take one home as a pet. She keeps about 10 black cats at any one time, differentiating them by the colours of their collars. When a family takes one home, she brings another from a shelter. Visitors pay a small fee to enter, and they can buy refreshments while interacting with the cats.

Canal digger: A man from Kothilawa, a remote village in Bihar, India, has completed an amazing feat. It took Laungi Bhuiyan about three decades to divert run-off rainwater into a pond near the village. He did it by digging a three-kilometre-long (1.8-mi.) canal by himself, using hand tools. Before the canal existed, rainwater ran into a river and never reached the village. Now, people in the village have access to water in the pond, which they can use for crop irrigation and for farm animals to drink. As news of his feat spread on social media, Bhuiyan became known as "Canal Man."

Quoteable Quotes

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."
 —Mahatma Gandhi

"Keep your fears to yourself; share your courage with others."
 —Robert Louis Stevenson

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Trivia

1. What system/scale is used to determine the heat in chili peppers?
2. Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument located in England, Ireland, or Scotland?
3. What colour is associated with the emotion of envy?
4. "Daddy" Warbucks was the rich and philanthropic benefactor in what comic strip?
5. What organ uses 20% of the human body's oxygen and blood?

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TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Your personal magnetism may be strong, and you could attract attention. You might beautify your surroundings and pay particular attention to your appearance. Lucky Numbers: 4, 17, 18, 30, 33, 47.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Your honesty and willingness to communicate openly could impress others. This may be a good time to present your ideas to the people who matter the most in your life. Lucky Numbers: 3, 23, 24, 26, 39, 49.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

This might be a favourable time to bring out any personal concerns you have in your relationships. Agreements and cooperation could be achieved easily now. Lucky Numbers: 6, 9, 21, 31, 32, 41.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)

Strong support from close friends and family could give you extra confidence now. This may be a good time to mend fences and to improve some aspects of your homelife. Lucky Numbers: 4, 31, 34, 43, 46, 48.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You may feel relaxed and pleasantly calm. Sharing hospitality, giving something special and personal to a friend, and other loving gestures could be emphasized now. Lucky Numbers: 12, 13, 27, 36, 37, 41.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

This may be an excellent time to be out and about. There could be significant opportunities to make connections and to learn something through a chance meeting. Lucky Numbers: 3, 9, 15, 22, 26, 32.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Doors may open and new opportunities for personal and professional growth may present themselves. Any idea you feel inclined to take could lead to a positive outcome. Lucky Numbers: 13, 16, 20, 21, 48, 49.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Partnerships for mutual benefit may be favoured. Once you join with others, especially in team sports, your energy level could soar higher than you expect. Lucky Numbers: 6, 18, 23, 28, 32, 35.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

This may be an excellent time to enjoy company at your home. You might be feeling loving and needing to share comfort and affection with close friends and family. Lucky Numbers: 1, 16, 29, 33, 41, 42.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Self-confidence and ambitions may be high. You might be able to accomplish a great deal of work, especially if it involves some sort of communication. Lucky Numbers: 18, 20, 21, 30, 42, 47.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

You may gain what you want through diplomacy and by enlisting the support of your friends, rather than by being forthright and bold. Decision-making might be favoured now. Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 8, 29, 32, 43.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Pisces winners with the luckiest number being 5.

Did You Know...

Dancer first: Madonna, the well-known singer of "Material Girl" fame, at first wanted to be a dancer, but switched to music after being influenced by then-boyfriend Dan Gilroy, with whom she was in a band called Breakfast Club.

Brilliant mind: Katherine Johnson (1918-2020) had a brilliant mind for mathematics. She worked for NASA and helped to put men on the moon. She was one of the subjects of the 2016 Hollywood movie, *Hidden Figures*.

Unusual lime: Finger limes may be shaped like jalapeño peppers, but the resemblance ends there. These limes grow on shrubs in subtropical coastal areas of eastern Australia. They hold tiny, caviar-like beads that have an acidic flavour.

Fern fronds: The Georgia State University in Decatur, Georgia (U.S.), is home to Ferns of the World, an unusual garden started by the late botany professor, George Sanko. Today, the garden is lush with many fern varieties from all over the world.

Stony love: The Holystone, which has a small hole through it, sits in a field near the village of Doagh, County Antrim, Northern Ireland. From the Bronze Age, the stone has become known as the "lovestone." Engaged couples come to the stone to pledge their love for each other.

On the Lighter Side

The judge said to her dentist, "Pull my tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth."

What did one arithmetic book say to another? "I've got problems."

Doctors: "What happened? You look awful."
Patient: "You said to take this medicine for three days, then skip a day. All that skipping wore me out."

Actors: people who work really hard at never being themselves.
What word is always pronounced wrong? Wrong.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Scoville scale 2. England 3. Green 4. Little Orphan Annie 5. The brain

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1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Prep/Total Time: 25 mins. Yield: 6 servings

- In a small saucepan, heat jelly and lime juice over medium heat until melted. Set aside 1/2 cup for serving.
- Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. On a greased grill rack, grill chicken, covered, over medium heat 15-20 minutes or until a thermometer reads 170°-175°, turning occasionally and basting with remaining jelly mixture during the last 5 minutes of cooking. Serve with reserved jelly mixture.

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