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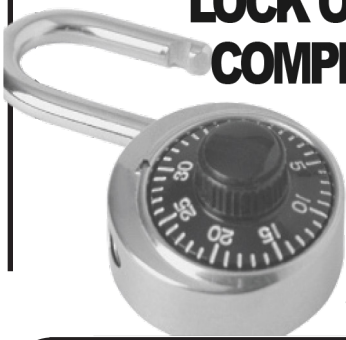
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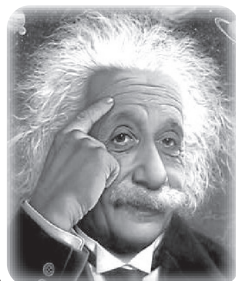
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## Everybody's Talking!

**Stellar find:** On the third day of his internship at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland (U.S.), 17-year-old Wolf Cukier spotted something extraordinary and his summer became anything but routine. While analyzing star data, Cukier noticed a shadow that hinted at a celestial body, leading to the discovery of TOI 1338 b, a previously unknown planet located 1,300 light-years away. This gas giant is 6.9 times larger than Earth, a size between that of Neptune and Saturn. The significant find proves that fresh eyes and youthful enthusiasm can lead to groundbreaking discoveries in the vast expanse of space.

**Oink oasis:** At a café in Japan, patrons trade lattes for hog hugs. Visitors rave about the tranquility at Mipig Café in Tokyo, snapping selfies with miniature trotters. Surprisingly clean and cuddly, these pigs charm visitors with their unique personalities. The café is a hit with locals and tourists alike. It charges ¥2,200 (JPY) for 30 minutes with the animals. Mipig boasts 10 locations across Japan, with more on the way. These micro pigs are no bigger than small dogs and make delightful companions. Pig cafés can offer solace and joy, leaving guests feeling blissfully sleepy and relaxed among the cute little critters.

**Deep dive:** Could the mystery of Amelia Earhart's vanished plane be unraveling? A crew claims to have stumbled upon the remnants at the ocean's depths, in the approximate area where Earhart's plane vanished in 1937. After scouring over 5,000 square miles (13,000 sq. km) of seabed, Deep Sea Vision unveiled a photo with an image that resembles Earhart's Lockheed 10-E Electra plane. Team leader Tony Romeo asserted confidence in the find, citing the absence of other crashes in the vicinity. Using cutting-edge technology, the crew aims for further exploration. While underwater archaeologists anticipate more evidence, hopes soar for an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. For now, it remains a tantalizing deep-sea quest.

**Ancient echoes:** In a tale as tangled as the vines themselves, aerial laser scanning has revealed ancient Amazonian cities, which have been shrouded in mystery for millennia. These pre-Columbian marvels paint a vivid picture of a bustling civilization nestled in Ecuador's Upano Valley. The discovery, spanning over 300 square kilometres (116 sq. mi.), showcases a network of roads, farmlands, and drainage systems that rival even those of today's urban planners. Astonished by the sheer scale, scientists now are reconsidering what they thought they knew about the Amazon's ancient inhabitants. As the jungle's secrets unravel, clearly the past holds more surprises than ever imagined.

## Quoteable Quotes

"Familiar acts are beautiful through love."

—Percy Bysshe Shelley

"Nothing is impossible. The word itself says, 'I'm possible.'"

—Audrey Hepburn

## What's Happening

• **RAIN BARREL FUND RAISING EVENT SUPPORTING THE LETHBRIDGE HUMANE SOCIETY:** Rain barrels and more selling now to raise money for the Humane Society and collect precious rain water! Go to: [RAINBARREL.CA](http://RAINBARREL.CA) to order now, barrels will be available to pick up May 29th at the Humane Society, 2920 16 Ave. N.

• **The Lethbridge and District Horticultural Society will be having their annual plant sale** at the west lower level entrance to the Public Library from 9:00 to 1:00 on Saturday May 25. The sale is a fundraiser in support of our gardens in the City. Cash or cheque only. Open to the public.

• **7th Annual Bob Fortin Show and Shine is May 25 at Shaughnessy.** Free Admittance! Classic cars, trucks, bikes with pancake breakfast, live band, food trucks, vendors, raffle, silent auction, bake sale, 50/50, kids corner, petting zoo. All proceeds go to Shaughnessy Community Center. You don't want to miss this event.

• **Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Club presents "Glory to Ukraine! Слава Україні!"** at the Yates Memorial Theatre Sunday, May 26 at 2:00 pm. A colourful and lively showcase of dances, costumes, and music from various regions of Ukraine. <http://www.troyanda.ca>

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## Trivia

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2. This elephant is a favourite character by children's writer Dr. Seuss.
3. The citizens of Monaco are called Monocans, Monocytes, or Monégasques?
4. What island nation was named after a Dutch province?
5. A dactylogram is more commonly known as what?

