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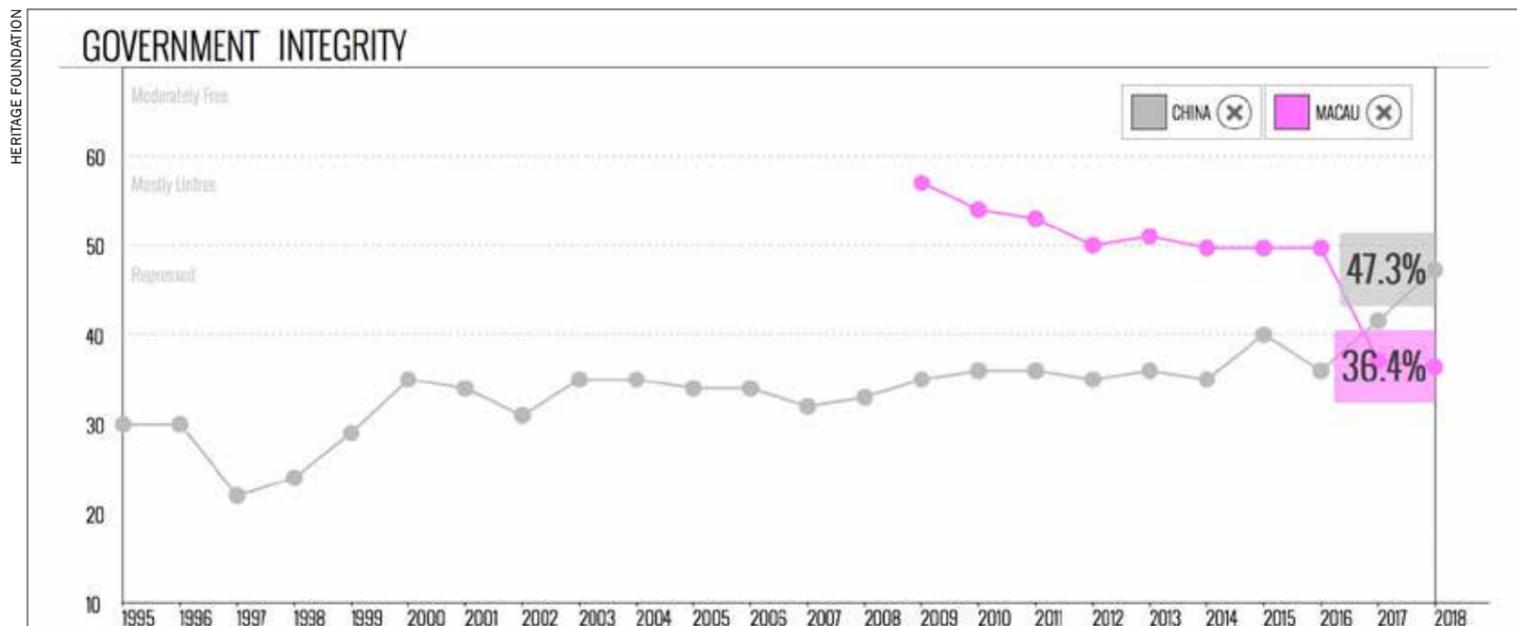
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# Macau gov't integrity falls to lowest level on record

Daniel Beitler

**T**HE integrity of the Macau government has fallen below world averages to hit its worst level in over a decade, according to the Heritage Foundation's 2018 Report on the Index of Economic Freedom.

Macau dropped to 36.4 percent on the Heritage Foundation's index score for government integrity, falling below that of mainland China (47.3 percent) for the

second year since data was collected on the SAR in 2009.

According to the organization's classification system, a score of above 60 represents a level of "moderately free" economic activity, while between 50 and 60 is considered "mostly unfree" and below 50 is considered "repressed".

The highest score Macau has ever held on the index is 57, recorded in 2009, the year that Chui Sai On was first elected. It

has since been in a state of deterioration - halting at 49.7 between 2014 and 2016 - before plummeting to 37.1 last year and 36.4 this year.

In contrast, the Heritage Foundation has recorded an improvement in its assessment of the Chinese government's integrity, which has steadily risen since the mid-1990s and today stands at 47.3 percent.

2018 is the second year in which the MSAR government has held

a lower integrity rating than the government of mainland China.

In other areas concerning the rule of law, Macau recorded 60 for both property rights and judicial effectiveness, with the Heritage Foundation noting that "private ownership of property and contractual rights are well established," as "there are no restrictions on foreign property ownership" and "Macau has its own judicial system with a High Court [and a] legal framework based largely on Portuguese law."

On the other hand, the report praised Macau for its continual protection of economic freedoms - notably trading freedom (90), investment freedom (85) and financial freedom (70), all of which were well above world averages.

Macau also remains strong in tax burden (75.3), government spending (91) and fiscal health (100), for which it is at world average level or higher in each category.

In terms of regulatory efficiency, Macau continues to post mixed results with no year-on-year change recorded in business freedom (60) and labor freedom (50), but a 2.8 percentage point rise in monetary freedom (73.6).

According to the Heritage Foundation, the overall tax burden is approximately equal to 28.3 percent of total domestic income, while government spending amounts to just 17.4 percent, leaving a budget surplus of 14.7 percent. Macau has no public debt.

The report's economic findings were publicized by the Monetary Authority of Macao in a statement published at the end of last week. However, neither the Monetary Authority nor any other government department has yet addressed the rule of law indicators, showing the deterioration in political freedom.

The Report on the Index of Economic Freedom assesses the degree of economic freedom in most of the world's individual jurisdictions based on 12 attributes. This year, Macau was awarded a general score of 70.9, up 0.2 percentage points, and significantly higher than the regional average of 61.0 and the world average of 61.1. It ranked ninth among 43 countries in the Asia-Pacific region and 34th in the world.

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester



### CAREERS IN FELINE VETERINARY MEDICINE

**F**eline veterinary medicine is a unique and exciting field that affords people the opportunity to help cats and people alike. Whether working as a veterinarian, a surgeon or in research of some kind, feline veterinary specialists are responsible for treating pets for a variety of different conditions. Cat medicines like feline amoxicillin were developed especially by feline specialists for use in veterinary medicine, and many more medical drugs are being created and adapted all the time in order to address the constantly-changing mixture of diseases and other conditions that affect cats.

#### VETERINARY CAREERS

The day-to-day work of a feline veterinarian involves examining a number of cats, each suffering from a particular ailment of some kind. A veterinarian works to diagnose the disease or condition and also to help the owner to treat his cat promptly and adequately.

Veterinarians also work to ensure that healthy pets do not become sick by conducting regular check-ups and ensuring that owners take proper care of their pets. A veterinarian may also work with other animals besides cats, although there are feline veterinary specialists.

Becoming a veterinarian requires a degree from a specialized veterinary school and time spent observing working veterinarians in a residency program. Many people without the time or desire to become so specialized find the opportunity to work in a veterinarian's office to be adequate. Veterinarians require assistants of various types, including animal handlers and administrative staff. These people may be students of veterinary medicine or untrained laypeople with an interest in veterinary medicine or in animals.

#### SURGICAL CAREERS

While many veterinarians perform stan-

dard surgeries like spaying and neutering, more complicated surgeries are often left to surgical specialists. These people work in a veterinary hospital and conduct surgeries of various types to help correct broken bones, remove unusual growths and more. A career in veterinary surgery requires a similar educational path as that of a veterinarian.

#### RESEARCH-BASED CAREERS

Many doctors and chemists work to develop medicines specifically for veterinary use. In many cases, these medicines are adapted from preexisting human formulations. There are a number of different paths that can lead to work of this kind, and some students of veterinary medicine opt to go into this field instead of working as practicing vets. Other chemists and pharmacists working in veterinary medicine began by specializing in human medicine first.

Whatever your particular interest in veterinary medicine is, a conversation with a vet can help to shed light on the education and training process, as well as on the locations of veterinary schools and other career opportunities. Many vets recommend volunteering with animals in a vet's office or



animal shelter before considering applying to a veterinary school.

So if you interested in animals and maybe becoming a veterinarian let us know.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
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# China is said to mull legal gambling on Hainan in key shift

CHINA is drafting a proposal to allow gambling on Hainan Island, people familiar with the talks said, in what would be an unprecedented move that could reshape gaming in China's territories and transform the economy of a strategic southern province.

Government agencies under a party reform group headed by President Xi Jinping are considering allowing online gaming, a lottery or sports betting in Hainan, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the discussions aren't public. The proposal, which is still in an early stage, could open the door to physical casinos over the long term, two of the people said. China currently bans gambling and casinos on the mainland.

The proposal is part of a wider plan that includes relaxing visa rules and building a new airport to draw more foreign tourists to Hainan, two of the people said. That comes as the province faces a fiscal deficit and contends with the debt woes of HNA Group Co., its biggest conglomerate, which is facing pressure from creditors after a global acquisition spree.

An index of Macau casino stocks tumbled on the news. Wynn Macau Ltd. slid as much as 6.7 percent before closing 0.2 percent lower. MGM China Holdings Ltd. declined 1.5 percent while Sands China Ltd. fell 1.4 percent.

"I think investors were shocked - I'm a bit surprised," said Sam Chi Yung, a Hong Kong based strategist with South China Financial Holdings Ltd. "It's difficult to say what the impact will be on their profits as it all depends on China's policy and how they arrange the license. But what's sure is that people going to Macau to gamble will drop."

Hainan, roughly the size of Switzerland, is often referred to as China's Hawaii for its beautiful beaches. It also serves as a jumping off point for Chinese naval and air force patrols in the South China Sea.

The people didn't comment on what laws would need to change or the timeframe for implementation. Provincial officials were preparing for a possible visit by Xi in the coming months to promote development on the island, two people said. That trip would kickstart events marking the 40th anniversary of China's embrace of foreign investment under Deng Xiaoping, they said.

The Hainan plan would mark a dramatic shift in China's approach toward gambling and could directly threaten the USD33 billion casino industry in Macau - the world's largest gaming hub with revenues five



The scenery of Yongxing Island in Sansha City, Hainan

times larger than Las Vegas. Macau has been shifting to attract Chinese tourists and families to the territory, which is the same market that Hainan currently draws.

China's leaders have agreed to build a new international airport in the area of Dongfang city on Hainan's western coast, according to the people familiar with the situation, who didn't share more specifics on plans to ease visa requirements. The island now has three international airports, all located on the eastern coast.

The State Council Information Office, which represents the central government, referred questions to provincial officials. Faxed questions to the Hainan government weren't immediately answered.

China bans gambling everywhere except Macau and Hong Kong, which was once ruled by Britain. Currently, it's against the law to open casinos, organize gambling, profit from gambling, set up online betting websites and market overseas casinos to Chinese citizens. It's also illegal to sell lottery tickets without approval from the Chinese government.

Authorities have previously sought to crack down on property agents who have mentioned the possibility that Hainan would allow gambling.

Hainan police "criticized and educated" six people for "fabricating and spreading rumors online about the real estate market," the provincial government's official news portal Hinews.cn reported Jan. 30. It said some real estate agencies had disrupted the economic

and social order by circulating rumors, such as "Hainan Island will restrict people from entering" and "Hainan will open its gaming industry."

## The proposal, which is still in an early stage, could directly threaten the Macau casino industry

Allowing gaming on the mainland would be one way for Chinese authorities to limit capital outflows and ensure gaming revenue benefits the provincial economy.

Xi's corruption crackdown in 2014 sent Macau gaming revenue into a slump for more than two years, prompting it to be-

come a more family-friendly destination to target leisure gamblers and tourists. About 70 percent of Macau visitors are from mainland China.

