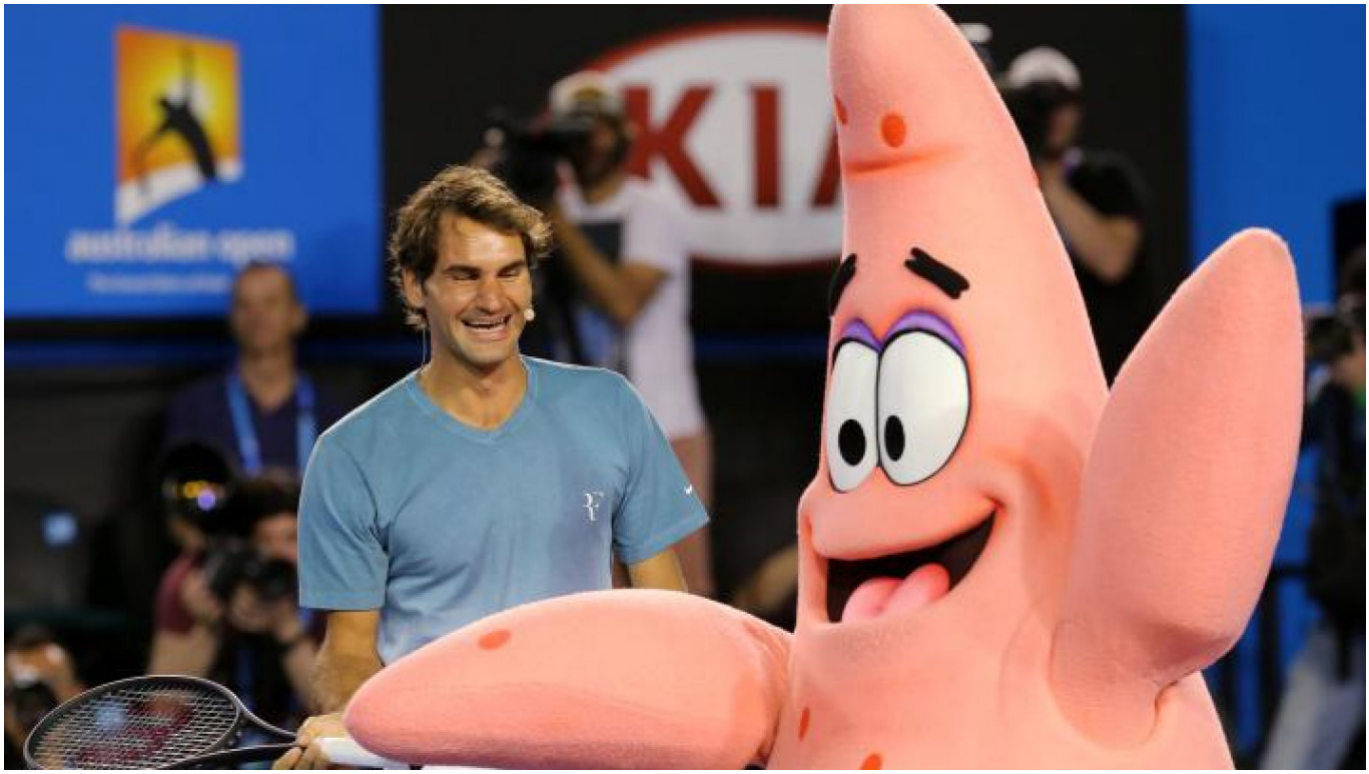
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Russian Vandals Turn Soviet Star into Spongebob's Patrick

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A character from beloved U.S. cartoon show Spongebob◙Squarepants has appeared on the rooftops of the Russian city of Voronezh.

Vandals climbed a spire in the town on Oct. 25 to transform◙its decorative Soviet star into Spongebob's hapless sidekick Patrick, the RIA◙Voronzh news site reported.

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Members of the city's roofing community – climbers who scale⊠urban buildings, often without formal permission – have distanced themselves⊠from the move.

Andrei Grebenikov, an administrator in the local OTRV⊠roofing group, said that the club had not taken part in the stunt, but were⊠willing to clean the star themselves.

Professional companies have estimated that restoration work⊠will cost 100,000 rubles ($1,530), RIA Voronzh reported.

It's not the first time that the building has been targeted by pranksters. Authorities were forced to bring in a crane to remove a "Jolly Rodger" left flying from the spire in October last year.

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