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Everybody's Talking

Colourful field: People driving by a field of leeks at night near the town of Lelystad, Netherlands, have been known to stop and gawk. This is not because leeks are an amazing vegetable, but because the field is glowing with blue, red, and purple light. The ultraviolet glow comes from a lighting system designed by Dutch artist Daan Roosegaarde. In addition to being beautiful, the project, called GROW, has a practical purpose: the artist and his team are experimenting with light to see how different wavelengths can enhance plant growth.

Airport home: For three months, the O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Illinois (U.S.), became the unauthorized home of a man named Aditya Singh. Apparently, the trespasser didn't want to get on a plane to go back to his home state of California. He managed to steal an airport employee's identification badge and then proceeded to hide out, undetected, in a secure area of the transportation hub. Finally, staff members asked for his ID, only to discover the badge produced by Singh had been reported missing months earlier. Police were called, and Singh was charged with trespassing.

Sympathy for owner: Russell Jones of London, England, broke his ankle, was outfitted with a cast, and came home with canes to help him walk, with a temporary limp, of course. While out for an evening stroll, he noticed that his dog, a Lurcher named Billy, also started to limp. Jones took the dog to the vet and, after paying £300 for the vet bill, discovered there was nothing wrong with Billy's leg. Jones and his wife, Michelle, think that Billy faked his limp in order to commiserate with his owner. They thought this because when Jones wasn't home, Billy would run around the yard with no limp at all!

Boar trouble: Police in the city of Moro, Sindh, Pakistan, had to deal with an unusual incident that did not include arresting thieves or any other type of human criminal. Animal intruders invaded their police station, causing panic and fear until the situation was brought under control. The trespassers turned out to be two wild boars that somehow got inside the station, and the place had to be evacuated. Wild boars are large, intelligent animals, and can be dangerous, so a plan had to be put in action to get the big pigs back outside. One of the pair was driven out, and the other was cornered inside the station, to the relief of everyone involved.

Quoteable Quotes

"Accursed be he that first invented war." —Christopher Marlowe
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1. The sinking of the Titanic took more than 1,500 lives. How many passengers survived?
2. What is the bottom number of a fraction called?
3. The male orangutan arm span may reach 7 ft.—T/F?
4. What is the purpose of a windsock?
5. Which "Lisa" is housed in The Louvre in France?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

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Your mood may be easy-going and agreeable. You might feel like doing nothing except relaxing at home or unwinding at a beach or

a lake. Lucky Numbers: 2, 8, 10, 15, 16, 39.

TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)



Financial opportunities may present themselves at social gatherings. Your current personal status could be altered for the better. You may need to listen to your heart. Lucky Numbers: 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 32.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



Your future may be in your own hands, so ask questions and seek answers. You might find easy conversation in comfortable settings that could help you unravel some mysteries. Lucky Numbers: 3, 15, 32, 40, 42, 44.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)



Family relationships may reveal your sensitivity and bring forth your sympathetic reactions. You might reflect on the past and decide to dedicate yourself to resolving these issues. Lucky Numbers: 2, 7, 12, 17, 43, 45.

LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 23)



You may be able to succeed in anything that requires your energy. You might be in an eager, confident mood, and now could be a good time for a competitive endeavour. Lucky Numbers: 4, 11, 17, 22, 32, 41.

VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)



Your desire for harmony and good connections may be stronger than usual. You might be inclined to use your charm, in more than a direct way, to achieve your goals. Lucky Numbers: 2, 10, 28, 32, 43, 44.

