



# Takeaways

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## “Why always me”

Mario Balotelli remarked in the face of excessive scrutiny. It's unfair, it's ridiculous, why should the footballer have to put up with such an intense negative coverage that's doggedly out to get him? His response was anything but "It is what it is", and he went on to be even better than ever.

Perhaps how one responds to a sticky sitch, is what separates the people from the private terminal from the people in cattle class. Taking injustice and unfairness lying down is certainly not the style of Quah Ting Wen, our tattoo artists, nor the elderly punters who call the shuttering Singapore Turf Club home.

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# May the odds be ever in your favour



181 years of history and a lifetime of memories for several generations of Singaporeans, but that will all fade into obscurity after the Singapore Turf Club holds its last horse race.

Can these elderly punters outrun time?

**The Lonely Odds Awaiting Elderly Punters When Singapore Turf Club Closes**

## Retire? I barely know her!





No one else should get to decide when you have to retire—based on age, disabilities, nothing. The choice to retire is a right only you have.

**Big Age, Bigger Dreams: This Senior Citizen Rejects Retirement Deadlines**

## Just keep swimming



What started out as good news for an athlete quickly devolved into a messy debacle for a whole nation. Is it really a matter of who the better swimmer is or is it a systemic issue?

**Quah's Out. Gan's In. Both Were Treated As Dispensable.**

## Artists vs Algorithm



Most artists just want to focus on creating art and improving their craft. However, social media is now forcing just about all tattoo artists to become photographers, videographers and content creators.

Worst of all, introverted artists are being coerced to share their personal lives on the 'gram.

**Singapore's Tattoo Artists Are Losing to Social Media Algorithms**

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# Short Grains, or *piping-hot* topics by the spoonful.

- [Sauna](#) time is over for one family in Serangoon, because the Marine Parade Town Council removed their wooden cabin after images of it went viral online. (via *CNA*)
- The verdict is out—the smoking [samsui woman mural](#) gets to stay. However, the building owner has to pay a fine for not seeking approval before starting work. (via *CNA*)
- It's a good time for a second *Crazy Rich Asians* movie, given the number of [millionaires in Singapore](#) rose to 330,000 in 2023. (via *Straits Times*)
- Feeling hungry? Look no further than the [16 species of insects](#) the Singapore Food Agency just approved for consumption. (via *Straits Times*)
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and [Miss Universe Singapore](#) now also beholds the wedded, divorced and those with children. (via *Straits Times*)



No one likes being called lazy, especially when you have a valid reason for struggling to focus. Here's a glimpse into life with ADHD.

**The Reality of Growing Up with  
ADHD**

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# We like to go out! We also hate our weather.

But as much as our team is full of contradictions, we simply can't go by our weekend without checking out some things. If you're still deciding on where to go, let us highlight some unmissable events for you:

- Don't miss [Beerfest Asia 2024](#)! Soak in the atmosphere, take your pick from over 600 different brews and indulge in delicious bites from popular F&B vendors, while you are entertained by a diverse lineup of live musicians.
- You can take part in a meaningful day of spreading environmental awareness and community building at [GreenParade: Wake Up and Swap!](#) With a host of workshops and other fun activities, this event invites you to meet other like-minded people who want to live a greener lifestyle.
- Don't miss [Air](#), a powerful play revealing the true voices of the Orang Seletar, an indigenous community of Singapore. Witness their stories of struggle and resilience as they confront changes and fight to preserve their identity.
- Prepare for an unforgettable night at [The "WILD WILD" Show!](#) This electrifying musical extravaganza promises a wild adventure for everyone.
- Wild Rice presents [National Day Charade](#)—a satirical play on how we celebrate our country's day of independence. Re-imagining our National Day celebrations with clever twists and fresh perspectives, be sure to catch this thought-provoking theatrical experience!

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