Chinese authorities have also cracked down on gambling-related activities. More than 10 employees of Australia-based Crown Resorts Ltd., controlled by billionaire James Packer, were arrested in 2016 and sentenced to months in jail for illegally promoting gaming.

Although gambling is illegal throughout China, the concept isn't new to Hainan. The State Council encouraged Hainan to "explore a betting-type sports lottery" in 2009 guidelines to turn it into an international tourism island.

A casino bar with baccarat tables opened in the resort town of Sanya in 2012 where players earned points they could trade for accommodation and shopping, according to a Reuters report. It was shut down shortly after the report. The

owner, Zhang Baoquan, told Reuters the government monitored the casino to test the market.

While China is the world's biggest tourism spender, it has had a tougher time attracting travelers from abroad: In 2016, it drew 31 million visitors, less than half of the number welcomed by the U.S.

China has already poured billions of dollars into new highways, high-speed railways and other projects in Hainan, attracting prominent chains such as Hilton, Westin and St. Regis. Still, Hainan took in far fewer overseas visitors than other premier Asian tourist destinations such as Bali, Phuket or Jeju in South Korea.

Chinese officials have shown a particular interest in Hainan in recent months, suggesting a coordinated effort to promote the island. Vice Premier Liu Yandong urged local leaders to work to attract international tourists during a Jan. 13 visit.

One hurdle is the state of conglomerate HNA, which owns the province's airline and two of its airports. HNA told major creditors and provincial government officials last week that it expects a potential shortfall of at least 15 billion yuan (\$2.4 billion) in the first quarter, Bloomberg News reported Tuesday, citing people with knowledge of the matter said.

Companies linked to HNA secured 7.8 billion yuan in long-term loans from Chinese banks to finance an expansion project in Meilan Airport in Hainan, according to a filing with the Hong Kong stock exchange late Thursday. Half of the loan will be allocated to HNA Infrastructure Co. and the other half to Haikou Meilan International Airport Co., with the loan being guaranteed by HNA Holding Group. **Bloomberg**

### Where are the Foreigners?

Foreign arrivals in five Asian tourist destinations in 2016



Sources: Hainan Tourism Bureau, Bali Government Tourism Office, Danang Department of Tourism, Jeju Tourism Organization, Phuket Gazette

# Rumors about natural disasters to face heavier punishments

Julie Zhu

**INDIVIDUALS** who spread false rumors during typhoons will face heavier penalties, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, announced Friday on the sidelines of the inauguration ceremony of the new Judiciary Police (PJ) director, Sit Chong Meng.

“We are processing legislative works [on issues concerning typhoons and civil protection]. The final plan will be delivered to me today. Then I expect to apply to the Chief Executive to conduct this legislative plan next week,” said Wong.

Regarding whether he intends to monitor the public’s phone calls during typhoons, Wong said, “I never said we would monitor communications, and I will never say that in the future nor will I ever do it.”

“What I said back then was that, regarding spreading rumors during typhoon days or disaster periods, if the corres-



Wong Sio Chak (center) presided over the oath taking ceremony of the new PJ director

ponding behaviors resemble crimes in any form, we will apply heavier punishments.”

Wong added that this “[plan] has been featured in the civil protection law. Our preliminary suggestion was to increase the punishment by one-third.”

He said the security force will put more effort into the delivery of official information during natural disasters.

“The Unitary Police has already purchased 60 pairs of walkie-talkies. We will deliver these to communities immediately [after disasters occur]

so that their organizations can communicate straightaway and know the public’s needs,” said Wong.

According to the Secretary for Security, the Fire Services has also installed loudspeakers on firefighting vehicles, which will be used to announce information when the media is inaccessible during natural disasters.

“We will install high-pitched speakers in CCTV surveillance systems,” revealed Wong, adding that “we have already installed some of these and currently we are installing others.

“This is to ensure order within society and to further ensure the public’s life stability.”

Wong also discussed several other concerns regarding the security sector.

The Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan recently said that any judiciary cases related to China’s national security will not be tried by non-Chinese national judges.

“From the security sector’s perspective, we agree with that consideration,” said Wong, adding that “according to my knowledge, it has never happened that Portuguese judges leaked judicial and confidential information. I believe that [establishing these laws] is not because of such things [non-Chinese judges leaking confidential information]. It is because national security cases involving China’s national secrets reflect the interests of national security and sovereignty; it [does not mean] Portuguese judges are being doubted.”



## Markets opening 30 minutes earlier

**SIX** markets under the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) are now scheduled to open at 7 a.m., 30 minutes earlier than before, the bureau informed in a statement.

The bureau aims to standardize the opening times of all markets “in order to facilitate the shopping of the citizens in all those places.”

According to IACM, the revised opening times coincide with new customs regulations which allow the entry of fresh and live food products into Macau through the Border Gate from 6 a.m. as of last month. These conditions anticipate the opening of six markets: Tamagnini Barbosa Municipal Market, Iao Hon Municipal Market, S. Domingos Market, Almmirante Lacerda Municipal Market (Red Market), Horta da Mitra Municipal Market and S. Lourenço Municipal Market. Closing times remain as before from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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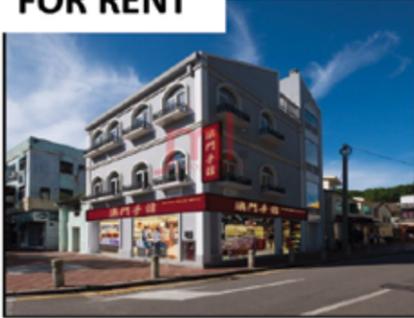
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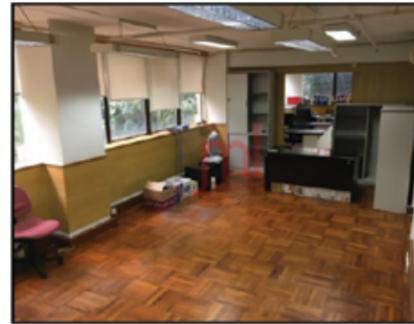
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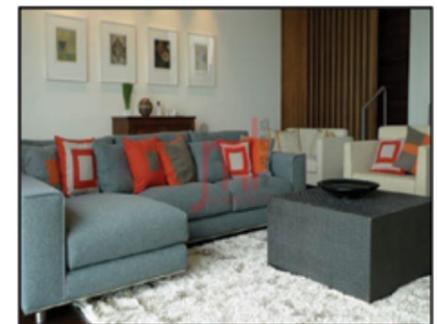
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# Sulu Sou contemplates top court appeal

Daniel Beitler

**S**USPENDED lawmaker Sulu Sou said that he and his lawyer, Jorge Menezes, will consider taking one of their appeals to Macau's top court after the Second Instance Court decided "it does not have the jurisdiction to hear the appeal."

Sou's defense claim that several irregularities leading up to the December 4 suspension vote at the Legislative Assembly "violated the rules of procedure and fundamental rights of the appellant," and that this should annul the suspension.

However, the Second Instance Court has refused to consider the appeal on the basis that it does not think it has the authority to rule on affairs of the legislature.

Speaking to the Times last night, Sou said that "the [Second Instance] Court did not decide whether my arguments were right or wrong. The court held the view that this was not a matter for the courts to decide."

"The court faced a difficult issue, one that will ultimately assist in drawing a constitutional line between two independent bodies, the Legislative Assembly and the courts."

"From the beginning we wan-



ted the independent judicial system to understand what really happened [during the mandate suspension]. They are now aware, this is their decision and we will accept that."

Sou said that he and his lawyer "will now consider whether to appeal the decision at the Court of Final Instance."

In an explanatory statement issued yesterday, the Second Instance Court argued that the deliberation leading to Sou's mandate suspension did not qualify as an administrative act "since it did not come from any organ of the administration. [...] It was, instead, prac-

ticed by a legislative body with a political framework."

"The immunity which members may enjoy in order to prevent them from being tried for their acts is already a prerogative of a political nature," the court found. It was therefore an act "beyond the control of the courts."

While acknowledging its inability to rule on political acts, the Second Instance Court also argued that neither it nor any other court in the MSAR - including the Court of Final Appeal - possesses the "legal competence to judge political acts of the Legislative Assem-

bly plenary."

Asked whether the opinion expressed by the Second Instance Court could be construed as a warning, Sou said yesterday that he would not be deterred from considering an appeal with Macau's top court.

"We know that an appeal to the Final Instance Court will delay the criminal case [and the possible return of the mandate]," said Sou, "but this case is too important to let go."

**From the beginning we wanted the independent judicial system to understand what really happened.**

SULU SOU

He has previously argued that the unprecedented nature of the case means that its outcome may have a bearing on the future of Macau's political system.

The young lawmaker is accused of civil disobedience in a lawsuit related to a protest last year against a controversial donation from the Macao Foundation to Jinan University. He was ousted in a secret ballot vote at the Legislative Assembly, with 28 legislators voting in favor and just four against.

## Three cases of hypothermia reported over the weekend

There were three reported cases of hypothermia in Macau between 4p.m. on Friday and Saturday, the Health Bureau said in a statement. All patients were males aged between 65 and 75 years old and were admitted at the Emergency Department of the public Conde de São Januário Hospital, where they remained for observation. One patient had a moderate state of hypothermia while the others had less serious conditions. According to information from the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau, temperatures in the region will remain low in the coming days. The bureau called on those responsible for care of the elderly and patients with chronic diseases to take preventative measures to protect these vulnerable groups.

## Three relatives admitted to hospital due to fever

The Health Bureau (SSM) was notified last Saturday by Kiang Wu Hospital that three patients were admitted with symptoms of fever and respiratory tract infections. The three people, a child aged two and two adults aged 20 and 55 years old respectively - all living in the same house - were taken to the hospital by ambulance during Saturday afternoon, the SSM said. The child tested positive for Influenza B following laboratory tests. The 55-year-old patient presented with a cough lasting over a week and a low fever for over four days. Both of their clinical conditions were considered normal and they are progressing well towards recovery. The 20-year-old patient presented with a high fever for one day followed by faintness, and is now under observation while receiving hydration therapy in the emergency department. The SSM also noted that the three patients had traveled to the city of Zhongshan between January 25 and 29, claiming that they had no contact with birds but had not been vaccinated against seasonal influenza this year.

## EPM ranked best Portuguese school abroad

The Macau Portuguese School (EPM) was ranked the best Portuguese school abroad in the Portuguese National secondary school exams and the 62nd best of all Portuguese schools, LUSA agency reported. The report is based on the ranking published by the Ministry of Education in Portugal, and includes the results of all Portuguese schools within and outside Portuguese territory. A total of eight schools located in Portuguese-speaking countries and regions were included in this ranking. The Portuguese School of Macau (with an average of 11.88 points out of 20), and two schools in Angola - namely The Portuguese School of Luanda (11.64 points) and the College of St Francis of Assisi (11.41 points) - are the only ones outside of Portuguese territory that achieved an overall average above 10 points.

# IIM to create website focusing on Macanese cuisine

**T**HE International Institute of Macau (IIM) announced that this year it plans to establish a website that focuses on Macanese cuisine, providing an interactive page for users to share different recipes.

Speaking on the sidelines of the Young Research Awards, the secretary-general of IIM, Rufino Ramos, told the press that the webpage will not only give an introduction to the history of Macanese food but will also provide a platform for eager residents to contribute their knowledge on Macanese cuisine.

"We're finalizing it, we have to make it interactive. We want contributions from people with recipes, secrets from the families and also com-

ments and suggestions, photos and so on," he said.

