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Everybody's Talking

Impolite parrots: Most of us are brought up being told to "mind our manners." Somehow, a flock of eight parrots at Lincolnshire Wildlife Park in eastern England did not get the message. Or, they got the message but refused to listen, and continued to flaunt their "fowl" speech. Park officials had attempted to curb the African grays' behaviour with reprimands like time outs. But to no avail. Now, instead of trying to keep the offending parrots away from the well-behaved ones, park employees have decided to try a new experiment: move the naughty parrots in with the 92 polite parrots in the hopes they will pick up better manners from their feathered peers. Time will tell.

Alpine office: Hold on to your office chairs! A Chinese advertising agency is being accused of taking "remote work" to a new level by literally relocating its entire operation from a city business district to a remote mountain area. Former employees are crying foul play, alleging that the relocation was a plot to make them voluntarily pack up their desks so the company could avoid layoffs and compensation. In what can only be described as an uphill battle, the agency's move made the daily commute a two-hour trek, each way, especially challenging for those without a personal car. Now, that's taking "remote" work to new heights!

Bite and run: Residents of the small town of Vastogirardi, in the Molise region of Italy, could not figure out why they often would go out to their cars only to discover their tires had been slashed. The residents of the peaceful little village were scratching their heads and beginning to fear there was evil intent behind the strange and consistent vandalism. Finally, cameras were set up and undercover patrols assigned to the case. They quickly discovered the culprit: a dog with a very sore set of teeth. Apparently the canine suffered from gingivitis and was biting into the tires to relieve the pain.

Bad example: Marathon runners are not likely to be chain smokers. The two habits simply don't go together. But for a 52year-old Chinese marathon runner known as Uncle Chen, now dubbed Smoking Brother, lighting up before the race and even chain smoking during the race was common. He recently ran the Xiamen Marathon in Beijing and did it in three hours and 33 minutes. However, officials made the decision to issue him a twoyear ban from their races, and voided his time and ranking from the event because smoking while on the track was considered to be a punishable behaviour due to its impact on the other 1,500 runners.

Quoteable Quotes

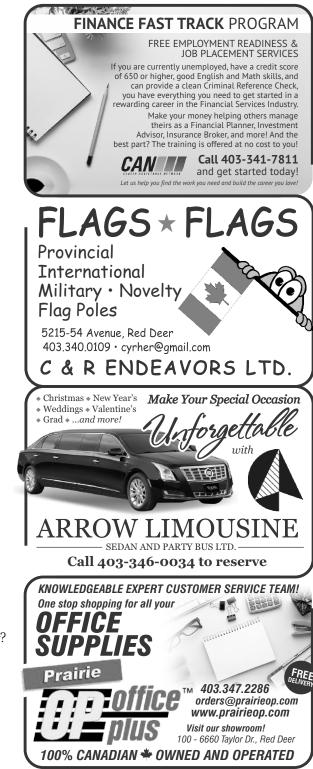
"Write your sad times in sand, write your good times in stone." ~ George Bernard Shaw "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

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.

The Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery (MAG)'s Spring 2024 season of Reel Movie Mondays will open with The Peasants on April 8 starting 6:30 p.m. at Carnival Cinemas. The Peasants is a cinematic pageant about a 19th century Polish village, where a beautiful maiden marries a widowed landowner while nursing a burning love for his son. For more information on films screening as part of Reel Movie Mondays or to purchase tickets, please visit reddeermuseum.com/rmm/.





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Reviews!



Irivia

- 1. In A Christmas Carol, who was Jacob Marley's business partner?
- 2. Which British TV show featured John Cleese as a hotel owner?
- 3. Joseph Glidden invented the first successful paper clip, remote control, or barbed wire?
- 4. Keflavik is the largest airport in what country?
- 5. What body of water washes upon the western shore of Australia?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

LIBRA

SCORPIO

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Libras tend to

If this applies to you, midweek

negotiate what you need. Lucky

may offer an opportunity to

numbers: 3, 5, 6, 10, 38, 43.

about a problem? How might

your viewpoint be adjusted to

numbers: 2, 8, 12, 27, 28, 48.

this week. Are your prior beliefs

numbers: 16, 20, 23, 27, 33, 39.

still valid or do you need to

reconsider them? Lucky

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

CAPRICORN

facilitate a solution? Luckv

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

prioritize good relations with others

over their own desires.

