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Everybody's Talking

Bird art: When Hannah Bullen-Ryner goes for a walk in the woods, she looks for more than just nice scenery. She scours the earth for petals, seeds, evergreen sprigs, sticks, and berries. From these natural items, she creates images of different kinds of birds, such as owls, chickadees, and hummingbirds. She crafts some as they are in flight, while others sit calmly on a branch. The birds are known as land art because she arranges her masterpieces on the ground. With a background in painting and photography, Bullen-Ryner's work is rich in detail and colour.

Long course: Golfers accustomed to 18-hole courses that take a few hours to complete might want to challenge themselves at Nullarbor Links in Australia. This course is 1,365 kilometres (848 mi.) long. It is located along the Eyre Highway, which runs between Ceduna in South Australia to Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. And no, golfers do not have to walk all that distance! They can drive from one hole to the next as they make their way along the highway, which can take up to five days. There are 18 holes; 11 were created for the course and seven are on established courses.

Birds of a feather: Oluwageorge Johnson learned the hard way that when leaving an apartment vacant for any length of time, it's best to be sure to close the windows. Johnson is a student in Nottingham, England, but his parents wanted him to go home to London during the COVID-19 epidemic. The man was away for five months. Before his return, workers in the building heard weird noises coming from the flat. When they investigated, they found that pigeons had taken over the cozy spot. Johnson had quite a mess to clean up when he returned.

Love of animals: Ricardo Pimentel Cordero, an animal lover from Leona Vicario, Quintana Roo, Mexico, is the founder of Tierra de Animales, a shelter that looks after stray animals. As a hurricane was about to make landfall, he grew worried about animals that might not survive on the street. So he opened his own home to more than 300 stray dogs, as well as a few other creatures, such as cats and rabbits. He was lauded on social media for his commitment to these animals, and donations started arriving to help pay for food and cleanup.

Quoteable Quotes

"No one can build his security upon the nobleness of another person."
—Willa Cather
"It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I stay with problems longer."
—Albert Einstein

What's Happening

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Trivia

1. If you are supercilious, are you quite silly or extremely proud?
2. Nora Ephron and Erma Bombeck were popular writers of what type of genre?
3. A spit rod is used with what cooking device?
4. Cuttlefish, jellyfish, and starfish are not actually fish—T/F?
5. Which U.S. president is known as "Honest Abe"?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
 Making worthwhile professional contacts, reaching out to others who can help you in your work, and taking care of business in a clear, orderly way may occur. Lucky Numbers: 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 42.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
 You may decide to change the decor of your home, or you may attend an artistic event that exposes you to new styles that are different from your customary tastes. Lucky Numbers: 2, 11, 18, 19, 41, 44.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
 Your imagination, intuition, and sensitivity may be very high now. You might find yourself wanting to paint, listen to music, or daydream, rather than concentrate. Lucky Numbers: 11, 15, 20, 23, 24, 34.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
 Friendships and supportive endeavours might flourish now. You may achieve a harmonious balance of cooperation that could benefit any social or joint activity. Lucky Numbers: 6, 9, 10, 18, 19, 36.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)
 A significant discussion or exchange of information may likely happen. This also might be an excellent time to pay attention to the views of someone you respect. Lucky Numbers: 12, 16, 22, 26, 28, 49.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
 This may be a good time for relaxing recreation to refresh and rejuvenate yourself and to do the things you most enjoy. Good humour and optimism could prevail. Lucky Numbers: 3, 6, 8, 18, 40, 43.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 An honest part of you, which is usually in the background, could emerge now. Make a positive effort to show your true colours and be confident in all of who you are. Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 14, 31, 34, 49.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 This might be a good time for any competitive endeavour or anything that requires a large amount of energy. You may be able to gain a wider perspective on your situation. Lucky Numbers: 4, 24, 28, 42, 43, 46.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Your desire for companionship may predominate. A new friendship or romance could begin, or an established relationship may be revitalized and enhanced. Lucky Numbers: 15, 17, 18, 27, 36, 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Reminiscing, remembering, and daydreaming about or reflecting on the past may occur. Family and personal subjects could also be topics of discussions now. Lucky Numbers: 3, 4, 6, 14, 27, 38.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Friendships and cooperative endeavours may flourish. This might be a good time to approach someone who is in a position to benefit from your support. Lucky Numbers: 17, 19, 29, 34, 35, 38.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)
 You may readily discuss your needs and desires. You might be more aware of beauty and may want to rearrange your decor or buy something to beautify your home. Lucky Numbers: 19, 34, 40, 42, 43, 45.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Capricorn winners with the luckiest number being 3.

Did You Know...

- Long fish:** The European eel lives in freshwater streams and rivers, returning to the ocean to lay its eggs. The eels are nocturnal, coming out from under mud and stones at night to feed on other fish and crustaceans. They are an endangered species.
- Croatia's symbols:** The national anthem of the southern European nation of Croatia is "Our Beautiful Homeland" (*Lijepa naša domovino*). Its nation animal is the European pine marten, and its national flower is the iris (*Iris croatica*.)
- Metal men:** Famous American singer and songwriter Billy Joel was once in a heavy metal duo called Attila. His partner was drummer Jon Small. The band had a short life, splitting up in 1970 after only a year.
- Round rolls:** Visitors to Norway who crave a cinnamon roll can get a facsimile of this pastry. It's called a *skilingsboller*. This version has cardamom and almonds, and is brushed, top and bottom, with butter while it's still hot.
- Happy marriage:** Actress Nicole Kidman and country music star Keith Urban, both Australians, got married in June 2006 after having met each other the previous year. They now have two children, Sunday Rose and Faith Margaret.

On the Lighter Side

Reporter to 95-year-old: "To what do you credit your long life?"
 Senior: "Not sure yet. My lawyer's negotiating with two breakfast cereal companies."
 By all means go ahead and mellow with age. Just be wary of getting rotten.
 What do you use to fix a broken tomato? Tomato paste.
 If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more happy people?
 Computers can never completely replace humans. They may become capable of artificial intelligence, but they will never master real stupidity.

Answers
Trivia answers: 1. Extremely proud 2. Humour 3. Barbecue grill 4. True 5. Abraham Lincoln

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 1 large yellow onion
 1/2 medium lemon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 8 hard-boiled large eggs, chopped
 1-1/2 cups mayonnaise with olive oil and coarsely ground pepper
 1 cup dill pickle relish
 1/4 cup yellow mustard
 1 to 2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley Paprika
 Prep Time: 20 min. Cook Time: 10 min. + chilling Yield: 20 servings
 1 Place potatoes in a Dutch oven; add water to cover. Cut onion in half crosswise; add one half to saucepan. Bring to a boil. Add lemon and salt to cooking water. Reduce heat; cook, uncovered, until potatoes tender, 5-6 minutes.
 2 Meanwhile, chop remaining onion. Combine with eggs, mayonnaise, dill pickle relish, mustard and Cajun seasoning.
 3 Drain potatoes; rinse under cold water. Discard onion and lemon. Add potatoes to egg mixture; gently toss until well mixed (do not overmix, or potatoes will break down). Refrigerate, covered, 1-2 hours. Just before serving, sprinkle with parsley and paprika.
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