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Vikram Damodaran - Chief Innovation Officer, Diageo India

Late last week, mass market brand McDowell's threw its hat into the Indian single malt ring with the launch of the Distiller's Batch Indian Single Malt. The entry-level whisky, a triple cask expression, is made at United Spirits' Nashik distillery. It is aged in ex-bourbon and virgin oak casks, and finished in ex-cabernet sauvignon and Shiraz casks that are sourced from small vineyards in

and around Nashik.

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Exploring Van Gogh: A journey through art and mind with immersive experience

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Van Gogh enthusiasts Nikhil Chinappa and Hemali Vadalia collaborate on 'The Real Van Gogh Immersive Experience,' currently captivating audiences in Hyderabad. Here's the thing. No matter how much one "immerses" oneself in Van Gogh, thanks to technology, nothing will beat the experience of standing in front of the original, say, 'Wheatfield with Crows' and getting lost in the exquisite loneliness that Vincent Van Gogh captures in that double-square canvas.



The Real Van Gogh Immersive Experience showcases the Dutch master's art in a 30-minute show, aiming to deepen people's understanding and appreciation of Van Gogh's work. (Photo by Christophe ARCHAMBAULT / AFP)

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SPORTS

Liverpool's Premier League title hopes hit by 2-0 loss to Everton, Man United survive another scare

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The loss keeps Liverpool three points behind league leader Arsenal and one ahead of Manchester City, which is in third and has two games in hand on both rivals. Jurgen Klopp's hopes of a dream send-off were left in tatters after a 2-0 loss at Everton dealt a major blow to Liverpool's Premier League title bid on Wednesday.



Liverpool's Virgil van Dijk reacts (REUTERS)

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Carlsen-led Freestyle Chess event in India on hold

April 26,2024

German entrepreneur Jan Henric Buettner was supposed to get on a plane to India last week to draw up plans for the Freestyle Chess event scheduled in the country for November this year. Buettner together with world No. 1 Magnus Carlsen had – post the success of the inaugural chess960 event in Weisenhaus in February – announced the launch of a Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour that would run across five continents.



Magnus Carlsen and Jan Henric Buettner had announced the launch of a Freestyle Chess Grand Slam Tour.(REUTERS)

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SCIENCE

Rain Bosworth studies how deaf children experience the world

April 26, 2024

In a darkened room in Rochester, N.Y., a baby girl in a pink onesie peers at a computer screen. Wherever she looks, an eye tracker follows — recording her gaze patterns for future analysis. The baby, about 6 months old, is neither deaf nor hard of hearing. And she's never been exposed to sign language of any sort. But somehow, she and others her age can tell the difference between gestures and formal signs.



Ask by deaf experimental psychologist Rain Bosworth (left) suggests that babies have an innate sensitivity to sign language.

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Irregular bone marrow cells may increase heart disease risk

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In the last decade, scientists have discovered that clonal hematopoiesis — when bone marrow stem cells acquire key genetic errors and pass them on to immune cells — is associated with an increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

Lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels, quitting smoking, managing diabetes: these evidence-backed approaches remain key ways to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease (*SN*: 11/9/15). But an unexpected contributor to that risk has emerged in the past decade. Nothing can be done to specifically tackle this risk factor yet, but the discovery offers a new angle to understanding cardiovascular disease. And it might partly explain why some people develop the disease even when they don't check the familiar boxes on the modifiable risk list.

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TECHNOLOGY

Apple renews talks with OpenAI for iPhone generative AI features

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Apple has been slower in rolling out generative AI, which can generate human-like responses to written prompts. (Image Source: Apple)

Apple Inc has renewed discussions with OpenAI about using the startup's generative AI technology to power some new features being introduced in the iPhone later this year, Bloomberg News reported on Friday. The companies have begun discussing terms of a potential agreement and how OpenAI features would be integrated into Apple's next iPhone operating system, iOS 18, the report said, citing people familiar with the matter.

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Elon Musk visits China as Tesla seeks self-driving technology rollout

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CEO Elon Musk arrived in Beijing on Sunday for a surprise visit, where he is expected to meet senior officials to discuss the rollout of Full Self-Driving software and permission to transfer data overseas, according to a person with knowledge of the matter. The U.S. electric vehicle maker rolled out Full Self-Driving, or FSD, the most autonomous version of its Autopilot software, four years ago but has yet to make it available in China, its second-largest market globally, despite customers urging it to do so.



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