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SHAHZIA SIKANDER SCULPTURE VANDALIZED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

A massive sculpture of a female figure by the Pakistani artist Shahzia Sikander was beheaded at the University of Houston on July 8. Meant to honor women and justice, the eighteen-foot-high bronze form of a tentacled woman with hair braided into a style that recalls a ram's horns had earlier incited the wrath of Christian anti-abortion group Texas Right to Life, which accused the work of "celebrat[ing] Satan's deceit."

University officials, who are said to have video of the destruction, lamented the opportunistic nature of the attack, which took place as Hurricane Beryl lashed the Texas coast after roaring up the Gulf of Mexico.



Read more: <https://www.artforum.com/news/shahzia-sikander-sculpture-vandalized-at-university-of-houston-556574/>

HARTWIG FISCHER NAMED FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF FORTHCOMING WORLD CULTURES MUSEUM IN SAUDI ARABIA

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Former British Museum director Hartwig Fischer has been tapped to lead an as-yet-unbuilt world cultures museum in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Saudi Museums Commission in a July 10 press release announced that Fischer will "set the foundations for the museum and lead it, based on his global expertise in leading international cultural institutions and museums." Designed by Spanish architect Ricardo Bofill, the museum will occupy the Royal Arts Complex in Riyadh's King Salman Park, which is at present under construction.



Read more: <https://www.artforum.com/news/hartwig-fischer-named-founding-director-forthcoming-world-cultures-museum-in-saudi-arabia-556603/>

SPORTS



Novak Djokovic vs Carlos Alcaraz: Players in opposite ends of their careers eye history at Wimbledon final

Saturday, July 13, , 2024



On Sunday, Novak Djokovic will play his 37th Major final. Carlos Alcaraz will play his fourth.

Djokovic will be vying for an all-time record-setting (man or woman) 25th Grand Slam singles title. Alcaraz will be vying for his fourth.

Djokovic aims to equal Roger Federer's tally of eight Wimbledon titles. Alcaraz hopes to become just the sixth man to win the French Open and Wimbledon in the same year in the Open Era.

Readmore: <https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/tennis/novak-djokovic-carlos-alcaraz-eye-history-at-wimbledon-final-9451587/>

Wimbledon: Barbora Krejckova's surreal title triumph should catapult her into the league of modern superstars

Sunday, July 14, , 2024

Not merely is Barbora Krejckova a former World No. 2 and Grand Slam singles champion, but with a total tally of 10 doubles Majors and an Olympic gold, she has already racked up a near-Hall of Fame career this decade.

Despite that, as a new crop of young, attacking champions – the likes of Iga Swiatek, Coco Gauff and Aryna Sabalenka – have risen to prominence, Krejckova has remained one of the under-appreciated recent Major winners.



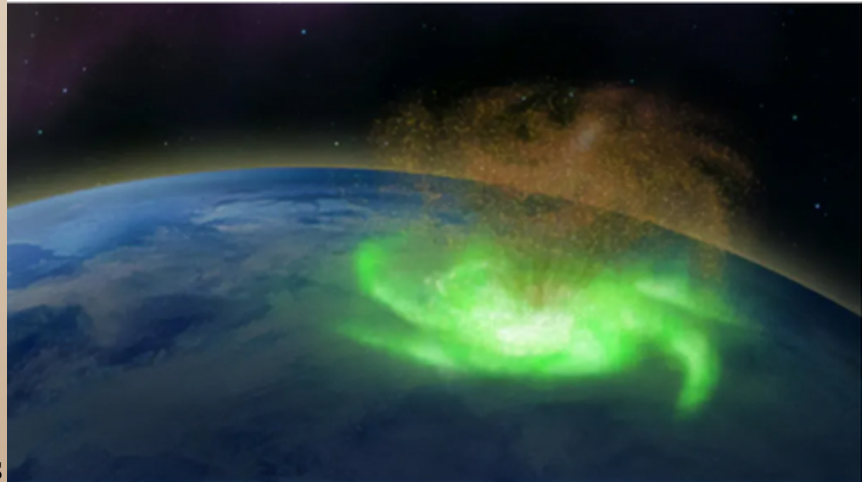
Read more: <https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/tennis/barbora-krejckova-wimbledon-2024-womens-champion-final-9451794/>

SCIENCE

'Space hurricanes' churn at both of Earth's magnetic poles

Friday, July 12, 2024

On Earth, hurricane season isn't just surface level. The ionosphere, an upper layer of the atmosphere charged by solar radiation, also contains swirling storms of plasma dubbed "space hurricanes." Scientists first described a space hurricane in 2021: It was a cyclone-shaped aurora, swirling for hours near Earth's north magnetic pole and raining down electrons, rather than water, into the upper atmosphere. Now, new research reveals that parallel space hurricanes swirl near the south magnetic pole as well.



Read more: <https://www.sciencenews.org/article/space-hurricanes-earth-magnetic-poles>

Sunita Williams shared her first message to Earth regarding the delay in their return from space

Sunday, July 14, 2024



Indian-origin astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Willmore are stuck in space due to the delays the Boeing Starliner is facing technical difficulties. Sunita Williams in a live news conference that she joined from the International Space Station (ISS) shared her first message to Earth.

In her message, she talked about the delay they are facing and said "I have a real good feeling in my heart that this spacecraft will bring us home, no problem."

Adding to this delay problem faced by the two astronauts Butch Willmore also shared a statement and said "Failure is not an option." The mission was aimed at testing the spacecraft's capabilities, launched from Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida on June 5 and the next day on June 6 it docked at the International Space Station (ISS).

Read more: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/science/sunita-williams-shared-her-first-message-to-earth-regarding-the-delay-in-their-return-from-space-article-12768565.html>

TECHNOLOGY

OpenAI working on new reasoning technology under code name 'Strawberry'

Sunday, July 14, 2024

ChatGPT maker OpenAI is working on a novel approach to its artificial intelligence models in a project code-named "Strawberry," according to a person familiar with the matter and internal documentation reviewed by Reuters.

The project, details of which have not been previously reported, comes as the Microsoft-backed startup races to show that the types of models it offers are capable of delivering advanced reasoning capabilities.



[Read more: https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/artificial-intelligence/openai-working-on-new-reasoning-technology-under-code-name-strawberry-9452155/](https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/artificial-intelligence/openai-working-on-new-reasoning-technology-under-code-name-strawberry-9452155/)

NASA marks James Webb Space Telescope's second anniversary with galaxy images

Saturday July 13 2024

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) celebrated its second science anniversary on July 12, 2024, with a stunning photo of two galaxies known as the Penguin (NGC 2936) and the Egg (NGC 2937). These galaxies are together referred to as Arp 142.

The galaxies were captured in near- and mid-infrared photos, situated about 326 million light-years far in the Hydra constellation. The continuous interaction between these galaxies, which began 25–75 million years ago, was revealed by the JWST. This cosmic dance will persist for millions of years until the Penguin and the Egg merge into a single galaxy.



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