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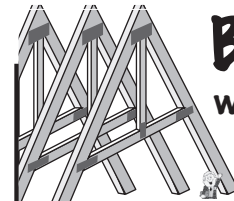
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Week of  
Nov 20, 1989



## Recipe of the Week

Split Pea Soup

- 3/4 cup uncooked orzo pasta
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cups chopped carrots
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

- 1 quart vegetable broth
- 1 cup dried split peas
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried chipotle chile pepper
- salt and pepper to taste

source: [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

## RECIPE PREPARATION

Bring a medium-size pot of salted water to a boil, add orzo and cook until al dente. Drain well. In a large skillet, saute onion, celery, garlic, and carrots in olive oil for 5 minutes. Place vegetables, vegetable broth, peas, thyme, chile pepper, salt and pepper in a pressure cooker. Cover. When pressure cooker reaches full pressure, cook for 10 to 12 minutes. Remove the pressure cooker from the heat. Add cooked orzo and serve.



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**ARIES**  
(March 20 - April 19)



Please be careful with the words you use this week. What you say now could strongly encourage or deeply wound others, or even yourself. Therefore, choosing wisely is important. Lucky numbers: 5, 10, 29, 31, 34, 40.

**TAURUS**  
(April 20 - May 20)



Out-of-the-box thinking is not a natural style for most who are Taurus. At the end of this week, though, you may experience an insight that falls into this unusual category. Lucky numbers: 7, 15, 26, 43, 45, 47.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21 - June 20)



This week potentially may reveal a hidden opportunity for a new endeavour. To embrace it, you may need to be grounded and choose between a myriad of options. Lucky numbers: 11, 19, 22, 23, 28, 46.

**CANCER**  
(June 21 - July 22)



Cancers are often focused on helping others, especially family members. This week may be a good time to solicit allies. But don't forget your own needs in this process. Lucky numbers: 17, 25, 33, 36, 42, 47.

**LEO**  
(July 23 - Aug. 22)



Your natural energy and enthusiasm may have focused, until now, on your own goals. How could you expand your efforts to help humanity at large? This week might bring opportunity. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 4, 13, 22, 35.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



You may find your mind and emotions in conflict at week's end. How could you incorporate some intuitive information into your rational view to create more balance? Lucky numbers: 8, 9, 13, 24, 27, 29.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



Your normal tact and diplomacy may be tested at the end of the week. To avoid saying something you might regret, please take a deep breath and think before you speak. Lucky numbers: 11, 13, 18, 19, 36, 37.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



Scorpios sometimes struggle with how to successfully communicate their intuitive insights to others. This week may offer an opportunity for a new approach. Lucky numbers: 4, 12, 17, 18, 38, 40.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Wisdom may be a key word for you this week. Consider making an adjustment in your view or your beliefs. Do you need to seek a mentor, or even to become one? Lucky numbers: 3, 16, 18, 20, 39, 42.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



This week's astrological energy could support your endeavours. To manifest it, you may have to seek help from others on an alternative that you might not normally consider. Lucky numbers: 6, 22, 28, 35, 38, 43.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Did you have a breakthrough last week on that fear or issue that was holding you back? If so, keep going. If not, you may have another chance this week. Lucky numbers: 10, 14, 16, 34, 40, 42.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 - March 20)



Continuing from last week, you may be experiencing heightened intuitive and psychic abilities. Are you using this energy well to make progress toward your ideals? Lucky numbers: 2, 13, 17, 31, 39, 48.

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

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**Bounce:** A trampoline park in Snowdonia, Wales, is named Bounce Below. In an old mining cavern, it's the world's largest underground venue of its kind, with over 929 square metres (10,000 sq. ft.) of nets for bouncing.

**First big hit:** Rap music isn't for everyone, but fans of the genre remember the very first rap song to top the Billboard Hot 100. "Ice Ice Baby" by American artist Vanilla Ice reached Number 1 in 1990.

**Early ice cream:** Apparently royalty in China made the creamy delicious stuff as early as 618-907 C.E. using heated and fermented milk, with flour and camphor (for flavour). They froze the concoction by mixing salt with ice.

**Special sword:** Ever since the 1920s discovery of ancient Egyptian King Tutankhamun's tomb, scientists have examined the iron dagger found inside. The most recent conclusion is that it was made from a meteorite.

**Message method:** Yodeling has been part of Switzerland's culture for centuries. While the folk tradition is fun to hear or to try, yodeling began as rural communication between Alpine villages and to call flocks of cattle.

## On the Lighter Side

The moon saves money by cutting its own hair. How? Eclipse it.

Show me a man with braces on his teeth and I'll show you a man who puts his money where his mouth is.

Customer: "Waiter, this plate is wet!"  
Waiter: "Sir, that is your soup."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Zipper. Zipper who? Zipper-de-dah!

Why couldn't the archeologist get promoted? Because his career was in ruins.

## Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 5 2. Horton 3. Mongeasques 4. New Zealand 5. Fingerprint

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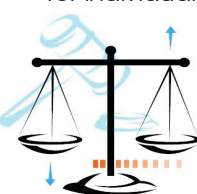
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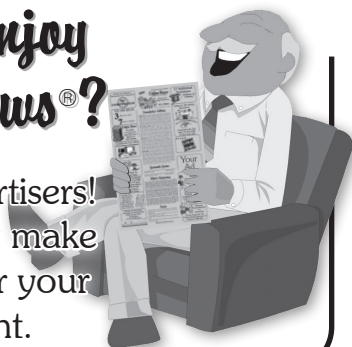
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