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Recipe of the month

Favourite Barbecued Chicken

2 broiler/fryer chickens (3 to 4 pounds each), cut into 8 pieces each
 Salt and pepper
Barbecue Sauce:
 2 tablespoons canola oil
 2 small onions, finely chopped
 2 cups ketchup
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 2 tablespoons water
 1 teaspoon ground mustard
 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1/8 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Prep Time: 15 min Grill Time: 35 min Yield: 12 servings

- Sprinkle chicken pieces with salt and pepper. Grill, skin side down, uncovered, on a greased rack over medium heat for 20 minutes.
- Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, make barbecue sauce by heating oil over medium heat. Add onion; sauté until tender. Stir in remaining sauce ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.
- Turn chicken; brush with barbecue sauce. Grill 15-25 minutes longer, brushing frequently with sauce, until a thermometer reads 165° when inserted in the breast and 170°-175° in the thigh.

The perfect recipe for May... National Barbecue Month!

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Everybody's Talking

Safe surprise: In the Vermilion Heritage Museum in Alberta, Canada, a heavy safe that had defied opening for over 40 years was casually unlocked by Stephen Mills, a visitor with no prior experience in safe-cracking. He spun the dial to a random combination, and to the shock of onlookers, the door swung open. Inside, instead of expected treasures, were merely some old restaurant order slips and a payroll sheet from the 1970s. The safe had been a challenging enigma for professional locksmiths and even the manufacturer, all of whom all tried and failed to unlock its secrets over the years, making the visitor's casual twist of fate all the more remarkable.

Lipstick lore: Ancient Iranians must have flaunted red lips over 3,600 years ago! The lip colouring emerged from a burial ground in Jiroft, in southeastern Iran, that had flooded and been looted, after which many items were recovered and taken to a local museum. This Bronze Age lipstick is a testament to timeless beauty. Resembling modern-day lipsticks, its hue comes from the mineral hematite, added to quartz, plant wax, and several ingredients that served as darkening agents. While its precise origins remain a mystery, experts believe it belonged to a local Bronze Age civilization. This discovery hints at the social dynamics of the area, where cosmetics played a role in power and authority.

Nature's shield: For years, experts have worried about the Great Wall of China succumbing to nature's relentless assault. New research unveils a surprising safeguard on earthen sections: a delicate layer of biocrust. Composed of cyanobacteria, moss, and lichen, this natural "living skin" shields the wall from wind and rain erosion. The portions of the wall built with compacted soil and gravel are vulnerable due to their material composition. But the biocrust acts as a natural armour, with some organisms secreting a cement-like substance that fortifies the structure. Tests reveal biocrust-covered areas boast increased strength and stability, offering a glimmer of hope against the march of time.

Cat masterpiece: At an auction in New York (U.S.), the "world's largest cat painting" sold for \$826,000 (USD). The weight of this mammoth piece, featuring 42 cats on a 6-by-8.5-foot (1.8-by-2.6-m) canvas, required a reinforced wall. Commissioned in the late 1800s by cat enthusiast Kate Birdsall Johnson, who pampered hundreds of feline residents at her summer estate, the painting portrays their luxurious lifestyle. Each cat had a name and recognized it when called, and they were attended by a team of servants. Johnson bequeathed \$500,000 in her will for her beloved cats' perpetual care. That was a purr-fectly extravagant gesture!

Quoteable Quotes

"People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy."
 —Anton Chekhov

"Smile in the mirror. Do that every morning and you'll start to see a big difference in your life."
 —Yoko Ono

What's Happening

Jun 7 - 2nd Annual 'Illuminating Hope' Garden Cocktail Party
 Join us at the Lodge at Snow Valley for an SYC Beer tasting, Salisbury Greenhouse micro-fundraiser, silent auction, most importantly, stories of hope from survivors of family violence. Doors are open at 6:30 PM, tickets at www.thetodaycentre.ca.

Aug 21 - Links fore Literacy Charity Golf Tournament 2024
 The Links fore Literacy Charity Golf Tournament is the Centre for Family Literacy's annual summer fundraising event. Proceeds from the tournament support the Centre's adult and family literacy programs. For more information, visit familit.cagolf2024

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Trivia

- The capital of Greenland is Nuuk or Ilulissat?
- Formicary is the technical term for anthill—T/F?
- The Near Islands are near what land mass?
- "The Fab Four" was the nickname of which rock group?
- Which has approximately 27,000 teeth—earthworm or slug?

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