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St. Paul's Ruins to 'go green' again for Irish Festival

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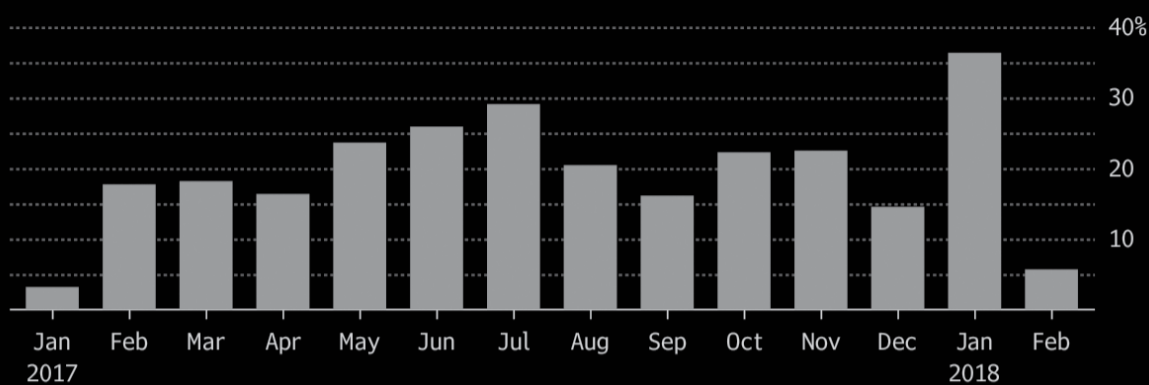
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Revenue growth slows as VIP players avoid crowds

MACAU has become a playground for families and tourists - and that appears to be a turn-off for high-rolling gamblers during holidays. The region's gambling revenue growth climbed 5.7 percent in February, the slowest pace since January 2017, according to data released yesterday from Macau's Gaming

It is more scientific if we check the final results afterwards and by quarter instead of monthly.

LIONEL LEONG

Inspection and Coordination Bureau.

The data showed a slow start in the first few days of the Chinese New Year, which started on February 15, and according to analysts high-stakes players decided to stay away from the world's biggest gaming hub.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong said yesterday that he is "not worried" with the results, even if casino revenue during

the Chinese New Year season was much lower than expected.

Leong said that due to the inconsistent timing of Chinese New Year, quarterly data would give a better representation of gaming activity in the period. "It is more scientific if we check the final results afterwards and by quarter instead of monthly," he concluded.

The Bloomberg Intelligence index of Macau casino stocks reversed an earlier gain after the data release. SJM Holdings Ltd. and Sands China Ltd. dropped more than 3 percent in Hong Kong yesterday, a steeper fall than the benchmark Hang Seng index.

Still, the quiet Chinese New Year won't change investors' positive view of Macau in the long term, with the territory expected to benefit from China's growing consumption and leisure demand, JPMorgan Chase & Co. analyst DS Kim wrote in an earlier note. **MDT/Bloomberg**

St. Paul's Ruins to 'go green' again for third Irish parade

Daniel Beittler

THE Hong Kong and Macau Irish Festival kicks off today, starting a series of events bringing a taste of Irish culture to the region.

Building on a tradition founded just two years ago, the festival's flagship event, the St. Patrick's Day parade, will be held on the afternoon of March 17. In previous years, the parade has attracted hundreds of residents and expats to join the revelry; many dressed in green, the unofficial national color of the 'Emerald Isle'.

Peter Ryan, Consul General of Ireland to Hong Kong and Macau, told the Times yesterday that the parade is celebrated in a unique way in the MSAR, reflecting the cross-cultural history of the city.

"This is not just a cultural event," he said, "the Macau [parade] is truly unique with a mix of Irish, Portuguese and Chinese

dancing. [...] This reflects the diversity in culture and heritage on offer in Macau."

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PETER RYAN
CONSUL GENERAL OF
IRELAND TO HK, MACAU

According to organizers, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam has approved the 'greening' of the Ruins of St. Paul's on the evening of March 17. Macau's most famous landmark will join more than 200 other iconic buildings around the world that turn green after dark.

A business round table will be held later today at the University of Macau. Organized in collaboration with the Consulate General of Ireland, the roundtable will invite Alan Dukes, chairman of Ireland's Asia think tank, Asia Matters, to share his thoughts on a number of topics.

Also today, a "craft yard" event will be held at the Macau Design Center, where Irish designers and craftsmen will demonstrate how they work with materials such as wood, slate and copper. The event will also feature an introduction to the ancient Ogham script, an Early Medieval alphabet used in Ireland between the sixth and ninth centuries.

Visual artist Oonagh Latchford, who hails from Wexford, Ireland, will join participants at Creative Macau on March 15 and 16 to showcase her paintings. Latchford's work is concerned with the effects of high contrasts and

over-saturation, produced by both strong sunlight and by artificial lighting at night.

A series of parallel events will be held in the neighboring SAR of Hong Kong, many of which will be hosted at Tiffany's New York Bar, located in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Among them are two Wednesday nights (March 7 and March 14) at the Hong Kong Jockey Club when the facility and its surroundings will 'go green' and patrons will have the chance to experience Irish music and dancing, as well as food and beverages.

The "Treasure Ireland Hunt" will also return this year, according to organizers, with parallel hunts to be held in Hong Kong and Macau on March 10 and 17 respectively. Last year, more than 80 children from local schools joined the treasure hunt, which was held across Taipa village a day prior to the



parade.

Peter Ryan said that organizers want the festival to be as open and welcoming as possible, attracting many "culturally-curious" visitors. For that reason, all events are free admission, he said.

"This [festival] is a sharing experience; we are sharing our culture," he said. "This is not only a wonderful experience for [Macau locals] but also for our visiting guests from Ireland, many of whom have never been to Macau

or Hong Kong before."

The Irish Festival month coincides with March 17, St. Patrick's Day, one of the most important holidays in the country's calendar.

The festival is a cultural and religious occasion that commemorates the death of Ireland's foremost patron saint, Saint Patrick. The Roman-British missionary is thought to have heralded the arrival of Christianity in the Emerald Isle during the fifth century.

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Migrant groups cry foul over childbirth fee hike

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MIGRANT groups are crying foul over the proposed nine-fold fee increase for the delivery services provided to non-resident parents, describing the move as discriminatory. According to them, if it is passed it will become another bill that does not benefit Macau's migrants.

On Wednesday, public hospital Conde de São Januário (CHCSJ) proposed that the service fee of natural childbirth for non-local workers would be increased from the current MOP975 to MOP8,775 – a suggestion that

angered migrant workers.

Former president of an Indonesian migrant group Eric Lestari noted that the proposed bill would mostly affect Filipino migrants, compared to the Indonesian or Vietnamese workers in Macau, as many Filipino families reside in the region.

Lestari has described the proposal as discriminatory against the migrant workers and tourists in Macau. She also argues that it may force pregnant women to do abortions, if they are unable to pay the hospital fee.

The CHCSJ proposed that natural delivery for tourists would increase from MOP1,950 to

MOP17,750.

"It is cruel," said the non-resident worker, adding that the increase is an example of imbalance. She recalled that domestic workers' salaries start from MOP2,500, while MOP5,000 is the first bracket for other sectors.

"Labor rights are still poor and there is less protection from the Macau government. There is [also] no response to our demand to increase our salary, [increase] standard minimum wages and [renegotiate the] standard agency fee," Lestari lamented.

"[It's just like the] bus fare hike [proposal] which will only affect workers from overseas," she recalled.

Although Lestari noted that there are rarely plans for these workers to get pregnant in the region, nor give birth in Macau, situations such as this are hard to predict.

Yosa Wariyanti, president of the Indonesian Migrant Workers Union shared the same sentiments, stressing that the proposed bill shows discrimination



against foreign women workers in Macau.

"Foreign workers contribute a lot to Macau's economy and community and we [women] have the right to give birth with affordable fees," she said.

Wariyanti also feared that the move would cause women to have unsafe deliveries such as giving birth at their respective homes due to families not being able to afford the hospital fees.

Childbirth delivery service fees are not the only fees that put a burden on these workers, as medical exams related to pregnancy

have always been more expensive for non-residents, compared to local residents.

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YOSA WARIYANTI
PRESIDENT OF INDONESIAN
MIGRANT WORKERS UNION

CHCSJ DIRECTOR SAYS INCREASE IS REASONABLE

THE DIRECTOR of CHCSJ Kuok Cheng U believes the proposal to increase the fee of delivering a baby for non-local parents is reasonable, according to a report by TDM. Kuok said that CHCSJ has been under increasing pressure over its Obstetrics and Gynecology services since 2016.

After considering medical safety and proper use of the resources, CHCSJ decided to increase the fees for non-residents. In Kuok's opinion, operating a hospital involves many factors, and reasonable and safe medical service must be reflected in the service fees.

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Sérgio de Almeida Correia Lawyer and political scientist

ON TRACK FOR A SELFISH SOCIETY WITH NEW KINDS OF APARTHEID

I believe that the decision made by the Health Bureau is highly discriminatory and should be seen as part of a wrong understanding of what should be the modus vivendi of the Macau SAR and of a "second system".

What makes Macau different within the PRC is that for centuries different communities have lived together and worked together for the well being and prosperity of the region, giving Macau a unique position in the context of China and Asia. A peaceful land, and a land of opportunities no matter where you come from.

That's why even before 1999, many Chinese mainlanders – despite the absence of any previous links to Macau – as well as people from many other communities and diverse ethnic origins, no matter the color of their skin, their religion or their academic qualifications would come here.

People found refuge in Macau; a place to live, to marry, to have a family, to grow kids, to come into contact with other cultures, to get rich. Many of them, after two or three generations, became "Macanese", not ethnically but culturally. And all those coming to this city have contributed to the identity of Macau, irrespective of whether they are ethnic Chinese, Burmese, Portuguese, Indian, Philippine or whatever.

Nowadays, it seems that some people are also trying to gamble with the future, transforming Macau in a horrendous place, highly polluted, awfully "touristic" (i.e. without any reasonable quality for decent

ordinary travellers) and with a lack of conditions not only for those who visit us but also for those who live here.

If the Macau authorities had not been so tolerant in the past toward immigrants, most of those who are now on the frontline against migrant communities would never have been able to settle here or bring their own families from mainland China. Some of them have even become legislators and wealthy individuals by any standards. But what is sad is that they did not learn anything from the past, from history, with Mao Zedong and Deng Xiao Ping. They became zealots. The culture of tolerance, mutual understanding and comprehension was replaced by this wilderness where a few try to keep for themselves and their families what belongs to all the community and ultimately to the Chinese people as a whole.

