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20180316 : Happiness report: Finland is world's 'happiest country' - UN

Happiness report: Finland is world's 'happiest country' - UN

This year's happiest place on Earth is [Finland](#), according to an [annual](#) UN report - toppling [Norway](#) from the [top spot](#).

Finland ['finlənd] n. 芬兰 (欧洲)

topple ['tə p(ə)l] vt. 推翻；颠覆

Norway ['nɔrweɪ] n. 挪威 (北欧国家名)

spot [spɒt] n. 地点；

top spot - 榜首；最高位置

20180319 : Stephen Hawking dies at 76

Stephen Hawking, Who **examined** the **Universe** and **Explained** Black Holes,

Dies at 76

A **physicist** and best-selling author, Dr. Hawking did not allow his **physical** **limitations** to **hinder** his **quest** to answer "the big question: Where did the universe come from?"

examine [ɪg'zæmɪn] vt. 研究 考试

universe ['ju:nɪvɜ:s] n. 宇宙；世界；领域

explain [ɪk'splen] v. 说明；解释

Black Holes - n. 宇宙黑洞

physical ['fɪzɪkl] adj. 物理的；身体的；生理上的

limitation [,lɪmə'teʃn] n. 局限性；

hinder ['hɪndə] vt. 阻碍；打扰

quest [kwɛst] vi. 追求；寻找

physicist ['fɪzɪsɪst] n. 物理学家；唯物论者

20180320 : The Hottest Social Scene in Town

The **Hottest Social Scene** in Town Isn't the Singles' Bar. It's the Supermarket.

As traditional community **hangouts shrink**, supermarkets are becoming the place where people meet to socialize—and **even** fall in love

hottest [hɔtɪst] adj. 热的；最热门的；热烈的

social ['səʊʃ(ə)l] adj. 社会的，社交的；群居的

scene [sin] n. 场面；情景；景象；事件

social scene - n. 社交场合

hangout ['hæŋjaʊt] n. 巢穴；场所

shrink [ʃrɪŋk] n. 收缩；减少

socialize ['səʊʃəlaɪz] vi. 交际；参与社交

20180321 : Brands Millennials

These Are the **Brands** Millennials Are **Emotionally** Attached To

When MBLM, a company that calls itself the “Brand Intimacy Agency,” dug into the data and broke it out by age groups, it found that Apple has attracted the strongest emotional bond with millennials. Disney ranked as the second most intimate brand for millennials, followed by YouTube, according to the company.

brand [brænd] n. 商标，牌子；烙印

millennial [mɪ'lənɪərl] adj. 一千年的；千禧年的

millennials - n. 千禧世代；千禧之子；千禧一代

emotionally [ɪ'moʃnli] adv. 感情上；情绪上

intimacy [ɪ'ntɪməsɪ] n. 性行为；亲密；亲昵行为；

dug [dʌg] v. 挖掘 (dig 的过去式和过去分词) n. 乳房

20180322 : Empty-nesters 'resent boomerang kids'

Empty-nesters 'resent boomerang kids'

Adults who **move back** home after **moving away** are **causing** their parents stress and conflict, a study suggests.

nester ['nestə] n. 穴居的兽；筑巢的鸟

resent [rɪ'zɛnt] vt. 怨恨；愤恨；厌恶

cause [kɔz] n. 原因 vt. 引起

stress [stres] n. 压力 紧张；

20180323 : Sorghum Fight Offers a Taste of Trade Retaliation

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The fallout for American farmers of Beijing's probe into whether the U.S. "dumps" sorghum onto the Chinese market offers a taste of the trade tensions to come.

sorghum ['sɔrgəm] n. 高粱

taste [teɪst] n. 味道

fallout ['fɔ:lau̯t] n. 放射性尘埃 这里指意想不到的结果

farmers ['fɑrməz] n. [农] 农民

probe [prob] n. 调查 vi. 调查

whether ['wɛðə] conj. 是否

dump [dʌmp] vt. 倾倒

retaliation [rɪ'tæli'eiʃn] n. 报复；反击

20180326 : Russia spy poisoning: 23 UK diplomats expelled from Moscow

Russia spy poison*ing*: 23 UK **diplomats expelle**d from **Moscow**

Russia is to **expel** 23 British **diplomats in a row** over the **nerve agent** attack
on an ex-spy and his daughter in the UK.

20180327 : Li Ka-shing, Hong Kong's Richest Man, Will Retire, Ending an Era

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Li Ka-shing, a high school **dropout** who got his start selling plastic flowers, will **retire** from the **empire** that made him Hong Kong's richest man, he said on Friday, bringing a **symbolic** end to an **era** when the road to China's riches went through the **onetime British colony**.

20180328 : China New Central Bank Chief

China to Name New Central Bank Chief as It Seeks Continuity Amid Change

Yi Gang, an American-educated **economist**, is set to **succeed** Zhou Xiaochuan, the central bank's **governor** for more than 15 years, two people **familiar** with the **decision** said. The choice of Mr. Yi, a **protégé** and **deputy** of Mr. Zhou, almost **guarantees continuity** in Chinese policy.

20180329 : Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes charged with \$700m fraud

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The founder of a US start-up that promised to revolutionise blood testing has agreed to settle charges that she raised over \$700m (£500m) fraudulently.

20180330 : Facebook Owes Better Security to Its Users, Zuckerberg says

Facebook [Owes Better Security to Its Users, Zuckerberg](#) says

In his first statements since it was [revealed](#) that a [political](#) data firm [obtained](#) the data of 50 million Facebook users, Mark Zuckerberg said if the site can't protect information, "then we don't [deserve](#) to serve you."

The company has also faced [criticism](#) over Russian [manipulation](#) during the 2016 [election](#), as well as the [rise](#) of [misinformation](#).

