

## The Weekly Gems: News and Videos from Around the Web



This week's news in the gem-and-jewelry world spotlights an exclusive, diamond-encrusted credit card and a recreation of the Imperial State Crown for Jeffrey Archer's latest novel.

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### A stone's throw

Locals scrambled on the streets of the Varachha bazaar, a small market in Surat, India, known for diamond trading, to search for a valuable packet of stones a businessman was rumored to have [dropped](#). The video went viral on X (Twitter).

## Online authentication

Online marketplace eBay has expanded its [Authenticity Guarantee](#) program in the UK, collaborating with the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) to vet branded and unbranded fine jewelry.

## Disco divas

Jewelry writer, author and consultant Beth Bernstein lists some [pop-culture trends](#), from disco to hip-hop, that inspire modern jewelry looks.

## Swipe in style

Have you heard about the Billionaire Card? This [iced-out Visa](#) was designed for a circle of 150 clients with “considerable net worth.” Of course, the metal card is gold plated and set with striking pavé diamonds that will sparkle at every transaction.

## Real or replica?

When Jeffrey Archer wrote his new book about a brazen raid on the Crown Jewels held at the Tower of London, he tasked jeweler Alan Gard with recreating the Imperial State Crown. You can see [both versions](#) here. Try to spot the real one.

## Of liquid and gold

Sergio Narciandi, a man working for a water-supply firm in northern Spain, was tasked with finding a water source and ended up unearthing the first of [two Iron Age gold necklaces](#) that were likely buried in a hoard about 2,500 years ago.

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