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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 52-year-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

Apr 20 - Free Clothing Exchange Join us on Saturday 10:30 am-12:30 pm at Sherwood Park Alliance Church gym. Everyone is welcome. It is not necessary to contribute in order to receive. Drop off donations at the South gym after 4 pm on April 19 until 11 am on April 20. Info: 780 467-8404.

May 3 - Recording Artist Travis Dolter A Community Event Connecting People, with a little bit of Country and a whole lotta fun. Recording Artist Travis Dolter will be performing at Broadmoor Golf Course. Fridav May 3, 2024. Doors Open 6:30pm. \$5 For Tickets Call 780-449-0494

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Trivia

- 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 paperclip, 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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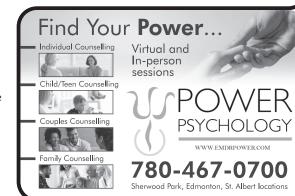
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Your Weekly Horoscope

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

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2, 8, 12, 27, 28, 48,

SAGITTARIUS

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

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

CAPRICORN

34, 42, 43.

AQUARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

SCORPIO

Libras tend to prioritize good relations with

others over their own

desires. If this applies to vou, midweek may offer

an opportunity to nego-

Are obstacles preventing

you from getting on the

same page with someone

else about a problem?

How might your view-

point be adjusted to

A solid set of beliefs

is often important for

Sagittarians. You might

be challenged this week.

Are your prior beliefs

still valid or do you need

Your heart and mind

may be out of sync at

the end of the week. To

create balance, you might

want to lean into more

emotional expression at

Humanitarianism can be

tiate what you need. Lucky numbers:

facilitate a solution? Lucky numbers:

to reconsider them? Lucky numbers:

this time. Lucky numbers: 10, 14, 31,

(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 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)



Your innate enthusiasm and joy may get an extra boost right now. How might this temporary energy help you accomplish something new for

yourself and others? Lucky numbers: 6, 10, 12, 26, 35, 41.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22



Are you feeling frustrated and in opposition to something or someone? If you can't find a win-win outcome, you may want to wait a few days

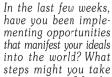
to proceed. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 7, 11, 26, 32

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

an important life theme for Aquarians, 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. **PISCES**





before this energy passes? Lucky numbers: 9, 16, 18, 20, 28, 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 shut-eye 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!

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.

Sign on the house: "Drums for Sale." Sign on the house next door: "Yay!"

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.

Auswers

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

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