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Everybody's Talking

Tentacle tunes: In Sweden, a musician known for building unusual instruments turned a home aquarium into a tiny music studio. Instead of practicing alone, he designed a keyboard that could be pressed by an octopus using its arms. The setup took patience, with time spent letting the animal get used to the instrument and its surroundings before any sounds emerged. Progress came slowly, helped by simple rewards that encouraged repeated movements across the keys. Over time, short patterns replaced random taps, creating something that resembled a tune. The project drew attention through online videos that showed careful training, steady progress, and an unexpected mix of music, design, and animal behaviour.

Living canvas: In labs around the world, artists practice agar art, building pictures by guiding the growth of bacteria and fungi. Their work begins in shallow dishes filled with agar, a clear gel that lets microbes spread and form colour as they multiply. Rather than brushing strokes, creators place tiny samples with care and then wait as shapes slowly appear on their own. Different organisms grow at different speeds, which adds texture and contrast. The results range from animals to abstract scenes, all shaped by living material. An annual contest run by a microbiology group has helped bring this practice to a wider audience. The process blurs the line between experiment and artwork in a way that keeps surprising viewers.

Hydrogen debut: In San Bernardino, California (U.S.), a new kind of passenger train is carrying riders without burning diesel or drawing power from overhead wires. The train blends hydrogen fuel cells with onboard batteries, creating electricity as it moves and releasing only water vapour. Built for regional routes where full electrification can be hard to justify, the design lets trains run much like before while changing what happens under the floor. Local agencies see it as a practical option for lines needing cleaner operation without major rebuilding. Similar technology has already been tested overseas, giving planners confidence it can scale. Engineers are now tracking how it runs day to day to help decide where it could fit next.

Fog harvest: Along the dry hills near Lima, Peru, residents are collecting fresh water from the air using tall mesh panels that catch passing mist. When fog moves through the nets, tiny droplets cling to the fibres, merge, and drip into channels below. The gathered water is stored nearby and used for washing, small gardens, and daily needs where pipes don't reach. These setups work best in places with steady fog and light winds, even when rain is rare. Community groups help install and maintain the nets, keeping the systems running locally. Similar projects have appeared in other fog-prone regions facing water stress. The approach shows how small tools can reshape life in dry landscapes.

Quoteable Quotes

"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."

— Louisa May Alcott

"A calm mind brings inner strength and self-confidence."

— Dalai Lama

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2. The human body has 32 permanent ____.

3. What is the fastest land animal?

4. The fictional school attended by Harry Potter is Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and ____.

5. Mount Kosciuszko is the tallest mountain in Australia, New Zealand, or Indonesia?

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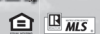
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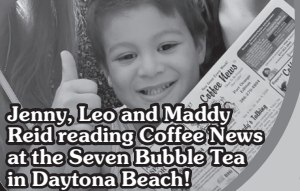
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(March 20 - April 19)



Over the next decade,
humanity will be expe-
riencing a major urge
toward an evolution in
consciousness. What role
do you want to play to
see that this shift is successful? Lucky
numbers: 7, 13, 14, 26, 44, 46.

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)



The Universe will be
encouraging you over the
next few years to undergo
a transformation in your
spiritual nature. Flowing
with events will make the
process easier than resisting them.
Lucky numbers: 2, 11, 12, 17, 24, 48.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 20)



Geminis can tend to live
in their heads. However,
this week, you may encour-
ter deep, passionate emo-
tions that feel uncomfort-
able and ask you to live
from your heart for awhile. Lucky
numbers: 3, 5, 18, 19, 28, 33.

CANCER

(June 21 - July 22)



Early in the week, you
may experience a burst
of energy that can jump
start your endeavours.
This potential won't last
long so be sure to take
advantage of it. Lucky numbers: 14,
25, 27, 43, 45, 46.

LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 22)



Leos sometimes live for
themselves alone. This
period, however, encour-
ages you to think about
where your life would be
better served in a larger
context that serves others as well.
Lucky numbers: 9, 10, 24, 28, 35, 47.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



Service to others is an
important theme for
Virgos. The question now
is whether your focus has
been too small. How can
you make a greater con-
tribution in the world? Lucky numbers:
4, 13, 20, 30, 33, 46.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



Libras are most often
focused on those in their
inner circle. Consider,
however, how your skills
can be brought to bear
helping humans create
more harmony in the outer world.
Lucky numbers: 12, 16, 22, 26, 28, 38.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



Your intuitive insights
are dialed up again early
in the week. As always,
be sure that the other
person really wants to
hear this information
before you share it. Lucky numbers: 5,
11, 15, 17, 18, 29.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Your natural optimism is
heightened at mid-week.
It may be a good time to
initiate a new endeavour.
Just be careful not to
over-reach. Crossing the
Rubicon doesn't guarantee success.
Lucky numbers: 8, 24, 34, 35, 42, 48.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



Ambition is good in
moderation. If you have
been working too hard
recently, come up for air.
Add something, or some-
one, into your life that
will bring you pleasure now. Lucky
numbers: 1, 9, 21, 34, 41, 44.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Some of us are here to
aid humanity's evolution
over the next decade.
Whether you like it or
not, consider accepting
that your Aquarius energy
places you among them. Lucky
numbers: 6, 11, 16, 22, 24, 42.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 - March 20)



Neptune in Aries may
feel uncomfortable for
you, after all the years it
spent in Pisces. However,
Aries can give you the
energy and courage now
to manifest your vision. Lucky numbers:
4, 12, 17, 21, 35, 43.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Sagittarius winners with the luckiest number being 35.

Did You Know...

Hidden flow: Divers exploring caves in Mexico have linked two submerged passageways, uncovering an underground river running at least 95 miles (154 km). Their find hinted at even more unseen routes below the surface, suggesting an even larger network.

Giant bloom: A rare plant known as the *Rafflesia arnoldii* in the rainforests of Indonesia produces the world's largest single flower, spreading several feet across. It survives by drawing what it needs from a host plant and releases a powerful scent that makes its presence hard to miss.

Water divide: About 97 percent of Earth's water is salty ocean water, leaving only a small fraction as fresh water, which is mostly found in ice, groundwater, and surface sources. That tiny share supports drinking supplies and everyday use for billions of people.

Polar palms: Fossil evidence shows that palm trees once grew in what is now subarctic Canada. These tiny traces date to a period roughly 48 million years in the past, revealing that the region stayed warm year-round during that era.

Coral heart: Heart Reef is a naturally formed, heart-shaped coral patch in the Whitsundays, sitting within Australia's Great Barrier Reef. A pilot first noticed its outline during a flight, and today it is protected so people view it only from the air.

On the Lighter Side

What kind of music might you hear in space? Neptunes!

Let's all give a hand to these sock puppets!!

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Whale. *Whale who?* Whale you be mine?

People say I look better without my glasses on. But I can't see it.

Sydney: I must have sneezed 50 times today. Do you think there is something in the air?

Allen: Yes, your germs!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Jim Davis 2. Teeth 3. Cheeta 4. Wizardry 5. Australia

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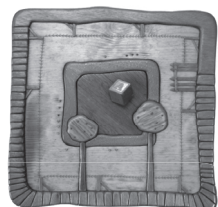


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