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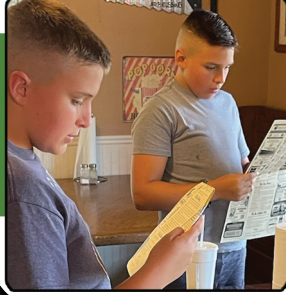
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Everybody's Talking!

Silent giant: While scanning the ocean floor near the South Sandwich Islands, a research team's remotely operated camera caught sight of something no one had seen in the wild before: a live colossal squid. Hovering just beneath the surface of darkness, the juvenile creature appeared unexpectedly, its delicate form passing in front of the lens before vanishing again into the deep. For decades, knowledge of the species came only from fragments, such as remains discovered inside whales or washed up along the shore. This moment marked an exciting breakthrough in deep-sea biology, as researchers had long doubted such footage would ever exist. Even in modern science, the ocean keeps secrets, surfacing only when it chooses to.

Phantom residence: In the town of Gardner, Massachusetts (U.S.), a towering Victorian mansion is drawing attention, and not just for its architecture but for what may still wander its halls. Once built as a lavish showpiece by a successful chair manufacturer, the home's legacy has shifted from status symbol to ghost story. Tales swirl of strange voices, sudden chills, and a mysterious force in the attic. Some say former residents and forgotten figures never left, their presence felt in creaking floors and slamming doors. Although no proof confirms its darker past, the house's reputation has earned it a place on paranormal tours. The house occasionally appears on the market, offering a chance to own a piece of history, and maybe something else.

Buried cavalry: In Stuttgart, Germany, archaeologists unearthed the remains of over 100 Roman warhorses, revealing what was once a military burial ground near an ancient cavalry fort, hidden beneath layers of earth and time. Most of the horses had been hastily buried, likely due to age, injury, or illness, but one stood out. The animal had been laid to rest with care, alongside items usually reserved for human graves. Experts believe this reflects a deep bond between the animal and its rider. Nearby, the skeleton of a man buried face-down added a strange human note to the site. While the fort's soldiers have long disappeared, their horses are still telling stories. And those stories, it seems, are only just beginning to surface.

Wind sculpture: High on a rise near Burnley, England, a strange sound drifts through the mist. It's part whistle and part harmony, shaped entirely by the air. A tower of steel pipes, tilted and twisted like a tree leaning into the wind, transforms gusts into haunting melodies. Known as the Singing Ringing Tree, the sculpture was built where an old shed and radio masts once stood, turning a forgotten patch of land into a destination. Visitors walk fenced paths through wet grass to reach it, often pausing to listen as each breeze plays a new tune. Because the sound shifts constantly, no two songs are alike, changing with wind strength, direction, and the season. Some say the tree sings; others think it simply listens. Either way, it never stays silent for long.

Quoteable Quotes

"The art is not in making money, but in keeping it." —Proverb

"Only if we understand, will we care. Only if we care, will we help. Only if we help shall we all be saved." —Jane Goodall

What's Happening

Men's Conference - Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy the fellowship of other men and a free lunch. Call 936-856-7351 or email crbcwillstx@gmail.com for more info. Calvary Road Baptist Church, 12621 Calvary Road, Willis.

Annual CAC Duck Race - Sept. 27th. A fun experience the whole family will enjoy! CAC - Community Assistance Center - will launch 10,000 rubber ducks into the Lazy River at Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Conroe, to race their way to the finish line while the crowd cheers on their ducks for chances to win fabulous prizes! For more info or to adopt a duck, visit DuckRace.com/MoCo

Library Friends of Conroe Book Sale - Oct. 2 to 4 at the Montgomery County Central Library, 104 Interstate 45N, Conroe. Fiction, non-fiction, a wide variety of children's and young adult, classic and collectable books. Oct. 2: Noon - 5 p.m. Preview entrance fee \$5 per adult all day. Oct. 3: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free entrance. Oct. 4: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bag sale - \$5 a bag, bags will be provided. Payment is cash or check with Texas DL. Credit cards not accepted.

