**Kelly Clarkson emotional** on talk show return

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talk show's return to community. air on Monday.

way hitmaker's first drive a bus? appearance on screen Brandon Blackstock died of cancer last back her emotions as

Kelly could be seen wip-

ing away tears as Kerrville school reunification process — basically district superintendent Dr. Brent triage, they're make sure every-Ringo discussed the impact the body was okay.

premiere episode Kerrville ISD, and [sent] the text had. marked the Breaka- message out, 'Anyone that can

"A bus driver, a coach, high since her ex-husband school principal, our middle last kid got off your bus and the school assistant principal, assistant superintendents — within 10, month and the 43-year- 15 minutes [we] had a response old star couldn't hold that they were on the way."

Some of the drivers then apshe spoke to a group peared on stage, including a teachof bus drivers who er named Amanda who broke plied: "Yeah, it's awful." helped rescue chil- down as she recalled her expedren during the deadly rience picking up children from flash floods in Texas in Camp Mystic, where 27 girls and counsellors were killed.

She said: "We took them to the songs.

Kelly Clarkson flooding - which killed 135 and "And they really had to take cried during her left more missing - had on the pictures to see what kids we had, because parents obvious-He said: "We activated our ly were just in complete shock, The season seven emergency operations plan in they didn't know what kids we

> "It was awesome to see all the parents reunited with their kids. The hardest part was when the parents just asked, 'Was that it?' So it's hard."

> Kelly wiped her eyes with a tissue and said: "And looking at the parents, I can't..."

As she tailed off, Amanda re-

Kelly cried again when another driver, Geri, told how her young passengers comforted one another by singing Christian

## Pop star Rita Ora wins planning battle

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Rita Ora has secured planning permission to build a controversial gym at her

The 34-year-old pop star numerous residents and local groups to secure official permission to build the gym erty has a strict rule proat her London home.

newspaper: "Rita has no preserve peace and respect intention of disturbing among neighbors. the peace in her neighborhood and has gone about everything in the proper manner. She wouldn't have got permission from the council if she was violat-

ing any planning rules." Rita - who bought the property four years ago hopes to build a garden room, which will be used as a gym, and will sit 30 metres from

house However, the plans have angered some of her neighbors, who fear that it could be a disturbance and impact animals living in the area.

One complaint reads: "Residents who chose this area for Rita Ora

its tranquillity should not be forced to live with artificial lighting, amplified sound or loss of privacy.

"Although acoustic insulation is mentioned, the inclusion of bifold doors suggests has overcome protests from that music and voice projection could occur at any hour.

"The neighboring prophibiting large gatherings or A source told The Sun parties, adopted precisely to

> "This proposal undermines that shared



## Renee Zellweger bonded with Ant Anstead over cars and welding

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 ${f R}$  enee Zellweger bonded with Ant Anstead over their shared love of cars. The couple met four years ago when

the Hollywood actress was a guest on

Ant's TV show Celebrity IOU Joyride and he's admitted seeing Renee, 56, welding helped win him over because he discovered she's

"hands-on car girl". Ant, 46, told Hello! magazine: "One of the many, many things that attracts a hands-on car girl. It's really cool that we met

on a car show.



Renee Zellweger and with Ant Anstead

me to Ren is that she's mean, how cool is that?"

Ant's latest TV project - the second series of Born Mechanic - shows him restor- Renee were taking their relationship "one "She welded - I restoration of an old farmhouse which romance as private as possible.

he bought for his parents and he credits Renee with taking charge of plans for the house because she's "very, very good at designing"

He added: "She's been a big influence on that; she's very, very good at designing. So, I'm obviously going to take advice from the person who's way better at houses

"I am constantly being advised, because she's the greatest human I've ever met."

The couple have been together since 2021 and they were previously rumoured to be engaged but the reports was later confirmed to be untrue.

Ant previously explained that he and ing old cars which he's selling to fund the day at a time" and he wants to keep their

# Emily Blunt brands AI-generated actress Tilly Norwood 'terrifying'

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Emily Blunt has branded AI-generated actress Tilly Norwood "terrifying".

Newly-launched AI talent studio Xicoia have created the digital performer, with Eline Van der Velden unveiling the project at the Zurich Film Festival and it already attracting interest from talent connection." agents, and the Smashing Machine actress is horrified by the prospect. **Emily Blunt** 

Shown a report on Tilly, Emily told Variety: "Does it disappoint me? I don't know how to quite answer it, other than to say how terrifying

"No, are you serious? That's an AI? Good Lord, we're screwed. That is really, really scary, Come on, agencies, don't do that. Please stop. Please stop taking away our human

The 42-year-old actress noted Tilly was designed to resemble a composite of familiar stars and was Al-generated actress Tilly Norwood



told she was designed as "the next (sic) Scarlett Johansson".

She replied: "But we have Scarlett equally horrified. Johansson."

Emily isn't the only Hollywood critic of the project.

Scream actress Melissa Barrera has branded the arrival of Tilly

a\$\$. How gross, read the room. pass as human.

Matilda star Mara Wilson was

She posted: "And what about the hundreds of living young women whose faces were composited together to make her? You couldn't hire any of them?

Whoopi Goldberg blasted the idea She posted an Instagram Sto- on The View and insisted the AI ry about the news and captioned model would have an "unfair advanit: "Hope all actors repped by the tage" - but noted the technology isn't agent that does this, drop their yet "seamless" enough for them to

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