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Everybody's Talking!

Slow and steady: A Japanese supermarket has seen a 10% rise in sales after introducing a unique, extra-slow checkout for customers who dislike rushing. This special register, designed with elderly, disabled, and pregnant shoppers in mind, allows patrons to spend up to 20 minutes checking out. Customers can count their money leisurely, chat with the cashier, and pack their groceries without pressure. The initiative, proposed by the Alzheimer's Disease Support Center, addresses the frustration and embarrassment some shoppers feel when hurried. The experiment's success suggests a demand for more patient shopping options.

Airport dispute: In New Zealand, a woman sought legal action against her ex-boyfriend for failing to drive her to the airport, causing her to miss a flight and incur extra expenses. She claimed he had also agreed to take care of her dogs while she was away. Instead, she had to use a shuttle service and pay for a dog kennel. She brought the case to the Disputes Tribunal, hoping to be reimbursed for these expenses. However, the tribunal ruled that social promises between friends or partners generally aren't legally enforceable. The court determined that no binding contract existed and dismissed her claim, stating that his promises carried no legal obligation.

Mobile marvel: In Recherswil, Switzerland, an innovative solution called the Astra Bridge is transforming road maintenance. This portable bridge system allows cars to travel over ongoing construction, reducing traffic disruptions. The Astra Bridge enhances previous concepts by being mobile and providing better working conditions for crews underneath. With improved clearance and noise insulation, it offers a more spacious and quieter environment for workers. The new, gently sloped bridge has proven effective, despite minor slowdowns from curious drivers. Notably, the Astra Bridge also protects workers from harsh weather conditions and eliminates the need for night work.

Cosmic vodka: Pegasus Distillery in Burgundy, France, has launched Shooting Star Vodka, a spirit infused with meteorite pieces. This ultra-premium vodka begins with locally sourced organic wheat and botanicals, distilled using the latest technology. Over a month-long process, pure spring water from deep wells is used to refine the mixture. What truly distinguishes this vodka is its aging in jars containing suspended meteorite fragments, imparting a unique mineral flavor. Unlike other brands that merely filter with meteorites, Shooting Star Vodka incorporates the space rock directly, enhancing its taste. With each bottle priced between \$180 and \$200 (USD), this vodka offers a distinctive celestial experience.

Quoteable Quotes

"A quiet conscience makes one strong." —Anne Frank

"Real birthdays are not annual affairs. Real birthdays are the days when we have a new birth." —Ralph Parlette

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.

Trivia

1. This singer's first international hit was "It's Not Unusual."
2. Lagomorphs, an order of mammals, are more often known as what?
3. This elastic cartilage closes off the esophagus when swallowing?
4. Potatoes are native to the Peruvian-Bolivian Andes—T/F?
5. Bavaria is a state in what country?

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Over the next month, the efforts of your hard work could bear fruit. Just be careful about taking impulsive actions or getting angry at others if they resist your endeavors. Lucky numbers: 5, 18, 27, 34, 36, 40.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)



Do you feel a push-pull in your primary relationship now, with uncertainty about your need for commitment vs. freedom? Consider adjusting your view of the situation. Lucky numbers: 8, 11, 15, 34, 36, 48.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)



You may find that your heart and mind are out of sync at the beginning of the week. Try to take a breath and then wait a few days because this dynamic is likely to pass. Lucky numbers: 15, 17, 32, 34, 35, 44.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)



Might there be an issue in your life that you can't get an emotional handle on right now? The energy at midweek could help you do so, if you choose to focus on it. Lucky numbers: 9, 14, 21, 37, 40, 48.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)



Are you trying to achieve something that might be at a stalemate right now? You could consider reducing what you are promising to others to a more practical level. Lucky numbers: 1, 4, 10, 31, 40, 47.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



Your detailed, practical nature may be disrupted by foggy thinking at week's end. This dynamic could pass in a few days. Meanwhile, look out for any intuitive insights. Lucky numbers: 2, 11, 38, 40, 42, 45.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



Libras often prioritize the goals of loved ones over their own. For the next month, consider focusing on your own priorities and asking others to aid your endeavors. Lucky numbers: 3, 12, 16, 27, 38, 39.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



For the next month, you may be very assertive. Channel this energy into positive efforts, including physical labor. Resist temptations to argue, as your words can sting. Lucky numbers: 4, 19, 26, 29, 38, 45.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



The energy early this week may have you feeling relaxed and content. Before this dynamic passes, consider any changes needed in your life and develop a plan for it. Lucky numbers: 13, 20, 27, 31, 41, 43.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



Do you have a project that might need an extra boost to complete it? At midweek, you might be able to find more energy that could aid you in a push to finish it. Lucky numbers: 6, 7, 10, 14, 20, 33.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Midweek may present an opportunity to do an emotional reset for the next month. You might want to take a new look at a situation that recently has stymied you. Lucky numbers: 14, 22, 31, 37, 38, 48.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)



Are you feeling confused right now about how to proceed with your efforts? Keep working toward your goals, but try to avoid making major decisions this week. Lucky numbers: 7, 12, 18, 28, 34, 42.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Aries winners with the luckiest number being 27.

Did You Know...

Pharaoh's secret: Egypt's Ramses IV became pharaoh later in life, ruling for a short time. When uncovered, his mummy revealed fascinating burial customs like small onions placed in the eye sockets. They were believed to have medicinal and magical properties.

Bridge mystery: The world's second-longest river spans three countries, but the Amazon River has no bridges. The challenging rainforest environment, combined with swamps and wetlands, makes bridge construction impractical.

Poetry panic: Metrophobia, an irrational dread of poetry, induces heightened anxiety at the mere mention of verse, often culminating in severe panic attacks. People suffering from this condition will go to great lengths to avoid poetry.

Innovative soles: Visionary coach Bill Bowerman transformed footwear. His eureka moment occurred during breakfast, leading to the creation of the innovative and iconic waffle-soled Nikes. The shoes were introduced at the 1972 Olympic trials.

Festivus fun: Celebrated on December 23, Festivus gained notoriety as a quirky tradition from the sitcom *Seinfeld*. Key customs include airing grievances and feats of strength, all centered around an unadorned aluminum pole.

On the Lighter Side

Why are mountains the funniest place to visit? Because they are hill areas!

A mask is expensive at Halloween, but it has no face value.

It rained so much on our vacation, instead of sunburn we came back with rust!

Teacher: "The law of gravity explains why we stay on the ground."
Student: "How did we stay down before the law was passed?"

Knock! Knock! *Who's there?* Ben. *Ben who?* Ben knocking for 20 minutes!

Answers

Trivia answers: 1. Tom Jones 2. Rabbits 3. Epiglottis 4. True 5. Germany

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