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Recipe of the month

Pina Colada Zucchini Bread

4 cups all-purpose flour
3 cups sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
4 large eggs, room temperature
1-1/2 cups canola oil

1 teaspoon each coconut, rum and vanilla extracts
3 cups shredded zucchini
1 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or chopped pecans

Prep Time: 25 min Cook Time: 45 min Yield: 3 loaves

- Preheat oven to 350°. Line 3 greased 8x4-in. loaf pans with parchment; grease paper.
- In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. In another bowl, whisk eggs, oil and extracts. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in zucchini, pineapple and walnuts.
- Transfer to prepared pans. Bake until a toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean, 45-55 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. Gently remove paper.

The perfect way to celebrate National Zucchini Bread Day on April 25 - or any time you want a delicious loaf!

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Everybody's Talking

Bush rescue: A backpacker from Germany was rescued after spending nearly two weeks lost in the remote wilderness of Western Australia. Her van got stuck on an isolated track, and after leaving it, she lost her bearings and couldn't find her way back. With little to eat and only rainwater to drink, she endured cold nights and harsh, unforgiving terrain while trying to reach help. Eventually, a local driver spotted her walking nearby and brought her to safety before she was flown to a hospital for care. Authorities called her recovery extraordinary given the extreme conditions. The ordeal has renewed attention on the dangers of the Outback and the need to remain with a vehicle if stranded.

Painted heritage: In the southern hills of Chios, Greece, the village of Pyrgi draws visitors with its maze of homes covered in bold black-and-white designs. Each wall is decorated through xysta, an old plaster-carving technique where layers of lime are scraped away to form geometric motifs. The method may have roots in both Genoese and Ottoman influences, blending centuries of history into a single art form. Once built as a fortified settlement to guard the island's valuable mastic trade, Pyrgi's compact streets and stone towers still reflect its defensive past. Only a few artisans now keep the xysta tradition alive, working carefully to preserve this symbol of community pride and island history.

Walking giants: Researchers believe they now understand how the famous stones were moved into place on Rapa Nui, better known as Easter Island. Using 3D models, field trials, and physics-based simulations, scientists from Binghamton University and the University of Arizona found that the statues' forward-leaning shape and curved bases allowed them to rock side to side as they advanced. In experiments, a small group "walked" a full-scale replica using ropes, supporting long-standing local traditions about how the moai were transported. The study suggests the islanders engineered both the statues and roads for this motion, revealing a resourceful approach to one of archaeology's oldest mysteries.

Tiny fighter: In Ankeny, Iowa (U.S.), a baby born 133 days early and recognized as the world's most premature defied every prediction to survive after birth. Arriving far sooner than expected, he weighed less than a can of soda and required immediate intensive care. Doctors used advanced equipment and careful monitoring to support his heart and lungs, and his parents spent long months beside him in the hospital. Over time, the baby's condition improved enough for him to go home after a lengthy recovery. His story reminds families and doctors everywhere that medical care and persistence can help even the most fragile lives survive and grow.

Quoteable Quotes

"A good half of the art of living is resilience." —Alain de Botton

"Health is the first muse, and sleep is the condition to produce it." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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- To win this pen-and-paper game, a player must fill three squares in a row.
- What is the longest river in Europe?
- Gustav ____ built his 1,000-ft. (305-meter) tower in Paris for the 1889 World's Fair.
- "Neither a borrower nor lender be" appears in which play?
- The trade winds generally travel in this direction.

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES
(March 20 - April 19)
This week everything
may be in flux and you
may be confused about
what to do. Try to be
flexible and look for ways
to integrate conflicting
motivations. Lucky numbers: 18, 24,
35, 37, 39, 45.

TAURUS
(April 20 - May 20)
Taurus is known for hard
work and endurance.
Your ambition might get
a boost for the next few
weeks. What endeavour
could you direct it toward
to achieve a goal? Lucky numbers: 6,
19, 21, 37, 42, 47.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 20)
Your birthday month
may be a good time to
set new goals for the
upcoming year. Be open
to sudden and possibly
unusual options that you
might otherwise reject. Lucky numbers:
1, 3, 6, 12, 26, 36.

CANCER
(June 21 - July 22)
You may find that you
are focused on your
relationships for the
next few weeks. It may
be helpful to examine
your need for long-term
commitment from others. Lucky
numbers: 2, 18, 22, 37, 38, 41.

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
At midweek, the spot-
light may be yours to
enjoy. If you're being
recognized for an accom-
plishment, be sure to
acknowledge those who
helped it succeed. Lucky numbers: 10,
17, 22, 31, 42, 44.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Your practical and detail-
oriented nature may be
heightened at week's
end. Use this energy
productively, but be care-
ful of any temptation
toward perfectionism. Lucky numbers:
3, 4, 5, 25, 43, 48.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
At midweek, you may
find that you have too
many options to choose
from regarding your next
steps. Center into your
heart and you might find
the best answer. Lucky numbers: 13,
14, 20, 25, 36, 41.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
If you find yourself in
opposition to others, it
may help to take a step
back. Consider whether
or not you might be
picking a fight and if so,
why now? Lucky numbers: 17, 20, 22,
28, 40, 43.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
It has been about six
months since your birth-
day. Did you set new
goals then? What progress
have you made? What
changes to your plans do
you need to make now? Lucky
numbers: 15, 18, 19, 27, 34, 44.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Your heart may pull you
in one direction and your
head in another. If you
can't find a satisfactory
compromise, try post-
poning important deci-
sions for a few days. Lucky numbers:
5, 6, 14, 17, 25, 45.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
This week may be a
good time to kickstart a
project that is close to
your heart. Making an
adjustment to your plan
may now attract support
from others. Lucky numbers: 9, 16,
20, 25, 32, 37.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 - March 20)
If you encounter an
obstacle at week's end,
perhaps review your
plans. Being open to
changing some details
may help you get the
project over the goal line. Lucky
numbers: 11, 12, 23, 28, 30, 41.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Gemini winners with the luckiest number being 3.

Did You Know...

Mercury mystery: Unlike most metals that stay solid until heated, mercury is liquid even at room temperature. Scientists traced this unusual trait to its unique electron structure, giving the element its puzzling behaviour.

Parrot vandals: High in the mountains of New Zealand lives the Kea, a parrot quite unlike others. Known for their sharp minds and bold nature, these birds often rip pieces off parked cars, turning ordinary objects into their playground.

Sneeze speed: A sneeze can blast out of your body at roughly 100 miles per hour (161 km/h). That burst of air carries countless tiny particles, which is why sneezing into a tissue or elbow helps keep others safe.

Story struggle: Before becoming a famous children's author, Dr. Seuss nearly gave up on his first book after 27 rejections. Then a lucky meeting with a friend in publishing finally brought to print *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*.

Pasta legacy: U.S. president Thomas Jefferson came back from Europe with a pasta press, eager to enjoy the dish at home. But it was his enslaved chef James Hemings who refined the recipe, making mac and cheese a true American favourite.

On the Lighter Side

How is a heart like a musician? They both have a beat. There was no reason why my glasses fogged up. I was mystified!

My doctor said jogging can add years to my life. He's right. I feel 10 years older already.

Actor: "Have you seen me on TV?"
Fan: "On and off."
Actor: "How did you like me?"
Fan: "Off."

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Toast. *Toast who?* Toast were the days!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. The Tac-Toe 2. Volga 3. Eiffel 4. Hamlet 5. East to west

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