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## Everybody's Talking

**Small but beautiful** Visitors to Iceland might want to try booking a tiny house for their vacation. The tiny house in question has some very special qualities. It's part of the Panorama Glass Lodge, located about a 30-minute drive from Reykjavík, Iceland's capital. The bedroom walls and ceiling are made of glass so visitors can go to sleep watching the Northern Lights dance in the sky. The amazing scenery includes Hvalfjörður (fjord of the whales) as well as snow-capped mountains. The little place has many luxury amenities, including an outdoor hot tub.

**Big banknote** When people open a new bank account, they usually take a cheque or a bit of cash to deposit into their chosen financial institution. However, tellers at a bank in Lincoln, Nebraska (U.S.), were surprised when a man presented them with a \$1 million banknote and asked them to open an account and deposit the money. The bank employees knew that a real \$1 million bill doesn't exist. In fact, the largest bill currently in circulation in the United States is \$100. The bank manager called police, who are trying to find the man.

**Raining unicorns** Folks working at a television station in Calgary, Alberta (Canada), got a bit of a shock one Halloween morning when their weatherman arrived on the set. Jordan Witzel, a meteorologist, pranced in front of the camera dressed as a white unicorn, including pink hair, a horn, hooves, and a multi-coloured tail. A banner appeared on the screen identifying him as "Ferdinand: Mystical Meteorologist." With the anchors laughing and exclaiming in disbelief, "Ferdinand" proved he could work the clicker with his hooves to present the weather report.

**Pet rooster** Some people might love dogs, while others enjoy the company of cats, parrots, or hamsters. But for Martin Herrera of San Jose, Costa Rica, roosters are his pets of choice. He has been domesticating and training the birds for many years. His favourite is a rooster named Paquito. Herrera can be found walking the streets of the city with Paquito on a leash, taking him to markets and cafés. In San Jose, people are allowed to bring pets onto city buses, so Herrera takes his favourite bird on bus rides, too. The bird lover trained Paquito to sit on his shoulder, to the delight of onlookers.

## Quoteable Quotes

"Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace."

—Amelia Earhart

"Show me a person who has never made a mistake and I'll show you a person who has never achieved much."

—Joan Collins

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## Trivia

1. Which sport was featured in the movie Hoosiers?
2. If a glow-worm is not a worm, what is it?
3. Which breed of dog won the first "Best in Show" prize at Westminster in 1908?
4. Incisors, canines, and molars are three types of what?
5. A jellyfish has a brain and a heart—T/F?

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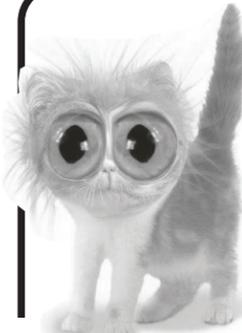
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**Slow Cooker Spanish Beef Stew**

1 pound beef stew meat      2 cups chopped red potatoes  
salt and ground black pepper to taste      1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes  
1/2 cup chopped Spanish onion      1 (12 ounce) jar sofrito  
2 cloves garlic, minced      1/2 cup pitted and halved green olives

Prep 10 m Cook 4 h 10 m Ready In 4 h 20 m

Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Cook beef in hot skillet until completely browned, about 5 minutes; season with salt and pepper. Transfer beef to a slow cooker, retaining some of the beef drippings in the skillet. Return skillet to heat and heat the retained drippings. Saute onion and garlic in hot drippings until softened, about 5 minutes; add to beef in slow cooker. Stir potatoes, diced tomatoes, sofrito, and olives into the beef mixture.

Cook on Low until beef and potatoes are fork-tender, 4-5 hours.



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## Your Weekly Horoscope

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

You may be highly ambitious, and full of optimism and enthusiasm for new plans. This might be a very productive time, if you keep your expectations reasonable. Lucky Numbers: 4, 6, 11, 22, 23, 31.

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

You may feel ready to make more personal commitments and take on responsibility in your relationships. Try to assess your capacity to give of your time. Lucky Numbers: 1, 14, 18, 21, 24, 28.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

You may want to reach out and experience more. You might benefit from opportunities received from someone who could be very helpful to you and your goals. Lucky Numbers: 6, 9, 19, 26, 36, 39.

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 22)

You may meet someone charming through your work. Now might also be a good time to enhance your public standing and create goodwill with the public. Lucky Numbers: 4, 5, 18, 19, 24, 27.

**LEO**  
(July 23 - Aug. 23)

Self-confidence may be very high, and you might be especially competitive now. Your vitality and courage could be strong, and you may be very eager to meet challenges. Lucky Numbers: 22, 25, 29, 32, 38, 43.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Family relationships may be very satisfying and loving. Decorating to create a more harmonious and pleasing domestic arrangement might be favoured. Lucky Numbers: 13, 18, 22, 35, 40, 45.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

You may reap rewards later for the generosity and aid you extend to others now. Agreements and joint forces could work out to your advantage. Lucky Numbers: 6, 12, 16, 22, 24, 33.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your creative imagination may be very vivid. If you have an interest in religious or spiritual matters, these interests might come into focus now. Lucky Numbers: 4, 15, 16, 23, 31, 40.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may insist on having more time to enjoy the company of friends and family. A family get-together or social gathering might be the perfect fix. Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 18, 25, 28, 45.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

This may be an excellent time to try to remember your dreams. If you experience vivid, powerful dreams, you could benefit immensely by remembering them. Lucky Numbers: 6, 13, 19, 26, 44, 45.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

This may be a time for making long-range plans and thinking about what is really important to you. Try not to let trivial details dominate your attention. Lucky Numbers: 1, 23, 25, 33, 35, 39.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 20 - March 20)

This may be a positive time for communicating, writing, and teaching intellectual work. Your ideas could flow, and you might find it easier than usual to express your thoughts. Lucky Numbers: 3, 16, 24, 32, 39, 48.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Gemini winners with the luckiest number being 6.

## Did You Know...

**The sunshine vitamin:** Vitamin D is produced in the skin in reaction to sunlight. People who don't get enough sunlight may need to take a supplement, as this vitamin only naturally occurs in a few foods, such as fatty fish.

**Big lakes:** Located between Asia and Europe, and bordering five countries, the Caspian Sea is the largest lake in the world. The second largest is Lake Superior, which straddles the Canadian-American border in North America.

**Season:** Earth is tilted at 23.5 degrees in relation to our orbit around the Sun. When the North Pole is pointed away from the Sun, it is winter in the northern hemisphere and summer in the southern hemisphere. Vice versa when the North Pole is pointed toward the Sun.

**Odd sea creature:** The dugong lives in the warm coastal waters of the Red Sea, Indian Ocean, and Pacific Ocean. This large mammal looks a little bit like a manatee. Dugongs are herbivores and like to eat sea grass.

**Wind watch:** Prevailing winds are winds blowing in their most frequent direction in a certain location. Depending on the latitude, prevailing winds generally blow from east or west, rather than from north or south.

## On the Lighter Side

Teacher: "Why can't freshwater fish live in saltwater?"  
Student: "The salt would give them high blood pressure."

If the world keeps getting smaller every day, why does the cost of a stamp keep going up?

What can run, but never walks? Has a mouth, but never talks? Has a head, but never weeps? Has a bed, but never sleeps? A river.

Starting next month, I'm going to stop procrastinating.  
Where is the ocean the deepest? On the bottom!

## Answers

**Trivia answers:** 1. Basketball 2. A beetle 3. Smooth fox terrier 4. Teeth 5. False

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