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THE ENDING - GOOD BYE **NEWS**

Rover Finds Sulfur

NASA's old but still kickin' Curiosity rover drove over a boulder, which crumbled to reveal yellow sulfur crystals. Rocks made of pure sulfur have never been seen before on the Red Planet, and scientists say the conditions in which such crystals form aren't associated with the location the rover was exploring. Since October 2023, the rover has been exploring a region of Mars rich with sulfates, a kind of salt that contains sulfur and forms as water evaporates. But where past detections have been of minerals consisting of a mix of sulfur and other materials, the rock Curiosity recently cracked open is made of elemental, or pure, sulfur. Curiosity made the discovery while off-roading within Gediz Vallis channel, a groove that winds down part of the 3-mile-tall (5-kilometre-tall) Mount Sharp. NASA says it isn't clear what relationship, if any, the elemental sulfur has to other sulfur-based minerals in the area. Curiosity's project scientist, Ashwin Vasavada of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, compared finding a field of stones made of pure sulfur to "finding an oasis in the desert." It is being reported that Vasavada and the team have seen evidence of bright white calcium sulfate, also known as gypsum, within cracks on the Martian surface that are essentially hard-water deposits left behind by ancient groundwater flows.

Night Owl News

Night owls might feel personally attacked by recent studies indicating their habit of going to bed late makes them less active and at higher risk of early death than early risers. But new research offers them a big win in the form of "superior cognitive function,". Researchers looking to explore the effect of sleep on brain performance utilized UK Biobank data on more than 26,000 adults who'd completed tests to gauge intelligence, reasoning, reaction time, and memory. Unsurprisingly, those who slept for seven to nine hours per night experienced optimum brain function. But one's chronotype, or natural preference for evening or morning activity, also had a major effect. Basically, those inclined to be more active in the evenings performed better on tests than those inclined to be more active in the mornings. Night owls scored 13.5% higher than morning types in one group, and 7.5% better in another group, according to a release. "Intermediate" types, who showed only a mild preference for day or night activity, also performed 10.6% and 6.3% higher than morning types in the two groups. Indeed, early birds "consistently showed the lowest cognitive scores," per the release. There is a caveat, however: The study doesn't account for educational attainment or make note of what time of day the tests were conducted. Still, "rather than just being personal preferences, these chronotypes could impact our cognitive function," concludes Dr. Raha West of Imperial College London, lead author of the study published in BMJ Public Health. She notes "this doesn't mean all morning people have worse cognitive performance." Rather, "the findings reflect an overall trend where the majority might lean towards better cognition in the evening types." Her advice is to "get just enough sleep" since the study found sleeping for fewer than seven hours or more than nine hours had an adverse effect on brain function.

Evason Gets New Post

The Columbus Blue Jackets hired Dean Evason as the team's new head coach on a multi-year deal Monday, filling the final vacant position of the off-season. Evason, 59, spent parts of five seasons as head coach of the Minnesota Wild before he was fired after 19 games this past season, when the team fell to 5-10-4. He led the Wild to three consecutive playoff appearances from 2020 to 2023, losing in the first round each time. The Wild had a 147-77-27 regular season record with Evason at the helm. The Blue Jackets waited nearly two months after their season ended to fire Pascal Vincent, who replaced Mike Babcock ahead of training camp last fall. The move to fire Vincent came roughly two weeks after Don Waddell was hired as president and general manager. "I am incredibly proud and honored to be named the head coach of the Columbus Blue Jackets and appreciate very much the opportunity that Don, the McConnell family and Mike Priest have extended to me," said Evason. "There is a great core and a lot of young talent on this team. I am really looking forward to working with this group and helping us become a team that plays extremely hard and competes at the highest level." The Blue Jackets finished last season with a 27-43-12 record, missing the playoffs for the fourth consecutive year.

Dunlap Makes History

Nick Dunlap became the first player in PGA Tour history to win as an amateur and a professional in the same year, rallying last weekwnd for a two-point victory in the Barracuda Championship. In January at The American Express in La Quinta, the 20-year-old Dunlap — then a sophomore at the University of Alabama became the eighth amateur to win a tour event and the first in 33 years. He turned professional days later. "I neverthought that I would have my name next to that, but it's definitely an honor," Dunlap said about the amateurprodouble. "It's been a little tough after AmEx. You kind of lose a little bit of confidence and wonder if you can do it again." Nine points behind leader Mac Meissner entering the day, Dunlap had 19 points in the bogey-free round to finish with 49. He birdied six of the first 12 holes on the tree-lined Old Greenwood course. "The only sour thing about this is that winning moment goes quickly," Dunlap said. "It doesn't stay as long as you may think, just because tomorrow I'm flying to Minnesota and trying to repeat and do the exact same thing." Vince Whaley finished second, making a 17-foot birdie putt on par-418th for a nine-point day. With two events left in the regular season, Dunlap jumped from 95th to 63rd in the FedEx Cup standings. The top 70 will advance to the playoffs. "It's been a goal," Dunlap said. "It's, honestly, one of the reasons I played here."

