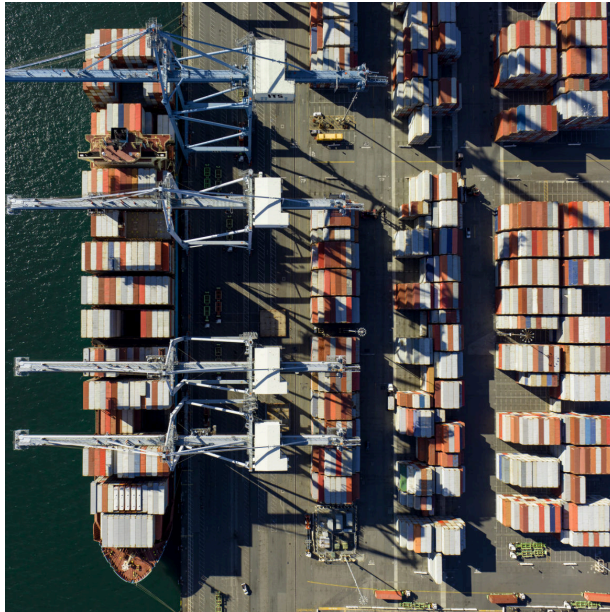


## Catch up: Trump tariffs take effect; businesses react



**President Donald Trump's** baseline **levy** of 10% on all imports came into effect on Saturday. Higher “reciprocal” rates on countries which, in his view, have treated America unfairly, will kick in on April 9th. Earlier Jerome Powell, chair of America's Federal Reserve, warned that the tariffs would spur inflation and slow economic growth.

**Businesses** reeled from the tariffs. Jaguar Land Rover, an Indian-owned British carmaker, said it will pause all shipments to America for a month while it considers the levies' impact. On Friday **markets** plunged after China retaliated against Mr Trump's tariffs with an additional levy of 34% on all American imports. The S&P 500 slid by 6% in a day, while in Europe the Stoxx 600 ended the week down 8.4%.

**India** signed defence and energy contracts with **Sri Lanka** to counteract China's influence in the Indian Ocean. As part of a five-year defence pact the countries agreed to joint military exercises and training programmes. On his visit to Sri Lanka Narendra Modi,

India's prime minister, said that the security of the two countries is "interdependent".

**Binyamin Netanyahu**, Israel's prime minister, will reportedly visit the **White House** on Monday. Mr Netanyahu will be the first foreign leader to visit Mr Trump after he announced his "retaliatory tariffs", including a 17% levy on [Israel](#). According to Axios, a news outlet, the pair will also discuss Israel's renewed offensive in Gaza, as well as Iran's nuclear programme.

The death toll from the 7.7-magnitude **earthquake** that hit [Myanmar](#) last week topped 3,300. The United Nations renewed its call for aid to the country; a top official said that the damage across Mandalay, a central city, was "staggering". The UN has accused Myanmar's junta of blocking humanitarian assistance from reaching parts of the country that it thinks support rebel groups.

**Volodymyr Zelensky** said plans to deploy foreign troops in Ukraine would be finalised within a month. The [Ukrainian president](#) did not specify which countries would contribute to the contingent that will be tasked with patrolling Ukrainian land, sea and airspace. Earlier a Russian missile killed at least 18 people in the city of Kryvyi Rih in central Ukraine, according to local officials.

**Ronin**, a giant African pouched rat, set a new landmine-sniffing record, uncovering more than 100 mines in [Cambodia](#). Landmines from consecutive wars in the country have killed tens of thousands of people there in the past four decades. Rats like Ronin are trained to sniff out chemicals used in the weapons. The Guinness Book of World Records congratulated the rodent for his "crucial work".

**Word of the week:** *Mütterrente* ("mothers' pension"), a German benefit to compensate parents for years spent raising children rather than working. [Read the full story](#).

*Donald Trump has begun his second term at a blistering pace.  
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and what Americans think about it all on [our presidential tracker](#).*

# The Economist forecasts Canada's election result



Under the leadership of [Mark Carney](#), Canada's prime minister since March, the Liberal Party has revived. In opinion polling for the federal election on April 28th, the party has surged by 23 percentage points since January—one of the largest increases of any party in rich democracies during this decade. Mr Carney has two men to thank: Justin Trudeau, whose resignation as prime minister in January allowed the Liberals to move on from his unpopular government; and Donald Trump, whose belligerence has caused a wave of patriotism among Canadians.

