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# Everybody's Talking

Trapped raccoon: It was a different kind of emergency, with staff from both the humane society and the fire department in Guelph, Ontario, coming to the rescue. When a delivery driver discovered a raccoon stuck in a sewer grate, he called the humane society. They responded and realized they'd need the help of the city's fire department. Personnel worked together to extricate the animal. This wasn't easy because the raccoons fur was covered in ice due to the extreme cold temperatures that day, and the animal was trapped head first, with three-quarters of its body below the sewer grate. After some care by the humane society, the raccoon recovered and was released into the wild.

Big building: An enormous, modern castle, built to look like a medieval gem, is the source of mystery in Poland. Called Stobnica Castle, it is located in the Notecka Forest nature reserve in the western part of the country. Building started in 2015, and in 2018 people started wondering what it was all about. No one knew who owned it or if they acquired a building permit. The reserve is protected by the European Union's Natura 2000 network. Since then, court battles ensued, along with revoked permits and arrests of individuals involved. But construction continued and the mystery remains. The huge building apparently is intended to be a private residence, with 14 floors and a 70-metre (230-ft.) tower.

Convenient boogie: There is a big red button located in the washrooms of a chain of convenience stores in the U.S. state of Kentucky that has people dancing up a storm. It seems that the button transforms the bathroom into a disco dance party room. The big red buttons can be found inside Hop Shops and, when pushed, they activate coloured lights, a disco ball, and music. Presto, the room becomes a miniature dance club! The company began with just one disco bathroom, but they were such a hit that now six Hop Shop locations in the north part of the state feature them, attracting disco dancers from far and wide.

### Quoteable Quotes

"Keep true to the dreams of thy youth." ~ Friedrich Schiller "The value of life lies not in the length of days, but in the use we make of them." ~ Michel de Montaigne

## What's Happening

Non profit organizations and charities - promote your upcoming event here free of charge! Complete our event submission page at www.centralalbertacoffeenews.com. Please provide three to four weeks' notice.

Pitch-In Week is just around the corner, from April 29 to May 5.Let's rally for a communal cleanup on April 30 from 2 to 2:20 p.m. - Connect with a neighbour and take part in the 20**minute Makeover**. Dial 403.782.1284 to sign up your squad. Remember, a team of five or more could snag a prize! Call to register your group for a park cleanup and enter the prize draw. Visit www.lacombe.ca/pitchin for details, or reach out to Tracey at tverhoeven@lacombe.ca. Sign up now – prizes await!



#### Trivia

- 1. Which is not considered a Balkan State Macedonia, Austria, or Serbia?
- 2. In what city is Capitoline Hill?
- 3. Algae blooms give this sea its name.
- 4. The spice saffron is harvested from the tulip, lily, or crocus
- 5. About 1.3 million Earths could fit into the Sun T/F?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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Smart birds: Scientists already knew that birds can be pretty ingenious. Now researchers in the Netherlands have found that corvids and magpies sometimes take materials that humans manufacture to keep feathered creatures away, and instead use the items to build nests. Called "evil architecture" by urban designers, structures like metal anti-bird spikes are designed and intended to repel birds from nesting on roofs. But some birds have outsmarted the designers. Instead of staying away, the birds are snatching the spikes and pointing them inward to form lattices for their nests. Magpies are known to build roofs over their nests, too, using things like spiky branches. The birds may even be using these human inventions to deter other birds.



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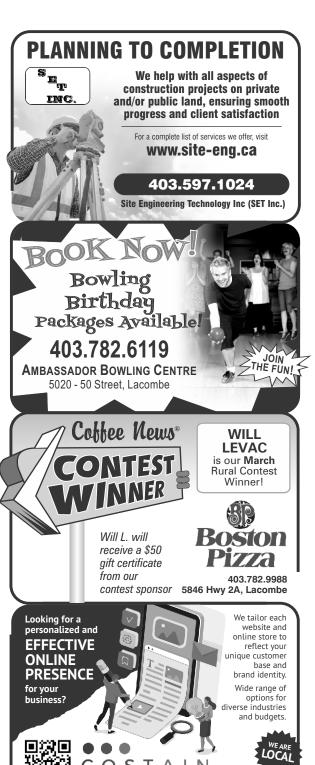
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# Your Weekly Horoscope

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

may be a revelation, as Libras

often prioritize the needs of

others over their own. Lucky

numbers: 2, 8, 10, 12, 14, 45.

if this could be because your

values might not be in alignment

with those of your partner. Lucky

numbers: 6, 10, 12, 19, 28, 29.

may be a good week to ask for

help from those who share your

values. Lucky numbers: 5, 7, 8,

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

**SAGITTARIUS** 

11, 19, 40. **CAPRICORN** 

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

23, 32, 34, 42, 46.

