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Burnes buys HLO

HELLOWORLD ceo Andrew Burnes is putting more of his money where his mouth is, last week buying 21,340 shares in the firm at an average price of \$4.19.

The additional stake was acquired on-market for almost \$90,000, and boosts his direct and indirect Helloworld holding to 31,330,099 shares.

This week the Helloworld share price has dipped, with the shares yesterday closing at \$4.00.

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StayWell taps into China

HOTEL management company StayWell Hospitality will massively expand its portfolio in the China mainland market having forged a new partnership with Manhatton Hotel Management.

The Australian-owned firm has a portfolio of 36 properties trading under the Park Regis and Leisure Inn brands around the globe, including a Park Regis branded property in Beijing.

Under the new Master Licensing Agreement with Singapore-based Manhatton, StayWell will target the addition of sixty hotels within China over the next 36 months, of which 30 will open by 2020.

Cities earmarked include Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Chengdu.

Over the next 18 months, Manhatton will secure three hotel management projects in Chinese

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, a front cover wrap for Scenic plus a full page from:

- inPlace Recruitment
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three-tier cities.

"This partnership will not only expand our offering in China but also provide opportunity for StayWell...to capitalise and also embrace the highly regarded position international hotel brands have in the Chinese market," StayWell Hospitality Group ceo and managing director Simon Wan said yesterday.

In the past six months, StayWell has announced partnerships to enter the UK, Vietnam and Thai markets as well as increasing its presence in India.

QBT new group gm

NICK Sutherland has today been named as the new group general manager of Helloworld Ltd's corporate travel management business, QBT.

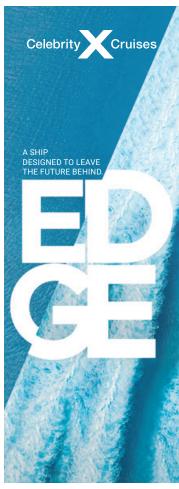
Sutherland, who launched CT Connections in 2010, has over 20 years' experience in corporate travel management as well as experience in airline and commercial foreign exchange.

Based in Melbourne, he will report to group gm corporate and Air Tickets, Russell Carstensen.

Scenic \$100 Reward

SCENIC is offering travel agents a bonus \$100 worth of Rewards Points for every 2018 Europe and France river cruise booked before the end of Apr.

The luxury travel company has frozen 2017 prices for all 2018 sailings as part of its pre-release program (see cover wrap), which also includes 'Fly Free to Europe' deals and a \$600 per couple early payment discount for cruises of 11 days or longer.



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SQ A350s to MEL

SINGAPORE Airlines will deploy new Airbus A350-XWB aircraft on the Singapore-Melbourne route from 01 Apr. GDS displays show.

The Star Alliance carrier will use the carbon-composite jet on SQ207/208 on Tue, Fri and Sun (ex SIN), replacing 777-200ERs.



Gladiator to push France

RUSSELL Crowe will front a new French tourism marketing push aimed at boosting traveller confidence to Paris and France.

The campaign initiative is part of a strategic fund created by the French Govt to entice travellers back to France following a spate of terror attacks and was unveiled by French Minister for Foreign Affairs and Int'l Development Jean-Marc Ayrault who was in Australia last week (see page 8).

The flagged campaign, expected to roll out on TV & cinema screens in Sep, will position the French capital as a "fun, cultural and lively city," Atout France regional manager Patrick Benhamou told Travel Daily yesterday.

Oscar-award winner Crowe will join a number of other Australian celebrities such as film director Baz Lurhmann, who will actively endorse Paris and France.

Other celebrities Atout France is chasing include Hugh Jackman, Naomi Watts and Delta Goodrem. Backed by Paris Tourism Office, the Paris Region and Air France, the campaign will present Aussie stars expressing their love for the destination, with the phrase "J'aime Paris" set against landmark sites.

He said the Australian market for France had dipped by around 20% in 2016 compared to the year prior, "but forward bookings show a positive trend since Nov".

