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Nature News

Ellie-Rose and Oliver

Almond sized crab and lantern shark discovered in Australia

During a 2022 voyage in Australia, scientists discovered two new marine creatures one hundred miles below the ocean's surface. One of these creatures is a semi-transparent crab which is about the size of an almond and a lantern shark which can grow up to forty centimetres in length. They also discovered a new species of porcelain crab which use the hairs on their body, instead of using claws, to catch their food. As a result of this voyage, they also discovered twenty other new species twenty kilometres (twelve miles) from the west coast of Australia, including a Carnarvon flapjack octopus that is a rusty red colour and about 4cm in size.

Researchers estimate there may be six hundred more species that are yet to be discovered and named, as it can take scientists months or even years to gather information to see why they are unique and different from other species.

What do you think? If you found a new species, what would you call it?

Film Review

Emily

'Frankenstein' by Guillermo Del Toro.

Released in cinemas on the 17th October 2025, the director of 'Shape of water' presents his take on Mary Shelley's novel 'Frankenstein.'

The film's budget was \$120 million, and the film has made \$422,705 in box office worldwide, at the time of writing. This is Del Toro's second most expensive film of his career, right under 'Pacific Rim', which was made for \$190 million.

The film follows Victor Frankenstein (Oscar Isaac) through the journey of creating and studying the creature (Jacob Elordi). Del Toro, however, steered away from Shelley's ending: instead of having the creature discovering Frankenstein had died, there is a much more heart-warming ending (no spoilers!).

Frankenstein is rated "R" which is not suitable for most viewers under 17 years old. The film contains graphic violence. However, considering the gore in the film, Delo Toro told reports that he never intended for the film to be a horror, but a film exploring the emotional father-son bond the two characters share.

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Film Review (continued)

Emily

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The Guardian's Peter Bradshaw rated 'Frankenstein' 3 stars and goes onto say "the visual style of the movie is utterly distinct and unmistakably that of Del Toro: a series of lovely, intricate images."

Personally, I think the look of the film is beautiful in every second, to audiences who take interest in aesthetics. In terms of the remake being an accurate by-the-book make, this was not the case. This has been the film's downfall as many people choose narrative precision over visual appeal. I would rate the film a similar score to The Guardian as it did keep me hooked; however, keep in mind the goriness as it is true to the R rating.

Historical News

Holly

Spanish treasure found just off the Florida coast

Recently, a long-lost Spanish treasure worth one million dollars was found by a team of specialist divers on a stretch coincidentally called 'treasure coast' in Florida. This treasure consists of more than one thousand gold and silver coins, some of which still have dates and mint marks, making this haul even more valuable. These coins are believed to have been minted in Bolivia, Mexico and Peru (Spanish colonies at the time) and were headed for Spain in 1715 when a hurricane hit and cast the treasures into the sea.

The company that found this treasure uses underwater metal detectors and hand fans to delicately search the sea floor for treasure like this.

Florida law says that all dug up, or found, treasure belongs to the state, but professionals are given permission to recover these types of historically important artefacts. Also, twenty percent of historic artefacts must remain the property of the public, either on display or used for research.

Royal News

By Gregor

Prince Andrew loses all royal titles

Andrew Mountbatten Windsor, as he will now be known, has lost all royal titles, stripped of them by the King after recent events. He has been alleged to have been involved with Jeffrey Epstein, a sex trafficker who solicited prostitution. Andrew has since relinquished his royal titles by request of the King and will leave all royal residences and duties.

Images of Andrew together with Jeffrey Epstein appear suggest a close relationship. Witnesses have spoken out against Andrew, claiming that they had inappropriate interactions with him and other influential people. Andrew has denied his involvement.

Why were his titles stripped? Because of his 'severe lapses in judgement', Andrew has faced a lot of backlash, leading the royal family to act. The royal family does not want to be associated with allegations of criminal activity and has subsequently removed his titles.

What will this mean for Andrew and his children? As part of the stripping of his titles, Andrew is required to surrender his lease on his royal residence and has arranged housing for when he leaves. His children will remain unaffected, and will keep their titles, but they may not live in a royal residence.



Debating Feature

By Isaac

Why should you debate?

