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Hi, I'm Carrie Morrison and this is Newsreel. Today it's our end of year review. We're going to be looking back at some of our biggest stories from 2023. Coming up:

- Toxic behaviour online

Perhaps putting more filters on these extremist videos will cause people to stop wanting to post them.

- Also, bed bugs

The biggest effect of bed bugs is the psychological effect of having them living in your personal space.

- And the growing popularity of women's football.

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More on those stories in a bit. But first,

Climate Change

Scientists say that 2023 has been the hottest year ever. This has led to extreme weather events across the world - including the UK.

There was a heatwave in September where temperatures reached 33 and half degrees centigrade in some parts of England - that's more than twice the normal average temperature.

Then in October thousands of homes in the UK were flooded and six people died, after a heavy rainstorm called Storm Babet.

Weather forecasters say that we're likely to see more storms like Babet because of climate change.

And many people are angry that governments aren't doing more to stop global warming. One protest group, called Just Stop Oil, made headlines when they stopped a performance of the musical Les Misérables - also known as Les Mis - in London's West End.

[Do You Hear the People Sing by 25th Anniversary Cast]

extreme weather events
extrema väderhändelser

heatwave
värmbölja
average temperature
medeltemperatur

to flood
att översvämma

to make headlines
att skapa rubriker
performance
föreställning

During the song, 'Do You Hear the People Sing?', five protestors attached themselves to the stage with padlocks and cable ties.

[Protest footage]

The show was cancelled as a result.

I spoke to Anna and Guy to get their thoughts on the protest.

Guy: *I think they chose Les Mis because it's a story about protest. It's a story about revolution. You know, you look at that period of French history. It would also have a large audience and have a big impact. It would be picked up by the news and it would get the coverage that they want.*

Carrie: Anna, do you think Just Stop Oil were doing the right thing?

Anna: *Les Mis is potentially not the right show to target because it's produced by a production company that does not have links to oil companies. If you were to target a theatre with a Just Stop Oil protest, you might look at the National Theatre who did have a link with an energy company.*

Online Safety

Now, do you see a lot of toxic behaviour online?

Teachers in the UK are worried about the influence a man called Andrew Tate has on young people - particularly boys.

Andrew Tate is a former kickboxer who has millions of followers on social media, where he's known for his sexist views.

Schools have started lessons to teach pupils that Tate's views are harmful.

18-year-old Honor told me why she thinks so many young people still share his views.

Honor: *I think he has such a loyal fan base because his views are so extreme. People hide behind him to voice their own opinions.*

Carrie: And do you think social media companies should do more to stop these extreme views on their platforms?

Honor: *It's hard because of freedom of speech. But perhaps putting more filters on these extremist videos will cause people to stop wanting to post them.*

Social media companies say they're doing all they can to make the online space safe for everyone. But hundreds of families in the US are taking the tech firms to court - saying they're to blame for their children becoming addicted to social media.

I spoke to Lucy who told me why she thinks people can be addicted to social media.

padlock
hänglås
cable tie
buntband

audience
publik
impact
påverkan
coverage
(nyhets)bevakning

to have links to
att ha kopplingar till
to target
att rikta sig in på
energy company
energibolag

influence
inflytande
particularly
särkilt

harmful
skadlig

freedom of speech
yttrandefrihet

tech firm
teknikföretag
to be to blame
att vara skyldig

to be addicted
att vara beroende

Lucy: *I think people are obsessed with social media because in a positive sense it helps people to stay connected to loved ones and friends and family. But in a negative sense, people get addicted to the way people living their lives, how people look, and that can really depress people.*

And Ted thinks that Social Media companies should be doing more to protect people online.

Ted: *I think these companies do have a moral obligation to protect those people that are using it. There needs to be a way, that there can be some restrictions. We should be looking out for everyone, on all of the internet, because it's the Wild West out there basically, and it's only getting worse.*

Bed bugs

Now bed bugs were big news in the UK this year.

Bed bugs are tiny insects that hide in beds and furniture. There was a serious outbreak of the little creatures in Paris and lots of people started seeing them in the UK.

Natalie Bungay, from the British Pest Control Association, gave me some information about these pests.

Natalie: *I mean, in simple terms, they're an insect. They've got six legs. They feed from our blood that's their main - or only - food source. They hide away in cracks and crevices. Of course, like most pests would do. Just hardy to get rid of.*

Carrie: And you said that they- they feed on our blood. What other problems do they cause?

Natalie: *Physical issues such as the bites will be similar to mosquitoes. So, itching and scratching, of course. But actually, the biggest effect of bed bugs is the psychological effect of having them living in your personal space.*

I also spoke to Kit, who told me they were very concerned about a possible outbreak of bed bugs.

Kit: *I've seen all the videos on social media of them on the tube now, and it just looks awful and a bit disgusting. And I kind of wish something had been done sooner to get rid of them or stop them.*

Carrie: And would you know what to do if you had a case of bed bugs in your house?

Kit: *I don't think people really know how to get rid of them, which is worrying, and I feel like if they are spreading more from London now, more people need to be aware of how to get rid of them as well.*

Carrie: In fact - the expected plague of bed bugs didn't happen in the UK but yuk - I'm feeling itchy just thinking about them.

in a positive sense
i positiv bemärkelse
in a negative sense
i negativ bemärkelse
to depress
att deprimera

to protect
att skydda

moral obligation
moralisk skyldighet
to be looking out for
att se upp för

bed bugs
vägglöss

outbreak
utbrott

Pest Control Association
*förening för
skadedjursbekämpning*

food source
matkälla
cracks and crevices
sprickor och springor

to feed on
att livnära sig på

to be concerned about
att oroa sig för

disgusting
äcklig
to get rid of something
att bli av med någonting

to be aware
att vara medveten

plague
pest, farsota

Women's Football

Now the big sports story of the year here in the UK was the Women's Football World Cup. England's Lionesses lost to Spain in the final, but the match was watched by over 12 million people on television.

Amaka who plays for the Deptford Ravens told me why she thinks it's become so popular.

Amaka: *I think it's the momentum of previous tournaments and previous struggles and kind of all the work that previous generations of female footballers have done in trying to get as many eyes on the game, and I think it's just having a kind of natural snowball effect, I would say.*

Carrie: Now staying with football - have a listen to this:

[In da Club by 50 Cent]

That is 'In da Club', a song by US rapper 50 Cent, who's been making hip-hop music since the mid-1990s.

50 Cent is now involved with a very different sort of club.

He's sponsoring an under 14s girls' football team in Wales. The team's manager worked on 50 Cent's recent tour and asked the rapper to sponsor them. The girls' team of AFC Rumney now have the rapper's name all over their shirts.

AI Music

And just before we go - a little more music:

<Drake and The Weeknd AI song>

That song may sound like it's by megastars Drake and The Weeknd. It was actually created using AI or artificial intelligence.

It became very popular earlier in the year, but Drake's record company has criticised the makers of the song. And they've asked all streaming platforms not to have AI generated music on their sites.

That's all from me for 2023. Thank you for listening. Have a wonderful holiday and see you in the New Year.

Goodbye!

The Lionesses

Lejoninnorna – Englands damfotbollslandslag

previous

tidigare, föregående

to get many eyes on the game

att få många att uppmärksamma spelet

shirt

Här: fotbollströja

megastars

superstjärnor

record company

skivbolag