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## WORLD BRIEFS

**INDONESIA** A strong earthquake struck the Indonesian tourist island of Lombok yesterday, killing at least three people and shaking neighboring Bali, one week after another quake on Lombok killed more than a dozen.



**NORTH KOREA** Asia's top diplomats pressed North Korea on the weekend to turn a pledge to completely dismantle its nuclear arsenal into reality amid concerns that it's proceeding with its programs. More on p12

**RUSSIA** A Russian helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff in Siberia, killing all 18 people aboard, mostly oil workers, authorities said.

**PAKISTAN** Gunmen killed one police officer and wounded another during an overnight search operation for suspects linked to the torching of nearly a dozen schools in northern Pakistan.



**BANGLADESH** Thousands of angry young people took to the streets of Bangladesh's capital again yesterday to demand safer streets, facing police firing tear gas and pro-government activists who attacked them with clubs. More on p13

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# Local investors lose millions in crypto scam

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**O**VER 70 local residents were involved in an alleged cryptocurrency scam, where they invested a total of over HKD20.1 million, following promises they will receive a monthly return of 25 percent.

The alleged fraud case purportedly began in January, when Hong Kong IT and eSports company Forger Esports (which entered the cryptocurrency business in late 2017) kicked off its series of seminars at the Macau Civil Servants Association (ATFPM).

Chairman of ATFPM Rita Santos and her son Frederico dos Santos Rosário were involved in the case.

In a social media post, Rosário explained that they were introduced to Dennis Lau in June 2017, who is the manager of Forger eSports, and also a shareholder of the company.

"On the strength of Lau's representations and the promotional materials, no less than 70 residents or workers in Macau [...] participated in the schemes," Rosário stated.

"The participants have remitted altogether HKD20,106,081 to bank accounts in Hong Kong designated by Lau," he added.

He then stated that participants had only managed to recover over HKD6.3 million and had not received any further shares by June.

However, according to company statements, the payments



## Residents lose HKD20.1 million in cryptocurrency scam

were suspended as authorities froze the accounts without providing further details.

The company noted that contracts being "deliberately modified by certain individuals" were the basis for the freezing.

Speaking to TDM, another investor said that it was both Santos and Rosário who promoted the investment scheme in the region.

The investor, who declined to be identified, recalled that Rosário had also given a presentation about the development of eSports and his business in Hong Kong which is related to cryptocurrency mining services.

They also said that they were

encouraged by Santos to join the business, noting that "they were telling people to invest."

Lau claims to have been the one who was deceived, as he accused Rosário of altering the contract provided to investors. Apple Daily reported Lau claimed that Rosário changed the return of investment from 25 percent per year to 25 percent per month.

The victim who spoke to a local state media outlet believed that Rosário should be held responsible for the alleged scam.

Fourteen people have called the local authorities for assistance, while 10 reported to Hong Kong police stations.

## EDUCATION

### UM granted approval for third state key lab



**T**HE University of Macau (UM) has been granted approval for the establishment of the State Key Laboratory of Internet of Things for Smart City, making it the third state key lab at the university.

According to a statement from UM, the establishment of the lab will help to promote personnel training and research development in the field. Moreover, it is hoped that the lab will also contribute the development of Macau as a smart city and the formation of the Greater Bay Area.

The lab aims to tackle the technical challenge of constructing a new type of Internet of Things in the development of a smart city. According to UM, it will strive to overcome the shortcomings of current technologies and provide technical support for related applications that serve the local community.

This third state key lab is of significance, according to the

University, because of the Macau SAR's efforts to develop itself as a smart city within the greater development of China.

Such development needs to be based on local situations, as well as a macro-approach. It also needs to provide fact-based analysis for the improvement of urban innovations, transportation planning, city renewal, energy planning and use, as well as disaster prevention and decision-making.

The state key lab is comprised of five chair professors and distinguished professors, as well as 14 full professors, associate professors, and assistant professors. One of them is a member of the Royal Academy of Engineering and four are fellows of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. The lab also includes 16 Macau scholars and postdoctoral researchers, as well as more than 60 PhD students and master's students.

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### PANCREATITIS

**O**NE of the most common conditions we diagnose and treat in Macau is Pancreatitis. Most people don't know what the function of the pancreas is but it actually is in charge of the production of digestive enzymes. These are the enzymes that break down ingested foods into molecules the body can digest. These enzymes are carefully handled by the pancreas in order to prevent them from damaging the pancreas itself or surrounding tissue. When these self-protective mechanisms break down for any reason, the result is leakage of enzymes which damage the pancreas and any surrounding tissue they reach. This breakdown is called pancreatitis.

There are a number of things which can initiate or facilitate enzyme leakage, so pancreatitis can occur for a number of reasons. Often, it takes a combination of precipitating factors to cause pancreatitis to occur in a dog or cat. High fat diets, obesity and lack of exercise are the most common "life-style" contributors. Miniature schnauzers are predisposed to pancreatitis due to a tendency to have high levels of lipoproteins in their blood streams. Corticosteroids and azathioprine medications may contribute to the tendency to develop pancreatitis. Hyperadrenocorticism, a naturally occurring overproduction of corticosteroids that is fairly common in dogs may also lead to an increased susceptibility to pan-

creatitis. Anything that interferes with blood supply to the pancreas or release of digestive enzymes by the pancreas may lead to pancreatitis. For some reason, pancreatitis does not occur, or is not recognized, as often in cats as it does in dogs.

The "typical" pancreatitis patient is middle-aged or older and overweight. There may be a slightly higher prevalence of this problem in female dogs but it does occur commonly in both sexes. Often, the family has just had a party or a big holiday meal when this disease strikes. This is not a disease that restricts itself to any particular scenario, though. It often occurs in patients that do not fit the typical profile and it has highly variable clinical signs. When your vet examines your dog and suspects pancreatitis, she will look for abdominal pain that seems to be centered in the portion of the abdomen that is partially covered by the ribs. Dehydration is common in patients with pancreatitis. Rapid heart rate and rapid breathing are sometimes seen with pancreatitis. Confirming a diagnosis of pancreatitis can be frustrating. Currently, there is no single reliable diagnostic test for this disease. Often, amylase and lipase levels are elevated in the bloodstream. Unfortunately, this seems to happen slowly in comparison to the progress of the disease so a pet may be pretty ill before the enzyme levels elevate and in some case-

sof pancreatitis an elevation in these enzyme levels doesn't occur. Often, blood tests that help evaluate liver and kidney function are slightly elevated as well. White blood cell counts are usually high. Ultrasound exam of the pancreas, if your vet can do this, is helpful in diagnosis. X-rays are often taken to make sure other conditions are not causing the pain, such as intestinal obstruction, but usually it is not possible to be sure a dog has pancreatitis based on X-ray changes. Pancreatitis can be acute and only occur once in a dog's lifetime or it can become chronic and keep returning over and over again. It can be a rapidly fatal illness or a mild attack of pain that resolves in a few hours or a day or so. It can cause tremendous side effects, including shock, blood-clotting disorders, heart arrhythmias, liver or kidney damage and death.

Fortunately, most of the time dogs with chronic pancreatitis problems do not die from the attacks. It is possible to lessen the severity and frequency of attacks in many of these dogs by managing their diet and exercise. It is important to take pancreatitis attacks seriously, especially the first one. Pain management helps a great deal in preventing escalation of pancreatic attacks. Totally restricting food intake (no food) for 24 to 72 hours seems to help a great deal as well. This may be due to a decrease in stimulation of the pancreas to release digestive enzymes. Fluid therapy to prevent dehydration and help maintain circulatory function is usually necessary. Medications to control vomiting are



often used. Many veterinarians use antibiotics in an effort to ward off secondary infections but this may not be necessary in milder cases as bacterial infections do not commonly accompany pancreatitis. Once the patient seems to feel better, oral fluids are given. If no vomiting occurs in 12 to 24 hours, food can be offered in small quantities. Most pets can go home once they are willing to eat and drink again. Bland diets may be beneficial in some patients but we usually recommend returning to a low fat diet.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan

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## Low protests handover of yacht



**I**NDONESIA is returning a luxury yacht allegedly bought with funds stolen from a Malaysian state investment company after a months-long legal battle, a police official said yesterday. The USD250 million Equanimity is on its way to a border location where it will be transferred to Malaysia, said Daniel Silitonga, deputy director of economic crimes at Indonesia's national police. He said the yacht is currently near Batam island close to Singapore, but declined to say when or where the transfer will happen.

The yacht belongs to Malaysian financier Jho Low, who the Jus-

tice Department alleges was a key figure in the theft and international laundering of \$4.5 billion from 1MDB. Low, who has so far evaded investigators, issued a statement through his U.S. attorney yesterday, protesting the handover of the yacht. "Actions like this make it increasingly clear that there is no jurisdiction where the issues in this case can be subject to a fair hearing, thanks to a global media circus fueled by politically motivated parties whose aim is to convict Mr. Low in the public arena," the statement said. Low reportedly hid in Macau and is believed to be in China.

**T**HE Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM) is reportedly planning to file a lawsuit against the former deputy director of the institute's Bell Centre of English after he leaked accusations of malpractice and negligence occurring regularly at the university to the Times. "We are going to submit a formal accusation against Dr. David Quartermain in relation to his comments," said IPM President Lei Heong Iok, according to local media. "His unfounded accusations have publicly tarnished our image. We reserve the right to assert juridical responsibility."

Lei said the comments were "negligent and made with bad faith." He also said the comments "had a very negative impact among teachers and students."

Quartermain was an employee at IPM between 2003 and 2018, holding the post of deputy director at the institute's Bell Centre of English from 2005 until December 2016, after which he was transferred to the Gaming Teaching and Research Centre.

Speaking to the Times last week, Quartermain described a pattern of malpractice and negligence at the university, including the absence of performance reviews for professors, poor student assessment, cases of cheating and even sexual harassment.

IPM responded to the allegations with a statement issued on Tuesday and organized a press conference on Friday afternoon with just 20 minutes notice.

The statement issued by IPM said that the whistleblower, Quartermain, was not a professor, or even a part of the



Quartermain (left) pictured during a February 2016 event at IPM, where he is describing the Bell Centre activities to members of the City University of Macau

## IPM planning to file lawsuit against whistleblower

full-time faculty.

Describing Quartermain's complaints as "ungrounded," IPM said that the former employee did not provide an accurate description of the work conducted at the Gaming Teaching and Research Centre. The institute said that Quartermain was asked to work a total of 36 hours per week, divided over a range of tasks that included revising and proofreading English manuscripts.

When questioned by the Times about Lei's remarks that he was a mere instructor, Quartermain claimed that he was a full-time member of the university's academic staff and that he has the contracts to prove it.

He also contested the idea that there was regular work when he was working

for the Gaming Teaching and Research Centre and says that over the course of 18 months he "spent no more than two hours, in total, revising and proofreading manuscripts."

