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Everybody's Talking

Attic surprise: In San Francisco, California (U.S.), a family sorting through their late mother's belongings uncovered a comic she had often said was valuable. Stored in a box in the attic, an early Superman issue turned up in unusually strong condition after years out of sight. Once experts confirmed its authenticity and state of preservation, collectors took notice from across the comic world. The book went on to sell for $9.1 million (USD), setting a new record for a comic at auction. Its value reflected both its place in comic history and how well it survived. The sale highlighted how easily important items can be overlooked for decades, even while sitting inside ordinary homes.

Fungal lure: Researchers have developed a new mosquito trap that turns a natural fungus into a powerful attractant instead of relying on sprays or nets. The fungus normally kills insects after contact, but scientists adjusted it so it releases a strong plant-like scent right away, drawing mosquitoes in first. Once inside the trap, the insects pick up spores that ultimately kill them without harming people nearby. Tests showed the setup worked even when a person was present in the room. Because the material can be grown on common crops, it could be produced locally in many regions. The approach avoids chemicals that mosquitoes often adapt to. Scientists see it as one more tool that could fit alongside existing control methods.

Rolling laundry: In Maryland (U.S.), a retired police officer has turned an old bus into a moving laundry room that offers free washes to people living without housing. The idea took shape after he saw that some were cleaning clothes in nearby streams, a detail that stayed with him long after the call ended. Instead of starting a shelter or food program, he focused on something basic that's easy to overlook. The rebuilt bus now travels on a regular route so people know when it's coming. No payment is ever asked, and volunteers help keep things running smoothly. Clean clothes can make daily life feel more manageable. The project keeps growing as word spreads through the community.

Lace walls: In cities around the world, artist NeSpoon uses lace patterns to change how public walls and buildings look. She began as a painter, later working with ceramics and placing small clay pieces outdoors before moving more fully into street art. Over time, the lace designs moved away from objects and began appearing directly on walls as murals and simple installations. The patterns add texture and detail without overpowering their surroundings. NeSpoon chooses her materials based on what suits each location, such as paint for walls or installations for parks. This flexible approach lets her work blend into many settings while staying visually distinct across neighbourhoods.

Quoteable Quotes

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." ~ *Marcel Proust*

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Trivia

1. Who painted *The Starry Night*?
2. What is a group of crows called?
3. The popular television series *The Office* was set in what Pennsylvania city?
4. Which actor portrayed Indiana Jones in the film series?
5. The original Disney Snow White film was released in 1927, 1937, or 1947?

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(March 20 – April 19)

Are you having difficulty communicating to others what you are trying to achieve with a current endeavour? Consider where an adjustment in your viewpoint could help resolve the situation. Lucky numbers: 12, 15, 17, 30, 31, 38.

TAURUS
(April 20 – May 20)

At week's end, your intuition may be loudly pointing you in a particular direction. Rather than immediately dismissing it, consider whether the risk of following it is worth taking. Lucky numbers: 1, 2, 16, 28, 34, 42.

GEMINI
(May 21 – June 20)

You may be eager to act now on an idea from a sudden insight. Consider how easily you would be able to unravel things if the situation does not pan out. Lucky numbers: 17, 25, 37, 39, 42, 46.

CANCER
(June 21 – July 22)

Events now may leave you with the feeling that you are on shifting sands. This pattern isn't going to change soon. How can you make an adjustment in view to adapt? Lucky numbers: 2, 13, 15, 25, 29, 35.

LEO
(July 23 – Aug. 22)

Are you experiencing a conflict in your romantic relationship now? Perhaps the source of the issue is a difference in values between the two of you. Are they reconcilable? Lucky numbers: 7, 8, 14, 32, 33, 43.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

Your work ethic and attention to detail are heightened at the beginning of the week. Use it to make a contribution but make sure that others don't take advantage of you. Lucky numbers: 14, 18, 21, 29, 34, 42.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)

The week's end may provide an opportunity for you to set a new intention. If you set a goal at your birthday, this may be a good time to advance it. Lucky numbers: 8, 19, 32, 33, 35, 41.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)

Is there something you want to change in your romantic relationship? If you approach the topic carefully this week, you may be able to communicate what you need. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 30, 40, 41, 43.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

Having a personal philosophy or belief system is an important theme. In this period of intense human evolution, your ability in this regard can be helpful to others. Lucky numbers: 5, 6, 8, 21, 27, 41.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

The success achieved by older Capricorns may lessen their desire to direct ambition into personal endeavours. This provides an opportunity to shift one's ambition to a larger focus in the world. Lucky numbers: 4, 8, 19, 30, 31, 39.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Your spiritual development can both reflect and affect humanity's evolution while Pluto is in Aquarius. The energy of this planet has been stalled recently but is now moving forward again. Lucky numbers: 6, 14, 18, 28, 30, 32.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 – March 20)

The grounded energy at mid-week may provide you an opportunity to achieve a goal. This dynamic will only last a few days. Don't create any obstacles to manifesting what you desire. Lucky numbers: 9, 11, 12, 23, 36, 46.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favour Libra winners, with the luckiest number being 33.

Did You Know...

Island shuffle: Pheasant Island sits on a river between France and Spain, and the two nations take turns caring for it in six-month stretches. Spain oversees it from February to July, then France looks after it from August to January.

Border bubbles: Only three countries are completely enclosed by another nation: Vatican City and San Marino inside Italy, and Lesotho within South Africa. Their unusual placement creates small, self-contained pockets with their own identities.

Hidden chamber: Behind the carved faces of Mount Rushmore in South Dakota (U.S.) is an unfinished room that was originally meant to display important American records. Although the full design was never completed, the space remains tucked within the monument.

Tower tilt: The famous Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy has been slowly straightening since a major stabilization project was done. Engineers reduced its lean, and later checks showed it continued shifting slightly toward a more upright position.

Freshwater giant: Lake Superior is the planet's largest freshwater lake by surface area. It stretches across Canada and the United States, and its broad waters make it one of the most expansive freshwater bodies on Earth.

On the Lighter Side

What does Superman like in his drinks? Just-ice.

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Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Kelp. *Kelp who?* Kelp me get a gift for my mom.

Did you hear the joke about paper? Nevermind, it's tearable.

Passenger: Are you sure this train stops in San Francisco? Conductor: If it doesn't, you'll hear a big splash.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Vincent van Gogh 2. A murder 3. Scranton 4. Harrison Ford 5. 1937

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