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Everybody's Talking

Quake network: Google has created a global alert system that turns billions of smartphones into mini earthquake sensors. Each Android device detects small ground tremors that appear before stronger quakes and sends that data to a central system. When enough signals are collected, nearby users receive warnings, allowing them a brief window to take cover. The program now operates across many countries, including areas without advanced seismic equipment, helping to partially close a major safety gap. Though its readings aren't always exact, it has successfully alerted millions to oncoming quakes. Using technology already in people's hands, Google's new safety network turns daily devices into tools for disaster preparedness.

Germ guard: In Kingston, Jamaica, a young inventor designed a door handle that disinfects itself with ultraviolet light, removing bacteria while remaining safe for humans. Rayvon Stewart conceived the idea after seeing how quickly infections spread in hospital settings, especially in humid environments. Now patented, the creation earned national and international recognition for improving hygiene in public spaces. Built with simple mechanics and durable materials, the handle automatically cleans after each touch. The project grew from Stewart's university studies and interest in practical engineering solutions. His thoughtful design shows how creative ideas can make everyday public places healthier.

Space pharmacy: Researchers in London are developing a way to manufacture cancer treatments in orbit, using the effects of microgravity. On Earth, antibody-based drugs become too thick to inject when made in concentrated form. In space, however, proteins can crystallize evenly without gravity's pull, creating purer versions that flow more easily. A startup called BioOrbit is building equipment to grow and collect these crystals aboard spacecraft, turning space research into usable medicine. Their long-term plan is to make large-scale pharmaceutical production possible beyond Earth. The project could change how drugs are made, bringing new meaning to "space-age medicine."

Flood rescuer: A Beijing construction worker used his bulldozer to save more than a hundred people after heavy rain flooded nearby villages. When rising water trapped residents in their homes, he drove through deep currents to reach them, lifting families into the machine's front scoop for safety. Throughout the day, he made repeated trips between rooftops and dry ground, sometimes carrying rescue crews as well. Videos of his efforts quickly spread online, where people began calling him the "Bulldozer Hero." His quick thinking and courage turned ordinary equipment into a lifeline. The rescues showed how one determined person can make all the difference in a disaster.

Quoteable Quotes

"Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt those doing it." —Proverb
"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness." —Lucius Annaeus Seneca

What's Happening

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Trivia

1. The capital of Mexico is Mexico City—T/F?
2. Is a hippopotamus carnivorous, omnivorous, or herbivorous?
3. Bhutan has this form of government.
4. What is the largest planet in the solar system?
5. The first Oscar Award ceremony was held in 1918, 1929, or 1933?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES
(March 20 – April 19)

Chiron, the minor planet, moves out of Aries this week. Before it returns in September for its final 10 months, consider any old wounds that still need attention. Lucky numbers: 5, 10, 16, 17, 24, 36.

TAURUS
(April 20 – May 20)

The minor planet Chiron will soon begin a seven-year transit through your sign. For the next six months, you might get a preview of its role in healing old wounds. Lucky numbers: 10, 12, 17, 22, 31, 47.

GEMINI
(May 21 – June 20)

Geminis tend to let their heads lead over their hearts. Early in the week, a sudden and unexpected opportunity may appear that allows you to fully lean into the latter. Lucky numbers: 6, 18, 24, 35, 44, 47.

CANCER
(June 21 – July 22)

Your birth month is a good time to develop new goals and plans to achieve them. Consider aiming for a bigger goal than you previously might have considered. Lucky numbers: 9, 15, 22, 28, 34, 39.

LEO
(July 23 – Aug. 22)

Your enthusiasm may be on full display at midweek. How could you use this emotion to achieve something positive? Watch for places where you might overreach. Lucky numbers: 1, 14, 16, 22, 25, 32.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

Virgos often are the first ones to pitch in to get a job done, which is admirable. However, at the end of this week, speak up if someone tries to take unfair advantage. Lucky numbers: 12, 13, 16, 26, 39, 45.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Leo winners with the luckiest number being 25.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

This weekend may be a good time to sit down and review where things stand in your life. Where are your needs not being met and how might you change this? Lucky numbers: 3, 6, 17, 21, 32, 46.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

Over the next six months, you may run into obstacles, from yourself or others, blocking your path. A deep dive into your unconscious may bring understanding. Lucky numbers: 8, 10, 24, 27, 46, 48.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Have you travelled many roads, either literally or figuratively, to learn who you are? For the next six months, it may help to stay in one place and go inside instead. Lucky numbers: 5, 29, 31, 36, 37, 40.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

It has been about six months since your birthday. Did you set new goals at that time? What progress have you made against them? Are any changes needed? Lucky numbers: 2, 10, 17, 25, 26, 27.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Pluto's long transit through your sign is quiet on humanity's evolution. Such a huge endeavour requires heart and mind. Midweek offers a chance to add this element. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 13, 26, 34, 39.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 – March 20)

You may face a stalemate during the week. Are you looking with rose-coloured glasses about what you want to achieve? Consider a more grounded approach to success. Lucky numbers: 7, 20, 27, 37, 45, 46.

Did You Know...

Floating treats: In the coastal towns of Sicily, Italy, you can enjoy a scoop without stepping ashore. Boats drift across the water selling gelato straight to nearby vessels, turning the sea into a floating ice cream shop for sun-soaked travellers.

Cloud creators: When seaweed is stressed by sunlight or low tides, it releases iodine into the air. Those particles can help clouds form above coastal waters, meaning gloomy seaside skies may owe their mood to the ocean's plants.

Cool cabbage: Babe Ruth wasn't just known for towering home runs, he also had a peculiar way of beating the heat. On hot days, he tucked a cabbage leaf inside his cap to help keep his head cool during games.

Grasp greeting: Before it became a friendly hello, the handshake served a practical purpose. Offering an open hand showed you carried no weapon, and giving it a quick shake proved nothing dangerous was tucked up a sleeve.

Sea summit: The top of Mount Everest was once part of a shallow ocean floor. When massive tectonic plates collided, the seafloor was slowly pushed upward, turning ancient marine rocks and fossils into the world's tallest mountain.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Accordion. *Accordion who?* Accordion the forecast, it's going to rain.

What did the tooth say as the dentist left the room? Fill me in when you get back.

My wife's beautician tells her tales that curl her hair.

The cheetah at the zoo needed glasses. He was seeing spots.

Teacher: "If Shakespeare were alive today, what would he be famous for?"

Student: "Being over 400 years old."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. True 2. Herbivorous 3. Constitutional monarchy 4. Jupiter 5. 1929

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