Debating is a skill every young person should give a try due to its mental benefits and the other skills that come with being a skilled debater. Debating is growing: not just in our school's club, but throughout the world – everyone does it. A simple argument can be a debate if you think about it. The in-school debate club is every Thursday in CC7, and the lunchtime debate club is in the 6th form science centre with Mr. Schofield.

Debating is good for developing skills like diction, public speaking and critical thinking. When you ask a question to the debater (known as a POI) you don't get time to prepare your questions because you don't know what points will be brought up.

Speech and debate club now has a page on SharePoint that you can access if you sign up. Mr. Schofield has also introduced guilds. These are teams of debaters who can design a logo and motto and add it to the page. Only Year 9s can make guilds, whereas Year 7s are all in the Terrible Terrors guild. The winter formal debate is coming up, where the guilds will face off to see who is crowned victorious. The winners get 20 house points, and the highest scoring debater gets 25.

History Feature

Sterling

The Gunpowder Plot.

Fireworks night commemorates a failed attempt at a gunpowder plot led by a group of Catholic conspirators including Guy Fawkes on the 5th of November 1605, which was spoiled by an anonymous letter to Lord Monteagle warning him of the plot.

Why did Guy Fawkes want to blow up parliament? Catholic conspirators like Fawkes were angered by King James's anti-Catholic measures, which continued the persecution they had faced under previous monarchs.

What happened to Guy Fawkes? He was executed on the 31st of January 1606 after being arrested.

The main conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 were Robert Catesby, the leader, and Guy Fawkes, who was in charge of the gunpowder. Other key figures included Thomas Percy, Thomas Wintour, and John Wright, along with several others such as Robert Keyes, Thomas Bates, and Ambrose Rookwood.

Film Review

Gregor

***The Terminal* (2004).**

Set in New York's JFK International Airport, a man by the name of Viktor Navorski (played by Tom Hanks) arrives from his fictional home country of Krakozhia, only to find out as soon as he lands that his passport is invalid, and that he can't enter the USA. He can't return to his home country as they have blocked all flights in, so he is stuck in the airport, and will be until he gains access to the USA. On the first night, he sets up a bed made from benches in a terminal that is still under construction but is woken up numerous times by planes taxiing outside. He meets many people while staying at the airport: an old janitor, Gupta Rajan, who doesn't initially get along well with Viktor, but ends up helping in his eventual departure; a food driver Enrique Cruz, who feeds Viktor throughout his stay, and Joe Mulroy, a baggage handler who makes friends with Viktor. The airport supervisor, Frank Dixon, attempts to get rid of Viktor throughout the movie, as he is hindering his chance of promotion at his job.

This film is heavily inspired by real-life events where an Iranian refugee was stuck in Charles de Gaulle's Terminal One for eighteen years from 1988 to 2006, after losing his documents and being returned from Britain.

In my opinion, *The Terminal* is a good movie, whether it be the ending and the subsequent satisfaction, or the plot of Viktor's friends and their endings. Overall, a pretty good film.

8.5/10 Rating.



Game Review

By Gregor and Thomas

The Sims 4

Have you ever wanted to create your own personalized character and have them simulate anything you want? Look no further than the Sims!

The Sims 4 is the fourth game in the series, created by Electronic Arts (EA) in late 2014. It is a game about a simulated sandbox life simulator, where you play as (effectively) a god controlling a household. You can create characters to your exact desires, ranging from perfectly normal people to completely nonsensical alien-like creatures, both with any character traits and aspirations you wish. In the gameplay, you can control some actions Sims do, such as watching TV or making a cheese toastie. You can choose their career, relationship choices and their entire life. You are also able to build your Sim's house to any specification, ranging from concrete boxes to rustic colonial-era houses. There are many ways to get money, such as gardening, fishing, and of course the conventional nine-to-five job.

However, there are drawbacks, such as the 103 separate DLCs, totaling to about one thousand five hundred pounds for every expansion, with many players calling out this ridiculousness. There are also minor bugs, which can be expected from any game, but some of them can completely break your game.

Overall, I like The Sims 4, as its replayability allows people to sink hundreds of hours into the game, and the vast amount of different customization options allow for many different variations.