Regarding Quartermain's complaints of inappropriate behavior noticed at the university, Lei mentioned during the press conference that those complaints "are about a North American English instructor and an assistant. They exchanged e-mails and there was an inappropriate word used. It is merely based on this that David Quartermain made the accusation. I would like you to judge: Is this really sexual harassment?" As quoted by TDM, Lei also said that IPM investigated the case after being asked to do so by the teacher.

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## ANALYSIS

# Casino gaming concessions: What lies ahead

*"(...) except for the occurrence of a very serious economic crisis or another comparable event, everything points to a new competition in 2021. The most desirable scenario is the award of new concessions"*  
- **Jorge Godinho, The Future of Concessions of fortune or chance games in Macau, paper, 2017)**

PAULO BARBOSA

**A**FTER obtaining access to the paper from which the above quotation was taken, I read an interview given by Prof. Jorge Godinho, an expert in Macau gambling law, where he argues that "the public tender for six concessions is absurd, that is, there has to be something new to be put to the contest." (HojeMacau, 05/23/2018)

I strongly disagree with that interpretation, which is nothing novel, because there may always be people interested in obtaining a concession and willing to offer something new to Macau that can be useful and contribute to a change in the status quo.

In any case, whether for six or more concessions, whether for companies already operating in the market or brand new ones, the problem of a potential re-allocation without competition was expediently resolved on 07/22/2018 by the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, the government member directly responsible for casino gaming affairs. Leong ended the speculation for good with an announcement that there would be a public tender.

Since the clarification was made, and it echoed internationally, we should swiftly turn to what needs to be done next.

**1.** It is common knowledge that currently there is a gap between the concession/sub-concession deadlines of SJM/MGM and the other concessionaires/subconcessionaires (Galaxy/Venetian and Wynn/Melco), with the first one(s) ending in 2020 and the others in 2022. One wonders if it makes sense to call upon the provisions in no. 2 of article 13 of Law 16/2001 (Casino Gaming Law) which relates to an extension of the term up to 20 years, the maximum term allowed by law. The fact that the original concession has been provided for 18 years no longer makes sense, since for the other operators there is a 20-year term set. It seems to be an established fact that, regardless of the past, there is no advantage to having casino gambling concessions with differentiated terms - given the equality of the concession system and for the sake of restoration of relative justice, the calendar should be the same for all.

**2.** I agree it would be convenient (whilst clarifying that it is not a necessity) from the perspective of the MSAR's interest in extending the concession/sub-concession period of SJM/MGM to 20 years. However, there is a further problem: if such an extension should be negotiated, should additional benefits be paid to the MSAR?

**3.** There is nothing to prevent the extension of the contract from being accompanied by the introduction of contractual changes, either by increasing existing obligations or introducing new ones. Prof. Godinho, in the quoted paper, also points out that the previous practice of extending the STDM concessions reinforces this perspective, since all extensions have always involved additional obligations (contrapartidas), namely the increase of the gambling tax.

**4.** If this is true, it would be useful to know whether for such a short period of time - the two years - and in a time of transition, possibly towards a new model, changes would be justified at that level. I personally understand that there is no reason to change what is currently in force for such a short period of time and particularly without knowledge of what will be defined by the MSAR Government. For these reasons, the concession/sub-concession of SJM/MGM should be extended for another two years on the precise terms with which it is operating today.

**5.** It should be borne in mind that in addition to what has been advocated by some lawyers, including myself from the outset, Lionel Leong's legal regime on which concessions/sub-concessions are based must necessarily be revised. It is fundamental to bring into the law what currently sits outside it.

**The current CE is responsible for ensuring that ... the international [casino gaming] tendering process will take place according to strict standards and dignity.**

**6.** So to avoid instability, and to preserve the international image and maintain a clear and transparent course at all stages of the process conducted by the MSAR Government (whose kick-off was given by the declarations of July 22), an announcement regarding any extension of the SJM/MGM concession/sub-concession should be made at the same time the

schedule for reviewing the casino gaming laws is announced. This review should include at least the revision of the scheme and the number of concessions (I think it is desirable that a further two should be put on the table, bringing the total to eight); the legislation on "Managing Directors (incompatibilities of administradores-delegados), junkets (introduction of a number of clauses, VIP lounges, cash deposits, liability, traffic rules and number of vehicles on the roads); and the operation of so-called "satellite casinos". It would be good for there to be a prior dialogue in these matters with the experts and operators in order to indicate their priorities, but of course the final word belongs to the Government, which in this matter has to be likened to Caesar's wife and make use of all its prerogatives.

**7.** A key instrument of any public tender is its Tender Document (Caderno de Encargos). That is, the definition of its rules, the objectives to be pursued, and the requirements that competitors must obtain to gain a concession. All this must be sufficiently clarified in the Tender Document so that future requests for clarification by potential competitors and the usual smart alecks who like to disturb contests and decisions become unnecessary. Once again, the international image of Macau and of the PR China will be called into question, so that we can never be too cautious, and this task cannot be handed over to

"amateur patriots" or to those who have conflicting interests with the MSAR and are tempted to make accommodations in the Tender Document to their pretensions or those of their "patrons".

**8.** Lastly, there is one element in this equation that cannot be under-valued and that relates to the timing. Regarding this, continuing from that mentioned before, I understand that the announcement of the concession/subconcession extension (SJM/MGM) should occur at the same time as the announcement of the date of the public tender, which should only occur after the approval by the Legislative Assembly of the changes deemed to be urgent.

**We have already had enough of amateurism and wily patriots.**

**9.** Given the priority of the matter, I do not foresee any difficulty with the Legislative Assembly approving the required amendments to the current legal regime before the end of the next legislative session (August 2019). On the other hand, we could take advantage of the moment of the announcement of the extension of the concession /sub-concession (SJM/MGM) to immediately specify the dates the Tender Document will be public announced and by when the tender proceedings must be concluded.

**10.** The future public tender will be held under the auspices of the next Chief Executive, who will be known by the end of 2019. This means that the tender specifications and new contracts will be signed by him. The current Chief Executive is responsible only for ensuring that the transition to his successor and the international tendering process will take place according to strict standards and dignity, respecting the interests of the MSAR and of the PR China, starting with its international image. We have already had enough of amateurism and wily patriots.



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# Gov't concludes revision to national anthem law

**T**HE SAR government announced on Friday that it had finished its revision of the National Flag bill, and the National Emblem and National Anthem bill, which aims to prohibit the use of the anthem for commercial purposes.

According to the Chief Executive (CE) Spokesperson Office, some of the proposed changes to the regulations are on the conducting procedures of the national anthem, which include the need for it to be played exactly as it is written on the official musical sheet.

The proposal described appropriate conduct for when the national anthem is being played, requiring people to "stand respectfully and behave with composure."

While the national anthem is playing, performing disrespectful acts is prohibited, some of which will be considered crimes and administrative offenses.

According to the spokesperson, "the intentional act of changing the lyrics or sheet music of the national anthem in public occasions and places, or performing distorted or deprecating instrumental or vocal versions of the anthem" would constitute a criminal offense.



Other disrespectful acts during the singing of the national anthem can lead to a fine between MOP5,000 to

MOP50,000, similar to possible administrative infractions when disrespecting the Chinese flag.

The Central Government had already implemented China's National Anthem Law back in November 2017, an-

nouncing that it would implement the newly-adopted law in Hong Kong and Macau.

The proposed law prohibits the use of the national anthem for commercial purposes and other inappropriate uses.

Sentences can range from 360-day fines to three years imprisonment.

**People are required to 'stand respectfully and behave with composure'**

Furthermore, the proposal suggested that the local state broadcaster should broadcast both the national anthem and the ceremony during the city's important occasions, particularly during the inauguration of a new Chief Executive or Legislative Assembly president.

## Beijing introduces measures to facilitate SARs' jobs on mainland

**W**ORK permit requirements for mainland employees from Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan will be abolished, thus residents of the three regions will no longer need additional documentation for job purposes, the State Council announced on Friday.

In a State Council meeting last month, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang had already announced that the government was set to eliminate 17 administrative regulations that previously governed business development in a bid to facilitate economic integration.

On Friday, the State Council said: "Following the abolishment, the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security will intro-

duce support measures to further facilitate Hong Kong and Macau residents to work and start a business on the mainland."

On its website, the council said that it also ordered the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security to formulate and improve the detailed oversight rules for employment services, social security, unemployment registration and labor rights protection for eligible groups after the change.

The work permit system has been in place since 2004.

Under its requirements, mainland companies should prove that the employees they wish to hire from the three regions are qualified and that such a position cannot be filled

by locals.

According to reports, up to 10 items of paperwork were needed from companies for its employees to be granted a work permit issued by the municipal human resources department.

Hong Kong's largest political party, the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong, welcomed the move, noting that it shows the central government's care for the region.

They also added that it would encourage Hong Kong residents to pursue careers in the mainland.

"This measure could enable Hongkongers to freely choose their professions just like other mainland residents," the Democratic Alliance said in a statement.

## Health Bureau renews cooperation with Hong Kong counterpart

**T**HE Health Bureau (SSM) announced in a statement that it has renewed its cooperation agreement with Hong Kong health authorities for another five years (2018-2023).

The renewal took place at a meeting during the Hong Kong delegation's visit to Macau last month, where the developments of medical services in both regions were also addressed.

This is the second time that such an agreement has been renewed after its establishment in 2007. The document formalizes the two regions' relations in terms of healthcare exchange and cooperation. It covers topics such as academic and technical exchanges, professional training, management of urgent medical care and emergency supplies; as well as exchange of information regarding the monitoring and control of diseases.

SSM director Lei Chin Ion thanked the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong



for all the support, highlighting the training activities of health personnel in both regions.

Lei added that the Hong Kong authorities had provided crucial help and guidance during the accreditation of Conde de São Januário Hospital Center, which was carried out by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards.

Bone marrow donation is another area in which the two regions have cooperated, following a bone marrow registry agreement inked in 2012. As of April, more than 900 local residents have registered

as donors and one has successfully donated blood stem cells. The agreement is being reviewed and may be updated as it is due to expire this December.

John Leong, the President of the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong, said he is pleased with the work that has been carried out thus far and will seek to continue the cooperation. Leung Pak-yin, the Executive Chief of the Hospital Authority of Hong Kong, also noted that the regions' authorities are in the midst of negotiations regarding further training for medical specialists in Macau.

**T**HE “Macao International Conference on Marine Administration, Utilization and Development” held on August 3 and 4 in Macau, addressed several topics regarding the new maritime area managed by the MSAR and highlighted three main tasks that the region must address when dealing with such a topic.

It has been two years since the assignment of new maritime area by the Central Government to the MSAR. The government has been establishing the main guidelines for use of the new area.