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries

March 21 - April 19 Make sure that any commitments you make over the next 24 hours are the kind you can keep, because if you let someone down, even in a minor way, it won't do your reputation a whole lot of good. Under promise and over deliver. Taurus

April 20 - May 20

Keep your wits about you today because with the Sun and Pluto cutting across two of the more challenging areas of your chart you will have to work hard for what you get, and even harder to keep it. Above all, stay alert on the work front.

Gemini

May 21 - June 20 You will be in the mood to travel and socialize today and people you meet on your journey will bring new ideas and opportunities your way. Don't try to grab all the glory for yourself though - the more you share the more you will prosper. Cancer

June 21 - July 22 Resist the urge to start something new over the next 24 hours. As the Sun is at odds with Pluto, planet of power, any new projects you get involved with could take up a considerable amount of your time and energy - and maybe your money too.

Leo

July 23 - August 22 A new cycle is underway and no doubt you are eager to get it off to a flying start. However, today's Sun-Pluto link warns you cannot just throw yourself at life with no forward planning. Know what your target is and work towards it a step atatime.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22 The planets warn that you must avoid going to extremes when

Libra

September 23 - October 22 You have an important decision to make but do you know all the facts? It might be wise to hold back from committing yourself and taking a bit more time to think through the best way to approach the situation. Time wasted.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21 The Sun in Leo at this time of year urges you to get serious about your ambitions but not so serious that you neglect other equally important areas of your life. Take time out of your busy schedule today to remind loved ones how much they mean to you.

Sagittarius Nov 22 - Dec 21 Amore relaxed attitude to life over Disney's Frozen? for your mind and your emotions, and you will feel physically fitter as well. Seriously, what is there that is worth getting too worked up about? Enjoy life,.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19 There will be times today when it seems as if you are the only person in the neighborhood who does not know what is going on. Are friends and colleagues keeping things 3. Amazon from you? Maybe they are but you 4. A female deer would be wrong to assume it's for negative reasons.

Aquarius

January 20 - February 18 The more time you make for other people today the more time the 9. Prince William universe will make for you as you 10, 13 seek to improve the quality of your existence. Everything in life is connected and everyone gains when you make a conscious decision to help each other.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20 Life may get a bit disorganized over the next 24 hours but that is not

<u>ENTERTAINMENT</u> 'The Simpsons' Predictions

Could "The Simpsons" please start sharing some lottery numbers? TV's longest running series is once again is being hailed as a modern day Nostradamus. In episode titled "Bart to the Future," which released in 2000, Lisa Simpson is shown growing up to become the first female president of the United States. She's dressed in an outfit strikingly similar to the one America's first female Vice President Kamala Harris wore to the 2021 inauguration, including her accessories. But it's not the first time an episode of "The Simpsons" has served as a coincidental Magic 8 Ball. Here are a few other examples of the show's accurate squints into the future: President Trump; Lady Gaga playing the Super Bowl; Siegfried & Roy tiger attack; and Cypress Hill.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

- 1. How many days are there in July?
- 2. What temperature centigrade does water boil at?
- 3. What company is also the name of one of the longest rivers in the world?
- spent planning is never time 4. What in the animal kingdom is a doe?
 - 5. What is the tallest mountain in the world?
 - 6. How many centimetres are there in a metre?
 - 7. What language is spoken in Norway?
 - 8. What is the busiest airport in Britain called?
 - 9. Who is next in line to the British throne after King Charles III?
 - 10. What number is a baker's dozen?
 - 11. Who is the Special in the Lego Movie?
 - 12. What colour are most buses in London?
 - 13. What's the name of the talking snowman in
- the next few days will do wonders 14. What do the wheels on the bus do in the song?
 - 15. What is taller, an elephant or a giraffe?
 - 16. Who are Harry Potter's two best friends?
 - 17. What's the name of the cowboy in Toy Story?
 - 18. How many planets are in our solar system?
 - 19. How many players are in a football team?
 - 20. How many zeros are there in one thousand?

TRIVIA ANSWERS

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- 2. 100 degrees centigrade

- 6.100
- 7. Norwegian
- 8. London Heathrow
- 11. Emmet Brickowski
- 12. Red
- 13. Olaf

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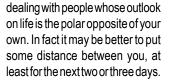
15. A giraffe (they are the tallest animal and can grow up to nearly six metres tall!) 16. Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger 17. Woody

14. Go round and

20. Three

round

19.11 players



necessarily a bad thing. Sometimes mapping out your steps in too much detail can limit the creative side of your nature, so give yourself permission to keep things messy.

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