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## WORLD BRIEFS

**VIETNAM** A senior executive for an international human rights group was detained by authorities yesterday as she arrived in the capital to attend a World Economic Forum meeting and is expected to be deported.

**PHILIPPINES** Rodrigo Duterte has decided not to seek the arrest of an opposition senator, who has taken refuge in the Senate, without a court warrant. *More on p20*



**PAKISTAN** The government of Pakistan's newly elected prime minister removed a minority Ahmadi Muslim from a recently established economic council because of opposition from hard-line Islamists.

**TURKMENISTAN** has inaugurated a large gas-powered electricity plant that is expected to sell about 3 billion kilowatt-hours of power a year to Afghanistan and Pakistan.



**IRAQ** Security forces were deployed on the streets of Basra on Saturday, a day after protesters in the southern city stormed the Iranian consulate and torched government buildings in violence that rocked the country's oil-exporting Shiite heartland.

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**REALTORS** on this side of the Pearl River estuary do not believe that the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) will significantly impact local property prices.

The perspective follows a report from the South China Morning Post last month, which cited a real estate agent who suggested that Macau residential property prices could see growth between 5 and 10 percent due to the Bridge. The real estate agent also forecasted a rise in commercial property prices of somewhere between 30 and 50 percent, on the basis of an increase in traffic between the two cities.

According to data from the Statistics and Census Service, residential property price indexes for the peninsula and the islands have been growing at a rate of between 0.5 and 2 percent per month. For the 12 months preceding July 2018, residential prices grew by about 1 percent per month on average.

“Our view is that [local] property prices have a strong inclination [of] going up, but it would be unlikely to see 30 to 50 percent growth in the next two to three years,” said Oli-

## HKZMB not expected to rumble Macau property prices

ver Tong, associate director for capital markets at Jones Lang LaSalle’s (JLL) Macau branch, when asked to comment on the prediction. “In many ways, the news of the bridge’s opening has already been factored into [Macau] prices.”

The report goes on to suggest that, with the bridge increasing connectivity, the difference in property prices between the two SARs will diminish. This would be a dramatic shift in the market. In some places in Hong Kong, property prices per square foot are as much as three times those in Macau.

“Yes, the two cities [of Hong Kong and Macau] are very close to each other, but we are using completely different engines to drive our economies. The structure of [property] buyers in Hong Kong and Macau are completely different. There are far more internatio-

nal investors in Hong Kong – and they want to be in Hong Kong for the financial, insurance and other major sectors,” said Tong.

In terms of infrastructure connectivity, the actual scope of the impact of the bridge may be considerably smaller, given the very restricted number of vehicles that will be permitted to drive on the bridge.

Last month, the Times interviewed realtors Suzanne Watkinson and Alex Cheng of Ambiente Properties who said they did not expect the bridge to have a significant impact, given the probable marginal improvement in connectivity.

“The tragedy in my mind was that there is not going to be a train,” said Watkinson on the matter. “That would really have given connectivity between the areas and that might have had an impact on the property market.”

In its 2017 mid-year property review, the Macau branch of JLL suggested that the only ef-

fect of the HKZMB would be for Macau’s property market “to remain healthy and stable.” **DB**

### ONE SHOT NEWS



The “Macau Elderly Sports Day 2018” was held at the Tap Seac Pavilion yesterday, attracting around 2,000 participants. Co-organized by the Sports Bureau and the Macau Elderly Sports Association, the annual event was themed “Practice Sports, Strengthen Your Health.” The event aims to encourage the elderly to be aware of their physical condition and to actively participate in sporting activities.

### ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

## CAN CATS SEE COLOR

**B**ECAUSE there is no form of two-way communications with cats, it can sometimes be difficult to determine what cats see. The only way to accurately describe the sight of cats is to actually examine the eye using modern science as a hitch. And while most cat owners would like to believe that their cat has the ability to see them clearly and in colour, the cat was simply not formed to exist in that manner. Now that there is the advent of medical science, there is more information than ever that can tell us exactly what cats see and why they can only see a limited amount of color.

#### Science of the Eye

The main component of the eye that is re-

lated to color is the retina. The retina is an outlet of nerves that contains both cones and rods. The cones work by taking in light and changing the images into color. That message is then sent to the brain and the concept of color is realized. Rods, on the other hand, take in light from the eye and contrast the image into black and white. The theory of cats being able to see color is directly related to the amount of cones and rods that are present in the retina. However, modern science has recently been able to determine that cats have a much higher amount of rods in the retina than they do cones.

What this means is that because cats do have cones in the retina, they do have some ability to see color. However, in com-



parison, cones in the retina of cats only account for roughly 20%. The other 80% consists of rods. This means that the ability to see color exists, but the ability to differentiate colors probably does not exist.

#### The Importance of the Eyes

From as far back as the history of the cat can be traced, cats have always been hunters. They lived and survived in the wilderness by hunting at night and keeping themselves concealed during the day. The

eyes were a great asset because they had the ability to see in much brighter contexts at night. This was essential to their survival.

It is important to understand that the ability to see color was never a necessity for the survival of the cat. In a dark and wooded forest, the cat had a limited use for colour; only bright contrasts that would allow him to successfully hunt his prey.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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# New protest against hazardous material warehouse

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A group of residents held a rally in the streets of Macau yesterday afternoon, continuing the call to prevent the building of two warehouses to store hazardous materials in the Concordia Industrial Park, surrounding the Cotai residential area.

An estimated 500 demonstrators gathered at Tap Seac Square before marching to the government headquarters.

The residents' representative, Edith Mak, told journalists the rally is in response to the government's silence over the concerns previously expressed in letters to the government.

"After all the events [we have held] and [after the] handing of petitions to the government, we have not yet received any satisfactory response from either Secretary [for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do] Rosário or from the Chief Executive," Mak said, adding, "What we want to hear is that the plan to build the

RENATO MARQUES



Aspect of the protest



Edith Mak

warehouses in the Industrial Park will be withdrawn."

In addition to the fact that the government has not shown any signs of reversing the decision to build the hazardous materials warehouse near a residential area, Mak said that the government has also not disclosed any information about the public consultation, or how the government came to decide on these two locations as "the most suitable ones" for the warehouses.

Mak recalled that no represen-

tative of the Seac Pai Van residents was ever consulted or called to express an opinion on the selected plots of land.

She added that the residents "welcome an open discussion [on the topic] but we have not yet been invited to be part of any process, talks, seminars or meetings on this matter," and urged the government to disclose "how many unused land [plots] are available to be considered for such facility." She also mentioned that "if they think there are

no land [plots], then we have far less information than them. They are the central body where the land information is centralized. We would like to know land information and discuss [other] possibilities and better locations for such facilities."

If the government insists on ignoring calls from the group, Mak warns, "we will insist and we won't rule out the possibility of another demonstration and another assembly, and [even] to escalate this matter to neighboring

cities to get more people aware [of the problem], not just people in Macau."

Mak says seeking help "from the Central Government, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other neighboring cities" is a possibility being considered. "I believe this is not just about the location of the [hazardous materials] warehouse in a place that affects people's livelihoods, but it's also about the lack of transparency in the processes of public consultation and all information about land. This is a big societal issue," she said. "We suspect that [it has to do] with the continuous support [from the government] to the industry, lowering their logistical costs [at the cost] of people's basic right to live safe and concern free."

When questioned by the Times on recent meetings held by the Secretary for Security, who tried to clarify warehouses' safety, Mak replied: "The only safer solution is to eliminate any possibility of accidents happening due to the existence of such a facility, and that [can] only happen with the cancellation of this project."

According to statements from the Public Security Police Force, authorities followed the rally with around 50 officers dispatched to guarantee public order, noting no problems occurred during the demonstration.

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**Q&A** SANDI MANHÃO  
OWNER OF FREE SPIRIT

# 'On average, a woman applies around 300 chemicals to her body a day'

Lynzy Valles

**T**HE use of essential oils has been expanding, with people now applying them to their skin, inhaling them or infusing teas with them, which many users identify as ways to improve sleep, reduce anxiety, and even lower blood pressure.

In Macau, Free Spirit holds workshops to inform participants on how fast and easy it is to make their own products free of toxins; and how to aid others to protect their families and have a greener lifestyle.

Sandi Manhão, owner of Free Spirit, is convinced that using essential oils is a good alternative in creating home necessities, and that using essential oils on a daily basis can be an asset, particularly to those looking to have a greener lifestyle.

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) - Is the interest growing amongst locals, compared to when you first initiated the project?**

**Sandi Manhão (SM) -** Yes, I do think so. When I started a few years ago, we were a very small group of friends who shared some tips on a Facebook group, but in the meantime, by word of mouth, it has been growing and, at the moment, we have more than 1,000 active participants. They tried them and they love them. The oils speak for themselves. People can see their benefits.

**MDT - Can this be a natural substitute for other herbal medicines?**

**SM -** For those looking to have a greener lifestyle, using essen-

tial oils on a daily basis can be an asset. Just by adding a few drops of essential oils to the diffuser we can improve the quality of the air in our house (instead of using candles or adapters with synthetic fragrances). It may help us relax and unwind, have a better sleep, uplift and boost our energy levels, help with our concentration [...] other amazing things and at the same time they deliver a nice aroma to our home.

**MDT - Are you seeing more locals experiment with these homeopathic alternatives?**

**SM -** More recently we have heard of essential oils, but their benefits have been recognized practically ever since history began. Over the years and with the advances of modern medicine, the natural method of treatment has been somewhat forgotten. Today, and especially in the last decade, there has been a tendency and a greater approximation to what is natural and organic. We are more aware of the pollution of the environment and the contamination of food

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Sandi Manhão



with pesticides. There is a greater demand for organic products and organic food and, as a result, essential oils are again in high demand.

We should avoid overloading our bodies with synthetic and harmful products so that we can live longer and with better quality. Each essential oil has its own chemical properties that we can benefit from, such as antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory and antifungal properties. They can support seasonal immunity, relax your body and soothe sore muscles, promote skin health, support a healthy inflammation response, promote healthy hormones, support healthy digestive function, clean your home and be used in household and personal care products.

The possibilities are endless, however it is important to note that not all essential oils are created equally. For therapeutic purposes, we have to select a high quality essential oil, unadulterated by chemical substances, which is very common in the market,

that are organic and have undergone rigorous tests certifying them for therapeutic purposes.

**MDT - What are the main benefits you think that we should be aware of while using products with essential oils?**

**SM -** Essential oils (especially the brand I use) are versatile, natural, [and] 100 percent pure. Because they have properties that we can benefit from, I use them extensively as a healthy alternative to [...] commercial cleaning, beauty and personal hygiene products; they've replaced my medicine cabinet and sometimes I use them for cooking.

**MDT - Can you speak further about the workshops that you hold?**

**SM -** On average, a woman applies around 300 chemicals to her body a day through [the use of] soaps, shampoos, body lotions and make-up. These are absorbed by the body, through the skin (our largest organ), mu-

cous membrane and other pathways. The biggest pollutants in our house are laundry detergents, fabric softeners, synthetic air purifiers and aromatic candles. We are unconsciously poisoning our family every day.

I know it is not easy to be totally green and we cannot have control over pollution, but we can improve the air we breathe in our own home. We can easily make everyday products with the essential oils and eliminate a great part of the toxins from the products we buy in supermarkets.

