

QUICK HITS

**Eli Lilly to Buy Loxo Oncology for \$8 Billion**  
**Bengaluru:** Eli Lilly said on Monday it would buy Loxo Oncology for about \$8 billion in cash, buying into a portfolio of targeted medicines to treat cancers caused by rare gene mutations. The deal marks Lilly's biggest push in the fast-growing cancer therapy market and adds to an explosive start to the year for healthcare M&A. Loxo's portfolio is centred around its first commercial medicine, Vitakvi, which was shown to be effective against a wide variety of cancers caused by a single, rare genetic mutation. The drug is sold in partnership with Bayer. Loxo is also developing a drug that targets a rare gene fusion mutation known as RET, seen in thyroid, lung and other cancers. Reuters

**Gabon Thwarts Military Coup Attempt**  
**Libreville:** Gabon foiled an attempted military coup on Monday, arresting several plotters just hours after they took over state radio in a bid to end 50 years of rule by President Ali Bongo's family. Government spokesman Guy-Bertrand Mapangou told Reuters that four of the five officers involved were arrested in the capital Libreville. A fifth officer fled and is being pursued, he said. In a radio message at 4:30am (0330 GMT), lieutenant Kelly Ondo Obiang, who described himself as an officer in the Republican Guard, said Bongo's New Year's Eve address from Morocco, where he is recovering from a stroke, "reinforced doubts about the president's ability to continue to carry out of the responsibilities of his office". Outside the radio station, loyalist soldiers fired teargas to disperse about 300 people who had come out into the streets to support the coup attempt, a Reuters witness said. Helicopters circled overhead. Most of the beachside capital was quiet, however, and a government spokesman said the situation was under control after the arrests. "The government is in place. The institutions are in place," Mapangou told France 24. Reuters

**Denmark Plans 9 Islands to Expand Copenhagen**  
**Copenhagen:** Denmark backed a proposal on Monday to build nine new artificial islands to expand the industrial district of Copenhagen and attract investment. The new islands would make up around a quarter of a development project the size of 420 soccer fields in total. Construction could begin in 2022 and the project could be fully functional by 2040. The government expects it to attract up to 380 new businesses and create 12,000 jobs, adding more than \$8 billion to the economy, equivalent to 2.5% of GDP. Reuters

Britain Testing 'No-Deal' Scenario before Brexit Vote

An abrupt departure would lead to introduction of customs barriers that would slow fast-moving ferry and rail traffic

**London:** Britain is testing how its motorway and ferry system would handle a no-deal Brexit by sending a stream of trucks from a regional airport to the port of Dover—even as some legislators try to pressure the government to rule out the scenario. The tests began on Monday morning and are intended to gauge how severe the disruption would be if Britain leaves the European Union on March 29 without an agreed upon withdrawal deal. It is expected that an abrupt departure without a deal would lead to the introduction of tariff and customs barriers that would slow fast-moving ferry and rail traffic that links Britain to continental Europe. There are concerns that major traffic jams leading into and out of ferry ports like Dover could greatly hamper trade and leave Britain without adequate food and medicine. Parliament is expected to resume its debate over the government's planned withdrawal deal on Wednesday, with a vote tentatively scheduled for early next week. There are no indications that lobbying over the holidays has garnered Prime Minister Theresa May more support for her plan, which has sparked wide opposition in Parliament. A vote that had been scheduled in November was delayed as May admitted it would face certain



Trucks parked at Manston Airfield during a test for a 'no-deal' Brexit-AP

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The prospect of the bill's possible defeat next week has renewed concern about the "no-deal" situation that Britain would face as the withdrawal date approaches without any arrangements in place. Fears about economic disruption

on Monday sparked roughly 200 legislators including some from the prime minister's Conservative Party to write to May asking her to rule out the no-deal scenario. May has not spelled out how she will respond if the withdrawal bill is voted down next week. Brexit minister Kwasi Kwarteng said on Monday that the government is still focused on winning the vote. "A week is a very long time in politics. We don't know what the numbers are," he told BBC. "We have got a week. I think the situation—as it always does—has developed, it evolves. I am very hopeful that the deal will be voted through next week." AP