Get Up & Go is gone

GET Up & Go, the consumer travel magazine focusing on the 55+ demographic, will no longer be printed, with long-time editor Bev Malzard revealing the publication's closure yesterday.

The quarterly Get Up & Go was owned by Business & Tourism Publishing which also produces bi-monthly business events magazine, micenet Australia.

Alberta cities profiled

TODAY'S Destination Profile of the Canadian province of Alberta is focused on some of the things visitors can see and do in the capital, Edmonton, and the home of 'The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth' - the Calgary Stampede. See the back page for details.







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Trump travel ban revised

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has imposed a revised travel ban on the nationals of six Middle Eastern and African countries, replacing measures announced in Jan which were blocked in court.

The new measures will be introduced over coming weeks and no longer include Iraq, but still apply to Iran, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

People who already hold valid US visas will be unaffected.

The Association of Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE) last night expressed concern over the ban and launched a survey of its members on their responses.

"ACTE was seriously concerned that the dignity of business travellers was being compromised by the first travel ban," said ACTE exec director Greeley Koch.

"The new travel ban, issued today, has a ten-day

Oman screens on 9

THE Sultanate of Oman will feature on Channel 9's Travel Guide program tonight, including water activities at Shangri-La Al Jissah Resort & Spa, Muscat.

implementation period and is not supposed to affect anyone holding a visa valid on Jan 27, 2017... we'll see how this one is implemented."

However, the US Travel Association backed the measures.

"The American travel community supports efforts to bolster national security, and the Trump administration deserves some credit for the substantially more cautious and deliberate introduction of the revised executive order," said association president and ceo Roger Dow.

Accor, Rixo alliance

ACCORHOTELS has announced a joint venture with Rixos Hotels "to reinforce its presence in the luxury and high-end market".

The strategic partnership will see the pair co-operate, develop and jointly manager Rixos resorts and hotels around the world, with its stable currently consisting of 15 properties in Turkey, the UAE, Egypt, Russia and Europe.

The French-hotel giant will nab a 50% stake in Rixos at the end of the transaction.

CSIRO border project

THE CSIRO has joined with tech company Unisys to develop new automated systems for policing border security.

The pair have announced a collaboration in which Unisys will fund joint research by the CSIRO's data and IT arm, Data61.

Its aim is to develop a system of automated security assessment, using "advanced data analytics" to monitor travellers and cargo over air, land and sea borders.

The CSIRO says its research will involve assessing data from airlines to identify patterns that might indicate risks.

It plans to develop a "proof of concept" at an unnamed Asian hub, with the intention of making a viable product available to national governments.

"The end goal of this international collaboration is to make border security processes more efficient, cost effective and safer for countries around the world," Data 61 chief executive Adrian Turner said.



Window

OF ALL the hazards skiers need to avoid on the slopes of Europe, the threat of a volcanic eruption is not one that springs immediately to mind.

Yet a party of skiers in Sicily last month found themselves sharing the piste with a smouldering projectile thrown from Mt Etna's fiery innards.

A video posted on YouTube shows the skiers' encounter with a smoking boulder rolling down the mountain's slopes.



It creates clouds of steam in the snowy landscape as the group chases it down a hillside beneath the volcano's summit.

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Oceania shows off Sirena



THE Norwegian Cruise Lines Holdings (NCLH) team was out in force yesterday at Sydney's White Bay Cruise Terminal, with *Oceania Sirena* making her Australian debut following a US\$50 million refurbishment.

Oceania is one of the brands overseen by NCLH, alongside Norwegian Cruise Line and Regent Seven Seas Cruises, and *Sirena* is undertaking a series of Australasian itineraries including a 34-day Sydney to Sydney circumnavigation of Australia.

Yesterday, NCLH senior vice president and managing director, Steve Odell, confirmed the strong growth of the Oceania brand since it became part of the newly established local office.

"Australia is now the second largest market for Oceania globally," he told *TD*, with the Sydney office overtaking the UK in just the last few weeks.

