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Indulgence.

In Cambodia we know about indulgence, it's a place where good times and down-market desires are easy to come by. Where else can you buy a carton of cigarettes for a \$1.25? And Cambo brand comes with coupons you can redeem to get extra free ones. Tobacco is the worst example of indulgence because it has no redeeming values, but it's still instructive regarding government letting people be themselves. International players really want Cambodia to increase tobacco taxes to discourage smoking and in a sense it makes sense, but in addition to cutting back on undesirable habits or desires sin taxes are also designed to penalize the peons. It makes no difference to fat cats if a pack of cigarettes cost \$25 as they do in Australia.

As stated previously I believe everyone has a right to their own poison, including tobacco. In the US tobacco use among adults has gone from 70% in the 1960s to less than 20% now. Advertising and promotion of fags was so pervasive back then people like myself started smoking at a very early age, for me it was 12. My parents who smoked would tell me not to, but what kind of moral authority did they have? They were a poor example. The industry worked very hard promoting denial right from the beginning so that some people think we weren't aware of it's dangers until more recently, but no, we called them coffin nails back in the fifties when I started. Still, when Camel ads claimed that 9 out of 10 doctors preferred them you got conflicting signals.

By the time tobacco advertising was banned on TV in spite of the industry's claims that the link between their product and disease wasn't clear a concerted effort was made to change course, thus the dramatic decline in tobacco use.

That was done through education. The entire society turned against tobacco and to a great extent it worked. The expense makes a difference, but once you're stuck on them you'll pay whatever you have to to get your fix and drain your wallet in the process, unless of course you have deep pockets. It's unfair to those who are addicted and poor, like family people who buy cigs when they should be buying food or other important items. Tobacco taxes probably should be raised some, but very much and the higher cost might do more harm than good in regards to the countryside people who smoke.

I know people who puff away when they're here, but not when they visit or return home to the west, which says two things. One that they're not addicted, if they can take them or leave them, they'll probably not smoke enough or long enough to develop a disease, so while there's still nothing good about them, irregular smoking won't cause serious harm. And second, smokers get pleasure or think they get pleasure from them; part of me thinks that's absurd, but they evidently do satisfy something in the people who do it. Actually I can understand that since I like smoking pot much more than eating it. When I go through my regular bouts of coughing from smoking too much after smoking one thing or another for the last 65 years, I miss the act of smoking; edibles just don't do it for me. In the end result, I think education is enough to accomplish the goal of minimizing tobacco use.

Alcohol is different. Along with the potentially terrible things it does to us it really does have redeeming values. It eases our mental and physical pains, relaxes our inhibitions and temporarily lets us relieve our frustrations and woes. Needless to say it can get out of hand; you feel so good after a few drinks you

can't help wanting more, but there's that price to pay. Still it's great to be in a place where it's cheap enough to indulge when you want. At a price of one dollar or less in my favorite bars, my maximum four or five beers in one night is easy on a limited pension.

Here in Kampot many of us do our socializing in bars. While hanging out at friend's places is also cool, bars offer lot more in terms of getting together and not just meeting friends, but potential new friends. With alcohol as a lubricant, it can be very enjoyable. Back in the states I'd be home six nights a week drinking by myself. It would be excruciatingly boring, just like the two nights a week here I force myself to stay home and not drink. In fact the



brew is really starting to weigh on me physically, but still, the music, the laughter, the good times are irreplaceable and would be sorely missed if I had to be back there where I couldn't afford to go out much.

I talked to a Swedish guy not long ago who said people don't go out much there partly because the penalty for getting stopped driving home with even a small amount of alcohol in your system can be severe. It's also very expensive to drink, so they stay home: what kind of life is that? Maybe you're not damaging your body, but that kind of living could be really depressing, especially if you don't have a lot of friends or romantic possibilities. And maybe it's more damaging to your body to be unhappy than it is to have a couple beers.

Many studies have shown that people who drink a moderate 2 drinks a day live longer than teetotalers. A more recent study claimed that any alcohol is bad for you, but I don't buy it, I won't buy it. People have been imbibing alcoholic drinks for millennia. Besides, if it was good enough for Jesus, it's good enough for me: remember, His first miracle was turning water into wine.

When you place high taxes on alcohol you are penalizing the poor for being poor. Even in a rich country like Sweden there are lots of people on low incomes. With difficult lives, they're the ones that need a drink now and then as much or even more than those who are better off. It's true that Scandinavians have had a reputation as hard drinkers and that responsible governments would want to curb those excesses, but those long winter nights are so dark and cold, they can hardly be faulted for needing a bit of cheering up.

If you're into spirits, here it's nothing compared what they cost in the west. Imagine a liter bottle of Baileys for \$15, I hear it's \$75 in Australia. Or a shot in a pub for \$2 or \$2.50. Why should a

shot of Baileys be reserved for the middle classes and up? What's so bad about having a bottle to nip on during those boring nights when you are stuck at home? Sin taxes are unfair.

Some people would characterize Cambodia as a place that's gone too far in serving people's tendency to indulge their alcohol habits because it's easy enough to drink yourself to oblivion and a lot of people who have little else to occupy their time do just that. But really, it's their choice. Sure they should be discouraged from that lifestyle, but let them be, it's their life.

My favorite substance of indulgence is cannabis. In that case Cambodia is somewhat ambivalent. It's illegal, same as all the other drugs on the UN's list of forbidden highs and you can sure get some real time behind bars for selling it, but most times when they bust a peasant farmer, they simply educate him: bad boy, don't do it again. Meanwhile, lots of pot fields are owned by the police and military. And somehow even though it's illegal, there are lots of happy pizza restaurants located in prominent places where they'll sprinkle weed on your pizza for a reasonable extra charge. They seem to have no problem obtaining it and no problem with the police for openly serving it in their eateries.

Cambodians have had a long association with marijuana and it was only after the UN took over to hold elections in 1993 that they forced the country to prohibit it. Before that you could go to a large public market in Phnom Penh and buy a shopping bag of it for a dollar. Subsistence farmers would smoke it when they couldn't afford tobacco... admittedly it wasn't very strong then. They'd also flavor their soups with it. Just ordinary life.