Based on trends from the past 24 federal elections, *The Economist* is forecasting the plausible outcomes on election day. Along with nationwide polling, [our forecast](#) projects the result in each of Canada's 343 constituencies (known as ridings). Our statistical model suggests that the Liberals have an 83% chance of winning the most seats. The Conservative Party, which led polls until last month, has a 17% chance.

## An emergency meeting of Turkey's opposition party



The Republican People's Party (CHP), Turkey's main opposition party, holds an emergency congress on Sunday, to prevent what it sees as an attempt by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's government to topple its leadership. Two weeks ago the party's presidential candidate, Ekrem Imamoglu, was arrested on corruption charges—a move that was almost certainly orchestrated by Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the president. Now the party fears that the government will remove its leader, Ozgur Ozel.

Earlier this year prosecutors launched a probe into claims that the CHP's previous congress, which saw the party elect Mr Ozel as its chair, had been compromised by corruption. The CHP worries that the government will use those allegations to replace Mr Ozel with a temporary trustee, who would make way for a more pliable leader. Mr Ozel hopes to stop that happening at Sunday's congress by winning re-election.



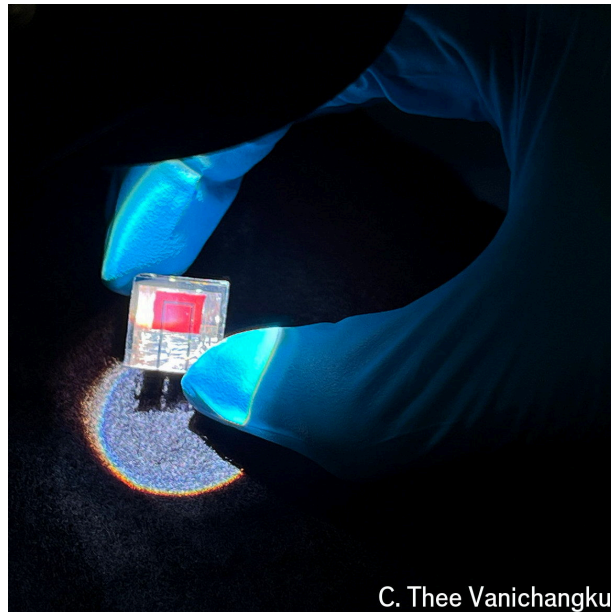
# Britain's quirky tax year



Sunday marks the start of Britain's new tax year. Employers' national-insurance contributions will rise to 15% of employee earnings; the threshold at which they kick in will fall, too. "Non-doms"—people who live in Britain but claim their permanent home is elsewhere—will now [pay tax](#) on their overseas income. But why does Britain's tax year begin on such a seemingly [random](#) date?

In the Middle Ages, Britain's de facto tax year ended on Lady Day, a religious festival in late March, by when debts had to be settled. In 1752 the country harmonised its calendar with Europe's, making a one-off excision of 11 days in the process. It made sense to shift the tax calendar forward by the same amount. When income tax was introduced in 1799 it cemented the new date, April 6th, for good. Germany, France and America harmonise their tax dates with the calendar year. Boffins argue Britain should rationalise its regime and join them.

# Could Moon dust be the future of solar power?



Ambitions to inhabit the Moon or other planetary bodies have been frustrated by the requirement to ferry heavy solar panels to produce energy for research activities and powering equipment once spacecraft reach their destination. Solar panels, for instance, accounted for around one-tenth of the mass of Juno, the vehicle used in NASA's 2011 mission to Jupiter. Finding a better alternative has been high on researchers' list of priorities.

Felix Lang of the University of Potsdam, and colleagues, have developed a new panel made with glass based on lunar regolith, the dusty material kicked up by Neil Armstrong and others in the decades since man first walked on the Moon. Dr Lang didn't have access to real regolith, so he used a terrestrial material with similar properties that can melt into glass at temperatures achievable in space using simple equipment, reducing the need to haul panels up into space. His new glass is lighter and cheaper than traditional solar panels, and could reduce a craft's launch mass by as much as 99% This out-of-this-world result could transform spaceflight in the near future.

