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## Everybody's Talking

Hot coffee: Most people like their lattes creamy and sweet, but not the customers of a coffee shop located in the city of Ganzhou in China's Jiangxi Province. That's where a new taste is tingling customers' senses: the taste of chili! The Jingshi Coffee Cafe decided to try something new as a nod to the area's spicy cuisine. The baristas infuse the iced "Spicy Latte" with dried chili. Once that's done, they sprinkle a little chili powder on top. While this sounds like an extremely spicy beverage, some think it's actually quite pleasant and not too hot. However, people in the area are accustomed to hot food, so buyer beware!

Tracking devices: Talk about having a lot of nerve! A Chinese woman, known as Zhu, owns a trucking company in Xiangyang in Hubei province. She didn't want to risk her trucks being pulled over by police and given fines for a variety of issues. In an attempt to prevent this, she went online and bought six GPS trackers, which she personally installed on police cars parked at the local police station. Unfortunately for Zhu, the cops discovered the little black boxes, and soon tracked the SIM cards. These led them directly to the guilty party. Her punishment was 500 Yuan (CNY) and eight days of detention.

**Different pet:** Dogs and cats are the most typical animals to keep as pets, but not for Tiffany Pierre and Gregory Guiot, a couple in the Wallonia region of Belgium. They have a pet boar. The couple loves Oscar, as they call him, but didn't actually plan to have the animal as a pet. Rather, Guiot found him in the woods when he was only a wee piglet. Feeling sorry for the creature, Guiot brought him home, intending to find an animal shelter. Over a year later, Oscar weighs 80 kilograms (176 lbs.) and is still with them. He is house-trained, sleeps on his own couch, and is, indeed, part of the family.

**Coin-operated charm:** In the heart of Queens, New York (U.S.), lies a unique dwelling that once buzzed with the hum of washing machines and dryers. Sampson Dahl now calls this former laundromat home, where he curates a vibrant community space. Adorned with eclectic finds from his set design job, the 800-square-foot (75-sq.-m) abode doubles as an arts venue. Friends and neighbours frequent the front room, transformed into a stage and salon for gatherings that range from musical performances to painting nights. Unsuspecting passersby, lured by the façade's old awning, occasionally wander into Dahl's unconventional living space, mistaking it for an actual laundromat.

# Quoteable Quotes

"Friends, they cherish one another's hopes. They are kind to one —Henry David Thoreau another's dreams." "Be patient where you sit in the dark. The dawn is coming." —Rumi

# What's Happening

Jun 29 - Tailgate sale 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, outdoors at 265 Fir Street Sherwood Park Presbyterian Church. Tired of hunting down those yard sales one at a time Or perhaps you have some things to sell Call Grace to book a spot - 780-467-4856.

Jul 1 - Canada Day Car Show Main Street, Stony Plain 50th Street Registration \$ 20.00 per car - 9:00 to11:00 - Show 11:00-4:00. Free to public. Awards at 3:30. Proceeds to the Stony Plain Youth Center.

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



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Trivia

- 1. Drivers in Japan drive on the left side of the road—T/F?
- 2. Did boxing become an Olympic sport in 1900, 1904, or 1916?
- 3. An arctophile collects yo-yos, teddy bears, or trains?
- 4. Richard Bachman is the pen name of horror writer \_

5. In which musical is the Kit Kat Club set?

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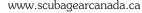
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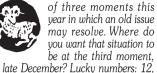
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## Your Weekly Horoscope LIBRA

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)





in late December? Lucky numbers: 12, 13, 17, 21, 30, 48. **TAURUS** 

#### (April 20 - May 20)

This week starts with a well-grounded energy. How might you use it to jump-start a week of successful endeavours? Resist the temptation to be stuck in place. Lucky numbers: 6,

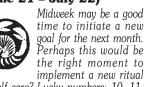
10, 17, 20, 27, 29. GEMINI

#### (May 21 - June 20)

At midweek, your mind may have greater capacity to process data. Use discernment in analyzing the information, narrowing down options to those

that have the most potential. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 6, 10, 16, 48. CANCER

#### (June 21 – July 22)



of self care? Lucky numbers: 10, 11, 15, 21, 22, 23. LEO

#### (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leo energy is strong now. especially at week's end, so your public profile may be highlighted. Just be sure that your interac-tions with others are positive for all concerned. Lucky numbers:

3, 8, 10, 13, 16, 37. VIRGO

#### (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Virgos often operate in a "nose to the grindstone" mode. This is a good week to consider developing and implementing a more balanced life vs. work routine now. Lucky numbers: 7, 24, 34,

38, 45, 48.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Taurus winners with the luckiest number being 17.

