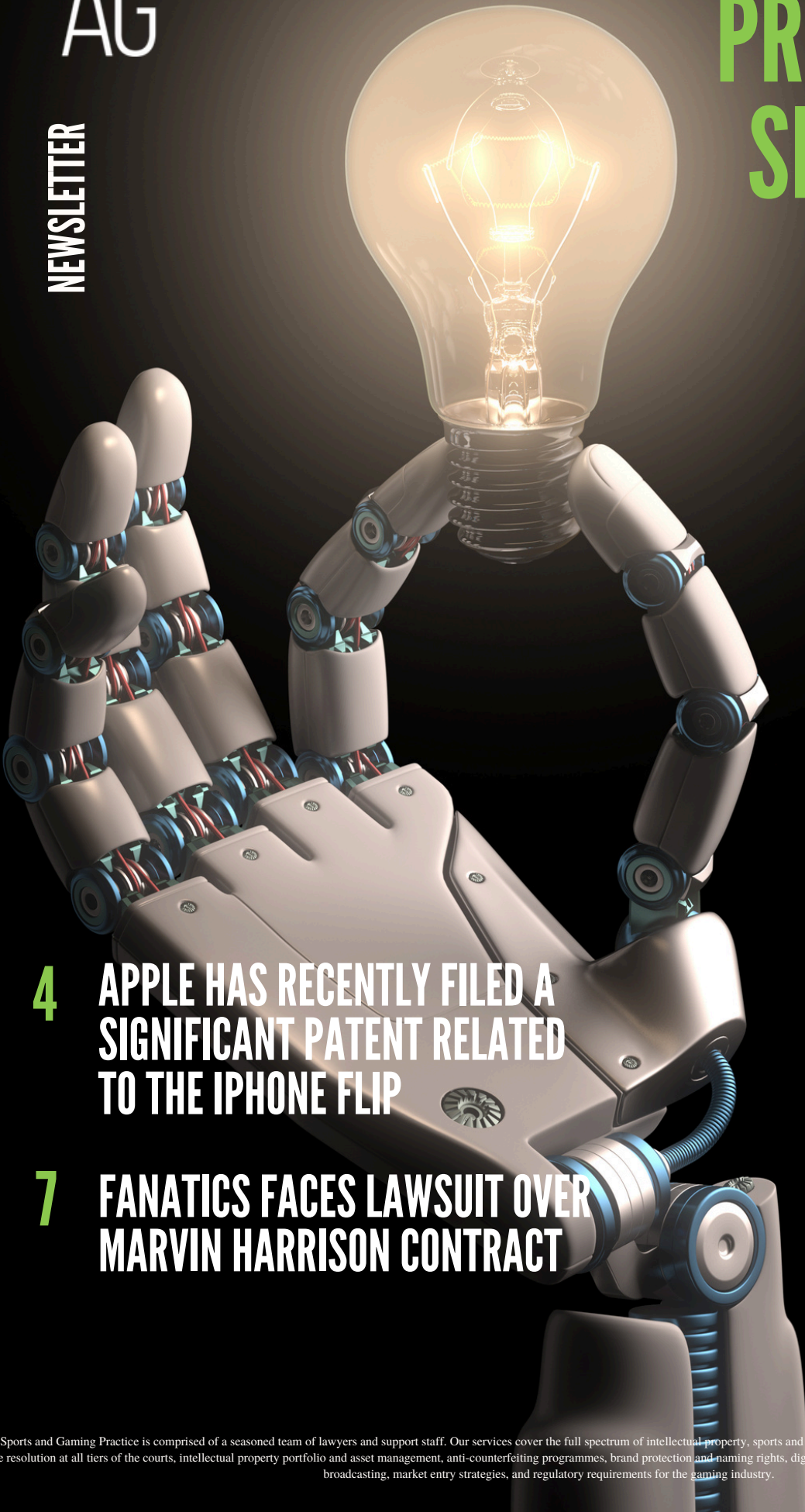


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POWER ROOT REGAINS THE 'AH HUAT' BRAND IN INDONESIA THROUGH SETTLEMENT

Power Root Bhd has regained the trademark for its "Ah Huat" coffee and tea beverages following an out-of-court settlement with its Indonesian distributor, CV Ego Sun Star Sukses Mandiri. This resolution concludes an infringement dispute that began in 2013, with Power Root paying RM1.27 million to CV Ego to recover the brand.