Besides, the people affected by the decision of the Health Bureau are once again the poorest and the unprotected; people that work day and night for the benefit of the MSAR; people that pay their taxes and that at the end of the day have close to nothing - not even a place to give birth.

This is terrible because the people that help us in our daily life, living side by side with us and taking care of our children and elders - humans like us - should have our utmost consideration and our help to achieve better life conditions, better living standards and better education for their kids.

A different situation is that of the tourists, those who do not live in Macau. Here,

I understand the point but the values/prices should not be so high that if they have a serious health problem while in Macau they should not be left without efficient and prompt medical care. We are all humans and accidents may occur.

I also don't understand the so-called "market prices". Are they referring to Kiang Wu Hospital prices, which are highly priced for the quality of the medical services provided in spite of the millions in subsidies received from the Macau Government of tax payers' money – residents and non-resident workers?

Unfortunately, it seems that we are on the right track to have in Macau a selfish society with new kinds of apartheid, since it also seems that we are building a highly xenophobic society. Just like the nationalist and populist wave that is taking hold in some Eastern European countries against refugees.

The problems are uneven and sometimes there are humanitarian reasons for recommending a different assessment of a particular situation. It is a pity how things can be destroyed in such a short time. It is a pity that some people have such a short memory.

Finally, I think that the Health Bureau should be more concerned with elevating the quality of medical services – diagnosis, availability of medicines and recruiting medical specialists – than with increasing prices without any improvement in the health care provided.



Local lawyer, Sérgio de Almeida Correia, also criticized the bill as an example of the Health Bureau again targeting vulnerable groups in the city.

"The persons affected by the decision of the Health Bureau are once again the most poor and unprotected, people that work day and night for the benefit of Macau SAR," he told the Times (see column beside).

"People that pay taxes and that in the end have got nothing, not even a place to give birth... this is terrible," the lawyer added.

In Hong Kong, mainland Chinese women are banned from giving birth in public hospitals because Hong Kong women were struggling to book hospital beds for delivery. The move by former chief executive CY Leung was made after fears arose that children to mainland parents born in Hong Kong would share the SAR's health care, education and welfare benefits given that, unlike in Macau, they are entitled the right of abode.

Despite the ban, there were still some 800 non-local mothers who gave birth in the HKSAR in 2015, through emergency wards. No updated figures have been released.

TSI revokes LRT depot contract

The Court of Second Instance (TSI) has revoked the contract granted to China Construction Engineering (Macau) Co. to build the superstructure project of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) depot. Following the announcement of the results of the public tender, bidder China Road and Bridge Corporation appealed the decision to grant the MOP1.07 billion contract. TSI ruled that the evaluation of the bids was incorrectly made. The local government will now be forced to reassess the proposals to the public tender. The court decision will probably lead to a delay in the conclusion of the superstructure project, which was scheduled to happen next year.

Ferries delayed due to thick fog

Yesterday's ferry service was affected in the morning due to the thick fog, according to a report by TDM. Some of the morning ferries were slightly delayed or travelled slower because of the fog. One female passenger said that her ferry from Hong Kong to Zhuhai was canceled, and she had to take a ferry to Macau and then cross the border to get to Zhuhai. Another Hong Kong passenger said that his ferry was not delayed for departure, but it took the ferry 15 minutes longer to arrive at Macau than normal.

Concerns over lack of inspection to publicly owned companies

Renato Marques

THE Legislative Assembly (AL) Follow-up Committee for Public Finance has expressed concerns over the lack of inspection authority over publicly-owned companies and their branches. According to the president of the committee, Mak Soi Kun, the issue was acknowledged by the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, during yesterday's meeting at the AL.

"The Secretary [Leong] recognized that there is a need [to] reinforce such inspection [to the public owner companies]," Mak said in the media briefing, noting that the Finance Services Bureau (DSF) "is unaware of the operations of those branches."

The possibility of the need for "new legislation" in this field was aired although a calendar for this process was not advanced.

Mak said that the Committee has questioned the government

on how many publicly-owned companies are created with the purpose of investment of public funds and how many branches are involved, information that the government failed to provide during yesterday's meeting.

Another matter in discussion was the spending of external investment managers, along with another topic regarding managers that was not revealed due to "duties of secrecy" within the managers' contracts.

Nevertheless, Mak gave a

positive review of their work saying, "the expected results were achieved [on the applications delivered to external managers]." Mak went on to mention that the non-audited profits had a return tax of 4.8 percent (in 2017).

Foreign exchange reserves had a return of 2.3 percent, reaching MOP3.5 billion, according to the Macao Monetary Authority.

The president of the committee reaffirmed that the go-

vernment has maintained its position of using the concepts of "prudence" and "security" as investment principles, ideas that are supported by the committee.

The reasons behind the low rate of implementation of the budget and the Public Investment Plan (PIDDA) in 2016 was another topic addressed in the meeting. Mak said it was due to several reasons, but mostly due to a "lack of professionalism of the budgeting plan." Government representatives explained that the enforcement of the new budget law has not started, and that the services, most of the time, "lack in professionalism while doing the forecasts since they do not possess specialist staff on the matter."

Lack of inter-service coordination was also another of the reasons acknowledged for the low rate of implementation, a situation that according to Mak, should be solved now with the imminent enforcement of the budget law.



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Sin Fong Garden receives donation, reconstruction budget surges

THE Macau Jiangmen Communal Society has donated MOP100 million to Sin Fong Garden to help them rebuild the house project, according to the Chinese press.

The chairman of the Sin Fong Garden Building Management Committee, surnamed Wong, announced that the committee would inform the owners, and that owners of the biggest units might need to pay more than MOP600,000, while other owners will pay between MOP400,000 and MOP600,000.

Chan Pou Sam, executive vice president of the Macau Jiangmen Communal Society said that work at the building has entered the reconstruction phase. "As time passes, the overall cost of the project is changing. It was originally estimated to be more than 100 million patacas, but now it may

reach over 200 million patacas."

Troubles on Sin Fong Garden began back in 2012, when the building was listed as being at risk of collapsing and members of 144 households had to be evicted.

Besides the Macau Jiangmen Communal Society donation, Macau businessman António Ferreira donated MOP50 million to the committee for the rebuilding.

The remaining cost of the rebuild fee will be borne by the owners.

The Bank of China (BOC) is providing loans with discounted interest to Sin Fong Garden's owners.

According to Wong, the interest offered by the BOC to the owners is even lower than the loan interest rate given to BOC employees.

The reconstruction project is expected to start in April.



Wong hopes that the government can waive the project from related taxes as the reconstruction will provide neither commercial gains nor area expansions.

Leong: Jockey Club has losses, but adds 'non-gaming elements'

QUESTIONED on the 24 and a half years' concession handed to the Macau Jockey Club (MJC), the Secretary for Economy and Finance acknowledged yesterday that "it is true that the company [MJC] has [had] a continuous loss over the years, but, in a general way of saying, it has also been presenting a form of diversification of our gaming [industry] and adding non-gaming elements."

"Investors want now to invest more [over MOP1.5 billion] and we need to provide [give them] some time in order to allow them to perform changes and improve a lot on the non-gaming element," Lionel Leong said.

"That's the reason we decided to give them the 24 years and 6 month period so they can calculate better their investments and manage to take profits," Leong said, adding, "All the taxes that at [the] moment are in arrest will be reimbursed to the government."

The Secretary explained that the investors' plan is to invest

over MOP1.5 billion in three phases, each phase eight years apart. According to Leong, the MJC will be evaluated at these periods, "in order to guarantee that they have such capacity and are doing what was agreed."

The Macau Horse Racing Company has posted annual losses since 2004, accumulating a deficit exceeding MOP4 billion and debts amounting to MOP1.3 billion. Earlier this week, after the announcement of the new concession, animal rights activist Albano Martins speculated that "the concession is for [MJC] to redevelop the land - I can only assume - for real estate purposes." Martins also expressed his opinion that the decision to grant the concession was a "very unwise" one. "This is land that could be used for housing or schools. Nobody gives that sort of concession for a company that is broke. It is very strange. In terms of [socio-economic] cost-benefit, this decision is a disaster." **RM**

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Ex-assistant to Ng Lap Seng gets 7 months in prison

The former assistant to a Macau billionaire has been sentenced to seven months in prison on a tax charge stemming from a United Nations bribery case. Jeff C. Yin was sentenced Wednesday by Manhattan federal Judge Vernon Broderick. Prosecutors said Yin failed to pay taxes on his USD54,000 salary for two years. He apologized at sentencing. Yin was chief assistant to Ng Lap Seng when both were arrested in September 2015. Ng is awaiting sentencing after his conviction for paying bribes to U.N. officials. Yin's attorney, Assistant Federal Defender Sabrina Schroff, urged the judge to let Yin serve the sentence at a halfway house rather than a prison. Broderick asked both sides to submit arguments and said he'll rule later on the request.

Red Cross donations unaffected by scandal

Macau Red Cross claims that donations to the association were not affected by global scandals concerning Red Cross. Chairman of the Central Committee of Macau Red Cross, Eddie Wong, said that these scandals should not affect other organizations and that Macau residents are more concerned about whether the donations have been put to good use. According to Wong, Macau Red Cross clearly reports to the public and the Macau government how it uses donations.

Illegal land occupation at Hac Sa village uncovered

Julie Zhu

A situation involving illegal engineering work and illegal occupation of state land has been put under the spotlight, with the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) being accused of not taking the initiative to conduct inspections over cases of illegal land occupation. Lawmakers Ella Lei and Leong Sun Iok organized a press conference at the Hac Sa village to report a case of illegal land occupation and illegal engineering work. According to their report, the land is near the Tai Wong Temple.

During the press conference, the lawmakers pointed out the related lands to the media.

On the site, large areas of land are clearly occupied with construction materials and machines. An area which was covered with trees back in 2008, near the Hac Sa beach, has also been occupied with construction materials. A batch of bottles thought to contain construction materials



can also be seen on the site.

Some new roadwork was also spotted on the land in front of the Tai Wong Temple.

Lawmaker Lei Cheng I said they were unaware of the exact amount of land involved. She blames the DSSOPT for not having taken the initiative to understand the problem.

"I think the DSSOPT did not take the initiative to follow on this case. [Regarding] this one, the DSSOPT should have carried it out [inspection].

