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Amid Super Bowl brouhaha, Taylor Swift goes past Arijit Singh to become second-most followed Spotify artist

Monday, Feb 12, 2024

With the Super Bowl fever in the air, Taylor Swift's name has become synonymous with all the American football craze. This sturdy impact has undoubtedly reflected in her growing fanbase that has now extended its branches to football fans too as many Kansas City Chiefs enthusiasts were spotted in red jerseys across her Eras Tour concert stops.

Read more - <https://www.hindustantimes.com/entertainment/music/amid-super-bowl-brouha-taylor-swift-goes-past-arjit-singh-to-become-second-most-followed-spotify-artist-101707674486933.html>

An ode to Indian visual culture and history: Alka Pande's new collection of 14 books

Thurssday, Feb 15, 2024

Art historian and curator Dr Alka Pande has written a set of 14 collectable books titled '108 Portraits of Indian Culture and Heritage' that puts the spotlight on 14 disciplines ranging from art, architecture, objects, crafts and more. The immersive collection set is an encyclopedic work looking at the development and history of Indian visual culture through various eras of history to the contemporary world.

Complete with anecdotal personal stories, the author has employed the lens of Indian art and aesthetics to unpack the rich cultural history of the country's illuminating art, architecture and cultural landscape. The subject of each book unfolds in a visual and textual story of 108 narratives. Since the number 108 is of immense significance in Indian art and it also emerges from the Upanishadic tradition of Indian philosophy, it has emerged as a connecting thread among the set of books through which images and histories of the subject engage with each other.

Read more - <https://www.daijiworld.com/news/newsDisplay?newsID=1168009>

Museum of Sacred Art Collaborates with India's National Gallery on Latest Exhibit

Friday, Feb 16, 2024



India's National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) and the Museum of Sacred Art (MOSA) presented a new exhibit entitled "Shakti: Fair & Fierce" in New Dehli, which celebrates feminine creativity and empowerment ahead of the upcoming International Day of Women on March 8, 2024. NGMA is one of the premier art institutions in India. Established in 1954, the gallery is located at Jaipur House near India Gate. MOSA is an international visual arts initiative dedicated to supporting art and artists from India as well as art and artists from the ISKCON community. It has branches in Belgium, Italy, and Spain.

Credits - ISKONNEWS

Read more - <https://iskconnews.org/museum-of-sacred-art-collaborates-with-indias-national-gallery-on-latest-exhibit/>

Surajkund Mela: A cultural spectacle celebrating India's diverse arts and crafts

Sunday, Feb 18, 2024

February is when the National Capital cheerfully celebrates the diversity of Indian arts and crafts. From the Surajkund Mela (Feb 2 -18) and Aadi Mahotsav (Feb 10-18) to the Vividhta Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrating the diversity of the northeastern states at Amrit Udyan and the annual Saras Mela, Delhi revels in Indian arts and crafts as the waning winter and the onset of Basant Panchami set the stage.



Credit: Swasti Pachauri

Read more - <https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/surajkund-mela-indian-arts-crafts-cultural-spectacle-delhi-9159121/>



Age

Credit: Economic Times

Indian hammer thrower Rachna Kumari banned for 12 years for doping

Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024

Indian hammer thrower Rachna Kumari was on Tuesday handed a 12-year ban for failing multiple dope tests by the international federation's Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU). The 30-year-old Kumari's dope sample, taken out-of-competition, was found to contain steroids Stanozolol, Metandienone, Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone (DHCMT) and Clenbuterol.

"The AIU has banned Kumari (K.M.) Rachna (India) for 12 years from 24 November, 2023 for the Presence/Use of a Prohibited Substance (Stanozolol, ..

Read more - <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/sports/indian-hammer-thrower-rachna-kumari-banned-for-12-years-for-doping/articleshow/107668299.cms?from=mdr>

India and Sharma take charge as England fail to build on Wood burst

Thursday, Feb 15, 2024

While the English focus before the third Test was on Ben Stokes winning his 100th cap – the various greatest hits compilations serving as a drum beat to this pivotal match – the bunting also came out on the Indian side of the divide.

The Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium was officially renamed after Niranjan Shah, a prominent local and national administrator. And at the VVIP event to mark this, Jay Shah announced Rohit Sharma will lead India at this year's T20 World Cup.



Credits - Francis Mascarenhas/Reuters

Read more -

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2024/feb/15/india-rohit-sharma-take-charge-england-fail-to-build-on-early-flurry-wickets-third-test-cricket>

PUMA & Delhi Capitals Come Together for a Multi-Year Deal

Friday, Feb 16, 2024



Credit: Delhi capitals

Read more - <https://www.delhicapitals.in/puma>

Sports brand PUMA India has joined forces with Delhi Capitals as the official kit partner, ahead of the year's high-powered WPL and IPL season.

PUMA's partnership with Delhi Capitals furthers its footprint in the cricketing landscape. With this multi-year alliance, PUMA will also deepen engagement into the capital's high voltage fandom and tap into the growing pool of sporting talent in the region.

