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Everybody's Talking!

Tartan tribute: In Scotland, a tartan is a patterned fabric made from crisscrossed stripes, often tied to clans or heritage. But one new design tells a deeper story. A new Scottish tartan has been designed to honor those wrongly accused of witchcraft during a difficult chapter in Scotland's past. Woven from black, gray, red, and pink threads, each color carries meaning, symbolizing ashes, loss, and the legal papers that tied lives to unfair charges. The pattern was created by a small team looking for a respectful way to remember victims of the long-repealed Witchcraft Act. Rather than build a statue, they chose something wearable that could carry the memory forward. It's a fabric that carries history with every fold.

Subsea suite: Beneath the waves of the Maldives, The Muraka offers an underwater bedroom that feels more like a dream than a room. Enclosed in thick, curved acrylic, the suite wraps guests in views of marine life from every angle. Even the bathroom and wardrobe have windows into the sea. The moody interior is filled with rich textures, soft lighting, leather finishes, and a headboard built into the wall. Designed with safety in mind, the suite includes an emergency exit, blackout curtains, and a panic button that links to the resort above. Whether lying in bed or brushing your teeth, you're eye-to-eye with fish. It's like sleeping inside an aquarium, only with room service and luxury all around.

Tidal return: Nick Chowdhury of the town of Comox, on Canada's west coast, despaired of ever seeing his wallet again. While fishing at the local marina in 1991, Chowdhury put his wallet on breakwater rocks to retrieve later. But upon returning, he could not find it and gave up, assuming the tide would sweep it out to sea. Over 30 years later, teenager Jamie Lee found it among the rocks. When the contents identified Chowdhury, the teen's father contacted him online. Initially skeptical, Chowdhury was convinced by pictures of the items and was pleasantly surprised to reclaim his long-lost wallet. Though weathered, the wallet still contained his IDs and some personal mementos, bringing back a flood of memories.

Nature blend: In cities and scenic spots across China, one artist is turning heads and then disappearing. Using only paint, Wang Liang transforms himself into the landscape, blending perfectly with rivers, trees, and stone walls to promote a deeper connection with nature. He matches colors, textures, and shadows so precisely that he seems to vanish into the scene like a chameleon. Inspired by his love for the environment, he creates vivid illusions without special effects, relying instead on careful color mixing and the natural play of sunlight. What began as a search for new purpose beyond traditional painting has now reached thousands of admirers. Wang sees his art as a reminder of how humans can live alongside nature.

Quoteable Quotes

"The days are long but the years are short." —Gretchen Rubin

"Better to get hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie."

—Khaled Hosseini

What's Happening

Aug. 22ND: Lunchtime Live! Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, 11:30-1:30PM.

Aug. 22ND: Painting and Hot Dog Night, First Free Will Baptist Church of Comstock, Kalamazoo, 6PM.

Aug. 22-24TH: 12th Annual Kalamazoo Balloon Fest at Gull Meadows Farm, Kalamazoo, 10AM

Aug. 23RD: Craft & Vendor Show, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, Kalamazoo, 10-3PM.

Aug. 23RD: Youth & Family Paddle 101, Woods Lake Park, 2900 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo, 1PM.

Aug. 23RD: Kalamazoo Farmers Market, 936 Lake St., Kalamazoo, 7-1PM.

Aug. 24TH: Concerts in the Park, Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, 4PM.

Trivia

1. "Beware the Ides of March" was a warning to _____ in a Shakespeare play.
2. What H.G Wells novel was adapted as a radio show on Oct. 31, 1938?
3. What is the capital of Costa Rica?
4. What tree layer creates wood: the cambium, outer layer, or inner layer?
5. The Celtic festival Samhain is a northern hemisphere celebration in spring—T/F?

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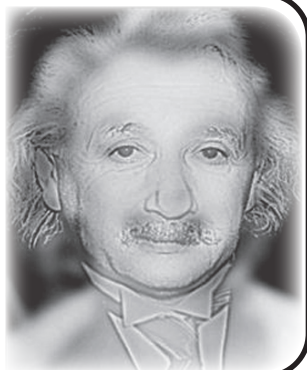
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Recipe of the Week

Beer Lime Grilled Chicken

1 lime, juiced
1 (12 fluid ounce) can light colored beer
1 teaspoon honey
2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Salt and pepper
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

In a bowl, mix the lime juice, beer, honey, garlic, cilantro, and salt and pepper until the honey dissolves. Pour the mixture over the chicken, cover and marinate for 30 minutes.