However, according to what we have learnt, residents who filed complaints [about the case] should have filed complaints to the DSSOPT as well," said Lei. "If the media has made the reveal [of the case], how come the engineering work still continued?" she added.

Apart from the illegal land occupation, the neighboring community is also worried about whether some of the engineering materials contain chemicals or dangerous

substances.

On Wednesday night, the DSSOPT issued a statement reporting that the department went to the related site to collect information and evidence.

The department claimed to "have been combatting for a long time illegal engineering works and illegal land occupation" at the Hac Sá village.

According to the DSSOPT, the bureau had previously noted that the land was occupied with construction machines, containers, and engineering debris. However, at the beginning of this year, an unlicensed project was found to be under development and the illegally occupied land was expanded. The illegal construction involved the landfilling of a lake nearby.

DSSOPT claimed that it will require the related parties to recover the land's original status.

Lawmaker Ella Lei suggested the DSSOPT "issue a legal order" and take other measures to stop these illegal activities in the future.

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Transparency vital for smart city development, says scholar

A number of drawbacks, including the termination of ride-sharing services, have hindered Macau's aim of becoming a smart city. A scholar has argued that transparency and communication are needed to efficiently achieve the goal established by the MSAR government.

In August 2017, local authorities formed a strategic partnership with the Alibaba Group to further the city's objective of becoming a smart city. However, some residents are still waiting for updates regarding the four-year partnership.

At a breakfast meeting held by the France Macau Chamber of Commerce this week, scholar Filipe Castro Soeiro highlighted the need for Macau to rethink its tourism and leisure business and to transform these areas so they may evolve and respond to future needs.

As the city acquires an ability to attract sophisticated demand – in this context to the greater bay area – it needs to acknowledge that the system could act as a hub with multiple specializations and functions.

Soeiro, a visiting professor at the University of Saint Joseph's School of Business, noted that the city should also exert efforts to attract foreign talent and multi-national companies to assist

with the development of a smart city – a goal in the city's Five-Year Development Plan.

In fact, Soeiro noted that other cities in the greater bay area including Shenzhen and Guangzhou have been attracting new, sophisticated, technological executive talent – a move that Macau could also make.

"I see a lot of capacity in responding with innovative value proposition to capture the consumer orientation and also to receive these customers' feedback," said the scholar.

"I think Macau can play a huge role in this transformation," he adds.

However, the expert believes that such a move requires both a "top down, bottom up" process, citing the importance of transparency, communication and a master plan from authorities.

The scholar stressed that it is important for the MSAR to have transparent communication in order to build social capital in the ecosystem. He added that all the efforts the city is conducting are mere baby steps toward its ultimate aim of transforming the



Filipe Castro Soeiro

region into a smart city by 2021.

"I guess Macau, Hong Kong and other regions' [in the Pearl River Delta] governments will have to work together to execute a new set of programs," he added.

"This is not only about Macau's smart city. You have to have a higher-level instrument for the region, not just for Macau, that defines the scope, the roles and the macro initiatives for Macau," Soeiro explained.

The expert also suggested that the master plan should specify and define the roles and goals

of each region and its relevant institutes and use them as an instrument to efficiently turn the region into a smart city.

"Have some measures and reinforcement [such as] a one stop shop for physical incentives [and] for initiating new businesses. So even from that standpoint, the government can do more steps in this regard," said the scholar.

One of the key players that the government could collaborate with are universities that provide "smarter opportunities, flexib-

le and innovative programs," to assist with the region's development.

According to him, "once the transformation is initiated, it would make universities part of the movement and would lead to a growing momentum."

The scholar also believes that Macau should have a smart city consortium, similar to that in Hong Kong, which would provide a platform for professionals to provide opinions and suggestions which would be submitted to the government.

These recommendations would assist the government to formulate related policies and invite collaboration from around the globe.

"This is a kind of societal movement that we need. It is about aligning these multiple sensitivities and key roles together to set up think tanks around smart city challenges and opportunities," he said.

"Also to [set up] measures and initiatives, to share ideas, to group capacities and resources, and to establish key partnerships," Soeiro concluded.

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Using your BATNA to negotiate - part 2

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Continuing on from last week's article on negotiation and the BATNA, we will explore some other simple techniques you can use during negotiating to put the odds in your favor.

1. Ask lots of questions.

2. Use the "limited authority" technique. Try "I'll have to check with my wife (or partner)." It's easier for sellers to accept that you can't do something, rather than the idea that you won't.

3. Use precedent. "My father bought his house this way." If the offer is unusual, sellers will feel more comfortable knowing it has been done that way before.

4. Ask for things you don't need. This lets the seller win concessions when negotiating. If you can later say, "I guess I don't need the refrigerator, if I can get my price," you're more likely to get your price.

5. Try being reluctant. Say "Well, I don't know..." This gets the seller looking for ways to motivate you, and lets him feel like he's won something when you settle the point.

6. Build rapport. People like doing business with people they like, and who knows, you might even make a friend out of the situation.

7. Pass over problems, then return to them later. Agree on every agreeable point first. It will feel like the house is sold, and it will be difficult for a seller to lose the deal over an issue or two that you need to go in your favor.

You can spend a lot of time looking for good deals, or improve your negotiation skills to create good deals on your own. Hope this was helpful, and good luck on your next negotiation!

PHILIPPINES

Manila airport bid challenged by USD3b offer

Cecilia Yap, Ditas Lopez

A venture of Megawide Construction Corp. and GMR Infrastructure Ltd. submitted a USD3 billion proposal to upgrade and expand the Philippine capital's 70-year-old airport, challenging a \$6.7 billion bid from a group that includes billionaires John Gokongwei and Lucio Tan.

The GMR-Megawide venture, which is operating and expanding another airport in central Philippines, said it can increase the airfield capacity of Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport by as much as 35 percent to as many as 1,000 aircraft movements a day. The project would increase capacity to 72 million passengers a year, they said yesterday.

"Our detailed masterplan takes into account all possible constraints in transforming a fully operational brownfield airport," Louie Ferrer, president of GMR Megawide Cebu Airport Corp., said in a statement. "It aims to maintain the



high service levels expected of a world-class airport for the next 18 years."

While the Philippine government hasn't opened up the overcrowded airport's upgrade for bidding, Gokongwei, Tan and partners last month filed an unsolicited proposal for a two-phase project that would allow the hub to handle as many as 100 million passengers. The consortium includes Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc., Ayala Corp., LT Group Inc., Alliance Global Group Inc., Filinvest Development Corp., JG Summit Holdings Inc. and Metro Pa-

cific Investments Corp.

The tycoons proposed to operate the airport for 25 years and to add a runway. GMR-Megawide, in contrast, offered to build taxiways for the primary runway and extend a second existing airstrip. Adding a third airstrip isn't viable given land constraints, GMR-Megawide said.

Manila's airport, named after a politician who was assassinated on its tarmac in 1983, has been ranked among the world's worst as it handles well beyond the 30 million passengers it was designed for. Bloomberg

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GAMING

Sports betting's big wager: Will younger bettors ante up?

David Porter, Newark

AS the push to legalize sports gambling in the U.S. nears a crucial Supreme Court decision, states hoping to reap a financial windfall could face another hurdle: Attracting younger players used to online fantasy sports.

The explosion in popularity of daily fantasy sports over the last decade has created a generation of sports fans more attuned to gauging individual player statistics than how two teams may fare against each other, the challenge at the heart of traditional sports wagering.

Even more important, experts say, is whether states will be able to offer online sports wagering to a demographic raised on smartphones and laptops. That will depend heavily on how the Supreme Court decides New Jersey's case, expected this spring.

"How motivated are people going to be to get in their car, drive 45 minutes, park, walk through pathways and walkways just to get to a remote corner of a casino?" asked Daniel Wallach, a Florida-based attorney considered an expert in sports gambling law.

New Jersey has challenged the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act, the 1992 federal



Therese Duenas counts money as she takes bets in the sports book at the South Point hotel and casino in Las Vegas

law forbidding all but Nevada and three other states from authorizing gambling on college and professional sports. Only Nevada offers betting on single games.

How the court rules will affect more than two dozen states that are pushing sports betting legislation or considering it if New Jersey is successful.

If it is legalized, one of the challenges for sports betting to succeed will be capturing sports fans like Nick, an experienced daily fantasy player from Maryland who also regularly places traditional sports bets with a bookie through his smartphone or computer.

While illegal, that may still be a more attractive option than traveling to a brick-and-mortar location to place a legal bet.

"Part of the convenience now is that I can place a bet from anywhere," said the man in his mid-20s, who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because he was talking about doing something illegal. "I probably would stay with what I have right now, with the convenience and accessibility."

The stakes are huge. Currently, illegal sports wagering is estimated from the tens of billions of dollars annually to as high as USD100 billion or more.

A survey commissioned by the Fantasy Sports Trade Association in 2016 estimated more than 57 million people participated in some form of fantasy sports, in which competitors pick rosters of players and win or lose based on

how those players perform.

Noting that many hardcore daily fantasy sports players migrated from the online poker world, Chris Grove, managing director of gambling research firm Eilers and Krejcik, said serious players probably won't shy away from traditional sports wagering.

How the court rules will affect more than two dozen states that are pushing sports betting legislation

"It almost doesn't really matter if it's sports-related or not," he said. "Whatever the next thing is, they will move to where the money is. It may be cryptocurrency trading."

Brian Pearson, a longtime daily fantasy player and founder of fantasy sports website Jackpot Fantasy concurred.

"The crossover will be everywhere," Pearson said. "Players just love action. If they don't like the [point]

spread, maybe they throw down a lineup for the day. Maybe they are on a cold streak and need a change of pace. Options are always good."

Whether that online action is allowed likely will come down to the specifics of the court's ruling.

The New Jersey legislation being challenged by the NCAA and professional sports leagues would allow sports gambling at the state's casinos and horse racing tracks, but doesn't include online wagering.

If the court strikes down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act as unconstitutional, New Jersey and other states would be free to implement and regulate online and in-person sports gambling.

However, if the court rules more narrowly — leaving PASPA standing but allowing New Jersey to have sports gambling at casinos and racetracks — it could stall online gambling.

Online wagering "would likely require a finding that PASPA is unconstitutional," said Wallach, an attorney with Miami, Florida-based Becker and Poliakoff.

Wallach added that New Jersey might be able to modify its legislation and tie its online sports gambling to existing online casino wagering platforms. The same could apply to other states like West Virginia that already have online gambling contained in their legislation.

