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### Everybody's Talking

Big, nice dog: People who want a dog that looks like a wolf might consider a Tamaskan. In the 1980s in Britain, breeders mixed several different kinds of dogs, including the German Shepherd, Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, and Samoyed, and possibly some Czechoslovakian Wolfdog, resulting in the new, domesticated Tamaskan breed. These large, high-energy dogs grow to between about 24 and 28 inches (61 to 71 centimetres) tall, and typically live for 14-15 years. They are friendly, loyal, and gentle, and also very intelligent. Because they are so smart, they are well suited for training and need lots of exercise. So owners have to be prepared to provide them with ample mental stimulation.

**Colourful sight:** Butterfly lovers might want to plan a visit to the Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove in the state of California (U.S.). The best time to go is between the months of October and February. That is when thousands of the endangered, orange-andblack insects congregate to enjoy the sunny, warm weather of the area, which is located between the cities of San Jose and Los Angeles. The butterflies gather in clusters in the eucalyptus trees that populate the grove. To get there, the butterflies have migrated long distances to avoid the cold and frigid conditions of winters in the northern United States and Canada.

Biodegradable bags: Lucy Hughes, an engineering student at University of Sussex in Brighton, England, has invented a product that eventually may help reduce the prevalence of single-use plastic. Called MarinaTex, the product is made of fish scales and skin, which are waste materials at fish processing plants. It uses red algae as a binding agent. This new "plastic" is biodegradable in about six weeks. Like other widely used plastic bags, the MarinaTex ones are transparent, so users can see what kind of sandwiches are packed in their lunches. Another good thing about this invention is that, quite literally, tonnes of raw materials are available. For her work, Hughes won a James Dyson Award for design engineering.

**Peacock frenzy:** Car owners in the city of Surrey, British Columbia (Canada), have been having trouble keeping their vehicles dentfree. They're not worried about fender benders, hail, or vandals. The problem is wild peacocks. When the birds that live in the area see their own reflections in the shiny cars, especially dark-coloured vehicles, they mistake them for other peacocks and go into attack mode, using their talons and beaks on car doors and windows. This phenomenon, along with the noise from the peacocks' shrieking, has caused many dollars worth of damage and many sleepless nights for area residents. Experts say not much can be done, except to discourage anyone from feeding these birds.

### Quoteable Quotes

"Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length." –Robert Frost

"Mistakes are a fact of life. It is the response to the error that —Nikki Giovanni counts.

### What's Happening

Apr 28 - Yellowhead Regional Library Join us in person at YRL headquarters for a day of learning, creation, and play! Check out all the great programming kits we have to offer and participate in tutorial sessions. Must pre-register online at eventbrite.ca

Apr 29-30 - Melodies at the Manor Join the South East lmonton Seniors Association as they present Melodies at the Manor on the 29th 7pm and the 30th 1pm. Visit seesa.ca for more information



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- was the horse of fictional character Don Quixote. 1.
- 2. What is the medical term for the kneecap?
- 3. Actor Ben Kingsley's birthname was
- 4. What is the diameter of the planet Venus?
- 5. The Grimaldis are the family who have ruled Monaco since 1297-T/F?

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# Your Weekly Horoscope

(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Are you frustrated by

the behaviour of someone in your life? Can you

approach them with a

positive resolution? If

not, wait a few days so

Over the next few weeks,

you may feel stuck and

unable to make progress.

What could you learn from this period that

might help you move

Sagittarians often act on

faith when making deci-

sions. However, right

now a more intellectual

approach may be helpful,

especially one that incor-

Information may surface

from your unconscious

that could have an impor-

tant effect on your life.

You may want to ponder

on it for a month or so

Are others putting obsta-

cles in the way of what

you are trying to accom-

plish? You may have to

decide between getting to

a "win-win" solution or

Pisces-born are good at

"building castles in the

air." The next month may

be conducive to building a concrete foundation for

your dreams. How do you

you don't lash out unnecessarily.

Lucky numbers: 7, 23, 29, 31, 45, 48.

forward when it ends? Lucky numbers:

porates data into the process. Lucky

before acting. Lucky numbers: 13, 28,

just proving them wrong. Lucky numbers: 16, 25, 30, 33, 43, 47.

want to proceed? Lucky numbers: 2,

(Feb. 20 - March 20)

numbers: 4, 5, 11, 24, 42, 44

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

CAPRICORN

38, 41, 44, 46.

**AQUARIUS** 

**PISCES** 

23, 25, 29, 36, 45.

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

10, 19, 20, 29, 31, 46.

(Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)

**SAGITTARIUS** 

**SCORPIO** 

ARIES



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**TAURUS** 

You may be enthusiastic and even ambitious about planning your goals for the next six months. However, you might need to let go of an old pattern



Your birthday month presents an opportunity to reset the circumstances of your life. What do you want to accomplish over the next year, and how

do you plan to get there? Lucky numbers: 8, 17, 23, 32, 34, 46. **GEMINI** 

#### (May 22 – June 21)

Geminis have a natural talent for gathering information from the ethereal realm. This is heightened for you now. Be aware of

how you could use this to achieve your goals. Lucky numbers: 15, 17, 19, 24, 26, 43. CANCER

#### (June 22 – July 22)



communicate your needs to others. Lucky numbers: 5, 16, 17, 21, 42, 45. LEO

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

You may feel your selfconfidence challenged during the next month. This could signal that there are changes you may want to consider to

be more successful in the future. Lucky numbers: 9, 13, 19, 20, 28, 40. VIRGO

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



more easily achieve your goals. Lucky numbers: 6, 8, 17, 19, 23, 42.

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

## Did You Know...

**Purring pets:** Petting a purring cat is calming. They purr at a frequency of 25 to 150 Hz (vibrations per second), which is just right to help relieve stress. All felines purr, except lions, tigers, jaguars, and leopards, who roar.

**Early signs:** Before cats arch their backs and hiss, they usually show preliminary signs of fear or irritation. For example, their ears may be pressed flat against their heads and they may whack their tails on the ground.

**Spiral staircase:** A structure in Southern Jutland, Denmark, looks like a 25-metre (82-ft.) tall DNA molecule. Called Marsk Tower, it sits in a marshland. Visitors can take an elevator or climb the winding staircase to the top for views of Wadden Sea National Park.

Lower fat: Lots of people love ice cream, which is fairly high in milk fat. A non-dairy alternative is sorbet, which is



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made from fruit, sugar, and flavourings. Sherbet is similar, except that it contains a small amount of dairy.

Arctic rodents: Collared lemmings are small rodents that live in Arctic and subarctic areas. They don't hibernate, but their thick fur coats keep them warm all winter. They make their burrows out of frozen ridges of snow.

# On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Sincerely. Sincerely who? Sincerely this morning I've been waiting for you to open the door!

Why was the shoe late? It was a little tied up.

Captain: "This boat makes 20 knots an hour." Passenger: "How long does the crew spend untying them?"

How do you make an hourglass run faster? Fill it with quicksand.

Keep skunks, bankers, and politicians at a distance.

### Answers

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