Today the quality has improved greatly and it's readily available. Not just that, but it's often smoked openly in some bars and restaurants, though the police in Phnom Penh went around the bars quite a few years ago and told everyone to chill it. What bar and restaurant owners in the capital will do today is tell you to smoke out front rather than inside. Police don't patrol often, hardly ever that I remember, and not looking to bust for a few puffs anyway.

Countries like Canada, Uruguay and Portugal have made recreational use totally legal. Ten US states have also legalized it and many others are preparing to do the same so it makes no sense to continue a regressive anti-pot regime here in Cambodia. The criminalization of pot has always been a political issue since it's always been clear that it's essentially a harmless drug. Back in the sixties a US federal task force suggested that laws on it be eased, but Nixon looked at the main users at the time, minorities and the counterculture, and figured he could use harsh drug laws to target those groups he hated.

No-one has ever overdosed on it, that's impossible. The US National Institute of Health has calculated that you'd need to smoke a ton of it in a short time to OD. Additionally, no death from disease has ever been attributed to it. Well, sure, anything you smoke is going to be an irritant and if you smoke too much your throat will feel it. In my case forcing me to stop for a week or two a few times a year.

Cannabis is a wonder of the plant kingdom: given ideal conditions it'll grow from a seed to 6 meters, 20 feet, in four months. It makes a fine paper – the Declaration of Independence was written on it. It makes a quality fabric and strong rope. Hemp bricks can be used in construction, oil from the seeds makes a clean biodiesel and it's a more efficient producer of ethanol than corn. It also can be made into plastic and the seeds are a nutritious food. All in all a magical plant. It should be noted that while hemp has had the THC bred out of it, the plant that produces bud is just as good for producing hemp. It's all in the way it's grown. Grow them close together and you get long stalks

with few leaves and buds; give the plants lots of room and you get fat ones with lots of bud.

It's a magical medicine in some cases. Glaucoma is one of the best examples. One conservative country woman's experience was the impetus for Oregon legalizing medical marijuana in the 80s. She had a serious case of glaucoma and was due for an operation on a Monday morning. She'd heard about weed's medicinal properties – she lived in a county that was also home to a good number of hippies – and figured she had nothing to lose by trying it. She started smoking on Friday night and kept on all weekend. When she went for a pre-op checkup the doctor looked at her and said she was fine and needed no operation. She contacted her state legislator, a conservative Republican, and he became a strong advocate for the law change. (As a caveat, it doesn't work in all cases of Glaucoma.) It also works miracles on epilepsy and Parkinson's disease. You can see a video on the net of a man with uncontrollable shakes from Parkinson's trying pot for the first time; in a very short time he stops shaking.

There are suggestions that Thailand may soon make medical cannabis legal, an important first step in ending the insane drug war in which SE Asia is one of the worst actors. Several countries in the region – Singapore, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines – execute drug offenders, sometimes for piddling amounts. Fifty grams of heroin in Singapore is a mandatory death sentence. Singapore is the



worst: as an example of its ultimate assholeishness a young couple returning home from a vacation in Australia was drug tested upon arrival and each received two years in prison for their terrible crimes of smoking pot in a foreign country.

With so many western jurisdictions legalizing recreational pot, maybe it's time for Cambodia to take the lead in our region in easing up from it's now quasi-legal status – happy pizza restaurants – to at least decriminalize. A land of indulgence with cheap tobacco, alcohol and pot is one of its best attractions for both expats and travelers. I see no indication that access those pleasures has been a problem.

Well, I must admit indulgence can go too far. It's easy to drink yourself to death here and it happens with regularity. Add relatively easy access to hard drugs and if you're bent on ending it all you can OD any time you want. That also happens with regularity, but as I've said repeatedly, everybody has a right to their own poison. For sure people need to be educated to the dangers of what they're doing, but in this case it's the expat community that should take the initiative to remind people of the sad potential of ending it all for those who don't necessarily want to die but don't realize the ultimate dangers.

If you take Portugal's experience as an example, it's actually best to make all drugs legal. Since they did that ten years ago, there's less crime and fewer deaths from ODing. The atmosphere in our region is not ready for such drug laws, but education is much better than repression and incarceration

Cambodia is one of the easiest places to live and enjoy life. Entertainment is one of its strong points. Letting people without a lot of money stay here leaves room for typical musicians and artists, who rarely are flush, to ply their trades. And the country is enriched by their gifts.

It's time for Cambodia to join the world's more advanced nations and ease up on drug laws to go along with cheap booze.

We're here to enjoy life! Cambostan

IN BAD TASTE

Cardinal Pell Is Going Down

Cardinal George Pell and his sexual abuse case have attracted a lot of media attention, and it is with this in mind that I've written the latest in my proposed 'Cardinal Pell Anthology'.

This one is called 'Cardinal Pell Is Going Down'

Cardinal Pell is going down
Down, down, in the ground
In the ground, without a sound
To see the devil, and his big, black hound

Cardinal Pell, he's one of a kind
One of a kind, he's lost his mind
He's lost his mind, I think you'll find
Now he's going to Hell, over a boy's behind

Cardinal Pell, his daily 'grind'
His daily grind, as he wined and dined
The sweet young boys, whose hands he'd bind
His own death warrant, now almost certainly signed

Highland Games in Transsexual Brouhaha

The Highland Games organisation, which organises the Highland Games, have come under criticism for the level of transsexual representation at the games. The games have been around for over a hundred years and feature a variety of events such as tossing the caber, throwing the hammer, and chasing the sheep.

Geoff Man of the Institute of Gender Studies said that the games did not truly reflect the diversity of Scotland as it is in the 21st century. "It's quite strange really," he said, "You have all these athletes going there to perform, and every single one of them is wearing a kilt and a pubic wig. I mean they're very muscly and they have nice legs, but where are the real men?"

Angus Steak of Auchtermuchty thought the Highland Games should remain the way it is. "It wouldnae be the same if they let trouser-wearing Sassenachs come in and ruin the event. We like oor cross-dressing sports up here."

