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Everybody's Talking!

Urban foxes: A red fox cub found itself in the unfortunate position of having its head stuck in a garden sink drain in Basildon, England. After being trapped there for several hours, and with some gentle wiggling, the cub was successfully rescued by folks from the South Essex Wildlife Hospital. The cub was treated and released back into nature. Red foxes are common in the U.K. They are known for their intelligence and adaptability in urban environments, where they scavenge for food and find ample shelter. Scientists speculate that physical changes like longer snouts and smaller heads indicate a potential for domestication. No one knows how this fox got stuck in the first place.

Mystery peaks: In Anlong County, China, a series of pyramidshaped mountains known as the Anlong Pyramids have captivated global interest. These natural formations, resembling Egypt's iconic pyramids, feature meticulously stacked rock layers, sparking conspiracy theories about ancient civilizations or alien activity. Despite these speculations, experts assert that these structures are natural formations, shaped by geological processes over millions of years. A professor at a local university has explained that mineral recrystallization and water erosion created the distinct, block-like appearance. Though science provides clear explanations, the allure of these mountains continues to fuel theories and draw curious tourists.

Fiery chips: In Tokyo, Japan, a group of high school students found themselves in the hospital after consuming ghost pepperinfused potato chips. The spicy snack, containing bhut jolokia, caused intense stomach and mouth pain, leading to an emergency call from their high school. The 14 affected students, part of a larger group who shared the chips, experienced symptoms severe enough to require medical attention. The chip manufacturer clearly labels these "18+ curry chips" as unsuitable for minors and those with health conditions due to their extreme heat. Despite the warnings, the students obtained the chips and suffered the consequences. After receiving treatment, they were released the same day.

Smart ants: The tiny Polyrhachis femorata species of ants are smart little critters. That's what scientists discovered while studying animal species on Kangaroo Island in Australia. The scientists found an ant colony and thought the tiny insects were all dead, until one moved slightly, that is. Feigning death is a natural defense mechanism used in dozens of animal species. But for the surprised scientists, finding an entire ant colony pretending to be dead was new. The ants had contorted their bodies into unnatural positions and had stayed absolutely still, which tricked the scientists. This remarkable display of collective mimicry highlights the sophisticated survival strategies of the ants.

Quoteable Quotes

"In prosperity our friends know us; in adversity we know our friends.' -John Churton Collins "The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it."

What's Happening

Maine Made Holiday Shopping Revel in the magic of the season with festive shopping experiences throughout Maine. What does your community and those around Maine have to offer? Check out this link - https://visitmaine.com/thingsto-do/shopping/holiday-shopping-maine

Washington County Extension 4-H Seasonal Craft Pop-up in Calais Seasonal craft pop-up on Saturday, December 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Calais Free Library, 9 Union Street. The event is FREE and registration is required. Space is limited to 15 participants ages 5-18. Register by Monday, December 9 by visiting - https://extension.umaine.edu/washington/4h-craft-pop-up-event/. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation contact Gabby Brodek at 207.255.3345 or gabrielle.brodek@ maine.edu. Participants will be lead through several seasonal craft projects to take home. Each participant will have an opportunity to make and decorate a miniature doll as well as a card and envelope. All materials for the crafts will be provided.



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Porter Memorial Library - Machias Stop in Tuesdays 11am-Noon for story-time and an activity. Fridays from 10:30-11:30am there is the Maine SNAP-Ed 10 Tips Nutrition Series. Coming Soon Sit By The Fire! December 7/14th. Questions email librarian@ porter.lib.me.us or call 207.255.3933



1. The prime meridian is located at 0 degrees longitude-T/F?

2. The city of Gdansk is in what country?

- 3. Who composed the music for An American in Paris?
- 4. What animal's milk becomes Roquefort cheese?
- 5. Riboflavin is better known as vitamin B2, C, or A? (Flip bottom of page for answers)



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Your Weekly Horoscopes

LIBRA

SCORPIO

5, 7, 11, 16, 20, 29.

SAGITTARIUS

41, 42, 44.

11, 16, 35.

PISCES

25, 30, 48.

