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Space News

Anton

First Supermoon of the Year

The Harvest Moon on Tuesday 7th October was the first supermoon this year. This was the brightest and largest full moon of the year.

It happened when the Earth and the moon were at their closest point. This makes the moon look bigger and brighter than it normally does, and this is because it is a lot closer than normal. It is normally a lot bigger and can be up to fourteen percent brighter and also thirty percent bigger than a usual full moon.

There are also a lot of different unique type of moons such as the Blood Moon. The Blood Moon is an eclipse that happens when the Sun, the Earth, and the moon line up together in a straight line. It's when the earth goes between the Sun and the moon. When the eclipse is totally done, the moon can turn an orange/red/yellow color. This is why its got its name: it is called a Blood Moon after the red colour.



Local History News

Anusha

Lincoln's Historical Buildings

Lincoln Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture, stands as a testament to the city's religious and architectural prowess. Originally consecrated in 1092, it underwent significant reconstruction after a fire and an earthquake. The rebuilt cathedral, featuring pointed arches, ribbed vaults, and flying buttresses, became a prime example of early Gothic design. For over two-hundred years, its central tower, adorned with a towering spire, held the title of the world's tallest building, symbolizing Lincoln's spiritual and economic prominence during the medieval period.

Lincoln Castle, built by William the Conqueror in 1068, served as a strategic stronghold and a symbol of Norman power. Constructed on the site of a Roman fortress, the castle's imposing walls and towers have witnessed centuries of English history. It played a crucial role during the Anarchy, a period of civil war in the twelfth century, and later served as a prison. Today, visitors can explore its walls, enjoy panoramic views of Lincoln, and delve into its rich history through exhibitions and events.

Together, Lincoln Cathedral and Castle embody the city's historical significance, representing its religious, political, and architectural achievements. These iconic landmarks continue to inspire and captivate, drawing visitors from around the world to experience Lincoln's interesting history.



Funny News

Ava

Bath Takeaway Launches Samosa Into Space.

Niraj Gadher, the owner of Indian takeaway 'Chai Walla' in Bath, attempted a rather strange experiment – to send a samosa into space using balloons. He got three of his friends together to try his crazy idea, and actually managed to release it into the sky on the third attempt. However, this flying samosa ended up crash-landing in France! Niraj explained that he "said as a joke once that he would send a samosa into space" and that he "thought during these bleak times we could all use a reason to laugh". He posted a YouTube video of this amazing feat, and it was watched over six thousand times. He used a GoPro camera and GPS tracker to follow the samosa on its journey. However, they disconnected partway. Remarkably, they still managed to survive the journey to space and back. Later on, the tracker came back online, revealing it to be in the fields of Picardie in Northern France. It even made headlines on the French news!

Gadher later apologized for any environmental issues this may have caused. "I'm really sorry to everyone that we lost those balloons, for the environmental reasons – that was obviously not the plan." He also said, "The package had a parachute and was made of very light plastic so if there had been a problem, it would have just floated down to Earth."



Animal News

Anton and Noah

Monkey's Noses Change the Sounds They Make

A discovery has been made about the way that proboscis monkeys' massive noses help them to create the unique calls that they use to communicate with. These monkeys live on the island of Borneo in Southeast Asia, in swampy mangrove forests.

The male monkeys have remarkable noses which are long and hang over their mouths. The species is named after it's "Proboscis" – this means it has a long nose. The females have marginally smaller noses compared to their male counterpart.

With their noses, the males have loud trumpeting sounds that are called a 'bray' and that is like a call. They make this sound by pushing air out of their nose, while their mouth is closed. The nose makes an echo chamber for the sound that it produces, which allows the monkeys sound to travel a long way through the forest. The massive nose of these monkeys is important to them, because it is a status symbol which is used to attract the females and to dispose of other males.



Music News

Esmae and Ava

Radiohead announce first tour in seven years

On September 3rd, Radiohead announced their first tour in seven years! The band got back together for the first time since 2021 when they released their 'Kid Amnesia' album, a combination of some of their previous albums, 'Kid A' and 'Amnesiac'. For the people who may be reading this with no idea who Radiohead are, you still might actually know some of their songs. 'Let Down', from the album 'Ok Computer', went viral on TikTok not too long ago. Their song 'No Surprises', from the same album is also well known, along with 'Fake Plastic Trees', their song from the album 'The Bends' which appeared in the movie 'Clueless'.