<https://theedgemalaysia.com/node/710683>



BURBERRY EMERGES VICTORIOUS IN CHINESE TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT LAWSUIT

The Jiangsu Provincial High People's Court has issued a verdict in favour of Burberry in a notable legal case involving trademark infringement and unfair competition against Xinboli Trading Shanghai, also known as Baneberry.

<https://jingdaily.com/posts/burberry-ip-victory-precedent-china-luxury>

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TESLA HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST AN INDIAN BATTERY MANUFACTURER NAMED 'TESLA POWER' FOR TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT

Tesla, the electric car manufacturer led by Elon Musk, has initiated legal action against an Indian battery maker for allegedly violating its trademark. The lawsuit accuses the battery company of using the name "Tesla Power" to market its products. Tesla is seeking damages and a permanent injunction from a judge in New Delhi.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/india/tesla-vs-tesla-us-carmaker-sues-indian-namesake-copying-trademark-2024-05-03/>



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MODERNA PREVAILS IN COVID VACCINE PATENT CASE AMIDST ONGOING LEGAL BATTLE WITH PFIZER AND BIONTECH

Moderna has secured victory in the ongoing legal dispute against Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech regarding its Covid vaccine. The European Patent Office (EPO) has confirmed the validity of one of Moderna's patents for its Spikevax vaccine, which Moderna alleges Pfizer and BioNTech utilised in the development of their Comirnaty vaccine.

<https://www.thechemicalengineer.com/news/moderna-wins-covid-vaccine-patent-case-in-ongoing-pfizer-biontech-battle/>

FORD APPLIES FOR PATENT FOR FACIAL RECOGNITION ENTRY SYSTEM

Ford Motor Company has submitted a patent application for a facial recognition entry system, possibly intended for integration into upcoming vehicle models. The patent describes a camera-based biometric security setup aimed at unlocking vehicles through facial recognition technology.

<https://findbiometrics.com/ford-patents-face-based-vehicle-entry-system/>

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PATENT

APPLE HAS RECENTLY FILED A SIGNIFICANT PATENT RELATED TO THE IPHONE FLIP

Apple has submitted a new patent application for a hinge designed for use in foldable devices. This patent, titled “Hinges for folding devices”, was filed with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in October 2023 and published in May 2024.

<https://www.tomsguide.com/phones/iphones/apple-just-filed-a-crucial-patent-for-the-iphone-flip-what-we-know>



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BEYONCÉ AND BIG FREEDIA SUED OVER ALLEGED COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT IN 'BREAK MY SOUL'

Beyoncé and Big Freedia are being sued by the New Orleans group Da Showstoppaz, claiming their song "Release a Wiggle" was used without permission in Big Freedia's "Explode" and Beyoncé's "Break My Soul." The lawsuit also involves Jay-Z and Sony Music. The plaintiffs noticed the alleged infringement after "Break My Soul" was released in 2022.

<https://www.digitalmusicnews.com/2024/05/23/beyonce-big-freedia-copyright-lawsuit/>



COURT DISMISSES CRYOGENIC TANK COPYRIGHT SUIT

The Vadodara Commercial Court dismissed a copyright lawsuit filed by Inox India Pvt Ltd against Cryolor Asia Pacific. Inox India claimed Cryolor had copied its design for cryogenic tanks. The court ruled that the design did not meet the requirements for copyright protection, as it lacked originality and was functional rather than artistic.

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/court-junks-copyright-suit-for-cryogenic-tank-design/amp_articleshow/110064984.cms

