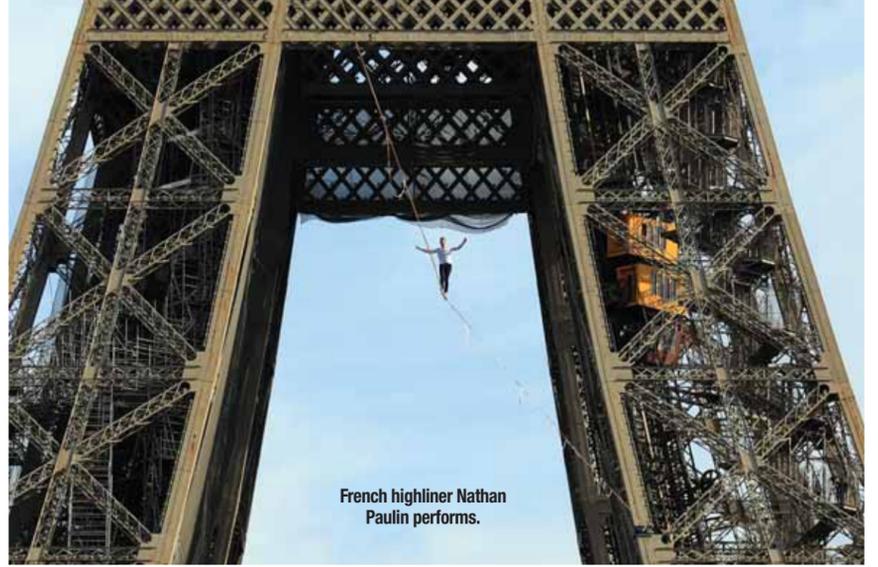




French highliner Nathan Paulin performs on a 70-metre-high slackline spanning 670 meters between the Eiffel Tower and the Theatre National de Chaillot, as part of the 38th European Heritage Days and the launch of the Cultural Olympiad in Paris. — AFP photos



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# FRENCH DAREDEVIL TAKES HAIR-RAISING SEINE TIGHTROPE WALK

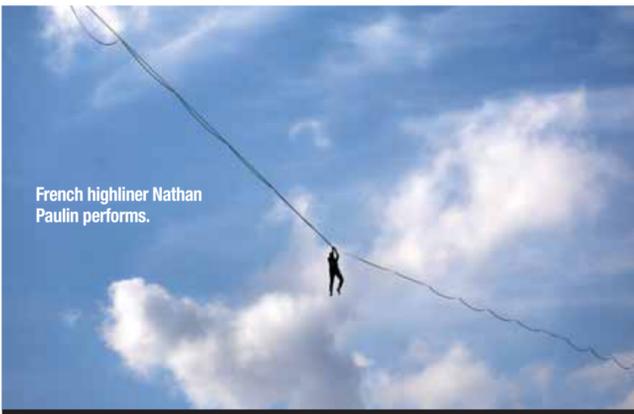
A French tightrope walker has crossed the Seine in Paris 70 meters up in a breathtaking feat watched by cheering crowds on the Eiffel Tower and along the riverbanks. Attached by a strap to a safety lanyard, 27-year-old Nathan Paulin slowly progressed barefoot on a line stretched across the river between the Eiffel Tower

and the Chaillot Theatre. He stopped for a few breaks, sitting or lying on the rope. "It wasn't easy walking 600 meters, concentrating, with everything around, the pressure ... but it was still beautiful," he said after the performance on Saturday.

He said obtaining the necessary authorizations had been a difficulty for him, plus "the stress linked

to the audience, the fact that there are a lot of people". Paulin, holder of several world records, performed the feat to celebrate France's annual Heritage Day - when people are invited to visit historic buildings and monuments that are usually closed to the public. He said his motivation was "mainly to do something beautiful and to share it

and also to bring a new perspective on heritage, it is to make heritage come alive". He had already crossed the River Seine on a tightrope, on Heritage Day in 2017. — AFP



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Spectators applaud as French highliner Nathan Paulin performs.

## Lopez doesn't feel she 'belongs' in Hollywood

Jennifer Lopez doesn't feel like she "belongs" in Hollywood. The 'On the Floor' hitmaker may have over 30 movies under her belt, a successful beauty business and a music career, but she has admitted she sometimes feels like an "outsider" when she compares herself to other celebrities in the glitzy and glamorous industry. Speaking in a new video for her cosmetics and skincare brand JLo Beauty, the 52-year-old actress said: "It's so important for all of us to feel like we belong and, like most people, there are so many times in your life where you feel like an outsider. I feel that way in Hollywood sometimes. I still feel that way. But you just need your little tribe. I believe we all have this limitless power inside us that makes us unstoppable. I worked really hard to get where I am today and I've learned that the only way to truly feel beautiful is to love and accept yourself fully." A time when Jennifer really needed her "tribe" to

lean on was when she missed out on an Oscar nomination for her role as Ramona in 'Hustlers'. She said last year during an interview with Oprah Winfrey: "I felt like I let everyone down a little bit. I was sad. I was a little sad because there was a lot of buildup to it. There were so many articles, I got so many good notices - more than ever in my career - and there was a lot of: 'She's going to get nominated for an Oscar, it's going to happen; if it doesn't you're crazy.' I'm reading all the articles going: 'Oh my God, could this happen?' And then it didn't and I was like: 'Ouch.' It was a little bit of a letdown." But that hasn't stopped producers from snapping her up, as she's got two upcoming movies; 'Marry Me' and 'Shotgun Wedding'. Her love life is also on the up as she's currently dating her ex-boyfriend Ben Affleck again and they are said to be "very happy" together.



