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Everybody's Talking

Duck dynasty: Who needs pesticides in Thailand? Not the rice farmers in Nakhon Pathom province, west of Bangkok. That's because each year flocks of ducks are brought in to eat weeds and pests, such as snails. The ducks come from duck farms, and the farmers appreciate the free food their ducks eat from the rice paddies. Rice farmers benefit because they can cut back on the use of chemicals, and their fields get fertilized. The ducks move around the rice fields for a few months and then return to their farms to lay their eggs. Using ducks for this purpose is known as "ped lai thoong."

Building blocks: A 20-something-year-old woman from Pietermaritzburg near Durban, South Africa, unwittingly provided encouragement for other women to take on jobs usually done by men. Zama Philisiwe Zungu decided to build an addition to her home, and did it herself, from mixing the cement to stacking the bricks. Photos of her progress attracted attention on social media, bringing Zungu a lot of praise. As a civil engineer by training, she loves constructing things, a skill she learned from her father. She wants to empower more women in the construction industry and may start her own construction company.

Replicating art: A woman from Saint Petersburg, Russia, took an art challenge seriously. Liza Yukhnyova heard about the #gettychallenge, in which people recreate a work of art using household items, and then take a photo of the result. Bored during the COVID-19 pandemic, Yukhnyova decided to create one piece of art each day for as many days as she could. So she picked famous paintings, and using makeup and items from around the house, she turned herself into women from cultures around the world. Yukhnyova has a degree in art history, so she has a wide base of knowledge about art.

Wall crawler: If Spider-Man had a son, it might just be Yasharth Singh Gaur of Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, India. Gaur has his own parents, but the young boy can scale walls in much the same manner as the comic book hero. The young fellow, facing outward and using only his hands and feet, taught himself to creep a 10-foot high wall. He settles into a corner and then up he goes. His parents are concerned that he may fall down, but they are also thrilled with this athletic skill. If the boy feels like he is going to fall, he makes a controlled jump to the ground without hurting himself.

Quoteable Quotes

"Great literature, past or present, is the expression of great knowledge of the human heart."
Edith Hamilton
"Your life will be rich for others only as it is rich for you."
David McCord

What's Happening

Oct 1 to 31-The Haunted Hike It's scary good time at this one-of-a-kind Haunted House located in a giant warehouse in Vegreville. Do not miss this event, open every weekend in October. This is a tentative date. Exact dates and hours TBA. www.thehauntedhike.ca

Sundre Farmers Market. The market starts back for the season on May 21st and will run Friday's from 4:30-7PM until September. Visit vendors at the Sundre Curling Rink.

Tuesdays-Cruise Night Meet at the DQ and cruise around town with your favorite ride. 6 - 8 PM. Organized by the Northern Thunder Classic Auto Club. www.northernthunderclub.com

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Trivia

1. In the popular Mother Goose nursery rhyme, where is the farmer?
2. The lychee fruit is native to what area of the world?
3. What caused the Statue of Liberty in the U.S. to turn green?
4. In ancient Greek mythology, a cyclops has one eye, two eyes, or three eyes?
5. What is the full name of the explosive TNT?

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5 pounds medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
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

- 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.
- Meanwhile, chop remaining onion. Combine with eggs, mayonnaise, dill pickle relish, mustard and Cajun seasoning.
- 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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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Your desire for love may be strong and you may act on impulse. Some aspects of your life might not be happy, but facing this issue may help you realize that it can be remedied. Lucky Numbers: 15, 16, 17, 33, 34, 35.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

You may gain what you want through your diplomacy and charm. You might want to enlist the support of allies and friends, rather than trying to be so outspoken and bold. Lucky Numbers: 1, 5, 7, 18, 27, 31.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Differences in styles or personal tastes might be an issue for you. You may want to be gracious about making adjustments, even if you feel uncomfortable at first. Lucky Numbers: 22, 28, 31, 37, 40, 46.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Your drive for personal freedom may be pressing, and a confrontation could likely occur. Insist on your rights and stand up for yourself. Others should follow your lead. Lucky Numbers: 2, 6, 16, 26, 36, 46.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)

You might feel very bold and adventurous. You may not tolerate delays, restrictions, or any form of authority that prevents you from behaving exactly as you please. Lucky Numbers: 6, 24, 29, 35, 40, 42.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Health matters may be a concern, and you might be inspired to start a self-improvement program. You may be able to create better health habits and a new regimen. Lucky Numbers: 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Giving and receiving appreciation and love may come into your life. You might want to experiment with new things, but be careful about what you throw out. Lucky Numbers: 1, 15, 22, 31, 44, 47.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You might need to apologize for being so stubborn. You may be humbled to see how the flaws in your attitude affect others, and you may need to remedy the situation. Lucky Numbers: 12, 30, 33, 35, 37, 48.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Your imagination in the arts or music may have great appeal. Using your creative talents might prove to be more fruitful than dealing with more practical matters. Lucky Numbers: 3, 4, 23, 24, 43, 44.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Relaxation, enjoyment, and pleasurable activities might be highlighted now. You may not want to get involved in anything that requires a great expenditure of energy. Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 12, 20, 24, 30.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Someone important may come into your life. You might meet a person who becomes your strongest influence. It could be in the form of teacher or mentor. Lucky Numbers: 15, 16, 29, 32, 39, 49.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

You may feel realistic about love and may be interested in being with people on whom you can depend. Reach out to an older person who means a lot to you. Lucky Numbers: 6, 9, 16, 20, 28, 45.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Aries winners with the luckiest number being 15.

Did You Know...

Northern dogs: "Reindeer dogs" are a type of hot dog sold in the northern U.S. state of Alaska. These are sausages made with caribou, pork, and beef, and served in a bun. Accompaniments include onions glazed with cola, mustard, and cream cheese.

Seashell delights: The Monastery of São Vicente de Fora in Lisbon, Portugal, houses a unique attraction: a seashell gallery. It contains a beautiful and artfully arranged collection of seashells from the country's shorelines.

Florence Nightingale: Known as "The Lady with the Lamp," Florence Nightingale is considered the founder of modern nursing. She was named Florence after the Italian city where she was born in 1820. Her family moved to England in 1821.

Bouncy pickle: There is a law in the U.S. state of Connecticut that says pickles must bounce. The law stems from an incident in 1948 when two men were arrested for selling rotten pickles. The new law established that if a pickle bounced, it was safe to eat.

Can't go backward: Kangaroos are one of the few animals that can't walk backward. They can only hop forward using both feet at the same time and their tail for balance.

On the Lighter Side

Animal testing is a terrible idea—they get all nervous and give you the wrong answers.

"Doctor, I think I'm suffering from memory loss."
"Have you ever had it before?"

A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.

Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. But not enough.

Did you hear about the invisible man who married the invisible woman? Yeah, their kids aren't much to look at, either.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. In the dell 2. Southeast Asia 3. Oxidation of copper 4. One eye 5. Trinitrotoluene

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