They are, therefore, a good alternative. They are totally free of toxins and extracted from plants. The purpose of the workshops I hold is basically to let people see how fast and how easy it is to make their own products free of toxins. We won't replace everything we have at home overnight, but we can make small changes over time.

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# Application for establishment of Faculty of Medicine under analysis

**T**HE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, said that an application for the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) is currently "being analyzed and studied carefully and in detail," a statement from the Office of the Secretary informed.

PAULO BARBOSA

Tam was speaking on the sidelines of an event on Saturday, noting that due to the enforcement of the new Higher Education Regime last week, the Tertiary Education Services Office (GAES) is analyzing the application submitted carefully, having already heard the opinions of scholars and experts.

According to the Secretary, the process is ongoing and the outcome will be disclosed to the public by the GAES upon completion.

When commenting on questions regarding the closure of several public swimming pool facilities due to lack of lifeguards from a concessionaire company, Tam said that it had already called on the company in question to comply with its contracted res-



ponsibilities, stating that, if this fails to occur, the Sports Bureau (ID) will start legal proceedings against the company. The Secretary has also demanded a quick resolution from ID, which might include the hiring of temporary lifeguards so that normal operation of the pools can resume as

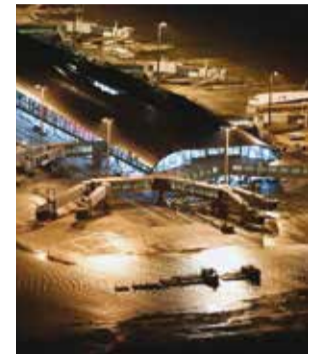
soon as possible.

At the same time, Secretary Tam reaffirmed his support for the continuation of Leong Vai Kei in the role of the deputy director of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), after the polemic comments made over pre-marital relationships, homosexuality and

sexual education [see also page 7].

Tam justified that Leong, who has been criticized by the public, should continue as an official since she has been working for DSEJ for over a decade and has a vast experience in public administration and good academic qualifications.

## Air Macau affected by Osaka airport closure



Air Macau flight services to Osaka continue to be affected by the closure of Kansai International Airport. As the airport's re-opening time remains uncertain, Air Macau has cancelled all services to and from Osaka for dates up to and including September 12. In view of this critical situation, Air Macau will be operating additional flights to Fukuoka over the weekend in order to meet passenger demand. With immediate effect, rebooking, rerouting and refunding fees will be waived for all passengers travelling with confirmed ticket bookings involving Macau - Osaka routes on Air Macau.

### CRIME

## 23 arrested in NAPE drug raid

**T**WENTY-THREE people were arrested on Thursday night for possession and consumption of illegal drugs, after police raided a casino-hotel in the NAPE district.

According to a spokesperson from the Judiciary Police (PJ), over MOP60,000 worth of illegal narcotics was found at the scene or confiscated from the suspects. In addition, the police seized more than RMB70,000 and HKD2,000 in cash.

The suspects were reportedly taking drugs in a private room of the casino-hotel. Police officers raided the scene and arrested 12 males and 11 females aged between 21 and 37, finding around 60 grams of drugs between them. All but three of the suspects tested positive for drug use.

During the raid, police officers noticed one of the male suspects attempting to discard the drugs on the floor.

According to a PJ spokesperson, "A male suspect surnamed Yang [was seen] abandoning a bag of suspected ketamine weighing 25.8 grams on the floor as well as seven bags of what is believed to be a drug nicknamed 'happy powder' that weighed 12.77 grams in total."

The suspect in question admitted to drug trafficking, but has not disclosed where the narcotics came from.

According to the PJ, the suspects now face charges of drug consumption and trafficking, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia.



A worker digs in a fermentation bed at an organic pig farm in Handan in northern China's Hebei province

### HEALTH

## No cases of African swine fever spotted in Macau yet

**W**HILE mainland China has been identifying outbreaks of African swine fever, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau of Macau (IACM) informed that no abnormalities have been found in Macau pigs imported from the mainland.

Recently, IACM held a meeting with mainland China's Animal and Plant Quarantine Department regarding pig exports to Macau.

According to the mainland authority, African swine fever outbreaks have been

continuously reported in Liaoning, Henan, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, and Heilongjiang provinces, which in turn, has seriously impacted to mainland's animal husbandry industry.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs said that the outbreaks are now under effective control.

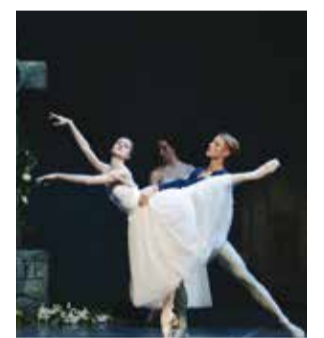
A statement from IACM says that African swine fever does not affect humans.

"Currently, there are no African swine fever outbreaks in Guangdong pro-

vinces. In order to ensure the stable supply of live pigs to Hong Kong and Macau markets, the Animal and Plant Quarantine Department of the General Administration of Customs of China requires all [mainland] customs authorities to enhance quarantine and supervision of live pig farms which supply to Hong Kong and Macau," the IACM statement says.

China reported its first case of the disease in August in Liaoning province.

## CCM hosts four performances of Giselle



The Macao Cultural Centre (CCM) presented four performances of Giselle in total, a production staged by the La Scala Ballet from Friday to Sunday at the Grand Auditorium. Telling the story of a young peasant girl who dies for love, this revival of Coralli-Perrot's choreography takes the audience back to the romantic roots of the renowned Milanese ballet, during the 1800s. To this day, the mythical La Scala Ballet remains one of ballet's most celebrated companies. Meanwhile, two workshops hosted by the Italian company's professionals provided participants with a chance to discover and physically experiment the dance moves over the weekend.

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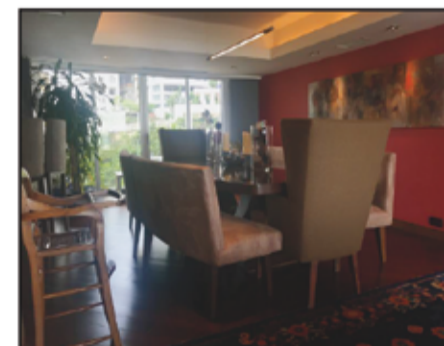
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# DSEJ expects student numbers to surge due to baby boom

Julie Zhu

**T**HE director of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ), Lou Pak Sang, hopes that the schools planned for the Canidrome land meet the potential growing demand for school places.

DSEJ's non-tertiary education committee held its third plenary meeting of the year on Friday. On the sidelines of the meeting, Lou informed the media that Macau will face growing demand for school places in the coming three years, due to the increasing birth rate.

"This year, the available school places are basically sufficient, and there is a small surplus. But according to birth rate statistics, [DSEJ] estimates that in the upcoming three years, the number of school places needed to match demand will be big," declared Lou.

"This is a significant challenge. [...] In the short term, we



Lou Pak Sang (center)

hope that schools can increase the number of students per class."

According to Lou, the baby boom will create demand for an additional 11,000 school places.

Currently, on average, each class has 28 students. If schools can increase the number of students per class to 33 to 35, then they will "alleviate a great pressure [falling upon the education authority]," said Lou. According to him, the education authority hopes to

increase school quotas by 10 percent.

Previously, it was announced that 20 percent of the Canidrome, roughly equivalent to 8,000 square meters, would be used for education facilities. Currently, DSEJ has not yet clarified the number of schools to be built on the land plot.

"Right now, we don't have that information. [...] We have to conduct an analysis first," said Lou, adding that "it is still too early to say if three schools or four schools are going to be

built. It depends on the scale of each school. [...] It might also not be infeasible to build more schools. We have to wait for the urban planning committee's [discussion]."

When considering which schools should use the Canidrome land, DSEJ will give priority to schools included in the government's "Blue Sky Project," or schools which are in demand for more spaces.

In addition, Lou answered the media's questions about the teaching of the Chinese national anthem in schools, saying that DSEJ will hand out supplementary teaching materials across all schools in Macau, including international schools.

Moreover, when questioned over whether DSEJ deputy director Leong Wai Kei was still suitable for her position due to recent controversy over her statement about homosexuality, Lou noted that Leong has "contributed to DSEJ's works" and is capable of continuing in the post.

## Property prices remain stable

The overall residential property price index for the three-month period between May and July 2018 increased by 0.5 percent over the previous period (April to June) to 270.7. The indexes for the Macau Peninsula (273.1) and for Taipa and Coloane (259.6) both rose by 0.5 percent. Meanwhile, the index for existing residential units (291.3) increased by 0.4 percent, with the indexes for those on the Macau Peninsula (287.5) and Taipa and Coloane (309) rising by 0.2 percent and 1.2 percent respectively. In comparison with the May to July 2017 period, the overall residential property price index increased by 11 percent, with the indexes for existing residential units and pre-sale residential units rising by 12.5 percent and 12.7 percent respectively.

## 9 assistance requests over Hokkaido earthquake

The Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) has informed in a statement that it is paying close attention to the earthquake situation in Hokkaido, Japan. The statement noted that as of yesterday, the GGCT had received nine requests for information, mainly relating to the current situation in Hokkaido and the transport arrangements being made. The bureau has also received three requests for assistance, two of which involve Macau residents who are expected to arrive in Hong Kong tonight.

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# First look at Roy Choi's Vegas spot, opening in time for Gaga

Kate Krader

**W**HEN Best Friend opens in Las Vegas in late December, it will represent one of the city's time-honored traditions: a sure thing.

The restaurant, inside the Park MGM, is the brainchild of Roy Choi, the soulful chef who jump-started the food truck trend around 2008 by tweeting locations of his Kogi BBQ Taco Truck in Los Angeles. The timing is as good as it gets in Vegas. Best Friend's opening will coincide with the beginning of Lady Gaga's residency at the neighboring Park Theater, which starts on Dec. 28, and ahead of the Consumer Electronics Show, kicking off on Jan. 8.

"If I can crush it in Vegas, it opens doors that normally I wouldn't be looking at, like Singapore, Dubai, Hong Kong, Korea," Choi says. It's a change of heart for the guy who's said no to Vegas projects for years while being recognized by the likes of the late Anthony Bourdain as a chef who personifies L.A.'s multicultural sensibility.

His restaurant is a key part of Park MGM's blockbuster culinary lineup. The USD550 million renovation of the former Monte Carlo hotel, which opened in May next to the New York-New York Hotel & Casino, includes the coming NoMad Restaurant and Bar within the NoMad hotel, as well as Eataly, which will welcome visitors early next year.

Best Friend is set on a corner of the casino floor, alongside Eataly and facing the Park Theater, where Gaga will perform. It's also near the \$375 million T-Mobile Arena, home of the National Hockey League's Vegas Golden Knights, who made it to the Stanley Cup Final in the team's first season. Choi anticipates blurring the lines that separate tourists, who stay on the Strip, from locals who avoid it. "It's going to feel a lot



Roy Choi

like L.A.," he says. "I'm calling it 'Los Vegas.'"

