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**Rob Merrick** Deputy Political Editor @Rob\_Merrick | Wednesday 28 April 2021 12:36 | 176 comments

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The Chinese art provocateur has been beaten, locked up, and put under house arrest – which is where he got the idea to work with a quite unexpected artform. Then again, he's always been one to keep us guessing. He talks to [Kevin E G Perry](#) about battling state oppression, writing a memoir for his son, and why there's no hope for social media.

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## Sophia Loren: 'I've always tried to play women with a strong character'

She's one of the most famous screen siren, but the Italian actor was always drawn to roles with grit – and that hasn't stopped now she's 86. As she returns playing a tough former sex worker in her son's new film, she tells [Alexandra Pollard](#) where her daring nature comes from.

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## Jodie Turner-Smith: 'People were always going to feel a certain way about a Black actor playing Anne Boleyn'

The star of 'Anne Boleyn', who broke onto screens in 'Queen & Slim', has caused a furor by playing the doomed Tudor. She talks to [Annabel Nugent](#) about motherhood, telling stories with humanity, and taking 'face out of the conversation'.

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I'm only now scratching the surface of how often in my life I have internalised bigotry and tried to bend in a direction which would make my forgiveness more comfortable for other people – changing my name was a part of that

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If I were Meghan, in the unlikely event that they should end up at the same pool party, I wouldn't stand too close to Kate – she's tougher than I gave her credit for. writes **Jenny Eclair**

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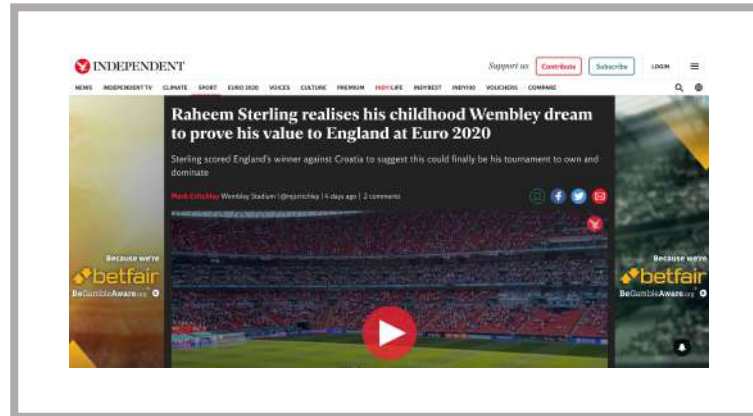
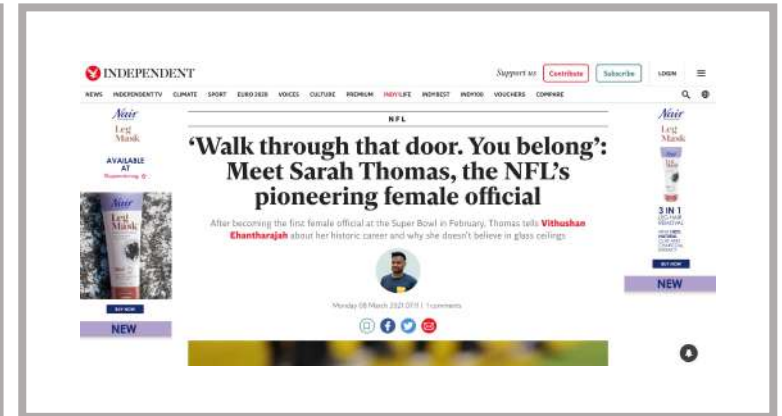
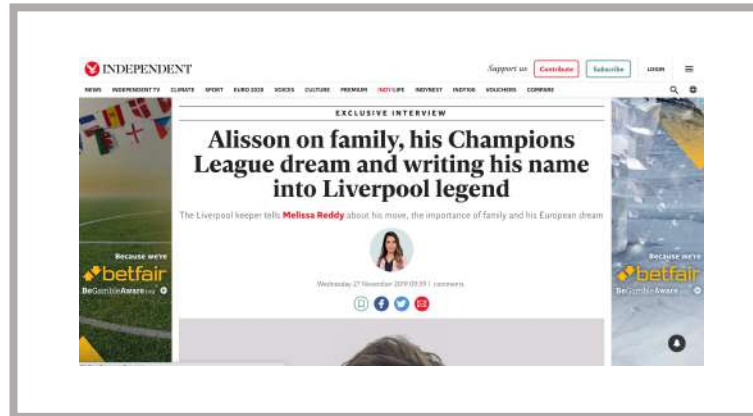
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# Climate



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We focus intently on climate including the recent IPCC report, holding the government to account on its environmental pledges, as well as Joe Biden's Earth summit earlier this year. In May, we launched a campaign against funding fossil fuel companies and continue to run stories on this theme. Other areas of interest include Extinction Rebellion protests; innovative solutions to stopping climate change; rewilding; analysis on steps consumers can take to be more environmentally friendly and unusual stories about climate.



