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Everybody's Talking

Power outage: At one time, Austria intended to provide some of its electricity through nuclear power plants. Plans were in the making for three plants, and one was built in the 1970s. Called the Zwentendorf Nuclear Power Plant, it is approximately 32 kilometres (20 miles) from Vienna, on the Danube River. The only problem is that the plant was never turned on. That's because of a public outcry over the use of this kind of energy. The government never opened the plant, nor did it build the other two. Today, the plant is used as a security training centre and has been rented out for events and movie shoots.

Icy roads: In winter, people converge on a small, remote town in northern Sweden, a strange thing considering the icy cold temperatures in the region. The town is called Arjeplog, and the seasonal population surge occurs because the area has become a testing ground for European automakers. The frozen lakes allow brakes to be tested, and if they don't work very well, there is no chance the car will careen into rocks or mountainsides. Miles of specially groomed tracks are available for testing. The conditions are extremely snowy and icy, making it the ideal location for this purpose.

Peaky place: Someone traveling to Spain might want to consider a side trip to the city of Segovia, which is about 90 kilometres (56 miles) north of Madrid. Among the alluring architecture found there is one building not to be missed, called the Casa de los Picos, or the "House of Peaks." Built in the 1400s, its walls are covered with row upon row of small, granite, pyramid-shaped peaks that stick out far enough to be used as perches for pigeons. Over the centuries, the Casa de los Picos has been owned both privately and publicly. Currently, it is the home of the Segovia School of Art.

Unique home: Building a 16-sided house is unusual, but that is just what two cousins did in 18th-century England. Jane and Mary Parminster, who had been traveling with other female friends and relatives, came home to England and erected their house, known as A La Ronde, in Lymptone, Devon. Historical notes indicate that the cousins liked to move around the house for their meals, following the ample sunlight that came in through the various windows. The house changed hands over the years, and alterations were made, but today it is taken care of by the National Trust, which reverted it back to its original design.

Quoteable Quotes

"Certain things catch your eye, but pursue only those that capture the heart."
—Proverb

"Steady as a clock, busy as a bee, and cheerful as a cricket."
—Martha Washington

What's Happening

July 1 - Canada Day Parade Canada Day is coming! Local businesses and organizations are welcomed to apply for the 2022 Canada Day Parade. www.cityofgp.com for more info.

May 25 to 29-Grande Prairie Stampede with Bull Riding, Cowgirl Barrel Racing, Novice Bareback, Novice Saddle Bronc, Saddle Bronc Riding Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Tie Down Roping, Chuckwagon Races etc, Evergreen Park Grande Prairie.

June 11-The Kidney Walk The Kidney 2 5 km Walks are the largest community fundraising event in Canada dedicated to raising awareness and funds for innovative research, and vital programs and services that support people living with kidney disease. Register @ <https://kidneywalk.ca>

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Trivia

- Who wrote the book The Godfather?
- Under U.S. President Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford replaced what Vice President?
- Saturn is the seventh planet from the Sun—T/F?
- The Krakatoa Volcano is located in what country?
- What American comic strip character has always believed in the Great Pumpkin?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

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(March 21 – April 20)



You may continue to be in a period where possible opportunities could be hidden and need to be proactively sought out. Be aware of how well they might align with your values. Lucky numbers: 15, 22, 38, 43, 44, 47.

TAURUS

(April 21 – May 21)



Have you recently been encountering some obstacles in your day-to-day life, especially concerning cars, computers, and the like? The situation may begin to ease at the end of the week. Lucky numbers: 8, 11, 16, 17, 42, 43.

GEMINI

(May 22 – June 21)



This week may be a good time to consider what you want to do next with your life. Try developing your plans, but perhaps wait until next week to begin initiating them. Lucky numbers: 5, 14, 26, 33, 36, 39.

CANCER

(June 22 – July 22)



Those born under the sign of Cancer are especially sensitive to the Moon. This may be a good week to become aware of how the movements of the Moon might affect you. Lucky numbers: 4, 17, 39, 40, 41, 48.

LEO

(July 23 – Aug. 23)



You may be entering a period of several months where discipline and extra hard work might be required to keep things on track and going smoothly. This could be frustrating, but necessary. Lucky numbers: 6, 10, 15, 21, 24, 26.

