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Everybody's Talking

Beacon of colour: A lighthouse in Spain will never be the same again. That's because artist Okuda San Miguel used his talent to make the once-white Faro de Ajo lighthouse in the country's Cantabria region into a colourful beacon. With the Bay of Biscay as the building's backdrop, the extravagant array of different shades of blue, purple, red, orange, and yellow are eye-catching, to say the least. The colours adorn the 16-metre (52.5-foot) tower in geometric shapes that work together to form images of birds and animals. The artist named his creation "Infinite Cantabria."

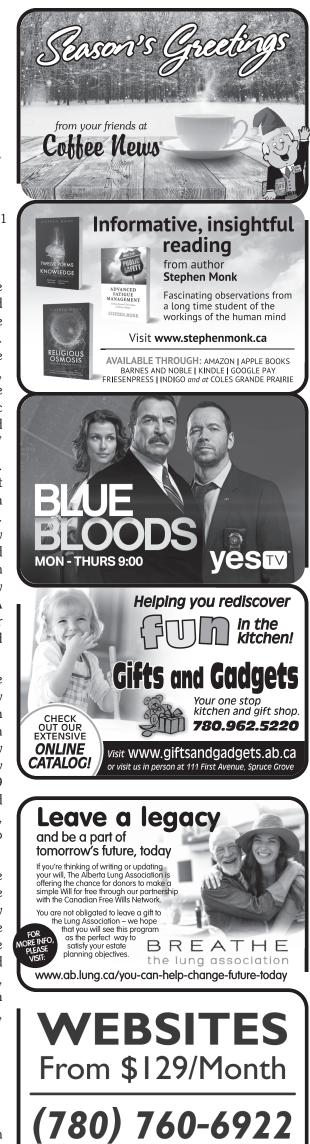
Folding house: The tiny house movement is on a roll. Someone who is interested in this way of living might want to investigate the tiny houses built by a company in Latvia. Not only are the houses tiny, they are also foldable. Using a patented hinge system, these houses can be easily "unfolded" and set up almost anywhere. Once opened and ready for occupancy, these dwellings seem bigger than they actually are, thanks to thoughtful design, and they come with plumbing and electrical systems pre-installed. A permanent foundation is not necessary, and if the owner wants to change location, the house can be folded up and moved elsewhere.

Icy phenomenon: Kazakhstan may be cold in the winter, but people brave the chilly temperatures to view an interesting attraction. That sight is a "volcano" from which steam and water erupt, rather than lava. Called an "ice volcano," it is located on a snowy plateau near the city of Almaty. The volcano is actually a big mound of snow and ice that measures approximately 13.7 metres (44.9 ft.) high. It's hollow on the inside because an underground hot spring blows water and steam into the air. In winter, the water freezes and builds up, causing the big mound to develop.

Middle of nowhere: What has become known as "the loneliest house in the world" is on an island where no one has lived since the 1930s. Pictures of the house show why it has this nickname. Located on the island of Ellirey, in the Vestmannaeyjar archipelago south of Iceland, the white house sits on a green hill and is completely surrounded by the sea. Maintained today by a hunting association, the house has no accoutrements of modern living, such as electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. It does, however, have a sauna.

Quoteable Quotes

- "To understand everything makes one tolerant." —Madame de Staël
- "Love consists in this, that two solitudes protect and touch —Rainer Maria Rilke and greet each other."



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Your Weekly Horoscope

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

SCORPIO

12, 21, 26, 33.

SAGITTARIUS

CAPRICORN

AQUARIUS

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

You may experience

confidence at this time

that comes from a good

balance of ego drive versus emotion. If so, it

may be wise to take

Your emotions may be

focused now on what

role you want to play in

the world. If so, look

deeply at what your

heart tells you about

Do you have a project

you feel is outside of

your comfort zone? If so, the energies right now

encourage you to apply

both discipline and inno-

If you have been stymied

in understanding a particu-

lar person or situation, pay

attention. The next few

days may provide valuable

information or a break-

Plucking information

out of the ether is a

known talent for many born under the sign of

Aquarius. If this describes

you, that ability may be

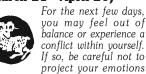
advantage of this opportunity. Lucky numbers: 6, 13, 32, 33, 38, 43.

what to do next. Lucky numbers: 4, 5,

vation toward it. Lucky numbers: 10, 20, 25, 26, 43, 44.

through to help resolve the matter. Lucky numbers: 9, 13, 16, 21, 28, 39.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)



conflict within yourself. If so, be careful not to project your emotions onto others. Lucky numbers: 7, 26, 28, 31, 35, 48.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

At this time, you may experience a sudden and urgent desire for freedom. If so, look for ways to satisfy that need without radically dis-

rupting all aspects of your life. Lucky numbers: 3, 8, 15, 25, 32, 41. GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)



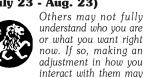
competing motivations. If you are feeling frustrated by this, channel it into positive activity until the moment passes. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 13, 21, 38, 41.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)

Your sense of self may be conflicting with who vou are in an important relationship. If so, have a discussion with the other person in that relation-

ship about redefining your roles. Lucky numbers: 2, 3, 5, 14, 45, 46. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 23)



generate a better outcome. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 9, 13, 20, 40. VIRGO

(Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

There is an opportunity now for heightened quickness and clarity of thought. If you are interested in writing something, the next few days provide a

potentially good window for success. Lucky numbers: 4, 12, 16, 19, 35, 44.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Libra winners with the luckiest number being 33.

Did You Know...

Island language: On the Caribbean islands of Curaçao, Aruba, and Bonaire, people speak a language called Papiamentu. A creole language, it is influenced by both Portuguese and Spanish. Over 250,000 people speak it on a regular basis.

Clap together: Castanets are often used in Spanish-style dancing. They are a percussion instrument made of two hollow pieces of wood or other material, tied together. Players hold them in their fingers and snap them together.

Which hand? People who are right-handed prefer to use their right hand for most functions, and if they are left-handed, they prefer to use their left hand. Those who are ambidextrous can use either hand with equal ease.

Thankful holiday: Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in Canada and the U.S. Although it has the same name, it takes place at different times. In Canada, it's the second Monday of October; in the United States, it's the fourth Thursday in November.











keep your natural idealism grounded in a sense of reality. Lucky numbers: 11, 15, 18, 31, 35, 43.



Word game: A word that results from putting together two or more words, or parts of words, is called a portmanteau. The English language has many of these words, such as "brunch" (breakfast and lunch), "smog" (smoke and fog), and "dramedy" (drama and comedu).

On the Lighter Side

At the end of a concert, the pianist boasted that he played everything by ear. Heard in the audience: "That explains it. I didn't think those sounds could be made by human hands.

Moe: Why are you sleeping under that old car? Joe: Because I want to wake up oily in the morning.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Wren. Wren who? Wren in Rome, do as the Romans do.

Apparently, you can not use "beef stew" as a password. It's not Strogonoff.

Who do you call to clean a filthy haunted house? The Ghost Dusters.

Answers

3. Ugli fruit 4. Anaheim, Calif. (U.S.) 5. Bodhran Trivia answers: 1. Australia 2. Kentucky Fried Chicken

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