

## Survival of the fittest



Linguists believe that around 8,000 BC there were more than 20,000 existing languages. At present the number of living languages is approximately 7,000.

When a language dies, it takes the corresponding culture, literature, and most importantly, the identity with it. Survival of a language may not seem as crucial as the survival of a people but without the former, how would you distinguish the latter?

In a world run by globalisation, the mantra at work seems to be "Survival of the fittest." In this race, however, there is no "level playing field." Our cover story in this issue addresses languages that are on the verge of extinction. It's not all gloom and doom though. Language can be saved, when you start believing in "unity in diversity."

— Karim Waheed, Editor, SHOUT

## APP REVIEW

### Stop Pesky Phone Stalkers



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#### (1) Call and SMS Easy Blocker

This free app from KAISARs Lab is very efficient for completely blocking calls and texts from selected numbers. What is even better about this app is that you won't even be alerted about the calls and texts arriving. There is a catch though; the free version only works for five unique numbers.

#### (2) Caller ID & Block Calls, Texts

This app from Phone Warrior Inc takes avoiding stalkers to a new level. What's more annoying for stalkers to have their calls picked up and then dropped ten seconds later without hearing anything from the other side? Yes, this app lets you kill off phone credit from the blocked numbers and also has the option of sending blocked calls over to voice mail, if that is something you would prefer.

#### (3) Call Blacklist

If you prefer that no number that isn't already in your phonebook can reach you, then Vlad Lee's Call Blacklist can help. It can block all private numbers (such as the obscure numbers stalkers or fraud groups sometimes use) too. However, the unknown number blocking feature does not work on all phones so the model of Android you are using will matter.

There are a quite a few other apps that can do the job equally well since it's a simple enough function. McAfee Anti-Virus, for example, comes loaded with a call-blocking feature in its extras. As it is, don't let someone bully you into changing your number. A few simple and easy to use apps can easily solve the problem.

## This Week's Horoscope

### ARIES

Your close ones are running out of time. Only Justin Timberlake can save them now.



### TAURUS

If you think for a long time, then when you open your eyes you'll be in the future.



### GEMINI

Clipping your toenails too close to the edge is a dangerous way to live. That excites me in ways only R Kelly could sing about.



### CANCER

Breathing. Now that's fun. Who needs friends?



### LEO

Your husband will not change the diapers as he so promised. This means war.



### VIRGO

Think nice thoughts about Breakfast Club and M&M Dungeons.



### LIBRA

Shut up and just dance like Michael Jackson, you little idiot.



### SCORPIO

Learn to get angry at *being* angry. Increase your spinach intake. Being the Hulk is only a few steps away.



### SAGITTARIUS

Don't trust sesame twins.



### CAPRICORN

If your coach tells you to work out at home, then it's a *homeworkout*. This is hilarious!



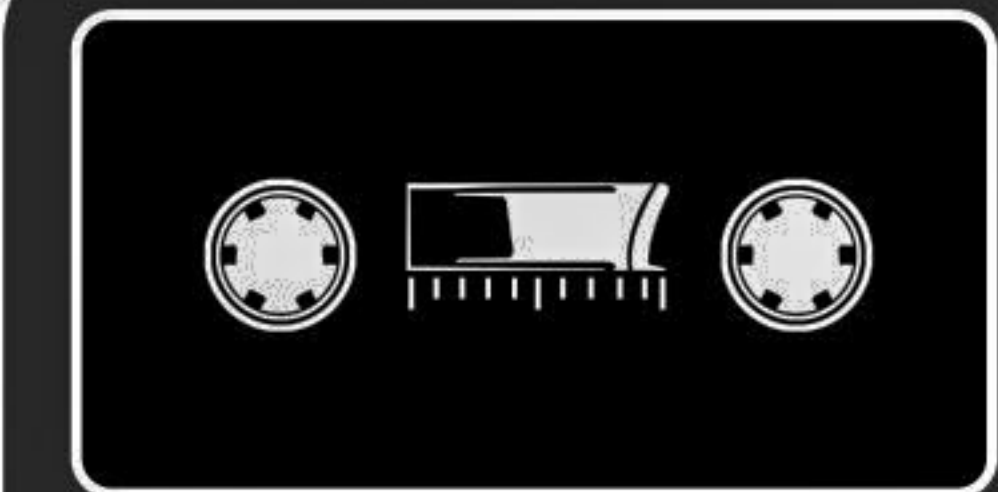
### AQUARIUS

Massage your brain directly. You might find that you're left-handed afterwards though.



### PISCES

Create an electrically powered robot that rides a cycling machine that produces electricity.



## MIXTAPE

### SKY

The Shins

Simple Song

Jimmy Eat World

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The Script

Superheroes

A Great Big World

Say Something

Matt Hires

Out of the Dark



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