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

**AQUARIUS** 

**SCORPIO** 

For the next few

weeks, getting your

needs met might be

a strong desire. This

Over the next few

weeks, you may

encounter a relation-

ship issue. Explore

Are you working on

a project that could

use some assistance

You may be tempted

weeks to dig in your

over the next few

heels with others

You may experience

a conflict this week

with your relation-

ship or finances.

This situation might reflect an

to be addressed. Lucky

issue in your psyche that needs

numbers: 1, 2, 11, 14, 15, 41.

about a goal. Are there common

values to build a win-win solution

with them? Lucky numbers: 20.

from others? This

(March 20 - April 19)



For the next month, you may have the potential to be running on all cylinders, eager to get

things done. If your efforts serve a higher purpose, all the better. Lucky numbers: 10, 32, 34, 37,

#### **TAURUS**

(April 20 - May 20)



Love, joy, and creativity could be your key words for the next few weeks. What might you

want to manifest in this regard, and how could you accomplish it? Luckv numbers: 18, 22, 31, 39, 45, 46.

#### **GEMINI**

(May 21 - June 20)



Your self-confidence may receive a boost over the next few weeks. Before this

dynamic passes, how might you use the energy to overcome current obstacles? Lucky numbers: 13, 20, 22, 30, 33, 41.

#### **CANCER**

(June 21 - July 22)



For about the next six weeks, be careful of taking impulsive actions that may

substantially increase the risks of a major mistake or accident. Look before you leap! Lucky numbers: 4, 8, 9, 31, 38, 47.

### **LEO**

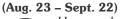
(July 23 - Aug. 22)



You may feel somber or subdued early this week. While this dynamic might fade in

a few days, do these emotions indicate something you need to face now? Lucky numbers: 9, 16, 17, 20, 23, 26.

#### **VIRGO**





Have you been living in a fog for the past month? This pattern may be starting to

disperse, but you might feel another burst of it during the middle of this week. Lucky numbers: 3, 8, 20, 32, 37, 42.

### **PISCES**



(Feb. 19 - March 20) The beginning of the week may offer a brief window for an opportunity to

advance your higher ideals. Don't let your fears discourage or hold you back now. Lucky numbers: 7, 12, 15, 17, 27, 43.

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

### Did You Know...

Older and heavier: Research on aging in America shows older folks are becoming overweight. A study by the National Center for Health Statistics found that 40% of all Americans between ages 65 and 74 are overweight.

**Wooded land:** Getting lost in the woods can be a bit too easy, and especially so in Canada. The North American country boasts almost 10% of the world's total forest cover. What a lot of trees!

**American money:** In the U.S., paper currency is comprised of up to 75% cotton and 25% linen. The cotton, and especially the linen, increases the durability, flexibility, and distinctive look and feel of the bills.

What's the difference? Alpacas and llamas are two very similar creatures, but alpacas are considerably smaller than llamas and were bred specifically for their fibre. Alpaca fibre is used to make a wide range of knitted items.

Pickle power: Who knows what power pickles hold? Julius Caesar and other Roman emperors must have thought they held a lot, because they fed pickles to their legions, believing the crunchy food increased their strength.

## On the Lighter Side

Why didn't the monocles get together? They didn't want to cause a spectacle.

I'm competing in the stair climbing competition. Guess I better step up my game.

Hear about the King Arthur stamp? It's for over knight delivery.

Bell: "Are you a toe dancer?"

Bill: "Why, no."

Bell: "Then please get off my toes!"

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Radio. Radio who? Radio or not, here I come!

4. Crocus 5. True

Trivia answers: 1. Austria 2. Rome 3. Red Sea

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