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Britain's May offers to quit to get her Brexit deal over the line

LONDON (Reuters) - British Prime Minister Theresa May said on Wednesday she would quit if her European Union divorce deal passes at the third attempt, making a last-ditch sacrifice to try to win over dozens of rebels within her Conservative party.

While her departure would not alter the terms of that withdrawal agreement, it could give Conservative eurosceptics who have opposed it a greater say in negotiating the terms of Britain's future relationship with the EU.

May's office said there would be a contest to replace her after May 22 - assuming her plan gets through parliament - to provide new leadership for that next stage of Brexit

May's announcement is the latest dramatic turn in the United Kingdom's three-year Brexit crisis, but it remains uncertain how, when or even whether it will leave the EU.

If May does go, she will become the fourth Conservative prime minister in a row to have fallen foul of divisions over Europe within her centuries-old party, following David Cameron, John Major and Margaret Thatcher.

Many Conservative rebels, who want a cleaner break from the EU, had made clear they would only consider supporting her agreement if she gave a firm commitment to resign.

May had already promised to step down before the next election, due in 2022, but by agreeing to go sooner, she increases the chances of her Brexit deal passing before the new April 12 deadline.

"I am prepared to leave this job earlier than I intended in order to do what is right for our country and our party," May, who voted to remain in the EU in the 2016 referendum, told the party meeting, according to extracts released by her office.

SOME MPS SWITCH

Britain was originally due to leave the EU on March 29 but last week the EU granted a postponement until April 12.

Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street, as she faces a vote on alternative Brexit options, in London

Boeing rolls out software fix to defend 737

SEATTLE/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Boeing Co on Wednesday took its most aggressive moves yet to defend its core 737 airliner franchise, saying it had developed software fixes to prevent failures of an automated flight control system that is being scrutinized after two deadly crashes in the past five months.

Boeing, in the midst of one its worst crises in years, is under pressure from crash victims' families, airlines, lawmakers in Washington and regulators around the world to prove that the automated flight control systems aboard its 737 MAX aircraft are safe, and that pilots have the training required to override the system in an emergency.

A Boeing official in Seattle said on Wednesday the timing of the software upgrade was "100 percent independent of the timing of the Ethiopian accident," and the company was taking steps to make the anti-stall system "more robust." There was no need to overhaul Boeing's regulatory relationship with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) now, the company said.

American Airlines pilots 'optimistic, but cautious' on 737 MAX fix

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U.S. FAA says it has not granted initial approval for Boeing 737 MAX anti-stall upgrade

"We are going to do everything that we can do to ensure that accidents like these never happen again," Mike Sinnett, Vice President for Product Strategy and Future Airplane Development told reporters.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao and some lawmakers on Wednesday questioned why Boeing did not require safety features on its top-selling plane that might have prevented the crashes.

"It is very questionable if these were safety-oriented additions, why they were not part of the required template of measures that should go into an airplane," she said, adding she was not ready to require that all safety options be retrofitted on existing airplane.

The angle of attack sensor is seen on a 737 Max aircraft at the Boeing factory in Renton

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Told U.S. security at risk, Chinese firm seeks to sell Grindr dating app:

(Reuters) - Chinese gaming company Beijing Kunlun Tech Co Ltd is seeking to sell Grindr LLC, the popular gay dating app it has owned since 2016, after a U.S. government national security panel raised concerns about its ownership, according to people familiar with the matter.
The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) has informed Kunlun that its ownership of West Hollywood, California-based Grindr constitutes a national security risk, the two sources said.
CFIUS' specific concerns and whether any attempt was made to mitigate them could not be learned. The United States has been increasingly scrutinizing app developers over the safety of personal data they handle, especially if some of it involves U.S. military or intelligence personnel.

Kunlun had said last August it was preparing for an initial public offering (IPO) of Grindr. As a result of CFIUS' intervention, Kunlun has now shifted its focus to an auction process to sell Grindr outright, given that the IPO would have kept Grindr under Kunlun's control for a longer period of time, the sources said.

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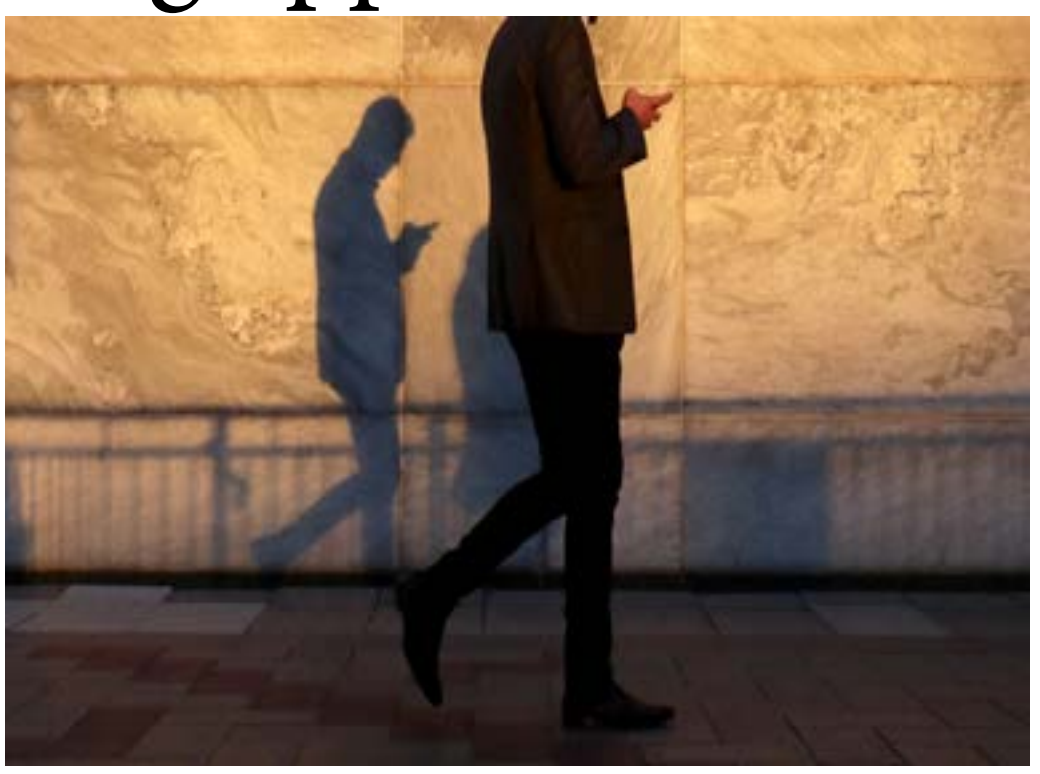
Grindr has hired investment bank Cowen Inc to handle the sale process, and is soliciting acquisition interest from U.S. investment firms, as well as Grindr's competitors, according to the sources.
The development represents a rare, high-profile example of CFIUS undoing an acquisition that has already been completed. Kunlun took over Grindr through two separate deals between 2016 and 2018 without submitting the acquisition for CFIUS review, according to the sources, making it vulnerable to such an intervention.

The sources asked not to be identified because the matter is confidential.

Kunlun representatives did not respond to requests for comment. Grindr and Cowen declined to comment. A spokesman for the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which chairs CFIUS, said the panel does not comment publicly on individual cases.

Grindr, which describes itself as the world's largest social networking app for gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people, had 27 million users as of 2017. The company collects personal information submitted by its users, including a person's location, messages, and in some cases even someone's HIV status, according to its privacy policy.
CFIUS does not always reveal the reasons it chooses to block a deal to the companies involved, as doing so could potentially reveal classified conclusions by U.S. agencies, said Jason Waite, a partner at law firm Alston & Bird LLP focusing on the regulatory aspects of international trade and investment.

"Personal data has emerged as a mainstream concern of CFIUS," Waite said.
The unraveling of the Grindr deal also highlights the pitfalls facing Chinese acquirers of U.S. companies seeking to bypass the CFIUS review system, which is based mostly on voluntary deal submissions.
Previous examples of the U.S. ordering the divestment of a company after the acquirer did not file for CFIUS review include China National Aero-Technology Import and Export Corporation's acquisition of Seattle-based aircraft component maker Mamco in 1990, Ralls Corporation's divestment of four wind farms in Oregon in 2012, and Ironshore Inc's



FILE PHOTO: An unidentified man using a smart phone walks through London's Canary Wharf financial district in the evening light in London

sale of Wright & Co, a provider of professional liability coverage to U.S. government employees such as law enforcement personnel and national security officials, to Starr Companies in 2016.