Islamic Sharia Law Would Make Luton England's Capital

A government investigation into the activities of some branches of the Islamic faith in the UK, has turned up information that, in the event of a total Moslemisation of the country, and the adoption of Sharia Law, Luton, and not London, would be the capital city of England.

This, despite that fact that Luton is a town, not a city.

Luton has a high population of practising Muslims, along with a large number of mosques - 26 at the last count - and would be a natural choice for the seat of government.

In the 2001 census, 26,963 Muslims were to be found living in Luton; by 2011, this figure had leapt to 49,991. This, out of a total of 203,201 residents. It's not clear how high the 2021 figure will be.

Luton is just 26 miles from London, and has its own airport just 1.5 miles from the town center - handy if you need to make a quick getaway to 'foreign parts'.

The report found that Muslims preferred Luton to other British-white-minority locations, such as Leicester and Slough, and to London, due to the community closeness and spirit evident there, and the friendliness of non-Muslims towards Muslims and their religion.

But not everyone is happy. Some people interviewed said they were thinking of moving out of Luton, because of the way it's been 'conquered' by Islam.

On a lighter note, the town's football team, Luton Town, was once represented, on its board of directors, by the brilliant comedian, Eric Morecambe, whose catchphrase "What do you think of it so far?", was always answered by himself, out of the corner of his mouth:

"Rubbish!"

He would not have been impressed.

But one social commentator said:

"Who can say which people can live in a place, and which cannot? Who has the right to do so? Only the strongest. If people live together in harmony, and the society, or community, flourishes, all is well. If it does not, the Society, itself, will take matters into its own hands, and will decide what is best for the Society. This is Natural Law."

Another man, Moys Kenwood, 55, said:

"Can't see it happening, meself. The town is a rundown 1960s sort of place, and the shops are all crap."

"I'm on YOUR side" insists woman who has cut police and public services to the f*cking bone

Theresa May is on YOUR side, apparently.

The Prime Minister who, in her illustrious political career, has cut police numbers to levels that everyone agrees are too low, cut public services to the extent that local buses in rural areas are basically fictional, and overseen a benefits system that basically finishes off the long-term sick, made the claim last night.

"Oh goody," said a definitely-not-sarcastic Simon Williams.

"Somebody broke into my shed the other night and it took the police an hour to get here as there are hardly any police left in this town. Thank God I keep all of the REALLY good porn in the loft.

"I don't think we even have a police force anymore, it's just one bloke turning up in a series of comedy moustaches at this point to make it LOOK like there are at least three coppers knocking about.

"But sure, the woman who made the police go away is on MY side. Cracking. Maybe she can help track down my lawnmower."

Hayley Rice, a single mother, said, "What a comforting thought is; to have the Prime Minister on MY side.

"Perhaps she can help me with the shopping this week - I mean I say "shopping", I mean "visiting a food bank" because my universal credit payments are caught up in a backlog.

"See you soon, Theresa. We'll have a cup of tea at mine after - bring a jumper, I can't afford to heat the place so it might get nippy.

"I won't need one, though. Knowing you are on my side has warmed my heart THAT much."

'A second referendum would be undemocratic, plus we don't have sufficient funds to cheat again' insists Vote Leave

Vote Leave and Leave.EU have stated that a second referendum would not only be undemocratic, but that rigging it would not be financially viable for them

Anti-EU campaign Vote Leave was once again fined yesterday for sending out hundreds of thousands of spam text messages in the run-up to the Brexit vote.

Spokesperson Simon Williams told reporters, "Undermining the democratic process is an expensive business. There was this fine yesterday, plus the three for undeclared donations, the one for breaking electoral law, the one for overspending on the campaign and the one for syphoning funds between parties.

"Not to mention all the favours we had to do for the Russians. Those people that hacked everybody's Facebook accounts weren't cheap, either.

"We can wear these costs as long as we get the result we want, but a second time? Not sure.

“Our most economic option now is to really push the ‘undemocratic’ angle and hope that no one picks up on our lack of internal logic.

“After all, a second vote would cause untold political damage to our country. Unlike the first vote, which wasn’t damaging at all.”

Nigel Farage’s Brexit Betrayal March hires 200 Polish walkers after finding Brits are not willing to do the job

Nigel Farage’s Brexit Betrayal March has been given a new lease of life after hiring two-hundred Polish walkers to boost their flagging attempts to march on London.

Just four days into the march, numbers have dwindled to such an extent that the entire march was able to take cover from the rain under a single bus shelter.

A spokesperson for the march told us, “Yes, numbers are pretty thin, but that was always the plan. By making the march embarrassingly small, it keeps you liberal elites talking about it – checkmate libtard!”



But the march will now move on with renewed vigour after organisers were able to find Europeans willing to do the work that British nationals seemingly couldn’t be bothered with.

Recruitment consultant Simon Williams told us, “Despite many weeks of publicity, Nigel has only gathered enough marchers to just about create a football team – as long as they don’t need subs.

“So it’s no surprise they’ve gone down the route of many British businesses who struggle when Brits don’t want to do the work – they’ve hired enthusiastic Poles to take over.

“Whether it’s fruit picking, digging holes, or working in kitchens – lots of Europeans are willing to pick up the slack when Brits think the work is beneath them. And clearly, most Brits think marching for Nigel Farage is very much beneath them.

“On the plus side, they’re excellent marchers, have a strong work ethic, and have been extremely happy to talk to people along the way. Not like the miserable handful of Brits still going along with them.”

Many Brits hope the march is cut short by Farage taking a wrong turn and falling off a cliff.

Parents who want “confusing” LGBT rights classes banned somehow fine with algebra

Parents who want classes around LGBT rights stopped on the grounds that they are “confusing” are somehow fine with all of the other confusing shite their children will have hammered into their ears at school.

Some schools have dropped the classes from their teaching program at the behest of parents who are apparently scared that little Timmy might find it all a bit much.

“They’re fine with algebra, dinosaurs and physics though, which seems inconsistent,” said puzzled headteacher, Simon Williams.