According to a statement issued by the Policy Research Office, “the planning and good usage of the 85 square kilometers of maritime area is a relevant role of Macau on the construction of the Greater Bay.” Local authorities are expected to perform three main tasks: namely to emphasize the protection of the marine biodiversity, to perform scientific planning for reasonable use of the areas, and to reinforce maritime intercommunication and cooperation with neighboring regions for proper use of the sea and its resources.

In the opening speech of the conference, the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, said that the new maritime areas provide new conditions and opportunities to open Macau to the sea, also creating new option for the diversification of the local economy.

“Macau should have as its starting line the blue ocean and the economy of the

## Event on sea areas highlights three main tasks for Macau



Greater Bay Area, seizing the opportunities, planning scientifically and promoting the construction and development of the International Tourism and Leisure Center.”

Regarding the same opportunity, the director of the Liaison Office in Macau, Zheng Xiaosong, noted that since the handover of Macau, the Central Government has been supporting Macau, adding that President Xi Jinping greatly values and supports the diversified and moderate development of Macau’s economy. In light of this premise comes the authorization of Macau

to rule and manage maritime areas, “a valuable gift that translates the support of the

Central Government to the long-term development of Macau,” Zheng highlighted.

The deputy director of the State Council’s Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, Huang Liuquan, has noted that the Macau government should always ensure the management of the sea areas as well as land areas, carrying out good development planning for the maritime areas of Macau based on prospective thinking; keep in mind the idea of community building, allowing the whole population to benefit from the profits that will rise from the development of the maritime areas; and lastly, to have a clear awareness of the mutual benefits and gains from the promotion of the development of both Macau and the mainland in a co-operative way. **RM**

### ‘Now is the time to think of new directions’

**O**N the sidelines of the event, Yue-man Yeung, Emeritus Professor of Geography of the Chinese University of Hong Kong said that “Macau [SAR] did well in the first [almost] 20 years of existence, but now is the time to think of new directions,” Radio Macau reported.

At the conference, the scholar noted that it is now time for Macau to look out

for its own needs, leaving the gaming industry aside, drawing attention to the discussion on the new maritime areas.

According to Yeung, “diversifying is something we always strive for. If there is capacity and land, I think the government can make more efforts. It should listen to the population,” adding, “the first 20 years have passed and Macau has done

very well. Better than Hong Kong, actually.” He also noted that although Macau should be proud of its achievements, efforts cannot end now. “The world is evolving and we must capitalize on what we have and [not] just invest in more gaming,” he said, noting that in order to properly develop new areas, Macau should seek “specialized advice” in order to “seize this opportunity.”

## Diversification a slow game hampered by lack of land

**I**N its transformation into a city that is more than just gambling, Macau is progressing far slower than its U.S. rival, Las Vegas.

This is according to the Wall Street Journal (WSJ), which found that American casino operators have made only a marginal improvement in revenue derived from non-gaming segments over the last decade.

It took Las Vegas just ten years from the opening of its first integrated resorts for non-gaming revenue to become the casino operators’ major source of income.

In Macau, the past decade has seen a climb of only a few percentage points and even the government, which has led the charge for diversification, has set a goal of just 9 percent of revenue coming from non-gaming sources by 2020.

The three U.S.-owned gaming operators say they still derive somewhere between 88 and 97 percent of their revenue from casino tables, despite the introduction of various non-gaming amenities and the invitation of many high-profile acts, like the House of Dancing Water and concerts by Madonna, Bruno Mars and Celine Dion.

The problem? According to some casino executives interviewed by the WSJ, Macau is too focused on western-style entertainment and is neglecting the taste of the Chinese consumer.

Kevin Clayton, chief marketing officer at Hong Kong-listed Galaxy Entertainment Group, believes that casino bosses are misreading their core audience.

Galaxy is certainly not recognized for its en-

tertainment offerings in the way that Sands China and Melco Resorts might be – just 6.7 percent of Galaxy’s revenue comes from non-gaming activities – but the mass market-focused operator has proven successful in defending the largest share of the Macau pie and demonstrating its appeal to the mainland consumer.

The WSJ points to several other factors that might be limiting the growth of non-gaming attractions in Macau.

Compared to the more liberal Las Vegas experience, Macau has strict controls on who can or cannot be a player in the casino market. The market is divided between three concessionaires and three sub-concessionaires, and they get to decide who can play. The expiration of the six casino licenses

between 2020 and 2022 may change the rules of the game, but some analysts err on the side of fewer operators, rather than more.

There is plenty of the pie to go around with just six operators in Macau, and the incentive to develop expensive alternatives to gaming is less compelling than in Vegas, where entertainment often becomes the deciding factor. Gambling now only accounts for about a third of revenue on the Las Vegas Strip.

Another major factor is the limited supply of land in Macau. Operators may consider a land plot to be more profitable if used for gambling tables and condensed but lucrative hotel rooms, instead of expansive arenas or theme parks.

Contrarily, Las Vegas, a city built on the peri-



Las Vegas

phery of the Mojave Desert, has plenty of room to expand.

The leading U.S. operator in terms of diversification is Sands China, which derived 16 percent of its revenue from non-gaming sources in 2017, up from 12.6 percent in 2008. In Macau terms, that is years ahead of Wynn Macau, which grew from 5.6 percent in 2008 to 6.7 percent last

year, and MGM China, which took in just 2 percent of its revenue from non-gaming sources in 2017.

Part of Sands China’s success is the development of destination hotels like The Parisian, Venetian and the upcoming Londoner, which appeal to mainland tourists’ growing desire to see the world beyond China. **DB**





SAUDI ARABIA

# Prince Alwaleed signs first deal since corruption probe

SAUDI billionaire Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal has invested 1 billion riyals (USD267 million) into music streaming company Deezer, his first deal since being detained last year in a government crackdown on corruption.

The prince's Kingdom Holding Co. investment vehicle and his media company Rotana Group have bought new shares in Deezer, according to a statement from Alwaleed's office on Thursday. Deezer will also get access to Rotana's audio and video content as part of the deal.

The investment marks a return to deal-making for the prince, who began the year confined to the Ritz Carlton hotel in Riyadh, which had been transformed into a prison for suspects in a graft probe launched by Saudi Arabia's crown prince Mohammed Bin Salman.

Alwaleed was the most prominent among hundreds of Saudi businessmen, government officials and princes who were swept

up in November and detained in the Ritz-Carlton in what the government called a crackdown on corruption. He was released in January after signing a "confirmed understanding" with Saudi authorities, he told Bloomberg in March. Signing the document left him free to function normally with "zero guilt" and "zero conditions."

The last investment made by Alwaleed, who is ranked the 61st richest man and has a fortune of \$16.8 billion, was the acquisition of a 16.2 percent stake in Banque Saudi Fransi from Credit Agricole SA in September.

Since his release, he has restarted talks with banks for a loan of at least \$1 billion to fund new deals, and said he was considering spinning off some of the \$13 billion in assets held by Kingdom Holding, potentially into a real estate investment trust.

Deezer abandoned an initial public offering in 2015 before raising 100 million euros (\$116 million) in private equity in 2016. **Bloomberg**

# Heineken strikes deal to expand in China

HEINEKEN, the world's second-largest brewer, has struck a deal to expand in China, the world's biggest beer market.

Heineken said Friday it is buying a 40 percent stake in the company that controls China's biggest beer maker, China Resources Beer. It will invest USD3.1 billion for the stake and set up a venture.

It says that Chinese drinkers are embracing imported beers and that CRB, a state-controlled company that produces the best-selling Snow lager, lacks a premium overseas brand.

The stake in CRB would significantly boost Heineken's distribution reach.

Heineken is trying to keep pace with Anheuser-Busch InBev,

which is the world's largest brewing company and in 2016 added to its heft by taking over its closest rival, SABMiller. AB InBev is worth 174 billion euros (\$202 billion), multiple times Heineken's 51 billion euros.

Big brewers in the U.S. and Europe are looking for new customers in developing markets, where growth in demand is stronger and there is often less competition from craft brewers. **AP**



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### MGM's fighting food waste

Did you know roughly one third of food made for human consumption (approximately 1.3 billion tons) globally is wasted?

From July 2-6, MGM held the "Let's Fight Food Waste Campaign". Following an in-depth waste audit of the Company's total waste, MGM identified opportunities for food waste reduction, among many other areas, to help shape its waste reduction program.

Focusing on the waste in our employee dining room and to encourage team members to only take what they can eat from our dining room buffets, MGM held the "Show off your clean plate!" activity. During the Campaign, MGM Green Team members rewarded team members that showed a clean plate at the end of their meal with a stamp, and after two or more stamps from different days, a prize was awarded. The activity helped to promote good behaviors and increase mindfulness among our employees to only take what they can eat and not unnecessarily create food waste. As we audited daily and hourly food waste for 17 straight days, a detailed assessment was carried out to understand changes in food waste generation. Due to our team members' efforts to ensure thousands of clean plates throughout the campaign, we evaluated that within a year these new behaviors could save 110 tons of food waste across the company employee dining rooms (or the equivalent to the weight of 28 elephants!).

Reducing food waste as a first step is MGM's top priority and the Company takes actions through meal planning techniques to ensure we minimize overproduction, as well as advise guests when they have over ordered. Regular food waste audits help to keep the Company on track and identify opportunities for improvement. Where food waste does occur, MGM is committed to recycling food waste through the Company's food waste composting machine which converts food waste to a nutrient-rich compost which is used for landscaping, returning the food back to the land from where it came.



### Farming demonstration

To connect employees to nature and where food comes from, MGM also arranged a farming demonstration on July 3, allowing employees to get their hands dirty in a farming environment to dig up vegetables and pick fruit from the trees while also learning about what it takes to grow our food from landscaping professionals. Participating team members were also encouraged to bring their children to take part in the activity and together develop an appreciation of where food comes from and the resources used in creating it.

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## HEALTH

# To get the latest drugs, head to China

John Lauerman

IT'S been less than a year since Beijing cut back red tape on drug approvals and already Chinese patients can expect to get some breakthrough medicines before Americans.

Britain's AstraZeneca Plc will bring its newest anemia treatment to pharmacies in Shanghai and Beijing about a year before it's available in U.S. cities. It's a similar story for the bowel cancer remedy American giant Eli Lilly & Co. is making with a Chinese partner.

"Twenty years from now, China's going to have a market that's comparable, or possibly bigger, than the U.S.," said Daniel Mahony, a health-care fund manager with Polar Capital LLP in London. "Getting first approval in China might sound unusual today, but may not be five years from now."

After decades of being starved of innovative treatments for serious conditions like cancer, diabetes and kidney disease, China's 1.4 billion people are becoming global pharma's prime target. They've got more medical insurance than ever and millions are paying out of their own pockets for western treatments that aren't covered.

It's all part of President Xi Jinping's push to reinvent China's pharmaceuticals industry, which he's notably spared from the escalating trade war with Donald Trump. In May, even with tensions in full swing, Beijing eliminated tariffs on 28 imported drugs and lengthened patent protection to deflect criticism that its intellectual property protections were too lax.