PRIVACY CONCERNS
Kunlun acquired a majority stake in Grindr in 2016 for $93 million. It bought out the remainder of the company in 2018.

Grindr's founder and chief executive officer, Joel Simkhai, stepped down in 2018 after Kunlun bought the remaining stake in the company.

Kunlun's control of Grindr has fueled concerns among privacy advocates in the United States. U.S. senators Edward Markey and Richard Blumenthal sent a letter to Grindr last year demanding answers with regards to how the app would protect users' privacy under its Chinese owner.
"CFIUS made the right decision in unwinding Grindr's acquisition. It should continue to draw a line in the sand for future foreign acquisition of sensitive personal data," Markey and Blumenthal said in a statement on Wednesday.
Kunlun is one of China's largest mobile gaming companies. It was part of a buyout consortium that acquired Norwegian internet browser business Opera Ltd for $600 million in 2016.

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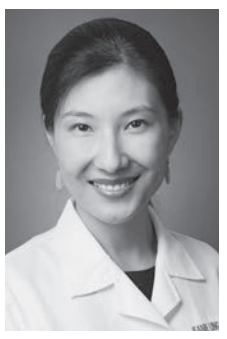

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What Are Bitcoin And Other Cryptocurrencies?

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There is an old Chinese proverb that says: Shuǐmǎn zé yì, meaning 'Water flows-in only to flow-out'. Bitcoins started at a few dollars in 2009 when they started trading publicly. According to Investment.com, a Bitcoin was hovering around $13K in 2017 for a few months. The media and the pundits were predicting the new price over $75K in 2019. Today (03/25/2019), it closed at $3967.

Let's take a look at the cryptocurrencies 'cryptos' and the myths surrounding them. This complex subject is inhibited by a 700 word limit for this article, so I will include links for additional details.

Blockchain technology and the original cryptocurrency Bitcoin was supposedly invented by an anonymous man named Satoshi Nakamto in 2008. The two things are usually confused as one and the same, but they are not.

Blockchain is an open, distributed ledger that can record transactions between two parties efficiently and in a verifiable, and permanent way. https://hbr.org/2017/01/the-truth-about-blockchain.

Crypto currency is awarded for guessing the solution to a complex mathematical puzzle generated by algorithms agreed upon by the 'founders/managers' of the particular crypto. The crypto does not exist anywhere in the world despite the banners of a gold coin. Bitcoins and all the other 'cyrptos' use Blockchain to record the transactions. Each crypto 'award' is decreased with predetermined frequency. The first to jump on the bandwagon wins more. Sound familiar? For more: http://www.computerworld.com.au/article/606253/understanding-blockchain-hype-why-much-it-nothing-more-than-snake-oil-spin/

The particular process, and costs of mining are too much to write here, so please see: https://www.coindesk.com/information/how-bitcoin-mining-works. For the faint of heart, there are even companies who will do it for you and one of them is: https://jvdriver.com/crypto/.

Let's just look at some of the myths that have been disproven:

- There is no central authority to control the cryptocurrency and its value. There are now over 1600 'founders/managers who have issued their own crypto and more hit the world each day. The founders control and manage the Initial Coin Offerings (ICO) and determine the award for solving each puzzle.

- The Bitcoin algorithm will only allow 21 million to be mined. There are already 17 million bitcoins mined from the original algorithm. The myth was busted when a separate 'fork' was created. The new algorithm (fork) can mine millions more. There is nothing keeping the managers to create unlimited number of forks.

- Blockchain may finally disrupt payments https://dailyfintech.com/2018/02/10/bitcoin-will-finally-disrupt-the-credit-card-rails/. According to creditcard.com, there were approximately 29 million credit card transactions worth $1.4 trillion world-wide in 2015 and growing about 5 percent per year. This does not include payments via PayPal, Apple, Google Pay and other legitimate wallets (digital currencies holders). The number of merchants who accept Bitcoin or other crypto range in a few hundred and verifiable amounts are not available. Acceptance seems to linger in the illegal and opaque transactions. If you are hiding your transactions, the governments will come looking for you at some point.

- Cryptos are safe. Google 'How to hack Bitcoins' and you will get hundreds of 'helpful videos and articles'. Search for 'number of bitcoin hacks' and numbers will boggle you. I have worked with 'white hats' who are hackers who create software for security companies to protect you. They will tell you no network or software is 100% safe. Crypto does not even come close. I have a friend who had purchased Bitcoin at $100 and had over $1 million dollars in his wallet on one of the exchanges (the ones storing your crypto supposedly in safe online wallets and allow you to trade them). He got hacked and now has $0. According to Coindesk.com, over $1 Billion dollars were stolen in 2018. Unlike banks, and credit card companies, there is slim or no way to recover.

These are just a few myths that are false. Cryptos are nothing more than tokens traded by gamblers waiting for the price to go up. Remember the Tulip Mania in Holland? The promoters (Founders/managers) and hackers are the only ones reliably making money. There are few individuals who have profited from them, just like the early adopters of a pyramid scheme. If you are going to invest, first research it and don't believe the hype.

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What's Ahead for Bitcoin and Other Cryptocurrency Regulation in 2019?

Last year was a rough year for cryptocurrency markets amid unclear regulation and plummeting prices. 2019, however, is shaping up to be quite different.

While 2017 was hailed as one of the most impressive bull markets in cryptocurrencies' short history, 2018 saw the proverbial rocket ship come back to earth.

The coming year should see some trends in crypto regulation play out that provide a more rose-colored lens through which to view the market, when compared with 2018. These are some of the biggest regulatory benchmarks and trends to look for in the coming year.

Bitcoin Futures Take the Next Step

Futures products for cryptocurrency already exist in the form of Bitcoin contracts offered by both the CBOE and CME exchanges, but they didn't give the boost to the market that many had hoped for. The original news that these exchanges had managed to regulate BTC derivatives was treated as super bullish by cryptocurrency trade publications.

Instead, the development of futures likely added to declines because all futures products are currently settled in cash, not Bitcoin or another cryptocurrency. Trade volume in derivative products does not impact Bitcoin trade volume directly because there is no real Bitcoin being bought or sold until the futures are exercised or actually converted into Bitcoin. Futures are also a double-edged sword for bulls because they give traders more liquidity for both long and short trades.

Security Token Offerings Start to Catch On

Given indications from regulators that certain tokens could be considered securities, a new idea is to create tokens that are expressly securities, as a way of bringing blockchain's cost-effectiveness and utility to old financial products such as equities, commodities, and real estate. It's already happening in applications like "Rally Rd.", which tokenizes equity in classic cars and allows users to invest in shares representing them. Another example is "LAToken," one of the first emerging exchanges that makes assets such as real estate tradable in cryptocurrency.

Greater Validation of Digital Assets

Companies and institutions such as Santander Bank, IBM, Maersk, Intercontinental Exchange, and countless others have caught on to how digital tokens can grow their bottom line, with superior and more cost-effective transparency, transactions and new functionality that improves relationships with customers.

With Bakkt signing both Microsoft and Starbucks, who will use the platform to issue their own inter-ecosystem tokens, the world will soon see a variety of token-backed services such as rewards programs and in-game purchases in popular websites and applications.

