

Expensive date: A man from Shanghai, China, wasn't pleased when he and his girlfriend broke up. So he requested payback for things he helped finance during their relationship, to the tune of approximately \$9,000 (USD). Astonishingly, he presented her with a detailed log of expenditures, requesting payback in part or in full for the items listed. For example, he demanded half the cost of a dinner bill for food they had shared, and the entire amount of a bill for a snack, which his girlfriend reportedly had eaten herself. The man had also helped care for his girlfriend's mother, and he wanted to be paid back for expenses related to that, too.

**Open road:** An ice road open during the winter months connects mainland Estonia to Hiiumaa, an island in the Baltic Sea. The longest ice road in Europe, it is approximately 25 kilometres (15.5 mi.) long. Ice roads have some unusual rules. No one is allowed to wear a seatbelt because if the car breaks through the ice, people have to be able to get out of the vehicle. No vehicles are allowed on an ice road after the sun sets. At all times, drivers must maintain a distance of 250 metres (820 ft.) between their vehicle and the one ahead to minimize the load on one part of the ice. And speed limits are strict.

Sloped field: People who play soccer can get worn out from running around the large field, but that's nothing compared to what the participants of extreme alpine soccer must endure. This game has the same rules as normal soccer, but is played on steep mountain slopes in Austria. In 2014, some soccer-loving locals in the Montafon valley decided to come up with a game that would be more challenging than playing on a flat field. Coinventors Franz Mair and Peppi Knünz knew that players would be able to keep up with the pace in this physically demanding game. Needed attributes? Strong legs and stamina that are common in the Alps.

## **Quoteable Quotes**

"Let go of who you think you're supposed to be; embrace who you are." —Brené Brown

"Happiness lies not in finding what is missing, but in finding what is present." —Tara Brach

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### Trivia

- 1. Is the curled top of violins and cellos a scroll, curlicue, or bow?
- 2. Mafadi Mountain is the highest peak in South Africa-T/F?
- 3. A cubit, chain, or rod spans from elbow to the middle finger's tip?

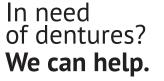
4. Waiting for Godot author was Samuel Beckett, Arthur Miller, or Shakespeare?

5. Are fluffy, cotton ball-shaped clouds cumulus, stratus, or cirrus?

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# Your Weekly Horoscope

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Listen carefully in your

conversations over the

next two months. You

may pick up details about

your current situation

that you could have easily

At midweek your Scorpio

energy may be resonating

strongly with cthers. Be

aware of this and consider

side-stepping those who

may be uncomfortable

Have vou felt discouraged

lately? The end of the

week may provide an

opportunity that allows

you to bounce back from

this feeling and encour-

Have you recently gone

through a difficult stretch?

You may want to shuffle

through these events to

see the pattern. Where

could an adjustment in

Over the next month,

there is the potential to

incorporate more enthu-

siasm and optimism into

your life. How might you

want to take advantage

You may find yourself

going back over old ter-

ritory one more time.

While this might be hard

work, it could allow you

to unearth the key to a

missed, but these can aid you. Lucky

with your ability to read them. Lucky

ages you to do a reset. Lucky numbers:

your viewpoint help you move forward? Lucky numbers: 4, 7, 20, 26, 44, 47.

of this opportunity before it passes? Lucky numbers: 12, 22, 24, 25, 34, 38.

new opportunity. Lucky numbers: 10,

(Feb. 19 - March 19)

numbers: 13, 29, 33, 40, 41, 43.

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)

**SAGITTARIUS** 

2, 4, 5, 10, 42, 48.

**CAPRICORN** 

**AQUARIUS** 

**PISCES** 

14, 19, 25, 26, 31.

(Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

numbers: 15, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27.

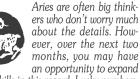
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

**SCORPIO** 

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)



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an opportunity to expand your skills in this regard. Lucky numbers: 5, 11, 18, 28, 35, 44. TAURUS

#### (April 20 – May 20)

Your grounded demeanour may be shaken up at midweek. If you pay attention, you could receive important insights. Otherwise you might have to

just wait it out for a few days. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 17, 29, 31, 34. **GEMINI** 

#### (May 21 - June 20)

Your mind and emotions may be out of sync in the middle of the week. Take some deep breaths. You might find that the situation will pass in a couple

of days. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 15, 16, 17, 45. CANCER

### (June 21 – July 21)



could add a calming ele-ment for you. Lucky numbers: 11, 14, 25, 30, 40, 44. LEO

#### (July 22 - Aug. 22)

We are in a brief period of strong Leo energy. How do you want to take advantage of it to accomplish what is important to you, while not alienating

#### 37, 41. VIRGO

#### (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Your attention to detail may be strengthened over

with the luckiest number being 37.

## Did You Know...

**Big bear:** In Dunbar, Scotland, which is on the coast of the North Sea not far from Edinburgh, is DunBear, a steel statue made by sculptor Andy Scott. In the shape of a bear, it honours Dunbar-born naturalist John Muir.

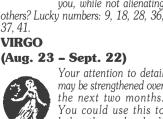
**Crazy cake:** Flying Monkey Bakery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (U.S.), invented the two-layer pumpple cake. On bottom is a chocolate cake with a pumpkin pie inside, and on top, a vanilla cake hides an apple pie.

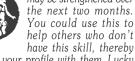
Furious winds: A storm is considered a hurricane when its sustained winds reach 74 miles (119 km) per hour or more. The Saffir-Simpson Wind Scales rates them Category 1 through Category 5. Category 5 is the most dangerous.

Colourful eggs: A chicken egg's colour depends on two main pigments deposited on the shell as it forms: protoporphyrin (brown) and oocyanin (blue). Various coloured eggs, like green,









raising your profile with them. Lucky numbers: 6, 9, 12, 15, 27, 30.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Leo winners

have combined pigments.

Weird curiosities: Ripley's Believe It or Not Odditorium in Niagara Falls, Ontario (Canada), holds a host of bizarre curiosities, artifacts, and memorabilia. Examples include wax figures, dinosaur eggs, and holograms.

# On the Lighter Side

We hired a tree trimmer who did a great job. He should take a bough!

Teacher: "What does it mean when the smoke alarm goes off?"

Student: "In my house, it means dinner is ready."

What is a computer's favourite part of art class? The cutting and pasting.

Two mind readers met in the street. One said, "Hello, you're fine. How am I?"

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Weirdo. Weirdo who? Weirdo deer and antelope play?

### Answers

Beckett 5. Cumulus Trivia answers: 1. Scroll 2. True 3. Cubit 4. Samuel

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