Questioned on whether IIM planned to work with the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), Ramos explained that IIM had provided some information to the tourism institute and expressed his hopes that the IFT would collaborate on the project.

Later this year, IIM will be going to three cities in Brazil to hold seminars discussing "Macau as a Platform for Economic, Commercial and Culture Exchange Between China, Portugal and Brazil."

Ramos hopes that IIM might also visit Guangdong Province, as there are many Portuguese-language learners in the region.



Rufino Ramos

"We will go to Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Recife, and then [return] to Macau and Portugal and [we will also be] in Beijing and hopefully this year in Canton [Guangdong] too," he said.

Ramos noted that IIM is assisting in the set-up of a museum focusing on the Portuguese presence in Ningbo.

IIM will continue its series of talks on the history of Macau. The first round of talks are

being presented in Portuguese-language schools but the series will soon expand to include English and Chinese schools. The talks teach students about the attempted Dutch invasion of Macau in the 17th century.

On Wednesday two local researchers were awarded with the Young Researcher Award.

Since 2001, this award was given once for each of the mentioned areas, and consists of

an Honors Diploma and a pecuniary prize of MOP25,000.

The awards were given to Sara Ieong (Economy and Management Area), for her work "Perception of Generation and workers in recruitment and retention in Macau service industry" and Xu Chang (Heritage, Tourism or Identity of Macanese Area), for his work, "The Identity of Macanese - Focus on Macanese Cuisine."

According to the study conducted by Ieong, generation Y values money over opportunities provided in the workplace.

"There is a difference but both of them are very important. We think that for [the] company and service industry, they need to think about how to attract people other than just by using money, opportunity, or potential growth in the future," Ieong said. **LV**

# Wynn's USD7.5 million settlement said to involve paternity claim

Christopher Palmeri, Valerie Miller

**S**TEVE Wynn's secret USD7.5 million payment to a former employee involved a paternity claim against the casino mogul, according to people familiar with the situation.

Wynn made the payment in 2005 because he didn't want the allegations to be a distraction for his company, said the people, who asked not be identified discussing private information. Wynn Resorts Ltd. had just opened the Wynn hotel in Las Vegas and was building one in Macau at the time. There's no evidence Wynn fathered a child in the encounter.

The settlement has become a key element of the controversy surrounding Steve Wynn, who was the subject of a Wall Street Journal expose on Jan. 26 that detailed various allegations of sexual harassment and coercion against the casino magnate. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The paternity claim may help explain why Wynn, now 76, paid the former employee such a large sum, a question his ex-wife's



lawyers and gaming regulators have had trouble answering because the terms of the settlement are private.

A Wynn Resorts spokesman said neither the company nor Wynn himself would comment.

Wynn paid the settlement out of his own pocket. The arrangement first came to light two years ago in a court filing by Wynn's ex-wife Elaine. She is suing to regain control of her 9.4 percent stake in Wynn Resorts, which she previously granted to Steve Wynn.

The Wall Street Journal said

that the woman who received the settlement, a manicurist who worked at the Wynn Las Vegas resort, had told people she was pressured into having intercourse with him.

The article included allegations from other women of sexual harassment by Steve Wynn stretching over decades. "The idea that I ever assaulted any woman is preposterous," he said in a statement.

The founder and chief executive officer of Wynn Resorts accused his ex-wife of orchestrating a media campaign against him, some-

thing Elaine Wynn has denied. The manicurist didn't respond to multiple attempts to reach her by phone, mail and third parties.

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Since the allegations were published, Wynn Resorts shares have lost more than 17 percent of their value. The company's board launched an independent investigation and regulators in Nevada, Macau and Massachusetts have said they're also looking into the matter. The University

of Pennsylvania and the University of Iowa have taken Steve Wynn's name off a common area and an eye institute respectively.

The settlement and the reason it wasn't previously disclosed will be part of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's investigation, officials there said at a hearing Wednesday. Regulators could suspend or revoke Wynn Resorts' license to operate in the state, jeopardizing the company's \$2.4 billion casino under construction in the Boston area. Massachusetts officials said they were told by the company that its legal counsel did not believe the settlement required disclosure during the license vetting process.

"The people of Massachusetts have a right to know what the hell happened here," Commission Chairman Stephen Crosby said at the hearing.

The settlement has become a focus of Elaine Wynn in her suit because her lawyers said it was connected to a report of sexual harassment and raises questions of "reckless" behavior at Wynn Resorts.

"We're getting bits and pieces of how this matter was addressed," Elaine Wynn's attorney, Mark Ferrario, said at an October hearing in Las Vegas, adding later: "Why was it handled different than every other type of claim like this within the company?" **Bloomberg**

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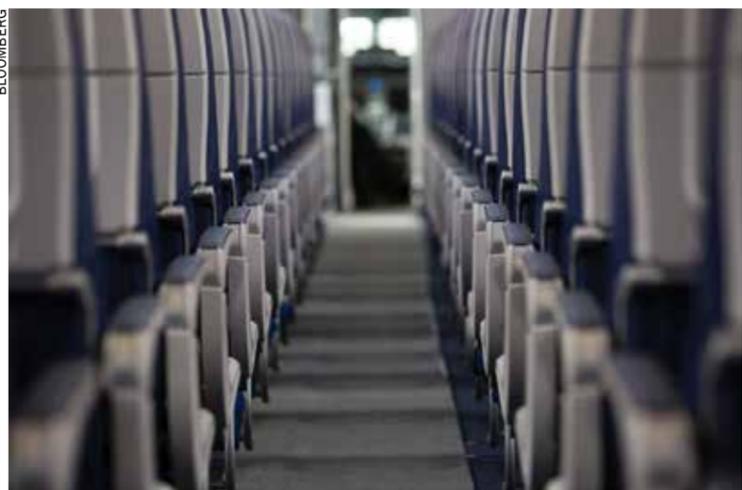
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# US airlines try and fail to raise fares as fuel costs jump

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**U.S.** airlines are asking shareholders to believe they can raise ticket prices while ramping up the supply of seats. To Wall Street, that sounds like a fairy tale.

Six attempts at broad-based fare increases have failed in the last two months, most recently a bid last week by Delta Air Lines.

That's creating a confidence crisis for investors, who last week sent airlines to the biggest drop since 2015 when United Continental Holdings Inc. announced an aggressive expansion plan. The No. 3 U.S. carrier is hardly alone. Southwest Airlines Co., JetBlue Airways Corp. and Alaska Air Group Inc. are also planning to grow faster than the economy.

The worry is that the only way to generate enough demand to fill the new seats is by cutting prices. And that risks triggering fresh fare wars just as profits are under pressure from rising fuel costs.

"Capacity is starting to increase faster than demand," said Samuel Engel, senior vice president at consultant ICF. "At that point any one carrier starts to say, 'I'd rather add capacity and try to steal share than support a fare increase across the industry.'"

It's a competitive business, and one carrier's attempt to raise fares can be another's opportunity to win new customers with bargain prices. But one reason investors including Warren Buffett have bought airline shares is the expectation that after years of industry consolidation, carriers will be able to maintain steady profits, thanks in part to stronger pricing power.

Delta and American Airlines Group Inc., the two biggest carriers, have slowed their expansion in recent years to let demand catch up with supply - and make it easier to charge more for tickets. They're only boosting capacity 2.5 percent this year, roughly in line with growth expectations for gross domestic product, a baro-

meter of travel demand.

A slower seat expansion helped defuse fare wars that began in 2015 and flared up again last summer before subsiding later in the year. And with the improving economy, it's possible airlines will still be able to boost passenger revenue for each seat flown a mile, a proxy for pricing power, despite all the capacity growth.

But a fast-growing supply of seats will be a headwind for efforts to raise fares. United reignited concern last week with its plan to expand as much as 6 percent each year through 2020. JetBlue said it would boost 2018 capacity as much as 8.5 percent, Alaska Air has targeted 7.5 percent and Southwest will grow about 5 percent.

Doug Parker, chief executive officer of American, said Jan. 25 that fares "are too low for oil prices this high." Carriers will find a way to pass on the increase to consumers, he said, "but it takes time." There's generally a gap of at least three months between when fuel climbs and fare increases show up.

Historically, airlines have dealt with rising fuel prices by paring back capacity, Delta CEO Ed Bastian said last month. It's too early for Delta to think about adjusting its growth plans, but the carrier will be prepared to act if fuel prices "continue on this tear," he said.

Carriers are right to be cautious about raising fares too quickly, said Rick Seaney, chief executive of 3 Victors, which tracks real-time air fare purchases. There's a risk that when ticket prices increase enough to cover the cost of fuel, that can also discourage some travel.

"Of the 2 million passengers flying on a given day, 1 percent to 3 percent may not have taken that trip had the price been USD1 or \$3 more," Seaney said. "Each one of those passengers had a breaking point where they wouldn't have flown. One more dollar and you broke the camel's back." **Bloomberg**

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In this photo provided by Women Awakening, students study beneath banners in a classroom at a female morality school in Haikou

# Rise of 'morality schools' for Chinese women sparks outcry

Yi-Ling Liu, Hong Kong

**T**HE video shows students at the so-called "female morality school" in northeastern China getting up at 4:30 a.m. to scrub floors and being taught not to resist if their husbands beat them.

Shot with a hidden camera and posted on a popular Chinese video website, it sparked a storm of criticism of the school and highlighted complaints that the status of women is deteriorating under the rule of a Communist Party that promised them equality.

In the recording, students at the Fushun Traditional Culture School were shown being told to put aside career aspirations and, in one instructor's words, "shut your mouths and do more housework." One group of students was shown practicing bowing to apologize to their husbands.

"Don't fight back when beaten. Don't talk back when scolded. And, no matter what, don't get divorced," a female teacher says in the post on Pear Video, a Beijing-based online platform for short videos.

"Women should just stay at the bottom level of the society and not aspire for more," another teacher says.

Such schools appear to be growing in popularity, though it is unclear how many China has, according to researchers and women's rights activists.

Their emergence reflects the erosion in the status of women since the launch of economic reforms in the 1980s that reduced

the ruling party's focus on social equality, said Feng Yuan, a prominent women's rights activist. "Archaic ideas about gender equality still have a market in today's society," she said.

Deng Xichan, a 21-year-old nurse, said she and her mother attended a female morality institute in the southern city of Changsha, enticed by its offer of free classes, lodging and vegetarian food.

Students were taught to obey men because it would bring their children good fortune and that sex before marriage would bring bad luck, Deng said. Every evening, she was required to bow in front of a statue of Confucius and participate in group confessions, she said.

"Many of the students truly believed that their life was hard because they had premarital sex, or because they cheated on someone, so they would kowtow and confess," Deng said.

At many of the programs, students are closed off from the outside world — and from each other.

"The front door was locked and our phones and cash were taken away from us," said a woman in her twenties who attended a seven-day course in the northwestern city of Yinchuan. "We were also not allowed to chat with each other, so all you can do is bear with it."

"I got scared because it was so isolated," added the woman, who asked to be identified only by her surname, Chen, because she di-

dn't want her former employer, a real estate company that signed her up for the program, to know she had spoken to the media about the experience.

The Fushun school was founded in 2011 by an ex-convict who had served time for murder and was approved by local authorities as a "public welfare organization," according to Chinese news reports. It charged no tuition and was supported by students' donations. The school had more than 200 volunteer workers and took in as many as 40 students for each 20-day "female virtue" course, according to an online report by the Yangcheng Evening News, a major local newspaper.

## ■ The gulf between the sexes is especially pronounced at the highest levels of politics

After the video came out in November, hundreds of people criticized the school on internet message boards and blogs, prompting an investigation. The school was shut down in December, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. The local education bureau concluded it violated "socialist core values" and called for similar programs

to be investigated.