Until recently, negotiating China's tedious drug approval process blocked many prescription medicines from getting in. By its own count, China's Food and Drug Administration said fewer than a third of the 433 new treatments approved in developed countries reached China between 2001 and 2016.

Then last October, the regulator abolished a rule that had required companies to repeat



all drug trials in China before giving its blessing. That move, part of broader reforms, was a game changer because it meant big pharma could conceivably roll out blockbusters in China at the same time as the U.S., if not sooner. "People have gone from caring about whether they have enough food to 'If I get cancer, what's going to happen?'"

Roxadustat, the anemia medicine AstraZeneca is developing with San Francisco-based FibroGen, is putting the new system to the test. China's FDA gave it priority review and is evaluating it on a rolling basis: as researchers finish each trial, the results are shared. By comparison, they'll apply to the U.S. FDA in the first half of 2019, when all trials are done.

"It's a big milestone," said Ludovic Helfgott, head of the kidney, heart and diabetes unit at Cambridge, England-based AstraZeneca, which expects the regulator's go-ahead by year-end. "It's going to be the first time that a global brand, a global product,

a global medicine would be first authorized in China."

While it may still be faster to get approval in the west, the pressure for China to catch up has intensified. Its population is aging rapidly and has significant unmet medical needs after shifts in diet, pollution and heavy workloads increased the prevalence of obesity, diabetes and inflammatory conditions like asthma and bowel disease.

Consumers, especially in the surging middle class, are taking matters into their own hands, as the rare protests in Beijing last month over low-quality vaccines attest. They don't want to solely place their trust on locally made drugs and 3,000-year-old traditional remedies using herbs, and techniques like massage and acupuncture. Many travel abroad, and even go into debt, to get drugs for suffering family members. A recent Nature report said only four of the 42 cancer medicines approved globally in the past five years are sold in China.

"People have gone from caring about whether they have enough food to 'If I get cancer, what's going to happen?'," said Xin Tao, a Washington-based lawyer with Hogan Lovells LLP, who follows Chinese drug regulation.

He pointed to the popularity of a Chinese low-budget film called "Dying to Survive" last month as evidence the nation had reached its tipping point. Based on the true story of a businessman with leukemia who imported cheap generic drugs from India to save himself and fellow patients, the movie is one of the highest-grossing in Chinese cinema history.

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Even with cancer, there's progress on the horizon. Eli Lilly is collaborating with Hutchison China MediTech Ltd. of Hong Kong to introduce fruquintinib, a treatment for colorectal cancer, in China after it's approved, probably later this year. China

MediTech will then roll it out in the U.S. and Europe. Almost one in five sufferers are in China, according to the World Health Organization.

In a push to improve coverage, more than 100 western medicines were added to public insurance policies last year, including AstraZeneca's Brilinta heart drug, and cancer treatments like Roche Holding AG's Herceptin and GlaxoSmithKline Plc's Vi-read—some costing as much as 50 percent less than they do in the U.S. or Europe. "We didn't predict the rapid expansion of the Chinese market," said Chris Chung, FibroGen's vice president of China operations. "Now people think we're brilliant, that we had a crystal ball."

Anemia, a deficiency of red blood cells that can damage organs if not treated, has been on the rise in China as a side effect of chronic kidney disease, a condition plaguing tens of millions. Roxadustat tricks the body into thinking that oxygen levels are low, triggering an increase in hypoxia-inducible factor (HIF) which boosts levels of red blood cells and hemoglobin. It'll be manufactured locally in a plant FibroGen set up as part of expanding its local presence this decade.

Showing it's serious about speeding up approvals, China's FDA is increasing its staff to as many as 1,000 by year-end, compared with under 100 in 2014. Since then, it's reduced the backlog of drugs—mostly generics—waiting for a green light to 4,000 from 19,000.

With researchers at health-data firm Iqvia Holdings Inc. predicting China's drug market will grow 30 percent by 2021 to \$170 billion, big pharma isn't wasting time. Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., the Japanese drugmaker best known for its diabetes treatment Actos, plans seven roll-outs in China in the next five years, more than anywhere else.

"Our goal in the mid-term is to include China from the early stages of development," said Christophe Weber, Takeda's chief executive officer. **Bloomberg**

## Authorities raze Ai Weiwei's Beijing studio



CHINESE artist Ai Weiwei says authorities have begun razing his Beijing studio. The frequent government critic says on his Instagram account the demolition began Friday without prior notice and posted videos of an excavator smashing the windows of his

"Zuoyou" studio.

The studio in the northeast Beijing suburbs has been Ai's primary work space since 2006, although he has mostly been based in Europe in recent years.

It's unclear whether the demolition is targeting Ai. Beijing authorities have demolished large

swaths of the suburbs in the past year in a building safety campaign, typically giving at least several days' notice.

Ai, who has called attention to human rights violations and government corruption in China, was held for more than two months in 2011 on alleged tax evasion. **AP**

Joe McDonald, Beijing

# Beijing announces USD60b of US goods for tariff retaliation

**C**HINA said Friday it is poised to impose retaliatory tariffs on USD60 billion worth of U.S. imports, including coffee, honey and industrial chemicals, if Washington goes ahead with its latest trade threat.

China's Finance Ministry accused the Trump administration of damaging the global economy after the U.S. proposed increasing duties on \$200 billion of Chinese goods in the second round of a dispute over technology.

"China is forced to take counter-measures," said a ministry statement. It said retaliatory duties of between 5 and 25 percent will be imposed on 5,207 products "if the U.S. side persists in putting its tariff measures into effect."

Washington imposed 25 percent duties on \$34 billion of Chinese goods on July 6 in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressures companies to hand over technology. Beijing retaliated by imposing similar charges on the same amount of U.S. products.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Friday that "instead of retaliating, China should address longstanding concerns about its unfair trading practices."

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman had earlier called on Washington to "come to its senses" and settle the dispute.

Chinese leaders have offered to narrow their politically sensi-



ve trade surplus with the United States by purchasing more American goods. But they have rejected changing technology development plans they see as a path to prosperity and global influence.

There's no end in sight, and the dispute could chill global trade and economic growth.

China's new threat targeting a smaller amount of U.S. goods reflects the fact that Beijing is running out of products for retaliation due to its lopsided trade balance with the United States.

China's imports from the United States last year totaled \$153.9

billion. After the earlier tariffs \$34 billion of U.S. goods, about \$120 billion is available for retaliation.

The highest penalties on the new list would be imposed on honey, vegetables, mushrooms and chemicals, targeting farming and mining areas that supported President Donald Trump in the 2016 election.

The new list includes products as varied as snow blowers and 3-D printers, suggesting Chinese authorities are struggling to find enough imports their own economy can do without.

Beijing's earlier round of tari-

ffs appeared designed to minimize the impact on the Chinese economy by targeting soybeans, whiskey and other goods available from Brazil, Australia and other suppliers.

Trump initially proposed 10 percent tariffs on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese imports, but he told trade officials this week to consider raising that to 25 percent. It will be September at the earliest before the U.S. decides whether to impose those tariffs.

Chinese authorities warned earlier that if the dispute escalated, they would adopt unspecified "comprehensive measures." That prompted concern among American companies that retaliation might expand to disrupting their operations in China.

The United States and China have the world's biggest trading relationship but official ties are increasingly strained over complaints that Beijing's technology development tactics hurt American companies.

Trump's tariffs target goods the White House says benefit from industrial policies such as "Made in China 2025," which calls for developing Chinese competitors in robotic, artificial intelligence

and other fields.

The dispute is part of broader U.S. complaints about global trading conditions that have prompted Trump to raise duties on steel, aluminum, washing machines or solar panels from Canada, Europe, Japan and South Korea.

A spokesman for China's foreign ministry appealed to Washington to negotiate but could not confirm reports the two sides were setting up talks.

"We urge the United States to come to its senses, correct its erroneous acts and create the necessary condition for a proper settlement as soon as possible," spokesman Geng Shuang said.

Trump campaigned on a promise to bring down America's massive trade deficits by renegotiating trade agreements and getting tough on countries like China that sell the U.S. far more than they buy from it.

But the U.S. Commerce Department reported Friday that the American trade deficit climbed to \$46.3 billion in June from \$43.2 billion in May. The deficit in goods trade with China also rose. So far this year, the trade gap is up more than 7 percent from January-June 2017. **AP**

## Developer halts projects after deaths at building sites

**B**ACK in April, giant Chinese developer Country Garden Holdings Co. ordered its thousands of staff to move faster in getting projects to market. The human and financial cost of the emphasis on speed is now coming into focus, after deadly accidents at its building sites caused the stock to crash.

Country Garden shares plunged 17 percent last week, lopping off USD6 billion in market value, after a July 27 announcement that it was temporarily halting all 2,200 projects nationwide for safety checks prompted by a six-fatality accident in Anhui province. Another person died at a Shanghai site in June.

The rare missive to employees in April illustrated the pressures on an industry racing to finish residential projects just as the government is busy clamping down on rampant price gains. But the go-fast approach has now earned the developer a sharp rebuke from Shanghai authorities, scorn on social media and even admonitions from analysts.

"These accidents have damaged its reputation sig-

nificantly," CGS-CIMB Securities Ltd. analysts led by Raymond Cheng wrote in a note published this week, citing four incidents in recent weeks. "Local managers are under huge pressure to meet sales targets." The analysts kept their "reduce" rating on the stock.

In a statement to Bloomberg News, the company pledged enhanced safety and vowed to get rid of external construction teams that fail to meet safety standards. However, it said its targets for new building starts and project completions are unchanged.

Some analysts stand by their bullish outlook. Gold-

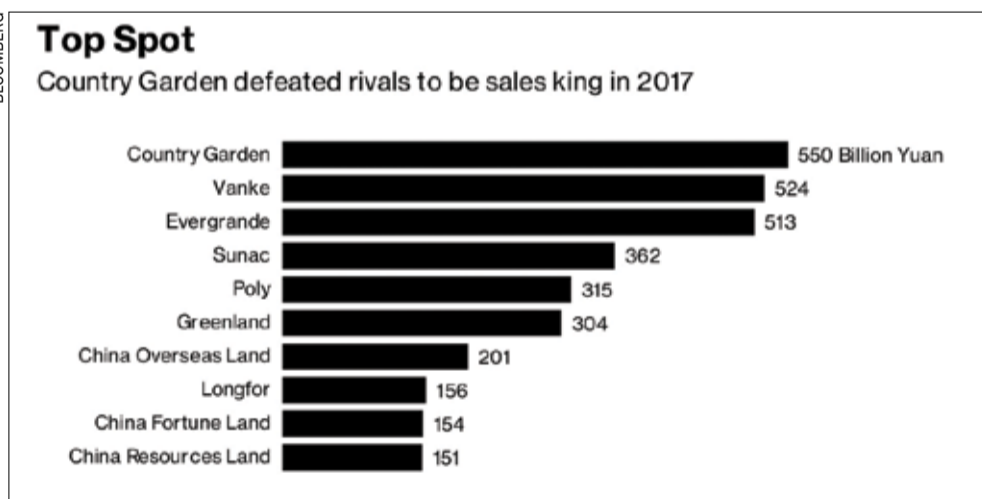
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man Sachs Group Inc. on July 31 reiterated a buy rating on Country Garden, predicting it will overcome its near-term challenges and continue to grow rapidly. The recent negative events will be an impetus to keep improving operational and product standards, Goldman analysts led by Wang Yi wrote.