A Remixed and Remastered Menu For the first time, Choi will serve a compilation of the food he's cooked over the past 10 years at his destination L.A. spots. That includes everything from the rice bowls at Chego and the neighborhood Korean at Pot (he's since exited) to the next-level stoner food at A-Frame, the well-sourced fast food from Locol, and fare from his Kogi trucks. "Remixed and remastered," is how the chef describes the food he'll serve.

"Like the movie Chef [which Choi consulted on], sometimes you have to play your hits," he says. "It's like Coachella—you can't do your most obscure songs." He envisions customers eating dishes such as chili spaghetti or chow fun Bolognese along with Korean barbecue, uni crudo, grain bowls, and Locol burgers. "All on one table. It will have the energy of a busy dim sum restaurant," he says. "But with spectacle." The late-night menu will be an edited version of the main menu, with some surprises.

Choi will serve his famed Korean tacos two ways: classic, for the neophytes, as well as a 2.0 version. Many of the dishes will be braises and barbecue, fragrant cooking styles that create the atmosphere of a family meal—something you don't see much of in Vegas.

He also plans dishes like tangy tamarind cod with noodles and a braised spicy chicken from Korea, with lots of vegetables, that evokes a grandmother cooking a hearty, spice-filled soup.

The restaurant's entrance will be the Liquor Store—a bar designed as a store with shelves of snacks and Best Friend merchandise, plus a counter with fuzzy white bar stools. "It's flipping the script on a secret speak-easy," says Choi. Drinks will feature fresh-pressed juices and reimagined dubious 1980s classics like the fuzzy navel and piña colada. Also on the menu will be frozen alcohol-spiked yard drinks, including lemon soju, and snacks such as kimchi hot dogs.

The Liquor Store will also feature a video tunnel that doubles as an entrance to the restaurant. Will Choi create a drink for Lady Gaga? "That's a good idea," he says. "We will find a way to collaborate with her. And her fans. Our restaurant is literally right next door to her theater."

It's hard to walk a few feet in Vegas without bumping into a DJ. But they're invariably stationed in clubs like Tao, and the Best Friend dining room will include a DJ booth, too. Choi plans a mix of DJs from L.A. and Vegas, some of whom will feature the hip-hop culture he grew up with, including the California-based Beat Junkies. **Bloomberg**

## ENVIRONMENT

# Climate talks in Bangkok hit hurdle on financing commitment

**C**LIMATE negotiators in Bangkok made progress on several issues to set a framework for implementing the landmark 2015 Paris accord, but hit a stumbling block over details behind a plan for developed countries to spend USD100 billion a year to finance projects in the developing world.

The extra round of negotiations in Bangkok from Sept. 4 to Sept. 9 was meant to deliver progress in preparation for a final round of talks in December in Katowice, Poland, said United Nations Climate Change Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa in a briefing in Bangkok ahead of the meeting's close.

"Only limited progress has been achieved here in Bangkok," said Espinosa. "For Katowice to be successful, work needs to be sped up."

Delegates from 178 nations spent the week narrowing down options for a rule book for the Paris accord, in which rich and poor nations alike pledged for the first time to limit greenhouse gases. Ministers are expected to take final decisions in Katowice.

The talks in Bangkok were an extra round needed because not enough progress was made at the previous gathering in Bonn in May. The U.S. is involved in the talks, even though President Donald Trump has vowed to pull out of the Paris deal.

The rule book will outline how countries should meet their Paris goals, including how developed nations will help finance projects in developing ones. The rich nations' spending commitment is due to start in 2020.

Details about the financing were among the most contentious topics in Bangkok. Poorer countries want developed nations to report on their pledges every two years, while developed countries argue that their budgetary cycles make that difficult.

Disagreements also arose over how countries should be treated when it comes to reporting progress. Developing countries are arguing that they should be given more leniency since they don't have the same resources.

The chasms on such issues were so wide that delegates were unable to narrow down the options for those parts of the rule book, and instead asked the co-chairpersons of the panel to keep working on the text after the summit's end.

Delegates did produce draft negotiating texts outlining options for new global carbon markets under Paris. Countries will be able to voluntarily trade emission-reduction credits bilaterally, or via a new international program, known as the Sustainable Development Mechanism. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### ARMANI TO HEADLINE SANDS MACAO FASHION



Emporio Armani, in collaboration with the Rainbow Group, will be the headline brand for Sands Macao Fashion Week, which will be held from October 18 to 24.

Emporio Armani will showcase its Fall/Winter 2018 collection at an invitation-only gala event on October 18.

According to a joint statement, the show will feature

up to 60 looks from the brand's "see now, buy now," ready-to-wear collections.

Guests will be able to see the latest collections from a range of stores at a series of runway events at the Shoppes at Venetian on a catwalk over the Grand Canal itself on October 19 to 21.

The first Walk on Water show will feature local designer Nuno Lopes' debut Spring/Summer 2019 collection. The first local fashion designer to be featured in Vogue magazine and participate in London Fashion Week.

Meanwhile, 10 local fashion brands will showcase their new collections at the closing show.

### GTEF HOLDS ROADSHOW IN GUANGZHOU



The Global Tourism Economy Forum (GTEF) continued its China roadshow and promoted the forum at the 2018 China (Guangdong) International Tourism Industry

Expo (CITIE 2018) in Guangzhou from September 7 to 9.

GTEF also presented its 2018 event, including its Official Partner capacity for the 2018 EU-China Tourism Year,

with EU as the Partner Region, and Guangdong Province as the Featured Chinese Province with a special focus on the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, the forum noted in a statement.

GTEF 2018 will be held at MGM Cotai on October 23 and 24, with the theme "Strategic Partnership in a New Era, Rising Momentum for a Shared Future."

GTEF 2018 will explore the collective efforts between EU, the second-most popular destination for outbound Chinese tourists outside Asia, and the Greater Bay Area in Guangdong Province.

# China's trade outlook darkens as Trump threatens total tariffs

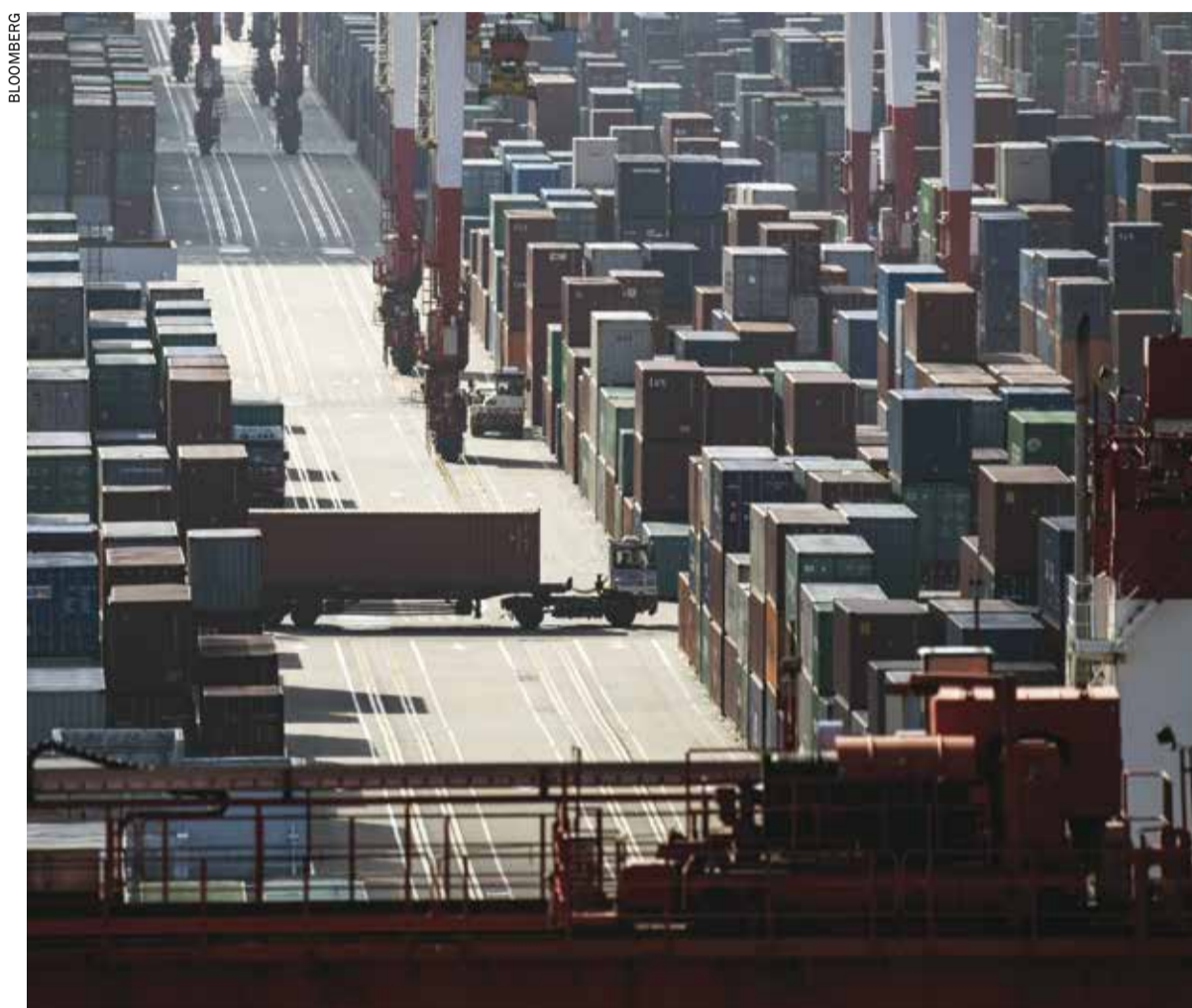
**CHINA'S** chances of escaping the trade conflict with the U.S. with only minor damage to its economy just got slimmer.

On Friday, U.S. President Donald Trump doubled down on his threats to impose higher tariffs on the nation's goods, saying he's ready to tax all imports "at short notice." While economists see the immediate impact of trade tension as limited, the effect on economic confidence may be larger, warned former People's Bank of China Governor Zhou Xiaochuan.

Trade data for August released Saturday echoed both the cause and effect of the standoff with the U.S. - the surplus with the U.S. rose to a record, while overall export growth slowed. A lone bright spot may be faster-than-expected import growth, signaling that domestic demand in the world's second-largest economy is holding up for now.

"With further large-scale U.S. tariff measures imminent, Chinese exporters will be hit hard and China's GDP growth rate in 2019 is likely to be dented," said Rajiv Biswas, Asia Pacific chief economist at IHS Markit in Singapore. "If the U.S. keeps ramping up its tariff measures against China, the export sector will face a long, hard road ahead despite government measures to mitigate the impact."

Hours before Trump's Friday threats, China announced measures to support some of the exporters targeted by the barrage of higher duties. The Ministry of Finance said it will raise export rebate rates for 397 goods, ranging from lubricants to chil-



dren's books, meaning that firms shipping such products abroad will pay less value-added tax. The new rates will be effective from Sept. 15, the ministry said in a statement on its website.

Chinese exporters are feeling the pain as trade tensions between the world's two biggest economies worsen. Data released Saturday showed that China's trade surplus with the U.S. widened to USD\$31.1 billion

during the month, according to Bloomberg calculations. The rise came despite exports climbing at the slowest pace since March. Shipments rose 9.8 percent in dollar terms, the customs administration said Saturday. Imports climbed 20 percent.