The Fushun school and several others across China contacted by The Associated Press refused repeated requests for comment.

The Communist Party came to power in 1949 promising to improve the status of women, who then-leader, Mao Zedong, famously declared "hold up half the sky."

By many measures, the status of women improved after the revolution. They gained access to jobs and education and, on paper at least, were legal equals in many ways.

Activists say the decline in women's status that began with the economic reforms of the 1980s accelerated as the party set aside leftist politics as a unifying message for the country and instead promoted more traditional, male-dominated Confucian beliefs.

The gulf between the sexes is especially pronounced at the highest levels of politics: The ruling party's Standing Committee, the inner circle of power, has never had a female member. In the next tier, a single woman sits in the larger 25-member Politburo.

The state-run All-China Women's Federation rejected the activists' assertions that the party has promoted male-dominated beliefs.

"We deplore and are dissatisfied by such a view that misrepresents reality," the group said in a faxed response to questions. It said 551 women delegates attended the party's twice-a-decade national congress last year, an

increase of 30 places, making up nearly a quarter of the total. The group noted that there are women among China's government ministers, astronauts, scientists and entrepreneurs.

Still, in a 2011 survey the federation also found women's wages were on average two-thirds lower than men's. And the share of women in the labor force dropped to 61 percent last year from 72 percent 20 years ago, according to the World Bank.

Party leaders are worried China is producing too few children to support its aging population, said Leta Hong-Fincher, a sociologist and author of "Betraying Big Brother: The Rise of China's Feminist Resistance," due out later this year. "The government launched a propaganda campaign referring to single, over-educated women over 30 as 'left-over' to stigmatize women into returning home, getting married and having babies," Hong-Fincher said.

The easing in 2016 of China's "one-child" policy, which now allows couples to have two children, has only put more pressure on women to raise families instead of working, Hong-Fincher said.

In the more conservative countryside, women who suffer from domestic violence and sexual assault "tend to blame themselves rather than speak out publicly," said Li Maizi, a women's rights activist who was detained in 2015 for handing out stickers protesting sexual harassment.

Chinese leaders are trying to suppress feminist activism as a source of potential unrest, Li said, adding that even the term feminism has become politically sensitive.

The global spread of the #MeToo campaign against sexual misconduct also presents a potential challenge to Chinese authorities wary of unrest.

Beihang University in Beijing fired a prestigious scholar in January following accusations of sexual misconduct by multiple women, seeming to signal the start of the movement in China. Yet Chinese censors moved quickly to scrub from social media sites a petition by Gu Huaying, a former Peking University student, calling for anti-harassment policies.

Despite the heavy censorship and ever-present risk of retaliation for speaking out, petitions continue to surface online from university professors and students at campuses across China. In response, the Education Ministry has said it will establish a mechanism for addressing sexual harassment.

"I am very hopeful. The fact that so many students feel so strongly is an indication that China is undergoing a kind of feminist awakening," Hong-Fincher said. "This is a pretty stunning example of that coming to life in a very political way and that this kind of collective action can actually produce results." AP

**C**HINA on Friday criticized U.S. Congress members who nominated Hong Kong's 2014 pro-democracy protest movement and three of its most prominent student leaders for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The 12 lawmakers, in a letter to the nominating committee in Oslo, said they were naming Joshua Wong, Nathan Law and Alex Chow and the "Umbrella Movement" for the prize in recognition of their "peaceful efforts to bring political reform and self-determination to Hong Kong."

In a statement Friday, the Foreign Ministry in Beijing urged the U.S. lawmakers to "stop meddling" in Hong Kong and China's internal affairs, saying the 2014 protests were "downright illegal."

The letter was signed by four Democrats and eight Republicans, including Sen. Marco Rubio and Rep. Christopher Smith, who lead the Congressional-Executive Commission on China. They said last year they intended to nominate the three.

The three activists had prominent roles in the protest movement, in which tens of thousands of people blocked streets for 79 days. They were protesting Beijing's decision to restrict elections for the semiautonomous Chinese city's leader by screening out candidates unfriendly to the country's communist leaders.

# US lawmakers slammed for nominating activists for prize

The protests ultimately fizzled out after Beijing refused to back down.

The activists "demonstrated civic courage, extraordinary leadership, and an unwavering commitment to a free and prosperous Hong Kong that upholds the rule of law, political freedoms and human rights," the Congress members wrote.

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Wong, 21, Law, 24 and Chow, 27, spent time in prison last year for convictions stemming from the protests, as part of what activists say are efforts by Hong Kong's Beijing-backed government to clamp down on dissent in the aftermath of the protests.

The Nobel Peace Prize will be announced in December. **AP**



Pro-democracy activists (from left) Joshua Wong, Nathan Law and Alex Chow, shout slogans outside the Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong

# China criticizes US for nuclear adversary claims

Joe McDonald, Beijing

**C**HINA yesterday criticized a U.S. government report that cast Beijing as a potential nuclear adversary and called on Washington to reduce its own much larger arsenal and join in promoting regional stability.

A Defense Ministry statement said China's nuclear arsenal is the "minimum level" required for security. It pledged never to be the first to use nuclear weapons "under any circumstances."

The sweeping U.S. nuclear strategy review issued Friday said Washington wants to prevent Beijing from mistakenly concluding that any use of nuclear weapons, however limited, is acceptable.

"The Chinese side expresses firm opposition" to the report, said a ministry spokesman, Ren Guoqiang.

"We hope the U.S. will



abandon a Cold War mentality and earnestly shoulder its special and prior responsibility for its own nuclear disarmament," said Ren.

The ruling Communist Party's military wing, the People's Liberation Army, has the world's fifth-largest nuclear arsenal, with 300 warheads, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. The United States and Russia each have about 7,000 warheads, or about 20 times as many as Beijing.

Beijing has rattled Japan, South Korea and Southeast Asian governments with increasingly assertive gestures and belligerent comments aimed at enforcing its claims to disputed islands and swathes of ocean.

In December, China sent bombers and fighter planes to fly around Taiwan, the self-ruled island the communist mainland claims as its territory. The warplanes flew near South Korean and Japanese air space, prompting Japan to dispatch fighter jets to

intercept them.

The Defense Ministry statement said global peace and development "are irreversible trends" and called on Washington to "jointly safeguard peace, stability and prosperity in this region and the world."

President Donald Trump's nuclear doctrine breaks with his predecessor, Barack Obama, by ending a push to reduce the role of nuclear weapons in U.S. military policy.

In a written statement, Trump on Friday said U.S. strategy is designed to make use of nuclear weapons less likely. But arms control group criticized it as reckless.

Friday's report endorsed adhering to U.S. arms control agreements, including the New START treaty that limits the United States and Russia each to 1,550 strategic nuclear warheads on a maximum of 700 deployed launchers.

The U.S. government says it has been in compliance since August and expects Moscow to comply by the deadline, which is today. **AP**



Zhang Dejiang in Hong Kong

# Top legislator eyes Hong Kong's role in Belt and Road Initiative

**C**HINA'S top legislator Zhang Dejiang urged Hong Kong to actively contribute to the national development strategy when participating in the Belt and Road Initiative.

Hong Kong should give full play to its advantages in the process, build a diverse cooperation platform, and promote cultural exchanges, Zhang, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, said Saturday at a forum.

The central authority supports the participation of Hong Kong and Macau in the Belt and Road Initiative as part of opening up and joint development, Zhang said.

The Hong Kong chief executive

Carrie Lam said the region will better adapt to national development on the basis on the "one country, two systems" principle.

Hong Kong will play a significant role in finance and investment, infrastructure and shipping, economic and trade cooperation, people-to-people ties, development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, and project interfacing and dispute settlement, Lam said.

The Belt and Road Initiative, proposed by China in 2013, aims to build trade and infrastructure networks connecting Asia with Europe and Africa based on ancient land and maritime trade routes. **MDT/Xinhua**

# Maldives attorney general says court can't oust president

Mohamed Sharuhaan, Maldives

**T**HE Maldives' attorney general warned the country's Supreme Court yesterday that a move to unseat the president would be unconstitutional, amid a political crisis that has left the government in chaos since late last week.

Attorney General Mohamed Anil said at a news conference that he had heard "rumors that the Supreme Court is going to order the impeachment" of President Yameen Abdul Gayoom.

He said that the president can be ousted only through a vote in parliament, and that police and security forces would not obey an impeachment order from an "illegitimate set of people."

Mohammed Nasheed, the Indian Ocean archipelago's exiled former president and Yameen's main rival, responded angrily on Twitter, saying that comments from Anil and other officials were "tantamount to a coup."

"Security services must uphold the constitution and serve the Maldivian people," Nasheed tweeted.

Under Maldivian law, a vote for impeachment removes a president from office.



Maldivian president Yameen Abdul Gayoom (center) surrounded by his body guards arrives to address his supporters in Male

The crisis, which has included repeated rounds of clashes between police and opposition protesters, began when the Supreme Court ruled Thursday that all politicians opposed to Yameen, including Nasheed, be released.

As of yesterday, no prisoners had been released. The government said it had been advised by the chief justice to follow due process in releasing the prisoners.

A government statement later yesterday said the prosecutor ge-

neral had appraised the Supreme Court on the "numerous legal challenges" in the implementation of the ruling.

Nasheed has been living in exile in Britain since 2016 after being given asylum when he traveled there on medical leave from prison.

In addition to ordering the release of the political prisoners, the court also reinstated 12 lawmakers who had been ousted for switching allegiance to the opposition. When those lawmakers return,

Yameen's Progressive Party of the Maldives will lose its majority in the 85-member parliament, which can result in the legislative body functioning as a rival power to the president.

On Saturday, police arrested two lawmakers upon their arrival from overseas. Ilham Ahmed and Abler Mohamed were among the 12 who were reinstated by the Supreme Court.

Police did not explain why they were arrested.

Lawmaker Ahmed Mahloof said opposition lawmakers would try to meet in parliament even though the scheduled opening of the sessions for the year has been postponed indefinitely. They plan to submit no-confidence motions against the attorney general, prosecutor general, home minister and defense minister, Mahloof said.

Military personnel surrounded the parliament building in a bid to prevent lawmakers from entering Saturday morning, and they remained stationed there yesterday.

Speaking publicly for the first time since Thursday's Supreme Court order, Yameen said Saturday that he did not expect the

court ruling, but that all relevant authorities of the state need to do "a lot of work to see how to implement it."

"We are working on making sure we can respect the Supreme Court order in a way that doesn't cause any difficulties to the people," he said at a rally in his support organized by his party.

He also said that he is ready to hold early presidential election if the opposition wants to test who is popular among the people.

Known for its luxury tourist resorts, the Maldives became a multiparty democracy 10 years ago after decades of autocratic rule by the current president's half brother, Maumoon Abdul Gayoom.

But the nation lost much of its democratic gains after Yameen was elected in 2013. He has maintained a tight grip on power, controlling institutions such as the judiciary and the police.

Yameen had been set to run for re-election this year virtually unopposed, with all of his opponents either jailed or exiled.

On Friday, Nasheed, whose conviction for abducting a judge was overturned by the Supreme Court order, said he would mount a fresh challenge for the presidency this year.

Nasheed was sentenced to 13 years in prison after he was convicted of the abduction charge under the Maldives' anti-terror laws in a trial that was widely condemned by international rights groups. **AP**

## JAPAN

# Regulators face scrutiny after second major crypto heist

Yuji Nakamura, Yuki Hagiwara

**T**HE second major theft of virtual currency in Japan is spurring lawmakers and the industry to question the ability of the country's regulators to oversee the fast-and-loose tendencies of the crypto-trading world.

