

The Number 9



In the news this week, I read about a young man who was fired from Fidelity Investments in Westlake, Texas, due to his involvement in a Fantasy Football Pool with 9 other employees. I sympathize with anyone who loses their job in this recession, but from that story, I am led to believe that the number 9 is the antonym of lucky 7.

During his race for the White House, Senator John McCain chose former governor Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate. Palin hailed from Alaska, the 49th State to be entered into the union. It seems like McCain had unforeseeably sealed his doom.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' report on unemployment as of December 10, 2009 is 9.4 percent. A staggering rate since the early 90s. It is uncertain whether this rate will decline, hold steady, or increase by next month. Optimistically, a decline in the New Year will signal an economic recovery.

Superstitiously, a cat is believed to have 9 lives. Cats land on all four paws, which absorb the impact when landing on the ground. Additionally, they bend their legs when they land, which cushions the impact. So, can you imagine a cat's dismay, when he finds himself falling from a tall building and remembers that he has fallen 9 times before? This brings me to his feline relative, Tiger Woods.

9 mistresses and counting, perhaps sets precedent for the most women revealed in a pro-athlete sex scandal. It's no wonder why Tiger's wife *allegedly* chased him with a 9 iron. According to the Associated Press, a divorce is looming, and a five-million-dollar-wife-payout is forthcoming.

So, unless you are the illusionist and endurance artist David Blaine, who probably has more lives than a cat, it is safe to suggest avoiding the number 9 for the remaining 9 days in 2009.

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