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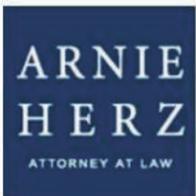
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Where in the World...

With Valentine's Day almost approaching, stores are being flooded with chocolates, stuffed animals and candy. In the United States, sending teddy bears and boxes of chocolates to a significant other is a tradition. However, not every country exchanges greeting cards and heart-shaped candies to declare love. Here is a look at how some countries celebrate Valentine's Day all around the world. In South Korea, Valentine's Day is celebrated monthly from February through April. You won't find the Welsh celebrating Saint Valentine, instead people in Wales celebrate Saint Dwynwen, the Welsh patron. This is known as the saint of lovers, on January 25th. A tradition for Welsh men is gifting a love spoon, which is carved intricately as a token of affection for the women they love. In China, the country celebrates Qixi or the Seventh Night Festival, which falls on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month each year. During Qixi, young women prepare melon and other fruits for in hopes of finding a good husband. Maybe this year you can make your own tradition!

What's Going on Here...

February 6: The Port Washington Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in Port Washington's SOUPper BOWL! Held at the Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church from 12 to 3 PM. Everyone is invited to purchase a reusable tote bag filled with 6 oz each of soup donated by local restaurants. Go to www.pwcoc.com for more information.

February 6: Come view "Navigating the Hearts" special window display at Wit & Whim from 11 AM to 5 PM. This project was created by The Nicholas Center Navigators and Creative Arts Program to showcase the love & support they have received from Port Washington, as well showing how love is expressed globally. Stop by to purchase a special t-shirt created by one of the program participants!

February 13: Dress for Success charity event at the Holiday Inn in Roslyn, NY from 11 AM - 3 PM. Helping local women get back into the workforce. Now accepting new or gently used corporate attire, jackets trousers, dresses, and accessories.

How's it Possible...

On February 3, 1690, the first paper money was issued in America. It was made 197 years before England made the first pound. By 1737, the American dollar ended up having more worth than any other currency in the world. However, this was not the birth of paper money. The first paper money was invented in the 7th century in China under the Tang Dynasty. It was only used for 300 years until the Chinese decided that using coins would be more valuable. Since 1690, so much money has been printed. It's going to take a lot of people to count all that money!

When Did That Happen...

The month of February is the 109th birthday of Charles Dickens. Charles is the creator of a Christmas Carol and Oliver Twist. He was born on February 7, 1812 and he was the second of 8 children. Charles was talented and used his childhood memories to help him create his stories. From 1836 to 1839, he finished writing *Oliver Twist*. Charles Dickens lived in Canada, the United States and finally back to London where he wrote *A Christmas Carol*. We will never forget Mr. Charles Dickens for the gift of his writings that he gave to the world. Many of these writings were later adapted into films.

Who Knows...

1. What did the squirrel say to his Valentine?
2. What did the train say to his Valentine?
3. What did the caveman give his wife on Valentine's Day?

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



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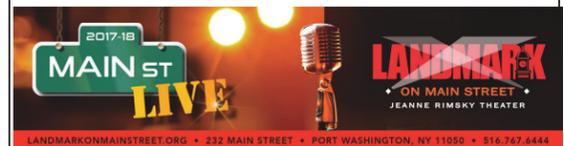
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That's Incredible!
 Stuart Robbins from Phoenix, Arizona, has proven he is a master of basketball free throwing, after breaking a Guinness World Record title at the age of 72. He achieved the most consecutive basketball free throws blindfolded, with an impressive 16 successful shots in a row. Stuart spent around 15,000 hours practicing for his official attempt, before taking on the challenge in the presence of two professional basketball referees. He had to make sure that he could not see and that the free throw line was 4.572 m (15 ft.) from the face of the backboard. He plans to break more basketball records in the future.

That's Trendy!
 For 2021, Valentine's day may be different but it can still be romantic and fun! Here are some cool trends and ideas to make your Valentine's Day one to remember! While we are staying home and staying safe we can have dinner with our family from our favorite restaurants. Plenty of restaurants are offering special takeout and delivery. Whether it is rigatoni and meatballs or chocolate covered strawberries, local businesses will take care of you. Playing games will make this Valentine's Day fun! Try playing one on one basketball with your mate, or good old fashioned cornhole! Board games like "trouble", "connect-four", and "pizza pile up." 2021 will be a special Valentine's Day for you!

That's Funny!
 Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?
 - Sure! They're very scent-imental!
 What do farmers give on Valentine's Day?
 - Lots of hogs and kisses
 What do you call birds in love?
 - Tweethearts!

That's Twisted!
 One-One was a racehorse. Two-Two was one, too. When One-One won one race, Two-Two won one, too.

That's Inspirational!
 "It is never too late to be who you want to be"
 - George Eliot

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 ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) Your warmth and kindness have really helped your love interest to be more of their true self. Lucky Day: Tuesday
 TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) This is a great time to join in with anything that will enable you to meet people who share in the activities that you love so much. Lucky Day: Thursday
 GEMINI (May 22-June 21) The planets are encouraging some deep and animated conversation between you and a loved one. Lucky Day: Monday
 CANCER (June 22-July 22) Talking is the way through to someone's heart this month. Lucky day: Sunday
 LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You will somehow find the way to express how you feel to a certain person who has recently made quite a difference to your life. Lucky Day: Wednesday
 VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23) The planets are encouraging you to take a risk and work towards your dreams! Lucky Day: Sunday
 LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) Schedule time for self-care this month. Lucky day: Thursday
 SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) Express your feelings to a loved one this month. Lucky day: Friday
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) There will be some intellectually stimulating conversations flowing, some of which are bound to attract your undivided attention. Lucky Day: Thursday
 CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) Your love life destiny could be a closely-guarded secret now - but not for much longer. Lucky Day: Monday
 AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) Friends and colleagues enjoy your infectious humor. Continue to make hearts laugh this month. Lucky Day: Tuesday
 PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) Rather than limiting a current difficulty within a relationship to a certain issue, you need to enlarge the focus so that you get an overall view of the partnership as a whole. Lucky Day: Wednesday

Answers to Who Knows: #1. "I'm nuts about you!" #2. "I choo-choo-choose you!" #3. Ugs and kisses

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