



express her feelings about her difficult upbringing, and provide an interesting and intricate piece to amaze viewers. Selva Aparicio used a wooden floor as her medium. Her finished piece is a rug that she carved into the wood. She calls it "Childhood Memories," and it contains designs that reveal her journey growing up in a chaotic household. The rug carving is elaborate and is complete with fringe on the ends and an overall design that appears to be that of an actual traditional Persian carpet, until the viewer takes a closer look.

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Doing nothing: People don't often have jobs doing nothing, but that's exactly what Shoji Morimoto of Japan does, and he gets paid for it. Morimoto himself came up with the idea for the dream job by advertising his services. He offered to make himself available to anyone who wanted company. Since posting his ad in 2018, the married father has been hired about 3,000 times to simply sit and listen to people talk. Or he might stand in a line for someone, accompany the person on a walk, or pose for a photo. Basically, he eases people's loneliness without having to be a friend or even an acquaintance.

Cold spot: To someone living in a warm climate, -50 degrees Celsius (-58 degrees Fahrenheit) is unimaginable. But folks living in Oymyakon, Siberia, Russia, don't even flinch at the thought of that kind of cold. Known as the Pole of Cold, not even children mind the frostiness of this place in the winter. Kids in grades one to five keep going to school, many of them walking from their homes, until the temperature hits -52 degrees Celsius (-61.6 degrees F). At that point, school officials officially close the doors of the learning institution until the mercury creeps back up to a more balmy level.

**Gaming costs:** If odd charges keep appearing on a credit card bill, the card holder usually assumes they are mistakes, at best, and fraud at worst. But what if the charges were actually being amassed by the card holder's young child? That's exactly what happened to Jessica Johnson of Wilton, Connecticut (U.S.). She didn't realize that her young son was regularly playing a video game and was charging her card when he needed booster packs to play. Johnson called her bank when she started noticing the charges, but the total amount hit more than \$16,000 (USD) before her investigations revealed the culprit.

### **Quoteable** Quotes

—William Cullen

"Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again."

Bryant "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Trivia

1. In the U.S., where will you find The Painted Desert?

2. Cass Elliot, Denny Doherty, and Michelle and John Phillips were members of what musical group?

- 3. If you are flummoxed, how are you feeling?
- 4. How many months of the year have 28 days?
- 5. What does SASE stand for?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

6, 12, 13, 15, 20, 21.

3, 5, 8, 19, 33, 45.

23, 33, 39, 43, 46.

**CAPRICORN** 

**AQUARIUS** 

**PISCES** 

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

**SAGITTARIUS** 

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

**SCORPIO** 

This time may provide a

good opportunity to let go of the past, so that

healing can move for-ward. To do so, focus on

identifying the source of

If you are feeling frus-

trated about a lack of

progress, take a deep

breath and be patient. You may find that any

obstacles will ease in a

You may find that you are no longer certain

about your beliefs and

values. If so, think about

what caused this situation

There is an opportunity now to focus on improv-

ing your career or busi-

ness. Seek out others

who can help and have

a serious conversation

You may feel that there

is an opportunity at this

time for new experiences. If you approach new situations with optimism,

there is the possibility for

An opportunity may

arise now to begin to

transform some aspect

of your life. The process may be slow and tedious

at times, but can provide

the original wound. Lucky numbers:

short period of time. Lucky numbers:

and it may point the way to a resolution. Lucky numbers: 18,

about steps needed to do so. Lucky numbers: 2, 4, 13, 18, 21, 46.

a successful result. Lucky numbers: 1, 19, 22, 25, 31, 32.

a great sense of satisfaction. Lucky numbers: 8, 14, 15, 43, 45, 47.

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

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

You may feel highly emotional early this week. If so, it is better not to act impulsively. By waiting a few days, your actions may have a better outcome. Lucky numbers: 5,

13, 21, 23, 41, 46. **TAURUS** 

#### (April 21 - May 21) There is an opportunity for you to patiently

pursue your goals right now. Taking advantage of this energy can put you in good stead if

there is future turbulence. Lucky numbers: 1, 10, 15, 16, 24, 31. **GEMINI** 

#### (May 22 - June 21)

It may be best to finish current projects rather than starting new ones. If you are having an issue with your sibling, it may be a good time for open communication. Lucky numbers:

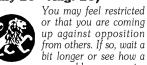
12, 14, 15, 19, 34, 36. CANCER

#### (June 22 - July 22)

Your sign has a talent for nurturing others. However, you may need to set boundaries for a while with anyone who asks for too much of

your time and energy. Lucky numbers: 11, 28, 35, 37, 41, 45. LEO

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



can break through the obstacles. Lucky numbers: 3, 5, 7, 13, 35, 42. VIRGO

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



Lucky numbers: 2, 6, 7, 16, 19, 40.

winners with the luckiest number being 22.

### Did You Know..

One use: A "nonce" word is one that is made up for a specific occasion. One very famous example of a nonce word is "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious," from the Walt Disney film Mary Poppins.

**Big horn:** A *buisine* was a type of trumpet that was common in Europe in the Middle Ages. These instruments were about two metres (6.56 ft.) long and were used in ceremonies and for military purposes. Eventually, the buisine was used in musical pieces.

**Muscle type:** A muscle that pulls a limb away from the midline of the body, or away from a neighbouring limb, is called an abductor muscle. For example, abductor muscles are used to spread fingers or toes and to raise arms to the side of the body.

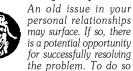
Natural talent: American singer Aretha Franklin, whose hit song "Respect" is well known, could not read music. She taught herself to play piano, and she played by ear.

Not thirsty: People with adipsia don't feel the sensation of

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bit longer or see how a reasonable compromise An old issue in your



will require patience and hard work.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Aquarius

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being thirsty, even if they are dehydrated, because the thirst centre in the brain has been damaged. Those with adipsia need to train themselves to drink fluids to avoid dehydration.

# On the Lighter Side

Ike: Did you hear what happened at the flea circus? Mike: No, what happened? Ike: A dog came by and stole the show.

What kind of candies do mummies eat after dinner? Parch mints.

What do you get if you cross a racehorse with a giraffe? Something that wins a lot of races by a neck.

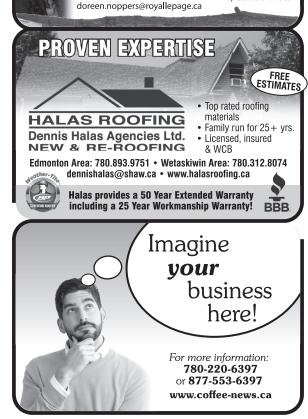
Knock! Knock! Who's there? Sofa? Sofa who? Sofa, so good.

Did you hear about the girl who went to the beach and baked herself under the hot sun for six hours? She wanted to be the toast of the town.

### Answers

3. Bewildered 4. 12 5. Self-addressed, stamped envelope rivia answers: 1. Arizona 2. The Mamas & The Papas

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