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Everybody's Talking!

Paper roots: A Japanese publisher found a new way to recycle the news. They print it on sheets that grow into greenery. Instead of tossing old pages in the trash bin, readers can bury them in soil, and water the spot like a garden. Packed with seeds and built from reused pulp, the material gradually breaks down and supports new life in any planting container. The idea has been used in schools, shared through online videos, and picked up by people looking for simple, eco-friendly solutions that don't require much effort. What started as a creative print edition now serves as both a teaching tool and a small-scale environmental fix. It's a practical shift that shows how even print media can adapt to new priorities.

Icy colours: Not all icebergs in Antarctica are blue or white. Some carry streaks of green, black, brown, or even bands of mixed tones. These colours come from different materials and freezing conditions deep within glaciers or beneath floating ice shelves. Minerals, sediments, and pure ice without bubbles all can affect how light moves through the ice, changing what we see. In some cases, clear marine ice can look nearly black, while iron or layered debris can make it look green or dark brown. Some icebergs have striped or marbled patterns where layers of ice formed at different times and under different pressures. While the origins of these colours took time to understand, they now hint at hidden stories beneath the surface.

Drone lifeline: A relaxing afternoon turned perilous when a swimmer got caught in a powerful offshore current at a beach in Florida (U.S.). With emergency services still en route and no one nearby able to swim, a beachgoer quickly turned to the drone he'd brought for recreational use. Fastening a flotation ring to the device, he launched it toward the struggling teenager. The wind threw off the first drop, but a second attempt landed close enough for her to grab hold. The teen managed to hang on until help arrived and was later cleared by medics without injury. Though not built for rescue, online videos have shown drones repurposed in surprising ways. This time, that creativity may have saved a life.

Hidden village: Beneath a still reservoir in northern Portugal lie the remains of a once-bustling village, now revealed only when drought lowers the water. The community was uprooted to make way for a water dam project, leaving behind stone homes and narrow paths now submerged. When the ruins reappear, they attract visitors eager to trace the outlines of a forgotten settlement. Former residents honour their roots through annual gatherings and preserved family stories. A museum nearby holds fragments of the village's past, from tools to old photographs. Local tales speak of voices in the wind, hinting at the lives once lived there. The village may have vanished from the map, but not from memory.

Quoteable Quotes

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence." —Helen Keller
 "We aim above the mark to hit the mark." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

What's Happening

To submit something to the free community Whats Happening section, email us at info@yourlocalcoffeeneews.com a paragraph summary of your event atleast three weeks prior to the event date:

Branch 58 Royal Canadian Legion (East Hamilton) Pipe Band invites new members to join the band. No experience is necessary and all instruction is free. We would especially like to welcome younger teenagers. For info, phone 905-664-4086 or email doug@tullochbagpipes.com.

Fashion showcase - March 27th from 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at The Zoetic Theatre. Featuring the Merchants of Concession Street BIA Hairdressers/Stylists + Showcase Models. Makeup Artists + Showcase Models Tattoo Artists + Showcase Models Skin Care Specialists Fashion Designers / Clothing Brands Fashion Eyewear Brands This show aims to spotlight bold style, creativity, and community during one of the city's most exciting cultural weeks. It's a great opportunity for exposure, collaboration, and connection within the fashion and arts scene.

Come and join us for our monthly soup and sandwich lunch on Tuesday, March 17th from 11.30 am to 1 pm in the parish hall at St. Stephen On The Mount Anglican Church on Concession Street

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The Probus Club of Ancaster will meet on Wednesday, March 25, 10 am, at Marshall Memorial Church. Paul Oliver's topic will be "Let's talk birds".

Trivia

1. Who is the donkey who lives in the Hundred Acre Wood?
2. It takes 40 gallons of ____ to make 1 gallon of maple syrup.
3. A *pas de deux* is a pastry, song, or dance for two?
4. Jim ____ was the lead singer of the band The Doors.
5. A hardy hole is found on a shoe—T/F?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES
(March 20 - April 19)

Your birthday month is a good time to review your accomplishments and establish new goals. This year may be the time to make plans to satisfy a spiritual longing. Lucky numbers: 8, 10, 18, 21, 39, 42.

