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Everybody's Talking!

License quest: In the quiet village of Sinchon, South Korea, one grandmother's persistence turned her into a national symbol of determination. Cha Sa-soon spent years taking the written driver's test, refusing to give up even after 960 tries. Her goal wasn't fame or fortune; she simply wanted to drive her grandchildren to the zoo without waiting lonely hours for a bus. Each day she studied road rules with fierce determination, gradually memorizing questions she didn't always fully understand. In the end, her resilience paid off, earning her not only a license but a car, national attention, and the admiration of strangers. Her story shows that sometimes the longest journeys make for the most unforgettable victories in life.

Healing roads: Scientists from London, England, are designing a new kind of road that naturally repairs itself. Inspired by the way trees heal, this project combines artificial intelligence and recycled plant materials to create asphalt that seals cracks on its own. Tiny spores filled with oils are hidden inside the surface, bursting open when damage begins and patching it without human help. Researchers use computer tools to study how the asphalt breaks and fixes itself, helping them to design smarter, stronger roads. The idea could save cities millions in pothole repairs and reduce dependence on petroleum-based asphalt. This self-mending pavement points to a greener future where even the streets look after themselves.

Steam valley: In the hills near Hveragerði, Iceland, a warm river winds through a landscape of mist and moss. This geothermal stream, called Reykjadalur, offers visitors a rare treat: a natural soak in water warmed by the Earth itself. As you walk the trail in, steam rises from bubbling pockets along the route, hinting at what's to come. After a moderate hike, the river reaches a "just right" stretch, where wooden boardwalks help guide bathers in and out. The further upstream you go, the hotter it gets, so you can pick your perfect temperature. Locals have long known about this hidden spa, but clear signs now help new visitors enjoy it safely. It's a hike, a hot bath, and a memory all in one.

Urban squeeze: A massive red inflatable is popping up in unexpected corners of cities around the world, drawing crowds and curiosity. Part sculpture, part surprise, the RedBall Project is the creation of artist Kurt Perschke, who squeezes the 15-foot (4.6-m) ball into alleyways, plazas, and architectural crevices. Each location is carefully chosen, after the artist wanders, sketches, and sometimes gets lost in search of the perfect fit. The traveling installation has appeared in many different countries, reshaping how people interact with their everyday surroundings. It's playful, bold, and intentionally out of place. This giant sphere doesn't just fill a space, it transforms it into something to stop for, smile at, and share.

Quoteable Quotes

"The most dangerous phrase in the language is 'We've always done it this way.'"
—Grace Hopper

"My life amounts to no more than one drop in a limitless ocean. Yet what is any ocean but a multitude of drops?"
—David Mitchell

What's Happening

Aug. 29TH: Lunchtime Live! Bronson Park, Kalamazoo, 11:30-1:30PM.

Aug. 30TH: Kalamazoo Farmers Market, 936 Lake St., Kalamazoo, 7-1PM.

Aug. 30TH: 49TH Annual All Crafts Fair, Stanley Johnston Park, South Haven.

Aug. 31ST: The Urban Craft Fair - Kalamazoo Farmers Market, 936 Lake St., Kalamazoo, 7-12PM.

Aug. 31ST: Three Rivers HarmonyFest, Downtown Three Rivers, Three Rivers.

Trivia

- Which planet in our solar system is called the "morning star"?
- What type of joint is in the human ankle?
- There are mountains on the moon—T/F?
- Who wrote *The Three Musketeers*?
- "The ____ of Silence" was sung by Simon & Garfunkel.

