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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY :

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BBC News

Taylor Swift deepfakes spark calls in Congress for new legislation

US politicians are calling for new laws to criminalize the creation of deepfake images in response to explicit fake Taylor Swift photos went viral. Social media platforms like X and Telegram solved the problem. US representative Joe Morelle finds the spread « appalling. »

X is actively removing images, but one had 47 million views before removal. Deepfakes, AI-manipulated videos, have surged 550% since 2019. No federal laws exist. In the UK, deepfake pornography sharing is illegal. Morelle has proposed a law against sharing deepfake pornography without consent. Deepfakes mostly target women (99%), causing significant damage. AI-generated content increases concerns about global elections. A fake Biden robocall, potentially AI-made, triggered an investigation. Swift's team considers legal action against the site.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-68110476>

ART AND CULTURE :

01/25/2024

The Independent

Man who killed 3 in English city of Nottingham sentenced to high-security hospital, likely for life

A 32-year-old man diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, Valdo Calocane, was sentenced to likely spend life in a high-security medical facility for stabbing and killing two students and a school caretaker in Nottingham. Family members criticized the manslaughter verdict, arguing for a murder trial. The judge acknowledged the seriousness of the crimes. Calocane, in a state of psychosis, pleaded guilty to manslaughter based on diminished responsibility. Family members expressed dissatisfaction, claiming they were misled into accepting the decision not to try him for murder.

[Man who killed 3 in English city of Nottingham sentenced to high-security hospital, likely for life \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uk/man-who-killed-3-in-english-city-of-nottingham-sentenced-to-high-security-hospital-likely-for-life)

SPORT :

Friday 27th January 2024

The Guardian

Jannik Sinner sinks Daniil Medvedev to win first slam title at Australian Open

Jannik Sinner staged an incredible comeback in his first Grand Slam final, defeating Daniil Medvedev 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 to win the Australian Open. Sinner's resilience and aggressive play sealed the victory, making him the youngest Australian Open winner since 2008 and the third Italian man to claim a Grand Slam title.

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2024/jan/28/jannik-sinner-daniil-medvedev-australian-open-final-mens-singles-tennis>

SOCIETY:

Monday 22th January

The Independent

'Scarecrows' protest outside Parliament ahead of grocery supply chain debate

British farmers are asking politicians to create rules that keep them safe from big supermarkets. They recently protested outside Parliament with scarecrows. Members of Parliament will discuss changing the rules for buying and selling food because many people signed a petition started by Riverford Organic. Farmers believe that the way supermarkets buy things is causing problems for their jobs. The petition is asking for rules that make sure supermarkets buy the right amount of products and pay the farmers on time. Riverford, the company that started the petition, says the government is not doing enough to help farmers. The campaign has support from famous people and important figures. Farmers want changes to make sure their jobs and the countryside are safe for the future.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/business/scarecrows-protest-outside-parliament-ahead-of-grocery-supply-chain-debate-b2482417.html>

ART AND CULTURE :

January 26th 2024

BBC News

Gustav Klimt portrait found after almost 100 years

A long-lost Gustav Klimt painting, Portrait of Fraulein Lieser, missing for a century, resurfaces in Vienna. Belonging to a Jewish family, valued at \$54 million, it will be auctioned on April 24, following international agreements for Nazi-looted art restitution. Klimt's art, like Lady with a Fan, has fetched record prices, selling for £85.3 million. The discovery highlights ongoing efforts to reclaim looted artwork.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-68102376>

POLITICS :

Sunday 28th January

The New York Times

Where Is Hamas Getting Its Weapons? Increasingly, From Israel.



Even if Israel maintains a military blockade over the Gaza strip, Hamas is still heavily armed. Israel's Military and Intelligence officials have concluded that these weapons are coming from a strange source: The Israeli military itself. Soldiers from the two sides are using the same weapons against each other and the bombs that do not explode are recycled into new ones for this war of destruction.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/28/world/middleeast/israel-hamas-weapons-rockets.html>