In April, Chairman Yeung Kwok Keung told more than 4,000 employees that sales turnover was "too slow," according to a document seen by Bloomberg News at the time. The company was losing some of its edge, said President Mo Bin. Country Garden threatened to fire heads of residential projects if sales started more than seven months after a land purchase.

That sense of urgency fueled Country Garden's meteoric rise: It was China's biggest developer by contracted sales last year at 550 billion yuan (\$80 billion), up from seventh in 2015. It's now compounding Country Garden's woes, with the shares falling to an 11-month low on Friday.

In the worst accident, tem-



porary housing for construction workers collapsed during a fierce rainstorm in Lu'an in Anhui province. In Shanghai, a falling concrete slab landed on six workers, killing one, during the construction of a sales and marketing center at a residential complex, according to a local safety bureau, which criticized the company for "blindly" accelerating building work.

President Mo bowed in apology during a media briefing at the company's headquarters in Foshan city, Guangdong, on Friday, telling reporters that construction teams can now re-

port potential safety issues directly to him, according to news service Sina.com.

Bank of America Corp. analysts Jeffrey Zeng and Karl Choi said in a note published July 31 that only a change in Country Garden's "pursuit of pace" philosophy may alleviate safety risks in the long term. Moody's Investors Service sees the firm's sales growth slowing as safety issues come to the fore and Country Garden "strives to improve its construction processes."

On a call with analysts this week, Country Garden said it would stick with its "high-asset turnover strategy," largely

blaming an outsourced construction team for the Anhui accident, according to the Bank of America analysts.

Speed in getting projects to market may never have been more of an imperative. Red-hot demand in the third- and fourth-tier cities where Country Garden has most of its projects may cool before the middle of next year, according to Oscar Choi, a former Citigroup Inc. property researcher.

"That's why Country Garden is eager to sell," Choi said in an interview at a conference in Sanya. "It has to get its harvest in before the winter comes." **Bloomberg**

# Asian diplomats press N. Korea to deliver on anti-nuke vows

Jim Gomez, Annabelle Liang

ASIA'S top diplomats pressed North Korea on Saturday to turn a pledge to completely dismantle its nuclear arsenal into reality amid concerns that it's proceeding with its programs.

North Korea's foreign minister, Ri Yong Ho, however, hit the United States in an Asian security forum in Singapore for certain "alarming" moves, including "raising its voice louder for maintaining the sanctions against" the North.

Those moves, Ri told fellow ministers, could make an agreement with the Trump administration, including the North's commitment to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, "face difficulties."

China and Southeast Asian nations also faced calls in the Singapore meetings to rapidly conclude an effective nonaggression pact that can help fend off possible clashes in the disputed South China Sea. Both sides have announced an agreement on an initial draft of a regional "code of conduct" that they regarded as a milestone after 16 years of sporadic talks.

Alarm over rising trade protectionism, which Asian governments warn could stymie economic growth, dominated the meetings too, with Japan calling for the swift conclusion of a 16-nation Asian free trade agreement that does not include the United States.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano said the ra-



Foreign ministers pose for a group photo during the ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting

pprochement between North Korea and the United States, along with completion of a negotiating draft of the code of conduct for the South China Sea, are breakthroughs. But he added that "like any other breakthrough in diplomatic negotiations, they may lead to something great, they may lead to nothing."

"Now the hard work is really on the details," Cayetano told reporters before walking into daylong meetings between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and their partners the United States, China, Japan and South Korea.

ASEAN foreign ministers, along with counterparts from China, Japan and South Korea, urged the U.S. and North Korea "as well as concerned parties to continue working towards the realization of lasting peace and stability on a denuclearized Korean Peninsula," according to a draft communique they were to issue after their mee-

tings Saturday, which was seen by The Associated Press.

In the communique, they would "note" — often a diplomatic subtlety for a reminder — the "stated commitment" of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's formal name, "to complete denuclearization and its pledge to refrain from further nuclear and missile tests during this period."

A summary of a new report by experts monitoring U.N. sanctions against North Korea, which was sent to the Security Council Friday night and obtained by the AP at the United Nations, said North Korea has not stopped its nuclear and missiles programs and continues to defy the sanctions resolutions.

The North was also violating sanctions by transferring coal at sea and flouting an arms embargo and financial sanctions, the report said. Ri said that while North Ko-

rea has "initiated goodwill measures" including a "moratorium on the nuclear test and rocket launch test and dismantling of nuclear test ground," the U.S. has gone "back to the old, far from its leader's intention."

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Ri made the remarks in a speech that came after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who was at the same ASEAN conference, warned Russia, China and others against any violation of international sanctions that North Korea continues to face.

After agreeing on the text of the code of conduct in the disputed waters, senior Chinese and ASEAN diplomats will meet in Cambodia this month or in September, to be followed by another meeting in the Philippines, to start actual negotiations, a senior Southeast Asian diplomat said on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss

the issue publicly.

Western officials called for an early conclusion of such a pact, which they said should be legally binding and could effectively check aggressive behavior in the disputed region.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that "without disturbances from the outside" the negotiations on the code would shift to a "fast track." China has accused the U.S., which has deployed aircraft carriers, ships and fighter jets to patrol the disputed waters, of intervening in an Asian dispute.

Amid the trade tensions between the United States and China and other nations, Asian ministers called for an early conclusion, possibly this year, of talks for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, a free trade accord that would include the ASEAN countries, along with key trading partners China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India and South Korea.

Singapore, Malaysia and other Southeast Asian nations are concerned that protectionism, which could boost major Western economies, would work against free and open trade that their economies are anchored on. Tensions between the U.S. and China — the world's two biggest economies — over tariffs on each other's products have rattled investors in Asia.

"Given the current global situation where protectionism is on the rise, Japan would like to achieve the swift conclusion of the RCEP," Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono said.

South Korean Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha warned that "rising anti-globalization and trade protectionism among major countries is fueling tension and threatening our aspiration for sustained economic growth." AP

## THAILAND

# Rescued cave boys end stay at Buddhist temple

WITH their heads bowed and wearing orange robes, the members of the boys' soccer team rescued from almost three weeks trapped in a cave in northern Thailand on Saturday completed their time as novice Buddhist monks.

About 300 people gathered for the ceremony on a rainy morning that saw the boys leave temple life to return to their families. Those present gave alms — flowers, food, money — as a gesture of their religious devotion.

The July 25 ordination of 11 boys of the Wild Boars soccer team along with the 25-year-old coach was especially dedicated to a former Thai navy SEAL, Saman Gunan, who died while

diving during a volunteer mission to supply the cave with oxygen tanks essential to a successful rescue. A twelfth boy did not go through the religious ritual because he isn't Buddhist.

At the temple near Thailand's mountainous border with Myanmar, the boys and their coach sat barefooted in a large pavilion in their orange robes. The adults sitting behind them wore white.

With heads bowed, they prayed, fidgeted and occasionally yawned as monks chanted sacred texts. They then placed new monks' robes on a table in front of a large photo of Saman.

They afterward changed into white shirts and blue pants. Coach Ekapol "Ake" Chanthawong remained in

his Buddhist robe, as he has committed to an extended period in the monkhood.

Although they will be giving up their Buddhist robes, it is likely that the boys will retain some of the solitude of temple life, as the government has discouraged for the time being any interviews with them, wielding the threat of legal action under child protection laws.

While there has been some criticism that the government wants to control the narrative of the boys' ordeal to exploit for political purposes — Thailand's military rulers are seeking to booster their popularity ahead of a possible election next year — psychologists agree that the boys may be vulnerable to post-trau-

matic stress disorder. Both their physical and mental health has been judged fine.

According Dr. Paul Auerbach of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Stanford University's medical school, it's possible that they might suffer withdrawal or perhaps post-traumatic stress disorder, which is characterized by symptoms that include insomnia, nightmares, hypervigilance, low mood, difficulty concentrating on schoolwork, flashbacks and avoidance of situations similar to those that caused the original trauma.

"On the bright side, it is predictable that not all will be adversely affected — perhaps only about a third of them — and in those cases only a few might require



professional psychological or psychiatric intervention," he said, speaking before the rescue.

The boys and their coach entered the cave on June 23 for a quick, casual trek, but flooding quickly blocked the exit and they had to retreat deeper inside the cave. Heavy rains raised water levels further and thwarted the initial searches before two British divers on July

2 found the group huddled on a dry patch of ground, safe but hungry. They were extricated from the cave in an intricate operation involving an international team of divers over three days beginning July 8. The epic event is being commemorated with construction of a museum, expected to open within six months, along with a statue of Saman. AP

# Pompeo calls on Myanmar to release 2 journalists

**U.S.** Secretary of State Mike Pompeo called on Myanmar on Saturday to immediately release two Reuters journalists held on charges of possessing secret documents. Pompeo said in a tweet he raised U.S. concerns about the two reporters "detained in Burma for doing their job" during a meeting with Myanmar's Foreign Minister Kyaw Tin on the sidelines of a regional gathering in Singapore. "They should be released immediately," Pompeo tweeted.

Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone have pleaded not guilty to the charges against them and said they were framed by police, apparently because of their reporting

on the brutal crackdown by security forces on minority Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar's Rakhine state. About 700,000 Rohingya fled to neighboring Bangladesh after the crackdown began last August. They face up to 14 years in prison if convicted. Their lawyer, Than Zaw Aung, told reporters after last week's court session in Yangon that documents presented as prosecution evidence were neither secret nor sensitive. Several additional witnesses are to testify this month, after which the lawyers will deliver their closing arguments and the judge his verdict. The court so far has held about 30 sessions over seven months. **AP**

Julhas Alam, Dhaka

**POLICE** in Bangladesh's capital fired tear gas and used batons on Saturday to disperse hundreds of protesting students angry over the traffic deaths of two fellow students, leaving many people injured.

Dhaka remained largely cut off from the rest of Bangladesh as buses continued to stop plying from other parts of the country. The owners and workers of the bus companies have said they will not run their vehicles unless they feel safe after dozens of vehicles were either vandalized or torched in Dhaka and elsewhere.