Are obstacles prevent-

ing you from getting

on the same page

with someone else

A solid set of beliefs

is often important for Sagittarians. You

might be challenged

Your heart and mind

may be out of sync

Humanitarianism can

be an important life

theme for Aquarians,

In the last few weeks,

have you been

implementing

opportunities that

though your

approach may be detached. Now

maybe you can add some fire to

jump start your endeavours. Lucky

numbers: 12, 13, 15, 16, 39, 43.

(Feb. 19 - March 20)

manifest your ideals into the

world? What steps might you take

before this energy passes? Lucky

at the end of the

week. To create

balance, you might want to lean

into more emotional expression

at this time. Lucky numbers:

10, 14, 31, 34, 42, 43.

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

AQUARIUS

PISCES

ARIES (March 20 – April 19)

Be careful, especially at midweek, of impulsively speaking or taking

action without first thinking it through. If you can't stop yourself, be sure to have a plan B. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 9, 32, 38, 40.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

This week may offer a sudden insight about potential opportunities. Carefully consider the

pros and cons. If something feels right to you, perhaps proceed with it. Lucky numbers: 8, 15, 23, 30, 38, 48. **GEMINI**

(May 21 - June 20)

At midweek, your mind may be running at breakneck speed. Take a deep breath and wait. Any important insight you receive should still be there in a few days.

Lucky numbers: 7, 22, 31, 32, 35, 46.

CANCER (June 21 – July 22)

Your emotions may be particularly volatile at week's end. Be careful 211 about saying something

that you can't retract. Perhaps postpone that conversation for a few days. Lucky numbers: 5, 6, 10, 25, 39, 45. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 22)

temporary energy help you accomplish something new for yourself and others? Lucky numbers: 6, 10, 12, 26, 35, 41. VIRGO

Are you feeling

you can't find a win-win outcome, you may want to wait a few days to proceed. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 7.11.26.32.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Leo winners, with the luckiest number being 35.

Did You Know...

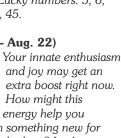
Toothache troubles: If you lived in Germany during the Middle Ages, you might have been one of the many people who believed that kissing a donkey would take away toothache pain. If the donkey kicked, that could be a different matter!

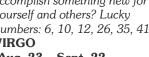
Scrumptious meal: Pork pies are a staple of British cuisine. The dense pastry is filled with minced pork belly or shoulder that is seasoned with nutmeg, salt, and pepper. Savoury jelly is added after cooking.

Sleeping patterns: Most people try to get eight hours of shuteye every night. Famous painter Leonardo Da Vinci, like many other geniuses, favoured a 20-minute power nap every four hours. That's not much sleep!









(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

frustrated and in opposition to something or someone? If

numbers: 9, 16, 18, 20, 28, 32.

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Windshields
 Mirrors

Residential Windows

Commercial Storefronts

Window Tinting
 Shower Doors

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BUSINESS

OF THE YEAR



Unique license plates: For many years in Nunavut, a territory in Canada's far north, drivers had unique license plates on their vehicles. Most plates are rectangular. But until 2012, Nunavut license plates were shaped like a polar bear.

Main course: Lots of people enjoy dining on chicken cordon bleu, that delicious combination of chicken, ham, and cheese that is breaded then fried or baked. The dish's origins are in Switzerland.

On the Lighter Side

A couple went to a party dressed as a barcode. They decided they were an item.

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Zany. Zany who? Does Zany body have carrots? I'm hungry.

What sort of shoes does Winnie-the-Pooh wear? None, he has bear feet.

What's yellow and swings through the jungle smelling of almonds? Tarzipan.

Answers

3. Barbed wire 4. Iceland 5. Indian Ocean Trivia answers: 1. Edenezer Scrooge 2. Faulty Towers

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