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Everybody's Talking

Grandmother connection: A creative company in Tokyo has found a new way to bring comfort and connection to modern life by offering a "rental grandmother" service. Through its OK! Obaachan program, women later in life can be hired to cook meals, give advice, or simply share time with clients seeking warmth and companionship. The idea grew from a desire to support both lonely residents and older women looking for meaningful work. Many find joy in being needed again, while families appreciate the sense of care that feels like home. The service also highlights Japan's effort to keep seniors engaged in society, and that wisdom and kindness still hold great value in everyday life.

Ocean discovery: Near Mexico's coastline, researchers confirmed a previously unknown manta ray, expanding the known family to just three species on Earth. The ray displayed distinctive grey wing tips and shoulder markings that clearly separated it from others. After comparing hundreds of photographs and sketches, scientists confirmed the differences through genetic analysis. The new species, named *Mobula yarae* after a mythical sea spirit, is thought to inhabit the Atlantic and parts of the Caribbean. Early findings suggest it may have recently evolved from a larger relative, offering a glimpse into ongoing speciation. For marine biologists, the discovery provides clues about how creatures continue to diversify in modern oceans.

Refuse reborn: In San Francisco, a recycling company has transformed part of its waste facility into a space for artists to create and experiment. Through Recology's artist residency program, participants collect discarded materials and turn them into new works like sculptures, paintings, and installations. They are given studio space, tools, and time to develop their projects before displaying them in a free public exhibit. Over the years, hundreds of artists have joined, finding fresh ways to reuse metal, wood, and plastic. The program encourages people to see waste as something that still holds creative value. By blending art and recycling, the effort demonstrates that trash can be reshaped into something lasting.

Ship sanctuary: A retired cruise ship now rests ashore on Bintan Island, Indonesia, as a luxury hotel, preserved by an owner who couldn't bear to see its history fade. Once known as the MV Doulos Phos, the vessel sailed for decades under different names before becoming too old for the sea. Its new owner purchased it after years of disuse, moving it onto land and rebuilding every level while keeping much of its original structure. Visitors can now stay in expanded cabins, explore restored decks, and even see the old lifeboats still hanging along its side. The ship's transformation has turned a century-old relic into a permanent landmark, grounded by craftsmanship and respect for its story.

Quoteable Quotes

"Every day is a new day, and you'll never be able to find happiness if you don't move on." —Carrie Underwood
 "Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change." —Stephen Hawking

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Trivia

1. Who created the comic "Tin Tin"—H.A. Rey, Hergé, or Beatrix Potter?
2. Before Titanic, this 1993 movie was the highest grossing film of all time.
3. British Queen _____ reigned between 1837 and 1901.
4. Where is the world's lowest point on land?
5. Scale-shaped clouds create this type of sky, often signifying changing weather.

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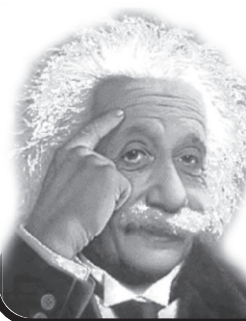
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(March 20 – April 19)



You may be tempted to
act impulsively at mid-
week. Consider buckling
down instead. This could
show your serious intent
and help avoid conflict
about old issues. Lucky numbers: 3, 7,
12, 13, 31, 40.

TAURUS

(April 20 – May 20)



Your grounded, practical
nature may get a boost at
midweek. If you have a
project that requires more
hard work to complete,
this might be a time to
invest in it. Lucky numbers: 17, 18, 22,
27, 36, 40.

GEMINI

(May 21 – June 20)



The new moon at week's
end encourages you to set
intentions toward your
goals. You may be given
a number of options to
do so. Slow down and
choose carefully. Lucky numbers: 6, 10,
19, 25, 30, 32.

CANCER

(June 21 – July 22)



You may receive a boost
of optimism and enthus-
iasm. How might you
direct this energy to
achieve something close
to your heart? Don't let
the moment slip by. Lucky numbers: 9,
14, 35, 37, 39, 40.

LEO

(July 23 – Aug. 22)



You may be in love with
love for the next month.
Carefully consider this
in new relationships.
Give yourself time to see
if this person is right for
you. Lucky numbers: 13, 17, 21, 33,
36, 41.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)



Your grounded and hard-
working nature is a gift,
but it can get a bit
tedious. The weekend is
a good time to add some
pleasure and fun to your
life. Lucky numbers: 5, 6, 18, 19, 34,
42.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)



Is there an annoying
situation that has been
bubbling beneath the
surface? Try to address it
early in the week or it
may blow up in a way
you don't expect. Lucky numbers: 1, 2,
10, 13, 30, 36.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)



For a few days at mid-
week, you may find a
respite from the infor-
mation flow that seems
to follow you everywhere
all the time. Let it wash
over and restore you. Lucky numbers:
2, 11, 14, 28, 37, 44.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)



The new moon at week's
end is a good time to set
intentions. However, the
options that you can
pursue may be a bit over-
whelming. Try waiting a
few days to decide. Lucky numbers: 9,
10, 24, 37, 33, 47.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)



Capricorns have a strong
ability to manifest success.
But now may be a good
time to question if your
endeavours satisfy your
heart's wishes. If not,
adjust accordingly. Lucky numbers: 8,
18, 20, 37, 41, 44.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)



You know the goal you're
manifesting but might
have difficulty attract-
ing others to your vision.
Craft a message that
reflects the passion of
what you want to achieve. Lucky
numbers: 7, 9, 12, 17, 22, 27.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 – March 20)



Your empathy is a dou-
ble-edged sword, attract-
ing and repelling others.
Right now, you may be
able to communicate with
added warmth and joy to
draw others to your side. Lucky numbers:
4, 5, 10, 15, 44, 48.

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

Did You Know...

Bold bite: Mustard began in ancient Rome, where crushed
seeds were stirred into grape juice for extra taste. Centuries later
it spread across Europe, valued as a cheap way to add flavour
long before imported spices became common.

Letter logic: When abbreviations are said as full words, like
NATO, they're called acronyms. If each letter is pronounced
separately, like FBI, they're technically "initialisms." Both shorten
long names but sound completely different when spoken.

Gut gate: Unlike people, horses can't bring food back up
once it's swallowed. A tight stomach valve and angled passage
block the reverse flow, which protects the system but also
raises risks if too much gas or liquid builds inside.

Candle customs: The birthday candle tradition began when
ancient Greeks lit cakes to honour the moon goddess and send
wishes skyward. Later, Romans used candles on cakes to celebrate
birthdays, a practice that continues around the world today.

Timeless ride: A man from the U.S. bought a green Rolls-
Royce Phantom in 1928 and proudly kept it for 77 years. He
drove it well into old age, eventually earning the record for the
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On the Lighter Side

Doctor: "You'll need stitches in that cut."
Patient: "Don't bother, I'll do it."
Doctor: "Suture self."

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Gnu. *Gnu who?* I gnu you'd ask
me that!

How do you mend a broken tuba? With a tuba glue.

A clockmaker's alarm makes him rise and chime.

Mr. Alligator said he couldn't make it to the party. He was
swamped.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Hergé 2. Jurassic Park 3. Victoria
4. Dead Sea 5. Mackerel Sky

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