“I mean no disrespect to children, but they know absolutely jack shit about anything. EVERYTHING is confusing. Have you ever tried explaining a giraffe to someone who’s never seen or heard of

one before? It’s a rollercoaster.

“So this is a bit weird and kind of a shame, as statistically speaking, at least one kid in every class is likely to be gay and it would have been cool to teach the kids that there’s nothing icky about that.

“But then they’ve come from homes where parents find LGBT stuff so ‘confusing that they’ve actually gone to the trouble of knocking up signs and having protests to make us stop talking about it, so I’m sure everything is going to work out fantastically for everybody.”

Parent, Hayley Rice, said, “It’s confusing, so no, don’t teach them that.

“Hmm? Algebra? No that’s fine, you can teach them that. That’s not confusing. Nobody does it up the bum in algebra, do they? No, cool, yes, crack on then.

“No, of course I can’t do a quadratic equation, sod off.”

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Crash of the month goes to. Van Tong, male, 48 years old, an agricultural official in Koh Kong Province. He pulled out in front of a Royal Gendarmerie 4Runner who was then hit from behind by another car.

Will the Chinese screw themselves?

BY SAL UT
THE CAMBODIA DREARY

National Route 4 is 214km long. The new freeway (built by the Chinese which will be toll) is 192km long. So will Sinoville be classified as within Naga casinos 200km exclusive rights zone for casinos?

We can only hope that the powers that be pay attention and ban casinos in Sinoville. Judging by the amount of cash they are throwing around it is doubtful though. Most casinos being built are owned by junket operators. Even the largest one is not allowed a license in Macao. It says something about their



Psst. Wanna buy a gun in Sinoville check out Wechat they seem to have plenty!

Electrifying deals on offer!

BY CHOY MAI
THE CAMBODIA DREARY

Power cuts everywhere and businesses are losing significant amounts due to the pathetic state of power generation here.

The kingdom does produce enough power for itself but most of it is sold to neighbouring countries, especially Vietnam. There are no transmission cables from the south coast to Phnom Penh so it all goes through Vietnam. The same goes for the Sesan dams north of the capitol.

Kampot just announced burying all cables to

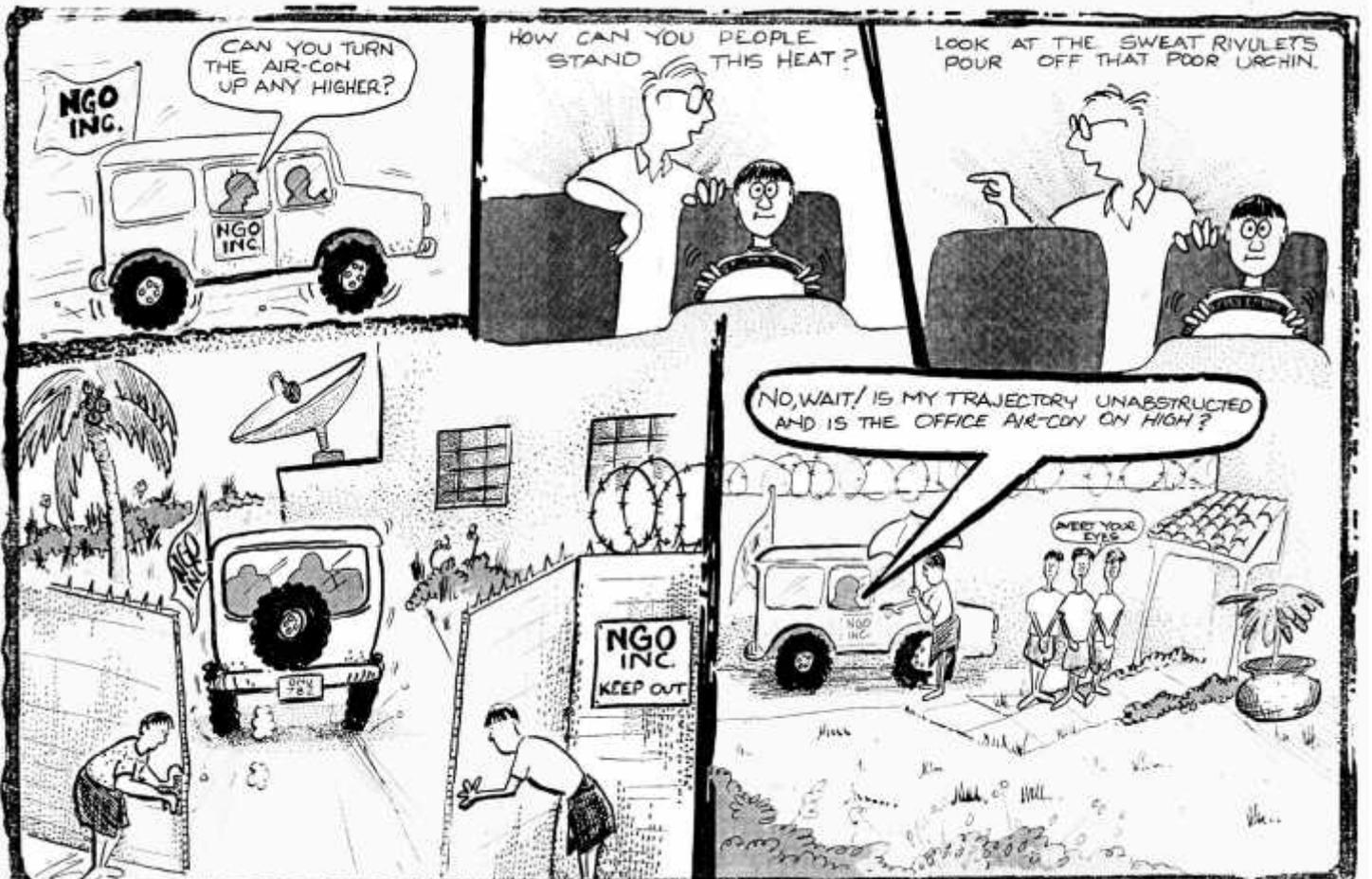
beautify the town with authorities announcing they had contacted MPTC and The Vietnam electricity Authority!

