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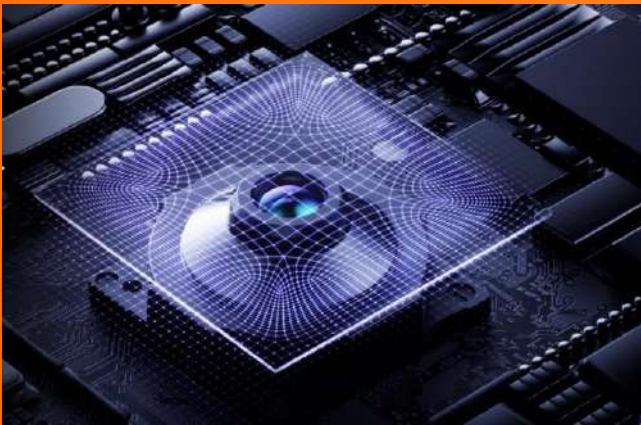
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This artist paints on streets to make them safer places to walk

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Coreil Allen on Dec. 14 in Hyattsville. (Bonnie Jo Mount/The Washington Post)

On a patch of street where drivers used to pull up in front of a Hyattsville coffee shop to dash inside and grab their orders, bright blue coffee beans are now stenciled over rainbow blocks of color. The message, reinforced by planters and plastic flex posts, is clear: This isn't a space for cars anymore. The artwork spreads up the street and around the corner, where clouds and bands of red, orange and yellow mark out space at crosswalks and stripes beckon buses up to a stop.

Read More: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2023/12/27/art-streets-hyattsville-pedestrians/>

Open Call column offers a microphone to Delaware arts, cultural organizations

30 December 2023

Delaware: This was a great year to celebrate cultural milestones, arts collaborations and initiatives throughout Delaware. The biggest arts story of the year came as the major exhibition "The Rossettis" traveled in October from London's Tate Britain to the Delaware Art Museum, its only U.S. venue. Sophie Lynford, Ph.D., is the Annette Woolard-Provine Curator of the Bancroft Collection of Pre-Raphaelite Art at the museum. She wrote at the time: "This once-in-a-lifetime exhibition showcases Dante Gabriel Rossetti works from private and public collections around the world, with the stunning highlights of Delaware's collection at the heart.



A number of splendid pieces of British artwork are on view in 'The Rossettis' at Delaware Art Museum in Wilmington until Sunday, Jan. 28. Provided By Delaware Art Museum

Read More: <https://www.delawareonline.com/story/entertainment/arts/2023/12/31/open-call-column-offers-delaware-a-place-to-celebrate-arts-culture/72047223007/>



Flag football gives female players sense of community, scholarship options and soon shot at Olympics

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Ashlee Klam, 19, right, tries to evade defender during a training session for her flag football team at Keiser University in West Palm Beach, Fla.

DENVER — Flag football's inclusion in the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles only enhances the profile of a sport that's growing by leaps and bounds on the women's side. Flag football is already sanctioned as a varsity sport for girls in eight states, with more seemingly on the way. The sport has also received the backing from the NFL, which sponsors leagues, and nearly two dozen NAIA colleges are now issuing

scholarships to female players. On the youth level, teams and leagues are springing up from coast to coast and even from continent to continent. It's also creating a sense of community.

Read more: <https://www.ksl.com/article/50829933/flag-football-gives-female-players-sense-of-community-scholarship-options-and-soon-shot-at-olympics>

Post Sports Staff Best Stories of 2023: FAU, Jimmy Buffett, Dolphins in Germany, Youth Baseball superstar

29 December 2023

We say goodbye to 2023 on Sunday at midnight. Say what you will about the rest of the world, but the Florida sports sphere gave us some incredible moments and memories these past 12 months. The Palm Beach Post sports staff was there to chronicle many of those events, including the improbable Final Four runs of Florida Atlantic and Miami, two South Florida teams coming from nowhere to make the NBA Finals (Heat) and Stanley Cup Playoffs (Panthers) and a Miami Dolphins season that actually could extend into February 2024.



