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Everybody's Talking!

Sacred splash: In Heerlen, Netherlands, an empty church is getting new life as a swimming pool. Architects are preserving the historic charm while adding clever features, including an adjustable pool floor that allows the venue to host both swimming and cultural events. Glass walls shield stained glass and artwork from humidity, while church pews have been repurposed as seating and bar tables. The pulpit, once used for sermons, will now offer a perfect vantage point for the lifeguard. Swimmers enter through the original aisles, experiencing the blend of old and new. Designed to honor the building's past while meeting modern needs, this inspired project shows how thoughtful design can breathe new life into cherished spaces.

Shifting shade: Designer Joe Doucet of New York (U.S.) found himself unsure what color to paint his house until the answer revealed itself in a mood ring. Using the same chemical idea, he created a paint that flips from white to black depending on the temperature, aiming to help homes stay cooler in the heat and warmer in the cold. The shift responds to outdoor conditions and could cut energy use without wires or moving parts. Still in testing, the early results show indoor temperatures are noticeably affected. The formula can be used with other colors, too, so a blue house would turn light blue in the summer and dark blue in the winter. The idea is to let the weather decide the color, and hopefully save energy costs at the same time.

Petal parade: A springtime tradition transforms the streets of Noto, Italy, with vast carpets of flowers. During the Noto Infiorata Festival, local artists craft elaborate floral mosaics along Via Nicolaci, each design reflecting a chosen yearly theme. Thousands of petals are carefully arranged by hand, drawing visitors from near and far. What began as a tourism initiative has grown into a celebrated cultural event, filling the Baroque city with color, scent, and art. Surrounding streets host concerts, markets, and displays of local crafts. For many, strolling through this fleeting gallery of blooms is a chance to experience Noto's rich blend of beauty and tradition, one petal at a time.

Tunnel trouble: In Nara, Japan, train operators faced an unusual challenge. Turtles were getting stuck on the tracks. To prevent accidents and protect the reptiles, a local railway company teamed up with an aquarium to build a turtle tunnel beneath the rails. Designed for these slow-moving travelers, the passage lets them safely pass under the tracks instead of risking a crossing above. Monthly checks keep things running smoothly, with any rescued turtles taken in for care. While the tunnel has already saved several shelled commuters, it's just one small fix in a much bigger picture. Other regions are now testing similar wildlife paths. For these turtles at least, there's finally a safer way to get from one side to the other.

Quoteable Quotes

"Freedom is the greatest fruit of self-sufficiency." —Epicurus

"We see what we believe rather than what we see." —Alan Watts

What's Happening

Nov. 29TH: Kalamazoo Farmers Market, 936 Lake St., Kalamazoo, 7-1PM.

Nov. 29TH: Kalamazoo Antique & Collectible Toy Show, Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo, 9-2PM.

Nov. 29TH: Jerico Faire, Jerico Kalamazoo, 1476 Fulford St., Kalamazoo, 11-5PM.

Nov. 29TH: Bad Santa Enduro, Kalamazoo Speedway, Kalamazoo, Gates open 11AM, race starts 2PM.

Nov. 29TH: Reindeer Ranch Tours with Santa and Lighted Walk, 2921 N. 6th St., Kalamazoo, Book in advance.

Nov. 29TH: Small Business Saturday, Dowagiac, 10AM.

Nov. 29TH: Mistletoe Market, South Haven Center for the Arts, South Haven, 11-4PM.


Trivia

1. What color is Kermit the Frog?
2. Featured in an Agatha Christie novel, this train started running in 1883.
3. What name is given to the science of sound?
4. Mushrooms are more closely related to animals than to plants—T/F?
5. Several Mesoamerican peoples used chocolate as what?

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Your Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES
(March 20 – April 19)

It would be wise to moni-
tor any angry feelings
you have this week.
Consider if they have
been triggered by a
return to your emotions
surrounding an old wound. Lucky
numbers: 9, 13, 14, 19, 22, 28.

TAURUS
(April 20 – May 20)

Are you feeling a strong
urgency to address or
complete something right
now? It may be helpful to
take a deep breath and
think through the situa-
tion before you act. Lucky numbers: 7,
9, 15, 23, 35, 38.

