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## HEAR ME ROAR



Netherlands The Dutch royal crest has undergone a gender switch for the first time in 46 years, in celebration of women's sport. The new kit of the national women's football team will now sport a lioness instead of the traditional maned lion. The forward-thinking strip debuted last month during the opening stages of the women's UEFA Euros 2017 - which the country is hosting - and is part of a new initiative to drive female participation in sport. "This is so much bigger than just a campaign or logo update," said Hannah Smit, art director at W+K Amsterdam, who helped create the updated crest "It's an idea that will continue to accelerate the growing momentum around women's football. It's a message that gives female players something of their own to rally behind." Goal scored.





AN AIRLINE HAS BEEN FINED AFTER VIOLATING SEXUAL EQUALITY LAWS

### Molecular movies

USA News straight from the future: scientists have managed to encode a short film into living cells and successfully play it back. Geneticists from Harvard Medical School embedded synthetic DNA containing a five-frame animation of a galloping horse into bacteria. The film stills, originally recorded in the 1880s, then divided into cells that replicated said DNA. The clip retained 90% of its original quality - after sequencing the cells in the correct order and translating them back to their corresponding pixel values. The team hope the discovery will lead to cells becoming 'molecular recorders' that can capture and store what's going on in a cell and its environment, Is there a trailer?

### Baby backlash

Spain A Spanish airline has dropped a policy of compulsory pregnancy tests for female job applicants after fury from the public. Iberia claimed the tests - given to women before a formal offer of employment was issued - were aimed at ensuring 'the wellbeing of the baby and future mother'. But under Spanish law, women are only required to notify employers of pregnancies after being hired. Critics including government and union officials - said that it was a clear-cut case of discrimination and the courts agreed, fining Iberia €25,000 (£22,000) for violating gender discrimination laws. The airline now says that it will 'trust' its female employees to notify them of pregnancy. Now that's a positive result.



### Bird song

Canada Turns out absent father issues aren't an exclusively human problem; zebra finches suffer from them too. Researchers at McGill University have found that female finches raised without a dad are unable to select the best possible partners when they're older. Zebra finches use courtship songs to select their mates; the male birds tweet a tune and the females then use it to judge the quality, condition and fitness of their potential suitor. But birds who reached maturity without exposure to the songs their papa finches sung were unable to discern between standard singing and the higher quality of specific courtship songs. Cue the violins.



### Gloves off



current Miss South Africa is facing questions after wearing latex gloves while on a visit to an orphanage for HIV-positive children. Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters was accused of ignorance after being pictured eating a meal and hugging youngsters in the gloves, with one tweet asking: "Do you always eat with gloves on?" After the 22-year-old beauty queen posted a video explaining she was trying to be as "hygienic as possible" and that all volunteers were asked to wear them while handling food, the hashtag #MissSAChallenge began trending on social media, with users sharing snaps of themselves wearing gloves to do everyday activities such as typing at their desks or applying body lotion. A definite misstep.