Florida Atlantic guard Johnnell Davis smiles while taking a ceremonial key to Boca Raton from teammate Michael Forest at the Mizner Park Amphitheater

Read More: <https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/sports/2023/12/29/palm-beach-post-sportswriters-pick-their-best-stories-of-2023/72044331007/>

Nestlé's Purina announces Agrimed Ltd as new distributor during debut veterinary event in Malta

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Nestlé's Purina, a global brand in pet care, announced its new partnership with Agrimed Malta Ltd during its inaugural veterinary event in Malta. The event served as an opportune platform for Purina to introduce Agrimed as its official distributor for the Veterinary Channel, focusing on the Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets range. Held at The Westin Dragonara Resort Hotel, Purina's Veterinary Event marked a milestone for the brand's presence in Malta, fostering connections with the local veterinary doctors and nurses' community. The event showcased the specialized Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diets range, emphasizing its unique features and functionalities tailored to address specific conditions in cats and dogs.



Kurt Rossi, director of Agrimed Limited together with Christian Cachia, Category Business manager for Purina (Pet Care) at Nestlé-Malta Ltd, announcing the new partnership during the inaugural veterinary event

Read More: <https://maltabusinessweekly.com/nestles-purina-announces-agrimed-ltd-as-new-distributor-during-debut-veterinary-event-in-malta/24602/#:~:text=Production,Nestl%C3%A9's%20Purina%20announces%20Agrimed%20Ltd%20as%20new,debut%20veterinary%20event%20in%20Malta&text=Nestl%C3%A9's%20Purina%2C%20a%20global%20brand,inaugural%20veterinary%20event%20in%20Malta>.

Endangered Species Act spending shows disparities

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Restoring salmon (pictured) and steelhead trout dominates endangered species spending.

Since passage of the Endangered Species Act 50 years ago, more than 1,700 plants, mammals, fish, insects and other species in the U.S. have been listed as threatened or endangered with extinction. Yet federal government data reveals striking disparities in how much money is allocated to save various biological kingdoms. Of the roughly \$1.2 billion a year spent on endangered and threatened species, about half goes toward recovery of just two types of fish: salmon and steelhead trout along the West Coast. Tens of millions of dollars go to other widely known animals including manatees, right whales,

grizzly bears and spotted owls.

Read More: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/endangered-species-funding-goes-to-a-small-number-of-creatures-leaving-others-in-limbo/>

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New York Times files lawsuit against OpenAI and Microsoft over use of articles to train AI chatbots

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The New York Times sued OpenAI and Microsoft for copyright infringement on Wednesday, opening a new front in the increasingly intense legal battle over the unauthorized use of published work to train artificial intelligence technologies. The Times is the first major American media organization to sue the companies, the creators of ChatGPT and other popular A.I. platforms, over copyright issues associated with its written works. The lawsuit, filed in Federal District Court in Manhattan, contends that millions of articles published by The Times were used to train automated chatbots that now compete with the news outlet as a source of reliable information.



OpenAI, Microsoft and The New York Times logos are seen in this illustration taken December 27, 2023. | Photo Credit: Reuters

Read More: <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/27/business/media/new-york-times-open-ai-microsoft-lawsuit.html>

NEW TECHNOLOGY TO DESALINATE SEAWATER

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The desalination plant at Hadera in Israel. Image: Luciano Santandreu/Shutterstock

Scientists may have found a more efficient way to desalinate water using solar power, according to new research, offering a solution for global water scarcity through the use of renewable energy. Researchers at Nankai University in Tianjin, China, developed the concept of a solar-powered desalination system that produces fresh water by using smart DNA hydrogels that does not consume additional energy, compared to conventional desalination

strategies currently in use, such as reverse osmosis, which use copious amounts of energy, according to a paper published in the journal Science Advances on Thursday.

Read More: <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/endangered-species-funding-goes-to-a-small-number-of-creatures-leaving-others-in-limbo/>