Travis Letter Dedication Ceremony - Oct. 11, 10 to 11 a.m. at Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park, 1776 Freedom Blvd., Conroe. The Alamo Letter Society will dedicate a new monument at the park. Recognize and learn about the armed fight for freedom and liberty that took place at the Alamo in 1836. HonoredMission.org

Trivia

- How many rings are on the Olympic flag?
- Han Solo hunted treasure and used a whip—T/F?
- The English translation of the German car company "Volkswagen" is ____.
- The first day of winter in the southern hemisphere is in this month.
- What is the name of a cross-pointed screwdriver?

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A key phrase for Aries is often "I am." The beginning of this week may be a good time for you to ask yourself what your answer to this question might be. Lucky numbers: 10, 11, 25, 26, 35, 48.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

At midweek, you might want to be careful about what you are eating. If you need a boost of energy, try to look for a healthy alternative to sugar and sweets. Lucky numbers: 7, 11, 14, 19, 33, 47.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

You may find yourself very busy this weekend, with many people asking various things from you. Be sure to get enough rest or you may develop a seasonal illness. Lucky numbers: 11, 14, 26, 29, 36, 38.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

You may feel lucky at midweek, and this sense might very well be true. If you feel you need the aid of others, this also may be a good time to ask them for that help. Lucky numbers: 9, 17, 25, 27, 33, 39.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Your natural enthusiasm may be dampened mid-week. Consider taking advantage of the energy by seeking a message from your unconscious and following its lead. Lucky numbers: 12, 14, 17, 24, 33, 40.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Your ego drive may be subdued midweek. Don't worry about getting things done. Instead, be open to important insights that may not have been available to you before. Lucky numbers: 6, 8, 16, 18, 25, 28.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Solving a challenge may be best achieved now with your normal tact and diplomacy, or with a blunt approach. Knowing the other party will help you decide which one. Lucky numbers: 4, 14, 24, 34, 36, 38.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

At midweek, an obstacle may frustrate you. Look within yourself and see where you are being too fixed in your viewpoint. What might you be willing to compromise? Lucky numbers: 3, 12, 14, 22, 34, 47.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Things may feel somewhat chaotic at the end of the week. If you are having a difficult time making a decision, wait a few days until things settle back down. Lucky numbers: 5, 7, 26, 32, 38, 47.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Following intuition is not a natural skill for many Capricorns. But at mid-week, you may receive an important insight, so you will need to be paying attention. Lucky numbers: 13, 19, 28, 33, 44, 45.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Aquarius don't always trust their intuition. Mid-week may offer an opportunity to make an adjustment and strengthen this capability. The effort might be well worth it. Lucky numbers: 2, 10, 11, 14, 36, 40.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

For Pisces, receiving intuitive insights may be the norm. Midweek, uncomfortable information might arrive. Resist a temptation to ignore it; flow with it instead. Lucky numbers: 1, 19, 26, 34, 39, 46.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Cancer winners with the luckiest number being 17.

Did You Know...

Desert drift: Fine grains from the Sahara Desert can hitch a ride on winds and float incredibly far, even landing in Texas (U.S.). The dust creates hazy skies, striking sunsets, and sometimes leaves a dusty film on cars and other surfaces.

Sunrise party: Ancient Egyptians welcomed the new year with gift-giving, sunlight rituals, and celebrations near the pyramids. Their Wepet Renpet festival didn't stay on one date, but sometimes happened more than once a year, depending on the stars.

Planet pick: At just 11 years old, Venetia Burney suggested the name "Pluto" for the newly discovered planet. Her idea, proposed at the breakfast table, stuck, earning her a lasting place in space history.

Glow show: Humans naturally emit a faint light, although it's far too dim to see with the naked eye. Scientists used special cameras to capture this glow, which changes throughout the day and shines brightest from the face and neck.

Salty shift: Parts of the Atlantic Ocean are getting even saltier over time. Researchers think this may be linked to warming waters and wind patterns, which help stir up and spread salt unevenly across the world's oceans.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Olive. *Olive who?* And they olive happily ever after.

What kind of food do math teachers eat? Square meals.

The president of the tailor's union held a press conference.

I used to sell loose onions until I got the sack.

Mutt: "I was operated on and really enjoyed it."

Jeff: "Oh, why?"

Mutt: "The doctor had me in stitches."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Five 2. False, Indiana Jones 3. People's car 4. June 5. Phillips

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