In the past The Vietnamese wanted to raise the price per unit in Kompong Cham and Thom provinces. The authorities dithered as usual so the Viets cut the power for over a week to speed things up.

We suspect people have signed slightly one sided contracts over power generation and distribution to line their own pockets whilst the country and people suffer economically .

Not an unknown story in Cambodia but this needs





FAUX NEWS

Trump Announces That Mueller Report Confirms Everything He Has Ever Said

Made-of-Legos, FL President Trump, although not making the Mueller Report public, did give a synopsis of the information in the report. Some of the highlights include:

Trump has accomplished more in two years than any other president.

Trump's inauguration crowd far exceeded anyone's before him.

The majority of Americans want the Wall.

Neither Trump nor any of his lawyers paid off any porn stars.

The U.S. will never have to worry about North Korea, ever again, ever since Trump visited there.

Not only did Trump or his family not collude with Russia, but they never even colluded with each other.

Trump also said that the Mueller Report backs up everything he has ever said about anything so there is no reason to release it.

President Trump's Wall Is Finished

Sources at the White House have said that President Donald Trump's controversial wall at the US/Mexican border is finished. It's not clear what's meant by this, however.

It could be 'finished' in the sense that, the wall has, during recent weeks, undergone massive construction along the length of the 1,954-mile border, and has now been completed.

Conversely, it could mean that, after opposition to the project at every stage, and a stubborn refusal by the Democrats to authorise public funds for its payment, the president and his team have decided that the time has come to abandon the idea as it is no longer feasible.

It might have been clearer had the announcement from the White House been that:

"President Trump's wall is up"

although, this might also have been confusing.

The use of the word 'up' could have meant that the wall was now built, and operational, or, like a concept that is no longer viable, and has been shelved.

All these 'double meanings' are so confusing!

UK Government In Chaos Over Brexit

UK Prime Minister, Theresa May, acted decisively earlier, by cancelling Tuesday's vote by MPs on her Brexit deal, a vote she had previously said would go ahead.

The U-turn came as no surprise to many, however, who, recognise that Mrs May is merely doing her utmost to ensure that the Conservatives can cling on to power for a little while longer, and is not averse to making a complete mockery of governmental process to do so.

MPs were due to vote on Mrs May's Brexit deal next Tuesday, but, with many Tories having already said they would be voting against their own party, and other parties queuing up to do likewise, the PM decided - again throwing common decency into a bin - to avoid an embarrassing another defeat, and to 'go back to Brussels', to seek some changes to her plans. At this stage!

Tuesday's defeat would have been the signal for Labour - and other MPs - to use their powers to attempt to oust May by entering a vote of 'no confidence' - something they have now been summarily denied.

Social commentator, Moys Kenwood, a man who knows relatively little about politics, but knows a shambolic situation when

he sees one, said:

"You couldn't make it up! The watchwords of government - honesty, transparency, openness, decency, due process, as well as the old chestnut about 'democracy' - they all mean nothing. These puppets of the rich - and, by that, I mean ALL politicians - should not only hang their heads in shame, each of them should quietly go and put them in a noose. Not happy with screwing over the voters, they're now screwing over each other, and the systems of government. What an absolute farce! Sharpen the spears!"

May's twin sister fools the Commons as the plot thickens

Desperately short of excuses after her apparent refusal to allow Parliament to vote on the deal with the EU regarding Brexit, Theresa May has now put full blame on her twin sister, Meryl.

"No, it wasn't me in the Commons yesterday", puffed an astonished Prime Minister outside her No. 10 door. "Meryl is always up to such pranks. I was varnishing my nails at the time. You should have recognized her because she doesn't wear silly shoes like me. Otherwise she's the spitting image. Certainly fooled Parliament, the rascal!"

Journalists confronted May pointing out that she was in fact an only child.

"Oh no, wrong again. Sounds like fake news. We're monozygotic twins, identical to the last nasal hair. And of course it's too late now. She's ruined it for me. I'll just have to go back to Brussels and all those wonderful cities in Europe again. What a shame. Silly Meryl! Thank you and goodbye."

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn was sceptical. "I must confess, I didn't know that and, well she did take her off extremely well. What a blow for poor Theresa. I guess she did want us to vote, after all. But it's a difficult situation for the British public to handle, isn't it? I mean, they must think they don't know what to believe and what not...Strange".

May's chauffeur hadn't noticed either. "I don't pay attention to be honest. Just open the door and drive. Could be my Aunt Sally for all I know. But she doesn't live in Downing Street, so it's probably not. Hope that helps....."

The plot thickens

Boris Johnson Undergoes Secret Diversity Training Before Tory Leadership Challenge

Failed "Foreign Secretary" Boris "Bozo" Johnson is undergoing secret diversity training in preparation for a leadership challenge to hapless "Prime Minister" Theresa "Maybot" May.

Under the expert tutelage of "comedian" Jim Davidson OBE, Mr Johnson is learning fast that there will be no more watermelon smiles, no more piccannies, no more letterboxes and no more attempts at reciting colonial poetry while making overseas tours of developing countries.

When confronted on the doorstep of his new home, a bedsit in Tower Hamlets where he has resided since being kicked out of the family home after admitting to shagging a close female associate, Mr Johnson was effusive about Mr Davidson's influence on his behaviour.

"Jim is a wonderful human being and his knowledge and involvement in our multicultural society is proving very helpful to me. Alright, so he is infamous for his jokes about women, ethnic minorities, gay and disabled people but it's all good clean fun. I know he isn't prejudiced against these groups and I am finding it particularly useful when he introduces his Jamaican alter ego Chalky White. His accent and mannerisms are truly authentic."

Diversity training is a new venture for Mr Davidson who has recently been developing adult pantomime shows such as Boobs in the Wood and Cinderella, both of which have played to sell-out audiences in Essex.

