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Everybody's Talking!

media by storm with her extraordinary ability to transform her elderly grandfather into vibrant, anime-inspired figures. Using her impressive skills, she makes him appear decades younger, a feat that has amazed viewers online. Her side-by-side comparison videos amass millions of views and spark disbelief at the dramatic changes. This viral sensation has crossed borders, capturing interest in other parts of Asia and the West. The transformations highlight the artistry and potential of makeup, showcasing the artist's unique talent. She joins the ranks of other Chinese artists in redefining age through cosmetic wizardry.

Zebra chase: A zebra that had escaped and was spotted roaming the foothills of western Washington state (U.S.) was safely recaptured a week later. Despite her adventures in the wild, she appeared to be in good condition. The zebra was initially traveling with three other zebras in a trailer destined for the state of Montana, where they were going to be part of a petting zoo. While three of the animals were swiftly apprehended, the fourth zebra had managed to evade capture by hopping a fence and disappearing. Following numerous sightings, she was joyfully reunited with her dazzle, or group, of zebras.

Smart spoon: In Tokyo, Japan, Kirin Holdings has introduced the Elecispoon, a smart spoon designed to enhance the taste of low-sodium foods. Using electric current technology, this spoon tricks the taste buds into perceiving food as being saltier, which helps address Japan's common issue of excessive salt consumption. The Elecispoon generates an electric field that clusters sodium ions, enhancing the food's flavor. The device offers several intensity levels, powered by a rechargeable battery. Despite its benefits, it is unsuitable for people with facial nerve disorders or those undergoing dental treatments. Priced at ¥19,800 (JPY), the Elecispoon is available online and at select stores in Japan.

Muscle speech: Researchers in Los Angeles, California (U.S.), have developed a self-powered device that translates muscle movements into speech. This innovative patch adheres to the throat, using artificial intelligence to convert movements into spoken words. The lightweight device harnesses the energy from muscle movements to generate electricity, so it does not need a battery. Made of soft silicone, micromagnets, and copper wire coils, the patch creates electrical signals from the moving muscles. In tests, an algorithm accurately translated these signals into speech. This patch offers a promising solution for people with voice disorders.

Quoteable Quotes

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on." —Robert Frost

"Love is like war: easy to begin but very hard to stop."

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- $Calendar/Ice\hbox{-}Skating\hbox{-}Downtown\hbox{-}2024$

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. What destination is at the end of the Yellow Brick Road?
- 2. What was the name of the skunk in the movie Bambi?
- 3. What do players conquer in the game of Risk?
- 4. A chiromancer reads maps, palms, or ocean currents?
- 5. Often triangular, a delta is where a river meets the ocean—

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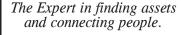
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Your Weekly Horoscopes

(March 20 - April 19)



Aries normally is more interested in actions than words. But this week, you may be chatty with others, especially about your feelings. Let your-

self be uncomfortable with it. Luckv numbers: 1, 3, 15, 19, 31, 41.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)



You may find yourself torn between work and play. But both are necessary to maintain a balanced life. Could you make an adjustment to

help you achieve that state? Lucky numbers: 6, 9, 11, 17, 21, 31.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)



You may have a lot of new ideas swirling around you at midweek. Before rushing into something new, consider what needs to be finished first, to

avoid dueling priorities. Lucky numbers: 3, 4, 19, 30, 34, 35.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22)



A period of introspection and reexamination may begin for you in the next several months. This somber process might interfere with the nor-

mally happy holiday season. Lucky numbers: 2, 15, 18, 25, 37, 44. **LEO**

(July 23 - Aug. 22)



Your Leo heart may be eager to move forward on something, but your mind might be throwing up roadblocks. If so, consider putting this desire

on hold for now. Lucky numbers: 12, 14, 18, 24, 41, 45.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



Recently, your endeavors may have stalled. This could start to change this week, so things could be hectic going forward. Be

careful of conflict when speaking with others. Lucky numbers:

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)



Be conscious of your feelings now. If there is a thorny issue that is simmering below the surface, it may blow up this week if you don't

positively address it. Lucky numbers: 14, 20, 24, 35, 42, 48.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)



Your deep intuition about others may be temporar ily disrupted for a few days at midweek. Try taking advantage of this respite to recharge your psychic energy. Lucky numbers: 5, 9,

. 12, 33, 39, 44. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Your birthday month is almost ending. Usually this period jumpstarts your new goals. But this year, things have proceeded slowly. They could

begin to open up soon. Lucky numbers: 9, 12, 18, 30, 32, 47.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)



Capricorns often don't spend time explaining to others what they are doing or why. The end of the week may give you an opportunity to cultivate

others by doing so. Lucky numbers: 7, 21, 28, 34, 43, 48.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)



Aquarians sometimes have difficulty expressing their deeper emotions. At midweek, you may find it easier to tell others how you feel about them and

your relationship. Lucky numbers: 4, 8, 10, 27, 28, 36.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20)



In recent months, you may have had a problem communicating effectively. This may start changing, but be patient. The new pattern will take a

while to settle in. Lucky numbers: 18, 19, 21, 41, 44, 46.

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

Did You Know.

Tooth truth: Unlike most body parts, teeth struggle to heal because they're made of enamel, the body's toughest material with minimal cells and proteins. While skin and bones can regenerate, teeth lack the same self-repair abilities.

Faux flavor: The "wasabi" served with sushi is usually a mix of horseradish, mustard, and green dye, not real wasabi. Genuine wasabi is rare and expensive, so most restaurants opt for this spicy substitute instead.

Wordless anthem: Spain's national anthem, the "Marcha Real," lacks lyrics, leaving people to hum along. Originally a military march, it was later adopted as the anthem. Despite attempts, no official words have ever been approved.

Sipping savvy: Marvin Stone revolutionized beverage consumption by patenting the first paper drinking straw in 1888. Before then, people used rye grass and hollow reeds, often adding unwanted flavors and odors to their drinks.

Idle eating: Ever snack just because? The Japanese word kuchisabishii, meaning "lonely mouth," describes the habit of eating out of boredom or stress. While there's no exact English equivalent, "peckish" comes close.

On the Lighter Side

What kind of money does a kangaroo have? Pocket change.

People using umbrellas always seem to be under the weather.

The valedictorian of the cooking school passed her final exam with flying crullers.

Diner: "Waiter! You have your finger on my steak!" Waiter: "Well, I don't want it to fall on the floor again!"

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Turkey. Turkey who? Turkey. Open door.

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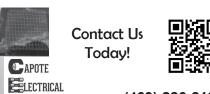
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