AQUARIUS

CAPRICORN

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

resolve a sticky situation? Lucky

healthy boundaries now. Lucky numbers:

from now. Lucky numbers: 12, 25, 36,

is likely to pass? Lucky numbers: 1, 6, 7,

before jump starting it. Lucky numbers: 10, 19, 25, 28, 30, 32.

the options. Lucky numbers: 9, 14, 17,

(Feb. 19 – March 20)

Your ability to see deeply

into others may be height

ened at midweek. As dif-

might provide you an

opportunity to develop

The energy at the end of

this week may allow you

to do an emotional reset. Consider what is working

and develop a plan to

move forward a few weeks

Are you having a commu-

nication difficulty with

a partner? Could you work

out a solution or just keep

things on simmer for a

few weeks until this phase

Consider examining your life right now, particu-

larly about what does or

does not give you joy.

But if a new opportunity emerges, wait a few weeks

You may find yourself of two minds over the next

few weeks, bouncing between

optimism and melancholy.

Wait to get a more realistic

view of the situation and

numbers: 2, 4, 11, 12, 16, 22.

(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

ARIES (March 20 - April 19)

Aries ambition often doesn't focus enough on the needs of others. The energy at the start of this

week may help you incorporate more consideration of others in your actions. Lucky

numbers: 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 35. **TAURUS**

(April 20 - May 20)

Taurus are generally cautious in risk taking. But this week, you may have an opportunity to make adjustments in your worldview in order to better assess risk vs. reward. Lucky

numbers: 4, 5, 13, 18, 21, 37. **GEMINI**

(May 21 - June 20)

How well are your current endeavors faring? Can you identify an area that needs improvement? Take the next few weeks to plan the needed changes, but wait to act. Lucky numbers: 12, 19,

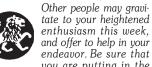
21, 30, 35, 47. CANCER

(June 21 – July 22)

For the next few weeks, things may feel chaotic in many areas of your life. Make adjustments where you can do so successfully, and try to just wait out the rest. Lucky numbers:

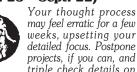
6, 14, 22, 25, 41, 47. LEO

(July 23 - Aug. 22)



you are putting in the lion's share of effort on it. Lucky numbers: 3, 7, 16, 21, 25, 40. VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



triple check details on ones you can't delay. Lucky numbers: 16, 23, 28, 31, 44, 47.

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

Did You Know..

Durability tester: In a quirky test of durability, Samsung used a robot to simulate real-world pressure of sitting on phones. Clad in denim jeans, the device applied significant force to ensure phones could handle everyday stress.

Kleenex origins: Due to a wartime necessity, the Kimberly-Clark Corporation created a creped cellulose product for gas mask filters and bandages. After World War I, this product became Kleenex tissues, marketed as disposable handkerchiefs.

Giant gulpers: The enormous size of blue whales is linked to their unique feeding method. By swallowing massive amounts of water and filtering out krill, these giants can gain hundreds of times more energy than they use during feeding.

Human touch: Gloves are common on many Disney characters like Mickey Mouse and Goofy. Originally, they simplified drawing and made animating easier. Walt Disney also believed they made characters appear more human.

Printed wrench: When the International Space Station needed a wrench in 2014, NASA used a unique strategy to send one: They emailed it. Astronauts received a digital design and used a 3D printer on their space station to create the tool.







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Elephant Peanut Stew

1 small elephant cut into bite sized pieces 10 lbs each salt and pepper 1 - 50 lb bag of peanuts shelled and chopped 1 lb red pepper flakes 5 lbs smoked paprika 50 large tubs peanut butter 2 rabbits (optional) 1 ounce of forgiveness for eating an elephant Add elephant to large pot and cover with water, add seasonings and

cook over fire for two days, then add peanuts and peanut butter, continue cooking for two more days. Serves about 2000 but if more are expected you may add in the two rabbits (chopped). Only add rabbit as necessary because most people do not like hare in their change. stew!

On the Lighter Side

Teacher: "What are the Great Plains?" Student: "The 747, the Concorde, and the F-16."

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Dishes. Dishes who? Dishes me. Can I come in?

Why did the pickles climb into the truck? The door was ajar.

I didn't think I was going to like soccer, but I get a real kick out of it.

One worm to another: "Follow me, I know a restaurant where we can eat dirt cheap.³

Answers

4. Sheep 5. B2 Trivia answers: 1. True 2. Poland 3. George Gershwin

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