Even Facebook is reportedly considering its own cryptocurrency, which is a sign that cryptocurrency -- in one form or another -- is here to stay. (www.thestreet.com)

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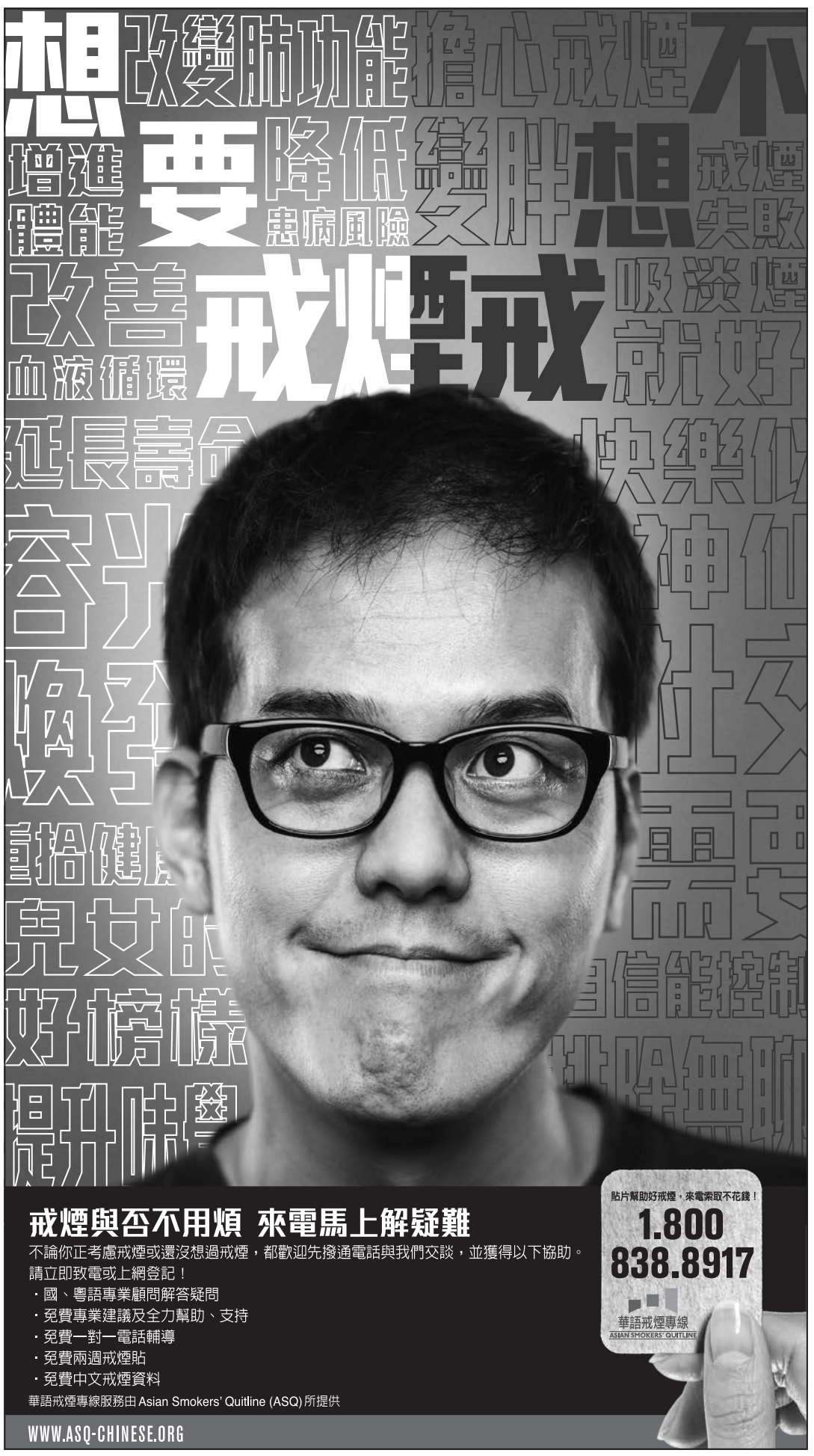

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Cleanup Continues At The ITC Site As Ship Channel Nears Re-Opening

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Crews continued to remove chemicals from several fire-damaged storage tanks at the Intercontinental Terminals Co.'s Deer Park site Monday as the U.S. Coast Guard worked to re-open the Houston Ship Channel.

Eight days after a fire began at the Deer Park facility and damaged 11 80,000-gallon tanks filled with flammable petroleum products, ITC Incident Commander Brent Weber said crews had drained five tanks completely and were working to empty another three.

Two tanks that had contained pyrolysis gasoline have been emptied and secured, Weber said, while two others containing pyrolysis gasoline and toluene should be emptied later Monday.

Moving the chemicals that contain benzene, a known carcinogen, continues to be a top priority, Weber said.

"Every day that we move that product, we are reducing the risk profile of this entire area," he said.

The ship channel was opened to daylight traffic at 2:21 p.m. The San Jacinto River had been partially reopened between 9 a.m. and noon.

Coast Guard Captain Kevin Oditt said a tanker ship was permitted to leave the Ship Channel Sunday, and Coast Guard members observed no oil on the vessel's hull, a key criterion for reopening the channel. Oditt said the Coast Guard would allow an inbound tanker on Monday, and watch for signs of contaminants on that vessel.

About 1.3 million gallons, or 30,952 barrels, of an oily water mixture had been removed from the channel as of late Sunday, according to ITC officials. About 34 vessels were working in the channel, and 19 more were set to arrive, fewer than the 70 vessels the Coast Guard anticipated on Sunday.

Portions of the Ship Channel have been closed since Friday, when a containment wall breach at ITC allowed an unknown amount of chemicals and fire-suppressing foam to spill into the waterway.

Photo taken Wednesday, March 20, 2019, shows runoff from the now-extinguished petrochemical tank fire at Intercontinental Terminals Company blocked by an oil skimming buoy, in Deer Park, Texas. Fire crews extinguished the blaze at ITC about 3 a.m., Wednesday, almost four days after it started, which caused a plume of black smoke to linger over the Houston area. ITC officials said the cause of the fire is still unknown.

Area schools that had been closed in the wake of the incident reopened on Monday.

The Texas Commission for Environmental Quality on Saturday reported finding nine toxins in hazardous concentrations in a ditch adjacent to the tank farm, which flows into the channel.

TCEQ on Monday published preliminary test results of water samples taken last Tuesday through Thursday that showed toxins repeatedly exceeded healthy concentrations around the ITC facility.

Tuesday samples showed four toxins exceeded healthy limits in Tucker Bayou near the Dow Bridge and at Tidal Road, and that three toxins topped recommended limits along Tidal Road at Gate 13.

Wednesday samples taken at the confluence of Tucker Bayou and Buffalo Bayou showed three toxins exceeded healthy levels inside the containment booms and that two — xylenes and benzene — also seeped past the booms at unsafe levels.

Toxins found outside the containment boom in a Thursday sample tested within recommended levels, and all three samples taken upstream in Tucker Bayou showed no unsafe concentrations.

No water samples taken after the wall breach on Friday have been published, however, and Bob Stokes of the Galveston Bay Foundation noted that TCEQ's "Protective Concentration Level" for benzene in surface water is 581 micrograms per liter while the federal Environmental Protection Agency's standard is more stringent: **16 to 58** micrograms per liter.

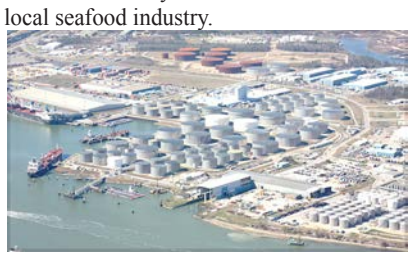
"Those numbers outside the boom are troubling," Stokes said, citing Wednesday's recorded benzene concentration of 854 micrograms per liter.

Stokes' group has been conducting water tests independently, and detected 46 micrograms of benzene per liter downstream near Lynchburg on Saturday.

"It's an indicator of product leaving the site, but it's very difficult to figure out what the short-term impacts from that might be," he said. "It's not good for the health of things in the bay, but again, hopefully, the impacts are limited."

Volatile organic compounds like benzene evaporate out of surface water fairly quickly, Stokes said, but chemicals in firefighting foam can linger. Stokes said his partners at Texas A&M had not finished analyzing water samples for firefighting chemicals Monday.

Some of the 27,000 feet of boom that have been deployed in the area are around oyster beds in Burnett Bay, on the east side of the river just south of Lynchburg, but Stokes said it is too early to raise alarms about the local seafood industry.



The Texas Department of State Health Services, which can close oyster beds or ban the possession of fish from certain waters when pollution makes eating seafood too risky, has not yet seen the need to intervene in the wake of the ITC fire, spokesman Chris Van Deusen said. The department long has advised residents not to eat fish out of the ship channel, Van Deusen noted, but that recommendation has not been adjusted since the blaze.

"It's certainly something we're looking at," he said. "It will remain to be seen what kind of additional sampling will need to be done."

At Hillman's Seafood Market, a wholesale and retail shop for shrimp, oysters and other products in Dickinson, co-owner Mike Morris said the water was green and customers were still buying Gulf shrimp.