"Exports to the U.S. grew at a faster pace than the previous month as exporters front-loaded orders before the additional tariffs on \$200 billion Chinese goods take effect," said Gai

Xinzhe, an analyst at the Bank of China's Institute of International Finance in Beijing. Faster U.S. economic growth also pushed up demand, Gai said.

The key driver of China's surging surplus with the U.S. is Trump's Keynesian stimulus when the economy was already near full capacity, said David Dollar, a former U.S. Treasury attache in Beijing and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington. "The

import tariffs are not likely to change that," he said.

China though is wrestling with a policy-induced economic slowdown that's collided with uncertainties over the impact of the trade war. That's prompted leaders to ease their campaign to curb debt as they seek insurance against the risk of a future economic downdraft.

**China could be hit harder by a change in market sentiment than a direct impact from tariffs, says BOC Governor Zhou Xiaochuan**

Despite a shift to policy easing, falling export growth will exert increasingly stronger pressure on Beijing, said Lu Ting, chief China economist at Nomura International Ltd. in Hong Kong, in a note Saturday. Because value-added exports contribute about 10 percent of China's GDP, the incoming export slowdown indicates it may take longer for China's growth to recover, he said.

In the event of an all-out trade war, China could be hit harder by a change in market sentiment than a direct impact from tariffs, the PBOC's Zhou said in an interview with Bloomberg Television.

"People may become nervous," he said. "Nobody really knows. Suddenly there is a trade war. They may change their mind in terms of stock market investment." **Bloomberg**

## Xi plans to meet Putin on visit to Russian port city

**CHINESE** President Xi Jinping will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin next week in a sign of strengthening ties between the two Asian giants.

The summit will take place during Xi's working visit to Russia's far-eastern port city of Vladivostok tomorrow and Wednesday, the Chinese foreign ministry said Friday. It will be the first time a Chinese head of state has attended the Russian-hosted Eastern Economic Forum, a gathering Moscow hopes will encourage investment in its thinly populated far-east.

Xi's visit is a sign of healthy ties between China and

Russia that have been cemented by joint military exercises and coordination on foreign policy issues from Syria to North Korea. China this month is sending 3,200 troops and about 900 weapons units to take part in the biggest Russian military exercises since the Cold War.

The visit also comes as China is reaching out to trade partners amid a tariff war with the United States. Russia has in recent years surpassed Saudi Arabia as China's largest source of crude oil and Beijing also imports Russian gas and military equipment.

Russia and China have responded to the U.S. na-

tional security strategy describing them as America's top adversaries by vowing to further expand their economic, political and military cooperation. They have also sought to strengthen the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, a regional grouping they created and which holds occasional defense exercises.

The relationship is driven in part by the warm ties between Putin and Xi, seen as the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao Zedong. The two have met 25 times — five times last year alone, according to Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov. Putin's visit begins on Friday. **AP**





# Jack Ma to focus on education, philanthropy after Alibaba

Lulu Yilun Chen

**J**ACK Ma is making plans for a future after Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., the business he co-founded and turned into Asia's most valuable company.

Ma will unveil succession plans today and work on the transition over a significant period of time, according to the South China Morning Post, the Hong Kong newspaper owned by Alibaba. China's richest man explained in an interview with Bloomberg TV on Friday that he plans to shift his focus to education and return to teaching, his first love before starting his e-commerce empire. He has created a foundation in his own name, modeled in part of the efforts of Microsoft Corp. co-founder and fellow billionaire Bill Gates.

Ma, who turns 54 today, had already started to hand off responsibilities years ago, giving up the chief executive officer post in 2013. Still, he has remained executive chairman and continued to wield tremendous influence within the company. He has been the public face of the company - and indeed China's technology industry - while Daniel Zhang serves as CEO with a new generation of management in support.

"Jack stepping down won't affect the company too much because he hasn't been looking

after daily business for sometime and Daniel Zhang has been taking on the majority of managing responsibilities," said Steven Zhu, an analyst with Pacific Epoch. "Alibaba has done a lot of preparation for talent supply and nurturing."

An Alibaba spokesman declined to comment but advised citing the SCMP's story. An earlier story by the New York Times said Ma would step down today.

Alibaba, now valued at more than USD400 billion, has expanded well beyond its original focus on e-commerce into cloud computing, digital payments and investing in China's startups. Ma's departure is a reflection of confidence in current management, which is controlled by 36 partners including Zhang.

"I have full confidence in my team and in the partner structure, which lots of investors don't like," Ma said in his interview with Bloomberg. "I think some day, and soon, I'll go back to teaching. This is something I think I can do much better than being CEO of Alibaba."

Ma said he sees himself as an accidental executive. He was an English teacher before moving into the business world with Alibaba's founding almost 20 years ago. He now has a net worth of more than \$40 billion according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. He didn't in-

dicating if he would give away his money or put it into a trust as other billionaires have done.

"I've prepared a Jack Ma Foundation. All these things that I've been preparing for 10 years," he said. "There's a lot of things I can learn from Bill Gates. I can never be as rich, but one thing I can do better is to retire earlier."

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STEVEN ZHU  
ANALYST WITH PACIFIC EPOCH

Ma was born in September 1964 to Chinese traditional musician-storytellers living in Hangzhou, an ancient capital that's become a global high-tech hub and bastion of entrepreneurship, in part because of Alibaba's base there. He started Alibaba.com in 1999 as a business-to-business marketplace, backed by \$60,000 from 18 co-founders.

With savvy deals and an investment from SoftBank Group Corp., it's now morphed into a behemoth that can make or break brands. Customers use its e-commerce platforms to order products that last year saw package deliveries reach 55 million a day. Ma also controls Ant Financial, the online financial platform that runs China's largest mobile payment system and money-market fund. The business has more than 870 million users via payment system Alipay and its affiliates.

Alibaba has one of the strongest management teams in corporate China and, even if he steps down, Ma is likely to still have a role in setting top level strategy, said Brock Silvers, managing director of Kaiyuan Capital.

"When Jack Ma speaks longingly of retirement from Alibaba, there's no reason not to take him at his word," said Silvers. "On a day-to-day basis, Alibaba shareholders probably have little to fear should the charismatic Ma pull back a bit further."

A focus on education wouldn't surprise keen followers of Ma, who has spoken frequently of its importance to him and some of his shortcomings as a student, including failing China's national university exam twice.

"I was not considered a good student but I improved, we keep on learning all the time. So I want to devote most my time to this," Ma said.

During his time as chairman, he has helped guide growth at home and overseas while also spearheading Alibaba's 2014 initial public offering, the biggest ever. Ma was among the first foreign business leaders to meet with Donald Trump after his election.

Ma has thrived in the spotlight as he became a much sought-after guest for conferences around the world, even as tensions between China and the U.S. have risen over trade. But he has also said in the past that he isn't happy being the wealthiest person in China, where vast personal fortunes have only emerged in recent years and are subject to intense scrutiny.

As someone who has met the leaders of the world's two largest economies, Ma sees his future philanthropy as a way to bridge the divide between them.

"People in China and America, one thing we have in common is the heart of love and respect," Ma said. "This is a common language we have. The first tech revolution caused WWI, the second caused WWII, now we are a third revolution, what's gonna happen? It should be a war against poverty, disease et cetera."

If he were to leave the company he founded in a Hangzhou apartment, it would remain controlled by the partnership structure, which enables a group of executives at Alibaba and affiliates to decide on board nominations.

"It's the system which I think I have contributed to along with my team and this will be able to make the company last long," Ma said. **Bloomberg**



The Nibok refugee settlement on Nauru



From left: Mohammad, 17, Aryana, 2 1/2 months old, his mother and little brother Amirparsa, 11, are pictured on Nauru

# Unwanted by Australia, refugees on Nauru have few options

Nick Perry, Nauru

**SURROUNDED** by the shelves and furniture her older brother made, 13-year-old Parnian sits in the small, neat living room where she spends much of her time, recalling the day two years ago she watched family friend Omid set himself alight.

"It was just down there," she says, motioning toward a patch of dusty earth in front of a couple of shipping containers on this hot, rocky part of the island that locals call Topside. "And then the man was on fire. And he was just screaming."

Omid, 23, was airlifted from the Nibok refugee settlement, where Parnian lives, to a hospital in Australia, where he died two days later. He had timed his protest against Australia using Nauru as a holding station for more than 600 refugees to coincide with a visit by U.N. refugee agency officials.

Australia designed its policy of keeping boat refugees and asylum seekers far from its shores to deter more of them from trying to make the voyage, but many critics say it violates human rights.

Parnian has been stuck on this tiny island for nearly five years now. She spends her days sleeping and watching movies, avoiding the local schools where refugees are

often bullied.

She holds little hope of ever leaving. Some of her friends from Myanmar were accepted by the U.S., but her family is among the many Iranian Christians on Nauru who say the U.S. won't take them under its current immigration policies.

Like many of the refugees, Parnian did not want her full name used or her face shown in a photograph for fear of reprisals. She is one of about 120 refugee children and teenagers living on Nauru. In confronting interviews, several of the young refugees described how they often talk with each other about the desperate measures they're considering taking.

"A lot of them are doing hunger strike now," says another refugee, Mohammad, 17. "They're not eating anything. They're not drinking. Their hope is to get out of here. If they don't get out of here, they hope to get out of their life."

A series of Australian court cases has described how some of the refugee children on Nauru have been evacuated because they are suffering from resignation syndrome, a medical condition in which they withdraw socially and stop eating and drinking. Nauru's government claims the children have been manipulated into self-harm by

their families and activists in a bid to get to Australia and make headlines.

Not all the refugees feel so helpless. They aren't restricted in their movements on this island of 21 square kilometers and many work in local businesses. And Nauruans are proud of their country. Before dawn, residents are up and sweeping the streets and sidewalks.

**We need future. We need education. We need to be in a normal place.**

MOHAMMAD

The notion that some refugees could feel so unhappy about life on Nauru does not seem to sit well with its leader, President Baron Waqa. "They're living with us. They're living among us," Waqa said. "They're running their lives normally, just like any other Nauruans. They're provided all the services that are available to the Nauruans. And, you know, we live together very happily."

Waqa was this week put in the unusual position of facing questions about the refugees

from journalists, because the nation of 11,000 people was hosting the Pacific Islands Forum, a meeting of regional leaders.

For years, Nauru had effectively kept journalists away by charging a fee of 8,000 Australian dollars (USD5,750) to apply for media visas. Nauru waived the fee for the forum, but allowed only a handful of journalists into the country and placed restrictions on them.

One New Zealand journalist was detained by police for three hours after she was spotted talking to a refugee. And Waqa, whose nation's economy relies on the revenue that Australia provides for housing the refugees, did not seem in a mood to invite journalists back.

"The Pacific is doing a lot of good things. That's probably why [President Donald] Trump is not listening to us, because you people are not supporting us," he told media at a press conference. "You'd rather talk about the issues and refugees and things that only interest you, but not the Pacific."

Helia, 15, a refugee who lives near her friend Parnian at the Nibok settlement, says Nauru feels like a jail. She says it's hard to even consider what a normal life might be like.

"I'd like go to school and after school come back home,

go out with my friends, hang out, go to the movies. I don't know," she says. "There's nothing, literally nothing, here. It's not even safe."

