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Recipe of the month

Tuscan-Style Roasted Asparagus

1-1/2 pounds fresh asparagus, trimmed
1-1/2 cups grape tomatoes, halved
3 tablespoons pine nuts
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

Prep Time: 20 min. Bake Time: 15 min. Yield: 8 servings

- Preheat oven to 400°. Place the asparagus, tomatoes and pine nuts on a foil-lined 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Mix 2 tablespoons oil, garlic, salt and pepper; add to asparagus and toss to coat.
- Bake 15-20 minutes or just until asparagus is tender. Drizzle with remaining oil and the lemon juice; sprinkle with cheese and lemon zest. Toss to combine.

This versatile side dish can be served hot or cold.

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Everybody's Talking

Bicycle collector: Some people complain about noisy neighbours, others protest about the continual racket of a neighbour's barking dog, but not many encounter problems with an excessive bicycle collection. Such was the case in Oxfordshire, England, when police took into custody a man who had hundreds of bikes on his property. They were piled high and wide. For more than five years, people living near the man had noticed the mess and had called the cops numerous times, but no action was ever taken. This time, police arrived and made their move. The man is thought to have stolen the bikes, but no one knows for sure.

Still alive: In India, some people are registered as dead, but are actually very much alive and well. A man named Lal Bihari is one of them. In 1976, he returned to his home village of Khalilabad to sort out his affairs. An administrative clerk told him that Lal Bihari had died and that his land was owned by an uncle's family. When he tried to straighten out the mess by going to numerous authorities, he got nowhere. For the next 18 years, Bihari worked to draw attention to his situation, and discovered that others shared his problem. He started a nonprofit called the Association for the Living Dead, and has helped many people in similar predicaments.

Wee pet chickens: Folks in China, and elsewhere, who want a pet are increasingly turning their attention to something unusual: rutin chickens. Called "the world's smallest chickens," these very tiny birds are actually a cross between a quail and a partridge. Owners think these pets are cute and construct unique enclosures for them to inhabit, such as doll houses decked out with lights, plants, and other decorations. Popular ingredients for sweet-smelling herbal litter are wood chips, tea stalks, or sawn wood. The eggs are quite tasty, as well, although they are only about the size of a small coin, so quite a few eggs would be necessary to make a sizable breakfast.

Mirror, mirror: What some refer to as an "invisible house" is tucked into the residential district of Richmond in London, England. Because the home is covered with mirrored panels that reflect the background, comprehending that it's actually a building is difficult. In fact, the house is so invisible that people who have lived in the area for years haven't noticed it. The mirrors reflect the blue sky and clouds, passersby on the street, and vehicles en route to their destinations. The house was redesigned by architect and artist Alex Haw in 2015, and the current owners say that it's fun to watch people walking by and stopping to fix their hair.

Quoteable Quotes

"Living is the art of getting used to what we didn't expect."
—Eleanor C. Wood

"Chance is not a word to toss in the air. It's a word to take in, a word to give yourself."
—Michelle Muriel

What's Happening

Apr 29-30 - Melodies at the Manor Join the South East Edmonton Seniors Association as they present Melodies at the Manor on the 29th 7pm and the 30th 1pm. Visit seesa.ca for more information

Apr 28-30 - Riverview Crossing Carnival Wild Rose Shows Midway is visiting Abbotsfield Mall at Riverview Crossing. Enjoy rides, games and carnival food! Starting Friday at 3pm at 3210 118 Ave

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- ## Trivia
- This was a speculative flower bulb craze in The Netherlands, 1633-1637.
 - _____ is the highest peak in Costa Rica.
 - The first eon of the geologic time scale is Silurian, Hadean, or Manichaeen?
 - Which Brazilian won soccer's World Cup three times?
 - This ship saves Ishmael at the end of the book Moby Dick.

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

