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LA PRIMAVERA Y SUS ORÍGENES

Cada año se suceden las cuatro estaciones: invierno, primavera, verano y otoño.

Hoy sabemos que esto se debe a la traslación de la Tierra, pero los antiguos griegos no lo sabían y, por lo tanto, intentaron explicarlo a su manera.

En su historia, ellos incluyeron a algunos de los dioses que veneraban.

Deméter, hija de Crono y Rea y hermana de Zeus, era la diosa de la agricultura, de los cereales, y de la naturaleza en general.



Ella tenía una hermosa hija, que se llamaba Perséfone.

Cuando la vio Hades, dios del Inframundo, él se enamoró perdidamente de ella.

Un día, Perséfone paseaba por el bosque cuando encontró una flor deslumbrante y al acercarse a ella, el suelo se abrió y Hades raptó a la joven.

Cuando Deméter se enteró de lo ocurrido, se negó a llevar a cabo sus obligaciones divinas, y empezó a buscar a su hija. No la encontró en ningún lado y, después de haber visitado cada rincón del planeta

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en búsqueda de Perséfone, dejó de comer y de dormir.

Desesperada, cayó en una profunda depresión que hizo que la tierra se quedara suspendida en un continuo invierno, destruyendo las cosechas y causando el hambre entre los seres humanos. Cuando se dio cuenta de lo que estaba pasando, Zeus ordenó a Hades que liberara inmediatamente a Perséfone.

Sin embargo, él no quería separarse de su amada y, por lo tanto, le hizo comer una granada del Inframundo.

Cuando alguien comía algo del subsuelo, tenía quedarse por siempre allí, lo que obligaba a Perséfone a seguir a su lado.

Zeus intentó buscar un acuerdo con Hades así que, cuando lo obtuvo, repartió el año de tal manera que la chica pasara medio año con su madre, Deméter, y otro medio año con su marido.

La alegría del reencuentro con su hija hizo que la tierra floreciera de nuevo y que los campos volvieran a dar sus frutos.

Así encontraron su origen las estaciones.

Durante el tiempo que Perséfone se quedaba en el Inframundo con Hades, Deméter caía en la tristeza, y la tierra lo hacía con ella, dando lugar al otoño y al frío invierno.

Cuando regresaba con su madre, la depresión desaparecía y todo volvía a florecer, dando lugar a la primavera y al verano.

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EASTER ISLAND

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Easter Island, best known as Rapa Nui, is a very small piece of land in the eastern Pacific Ocean under the jurisdiction of the Chilean government. This little paradise was discovered in 1722 by explorer Jacob Roggeveen that upon arriving on the island he found a small population that worshipped very strange looking stones. These very peculiar artefacts are scattered throughout the surface area and are a total of about 600. These monoliths are called Maoi and are nearly 4 meters tall made from volcanic ashes weighing a total of 14 tons. These statues seem to picture male heads on torsos with



enigmatic scriptures on the back and are usually placed in rows of a dozen statues per group, even if there are also "lonely" monoliths scattered throughout the island. One question has been plaguing scientist and archaeologist in all of the world is "what is the purpose of such huge monoliths? Some researchers believe that the function of these artefacts was to honour the dead and to worship the spirits of their ancestors. However, recent studies were done by Van Tilberg, who firmly believes that the Maoi were made to "enhance" the fertility of the soil. This because the majority of the statues are placed in areas that were used for agriculture and also because of the placement of these monoliths that, before excavation, were mostly underground furthermore this belief could have been supported by the outstanding fertility of the soil in the area of the island where the statues rise. Even if Van Tilburg has concluded the studies regarding the purpose of the Maoi, her team are still researching the meanings of the scriptures on the backs of some of the pieces so as we can see there are still many mysteries of Easter Island that are yet to be solved.

FAMILY MOVIES

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Noah
Beniamino
Sul più bello
Sulla stessa onda
Alice in wonderland
The Prince of Egypt
The Lizzie McGuire
Enola Holmes
Feel the beat
Charlie and the chocolate factory



CARROT CAKE BREAD

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Have you ever tried carrot cake bread? If you haven't, this is the perfect time of the year to bake this fantastic Easter dessert.