"The big money from sports betting will be the online component," former Democratic New Jersey state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, a driving force behind the state's effort, said. "But we have to wait to see, if we win the case, how we win it." **AP**

Xi's warning to investors: Any Chinese billionaire could fall

Keith Zhai, Alfred Gang

PRESIDENT Xi Jinping's government has fired another warning shot at global dealmakers doing business with Chinese billionaires: Not even the most well-connected tycoons are safe.

Ye Jianming, a globe-trotting Chinese tycoon who runs the conglomerate CEFC China Energy Co., has been investigated by authorities, according to people with knowledge of the situation. The news, first reported by local media outlet Caixin, comes shortly after Xi's government seized Anbang Insurance Group Co., a global empire whose once-influential founder, Wu Xiaohui, is detained while facing fraud charges.

The scrutiny Ye is now drawing shows how little protection wealth and international connections provide elites in Xi's China.

While many billionaires continue to thrive — including Alibaba Chairman Jack Ma and Pony Ma, the founder of Tencent Holdings Ltd. — others have seen a swift downfall as Xi uses his increased powers to crack down on financial risks.

The reported investigation "shows that Chinese politics is not just opaque to outsiders, but to insiders as well," said Trey McArver, co-founder of Trivium/China, which advises companies that work in the country. "Both Ye and Wu convinced a lot of people within China, including powerful businessmen, regulators, etc., that they were well connected." A Shanghai-based spokesman for CEFC declined to comment.

Since coming to power, Xi has moved to halt the debt-fueled expansion of China's biggest businesses, and pushed an anti-corruption campaign that has already

nabbed more than 1.5 million Communist Party cadres. Other high-profile figures — including several billionaires — have found themselves in Beijing's cross hairs, including financier Xiao Jianhua, whose Tomorrow Holding Co. was ordered to divest from many of its financial assets.

Xi is set to strengthen his grip on power this month when China's rubber-stamp parliament meets to pass laws that would allow Xi to rule indefinitely and give him greater control over the levers of money and power. Some of China's biggest tycoons, including Pony Ma and Li Shufu, the billionaire founder of automaker Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co., are also lawmakers.

Ye's obscure energy company vaulted onto the international scene last year after it agreed to buy a 14 percent stake in the Russian oil behemoth Rosneft PJSC

for \$9 billion, a deal that is yet to close. The Chinese firm also has other holdings around the world.

Czech President Milos Zeman appointed Ye as an adviser on economic policies in 2015, and company press releases list him meeting with everyone from European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to the senior officials from Georgia.

Still, CEFC has been under a spotlight since the head of a research organization funded by the company was arrested in the U.S. in November.

The executive is alleged to have been part of a bribery scheme, offering \$2 million to the president of Chad to try to secure drilling rights for a Chinese energy company that matches the description of CEFC, and separately offering USD500,000 to a Ugandan official. At a bail hearing this



month, U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest said the evidence against the executive was "very strong."

The company has countered that it didn't have any investments in Uganda and that its Chad project didn't involve a relationship with the government.

Shares of companies related to Ye plunged in China, Hong Kong and Singapore after Caixin's report yesterday.

Wu's Anbang came under increased scrutiny following an overseas acquisition spree. It also drew attention with its aborted investment discussions in the proposed

redevelopment of 666 Fifth Ave. in New York, a holding of Kushner Cos., the family company of President Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner.

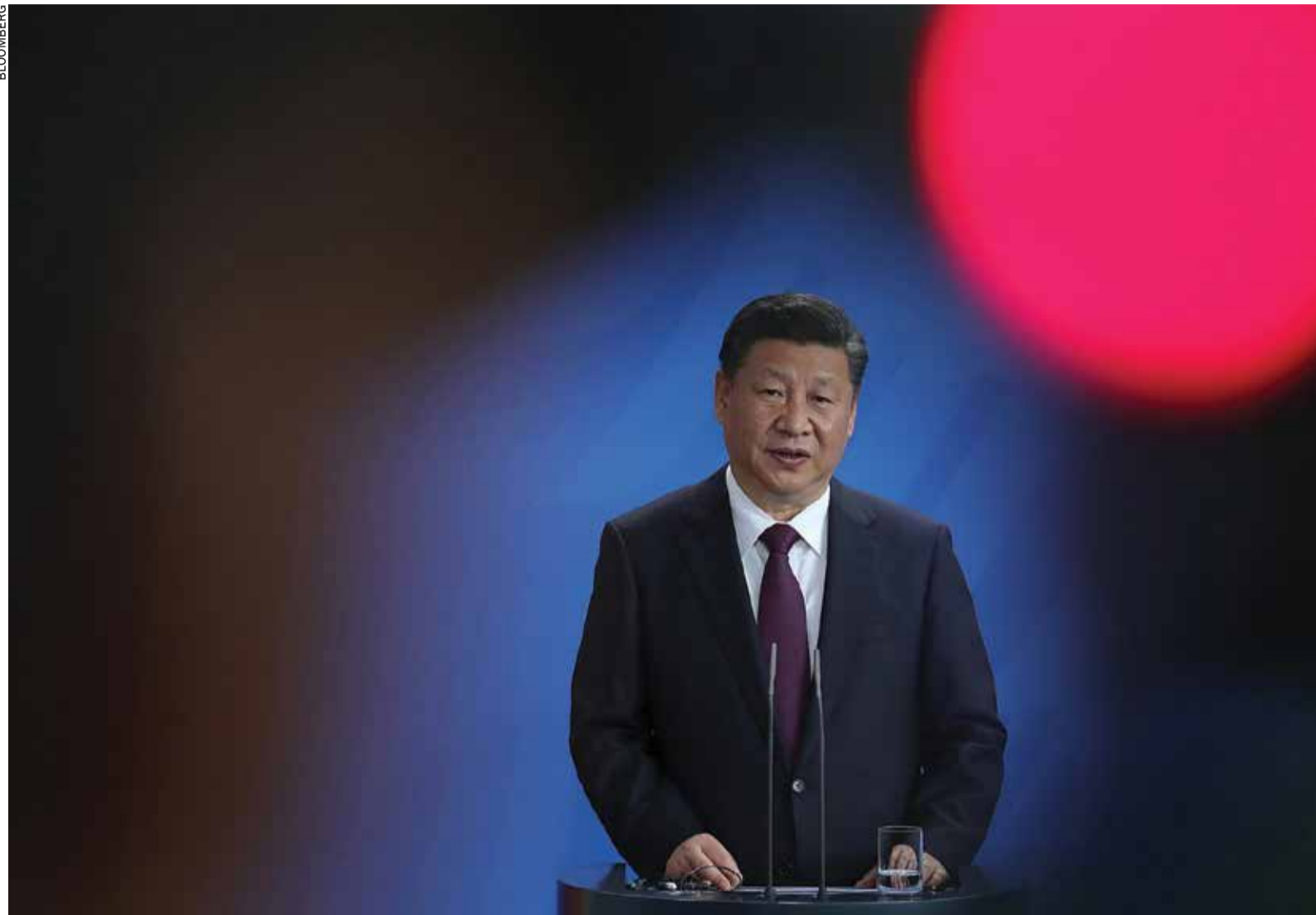
China's government doesn't attach importance to political connections established through private business channels, according to Hu Xingdou, an economics professor at the Beijing Institute of Technology.

"So for many multinational corporations and foreign dignitaries, it may not be a smart move to find such a private trader as a channel," he said. **Bloomberg**

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Xi set to pass last hurdle in bid for power to reshape country

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IN his first five years, President Xi Jinping has seized control of economic policy, reasserted the Communist Party's authority and sidelined potential rivals in an unprecedented anti-corruption campaign.

Now, he's set to make the Xi era permanent.

In a two-week session starting Monday, China's rubber-stamp parliament is expected to enact sweeping legislative changes that would allow Xi to rule indefinitely and give him greater control over the levers of money and power. The agenda includes repealing presidential term limits, creating a powerful new agency to police officials and possibly approving the biggest regulatory overhaul of the USD43 trillion finance-and-insurance sector in 15 years.

Xi is also reportedly planning to use the annual meeting of the 3,000-member National People's Congress to install allies in key government posts, including the vice presidency, the central bank governorship and dozens of minister-level positions. It's unclear when exactly specific decisions will be announced.

As the undisputed ruler of one-fifth of humanity, Xi is arguably the world's most powerful leader. U.S. President Donald Trump is battling investigations, Germany's Angela Merkel is nursing a fragile coalition

and Russia's Vladimir Putin is struggling under sanctions. Xi, meanwhile, laid out a 30-year plan in October for a "New Era" that completes China's restoration among the world's great powers.

Xi [will also] use the annual meeting of the 3,000-member NPC to install allies in key government posts

"The others are managing countries for a while - he's trying to build a new one," said Andrew Gilholm, a director at the consulting firm Control Risks. "He's got vastly more freedom of action than Trump and Merkel, a vastly stronger economy than Putin, but also probably a more daunting job than any of them - higher expectations."

The changes are so sweeping they might be seen as a turning point, Gilholm said, with Xi "remaking the party-state with himself at the center."

The changes leave Xi with sole responsibility for China's

\$12 trillion economy, mounting debt pile, more aspirational middle class and growing overseas interests. He's attempting to become a developed economy without loosening political control, staking the party's legitimacy on its ability to make China rich and strong.

While Xi's new power might provide reassurance to investors who believe that bureaucratic resistance has slowed his reform agenda, risks could mount over time. Centralized control by one man could become a problem should his health fail or subordinates hesitate to question bad decisions from the top.

Since coming to power five years ago, Xi has renewed emphasis on Communist Party orthodoxy and launched intense campaigns to reign in corruption and dissent. A plan to repeal the president's two term-limit - announced Sunday by the party's Central Committee - represents a formal break from succession practices set up by reformer Deng Xiaoping to establish growth and stability after Mao Zedong's turbulent tenure.

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Deng established the succession framework after the 1989 Tiananmen democracy protests, when he purged former Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang as party

chief and named China's next two leaders. Repealing presidential term limits was "an important measure for perfecting the system of the party and the state," the party's People Daily newspaper said in commentary published Wednesday, citing the lesson of the Soviet Union's collapse.

"The Deng Xiaoping era is over," Bao Tong, who worked alongside Deng as the top aide to Zhao, told Bloomberg this week. "It no longer exists."

