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Everybody's Talking!

Submerged sculptures: After witnessing storm-ravaged coral reefs in Grenada, sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor decided to shape his work for the ocean. Instead of gallery walls, his concrete creations rest underwater, built to attract marine life and grow with the sea. The statues, made using scans or casts of local people, offer surface textures that invite algae, corals, and sea creatures to settle and thrive. He takes care to avoid harming the ecosystems; input from biologists and coastal communities guide each placement. Beyond just replacing damaged reefs, these structures also reflect the stories and culture of the people nearby. As tides shift, the artwork slowly transforms. In a way, each piece begins only after it's been left behind.

Lake lifeline: Once clogged with weeds, a famous lake in Srinagar, India, is now seeing a clever comeback, fueled by an unlikely source. Entrepreneur Maninder Singh created a system that turns invasive lake plants into valuable organic fertilizer. His team harvests the aquatic growth, processes it, and supplies local farmers with a sustainable product that boosts crops and cuts costs. The effort also clears away decaying weeds that once fouled the air during hot months, making the lake more inviting for both wildlife and visitors. Encouraged by success in Srinagar, Singh aims to bring this model to other overgrown lakes across India. Sometimes the best solution grows from the problem itself.

Primate phrases: Bonobos, which are small apes closely related to humans, are revealing a surprising skill in the forests of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They combine their calls to express complex meanings. Researchers found that these vocal patterns mirror how humans string words together. Some combinations simply stack meanings, while others subtly shift the message, like saying "bad dancer" instead of just "bad" and "dancer." The team built a reference of bonobo sounds, then tracked how they combined over time and across different social settings. Their findings suggest this ability may stretch far back into our shared evolutionary history. It seems these clever apes have been mixing and matching words all along.

Factory reset: Outside Barcelona, Spain, an old cement plant once thick with dust has become something entirely different. Architect Ricardo Bofill saw more than decay when he bought the place: he saw potential. Over time, he kept what others would scrap, turning giant chimneys and broken staircases into a blend of home and studio. Each odd corner was reshaped rather than removed, adding new purpose without erasing the old. With concrete towers still looming above, the space now holds lush gardens, wide windows, and open-air rooms. Though never truly "finished," the building became a place where past industry meets new ideas. Even now, it stands as a reminder that some projects are meant to keep evolving.

Quoteable Quotes

"Find out who you are. And do it on purpose." —Dolly Parton

"All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." —J.R.R. Tolkien

What's Happening

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1. A merganser is a type of duck, wool, or tool?
2. Robert Louis Stevenson wrote *Kidnapped*—T/F?
3. Is an Airedale a type of sporting, terrier, or hound dog breed?
4. The Lascaux ____ paintings depict Paleolithic images of animals.
5. A pence, farthing, and shilling are examples of this.

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ARIES (March 20 - April 19)



Self love is going to be an
important theme for you
in the next few weeks.
Look for opportunities
that could reinforce a
healthy sense of self,
rather than a wounded image. Lucky
numbers: 1, 2, 14, 29, 35, 36.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)



Taurus individuals often
have their nose to the
grindstone. This week,
however, consider rais-
ing your eyes to the sky
and focusing on how to
achieve your highest dreams. Lucky
numbers: 5, 11, 20, 22, 33, 47.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)



At week's end, you may
run into a stalemate
between desires of your
heart vs. those of your
head. If you can reconcile
them, consider setting
your intentions into a new goal. Lucky
numbers: 3, 4, 5, 7, 28, 35.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)



This may be a good time
to examine your beliefs
and values. Do they align
with your current endeav-
ors? If not, what adjust-
ment in your viewpoint
would move you forward? Lucky
numbers: 16, 24, 28, 29, 31, 38.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)



Leos often have a child-
like enthusiasm to start
projects, but have diffi-
culty completing them. In
the next month, you may
have an opportunity to
integrate a more grounded energy.
Lucky numbers: 6, 13, 16, 20, 35, 38.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



For the next month, the
astrological energy has a
grounded quality that
should encourage you to
feel comfortable in your
own skin. Take a deep
breath and enjoy this time. Lucky
numbers: 12, 15, 24, 30, 36, 38.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



To maintain a calm envi-
ronment, Libras some-
times focus on others,
rather than on their own
ambitions. But at the
week's end, you may
want to pursue your own desires. Lucky
numbers: 14, 15, 21, 22, 37, 40.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



The intuitive abilities of
Scorpio may sometimes
immerse you in the deep
seas of the unconscious.
Later in the week, seek
an opportunity to better
navigate these waters. Lucky numbers:
11, 17, 24, 30, 41, 44.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



At the end of the week,
your mind and emotions
may be in balance. This
could be a good time to
consider your goals, and
to set new intentions
regarding them. Lucky numbers: 4, 7,
10, 13, 27, 35.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



Your birthday month is a
good time to review your
accomplishments and set
goals for the new year.
The energy this month
could help you jumpstart
these efforts. Lucky numbers: 7, 16,
18, 24, 39, 47.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Those with an Aquarius
Sun often have lofty
goals, but may have dif-
ficulty carving out small
projects to advance them.
The grounded energy this
month could help you do so. Lucky
numbers: 8, 17, 29, 40, 42, 47.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)



The energy this week may
feel heavy or even oppres-
sive at times. It may be
helpful to acknowledge
your feelings while simul-
taneously putting forth
your best effort. Lucky numbers: 2, 5,
9, 14, 20, 23.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Capricorn
winners with the luckiest number being 7.

Did You Know...

Floating feelings: Without gravity to pull them down, tears
in space don't fall. They stay stuck to your face. Astronauts have
to wipe them away instead. Even small and natural reactions
work differently when there's no up or down.

Arc logic: A rainbow appears when sunlight bounces and
bends at just the right angle through falling raindrops. This only
happens when the sun is behind you and moisture is ahead in
the sky. You'll never see one if you directly face the sun.

Mortgage miracle: British singer Ed Sheeran co-wrote
"Thinking Out Loud" with his friend Amy Wadge when she was
short on money. The song's massive success helped change her
situation, providing financial security and easing her worries
about expenses.

Calm companions: Cows do better if they have company.
Studies show they stay more relaxed, learn faster, and even
produce more milk when raised with a familiar peer. Like many
animals, cows seem to thrive on close social bonds.

Giant underground: Hidden beneath the Malheur National
Forest in Oregon (U.S.), a colossal fungus quietly spreads in
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On the Lighter Side

Do you want to hear the story of a basketball player? It's a tall
tale.

Tip: "Why are you putting iodine on your paycheck?"
Top: "Because I just got a cut in my salary."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Distressing. Distressing who?
Distressing has too much vinegar.

Why didn't the nut like the bolt? Because he was screwed up.

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Answers

5. British currency
Trivia answers: 1. Duck 2. True 3. Terrier 4. Cave

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