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)



A chance meeting may excite you and offer you a different outlook. But a clock may be ticking and before you commit, you might need to ensure

that you have the best plan. Lucky Numbers: 9, 13, 17, 21, 26, 29.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)



Take advantage of opportunities on social media to spread your message. Emotional gestures may deeply touch your heart. Positive reactions could prevail. Lucky Numbers: 9, 20, 24, 27, 41, 42.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



You may be feeling very sensitive or vulnerable. You might be imaginative, but first you might need to rejuvenate yourself, especially with some rest and relaxation. Lucky Numbers: 7, 12, 19, 22, 24, 36.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)



You may be motivated and interested in probing far beneath the surface. Your research might enable you to understand the underlying causes behind an event or behaviour. Lucky Numbers: 4, 14, 22, 28, 30, 47.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)



Friends may seek your expertise for guidance. Your help could prove to be very lucrative. Giving of yourself in this generous way might prove that your motives are genuine. Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 14, 21, 27, 35.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 - March 20)



A change of scenery may be positive. You could soon realize that if you are not happy in some aspect of your life, you might need to make significant changes. Lucky Numbers: 14, 19, 21, 25, 27, 48.

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

Did You Know...

Famous Swede: One of Swedish actress Ingrid Bergman's first film appearances was in *Munkbrogreven* in 1935. She went on to become famous in movies such as *Casablanca* and *Murder on the Orient Express*.

Twitthy problem: Most people have experienced having an eyelid twitch, but may not know that this is called "blepharospasm." The cause is unknown, but thought to be related to being tired or stressed.

Healthy hors d'oeuvres: Someone who wants to indulge in low-calorie appetizers should stick to foods like grilled veggies and salads, while staying away from high-calorie dishes, such as fried chicken wings, cheese-topped fries, and spinach artichoke dip.

Stony situation: Gravel consists of small rocks. Often used in roadwork and to provide landscaping, gravel can be naturally formed, but can also be manmade using rock-crushing equipment.

Useful animal: Domesticated yaks are bovines found in Tibet, other areas of South Central Asia, and Mongolia. They are often used as beasts of burden. They also are kept for their milk and meat, and their hair can be spun into yarn.

On the Lighter Side

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? They both have the same middle name.

I was a musical prodigy. At three I composed an opera. At four I wrote a minuet. At five I wrote a complete symphony. And at five-thirty, as usual, I went down and had a cup of tea.

What has a spine but no brain? A book.

Teacher: "Didn't you hear me call you?"
Pupil: "Yes, but you said not to talk back."

What has to be broken before you can use it? An egg.

Answers

4. Indicates speed and direction of wind 5. "Mona Lisa"
Trivia answers: Over 700 2. Denominator 3. True

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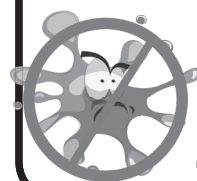
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Recipe of the month

Creamy Ham and Potato Soup

4 strips of bacon
1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
4 medium potatoes, peeled
and diced (about 3 cups)
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
4 cups chicken broth (or
2 tablespoons chicken bouillon
powder + 4 cups water)
1 + 1/2 cups cooked ham, cut
into 1/2-inch cubes
1 cup frozen corn
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
salt (to taste)
1 teaspoon fresh parsley,
finely chopped

Prep Time: 5 mins. Cook Time: 20 mins. Yield: 4-6 servings

- 1 Sauté bacon in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium high heat (no cooking oil needed) until crisp, about 3-4 minutes. Set the bacon aside on a plate.
- 2 Add onion and potatoes and sauté for 1-2 minutes until fragrant. Stir in flour and mix well to combine until flour is fully incorporated. Stir in chicken broth and mix until the soup is smooth and uniform. Bring the soup to a boil over medium high heat. Cover and let it continue to boil for 10-15 minutes until potatoes are fork tender.
- 3 Mash half of the potatoes in the pot with a potato masher or blend with a handheld immersion blender.
- 4 Stir in ham, corn, heavy cream and black pepper. Let the soup simmer over medium heat and whisk occasionally until thickened to a desired consistency, about 5 minutes. If the chowder gets too thick, add a little bit more water to dilute it. Add salt to taste.
- 5 Serve warm; top with crispy bacon and fresh parsley.

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