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Everybody's Talking

Salty place: Anyone who wants to fill a salt shaker, and happens to be near eastern Germany, need look no further than Monte Kali. This mountain of salt, located near the town of Heringen, contains enough of the condiment to fill an infinite number of shakers. The landmark towers over the area and can be seen for miles. The salt started accumulating in the 1970s when potash mining companies needed a place to store sodium chloride, which is a byproduct of the industry. The mountain has become a tourist attraction, with some people even daring to climb to the top of the pile to see the view of the region.

Mistaken identity: A Colombian man named Rene Martínez Gutierrez has had his share of trouble, all because of his name. He shares his handle with a notorious criminal from Peru, and the situation has caused him to be arrested and thrown in prison on three occasions since 2010. Each time, this loving husband and father who does not have a criminal record, was detained by authorities because of the mistaken identity. The first time it happened, he was jailed for eight days and the second time for two months. He is now fighting a third detention, hoping that his identity will be cleared, once and for all.

No time: Most bank robbers try to grab the loot and run before the cops arrive. Not so for a thief in Salt Lake City, Utah (U.S.), who waited somewhat impatiently for police to arrive and take him to jail. Donald Santacrocce, a sexagenarian, approached a local bank teller and slid her a note asking for \$1. The note even said "please" and "thank you." He told the teller to call the police, and then he took a seat and waited. Santacrocce was eventually arrested, but he did not get his wish to go to federal prison. Instead, he spent a short stint in the county jail. Apparently, the cops didn't take him too seriously!

Jockeyless winner: In the horse racing industry, when a jockey falls off, the horse is disqualified from the race. But when a jockey fell off a horse during the Tokay Stakes 2023 race in Nagoya, Japan, the horse went on to finish first! The horse's name is Vanyar, and the unfortunate jockey lost his balance and went flying at the beginning of the race. Instead of Vanyar simply wandering off the course, as jockeyless horses usually do, the determined animal continued on, keeping perfect pace with the others, and speeding up near the end. Although Vanyar's "win" was not legitimate, he earned praises from onlookers for his prowess.

Quoteable Quotes

"In the past, people were born royal. Nowadays, royalty comes from what you do."
—Gianni Versace

"There is no charm equal to tenderness of heart."
—Jane Austen

What's Happening

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Trivia

1. The eighth planet from the Sun is Jupiter, Neptune, or Saturn?
2. In music, time signature is a fraction-like number showing what?
3. Make a _____ viewer from cardboard to look at a solar eclipse
4. Who wrote The Tale of Peter Rabbit?
5. A cuttlefish has one, two, or three hearts?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)

This week you may find yourself digging in your heels and not budging on what you want. Can you adjust your view of the situation to create a solution? Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 4, 30, 37, 45.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Look below the surface of a situation in your life. If you can see the truth of it, an opportunity may emerge for you to make progress about it. Lucky numbers: 2, 15, 16, 29, 30, 34.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

The beginning of the week may be a good time to gather information for making a decision. If you end up with too many options, wait a few days before acting. Lucky numbers: 11, 13, 17, 35, 40, 43.

CANCER (June 21 - July 21)

The Cancer-born often like to focus their endeavours on those in their immediate circle. Now may be a good time to see where your broader community has a need. Lucky numbers: 12, 16, 17, 19, 30, 42.

LEO (July 22 - Aug. 22)

For a few days at the end of the week, you may have an opportunity for an emotional reset. Perhaps you can direct your natural enthusiasm and energy to accomplish a goal. Lucky numbers: 4, 13, 23, 40, 41, 43.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Virgos often like to maintain the stability of their current situation. Over the next year, the Universe may encourage you to let go of what is no longer serving you. Lucky numbers: 3, 8, 29, 37, 38, 44.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Sometimes Libras readily take people and situations at face value, in order to avoid conflict. If you look deeper now, an opportunity may be revealed to positively address this dynamic. Lucky numbers: 6, 20, 27, 41, 45, 46.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Are you passionate about your goals? This may be a good week to take a step toward achieving one. Perhaps reach out to others who share your values and ask for assistance. Lucky numbers: 2, 15, 21, 33, 36, 47.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 20)

Exuberance and optimism are Sagittarius strengths. But sometimes examining hard truths is necessary to successfully move forward. Does this apply to you now? Lucky numbers: 5, 11, 16, 31, 37, 40.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)

Capricorn is ruled by Saturn, known as the "taskmaster" planet. However, at the beginning of the week, being more nurturing to yourself and others may be helpful. Lucky numbers: 1, 3, 8, 19, 31, 47.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Your heart and mind may not be on the same page at the end of the week. You might want to take a time-out for a few days. Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 11, 14, 45, 46.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 19)

At midweek, you may be seeking greater emotional connections in your relationships with others. Be careful that your expectations are realistic and you see things clearly. Lucky numbers: 1, 3, 10, 15, 27, 35.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Scorpio winners with the luckiest number being 33.

Did You Know...

Soft drink saga: American Charles Leiper Grigg invented the lemon- and lime-flavoured 7UP in 1929. Its original name was Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda.

Versatile writer: Celebrated American author and Nobel Prize winner Ernest Hemingway wrote many novels and short stories. He served in World War I and was a correspondent and journalist in World War II.

Stolen and recovered: "The Scream," a famous painting created in 1893 by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch, was stolen from the National Gallery in Oslo in 1994. Luckily, police were able to recover it a few months later.

Teeny weeny bikini: Not always popular in the world of bathing suit fashion, bikinis were first revealed in 1946. French designer Louis Réard had trouble finding a model to show off his midriff-baring creation.

Ravenous raptor: The golden eagle is known for its hunting skills, always on the lookout for small prey like rabbits and foxes. However, it will attack larger mammals, such as coyotes, to protect its young.

On the Lighter Side

Patient: "Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a dog."
 Doctor: "Lie on the couch. I'll see what I can do."
 Patient: "I'm not allowed on the couch."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Turtle. Turtle who? Turtle-loo!

What is at the end of a rainbow? The letter W.

The outdoor store had a big paddle sale. It was quite the oar deal.

My mechanic said, "I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Neptune 2. Beats per measure 3. Pinhole 4. Beatrice Potter 5. Three

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