Anti-Brexit petition signed by three-million means nothing, insists man who proudly organised pro-Brexit march for

three-dozen

As three million people signed a petition asking the government to rescind Article 50, Nigel Farage has said the views of those people can be easily dismissed because he currently has about forty people walking to London with the opposite opinion.

Nigel Farage rushed to television cameras as soon as it became clear that the viral petition meant the media would be talking about something other than him and his position on Brexit.

He told reporters, "An online petition means nothing, even if three-million people have signed it in a day and a half. That's nothing. I spent a month loudly and proudly publicising a march from Sunderland to London to save Brexit, and right now at least three-dozen of those people are on their way to the capital to make their voices heard.

"Well, maybe they are. They're not walking all of it, obviously, that would be mental. And we're not publicising our daily start and end points any more because people were turning up to laugh at us – but you have to remember this is a symbolic march.

"These forty or so brave Brexiters symbolise the seventeen million people who voted for Brexit, whereas the millions of people who signed that petition represent no-one but the unelected liberal elite who are trying to undermine our democracy by forcing us to listen to the people.

"Anyway, everyone knows that one marcher is worth about a hundred thousand petitioners. So checkmate Remainers.

"Yes, that's seriously my line and I'm sticking to it."

Instead of telling us what we think about Brexit maybe you should try asking us, nation tells Theresa May

After being told how they feel about Brexit by an increasingly out-of-touch prime minister, voters at home have insisted the best way of finding out how someone feels is to ask them.

As Theresa May looked earnestly into the camera last night to tell voters that they were fed up of Brexit and just wanted the government to get on with it, millions of viewers shook their heads slowly as they realised this is just the latest in a long line of things she is completely wrong about.

Voter Simon Williams told us, "Yes I am fed up with Brexit, but only because she keeps insisting it's the will of the people. It's not. It was, three years ago, but people change their minds. Millions of people have changed their mind, I'm just one of them, so please stop saying you know what we want. You don't.

"Yes, in 2016 I voted to leave the EU. But that summer I also wanted a tattoo of Michael Jackson, but I'm completely relieved I didn't get one of those either.

"If the version of Brexit I was led to believe could happen would have happened, then fine. But clearly it was nonsense, and I now think we're better off staying in. And that's ok, people are allowed to change their mind.

"I'm also sure there are plenty of Remain voters out there who've had enough and just want us to leave now. So you know what that means? You need to ask us how we, the people, feel now. About the real options now in front of us. Not how we felt about the fictional ones presented to us three years ago.

"The government website crashing under the weight of a million people trying to sign the petition to revoke Article 50 should be a good indicator that Theresa Mays view of public opinion probably isn't entirely accurate.

"Still, it's always nice to be Maysplained to, just in case you didn't realise how you felt about something."

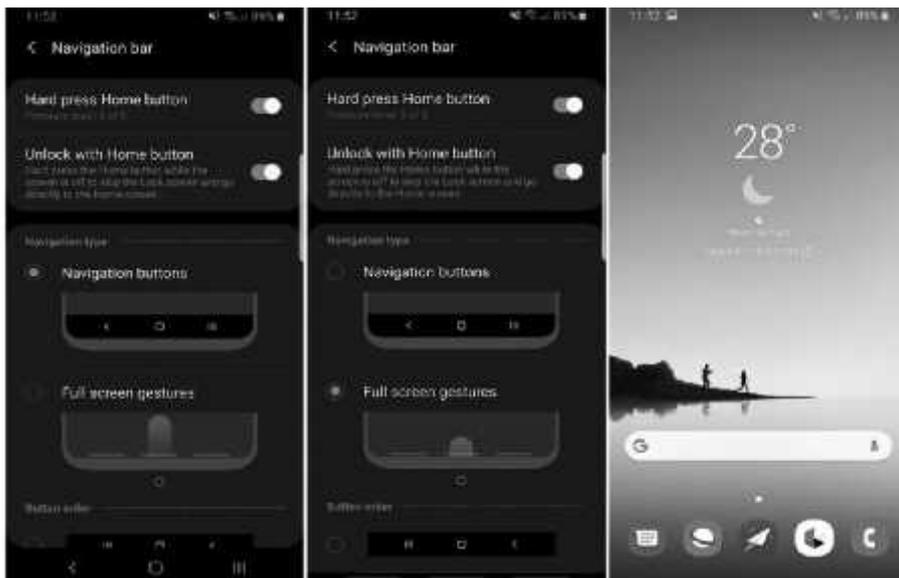
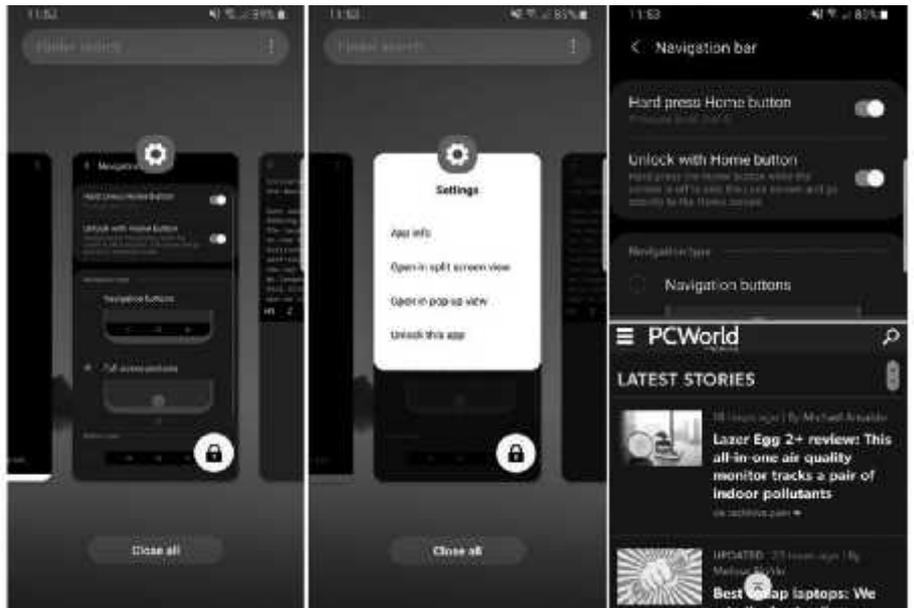
TECHNOLOGY PAGE