Bao said the main goal for lawmakers was to ensure that Xi "becomes an absolutely unrestricted leader." He declined further comment Tuesday, saying "relevant departments" had visited his home and told him not to speak to the media or attend

public gatherings until after the legislative session.

At the meeting, lawmakers are also expected to appoint Xi to a second term as president and amend the constitution to insert Xi's name and political philosophy alongside Mao's and Deng's. That follows a similar change to the party charter in October, when Xi secured a second term as party chief.

SEEDS OF TURMOIL

In addition, the legislature is expected to approve a replacement for outgoing central bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan, as well as the merger of the China Banking Regulatory Commission and the China Insurance Regulatory Commission, Bloomberg News reported. Such a shift would mark the biggest overhaul of China's financial and insurance sector since the current banking regulator was created in 2003.

Lawmakers will also likely establish a powerful law enforcement and ethics commission to police millions of public servants, party officials, academics, journalists and state company managers. The body would expand the mandate, powers and legal basis of the party's main anti-graft watchdog, which has already punished an unprecedented 1.5 million cadres as Xi made corruption a signature issue.

Although constitutional amendments require approval from two-thirds of the National People's Congress, that's not seen as an obstacle: Lawmakers have never rejected a government proposal, and Xi has enacted strict loyalty rules for officials. Last year, Premier Li Keqiang reaffirmed Xi's leadership a record seven times in his opening address, and dissenting votes sunk to their lowest level in more than a decade.

Still, the proposal to repeal term limits prompted unusually open expressions of dissent. Li Datong, a former senior editor at the official China Youth Daily newspaper, wrote a public letter to urge China's legislators to oppose the move. Li said the move made China vulnerable to repeating the power struggles of past eras.

"It planted the seeds for China to once again fall into turmoil," Li wrote. **Bloomberg**

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Xi Jinping's Titles Explained	
General Secretary of the Communist Party	The top job in Chinese politics, the party chief by convention serves a maximum of two five-year terms. Xi's first began in 2012
Chairman of Central Military Commission	Commander-in-chief, this role is usually given to the party chief
President	A largely ceremonial head-of-state post also handed to the party chief
Core Leader	A leader recognized as central to the party. Xi was the fourth person to receive the accolade, which eluded his predecessor, Hu Jintao
Paramount Leader	An informal name for the most prominent leader, first used when Deng Xiaoping ran China but wasn't party chief

DEFENSE

Reports say China plans to build nuclear aircraft carrier

CHINESE media reports say the country is planning to build a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier capable of remaining at sea for long durations, in what would be a major upgrade for its increasingly formidable navy.

The China Shipbuilding Industry Corp. issued a statement this week saying initial work had begun on the ship, the Communist Party newspaper Global Times and South China Morning Post said yesterday.

The company's statement earlier this week, which the newspapers said also mentioned the development of new types of nuclear submarines and other sophisticated technologies, was a rare revelation about China's long-term naval expansion plans.

Yesterday, however, no mention of nuclear carriers or other such technologies could be found on its website.



Liaoning, China's first aircraft carrier, sails into Hong Kong for a port call, last year

The Post said the original statement had been replaced with a new one.

The Global Times report quoted the CSIC statement as saying the company saw the need to "accelerate the realization of nuclear powered aircraft carriers, new-type nuclear submarines, quiet-type submarines" and various other sophisticated naval warfare technologies.

The goal was to "provide

high-quality weapon systems for the navy's strategic transition to a deep blue high seas force by 2025," the newspaper quoted the statement as saying.

A man who answered the phone yesterday at the company's news office said it was "not a convenient time to respond" to questions about the report. There was no immediate response to questions fa-

xed to the company.

CSIC was responsible for extensively refurbishing China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, which arrived as a mostly empty hull from Ukraine, and for building the country's sole domestically produced carrier, which is expected to enter service later this year. Both are conventionally fueled and must take on regular deliveries of oil. **AP**

YE JIANMING

Oil tycoon detained for questioning

A Chinese oil tycoon who is buying a stake in Russia's biggest oil producer has been detained for questioning, news reports said yesterday, amid a sprawling anti-corruption crackdown. The business news magazine Caixin, citing unidentified sources, reported that Ye Jianming, chairman of CEFC China Energy, was under investigation but gave no details. He was detained Feb. 16 on the orders of Chinese President Xi Jinping. Phone calls to CEFC's general and publicity offices in Shanghai weren't answered. The company didn't respond to questions sent to the email address of its publicity department. Ye, 40, adds to a growing number of Chinese businesspeople who have been detained or questioned during a marathon anti-graft crackdown led by Xi.

GULCHEHRA HOJA

US-based Uighur journalist says Beijing arrested 20 relatives

A U.S.-based Uighur journalist is accusing the Chinese authorities of seizing about 20 of her relatives in Xinjiang, apparently to pressure her to cease her critical reporting about the turbulent northwestern region. Gulchehra Hoja, who has worked for U.S. government-funded Radio Free Asia in Washington for 17 years, said on Facebook that her mother, father, brother and other relatives were imprisoned because of her work as a reporter. Amnesty International said yesterday at least eight of Hoja's cousins are being held due to their relation to the journalist. Hoja's decision to take her allegation public is a rare move at a time when many overseas Uighurs fear speaking openly or using their real names in discussing the situation in Xinjiang.

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AUSTRALIA

Canberra working through 'difficult issues' with Beijing

A top Australian diplomat told a Senate committee yesterday that the bilateral relationship with China was going through "complex and difficult issues," but rejected a media report of a diplomatic deep freeze.

Frances Adamson, secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, described The Australian newspaper's headline: "Cold war: China's freeze on ties" as "just wrong."

"We're going through a period where there are some complex and difficult issues, but we're working through those," Adamson told the committee, without elaborating on those issues.

"The embassy is operating as you would expect," she added, referring to Australia's diplomatic post in Beijing

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop backed the diplomat's assessment.

"Despite some of the commentary in Australian and Chinese newspapers, we are not experiencing a 'freeze' in diplomatic relations with China," Bishop's



Frances Adamson, secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

office said in a media statement. "Australia's deep diplomatic engagement with China continues as normal," the statement added.

The Chinese Embassy in Australia did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The newspaper reported China was putting Australia into a diplomatic deep freeze to pressure Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull over proposed new laws to prevent foreign interference in Australia and naval challenges to Chinese claims of sovereignty

over the South China Sea.

China had deferred Adamson's planned visit to Beijing last year, was stalling ministerial visits and was putting off a range of lower-level exchanges, the newspaper said.

Adamson said she had planned to fly to Beijing in November, January and February, but none of the dates she suggested was convenient for the Chinese. She intended to offer a further date for consideration this year.

She said that there was nothing unusual about not having firm dates agreed yet for Turnbull and Bishop to visit Beijing this year.

"Yes, there are differences between us at the moment, that has been evidence from a range of sources," she said. "But our relationship continues to function as it should."

China has recently made two official complaints about Australia with language that has been extraordinarily hostile. Chinese state media has also been caustic about Australia.

China protested in January over an Australian minister's criticisms that Chinese aid programs in poor Pacific island countries were creating "white elephants" that threatened economic stability without delivering benefits.

China protested in December against Turnbull's announcement that Australia will ban foreign interference in its politics — either through espionage or financial donations. The move was motivated largely by Russia's alleged involvement in the 2016 U.S. election and China's growing influence on the global political landscape.

The Chinese foreign ministry said then that Turnbull's remarks were prejudiced against China and had poisoned the atmosphere of China-Australia relations.

Other Chinese gripes include Australia's close military ties with the United States, Australia's tightening foreign investment rules and Australia's refusal to ratify a bilateral extradition treaty.

China is Australia's largest trading partner, and the close bilateral relationship has created tensions in Australia's relations with the United States, its closest defense ally.

Adamson said both China and Australia continue to benefit from their bilateral relationship. **AP**

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A Belarusian woman jailed in Thailand for offering sex lessons without a work permit says she has a story to tell involving the Kremlin, Russian billionaires and even the president of the United States.

Anastasia Vashukevich, whose extraordinary claims and racy selfies have propelled her to internet fame in recent weeks, told The Associated Press from a police van earlier this week that she fears for her life, and wants to exchange information on alleged Russian ties to Donald Trump's campaign for her own personal safety. But she refused for now to offer any such evidence, and it's not clear if she has any.

Vashukevich's story offers a glimpse into the shady world of Russian oligarchs. Trump's one-time campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, also had ties to that world through his consulting work for one of those oligarchs. Manafort has been indicted on money-laundering charges related to his overseas consulting work by special counsel Robert Mueller. But Mueller has offered no evidence that Manafort linked his Russian contacts to Trump's campaign or helped Russia meddle in the 2016 U.S. election.

That has not stopped Vashukevich from claiming she has such evidence as she faces possible deportation.

Vashukevich shot to fame in early February when Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, one of President Vladimir Putin's top foes, published an investigation drawing on Vashukevich's social media posts suggesting corrupt links between billionaire Oleg Deripaska and a top Kremlin official, Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Prikhodko. The report featured video from Deripaska's yacht in 2016, when Vashukevich claims she was having an affair with him.

Russians have focused on the ties between Deripaska and Prikhodko. But now Vashukevich says — so far without proof — that she can link the Kremlin to Trump and Manafort, who worked for Deripaska a decade before Trump hired him.

Even Navalny told the AP he has "certain doubts" that Vashukevich has any evidence about alleged direct ties between Russia and the Trump campaign.

"I think such statements are made because of fears for her own life because they have been detained in Thailand," he said, adding he believes her fears are well-founded.

Navalny's report made no claim that Vashukevich knew anything about a Russian campaign to influence the U.S. election, and she has produced no evidence that she does.

As for her claims of Deripaska's ties to the Kremlin official, Deripaska has called them nonsense when Navalny alleged them.



A police officer escorts Anastasia Vashukevich from a detention center in Pattaya, south of Bangkok

THAILAND | ANASTASIA VASHUKEVICH

Jailed Instagram model wants to trade secrets for freedom

Anastasia fears for her life and wants to exchange information on alleged Russian ties to Trump's campaign for her own personal safety

In an emailed response Feb. 8, Deripaska's spokesman said: "These scandalous and mendacious assumptions are driven by sensationalism and we totally refute these outrageous false allegations in the strongest possible way."

Deripaska sued Vashukevich and her "sex guru," Alexander Kirillov, for breach of privacy. The Russian court imposed an injunction, and communications providers blocked access to Navalny's website for several weeks until he deleted the videos.

