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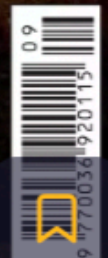
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A round-up of what's going on across Scotland

TITBITS



GAME FOR IT

A team from British Game Assurance, which promotes gamebirds, has completed the three peaks challenge to raise money for The Gamekeepers' Welfare Trust. The team conquered the three mountains in 24 hours and raised more than £3,000. thegamekeeperswelfaretrust.com



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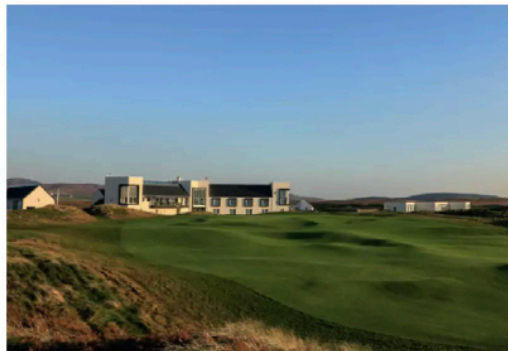
Plans have been unveiled to build Inverness' first distillery in nearly four decades. Water from the River Ness will provide some of the power for the Uilebheist Distillery, named after the Gaelic for 'monster'. uilebheist.com



NEEL HANNA

National Galleries finds hidden Van Gogh painting

A self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh has been discovered in Scotland using x-rays. Conservators scanned the artist's 1885 painting, *Head of a Peasant Woman*, ahead of it going on show at the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh. They found a hidden self-portrait by the painter on the other side of the canvas, buried beneath layers of cardboard. The painting entered the National Galleries of Scotland in 1960, as part of a gift from an Edinburgh lawyer, Alexander Maitland. www.nationalgalleries.org



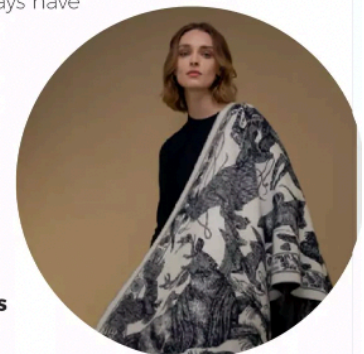
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A scarf with a history

Johnstons of Elgin is marking its 225th anniversary by teaming up with designer Sabina Savage to create 'The Great Exhibition Scarf'. The scarf commemorates the firm's participation in the Great Exhibition at London's Hyde Park in 1851, during which it demonstrated its pioneering work in weaving cashmere and vicuña. Savage said: 'My designs always have a story, so it was wonderful to be able to illustrate the story of Johnstons' journey from Elgin to London.'

www.johnstonsofelgin.com



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