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**Everybody's Talking**

**Python in his pants:** If smugglers want to get weird pets across the border, they need to find a way to do so without detection. A man from New York City failed in this quest. He tried to smuggle three Burmese pythons across the Canadian border, but he chose an unusual place to hide them: in his pants. The man, traveling from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, back to New York City, didn't get past U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers. They discovered the reptiles, hidden in snake bags in the inner thigh of his pants. Pythons are some of the world's largest snakes and are considered a vulnerable species. The failed snake smuggler was fined \$5,000 (USD).

**Lucky dog, lucky ticket:** A woman buying items in a convenience store in Guangdong, China, might consider taking her dog shopping with her more often. The golden retriever broke free of its leash and took off, running into a nearby lottery shop. There the canine bit into a lottery ticket, which the owner, surnamed Lin, had to buy. She scolded her dog for being so disobedient. But she regretted the scolding because the ticket turned out to be a winner, bringing her 1,000 Yuan (CNY). The next time she went to the store, the dog chose a ticket worth 30 Yuan. Lin's friends and neighbours began calling her pet "Fortune Dog."

**Unusual rescue:** What 3-year-old wouldn't be intrigued by a glass-walled box filled with plush toys? A child that age would want to get in and start playing! In Brisbane, Australia, police came to the rescue when a child became trapped inside a toy-filled claw machine in a suburban shopping mall. Timothy Hopper, the boy's father, said his son disappeared into the machine in seconds, before he had time to react. Police coaxed the boy to move to a safe corner inside the machine and cover his eyes so they could break a glass panel to free him. He was unharmed and his rescuers invited him to pick a prize.

**Cold rescue:** People in a floating sauna in the sea near Oslo, Norway, were in the right place at the right time to rescue two people whose car appeared to be driven off a quay and into a fjord. The electric-powered wooden sauna raft and its passengers raced to the rescue, with the passengers wondering who was behind the wheel of the wayward vehicle. During the ensuing rescue, the sauna lovers had only towels to keep warm during the chilly, early February event. The car's driver had thought the vehicle was in park when he accidentally hit the accelerator pedal. The car was later recovered from the fjord.

**Quoteable Quotes**

"Love is space and time measured by the heart." —Marcel Proust  
 "The key is to keep company with people who uplift you, whose presence calls forth your best." —Epictetus

**What's Happening**

**Jun 14 to 16 - Summer Book Sale** Friends of the Spruce Grove Public Library. Sale hours are Friday 12-6, Saturday, 10-6, Sunday 12-4. Take what you want, pay what you can.

**June 14 to 16 - Grove Rotary Ribfest** Free to attend and fun for the whole family! BBQ ribs and smoked meats, food trucks, live music, vendor market, and kids entertainment in Central Park on King St. in Spruce Grove. Fri 3-11PM, Sat 11AM-11PM, Sun 11AM-10PM. www.sgrifest.ca

**Aug 21 - Links fore Literacy Charity Golf Tournament 2024** The Links fore Literacy Charity Golf Tournament is the Centre for Family Literacy's annual summer fundraising event. Proceeds from the tournament support the Centre's adult and family literacy programs. For more information, visit famlit.cagolf2024

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 2. Which constellation is on the Australian flag?  
 3. Where is Dracula's Castle?  
 4. Which continent has not had any observed tornadoes?  
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# Your Weekly Horoscope

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

If you are focused on fulfilling your purpose in this life, congratulate yourself and keep going. This week, though, following your path may put you in conflict with others. Lucky numbers: 5, 7, 12, 15, 26, 41.

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

This may be a good week to put thoughts on paper. What this entails doesn't matter. Anything might be possible, from a journal of your emotions to starting a book. Lucky numbers: 15, 18, 38, 41, 42, 44.

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

Your head and heart may be in a stalemate at midweek. If you can't find a compromise, take a deep breath and wait a few days before you make any decisions. Lucky numbers: 4, 13, 15, 34, 41, 43.

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

Your birthday month is a good time to set new goals. A first step may be to examine if your family has healthy communications, and to discuss any needed changes. Lucky numbers: 7, 8, 18, 26, 28, 45.

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

Leos often focus on what they want to accomplish for themselves. The next two months may let you consider what you want to accomplish in service to others. Lucky numbers: 10, 15, 22, 28, 32, 34.

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

This week may be a good time to explore a new opportunity that might help you overcome a real or perceived obstacle. Look around for others who could help you. Lucky numbers: 9, 12, 18, 19, 27, 48.

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

Libras are in an ongoing examination of self vs. others in relationships. If you find yourself in conflict with people this week, ask how it fits with this dynamic. Lucky numbers: 11, 18, 19, 27, 32, 33.

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

At the beginning of the week, you may find your emotions running high. This might be a good time to explore your unconscious motivations and connect the dots. Lucky numbers: 8, 9, 11, 18, 41, 46.

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

At midweek, you may be very eager for a new adventure. Try something small to satisfy this desire. If you still have the same urge next week, examine it more. Lucky numbers: 6, 11, 12, 17, 35, 48.

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

Did you set new goals about six months ago at your birthday? Now may be a good time to review and see if each should be continued, completed, or abandoned. Lucky numbers: 2, 7, 9, 45, 46, 48.

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

Aquarians value efforts to advance humanity. In the next two months, you may be at a stalemate about these endeavours. Understanding why can help you move forward. Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 11, 13, 16, 24.

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

Chances are good right now that you could confuse or delude yourself or others. If something is unclear for you, waiting until next week may be the best course of action. Lucky numbers: 1, 9, 17, 18, 21, 28.

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

## Did You Know...

**Pink lake:** Depending on weather conditions, a lake in Iran turns pink in the summer. It's called Maharloo Lake, and is located near Shiraz. Red algae in the bottom of the lake causes the unique phenomenon.

**Flood warning:** While scientists and civic officials work to save Venice from sinking, bookstore owners worry, too. Some store their books in bathtubs, canoes, and kayaks, to protect them from frequent flooding.

**Common surname:** If you think Smith is the most common name in the world, you'd be close. But Wang, which means prince or king in Mandarin, is at the top of the list.

**Floating library:** A huge passenger and cargo vessel called MV Logos Hope is actually a floating library. Since 2009, the boat has visited over 150 countries. In some places, people have no other access to a library.

**Longest name:** You would need a supersized envelope to write the address of the New Zealand town with the longest name in the world: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu.

## On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Ice. Ice who? Ice to see you, too!

What kind of beans won't grow in the garden? Jelly beans.

That table was so rude! It said it couldn't chair less!

I'm so unlucky, I get paper cuts from "get well" cards.

Nit: "What was the tow truck doing at the race track?"

Wit: "He was trying to pull a fast one."

## Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 1890 2. Southern Cross 3. Romania 4. Antarctica 5. Apricity

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