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Everybody's Talking!

Tracker pups: A small training group raises dogs in the green hills of Wales to later help protect wildlife on African reserves. The idea started when two trainers saw photos of poached animals and realized their skills could support dedicated conservation work. The young dogs learn to follow scents, stay focused near large animals, and keep calm in busy places, similar to police-trained dogs. When they are ready, they join patrol teams that rely on scent tracking to protect threatened species. Their presence often discourages poachers before trouble starts across wide areas. Many teams stay in touch with the trainers, sharing updates that show how much these dogs can help on a patrol.

Paper retreat: A mechanical engineer in Massachusetts (U.S.) built a small summer house in 1922 using tightly rolled newspapers sealed with varnish for most of the walls and furniture. The place kept a normal wood frame, but nearly everything inside, from tables to clocks, was shaped from old papers that still show readable text today. Visitors can explore the rooms and see how everyday headlines became building material, including a brick-faced fireplace with paper details. Instead of modern displays, the house keeps a simple notebook where guests jot down comments about their visit. Over time, the unusual house has become a local attraction that's lasted far longer than anyone expected.

Disk rescue: At Cambridge University in Cambridge, England, archivists are working to save files stored on old floppy disks before the data disappears for good. The project began when disks once used by physicist Stephen Hawking arrived at the library. Their tests found that mold, worn surfaces, and weak magnetism can erase information completely. To protect what remains, the team now looks for disks from writers and public figures who relied on early computers. Because each format needs its own machine, collectors help by lending equipment and sharing know-how. More long-forgotten disks appear as people clear out storage, adding small pieces to a fading digital past.

Web metropolis: Deep in a cave near the Greek-Albanian border, researchers found a huge sheet of connected spider webs spread across a narrow passage, forming a single structure built by two different species. The colony holds over 111,000 spiders gathered on the wall, creating numbers rarely seen in one place. Instead of competing, the species share the space and feed on tiny insects that cluster near the cave's sulphur-rich surfaces. The web itself is made of overlapping funnel-like sections that blend into one massive network. Scientists visit the site to study how creatures adjust to places with almost no light. Even those who dislike spiders might admit the scale is impressive.

Quoteable Quotes

"Act tough: what others call tough, I call persistent."
—Estee Lauder

"Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result."
—Oscar Wilde

What's Happening

VALLEYVIEW BLOCK PARTY 2026 A free, family-friendly community celebration with live music, local vendors, food trucks, children's activities, community booths, and family-focused programming. Hosted by the East Kamloops Business Improvement Association. DATE Saturday Sept 12th 2026, 11am- 3pm LOCATION Valleyview Centennial Park and Community Hall

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Kamloops Happy Choristers, 9:00 - 11:00, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, Heritage House, 100 Lorne Street, Kamloops, BC. This senior's choir's registration for our fall practice which begins the following week on September 23 at 9:20. No audition is required

Trivia

- Who wrote the original *Dracula* novel?
- The Sun god of Egypt is Ra, Helios, or Solar?
- The home video recorder that competed with VHS tapes was ____.
- What color was James Bond's Aston Martin in the films?
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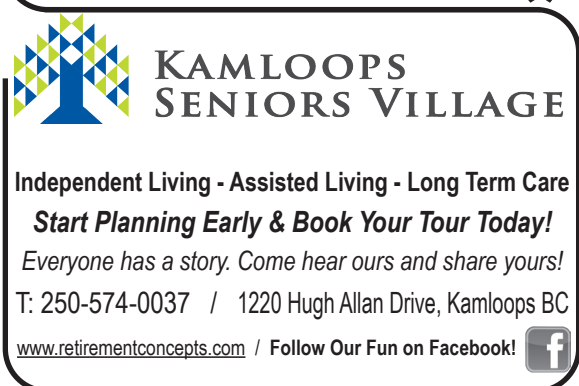
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Your Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES

(March 20 – April 19)



You may be tempted this week to act like a ram, bashing your way through a situation. That could likely make it worse. Find the real source of your frustration. Lucky numbers: 3, 5, 9, 14, 23, 37.

TAURUS

(April 20 – May 20)



Although you may be reluctant to do so, communicating about what has wounded you can be cathartic. But be sure to choose carefully and speak to someone supportive. Lucky numbers: 4, 6, 11, 15, 39, 40.

GEMINI

(May 21 – June 20)



If you are making a presentation at week's end, double check that your facts and details are correct. Mistakes could trigger an unnecessary, avoidable conflict. Lucky numbers: 14, 17, 28, 30, 34, 43.

CANCER

(June 21 – July 22)



This weekend you may receive a boost of energy to initiate a new endeavor. It doesn't matter whether it is work related or a fun project. What matters is that you start. Lucky numbers: 2, 6, 7, 9, 16, 29.

LEO

(July 23 – Aug. 22)



You may run into an obstacle early in the week. Breaking through it might require that you go beyond working for your goals and include the needs of others. Lucky numbers: 15, 17, 23, 32, 37, 40.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)



Have been waiting to initiate a project with a lot of moving parts? Midweek may be the time to do so. You might be able to more easily communicate details to others. Lucky numbers: 6, 8, 17, 25, 35, 39.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)



If you run into a stalemate at week's end, you may find that tact and diplomacy don't achieve the desired result. You might need to take a more aggressive approach. Lucky numbers: 8, 11, 18, 28, 31, 41.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)



Scorpios often see the darkness and pain in others, and sometimes sympathizing with them is difficult. Midweek your experience of compassion. Lucky numbers: 1, 9, 14, 22, 28, 41.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)



At week's end, you may have an itch to begin something new. Consider planning it out first so the project doesn't fizzle when this energy fades in a few days. Lucky numbers: 12, 17, 25, 27, 39, 41.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)



Your leadership style often focuses on concrete facts and plans. A more intuitive approach could aid your endeavors midweek, even if it is outside of your comfort zone. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 24, 25, 34, 42.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)



Remember that Pluto is making a long-term passage through your sign. This week may include a reminder. Can you make an adjustment for your personal development? Lucky numbers: 5, 6, 16, 17, 40, 48.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 – March 20)



This week sees a full moon in your sign. What endeavors might need to be completed and what new ones started? Endings and beginnings are a hallmark of this energy. Lucky numbers: 7, 18, 19, 21, 29, 37.

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

Did You Know...

Shifting stone: In India, the Taj Mahal's marble can look different as the light changes, giving the building soft tints from morning to evening. Its reflective Makrana stone is the reason for this shift, creating a subtle color change throughout the day.

Polar palms: Fossil evidence shows that palm trees once grew in what is now subarctic Canada. These tiny plant traces date to roughly 48 million years ago, revealing that the region stayed warm year-round during that era.

Canned fame: Spam, a canned meat product, first hit store shelves in the 1930s and took its name from "spiced ham." Affordable and long-lasting, it fed soldiers during war and later became famous enough for its own museum.

Granite glow: Grand Central Terminal in New York City (U.S.) gives off a tiny bit of radiation from the granite used in its construction. The stone holds small amounts of uranium, yet the levels remain low enough that there is no danger to the public.

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.

On the Lighter Side

The candle quit its job. It felt burnt out.

Did you hear about the golfer who carries extra trousers in case he gets a hole in one?

Teacher: "Who succeeded the first president?"

Student: "The second one!"

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Van. Van who? Van can I see you again?

Who serves ice cream faster than a speeding bullet? Scooperman!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Bram Stoker 2. Ra 3. Beta max 4. Silver 5. 3-D movie

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