



## Boys rescued from Thailand cave play football match at iconic stadium in Argentina

The 12 Thai boys and their football coach who spent almost three weeks trapped in a flooded cave returned to the spotlight when they played a friendly match against a River Plate youth side in Argentina. This was a dream come true for the boys as they want to become professional football players.

The match was played at the club's Monumental stadium in Buenos Aires a day after the team, known as the "Wild Boars", took part in the opening ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games.

Nearly 4,000 athletes between the ages of 15 and 18 will participate in the Youth Olympic Games which are taking place from October 6th to 18th in the South American country.

The team were loudly applauded by the thousands of people attending the event as they walked on to the pitch.



*Pictured: The River Plate Stadium in Buenos Aires.*

Thomas Bach, president of the International Olympic Committee, called the boys "brave" and said they "showed us all the importance of sports values".

The boys and their coach gained global attention after they got trapped in a cave on June 23.

## Banksy painting "self-destructs" moments after being sold for £1m!



*Pictured: A example of the Girl with Balloon.*

Banksy, an anonymous England-based street artist, managed to achieve one of the greatest stunts in art history, shredding his famous creation, the Girl with Balloon, moments after it was sold for £1m.

"The urge to destroy is also a creative urge."

Quoting Picasso, Banksy has released a video showing how he secretly built a shredder into the painting which made headlines around the world when it self-destructed during an auction.

Onlookers at Sotheby's in London were stunned when the Girl With Balloon painting shredded in front of them, coming out of the bottom of the frame in strips.

Banksy says: "A few years ago I secretly built a shredder into a painting..."

"In case it was ever put up for auction..."

It does not show how the shredder was activated, but it is thought to have been achieved through a remotely activated mechanism within the frame.



## Venomous sea creatures on the rise thanks to climate change



*Pictured: A crown-of-thorns starfish.*

Human beings might have to cope with an increasing amount of venomous bites, stings, and other encounters with poison due to climate change.

Species whose ranges might shift polewards due to warmer water include lionfish, sea snakes, crown-of-thorns starfish and a number of different types of venomous jellies.

“These species have human interest because they’re poisonous but they reflect the broader patterns that we’re seeing—range shifts, abundance changes, either declines or increases—and that is upsetting the balance of what we would normally see in the ecosystem,” says Isabelle Neylan, a PhD student in marine sciences at the University of California.

## Amsterdam's canal boats are going electric

By 2020, Amsterdam aims to have decreased energy consumption by 20% and increased use of renewable energy by the same percentage. The electrification of canal cruise boats is a big part of this plan. The municipality of Amsterdam has said that all the boats would have to switch from diesel to electric power by 2025.

It takes about three months to strip out the old diesel engine and install the electric engine and batteries.

A typical 23m tourist boat needs about 66 batteries making the conversion cost around £145,000 to £220,000 per boat!

The engines are quieter, cleaner and cheaper to run - boat companies should recoup their costs in about 12 years, according to the Paris Process on Mobility and Climate, who support sustainable transport projects.



*Pictured: A typical view of the canal boats in Amsterdam.*

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