GEMINI
(May 21 – June 20)

For the next month, you
may encounter an obsta-
cle in a relationship. Seek
a compromise that you
both can live with, going
forward. Waiting may not
be helpful for the situation. Lucky
numbers: 12, 20, 30, 37, 39, 42.

CANCER
(June 21 – July 22)

This may be a good time
to integrate your values
and beliefs into your
daily routine. It may
require a review of where
you stand to decide how
to move ahead. Lucky numbers: 1, 3,
9, 18, 40, 46.

LEO
(July 23 – Aug. 22)

Early in the week, your
head and heart may be in
opposition. If you can't
reconcile the two, it may
be best to wait a few
days before taking any
action. Lucky numbers: 6, 15, 22, 25,
37, 43.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

In the past two-plus
years, you may have
experienced periods of
disruption to your nor-
mally grounded approach.
This dynamic might begin
to improve in the next few months.
Lucky numbers: 13, 21, 30, 31, 34, 45.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Sagittarius winners with the luckiest number being 12.

Did You Know...

Lucky seven: U.S. and Canadian phone numbers weren't always seven digits long. Engineers found that the length offered enough combinations to expand the system, while still being short enough for people to remember, balancing function and memory.

Strings surprise: Before becoming a rap star, J. Cole spent years mastering the violin. By high school, he was first chair in the orchestra, performing familiar movie themes. That early passion for music carried into his later career.

Sea mystery: In the North Atlantic Ocean, the Sargasso Sea doesn't touch any land. Instead, it's defined by powerful ocean currents that form a natural boundary. Many sea creatures, including eels and turtles, travel through it during their long migrations.

Cosmic crop: Potatoes became the first vegetable grown in space. Thanks to a team-up between NASA and researchers in Wisconsin (U.S.), special "Quantum Tubers" were crafted using a mix of farming know-how and space science.

Dad delivery: Instead of moms, male seahorses are the ones who carry and birth their young. Their pouch works much like a uterus, nourishing the babies inside. It's a rare twist in nature's approach to parenting.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Achoo. Achoo who? Achoo my gum every day.

Where do owls learn the best? At night school.

Sign in a bank window: "Come in and see if you are loan-ly."

I suffered for months with ringing in my ears, then I got an unlisted ear.

Joy: "Where were you when the parade went by?"

Jim: "I was home waving my hair."

Joy: "Next time use a flag."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Green 2. Orient Express 3. Acoustics 4. True 5. Currency

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LIBRA
(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

You may find yourself
being aggressive at the
week's end. Ask yourself
if this feeling is justified,
or if you should take a
breath and wait a few
days before acting. Lucky numbers: 2,
10, 17, 20, 28, 44.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

For the last few weeks,
you may have encoun-
tered difficulties in com-
municating. This dynamic
might begin to shift at
the week's end. Try to
focus on common ground. Lucky
numbers: 11, 12, 15, 16, 22, 48.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Sagittarians often are
free spirits and, for the
next month, this desire
may be strong for you.
Explore new possibilities,
but consider waiting a bit
before implementing them. Lucky
numbers: 4, 12, 20, 30, 35, 36.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

Capricorns generally
don't spend much time
considering their values,
but this may be a good
time for you to do so.
Look for new opportuni-
ties that are more in alignment for you.
Lucky numbers: 5, 6, 15, 17, 24, 28.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

The last month may have
had various mishaps with
equipment, communi-
cations, travel, and so
forth. At the week's end,
this situation could begin
to shift, so try to be patient. Lucky
numbers: 3, 21, 22, 24, 33, 42.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 – March 20)

For more than two years,
Saturn has been in Pisces
and stays until February.
Hopefully, it has helped
you develop a more ground-
ed approach. You have a
last chance now. Lucky numbers: 18,
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1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast meat - cubed
1/8 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 lime, juiced
1 teaspoon white sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 green onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried oregano
10 (6 inch) flour tortillas
1 tomato, diced
1/4 cup shredded lettuce
1/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1/4 cup salsa

1. Saute chicken in a medium saucepan over medium high heat for about 20 minutes. Add vinegar, lime juice, sugar, salt, pepper, green onion, garlic and oregano. Simmer for an extra 10 minutes.
2. Heat an iron skillet over medium heat. Place a tortilla in the pan, warm, and turn over to heat the other side. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Serve lime chicken mixture in warm tortillas topped with tomato, lettuce, cheese and salsa.

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