Assets worth £800 Billion to Shift from UK to EU due to Brexit: EY

**Huw Jones**  
**London:** Assets worth nearly £800 billion are being moved from Britain to new financial hubs in the European Union ahead of Brexit, consultancy EY said on Monday. Britain, which is due to leave the bloc in March, has yet to approve a deal to avoid an abrupt severing of ties with the EU. Although the British parliament is due to vote on a proposed settlement next week, it is unclear if it will be approved. "The closer we get to March 29 without a deal, the more assets will be transferred and headcount hi-

red locally or relocated," Omar Ali, UK financial services leader at EY, said. EY has been tracking the Brexit plans of 222 financial firms since Britain voted in June 2016 to leave the EU. In its latest update to the end of November 2018, it said that 80 firms are considering or have confirmed relocating assets and staff. The latest estimate from EY says that £800 billion in assets would move, a fraction of Britain's £8 trillion banking sector. Frankfurt Main Finance, which promotes the German financial

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centre, has said it expects €750 to 800 billion of assets to transfer there alone, largely during this quarter. Around 2,000 new European roles have been created by financial services companies in response to Brexit, with Dublin, Luxembourg,

Frankfurt and Paris the most popular locations, EY said. Forecasts of hundreds of thousands of UK financial jobs moving to the EU have not materialised, and the Bank of England expects about 4,000 jobs to have moved by March 29. "Whilst roles will no doubt move from the UK, many firms are only moving those employees deemed essential and are hiring locally given the expense of relocation," Ali said. Moves so far would be only the "tip of the iceberg" if there is a no-deal Brexit, EY said. Reuters

Aston Martin Readies for No-Deal Situation

**London:** Aston Martin has hired supply chain chief and approved Brexit plans to avoid delays by using parts other than Dover and flying in components as the carmaker prepares for a possible no deal in March, chief executive Andy Palmer said. "We have to prepare for the worst case scenario." Reuters

China Can't Meet 'Draconian' US Demands, says Ex-Goldman Exec

**Shanghai:** China has moved quickly to meet "reasonable demands" from the US to help end the ongoing trade war but shouldn't dismantle its governance model as some in US President Donald Trump's administration want, former Goldman Sachs China chairman Fred Hu said on Monday. Lower taxes on automobile imports and a new law banning forced technology transfers were sincere efforts by Beijing to resolve a US-China trade conflict that has roiled markets for almost a year, Hu said at an annual conference on Greater China organised by UBS Group. Hu, founder of the investment firm Primavera Capital Group, is also on the board of UBS. Trade officials from the two nations will meet in Beijing this week for the first face-to-face negotiations since US President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed in December to a 90-day truce. The standoff has led to factories seeing orders slump in both countries. American farmers are hurting as is Apple while Chinese markets ended 2018 with the world's worst stock rout. While China has taken some steps, it cannot and should not meet "aggressive and draconian" demands from some of the more hawkish Trump advisers such as dismantling the entire Chinese model of state-led capitalism, according to Hu. He added that instances of forced technology transfer were "very rare" in his multi-decade experience in advising overseas companies operating in the Asian continent. Bloomberg

**Fred Hu**

Bohemian Rhapsody Rocks 76th Golden Globes with Surprise Coda

Bohemian Rhapsody pulled a major upset at the close of the Golden Globes on Sunday, taking home the final two top prizes to put itself into the Oscars conversation along with Green Book and Roma. Bohemian Rhapsody—which charts the rise of British rock group Queen—picked up best actor for Rami Malek, who plays legendary frontman Freddie Mercury. It also bagged the biggest movie award of the night—best drama. The two trophies were the final prizes in a ceremony that had been expected to be a consecration for A Star Is Born—starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper—which went into the night with five nods. Star had to content itself with a statuette for best song, which went to Gaga and writing partner Mark Ronson while Christian Bale—who plays Cheney—picked up the solo go for Vice. Civil rights dramatist Green Book was the numerical, picking up awards for best comedy best supporting actor Mahershala screenplay.