The Australian circumnavigation itinerary will be repeated by sister ship *Regatta* this coming Dec, with Odell saying there is "clearly an appetite among Australians for seeing our country by sea".

Sirena features a new Asianinspired restaurant called Red Ginger, reflecting the increasingly eclectic culinary tastes of Oceania passengers.

Other onboard eateries include Tuscan Steak, inspired by Oceania's traditional Polo Grill steak restaurant and its Toscana Italian eatery.

Pictured above in Red Ginger aboard Oceania Sirena in Sydney yesterday are, from left: NCLH vice president of marketing, Asia Pacific Ben Angell; NCLH director of operations Liz Krstevzki and NCLH senior vice president and managing director Steve Odell.

More from Oceania in today's issue of *Cruise Weekly*.















Regional tourism key

THE Tourism & Transport Forum (TTF) has welcomed a \$300 million boost to regional tourism from the NSW government, saying areas beyond the "capital and coast" help ensure the industry continues to evolve.

"Expanding our tourism product by adding more regional attractions is critical to building the national visitor economy," said TTF ceo Margy Osmond.

She said better regional product would help cater to both new and established tourism markets.

Rocky Mtnr moving

ROCKY Mountaineer is preparing to shift its Canadian headquarters to a "new, state-of-the-art collaborative space" on Howe Street in the heart of downtown Vancouver.

The new base will replace the current offices on Terminal Avenue from next week.

Eurostar Paris lounge

CROSS-CHANNEL high speed rail operator Eurostar has opened a new Business Premier lounge at Paris Gare du Nord station.

The relocated lounge is on the top floor of the building, and has been designed by architectural firm Softroom to "capture the spirit of a Parisian apartment".

EK rejects claim to EU

EMIRATES has rejected claims by Lufthansa, Air France and KLM that its competition has forced them to cancel services to Asia.

Reuters reports that the carriers have complained to the European Union of unfair practices by Emirates which had forced them to drop destinations.

In response, Emirates says Official Airline Guide data shows in the past decade the carriers had increased their capacity from Europe to Asia by 17% and increased frequencies 6%.

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Exotic Hols to launch in Oz

NEW Zealand company Exotic Holidays will begin operating in Australia in the coming weeks.

The Australian operation will be called *Exotic Tours* and is promising to bring change to the wholesale travel market.

Speaking to *Travel Daily* this morning, md of Exotic Holidays, Rahul Sharma said the company identified a gap for a boutique company offering niche services.

Exotic offer tours to Europe, Asia, India and the Middle East

London gets Moxy

MOXY Hotels has launched its first hotel in London, joining its existing portfolio of eight global destinations including Munich, Milan, Berlin and New Orleans.

Operated by Marriott Int'l and located in the East End, Moxy London ExCeL is located near ExCeL London convention centre and has 164 rooms.

in individual/FIT tours, group and special interest tours plus incentives & conference travel.

"Apart from Australia being a bigger market than NZ, the feedback we've received is that there is a big gap in the market for wholesalers and for someone who can offer something new, with customised programs, compared to set itineraries that many offer," Sharma said.

Initially the company will operate its AUS operation from NZ with a plan to open an office in the country, if there is strong demand in the next 6-12mths.

The company is in the final stage of selecting local reps and launch once its website is ready.

Sharma said NZ agents loved the company because of its fast turn around times, emphasis on personal service and personal tours, extended operating hours and because unlike many, it was open on weekends. Find out how the big screen and travel marketing can go hand in hand in the March issue of *travelBulletin*.

click HERE to read travelBulletin

WILDFest 2017 on sale

WILDFEST 2017 is offering a sale on its three-day (21-23 Apr) wilderness program in the NSW Southern Highlands.

Activities include canoeing, champagne and forest canapés, ghost towns, bush spas and star gazing at the Milky Way.

The special runs until 20 Mar and promises savings of up to \$500 for the Remote Glamping Premium Package, which range from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per person. CLICK HERE for details.

