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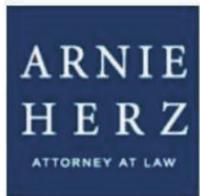
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Where in the World...

Some of the most fascinating and rhythmic music in Central America is found in the Garifuna communities spread along the Caribbean coast of Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Garifuna is a culture of mixed ethnicities whose origin began in West Africa. Drumming in Garifuna culture is very vital. In fact, if there are no drums, there is no life to the music. The drums represent the heart and soul in Garifuna music. It adds life and meaning to the songs. Garifuna musicians preserve and create their own distinct music by using both a common Arawak-based language and many dances. The name of these dances is Bunda (Punta) Hugu-Hugu, Chumba, and Paranda, just to name a few. The Garifuna language belongs to the Arawak group of languages and has survived for centuries. The written texts of the Garifuna language are a treasure trove of the history and knowledge of the Garifuna culture. The written texts include instructions on how to grow cassava, how to fish, and how to build canoes and houses.

What's Going on Here...

May 23rd: The Town of North Hempstead has announced the launch of a new drive-in movie series at town facilities for the summer. Films will be projected onto large outdoor screens for residents to enjoy a night out, while also following social distancing protocols. The first movie to be shown will be "The Goonies" at North Hempstead Beach Park in Port Washington. While registration is free for these events, the town is encouraging attendees to bring non-perishable, canned foods to each showing as part of North Hempstead's donation drive. Residents are being asked to register their cars in advance by visiting NorthHempsteadNY.gov/drive-in or calling 311. The program is expected to take place every Saturday after sundown, starting on May 23, continuing into summer months.

How's it Possible...

Big Ben is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. However, most people do not know that they have been getting the iconic tower's name wrong. The name at first did not refer to the exceptional 320-foot high tower on the north side of the British Houses of Parliament. It was given the new name Elizabeth Tower in admiration of Queen Elizabeth II, during her diamond celebration in 2012. The first version of the Big Ben cast for the tower arrived in London in 1856, but it cracked before it could ever be put in place. Others believe it is named after Sir Benjamin Hall, a Welsh civil engineer and a member of the House of Commons. This is due to his name being inscribed on the bell. Go figure!

When Did That Happen...

Back in the day, only men were allowed to play many sports such as basketball. In 1896, nine women from the Stanford University basketball team became the world's first women's intercollegiate basketball team. Basketball was invented by James Naismith in 1892, in that same year, basketball became popular among women. Therefore, the Smith College instructor adopted new rules to make basketball women-friendly. Stanford University decided to put an end to women's intercollegiate team sports because they were concerned about their health. The athletes at Stanford were upset so they decided to take on the University of California to fight for the women's right to play professional basketball. It took many decades and the implementation of Federal Title IX in 1972 before women's sports at Stanford and the rest of America were able to play professional intercollegiate sports.

Who Knows...

1. What place does Godzilla call home?
2. A teacher and a student were counting puddles. The student was the teacher's daughter, but the teacher was not the girl's mother. Who was the teacher?
3. What business is King Kong in?

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

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That's Incredible!

Did you know that orcas can learn to communicate the same way that dolphins do? Well, it's true! Orcas have their own special and unique language. They are commonly mistaken as killer whales, but orcas are not whales. However, depending on the company they keep, they can pick up different parts of other languages. Research has found that orcas housed with bottlenose dolphins over a long period can replicate the dolphins' language. Most people do not know that orcas are the largest species of dolphin. This is why they can easily pick up their language.

That's Trendy!

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That's Funny!

What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?
 -A nervous wreck

What do you call an alligator in a vest?
 -An Investigator.

What do you call a pile of kittens?
 -A meowtain

That's Twisted!

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That's Inspirational!

"Despite the forecast, live like it's Spring!" -Lily Pulitzer

Pet of the Month!

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In The Stars

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20) Be careful not to take on other people's problems. You may find yourself in the midst of a pretty good deal. Lucky Day: Thursday
TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable if you take them with that special person in your life. Don't avoid your true feelings. Lucky Day: Saturday
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Move into a leadership position this month. Look into joining groups that give you hands-on advice. You will dazzle others with your wit and charm. Lucky Day: Wednesday
CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can make financial deals, but it may be best if you're not using your own cash. Lucky Day: Friday
LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Look at your options before making commitments. Make changes that will enhance your appearance and entice potential partners. Lucky: Day Thursday.
VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 23) Renovations to your domestic scene will pay high rewards. You will be annoyed by people who try to persuade you to do things their way. Lucky Day: Saturday
LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22) Go over important documents. Old friends may not like your choices. Your social skills with people may be more than just helpful. Lucky Day: Tuesday
SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21) Family outings will make you feel secure and happy. You are best to put your efforts into redecorating or inviting friends over. Lucky Day: Friday
SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21) Don't get involved in other people's problems. Your ability to work with detail will bring recognition. Lucky Day: Friday
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) Don't let your emotions take over. You have great insight. Your ability to put a deal together will surprise others. Lucky Day: Tuesday
AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) Romantic encounters are evident through travel or educational pursuits. Opportunities to make financial gains look promising. Lucky Day: Wednesday
PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20) Do things that will make you feel better physically and mentally. Lucky Day: Monday

Answers to Who Knows: #1. Japan #2. Her father #3. The Monkey Business

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