Some of the refugees see some hope in moving to New Zealand, after it made an offer to Australia to take 150 refugees from Nauru and Papua New Guinea. But so far Australia has refused, saying that if the refugees gain citizenship in New Zealand, they could use that as a way to move to Australia thanks to the two countries free-movement policy.

Before New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern arrived at the forum, she said she wanted to hear the concerns of refugees. And Mohammad said he wanted to give her a message.

"What was my and the other children's guilt?" he said. "We were innocent. It was not our fault to come out of our countries. It was not our fault to be in Nauru. We need future. We need education. We need to be in a normal place."

After Ardern arrived, Waqa picked up a guitar and, along with a group of elders, serenaded her with a song he'd written himself. Included was a verse about Ardern's 11-week-old baby Neve: "Her future is bright and secure."

About the same time, Mohammad sent a text to a reporter. He'd heard that Ardern had arrived. Could he meet with her and tell her of the plight of the refugee children?

"Please tell me if you think there is a way," he wrote. Told it wouldn't be possible, Mohammad responded: "Oh," he wrote. "OK." AP



Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

# N. Korea stages huge parade, holds back on advanced missiles

**N**ORTH Korea rolled out some of its latest tanks and marched its best-trained goose-stepping units through Kim Il Sung Square in a major military parade yesterday to mark its 70th anniversary, but held back its most advanced missiles and devoted nearly half of the event to civilian efforts to build the domestic economy.

The strong emphasis on the economy underscores leader Kim Jong Un's new strategy of putting economic development front and center.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans waving brightly colored plastic bouquets filled Pyongyang's Kim Il Sung Square as the parade began. Pyongyang residents have been training for months for the anniversary and held up the bouquets to spell out words and slogans that can be seen from the VIP viewing area.

Kim attended the morning parade but did not address the assembled crowd, which included the head of the Chinese parliament and high-level delegations from countries that have friendly ties with the North.

At the end of the two-hour event he strolled to the edge of the balcony with the Chinese special envoy, Li Zhanshu, who is

also the third-ranking member in China's ruling Communist Party. The two held up their joined hands to symbolize the countries' traditionally close ties, though the absence of Chinese President Xi Jinping could indicate Beijing still has some reservations about Kim's initiatives.

Senior statesman Kim Yong Nam, the head of North Korea's parliament, set the relatively softer tone for the event with an opening speech that emphasized the economic goals of the regime, not its nuclear might. He called on the military to be ready to work to help build the economy.

After a truncated parade featuring tanks and some of its biggest artillery, fewer than the usual number of missiles and lots of goose-stepping units from all branches of the military, the focus switched to civilian groups ranging from nurses to students to construction workers, many with colorful floats beside them.

The combining of military and civilian sections is a familiar North Korean parade format.

The past two big anniversaries of North Korea's founding, in 2008 and 2013, did not feature the Korean People's Army, only the civil defense units, which are officially called "Worker Peasant Red Guards."

Although North Korea stages military parades almost every year, and held one just before the Olympics began in South Korea in February this year, yesterday's parade came at a particularly sensitive time.

Kim's effort to ease tensions with President Donald Trump has stalled since their June summit in Singapore. Both sides are now insisting on a different starting point. Washington wants Kim to commit to denuclearization first, but Pyongyang wants its security guaranteed and a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War.

With tensions once again on the rise, a parade featuring the very missiles that so unnerved Trump last year, and led to a dangerous volley of insults from both leaders, could have been seen as a

deliberate provocation. The North also refrained from immediately televising the event, though North Korean media were out in force to film it, deploying booms and — for possibly the first time — drones with cameras.

Capital residents unable to attend at the square lined the streets around town to cheer and applaud convoys carrying the troops after they complete the parade duties.

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Soon after the Sunday celebrations end, Kim will once again meet in Pyongyang with South Korean President Moon Jae-in to discuss ways to break the impasse over his nuclear weapons.

The "new line" of putting economic development first has been Kim's top priority this year. He claims to have perfected his nuclear arsenal enough to deter U.S. aggression and devote his resources to raising the nation's standard of living.

This year's celebrations also mark the revival of North Korea's iconic mass games after a five-year hiatus.

The mass games involve tens of thousands of people holding up placards or dancing in precise unison and are intended to be a display of national unity. This year's spectacle — tickets start at just over USD100 and go up to more than \$800 per seat — also has a strong economic theme.

An unofficial translation of its name this year is "Our Shining Nation." AP

## JAPAN

# Death toll nears 40 in Hokkaido earthquake

**T**HE death toll has hit 39 from a powerful earthquake that struck the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido last week, authorities said yesterday. One person remained missing in the hard-hit town of Atsuma, where multiple landslides triggered by the quake slammed into houses at the foot of steep hills.

Rescue workers used backhoes and shovels to search for the missing in a tangle of dirt, fallen trees

and the rubble of homes left by the landslides. All but four of the victims were from Atsuma, a community of 4,600 people.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited hard-hit Kiyota ward on the eastern edge of Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido. In some parts of Kiyota, the earth liquefied and sank as much as a meter, tilting houses, cracking roads and unleashing a mudflow that solidified and trapped vehicles in parking lots.

The magnitude 6.7 earthquake struck before daybreak Thursday and knocked out power and train service across Hokkaido, home to 5.4 million people. It took two days to restore electricity to most households. A few hundred were still without power Sunday, mostly in Atsuma.

About 2,600 people were staying in temporary shelters, down from a peak of 16,600, the Hokkaido government said. AP



A resident walks by damaged houses in Kiyota, on the outskirts of Sapporo city, Hokkaido

Radul Radovanovic, Kosovo

**KOSOVO** Albanians yesterday blocked roads and burned tires on a planned route by Serbia's president in the former Serbian province, further fueling tensions between the two Balkan foes.

During his two-day trip, President Aleksandar Vucic planned to visit a Serb-populated village in central Kosovo on Sunday, but roads leading to the region were blocked by wooden logs, trucks and heavy machinery, preventing him from reaching his destination.

Vucic and his entourage were stopped by Kosovo police on the road to the Drenica region and were told they couldn't continue for security reasons. Drenica was in the scene of the first bloody crackdown by Serb troops against ethnic Albanian separatists in 1998.

Kosovo President Hashim Thaci said that opposition by Kosovo's citizens to the visit by Vucic is understandable, but he urged restraint for the sake of peace and reconciliation after the 1998-99 war.

Thaci said on his Facebook page that the blockade "shows that the pain and war injuries are still fresh." Thaci added that as Kosovo and Serbia seek to mend ties, "the protests and road-blocking don't help us."

"We should know to raise beyond ourselves, beyond the injuries and manifold pain," said Thaci, who was a rebel commander during the war. "We should do this on behalf of peace and reconciliation."

Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj wrote on Facebook that he has "cancelled the permission issued by the Foreign Affairs Ministry for Serb President's visit to the Drenica zone."

"Citizens' security is above all,"

## Kosovo Albanians block roads during Serbia president visit



Kosovo Albanians run past a fire burning at a roadblock in Vojtesh



Serbian president Aleksandar Vucic speaks during his visit to the Gazivode Dam

he added.

Vucic said gunfire could be heard from the roadblocks.

"I don't like guns, but we won't allow anyone to harass Serbs in Kosovo," Vucic said. He did not indicate what kind of response he had in mind, but said that he won't call for the arming of Kosovo Serbs in retaliation.

Vucic was a fiery ultranationalist during the war. Kosovo was a Serbian province when a crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists in 1998-99 led to the deaths of more than 10,000 people.

The conflict ended with NATO intervention, which forced Serbia to pull out of the province. Kosovo declared independence in 2008, a move that Serbia doesn't recognize.

In his long-anticipated keynote speech in the divided Kosovo town of Mitrovica, the Serbian president said his country no longer wants to wage wars in Kosovo, but is seeking to build trust and friendship with majority Albanians.

"I am talking about reality. I do not sing battle songs, I don't want to incite war, I won't promise arms and ammunition," Vucic said, addressing thousands of Kosovo Serbs. "I wish to believe that we can now have an era of rational, and why not in 50 years, friendly relations with the Albanians."

But Vucic also issued a veiled threat, saying that Serbia will defend minority Serbs in its former province if they come under

attack. Serbs represent about 10 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people.

"We are not playing heroes, but I ask everyone on the other side to take my words seriously and accept them," he said. "I will not think twice to protect our people if our people are attacked in any part of Kosovo."

In the lengthy address, Vucic reiterated that an agreement to resolve the long-standing dispute with Kosovo was still far away, but promised to work to achieve it.

Despite expectations, Vucic failed to outline a concrete proposal for a future deal with Kosovo. Serbia and Kosovo must mend ties to advance toward European Union membership. The two si-

des have been engaged in EU-mediated negotiations.

Serbian Interior Minister Nebojsa Stefanovic blamed the road blockades on former Kosovo Liberation Army soldiers who fought Serb troops in Kosovo during the war.

Stefanovic said that security in Kosovo has deteriorated and that the gunshots are "a signal that Serbs are not welcome" in Kosovo.

He said that NATO-led KFOR troops and Kosovo police were being tested to provide safe passage for Vucic.

NATO-led peacekeepers in Kosovo said the safety of the Serbian president during his visit to Kosovo wasn't threatened despite the roadblocks. **AP**

BRITAIN

## Boris Johnson's 'suicide vest' comment sparks furor

**FORMER** British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has compared Prime Minister Theresa May's plan for Brexit to putting the country's constitution in a "suicide vest" and handing the detonator to the European Union — remarks that drew condemnation from colleagues yesterday.

The attack, and Johnson's choice of language, widened the divide in the governing Conservative Party over Brexit.

Johnson, a strong supporter of Brexit, quit May's government in July after rejecting her proposal for close economic ties with the bloc after the U.K.



leaves next year. His article in the Mail yesterday ramped up speculation that he plans to challenge her leadership.

Johnson said May's plan,

which would keep the U.K. aligned to EU regulations in return for free trade in goods, was a "humiliation" and amounted to "agreeing to take EU

rules, with no say on those rules."

He also said that by agreeing that the U.K.'s Northern Ireland must effectively remain in a customs union with the bloc in order to avoid a hard border with EU member Ireland, "we have wrapped a suicide vest around the British constitution — and handed the detonator" to the EU.

Foreign Office Minister Alan Duncan tweeted that the comments marked "one of the most disgusting moments in modern British politics" and should be "the political end of Boris Johnson."

Conservative lawmaker

Tom Tugendhat, a former army officer, said on Twitter that he had seen the aftermath of a suicide bombing in Afghanistan, and "comparing the PM to that isn't funny." He said that Johnson should "grow up."

Tousle-headed Johnson is a popular but divisive figure known for Latin quips and verbal blunders that have included calling Papua New Guineans cannibals and accusing people in Liverpool of "wallowing" in victimhood. Last month, he was criticized for comparing Muslim women who wear face-covering veils to "letter boxes."

After Britain's 2016 EU membership referendum, Johnson pulled out of a race to lead the Conservatives, which was won by May. His increasingly vocal attacks on the prime minister suggest that he wants a second shot at the top job.

Many expect May to face a leadership challenge soon if faltering Brexit negotiations with the European Union don't improve.

