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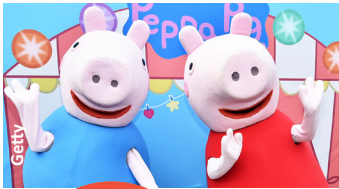
TOP NEWS STORIES
FOR THE WEEK
FOR KIDS AROUND THE WORLD

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PORKER TALKERS!

A REPORT says US kids are using UK accents, thanks to Peppa Pig!

A report says that during the pandemic, the show became one of the most-watched cartoons. US youngsters have copied the characters' accents, using words like 'mummy' instead of 'mommy' and saying 'tom-ah-to' instead of the more American 'tom-ay-to'.

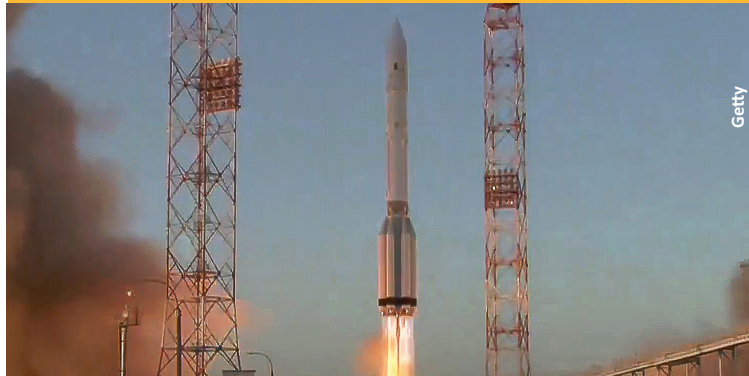


WOW



THIS giant violin is really a boat! Carpenter Livio De Marchi made it and it will sail around Venice, Italy, to remember those who have died from COVID-19.

LIFT-OFF AT LAST



A SCIENCE module has been launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on board a Russian Proton rocket.

Called Nauka, the 13m (43ft) long laboratory's destination is the ISS (International Space Station), where it will provide much-needed extra space for cargo and experiments. Nauka was devised almost 30 years ago and was supposed to launch in 2007. It carries an 11m (36ft) long robotic arm called the ERA, which will service the Russian end of the ISS.

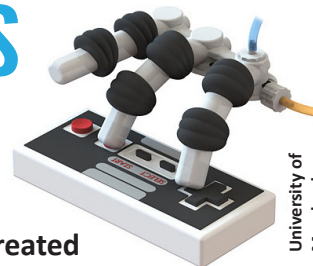
The lengthy launch delays have meant that the robotic arm has been in storage for more than ten years.

ROBOT PLAYS MARIO

RESEARCHERS in the US have created a robot hand that can play Super Mario Bros.

The hand was 3D-printed, is powered by water pressure and has the skill to complete the first level of the classic Nintendo game in less than 90 seconds.

The team behind the robot hand hope their clever techniques will prove useful for things like prosthetic limbs in the future.



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DRONE GLOBE



A SWARM of 1,824 drones forms a globe above the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo, during the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

The drones each weigh just 340g and have four different-coloured LEDs.

Made by Intel, the American tech company is also using its gadgetry to supply TV viewers with 3D, 360° replays from the basketball matches in Tokyo.



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