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Every New Year's Eve, Buddhist temples across Japan ring their bells exactly 108 times. The ringing of the bells start at midnight on December 31st and lasts until 1:00AM on January 1st of the next year. The most popular theory on why they do this states that each of the bells represent the 108 earthly desires being cast away so that one may enter the new year with a cleansed soul. At sunrise a prayer for a year of happiness is said to the sun god.

What's Going on Here...

Jan 18th: The 49th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Program, "Reigniting Humanism through Inclusion, Dignity & Respect" welcomes keynote speaker Steve Pemberton at North Shore University Hospital in the Rust Auditorium at 10:30AM

Jan 31st: The premiere of NHTV's The Civil Rights Movement in North Hempstead, a documentary. 7:00PM at the Bow Tie Manhasset Cinema - free admission

How's it Possible...

Did you know that before keys were invented people had to stand guard to keep their stuff from being stolen? Originally keys were made of wood and looked like a giant toothbrush. In order to make keys less cumbersome, they were changed from wood to bronze and iron, as well as made smaller to make them easier to hide. Eventually, in the middle ages metal wards were introduced to keyholes making theft more difficult. It was not entirely successful, but it's variations are still used to some degree today. Currently we are evolving from "flat keys", created in the mid 1800's, to digital keys.

When Did That Happen...

Did you know that January 3rd was the Festival of Sleep Day? The Festival of Sleep Day was created for people who would like to get some rest and relaxation after the hectic holidays. People celebrate the Festival of Sleep after the rush of Christmas/Hanukkah shopping, opening presents, traveling to see family and New Year celebrations. Nobody knows when this holiday was founded, but it was clearly done so by someone who has a deep love of sleep.

Who Knows...

1. I'm often running, yet I have no legs. You need me, but I don't need you. What am I?
2. What has keys but no locks, space but no room, and can be entered but not exited?
3. If you want me, you have to share me, but if you share me I will be gone. What am I?

(Find the answers on the back, under "In The Stars")

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That's Incredible!

A brick-tastic new record has been set for the largest LEGO brick caravan. A life-size trailer entirely built out of a staggering 288,630 individual LEGO bricks and took over 5 weeks to complete. The record attempt took place in Australia. The caravan consists of basic amenities such as running water and electricity, as well as some home comforts like flowers, a fridge with food and the Aussie staple: a jar of Vegemite.

That's Trendy!

This winter season will be a revival of the golden vintage era. Vintage-inspired oversized coats with classy fur are sure to get you noticed when it's cold and snowing. To add freshness to fur, designers have dyed it in multiple, adorable colors, to stand out even more! The fur isn't just for show though, as it will keep you toasty all season long.

That's Funny!

What do you call a computer floating in the ocean?
-A Dell rolling in the deep

Why are fish so smart?
-Because they live in schools

Why was the little strawberry crying?
-His mom was in a jam

That's Twisted!

I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.

That's Inspirational!

"The flower that blooms in adversity is the most rare and beautiful of all."

-The Emperor from Mulan

Pet of the Month!



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In The Stars

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Your partner may push buttons that infuriate you. You will have a productive day if you organize yourself well at work. Lucky Day: Tuesday

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Quarrels will erupt if you get into philosophical debates with friends. Your confidence is growing and advancement is apparent. Lucky Day: Tuesday

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. Lucky Day: Saturday

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't be alarmed. Don't be afraid to make additions to your house. Lucky Day: Sunday

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Try to keep a low profile. Don't make any unreasonable promises. Lucky Day: Thursday

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Try not to allow superiors or those in a higher position to take advantage of you. You may find that female colleagues will be more help than you anticipated. Lucky Day: Tuesday

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You need to concentrate on the areas where you can make a difference. You can make professional changes and direct your energy into making all the right moves. Lucky Day: Wednesday

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Short trips will prove to be more fruitful than you imagined. You should be looking at ways to spoil yourself. Lucky Day: Monday

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Sudden romance could end just as quickly. Self improvement projects should be your key concern. Lucky Day: Saturday

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Tempers could boil if someone you work with has not been pulling their weight. Your mate may not be too sure about your intentions. Lucky Day: Friday

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Arguments will flare up if you get backed into an emotional corner. Your mate may be distressed if you refuse to make a commitment. Lucky Day: Friday

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) It might be time to do some of those chores at home. Avoid too much discourse with colleagues this month. Lucky Day: Sunday

Answers to Who Knows: #1. Water #2. A keyboard #3. A secret



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