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but divorce talks have foundered amid Conservative Party divisions over how close a relationship to seek with the bloc. **MDT/AP**

Elliot Spagat, Anaheim

# Obama in campaign mode, back to promoting hope over fear

**F**ORMER President Barack Obama said Saturday that November midterm elections would give Americans “a chance to restore some sanity in our politics,” taking another swipe at his successor as he raises his profile campaigning for fellow Democrats to regain control of the House.

Obama didn't mention President Donald Trump by name during a 20-minute speech in the key Southern California battleground of Orange County but the allusions were clear.

“We're in a challenging moment because, when you look at the arc of American history, there's always been a push and pull between those who want to go forward and those who want to look back, between those who want to divide and those who are seeking to bring people together, between those who promote the politics of hope and those who exploit the politics of fear,” he said.

His appearance — one day after a strongly worded critique of Trump at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — touched on themes of retirement security, climate change and education.

“If we don't step up, things can get worse,” the former president told the audience at the Anaheim Convention Center. “In two months, we have the chance to restore some sanity to our politics. We have the chance to flip the House of Representatives and make sure there are real checks and balances in Washington.”

Obama gave shout-outs to seven Democratic candidates in competitive House districts across California that are considered crucial to the party's efforts to oust Re-



publicans from control. Four of those districts are at least partly in Orange County, a formerly reliable GOP bastion that went for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

**“If we don't step up, things can get worse.”**

BARACK OBAMA

“We're going to put on our marching shoes, we're going to start knocking on some doors, we're going to start making some calls,” he said to cheers.

Clinton trounced Trump by more than 4 million votes in California in 2016 and carried Orange

County by 9 percentage points. A surge in immigrants has transformed California and its voting patterns. The number of Hispanics, blacks and Asians combined has outnumbered whites in the state since 1998. Meanwhile, new voters, largely Latinos and Asians, lean Democratic.

In Orange County, Republicans held a 13-point edge in voter registration 10 years ago but that has shrunk to 3 points while independents, who tend to vote like Democrats in California, have climbed to 25 percent.

Democrats, hoping to build on their 39-14 advantage in the state's congressional delegation, are eyeing Republican seats in districts that Clinton won in 2016. Each of the seven candidates that Obama campaigned for on Saturday fit that description.

In Orange County, GOP Rep.

Mimi Walters faces a challenge from Katie Porter, a law professor at University of California at Irvine. Environmental lawyer Mike Levin is seeking an open seat to replace retiring GOP Rep. Darrell Issa in a district that includes part of Orange County.

Republican Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, whose district encompasses part of Orange County, is fending off a challenge from Democratic real estate investor Harley Rouda to secure a 16th term in Congress despite barely winning 30 percent of the primary vote. In the other Orange County race, Gil Cisneros, a Democratic philanthropist and Navy veteran, is vying for an open seat created by retiring Republican Ed Royce.

Obama also highlighted two races in the state's Central Valley, praising venture capitalist Josh Harder in his bid to unseat four-

term Republican Jeff Denham, and T.J. Cox, who is challenging David Valadao in a district where Democrats hold a 17-point advantage in voter registration.

He also made a plug for non-profit executive Katie Hill in her Los Angeles-area race to unseat sophomore Republican Steve Knight, who won an underwhelming 53 percent of the vote in 2016.

California Republicans said Obama's appearance would have little impact and may even help their party.

“I wish he would come more often because he reminds Republicans of eight years of misery,” said Republican National Committeeman Shawn Steel, who lives in Orange County. “It reminds the Republicans why these midterms are important.”

Vice President Mike Pence says it's disappointing that Obama is back on the campaign trail criticizing Trump.

Says Pence: “The truth is, the American people in 2016 rejected the policy and direction of Barack Obama when they elected President Donald Trump.” Pence comments came in a taped interview set to air on “Fox News Sunday.” Fox released an excerpt on Saturday.

Obama is expected to deliver a similar message in Cleveland on Thursday, when he campaigns on behalf of Richard Cordray, the Democratic nominee for Ohio governor, and other Democrats. **AP**

## BRAZIL

# Suspect in candidate stabbing moved to new prison

Stan Lehman, Sao Paulo

**T**HE man suspected of stabbing Brazilian presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro was moved Saturday to a prison in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul.

The Globo TV network said Adelio Bispo de Oliveira was taken to the Federal Prison in Campo Grande, the state's capital. It said he would be held in an isolation wing used for prisoners who might be in danger. Calls to the prison's administration went unanswered.

Bolsonaro, a far-right congressman running second in opinion polls, was stabbed Friday [Macau time] during a rally in Juiz de Fora, a city about 200 kilometers north of Rio de Janeiro.

He suffered intestinal

damage and serious internal bleeding before undergoing surgery at a local hospital. He was later transferred to Sao Paulo's Albert Einstein Hospital, where doctors said Saturday that he was improving.

“My father continues improving and has begun physical therapy sessions,” Flavio Bolsonaro, one of the candidate's sons, said on his Twitter account. He posted a photo showing his smiling father in a blue hospital gown sitting on a chair imitating pistols with both hands.

It is unclear what led de Oliveira to attack Bolsonaro.

The G1 news portal on Friday posted a cellphone video, apparently obtained from police, where he said he acted on God's orders.

Although there is no in-

dication that the stabbing was premeditated, the Bolsonaro camp has sought to pin the blame on the left.

“They say that he [de Oliveira] was a lone wolf. That it was an isolated case. That is not the case,” said Eduardo Bolsonaro, another son of the candidate. “At the very least he was a leftist with a lot of hate in his heart.”

Evangelical pastor Silas Malafaia said on Twitter that de Oliveira was once affiliated with the left-wing Socialism and Liberty Party, which like most of Brazil's political parties criticized the attack and called for a thorough investigation.

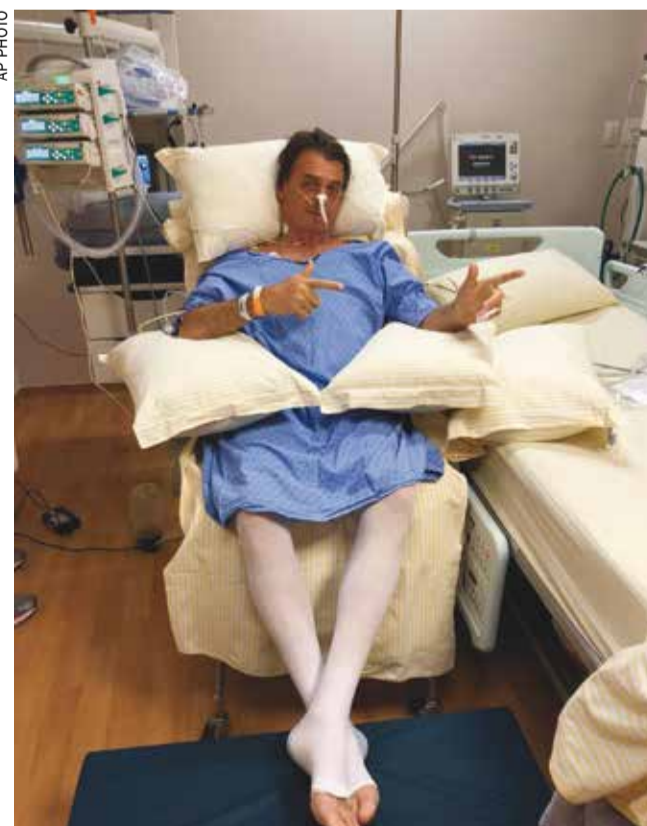
For Bolsonaro, there will be questions about his physical ability to campaign for the Oct. 7 election. “He probably won't

go back to the streets during this campaign, so he can't do it, but we can,” his son Flavio said in a video posted on Facebook.

The son later tweeted: “Jair Bolsonaro is stronger than ever and ready to be elected President of Brazil in the 1st round.”

About a dozen candidates are competing in the presidential race. If no one wins an outright majority, the top two finishers will face off in a runoff election Oct. 28.

The Federal Police said in a statement Saturday that the number of agents providing security for each candidate will be increased, though it provided no details. But Bazileu Margarido, an official in candidate Marina Silva's campaign, told G1 that the number of agents would rise to 25 from 21. **AP**



Jair Bolsonaro poses for a photo while sitting in his hospital room at the Albert Einstein Hospital

## what's ON



## MONKEY KING

TIME: 4pm &amp; 8pm daily (except on Thursdays)

VENUE: Sands Cotai Theatre

ADMISSION: MOP380, MOP480, MOP680, MOP980, MOP1280

COTAI TICKETING: (853) 2882 8818

KONG SENG TICKETING: (853) 2855 5555

## TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

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

VENUE: St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

## MACAU'S FIRECRACKER INDUSTRY - NEW WORKS BY LIO MAN CHEONG

TIME: 12pm to 8pm

UNTIL: October 5, 2018

VENUE: Taipa Village Art Space

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 6118

## SCULPTURE - A JOURNEY, EXHIBITION BY ANTÓNIO LEÇA

TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)

12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)

UNTIL: October 21, 2018

VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550 / 2852 3205

## MANDARIN'S HOUSE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

ADDRESS: No. 10, Travessa de António da Silva

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2896 8820

## MACAU SCIENCE CENTRE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except on Thursdays; open on public holidays)

VENUE: Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (Exhibition Centre)

MOP60 (Planetarium 2D dome or 2D

sky shows)

MOP80 (Planetarium 3D dome or 3D

sky shows)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2888 0822

## Offbeat

## VENOMOUS RATTLESNAKE FOUND NEAR MASSACHUSETTS GO-KART TRACK

Police responding to a Massachusetts go-kart track found a venomous snake wrapped around a tree in the parking lot.

Braintree police say the timber rattlesnake was discovered Wednesday night near X1 Boston.

Experts think the rattlesnake likely came from the nearby 6,000-acre Blue Hills Reservation, which has a known rattlesnake population.

Environmental Police officers captured the snake and released it "far, far from Braintree," back in the reservation.

The snake is an endangered species in Massachusetts, and it is illegal to kill one.

