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**INDONESIA** Relatives of Lion Air crash victims prayed and threw flowers into the Java Sea where the jet plunged into the water more than a week ago, killing all 189 people on board. Two Indonesian navy vessels took hundreds of relatives to the crash location yesterday where a massive search effort is still underway.

**THAILAND** Health authorities in Thailand are racing to contain a measles outbreak in the country's southern provinces, where 14 deaths and more than 1,500 cases have been reported since September. [More on p13](#)



**SRI LANKA** A deputy minister resigned yesterday from Sri Lanka's government after the appointment of a former strongman as prime minister plunged the country into a political crisis. [More on p12](#)

**IRAN** The "largest-ever" U.S. sanctions list targeting Iran drew mockery from Iranian officials yesterday for including mothballed Boeing 747s, a bank that closed years earlier and a sunken oil tanker that exploded off China months ago. [More on backpage](#)

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## Group calls for increase in subsidies for the disabled

A group of ten local residents visited the government headquarters yesterday, delivering a letter to the Macau SAR government calling for an increase in subsidies for the disabled. The letter collected nearly 7,000 signatures in four days. The local government is giving a maximum of MOP16,000 annually to disabled residents, but the amount has not been adjusted for three years. The Macau Special Educational Needs Student Advancement Association (the organizer of the letter hand-in) hopes that the government can launch a caretaker subsidy. The group is also asking for more integrated gardens, accessible toilets, and more support for children with special needs aged around 6 years old.

## Procurement law on public consultation

Starting from yesterday, the city's public procurement law is open for public consultation. Yesterday, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, commented that the most important principle for the city's new public procurement is to increase the procurement transparency in order to increase the public's confidence in the government. The public consultation period will last 60 days. Leong is calling on all residents to actively submit their opinions. The law proposes that projects on public tender should be worth MOP15 million, compared to the current figure of MOP2.5 million.

## 101X to stop at La Marina

Starting from today, bus route 101X will have one more stop at La Marina station, according to a statement released by the Transport Bureau (DSAT). The route 101X's first stop, after leaving the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Macau port, will be La Marina station. This decision aims to increase the convenience of passengers travelling to the Area Preta area. After that stop, the bus will continue along its original route. Route 101X links the HKZMB Macau port to the Macau Peninsula and runs for 24 hours a day.

# HKZM bridge may add to traffic trouble during Grand Prix



Aspect of yesterday's press conference

### Renato Marques

**T**HE opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge may create added traffic complications during the Macau Grand Prix, representatives of the Transport Bureau (DSAT) admitted yesterday during a press conference from the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee to present the traffic changes planned for this month.

Questioned by the media, both DSAT representatives admitted the potential problem.

"A large flow of traffic is expected during the races, especially in the northern district. We urge citizens not to use private cars for their transportation, [but travel] as much as possible on foot or using public transportation," said Mok Soi Tou, the

head of the DSAT's Services Coordination Department.

Mok was adding to the words of Chiang Ngoc Vai, deputy director of the DSAT, who had already noted that there would be "a little" increase in traffic this year, but that the Bureau was coordinating with police authorities to "try to minimize the impact as much as possible."

"We expect that there will be an added [traffic] pressure, but will it be at a level that people can not cope with? No, I do not think it will be like that. We urge people to be a little more patient," Chiang said.

According to Lao Sio Hap, a senior police official in the Public Security Police Force, last year the force issued a total of almost 11,000 fines to drivers during the four days of the Grand Prix.

According to Lao, "some of them [were] for illegal parking and other administrative offences," though the official was not able to recall the offences in detail.

The figure cited was in fact used as a "warning" to drivers, adding that the police will deploy special inspections and enforced fining measures from November 15 to 18, in order to minimize traffic problems.

The same official, noting the reduction of parking spaces in certain areas during the event, warned drivers to "park their vehicles safely and properly".

In the event of an accident on one of the bridges, the police will use tow trucks specially prepared for prompt deployment in order to minimize traffic jams.

The police will have the capacity to deploy more officers to assist with traffic management at the major crossroads of the city.

As for traffic restrictions, they will be the same as in previous editions of the Grand Prix, with restrictions put into effect at midnight on November 15 and the complete closure of the circuit area at 6 a.m.

The officials also advised citizens to plan ahead, taking into account that transportation will take more time than on normal days. They recommend that the public avoid unnecessary transportation.