A Feb. 15 statement from Deripaska said: "Mr. Deripaska's claim is to protect his right to privacy and has nothing to do with any political struggle between Mr. Navalny and his political opponents."

A request for comment from

the Russian government went unanswered.

Peter Carr, a spokesman for Mueller, declined to comment.

On Sunday, Vashukevich was arrested along with nine other people, including Kirillov, in the Thai resort of Pattaya while giving sex lessons to Russian tourists. Immigration Police Maj. Satawat Srirattapanong said the 10 were charged with working without a permit, and one with having an expired visa.

Vashukevich said she won't give details of what she knows until she is guaranteed she won't be sent to Russia.

"I can say something only when I will be in a safe place, sorry, because I am worried about my life," Vashukevich told the AP from a police van that was taking the detainees from Pattaya to Bangkok's Immigration Detention Center.

Vashukevich had earlier posted a video on Instagram, also apparently made while in custody in Pattaya, addressed to "Dear American media."

"I didn't want to tell you about many things. Now they're trying to lock us up," she said. "But now I'm ready to put together all the pieces of the puzzle that you have been missing, and back it up with audio and video regarding the ties of our esteemed lawmakers with Manafort, Trump and all this buzz around the U.S. election. I know a lot."

Trump has repeatedly denied

that he colluded with Russia to influence the U.S. election.

Kirillov, the "sex guru" known in Russia for staging high-profile sexual happenings that usually involve sending scantily clad women out in public, told AP from the police van that the Russian government was behind their arrests.

"Political reasons. We know so much. So that's why they want us to go to Russia," he said. "We think that in a few days, maybe even today, they will send us to Russia, very fast, and I think you will lose us, and never see us more."

Kirillov and Vashukevich have both recorded their activities on social media, with racy photos and videos taken in many countries. One of the tamer photos on Kirillov's feed shows him posing in front of Trump Tower in New York. Kirillov, who Thai police say is Russian, posts under the pseudonym Alex Lesley. Vashukevich, who is from Belarus, uses the name Nastya Rybka.

They were arrested in a hotel meeting room in Pattaya, a seaside resort noted for its sex industry and popularity with Russian visitors. The lessons were attended by about 40 Russian tourists, many wearing T-shirts bearing the English words "Sex animator" with an arrow pointing to the wearer's crotch. Thai news media cited police as saying that the meeting was raided be-

cause hotel staff reported hearing strange sounds.

Satawat, the police major, said all 10 arrested people have had their visas revoked and will be detained at the Immigration Detention Center in Bangkok until the charges of working illegally are resolved. He said police have up to 48 days to process the cases before handing them to prosecutors. If they plead guilty, he said, their cases could end without trial and they could leave the country.

Canceling a visa normally allows a country to expel a person without having to go through the legal process of extradition.

Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied Wednesday that the Russians' case had anything to do with a visit to Thailand by Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev. He said Patrushev often makes overseas visits arranged in advance.

"It's ludicrous to link this to the detention of Russian nationals in Thailand," he said.

Navalny said given recent events — including a cocaine bust at the Russian Embassy in Argentina — he wasn't so sure.

"I don't know what to think," Navalny told the AP. "Shows like 'Homeland' begin to look entirely realistic when you look at what is happening in Russia now. We thought the scriptwriters made the most impossible things up, but in Russia the most absurd things are possible." AP

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USA | SHOOTINGS

Teacher barricades himself in class, fires gun; no one hurt

A social studies teacher barricaded himself inside a classroom at a Georgia high school yesterday [Macau time] and fired a handgun, sending students running outside or hunkering down in darkened gym locker rooms, authorities said.

No Dalton High School students were in the classroom when the teacher fired the weapon, and despite the chaotic lockdown and evacuation, the only injury was a student who hurt her ankle running away.

It wasn't immediately clear why the teacher, 53-year-old Jesse Randal Davidson, had the gun. Under questioning by detectives, he refused to discuss what led to the shooting.

The gunfire erupted with a nation on edge two weeks after a Florida school shooting left 17 students and faculty dead and ignited a new debate over gun control in America. Within minutes of the Dalton shooting, students there took to social media, calling for restricting gun rights. In the afternoon, President Donald Trump, who has advocated for arming teachers, convened a bipartisan group of lawmakers at the White House to address gun violence.

The teacher was taken into custody without incident after a 30- to 45-minute standoff with officers, police spokesman Bruce Frazier said. A teacher since 2004, Davidson also serves as the play-by-play announcer for the high school's football team.

Police noted that Davidson didn't appear to want to hurt the students or faculty. He fired the gun at an exterior window when the principal tried to enter the classroom.

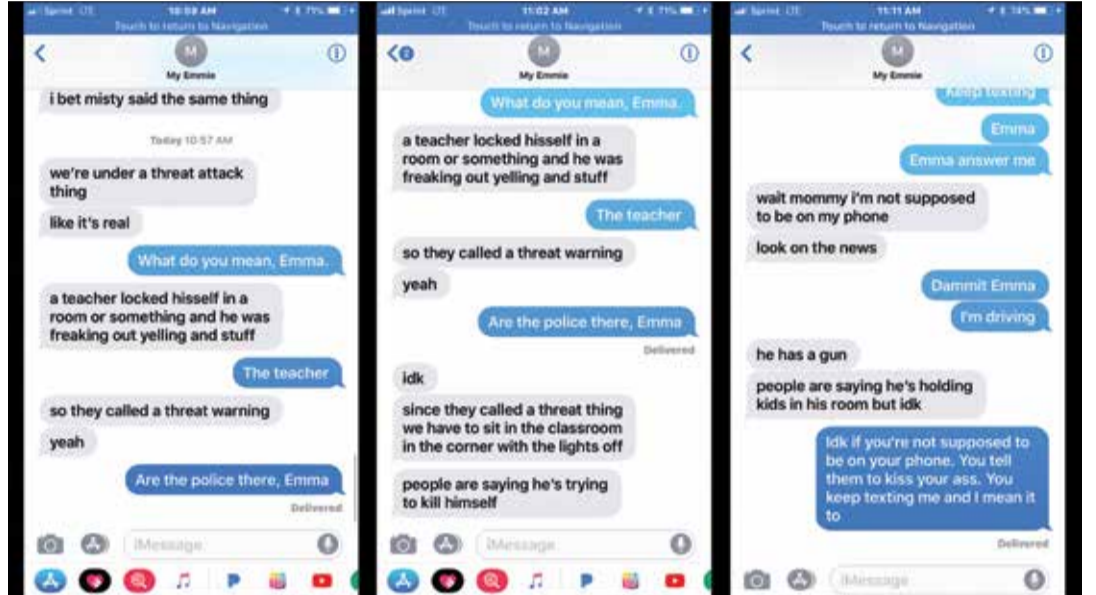
"I don't know whether he was just firing the gun off to let people know to back off or what," Frazier said.

The shooting happened about 11:30 a.m. during Davidson's planning period. At first, students tried to get into the classroom, but they couldn't. The students told the principal, who tried to enter.

"I didn't get the door open very far, but he slammed the door and



This undated photo provided by the Whitfield County Sheriff's Office shows Jesse Randal Davidson



This combo image shows screenshots from a text conversation between student Emma Jacobs and her mother Annmarie Jacobs in the midst of a mass shooting at the school

hollered 'Go away, don't come in here.' He had some nonsensical noises that were made as well," Principal Steve Bartoo said.

Bartoo returned a short time later and put his key in the door "and again he slammed the door before I could open it and he said, 'Don't come in here, I have a gun.'"

That's when Davidson fired and the school was placed on lockdown, authorities said.

Davidson faces six charges, including aggravated assault involving a gun and terroristic threats and acts, jail records showed. Other charges include carrying a weapon in a school safety zone and reckless conduct. It's not clear if he has an attorney.

Chondi Chastain told The Associated Press she was supposed to have Davidson's class at 2:30 p.m.

"My favorite teacher at Dalton high school just blockaded his door and proceeded to shoot. We had to run out the back of the school in the rain. Students were being trampled and screaming.

I dare you to tell me arming teachers will make us safe," she tweeted in a post that was retweeted 15,000 times within hours.

She said Davidson himself had commented that arming teachers was a bad idea.

My favorite teacher at Dalton high school just blockaded his door and proceeded to shoot. We had to run out the back of the school in the rain.

STUDENT'S TWEET

"I feel like there just shouldn't be guns at school at all," she said. "It's our basic student right to feel safe at school and if [teachers were armed], I wouldn't feel safe."

Student Emma Jacobs texted her mother while she hid inside a darkened classroom, said her mother, Annmarie Jacobs. Emma, a junior, said in texts that her teacher had turned the lights off and told the students to sit in a corner.

Then, in an act that brought home the danger of the situation, Emma texted her mother, "omg she's putting desk in front of the door."

Several students said on social media they were outraged that some on Twitter questioned whether the incident was staged.

Davidson was described as laid back and smart. In 2012, he was recognized as the school's top teacher, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. He moved to Dalton in 1995 and became sports and news director at WBLJ-AM radio.

"It was always about the students. He really wanted the students

to understand the concept," said 18-year-old senior Rowdy Zeisig.

The principal said Davidson was an "excellent teacher" who was well thought of, and "as far as I know he was fit to be at work."

Twice in recent years, Dalton police say they encountered the teacher exhibiting odd behavior and wrote in one report that he "may be delusional."

Davidson had walked into the police department and told a rambling story about thinking a murder had occurred, police wrote in a 2016 report. But police said they investigated and were not able to verify that any of the information was true. Police said that after the interview, Davidson was taken to a hospital "based on him thinking about hurting himself."

Police said in another report last year that officers found Davidson during a school day sitting on the curb of a street, conscious but unresponsive and being held up by two school staff members. He was again taken to a hospital. **AP**

WHITE HOUSE

Hope Hicks leaving as Trump's communication director

WHITE House communications director Hope Hicks, one of President Donald Trump's most trusted and longest-serving aides, abruptly announced her resignation, leaving a void around a president who values loyalty and affirmation.

The departure of Hicks, who worked as a one-woman communications shop during his campaign, came as a surprise yesterday to most in the White House — and cast a pall over the



West Wing at a trying time for the president. It leaves Trump increasingly without

support of the familiar aides who surrounded him during his campaign, and marks

the latest in a string of high-level departures in the administration's second year.

Hicks, 29, had a seemingly untouchable role in the West Wing, often viewed more as a surrogate daughter than a staffer. Perhaps most importantly, she served as Trump's glamorous shield and validator, always ready to provide "Mr. Trump" with a smiling dose of positive reinforcement, and controlling reporters' access. She was the fourth person to occupy the position since

the president was sworn in, as the Trump White House has set modern records for staff turnover.