While a bite from the snake can kill, there have been no reported human fatalities in the state since 1791.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Portuguese Soap Opera
15:50	Cartoons
16:15	Portuguese Comedy
19:00	Portugal Fashion
19:35	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	You, Me & Apocalypse
22:00	Funny Things To Know
22:25	Portuguese Serie - Liberty 21
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Documentary
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:30	RTPi Live

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

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## KIN

ROOM 1  
2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Jonathan Baker &amp; Josh Baker

Starring: Myles Tritt, Jack Reynor, Dennis Quaid

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 102min

ALONG WITH THE GODS:  
THE LAST 49 DAYSROOM 1  
7:00pm

Director: Kim Yong-hwa

Starring: Shailene Woodley, Sam Claflin, Jeffrey Thomas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 96min



## ADRIFT

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

Director: Baltasar Kormákur

Starring: Dona Adwera, Peter Andre, Richie Campbell

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 85min

## KILLING FOR THE PROSECUTION

ROOM 2  
7:30pm

Director: Masato Harada

Starring: Takuya Kimura, Kazunari Ninomiya

Language: Japanese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 123min

## ADIEU

ROOM 3  
2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Kenneth Lau

Starring: Louis Cheung, Jason Chan, Michelle Wai

Language: Cantonese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 90min

## L STORM

ROOM 3  
4:30, 9:30pm

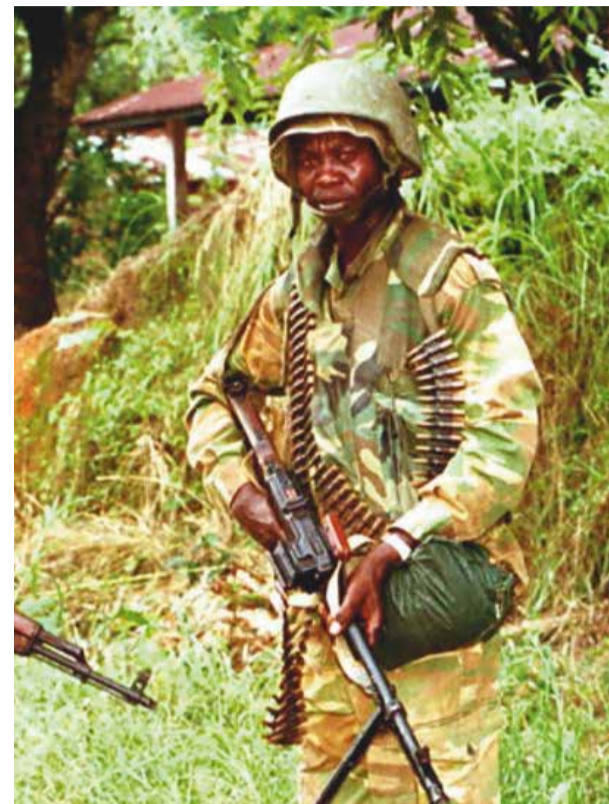
Director: David Lam

Starring: Louis Koo, Julian Cheung, Kevin Cheng

Language: Cantonese (Chinese &amp; English)

Duration: 90min

## this day in history



## 2000 DARING RESCUE FREES JUNGLE HOSTAGES

One British paratrooper has been killed and 11 injured during a bold mission to rescue six hostages being held in the Sierra Leonean jungle by a rebel group.

All the hostages are safe and aboard a Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel moored in the country's capital.

The captured soldiers - from the Royal Irish Regiment - were ambushed 16 days ago and were being held by the "West Side Boys" in a camp approximately 50 miles (80.5 km) from Freetown.

At least 20 of the rebels were killed in the attack which involved over 150 troops from the British army, including members of the Parachute Regiment and special forces.

The rescue began at 0630 local time (0730 BST) when British troops launched a simultaneous assault on the militia's hide-out in Rochel Creek and on the nearby village Magbeni - also held by the rebels.

The hostages were freed within 20 minutes, but a fierce fire-fight with the West Side Boys continued for another hour.

Some of the rebels were captured, including their 24-year-old leader, Foday Kallay.

UK Prime Minister Tony Blair announced news of the rescue to reporters in Downing Street.

"This was an operation carried out in circumstances of immense danger in face of armed resistance," he said.

He also praised the professionalism of the armed forces involved and confirmed there had been British casualties.

Britain's High Commissioner in Sierra Leone, Alan Jones, said there was no choice but to use force.

He told reporters the negotiation strategy adopted by the West Side Boys indicated the captured soldiers were at extreme risk.

General Sir Charles Guthrie, the Chief of Defence Staff, said there had also been fears the hostages would be moved.

"We worked hard to find out exactly where they were being detained and we did not want to lose that and go back to square one," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

UK forces were originally sent to the Sierra Leone to help with the evacuation of foreign nationals.

They were needed to bolster the UN peacekeeping force and Sierra Leonean army as rebel forces advanced on the capital of the former British colony.

The West Side Boys were a small but dangerous maverick group, and not connected to the country's biggest rebel force - the Revolutionary United Front.

British soldiers remained in the country to help train the Sierra Leonean army. When this mission ended in September 2001 they withdrew leaving just a small force to act as military observers for the UN.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Recent bad habits are preventing you from expecting the best of yourself...

Taurus April 20-May 20 If these changes happen within a friendship, you will see your friend being a lot more conscientious about your time and priorities.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your creativity and cunning act as an unbeatable combination when you're faced with an unruly obstacle today.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 The physical changes you seek may be coming at a frustratingly slow pace, but they are coming.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Appearances come into new importance - you will be attracted to brighter, clearer visuals.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Starting now, you need to give yourself a lot more credit when it comes to business and financial matters.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Take a bow as part of the team and bask in the knowledge that it could not have happened without you.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 If you keep your mind open to new experiences, you will soon understand how to spread this feeling of safety and security into those places in your life that intimidate you.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 There is someone in your life who always knows what to say and always tells it to you straight.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Shift your focus away from material goods, fancy trips or expensive meals.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The buzz around you is rising to a fever pitch and people you thought didn't even know your name are giving you a lot of attention.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Your friendly demeanor has been a huge asset for you, but it may give someone the impression that you're not going to put up a fight if you get pushed.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

Easy Sudoku grid with numbers 5, 2, 3, 1, 8, 3, 4, 1, 5, 2, 2, 1, 9, 9, 7, 2, 6, 5, 9, 7, 6, 7, 9, 2, 4, 8, 6, 4, 3, 9.

Easy+

Easy+ Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 5, 8, 2, 6, 5, 4, 7, 2, 9, 1, 9, 7, 5, 6, 1, 8, 2, 1, 8, 4, 3, 2, 1, 7, 3, 7, 8.

Medium

Medium Sudoku grid with numbers 6, 5, 7, 2, 1, 1, 9, 8, 4, 5, 1, 7, 7, 4, 5, 8, 2, 5, 7, 7, 8, 9, 4, 2, 8, 9, 8, 3, 1.

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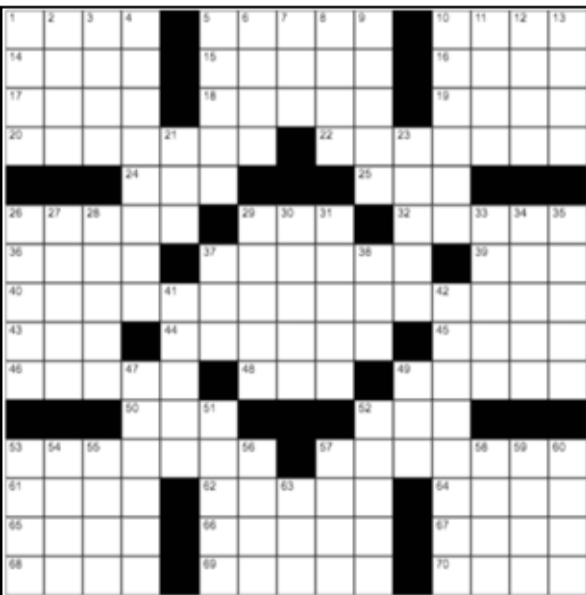
WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Wait \_\_\_; 5- Play groups; 10- German river; 14- Whip; 15- Nautical direction; 16- Roughly; 17- Architectural pier; 18- Sarge's superior; 19- Division word; 20- Dwells; 22- Sleeping chamber; 24- Capture; 25- "The Bells" poet; 26- Sudden convulsion; 29- Trauma ctrs.; 32- Horselike African mammal; 36- Killer whale; 37- Prima ballerina; 39- Stimp's pal; 40- In spite of; 43- "\_\_\_ Beso" (1962 hit); 44- Elevated; 45- Mideast airline; 46- Inward feeling; 48- El \_\_\_ (Spanish hero); 49- Greeting; 50- Explosive stuff; 52- Eat dinner; 53- Engender; 57- Republic in W Africa; 61- Venture; 62- Boring tool; 64- Henpecks; 65- Historic times; 66- Street show; 67- Greek god of love; 68- Chow; 69- Luges; 70- Actress Laura;

DOWN: 1- Banned apple spray; 2- Sensible; 3- Ballpark figs.; 4- Portable power saw; 5- Biblical spy; 6- Mil. addresses; 7- \_\_\_ Canals; 8- Chicago paper, for short; 9- Exorbitant; 10- Evening affair; 11- Cartoonist Peter; 12- Respecting; 13- Chamber; 21- Block; 23- Group of 12; 26- Loudness units; 27- Plain writing; 28- Follow, as advice; 29- Moral principle; 30- Martini's partner; 31- Located; 33- Edible European flatfish; 34- Pertaining to the kidneys; 35- \_\_\_-Saxon; 37- Zeta follower; 38- Boy; 41- "Goodnight" girl; 42- Intensified; 47- Emphasis; 49- Embrace; 51- Rips; 52- Fathers; 53- \_\_\_ fixe (obsession); 54- Japan's first capital; 55- Spoiled child; 56- Twofold; 57- Call for; 58- Almost unobtainable; 59- Aviation pioneer Sikorsky; 60- Org.; 63- College sr.'s test;



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RUGBY

# Experimental All Blacks team overcomes Argentina 46-24

**A**N experimental All Blacks team was forced to dig deep Saturday to beat massive underdogs Argentina 46-24 in a Rugby Championship test at Trafalgar Park.

Argentina, which hadn't beaten New Zealand in any of their 26 previous tests, scored the first try of both halves and played an unexpectedly potent attacking game to keep New Zealand under constant pressure.

A disallowed try, a struggling scrum, a number of handling errors and a heavy penalty count finally thwarted the challenge of an Argentina team playing with confidence after beating South Africa in their most recent test.

New Zealand held an unconvincing 18-14 lead after 50 minutes but a try-scoring double by scrumhalf T.J. Perenara and other tries to returning winger Nehe Milner-Skudder, captain Kieran Read, Shannon Frizell and Jack Goodhue allowed the All Blacks to escape and retain their unbeaten record in this year's Rugby Championship.



All Blacks Anton Lienert-Brown (left) attacks against the Pumas at Trafalgar Park in Nelson, New Zealand

For the Pumas, flyhalf Nicolas Sanchez scored a try and kicked three conversions and a penalty to overtake Felipe Contepomi (651 points) as the leading scorer for Argentina in tests.

"[Argentina] really brought it to us today but we expected that," Read said. "There was probably a lot of effort out there from us but not that much accuracy [...] We went wide too early and didn't quite respect

the ball enough."

Argentina signaled its intention from the outset, running onto the ball at pace and rocking the All Blacks with the first try of the match after 15 minutes to winger Ramiro Moyano. Milner-Skudder missed his defensive assignment on his opposite number and Moyano launched a weaving, inside-outside run, beating Perenara and flyhalf Richie Mo'unga on his way to

the line.

New Zealand reclaimed the lead with a try to Milner-Skudder, playing his first test since October after injuries, who finished wide out after a line break by young flanker Frizell. The ball-carrying by Frizell, who was among New Zealand's best players, and by other forwards such as Scott Barrett and Codie Taylor was the best part of an otherwise disjointed All Blacks performance.

The New Zealand team featured nine changes — eight of personnel and one positional — from the one which beat Australia 40-12 in the previous round of the Championship. The new combination didn't work and became more fragile when the All Blacks lost two key players — lock Brodie Retallick and center Ngani Laumape — to injuries around the ninth minute, forcing them to plunder their bench earlier than intended.