Updates will be made continuously through media outlets such as radio and through the messaging system of the DSAT mobile application.

## WE CORRECT

In a November 5 article titled "US trade union investigating firms linked to Angela Leong" the Times incorrectly described the nature of a venture between Paradise Enterprise Limited and a subsidiary of International Game Technology (IGT).

On Monday, the Times updated the website with an accurate description after receiving a letter from Paradise clarifying the nature as a "strategic agreement" for the licensing of certain patents and technology for a fixed period.

"We write to draw your attention that we, Paradise Enterprise Limited and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") do not have any venture with IGT to operate

any satellite casinos in Macau. As reported in our annual reports, the Group entered into a service contract with SJM in 2007 for the provision of casino management services. Further, in April 2016, the Group entered into a strategic agreement with IGT whereby the Group has assigned and licensed certain patents of the Group and associated technology to IGT for a period of 15 years. All of such matters are indeed public records, which have been disclosed pursuant to the requisite provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited."

In an October 31 letter addressed to Ma-

cau's Court of Final Appeal, a division of the U.S.-based trade union International Union of Operating Engineers, known as Local 501, said it was investigating a venture between slot machine and lottery games provider International Game Technology (IGT) and Hong Kong-listed Paradise.

As part of the investigation, Local 501 was seeking clarification on the declaration of lawmaker Angela Leong's financial disclosure form, and whether she had any links to 23 Macau-based companies not included in the declaration.

The Times apologizes to our readers for the mistake.

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# UN: 'Widespread discrimination' against migrants

**T**HE United Nations Human Rights Council has submitted a report on the human rights situation in the People's Republic of China, including a section on Macau where it criticizes "widespread discrimination" against migrants, people with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.

During a meeting yesterday in Geneva, Switzerland, the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, refuted the accusations insofar as Macau is concerned, saying that the government protects the rights of Macau residents. Foreigners living or working in Macau enjoy similar protections, Chan said. The Secretary also mentioned the recent enactment of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Correction Law.

Citing information provided by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Council noted with concern that the MSAR "had not yet adopted com-



The United Nations building in Geneva

prehensive anti-discrimination legislation and that widespread discrimination against migrants and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons persisted in Macau, China, particularly in employment, health care, education and housing."

The report also noted that "de facto discrimination against persons with disabilities persisted, particularly in the field of employment."

In its report, the Human Rights Council also raised concerns about the lack of a human rights

institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

The Council said that the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women had "urged [Macau] to consider the establishment of an independent human rights institution with a broad mandate to promote and protect human rights."

Among the other concerns raised by the Council was the situation regarding the prevalence of domestic violence and a lack of legislation to combat sexual harassment in the workplace.

## MGTO and travel trade showcase Macau in Shanghai

**T**HE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has organized a delegation of Macau's travel trade to participate in the first edition of China International Import Expo, which is ongoing in Shanghai until Saturday.

In tandem with the delegation of the Macau SAR Government, several governmental entities also organized for their trade delegations to participate in CIIE's exhibition, leveraging this international platform to showcase Macau's vision and strengths as "one center and one platform" while delivering on its dedication to and support for the Belt and Road development.

MGTO set up a booth at the exhibition, while MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes participated in the Forum's parallel session on the topic "trade and opening".

In the exhibition zone for "trade in services - tourism service", MGTO runs a 180-square-meter booth titled "Experience Macao Your

Own Style," inviting a total of eight tourism enterprises including hotels, airline and ferry operator from Macau to join together for a showcase of the blend of East and West cultures, gastronomy, tourism products, facilities, festivals, events and services Macau has to offer, among other elements.

MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes and deputy director Cheng Wai Tong visited the booth of MGTO and tourism enterprises and engaged in dialogue with guests, industry delegates from Macau and other CIIE participants.

MGTO believes that with the scale and level of CIIE, MGTO can leverage the expo to effectively raise Macau's international profile and promote Macau's goal to develop into a world center of tourism and leisure, in addition to enhancing exchange and cooperation between Macau's travel trade and their counterparts in other parts of the world, especially enterprises along the Belt and Road.

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**SERVICE** and technology solutions provider CESL Asia will be one of a few local companies to attend the first China International Import Expo (CIIE) held in Shanghai this week.

