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TIM PEAKE 'RUNS' LONDON MARATHON FROM SPACE

- UK astronaut Tim Peake has run the distance of the London Marathon on a treadmill in the International Space Station (ISS).
- To neutralize the effects of weightlessness, he is using special equipment to keep him on the running belt. He ran the 42km (26.2mi) distance in about three hours, 35 minutes.
- The ISS circles the Earth at the relative speed of 28,800km/h (17,900mph), so Major Peake covered more than 86,000km (53,000mi) during his run.
- Major Peake started at the same time as the other runners: 10:00 on 24 April.



PRINCE CONFIRMED DEAD AT 57

- Prince died at his Paisley Park home near Minneapolis last week, after reports he was suffering with flu.
- He was found in an unresponsive state in a lift on the first floor of his home. Emergency service personnel performed CPR, but were unable to revive him.
- The star was pronounced dead at the scene. Details of the post-mortem examination have yet to be released, but his body was released to his family on Friday afternoon and he was cremated on Saturday.
- Thousands of fans have flocked to Paisley Park, the First Avenue nightclub, and other sites made famous by Prince since his death, while tributes have come from Lady Gaga, Bruce Springsteen, Stevie Wonder, Justin Timberlake and President Obama, amongst others.



CHINA SHUTS APPLE'S FILM AND BOOK SERVICES

- Currently, anyone in China who visits the iBooks store or tries to use iTunes Movies service is greeted with a message in Chinese saying the services were "unusable", reports Reuters.
- The services were shut down on the orders of China's media watchdog - the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television. The action is believed to be part of a wider attempt by China's government to consolidate its control over the internet and media organisations.



RISE IN CO2 HAS 'GREENED PLANET EARTH'

- ◉ Carbon dioxide emissions from industrial society have driven a huge growth in trees and other plants.
- ◉ A new study says that if the extra green leaves prompted by rising CO2 levels were laid in a carpet, it would cover twice the continental USA.
- ◉ Climate sceptics argue the findings show that the extra CO2 is actually benefiting the planet.
- ◉ The researchers warn the positives of CO2 are likely to be outweighed by the negatives.
- ◉ Harnessing energy from the sun, green leaves grow by using CO2, water, and nutrients from soil.



US DROPS 'CYBERBOMBS' ON ISIS FOR THE FIRST TIME

- The US has introduced a new tactic in its war against the Islamic State. Its aim is to stop the organization from spreading its message, recruiting new members and circulating orders online. The Cyber Command has placed implants within ISIS's networks in order to study the behavior of members, with the eventual aim of mimicking them to alter their messages and redirect militants in a way that will leave them exposed to US ground or drone operations.



NEW MOSCOW STATUE OF LDPR LEADER ZHIRINOVSKY TO BE DISMANTLED

- ◉ A three-meter bronze statue of Russia's LDPR party leader, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, is to be dismantled for violating federal law.
- ◉ The monument, which was unveiled at an educational institute in central Moscow on Monday, breaks Russian law by "contributing to the formation of false ideological values and the imposition of political views among students," the Gazeta.ru news website reported.
- ◉ "For what will mankind remember this day? Without false modesty, I would say — for this ceremony," said Zhirinovsky.



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