## Kaya Scodelario is pregnant

The 29-year-old actress took to Instagram to reveal that she and husband Benjamin Walker, 39, are expecting their second child together. She posted a picture of her bump and wrote: "I tried to set up one of those beautiful pregnancy reveal pictures with the meadow and the golden sunset and the hay and the puppy's and the perfectly put together BoHo outfit & flowing natural hair with baby chicks nesting in it but then I realised that IM WAY TOO tired, achey and lazy right now. So here's me pulling an awkward face in the mirror whilst wearing makeup for the first time in 6 months instead. We are very happy obviously. But mostly super tired (sic)." Kaya and Benjamin tied the knot in 2015 and welcomed their son in November 2016. Speaking previously about balancing motherhood and her career, she

said: "When I first started out I was just looking for employment, I just wanted to work. "But now I think being a mum I have to be pickier if I'm going to be away for six months on the other side of the world." Kaya Scodelario rose to fame as Effy Stonem in 'Skins' and has starred in 'The Maze Runner' series and 'Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales'.



## Justin and Hailey Bieber are 'obsessed' with each other

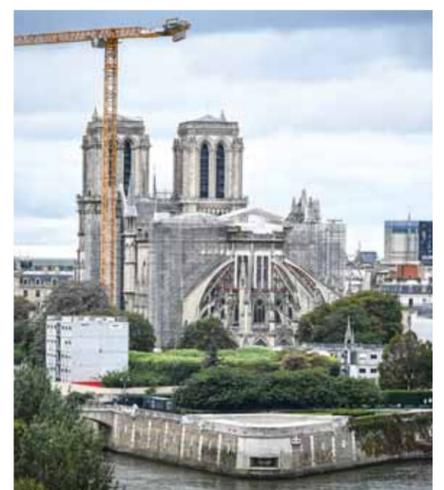
The 24-year-old model has shut down rumors that her husband is aggressive towards her after a video of the 'Peaches' hitmaker appearing to shout at her in Las Vegas, Nevada, went viral last week, and she's adamant they've actually never been more in love. Speaking during the podcast '4D with Demi Lovato' on Friday, Hailey said: "There are so many narratives that float around about me, about him, about us together. Like, 'Justin is not nice to her and mistreats her' and I'm just like... it's so far from the truth and it's the complete and utter opposite. I really am lucky to say I'm with someone who is extremely respectful of me, who makes me feel special every single day. "So when I see the opposite of that, I'm just like, 'Huh?' If the lie is, 'They're miserable in their relationship.' Well, the truth is that we've literally never been more obsessed with each other and we have so much fun together." The couple hit the headlines once again earlier this week when Justin put his hand on Hailey's stomach - sparking speculation that they are pregnant with their first baby - when they posed for photographs on the red carpet at the Met Gala in New York. And, although the blonde beauty tries really hard not to let the rumours get to her, she has praised the 27-year-old singer for keeping her afloat. She explained: "I think Justin does a very good job of reminding me because I have my low days where I'm like, 'This is too much and all the things people are saying, I can't take it today.' Again, he'll come in and be like, 'Well, the truth is this, the truth is that you're good and you're secure and you're loved and all of your friends love you and your family loves you and I love you.'

## Notre-Dame de Paris finally ready for restoration

France's Notre-Dame cathedral is finally ready to undergo restoration work more than two years after a blaze ravaged the heritage landmark, and remains on course to reopen in 2024, authorities said Saturday, following months of painstaking work to secure the building. The great mediaeval edifice survived the inferno on April 15, 2019, but the spire collapsed and much of the roof was destroyed. The focus until now had been on making the cathedral safe before restoration work could begin, which included the strenuous task of removing 40,000 pieces of scaffolding that were damaged in the blaze.

"The cathedral stands solid on its pillars, its walls are solid, everything is holding together," said Jean-Louis Georgelin, head of the public entity tasked with rebuilding the cathedral. "We are determined to win this battle of 2024, to reopen our cathedral in 2024. It will be France's honor to do so and we will do so because we are all united on this goal."

The aim is to celebrate the first full service in the cathedral on April 16, 2024 - five years after the fire - despite delays caused by the pandemic and the lead that spread during the blaze. Authorities will now call for tenders to select the companies to carry out the restoration work. The cathedral's interior walls and floors will also undergo "a thorough cleaning process" later this month. Notre-Dame's famous Grand Organ is already being restored, with its 8,000 pipes dismantled and sent to organ builders all over France. It is expected to be put together again in October 2023, said Georgelin, the former head of France's armed forces who was appointed by President Emmanuel Macron to oversee rebuilding efforts. — AFP



This file photo shows a giant crane outside Notre-Dame Cathedral, which was partially destroyed when fire broke out beneath the roof. — AFP