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Everybody's Talking!

Old styles: A young man in Brighton, England, has eschewed modern dress in favor of the styles worn in the Regency era of the early 1800s. Luckily, Zack Pinsent is also a tailor by trade, so he can make many of his clothing items. Pinsent realized he loved the old style of dress when his family found a trunk containing his great-grandfather's clothes. He now makes his own clothing items, which range from riding jackets to waistcoats and three-piece gentleman's suits. Word about his talent got around, and now Pinsent takes orders from around the world for period clothing.

Amazing cakes: If the wedding cake is an important part of a couple's nuptials, the person to call is Renat Agzamov of Russia. A one-time boxer, this man has a love for making amazing creations. They can be as high as 13 feet and are elaborate, no matter the theme. Agzamov has made castles with balconies, ice mountains, and rose-covered Roman pillars. He was only seven when he made his first cake. In the early years, he worked at various bakeries to learn the secrets of the trade before striking out on his own. Today, thanks to social media, he fetches very large sums of money for his extraordinary cakes.

Wood creations: An artist from Spain has perfected a way to create extremely realistic animals by sculpting wood. Gerard Mas chisels forms out of logs, and then uses sandpaper to get the finish he wants. His sculptures include Siamese cats, bulldogs, Dobermans, German shepherds, and piglets. For darker fur tones, he uses a blowtorch to char the wood. The artist is also known for mixing 15th-century figures with modern elements, such as a woman wearing Renaissance garb who has a suntan line on her shoulders.

Hot stuff: People who love eating hot, spicy food might want to try (with caution!) a gummy bear dubbed Lil' Nitro. Made by Flamethrower Candy of St. Louis, Missouri (U.S.), this cute little candy bear must be eaten carefully, as it rates 9 million units on the Scoville hotness scale. Compare that to one of the hottest peppers out there, the Carolina Reaper, which has a rating of about 2.2 million units. The manufacturers use chili pepper extract to give the candy its high heat level. It's probably safe to assume that most people don't eat handfuls of this confection!

Quoteable Quotes

"If there is no other life, then this one has been enough to make it worth being born myself a human being."

—Pearl S. Buck

"My poems are hymns of praise to the glory of life."

—Dame Edith Sitwell

What's Happening

Congratulations to Rahib G., our February winner of \$50 Cash in the Coffee News contest. See contest ad for details on your chance to enter and win!

March 21 - Whiskey Run 5K. 200 E 135th St, KCMO. 8:30am. Chip-timed 5K run/walk followed by a fun run of 50-200 yards for kids ages 8 and under. Adult racers get to enjoy post-race brunch and a whiskey tasting. Entry fees \$42 (\$15 for fun run) For info: whiskeyrun5k.com

Now thru April 30 - Signups for Summer Theater Camp for Teens and Tweens. Cave Spring Park, 8701 E Gregory Blvd, Raytown. Sign up for theater camp in the park for a full month!! Camp runs June 1 - 27, weekdays 9am - 4pm. Open to 12-18 year-olds. We'll be putting on a musical and learning how to care for the beautiful park - the backdrop to our program. Air conditioning for extra hot days and indoor bathrooms available in the interpretive center. \$400pp. Sign up on website: cavespring.org For info: 913-515-2641

Save the Date - July 18 - Belton High School Class of 1980 40th Reunion. Grandview/Hickman Mills Elks Lodge, 13600 Arrington Rd, Grandview. 7pm - 12am. Calling all classmates! Save the date and call or email Susan Schlesselman Johnson today to confirm your contact info and let us know if you will be able to attend the reunion. This will be a great night of sharing memories, enjoying DJ entertainment, and celebrating 40 years of friendships! 816-716-3621 For info: beltonclassof1980@gmail.com

May 2 - NAMI Walks Johnson County. Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, West 87th Street Parkway, Lenexa. 9am - 11am. Begin collecting sponsorship dollars for National Alliance on Mental Illness. Gear up for this fun family event. Festivities include Face Painting, Games, Mental Health Information, Yoga, a walk in the park with Sluggerrr, Music, and great giveaways! Raise \$100 or more and get a free T-Shirt! Light breakfast will be available. Free event; donations appreciated. Register as individual or team at namiJoCo.org For info: 913-210-0630

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Trivia

1. On average, how many inches of rain falls per year in a rainforest?
2. Hudson Bay, the world's largest bay, is found in which country?
3. In Greek/Mediterranean cuisine, what are dolmades?
4. Liberace was a famous American pianist or circus performer?
5. A place for helicopters to land and take off is called what?