TAURUS
(April 20 - May 20)

At week's end, you may feel very comfortable in your own skin. Can you use this confidence to expand beyond your normal boundaries and seize a new opportunity? Lucky numbers: 1, 26, 27, 35, 40, 45.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 20)

For the past few weeks, you may have found that your usual quick and agile thinking process has been slowed and confused. That dynamic might begin to shift this week. Lucky numbers: 7, 10, 18, 29, 35, 39.

CANCER
(June 21 - July 22)

This week you may find yourself in a situation where you have big dreams but can't seem to implement them. Perhaps the cause is conflict about what you truly want? Lucky numbers: 4, 7, 15, 19, 29, 31.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 22)

This month may offer a boost of energy to support your natural optimism. Do you have an endeavor that could use this power, in order to achieve success? Lucky numbers: 5, 11, 26, 32, 45, 47.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You may run into a midweek obstacle to your efforts. Rather than trying to break through the block, consider waiting a few days for the situation to change. Lucky numbers: 11, 12, 19, 31, 34, 44.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

It has been about six months since your birthday. Did you set new goals then? What progress have you made, and do your plans now need any adjustments? Lucky numbers: 15, 23, 38, 40, 44, 47.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

At the end of the week, you may find that your natural intuitive abilities are stymied. This could pass soon, so try to take a deep breath and wait a few days. Lucky numbers: 6, 7, 10, 28, 35, 47.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

For the past few weeks, you may have experienced issues with communication, your car, or electronic devices. Things could start to return to normal this week. Lucky numbers: 10, 16, 20, 35, 39, 41.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Usually Capricorns carefully consider the execution of their plans. For the next month, you may be impatient to be impulsive. How can you reconcile this conflict? Lucky numbers: 2, 3, 18, 34, 41, 45.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Aquarius individuals often seem to have a dispassionate demeanor. For a few weeks, you may be drawn to dramatic action. Be conscious of how to proceed. Lucky numbers: 12, 18, 19, 26, 31, 34.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 - March 20)

Early this week may be a good time to set new intentions toward your goals. However, you might want to wait a bit for things to settle before starting your efforts. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 6, 15, 27, 40.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Taurus winners with the luckiest number being 27.

Did You Know...

Pricey purple: For centuries, purple almost never appeared on national flags, not because rulers disliked it, but because it was far too costly. Purple dye came from Mediterranean sea snails, making the color so rare it was typically reserved only for royalty.

Whale songs: Humpback whales create long, flowing songs that travel through the ocean and spread from one group to another. These tunes shift over time, showing how whales share and reshape their music much like a cultural tradition.

Heel ban: In Greece, sharp high heels are not welcome at ancient landmarks like the Acropolis or Parthenon. Officials banned them to prevent tiny cracks and scratches on fragile stone, while also reminding visitors that these historic sites need protection.

Moon bricks: Scientists are exploring how the moon's dusty surface could become building material for future bases. By testing volcanic powder on Earth, they've shown it might be possible to shape lunar dust into bricks strong enough for shelters in space.

Hiccup odds: Everyone knows the sudden jolt of a hiccup, but men are more likely than women to experience them, and they generally last longer in men. While short bursts usually fade, stubborn cases sometimes need extra care to settle down.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Felix. *Felix who?* Felix my ice cream again, he's in trouble.

What did the tornado say to the sports driver? "Want to go for a spin?"

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What would life be like if there were no hypothetical questions?

Mama fish: "Don't bite that hook!"

Baby fish: "Why not?"

Mama fish: "You're too young to face the reel world."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. E. Eyore 2. Sap 3. Dance 4. Morrison 5. False, on an anvil!

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