In a statement, Trump praised Hicks for her work over the last three years, saying he "will miss having her by my side." Hicks informed Trump of her decision yesterday, a White House official said.

Hicks, who occupied the desk closest to the Oval Office in the West Wing, has been a central participant in or witness to nearly every miles-

tone and controversy of the Trump campaign and White House. She began her White House tenure as director of strategic communications — a title that only partly captured her more expansive role as the president's gatekeeper to the press.

The news comes a day after Hicks was interviewed for nine hours by the House panel investigating Russia interference in the 2016 election and contact between Trump's campaign and Russia.

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18:20	Brazilian Soap Opera (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:45	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Portuguese Documentary
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Movie: Fast & Furious 6
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02:30	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:30	Comedy
11:35	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
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Offbeat

JURY DUTY ANYONE? NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY FINDS FEW TAKERS

The judges, deputies and clerks showed up for court, but one key element was missing: No one had invited any jurors.

The Winston-Salem Journal reports that North Carolina's fourth-largest county failed to mail notices to the 1,700 or so prospective jurors needed to hear cases this week.

After no one showed up for jury duty Monday, Forsyth County officials made a plea through local television station WXII for any volunteers willing to fulfill their civic duty.

But only 19 people showed up Tuesday. One judge in the county of 370,000 residents even sent deputies to a mall to seek volunteers, but found no other takers.

"We don't have enough jurors," Judge Stuart Albright said in court yesterday before dismissing the few who had shown up.

New notices were sent asking hundreds of prospective jurors to be there Thursday [Friday, Macau time], while other trials were postponed until next week.

Normally, a county printing office makes the notices and sends them. That happens after a jury clerk determines how many prospective panelists are needed and uses a system to select them at random, Forsyth County Clerk of Court Susan Frye said in an email.

But this time, the notices weren't mailed because of an error by someone in the county print shop, said Kirby Robinson, the county's property manager.

"It's an unfortunate thing, and we sincerely apologize to the people who were inconvenienced," he told the newspaper.

Frye said this is the only time this kind of error has happened during her eight years as clerk of court. She said she's working with the county to ensure the mistake "does not occur again."

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ROOM 1

2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Raman Hui

Starring: Tony Leung Chiu-wai, Bai Baihe, Jing Boran

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 110 min



AGENT MR CHAN

ROOM 1

4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Cheung Ka Kit

Starring: Dayo Wong Tze Wah, Charmaine Sheh Sze Man

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)



BLACK PANTHER

ROOM 2

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

Director: Ryan Coogler

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Lupita Nyong'o

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 134min



CONCERTO OF THE BULLY

ROOM 3

2:15, 4:00, 9:30pm

Director: Fung Chi-Chiang

Starring: Ronald Cheng, Cherry Ngan, Jacky Cai

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

IS THE ORDER A RABBIT? DEAR MY SISTER

ROOM 3

5:45, 7:00, 9:15pm

Director: Hiroyuki Hashimoto

Starring: Ayane Sakura, Inori Minase, Risa Taneda

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 60min

this day in history



1970 IAN SMITH DECLARES RHODESIA A REPUBLIC

The Prime Minister of Rhodesia, Ian Smith, has declared his country a republic, cutting its last link with the British Crown. The new Rhodesian Republic, came into being at 2301BST yesterday, unrecognised by the rest of the world and barely noticed by Rhodesians themselves.

Mr Smith signed a proclamation officially dissolving the current parliament and introducing a new Republican Constitution.

The ceremony took place at Government House, until last year the official residence of Sir Humphrey Gibbs and his predecessors as governor and representative of the British Crown.

The creation of the republic breaks an 80-year-old link with the British monarchy - but has been widely anticipated since Mr Smith unilaterally declared the country independent of Britain four years ago.

Since then, Rhodesia has left the Commonwealth and been subject to tough international sanctions.

Mr Smith said: "Today is not such a tremendous day for us Rhodesians. Our Independence Day is the great day.

"Rhodesia did not want to seize independence from Britain. It was forced upon us."

The real question now is whether a Rhodesian republic will gain any international recognition.

The chairman of Mr Smith's Rhodesian Front party, Ralph Nielson, said: "We have cut our ties as to whether or not a republic is going to make all that difference, I sincerely believe it will, particularly in the eyes of the rest of the world.

"I believe various things are going to flow, improved trade and without a doubt, in time, diplomatic recognition."

The British Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, has already made clear his Labour government will not recognise the new regime in Rhodesia.

The United States has also indicated it will not recognise Smith's republic "under any circumstances".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Ian Smith's illegal declaration of independence in 1965 led to international economic sanctions. Britain had hoped to guide Rhodesia to black majority rule in line with the rest of the African continent. By 1971, Edward Heath was prime minister of Britain and behind the scenes, negotiations were held with Ian Smith's regime to organise a legal settlement that would ensure the equality of land rights between Africans and Europeans.

Ian Smith's party, the Rhodesian Front, overwhelmingly won elections in 1970 and 1974, as government clashes with black nationalist guerrilla fighters intensified.

In 1977, Smith succumbed to sanctions and the high cost of war and agreed to negotiate a transition to black majority rule.

Robert Mugabe was elected prime minister of an independent Zimbabwe in 1980 under a new constitution.

Mr Smith remained an MP until 1987. He died in a residential home in South Africa in 2007.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Stop worrying. First of all, you know how you get when you're stressed; it's not pretty, and it hasn't been what most often wins you friends - especially since your sign virtually wrote the book on the subject.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your way with words is famous. It's so famous, in fact, that you can keep company with just about anyone you want to, whenever you want to. That fact will go double right now, so do yourself a favor.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You may not have absolutely everything you want, but you're close, aren't you? Close enough to see that one of your major goals is about to be realized, right? Don't be overanxious.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You're all about close relationships right now, whether they're romantic, family or even work connections. Whether they prosper or slacken a bit depends mostly on your approach.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Someone you've been just dying to confide in - to confide your really deep, really meaningful feelings to - is absolutely wide open to those feelings right now. The time is right for you to sit down.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something convinced you that it was finally time to bring up the topic you'd been avoiding - that elephant in the room that you and your sweetheart have not been able to mention.

Taurus April 20-May 20 If there's something out there you've been gazing longingly at while window-shopping, you won't be willing to wait until it's half price. Full price will do just fine.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You're not in the mood for happy hour, but if there's any way at all you can force yourself to go out, even if it's just for a little while, you won't regret it. The heavens are brimming over with fun energy.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're golden now - in several departments. For starters, career matters will go along exactly the way you'd planned, provided that you stick to your plan. When it comes to relationships, the news is even better.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 It's only fair that you warn anyone who gets a little too close to a subject that's especially dear to you. Think of it this way: If they don't change the subject to something lighter.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You're busy, as usual - that, of course, is nothing new; it's something you've become used to. Just for the moment, though, why not devote some time to pure, unadulterated fun?

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 If any sign is famous for being psychic, it's yours. So when someone new crosses your path - especially if it's under coincidental circumstances, you pay special attention to everything about them.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized as Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with some numbers filled in.

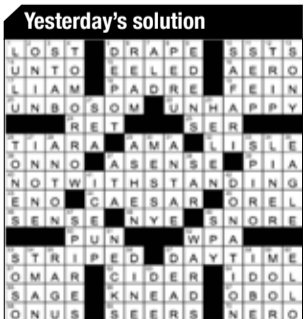
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FOOTBALL

Chinese teams hope to stop dominant Guangzhou

John Duerden, Associated Press

FROM world-renowned coaches like Fabio Capello and Manuel Pellegrini to top players like Hulk and Javier Mascherano, nearly everyone in Chinese soccer will be trying to stop Guangzhou Evergrande from winning an eighth consecutive league title.

Guangzhou, however, may not be as dominant as in the past when play starts today. The team has struggled to replace midfielder Paulinho, who left for Barcelona in August. In two Asian Champions League games so far, Guangzhou is the only one of four Chinese teams without a win, tying with Thai club Buriram United and Japanese team Cerezo Osaka.

"The desire to win titles is still there and it comes from the players," Guangzhou coach Fabio Cannavaro said. "Players have short careers and want to look at a cupboard full of medals. We are looking forward to a good season and worked hard in winter training."

While Guangzhou has a history of starting slowly, the team's Italian coach is un-



Shanghai SIPG's Hulk (center) controls the ball, with Oscar (right) both of Brazil

der pressure in his second spell at the club after being fired in June 2015 after only six months. The 2006 World Cup-winning captain was replaced by 2002 World Cup-winning coach Luiz Felipe

Scolari, who delivered three league titles and one Asian championship before leaving in November. After leading Tianjin Quanjian to third last season, Cannavaro has been given a second chance.

Shanghai SIPG finished second in 2017 and could be Guangzhou's closest challenger again. Much depends on striker Hulk, who scored 26 goals in 2017, in his first full season after being signed for about USD60 million in 2016.

Shanghai also has a new coach after Andre Villas-Boas resigned to participate in the Dakar Rally. He was replaced by Vitor Pereira.

"We are on the right path and we are improving," said the Portuguese coach, who will be looking for the club's first title. "It is important that we have a good start."

The biggest arrival is Mascherano. The midfielder joined Hebei China Fortune from Barcelona for less than USD10 million to link up with Argentina teammate Ezequiel Lavezzi. Under former Real Madrid coach Pellegrini, Hebei is also chasing a first title.

"We are looking to progress and improve all the time," said Pellegrini, who led Hebei to fourth in 2017, a best-ever finish. "I think we have strengthened in signing an experienced player like Javier."

With Tianjin Quanjian, which finished third last season with Brazilian forward Ale-

xandre Pato and Belgium international Axel Witsel in the mix as well as Beijing Guoan, Guangzhou could have a fight to win another title.

Competition may also strengthen given the considerable drop in spending from the 2017 winter transfer window when Chinese teams splashed out more on players than any other league in the world.

Soccer authorities, concerned about the sums involved, intervened to apply a brake on the spending. During the 2017 season, the Chinese soccer association introduced a 100 percent tax on the signings of foreign players for a fee of more than \$7 million.

It is not just a desire to reduce the money being spent but to increase opportunities for young Chinese players. In 2017, the number of foreign players that could be selected for a game was reduced from four to three. In 2018, for every foreign player on the field, clubs have to select one Chinese player under the age of 23.

