

1883

The Orient Express departs on its first official journey from Paris to Istanbul



1900

In a final confrontation, around 4,000 Ashantis are defeated by the British in the Gold Coast (Ghana)

1957

Soviet Union launches Sputnik I, the 1st artificial Earth satellite into elliptical low Earth orbit

2006

WikiLeaks is launched, created by internet activist Julian Assange

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...ple by the end of 2024, increasing to 11,400 by 2030. According to the latest available figures from the regulator of fertility treatment and research using human embryos, 4,100 UK births -- around one in 170 -- were the result of donor conception in 2019.

Few months off

The cut-off point for the legislation has left some donor-conceived people disappointed that the identity of their donors will remain a mystery.

"I'm happy for the people who want to find out but I'm also a little annoyed that I was a couple

of months off, so I won't have the chance," 19-year-old student Jamie Ruddock, from Brighton on England's south coast, told AFP.

Ruddock said he had known for as long as he could remember that he had been donor-conceived and while he was not looking for another father figure he was still curious. His older brother along with their father had begun looking for the donor via a DNA ancestry testing service but had not had any success. "My brother definitely has a bigger sense of curiosity than I do but... if my brother finds him

would like to have a conversation with him," he said.

Nina Barnsley, director of the UK's Donor Conception Network, said many of those eligible to ask for the information might not even be aware of how they were conceived. When new techniques such as artificial insemination and in vitro fertilisation (IVF) were first introduced some four decades ago, infertility was something of a taboo subject and parents often did not tell children how they were conceived.

But for many years now, psychologists have advised families to be open with the information as early as possible.

Others might not have realised the significance of the legislation or have other priorities.

Representative picture



Apple working on fix for iPhone 15 models running hot

San Francisco, United States

Apple yesterday said it is working to fix a "bug" it said was among reasons some newly released iPhone 15 smartphones are heating up.

The iPhone maker will address the problem in an update to its

iOS 17 mobile operating software and is collaborating with developers of some apps adding to the problem, according to the Silicon Valley tech giant.

"We have identified a few conditions which can cause the iPhone to run warmer than expect-

ed," Apple said in response to an AFP inquiry. Some handsets of the freshly-launched iPhone may feel warmer for a few days after initial set-up due to increased background activity, according to Apple. "We have also found a bug in iOS 17 that is impacting some

users and will be addressed in a software update," Apple said.

"Another issue involves some recent updates to third-party apps that are causing them to overload the system." Apps that seemed to be making chips inside iPhones heat up due to workloads includ-

ed Instagram, Uber and an Asphalt 9 car racing game, according to online posts. An Apple support page told users that it is common for iPhones to feel warm when initially being set up or when being used for graphics-intensive apps like games.

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light pulses that lasted only a few hundred attoseconds.

Agostini is a professor at Ohio State University in the United States, while Krausz is a director at the Max Planck Institute in Germany.

L'Huillier, only the fifth woman to be awarded the Physics Prize since 1901, is a professor at Lund University in Sweden.

L'Huillier told reporters she was in the middle of teaching a class when she received the call from the Academy, making it "difficult" to finish the class, to whom she told nothing.

"I am very touched... There are not so many women that get this prize so it's very, very special," she said.

Before L'Huillier, Marie Curie (1903), Maria Goeppert Mayer (1963), Donna Strickland (2018) and Andrea Ghez (2020) are the only women to have won the award.

Speaking later at a press conference, she encouraged young

women interested in a career in science to "go for it".

The laureate, who is married and has two sons, stressed it was possible to combine a research career with an "ordinary life, with a family and children."

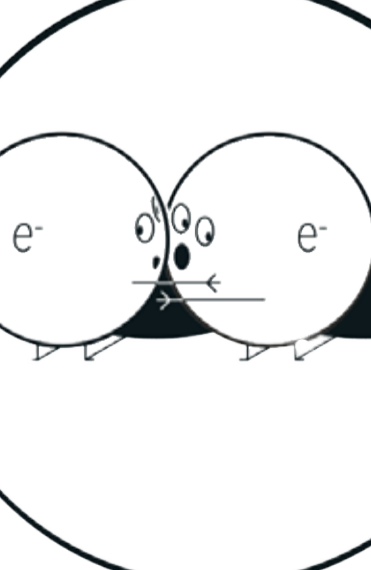
L'Huillier and Krausz had been seen as contenders for the honour, having been awarded the prestigious Wolf Prize last year together with Canadian physicist Paul Corkum.