Witnesses and media reports said Saturday's chaos broke out in Dhaka's Dhanmondi area as police and ruling party men swooped in on the students. A top leader of the ruling Awami League said some "criminals" wearing school uniforms joined the violence. Many protesters blamed the student wing of the ruling party for the attacks.

TV stations aired footage of the clashes, with protesters seen throwing stones at police as the chaos continued for hours.

An Associated Press journalist at the scene said many people, including some journalists, were injured in the clashes. The English-language Daily Star reported that up to 25 people were injured. Thousands of other students took to the streets elsewhere in Dhaka on Saturday, but no major violence was reported.

The protests, which began last Sun-



BANGLADESH

# Police, protesters clash in Dhaka; many injured

day after two college students were struck and killed by a pair of buses, have paralyzed Dhaka, a city of 10 million. The two buses were racing to collect passengers, a common occurrence in the city, which is regularly gridlocked by traffic chaos.

The protests are an embarrassment for the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina ahead of a general election due in December. Hasina's party is blaming the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, headed by former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and its main ally Jamaat-e-Islami, for using the sentiment of young students to create chaos for political gains.

Zia's party formally extended its support to the protesters. Hasina also

said their demands are justified and pledged to fulfill them in phases.

The protesters are demanding safer roads in Bangladesh, where corruption is rife, making it easy for unlicensed drivers and unregistered vehicles to ply the roads. At least 12,000 people die each year in road accidents often blamed on faulty vehicles, reckless driving and lax traffic enforcement.

The students have stopped thousands of vehicles — including those of top officials and judges — demanding to see if the cars were registered and the drivers licensed.

Buses are key to transportation in Bangladesh, where trains are overcrowded and most people cannot afford cars. **AP**

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# Old-time plane crashes in Swiss Alps, killing 20 on board

Geir Moulson, Berlin

**A**N old-time propeller plane crashed near-vertically at high speed into a Swiss mountain, killing all 20 people on board, police said yesterday.

The Junkers Ju-52 plane, operated by the Swiss company Ju-Air, went down Saturday on the Piz Segnas mountain above the Alpine resort of Flims, striking the mountain's western flank about 2,540 meters above sea level. The mountainous area in southeastern Switzerland is popular with hikers and skiers and includes a glacier.

Police said yesterday they have now determined that all 20 people on board the plane, including its three crew members, died.

Eleven men and nine women between the ages of 42 and 84 were killed. Most of the victims were Swiss but they also included a couple and their son from Austria.



The wreckage of the old-time propeller plane Ju 52

Photos released by Graubunden canton [state] police showed the crumpled wreckage of the plane lying on the mountain, with only the upside-down tail more or less intact.

Police said they are not aware of any distress call from the aircraft before it crashed.

Daniel Knecht of the Swiss Transportation Safety Investigation Board said the plane appears to have hit the ground near-verti-

cally and at high speed.

Speaking yesterday at a news conference in Flims, he said the vintage plane presumably didn't have the crash-resistant cockpit voice and data recorders that more modern aircraft have.

Officials can essentially rule out a collision with another aircraft or hitting an obstacle such as a wire, and there's no indication of foul play or that the aircraft lost parts or broke up before the

crash, he added.

He said that officials expect the investigation of the cause to be "relatively complex."

The plane was flying the passengers back from a two-day trip to Locarno in southern Switzerland to its base at Duebendorf, near Zurich. Authorities were informed of the crash at 5 p.m. Saturday, 50 minutes after the aircraft had taken off from Locarno's Magadino airfield.

Nearly 5,000 Ju-52 planes, a product of Germany's Junkers, were manufactured between 1932 and 1952.

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Ju-Air started operating flights with the old-timers in 1983, and the plane that crashed — with the registration HB-HOT — had been in service with the company since 1985.

The aircraft have three engines, one on the nose and one on each wing.

The company, which operates two other Ju-52s, suspended flights until further notice after the crash. **AP**

## BRAZIL

# Workers' Party names jailed leader as presidential nominee

**T**HE Workers' Party in Brazil named jailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Saturday as its nominee for the country's top job in October's election. Delegates of the left-leaning party confirmed da Silva, who served two terms as Brazil's president between 2003 and 2010, with enthusiastic approval at a convention in Sao Paulo. The former president is likely to be barred by Brazil's electoral court, though.

Since April, the former president has been jailed on a corruption conviction, but he denies any wrongdoing and claims he is being politically persecuted. Da Silva leads polls for the office by a large margin, and surveys show voters would lend their support to another Workers' Party candidate if he cannot participate.

The party is not expected to name his running mate until today. In a recorded



Brazil's former president Dilma Rousseff speaks during the Workers Party national convention in Sao Paulo

message to the convention, da Silva said that "it is those that sentenced me that are jailed in a lie."

"Brazil needs to restore its democracy, find itself and be happy again," he said. "They might lock me up, shut me up, but I will keep my faith in the Brazilian people."

After his nomination was approved, another message written by da Silva was read aloud.

"They already brought down a president that was elected and now they want to veto the right of the people to elect their next president. They want

to invent a democracy without people," he said.

Meanwhile, other candidates criticized da Silva and his party.

"It pains my heart, but I don't expect anything from them now," said left-leaning presidential hopeful Ciro Gomes, of the Democratic Labor Party.

Conservative Geraldo Alckmin, who was named by the Social Democracy Party as its presidential nominee Saturday, cast blame for the country's 13 million unemployed.

"It was the lies and the radicalism that created the chain of

events that is the tragic heritage of the Workers' Party," he said.

Workers' Party chairwoman Gleisi Hoffmann, who is trying to lure other left-leaning parties to the ticket, addressed supporters at the convention after two fringe parties endorsed da Silva's run.

"They tried to exclude Lula from the political discussion," she said. "There is no political discussion in Brazil without Lula and the Workers' Party."

Centrist Marina Silva was also nominated by the Rede party on Saturday.

Polling third, Silva will bid for the presidency for a third time. But this time her campaign isn't nearly as structured as in previous opportunities.

"We are here maybe in a much harder situation, but we trust that this time our position will beat the establishment," she said at the convention of her Rede party. **AP**

## ITALY

# Budget talks start as investors serve up warning

**I**TALY'S government fired the opening salvo in what promises to be a fractious period of negotiations ahead of the 2019 budget, in a high-stakes process that's already sparking investor concern.

As budget talks began in Rome on Friday, the two parties in the ruling coalition pledged to start implementing their bold spending plans next year, risking putting Premier Giuseppe Conte's cabinet on a collision course with European Union partners. A spike in the yield of Italy's 2.3-trillion-euro (USD2.7 trillion) public debt on Friday showed how closely markets will be following the talks.

The budget discussions will be key to gauging whether Finance Minister Giovanni Tria - a university professor with no previous political experience - will be able to withstand pressure from Conte's political sponsors to deliver on their electoral promises. Tria has pledged to keep the deficit within the EU's limit of 3 percent of gross domestic product.

"We have agreed on the economic and financial planning that will be presented in September," Conte said in a statement after

meeting with Tria, Deputy Premier and Five Star Movement leader Luigi Di Maio, Foreign Minister Enzo Moavero, Europe Minister Paolo Savona and Cabinet Undersecretary Giancarlo Giorgetti. Conte gave no details on budget figures.

Cabinet Undersecretary Giancarlo Giorgetti, a representative of the League - a partner in the ruling coalition - who was at the meeting, said in an interview with Italian daily La Stampa on Saturday that he is confident that both flat tax and citizen's income measures will be included in the budget law.

The two measures will be developed in accordance with budget balance rules and common sense, he said, ruling out that the government will choose only one of the two: "both or nothing," he was cited as saying.

The government coalition has advocated populist economic policies that could cost over 100 billion euros (\$116 billion). The Five Star leader's priority is the citizen's income proposal aimed at helping the poor, while the League wants the flat tax and limits on immigration. **Bloomberg**

**V**ENEZUELAN President Nicolas Maduro dodged an apparent assassination attempt when drones armed with explosives detonated while he was delivering a speech to hundreds of soldiers being broadcast live on television, officials said.

Caught by surprise mid-speech, Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, looked up at the sky and winced Saturday after hearing the sound of an explosion pierce the air.

"This was an attempt to kill me," he said later in an impassioned retelling of the events. "Today they attempted to assassinate me."

Information Minister Jorge Rodriguez said the incident took place shortly after 5:30 p.m. as Maduro was celebrating the National Guard's 81st anniversary. The visibly shaken head of state said he saw a "flying device" that exploded before his eyes. He thought it might be a pyrotechnics display in honor of the event.

Within seconds, Maduro said he heard a second explosion and pandemonium ensued. Bodyguards escorted Maduro out of the event and television footage showed uniformed soldiers standing in formation quickly scattering from the scene.

He said the "far right" working in coordination with detractors in Bogota and Miami, including Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, were responsible.



An uniformed official bleeds from the head following the incident



Security personnel surround Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro

VENEZUELA

# Maduro dodges apparent assassination attempt

Some of the "material authors" of the apparent attack have been detained.

"The investigation will get to the bottom of this," he said. "No matter who falls."

Venezuela's government routinely accuses opposition activists of plotting to attack and overthrow Maduro, a deeply unpopular leader who was recently elected to a new term in office in a vote decried by dozens of nations. Maduro has steadily moved to concentrate power as the nation reels from a crippling

economic crisis.

In the midst of near-daily protests last year, a rogue police

**Firefighters said there had been a gas tank explosion inside an apartment near Maduro's speech**

officer flew a stolen helicopter over the capital and launched grenades at several government buildings. Oscar Perez was later killed in a deadly gun battle after over six months on the lam.

Attorney General Tarek William Saab said the attempted assassination targeted not only Maduro, but rather the military's entire high command on stage with the president.

Prosecutors have already launched their investigation and obtained critical details from the suspects in custody, said Saab,

adding that he would give more details later today.

"We are in the midst of a wave of civil war in Venezuela," Saab said.

Firefighters at the scene of the blast disputed the government's version of events. Three local authorities said there had been a gas tank explosion inside an apartment near Maduro's speech where smoke could be seen streaming out of a window. They provided no further details on how they had reached that conclusion.

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TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)  
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UNTIL: October 21, 2018

VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550

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TIME: 10am-6pm (closed on Fridays)

UNTIL: August 30, 2018

VENUE: Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2875 1516

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TIME: 10am-5pm daily (closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

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ADMISSION: Free

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## Offbeat

AP PHOTO



## MAN WHO HARASSED YELLOWSTONE BISON ARRESTED AT GLACIER PARK

An Oregon man who was caught on video harassing a bison in Yellowstone National Park was arrested in Glacier National Park in the third disturbance in less than a week at a national park, officials said Friday.

Rangers looking for Raymond Reinke of Pendleton, Oregon, found him causing a disturbance Thursday evening at the historic Many Glacier Hotel in the popular Montana park, the National Park Service said.