**KEY WINNERS**

- BEST FILM, MUSICAL OR COMEDY:** Green Book
- BEST ACTOR, MUSICAL OR COMEDY:** Christian Bale, Vice
- BEST ACTRESS, MUSICAL OR COMEDY:** Olivia Colman, The Favourite
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR:** Mahershala Ali, Green Book
- BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS:** Regina King, If Beale Street Could Talk
- BEST FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM:** Roma (Mexico)
- BEST SCREENPLAY:** Green Book—Nick Vallelonga, Brian Currie and Peter Farrelly
- BEST ORIGINAL SONG:** Shallow (A Star Is Born)—Lady Gaga, Mark Ronson, Anthony Rossomando, Andrew Wyatt
- BEST ANIMATED FEATURE:** Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
- BEST FILM, DRAMA:** Bohemian Rhapsody
- BEST ACTRESS, DRAMA:** Glenn Close, The Wife

**GAGA'S WIN**  
At least Lady Gaga didn't go home empty-handed: She won as a co-writer for best song, "Shallow," which she performs with Cooper in A Star Is Born. In her speech, she referred to the challenges women face, not in the film industry but in music. "As a woman in music it is really hard to be taken seriously as musician and as a songwriter," she said, adding that her co-writers "lifted me up, they supported me".

**THANKING SATAN**  
Christian Bale was accepting his award for Vice, in which he made a stunning transformation into a chubby and bald Dick Cheney. After thanking castmates and director Adam McKay, he extended a "thank you to Satan for giving me inspiration for this role".

**Nicole Kidman sporting a Michael Kors**

**Julia Roberts rocked in 40.39 carats of Chopard diamonds**

TIPS, TRIVIA & TRENDS YOUR DAILY DIET OF FUN AND FACTS

**Saudi Woman 'under the Care' of UN Agency: Thai Official**  
The Saudi woman who made a desperate plea for asylum after landing at Bangkok airport has been placed "under the care" of the United Nations refugee agency, a Thai official said late on Monday. Rahaf Mohammed Motlaq al-Qununi told AFP she ran away from her family while travelling in Kuwait because they subjected her to physical and psychological abuse. The 18-year-old said she had planned to seek asylum in Australia and feared she would be killed if repatriated by Thai immigration officials who stopped her during transit on Sunday. AFP

**Rooney Arrested for Being Drunk and Swearing**  
Former England and Manchester United star Wayne Rooney was arrested last month for being drunk and swearing in public and paid a \$25 fine on Friday, according to multiple reports. Court records obtained by Washington ABC 7 News and The Athletic showed that Rooney was arrested in Loudoun County, Virginia, on December 16 for cursing and intoxication, a misdemeanor for which he was released from custody on his own recognizance before paying the fine and court costs on Friday. Rooney was arrested by the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority at Dulles International Airport, which is located in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington. The former England captain apparently was at the airport after a trip back from Saudi Arabia. He had posted a photo of himself on December 14 from Riyadh at an event. Rooney is serving a two-year UK drink driving ban stemming from a September 2017 arrest in England. AFP

