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Everybody's Talking

Tilted building: Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa isn't the only building in the world that looks like it might fall over at any minute. Taiwan's Chiayi County is home to the Taihe Zhenxing Palace, which is tipped at an angle of approximately 45 degrees. This structure was not built that way. Rather, in 2009, a strong typhoon caused rainfall and mudslides that moved the building downhill, many metres from its original spot. The structure is still intact, but its crazy angle is something to see. The palace is situated in an out-of-the-way location, but that doesn't stop tourists from coming to take pictures of the curious sight

Acorn stash: A woodpecker in Santa Rosa, California (U.S.), was planning ahead. The bird had pecked many holes in the siding of a family's home and deposited hundreds of acorns into each one. The family knew they had a big problem when they noticed the holes, so they asked Nick's Extreme Pest Control to come to the rescue. When company owner Nick Castro cut into an interior wall, piles upon piles of acorns came tumbling out. In the end, Castro estimated that he cleared out 700 pounds of the nuts. The family ended up re-siding their home, and Woody the Woodpecker had to find a new place to stash its stockpile.

Bummer of a hum: The village of Holmfild, in West Yorkshire, England, is troubled by a mysterious sound, dubbed the Holmfild Hum. Not all residents can hear it, but for those who can, it's quite annoying because it affects their sleep and quality of life. The noise is apparently low frequency and can be compared to the sound of a washing machine or a diesel truck that has been left idling. Authorities in the village have hired experts to find out the cause, but so far, no luck. Of course they'll keep trying, but possibly some residents can hear the rumblings from industry in the area, and others do not.

Long train: What better way to celebrate a country's 175 years of rail travel than to drive the longest passenger train in the world through the Swiss Alps? That is what Rhaetische Bahn railway accomplished when it put 100 passenger cars together to make a train that measured 1.9 kilometres (1.2 mi.) long. The train took a 25-kilometre (15.5-mi.) journey through a terrain of sharp turns with many ups and downs, 22 tunnels, and 48 bridges. It went from Preda to Bergun in the eastern part of Switzerland. The feat involved seven drivers who had the skill to coordinate, with perfect synchronization, both acceleration and breaking. Luckily, they completed the trip with perfection.

Quoteable Quotes

"The best way out is always through."
—Robert Frost

"Being stylish is about enjoying your life and expressing yourself and your inner light."
—Tori Amos

What's Happening

Oct 12 - Little Warriors Prevent It Workshop This workshop is an interactive workshop designed to educate adults to help prevent and respond to child sexual abuse through improving attitudes, knowledge and behaviour of workshop participants. For more info email fcss@leduc.ca

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Trivia

1. This condition means having extra fingers or toes.
2. The Beatles's debut single was released in 1960, 1962, or 1964?
3. In England, how do you address someone who has been knighted?
4. Did the popular dish veal scaloppini originate in Germany or Italy?
5. An indigo bunting is a baby blanket, small bird, or bucket to dye cloth?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES
(March 20 - April 19)

Have you navigated your demons that are rooted in old trauma? If so, perhaps telling your story to others could help them now. Your journey might inspire them. Lucky numbers: 1, 12, 13, 16, 17, 31.

TAURUS
(April 20 - May 20)

Taurus-born often emulate the sign's glyph of a bull, pushing alone through obstacles to achieve success. This week you may have an opportunity to talk to others and ask for assistance. Lucky numbers: 12, 14, 18, 28, 32, 35.

GEMINI
(May 21 - June 20)

The Gemini communication style more often has its source in your mind rather than your emotions. This week may offer an opportunity to connect with more feelings than usual. Lucky numbers: 13, 18, 25, 29, 41, 42.

CANCER
(June 21 - July 21)

You may feel conflicted this week about what you want or need. You might want to take time to analyze it, but wait a few days to make any life changes. Lucky numbers: 1, 8, 19, 36, 42, 43.

LEO
(July 22 - Aug. 22)

You may find a sense of peace and harmony within yourself at midweek. This might only last a few days. Consider how to take advantage of it to initiate positive change. Lucky numbers: 1, 15, 18, 27, 33, 36.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Early this week may be a good time to capitalize on your ability to refine the details of a situation. Just be careful to not be too picky when talking to others. Lucky numbers: 9, 13, 39, 44, 45, 47.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Do you have a long-term goal you want to achieve? This week may be a good time to start planning objectives for the next six months to a year. Lucky numbers: 9, 15, 25, 28, 41, 45.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

For the next six weeks, you may experience increased energy and ambition. This may help you achieve what you want. Just be careful of coming into conflict with others. Lucky numbers: 3, 10, 22, 34, 41, 48.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)

The natural optimism of Sagittarius may be heightened for you at midweek. This might be a good time to achieve a small goal or one part of a larger goal. Lucky numbers: 6, 13, 27, 35, 36, 40.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Pluto has been in Capricorn since 2008, and another year will pass before it fully moves away. What would you like to keep from this period and what will you let go? Lucky numbers: 8, 9, 15, 17, 42, 46.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Aquarians sometimes come across as emotionally cold. There is the potential at midweek to add more charm to your demeanour. How could you keep this quality going forward? Lucky numbers: 1, 11, 15, 25, 39, 41.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 - March 19)

The challenge for Pisces over the next two years is how to build a structure for your ideals. It may be a good time to create a plan for implementation next year. Lucky numbers: 7, 8, 10, 21, 25, 42.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Sagittarius winners with the luckiest number being 27.

Did You Know...

Strange call: The American bittern, a kind of heron, is hard to find in the reeds but is easy to hear. Its call has an odd, booming and gulping quality that is said to sound like "pump-er-lunk."

Good trousers: Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis invented blue jeans, now a favourite wardrobe item, in 1873. Made of denim and sporting riveted pockets, the first blue jeans were durable trousers for labourers to wear when working.

Wanted doll: In the 1930s, little girls yearned to get a Shirley Temple doll as a gift. The doll was fashioned after the child star of the same name and was complete with curly hair and dimples.

Climbing high: The highest North American mountain is Denali, formerly Mt. McKinley, in Alaska (U.S.). Mountaineers Walter Harper, Harry Karstens, Hudson Stuck, and Robert Tatum made the first recorded summit, June 7, 1913.

Special teacher: Helen Keller, who was both deaf and blind, was 6 years old in 1887 when she met her teacher, Anne Sullivan. Sullivan taught her skills that led to Keller graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer.

On the Lighter Side

My friend gave me a tonne of clay. I don't know what to make of it.

The fishing company had a very catchy slogan: "Yes, We Can!"

What's the hardest working part of your eye? The pupil.

Bob: "Want to see the world's fastest magic trick?"

Rob: "Go on."

Bob: "Want to see it again?"

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Aldo. Aldo who? Aldo anywhere with you!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Polydactyly 2. 1962 3. Sir or Dame 4. Italy 5. Small bird

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