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat and lightly oil grate.

Remove chicken from marinade and shake off excess; discard remaining marinade. Grill chicken until tender and juices run clear, about 7 minutes per side.

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Your Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES
(March 20 – April 19)

Healing old emotional wounds may be this week's focus. Consider what adjustment could make you more compassionate to yourself and others. It should help your healing. Lucky numbers: 5, 12, 18, 20, 30, 42.

TAURUS
(April 20 – May 20)

The Taurus-born are known to be hard workers. But putting in a little extra push at midweek may result in an exponential reward, relative to the effort you expend now. Lucky numbers: 14, 15, 21, 30, 31, 32.

GEMINI
(May 21 – June 20)

You may feel a strong desire to make significant changes right now. To be successful in shaking things up, try to focus on how you could be a rebel with a cause. Lucky numbers: 8, 19, 24, 31, 38, 46.

CANCER
(June 21 – July 22)

You may want to retreat for a few days at midweek. Taking time to properly nurture yourself can make you better at nurturing others, so don't feel hesitant to do so. Lucky numbers: 11, 18, 22, 26, 32, 41.

LEO
(July 23 – Aug. 22)

You may find it easier at midweek to follow the courage of your convictions. This might be a good time to make a pitch to those who can aid your endeavors. Lucky numbers: 6, 20, 25, 28, 33, 47.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

Your birthday month is a good time to evaluate your accomplishments of the last year. Decide on your goals for your new year, and set intentions to manifest them. Lucky numbers: 7, 10, 11, 20, 37, 38.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

Gossip may be a theme of your experience at the beginning of the week. Avoid engaging in this process. Whatever is said about you might soon pass, so don't worry. Lucky numbers: 1, 13, 18, 20, 32, 36.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

Scorpios can have difficulty translating intuitive insights into information for others. Midweek energy may help you communicate in a more detailed, well-grounded way. Lucky numbers: 2, 9, 14, 19, 37, 45.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Unrealistic optimism can be a challenge for a Sagittarius. At midweek, you may face an obstacle that occurs because of this dynamic. Where could you scale back? Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 11, 14, 16, 17.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

Are you running into a challenge with others whose help you need on an endeavor? Step back and consider how to accommodate their needs, for a win-win resolution. Lucky numbers: 4, 13, 21, 24, 39, 41.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Aquarius dreams of lofty goals that sometimes are difficult to manifest. Week's end may give you an opportunity to adjust and bring your efforts down to earth. Lucky numbers: 15, 18, 25, 26, 32, 45.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 – March 20)

Your birthday was about six months ago. Did you set new goals then? What progress have you made? Where do you need to make changes to accomplish them? Lucky numbers: 10, 15, 21, 23, 27, 31.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Virgo winners with the luckiest number being 7.

Did You Know...

Record red: One ultra-rare bottle of 1945 French Burgundy sold for \$558,000 (USD) at auction. Its value came from extreme rarity: only a few hundred bottles were made. Its status was legendary among wine collectors around the world.

Watery loop: Earth's water is constantly moving. It rises as vapor, forms into clouds, then falls as rain. The same water once sipped by dinosaurs could be swirling in your glass today, thanks to this ancient, endless cycle.

Muddy makeover: In the first season of *Sesame Street*, Oscar the Grouch was orange. After a trip to Swamp Mushy Muddy, he came back green, which was an in-show explanation for the color change that became his signature look.

Buoyant break: Walruses have internal air sacs near their throats that act like personal life rafts. When inflated, these pouches let them float upright and relax mid-sea. It's their secret to snoozing without swimming or sinking.

Doh discovery: Play-Doh wasn't always a toy! It started as a wallpaper cleaner. When a teacher found it easier for kids to shape than regular clay, it caught on fast and soon became a creative favorite in schools and homes alike.

On the Lighter Side

One ant to another: "For you, life is one big picnic, isn't it?"

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Lady: "Why would I drink lemonade three times a day?"
Doctor: "It'll make you feel bitter."

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Turnip. *Turnip who?* Turnip the volume. It's my favorite song!

What would you call a snake that drinks too much coffee? A hyper viper.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Julius Caesar 2. The War of the Worlds 3. San José 4. Cambium 5. False, fall

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