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# Everybody's Talking

**Collectors' items:** Lots of people collect favourite items, whether those are dolls, books, records, or guitars. Usually, they legally obtain the items. That was not the case with a collector in Higashiosaka, Japan. Hiroaki Suda was in the habit of collecting bicycle seats, after he had stolen them. Recently, the man was filmed on surveillance cameras in the act of taking the seats from two parked bikes at a train station. Police were astounded to discover that he had been repeating this crime for over 25 years and had collected over 5,800 bicycle seats, which he kept in a storage facility.

Brotherly love: A caring brother from Zamboanga City, Philippines, wanted to do a good deed for his sister, so he learned how to sew. Rather than taking on a small project, Maverick Francisco Oyao made a prom dress for his sister, Lu Asey, because the family couldn't afford to buy or rent one. And what a dress it turned out to be! Wearing the dress, Ly Asey looked like a princess from a fairy tale. Her brother had learned how to sew by viewing YouTube videos. The finished project was royal blue and white, and featured large pleats and winged sleeves.

Weird items: Those who are interested in visiting a place full of peculiar items might want to know about the Noir Arts & Oddities in Kansas City, Missouri (U.S.). Owner Pamela Smith sells unusual and strange items in her "antique oddities boutique." For people who want to see medical oddities, they have antique medical prints. If customers are curious about the occult, the owner directs them to a selection of incense, tarot cards, and crystals. The shop also has a collection of unusual cross-stitch patterns, as well as books, jewelry, and natural science items.

Bagged burglar: A Welshman must have thought an Elvis Presley convention would be a good place to commit burglary. A camera caught Christopher Badman (his real name!) wandering the halls of a hotel in Porthcawl, Wales, where the convention was taking place. He had a bag over his head to disguise himself while breaking into a room. At one point, he was confronted by a guest. Then, much to the joy of the police, Badman removed the bag from his head and looked into the security camera. He was readily identifiable, and ended up being charged.

# Quoteable Quotes

"The person who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones." *—Chinese proverb* "It isn't the great big pleasures that count the most; it's making a great deal out of the little ones." —Jean Webster

# What's Happening

Nov 20 to Jan 3-Calgary Zoo-lights Event. Its a magical experience complete with family-friendly activities like skating, fire pits, axe throwing and more. This year, prepurchased tickets are required to ensure staggered entry times for physical distancing. 403-232-9300. calgaryzoo.com

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## Trivia

- 1. An appaloosa is a breed of cattle, horse, or sheep?
- 2. Which Guthrie popularized the song "Alice's Restaurant"-Woody or Arlo?
- 3. What does the term "per diem" mean?
- 4. A shuttlecock is used in what game?
- 5. The city of Timbuktu is located in what country?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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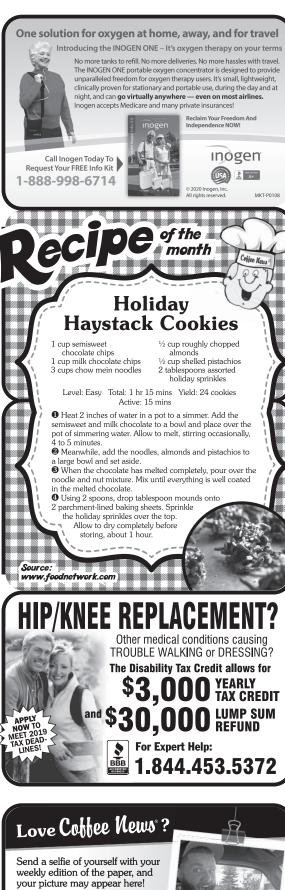
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Your Weekly Horoscope ARIES LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

**SCORPIO** 

12, 14, 18, 21

**SAGITTARIUS** 

**CAPRICORN** 

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

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Try to be very clear and

aboveboard about your

#### (March 21 - April 20)

Intense discussions with others might allow things to be blown out of pro-

portion. A willingness to listen, learn, and heal may be a very useful tool for you. Lucky Numbers: 8, 11, 16, 22, 24, 34. **TAURUS** 

#### (April 21 - May 21)

Some new, exciting ideas may come to you via books, magazines, or online sources. You might want to take advantage of these opportunities to expand your mental horizons. Lucky

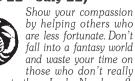
Numbers: 1, 5, 15, 25, 30, 35. GEMINI

#### (May 22 - June 21)

Personal relationships may help you openly and honestly share feelings and interests. You also might be more willing to accept comments or sug-

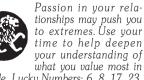
gestions from others. Lucky Numbers: 14, 27, *2*9, 35, 41, 47. CANCER

#### (June 22 - July 22)



care about others. Lucky Numbers: 2 22, 27, 32, 37, 42. LEO

#### (July 23 - Aug. 23)



people. Lucky Numbers: 6, 8, 17, 23, 30, 42. VIRGO

#### (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You may have the chance to combine your compassion and imagination with discipline and focus. This mix might be the stuff of which dreams are made. Lucky Numbers: 11, 16, 21, 26,

very unlikely source. Lucky Numbers: 3, 16, 18, 22, 29, 32. 31.36.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Cancer winners with the luckiest number being 2.

## Did You Know...

Two moons: Mars, known as the red planet, is the closest planet to Earth and the fourth from the Sun. It has two moons: Phobos and Deimos.

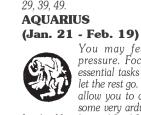
Far-flung place: Each of the world's continents has permanent populations and is made up of countries, except for Antarctica. Only scientists stay on this island at the South Pole, while tourists come to visit.

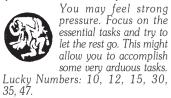
**Age spots:** As people age, they may notice flat spots of darker skin on their hands and other areas of the body. These age spots can be caused by sun exposure, which makes skin produce melanin, a natural pigment.

Milkweed dinner: We all love monarch butterflies! To make sure they thrive, don't cut down any milkweed plants. Better yet, plant them. The caterpillars of the monarch feed on these plants.

**Bug traps:** Science fiction may have us believe that carnivorous plants, such as the Venus flytrap or the tropical pitcher plant, might evolve to have a taste for humans. In reality, these plants only like bugs and the occasional small vertebrate, such as frogs.









# On the Lighter Side

No matter how much a private hospital room costs, they only give you a semi-private gown.

Prosecuting attorney: "Isn't it true the defendant talks to himself when alone?'

Witness: "I couldn't say. I've never been with him when he's alone.

Why do elephants have trunks? No glove compartments.

Hospitality is making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.

Inflation is when you pay \$20 for the \$10 haircut you used to get for \$5 when you had hair.

Answers 5. Mali Trivia answers: 1. Horse 2. Arlo 3. Each day 4. Badminton

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