Japanese Billionaire Responsible for the Most Retweeted Tweet Ever

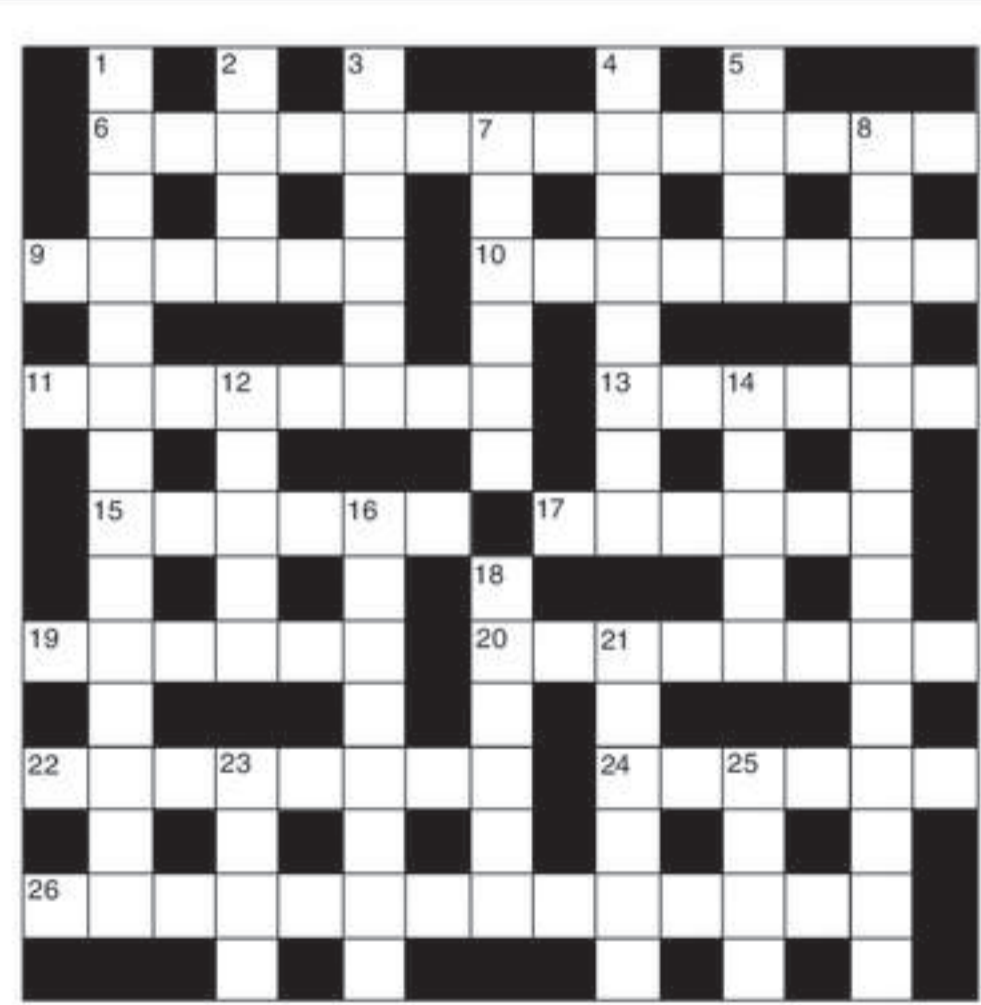
Billionaire Japanese tycoon and future space tourist Yusaku Maezawa said on Monday his tweet promising a cash giveaway of nearly \$10,000 was the most retweeted ever. The 43-year-old Maezawa posted a tweet on Saturday promising one million yen (\$9,250) in cash each to 100 randomly selected followers who had retweeted it by Monday. The tweet—now retweeted more than 4.3 million times—is the most shared in history, according to the entrepreneur. "Hit the new world record. Surpassed Twitter's world record number of retweets (it was 3.55 million RTs before) and more people are still retweeting," wrote the high-profile Maezawa. The previous record-holder was an American teenager in 2017 trying to win a year's supply of chicken nuggets from fast food chain Wendy's, according to media. In October, Maezawa said he paid an undisclosed sum for a ticket on fellow tycoon Elon Musk's SpaceX rocket around the moon as early as 2023. Maezawa will hitch a ride aboard Musk's Big Falcon Rocket, which SpaceX has acknowledged may not be ready for human flight for at least five years. Known as a passionate art collector, he also plans to take around half-a-dozen artists with him on the trip. Maezawa is chief executive of Japan's largest online fashion store and is the 18th richest person in Japan, with an estimated fortune of \$2 billion, according to business magazine Forbes. AFP

Thousands Stung in Australian Jellyfish 'Invasion'



Highly venomous jellyfish have stung more than three thousand people on Australia's northeastern shores in just a few days, authorities said on Monday, forcing the closure of several beaches. The massive influx of Portuguese man o' war jellyfish, whose stings are notoriously painful, has been described as an "invasion" by local media in the state of Queensland. Coastguard association Surf Life Saving said a "whopping" 3,595 people had suffered painful burns after encounters with the creatures, also known as bluebottles for their transparent bluish appearance. At least four major beaches remained closed as the organisation warned that even more jellyfish were on their way. "A wall of bluebottles is approaching #Rainbow beach. Lifesavers are closing the beach. Please stay out of the water," read one of several warnings from Surf Life Saving. The extraordinary number of stings in the last few days has occurred as strong onshore winds have come in from the northeast, bringing the creatures into contact with swimmers. The doctors' group describes the symptoms of a sting as an "immediate sharp pain and acute inflammatory skin reaction". AFP

