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## Euerybody's Talking

Elderly runner: Most octogenarians have reached an age when they slow down a little. Not so for Barbara Humbert, an 80 -something-year-old great-grandmother who ran 125 kilometres ( 78 mi .) in 24 hours. The elderly woman from Val d'Oise, France, competed in the French Championships in Brive-la-Gaillarde, and she broke the record for her age group. Humbert is not new to running. She started when she was in her 40 s and has run many races over years, including 54 marathons. She usually runs 45 kilometres ( 28 mi.) per week Although she has had a few minor injuries over the years, she managed to maintain her training, which gives her much more flexibility than many women of her age.

Lonely tree: A tree in Thailand has been dubbed the country's "loneliest tree." It grows on a tiny rocky islet called Koh Khai Hua Roh, which is just large enough to hold the tree and four or five people. Tourists can view it off the east coast of the country in Trat Province. A taban tree (Xylocarpus ramphii), this unique specimen can survive in the salt water that surrounds it on all sides. Social media has popularized the site, and many tourists visit to sit in the tree's branches and take photos. All of this traffic has caused damage, so the local administration is taking steps to curb visitors.
Name change: A promotion by a sushi restaurant chain in Taiwan convinced some people to legally change their names to include the word "Salmon." If people were willing to make the change, they were given great deals at the restaurant, such as free, all-you-can-eat sushi dinners for five diners. Many of the takers changed their names back to their original monikers, but government officials were not impressed. They said the promotion wasted employees' time and resources. Taiwan allows people to make up to three legal name changes, so the sushilovers will need to keep a count of their changes so they don't get stuck with a fishy name.
Contemporary art: "Stained Glass Geek" is the nickname that a Dutch artist has given himself. Arjan Boeve boasts an art degree and dabbled in many forms of artistic expression before landing on stained glass as his main medium. But there is a difference between his work and the traditional type of stained glass pieces that beautify churches and homes. His slant is as modern as it gets because he uses pop art as his muse. For example, video game and cartoon characters find their way into his work, and he has done a series on eggs breaking out of their shells. Boeve hopes his work will inspire other glass artists to create contemporary pieces.

## Quoteable Quates

"Who you are surrounded by often determines who you cecome." -Vicky Saunders "For small creatures such as we, the vastness is bearable only through love." -Carl Sagan

## What's Happenirg

Aug 5-7 - Edmonton Heritage Festival Experience the world in a weekend without leaving Edmonton at the world's largest multicultural festival. Sample culinary treats, shop for artwork, and chat with folks from all over the world. Temporarily relocated to the Edmonton Expo Centre.

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2. South Sandwich Trench is in the Atlantic, Pacific, or Indian Ocean? 3. Is Ami du Chambertin a type of cheese or wine?
4. The village of Muff is in Norway, Germany, or Ireland? 5. Is flint corn named for the stone or the city of Flint, Michigan (U.S.)?

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Your Weekly Horroscape

ARIES
(March 20 - April 19)
 purpose, whether large or small.' Over the next two years, there may be and opportunce $y$ to find not to hold yourself back. Lucky TAURUS TAURUS
 Are you in a continued period of obstacles in your
path? Unusual events point you in the right
direction. Be careful of direction. Be careful of you accident prone. Lucky numbers: 9 , GEMINI
(May 21 - June 20) Geminis tend to bring facts to an argument, but day. You haways win the now to incorporate chance emotional appeal into your interactions with others. Lucky numbers: $4,18,25,26,36,48$
CANCER
(June 21 - July 21)

$\qquad$ Change can be hard, essary in this case? If
so now may be a good
time to come time to come up with a next. Lucky numbers: $5,18,24,36$,

July 22 - Aug. 22)
This month the Sun returns was when you were born Look for a new born. tunity that could help you manifest something you are passionate abo

## VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
 Each month you have your current to reset ours. At midweek you
may have a few days to may have a few days to
do so. How might you want to use it? Lucky numbers: 15 , $25,30,36,37,39$.
ucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Aquarius winners with the luckiest number being 12.

## Did You Krou...

Mighty museum: Fossils, bones, footprints, and reproductions of many kinds of dinosaurs are on display at the Museo Del Jurásico (Jurassic Museum) of Asturias, Spain. The building is even shaped like a tridactyl footprint.
Tiny snake: The Barbados threadsnake (Tetracheilostoma carlae) is the world's smallest known snake and actually looks more like a worm. They are about as thick as a piece of spaghetti and live in tropical climates in the Caribbean
Unwanted weed: Check your city's parks and green spaces for a plant called garlic mustard (Alliaria petiolata). Crushing its leaves releases a garlic smell. Young plants are edible, but it is considered an invasive species.
Wrong winner: The 2017 Academy Awards Best Picture was Moonlight. But announcers Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty were handed the wrong envelope. They told the audience that La La Land had won. The embarrassing error was soon corrected.
Keeping the beat: A metronome is a device that makes a sound, often a click, to help musicians keep the beat. A musician can set it to a certain number of beats per second, depending on the speed of the music.

## On the Cighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Freeze. Freeze who? Freeze a jolly good fellow...

A doctor broke his leg auditioning for a play. Luckily, he still made the cast.
Parent: "Why are you staring at that carton of orange juice?" Kid: "Because it says concentrate.
What did the doorknob say to the door? It's your turn.
Optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

## Answers


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