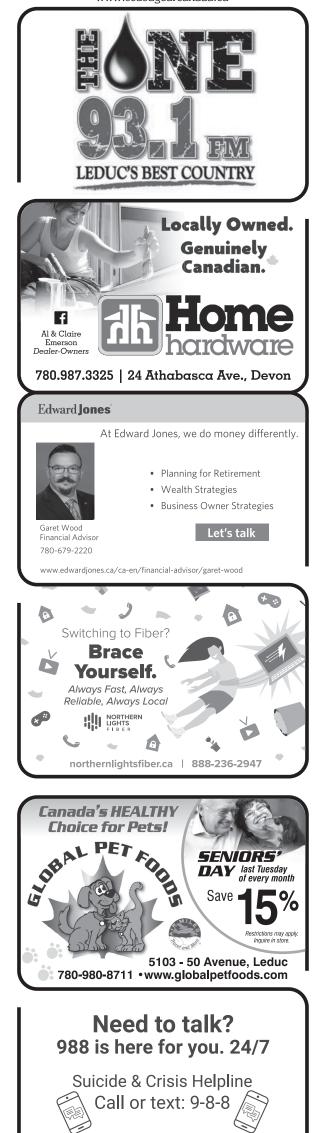
# Did You Know.

Lovable comedian: John Candy (1950-1994) was a beloved Canadian actor who belonged to Toronto's Second City comedy troupe. He starred in many movies, like Ghostbusters, Home Alone, and Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

Leap year: February 29 occurs because Earth takes 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes, and 56 seconds to orbit the sun. Leap years prevent Northern Hemisphere summers from eventually shifting to December!

**Red spice:** Paprika is made from dried, ground *Capiscum* annuum peppers. Most common is sweet paprika. Others are rich, sweet Hungarian paprika, fiery hot paprika, and boldly flavoured smoked paprika.

Bright blue: A lizard that lives in Australia has a unique feature. Known as the blue-tongued skink, this reptile can grow to two feet (0.6 m) long. It sticks out its bright blue tongue to



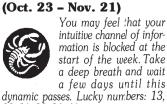
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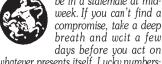
**SCORPIO** 

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

An important part of



20, 21, 32, 34, 41. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Your heart and head may be in a stalemate at midweek. If you can't find a



days before you act on whatever presents itself. Lucky numbers: 1, 3, 9, 13, 25, 34 CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Are you prioritizing results over your relationship to people? Midweek may offer an opportunity for you to set a goal to connect more with others over

the next month. Lucky numbers: 8, 9, 12, 24, 26, 37. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Be careful of power strug-gles with others at mid-

week. If you are in a stalemate situation, next week may be a better time to initiate a conver-

sation to resolve it. Lucky numbers: 9, 12, 18, 22, 32, 38. **PISCES** 

#### (Feb. 19 - March 20)

You may be entering a months-long period of retracing old emotional territory. Practicing medi-tation and keeping a journal might help you

process events right now. Lucky numbers: 5, 9, 19, 26, 28, 30.



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Not the real thing: Anyone selling butter-like products such as margarine in the state of Iowa (U.S.) cannot say "butter" on labels or advertising. This misdemeanour invites a \$625 fine and up to 30 days in jail.

On the Lighter Side

My phone has had to wear glasses ever since it lost its contacts.

I'm writing a screenplay about a seaside romance. It's a classic buoy-meets-gull story.

Farmer: "In the country, we go to bed with the chickens." City folk: "In the city, we'd rather sleep in our own beds."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Queen. Queen who? I'm as queen as a whistle!

What kind of snake is good at math? An adder.

### Answers

4. Stephen King 5. Cabaret Trivia answers: 1. True 2. 1904 3. Teddy bears

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