GLOBAL NEWS





Artists walk away from Tour

Four supporting acts have quit Ed Sheeran's tour after rapper Macklemore was dropped over pro-Palestinian remarks he made on stage.

Hours after Sheeran said he would not be drawn into a public debate about the Gaza war, Irish acts Aaron Rowe and Beoga, the Danish band Lukas Graham, and Finneas announced on Instagram that they were withdrawing from the tour.

It comes after Macklemore announced that he had been dropped as the support act for the remainder of Sheeran's US tour dates, claiming that the singer told him that Robert Kraft – the CEO of Kraft Group who owns the Gillette Stadium – had personally called to say that he would not be allowed to perform at the venue. Rowe was one of Macklemore's replacements for Sheeran's remaining US dates, while Beoga was serving as Sheeran's touring band.





"Artists must not be silenced when they speak up for the oppressed," Finneas wrote. "I have decided to withdraw from my upcoming tour dates with Ed Sheeran. I stand with Palestine and its people."

NATIONAL NEWS

Deep Fried food will be banned under new rules for school dinners



There will be a boost for fresh fruit and vegetables and deep-fried food will be banned in what the government has called the biggest shake-up to school dinners in England in over a decade.
Under new school food standards, fibre and wholegrains will also be increased, and breakfast clubs will have to follow nutrition rules for the first time, with schools also being monitored.
The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) welcomed the changes, but said they hoped the new rules would not become "another stick with which to beat head teachers".
The changes will come into effect from 2027 and be funded with existing money for schools, the government said.
As part of the new framework, sweet desserts, like cake, will be reduced from a regular lunch offer to twice a week in secondary schools, and once a week in primary schools. They also must now be served with a portion of fruit.
Servings of processed meats such as ham, sausages and chicken nuggets have been reduced to once a week and must come with a side of vegetables or fruit.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/videos/cm4g59r1r264o

LOCAL NEWS

Weston College Freshers Fair



When - Tuesday 22nd Sep 26
Where - The Winter Gardens
Theme - Festival
Why -

- Annual event to welcome first-year learners
- Encourages learners to;
  - Explore new interests
  - Build connections
  - Get involved in college life
- Introduce Learners to;
  - Opportunities Available
  - Services Available
  - Local Businesses

GOOD NEWS

Reading for pleasure can improve wellbeing

Reading for pleasure can improve health and wellbeing at any age and regardless of what you read, University of Cambridge academics have said
Their review, published in the journal Psychological Medicine, found reading at any age improves brain and mental health, enhances cognitive performance and reduces the risk of mental decline
The Cambridge scientists worked with The Queen's Reading Room – the charity founded by Queen Camilla to highlight the benefits of reading – as part of the National Year of Reading..





The choir proud to admit they can't sing

The Off-Key Choir in Southport on Merseyside has a simple motto: just because you can't sing doesn't mean you shouldn't. Around 80 members come together every week to sing their hearts out, without the pressure to hit all the right notes. Since it was formed in 2018, the choir has also acted as a support group. It has become so popular there is now a waiting list to join.

Other Good News:

1. Successful canopy bridge project giving animals a safe way to cross roads in the vast Amazon rainforest
2. Pirate ship themed video game is helping stroke survivors in Mexico to regain mobility.
3. A pilot scheme from Guide Dogs is turning ultrasound scans into 3D printed models for expectant parents with sight loss to feel their unborn baby's features