

1978

Karol Wojtyla is elected Pope John Paul II after the October 1978 Papal conclave, the first non-Italian pontiff since 1523.



1984

Desmond Tutu is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

1991

Luby's shooting: George Hennard runs amok in Killeen, Texas, killing 23 and wounding 20 in Luby's Cafeteria.

1993

Anti-Nazism riot breaks out in Welling in Kent, after police stop protesters approaching the British National Party headquarters.



Germans may have fallen madly in love with Macron during his election campaign but that love affair is fading. Today, Germans complain about a Macron hangover often in tandem with Europe fatigue.

outstretched hand. That approach will certainly prevent Germany from paying more, at least in the short term, and could possibly save her political career.

But Merkel needs to ask herself about the long-term costs of failure: How much does Germany stand to lose if the European project continues to falter, if the French-German engine stalls and, when European leaders meet this month, they fail to produce fresh thinking? Deeper European integration and a demonstration of faith in Europe's common values and its common fate are necessary to keep the populist tide at bay. If Macron loses the battle that he is waging against Viktor Orban's illiberal Hungary, Germany will surely pay a price sooner or later.

In her final term in office, Merkel needs to summon the courage to work with Macron to lift the European Union out of its existential crisis by making good on some of the French president's proposals. The future of Europe depends on it.

(Julianne Smith is a former deputy national security adviser to Vice President Joseph Biden and now is a fellow at the Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin.)

Australia

partner, and China, our most important economic partner.

A generation ago, Australia played a key role in world trade talks by spearheading the Cairns group of agricultural free-trading nations. Similar global leadership from Australia is needed today.

Ideally, the next round of Australian prosperity would come from reforms that spur both growth and equity.

Australia's export portfolio shows a nation with its economic eggs in too few baskets. We'd benefit from diversifying the sources of economic growth: through encouraging entrepreneurship, increasing university attendance rates, and fostering greater cooperation between businesses and research institutions.

From beer to banking, many Australian markets are dominated by a few big firms. Slowing the pace of mergers and accelerating the pace of startups would be good for growth.

Across advanced nations, health care systems are amazingly successful at saving people in emergency rooms, but not so good at addressing chronic problems such as obesity and inactivity. Something similar

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could be said about the Australian economy.

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(Andrew Leigh, who represents the Fenner district in the Australian Parliament, is the author of "Randomistas: How Radical Researchers Are Changing Our World.")



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Just spoke to the King of Saudi Arabia who denies any knowledge of whatever may have happened "to our Saudi Arabian citizen." He said that they are working closely with Turkey to find answer. I am immediately sending our Secretary of State to meet with King!
[@realDonaldTrump](#)

02



The US embassy in Australia has apologized for sending an email meeting invite featuring a photo of a cat wearing a Cookie Monster outfit and holding a plate of biscuits to an unknown number of recipients
[@RobbieGramer](#)

03



Our plan is working: Carbon pollution is dropping, Canada's unemployment rate is the lowest it's been in 40 years, wages are growing at their fastest rate in close to a decade and, last year, the Canadian economy grew faster than all other #G7 countries.
[@cathmckenna](#)

04



It is beginning to become apparent that the vicious assault on Justice Kavanaugh has hurt the Democratic Party. As I've said from the beginning of the attempted Kavanaugh lynching, the backlash against those denying due process will be fierce. And I am standing by that.
[@BillOReilly](#)

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Like it or not

Sky, not the limit



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Did you recently watch the video of a man in Arab robes trying to waft across the mountains somewhere in the Middle East (find it on #newsofbahrain) on a cheap camping chair dangling from a load of balloons?

If the answer is 'yes', I am sure you would have had enough laugh for the rest of your life.

I thought 'UP' the animated movie might have inspired him until it crashed into one of the rocky mountains after which he was airlifted by a rescue team to safety.

Many commented on this viral video as utter nonsense.

'Fools rush in where angels fear to tread' is what we think when we see such howlers.

I had the same feeling for this man until I read about the British adventurer Tom Morgan who managed to fly nearly 14 miles in two hours across Africa.

The only difference, I believe, is that the British adventurer had applied his basic knowledge of science and common sense to his budget air, before the take off!

Risk plays a major role to achieve success. The successful entrepreneur Mark Zuckerberg once said that the biggest risk is not taking any risk!

We still remember and admire great adventurers from Marco Polo, James Cook, Ibn Battuta, David Livingstone, Vasco da Gama, Christopher Columbus, Edmund Hillary, Robert Peary to Steve Irwin for the risk they took in their lives by sailing against the adversities.

For sure, initially some might have made fun out of them for making such foolish decisions. But as time passed, they might have realised the contributions these risk-takers managed to bring to their country.

We love balloons; its unique and colourful; it flies exploring endless possibilities. However, balloons symbolise the dreams in us as well.

It can burst and disappear suddenly like a short-lived bubble, quite similar to our dreams.

When someone fails to fulfil the dreams, we blame them for being foolish, and if they succeed

we call them leaders.

Dubai economy always has many critics. They say it's a bubble filled with unrealistic dreams. When the recession hit Dubai nearly a decade ago, many so-called experts predicted a total collapse.

But within no time, Dubai would recover and resurge with exciting projects. It was really unbelievable. The exciting projects and dreams they sold made them survive through such turmoils.

The mantra behind any successful person or a country is nothing but creating continuous strings of excitements while running at a faster pace to change dreams into reality.

Right now, people in Bahrain seem to be a bit worried about the implementation of VAT. Should we really worry about that? I believe soon we would get used to it, it is just a matter of time.

The new campaign '#Team Bahrain' initiated by HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa has inspired many. It has undoubtedly received an overwhelming response.

It's the latest talk in the town, even for expats. The hashtag has created lots of excitement and confidence among entrepreneurs.

We definitely need colourful balloons filled with dreams and aspirations in life. Let it fly high, carrying with it positive messages and risk-takers.

The simple economics in a turbulent economy is nothing but let the rich spend lavishly and the low-income guys work a bit hard while cutting their cost of living.

It's all about teaming up, creating excitement, marketing potentials and building confidence.

Are you still wondering about the fate of that crazy man sitting in that plastic chair hoisted by balloons? Then let me break the excitement.

It is just a promotion advertisement of Harbour Views created for Emmar Dubai, a real estate developer based in the UAE! The excitement this video created on promoting this project is beyond words.

Believe it or not, sometimes our perceptions may go wrong. What we considered nonsense may be 'known sense' while nuisance could turn out to be 'new sense'.

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A screenshot of the video.