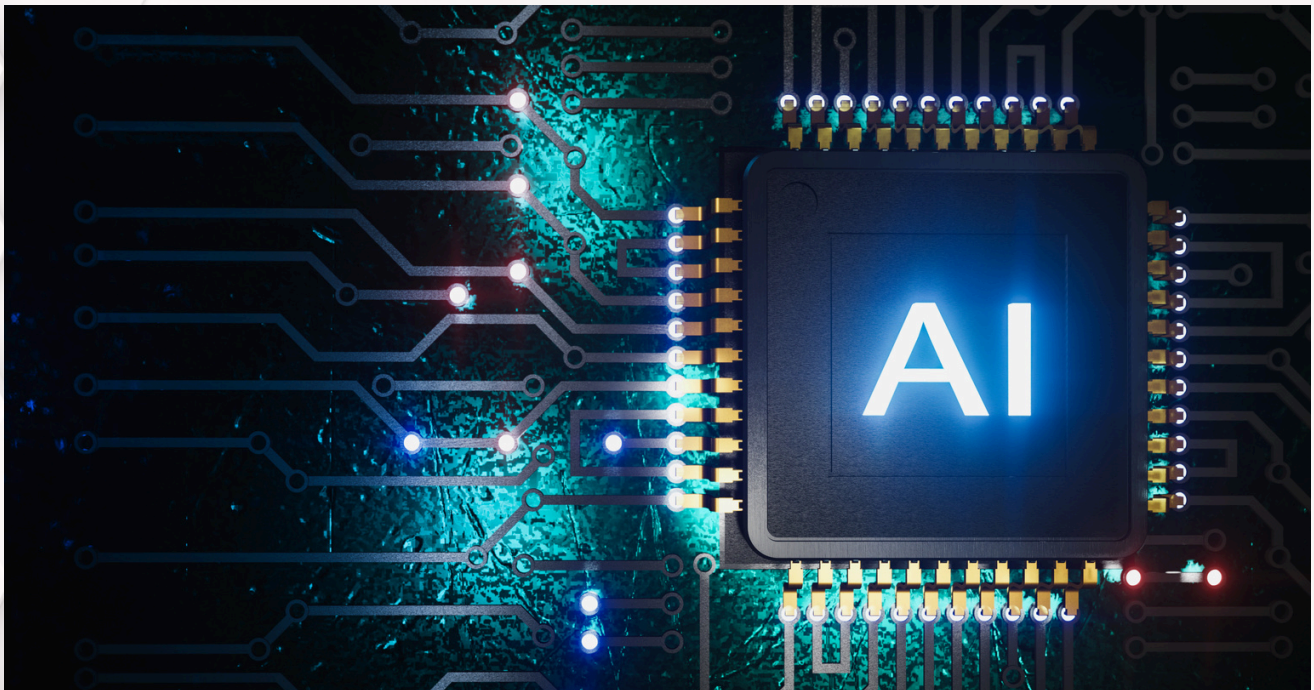
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NEW AI COPYRIGHT SUIT AGAINST OPENAI HIGHLIGHTS LEGAL CHALLENGES

A new lawsuit against OpenAI underscores ongoing legal challenges in copyrighting AI-generated content. The suit emphasises the divide between AI autonomy and human authorship, a key issue as courts consistently reject claims for AI-generated works due to lack of human creativity.

<https://www.aei.org/technology-and-innovation/yet-another-ai-copyright-suit-against-openai-underscores-autonomy-automaton-divide/>



SPORTS

FANATICS FACES LAWSUIT OVER MARVIN HARRISON CONTRACT

The former National Football League (NFL) player, Marvin Harrison, filed a lawsuit against Fanatics, a sports merchandise company. Harrison alleges that Fanatics breached its contract with him, resulting in substantial financial losses. The lawsuit raises questions about the responsibilities of companies like Fanatics in honouring agreements with sports figures.

<https://www.nytimes.com/athletic/5504375/2024/05/19/fanatics-marvin-harrison-lawsuit-contract/>



US SAILING SETTLES FEDERAL LAWSUIT WITH PAUL CAYARD AND AMERICA ONE RACING

The federal case between US Sailing and Paul Cayard and the America One Racing foundation has been concluded, eliminating a significant distraction that had cast a shadow over the once-dominant American team. The governing body withheld the details of the settlement after medallists JJ Fetter and Anna Tobias chastised it for suing America One Racing. According to a statement from America One Racing, no money exchanged hands, all claims were released, and a mutual non-disparagement agreement was made.

<https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sports/national/story/2024-05-22/u-s-sailing-drops-federal-lawsuit-in-settlement-with-paul-cayard-and-america-one-racing>

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FIFA IMPOSES SANCTIONS ON EQUATORIAL GUINEA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND PLAYER FOR INELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS

The FIFA Disciplinary Committee has ruled on proceedings against the Equatorial Guinean Football Association (FEGUIFUT) and player Emilio Nsue López for his participation in matches of the national team despite being ineligible. Matches involving the player during the FIFA World Cup 2026 preliminary competition were declared forfeited by Equatorial Guinea. FEGUIFUT was fined CHF 150,000, and López received a six-month ban from playing for any representative team. The decisions are subject to appeal before the FIFA Appeal Committee.

<https://www.lawinsport.com/topics/news/item/fifa-disciplinary-committee-sanctions-the-equatorial-guinean-football-association-and-the-player-emilio-nsue-lopez-on-grounds-of-ineligibility-2>



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