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Everybody's Talking

Burnt offerings: Crusty on the outside and chewy on the inside sound like a perfect combination for dinner rolls. However, the bread product in question is known as "heavy-fired" or "well-fired" rolls, and they can be as black as extremely burnt toast on the outside. Bakeries in Scotland have made these buns for many decades, and often sell out of their day's supply early in the morning. Some people love the charred offerings, finding them addictive. Others think the buns are a huge joke, wondering how a bakery could possibly get away with burning their wares, and then selling them. There is even some debate about whether the burnt tops are carcinogenic.

Meme mark: Anyone who subscribes to a stock photograph site can obtain an image and use it for their own purposes, such as to accompany a magazine article or illustrate a concept in an advertisement. But a man from Molins de Rei near Barcelona, Spain, was surprised to discover that his face had become a meme for "the worst person you know." It happened because Josep Maria Garcia had submitted his portrait to a photo site, where it was picked up and used to accompany a satirical magazine article. After getting used to the idea, Garcia decided to joke about it, as he knows he is not a bad person

Walking dog: A dog from Ouray, Colorado (U.S.), is a celebrity, but not as part of a circus act. Dexter, a Brittany spaniel and beloved pet of Kentee Pasek, walks on his two hind legs. It's not a trick. As a pup, Dexter was injured in a mishap with a car, leaving him with the use of only his hind legs. Pasek got him a doggy wheelchair, but before long, Dexter had abandoned the chair in favour of walking upright on his hind legs. Today, he is well known through social media and by taking part in parades. His loving human takes good care of him and ensures that Dexter regularly sees the vet for check ups.

Dumpling drink: Lots of people enjoy eating gyoza, which are fried, boiled, or steamed meat dumplings that originated in China, where they are called jiaozi. Usually spiked with a bit of chili, ginger, and garlic, they are served with a vinegary sauce, making the flavour combination quite satisfying. A beverage company in Japan launched a soda they claimed tastes like gyoza, but the feedback has been mixed. Many people find the taste incongruent with a carbonated beverage, and say they prefer to eat their gyoza, not drink it. The bottled soda does attract the curious, who might dare friends and family members to give it a try.

Quoteable Quotes

"Stand for something or you will fall for anything." —Rosa Parks
"You can make more friends...by becoming interested in other people than you can...by trying to get other people interested in you." —Dale Carnegie

What's Happening

Jul 15 - Wife Carrying Championship The race will be held during the Lakeland Country Fair at 2pm at the Lac La Biche Agricom Rodeo Grounds. Prizes of beer and cash apply to winners, for more info visit www.laclabicheagsociety.com

Ongoing - Senior Appreciation Day Every 3rd Tuesday of each month is Senior Appreciation Day at the St. Paul Municipal Library so be sure to stop by for coffee, tea treats from noon-3pm.

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Trivia

1. _____ is when a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly.
2. A hock, knee, or elbow joint connects a chicken's drumstick and ankle joint?
3. This is a large body of ice that moves over land.
4. The Battle of Waterloo was fought in present-day England, Belgium, or France?
5. What is a southerly buster?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)
Be aware of your mood, especially at the beginning of the week, particularly your temper. If you are feeling aggressive toward others, look inward rather than starting an argument. Lucky numbers: 8, 19, 22, 28, 35, 43.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Balance is an important theme for Libras. The start of this week may highlight an imbalance in your life. It may be within yourself or in a relationship with others. Lucky numbers: 5, 8, 22, 34, 37, 46.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)
This week may present a new opportunity for you to manifest something that advances your personal philosophy or beliefs. If you don't actively seek it out, it might pass by. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 17, 25, 35, 36.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
For the past two-plus years, you may have felt pressured by an old karmic pattern. While this dynamic is ending soon, the pattern won't end if you haven't addressed it. Lucky numbers: 14, 16, 17, 26, 35, 40.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)
At midweek, you may have an opportunity to set a new intention and develop a plan around it. This may require that you focus and decide among a group of options. Lucky numbers: 2, 3, 9, 18, 24, 47.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)
At the end of the week, your mind and emotions may be out of sync. Perhaps you want to postpone important decisions for a few days until this disconnect passes. Lucky numbers: 15, 26, 28, 29, 34, 37.

CANCER (June 21 - July 21)
Emotions are usually close to the surface for Cancers. This may be especially true at the end of the week. Take deep breaths and wait for these feelings to subside. Lucky numbers: 11, 16, 31, 36, 37, 41.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
There may be an opportunity toward the end of the week to step outside the comfort zone of your stable Capricorn nature. You might see the situation from a new angle. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 7, 14, 24, 28.

LEO (July 22 - Aug. 22)
Leos have a natural charisma that may be highlighted now in conversations with others. If you are looking for assistance, this may be the right time to ask for it. Lucky numbers: 9, 12, 18, 39, 40, 43.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
For the last month, your focus may have been on your career or legacy. Now is the last week of this dynamic, so it is time to consolidate any gains. Lucky numbers: 3, 6, 18, 27, 31, 47.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
A nine-month phase is ending. The focus may have been on your role as a mother and/or as a child. What have you learned? How can it improve your relationships? Lucky numbers: 6, 7, 8, 20, 36, 37.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 19)
You may be feeling stuck, but this could give you an opportunity to see the details of an old personality issue. How might you make a positive adjustment related to it? Lucky numbers: 7, 8, 13, 18, 19, 34.

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Magical place: Parque Francisco Alvarado in Zarcero, Costa Rica, is quite a sight. That's because gardener and artist Evangelisto Blanco shapes hedges and shrubs into all manner of magical and abstract figures, such as animals, people, and archways.

Sweet heat: The datil pepper is grown near St. Augustine, Florida (U.S.). It is quite hot, like a habanero, with a sweet, fruity flavour. Cooks like to use these peppers in hot sauces, pickles, and mustards.

Upright duck: A certain breed of duck actually looks more like a penguin. The Indian Runner duck's posture is upright. Rather than waddling, they can run but they cannot fly. They are raised mostly for their egg production.

Safest shelter: If a tornado is coming your way, the best place to shelter is in a basement or on the lowest level of the house or building. Choose a room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

The best: Only three movies have won all of the five major Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Screenplay, Best Actor, Best Actress. They are *It Happened One Night* (1934), *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975), and *Silence of the Lambs* (1991).

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Ooze. Ooze who? Ooze been telling you these terrible jokes?

We hired a doormaker the other day. She really knew how to make an entrance.

Bill: "What do you think of artificial respiration?"
Will: "I'd rather have the real one."

A fisherman baits his hooks, but a bad student hates his books.

The chocolate lover moved to Canada. She heard it was full of mousse!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Metamorphosis 2. Hock 3. Glacier 4. Belgium 5. Strong southerly wind

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