"Everything I'm seeing in the bayous and bays are live, vibrant; fish are spawning, the water is green, the tides look good," Morris said. "We're quite a bit south, so we're not seeing any kind of effect from it here, but I don't know what it's going to be long term. I'm hoping and praying it's nothing."

At Thompson's Fish Camp on the east side of Galveston Bay in Baytown, Debbie Thompson still plans to open for the summer season on Friday and expects her usual flow of customers.

"I'm doing fine," she said. "With all these plants around us, who knows what's already in the water anyway? If they shut me down they shut me down, but other than that I'm going to be open."

Deer Park Mayor Jerry Mouton said he recognizes how important it is to reopen the channel.

"It's costing a lot of money per hour," he said.

The immediate concern, however, is to make sure the ITC plant in Deer Park is safe for employees and the surrounding community, Mouton said. More than 1,100 federal, state and local first responders, agency workers and contractors have been involved in the firefighting and clean-up efforts, ITC officials said.

The Environmental Protection agency additionally reported no detections of volatile organic chemicals that would trigger public health warnings, on-site coordinator Adam Adams said.

ITC received about 1,600 claims inquiries as of Friday, according to company officials.

A family, who lives in Denver Harbor, accused the company in a lawsuit of negligence on Monday, saying ITC failed to properly store chemicals at the facility, to have "adequate procedures in place" to keep the community safe during a catastrophic event or "provide the public accurate information on the chemicals being released."

"Unfortunately, ITC failed in doing its job to protect the community," said attorney Benny Agosto Jr. during a media briefing at the downtown law firm. "What we see is that not only was the fire preventable, then the fire continued."

A company spokeswoman on Monday night said ITC could not comment on pending litigation. (Courtesy chron.com)

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新移民故事：浙江中餐馆女老板怎么登上意大利GUCCI封面

今年是中意全面战略伙伴关系建立15周年。在意大利这个开放、包容的国度里，来自中国的新移民，已成为它不可或缺的文化元素。

50岁的周芬霞是移民圈一个典型人物，如今在意大利被称为“GUCCI女郎”。

意大利名牌GUCCI，翻译成中文是“古驰”。在做上“女郎”之前，出身中国湖州农村的周芬霞，和GUCCI的唯一共同点，是他们所在的地理位置：意大利。

22年前，周芬霞接手了一家名为“杭州饭店”的餐馆，开在意大利罗马市中心华人最密集的Esquilino街区Via Principe Eugenio 82号。

因为饭店常客古驰创作总监的赏识，周芬霞登上了GUCCI封面，在CUCCI2018早春广告大片——《罗马狂想曲》中，她擦着深红色口红，手端茶杯转身做出邀请的动作，嘴角挂着神秘的微笑……

在今年4月份，意大利最有名的百科全书预计出版“一百位罗马女人”的书籍，同在内的包括罗马市长，议长，国会会长等女性，周芬霞是唯一上榜的中国女人。

周芬霞在意大利打拼的这些年，祖国也在快速发展。中国已经成为了世界第二大经济体，也是第二大地缘战略国家。1970年，中国和意大利两国建交，到2017年两国贸易额已超400亿美元。

随着中国对外开放的深入，越来越多中国人在海外成为“周芬霞”。和上世纪前半叶不一样，他们不再因为中国贫穷积弱而被迫出国，相反，出国只是多了一个梦想自我实现的选择。

中国网红

“在意大利演艺圈，如果没有和周芬霞合影，你还不算有名。”

离CUCCI的时尚大片播出已经过去一年多。

周芬霞依然经营着餐厅，罗马时间下午1点到3点和晚上9点后，是她一天中最忙碌的时刻。晚8点半以后，食客会排起长队。

罗马市中心商业街最繁华的地段，几乎每公里都有一家中国人开的餐馆，经营着中餐、西餐或中西结合的菜品。其中，周芬霞的杭州饭店是最为耀眼。

“老客人是自然会一直追随的，对于一些新客人，因为名气，这部分客人也会来。”周芬霞告诉锌财经，杭州饭店的生意也越来越火爆。

在意大利，除了总统外的政客和明星基本都光顾过她的餐厅，翻阅周芬霞的社交网络，会看到她与他们的合照。

意大利记者Roberto Moliterni甚至在杂志中写道：“在意大利演艺圈，如果没有和周芬霞合影，你还不算有名”。

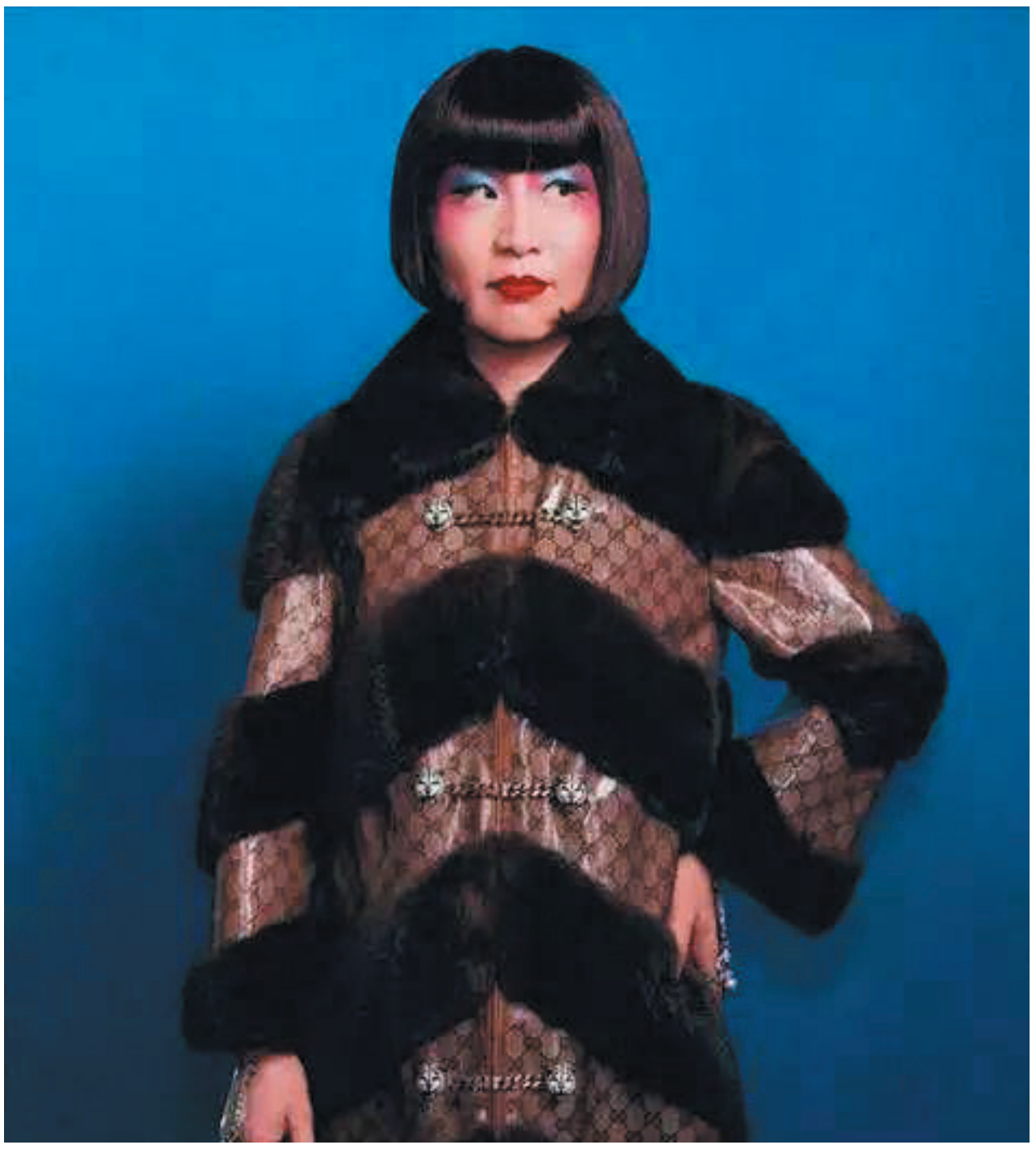
浏览一家国外美食点评网站可以看到，有来自法国、德国等国的客人，盛赞食物之时，也特别提到，老板娘“Sonia Zhou”热情好客，极富个人魅力。

