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Everybody's Talking!

Saved iPhone: An American man thought he'd lost his iPhone forever. Zach Siggelkow of St. Anthony Village, Minnesota (U.S.), was vacationing with family members at Waikiki Beach, Hawaii. One his last day there, he went kayaking. But after a few hours of fun, he was swamped by a large wave. The iPhone vanished, along with his sunglasses, or so Siggelkow thought. More than a month later, he received a message from Dr. Karl Brookins, who had found the phone during a scuba diving expedition and was able to get into the phone and reach Siggelkow by email. The honest diver sent the phone to its original owner, and the phone still worked!

Magical place: In London, England, magic reigns at The Magic Circle, a society of magicians founded in 1905. Its current headquarters opened in 1998 and is open to the public for pre-arranged tours and shows. Magicians must apply to become members of what The Magic Circle calls the world's premier magic society. Members are required to pledge not to reveal the secrets to magic tricks, and the membership list includes professionals like David Copperfield, and others like TV personalities, teachers, and even King Charles III. Visitors can browse the headquarters, officially called The Centre for the Magic Arts, which contains magical artifacts from over the centuries, and they can watch tricks performed by members of The Magic Circle.

Expensive treat: Ice cream is always a yummy treat, but a serving of *byakuya* ("white night") may be the most decadent ever, not to mention the most expensive. The Japanese company Cellato calls it a gelato, and a serving costs JP¥880,000. The treat is made from white Italian truffles from a specific region of Italy, along with Parmigiano Reggiano, sake lees (a by-product of sake), egg yolks, milk, and gold leaf. Complex in taste and smooth in texture, a serving can be shipped to consumers and comes with instructions for eating the creation with the accompanying hand-made spoon. Who needs a vacation when you can savor a bowl of something like this?

Living alone: In the name of research, an athletic mountaineer named Beatriz Flamini lived in a cave in Granada, Spain, for 500 days. Although she was alone the whole time, a team of scientists remotely monitored her to investigate how isolation affects people's minds and bodies. She entered the cave November 21, 2021. When she emerged, she had missed all the news of the world. However, she claims to have loved her time alone, during which she read many books, exercised, knitted, and recorded videos. The team delivered food to a collection point, but made no contact with her. She recorded video footage for an eventual documentary about her experience.

Quoteable Quotes
"All things must pass." —George Harrison
"Always do right. It will gratify some and astonish the rest." —Mark Twain

What's Happening

Marines Toys for Tots Drop Sites- <https://fort-smith-ar.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/donate-toys.aspx> There are 4 year round programs: Literacy, Foster, Youth Ambassador and Native American Program
Jan 1st to Jan 7th Free General Admission-Regional Art Museum-1601 Rogers Ave Fort Smith- Tues Thru Sat 11AM-5PM and Sunday 1PM-5PM <https://fsram.org> RAM Drop N Draw Thursdays 1PM-3PM & RAM Saturdays Drop in Art Projects 12- 3PM
Jan 1st to Jan 7th Janet Huckabee River Valley Nature CTR -Mondays Critter Crunch Animal Feeding- Fridays Snake Feeding- Saturdays Fish Feeding - Archery at 2:30 PM
Jan 1st to Jan 7th The Bakery District-EVENTS-Yoga, 708 Cornhole, Movie Night, Bookish Storytime <https://bakeryfs.com/happening/>
Jan 1st to Jan 7th Fort Smith Library System- All Locations- Free Events for Kids, Adults and Families- <https://www.fortsmithlibrary.org/events>
Dec 31st Brew Year's Eve at the Brewery- Fort Smith Brewing Company-10,000 balloon drop at midnight- 8PM to 2AM
Dec 31st Cars and Coffee- 3400 Rogers Ave- 10AM to Noon
January 1st Fort Smith Ice Skating- FUNdraiser-Community Rescue Mission-Open Hours at www.fortsmithiceskating.com See Ad for QR Code for schedule- Last Day
Jan 1st Happy New Year from Coffee News
Jan 2nd Homeschool Art Classes at RAM-Regional Art Museum-Every Other Tuesday-Noon
Jan 5th Christmas Honors-Wreath Pickup & Storage-Fort Smith convention Ctr- 8:30AM

Trivia

1. Lamborghini, Sergio, or Giovanni is an Italian car company?
2. A proton or a neutron is a positively charged particle in an atom's nucleus?
3. The body of water between Florida and Cuba is the Keys Strait—T/F?
4. Reconstruction of London's Globe Theatre was completed in 1896, 1950, or 1996?
5. A trapezoid, or trapezium, has four sides, and at least two are parallel—T/F?

