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Everybody's Talking!

Classical deterrent: In Espoo, Finland, police have found an unconventional way to deter youth from partying on the beach. They blast classical music. Officers play pieces like Strauss' "The Blue Danube," Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," and Schubert's "Ave Maria" from loudspeakers to keep the beach free of litter and broken glass. In use for several years, this method has proven effective despite a lack of scientific evidence that young people dislike classical music. Locals, although initially puzzled by the tactic, appreciate the cleaner beach for morning swims. Police started using this approach after other methods failed to disperse end-of-term parties.

Early retirement: In Japan, a man's extreme frugality enabled him to retire early after saving about ¥130 million (JPY) over 21 years. The 45-year-old man endured a demanding job while living in a cheap company dormitory, scavenging for furniture, and skipping air conditioning to save money. His diet consisted mainly of boiled rice and occasional fruits or vegetables. Despite these sacrifices, his perseverance allowed him to achieve financial independence and publish a book about his journey. However, the yen's recent depreciation threatens his savings, casting doubt on his early retirement plans. His story went viral, with some admiring his dedication and others criticizing his extreme lifestyle and poor nutrition.

Urban hippo: Residents of Cape Town, South Africa, were startled to see a hippopotamus strolling down their city's streets. The enormous animal likely was on a quest to find a new territory that was away from his pod. Initially, his presence caused alarm. However, conservationists swiftly intervened, safely capturing the young male and returning him to his habitat at the False Bay Nature Reserve. To ensure his safety and to prevent further wanderings, authorities made plans to relocate the wandering hippo to a secure, undisclosed location. Interestingly, his home pod plays a crucial role in managing the invasive perennial grass threatening the city's wetlands.

Concrete canvas: In Texas (U.S.), Sam Ward, now dubbed the "Power Washer Van Gogh," has turned a mundane task into an art form. Initially purchasing chalk for his sons, Ward found himself bored while cleaning his driveway and began drawing with a power washer. This creative spark transformed into an artistic venture. Using various nozzles and pressure settings, he started crafting intricate designs on concrete. His unique method gained traction on social media, leading to collaborations with brands like BuzzFeed and Ripley's Believe It Or Not. Ward's creations feature icons such as Johnny Cash, Batman, David Bowie, and the Statue of Liberty.

Quoteable Quotes

"Beauty when unadorned is adorned the most." —St. Jerome "Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind. and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

–Joseph Addison

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, 530-7pm. 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

Irivia

- 1. Is the blue shark the largest shark in the world?
- 2. Philematology is the scientific study of what?
- 3. Penne is a tube-shaped pasta cut on the diagonal—T/F?
- 4. Which of the major oceans is the smallest and the shallowest?
- 5. Who is the lead singer of the band U2?

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Your Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)



You may feel very enthusiastic about something at the start of the week However, you may need to make an adjustment in your presentation to

attract the interest of others. Lucky numbers: 9, 27, 31, 39, 41, 45.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)



Is something in your life coming to an end, whether you want it to or not? If you are feeling discontented, how could you use the feeling to begin a

new endeavor? Lucky numbers: 11, 26, 28, 29, 36, 40.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 20)



Are you clear about what you want to achieve right now? If not, or if you aren't accomplishing it, consider what adjustment in your viewpoint could

help you succeed. Lucky numbers: 5, 15, 33, 39, 45, 47.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)



Romance and commitment are often considered "old fashioned" now, but not for you. An opportunity of this nature may be available to you for

the next few weeks. Lucky numbers: 4, 5, 12, 17, 22, 34.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)



Have you and a romantic partner been having a disagreement? This week may offer an opportunity to explore the dynamic of how well your needs

are being met. Lucky numbers: 11, 12, 19, 20, 35, 47.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



For the last few months, you may have felt the need to work extra hard, just to keep up. Things could start to open up soon, so get ready to make

more progress. Lucky numbers: 6, 16, 23, 32, 37, 45.

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



Are you in a situation where you feel the need to stand up for yourself? Midweek may be a good time to approach the other party in this dynam-

ic, to quietly work it out. Lucky numbers: 3, 6, 13, 15, 27, 28.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



If you are in a stalemate with someone, look for a positive way to break through it. This is important because any hurt feelings now could last

beyond this situation. Lucky numbers: 7, 10, 33, 38, 44, 45.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Many new thoughts and ideas may come your way at the end of the week, which could be a bit overwhelming. Parse through them but wait a

few days before acting. Lucky numbers: 8, 11, 24, 28, 46, 47.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



A romantic relationship may be a focus over the next month. You might want to take advantage of this dynamic to work out any underlying issues

with a partner. Lucky numbers: 10, 15, 17, 21, 27, 31

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Do you have a project in vour life that is close to your heart but hasn't yet manifested? Focus and hard work over the next few weeks may allow you to make progress on it. Lucky numbers: 2, 7, 16, 26, 28, 45.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 - March 20)



Recently, you may have found that progress on what you desire has slowed down. That dynamic could be about to change, but you might need to be

patient for a little longer. Lucky numbers: 1, 6, 9, 11, 26, 46.

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

Did You Know...

Ancient tool: Even Neanderthals had dental care tools, and fossil evidence shows early humans worldwide, including in Egypt, practiced teeth picking. By medieval times, ornate gold or silver toothpicks were European status symbols.

Resilient composer: Beethoven, despite being deaf by the end of his life, could still hear by biting a metal rod attached to his piano. Known as bone conduction, this method allowed the composer to sense vibrations and continue writing music.

Africa's reach: A hemisphere is essentially half of a sphere, and the equator and prime meridians split Earth into four. Africa uniquely straddles all four hemispheres, with territory in the northern, southern, eastern, and western parts of the globe.

Smoky spice: Black cardamom, a member of the ginger family, boasts a bold, smoky flavor that can be reminiscent of bacon. This unique spice shines in Indian dishes, but also adds depth to soups and stews in other Asian cuisines.

Neon magic: Neon lights in signs and displays are famous for their bright, colorful glow. The lights ionize neon gas in glass tubes with electric currents, causing the atoms to emit light. Different colors are achieved by using various gases.

On the Lighter Side

A nickel and penny jumped off a train together. But the quarter had more sense.

A guy opened a horseback riding school, but business fell off.

Husband: "What do you mean our situation is fluid?" Wife: "We're going down the drain."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Lettuce. Lettuce who? Lettuce in! It's cold out here!

How do trees sleep? Like logs.

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Trivia answers: 1. No 2. Kissing 3. True 4. Arctic

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