“可能我在中国人当中不太有名，但是在意大利，爱吃中餐的全部都知道我。”周芬霞留着短BOBO头，爱穿亮色衣服，总是笑盈盈的。

Gucci的创作总监亚力山卓· 米开理也喜欢杭州饭店的中国菜，吃着吃着，吃成了周芬霞的好朋友。

2017年，当米开理在拍摄Gucci 2018早春系列“罗马狂想曲”主题形象大片时，脑洞大开，邀请自己的一众好友出席，包括周芬霞。后者钟爱Gucci的设计，欣然应邀。

杭州饭店的意大利名是Hang Zhou da Sonia。其中，Sonia是周芬霞的名字



，在意大利语里是Sogno，“梦想”的意思。

2017年7月的这一天，是周芬霞离梦想最近的日子。她一早过去拍摄CUCCI的定妆照，有一百多个人在为她服务。

妆面是一个美国年轻化妆师设计的，拍摄总共花了五六个小时，化妆占用了三个小时。周芬霞乐了：“怎么这么有意思，把我化得像唱京剧的一样。”

人们在镜头里看到了她，类似一个女强人的形象。这符合意大利人对周芬霞的印象：一个旅居意大利二十多年，深度融入西方生活的中国女人。

2017年9月，这组大片首先发布在国外的社交网络上，被赞“风格独特”，在Gucci的官方Ins上，周芬霞的大片视频得到5万5千多个赞，是所有参与拍摄的模特中最高数字。

但这并不意外。只有意大利人知道，周芬霞从2003年就已经“触电”，她经过用带着中腔的意大利语多次出镜，参加过各种拍摄，接受电视台采访。

在周芬霞身上，我们能看到中国人骨子里敢闯、敢想、敢拼的基因。“任何事情我都要去试一下。”周芬霞一直这么干，“为什么不试，万一成了呢？”

移民意大利

圣诞节，警察来了，因为摆摊没有证件，他们只得逃跑。

资料显示，我国目前华人华侨数量约为5000万人。

移民中介机构的调研，单就移民潮，中国已经有了三次。第一次移民潮发生在上世纪七十年代末期，改革开放也才刚刚开始，经历了十年并不理想的生活后，中国人渴望改变自己贫穷的生活状态；而在80年代到90年代，移民的主力是留学；而到了2000年，新的一波移民潮到来，而在这一波移民潮中，内生动力已经不再是贫穷以及想象，出国对于一些人来讲已经完全没有新鲜感和想象空间，而移民的动力更加多元化。

青春总是与梦想相伴而行。在国门初启的黄金年代，出国寻梦已经成为一个重要的主题。时代的沧桑变化，让每一个身处社会间的小人物，都成为潜在的“有故事的人”，只是故事的激烈强度不同。

上世纪80年代，周芬霞青春正好，她有一个梦想：跳出农门。去罗马成了她少有的机会。

她原是浙江省湖州埭溪镇芳山村的普通村民，在当时的农村，谋生是每天要面对的问题。

放学就要干农活，割草、撒猪粪，夏天正午的田里有四十多度，直射下来的阳光，即便隔着草帽也能感觉它的毒辣。在地里干农活的时候，还会不停得被田里地蚂蝗咬，那滋味不好受。

因为条件艰苦，这个整日穿行于田间山头的姑娘，只念了高中，在她所念书的中学，“100多人里考上的就没几个”，考不上大学就改变不了命运。

高中毕业后，他在一家公司里做过帐本。由于是农村户口，她干的活多，工资只能拿到城镇居民户口的一半，过年过节福利也少，加上工作枯燥繁冗，心里一直憋屈着。

相亲让命运有了转机。她母亲把她介绍给远在罗马的相亲对象（原隔壁村村民）朱长春。1989年，朱长春回国，相见恨晚的两人很快领了红本。1991年，周芬霞去往意大利。

但现实将这个中国女孩的想象一拳击碎。

由于语言不通，她四处碰壁。周芬霞和丈夫曾去西西里岛摆过十个月的地摊。冬天卖皮件，夏天卖帽子、衣服。两人租了一个小房子，除了一张双人床，一件家具都没有。

1996年圣诞节，夫妇俩搞了一些皮件大模大样地卖，警察来了，因为摆摊没有证件，他们只得逃跑。没跑掉，人被带到警察局，皮衣全部没收了。周芬霞带着3岁的儿子，在警察局一直哭，想把衣服哭回来，最后也没成功。

摆难终非长久之计。1997年，周芬霞在罗马打过工的中餐馆杭州饭店要转手，她想了想，决定接盘。

餐厅的生意从2003年起就一直不错，2004年开始，她多次上过当地的电视节目做中餐，再往后成为了“网红”。“去罗马这一把，我赌赢了！”周芬霞笑了，笑声背后透着辛酸。

观众们喜欢看草根逆袭，草根选手却有自己的生长规律。

为了帮助饭店站稳脚跟，周芬霞努力去融入当地文化，“大部分本地国人不愿意和意大利人交流，觉得他们不待见我们，但只要你拿真心去和他们交谈，你就能感受到他们的纯粹和热情。”

有意大利朋友认为，周芬霞身上带有中国人的特点，同时又有外国人那种实在：比较直，有什么说什么，做不来假。

据《中国国际移民报告（2015）》，在中国加快国际化的进程中，中国的移民群体也在迅速增长。目前，中国正经历以中产阶级为主力军的第三次移民潮。

最初白手起家，打出一片天地，成为中国人的典型，到现在，她的社交状态更加自由，“如果我有喜欢的，我就去做。”

用强大的力量发声

“中国人有家的概念。”

周芬霞的走红看似偶然，但其实，中国人尤其是浙江的身影早已开始遍布意大利。

有资料显示，最先去意大利打拼的人来自中国浙江南部的温州及周边，后来浙江北边的人也去了。光周芬霞所在的芳山村，在改革开放以后共走出240个华侨，大部分去了意大利。

80年代，第一批出国打工的温州人站稳了脚跟，开始每个月给老家汇外币。图为1986年，温州苍南县，群众排队等待领取汇款。图片来源网络。

如今，浙江人在意大利经营66050家企业，仅2015年一年，他们就为意大利创造约60亿欧元产值。不仅是餐厅，城市里几乎每个超市也都是浙江人的生意。

意大利当地媒体感叹：“曾经他们带着一颗勇敢的心，赤手空拳来到意大利闯天下。如今开始为意大利年轻一代提供饭碗。”

只是很少有人看到，他们初到意大利时，经历了异常艰辛。

初到异乡，他们在华侨开的店面打工，擦盘子或踩缝纫机。他们每月平均能拿不到300欧元，光房租就要扣掉200欧元。

周芬霞曾去一家餐厅当帮厨，由于是学徒工，店里包吃住，没有工钱。有了工资后，先把之前的借款还上。有一点余钱，就寄给国内的家人。日子就这么一天一天过去。

有时华侨工作近10年才攒够本钱做点生意。然而，因为语言不通，他们与生活的城市格格不入，只能在夹缝中生存。

但中国人无论在哪里都还是中国人，爱热闹，团结，勤勤恳恳。

当他们在意大利罗马，侨团搞得饶有声色。一到春节就会搞一些活动，“今年我这个区搞了一出节目，20几个侨团联合搞起来，轰动罗马！”周芬霞说，华侨们总是携手走过难关。

随着名气见涨，周芬霞开始用一种强大的力量发声。

她每天笑吟吟地穿行在满屋客人中，端上中西元素碰撞的美味佳肴，也讲解其中包含的中国文化。

上当地的电视节目时，她会穿上旗袍，向外国食客宣传：你们既然来到中国餐馆，也要学习中国人的点菜方式。

不久前，意大利国家电视台曾有意请她拍摄纪录片《神秘的外国女人》，家乡吴兴区也想聘请她作为意大利联络站的宣传与引才大使。

有段时间，夫妻俩回到湖州农村故乡，盖起了一栋大房子。她跟锌财经说，中国人有家的概念，“就算不去住，也要把它建好放在那里。”