As the heist of almost USD500 million in digital tokens from Tokyo-based exchange Coincheck reverberates through virtual currency markets, Japan's eight-month-old law regulating Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies, and the Financial Services Agency tasked with enforcing it, are coming under scrutiny. "The government must take proper responsibility," said Yukio Edano, head of the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, an opposition party.

The disappearance of about \$470 million worth of Bitcoins from Mt. Gox in 2014 prompted lawmakers to enact new policies, which were passed into law in April. The rules made it easier for cryptocurrencies

to be used in retailing and also spelled out how gains or losses from trading in them would be taxed. It's now becoming evident that lawmakers may have made a critical mistake, when it comes to the exchanges: they let the industry come up with its own rules.

"Every hack that happens sets the whole industry back six months," said Jared Polites, a former FBI securities fraud analyst, who is now a crypto currency marketing consultant. "Something's got to be done. Crypto enthusiasts are all about decentralization but people also don't want this."

The FSA raided Coincheck's offices early on Friday. The inspection was conducted to ensure security for users, Finance Minister Taro Aso said.

Technically, Coincheck wasn't supposed to be operating, because it wasn't licensed. Yet the startup was able to accept and disburse customer funds, buying and selling cryptocurrencies, even while its application was pending

with the FSA, thanks to a provision that allowed pre-existing exchanges to keep functioning while they were being reviewed. There are 16 registered exchanges, while 15 others have been allowed to operate pending formal approval, according to the FSA.

Satsuki Katayama, a lawmaker for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, said that this is the "first incident for the FSA and they probably don't know how strictly to enforce regulations."

Asked whether there were problems in how the FSA oversaw Coincheck, one agency official said there may be issues with the application and approval process. While there are exchanges that have gone through a stringent approval process, those operating on a provisional basis can still market themselves without investing in people or security, the official said.

A week ago, an unidentified thief gained access to Coincheck's system and stole 523 million coins tied to the NEM blockchain

project, which were trading at about 94 U.S. cents at the time of the hack. Coincheck said it would use its own capital to reimburse those who lost money. The FSA and Tokyo Metropolitan Police are now gathering their own information.

"Government is going to have to intervene with private companies, but it will be a fine balance," Polites said.

Many governments are struggling to come up with rules to oversee Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. China has taken a tough stance, banning trading in virtual currencies and all initial coin offerings. In December, South Korea threatened to shut down cryptocurrency exchanges, triggering double-digit selloffs in Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. Japan has taken the middle path, allowing most operations to continue while enacting the new regulations in April.

Shifting regulations have fueled uncertainty among speculators across the globe, who are trying to determine when or how market

watchdogs may rein in an industry that's decentralized and derives much of its value from anonymous ownership. As a result, exchanges have been migrating to places with more relaxed or clearer regulations.

"Private security companies and the exchanges themselves may currently be ahead of the government in terms of cryptocurrency security, but this dynamic can't exist forever in order for this asset class to progress," said Michael Moro, chief executive officer of investment firm Genesis Global Trading.

Mineyuki Fukuda, who designed Japan's cryptocurrency laws when he was a lawmaker for the ruling LDP, said more regulations aren't the answer because they might stunt the development of a new financial technology industry.

"The FSA was doing its job; it's not their fault," Fukuda said in an interview. "So if they tie our hands with regulations again, it'll be a real pity for these new businesses and technologies to come to an end."

Part of the problem is that regulators were focused on issues such as fraud and taxation, without thinking through security risks that lead to incidents such as Mt. Gox and Coincheck. While specific security measures aren't mandated, they are widely available. In the case of Coincheck, the exchange failed to implement two-factor authentication and stored coins in a "hot wallet" connected to a network, instead of a "cold wallet" that's disconnected and more secure.

Asked about the Coincheck theft, opposition Democratic Party leader Kouhei Ohtsuka said: "They did not put together appropriate guidance or regulation making it compulsory to isolate the management of crypto-currency data from external networks."

This week, the FSA ordered Coincheck to submit a report by Feb. 13 outlining the root causes of the debacle and its response to customers, along with how it intends to enhance risk management and internal controls. **Bloomberg**

David Porter, Highland Park, N.J.

MIGRATION | US

# Judge temporarily halts deportation of Indonesian Christians

A federal judge has temporarily halted deportation proceedings against Indonesian Christians who are in the U.S. illegally but are seeking to gain legal status, including a man honored for his work helping to rebuild more than 200 homes after Superstorm Sandy.

The order Friday was issued by U.S. District Judge Esther Salas in Newark in response to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and applies to Indonesians who have orders of removal dating to before 2009.

The order affects roughly 50 people in New Jersey who had identified themselves to Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2009 as part of a program to obtain work authorization and stays of deportation, according to the ACLU and Seth Kaper-Dale, co-pastor of a church where some of the immigrants sought sanctuary.

The lawsuit came after several enforcement actions by immigration authorities in New Jersey that targeted Indonesian Christians and rekindled fears in a community that includes people who left Indonesia years ago to escape religious persecution.

Two men were arrested last month after they dropped their children off at school. Harry Pangemanan, who has been in the country since 1993 and lives with his wife and two daughters in central New Jersey, sought sanctuary at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, where he is an elder and where he spent nine



Seth Kaper-Dale (left), a pastor, talks to Arthur Jemmy, an Indonesian man who is taking sanctuary in Kaper-Dale's church to avoid deportatio

months in 2012 under similar circumstances.

Two other men, Arthur Jemmy and Yohanes Tasik, already were living there to avoid detention. Salas ordered both sides to file briefs over the next month.

A spokesman for ICE's Newark office didn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

Pangemanan has been staying in a room that doubles as a children's library at the church and

had to move his belongings when the library is in use. His family joined him recently after their home was broken into and vandalized after his name was included in news reports.

"We are trying to stay strong as a family, take one day at a time," he said in an interview with The Associated Press last week. "You do your best today, do something useful, and tomorrow is in god's hands."

Pangemanan came to the country in 1993 on a tourist visa that was to lapse in five years, he said. His wife came in 1998 during a period of turmoil in Indonesia when Christians were being targeted. They cite that as one reason for not going back.

"A thousand churches were burned to the ground between 1996 and 2003," said Kaper-Dale, of the Highland Park church. "Some islands are safer than

others, but it's too simple to say it's safe now."

Pangemanan concedes he didn't know enough about immigration law when he first arrived, and wasn't aware he had one year to apply for asylum. At the time, it didn't seem to matter.

"Nobody asked you, as long as you are a good man, you work hard and help your company, and you pay your taxes," he said. "You're working like everybody else, you don't bother anybody. Then everything changed after Sept. 11."

Working through the church after Sandy devastated the New Jersey coast in 2012, Pangemanan organized more than 2,000 volunteers, matching their skills with the needs of homeowners whose homes had been destroyed. He said he traveled to other areas of the country to perform similar work, including the Carolinas, West Virginia and Texas.

A system put in place after Sept. 11 required non-citizen men and boys from predominantly Arab or Muslim-majority countries to register and be photographed and fingerprinted.

Pangemanan and Jemmy said they complied, and have repeatedly tried to gain legal status since then, without success. **AP**

MYANMAR

# Gov't denies AP report of Rohingya mass graves

MYANMAR'S government has denied a report by The Associated Press documenting at least five mass graves containing Rohingya Muslim civilians killed by the military with help from Buddhist neighbors, saying that only "terrorists" were killed and they were "carefully buried."

The AP reported on Thursday that the mass graves in the village of Gu Dar Pyin were confirmed through multiple interviews with more than two dozen survivors who had fled to refugee camps in neighboring Bangladesh, and through time-stamped cellphone videos. Satellite images and video of destroyed homes also showed that the village had been wiped out.

The Myanmar government's information committee said in a statement

Friday that 17 government officials including Border Guard Police went to Gu Dar Pyin to investigate the AP report and were told by villagers and community leaders that "no such things happened."

According to the government statement, a group of Rohingya "terrorists" skirmished with security forces in the village during "clearance operations" by the military. It said about 500 villagers attacked the security forces with weapons such as knives, sticks and wooden spears, and the security forces were forced to shoot in self-defense.

It said 19 "terrorists" died and their bodies were "carefully buried" by the security forces.

"The Myanmar government will not deny any human rights violations and will investigate if the-

re is strong evidence. And if there are human rights violations after an investigation, prosecutors will take actions according to the law," the government statement said.

In regard to Gu Dar Pyin village, "the preliminary result of the examination has proven that AP's report is wrong," it said.

"The AP stands by our reporting," spokeswoman Lauren Easton said.

More than 680,000 Rohingya have fled Myanmar's northwestern Rakhine state to Bangladesh to escape a crackdown by Myanmar's military that began following attacks by a Rohingya militant group on Aug. 25. The United Nations and the United States have described the crackdown as "ethnic cleansing." The U.N. human rights chief has also suggested that it

may be genocide.

Many Rohingya refugees have accused Myanmar troops of a rampage of murder, rape and arson to drive them out of their homes and the country. The government has blocked international media from traveling to Rakhine state to investigate reports, and has not heeded calls by the U.N., U.S. and others for an independent investigation.

Gu Dar Pyin was one of at least four large massacres that are known of in Myanmar since August, and many smaller-scale killings have been reported.

Survivors told the AP that hundreds of soldiers swept into the village Aug. 27 firing weapons, including hand grenades and rocket launchers, and burning down houses. They said Buddhists from nei-



Satellite images provided by DigitalGlobe show the village of Gu Dar Pyin before and after destruction

ghoring villages joined the soldiers, cutting the throats of the injured and helping to throw small children and the elderly into the fires.

Community leaders from Gu Dar Pyin in the refugee camps in Bangladesh have compiled a list of 75 dead so far, and villagers estimate the toll could be as high as 400, based on testimony from relatives and the bodies they've seen in

the graves dug by the soldiers and strewn about the area.

Rohingya are a long-persecuted Muslim ethnic minority in predominantly Buddhist Myanmar. Myanmar's government regularly says massacres of Rohingya never happened, and has acknowledged only one mass grave containing 10 "terrorists" in the village of Inn Din. **AP**

# Child abductions rise amid South Sudan's grinding civil war

Sam Mednick, Akobo

IT'S been almost two years since Ice Deng Machar's three young children were abducted from his home and likely sold for cattle. Sitting in South Sudan's opposition-held town of Akobo, the 35-year-old pointed to the dirt beneath his feet.

"They were playing right there," Machar said. "It would be easier if they were dead because then I could forget."

Machar said his 4-year-old daughter and 5-year-old son were likely sold for cattle after being seized by men from the rival Murle tribe. He doubts his 2-year-old son is still alive. Eleven children in all were abducted from this area that day and none has been seen since.

It is a little-acknowledged tragedy in South Sudan's five-year civil war. Child kidnappings between clans have increased as people become more desperate amid widespread hunger and a devastated economy, human rights groups say.

"Child abductions and trafficking in South Sudan is a real issue that requires an urgent response by the government," said Edmund Yakani, executive director of the nonprofit Community Empowerment for Progress Organization.

While tracking child kidnappings is challenging amid the conflict and mass displacement, he said his organization has confirmed abductions in several parts of the country. Those include 11 children seized last year in Abyei in the north, five taken between 2012 and 2014 in the Wau area in the west, and seven in 2016 and 2017 in the Yei area in the south, near the Ugandan border.

The United Nations says its child protection team confirmed abductions in the regions of Unity, Central Equatoria, Jonglei,



Recently displaced children look out of a window of a dilapidated building where they are sheltering in Akobo town

Upper Nile and Western Equatoria last year, though it didn't have a total number.