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Easy Batter Fruit Cobbler

4 tablespoons butter
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups of sliced fresh peaches or nectarines, or whole blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries or combination of fruits (or 12-ounce package of frozen berries)

Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position, and heat oven to 350 degrees.

Put butter in an 8 inch square or 9 inch round pan; set in oven to melt. When butter's melted, remove pan from oven.

Whisk flour, 3/4 cup of sugar, baking powder and salt in small bowl. Add milk; whisk to form a smooth batter. Pour batter into pan, then scatter fruit over batter. Sprinkle with remaining 1 Tbsp. of sugar.

Bake until batter browns and fruit bubbles, 50-60 minutes. Serve warm or room temp. with a dollop of whipped cream or a small scoop of vanilla ice cream, if desired.

source: allrecipes.com



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You may need to express your ideas clearly, as you can't expect others to read your mind or understand your inner motives. Good communication might be very important right now. Lucky numbers: 8, 14, 23, 24, 28, 40.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)




Interesting new developments may be in your immediate future. Choose your teammates carefully, so no one can try to take credit for all of your hard work. Lucky numbers: 15, 24, 29, 32, 37, 44.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)




Your heart may truly be touched in a special way. You might help others reach for their own goals. Your sincere compassion could win others over to your side. Lucky numbers: 1, 4, 9, 12, 25, 32.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)




A change of residence or workplace may give you the freedom you require to grow significantly. Your talents might thrive strongly within a more spiritual framework. Lucky numbers: 19, 21, 23, 35, 44, 48.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 23)



You may need to speak your mind. Others might sing your praises and help you promote your cause. Recognize the power you possess within yourself. Lucky numbers: 12, 21, 23, 36, 44, 46.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)




You may have an almost hypnotic ability to connect with strangers. This might be a time in which your imagination could be very active, and inspiration may be quite likely. Lucky numbers: 2, 8, 22, 28, 32, 48.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)




This may be a good time for home repairs, particularly to enhance the appearance of your living space. Decorating to create a more harmonious arrangement might be favored. Lucky numbers: 7, 11, 24, 28, 35, 48.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)



Try to stick close to those you trust the most. Something said in haste might have been misunderstood. Try not to second guess yourself. Be sure every body is on the same page. Lucky numbers: 2, 4, 22, 23, 34, 39.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)




This may be an excellent time to be out and about. There might be significant opportunities to make connections and learn something through a meeting or chance encounter. Lucky numbers: 17, 24, 29, 32, 39, 43.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)




Financial commitments may weigh heavily on you. You might need to liquidate some assets in order to maintain a good balance. Stick to the basics and cut back on expensive items. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)



Your instinctive sense of style and art may help you transform yourself. Your keen eye and dramatic flair could help you create an amazing visual presentation. Lucky numbers: 4, 17, 24, 27, 34, 44.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)



Emotional conversations may make you feel very weak. You might need to find ways to express yourself without emotion. Your words could prove your strength of character. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 21.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Pisces winners with the luckiest number being 1.

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Plane queen: Known as "Queen of the Hurricanes," Canadian Elizabeth (Elsie) MacGill was the first Canadian woman to become an aeronautical engineer. She earned a master's degree in 1929 and oversaw production of Hawker Hurricane fighter planes during WWII.

Light the way: Western skunk cabbage, found in western North America from Alaska to California, is named for its pungent odor. This plant is also called "swamp lantern" because of its large, brilliant green leaves.

Let's go surfing: Punta Rocas Beach in Punta Negra, which is located south of Lima, Peru, is a favorite place for surfers. Year round, it offers world class reef-break waves and has hosted surfing competitions.

Salt and pepper: Paul McCartney of The Beatles got the idea for the 1967 album, *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, while on a flight from Africa to England. He was looking at salt and pepper packets marked "S" and "P" during a meal.

On the Lighter Side

"I hear exercise kills germs."
"That's silly. How do you get a germ to exercise?"

When traveling at the speed of sound, can you still hear the radio?
How did he get an A in his Philosophy class? He proved his teacher didn't exist.

You know you're drinking too much coffee when you walk 20 miles on your treadmill before you realize it's not plugged in.

The trouble with lying around doing nothing is that you're never sure when you're finished.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 50-260 inches 2. Canada 3. Stuffed grape leaves 4. Pianist 5. Heliport

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