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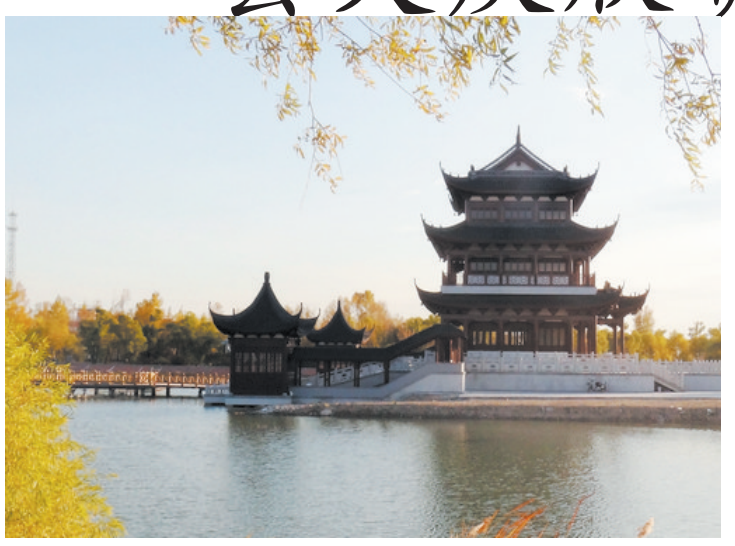


大庆的湖，也因分布于城中而更加靓丽。于是，“湖在城中、城在绿中”成了美丽大庆最真实的写照。抓住夏日的尾巴，漫步湖边，聆听岸上歌声悠扬，眺望水中小舟轻荡；或迎着湿润的微风，观赏飞鸟翱翔的自由。

东风湖

关于东风湖名称的来历，有一种说法是，半个世纪以前，大庆萨尔图区中林街偏南的地带曾是一片牧场，在这片牧场落脚并生活的人们都以放牧为生，这里有一个名叫“东风”的牛场。据传，到这里放牧的人们，第一天就巧遇东风刮起，于是，他们就给这个新建的牛场起名为“东风牛场”。听父亲那一辈的老会战讲，“松基3井”喜喷工业油流之后，于1960年初在松辽盆地打响了惊天地、泣鬼神的石油大会战，随后，沉寂的松辽平原上走来了30000多名复转军人和一批批头戴铝盔的石油人。其中有一支石油队伍进入了东风牛场，他们在这里建起了简陋的房屋，并沿用“东风牛场”名称的中“东风”二字，将此地更名为“东风村”。随着大庆城市的发展和文化的繁荣，人们把嵌在大庆“城市森林”西部的“东风泡”改称为“东风湖”。另一种说法是，东风湖（原名东风泡）曾是一个容纳大庆晓雪啤酒厂工业废水的排污泡，经过2006年~2009年大庆市政府和油田大企业的综合治理，使之变成了环境优美、水体清澈、生物多样、野趣横生、绿树成荫、自然和谐的城市湿地公园。

北二十里泡（龙凤湿地）

北二十里泡，又称大庆龙凤湿地自然保护区，座落于大庆市龙凤区境内东南，是黑龙江省唯一一处位于城区中的湿地，距离大庆石化1km左右，距离市中心仅8km左右。地理坐标为东经125°07`-125°15`，北纬46°28`-46°32`，总面积5050.39公顷。

凤湿地自然保护区地处中纬度地带，属温带大陆性季风气候区，四季明显，温差较大。年平均气温4.5℃ ，极端最高气温39.8℃，极端最低气温-39.2℃。年均4月中下旬解冻开泡，11月上旬结冰，无霜期149天，结冰期176天。年平均降水量为435mm。保护区内地势低洼平坦，泡沼相间，自然坡降小于千分之一。土壤由草甸土和沼泽土组成，其中沼泽土是其主要的土壤类型，分布面积约占自然保护区总面积的80%左右。

陈家大院泡

陈家大院泡是一个位于黑龙江大庆市的湖泊，面积约为1.34平方千米，陈家大院泡原来的名字叫北大泡子。传说早年有一陈姓人家，从外地迁至此处，因为陈家人口众多，在此地又有些影响，久而久之，人们就把这里称为陈家大院，而靠近陈家大院的北大泡子也逐渐被人们叫成了陈家大院泡。60年以后陆续在这里开发油田，油井与湖泊，和谐共处，相映成趣，是陈家大院泡有别于大庆其他湖泊的最显著的特征之一，由于长期往湖里注入热水，冬季热气腾腾，日出之时，常有摄影人驻足拍摄，是大庆摄影人理想的摄影基地。

滨州湖

位于大庆城北，原是大庆的水源湖，这个美丽的湖泊曾经滋养了东城区几十万人，大庆东移北扩战略实施后，几个小区环绕其外，市民们每晚环湖散步，感受着生活的惬意，也承受着大自然的恩惠，但不知哪位开发商，不知哪位领导，出于不知什么样的动机，竟然将滨州湖实施了填湖造地工程，在这个保护大自然，建设大美湿地的大环境下，这样做无疑是给大庆抹黑，给地球造成破坏，使人痛心！请拿开你们的魔掌，让大自然得到该有的宁静。

滨洲湖除了修栈桥，还要做绿化，做景观。从沿湖城处，向湖中建岛。共建仨岛，用栈桥连接。最里面的岛，规模较大，上有花草树木、凉亭、座椅。从湖滨教师花园处，要架设栈桥，设置一处大型休闲广场。而在湖岸西侧，同样要栽花种草，景观绿化。未来，这里，就是大庆的“太阳岛”。

万宝湖

万宝湖因万宝园区而得名，万宝园区与大庆市政府、时代广场、世纪大道相邻。闲时走在宽阔的大街上，看到园区里的大街小巷都是美丽的高楼大厦，街口花园休闲广场布满街道，万宝湖水源清澈丰满，美丽的黎明河像一条长长的白龙围绕园区流过，这里真是楼美水足的好地方。

想知道为什么叫万宝？万宝又是怎么来的原来万宝是一个人名，那是105年前有一个姓赵的名万宝的人到这里开荒种地，几年后，这里的人渐渐的增加了，已经有980户，达三千多人，自然形成了三个屯，人们习惯把这三个屯子叫万宝屯，所以万宝的名字留传到至今。

后来万宝湖的名字逐渐被人们赋予了其他的含义：万宝湖，顾名思义，就是有很多宝贝的湖，其实她身价不菲的原因不仅仅是在于得天独厚的地理位置，还有一个关于龙的故事。长期以来，龙在国人的心目中，一直是王者的化身，权利的象征。正所谓山不在高，有仙则名；湖不在深，有龙则灵。传说早年间天上有一条青龙与人间女子产生爱情，因玉帝阻挠，将青龙锁在天庭，青龙被缚于天柱之上，它眼见着心爱的人却不能陪伴身边，禁不住伤心落泪，青龙的眼泪飘落人间，积聚成湖，就形成了今天我们所见到的孪生姊妹湖，分别为三永湖和万宝湖。

三永湖

三永湖，位于大庆市龙凤区，南临万峰路，北临世纪大道，东临龙永路与唐人中心、华溪龙城、东城领袖相望，西临万宝路与万宝小区相临。在原三永村（该村现已取消建制，并入主城区）内，三永湖西北角是瀚城名苑小区，东北角是瀚城星苑小区，在三永湖上有长1980米的栈桥将湖的北岸和东岸相连，使市民可以轻松在湖心信步徜徉。而中心区有3个高33米、宽20米，寓意“永康、永乐、永福”的“中国结”，更是让人眼前一亮。三永湖最早叫三永泡，在2000年才改名为三永湖，她是自然形成的湖泊，呈筐箩型。资料显示，三永湖水位143.949米，水面面积4080亩，库容为371.1万立方米。关于这个湖泊是何时形成的，已无从考证。

红旗湖

红旗泡水库坐落在大庆市区东侧卧里屯境内，位于嫩江平原中部，界于安达市和大庆市之间，是通过北部引嫩工程，引蓄嫩江水，以供应大庆石油化工用水为主，兼顾灌溉、养鱼等综合利用的平原水库。因靠近安达市红旗奶牛场，又是碟形凹地，而取名“红旗泡水库”。始建于1972年，库区面积35平方公里，库容1亿1600万立方米，是大庆的重要水源地，日供水32万吨，湖中有40多种鱼类，20多种珍禽栖生繁衍，本世纪初被国家评为全国水利风景区，是旅游休闲的好地方。