Although inter-clan fighting, cattle raiding and abductions are deep-seated throughout this East African country, Yakani called it a particular problem in Jonglei state, where the town of Akobo is located and where many in the Murle tribe base "their livelihood" on selling children.

During a recent trip to Akobo, near the Ethiopian border, The Associated Press spoke with Murle tribesmen who acknowledged stealing and trafficking children for personal gain.

"The intention is to trade the children for cattle or use them personally," said Thiro Akungurouth, a Murle youth leader who knows some of the abductors.

One child, no matter what their age, can sell for 20 cows, worth about USD7,000, he said.

Children who aren't sold are

kept by families without kids while girls are groomed for marriage, Akungurouth said. Stigma remains against childless families in South Sudan. Abducted girls often are married to their captors.

**The intention is to trade the children for cattle or use them personally.**

THIRO AKUNGUROUTH

Authorities in Akobo said 37 children have been seized in the surrounding areas since 2016, more than in the first three years of the war combined. It was not

clear how many children have been abducted across the country during the civil war.

One opposition governor blamed South Sudan's government for the increase in kidnappings, saying it's trying to create a wedge between the Murle and Nuer tribes to advance its military agenda.

"It's happening more now because the government is instigating a rift and telling the youth to attack by distributing arms and ammunition," Koang Rambang, the governor of Bieh state, which until last year was part of Jonglei, told the AP.

He specifically faulted the country's First Vice President Taban Deng Gai for "instigating more abductions," citing 10 children who were seized in January while Gai toured the largely opposition-held Jonglei.

South Sudan's government denied it, saying Gai was in the re-

gion only to promote peace. The government also said it had given "directives to the concerned governors of those states to get rid of those activities," said Maal Maker Thiong, who works in the office of the presidency.

But as the civil war drives the nation deeper into despair, children continue to be the worst affected.

Although South Sudan in 2015 signed onto the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which states that all parties should take appropriate measures "to prevent the abduction of, the sale of or traffic in children," the country's warring factions repeatedly have been accused of committing grave violations against children, including the forced recruitment of child soldiers.

"The abduction of children is abhorrent. They are vulnerable and deserve our protection," the chief of the U.N. mission in South Sudan, David Shearer, told the AP. He said the U.N.'s human rights team was due to visit Akobo to assess the situation and advocate with local authorities and armed groups to prevent the practice.

Over the years some organizations have tried to work with the tribes, encouraging them to return the kidnapped children and halt the practice.

Last month, a conference held between the Nuer and Murle tribes in the village of Burmath outside Akobo discussed the possible return of some of the children, including three who were abducted on Jan. 17.

"We tell the chiefs that this is having negative consequences and that they need to stop this and live peacefully," said Ruei Hoth, one of the conference organizers.

As desperation among South Sudanese continues, however, people are skeptical that the abduction and sale of children will end.

"I don't think abductions will stop," said Tut Banguot, an aid worker in Akobo. "People have no resources and no salaries, they aren't working and so they get children and trade them for commodities." AP

ITALY

## Police: Extreme-right gunman shoots six Africans

AN Italian gunman with extreme right-wing sympathies shot and wounded six African immigrants Saturday in a two-hour drive-by shooting spree, authorities said, terrorizing a small Italian city where a Nigerian man had been arrested days earlier in a teenager's gruesome killing.

Police photos showed the shooting suspect with a neo-Nazi tattoo promi-

nently on his forehead as he sat in custody and an Italian flag tied around his neck as he was arrested in the central Italian city of Macerata. Authorities identified him as Luca Traini, a 28-year-old Italian with no previous record.

Traini had run for town council on the anti-migrant Northern League's list in a local election last year in Corridonia, the par-

ty confirmed, but its mayoral candidate lost the race. The news agency ANSA quoted friends of his as saying that Traini had previously been affiliated with Italian extremist parties like the neo-fascist Forza Nuova and CasaPound.

The shooting spree came days after the slaying of 18-year-old Pamela Mastropietro and amid a heated electoral campaign in Italy where anti-foreigner

sentiment has become a key theme. Italy has struggled with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of migrants in the last few years coming across the Mediterranean Sea in smugglers' boats.

After the attack, Premier Paolo Gentiloni warned in Rome that "the state will be particularly severe against whoever thinks of feeding the spiral of violence." AP



Luca Traini

GREECE

# Rally in Athens to protest use of the name Macedonia

Elena Becatoros, Athens, Greece

**W**ELL over 100,000 protesters from across Greece converged yesterday on Athens' main square to protest a potential Greek compromise in a dispute with neighboring Macedonia over the former Yugoslav republic's official name.

Hundreds of chartered buses brought protesters in from around the country to the Greek capital, while more people arrived on ferries from the islands. Traffic was blocked throughout the city center and three major subway stops were closed.

Chanting "Hands off Macedonia!" and "Macedonia belongs to Greece!" tens of thousands of protesters converged on Syntagma Square in front of parliament, many waving flags bearing the Star of Vergina, the emblem of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedonia.

Police officials estimated the attendance at 140,000. Organizers, who claimed 1.5 million were protesting, used a crane to raise a massive Greek flag over



the square.

"We are trying to show the politicians [...] that they must not give up the name 'Macedonia'," said 55-year-old protester Manos Georgiou.

About 700 left-wing and anarchist protesters set up a counter-demonstration nearby, bearing banners calling for Balkan unity.

Dozens of riot police were deployed to keep the two demonstrations separate.

Suspected far-rightists attempted to attack the counter-

demonstration, but were prevented by police, who used stun grenades and tear gas to hold them back. The far-rightists responded by throwing rocks at police. There were also reported incidents of anarchists attacking some bikers.

The name dispute broke out after Macedonia gained independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

The country is recognized by international institutions as the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, even though about

130 countries refer to it simply as Macedonia. Many Greeks refer to it by the name of its capital, Skopje.

Greece argues use of the name implies territorial claims on its own province of Macedonia, home of one of the most famous ancient Greeks, Alexander the Great.

Officials in Skopje counter that their country has been known as Macedonia for a long time.

Composer and former minister Mikis Theodorakis, 92, the key-

note speaker at the rally, repeated the controversial claim that Greece's neighbor wants to expand into Greek territory.

"Using the name Macedonia as a vehicle and twisting historical events to a ridiculous extent, they actually seek to expand their borders at the expense of ours," Theodorakis said.

Rejecting any compromise on Greece's part, Theodorakis called for a referendum on the issue.

The squabble has prevented Macedonia from joining NATO, to which Greece already belongs. The left-led governments in both countries have pledged to seek a solution this year, and have been holding talks with U.N. negotiator Matthew Nimetz.

The most likely solution will be to add a modifier such as "new" or "north" to the republic's name. But the proposals have triggered protests in both countries.

The crowd at yesterday's rally in Athens jeered when speakers mentioned Nimetz's name.

"We're expecting them to hear us," protester Maria Iosifidou said of Greece's politicians. "We don't want Skopje to take the name [...] let them have another name."

About 100,000 people attended a similar protest last month in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki, the capital of Greece's province of Macedonia. **AP**

## Iran confirms it granted brief leave to ailing US citizen

**I**RAN'S judiciary acknowledged yesterday that granted medical leave to an ailing 81-year-old Iranian-American convicted of espionage charges, one of a number of dual nationals swept up in detentions criticized by the United Nations.

However, a spokesman for Iran's judiciary sought to downplay any expectation Baquer Namazi would be

put on an indefinite release following his recent surgery to install a pacemaker. Namazi, a former UNICEF representative who served as governor of Iran's oil-rich Khuzestan province, was sentenced with his businessman son, Siamak, to 10 years to prison.

"Like many prisoners who can go on leave, he went on a three-day leave," spokesman Gholamhos-

sein Mohseni Ejeji said in comments aired on state television. "When he was out of prison, they requested the leave to be extended for another three days."

"His leave must have come to an end yesterday or today," Ejeji added.

Jared Genser, a Washington-based lawyer for the Namazis, had been urging that the elder Namazi's release be extended.

"It is clear from the government's own doctors that returning him to prison would be tantamount to a death sentence," Genser said in a statement last week.

Genser said yesterday he believed Namazi would remain on leave until at least Monday. U.S. government officials also have called for their release.

The Namazis are among

a number of dual nationals detained since Iran's nuclear deal with world powers. Analysts and family members of those detained have suggested that hard-liners in the Islamic Republic's security agencies use the prisoners as bargaining chips for money or influence. A U.N. panel in September described "an emerging pattern involving the arbitrary deprivation of

liberty of dual nationals" in Iran, which Tehran denies.

Iran does not recognize dual nationalities, so those detainees cannot receive consular assistance. In most cases, dual nationals have faced secret charges in closed-door hearings before Iran's Revolutionary Court, which handles cases involving alleged attempts to overthrow the government. **AP**

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## Offbeat

## ROBOT MAKES COFFEE AT NEW CAFE IN JAPAN'S CAPITAL

Japan has a new cafe where customers can enjoy coffee brewed and served by a robot barista.

The robot named Sawyer debuted this week at Hen-na Cafe in Tokyo's downtown business and shopping district of Shibuya. The shop's name in Japanese means "strange cafe."

The single-armed robot scans a ticket purchased from a vending machine and greets the customer.

"Would you care for a delicious coffee?" the barista, with a screen showing a pair of cartoon eyes, asks in a flat tone. "I can make one better than human beings around here."

It grinds the coffee beans, fills a filter and pours hot water over a paper cup for up to five people at once. A cup of brewed coffee costs 320 yen (USD3) and takes a few minutes.

Sawyer can also operate an automated machine for six other hot drinks including cappuccino, hot chocolate and green tea latte.

Customers, many of them young men, took photos with their smartphones while they waited in line.

The cafe operator, travel agency H.I.S. Co., says robots can increase productivity while also entertaining customers.

"An essential point is to increase productivity," said Masataka Tamaki, general manager of corporate planning at H.I.S. He said only one person needs to oversee the robot cafe, compared to several people needed at a regular coffee shop, so it can serve better quality coffee at a reasonable price.

Tamaki says it's not just about efficiency. "We want the robot to entertain customers so it's not like buying coffee at a vending machine," he said.

Takeshi Yamamoto, a 68-year-old restaurant employee who works in the neighborhood, said his first experience with the robot cafe was very enjoyable, and his robot-made coffee was delicious.

"It's quite rich, and tastes very good," Yamamoto said, as he took a sip. "You can get machine-made coffee at convenience stores, too, and it's actually good. But here, I had great fun."



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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Miscellaneous
15:40	Miscellaneous
16:30	Zig Zag
17:55	Brazilian Soap Opera (Repeated)
18:45	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:15	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live

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## MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE

ROOM 1

(2D) 02:15, 04:45, 9:345pm

(3D) 07:15pm

Director: Wes Ball

Starring: Rosa Salazar, Thomas Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 142 min



## THE POST

ROOM 2

02:30, 04:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Steven Spielberg

Starring: Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Sarah Paulson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 116min

## STAYCATION

ROOM 3

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Johnson Lee

Starring: Johnson Lee, Louisa So, Ti Lung, Chin Siu-ho,

Andrew Lam, Yuen Chau

Language: Cantonese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 101 min



## FATE/STAY NIGHT: HEAVEN'S FEEL - I. PRESAGE FLOWER

ROOM 3

5:00, 9:30pm

Director: Tomonori Sudô

Starring: Ayako Kawasumi, Jôji Nakata, Noriaki Sugiyama

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 120 min

## this day in history



## 1994 MARKET MASSACRE IN SARAJEVO

A mortar bomb has exploded in the main market square in Sarajevo killing 68 and wounding 200 people. It is the worst single atrocity in the 22-month old conflict between Bosnia's Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

UN inspectors are examining the crater left by the bomb to determine where it came from, but it is widely believed the Serbian forces besieging the city launched it.