As kit partner, PUMA's logo will be present on the leading arm of the jersey of both the men's and women's teams of Delhi Capitals.

India bowl out England for 122 to record biggest Test win, lead series 2-1

Sunday, Feb 18, 2024

India romped to their biggest win in Test cricket by runs when they dismissed England for 122 runs in their pursuit of a target of 557, thanks to a double century by young batter Yashasvi Jaiswal and a five-wicket haul by left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja.

India had been in the box seat since grabbing a handy first-innings lead of 126 in the third Test at Rajkot, and never took their foot off the pedal as they bundled out the visitors in less than 40 overs at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium on Sunday. India lead the five-match series 2-1.



Credit: Ajit Solanki

Read more - <https://www.aljazeera.com/sports/2024/2/18/india-beat-england-third-test-rajkot-jaiswal-jaedja-ashwin-sarfraz>

SCIENCE



credit: News Miner

Launching NISAR: NASA's Biggest Earth Observation Mission (Science for Alaska 2024)

Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024

The UAF Geophysical Institute presents the 32nd annual Science for Alaska lecture series and events. The Geophysical Institute will host free public talks at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout February. The talks will be held live at the Schaible Auditorium, 1764 Tanana Loop at UAF. To join virtually, register to watch on Zoom (<https://bit.ly/ScienceforAK24-Zoom>) or join live from the UAF or Geophysical Institute Facebook pages. On Tuesday, Feb. 13, Franz J. Meyer will present "Launching NISAR: NASA's Biggest Earth Observation Mission."

Read more - https://www.newsminer.com/local-events/?_evDiscoveryPath=/event/2222712-launching-nisar-nasa-s-biggest-earth-observation-mission-science-for-alaska-2024

Could a rice-meat hybrid be what's for dinner?

Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024

A new lab-grown meat product merges rice grains with cow cells, scientists report February 14 in *Matter*. The rice acts as a scaffold that supports the growth of fat or muscle cells. Together, the ingredients form a rice-meat hybrid that steams up to a pinkish-brown mash.

It tasted delicious, "nutty and a little sweet," says Sohyeon Park, a chemical engineer at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. Lab-made beefy rice isn't ready for the dinner table yet, she says, but it could one day offer a more sustainable way to eat meat.

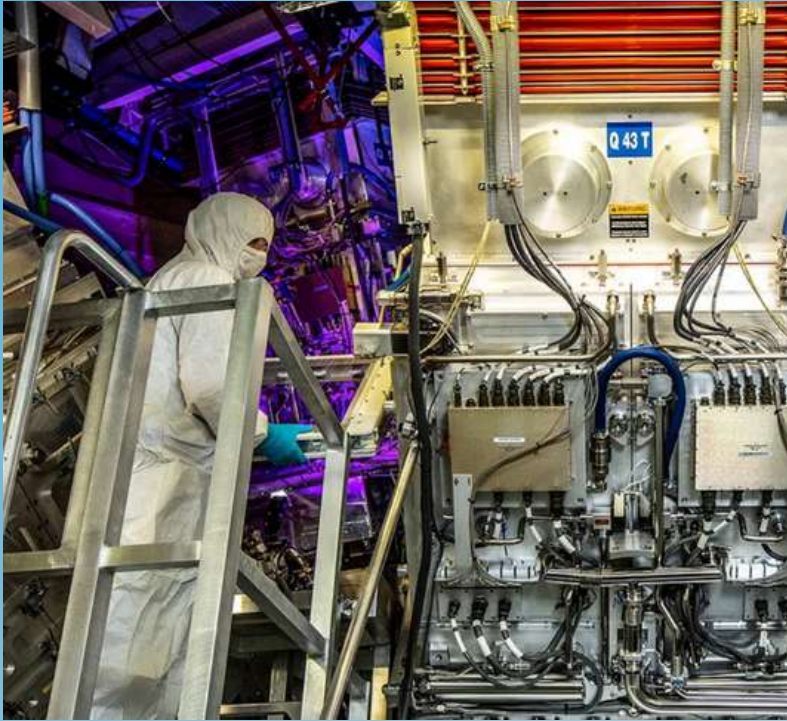


Credits - YONSEI UNIVERSITY

Read more - <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/could-rice-meat-hybrid-be-dinner>

Here's how scientists reached nuclear fusion 'ignition' for the first time

Friday, Feb 16, 2024



Credit: JASON LAUREA/LLNL

One of nuclear fusion's biggest advances wouldn't have happened without some impeccable scientific artistry.

In December 2022, researchers at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California created fusion reactions that produced an excess of energy – a first. In the experiment, 192 lasers blasted a small chamber, setting off fusion reactions – in which smaller atomic nuclei merge to form larger ones – that released more energy than initially kicked them off (SN: 12/12/22). It's a milestone known as "ignition," and it has been decades in the making.

Read more - <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/nuclear-fusion-ignition-first>

Feeling February heat? Scientists expect record-breaking temperatures this month

Saturday, Feb 17, 2024

Meteorologists are predicting that February 2024 is on track to shatter existing heat records due to a combination of human-induced global warming and the El Nino climate pattern. Temperature spikes have already reached unprecedented levels, particularly in sea-surface temperatures, and have alarmed the experts.