Perenara scored his first try in the 29th minute after a long period of pressure on the Pumas' line and soon after made a try-

saving tackle on Matias Moroni that was important to the outcome of the test, allowing the All Blacks to go to halftime with an 18-7 lead.

Sanchez sent Moroni away on a dash down the right touchline and Perenara scampered across to make a tackle in the corner. After a long consultation the referees decided Moroni had put a foot in touch.

Argentina again scored first in the second half with Sanchez dashing through a gap between forwards Owen Franks and Taylor after steady pressure on the All Blacks line. At 18-14 Read called the All Blacks together for a pep talk.

Read led the fightback with a try of his own in the 49th which helped to make the game safe. Sanchez reduced the margin with a penalty which took him past Contepomi's scoring milestone.

Perenara's second try gave the All Blacks a 32-17 lead but the Pumas hit back again with a try to fullback Emiliano Boffelli off a short pass from Sanchez.

The All Blacks finished strongly with late tries to Frizell and Goodhue. Mo'unga, starting a test for the first time, had a mixed performance, missing his first kick at touch from a penalty and recording an early handling error and missed tackle in Moyano's try. But he finished with five conversions and two penalties for 16 points. **AP**

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TENNIS

# Williams: Umpire treated her differently than a male player

SERENA Williams thought she was treated more harshly by the chair umpire in the U.S. Open final than a man would have been.

Williams was cited by official Carlos Ramos for three code violations during her 6-2, 6-4 loss to Naomi Osaka on Saturday: for getting coaching signals; for breaking her racket, which cost her a point; and for calling the chair umpire a thief, which cost her a game.

"I've seen other men call other umpires several things. I'm here fighting for women's rights and for women's equality and for all kinds of stuff. For me to say 'thief,' and for him to take a game, it made me feel like it was a sexist remark. He's never taken a game from a man because they said 'thief,'" Williams said at her news conference.

"For me, it blows my mind," Williams said. "But I'm going to continue to fight for women."

Earlier, as Williams pleaded her case on court with tournament referee Brian Earley, calling the penalties unfair, she said: "Because you're a woman, you're going to take this away from me?"

"There's a lot of men out here that have said a lot of things," Williams said, "and because they are men, that doesn't happen."

Two-time Australian Open champion and two-time U.S.

Open runner-up Victoria Azarenka backed up Williams' stance, writing on Twitter: "If it was men's match, this wouldn't happen like this. It just wouldn't"

Billie Jean King, who won 12 Grand Slam singles titles and helped found the women's tennis tour and pave the way for equal prize money in the sport, also commented via Twitter on what happened Saturday.

"Several things went very wrong during" the match, King wrote. "Coaching on every point should be allowed in tennis. It isn't, and as a result, a player was penalized for the actions of her coach. This should not happen."

In a second tweet, King said: "When a woman is emotional, she's 'hysterical' and she's penalized for it. When a man does the same, he's 'outspoken' & and there are no repercussions. Thank you [Serena Williams] for calling out this double standard. More voices are needed to do the same."

There have been a series of recent happenings that illustrate the ways in which tennis does do

things differently for men and women.

Just before the U.S. Open, the French tennis federation president said that the black catsuit worn this year by Williams at the French Open would not be allowed at that tournament in the future. During the U.S. Open, a female player, Alize Cornet, was incorrectly admonished by a chair umpire for changing her shirt during a match, which is allowed — and which men do all the time. And the U.S. Tennis Association created a new rule last week that allows for a 10-minute break in men's matches when the heat and humidity are too harsh; previously, only women were given that chance for a delay.

"I just feel like the fact that I have to go through this is just an example for the next person that has emotions, and that want to express themselves, and want to be a strong woman. They're going to be allowed to do that because of today," Williams said. "Maybe it didn't work out for me, but it's going to work out for the next person." AP



Serena Williams talks with chair umpire Carlos Ramos after Osaka defeated Williams in the women's final of the U.S. Open tennis tournament

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**Rear Window**  
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**LEI KONG ON TRIAL FOR DEFAMATION**

First of all we have to plead for your leniency on the untasteful title a la social realism, and for the very word leniency that usually sends shivers whenever keyboarding anything related to freedom of speech on its heights of the Press. And it is about this thing, freedom of speech, that the MSAR Court of First Instance is called to rule on the defamation of Polytec Group, the developer of the notorious Pearl Horizon housing project, put up against "Son Pou" columnist Lei Kong as well as the weekly director Chao Chong Peng.

To summarize a well-known situation, the Polytec lawsuit is grounded on a suspicion of fraud involving PH for not complying with the contract to hand the houses to the buyers, which Lei Kong mentioned in his commentary column. According to Chao, the plaintiff is asking for an apology and a crippling payment of MOP2 million. The court will decide the coming October 3rd.

However the libel itself exerted an enormous pressure on 30 year-long contributor Lei Kong... he is not writing his high-profile stuff since he received the court notification. Call it self-censorship if you like but the newspaper director Chao has been bold enough to address the lawsuit as "bad faith" against Lei Kong, whose commentary was clearly objective and more also based on the perspective of an economist... "an attempt to suppress freedom of speech". Lei Kong is adamant to confess to MDT: I do not dare to write, and I can't write either" - and pardon us the unintended fun, cause there is no fun about a "serious incident, and it harms the freedom of press".

Given the zeitgeist in the Macau Special Administrative Region we would like to call the coming October 3rd a VIT, or a very important trial pitting big money against small paper. The VIT happens in a grey political environment that has been contaminating the solid basis that constitutes the ground to build the Special Administrative Region.

It looks like that - for reasons we will not and cannot fully expound here - the Basic Law has to be untouched as the constitutional document of Macau; but we could mention its preamble that addresses the historic reality of Macau that bred up to a point the policy of "one country, two systems".

It looks like too that, given the static frame of the Basic Law, the ongoing drive in the MSAR is to stretch the system we call the second without challenging the Basic Law. A good example, since we are today about freedom of the press, is a letter a local journalists' association sent to Secretary Wong Sio Chak expressing concerns over the consequences on freedom of the press if changes to be introduced in the Civil Protection Law (CPL) are to be enforced.

Allegedly the proposal of CPL has an exception rational but it opens to replace information, or take information as toxic, for information of biased nature, aka propaganda.

What makes us wonder about the above mentioned drive to stretch the second system is the ultimate trick of dressing those who denounce the assault on any given aspects of the second system as enemies of change and progress, enemies of evolution and development, in other words reactionaries soon to gain the status of opponents.

**THE THAI STUDENT DEATHS IN SEATTLE**  
**BUZZ RULED MURDER-SUICIDE**

The deaths of two female students from Thailand have been ruled a murder-suicide, according to authorities in Seattle. The women were 25-year-old Kornkamol Leenavarat and her close friend 32-year-old Thiti-orn Chotchuangsap, The Bangkok Post in Thailand reported. The younger woman had flown to the U.S. recently to attend the University of Washington, the news outlet reported.

Police found their bodies in an apartment in Seattle's University District on Tuesday after responding to a call from a building manager. The King County Medical Examiner's Office in Seattle said Thursday that Leenavarat died from multiple stab wounds and her death was ruled a homicide. The medical examiner said the older woman died of a stab wound to the chest and that her death was ruled a suicide. Both died on Saturday.

PHILIPPINES

**Duterte: Defiant senator won't be arrested without warrant**



Antonio Trillanes IV (left) is interviewed by the media inside his office where he remains holed u

Jim Gomez, Manila

**PHILIPPINE** President Rodrigo Duterte has decided not to seek the arrest of an opposition senator, who has taken refuge in the Senate, without a court warrant after the defiant lawmaker asked the Supreme Court to declare Duterte's order illegal.

The decision, however, failed to ease tensions between Duterte and Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV, the volatile president's fiercest critic in Congress. "This is not true," Trillanes said Friday of Duterte's assurance.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque told a news conference in Jordan, where Duterte is winding up a visit, that the president made the decision "to abide with the rule of law" after a long discussion with Cabinet officials who were traveling with him. Duterte is to return home Saturday, a day earlier than originally scheduled.

"The instruction is to abide with the rule of law," Roque said. "If there is no warrant of arrest issued by any court, do not apprehend Sen. Trillanes."

Backed by dozens of supporters, Trillanes did not immediately venture out of the Senate building, where he has been marooned since Tuesday. His lawyer said the senator would make sure there is no more danger of an "illegal arrest."

In a signed proclamation

made public Tuesday, Duterte voided a 2011 amnesty granted to Trillanes, who once joined mutinies as a navy officer, and ordered his arrest.

Trillanes refused to leave the Senate and instead asked the Supreme Court in a petition to declare Duterte's order illegal without a court warrant, which, if upheld by the high court, could open the president to impeachment bids.

Known for his temper and outbursts against critics, Duterte has openly expressed anger against Trillanes, who has accused him of large-scale corruption and involvement in illegal drugs and extrajudicial killings in an anti-drug crackdown that has left thousands of suspects dead. Duterte has denied the allegations.

The Department of Justice said Duterte voided Trillanes's amnesty because the senator did not file a formal amnesty application and admit guilt for his role in past coup attempts.

Trillanes, however, has presented TV and newspaper reports, along with defense department documents, showing he applied for the amnesty and acknowledged his role in three military uprisings between 2003 and 2007.

Trillanes, 47, was jailed for more than seven years for involvement in the army uprisings, including a 2003 mutiny against then President Gloria Macapagal Ar-

royo when he and other young officers rigged part of a road in the Makati financial district with bombs and took over an upscale residential building.

After being amnestied under Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, Trillanes successfully petitioned two Philippine courts to dismiss rebellion and coup cases against him, allowing him to later run for public office.

Despite many legal questions, the Department of Justice has asked the courts to issue a warrant for the senator's arrest and revive rebellion cases against him. Separately, the Department of Defense said earlier this week that it has deployed officers to the Senate to take custody of Trillanes and have him face a military court of inquiry into his role in the coup attempts. A military detention cell was being readied for him.

Duterte "has made it very clear that although a military tribunal could order his arrest, he prefers and he has ordered that authorities wait for the decision of the regional trial court," Roque said.

Since Duterte took office in 2016, another opposition senator has been jailed on illegal drugs charges, a critical Supreme Court chief justice has been ousted by fellow judges, and foreign critics, including an Australian nun, have been barred from entering the Philippines or threatened with deportation. **AP**

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**WORLD BRIEFS**

**YEMEN** The U.N. special envoy to Yemen sought to downplay the significance of the failure of peace talks to start, saying that he would head back to Yemen and neighboring Oman "within days" to try and agree on a new date.



**KOSOVO** Dissidents blocked roads and burned tires on a planned route by Serbia's president in the former Serbian province yesterday, further fueling tensions between the two Balkan foes. *More on p14*

**SWEDEN** went to the polls yesterday in a general election that is expected to be one of the most unpredictable and thrilling races in the Scandinavian country for decades amid heated debate on immigration.



**BRITAIN** Former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has compared Prime Minister Theresa May's plan for Brexit to putting the country's constitution in a "suicide vest" and handing the detonator to the European Union. *More on p14*

**BRAZIL** The man suspected of stabbing Brazilian presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro was moved to a prison in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul. *More on p15*



**US** A roaring wildfire that shut down a stretch of a major interstate near the California-Oregon border exploded in size as crews on Saturday scrambled to prevent flames from reaching rural communities.