The single 120mm shell landed on a stall in the packed open-air market just before noon leaving Muslims and Serbs dead and injured.

"Some people were literally torn apart. Heads and limbs were ripped off bodies," said one eyewitness.

Kosevo hospital was inundated with victims carried by ambulance, car and lorry, some of them wrapped in the canvas used on the market stalls.

The attack came on the day Bosnian Serb, Muslim and Croatian leaders were meeting in the city to discuss its future.

Peace envoy David Owen said: "We had reached the point where Bosnian Serbs were ready to take Sarajevo outside an overall peace settlement to try to demilitarise it. "I am absolutely determined it is not aborted."

The mainly Muslim Bosnian Government immediately accused the Serbs of the shelling.

Information minister for the self-styled Bosnian Serb Republic, Miroslav Toholj, denied the charges and blamed the Muslims, saying, "Serbs don't kill civilians".

The Bosnian Serb army has threatened to prevent UN aid distribution unless accusations against them are dropped.

This latest attack came after allied peacekeepers - under new commander General Sir Michael Rose - have taken a stronger line against Serbian aggression.

Altogether 200,000 people have died so far in the war. Food queues and markets have already been targeted.

A mortar killed 16 people queuing for bread in Sarajevo in May 1992. The western response will be decided at meetings of Nato and the UN over the next few days.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The UN could not prove where the mortar came from and the US was unwilling to strike against the Serbs without evidence.

On 10 February Nato - with UN authorization - gave the Bosnian Serbs a 10-day ultimatum either to withdraw their artillery to 12.5 miles (20 kilometers) outside Sarajevo or place it under UN control or face air strikes. Shelling by the Serbs decreased and Nato lifted their threat even though the Serbs had failed to fully meet the deadline.

By the end of the year former US president Jimmy Carter brokered a fragile ceasefire.

But it took until December 1995 for a final peace to be agreed at Dayton, Ohio.

In 2007 an independent study, funded mainly by the Norwegian government, reported that at least 97,207 people were killed in the Bosnian war, fewer than had been estimated.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Do you tell the truth or take that dare? If it's up to you, you say yes to both! No challenge can stump you for long - you bring it to all chores, quizzes or competitions that leave your lessers scratching their heads in confusion.

Taurus April 20-May 20 They say that water always seeks its own level, and your energy delivers on that lesson - like-minded people should help you get your life in motion now. Seek out and bond with those whom you know to be similar with your personal style.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You may see party hats everywhere and want to try one on yourself, and as soon as possible. Get all your essential work out of the way, then gather your people in a heartbeat.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You may see party hats everywhere and want to try one on yourself, and as soon as possible. Get all your essential work out of the way, then gather your people in a heartbeat.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Hold off on the off-color humor, major purchases on your credit card or telling off your parents for the hundredth time. After all, you do still need to work with these people tomorrow.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're expansive, genuine and full of vigor, and that should set the tone for your day. Making new contacts and finding new ways to learn more about your people - or those you'd bring closer.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You have a really hard time dealing with it when you see someone being treated unfairly - it totally offends your sense of justice. For now, you're feeling extra feisty and totally up for a big, bruising fight.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You're in the right place when it comes to socializing. Try planning a meal with some old pals you haven't seen in forever, or a big night out with your favorite people.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You need to tune out from the madness a bit and give yourself some quiet time. Take a break from the dramatic fireworks going on at work or at home - and be sure not to wade into the fray.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 One thing is vital for you to get much satisfaction from life - and it's not cash, romance or rock stardom. No, it's just a good sense of humor. With that, everything feels like a win.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You know what happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object, right? You know it can be a lot more fun than people give it credit for - especially if both parties know how to give.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Keep pushing, even if it gets repetitive - especially if someone keeps bugging you who just doesn't get the message. Be totally firm and draw clear boundaries that they can't cross.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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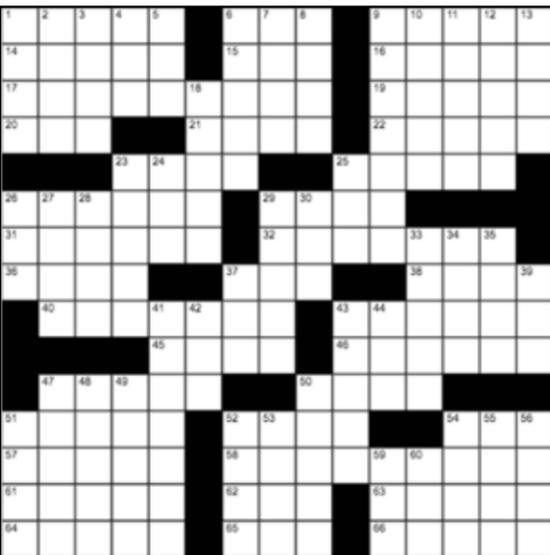
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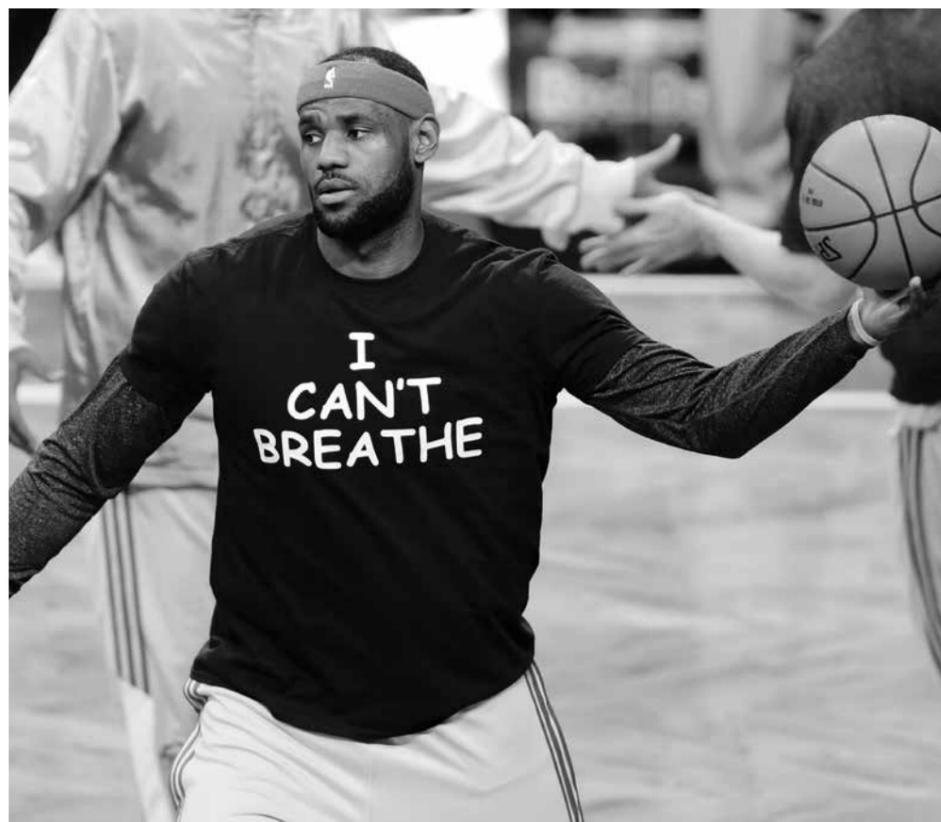
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# Method vs. Message: How sports can start a movement

Eddie Pells

**C**OLIN Kaepernick's first two "protests" drew scant attention. He sat on the bench, out of uniform, virtually unnoticed. His third got some buzz after a reporter tweeted a picture of the 49ers bench that had nothing to do with the quarterback but caught him in the frame, sitting during the national anthem.

Meanwhile, the killing of a 12-year-old boy by police and the light it shined on the Black Lives Matter movement helped draw a reluctant LeBron James into the world of using sports as a vehicle for social change. But once he got there, James stayed disciplined both about the message he sends and the way he sends it.

Despite their vastly divergent methods, Kaepernick and James helped set a stake in the ground, declaring to athletes across all sports that their platforms could be — should be — used for more than fun and games in the 21st century.

Kaepernick's message — "organic" to some, "disorganized" to others — started a movement that has essentially linked the NFL with kneeling in a dramatic string of events that will play out for a final time this season, Sunday at the Super Bowl. James has also made an imprint thanks to the power of his own brand. Whose method worked better? The answer to that question figures to guide the direction of sports protests for the foreseeable future.

"Kaepernick didn't go into it knowing what was going to happen. He was doing what he thought was right but this was not something he expected," said professor Danielle Coombs of Kent State, who specializes in the politics of sports. "On the other hand, you have athletes, like LeBron James, who make sure they do it in a way that lets the message rise to the top."

Coombs and David Casillo co-authored a paper in the *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* centered on James, whose precise, calculated brand of activism pressed for change, but in a way that would not negatively affect the bottom line.

Two years before Kaepernick, and two decades after the seemingly apolitical Michael Jordan once reportedly said Republicans buy shoes, too, James found himself in the middle of a firestorm in the wake of the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice.

James said very little about the killing, which occurred only miles from his hometown of Akron, Ohio. He took heat for his reluctance. But over the ensuing years, he branched out slowly and cautiously, and sometimes with others at his side. He joined Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul and Dwayne Wade at the 2016 ESPYs and gave a well-received speech calling for an end to gun violence.

The speech was a well-thought-out, well-organized message timed for maximum impact, as was Steph Curry's im-

passioned defense of the stance that Kaepernick and others had taken on issues ranging from sitting during the national anthem, to the importance of showing team unity to fore-going White House visits.

"If I'm going to use my platform, I don't want to just be noise," Curry wrote in a Veterans Day blog on The Players' Tribune website. "I want to talk about real issues that are affecting real people."

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**One of the keys for athletes is that they pick moments in time to make sure their message resonates.**

JOE FAVORITO  
MARKETING EXPERT

The methods Curry and James use for getting out the message were almost the exact opposite of Kaepernick's. Turns out, Kaepernick made more headlines, but also became more vulnerable to his message getting lost or distorted due to the timing and some of his own self-inflicted sideshows.

Some may say that by not being calculating and by playing from the heart, Kae-

pernick sent a truer message. He also backed it up by raising USD1 million for charity — much coming in \$10,000 increments from celebrities and sports stars.

But was it more effective? Can it be repeated?

"One of the keys for athletes is that they pick moments in time to make sure their message resonates," said marketing expert Joe Favorito. "Certainly, it has become easier for people to start a process. But it's become more difficult to follow through with it. These days, unless you have the biggest stage, you're competing against thousands of other people. It's not necessarily athletes. It can be anyone."

The NFL was unprepared for the protests, though a five-page memo in 1966 written by a young black league executive to then Commissioner Pete Rozelle predicted this could happen. The memo, which can be read in its entirety on [theundefeated.com](http://theundefeated.com), warned that a team releasing a black player who'd been outspoken on civil rights issues could spark major protests.

Now even more than then, few platforms grab as many eyeballs as that of the NFL. And no league drapes itself in the American flag quite like the NFL. That's two reasons Kaepernick's gesture had legs.

When President Donald Trump took on the league this season, criticizing those who followed Kaepernick's lead, the debate became multipronged, with players, and even

some owners, banding together to show they would not be pushed around by the president.

Meanwhile, TV ratings remained flat. Some fans tuned out and stayed away, enraged by what they perceived as disrespect to the flag, the military and American values.