Louise Boyle in the US is senior climate correspondent; Daisy Dunne is The Independent's climate and environment correspondent and Harry Cockburn and Joe Sommerlad also write about climate. We also have a number of significant people in the climate change arena who write for us including Caroline Lucas, Vanessa Nakate and Mike Berners Lee.



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Daily Dose Louise Boyle | Monday 09 August 2021 09:00 | comments

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**'A huge cause for concern': Countries' latest climate pledges not enough to meet Paris goals, says UN**

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**Covid recovery must not be driven by fossil fuels, says Ed Miliband**

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**'Hard Work, Low Pay, Miserable Conditions and more!' California's conservation corps on the frontlines of wildfires and landslides**

In the third part of our series exploring the idea of a nationwide 'climate force', Louise Boyle looks at America's oldest and largest corps in California, with its Seventies' roots as 'a combination Jewish seminary, Israeli kibbutz, and Marine Corps boot camp'

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INDEPENDENT PREMIUM

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# Independent TV

Launched in December 2020, Independent TV is a thrilling new way to see and experience trusted news, insight and investigation from around the world.

It offers current affairs, arts, lifestyle, sports and live footage, putting The Independent's editorial staff front and centre - in video form.

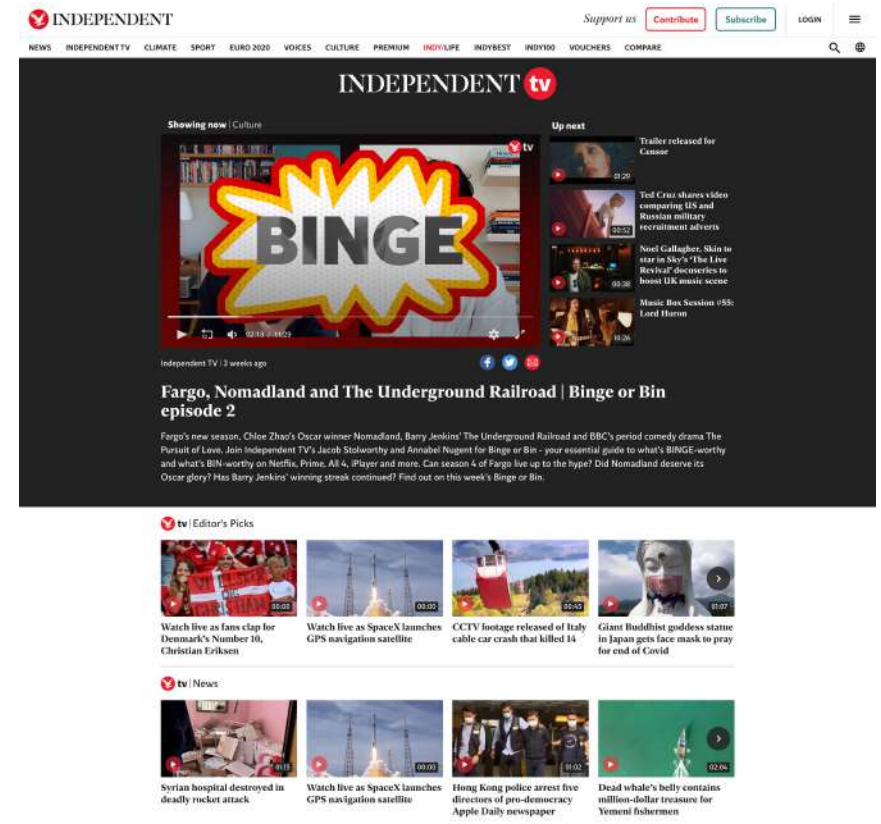
Many of the team are no strangers to being in front of the camera, including Bel Trew, The Independent's correspondent in Beirut and Simon Calder, a regular face on television and a much-relied upon source of travel advice and analysis.

Christian Broughton says: "The ability to see events unfold for yourself enriches any report. Seeing is more than just believing – it's feeling the emotions of lives touched by conflict and hardship."

In May, Binge or Bin was launched. With shows out every two weeks, each episode of the series looks at Netflix shows to tune into - or give a miss. It's a handy guide in helping viewers decide what to watch next. Presented by Jacob Stolworthy and Annabel Nugent.

Tackled is a six-part series presented by our chief football correspondent Miguel Delaney and senior sports writer Melissa Reddy. Perfectly timed for the momentous summer of sport, this show looks at the stories behind the action.

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