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How to tame the tech titans?



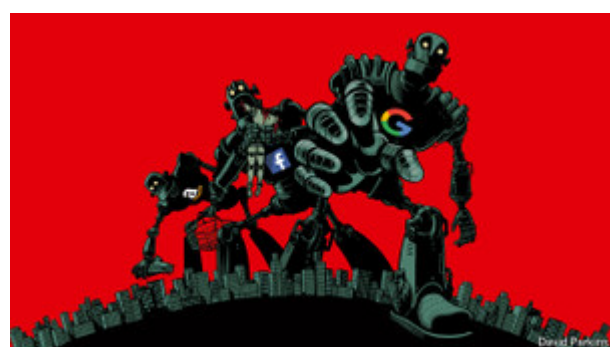
**The world this week**

Politics this week

Business this week

KAL's cartoon

**Leaders**



## Competition and technology

### Taming the titans

Google, Facebook and Amazon are increasingly dominant. How should they be controlled?



## Carillion's collapse

### Britain's hard bargains

The world's leading privatiser of public services needs to get better at it





## Democracy in Tunisia

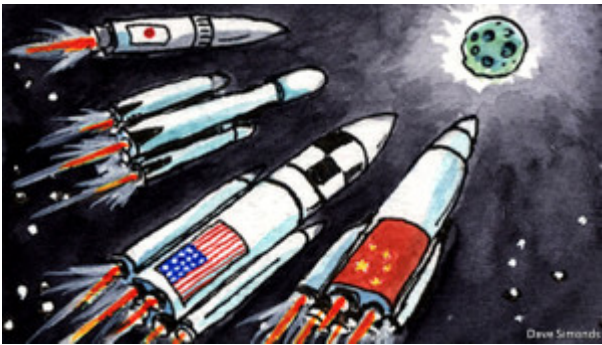
### The seven-year itch

Tunisia needs help if it is to remain a model for the Arab world

## Currency markets

### Playing ketchup with the dollar

Whether a currency is cheap or dear is not always a good guide to its fortunes. It is now



## The new space race

### In heaven as it is on Earth

Events in space reflect those back home

## Letters

On nationalism, polygamy, sugar, Iceland, conversation

## Briefing



Coping with techlash

Silicon Valley, we have a problem

With the political mood turning against digital giants, the world's largest tech bosses are scrambling to understand what could be in store. A note from their strategist

## Europe



France's En Marche!

What's it for?

Germany

The dwarfs' uprising

Russia

Pot shots

Poland

Patriotic smog

The Czech Republic

Taking back the castle

Turkey

Checking up on the imams

Charlemagne

Money talks

**Britain**



The collapse of Carillion  
Cleaned out

Pensions  
A big hole

The Guardian  
Back in black

The Labour Party  
Momentum gains momentum

The colour of their money  
Darkening outlook

Whitehall turf-wars  
No, minister

Stop and search  
A fair cop?

Poundbury Mark 2  
Fit for a future king

Bagehot  
Still special?

**United States**



The safety net  
Working for it

Coal  
Minding Grandma

Amazon  
Unfulfilled

Kansas and Missouri  
In a state

The Iran nuclear agreement  
Trump card

Nuclear fears  
Thinking the unthinkable

Lexington  
Stranger danger

## **Middle East and Africa**



Protests in Tunisia  
Democracy and its discontents

Israel's mismanaged capital  
Grants and absolution

The war in Syria  
Rebels on the slide

An army that marches on its stomach  
The very hungry caterpillars

Long walk to financial ruin  
Keeping up with the Khumalos

## **The Americas**



Argentina's economy  
Getting warmer

Mexico  
Burying the Hairy Hand

Bello  
The threat of violence in Venezuela

**Asia**



Politics in Thailand  
Home truths

India's Supreme Court  
Bench press

Politics in Sri Lanka  
Coconuts and jolts

Politics in Kyrgyzstan  
Kyrgyz autumn

Japan and South Korea  
K-pop v history



## China



Space launches  
Hainan aims high

Sexual harassment  
#ChinaToo

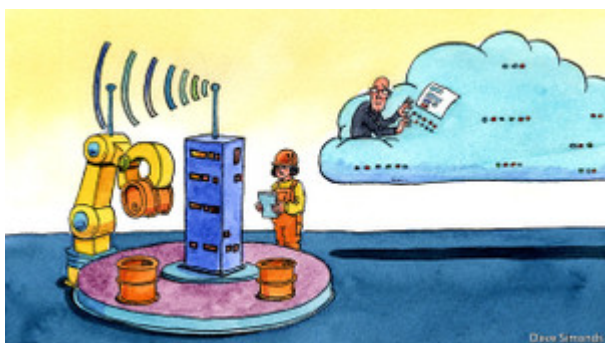
Banyan  
Hard prong, soft prong

## International



Ending civil war  
When the shooting stops

## Business





Computing geography (1)  
Life on the edge

Computing geography (2)  
Great cloud of China

Japan's SoftBank  
Funding a Vision

Television sports rights  
Keepy uppy

General Electric  
Regrets are not enough

Bamboo in China  
Watching grass grow

Schumpeter  
Mad men

## Finance and economics



The oil price  
Crude thinking

Buttonwood  
The hedge-fund delusion

Digital currencies  
The crypto sun sets in the East

The Big Mac index  
The Mac strikes back

The World Bank  
Undoing business

Government venture capital in Europe  
The worm's turn

Free exchange  
Jam tomorrow

Science and technology



Space flight

Size matters

Perception and language

Scents and sensibility

Evolution

Shell game

Computers and criminal justice

Algorithm's dilemma

Drones in a box

Ready for take off

## Books and arts



The Vietnam war

Wishful thinking

New fiction

A river runs through it

Art history

The first artists' biographer

Johnson

Unlocking pronouns

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