Thom Yorke, the singer of the group, said that "it felt so good to be back and playing together again". Thom and Jonny Greenwood, keyboardist and rhythm/lead guitarist of the group, worked on a project together called The Smile, as well as other members working on solo projects. The original members of the group are Thom Yorke, the singer, Colin Greenwood, the bass guitarist, Ed O'Brien, who works on backing vocals along with other instruments and Philip Selway, who plays the drums.

In November, they are coming to London's very own O2 stadium! The tickets went on sale on Friday, September 12th. However, this tour is mainly located in Europe. Some other locations include: the Movistar Arena in Madrid, Spain, the Unipol Arena in Bologna, Italy, the Royal Arena in Copenhagen, Denmark and the Uber Arena in Berlin, Germany.



Sports News

Genevieve

Future Football stars to look out for in the Premier League

In the Championship League there are many teenage stars who will be seen playing for the teams. The following players ages are in a range of 15 to 21 years old.

Player Rio Ngumoha will be playing for Liverpool this year at 16 years old as their winger. Originally set out to play for Chelsea, Rio is a brilliant player, leaving Chelsea in anger at their missed opportunities. There will also be Harry Howell, who is 17 years old, a new addition to Brighton's team as their midfielder. He became Brighton's youngest player earlier this year, coming on the pitch to make his debut in a 3-2 win against Liverpool.

A young player joining Arsenal's squad is 15 year old Max Dowman, an English midfielder. Brilliant professional players such as Declan Rice claim that Dowman is a new young talent entering the Premier League. His performances will be sure not to disappoint. Italian centre-back is 21 year old Diego Coppola playing for Brighton as well. He is considered an amazing defender, who came out of the Hellas Verona academy in 2021. El Hadji Malick Diouf, age 20, from Senegal is on West Ham's team as their left back/left wing-back. He is a dynamic player with amazing crossing abilities and is sure to be a real threat for opposing team's attackers. He also scored 7 goals for Slavia Prague last season and people are already beginning to say he will be a crowd favourite for all of the West Ham fans.

Finally, 18 year old Brazilian winger Estevao Willian will be playing for Chelsea this season. Some have nicknamed this this incredible player "little Messi" due to the fact that he has amazing abilities when it comes to running with the ball at speed, just like the legendary player Lionel Messi. So, who do you think will make it big this year in the Premier League, and more importantly, which team will win?



Film Review

Gregor

Titanic (1997)

Most people know the general story of the Titanic: a ship departs from Southampton on its way to New York on its maiden voyage, but hits an iceberg and sinks, killing over 1500 people and coming to rest on the Atlantic Ocean seafloor. But, in 1997, James Cameron envisioned a movie of the famous sinking of the 'unsinkable' ship.

Starring Leonardo DiCaprio as Jack, and Kate Winslet as Rose, the film tells the story in extreme detail, from the first departure to the final plunge, while adding some fictional storytelling aspects that add well to the overall story. Jack is a third class passenger who wins his tickets in a bet just mere minutes before the ship departs, along with his friend. Contrasting this, Rose is a first-class passenger who is travelling to the USA to be married off to Cal (another first-class passenger) with her family. She cannot bear the thought of being married off, so she attempts to jump off the back of the ship. Fortunately, Jack talks her out of it and pulls her back over the railing. But it is not all just fun and games from here. Jack is nearly imprisoned, and then genuinely imprisoned later on when the ship starts to sink. He gets out with the help of Rose, but it's a moonless night, and the waters are cold. The ship only has two hours before it is fully submerged; many, including the main couple, don't have a happy ending...

This film is a classic and one of the highest-grossing box office films of all time. It has a great story, and while sad it has some exciting moments.

Overall rating 9.7/10



Language Feature

John

The Longest Word

Titin, TTN... Methionylthreonylthreonylglutaminylarginy......

Whichever way you refer to, its still there, working within your body.

It is a protein within your muscles keeping them naturally elastic and stretchy. It comprises of over 244 individually folded protein domains connected by unstructured peptide (amino acid sequences) sequences. They unfold when tension is applied and vice versa... but the chemistry is not what we are here for ...

