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Everybody's Talking

Staying fresh: Imagine buying grapes at the grocery store and being able to keep them fresh for several months. Farmers in Afghanistan employ an age-old method to do just that. It's called gangina, a technique that involves using two layers of wet soil as a container for the fruit. The soil, which is formed into the shape of a saucer, is dried in the sun, and the grapes are sealed inside. The airtight saucer is then stored in a cool place, sometimes even underground. The fresh grapes placed inside the container must not be spoiled, squashed, or broken, or the rest of the healthy grapes will spoil as well.

Tiny fruit: Coconuts, those large balls with the brown shells and the white milk and meat hidden inside, bring thoughts of warm climes and interesting cuisine. But big, familiar coconuts aren't the only variety available. A relative of the coconut is the coquito. This marble-sized fruit is also called pigmy coconut or dwarf coconut, and grows on Jubaea chilensis palm trees that are common in Chile. Unlike the fruit, these trees are huge and can live for many decades. The tiny fruit looks and tastes like its bigger counterpart, but doesn't have milk inside the shell. A coquito can be used in a variety of dishes, including desserts, snacks, and drinks.

Wild chickens: There are feral cats and there are feral dogs, but feral chickens? On the Hawaiian island of Kauai (U.S.), these wild birds do, indeed, exist. They can be found everywhere, from the beach to the street to parking lots, which is an odd sight for visitors who are accustomed to seeing chickens in chicken coops. According to the locals, these free-roaming chickens and roosters came into existence after two hurricanes in the 1980s and 1990s wrecked the coops. The homeless domestic birds then mated with other wild fowl already on the island, leading to a poultry population boom.

Water tower home: Lots of people make homes out of abandoned buildings, such as old churches or schoolhouses. But a pair of cousins from Nieuw-Lekkerland, Zuid-Holland, Netherlands, made a unique transformation. They turned an unused water tower into a home. The cousins are Sven and Lennart de Jong, who lived near the tower as children. When the tower came on the real estate market, they bought it, then spent 10 years making it into beautiful living quarters with their own hands. In the middle of the renovation, they both met and married their spouses, both of whom loved the idea. Now, the two couples and their children each have their own living spaces in their distinctive home.

Quoteable Quotes

"Common sense is not so common." —Voltaire
 "The whole secret of the study of nature lies in learning how to use one's eyes." —George Sand

What's Happening

Anavet Assiniboia Unit 283 - Opening 3584 Portage Ave. 204 837 6708 Opening 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each Monday to Saturday beginning on Sat. July 24th . Basic Health Rules will be followed so we can visit with old and new friends at the Friendly Club!

Anavets Assiniboia Unit 283 at 3584 Portage Ave. 204-837-6708 Double vaxed - proof photo ID needed to enter - Masks worn when you are not seated. Bands Dancing with masks on Fri. 8 to 11 pm. Check our Website for monthly Band lists. Meat Draws each Fri. night at 6:30 - Sat. 3:00 pm. Bingo Mon. Wed Fridays.

Anavets Assiniboia Unit 283 - Tickets for New Years' Eve avail. Nov. 12th. Tickets \$55. ea. Dinner Dance to Destiny Band . Call for info 204 837 6708. Proof of full vaccination and wearing of Masks upon entering our club. Masks to be worn when dancing, standing up or walking around. All MB Health Ruled in force.

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Trivia

1. Honus Wagner was a famous basketball, soccer, or baseball star?
2. Jellyfish are 95% water—T/F?
3. Grape Nuts cereal was created by Charles Post in 1897, 1920, or 1950?
4. What is a sailor's emergency signal?
5. Orange is the combination of what two colours?

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