明湖

大庆明湖水上乐园，原名叫做王连科泡。那是1921年，开荒户王连科建立王连科屯（现红旗村），位于其北二里地的泡子就取名为王连科泡。它位于大庆市让胡路区，东邻让胡路区经济开发区，西与大庆油田乐园隔路相望。

明湖在大庆的百湖之中不算大，甚至可以用“小巧”来形容。但正因为她的“小巧”，才体现出了她的秀气。白天的明湖湖畔，放眼望去，一排排欧式建筑鳞次栉比，红色的屋顶、粉色的墙壁、白色的线条，绿色的玻璃，古典雅韵与现代张扬的气息融为一体，把明湖装点得分外妖娆。夜晚，华灯初上，月挂梢头，这个时候的明湖夜色更加“撩人”——彩灯照得绿树和草坪如翡翠般流光溢彩，南国的椰树和五彩缤纷的彩灯，似火树银花开在空中，乳白色的喷池和霓虹灯交织在一起，更让人留连忘返。曾经有很多游人都称她“大庆小香港”。明湖水上乐园是游戏的天堂。她的主体包括明湖、湖心岛和湖畔公园三部分，其中明湖水面占地210公顷，湖中有电瓶船、激光水战船、观光艇、快艇、摩托艇等，供游客游玩。

黑鱼湖

黑鱼湖是黑龙江省大庆市萨尔图区北部的一个湖泊，原名黑鱼泡，以盛产黑鱼而得名，位于大庆市萨尔图区、林甸县和安达市交界处。临近大庆萨尔图机场。大庆市区没有天然河流，属于平原闭流区。不过，在大庆的版图上，有名的、没名的大小泡泽湖泊却星罗棋布。因此被称作“绿色油化之都，天然百湖之城”。黑鱼湖原名黑鱼泡，以盛产黑鱼而得名，位于黑龙江省大庆市东北侧，距主城区20余公里，与大庆市林甸县和安达市交界。临近大庆萨尔图飞机场。大庆市区没有天然河流，属于平原闭流区。不过，在大庆的版图上，有名的、没名的大小泡泽湖泊却星罗棋布。因此被称作“绿色油化之都，天然百湖之城”。

乘风湖

乘风湖原名“周瞎泡”，位于黑龙江省大庆市让胡路区铁人大道银浪段东侧，它北临乘风小区、乘风十小区，南临测井小区。现在的乘风湖，水绿、草绿、树绿，人们时常喜欢到乘风湖漫步观景。

乘风湖生态园占地面积为310公顷，其中湖水面积197公顷，湖心岛面积7.1公顷，陆地面积120公顷，草坪面积4.1万平方米，花草面积3万平方米。绿化率达到了90%以上。

环湖绿地，有110公顷，高的，是乔木；矮的，是灌木、绿篱；地下“趴”着的，是花花草草。翠绿、青绿、墨绿、淡绿……你能想到的“绿”，这儿都能找到。现在，岸边正是热闹的时候，各色小花，开得正艳。湖里也不寂寞，新投放的600万尾鱼苗，游得正欢。整个园区分成湖心岛、南岸、北岸、西岸4大板块，建有广场3个、码头3个、湖心绿岛1处。西岸，是生态园主入口，广场的名字叫“和韵”，主打雕塑名为“飘逸”，是3只振翅高飞的水鸟。出了广场，向左，也就二三十米，是生肖享泰台，中间有一假山，12个石刻卡通生肖环坐周围。设计人员还在这里安放了4张棋牌桌。南岸，紧靠测井楼区，居民抬脚就到。广场的名字叫“乐民”，主打雕塑是“乘风破浪”，状如船帆。

徜徉在龙陵 龙江的小田坝

我是一个土生土长的龙江人，我一直为此骄傲着。

陶渊明用“夹岸数百步，中无杂树，芳草鲜美，落英缤纷”形容桃花源的美；王维用“大漠孤烟直，长河落日圆”形容边陲大漠的美；我找不到一个贴切的词来形容龙江的美，亦或者，所有的能想到的能说出来的词语都无法形容龙江的美。龙江的美，美在心里。

龙江美，稻田美是其中首屈一指的。

时值八月，正是龙江水稻长得正绿的季节。放眼望去，绿茫茫的一大片，充满生的力量。如果在某个天朗气清的清晨，你突发奇想，决定到田里去逛逛，那么你一定能感受到青草的味道，见到一颗颗垂垂欲滴的露珠，陶醉在远处缭绕在群山间的云雾中，遇到一个再一个背着背篓或者挑着篮子到田里割牛草的伯伯婶婶，如果有幸，还能见到路边刚刚舒展开来的牵牛花……

当然，如果你是在夕阳快落山的时候去的，又能感受到不一样的美。漫步在田埂上，夕阳的余晖落在水稻上，看着圈里的水牛安静地吃草，听着田里的鱼儿嬉戏耍闹，如果你细心观察，你会发现路边的牵牛花都收起自己的小衣裳，准备歇息了……

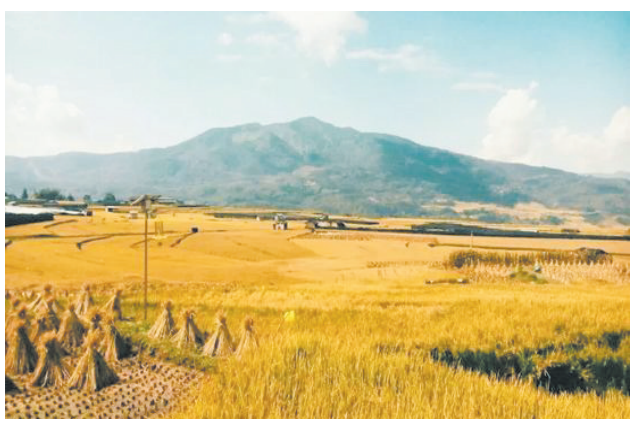
田坝里还有一个珍宝：草药。有人用“一屁股坐下去全部是草药”形容云南的草药之多。我想，在龙江，大抵也是这样的。龙江的田坝里生长着太多太多我不知名的草药。这个暑假，我漫游在田坝间，开始采摘草药，百花舌草、野橄榄、酸木瓜草……这些草药在地里田间随处可见，而且用处极大，我采摘了不少储存起来。

十月的稻田一片金灿灿的黄，洋溢着丰收的喜悦。去年的10月，我的几个大学同学听我说龙江的稻田鱼便心动不已，我们相约来了龙江。

金黄的稻田眩晕了他们的心，来自大城市的他们未曾见过这样的美景，唏嘘不已。那两天，一有空闲他们便到田里去，拍照、闲逛，和路边的野花，和圈里的水牛，和金色的水稻留下一张张时光的合影。返程的时候，他们仍然意犹未尽。他们说，明年一定还要再来。

龙江美，我偏爱稻田的美。也许是因为家的下面就是一大片稻田，我看着水稻从撒秧、出牙、栽秧到生长发绿发黄收割的过程；也许是因为蓝天白云稻田构成的景色太美这么多年来一直眩晕着我的心……

如果你来龙江，一定要到龙江的小田坝里逛逛，或许有你不曾领略的美。



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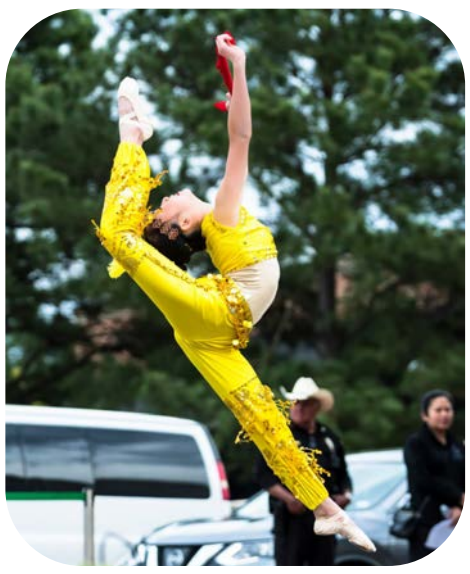
亚美舞蹈团和亚美舞蹈学校弘扬中华文化，3月16日在Katy Central Green公园，为观众带来在全美舞蹈比赛中获奖无数的精彩舞蹈