# Keeping up with the Kims

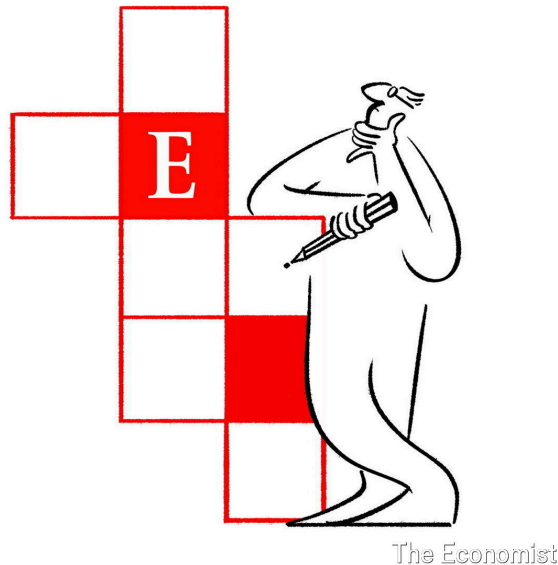


Westerners desperate for a carefully stage-managed tour of the world's most secluded country will get a chance on Sunday. North Korea will be holding the Pyongyang Marathon for the first time since 2019. Participants can take in North Korea's Arch of Triumph (6m taller than its French equivalent) and the Kim Il Sung Stadium, home to the country's surprisingly good [women's football team](#), as they jog. Whether from the running or from nerves about the repressive regime, sweating is guaranteed.

After locking down completely in 2020 to stop covid-19 getting in (and its citizens getting out), North Korea has been careful about reopening for tourists. Since last year just a few have been allowed to visit. Most have been from Russia, North Korea's [new best friend](#). That hesitance is understandable. Tourists bring information about the outside world. And nothing makes North Korea's brutal regime perspire quite like the thought of its people learning about life beyond the country's borders.



# Weekly crossword



We now publish an interactive edition of our crossword, allowing you to enter and check the answers, and see explanations, instantly. Try it [here](#). Or, if you prefer to do things the old-fashioned way, use the grid below.

Our crossword has two sets of clues, one for seasoned cruciverbalists and the other for less experienced solvers. Both give the same answers, all of which feature in articles in this week's edition of *The Economist*:

## Cryptic clues

*1 down* Illegal trade in colourless smut (extremely explicit) (5,6)

*1 across* Wardrobe at legislature hides John or Paul, say (6)

*2 across* Confusing lie: I'm a politician (5)

*3 across* Time passing, we hear, on social media app (6)

## Factual clues

*1 down* What China has for personal data (5,6)

*1 across* One member of a band that remains fascinating, 60 years on (6)

*2 across* Someone who appears to have clinched another bail-out with the IMF (5)

*3 across* What has become a font of information for people trying to claim asylum in Britain (6)

Email all four answers, along with your home city and country, by 9am GMT on Monday to [crossword@economist.com](mailto:crossword@economist.com). We will pick randomly from those with the right answers and crown three winners in next week's edition.

## The winners of this week's quiz



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Thank you to everyone who took part in this week's quiz. The winners, chosen at random, were:

**Nyna Hill**, Ladysmith, Canada

**Milagros Pinon**, Miami, Florida, America

**Gemma Javid**, Riccarton, Scotland

They all gave the correct answers of Ashley and Mary-Kate Olsen, Penny Lane, Planet of the Apes, Lex and Kent. The theme is Superman; he has a friend in Jimmy Olsen, a love interest in Lois Lane, he works for the Daily Planet newspaper, he battles Lex Luthor and his alter ego is Clark Kent.

The questions were:

**Monday:** Which acting twins later set up a fashion studio called "The Row"?

**Tuesday:** Which song, about a street in Liverpool, was on a double A-side single with "Strawberry Fields Forever"?

**Wednesday:** Which 1968 film starring Charlton Heston was the start of a long-running franchise that has generated 10 movies to date?

**Thursday:** What is the name of the long-running investment column of the Financial Times?

**Friday:** Which county is often nicknamed “the garden of England”?

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