Fellow Hungarian

However, Krausz said he had not been expecting a call.

"I was not sure whether I was dreaming or whether it was reality," he told the Nobel Foundation in an interview.

The physicist said he had been preparing for an open day at the institute where he worked, where he was meant to hold a few lectures for interested visitors.



"It remains to be seen whether this is going to work out, but this is at least the plan," Krausz said.

The physics award is the second Nobel of the season after the Medicine Prize on Monday, awarded to messenger RNA re-

searchers Katalin Kariko, a Hungarian like Krausz, and Drew Weissman for their groundbreaking technology that paved the way for mRNA Covid-19 vaccines.

Krausz said he had been pleased to hear of the award for his compatriot.

"I'm a great admirer of her, not just for her achievements, but also for the way she actually achieved what she achieved," he said, referring to the years Kariko toiled away at her research despite struggling to achieve recognition and even secure funding for it.

The Physics Prize will be followed by the Chemistry Prize on Wednesday, with the highly watched Literature and Peace Prizes to be announced on Thursday and Friday.

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The laureates' research has made it possible to examine moves or changes so rapid that they were previously impossible to follow, with potential applications in both electronics and medical diagnostics.

The Economics Prize -- created in 1968 and the only Nobel not included in the 1895 will of Swedish inventor and philanthropist Alfred Nobel, which founded the awards -- closes out the 2023 Nobel season on Monday.

At least 18 die in illegal refinery blaze in Nigeria

Port Harcourt, Nigeria

At least 18 people, including a pregnant woman, died in southern Nigeria when an illegal oil refinery exploded into flames, a security official and residents said on Tuesday.

The blaze, late on Sunday in Rivers State, occurred when a home-made refinery ignited a nearby oil reservoir, leaving victims severely burned, a security official said.

"The fire outbreak started at a very late hour... 18 victims

were burnt beyond recognition while 25 injured persons were rescued," Olufemi Ayodele, spokesman for the local Nigeria Security and Civil Defense Corps, said. "Most of the victims were youths... a pregnant woman and a young lady getting ready for her marriage ceremony next month were all casualties," he said.

Local residents in Emohua district said the toll could be higher as dozens of people were at the site scooping up spilled crude oil.

Countries pledge to raise \$12 billion to help coral

AFP | Bangkok, Thailand

A coalition of 45 countries pledged yesterday to raise \$12 billion for conservation and restoration of coral reefs, which are threatened worldwide by the effects of climate change.

The "Coral Reef Breakthrough" was announced by a network of nations that account for three-quarters of the world's coral reefs.

It includes a pledge to double the area of coral reefs under protection from the current estimate of around 60,000 square kilometres (23,000 square miles) and restore some 10,500 sq km.

The plan, announced by the International Coral Reef Initiative, includes a headline pledge to secure \$12 billion in investments from public and private sources by 2030.

"This investment will enable more effective coral reef management including water quality management, coastal management, and local and regional regulations," the group announced.

Still, that figure compares with the estimated \$174.5 billion a year that a 2020 study estimated was needed to plug the gap in funding for ocean conservation more broadly.



TOP 4 TWEETS

01



Globally women earn only 51 cents for every dollar earned by men in labour income. Gender equality is not a favour to women. It is essential to build a world of dignity and justice for all.

@antoniogeterres

02



We congratulate the leaders and people of the People's Republic of China on their 74th National Day, wishing them further prosperity and peace. We share long-standing strategic and cultural ties with China, and we look forward to strengthening our relations and cooperation for a better future for both of our peoples and the world.

@HHSkMohd

03



As a summer intern many years ago, I wrote software for video games at a company called Rocket Science. This was long before SpaceX was even conceived. Didn't realize until a friend gave me a copy today that they included me in the credits

@elonmusk

04



We applaud the @UN Security Council's authorization of a Multinational Security Support mission to Haiti -- a pivotal step in providing the international support Haiti requested to restore security. We thank Kenya and Ecuador for their strong partnership in this effort.

@SecBlinken

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