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Over Coffee"

Everybody's Talking

Faking it: A Chinese art student graduated from Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing after completing an interesting, although controversial, three-week-long experiment on capitalism and consumerism. Zou Yaqi figured out how to live for free in Beijing, and she did it by disguising herself as a rich socialite. By doing so, she managed to sleep on comfy couches in an airport VIP lounge, eat at free buffets, and use saunas and steam rooms at fancy hotels. When she was criticized for abusing the system, she stood her ground, emphasizing that her actions had nothing but artistic intent. After graduation, she landed a job with an art agency, and is planning more socially engaged art.

Shell shocked: Anegada is one of the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean Sea, where Indigenous people lived for over 1,000 years. Just east of this beautiful sand and coral place is a manmade phenomenon called Conch Island, which has been centuries in the making. It consists of thousands of conch shells discarded by generations of fishermen. The piles of shells rise as much as 10 feet above the water. Conch meat is a traditional meal in the Caribbean, where these marine creatures have been harvested for eons. Some shells extricated from the bottom of the huge mountain date back to 1245 CE. The white-and-pink-shell island is a curiosity for tourists, where beachcombing is not necessary for finding shells!

Portuguese hideaway: Visitors to Portugal should not miss making a stop in Porto, an old city on the northern coast and the second largest in the country. In the medieval district of Ribeira, a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site, tourists will find narrow cobblestone streets, cafes, and shops. The eight-bedroom Guest House Douro has views of the River Douro and the spectacular Dom Luís I Bridge. This structure was designed by Théophile Seyrig, a one-time associate of Eiffel Tower engineer Gustave Eiffel. The Guest House Douro is the first of its kind to be located in this World Heritage Site location.

Floral fragrance: It appears that it's possible for women to have a natural, perfume-like scent emanating from their skin. At least, that is what two Vietnamese women claim. One of the women, Dang Thi Tuoi, discovered that when she rubs her skin, it releases a floral scent. The smell is stronger in the evening, when it can be detected by people in her immediate vicinity. After her claims were reported on social media, another Vietnamese woman described a similar phenomenon. Some bodily odors can indicate various conditions or diseases, but these women's experiences are unusual. Obviously, the two don't need to buy expensive perfumes!

Quoteable Quotes

"A party without a cake is really just a meeting." —Julia Child "You just gotta keep going and fighting for everything, and one day you'll get to where you want." —Naomi Osaka

What's Happening

Nov 23 to Dec 31 - Luminaria Come stroll through the candlelit pathways of the Kurimoto Japanese Garden, sip hot apple cider, enjoy a capella singers and spot magical glittering ice sculptures. University of Alberta Botanic Gardens - 51227 Hwy 60, Parkland County AB, Alberta

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Trivia

1. This German zeppelin crashed on May 6, 1937

is the longest river in Australia. 2.

3. The Olympic motto "Citius, Altius, Fortius-Communiter" means what?

4. Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?

5. The Wizard of Oz was written by Lewis Carroll, L. Frank Baum, or C.S. Lewis?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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Your Weekly Horoscope

LIBRA

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

5, 9, 12, 30, 31, 41.

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

SCORPIO

6, 11, 23, 27, 34.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

numbers: 6, 8, 17, 25, 29, 35.

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

CAPRICORN

Libras often focus on the

needs of others above

their own. However, an

important focus for you

right now may be on how

to nurture yourself and

Your public reputation or

your legacy may be some-

thing you need to address

right now. If so, look for

clues to a solution in the

remnants of an unre-

Recently the astrological

energy has been heavily

focused on Capricorn.

That may have created a

stressful vibration for you.

You might try to positively

You may encounter prob-

lems now with cars, com-

puters, or other instru-

ments of technology, as

secure what you need. Lucky numbers:

solved past situation. Lucky numbers: 3,

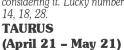
incorporate it, or just ride it out. Lucky

ARIES (March 21 – April 20)

Someone in your circle



of family and friends may present you with an opportunity right now. Try not to let a past issue keep you from at least considering it. Lucky numbers: 1, 3, 6,



An opportunity may suddenly emerge. Examine it carefully to be sure it isn't too good to be true. If it is still available in a few weeks, perhaps consider it again. Lucky numbers: 4, 8,

28, 38, 42, 47. **GEMINI**

(May 22 – June 21)

Your natural ability to tap into unseen information about people and situations may be heightened early this week. Before acting, think through how

to use it fairly for all involved. Lucky numbers: 13, 15, 17, 22, 31, 36. CANCER

(June 22 – July 22)



completing your current projects. You can then begin to plan new activities for the next six months. Lucky numbers: 17, 20, 21, 26, 30, 37. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 23)

Your heart and mind might be well balanced at the week's end. This may be a good time to reconsider a decision, if you can now see a positive

path of resolution. Lucky numbers: 2, 9, 10, 12, 34, 40. VIRGO

(Aug. 24 – Sept. 23)

Virgos are known for being grounded and practical. Now, though, you may be focused on what it means to be fortunate in life and how to create that

for yourself. Lucky numbers: 16, 25, 39, 42, 44, 46.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Cancer winners with the luckiest number being 17.

Did You Know...

Magma to lava: When the hot molten rock in a volcano, called magma, erupts, it is called lava. Lava can be thick and sticky, or it can be like a runny liquid. It's dangerous and burns everything in its path.

Roof no-no: Pressure washers work well for lots of jobs around the house. But don't pressure wash a roof with asphalt shingles. The pressure will remove the granules on the shingles, which are needed to protect the roof.

Pet pig: For the right person, a pig can make a good pet. They are affectionate, clean, and smart, and can actually learn to do tricks. And, because they have hair rather than fur, they're not as likely to bother people with allergies.

Sunny flag: The flag of Argentina consists of two light blue horizontal rectangles, with a white strip in between that contains a stylized golden sun. It was first raised in 1812, with the sun being added in 1818. **New name:** Dionne Warwick's last name is actually Warrick. The American rhythm and blues singer's last name was misspelled as "Warwick" on a 1962 recording of a Burt Bacharach song, and she kept the new moniker from then on.



well as communicating with others. Try to hang on; this should pass in a few weeks. Lucky numbers: 10, 11, 16, 20, 24, 32. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) You are entering a period where you may be focused on relationships. It could be a good time for a conversation, but be careful when going back over old territory. Lucky numbers: 15, 17, 19, 22, 28, 44.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - March 20)

Pisces is often happiest swimming in the waters of the unconscious. This week though, a focus on the mundane world may reveal an interesting opportunity. Give it careful consideration before acting. Lucky numbers: 12, 13, 21, 25, 34, 42.

On the Lighter Side

"This job isn't for everyone," said the scarecrow. "But hay, it's in my jeans."

Ned: "What is the best way to carve wood?" Fred: "Whittle by whittle."

How did the panda do in school? He bearly made it.

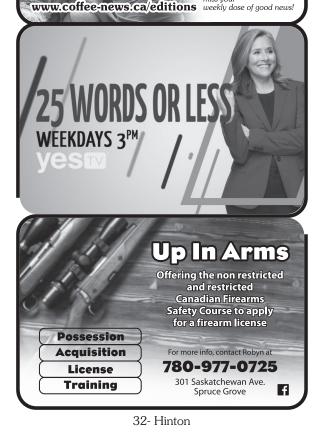
Never marry a tennis player. To them, love means nothing.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Summertime. Summertime who? Summertime you can be really funny!

Answers

Venus 5. L. Frank Baum 3. "Faster, Higher, Stronger-Together" 4. Mercury and Trivia answers: 1. The Hindenburg 2. The River Murray

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