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Everybody's Talking!

Croc scare: It's not every day that people think they see a crocodile on the loose near the village of Cholesbury, England. But that's exactly what they thought they spotted lounging in a flooded puddle, prompting them to alert the police. The Thames Valley Police responded and, sure enough, found the "crocodile." However, it turned out to be the plastic head of a toy floating in the murky water. Police laughed about the situation, and one officer even posed for a picture grappling with the "alligator," reassuring the community that they were all safe. They also used the opportunity to joke about the difference between an alligator and a crocodile: one will see you later, and the other will see you after a while.

Air butter: A California company called Savor has pioneered a method to create a butter-like substance using only simple elements. This unique process, which assembles fat molecules from carbon dioxide and hydrogen, creates dairy-free products that closely mimic the taste and texture of traditional butter, cheese, and ice cream. By avoiding greenhouse gasses, using minimal water, and not relying on farmland, Savor's method significantly reduces the environmental impact compared to conventional agriculture. Taste tests have shown their butter alternative is almost identical to the real thing. Savor plans to expand into other dairy-free products, aiming to revolutionize sustainable food production.

Nautical nap: In Taiwan, a man named Hong Nan had a miraculous rescue after drifting into the open sea on a colorful swim ring. After a hot day at work, he jumped into the water to cool off and, after a few drinks, fell asleep. Hours later, he woke up miles from the shore. Despite shouting for help, he was too far out to be heard. After he drifted for 19 hours, a fishing boat spotted and rescued him. Visibly weak and dehydrated but in good health, he was brought back to port and taken to the hospital. The doctors ran tests and found him stable, discharging him shortly after. His incredible story has since gone viral, with many amazed at his luck.

Bee spill: When five million honey bees fell off a trailer truck in Burlington, Ontario (Canada), authorities found themselves in a sticky situation. Boxes containing bees and beehives slid off the truck and spilled across the road, said a spokesperson from the regional police service. The police called in several beekeepers to come help manage the situation. Although the bees were cleared from the scene within hours, police advised local residents and drivers to keep their windows closed, and reminded people that honey bees are fairly gentle and won't bother people unless provoked. The incident highlighted the importance of secure transport for such precious cargo.

Quoteable Quotes

"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view." —Harper Lee

"The return we reap from generous actions is not always evident." —Francesco Guicciardini

What's Happening

FREE Ice Skating Downtown Grand Prairie STARTS Friday, December 06, 2024 | 06:30 PM to 09:00 PM Come downtown for free ice skating, free skate rental, food vendors and a Christmas tree photo op. Closed Mondays and Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25) Location: 300 W. Main St., Grand Prairie, 75050 www.gptx.org/Community-Calendar/Ice-Skating-Downtown-2024

Coats for Kids: Help us collect 100 new coats for kids, benefiting GPISD and Kids Inc. now through December 31 Sizes to fit kids from K-12 Most needed are coats for high school students - no hoods preferred. PLEASE BRING YOUR NEW COAT TO: City Hall Central, 300 W. Main St. Main Library, 901 Conover Dr. Warmack Library, 760 Bardin Rd. Or email asprinkles@gptx.org to pick-up

Kids' Night Out: Date: **December 21**, Location: Grand Prairie Animal Services Adoption Center, 2222 W. Warrior Trail, Grand Prairie, 75052 Join us for Kids Night Out on December 21! Enjoy crafts, animal playtime, and a movie. \$25 per child. Ages 5-12. Registration required. Phone: 972-237-8575. General questions: gpasinfo@gptx.org

Trivia

1. Helen of Troy was queen of what ancient region?
2. In chess, does the bishop move forward, backward, or diagonally?
3. This triangle has unequal sides and angles.
4. St. Croix is the largest in what chain of islands?
5. Who wrote the book *The Da Vinci Code*?

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