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# Everybody's Talking!

**Hidden glow:** A UV tattoo might look like any other during the day, but under blacklight, it lights up with bright, glowing color. Tattoo artist Jonny Hall has made this style his own, mixing detailed black and grey designs with hidden UV highlights that give the artwork an unexpected twist. Some parts of the tattoo stay invisible until they are under the right light, making them feel like a secret only shown at night or in certain places. They're popular with people who love parties or want something unique. You'll need a blacklight to see the full effect, but the tattoo still looks great without it. For anyone wanting ink that changes with the light, this style is full of surprises and creative energy.

**Brick blossoms:** Inside Pacific Place, a luxury shopping mall in Hong Kong, China, a blooming garden has been built entirely from LEGO bricks. Called “Where Bricks Bloom,” the installation transforms the mall’s public space into a walkable landscape of giant roses, orchids, and colorful floral scenes that are exciting for young and old alike. Crafted by artists skilled in both botany and brickwork, the display is divided into themed zones, each with its own playful twist. The combination of sculpture, retail, and imagination makes a visit more than just a trip to the mall. For those seeking something whimsical and photo-worthy, this garden delivers, without a single drop of water.

**Harbor celebration:** During SAIL Amsterdam, the waterways in Amsterdam, Netherlands, transform into a floating showcase as ships of all shapes and histories gather for a rare nautical event. From majestic tall ships to smaller, timeworn vessels, the harbor fills with sails, masts, and maritime stories. Guests stroll the docks, step aboard select boats, and take in views from both land and water. The atmosphere buzzes with music, performances, and the scent of fresh air off the sea. Ferries weave through the crowd of boats, while private rides offer a closer look for those who want to see more. For a few days, the city becomes a stage for seafaring tradition in a citywide salute to life on the water.

**Seismic shield:** In Japan, where earthquakes happen almost daily, trains stay safe, even during massive quakes. The country’s high-speed network has avoided serious harm through a mix of fast sensors and culture-wide preparation. Along the tracks, seismic detectors send alerts within seconds, stopping trains before the shaking can reach them. Passengers are kept informed and cared for, even if delays stretch on. Japan’s approach goes beyond the technology to include regular drills and public awareness that treat safety like second nature. While other places consider copying the system, experts say the real strength lies in the mindset. It’s not just about stopping trains; it’s about always being ready.

# Quoteable Quotes

“If you cry because the sun has gone out of your life, your tears will prevent you from seeing the stars.”  
—Rabindranath Tagore

“I always felt that the great high privilege, relief, and comfort of friendship was that one had to explain nothing.”  
—Katherine Mansfield

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3) Ken Smith, Jimmy Ackley, Joe Grover, Chris Preston -5  
4) Chuck Boudreau, Mark Altwater, Ray Mantz, Phil LaPlante -3  
5) Dwight Patten, Neil Flatt, Chuck Monroe, Paul King -2  
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# Trivia

- How many zeros in one trillion?
- Frost is not considered snow—T/F?
- What protein makes bread dough elastic?
- Copernicus theorized that these revolve around the sun.
- South America's two landlocked countries are Paraguay and \_\_\_\_.

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# Your Weekly Horoscopes

### ARIES (March 20 – April 19)




This week may be difficult. That could stem from an old wound that you might not be able to clearly see right now. Patience with yourself and others could help. Lucky numbers: 3, 18, 19, 29, 31, 39.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)




Current energy supports making new connections and strengthening old ones. Consider how to use this dynamic, for the next few weeks, to resolve relationship difficulties. Lucky numbers: 2, 4, 5, 7, 33, 48.

### TAURUS (April 20 – May 20)




The Taurus-born are known for being hard workers. Midweek may be a good time to reconsider your values. If your work doesn't align with them, consider changes. Lucky numbers: 18, 20, 24, 28, 39, 43.

### GEMINI (May 21 – June 20)




Events during the middle of the week could force you out of your comfort zone. You may want to consider ideas and situations that you might have bypassed before. Lucky numbers: 6, 13, 19, 21, 26, 37.

### CANCER (June 21 – July 22)




As the week starts, you may want to retreat into your shell. Even if you can't fully withdraw from the world, it is important to carve out some time for self-care. Lucky numbers: 4, 13, 14, 19, 20, 38.

### LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)




Your natural enthusiasm may be on full display this week. Talk with others about what you most value, and look for an opportunity to manifest an endeavor to support it. Lucky numbers: 1, 4, 6, 9, 21, 46.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)




At midweek, take some time to consider what you most love and value. Then set a new intention for how you can start advancing these things into the world. Lucky numbers: 11, 13, 14, 21, 30, 44.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)




Having a personal philosophy is more important to a Sagittarius than to others. Midweek is a good time to consider if that philosophy still fits who you are now. Lucky numbers: 5, 11, 16, 28, 29, 34.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)




At the beginning of the week, your heart may be pulling you in one direction and your head in the opposite. Look for a workable compromise or wait a few days. Lucky numbers: 9, 13, 14, 19, 29, 38.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)



Important information may emerge from your unconscious at midweek. Make an assessment of what you truly value, and then adjust your views accordingly. Lucky numbers: 12, 17, 26, 27, 39, 43.

### PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)



This week may require a lot of patience. Keep working steadily toward your goals while recognizing that results could be two steps forward and one step back. Lucky numbers: 2, 4, 7, 11, 15, 27.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Libra winners with the luckiest number being 7.

## Did You Know...

**Magnetic memory:** Sea turtles appear to navigate by reading the Earth's magnetic field. Over time, they learn to recognize unique magnetic signals tied to different locations, helping them travel across the open ocean with surprising precision.

**Radar reheats:** Microwaves weren't invented for meals. They were radar technology to detect enemy ships. A curious engineer noticed that the energy melted his chocolate bar, sparking a new idea. Decades later, home models are common.

**Scalp stats:** Seeing loose hair after brushing or showering is usually nothing to worry about. Most people naturally shed up to 100 strands each day, and with so many follicles on the scalp, the loss rarely makes a visible difference.

**Frost proof:** A polar bear's fur doesn't freeze after icy swims thanks to being coated in natural oils that repel freezing. This built-in barrier keeps ice from sticking and demonstrates the natural adaptability of the polar bear to its cold climate.

**Low zone:** Sitting lower than any other place on land, the Dead Sea keeps sinking. It's fed by rivers but has no outlet, so water only leaves by evaporating into the air, causing the lake's level to steadily shrink.

## On the Lighter Side

What did the snail say when he hitched a ride on a turtle? "Wheee!"

A group of physicists is called a "nucleus."

There was a tap on my door. My plumber has a weird sense of humor.

Diner: "Do you have lobster tails?"  
Waiter: "Certainly. Once upon a time there was a little lobster...."

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Hugh. *Hugh who?* Hugh's afraid of the big bad wolf?

### Answers

Trivia answers: 1. 12 2. True 3. Gluten 4. Planets 5. Bolivia

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1 tsp each cinnamon and vanilla	1/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp each baking soda and ginger	1/3 cup pumpkin puree
1/4 tsp each salt, nutmeg, and ground cloves	3/4 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup room temperature butter	

In a large mixing bowl, mix sugars and butter together until combined then mix in pumpkin and vanilla. Add in all dry ingredients and mix until well combined. Stir/mix in chocolate chips and place 1.5 oz balls (1 tbs) onto a baking sheet 2 inches apart. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes then remove to cool. After 5 minutes transfer to cooling rack.



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