Samsung's One UI: Six tips and tricks for mastering Android 9 on the Galaxy S9 and S10

If your Galaxy S9 was recently updated or you're planning to buy an S10, then you need to get acquainted with Samsung's One UI. A complete overhaul of the Samsung Experience 9.5, it brings a stylish interface, redesigned apps, and a brand new philosophy with an emphasis on smart and speedy interactions. While you feel your way around, here are six important tips to start off on the right foot:

Turn on gesture navigation

The most important change to One UI is the addition of gesture navigation. Samsung has taken a different tack than Google or Apple with its method. Samsung has basically turned the navigation bar button into gestures: Swipe up from the left to see your recent apps, swipe up from the center to go home, and swipe up from the right to go back. It's a simple, smart system, but when you



Turn on Night mode

Another huge change for One UI is the addition of a system-wide dark theme. It blacks out the notification panel, paints apps with a dark brush, and makes everything very easy on the eyes. To flip it on, tap the new Night mode option in Quick Settings, or toggle the Night mode button inside the Display settings.

Jump to the address bar in Samsung Internet

Samsung's browser in One UI pushes buttons and settings to the bottom bar for easier one-hand access. You still need to stretch to the top of the screen to reach the address bar, but there's a new trick: If you long-press the home button, the cursor will jump to the address bar, and you'll be able to type your destination without changing your grip.

Manually rotate your screen

Auto-rotate can be great when you want to watch a video or quickly switch to a game, but it can be a nuisance when you're in bed or in a bumpy car. In One UI, Samsung has adopted Android Pie's ability to rotate your screen manually. One UI has the

upgrade, it'll be off by default. To turn it on, head over to Settings > same Auto-rotate button as before, but the behavior's different when Display, and select Navigation bar.

Inside you'll see two options for navigation type: buttons and full-screen gestures. Tap the circle next to gestures, and the familiar nav bar buttons will turn into three thin lines at the bottom of the display indicating where you can swipe. Once you get comfortable with it, you can go commando and turn off the indicators altogether by flipping the Gesture hints toggle.

Open apps in split-screen mode

Samsung has changed the behavior of the recent apps screen in One UI, now that apps scroll horizontally rather than vertically. With that comes a new way to interact with your apps. No longer do you need to drag and drop screens to use split screen or pop-up view. Just long-press on an app icon, and you'll get a list of four options. Select Open in split-screen view, and the app will automatically pin to the top of the screen. Choose a second app by tapping to open it like normal, and the two apps will be paired and ready to be used.



you switch to Portrait: When you flip your phone to landscape mode, it still won't rotate but a small icon will appear in the lower right corner. Tap it, and the screen will rotate and lock on the new orientation. When you want to go back, flip your phone and tap the icon again.

Quickly pull down the notification shade

Whether you use gestures or the old navigation bar to make your way around, there's one new shortcut built into One UI that everyone will love. To access the notification shade, all you need to do is swipe down on the center of the screen to expand it, and swipe a second time to see the full selection of quick settings. To get rid of it, just swipe up. It's easier than using the fingerprint sensor as a tiny trackpad, and it's a simple change that I wish all Android phones would adopt.

Best password managers: Reviews of the top products

We are terrible at passwords. We suck at creating them (the top two most popular remain "123456" and "password"), we share them way too freely, and we forget them all the time. Indeed, the very thing that can ensure our online security has become our biggest obstacle to it. This is what makes a good password manager essential.

A password manager relieves the burden of thinking up and memorizing unique, complex logins—the hallmark of a secure password. It allows you to safely share those logins with others when necessary. And because these tools encrypt your login info in a virtual vault—either locally or in the cloud—and lock it with a single master password, they protect the passwords themselves. If you're looking to up your security game, a password manager is the way to go.

But password managers vary widely in their capabilities and cost, so we compared six of the most popular. All support Windows Mac OS, Android, and iOS, as well as the major browsers. And all will let you sync your data across multiple devices, though you may have pay extra for the privilege.

Here are our top two picks, followed by tips on what to look for when shopping for a password manager and full reviews of all six products.

Winner

LastPass

LastPass offers all the features you need in a password manager at an affordable price.

LastPass ticks all the boxes on our password manager want list. It makes it a breeze to create unique, complex passwords; capture and manage login credentials; sync them across multiple devices; and share them with others you trust. Its password auditing and updating features let you identify and eliminate weak or duplicate passwords with just a mouse click or two. It also stores credit card numbers and other personal data to autofill web forms when you're making a purchase, signing up for a service, or paying a bill.

LastPass also supports a range of multi-factor authentication options for protecting your vault, including app-based authenticators like Symantec VIP and Google Authenticator, hardware tokens like YubiKey, and fingerprint readers.

Runner-up

Dashlane

With its strong password analysis and polished interface, Dashlane is one of the best password managers available.

Dashlane is the strongest contender for LastPass's crown. It has a beautiful interface, is easy to use, and is stocked with features to help you strengthen your online security. Chief among these is a stellar security dashboard that grades your passwords and suggests actions for boosting your score and your protection. Only its \$40 price tag—the highest in our roundup—dampened our enthusiasm for this fantastic password manager.

What to look for in a password manager

At their most basic, password managers capture your username and password—usually via a browser plugin—when you log in to a website, and then automatically fill in your credentials when you return to that site. They store all your passwords in an encrypted database, often referred to as a "vault," which you protect with a single master password.

Still, most security experts agree that password managers are still the safest way for people to manage their myriad logins, and we agree that the benefits far outweigh the risks. Just choose your password manager carefully after researching all the options starting with the guide.

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Bits from the Beach

Well this will probably be one of the shortest Bits from the Beach, due to well, most things being same-same and a lack of interesting antics from the non-Sino expats.

There are some interesting photos on social media, showing the new multi-level buildings being erected on sites previously occupied by well-known previously expat managed places such as Reef Resort, Beach Road, Coolabah, Golden Lion Plaza, Ernies burgers/Stevie C's, Bar from Home, to name a few.