Ingredients:

for the bread

- 150 g of flour
- 4 g of baking powder
- 2,50 g of ground cinnamon
- 0,85 g of ground ginger
- 0,60 g of ground nutmeg
- 6 g of salt
- 3 large eggs
- 200 g of granulated sugar
- 220 g of vegetable oil
- 4,20 g of pure vanilla extract
- 180 g of grated carrots
- 90 g of golden raisins
- 90 g of toasted chopped pecans

for the frosting

- 113 g of cream cheese, softened
- 10 g of butter, softened
- 90 g of powdered sugar, sifted
- 5 g of pure vanilla extract
- 1,25 g of salt
- 22 g of toasted chopped pecans



Instructions:


- 1) Preheat the oven to 350°.
- 2) In a bowl whisk together flour, baking powder, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, and salt.
- 3) Pour it in a pan and put it in the oven(it should cook in about 1 hour and 10 minutes)
- 4) Meanwhile, prepare the frosting; using a hand mixer beat the cream cheese and butter until smooth.
- 5) Then add sugar, vanilla, and salt and beat again till it will become smooth
- 6) Then when the bread is ready let it cool and then spread the frosting over the loaf, and if you want sprinkle it with chopped pecans.








HORÓSCOPO DE PASCUA


Chiara Tinelli


Aries  Nunca mejor momento para "levantarse" de una fase de niebla y pesimismo. Esta Pascua marca un hito entre lo antiguo y lo nuevo. Te divertirás quedando con tu familia.


Tauro  Además del huevo, ¿también rompemos algunos hábitos y patrones de vida? Obviamente juegas a ciegas, porque no sabes exactamente qué "sorpresa" encontrarás. Intenta recopilar todos estos hermosos momentos para llevarlos siempre en tu corazón.


Géminis  Es el momento adecuado para afrontar y solucionar problemas sentimentales. No más tensiones ni reclamos, busca lo que une, no las divisiones. Si estás soltero, quizás en Semana Santa puedas tener un encuentro agradable. ¡Así que mantén los ojos abiertos!


Cáncer  Las estrellas son positivas, especialmente porque serás más sociable y constructivo con los demás. Esto te abrirá nuevas salidas tanto en el ámbito profesional como sentimental con agradables sorpresas que alegrarán tu Semana Santa.


Leo  Las vacaciones de Semana Santa serán tu reserva de energías e ideas, un pozo del que sacar provecho en los momentos de cansancio. Pero no espere hasta fin de mes, todos los fines de semana son buenos para desconectar y disfrutar de la naturaleza y la belleza.


Virgo  Ustedes los nativos del signo no son muy aficionados a las sorpresas y todo lo que pueda sacarlos fuera de sus esquemas tan precisos y algo rígidos. Por lo tanto, es mejor no darse huevos de Pascua porque prefiere los regalos útiles.


Libra  Estás contento si te regalan un huevo de Pascua, porque aprecias los obsequios que te hacen porque te alegrará el empaque, por su placer estético y por la grata sorpresa, sobre todo si se trata de un objeto precioso.

Escorpio  "Conocemos el precio de todo, de nada el valor" -Nietzsche

Sagitario  Siempre tienes tu maleta lista y un boleto a las islas del Caribe a mano, listo para ser utilizado. Lamentablemente este período de Pascua no podrá hacer realidad su sueño.

Capricornio  Es apropiado revisar las relaciones, incluso en tu familia: ¿estás descuidando a alguien? Tu máxima prioridad es siempre el trabajo, a veces te olvidas del cariño de los seres queridos.

Acuario  Podrás realizar un cambio importante en tu negocio y ganarte la estima de quien quieras. Es un buen momento para realizar exámenes y concursos.

Piscis  En dos años ya no se reconocerán, serán Piscis que saben nadar sin perderse en los mares infinitos, serán más consistentes, confiables y concretos. P.S. la concreción también radica en no devorar todos los huevos :)





By Asia Crudo



LO-FI MUSIC

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A terrible and insidious pandemic, millions of deaths every day, periodic lockdowns, constant limitations and a major economic crisis: we are currently living in an age of considerable stress. Because of this, a wide variety of people, in the last year, looked around for new ways to relax and maintain mental stability. Unsurprisingly, some of them, mostly between the youngest generations, have found these on the internet and in social media. In this article, we are going to discuss one of the most fascinating and popular of

our childhood: those are the sort of images Lo-Fi usually awakens in the listener's mind.

Lo-Fi has become the soundtrack of a teenager's life. They listen to it while doing homework, studying, or before falling asleep. Therefore, it's not strange if the picture most associated with the genre is the so-called "Lo-Fi girl", a young teenage girl portrayed studying in her bedroom, while enjoying her music. The drawing (in reality a gift) is currently used by the most famous Lo-Fi



these means: the "Lo-Fi".