You've probably seen the fact that the large name of titin is in Consolas font, and that's because I wanted it to stand out for a very specific reason:

It has over 180,000 characters

That's right, the (not so) simple and small protein in your muscles is famous for its name, barely for its function, because it would actually take greater than 3 hours to say this single word. Keep in mind the second largest scientific name I could find is "Pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis". As you can see, I'm able to paste the second largest in full here yet not even a fraction of the first.



Gaming News

Gregor, Thomas, and John

Recent ROBLOX Schlep Drama

Recently, ROBLOX has come under fire after permanently banning a YouTuber called Schlep, a notable 'Predator Catcher', who has decided to self-police the platform and catch child predators who roam the platform. He has had six people arrested in real life for their actions, and is generally considered as a good person who keeps the platform safe.

Recently, however, Schlep was banned from the platform, seemingly out of nowhere. The CEO of ROBLOX subsequently came out and said that the ban was not accidental and that Schlep was violating the platform's Terms Of Service (TOS). Roblox then also sent Schlep a 'Cease and Desist' to cease all activity on the platform.

Unsurprisingly, the ROBLOX community didn't take this well. New trends emerged with the tag #FREESCHLEP all over social media and throughout Roblox's platform. Petitions were created to remove ROBLOX's CEO and CSO David Baszucki and Matt Kaufman.

'Popular YouTuber Law' By Mike released a video condemning ROBLOX's actions and forming a class action lawsuit with other grooming victims, specifically mentioning the large amount of inappropriate games marketed to children. Speaking of which, on 15th August, he announced that he has hired lawyers to counter-sue ROBLOX for their policies "enabling child predators" as stated by Stinar Gould Grieco & Hensley, the law firm representing Schlep. They added that they are representing more than five-hundred different cases of clients with similar abuse stories.



Game Review

Scott

The Battle Cats

The Battle Cats is a fun action-packed strategy game that really stands out among others. It's a fun tower defence game where you try to destroy the enemy base whilst protecting your own. You can unlock a wide variety of cats (over five hundred) and each one of them has their own unique traits, like being able to freeze specific enemies in place. There are many types of cats: Normal, Special, Rare, Super-rare, Uber-super-rare, and Legend-rare, with each one getting more difficult to obtain, but increasing in power. There are many events that happen, including summer events, with limited capsules to get limited edition cats that dominate stages. Uber-rares are the most well known, as they are really powerful, but not so rare people forget they exist. They can be obtained with a three percent chance increase every time you perform a rare capsule pull. However, it is very hard to get rare capsule tickets (which you use to get Rares, Super-rares, Uber-super-rares and Legend-rares) but they are still obtainable by doing missions. You can select your loadout to blitz through certain stages, or just a general loadout for all stages, but that is weaker.

The game starts with chapters which you unlock every time you beat the previous one. Other things can be unlocked like Legend Stages, which are a variety of stages that change a lot. I use a selection of Uber-rares, Rares, Super-rares, and Specials, as Legend-rares are too rare. This mobile game stands out in the Play Store as it is silly but challenging, as you need to figure out when is the right time to deploy a certain cat, such as, if a red enemy spawns, you can get an Anti-red cat unit to do extra damage to it. They have over ten million downloads in the Play Store so you can't miss it! This game is packed with fun and I can't stop playing it.





Nature Opinion Article

Emma

Rare Animals are Being Killed

Common animals such as cows, sheep, pigs, and many others, are often bred and killed, but did you know that more uncommon animals are being captured, bred and killed? Not just really rare ones, but also the creatures in the middle like birds, deer, and bears. People who slaughter the more common one have reasons, but people who kill the uncommon or rare often do it only for joy and fur or skins.

Even though most animals are either commonly, uncommonly, or rarely killed, some don't fit any of those classes, or are considered to be in different groups by different people. For example, the hedgehog, pigeon, and mouse are common animals but are killed less-commonly. Some people debate about what class rats or horses would be put in, and sometimes animals will go from one class to another, such as goats and frogs/toads.

Common ways to kill animals, which have been used over the years are: driving; baiting using hunting dogs or decoys; stalking them, and shooting them. Some people still use old hunting ways that were used many years ago, but people also use methods that have been passed down through families, or even ways that have never been tested before.

Even though most people have never killed animals before, they are still part of the process without knowing it. Many people work in factories, or even encourage others to do it. Animals are becoming endangered because of us.