Also there is an interesting aerial photo we are showing here which shows the dramatic changes in Sihanoukville in just a few years. The most striking is the reduction in green spaces being replaced by giant scars on the landscape. This is not the only

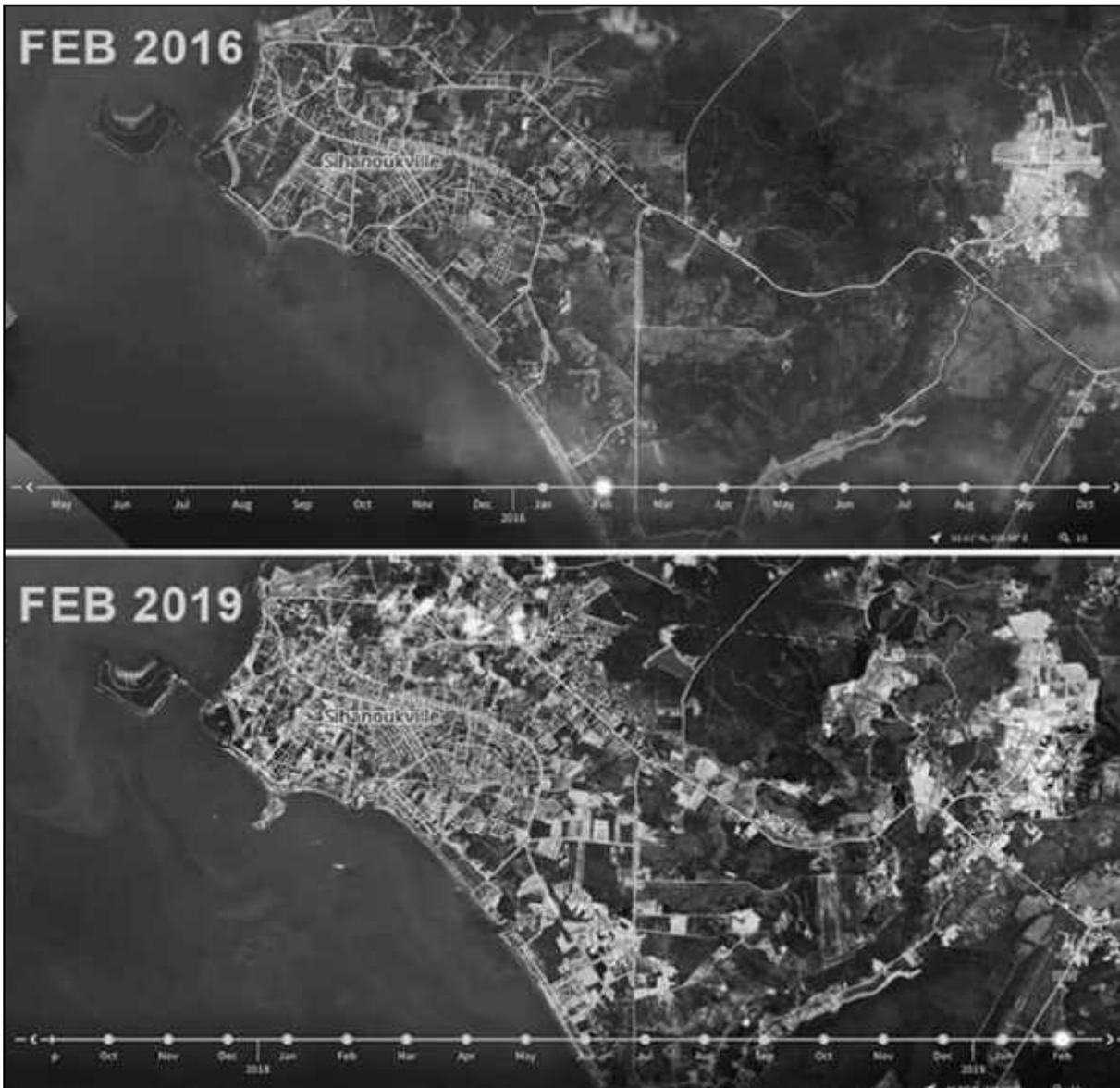
In other barang news, Khmer Wholesale should be closed by the time this edition hits the streets, having sold off most of their remaining stock. The client base basically disappeared, as all the business' were overtaken by the new Sino Overlords. Speaking of the Chinese invasion, the Khmer hierarchy is just waking up to the fact that they almost only shop in stores owned by their own nationals and that they import most of the goods and foods they sell as well as importing their own labor. Most of the few remaining Khmer business owners are beginning complain that although there are more people in town than ever, their businesses are suffering. Not that those at the top really care.

Tuk Out continues to operate in Sihanoukville but from a steadily reducing pool of restaurants, which at last look was about

seven places. The popular Titanic restaurant has also recently closed. Meanwhile The Small Hotel is entering its last few weeks of operation as the landlord resumes the building to lease it out to the Chinese in May

Meanwhile in Kampot, Tuk Out has well over a dozen restaurant partners, including some familiar names of popular businesses that have relocated from Sinoukville. In a sign of the times, Tuk Out announced that they will be making deliveries until midnight from those restaurants that remain open until that time. This in itself is a big change from the sleepy old Kampot that was generally asleep by 10pm not so long ago.

Things are ever changing in Kampot these days. The Australian football season (NRL and AFL) has started and a few bars in town are showing these games live, including Raging Bull Sports bar, Bundy Bar and Salt Bar. By the way Stu has Salt Bar up for sale as the new baby is making life a bit too complicated. Another that is up for sale is the Magic Sponge but this time they appear to be selling the real estate as well as the asking price is well into the seven figure mark.



change wrought by the new overlords, apparently reported crime in Sinoukville is up by 25% in recent times. Last month we mentioned the new Casino on Kho Rong-Sanloem. Well that was recently closed, not for spilling sewage into the bay, but for excessive noise and lights. It seems that environmental pollution is allowed until the locals have trouble sleeping