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Everybody's Talking!

Tiny thunder: German researchers have discovered that *Danionella cerebrum*, a minuscule translucent fish measuring about 1.2 centimeters (0.5 in.), can generate sounds over 140 decibels, comparable to standing 100 meters (328 ft.) from a jet during takeoff. Unique for its size, this fish produces loud noises using sonic muscles and drumming cartilage. High-speed video reveals that a rib near the swim bladder, driven by a muscle, strikes the cartilage to produce rapid pulses. Unlike females, males have a harder rib, allowing them to create these sounds. Scientists speculate this might aid in murky waters or serve as a warning during mating.

Clover king: In Japan, Yoshiharu Watanabe grew a record-setting 63-leaf clover, earning him the title of possibly the world's luckiest man. He has been fascinated with clovers for years, collecting and cultivating multi-leaf varieties found in local fields and parks. Using cross-pollination, he incrementally increased the leaf counts, achieving milestones like a near-record 55-leaf clover. Despite setbacks and fluctuating numbers of leaves, his perseverance paid off when he grew the clover that broke the record. This meticulous process involved carefully counting the small leaves of his clovers, which often took over an hour. His achievement surpassed the previous 56-leaf record held by another Japanese gardener.

Rolex reunion: In Shropshire, England, James Steele's Rolex watch, lost in a field in the 1970s, has been unexpectedly found. Originally lost when the strap broke, Steele believed a cow had swallowed it, ending his search. Decades later, metal detectorist Liam King discovered the watch on Steele's farm. Despite the watch's face changing color and half the bracelet missing, it remained unruined. Steele, who had immediately bought a replacement after losing the watch, was thrilled by its return. He praised King for his honesty, acknowledging that it easily could have been kept. Steele plans to save the Rolex as a sentimental memento, accepting that restoring it would be too costly.

Cyclist comfort: Robin Macan, an Australian engineer, envisioned a more comfortable bike seat. So he created the VabsRider, the first-ever virtual axis bicycle saddle. He brought the idea to the Inventors Association of Australia, and it took off. This innovative design features two sides that move independently, and redistribute pressure to minimize discomfort. The seat's unique split design rotates around the hip joints, transferring pressure from the sit bones to the femurs. This ensures an evenly distributed load, and prevents soreness. The adjustable saddle also allows for customization in height positions, as well as in the saddle's angle and width.

Quoteable Quotes

"Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich."
—Sarah Bernhardt

"Do not protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends."
—Czech proverb

What's Happening

Visions and Vibes Bash-Vision Board Event: A dynamic vision board event to create your roadmap for success! Ignite your dreams! When: November 20, 5:30-7pm. Where: Betty Warmack Library 760 Bardon Rd Grand Prairie. Registration REQUIRED. Telephone to Register: 972.639.377 www.grandprairiehispanicchamber.org, info@grandprairiehispanicchamber.org VISUALIZE, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

Prairie Lights Sneak-A-Peek Run/Walk Date: Saturday, November 23, 2024 | 06:30 PM Where: Lynn Creek Park, 5610 Lake Ridge Parkway Call: 972-237-8100 for info to register See ALL NEW displays at the 2024 Prairie Lights as you run, jog, walk or stroll through the lighted park. November 23 will be a timed race dedicated for runners, and joggers. November 24 is set aside for those who want to walk and stroll through the lights. Registration is limited each night.

Food Pantry at RCCG House on the Rock: Next date: Saturday, December 7, 2024 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM Free food distribution every first Saturday of the Month Where: RCCG House on the Rock Church, 4447 Matthew Road, 75052 Contact: Bola Sijuwade 214-460-1681 bolasijuwade58@gmail.com, houseontherocktx.org

Trivia

1. Hair is a component of the integumentary, digestive, or circulatory system?
2. "Verdant" comes from the Old French word for what?
3. The capital city of Tanzania is Dodoma-T/F?
4. Ziggy Stardust was the alter ego of Elton John, John Lennon, or David Bowie?
5. A group of rhinos is called a ____.