又一“朋友圈”新型骗局 小心你的善心被利用

去偏远贫困地区支教，原本是一件善举，可有些不法分子却利用这种善举行骗。近日，江苏、河南、广东等地的一些微信用户反映，他们遭遇了突然有陌生人添加好友，对方以“支教”的由头晒照片、募捐，最后卷钱而逃。

陌生人添加好友 以支教为由行骗

报案人 朱先生：通过微信上加我，她说自己是支教老师，把家长的号加错了。

面对陌生人添加好友，朱先生首先表示自己不是学生家长，可对方却说“加错了也是缘分”，随后主动搭话聊了起来。这位小黄自称去了云南西双版纳勐海县支教，并通过微信给朱先生发来了很多照片，既有较为艰苦的生活环境照片，也有她本人与山区孩子的合照，而且她的朋友圈几乎天天都在发布支教的相关情况。

报案人 朱先生：她说想给学生买礼物、买文具，差钱，想凑钱。

起初，对方只说想给班里的孩子买些文具，希望微信里的朋友们能帮帮忙，朱先生觉得帮助偏远地区的孩子也是奉献爱心，想都没想就连转了好几笔几百元的爱心款。之后，小黄还发来了几段视频，内容是当地的孩子感谢热心人的捐助。前前后后，朱先生转账了三千多元，结果对方却再也联系不上。

朱先生上网搜索后发现，网上有不少人都反映自己有着同样的遭遇，甚至有人称自己被骗捐了上万元钱。记者联系到了骗捐者自称支教的地方——云南西双版纳州勐海县教育局，教育局工作人员表示：从去年下半年开始，陆续接到近千通电话，都是查询支教人员的情况。

云南省西双版纳州勐海县教育局工作人员：我们帮排查了，找不到这样的学校，也没有这样一个老师来过。

云南省勐海县教育局的工作人员表示，前往当地开展支教活动都是与外地教育部门和学校直接对接，并没有接收个人支教的行为，更没有授权任何个人开展募捐的行为。

个人以支教为由募捐 真实与否都违法

法律学者表示，对于个人以支教为由获取好友信任并进行募捐行为，无论真实与否都已经涉嫌违法。

张凌霄律师：因为按照《慈善法》的规定，个人是不能从事公开募捐的。个人要从事公开募捐，就必须跟慈善组织合作。假如它是真的，它就涉及到了违法的公开募捐。如果是假的，就会涉及到诈骗。

微信朋友圈素材 公然成为商品售卖

法律学者指出，主动添加陌生人为好友并进行诈骗，属于新型的电信诈骗行为。面对庞大的微信群体，一些不法分子也瞄准了这个空子，兜售朋友圈素材和沟通套路来获取利益，形成互联网黑色产业链。

记者通过调查发现，在多地出现的支教骗捐案例中，犯罪嫌疑人使用的微信头像都是形象较好的女性照片，朋友圈里晒出的图片也较为丰富，既有生活场景的照片，也有类似自拍的图片。而记者在一些网购平台发现，微信朋友圈素材公然成为了商品进行售卖，只需要极低的成本就可以虚构一个微信朋友圈空间。

一个名为“中国好素材”的网店，直接把“微信素材”作为商品名称，兜售女性生活套图，在该商品介绍中甚至打出“带朋友圈发布话术”的广告。

根据新颁布的《电子商务法》第38条规定，“电子商务平台经营者知道或者应当知道平台内经营者销售的商品或者提供的服务不符合保障人身、财产安全的要求，或者有其他侵害消费者合法权益行为，未采取必要措施的，依法与该平台内经营者承担连带责任”。

法律学者指出，互联网平台应该严格履行审核责任，并畅通举报通道，通过后台实名的机制对不法分子利用网络进行的诈骗行为及时进行跟进、查处。

这个投资群为啥除了她都在“赚钱”

“比特币中国”是中国第一家比特币交易平台，于2017年9月停止交易。“比特中国”与此只有一字之差，对外宣称是现货交易平台，涵盖了黄金、白银、英镑、比特币等10类投资项目。但实际上，它不仅名字是山寨的，本质上更是一个诈骗团伙的“吸金池”。该平台并非真实交易平台，不与市场接轨，可以通过设置后台盈亏比例和手动操控盈亏等手段实施诈骗。该团伙通过微信、QQ群等，向被害人提供虚假盈利单，冒充分析师进行指导，引诱被害人在“比特中国”平台充值投资。近日，浙江省象山县检察院以涉嫌诈骗罪对林某等20名犯罪嫌疑人提起公诉。

组建诈骗团队，搭建交易平台

2017年10月，林某和吴某、程某、黄某一起谋划现货交易生意，决定由林某提供场地、设备等，吴某、程某、黄某以股东身份加入，各自招聘业务员、发展客户、做业务，所得利润与林某五五分成。

分工明确后，林某找到制作微交易平台的工程师励某，承诺给他每月1000元作为平台维护费，并提成客户投入资金的1%作为好处费。励某遂按照要求制作了具有“风控”功能(可以控制买家输赢)的现货交易平台“比特中国”，提供支付宝、微信作为客户充值的渠道。至此，一个诈骗团伙初步形成。

平台搭建成型后，股东吴某、程某、黄某等人利用林某买来的客户个人信息，通过电话、微信等方式联系客户，推销“比特中国”平台，同时指导业务员进入股票、现货、期货、外汇等投资群，重点关注投资失败的客户，然后将这些人拉到公司的QQ群或微信群，吹嘘公司实力，声称分析师水平高，在平台上投资可以保证盈利率在85%甚至90%以上。

为了获取客户信任，业务员还经常用小号假装客户在群里聊天，发布虚假盈利截图表明投资赚钱。客户心动后，注册进入平台，就可以投入资金进行交易。

步步引诱客户，最终套牢资金

2018年1月，林女士接到一个陌生电话，对方询问她有没有兴趣在微交易平台投资，林女士回答以前接触过，亏钱后便不再做了。对方一听便怂恿林女士再试试，在“比特中国”平台投资保证不会亏。林女士想着投钱不多，可以先试试。

林女士根据对方推荐下载了“比特中国”平台，完成注册并充值了500元。按照对方指引，林女士小额投资了几个项目，大多数都赚了。随后，林女士又充值了5000元，继续跟着对方投资，这次全部都赚了。

有了这两次的赚钱经验，林女士经不住分析师的诱导，头脑一热又充值了3万元，但没想到全都亏掉了。分析师安慰林女士说是最近运气不好，还把她拉进一个QQ群一起交流。但很奇怪的是，群里其他投资者跟着分析师下单都赚了，频繁晒单，唯独林女士一直亏钱，分析师以下单速度太慢回应林女士，同时再次让她充钱翻本。直到案发后，林女士才恍然大悟，这些晒单赚钱的人其实都是“托”。

有几次，林女士赚钱后想提现，都被平台拦截了。分析师劝说她不要提现：“今天手气不错，继续投肯定能把之前亏的赚回来，要有信心。”林女士也想赢回亏掉的钱，抱着这种心理前后共投入8万余元，结局却是全亏了。

人为设置盈亏比，客户总会以亏钱告终

2018年2月，感受上当受骗后，林女士向公安机关报案。公安机关侦查发现这是团伙作案，遂陆续将林某等犯罪嫌疑人抓获归案。

据犯罪嫌疑人供述，该投资平台实际并不与市场接轨，客户投入的资金完全掌控在林某等人手中。他们不按市场走势决定客户盈亏，而是人为设置平台参数和盈亏比，控制产品走势涨跌决定客户盈亏，客户购买产品亏钱的概率明显大于赚钱的概率，而且购买金额越大，亏钱的可能性越大。为了引诱客户持续投入资金，林某等人一开始会让客户赚点小钱，但最后都以亏钱告终。

经查，犯罪嫌疑人程某及其组员还发展了下线代理，让代理发布虚假盈利截图吸引客户投入资金，帮助代理操控后台盈亏，进而骗取客户资金。随后，代理刘某、王某等人相继落网。截至目前，该案被害人共11人，涉案金额39万余元，尚有部分被害人未找到。

检察官提醒，不要轻易相信低风险、高回报的投资产品，不要盲目相信“内幕消息”“权威发布”等，尤其不要随意加入未经核实的投资理财群。群里发布的期货、股票、外汇等交易平台广告，分析师带单稳赚不亏等，往往都是电信诈骗分子设计好的圈套。