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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 on Close Mondays and Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25) Location: 300 W. Main St., Grand Prairie, 75050 www.gptx.org/Community-Calendar/Ice-Skating-Downtown-2024

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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

## Irivia

- 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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# Your Weekly Horoscopes

### **ARIES**

(March 20 - April 19)



"When the student is ready, the teacher appears. An older mentor may appear who challenges your comfort zone. Reconsider any temptation to

reject them because of it. Lucky numbers: 6, 12, 25, 26, 34, 42.

#### **TAURUS** (April 20 - May 20)



The next month's energy will be grounded and reinforce the natural abilities of your sign. How might you take advantage of this opportunity to achieve what you need? Lucky

numbers: 14, 20, 24, 26, 31, 39.



At midweek, you may feel particular<u>l</u>y happy and optimistic. Enjoy the dynamic for the few days it is in effect. But be care ful about making any

long term decisions now. Lucky numbers: 4, 15, 16, 20, 28, 29.

### **CANCER**

(June 21 - July 22)



At the beginning of the week, finding ways to reduce stress may be helpful. Recharging your energy is always important so that you can be

available to others. Lucky numbers: 2, 3. 22, 29, 32, 45.

### (July 23 - Aug. 22)



At midweek, you may be eager to take a break and play. If you have responsibilities that you can't abandon, finding some way to manifest this desire is

still important. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 7, 12, 28, 33.

#### **VIRGO**

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



If possible, midweek may be a good time to work alone. This could give you an opportunity to focus on the details and avoid any temptation to nitpick with others. Lucky numbers: 1, 5, 20,

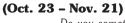
## (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



Are you looking at a stressful situation in your life through rose-colored glasses? The grounded energy of the next month may help give you the

strength to address it. Lucky numbers: 7, 9, 12, 17, 31, 43

### **SCORPIO**





Do you sometimes feel exhausted by psychic flotsam and jetsam you pick up from others? The next month provides a grounded energy to develop

healthier boundaries. Lucky numbers: 17, 26, 27, 30, 34, 38,

#### **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Your natural optimism sometimes lacks the endurance to get to the finish line. The grounded energy of this month can help you now. Where might

you want to direct it? Lucky numbers: 5, 20, 21, 40, 43, 46.

#### **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



Successful accomplishments are an important Capricorn theme. Your birthday month is a good time to evaluate what you achieved this year, and

goals for the new year. Lucky numbers: 9, 10, 15, 17, 26, 35.

#### **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



You may find that your heart and head are in opposition at midweek. If you normally prioritize your mind, perhaps consider leaning into your

heart's desire for a change. Lucky numbers: 10, 12, 16, 24, 31, 44.

### **PISCES**

#### (Feb. 19 - March 20)



You may tire easily this week, so planning to get enough rest may be important. This downtime might bring you fresh insight on how to proceed after this

period passes. Lucky numbers: 8, 10, 15, 24, 43, 46.

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

# Did You Know..

Fashion flashpoint: Jennifer Lopez's iconic green dress at the 2000 Grammys didn't just turn heads, it revolutionized the internet. The overwhelming demand for photos led Google to create Image Search, changing how we find pictures online.

**Tank tea-time:** British army tanks come equipped with a boiling vessel, a device that allows the crew to brew tea or heat food without leaving the safety of their vehicle. This reflects the nation's deep-rooted love of tea, even on the battlefield.

**Star readers:** Ancient Mayan civilization valued astronomy, seeing the stars, moon, and planets as reflecting the actions of the gods. Detailed records reveal sophisticated tracking of celestial bodies, vital for their calendar and societal planning.

**IKEA origins:** Founded by Ingvar Kamprad, IKEA started as a small, mail-order business in Sweden. Its name is an acronym derived from Kamprad's initials, his family farm Elmtaryd, and his hometown Agunnaryd.

Fruit preservation: The apples at the grocery store might be older than you think. Since apples are usually only harvested in the fall, growers store them in refrigerated warehouses to keep them fresh, allowing you to enjoy them year-round.

# On the Lighter Side

The weather forecast called for freezing rain. Sure enough, it was an ice day.

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Applicant: "If I get the job, will I be paid weekly or monthly?" Boss: "I guarantee you'll be paid weakly."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Garden. Garden who? A dragon is garden the treasure!

What do you call a penguin in the rain forest? Lost.

#### Answers

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