Renaissance Pattaya

RENAISSANCE Hotels is planning to open its first resort in the seaside town of Pattaya in Thailand.

Scheduled to open by 01 Sep 2017, the hotel will have 257 rooms in a low-rise format in the popular tranquil Jomtien district.

Rates at Renaissance Pattaya Resort & Spa will start at \$135 plus for a Deluxe Room.



Hotel price index

THE latest Hotel Price Index data, released today by Hotels. com, reveals Yulara, NT was the Australian destination that set international travellers back the most in 2016, while Townsville and Perth recorded the steepest declines at 13% and 12%.

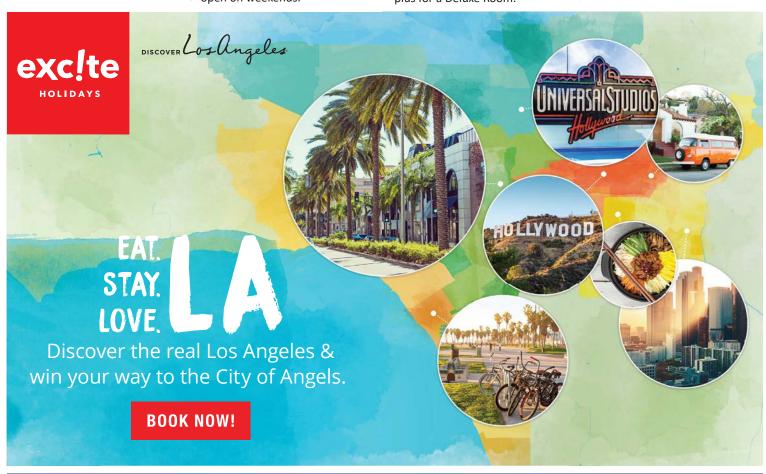
For another running, Australia's largest city Sydney, remained the most popular destination for foreign travellers.

For Aussie travellers, the United States and Greece were the most expensive destinations to have a snooze.

Pattaya in Thailand, however was the most affordable place to stay at \$67 per night.

On a whole Asia is the cheapest for your buck, recording 18 of the lowest 20 averages paid per hotel night in the top 100 popular international destinations.

Besides Pattaya, Phnom Penh was the second lowest at \$73 per night, followed by Mai at \$74.





TODAY is the last chance to win tickets to see Adele in Sydney with British Airways!

British Airways is giving six winning agents tickets to the Presidents Suite at Adele's 11 Mar



British Airways is giving six lucky travel agents the chance to see global superstar Adele live in the Presidents Suite at ANZ Stadium in Sydney on Saturday, 11 March 2017.

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concert at ANZ stadium.

Lee Parkinson, senior corporate travel consultant at Egencia Business Travel, had a crack and sent through the above pic of him already getting up close and personal with Adele.

To be in the running, send a picture of yourself with something quintessentially British and in 25 words or less why you should join British Airways in the Presidents Suite to britishairways@traveldaily.com.au.

For more information, see the competition on the left.

Luna Park \$20m redo

LUNA Park Sydney is in for a \$20 million refresh in the next four years, The Daily Telegraph is reporting.

Six new hi-tech rides designed for thrill seekers and using VR and other tech are on the cards, along with updates to Coney Island, The Rotor, The Ferris Wheel and The Wild Mouse rollercoaster.

Mantra equality

MANTRA Group is backing gender equality, with the latest data from the Workplace Gender Equality Agency showing 61% of Mantra Group's Australian team members are female - 9.2% higher than the industry average.

Women in department head positions have increased by 16% since the group launched its Women in Mantra initiative in 2014 while women in gm positions have increased by 2%.



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- 2. Provide an overview of your experience in building productive and positive relationships with external stakeholders. Where relevant, include details on how you achieved collaboration across these stakeholder groups in delivering projects, marketing plans or other promotional activities.

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website. Applications submitted via email will not be accepted.



AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury

TOMORROW (Wed o8 Mar) is a day in which woman are recognised in the hope that gender equality becomes the norm rather than a thing.

It is International Woman's Day and for those in the travel industry who might not understand what it is, I highly recommend you CLICK HERE to visit the official International Women's Day website.

Some of the statistics listed are confronting & it is hard to believe that in 2017, the issue of gender equality requires this level of prominence, but it does and a quick review of the website will tell you why.

As a nation, Australia has done better than many to embrace gender equality and there are several measurements that show this.

In a business setting, Australia has done better than most to ensure that woman get treated the same as men.

Some would argue that this is not always the case, but the results do point to this. One very clear measurement of this is the number of woman who hold significant board seats on ASX listed companies.

Gender diversity is a very important measurement used by stock exchanges all over the world. In Australia we have a rating of 25.1% of directors on the ASX 200 listed companies who are woman in board positions. The UK have 27% of their top 100 companies and the USA have 23% women directors of their top 100 companies.

These numbers have grown over the past few years but clearly there is some significant work to do to get gender diversity on our top company boards. At the travel industry level, our recent AFTA member survey shows that 70% of travel consultants are female. Some 42% of our workforce are part-time employees meaning that we have a strong female base, but also working conditions that allow people to have a career but also other interests like a family.

It is a very important topic and I congratulate JITO for their efforts in bringing the subject to the forefront of the travel and tourism industry by hosting the International Woman's Day tomorrow in Sydney.

While my role at the event tomorrow is that of a facilitator, there is a very distinguished panel of senior travel and tourism industry leaders, who happen to be women, the line-up of speakers very impressive.

Perhaps the top ASX companies should take a leaf out of the travel industry's book as it would seem that we have a pool of talented women across all levels of the industry and I am very proud to be a part of that.

So no matter what your gender, or your views on this subject, I strongly suggest that we all embrace International Women's Day tomorrow and recognise that if we want a truly sustainable future we must work towards gender equality in the workforce across all industries, Australia and indeed the world.

CX appoints DTW

DISCOVER the World (DTW) will represent Cathay Pacific Airways in Mexico and will work to boost brand awareness in the country.

The airline is already represented by DTW in 12 other Latin America countries.

Sin City resort fees up

BOTH Caesars Entertainment and MGM Resorts International are raising their resort fees this month, USA Today reports.

The fees at Caesars Palace, Paris and Rio will climb by \$1-3 to \$34.01-\$39.68pn, while at MGM Grand, Bellagio and Mandalay Bay, fees will climb by \$1-5 to \$30.61-\$44.22 per night.

Resort fees (listed in US Dollars) are not included in room rates.

Brand USA campaign

BRAND USA has launched a new social-first campaign and website called 'See How Far You Can Go.' in a move to increase inbound tourism to the US.

The push highlights the diversity of the US and encourages travellers to share their own experiences and includes online videos, out-of-home signage, online display ads, and social media posts.

The new visittheusa.com.au website features videos, content and mobile functionality and a "Choose your Adventure" section which provides trip recommendations based on a user's search patterns.

Brand USA produced 15 versions of the new website in eight different languages.



Tuesday 7th March 2017

Smartflyer continues to grow



SMARTFLYER Australia has seen its number substantially grow over the last few months, with their home-based consultants hitting 32.

Last week, the company held a gathering at Sydney's Shangri-la Hotel, including a learning session with some preferred partners.

Smartflver USA ceo Michael Holtz and USA md Erina Pindar were also present at the event.

Anthony Goldman, joint managing director of Goldman Group said, "We're aiming to recruit the best in the business. We are not after numbers."

Pictured above from left are David Goldman, Stuart Reay, Erina Pindar, Michael Holtz, Eliza Woodward, Anthony Goldman and Brent Wallace.

Akeroyd leaving CWT

LISA Akeroyd, managing director Australia & New Zealand for Carlson Wagonlit Travel, is leaving the corporate travel giant to take up a role in London.

Akeroyd, who's been with CWT for just over five years, will be the new vice president global sales for serviced office giant Regus.