Kaepernick's original message got mixed in with several others. Regardless, midway through the season, the NFL realized it had to do something. After multiple meetings with player representatives, the league announced it was funneling \$90 million into social justice issues that are important to players. Just last week, it launched Let's Listen Together, an initiative designed to address some of the players' most urgent concerns.

The launch came mere days before the Super Bowl, where "The Star-Spangled Banner," always a big deal at the title game, will get extra attention for what players choose to do and not do.

Kaepernick, who started in the Super Bowl a mere five years ago, will be nowhere near the field this time. Nevertheless, his imprint will be felt.

"He realizes that someone has to be a sacrificial lamb in order to sound the alarm," said John Carlos, whose raised-fist salute along with Tommie Smith at the 1968 Olympics stands as a seminal moment in sports protest. "To have people start have some sort of dialogue, some sort of conversation."

Kaepernick's odyssey illustrated the conundrum athletes find themselves in at the start of 2018: Nobody has the perfect answer for what gesture — whether calculated or completely improvised — might make the difference between capturing a one-day news cycle versus sparking a movement. **AP**

RUGBY

# Last-gasp Sexton dropped goal seals Ireland win vs. France

Jerome Pugmire, Saint-Denis

**W**HEN Jonathan Sexton's long-distance dropped goal just crept over the crossbar in the last act of the game, Ireland coach Joe Schmidt celebrated like he was among the delirious fans behind the posts.

Sexton's astonishing effort from 44 meters out on a greasy pitch in the rain settled a tense Six Nations encounter 15-13 in Ireland's favor — moments after France unexpectedly went ahead 13-12 thanks to a superb solo try from right winger Teddy Thomas.

Sexton's clinical pot kick came after the Irish strung 41 phases then stalled inside the French half.

"It's pretty hard to explain how you feel when you think that the game has got away, you've let it slip and then suddenly you've grabbed it," Schmidt said.

"It was incredible effort from everyone to work their way up

the pitch. When he struck the drop goal I was just willing it to have enough distance to get over. When it did, the whole coaching staff stood up as one and cheered with the Irish supporters."

Ireland had just been given a reprieve, because although replacement flyhalf Anthony Belleau nailed the conversion to Thomas' try he then blew a penalty.

With what little time was left, the Irish used it with extraordinary composure to work into the French half.

Then came the moment, in the 83rd minute.

"Just had a pop," Sexton said. "The lads' legs were out. I don't think we'd have gone a couple more phases. Just got there in the end."

Sexton could not quite believe it, taking a second to check the dropped goal was given before he was mobbed by his teammates.

France's players dropped to their knees in a mixture of exhaustion and frustration. So much effort



John Ryan (center right) celebrates while watching his teammate, Jonathan Sexton, scoring the winning drop goal

for so little reward.

"It's a very disappointing ending given how much energy we put into it," France coach Jacques Brunel said. "What else can you feel apart from enormous frustration? It came in the 83rd minute. He took the right option and you have to congratulate him, it wasn't easy."

Although Brunel's new-look side

showed mettle, defeat would still have been harsh on Ireland.

"Our lack of discipline punished us," France captain Guilhem Guirado said. "It's even harder to lose when we had the match in hand."

France's evening went from elation to stunned disbelief in a frantic last 10 minutes that provided unexpected marvel to a scrappy contest in pouring rain.

With the clock running down, Thomas surged out of nowhere to beat four Irish tackles after a flying run down the right flank ended with him snaking over the line at full stretch.

France was just as surprised to see the try as Ireland, which seemed to have the French counter-attack contained until Thomas accelerated around the edge and was through.

Until that point, it looked like Sexton's steady boot would be enough to get the Irish only a third win at Stade France. He landed four penalties but also missed one at 12-6.

Belleau took France's penalty at 13-12 because scrumhalf Maxime Machenaud, who slotted over two, had limped off the pitch. It was a big task for Belleau, winning only his third test cap after Matthieu Jalibert also limped away early, and the kick from about 35 meters on the left lacked confidence.

Still, France will take heart from the spirit they showed under Brunel. He was appointed in December to stop a six-match winless run, and boldly gave debuts to 19-year-old Jalibert and fullback Geoffrey Palis.

It was all penalty kicks until Thomas' try, which looked like being the highlight of the match.

Only to be trumped by Sexton's phenomenal final shot. AP

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**Views on China**

David Fickling, Bloomberg

**MACAU'S NO SUCKER IN THIS CHINESE GAMBLING EXPERIMENT**

Beijing has had enough of foreign governments eating its lunch. Authorities are drafting a proposal to allow gambling on Hainan Island, Bloomberg News reported Friday, citing people who asked not to be identified because the discussions aren't public. Online gaming, a lottery or sports betting are being considered under the plan, which could open to the door to physical casinos in the province in the long term, they said. Macau is currently the only location under Beijing's jurisdiction where such resorts are permitted.

One argument for decriminalizing a practice that China banned in 1949 is that prohibition is simply handing money to foreign casinos. Macau is almost permanently booked out: Even after adding more than 9,000 rooms since the start of 2015, increasing capacity by a third, occupancy rates in the territory's hotels have never dipped below 75 percent. They hit a record 92.5 percent in December.

As a result, a string of resorts in Singapore, South Korea, the Philippines and Australia have been lapping up the surplus, alongside a handful of more exotic tables in locations such as Laos, northern Vietnam, and the U.S. Pacific island territory of Saipan. Governments in Japan and Mongolia have been looking to get in on the act, too, with plans to legalize the sector.

Looked at this way, the ban seems like a catastrophic own goal. By restricting the domestic supply of baccarat, blackjack and slot machines, the government is pushing gambling dollars offshore - supporting jobs and tax revenues elsewhere in the region while encouraging tourists and junket operators to poke holes in Beijing's capital controls.

If Chinese gamblers were placing bets in Ma'an shan rather than Manila, maybe provinces and cities wouldn't need to fund themselves via the wild west of local government financing vehicles, explored by Gadfly's Andy Mukherjee this week.

That's the theory, anyway. In practice, evidence on the economic benefits of casino legalization is murky and mixed. Centers like Monte Carlo, Las Vegas and Macau have historically done well by exporting casino services to their hinterlands, becoming entrepôts for a region's gambling dollars.

In that model the costs of casino gambling - in terms of addiction and the cannibalization of spending on other leisure industries - are spread widely, while the benefits are concentrated in one city. Zoom out to society as a whole, or allow the industry to become more evenly distributed by removing prohibitions, and it's not clear there are net benefits at all.

One recent study found that state revenues in the U.S. even declined marginally after the introduction of casinos, perhaps because the tables and slots sucked up spending that would otherwise have gone into other taxable activities. Stimulus effects tended to be short-lived, too, the study found.

At the same time, Macau's lead as the world's largest gambling destination remains hard to beat. Las Vegas has continued to prosper since casinos started springing up on Native American lands in the 1980s by turning itself into the global capital of the MICE - meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions - industry.

Gaming has accounted for less than half of revenues at Nevada's casinos for more than a decade, a model that Macau has been pursuing for several years with the growth of mass-market resorts like Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd.'s Studio City and Sands China Ltd.'s Cotai Central.

The greatest threat from an expansion of mainland casinos is to regional competitors rather than Macau's six operators. The world's biggest gambling destination can stand on its own two feet. Without the push from Chinese prohibition, though, Brisbane, Manila and Lao Cai may see their allure rapidly disappear.

**THE 'SMALL PERCENTAGE' OF IPHONE 7S NEED COMPONENT REPAIR**

Apple Inc. said a "small percentage" of iPhone 7 smartphones may experience a component failure that makes it appear the phone isn't connected to cellular networks even when service is available. Apple said it would repair affected devices at no charge.

The units were sold from September 2016 to February 2018 in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Macau and the U.S., Apple said Friday in a statement on its website. Apple said it would reim-

burse those who've paid for a repair related to this issue.

The company, which reported earnings Thursday, didn't make clear which component has malfunctioned. The news marks Apple's fourth official iPhone-related replacement program since 2015. Apple previously offered free repairs for limited numbers of iPhone 5s camera issues, iPhone 6 Plus touchscreen problems, and iPhone 6s devices that would randomly shut down.

**French film distributor comes to Woody Allen's defense**

Thomas Adamson, Paris

WOODY Allen's French film distributor has defended the American director against sexual abuse claims, saying he has been unfairly caught up in the fallout surrounding the #MeToo movement.

Writing in the French weekly *Le Point*, Mars Films head Stephane Celerier dismissed the furor over renewed allegations by Allen's adopted daughter, Dylan Farrow, that Allen molested her in an attic in 1992 when she was 7. Celerier describes the accusation as a family drama caught in the crosshairs of the #MeToo movement amid fallout from the allegations of rape and sexual harassment against Hollywood film producer Harvey Weinstein.

It is "shameless opportunism," Celerier said of the fresh attacks against the director in the media that he said "taint the dignity of real victims."

Celerier's company is behind the distribution of Allen's latest movie "Wonder Wheel," starring Kate Winslet and Justin Timberlake, which opened in French cinemas this week to lukewarm ticket sales.



His defense of Allen is the latest chapter in an emerging narrative in France, particularly in its film industry, that the Hollywood anti-abuse campaign has gone too far.

Farrow in January gave her first on-camera interview to "CBS This Morning" about her longstanding abuse allegations against the 82-year-old filmmaker. Allen has long denied the allegations and was investigated but not charged.

Since the Weinstein allegations, France - the country synonymous with love - has been stumbling as it addresses the issue of sexual harassment and violence against women.

Last month, French actress Catherine Deneuve set the feminist world ablaze by co-

signing a letter accusing the post-Weinstein groundswell of allegations of being puritanical.

In November, France's famed film institute La Cinematheque Francaise went ahead with a retrospective of works by director Roman Polanski despite opposition by feminist groups. The institute said its role was not to moralize. The Polish-born director in the 1970s pleaded guilty to having sex in the U.S. with a 13-year-old girl whom he plied with champagne and Quaaludes.

Polanski, who lives in France, and Allen continue to be highly revered by the French public. Polanski was honored last year as president of the Cesar awards, France's answer to the Oscars. AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

Valentin Flauraud/Keystone via AP



Eight young dancers have emerged from an annual competition with ballet scholarships. The Prix de Lausanne was launched in the Swiss lakeside city in 1973 and has become an annual fixture. The competition is open to dancers of any nationality who are between the ages of 14 and 19. Hanna Park from South Korea, winner of the second prize, performs her classical variation during the contest.

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**WORLD BRIEFS**



**SYRIA** Turkey said eight of its troops were killed Saturday in Ankara's military operation against a Syrian Kurdish militia, the deadliest day in the two-week-old offensive in the enclave of Afrin, while in another part of Syria, al-Qaida-linked militants downed a Russian fighter jet, then shot and killed the pilot.



**CYPRUS** Voters in Cyprus were choosing between a conservative incumbent and a left-leaning independent in a presidential runoff yesterday, hoping the winner can overcome skepticism about a deal to reunite the ethnically divided island nation.

**ITALY** The extreme right-wing suspect in a shooting rampage that wounded six African migrants in Italy has demonstrated no remorse for his actions and was "lucid and determined, aware of what he had done," an Italian law enforcement official said yesterday. More on p14



**BRAZIL** President Michel Temer has said he hopes the country can eliminate a flagship social program that has lifted millions of families out of poverty in the last decade.

**ECUADOR** President Lenin Moreno launched into a sermon on the weekend about why no political leader should be allowed to remain in office for years on end, urging voters to pass a referendum that would prohibit leaders from being re-elected more than once.