The biggest signing of the pre-season period was Cedric Bakambu from Spanish club Villarreal to Beijing Guoan for about \$50 million. There were reports that Beijing used the money to free the player from his contract with his Spanish club to make the Congo international a free agent in order to circumvent the "transfer tax." The Chinese association announced that it was closely watching any attempt to find a loophole. **AP**

FOOTBALL

West Brom in disarray, heading out of Premier League

IN an effort to get fans on his side following his takeover of West Bromwich Albion, Chinese businessman Lai Guochuan issued a personal message promising stability and continuity at the established Premier League club.

"My immediate priorities," he wrote to supporters in May 2016, "will be to maintain the club's stable structure, respecting its well-run nature and its heritage."

Nearly two years later, West Brom is a mess, a club in disarray on and off the field, and seemingly sliding out of the most lucrative league in world soccer.

Lai might just be wondering what he got himself into.

The Premier League is witnessing one of the tightest relegation scraps



Manager Alan Pardew might be soon out of the door

in its 26-year history this season, with eight points separating ninth-place Everton and 19th-place Stoke. Below them all, though, is West Brom, which has been cut adrift in last place, seven points from safety with 10 games

left and with only three wins to its name.

Meanwhile, four of its players have just been disciplined for stealing a taxi during a warm-weather training break in Barcelona, another player (Jay Rodriguez) has been

charged with racially abusing an opponent during a game, and the club's chief executive and chairman were both recently fired — apparently held accountable for West Brom's slump.

Manager Alan Pardew might be next out of the door, reportedly set to be fired if West Brom loses to Watford on Saturday. Then, Lai would be looking to appoint West Brom's third manager of the season after firing Tony Pulis in November.

Pulis, it must be emphasized, was widely regarded as a guarantee against relegation, having never been demoted from the top flight in 25 years as a manager. West Brom was badly underperforming under Pulis and was one place above the relegation zone when he departed, yet it was still a bold call

from Lai.

In fact, Lai doesn't appear to have done that much wrong. He backed Pulis with \$40 million in the offseason to bring in players like Poland midfielder Grzegorz Krychowiak from Paris Saint-Germain, left back Kieran Gibbs from Arsenal, and winger Oliver Burke from Leipzig. It was widely thought that West Brom had its best and deepest squad in years.

West Brom even had a decent January in the transfer market, pulling off a coup in bringing England striker Daniel Sturridge on loan from Liverpool and retaining the services of star center back Jonny Evans despite interest from Manchester City and Arsenal. The injury-prone Sturridge was hurt in his third game for West Brom and faces a

spell out, another cruel blow for Pardew.

The appointment of the 56-year-old Pardew wasn't too contentious. He has his critics but there weren't too many complaints when he was hired after mixed spells in charge of Newcastle and Crystal Palace since 2010.

Pardew appears to have slightly improved the quality of West Brom's play, but not the results: Heading into the match at Watford, the team has won only one of 14 league games under Pardew.

With matches against Manchester United, Liverpool and Tottenham in its last four, West Brom is facing a critical next five games in the league when its survival will likely be decided. On current form, the team is heading out of the Premier League for the first time since 2010. **AP**

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UNSOPHISTICATED ZEALOTS

Some people never fail to disappoint you, or rather to meet your expectations as being the least principled human beings there are.

Former dancers incapable of uttering three sentences with the slightest sense of community-oriented interest will dress up like juvenile Chinese Communist Youth League or even communists martyrs in Jingtangshan to put a show on what it means to be a patriot.

The fact that many people in both Hong Kong and Macao came as political refugees escaping the horrors of the Great Leap Forward or the Great Cultural Revolution seems to have been forgotten (always remember that when it is "Great", it is most probably equally destructive, especially with "Great Leaders"), thus showing that historical memory in the low forehead of ill-intentioned individuals will never perform what it is supposed to achieve, that is to prevent — at least try to — the most hideous self-inflicted man-made tragedies.

To these patriots I say: give up your foreign passport and move to the first system; stop praising the first one while enjoying the benefits of the second whose guarantee depends on people you keep insulting (or suspending)!

Legislator Mak Soi-kun belongs to this group of unsophisticated zealots who would simply be laughable if they were not dangerous. Oh! mocking we still do, just like when Mr Mak suggested last December that the reasons presiding over the destruction brought forth by Typhoon Hato could be found in the absence of patriotic sentiment displayed by the administrators in charge of the Weather Bureau! Even his usual partners in zealotry could not support him this time, and he had to concede defeat when his motion to push for more "patriotic education" among civil servants was turned down.

This is the kind of ridiculous claim that gives the people of Jiangmen 江門, the folk group supporting Mr Mak and his simpleton second in command, Zheng Anting, its nickname of Gangmen 肛門, meaning "anus" — an homophonic pun in Cantonese. This became an online meme on social media during the massive May 2014 protests against the government, when members of the Macao Jiangmen Communal Society were herded to take part in the unique yet sparse procession supporting the government. When interviewed by TDM at the time, most of the rather elderly participants admitted not being aware as to why they were taking part in the walk.

To be honest, this is not fair to Jiangmen, as it is the one place in Guangdong that provided a lot of courageous Chinese emigrant workers who built the railroads in the US, for example. Jiangmen was itself an open city to international trade starting in the early years of the 20th century. Kaiping, the UNESCO heritage site of the dialou, is a county that is part of Jiangmen, and testifies to a unique form of rural globalization. It is said that 100,000 people in Macao can trace their ancestry to Jiangmen, and I wonder how they actually feel about such ridiculous assertions.

And then, this week Mr Mak followed up on his "patriotic" obsession, claiming that one of the main reasons why the youth in Macao was not able to properly embrace its "love for Macao and for the motherland" had to do with the lack of proper markings alluding to the People's Republic of China, hence his proposal to add such a reference to the ID card of every citizen — the first administrative document a teenager will have in his or her possession!

When it was still possible to conduct independent surveys in Macao, then professor Bill Chou was able to show that the usually assumed patriotic nature of Macao society was most probably an overstatement whose survival depended on Chinese language newspapers filled with patriotic rhetoric and richly-endowed traditional and communal associations.

Why the need to move to a post-2049 reference in 2018 then? Is the Macao youth in line with the one in Hong Kong who majorly supports independence? Is it an identity problem or the growing sense of an educated civil society that not all aspects of an authoritarian regime are worth espousing?

THE BUZZ IT WAS FAKE NEWS: OBAMA NOT BIDDING FOR TOP UNITED NATIONS POST

Former President Barack Obama never campaigned to become U.N. secretary-general, despite a false story claiming he had announced a bid and was consulting others.

A story appearing on more than two dozen websites says Obama is seeking the job "to advance his globalist agenda on the world stage." Obama's office says the story is not true and he's happy as a private citizen.

A secretary-general also generally doesn't campaign, but has to be nominated first by the U.N. Security Council. Any one of that council's permanent members (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States) could veto the selection.

The story also incorrectly refers to Obama attempting to follow Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. Ban left the post in 2016 and was succeeded by Antonio Guterres.

ONE SONG AT A TIME

Spotify's unusual IPO seeks to drum up fans on Wall Street

MUSIC-streaming pioneer Spotify is hoping to attract a new crowd of fans on Wall Street as its competition with Apple heats up.

Spotify is pursuing an unusual initial public offering that will sell some of its existing stock instead of issuing more shares to raise money. The strategy will make it easier for Spotify's existing stockholders to cash out of their investments while creating a potential new financial channel for the company.

Having a publicly traded stock could also draw more attention to Spotify and its music service as it tries to fend off a growing competitive threat from Apple, the world's most valuable company and one of its best-known brands.

Spotify indicated USD1 billion worth of stock will be traded on the New York Stock Exchange, although the amount is likely to be much higher, based on information contained in documents released yesterday [Macao time]. The Luxembourg-based company took its first steps toward an IPO in a confidential filing a few weeks ago.



The numbers revealed Spotify's music-streaming service boasts 71 million subscribers, nearly twice as many as Apple's rival service.

But Spotify still isn't profitable. The Luxembourg-based company lost 1.2 billion euros (\$1.5 billion, based on the latest currency exchange rates) on revenue of 4.1 euros last year. By comparison, Apple earned \$46 billion on revenue of \$216 billion in its last fiscal year, thanks to the success of iPhones, iPads and other products that finance its music subscription service.

Although it has been outgunned financially, Spotify has been able to stay a step ahead since Apple launched its music-streaming service in 2015. Since then Apple has attracted 36 million music-streaming subscribers,

according to CEO Tim Cook.

But Spotify has added 43 million subscribers since Apple Music's debut. That suggests the main impact of Apple's entry into the market may have been to normalize the idea of paying monthly fees for online music. Amazon and Google also offer music-streaming services.

It's an idea that Spotify CEO Daniel Ek has been working on since he co-founded the company in 2006 in a mission combining his passions for music and technology.

"Over time, I realized that by combining my two passions, I could create a new paradigm," Ek wrote in a letter included with the IPO filing. The letter outlined his ambition to "improve the world, one song at a time." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



On verge of extinction. Wildlife ranger Zachariah Mutai takes care of Sudan, the world's last male northern white rhino, in Kenya. The health of 45-year-old Sudan is deteriorating and his minders said yesterday that his "future is not looking bright."

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Good
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Good
Ambient	45-65 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

BANGLADESH-MYANMAR A senior official in Bangladesh's border agency has accused Myanmar of deploying additional forces across its border near a no man's land where thousands of Rohingya Muslim refugees are living in tents.



RUSSIA President Vladimir Putin yesterday boasted of new nuclear weapons and set a series of ambitious goals for Russia, vowing to boost living standards, improve health care and education and build modern infrastructure in a state-of-the-nation address.

SYRIA The five-hour daily pauses in fighting in Syria's embattled eastern suburbs of the capital Damascus laid out under a "unilateral" plan by Russia are not enough to take in aid or evacuate civilians, a top U.N. aid official said yesterday.



MACEDONIA In a goodwill gesture to neighboring Greece, Macedonia has removed a prominent statue of the ancient Greek warrior-king Alexander the Great from its main airport terminal.



BRITAIN-EU European Council President Donald Tusk (pictured) says he hopes to hear suggestions from British Prime Minister Theresa May on how to keep the Irish border open following Brexit, after she rejected the EU's proposal.

US Police in the town where a Georgia teacher is accused of firing a gunshot in a high school classroom say they encountered him twice before exhibiting odd behavior. More on p15