

Mikkel Rugaard launches over a gap November 17, 2007 in Central Park, New York City. Parkour is the art of fluid and efficient movement over obstacles or objects within your path, using only the capabilities of the human body. The art was developed with French soldiers during Vietnam and was later refined in the town of Lisse, France. Parkour has seen a large increase in particapants looking for a new fun form of fitness and wellbeing and has enjoyed recent popularity through movies such as District B13 and Casino Royale which all used Parkour in major action scenes.



Chek Toy, a 12-year-old Cambodian girl, starts her day by collecting recyclable goods at a sprawling, 100-acre garbage dump in Phnom Penh. Chek Toy scavenges from morning until night, and her labours add about 50 cents to her family's income of five dollars a day. She says she would love to go to school, and that sometimes she takes off from this hard work when she feels tired or wants to play with her friends. According to health organisations the dump site is extremely hazardous. There are high levels of dioxin in the soil which can come from burning chemicals. Dioxin is a highly toxic chemical that can cause cancer.





This combo shows two pictures released by the Police of the canton Schwyz of two paintings by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso stolen from an exhibition of the artist's works near Zurich. The oil paintings vanished on Wednesday evening after closing time at the Seedamm culture centre in Pfaeffikon, canton Schwyz. The 1962 "Tête de cheval" (Horse's head) and the 1944 "Verre et pichet" (Glass and jug), both on loan from the Sprengel Museum in Hannover, Germany, are believed to be worth several million Swiss francs.



Kosovo's capital Pristina is seen behind a billboard reading 'Independance' to promote a new hotel. Serbia's minister for Kosovo, Slobodan Samardzic, said today his government has information the Albanian-majority province will declare independence on February 17. EU nations remain split on Kosovo's impending declaration of independence, and recognition is set to be disjointed with a significant minority opposing the move, according to officials.

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