VIRGO

(Aug. 24 – Sept. 23)



Your practical nature may be enhanced right now. However, you might need to resolve an issue from the past that could be acting as an obstacle to manifesting your current goals. Lucky numbers: 3, 23, 25, 34, 39, 43.

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)



Libras often focus on pleasing others. If you find yourself doing a lot of this right now, you may want to consider making an adjustment in how you approach such interactions. Lucky numbers: 2, 13, 16, 19, 22, 26.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)



Have you been struggling when communicating with others, perhaps with regard to what you know about a particular situation? You may want to wait a week or so before trying again. Lucky numbers: 9, 10, 17, 31, 46, 48.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)



Perhaps your mind and feelings are not in agreement right now about what you want or how to proceed. You may want to give favour to what your spirit values most. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 4, 11, 25, 43.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)



You may be undergoing a long period of transformation. Right now, though, the rough waters might be calmer. You could use this period to determine any needed course correction and implement it. Lucky numbers: 11, 14, 21, 29, 39, 47.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 21 – Feb. 19)



Aquarius is the sign of the humanitarian. Over the next few months, you may discover that you have the discipline and rigour to carry out a plan that will highlight that trait. Lucky numbers: 7, 9, 13, 25, 32, 44.

PISCES

(Feb. 20 – March 20)



Pisces folks are often busy with grand dreams. This may be the right time to look for a more practical opportunity, in order to put a solid foundation under your dreams. Lucky numbers: 12, 14, 18, 19, 34, 39.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Aries winners with the luckiest number being 43.

Did You Know...

Many marriages: King Henry VIII is famous for having a number of wives: six to be exact. The ruler of England from 1491 to 1547, he created the Church of England so he could annul his first marriage without papal approval.

Coin custom: People from all over the world visit the Trevi Fountain in Rome, Italy, and most honour the custom of throwing money into it. The money collected is used to support good causes.

Stormy weather: Even on sunny, calm days with no sign of rain in the immediate vicinity, a thunderstorm is happening somewhere in the world. In fact, at any given time, an estimated 1,800 to 2,000 thunderstorms are happening around the globe.

Black tongue: A giraffe's tongue can be 45-50 cm (17.7-19.6 inches) in length, and is usually black, dark blue, or purple in colour, with a pink base or back. Scientists think it might be black to avoid sunburn when the giraffe extends it to eat leaves from the tops of trees.

Heavy cake: When it first became popular in 18th-century Europe, the pound cake was aptly named. Its recipe called for a pound of butter, a pound of flour, a pound of sugar, and a pound of eggs. Today's recipe is a little lighter on the ingredients!

On the Lighter Side

Jill: "I bent down to smell a brose in my garden and hurt my nose."

Jack: "Not brose, rose. There is no B in rose."

Jill: "There was in this one!"

Why did the pie crust go to the dentist? It needed a filling.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Spider. Spider who? In spider everything, I still like you.

A sheep from outer space must be a Ewe-F-O.

What do you get when you cross a crow with dynamite? Caw-boom!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Mario Puzo 2. Spiro Agnew 3. False, sixth 4. Indonesia 5. Linus

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Recipe of the month

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1 cup packed brown sugar 2-1/2 teaspoons minced fresh gingerroot
3/4 cup ketchup 1-1/2 teaspoons minced garlic
3/4 cup reduced-sodium soy sauce 24 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 6 pounds)
1/3 cup sherry or chicken broth

Prep: 15 min. + marinating Grill: 15 min. Yield: 12 servings

1 In a small bowl, mix the first 6 ingredients. Reserve 1-1/3 cups for basting; cover and refrigerate. Divide remaining marinade between two large shallow dishes. Add 12 chicken thighs to each; turn to coat. Refrigerate, covered, for eight hours or overnight.

2 Drain chicken, discarding marinade.

3 Grill chicken, covered, on an oiled rack over medium heat for 6-8 minutes on each side or until a thermometer inserted into chicken reads 170°; baste occasionally with reserved marinade during the last five minutes.

An ideal recipe to try during May, Barbecue Month!

Source: <https://www.tasteofhome.com>

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