Dr Joel Hirschi from the UK National Oceanography Centre told The Guardian, "The planet is warming at an accelerating rate, with rapid temperature increases in the ocean, the climate's largest reservoir of heat."



Credit: Reuters

Read more - <https://www.wionews.com/science/feeling-february-heat-scientists-expect-record-breaking-temperatures-this-month-691232>

TECHNOLOGY

Gorilla Technology Lands Groundbreaking Deal with Major Hospital Network in Thailand

Monday, Feb 12, 2024

Gorilla Technology Group Inc. ("Gorilla") (NASDAQ: GRRR), a global solution provider in Security Intelligence, Network Intelligence, Business Intelligence, and IoT technology, today announced they have secured the winning bid for Comprehensive Video Management System with Intelligent Video Analytics Solution at Chakri Naruebodindra Medical Institute under Rama Hospital., Thailand.

Rama Hospital's partnership underscores its commitment to embracing innovative technologies to elevate patient care, enhance safety, and optimize operational workflows. This move marks a significant leap forward in healthcare innovation within Thailand, aiming to revolutionize the way the hospital approaches security and surveillance.

Read more - <https://www.globenewswire.com/en/news-release/2024/02/12/2827483/0/en/Gorilla-Technology-Lands-Groundbreaking-Deal-with-Major-Hospital-Network-in-Thailand.html>

TD garden ushers in a new era of seamless security with evolv technology

Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024

TD Garden, New England's premier sports and entertainment arena and home of the storied NHL's Boston Bruins and NBA's Boston Celtics, today announced a partnership with Evolv Technology, the leading security technology company pioneering AI-based detection tools to create safer experiences.

This collaboration brings Evolv Express® to TD Garden, implementing a frictionless and secure security screening experience for all guests. The new entry experience will begin on February 17, 2024.



Credit - TD Garden

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<https://www.tdgarden.com/news/detail/td-garden-ushers-in-a-new-era-of-seamless-security-with-evolv-technology>

North Korea and Iran using AI for hacking, Microsoft says



Credit - Getty Images

Wednesday, Feb 14, 2024

US adversaries – chiefly Iran and North Korea, and to a lesser extent Russia and China – are beginning to use generative artificial intelligence to mount or organize offensive cyber operations, Microsoft said on Wednesday.

Microsoft said it detected and disrupted, in collaboration with business partner OpenAI, many threats that used or attempted to exploit AI technology they had developed.

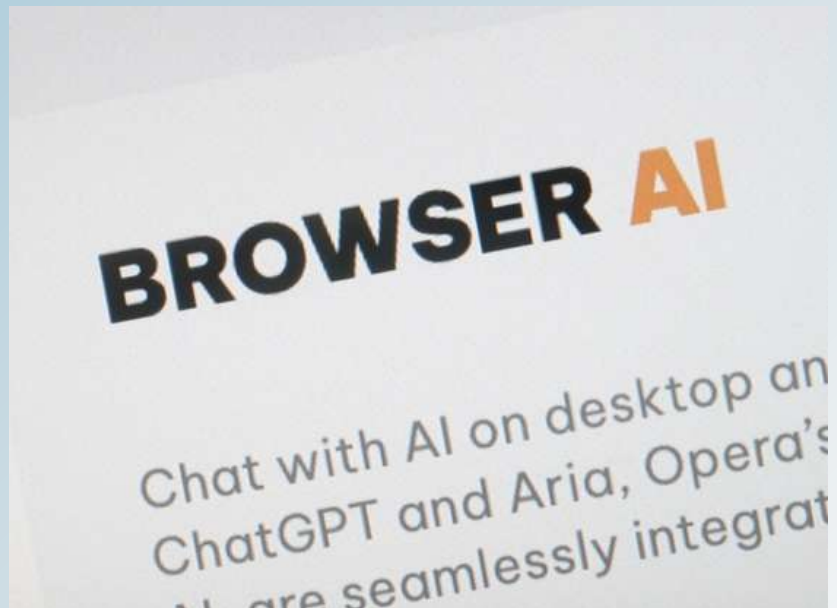
Read more - <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2024/feb/14/north-korea-iran-ai-hacking-microsoft>

One Tech Tip: Ready to go beyond Google? Here's how to use new generative AI search sites

Saturday, Feb 17, 2024

It's not just you. A lot of people think Google searches are getting worse. And the rise of generative AI chatbots is giving people new and different ways to look up information.

While Google has been the one-stop shop for decades — after all, we commonly call searches “googling” — its longtime dominance has attracted a flood of sponsored or spammy links and junk content fueled by “search engine optimization” techniques. That pushes down genuinely useful results. A recent study by German researchers suggests the quality of results from Google, Bing and DuckDuckGo is indeed declining.



Credit - Alastair Grant

Read more - <https://apnews.com/article/one-tech-tip-generative-ai-searches-522a9e432246700082baeb6b7a128ded>