Himalaya's &Beyond

&BEYOND has launched a set departure 13-day winter expedition in India's Himalayan region of Ladakh that searches for the snow leopoard.

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FORMER French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault was in Sydney last week, meeting with Atout France to discuss ways to boost the profile of Paris and France (see page two).

Pictured are Jean-Marc Agrault,



WELCOME to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

\$1AUD = US0.75

THE Australian dollar had an eventful week with gains made from a strong Dec quarter, all but disappeared after loosing ground to the US dollar and Japanese yen, because of a North Korean missile test and an inevitable rate rise in the US.

Travellers to Europe continue to benefit from a weak Euro, as French voters shift to anti-Euro candidate Marine Le Pen ahead of the French elections.

Today the Reserve Bank is expected to keep rates on hold. Comments on the improving global economy & the housing market could see the AUDUSD up.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.753
UK	£0.613
NZ	\$1.076
Euro	€0.708
Japan	¥86.o6
Thailand	ß26.38
China	¥5.149
South Africa	R9.778
Canada	\$1.09
Crude oil	US\$53.33

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development (right) and Patrick Benhamou regional manager of Atout France, in front of the Sydney Opera House.

Cox & Kings brochure

COX & Kings has created a new style of brochure, complete with aspirational stories, tips and advice for travellers.

Damian Perry ceo of Cox & Kings Aus and NZ said "Replacing the old traditional itinerary-only brochure, the goal of our...'brozine' is to stop selling boring mass tourism widgets and...bring back beautiful bespoke travel".

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Dorint onto HotelREZ

GERMAN Dorint Hotels & Resorts has chosen HotelREZ as GDS distribution partner.

COO of Dorint Hotels & Resorts Karl-Heinz Pawlizki said "HotelREZ was capable of providing us with the very best technology in the market, via Sabre".

Dorint owns 38 hotels across Europe including Germany.

NCL's Joy floats out

NORWEGIAN Joy floated out of MEYER WERFT's building dock II in Germany last weekend.

The vessel is Norwegian Cruise Lines' first ship custom designed for China, created to deliver 'First Class at Sea' experiences.

Construction first began in Sep 2015 and is expected to wrap up

Safari founder killed

THE founder of Kenyan luxury safari company Offbeat Safaris has been shot dead.

Tristan Voorspuy was killed by pastoral herders on Sun in Laikipia while inspecting some of his lodges, the BBC reports.

The so-called "land invaders" had been incited by drought conditions to illegally occupy and set alight Voorspuy's property.

The man's body was found more than 24 hours later.

Voorspuy created Offbeat Safaris in 1990, after serving in the British army until 1981.

Hyatt enters Algeria

THE first Hyatt-branded hotel in Algeria is set to open late 2018 at Houari Boumediene Airport in Algiers- the country's capital city.

This brings the total number of Hyatt-branded hotels in Africa up to six, reflecting the company's commitment to growing its brand footprint in Algeria and Africa.



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Airport quality award

AIRPORTS Council International declared today the winners of the 2016 Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards.

ACI World director general Angela Gittens said, "Promoting a culture of continuous service improvement has become a matter of gaining competitive advantage and optimising non-aeronautical revenue performance."

34 KPI's are measured including airport access, check-in, security screening, restrooms and stores.

The ASQ Awards ceremony will be held in Port Louis, Mauritius from 16-18 Oct.

To view the full list of ASQ rankings, CLICK HERE.



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Open to all Australian Travel Agents, the lucky winner will have the most correct answers as well as the most creative entry to the final question. Send your answers to lufthansa@traveldaily.com.au

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exceptional attractions.

Fort Edmonton Park invites you back through time. Relive the days of the fur traders and pioneers. Take a ride on a steam train or hop on a streetcar to the 1920s Midway and ride the carousel.

The Art Gallery of Alberta is the place to see visual art from Alberta, Canada, and around the world. The gallery is also a spectacle in itself.

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