He remains jailed pending a hearing next week and has requested a court-appointed attorney. A message left at a phone listing for Reinke in Oregon was not immediately returned.

Reinke, 55, had been cited for drunken and disorderly conduct in a third national park, Grand Teton, last Saturday and was released on \$500 bond that required him to follow the law and avoid alcohol.

Yellowstone rangers cited him three days later for not wearing a seat belt and noted that he appeared intoxicated, park officials said. They didn't know of Reinke's bond conditions at the time.

Reinke was later cited after another Yellowstone visitor took video of him walking up to a bison in a roadway congested with stopped cars and waving his arms. The animal charges him a couple of times, but Reinke doesn't appear to get hurt.

Yellowstone officials warn visitors to stay at least 23 meters away from bison, which injure tourists every year who get too close.

After the video gained attention online and Yellowstone rangers learned of Reinke's charges in Grand Teton, an assistant U.S. attorney asked that his bond be revoked. A warrant was issued for Reinke's arrest.

He had told rangers he planned to travel to Glacier National Park. Rangers there were looking for his vehicle when they got a report about two guests arguing and creating a disturbance at Many Glacier Hotel.

Rangers identified one of the guests as Reinke, who was sent back to Yellowstone and appeared in U.S. court Friday.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Portuguese Soap Opera
16:15	Portuguese Comedy
17:35	Miscellaneous
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18:50	Miscellaneous
19:35	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Vidago Palace
22:25	Miscellaneous
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Miscellaneous
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01:15	RTPi Live

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

06- 08 Aug

DORAEMON THE MOVIE:  
NOBITA'S TREASURE ISLAND

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Kazuaki Imai

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Megumi Ohara, Yumi Kakazu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 109min



INCREDIBLES 2

ROOM 1

9:30pm

Director: Brad Bird

Starring: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Sarah Vowell

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT

ROOM 2

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

ROOM 3

4:30pm

Director: Christopher McQuarrie

Starring: Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill, Simon Pegg

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



CHRISTOPHE ROBIN

ROOM 3

2:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Marc Forster

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell, Bronte Carmichael

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 147min

## this day in history



Major Titov

## 1961 RUSSIAN COSMONAUT SPENDS DAY IN SPACE

The USSR has launched its second cosmonaut into space just four months after Yuri Gagarin made his historic venture.

Major Gherman Titov, aged 25, has amazed the world by spending the whole day in orbit over the Earth aboard his one-person Vostok II spacecraft.

He has been sending messages to every continent saying "I feel splendid."

Sources in Moscow say he is due to land tomorrow morning after completing about 20 orbits around the globe.

At 1530 GMT he switched off radio communication so that he could get some sleep and turned it on again seven and a half hours later.

He is reported to have had a three-course meal for lunch and a substantial supper before turning in for the night.

Shortly before he was blasted into space from the Baikonur cosmodrome in the Kazakh Republic, he sent this message via the Tass news agency.

"It is difficult to express in words the feelings of happiness and pride which fill me. I have been entrusted with an honourable and responsible task."

He dedicated his flight to the 22nd congress of the Soviet Communist Party to be held in October, thanked the Soviet Government and its chairman Nikita Khrushchev. He also sent greetings to his "great friend" Yuri Gagarin.

Once in space, Major Titov sent another greeting to Mr Khrushchev to which the Soviet leader replied: "All Soviet people are happy at your successful flight and are proud of you. We are awaiting your landing. We embrace you, Khrushchev."

Major Titov spent his time doing exercises and monitoring the effects of weightlessness on his body.

Major Gagarin, the first man in space, has sent a telegram congratulating his compatriot. The two men trained for two years together before Gagarin was chosen to fly into space on Vostok I on 12 April this year.

The response from the US on Russia's achievement has been muted. The United States Space Agency recorded the flight of Vostok II as "an important technical achievement".

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Major Gherman Titov returned to Earth safely the next day having spent 25 hours in space and completed 17 orbits. His achievement was a blow to the United States in the space race between the superpowers. Alan Shepard became the first US astronaut in May 1961, but John Glenn was the first American to orbit the earth in February 1962.

Titov became an idol for young Soviets and received the Hero of the Soviet Union Medal and the Order of Lenin.

He became a test pilot but never returned to space. He later worked in a space research institute and in the Soviet Defence Ministry.

In 1995 he was elected to the lower house of the Russian Parliament, the Duma, as a member of the Communist Party. He wrote several books on the subject of space travel.

He was found dead in his sauna on 21 September 2000 at the age of 65. Some reports said he had died from carbon monoxide poisoning, others that he had had a heart attack.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 The crazier the notion, the more likely it will be successful...

Taurus April 20-May 20 When someone close to you needs some assistance or attention from you...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Everyone is just following their hearts. Alas, nothing is ever as simple as it seems...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 By the end of today you'll be thanking your lucky stars that you don't have to deal with the issues they grapple with...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Getting things in order is vital today, so polish your alphabetizing skills!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Decisions, decisions, decisions - you have a lot of choices to deal with today...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You've been doing a wonderful job of letting people into your life and sharing yourself with them...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Switch your attention to friends and family who cheer you up and never expect more of you than what you can give...

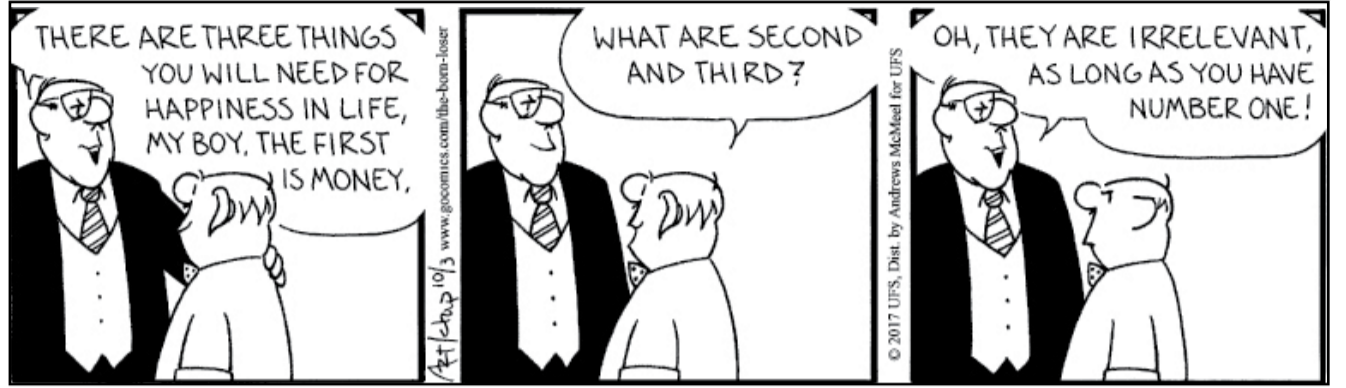
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Start a controversial discussion with your group of people, and the tongues will wag ferociously for hours...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You're entering a very exciting period of adjustment right now, which could represent a few challenges...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Just like you're a hermit emerging from the cave where you spent a decade-long hibernation...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Life is like a roller coaster, but sometimes you're not always up for the stomach-churning, neck-whipping aspects of the ride...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

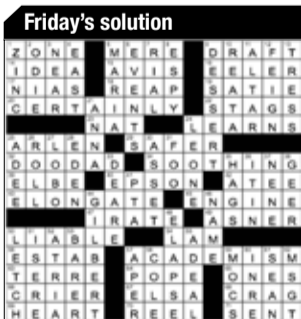
WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. Rows include CHINA (Beijing, Harbin, etc.) and WORLD (Moscow, Frankfurt, etc.).

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- To increase in value; 11- Fancy-schmancy; 15- Predecessor; 16- Nui (Easter Island); 17- Brass wind instrument; 18- French summers; 19- Lingus (Irish carrier); 20- Health resort; 21- Without any flaws; 23- Cry from a hacker; 25- The lot; 27- Causing goose bumps; 28- Rudner and Moreno; 30- Facing outward; 33- Like Shirley Temple's hair; 35- Support beam; 36- Offshoot; 38- Ababa; 41- End-of-workweek shout; 43- Organization; 45- Realm at Asgard; 49- Grow to maturity; 51- Friday's creator; 52- Actor Brynner; 54- Baseball team; 55- To the extent that; 58- Guy's counterpart; 60- Slangy negative; 61- arms (angry); 62- Inverted; 65- Twining plant stem; 66- Those with whom you take math and geology; 67- Fulda tributary; 68- Large African antelope;

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# Shanghai Shenhua accuses Changchun Yatai player of racism

**C**HINESE Superleague team Shanghai Shenhua has accused an opposing player of racially abusing its Senegalese star forward Demba Ba during a match Saturday.

Shenhua coach Wu Jingui told reporters that a Changchun Yatai player used racially insulting language toward Ba during an altercation late in the match, which ended in a 1-1 draw. The Shanghai team later published a Twitter post demanding that the Chinese Football Association take serious disciplinary action against Yatai midfielder Zhang Li.

The incident generated controversy on the Chinese internet, with fans calling for an immediate investigation.

"The Chinese Super League has players of many different skin colors. We should respect our opponents and there should be no discrimination," Wu said after the match. "I cannot calm down now. I feel great regret about the lack of respect to a player."

Shenhua has not disclosed details of the incident, but Xu Jiang, a pro-



Demba Ba, pictured when he was playing for Turkish side Besiktas

minent Chinese sports blogger, wrote on social media that Zhang allegedly shouted "You black" repeatedly at Ba.

The two players tangled in the 77th minute after Ba clashed with a Changchun player challenging for a header. Ba exchanged words with Zhang in a running dispute and reacted furiously minutes later before the two

were broken up by teammates and technical staff.

The former Newcastle United and Chelsea forward is on his second stint with the Shanghai side, having re-signed in June.

Ba took the Chinese league by storm during his first spell with Shanghai in 2015 and 2016 before suffering a serious leg fracture. **AP**

## MOTORSPORTS

# Christian Fittipaldi to retire after Rolex 24 at Daytona

**C**HRISTIAN Fittipaldi plans to retire from driving after the Rolex 24 At Daytona, the January race he was won three times.

The 47-year-old Brazilian racer announced the decision Saturday at Road America.

"My relationship with my family, my daughter, my age, so it's the package. It's not one thing," Fittipaldi said. "It's not that I went out there, I had a huge accident and said, 'Whoa, now I'm afraid of doing this. I can't do this anymore.' It wasn't that. It was the package and I think the timing is correct. I'm going to respect the timing a lot."

Fittipaldi, the nephew of two-time Formula One champion and Indianapolis 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi, is

a two-time IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Prototype champion, a four-time champion of the Tequila Patron North American Endurance Cup and a winner of 12 IMSA races. He also won two Champ Car races and competed in Formula One and NASCAR.

He'll get the chance to add two more victories before hanging up his helmet, at Motul Petit Le Mans on Oct. 13, and the 57th Rolex 24 At Daytona on Jan. 26-27.