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ARIES (March 20 - April 19)

At midweek, you may receive important information. Closely examine it for what to incorporate into your spiritual worldview. This may change how you see yourself. Lucky numbers: 16, 19, 29, 31, 42, 48.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)

One Taurus strength is to put your head down and plow the fields, so seeds can be planted. This week, try to lift your eyes to the horizon and see the bigger picture. Lucky numbers: 5, 9, 14, 23, 24, 38.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)

You may have grand plans in your mind this week. Try to separate which parts are achievable. In time, the rest may be feasible, but might need more development first. Lucky numbers: 10, 20, 33, 37, 45, 46.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)

At the beginning of the week, your emotions may be heightened. Relief should come shortly but, in the meantime, examining the basis of those feelings may be helpful. Lucky numbers: 9, 12, 29, 31, 35, 45.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)

At midweek, you may find that attracting other people to your plans could become easier. Just be sure to work so that the outcome is a win for everyone involved. Lucky numbers: 16, 17, 22, 29, 37, 41.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

The energy is beginning to favor forward progress, after months of stagnation. Your hard work and attention to details could begin to bear fruit again in the coming months. Lucky numbers: 3, 10, 13, 20, 22, 29.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Fairness and justice in human affairs can be an important theme for Libras. Look for an opportunity this week to apply these principles in the wider world. Lucky numbers: 2, 17, 18, 23, 28, 38.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Because of their deep intuitive insights, Scorpios sometimes have difficulty maintaining an optimistic outlook. Now may be a good time to seek opportunities to do so. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 8, 13, 20, 36.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Your birthday month encourages you to set new goals. If you developed plans at this time last year, how well did they work and what do you want to continue now? Lucky numbers: 1, 12, 16, 21, 27, 46.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

If you run into a stalemate with others, try taking a step back. Showing empathy to their views on the current matter might help both of you break through the obstacles. Lucky numbers: 6, 10, 15, 18, 19, 41.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Pluto has been inching close to Aquarius since last year. Now it will be in your sign for the next 20 years, presenting you with major opportunities for transformation. Lucky numbers: 18, 28, 39, 41, 45, 47.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Is there a creative project that is close to your heart that you haven't been able to achieve yet? This may be a good week to begin it or to advance what you've started. Lucky numbers: 13, 15, 27, 36, 38, 46.

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

Did You Know...

Salty secrets: Ever wonder why the ocean is salty? Ancient volcanic gases and eroded material from rivers and shorelines create a stable mix of ions, causing saltiness. Lakes, by contrast, are often replenished by rainwater, keeping their salinity low.

Body signals: Neurotransmitters are chemicals that send signals across synapses to neurons, glands, and muscles, controlling functions like heartbeat and breathing. There are over 100 types, from simple amino acids to complex molecules.

Desert eyes: Have you ever gazed into a camel's eyes? Their long, curly lashes not only captivate but also protect against sand. Camels even have a third eyelid to shield their eyes during desert storms, letting them see clearly.

Scrabble master: New Zealander Nigel Richards astounded the world by winning the French-language Scrabble World Championship without speaking French. His secret? Memorizing the entire French Scrabble dictionary.

Dog danger: Chocolate poses a threat to dogs due to theobromine and caffeine, which dogs can't efficiently metabolize. These substances can increase heart rate and cause health issues. Dark chocolate contains even higher levels of the chemicals.

On the Lighter Side

I was up all night wondering where the sun went. But, finally, it dawned on me.

Science teacher: "What is the difference between electricity and lightning?"
Student: "We don't have to pay for lightning."

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Tamara. *Tamara who?* Tamara is another work day.

Why was the fir tree sad? He pined for the other tree the moment he cedar.

Race car drivers are often very hungry because they skip brake fast.

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Intergumentary 2. Green 3. True 4. David Bowie 5. Crash

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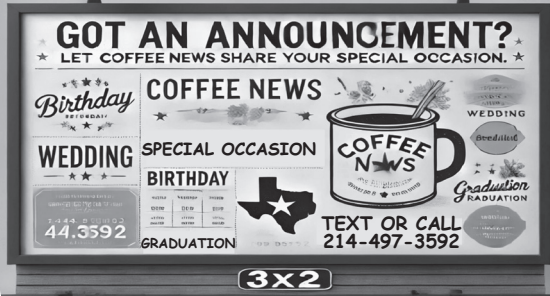
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