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1/2 cup sliced almonds

- Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
- Mix oats, brown sugar, coconut, wheat germ, cinnamon, and nutmeg together in a large bowl. Stir water, oil, and vanilla extract into the oat mixture; spread onto a baking sheet.
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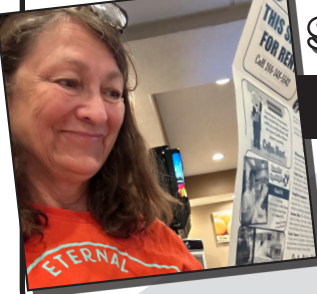


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Your Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)

Your focus may be on relationships this week. Resolving an old issue may not be obvious, but conscious work with a partner could create insights toward a solution. Lucky numbers: 1, 6, 7, 19, 25, 43.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

Your grounded nature might be shaken up for a few days midweek. Don't ignore uncomfortable information that could emerge. It might give you important insights. Lucky numbers: 7, 11, 16, 19, 27, 31.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

Midweek may find you making new connections, including romantic ones. Your social calendar might also fill up quickly. Go with the flow, even if it seems chaotic. Lucky numbers: 13, 14, 15, 16, 26, 36.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

Sometimes Cancers can be reluctant to toot their own horns. For the next few weeks, you might have an opportunity to change this, but you will need to seek it out. Lucky numbers: 4, 7, 10, 14, 31, 34.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leos are known for having a large, open heart for others. But for the next month, be careful of being starry eyed about people in general, or someone in particular. Lucky numbers: 5, 13, 18, 24, 26, 48.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Virgos often value practicality over aesthetics. Early this week, there may be an opportunity to add more beauty in your life, but you might need to actively seek it. Lucky numbers: 10, 11, 19, 24, 37, 45.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Early this week, you may be interested in indulging in pleasurable activities, including cooking. Does your garden have veggies and other items for a beautiful meal? Lucky numbers: 15, 21, 30, 33, 35, 37.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Your intuitive abilities may kick into high gear at midweek. If this causes you stress, try to take a deep breath and just hang on. The dynamic likely will pass in a few days. Lucky numbers: 2, 16, 19, 28, 29, 31.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You may feel particularly exuberant as you head into the weekend. Enjoy yourself, but be careful of overindulging because you might regret it after this period passes. Lucky numbers: 12, 15, 19, 22, 24, 41.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Capricorns generally project a serious demeanor, but sometimes joy and fun are appropriate. Early in the week, you may have an opportunity to make an adjustment. Lucky numbers: 3, 5, 13, 20, 39, 47.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You may run into relationship obstacles during midweek. Try to consider postponing important decisions until the dynamic passes. A better option may emerge later. Lucky numbers: 6, 7, 13, 35, 36, 39.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Pisces can wear their hearts on their sleeves, especially in the next few weeks. Be careful of others taking advantage of your good nature; adjust accordingly. Lucky numbers: 14, 16, 18, 38, 40, 45.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Gemini winners with the luckiest number being 15.

Did You Know...

Speedy buzz: Some bees can fly as fast as 15 miles per hour (24 km/h), depending on their species and wing shape. Weather and wind can also speed them up or slow them down. Their quick flights help them gather food more efficiently.

Movie room: Inside the U.S. White House is a 42-seat theater where presidents enjoy films with family, friends, and special guests. It also serves as a quiet space to practice important speeches before addressing the country.

Petal purpose: Flowers don't just look pretty: they are the plant's way of replicating themselves. With built-in parts for both male and female roles, flowers rely on pollen moving from one spot to another to kickstart reproduction.

Color cues: Babies can see colors from an early age, but not as vividly as adults. Red is typically the first color they notice, with their ability to see other colors and details improving gradually over the first few weeks.

Bug bite: Chocolate-covered ants bring together a sugary coating and a crisp crunch. In parts of ancient Mexico, insects were part of daily meals, and today these snacks still offer both protein and a chance to try something unique.

On the Lighter Side

My first job was in an orange juice factory. They fired me because I couldn't concentrate.

Teacher: "Where is the English Channel?"
Student: "I don't know. Our TV only picks up local channels."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Yacht. Yacht who? Yacht to know me by now.

Where are dogs scared to go? A flea market.

Show me a baker who ran out of custard, I'll show you a humble pie.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Venus 2. Hinge 3. True 4. Alexandre Dumas 5. Sound

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