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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY :

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BBC news, Science

A23a : Monster iceberg just shy of a trillion tonnes

A23a has been monitored by many scientists since 1986 when it first left the Antarctic ice floe. But it's only recently, in 2020 that it started moving which led to a quick decrease of its mass mainly because of the warming water around it. *"Over the last decade, we have seen a steady 2.5m per year decrease in thickness, which is what you would expect given the water temperatures in the Weddell Sea,"* Dr Andy Ridout

A23a started moving because the kneel of the iceberg at a length of 350 meters which was anchoring it to the sea floor melted enough to free the monstrous iceberg, creating massive crevasse at the surface of the iceberg.

Currently scientists gather information mainly thanks to the satellite CryoSat of the ESA which gives a global view of the phenomena around gigantic icebergs like this.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-67694164>

ART AND CULTURE :

Jan. 3, 2023.

The New York Times, Arts.

Boy, 13, Is Believed to Be the First to 'Beat' Tetris

One of the most famous video games, Tetris, has finally been completed which was theoretically impossible : Willis Gibson, a 13-year-old Tetris player reached the level 157 with a score of 999.999 the highest possible, when his screen froze due to the inability of the game to run anymore, because the code wasn't designed to advance so far.

"It's easy to start off yet it's really hard to master it" Gibson said. His achievement opens new horizons for the competitive scene of Tetris, a game that is definitely not dead.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/03/arts/tetris-beat-blue-scuti.html>

TECHNOLOGY :

Jan, 6, 2023

BBC news, Science

Influencer Logan Paul offers partial refund for failed CryptoZoo game.

"I'm conflicted because on the one hand, victims getting money is great [...] but we cannot pretend that things are fixed or fine." Says coffezilla, the youtuber who first exposed Logan Paul's "crypto scam".

Logan paul announced "CryptoZoo" his new nft project in 2021 but it never came to life despite his fans investing millions in this "really fun game that makes you money" as the influencer puts it.

After years of waiting and fake promises, Logan finally offered to refund victims, for 0.1 eth per NFT witch totals to 2.3 million dollars. However, due to the drop in value of the cryptocurrency, fans will never see all of their money back.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-67891239>

SPORT :

Tue 2 Jan 2024

The Guardian

Manchester United in talks over Jadon Sancho loan to Borussia Dortmund

After an excellent season with Borussia Dortmund, English left-winger Jadon Sancho was sold to Manchester United for £73 million in 2021. During his two years at the English club, Sancho failed to shine as much as he had in Germany. The 23-year-old prodigy assumes that the coach has stopped playing him since their altercation and his failure to apologize. He now believes he can once again play and prosper for Dortmund. The two clubs are currently negotiating the return of Jadon Sancho on loan.

<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2024/jan/02/manchester-united-jadon-sancho-borussia-dortmund-loan-talks>

SOCIETY:

Separate the Art from the Artist ?

BBC News, December 21, 2023

Gérard Depardieu, an emblematic figure of French cinema who made his reputation, finds himself at the center of a controversy.

Indeed, while he is accused of sexual assault by more than 13 women. A documentary from "Complément d'Enquête" also bring outrage, showing the actor in North Korea where he appeared to sexualize a young girl. In response, Depardieu was removed from the National Order of Quebec, and his statue was removed from the Grévin museum.

Despite this, President Emmanuel Macron chose not to withdraw the "Légion d'Honneur" from Depardieu, a decision that divided public opinion. At the same time, the Minister of Culture announced the launch of legal proceedings.

POLITICS :

Tue 2 Jan 2024

The Guardian

Saleh al-Arouri: assassinated leader was Hamas's link to Iran and Hezbollah

On January 2, 2024, Saleh al-Arouri, the deputy leader of Hamas, was killed in an Israeli strike on an office in the Dahieh neighborhood of Beirut, Lebanon.

He was one of the architects of the 2023 Hamas-led attack on Israel and responsible for the expansion of Hamas activities in the Israeli-occupied West Bank. So his role as a key Hamas leader and his connections to Iran and Hezbollah made him a strategic target in the region.



<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/jan/02/saleh-al-arouri-assassinated-leader-was-hamass-link-to-iran-and-hezbollah>

A column affirming support for Gérard Depardieu was also signed by more than 50 cinema personalities. The question of the separation between the artist and his work remains a burning and open debate.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-67661185>

https://www.lepoint.fr/culture/affaire-gerard-depardieu-une-procedure-disciplinaire-ouverte-pour-sa-legion-d-honneur-02-01-2024-2548895_3.php