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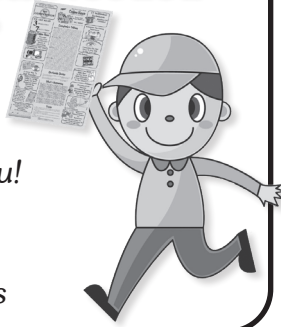
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Your Weekly Horoscopes

ARIES

(March 20 - April 19)



At the end of the week, you may run into a challenge to what you want to achieve. Overcoming this obstacle may require you to confront an old issue. Lucky numbers: 2, 8, 11, 18, 21, 22.

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)



Thomas Fuller said, "Seeing is believing but feeling is the truth." Adjusting your viewpoint this week may encourage you to see a new truth about yourself and your life. Lucky numbers: 5, 7, 17, 26, 34, 39.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 20)



For the past few weeks, you may have been very busy and struggling to keep so many balls in the air. That dynamic could begin to ease this week. Lucky numbers: 10, 11, 22, 25, 43, 46.

CANCER

(June 21 - July 21)



Cancers can sometimes be timid in acting. During January, however, the astrological energy encourages you to come out of your crab shell and go after what you want. Lucky numbers: 1, 6, 16, 27, 39, 40.

LEO

(July 22 - Aug. 22)



Have you had trouble finding enough motivation to complete your endeavors? The energy pattern this month could help you buckle down and do so in a timely manner. Lucky numbers: 6, 9, 17, 29, 36, 41.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)



The astrological aspects for the first week of this new year is gearing up for forward motion over the next month. Use this time to get your ducks in a row. Lucky numbers: 7, 17, 32, 34, 37, 42.

Lucky numbers this week: This week's odds favor Capricorn winners with the luckiest number being 33.

Did You Know...

Butterfly migration: In the winter, the oyamel fir trees about 100 km from Mexico City fill with monarch butterflies. The Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve provides a perfect environment for the beautiful insects from the north.

Peanut treat: Marcellus Gilmore Edson, who hailed from Bedford, Québec (Canada), is credited as the first to make an early type of peanut butter. Patented in 1884, Edson's product was called "peanut-candy."

Needs help: An animal or bird species whose young are born unable to look after themselves is called "altricial," from the Latin for "needing nourishment." They can't get food without help from their parents.

Clean laundry: Many condos and other housing developments have rules against hanging laundry outside. Not so in the state of Vermont (U.S.), where regulations that prohibit this practice are illegal.

Popular fabric: Breathable and wind- and water-proof, GORE-TEX fabric is popular among outdoor lovers. It was developed by W.L. Gore and Associates, established in 1958 by husband and wife Wilbert L. and Genevieve Gore.

On the Lighter Side

Knock! Knock! Who's there? Itch. Itch who? Itch been a long time!

Why is the sky so high? So the birds don't hit their heads.

Two houses next to each other fell in love. It was a lawn distance relationship.

Children truly do brighten a home—they never turn out the lights!

Teacher: "You promised you'd give 100% effort this week."
Student: "Monday 35%, Tuesday 25%, Wednesday and Thursday 15%, Friday 10%."

Answers

4. 1996 5. True
Trivia answers: 1. Lamorghini 2. Proton 3. False

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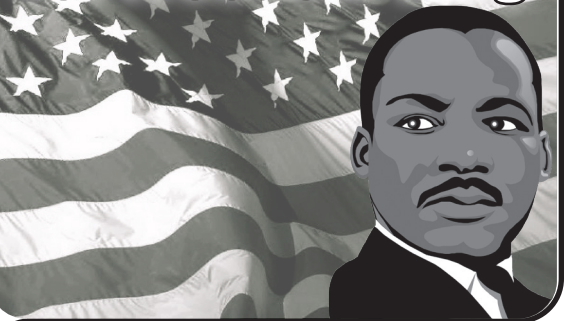
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