Lo-Fi is the abbreviation of "Low Fidelity", a label that in the past was assigned to every kind of music produced with non-professional instrumentation. However, today Lo-Fi or, more properly, "Lo-Fi Hip-Hop" refers to a kind of Hip-Hop that uses poor instrumentation as a precise aesthetic choice.

The objective of the Lo-Fi is to relax the listener, make him fall asleep, relieve his tension or help him go through difficult moments. The music, thanks to its simple sounds, usually evokes peaceful, even though melancholic, images. It evokes feelings of calmness and nostalgia. The biting air of a cold night, the warmth of coffee in a winter morning, fragments of old cartoons from

radio in the world, the one broadcast by the YouTube channel "ChilledCow" which scores millions of views every day. Furthermore, some people identify Lo-Fi as one of the symbols of both the Millennial Generation and Gen Z and it is widely considered the answer to this newest time of anxiety and uncertainty.

A medicine for a society which, otherwise, would lead us all to a collective breakdown, someone says.

Symbol of a generation or not, Lo-Fi music is certainly a good way to relieve the strain off of our lives making them easier and happier, which is, I believe, something we all need, more than ever, today.





CAN YOU GUESS WHICH UNIVERSITIES MADE IT TO THE TOP 10 2020 RANKING?

Tommaso Pompei

Here are the top 10 universities from around the world, can you guess how were they ranked?

*UCL ETH Zurich Cambridge Stanford MIT Oxford Imperial
College University of Chicago California Institute of Technology Harvard*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____



A FEW RIDDLES

Francesco Becchetti

1. What word is spelled incorrectly in every single dictionary?
2. What goes up and down but can't move?
3. What goes up but never down?
4. I have one head, one foot, and four legs. What am I?
5. Forwards I'm heavy but backwards I'm not. What am I?





FIND THE PHILOSOPHER'S NAME

Laura Lozupone

The names:

- x Socrates
- x Zeno
- x Plato
- x Protagoras
- x Aristotle
- x Empedocles
- x Xenophon
- x Parmenides
- x Heraclitus
- x Pythagoras

S	A	S	X	E	N	O	P	H	O	N	H	A
O	M	U	A	S	L	I	U	E	A	G	D	R
C	P	T	T	D	S	Y	N	H	I	K	Y	I
R	K	I	C	Z	C	S	K	D	P	U	S	S
A	A	L	Z	K	L	G	F	Y	N	E	E	T
T	X	C	E	D	F	R	T	G	L	J	D	O
E	H	A	N	V	P	H	N	C	U	L	I	T
S	A	R	O	G	A	T	O	R	P	I	N	L
A	D	E	L	G	L	D	Q	X	L	G	E	E
C	F	H	O	T	E	I	W	Z	A	L	M	Z
G	R	R	L	P	O	U	A	X	T	W	R	D
S	A	J	M	H	D	I	W	K	O	T	A	V
S	C	E	L	U	R	Q	E	T	W	F	P	H

(1 point per name)

Tot:





LE SOUPIR DE PARIS

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Mademoiselle Margot hadn't been visiting the bistro for a long time: she was a quiet and almost transparent figure, but her look could capture meticulously every detail, any particular feature or little thing of all those who got in and out of the club. They weren't concerned with her beauty, which was almost bewitching and could trick her admirers without leaking any hint that would make it possible to fully understand who was hiding under that Angel's face. She worked as a waitress in a pub near my bistro, she was used to receiving rude compliments every day, she folded napkins and carried dishes to obtain just a few euros a month, and yet, somehow, she seemed like she had estranged herself from that alienating and squalid reality in which she had been imprisoned for years. She loved writing, her dream was to finally be able to publish her poems, to tell them in front of a delighted

audience, to give (transmit?) pieces of her soul without having to ask for anything in return. She used to write whenever she could do so. She used to write to escape from reality and to dive into her world. She used to write about what she felt, her emotions. She used to write to give a poetic and sweet note to those aspects of her life that were nothing but bitter. But reality won on poetry, the abuses she never talked about won, the comments became too heavy, the hands searching for her body under the tables won. Mademoiselle Margot was a quiet and almost transparent figure, but when on that night she left the club and never came back, everyone felt her absence.

RIDDLES

Alessandra Falasca

Find the missing number:

4 7 12 21 ?

Find the missing image:

A B C D E

How would appear the cube closed?

1 2 3 4

Find the missing word:

innocent	dangerous
?	harmless

a. Harmful
b. Drunk
c. Crime
d. Culprit
e. Mortal

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