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Everybody's Talking

Smart birds: A cleaning company based in Sweden is testing a way to get rid of a certain kind of garbage that tends to be strewn on the street by litterers: cigarette butts. Called "Corvid Cleaning," the company has devised a way to use wild crows as street maids. Crows are smart birds, and company founder Christian Gunther-Hanssen is tapping into their intelligence by rewarding them for their work. After several steps of training, he and his team hope the birds will eventually learn to drop the butts in a garbage can in exchange for food dispensed from a machine. Testing of the idea will take place in Sodertalje, not far from Stockholm.

Well water: A vast artesian well on the arid continent of Australia stretches about 1.7 million square kilometres (670,000 sq. mi.). Called the Great Artesian Basin, this source of groundwater lies under parts of several states in the east part of the country. One of the largest underground freshwater resources in the world, the Basin's water can be accessed by drilling a well. The water also creeps up through natural cracks in the rock, emerging as springs, creeks, and rivers. This happens more toward the southern part of the Basin because the water lies closer to the surface. Conservation of the Great Artesian Basin is a priority in the country.

Soccer sleuths: Soccer is a sport loved all around the world, with India being no exception. But humans aren't the only creatures that enjoy kicking around a ball. In the village of Sukhigaon, Odisha, in the Nabarangpur forest area, a group of children was playing soccer when one of them accidently kicked the ball into a forested area adjacent to the field. To the surprise of both players and spectators, a mother bear and her young cub emerged from the woods, found the ball and started playing with it. Now, instead of cheering on their team, everyone cheered for the bears and filmed their antics. Eventually, the bear family returned to the forest

Fortunate win: Gabriel Fierro, of Cornelius, North Carolina (U.S.), likes to take his wife out for lunch on Saturdays. Their usual haunt is an Asian restaurant in nearby Charlotte, where they order their favourite dishes, and end the meal with a fortune cookie. After one recent lunch, Fierro decided to use the numbers from his fortune cookie to play the Mega Millions lottery. The fortune cookie numbers turned out to be, indeed, quite fortunate. They were winners! Fierro's prize, before tax, was \$4 million (USD). The big winner and his wife plan to use some of the money to build a new home and then invest the rest. They'll probably buy themselves a few more meals at their favourite restaurant, too.

Quoteable Quotes

"You do not find the happy life. You make it." -Camilla Eyring Kimball

"Morale is when your hands and feet keep on working when your head says it can't be done." —Benjamin Morrell

What's Happening

Mar 12 -Devon Monthly Arts Market Join us for our first Spring Market from Noon to 4 pm at the Devon Community Centre. Meet our creative souls and check out unique items for any season, any occasion.Email ArtsDevon@gmail.com for more info.

Until Feb 28 - Free Skating Come down to the ICE District Plaza at 10360 102 St to take part in outdoor skating from 10am-10pm daily. Rink availability depends on weather and schedule of other events. Visit icedistrict.comskating for more details.



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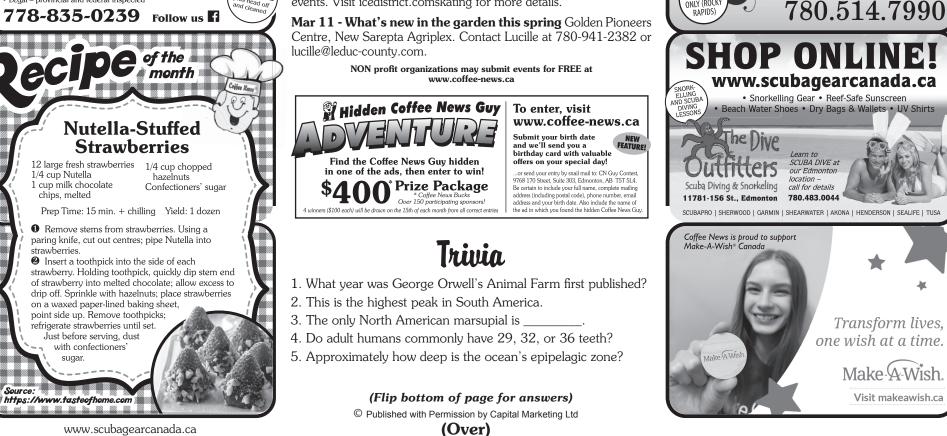
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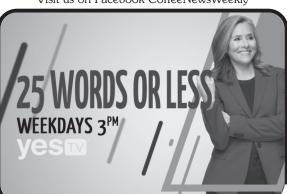
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Your Weekly Horoscope

23, 31.

SCORPIO

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

SAGITTARIUS

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

numbers: 9, 20, 21, 22, 32, 46.

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

AQUARIUS

(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

ARIES

(March 21 - April 20) Keep your eyes open this week for an opportunity that can manifest a successful endeavour. It may

be subtle, so pay close attention to be sure you don't miss it. Lucky numbers: 7, 19, 29, 33, 36, 47.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Many factors are in flux in your environment right now. If you can stay centered in the chaos, you may be able to identify which factor

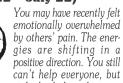
could provide a new opportunity. Lucky numbers: 2, 6, 9, 20, 25, 27. **GEMINI**

(May 22 – June 21)

You may be feeling argumentative and out of sorts at the beginning of the week. Wait a few days and things might improve. In the meantime, don't

engage negatively with others. Lucky numbers: 3, 10, 13, 18, 30, 35. CANCER

(June 22 – July 22)



the burden might be lighter for you. Lucky numbers: 11, 16, 21, 28, 43, 44. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 23)

Your heart and mind may be out of sync right now. Consider how you can bridge the gap between the two, but try waiting a few days before you

act. Lucky numbers: 10, 12, 21, 23, 39, 41.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Did you set up a plan about six months ago on your birthday? If so, how are you progressing with it? Where do you need to

make changes to stay on track? Lucky numbers: 25, 34, 41, 46, 47, 48.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Pisces winners with the luckiest number being 37.

Did You Know...

Sour to sweet: A berry that grows in West Africa makes sour foods taste sweet. Known commonly as "miracle fruit" or "miracle berry" (Synsepalum dulcificum), it contains a special protein that works by activating the sweet receptors on the tongue.

Favourite veggie: Known as the Le Roi Soleil (The Sun King), France's Louis XIV (1638-1715) had a fondness for green peas, which were considered a gourmet treat. They were imported to his court from Italy, wrapped in roses to keep them fresh.

Special coin: Queen Isabella of Spain appeared on the American quarter in 1893. She was the first real woman to appear on a U.S. coin. The occasion was the World's Columbian Exhibition in Chicago, Illinois.

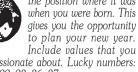
Just visiting: The late American musician Elvis Presley was world famous, but never performed in England. He stopped in the U.K. during his time serving in the U.S. Army, but not as a performer. Sweet side dish: The long and slender green zucchini is commonly used in many different dishes. Golden zucchini is shaped just like the green variety and is just as appealing. It can be a little bit sweeter than the green one.







are passionate about. Lucky numbers: 4, 10, 22, 23, 36, 37.



On the Lighter Side

Pat: "The last time I sang my voice fell on a thousand ears." Pam: "Were you singing in a cornfield?"

What do you call a silly pickle? A daffy dill.

My grandfather keeps his gingerbread recipe secret. He shares on a knead-to-know basis.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Fangs. Fangs who? Fangs for opening the door!

When construction workers party, they raise the roof.

Answers

3. Common (Virginia) opossum 4. 32 5. 650 feet Trivia answers: 1. 1945 2. Cerro Aconcagua, Argentina

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