Crossword

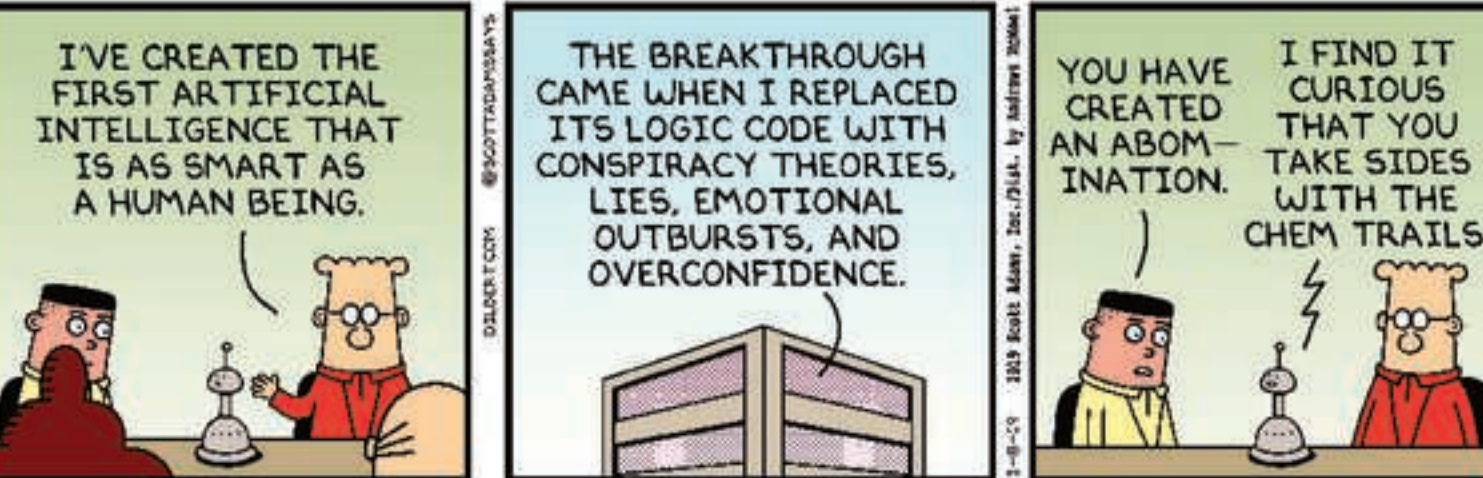


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- Corrupt political mire sucks in last of Tory MPs (8,6)
  - I ran into northbound couple (4)
  - Spys cased large European fair (6)
  - When to eat flesh overlapping fruit (8)
  - Something in ashtay raises objections (4)
  - Piece of zinc is easy to etch (6)
  - Doctor runs team, 13 nurses? That's out of proportion (14)
  - Nosey lecturer supports rocket experts (5)
  - Stroke stomach on left (5)
  - Drivers collect double-parking charge, that's obvious (8)
  - Carry out operation (6)
  - Change your mind about fast time (6)
  - Phone company covering the Spanish zone (4)
  - Where to see animals Mike shot perhaps (4)

**SOLUTION TO No. 7297:**  
**ACROSS:** 1 Cosmetically. 8 Nervous. 9 Furious. 11 Integument. 12 Echo. 14 Parabola. 16 Baobab. 17 Eve. 19 Twinge. 21 Ego trips. 24 Brag. 25 Drawing pin. 27 Execute. 28 Illness. 29 Hydrotherapy. **DOWN:** 1 Curator. 2 Sponge bags. 3 Ensemble. 4 Infant. 5 Airy. 6 Lion cub. 7 Indisputable. 10 Show business. 13 East Anglia. 15 Ave. 18 Egg white. 20 Imagery. 22 Impiety. 23 Urgent. 26 Burr. ©The Daily Mail

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HIDATO FIND THE PATH - SOLVE THE PUZZLE

Complete the grid so that numbers 1-60 connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally:

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**Yesterday's puzzle solution.**

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete this puzzle.

**CLUES**

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- jumbles (7)
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Yesterday's Answers: 1. FREEZING 2. SCORCH 3. LURCHED 4. SHUNTED 5. SANOBOG 6. LIMPIDNESS 7. TOUCHSTONE 1/25