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Everybody's Talking

Mosaic healer: In Lyon, France, street surfaces are being quietly transformed but not by city crews. A shadowy artist is filling potholes with colourful mosaic patterns. The anonymous figure known as Ememem calls his work "flacking," a nod to the French word for puddle, and has become known locally as the "pavement surgeon." His designs appear in broken sidewalks, mixing geometry and charm where damage once was. Although he shares photos online, Ememem avoids the spotlight entirely, leaving behind only a signature image of a trowel. Inspired by a past in tiling and music, his work has become a form of public care, not protest. What began as a side project now adorns hundreds of streets, and counting.

Cosmic chill: For the first time, glowing auroras have been clearly captured on Neptune, thanks to the infrared capabilities of NASA's Webb Space Telescope. Unlike Earth's polar lights, Neptune's auroras appear nearer the planet's mid-latitudes, an oddity explained by the planet's tilted, lopsided magnetic field. The discovery gives scientists a fresh look into the ice giant's mysterious atmosphere, revealing not just the light show but also that Neptune's high-altitude regions have cooled significantly since their last recorded temperatures. Researchers believe the dramatic cooling may explain why the auroras stayed hidden for so long. The glow is impressive, but the temperature drop leaves scientists with a deeper puzzle to explore.

Coin quest: After years combing the same patch of farmland near Dudley, England, a retired welder with a metal detector uncovered a Roman coin like no other found in the British Isles. The coin featured Emperor Aulus Vitellius, who ruled briefly in 69 C.E., a volatile moment in Rome's history. Unlike typical discoveries from later centuries, this traced back nearly two millennia, making it exceptionally rare. It was later sold at auction to a collector, with proceeds shared between the finder and the landowner. The payout was notable, but the thrill of holding a lost piece of history was the true reward. How it ended up in an English field remains a mystery.

Table friends: A cozy cafe in Tokyo, Japan, has found a charming way to make solo dining less lonely. At the Moomin House Cafe, guests are seated with stuffed Moomins, which are plush, hippo-like characters created by Finnish artist Tove Jansson, to share their table. Diners enjoy pastries and breads shaped like the beloved characters, with recipes that nod to Finnish traditions. Originally a quiet spot, the cafe steadily grew into a favourite destination for both locals and visitors. Its "anti-loneliness" idea continues to resonate, offering a playful and heartwarming way to enjoy a meal. With several locations in Japan and a devoted fanbase, the Moomins remain a comforting presence for anyone dining alone.

Quoteable Quotes

"I don't believe people are looking for the meaning of life as much as they are looking for the experience of being alive." —*Joseph Campbell*

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose." —*Robert Byrne*

What's Happening

Saturday, October 11th from 9am-2pm: Annual Craft Fair will be held at the Daytona Beach Shores Eagles located at 3516 S. Atlantic Ave. This is a fund raiser for a local breat cancer charity, Charleen's Dream. Get your holiday shopping started early! For more info, call 385-212-1100.

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Trivia

1. What vitamin do humans absorb from the sun?
2. Singer Elton John's "Candle in the Wind" is about this person.
3. What country is known as "The Land of the Rising Sun"?
4. Does Mercury, Saturn, or Jupiter spin the fastest on its axis?
5. This U.S. state has more lakes than any other state in the country.

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ARIES

(March 20 – April 19)



At midweek, information
may emerge from your
unconscious that puts
you at a stalemate. How
might you use this data to
help you heal an old

emotional wound now? Lucky numbers:
12, 14, 20, 24, 33, 39.

TAURUS

(April 20 – May 20)



The determined nature
of the Taurus-born some-
times manifests as stub-
bornness. For the next
few weeks, can you adjust
to add flexibility to your
interactions with others? Lucky
numbers: 2, 5, 15, 16, 21, 23.

GEMINI

(May 21 – June 20)



Geminis often display a
quick mind and rapid-fire
communication style.
You soon may have an
opportunity to try to
soften this with more tact
and diplomacy. Lucky numbers: 7, 9,
22, 33, 37, 39.

CANCER

(June 21 – July 22)



Are you stressing your-
self by trying to figure
out what someone thinks
about you? Take a deep
breath and consider if
you should summon
courage and simply ask them. Lucky
numbers: 1, 7, 26, 34, 36, 40.

LEO

(July 23 – Aug. 22)



Your mind and heart
may be pulling in oppo-
site directions at mid-
week. It may be best to
wait a few days for this
dynamic to pass before
taking any action. Lucky numbers: 9,
18, 23, 28, 34, 35.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)



At midweek, you may
find yourself more emo-
tional than usual. If you
have an important deci-
sion to make, you might
wait a few days for things
to normalize. Lucky numbers: 3, 5, 21,
24, 25, 32.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)



Have you made new con-
nections over the past
few weeks that could help
with your endeavours?
This opportunity might
pass in another week, so
take advantage of it now. Lucky
numbers: 8, 9, 12, 14, 28, 39.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)



Scorpios can demand that
people see hard truths,
which is not always pro-
ductive in finding a solu-
tion. Soon you may have
an opportunity to take a
gentler approach. Lucky numbers: 6,
17, 21, 39, 44, 47.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)



For the next few weeks,
keep your eyes open for
a new opportunity to
achieve your goal. In the
process, it is important
that everyone involved
be treated fairly. Lucky numbers: 5,
12, 21, 40, 41, 46.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)



Early in the week, it
may fall to you to be the
adult in the room. While
this certainly might be
frustrating, you could be
the person best suited to
do so. Lucky numbers: 4, 7, 14, 23,
24, 35.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)



Are you shouldering all
the responsibility for
completing a project? If
you reach out for help,
you may find you achieve
a better result than if you
had done it all yourself. Lucky numbers:
10, 17, 20, 26, 38, 42.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 – March 20)



Emotions may be close to
the surface at the week's
end. Detoxifying your
physical body, as with
aquatic therapy, may help
you make a positive
emotional adjustment.
Lucky numbers: 11, 17, 25, 29, 46,
47.

Lucky numbers: This week's odds favour Sagittarius winners
with the luckiest number being 21.

Did You Know...

Peak path: The Sandakphu trek winds through forests, valleys, and rugged peaks in the eastern Himalayas. It's not just a nature trip. Locals consider the trail sacred, with shrines and monasteries along the way. Views of Everest and Kanchenjunga add to the magic.

Snake wings: The Atlas moth has wing tips that look like detailed snake heads. When threatened, it flicks its wings in a way that mimics a striking snake. This clever defence helps scare off hungry predators in the wild.

Saddle stories: During the Great Depression, librarians on horseback delivered books to remote mountain homes in Kentucky (U.S.). With roads scarce and literacy low, these riders crossed creeks and climbed trails to bring reading materials to those who were cut off.

Beetle bloom: Long before bees arrived, beetles were already pollinating plants. Magnolia flowers still rely on these early pollinators today. Their thick, leathery petals are specially adapted to withstand the beetles' chewing.

Name flip: The French duo behind Daft Punk took their name from a review that called their earlier band's music "a daft punky thrash." Instead of taking offence, they embraced it, and turned the insult into a global electronic music identity.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Esther. Esther who? Esther any cranberry sauce?

What vitamin will sting you? Vitamin Bee.

Golf is a lot like taxes: you drive hard to get to the green and wind up in a hole.

A horse went into a pub. The bartender asked, "Why the long face?"

Son: "Dad, I'm hungry."

Dad: "Hello Hungry, I'm Dad."

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Vitamin D 2. Marilyn Monroe 3. Japan 4. Jupiter 5. Alaska

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