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Human enhancement

Sally Ramage

New drugs and medical implants that can make people work smarter, longer and in tougher conditions pose serious ethical questions, leading British scientists have suggested on foot of a study published yesterday.

Nearly one in eight American students already use cognitive-enhancing drugs for study, while night watchmen and gamekeepers could be fitted with retinal implants to improve their night vision.....

Court conclusion to the BP Oil spill of 2010

Sally Ramage

BP has received the biggest criminal fine in US history as part of a \$4.5bn (£2.8bn) settlement related to the fatal 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster which caused the death of 11 workers and released millions of barrels of crude into the Gulf of Mexico over 87 days, in the worst oil spill in recorded history.

Two BP workers have been indicted on manslaughter charges and an ex-manager charged with misleading Congress.....

European Commission on E-Money Directive

Sally Ramage

The European Commission has published two new questions and answers (Q&As) on the E-Money Directive (2009/110/EC): The first question covers whether a licensed e-money institution/payment institution is required to establish

a branch when engaging an agent in another EEA state to provide certain services, or whether it can do so on a notification of services basis only, to which the Commission answers that either is permissible (ID 1115 on Use of Agents).

Verbatim, the question was a general question on Directive 2009/110/EC. This question on 13 June 2012, stated:.....

As the Leveson inquiry's report is due shortly, Ireland continues to suffer from the Irish press's breach of privacy

Sally Ramage

The need for a privacy law in is growing in Ireland, not only to protect celebrities like Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge and spouse of Prince William, but to protect ordinary citizens whose tragedies have routinely become news for media organisations.

Among some upsetting examples was that of a Roscommon woman whose horrible ordeal in October 2011 caused the media to feel they were entitled to breach her privacy in publications because her partner had jumped off the Cliffs.

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On 2 October 2012, South Jersey Police Department in the United States experienced the first female Police supervisor/sergeant ever to be sworn in at Evesham, a ‘ a milestone in Erin Gorman’s law enforcement career, and also a landmark for Evesham police force. ...

The murder of Meredith Kercher on 2 November 2007: post-events continue

Sally Ramage

Meredith Kercher was a British undergraduate student studying abroad, and on 2 November 2007, she was found dead in her rented bedroom in a shared student house near Perugia University. She had been murdered with a knife or knives and she lay covered up under her duvet. Her throat had been cut. Italian police identified Meredith Kercher’s roommate, twenty-year-old Amanda Knox from Seattle, Washington, as a suspect. A second suspect was Amanda Knox’s new boyfriend of just one week, Raffaele Sollecito, who attended the same university but did not live in the same shared house as Amanda Knox and Meredith Kercher. A third person was arrested after forensic evidence linked him to Kercher’s residence. Knox and Sollecito were charged and held in custody until their trial in December 2009. an Italian court found Amanda Knox, her boyfriend Rafael Sollecito, and the third person, a man named Rudy Guede, guilty of the murder of Meredith Kercher. Knox and Sollecito were sentenced to 26 years imprisonment, to be served in Italy.



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