"I owe a lot to Daytona," Fittipaldi said. "I owe a lot to the France family and Daytona has brought me a lot of happiness. I have had a lot of success there. We won three times. I think I have six or seven podiums in total." **AP**

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Kento Momota of Japan (right) talks with Shi Yuqi of China on the podium

▲ Momota has won nine of 13 tournaments he has entered since returning from a 15-month gambling-related suspension



Carolina Marin of Spain

**K**ENTO Momota of Japan defeated Shi Yuqi of China 21-11, 21-13 in the men's final at the badminton world championships yesterday.

Momota won the final eight points of the opening game and used a combination of precision striking and finesse in the second to claim his first world title and Japan's first men's singles crown.

Momota has won nine of 13 tournaments he has entered since returning from a 15-month gambling-related suspension that caused him to miss the Rio de Janeiro Olympics. He also beat Shi in

# Momota, Marin capture world badminton titles

the final of the Asian Championships in April.

"Shi Yuqi is an aggressive player," Momota said after the match. "When I was playing today, I used my own pace to put pressure on him."

In women's singles, Carolina Marin of Spain defeated India's Pusarla Sindhu 21-19, 21-10 for her third

world title.

Marin fell behind 14-9 in the first game before taking control with an aggressive style and high pace.

She continued to attack in the second game and opened an 11-2 lead before easing to her first world championship since 2015.

"I don't think that my tacti-

cs were very good, but I won the gold medal because I did a lot of preparation," Marin said. It was the second consecutive world silver medal for Sindhu, who also lost to Marin in the Rio Olympic final.

Japan's Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara won their first women's doubles

world title by upsetting second-seeded compatriots Yuki Fukushima and Sayaka Hirota 19-21, 21-19, 22-20.

Matsumoto and Nagahara rallied from an 18-13 deficit in the final game for their first victory in four all-time meetings between the pairs.

In men's doubles, China's Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen beat Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda of Japan 21-12, 21-19 for their first world title.

Top-seeded Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong beating Wang Yilu and Huang Dongping 21-17, 21-19 in an all-China mixed doubles final. **AP**

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World Views

Tim Dahlberg, AP Sports Columnist

BOOKIES GO FROM PARIAS TO PARTNERS IN NBA DEAL

As revenue goes it barely registers on the books. The NBA probably gets more from the contract with its frozen daiquiri vendor than it does the new deal it inked with casino giant MGM Resorts International.

With good reason. The deal announced with such fanfare last week is arguably little more than a branding exercise — at least for now — and a chance to take baby steps into a sports betting partnership that would have been almost scandalous only a few years ago. Still, the NBA is now officially all in on sports betting. Other leagues will soon, undoubtedly, follow. And sports may never be the same again.

Forget the image of a shadowy figure in a back room somewhere taking bets over the phone. Indeed, if the bookie you've used to make illegal bets over the years hasn't made plans yet to get into another profession, you might suggest that it's time.

Things figure to change in Las Vegas, too, if not all that much. Books in this gambling city have already expanded their offerings in recent years to include the in-game betting that the NBA believes will prove the need for its official data.

But the official seal of approval apparently means something, at least to MGM. So, too, might the official data the league provides at some point in the future. And now that MGM has a deal with the NBA, surely the NFL and Major League Baseball are going to want in on the action.

Credit NBA commissioner Adam Silver for inking a deal he called "a leap of faith on both sides." Silver realized early on that legalized sports betting was an opportunity for the league, not something to fear.

And when his idea of an "integrity fee" paid to the leagues out of sports betting revenue failed to gain traction in the early adopting states, Silver pivoted to find another way to get a piece of what figures to be a huge revenue stream.

He quickly found the perfect partner in MGM, which might have some ulterior motives of its own. The company wants an NBA team for its new arena on the Las Vegas Strip, and there's no better way to curry favor with the NBA than ink a deal with the league.

According to Silver and MGM officials, the casino company is buying data. And the party line is that it's important, despite the fact Vegas bookies have prospered for decades without any need for official league statistics.

The money MGM paid isn't much in the grand scheme of things, a few million a year over three years, according to reports. But if the NBA can convince other sports betting operations to sign up it could turn into a steady chunk of extra income for the league. Not exactly the 1 percent of gross income the NBA was seeking from states considering legalizing sports betting, but that effort was going nowhere. In signing a deal to provide unspecified data to casinos, the league gets to profit from betting without getting hands terribly soiled with the actual messiness of it.

And new money is new money. "This is a whole new world for us," Silver said. It's hard to imagine that it was just a dozen or so years ago when the NFL refused to run an ad promoting Las Vegas on the Super Bowl, using the farcical argument that any association with gambling could ruin the league.

With the Supreme Court decision in May opening the door for legalized sports betting across the country, though, all bets are off. Instead of treating sports books like threats, the leagues are looking at them to boost profits.

What they see should have been apparent years ago: Americans want to be able to place a wager or two on their favorite teams, and they don't feel there's anything immoral about it.

[Abridged]

THE MALALA CALLS FOR REBUILDING OF SCHOOLS TORCHED IN PAKISTAN

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai has called for the rebuilding of 11 schools torched by suspected Islamic extremists in northern Pakistan. No one was wounded in the attacks early Friday as the buildings were closed at the time. Police have yet to arrest any suspects, but local police chief Mohammad Ajmal said his forces were working with intelligence agencies and questioning individuals with links to militant groups.

Yousafzai tweeted about the attack, saying "extremists have shown what frightens them most — a girl with a book." Yousafzai, 21, was shot and wounded by the Pakistani Taliban in 2012 for promoting girls' education. Human Rights Watch, a New York-based advocacy group, called on Pakistan to take urgent measures to make schools safer and to fairly prosecute those responsible for such attacks.



Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	25-45 Good
Ambient	40-60 Moderate

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WORLD BRIEFS

**ETHIOPIA** Soldiers have clashed with a local police force in the restive Somali region, with the defense ministry saying it will "take the necessary measures" to restore order.



**ISRAEL** Tens of thousands of members of Israel's Druze minority and their Jewish supporters, some chanting "equality," packed a central Tel Aviv square Saturday night to rally against a contentious new law that critics say sidelines Israel's non-Jewish citizens.

**CROATIA-SERBIA** Croatia yesterday celebrated a victorious 1995 military offensive in which it retook lands held by rebel Serbs, while Serbia's president compared the operation to the policies of Nazi Germany.



**PORTUGAL** Lisbon broke a 37-year-old record to notch its hottest temperature ever as an unrelenting heat wave baked Portugal and neighboring Spain. New heat records were set in 26 places around Portugal.

**VENEZUELA** President Nicolas Maduro dodged an apparent assassination attempt when drones armed with explosives detonated while he was delivering a speech to hundreds of soldiers being broadcast live on television, officials said. *More on p15*



**BRAZIL** The Workers' Party in Brazil has named jailed former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as its nominee for the country's top job in October's election. *More on p14*

Author Murakami talks music, running, novels on radio show

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

**BEST-SELLING** Japanese author Haruki Murakami, hosting a special radio show featuring some of his favorite songs he runs to, says writing novels is about rhythm, as in music and running.

"Murakami Radio," a pre-recorded show broadcast yesterday night, featured as its themes two crucial elements of his life as a novelist: running and music. During the 55-minute show, Murakami played nine numbers he enjoys running to — rock and jazz — selected from thousands of titles stored on several iPods, while sharing stories behind the songs and talking about running and writing.

A perennial contender for the Nobel literature prize, Murakami said he initially had no intention of becoming a writer. After finishing university, he was running a jazz bar in Tokyo and music was his thing, and that's where his style comes from, he said.

"Rather than learning storytelling technique from someone, I've taken a musical approach, while being very conscious about rhythms, harmony and improvisation," the 69-year-old Murakami said on the radio. "It's like writing as I dance, even though I don't actually dance. For me, writing tends to be a very physical process, and that's my style."

A native of Kyoto, Murakami has precise memories of when he decided to become a writer: at around 1:30 p.m. on April 1, 1978, while attending a baseball game at Tokyo's Jingu Stadium — home to the underdog Japanese baseball team the Yakult Swallows, his favorite — where he saw an American named Dave Hilton hit a double, he wrote in his 2007 memoir, "What I Talk About When I Talk About Running."

Murakami's first novel, "Hear the Wind Sing," came out in 1979. His 1987 romantic novel "Norwegian Wood" was his first best-seller, establishing him as a



Japanese novelist Haruki Murakami poses at its radio station in Tokyo

young literary star. Recent best-sellers include "1Q84," "Colorless Tsukuru Tazaki and His Years of Pilgrimage" and his latest novel, "Killing Commandore." Music serves as important motifs in his stories, and he has also written books on the topic. Murakami started running soon after becoming a novelist, initially to lose weight he had gained from long hours of sitting and writing. He has since become a serious runner, completing more than 30 marathons.

He said he runs to keep up his physical strength. "When you write, your physical ability is extremely important," he said. "You sit all day and keep writing, so it takes a lot of energy, even though many people don't seem to believe me."

Rock music is his usual choice for running to keep a steady pace, he said, recommending "songs that you can sing along to, ideally those that give you courage."

Protagonists in Murakami's stories are often troubled young men seeking their self-identity in grim, dark or fantastical settings. But Murakami was upbeat and humorous during Sunday's program as in his short stories and essays, including his 2001 essay collection titled "Murakami Radio."

Ahead of y's show, Murakami said in a message released through Tokyo FM that he's collected so many records and CDs, he felt it would be more fun to share some of them than to keep the pleasure to himself. He has seven iPods storing 1,000 to 2,000 titles each, from which he

chose the songs for Sunday's show. On a radio show last week, anxious Murakami fans, including artists, discussed his novels and guessed his picks for yesterday. Murakami opened the show with Donald Fagen's "Madison Times," originally composed by jazz pianist Ray Bryant. He then played "Heigh-Ho/Whistle While You Work/Yo Ho (A Pirate's Life for Me)" by Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, one of Murakami's favorite groups and one mentioned in his debut novel.

Other songs played: "DB Blues" by King Pleasure, "Sky Pilot" by Eric Burdon and the Animals, "What a Wonderful World" by Joey Ramone, "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea" by George Harrison, "Knockin' on Heaven's Door" by Ben Sidran, "Love Train" by Hall & Oates and "Light My Fire" by the Doors.

Murakami took a few questions he selected from more than 2,000 submitted in advance, including some from abroad, though Sunday's program was for domestic listeners only. Asked what music he would request for his own funeral, Murakami said none: "I would rather go quietly." Asked to choose between life without a cat or music, he didn't answer, saying he would regret it either way.

While seeking privacy, Murakami has spoken out on various issues, including nuclear energy, global peace and, most recently, the executions of 13 Japanese cultists for a Tokyo subway gassing and other crimes. **AP**