





# Everybody's Talking

Goat story: A pesky little bylaw that prevents farm animals from being kept in town isn't stopping Albert and Yoka Hoogendoorn from housing a goat on their property in Ingersoll, Ontario. The goat, named Bob, is getting elderly and is part of the Hoogendoorn family. When the couple moved into town from their farm, they brought Bob with them. Albert wanted to give their horned pet a nice home, so he built Bob a shed in the back yard, complete with heat and a salt slick. The neighbours get a kick out of seeing Albert and Yoka take Bob for walks. So far no one has complained to the authorities, so the bylaw has not been an issue.

Small town: There are small towns, and then there are really small towns. One such place is Hum, Istria, Croatia, a tiny, hilltop collection of medieval residences that is thought to be the smallest town in the world. At least that's what locals are using as a claim to fame. The population of Hum is somewhere between 20 and 30. It has two streets, a bell tower, a church, and a restaurant. The view is fantastic and the serenity palatable. Brick housing sits along cobblestone streets decorated with colourful flower pots. Busy in the tourist season, Hum is a tranquil place for townsfolk to live when things quiet down for the winter.

Bugging the police: A Japanese man had a few things he wanted to say to staff members at the Saitama Prefectural Police department. In fact, when someone answered the phone, the 67vear-old man velled that they should all be fired, amongst otherthings. He did so 2,060 times in a nine-day period. The calls, which averaged about one every six minutes, were taking up so much of the police department's time that something had to be done. Police went to his home and arrested him for preventing them from doing their jobs. His persistent phoning could have interfered with emergency calls to which police needed to respond.

Two owners: An uninhabited island in the Bidasoa River, which flows between Irun, Spain, and Hendaye, France, is quite small. Only about 200 metres (656 ft.) long, it's a sliver in the river, a few metres from the mainland of each country. Called Pheasant Island, it has a unique ownership: for six months a year, it is ruled by Spain, and for the other six months, it is ruled by France. Centuries ago, the countries struck the deal to end a long war. To honour the agreement, a monument was built in the middle of the island. Today, only a few visitors are allowed there and only for rare occasions, such as the change-of-ownership ceremony twice a year.

## **Ouoteable Ouotes**

"Knowledge rests not upon truth alone, but upon error also." ~ Carl Jung

"If I waited for perfection, I would never write a word." ~ Margaret Atwood

# What's Happening

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### Trivia

- 1. "A ring around the Sun or Moon" means what is coming soon?
- 2. Did Betty Crocker or Ruth Wakefield invent the chocolate chip cookie?
- 3. What is considered the national sport of China?
- 4. The English Horn is a brass or woodwind instrument?
- 5. Who is considered the "father" of the helicopter?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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# Your Weekly Horoscope

LIBRA

32, 35. **SCORPIO** 

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

SAGITTARIUS

21, 30, 36, 39.

**CAPRICORN** 

**AQUARIUS** 

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

(Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

numbers: 9, 13, 24, 30, 47, 48.

Human evolution is an

many Aquarians. Some-

times this may feel like

important theme for

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)

#### ARIES

(March 20 – April 19) You may be determined now to break through an old issue that is an obstacle to your current

progress. Perhaps you should consider graciously asking others to to take stock and plan new goals. assist you. Lucky numbers: 2, 8, 14, 23, 40, 45.

#### **TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20)

Taurus is often cautious in taking risks, especially if it requires trusting others. There is

a potential now to make an adjustment in your ability to discern whom to trust. Lucky numbers: 10, 11, 16, 18, 30, 41. GEMINI

#### (May 21 - June 20)

At midweek, you may find yourself in a quandary of opposing possibilities. Be aware of jumping impulsively into action, and consider postponing any important decisions for a few days. Lucky numbers: 6, 11, 21, 36, 39, 45. CANCER

#### (June 21 – July 21)

Late this week you may be emotionally spinning over whatever insecurities you feel about yourself.

Can you gain any insight about these feelings before this period of several days passes? Lucky numbers: 4, 12, 14, 15, 34, 40. LEO

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

Leo's strong, sunny energy sometimes exhibits a child-like demeanour that can be

too self-focused. This month you may have an opportunity to equally focus on the needs of others. Lucky numbers: 8, 17, 23, 33, 40, 44. VIRGO

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

Leadership needs a balance of results and relationships. Virgos often focus more on

results. There may be an opportunity stalemate for you. How can you this month to improve your balance of these two elements. Lucky numbers: 7, 28, 32, 35, 36, 43.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Sagittarius winners, with the luckiest number being 7.

### Did You Know...

Movie mania: The first full-length animated film to grace the world was not, as one might expect, something from the Disney studio. Rather, it was called *El Apóstol* and was made by an Argentinian named Quirino Cristiani in 1917.

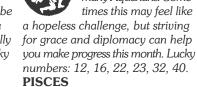
No big signs: Landscapes around the world are cluttered with billboards. In 1927, before it was a state, Hawaii passed a law prohibiting them. Later, the states of Vermont, Maine, and Alaska followed suit.

Lots of fun: Near Copenhagen, Denmark, is a place where people have been having fun for centuries. Called Bakken, or officially Dyrehavsbakken, it is the oldest amusement park in the world. It has been around since 1583.

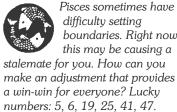








## (Feb. 19 - March 19)



boundaries. Right now this may be causing a

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**Carrot tops:** If you have carrots from the garden or a farm, don't throw away the greens. They can be chopped, ground, and pureed into marinades, soups, stews, and stocks, among other foods.

Don't touch! An octopus that lives around coral reefs, from Japan to Australia, is called the blue-ringed octopus. With yellow skin with distinct blue and black circles, they are extremely poisonous.

## On the Lighter Side

Your fingers are a lot like the hardware store. They've both got a lot of nails.

First sheep: "Moo."

Second sheep: "Why did you say 'moo'?"

First sheep: "I'm learning a foreign language."

I used to work as a hairdresser, but I just wasn't cut out for it.

Silence is sometimes the best answer.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Scold. Scold who? It's scold out there!



3. Table tennis 4. Woodwind 5. Igor Sikorsky Trivia answers: J. Rain or snow Z. Ruth Wakefield

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