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Everybody's Talking

Paint the town: On the Greek island of Chios, located in the Aegean Sea east of Athens, is the town of Pyrgi. This lively place has fewer than 1,200 inhabitants. What makes it special is that its buildings are painted with geometric designs and patterns, and they are all unique. A walk through the town's streets leaves visitors in awe at the grey and white checkerboard murals, blue and gold circles, and geometric flowers flowing out of vases. All are painted with bold strokes and are found on walls, archways, and doors. The nickname for Pyrgi is "painted village."

Puzzle solved: An English comedy writer decided to use extra time available during the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 to take on a unique challenge: solve a literary puzzle by putting in order the pages of a novel called Cain's Jawbone. John Finnemore accomplished the task, and he is only the third person to do it since the puzzle was created in 1934. The puzzle has 100 cards, each one of which is one page of the murder-mystery novel. The pages must be arranged in the correct order. To solve the puzzle, Finnemore had to research such obscure topics as 1930s licensing laws in London and the history of prisons.

Loud music: It's lucky that Dee Gallant, who lives on Vancouver Island on the west coast of Canada, is a fan of the music of Metallica, the hard rock band. That's because she used it to scare off a cougar who was stalking her and her dog, Murphy, when they were out for their daily walk. The feline slowly approached Gallant and the dog. Disconcerted, Gallant tried to act big by waving her arms and yelling, but that didn't deter the wild animal. So she pulled out her cell phone and blasted Metallica's "Don't Tread on Me," a guitar-screeching, drum-battering song. The cat backed away and took off.

Yummy treat: The people of Spain and Latin America know about good street food. Those are places where delicious treats, known as churros, are sold by street vendors far and wide. No one will lose weight eating these long, crispy chunks of dough. They are made from yeast dough, covered with sugar, and deep fried. They can be eaten with coffee for breakfast, or some people like them for dessert. Churros from Seville, Spain, are known for their delicate lightness, while they might be made with dulce de leche in Mexico. In Uruguay, they are often filled with cheese.

Quoteable Quotes

"On some preference esteem is based; to esteem everything is to esteem nothing." —*Molière*

"I will work in my own way, according to the light that is in me." —*Lydia Maria Child*

What's Happening

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Trivia

1. What might "too many cooks spoil"?
2. What style of dancing was featured in the movie Saturday Night Fever?
3. What is a ramrod?
4. Brogues and kamiks are types of what?
5. Together, the right and left upper chambers of the heart are referred to as what?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Decisions made now could work out well. You may be objective in gathering information and might want to put extra energy into organizing your professional life. Lucky Numbers: 6, 14, 19, 29, 44, 47.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

You may be able to get your message across to others via the written or spoken word. Effectively communicating your message may be your greatest strength. Lucky Numbers: 4, 16, 20, 27, 30, 43.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Sharing plans and ideas about the future with others may be very fruitful. You may visibly understand them, and you may be able to make yourself clearly understood. Lucky Numbers: 1, 5, 9, 11, 15, 29.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)

You may pick up on others' interests and effectively share helpful advice. Your ability to communicate in a warm, understanding manner could be especially strong. Lucky Numbers: 5, 12, 17, 25, 32, 39.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 23)

Most agreements or contracts signed now could work out very well for you, especially, if they are related directly to your personal life or homelife. Lucky Numbers: 4, 14, 23, 36, 42, 43.

VIRGO
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You may feel more compassionate and in tune with the feelings of others. You might be more than willing to listen to others and empathize with their situations. Lucky Numbers: 4, 5, 22, 23, 31, 40.

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You may need to change your routine in order to get a clearer picture. You might be able to broaden your horizons by seeking out those with more experience. Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 34, 38, 41, 42.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You may achieve a harmonious balance of endeavours through talking and listening. Any social activity you attend could benefit greatly by your support. Lucky Numbers: 15, 19, 26, 34, 35, 45.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

Amorous feelings may flow freely between you and some new people in your life. Older friendships or partnerships also could be reinvigorated. Lucky Numbers: 8, 9, 11, 27, 33, 44.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You may want to be surrounded by harmonious people who could help your artistic efforts flourish. You could be moved to more openly express your affections. Lucky Numbers: 3, 5, 12, 14, 18, 19.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

You may be all fired up about your ideas and be able to stir others into action. Group efforts of any kind might appeal to you and you could take greater initiative. Lucky Numbers: 9, 10, 17, 20, 27, 39.

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

A nonstop flow of communication may likely spark your interest. You may be able to engage in stimulating and informative discussions about your mental curiosity. Lucky Numbers: 13, 24, 28, 34, 37, 44.

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

Did You Know...

Oscar youngster: Shirley Temple was only six years old when she was the first actor to receive a 1935 Juvenile Academy Award in recognition of her 1934 contributions to screen entertainment.

Car seat safety: In 1933, the Bunny Bear Company produced a booster seat that elevated the children enough for parents to see what they were doing in the backseat. A child's car seat with significant safety features wasn't introduced until the 1960s.

Self-hypnosis: People who are interested in trying to be hypnotized don't necessarily need to be on a stage with a hypnotist. With time and practice, it is possible to "do it yourself" by training the mind to relax, creating changes in the unconscious mind.

Popular meat: In South Africa, grilling meat is popular, especially as a way to prepare T-bone steaks. This cut gets particular attention because Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in an effort to bring all South Africans together, pointed out that the steak resembles the shape of Africa itself.

Car colours: White cars make up 35 percent of the cars bought around the world. The colour is most popular in China, where half of all cars are white. Black cars rank second in global popularity and account for about 20 percent of cars in North America.

On the Lighter Side

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

Teacher: "In English, a double negative forms a positive. In Russian, a double negative is still a negative. But in no language can a double positive form a negative."
Student: "Yeah, right."

What is the favourite music of Irish teenagers? Sham-rock.

Baby's motto: If at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again!

By all means, go ahead and mellow with age. Just be wary of getting rotten.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. The broth 2. Disco 3. Implement for loading a firearm 4. Footwear 5. Atria

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Recipe of the month

Watermelon Steaks with Warm Pickled Shrimp

1 cup apple cider vinegar
½ cup plus 2 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 tablespoon plus ½ teaspoon kosher salt, divided
2 teaspoons coriander seeds, lightly crushed
12 ounces peeled and deveined tail-on raw large shrimp
1 medium-size red onion, thinly sliced
1 medium jalapeño, thinly sliced
1 (2-inch-thick) watermelon round (from the centre of 1 large seedless watermelon), quartered
1/4 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
Lime wedges, for serving

Prep Time: 25 min. Yield: 4 servings

❶ Stir together vinegar, ½ cup olive oil, 1 tablespoon salt, and coriander seeds in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over high. Add shrimp, onion, and jalapeño. Cover pan, and remove from heat; let stand 20 minutes, stirring once after 10 minutes.
❷ Meanwhile, preheat grill to high (450°F to 500°F). Brush watermelon quarters with remaining 2 tablespoons oil, and sprinkle with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place watermelon on grill grates, and grill, uncovered, until slightly softened and grill marks appear, about 4 minutes per side. Transfer to a platter.
Using a slotted spoon, top watermelon wedges evenly with pickled shrimp mixture. Spoon a few tablespoons of pickling liquid over top of each, and garnish with parsley. Serve immediately with lime wedges.

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