CESL Asia is not a part of the official Macau delegation to the event, but rather registered their own attendance as a separate entity, company CEO Antonio Trindade told the Times during a telephone interview this week. Trindade says that he understands CESL Asia is the only company from Macau to have done so.

"The expo is huge. I have never seen an expo of this magnitude – the whole world is here," Trindade said, adding that, "actually, the Macau presence here is light, [aside from] a bit on the food and beverage floor."

The Macau delegation comprises about 90 local businesspeople and two pavilions in the exhibition area that represents, among others, 39 companies involved in trade in products made in Macau and food and beverage products from Portuguese-speaking countries with distribution channels in Macau.

These companies include some that provide professional services for the Portuguese-speaking market, with a view to presenting and reinforcing Macau's development position as a platform for trade and cooperation with the lusophone world.

CESL Asia is hoping to use

CIIE SHANGHAI

## CESL Asia invited to China's first Import Expo



Antonio Trindade in Shanghai

the expo to showcase its business propositions, as well as to "promote the advantages of its Macau management platform for Chinese investments and operations of businesses in Portuguese-speaking countries," according to the company.

The company is exhibiting its experience of investing, managing and operating its new energy power plants in Portugal.

It also wants to introduce se-

veral of its partner companies to the mainland market, including highlighted firms Portugal's Spin.Works and Monte do Pasto.

The former company offers services and products ranging from the design of aircraft and mechanical autonomous systems, image processing, development of space missions, and applications for artificial intelligence platforms, while the latter

is an agricultural business that introduced modern management systems to become the Iberian Peninsula's leading producer and exporter of cattle.

"Our intention is to collaborate with local Chinese companies, and that includes exchanges in technology, services and products," explained Trindade. "We are looking at how companies of all sizes, whether in China or Macau or elsewhe-

re, can add value to each other through collaboration."

For Trindade, the future development of China's economy depends on finding ways to increase efficiency and "value-adding" – and that will require cross-border cooperation between firms and communities.

"For example, a car, in the rest of the world, uses parts made from around the world and [sourced] from different markets. Otherwise [if you don't] you are not the best, and you will never be the best," he said. "Collaboration here is key."

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ANTÓNIO TRINDADE

The Associated Press reported this week that the Import Expo is intended to rebrand China as a proponent of free trade that abides by the rules of the game.

President Xi's government is emphasizing the promise of China's growing consumer market to help defuse complaints that Beijing abuses the global trading system by renegeing on promises to open its industries, it said. **DB**

## Macau can be new market for design thinking, says expert

Lynzy Valles

**M**ACAU is a new market for design thinking and has the potential to adapt such innovation in the city's service industry, says Hong Kong-based consultant David Chung.

At the French Macau Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting last week, Chung discussed how design thinking – a methodology to develop design concepts – could introduce a new way of thinking to cope with the fast-paced era.

Noting how expectations of hotel experiences and services are growing, the speaker highlighted the need for organizations to transform the value of their innovative products to "wow" customer experience.

According to the speaker, design thinking focuses the spotlight on the customer, making them the focal point of design for any solution. In this process, decisions are made based on the wants of future customers instead of relying only on historical data.



David Chung

In Hong Kong, Chief Executive Carrie Lam presented, in her 2017 policy address, the significance of design thinking, thus promoting the concept among people of different ages within and outside its education system.

Chung noted that Macau also has the potential to adopt the way of thinking. "The majority of the business in

Macau is hospitality. In fact, based on research, over 40 percent of design thinking is [in] service innovation, meaning Macau has a potential to adopt design thinking in the service industry," Chung told the Times, adding "The adaptability is high. If adapted, customer engagement will increase".

In his talk, Chung highli-

ghted a human-centered approach, where businesses put customer experience and the ability to meet customer needs at the core of design by seeking emotional connection amongst the customers.

"Many hotels want to transform their businesses from just traditional gambling to all-round entertainment [so] that's the key to transformation," he said, adding "If they use design thinking, maybe they can transform their business to being an all-rounded entertainment provider – it's better, I believe".

In a short article Chung co-authored, it was written that the customer drives the current and future state of any businesses. These products and services, whether delivered to internal or external customers, should create intrinsic value and address specific needs.

Chung also noted that both small and medium enterprises may implement design thinking and innovation, and that it has the potential to identify hidden and therefore unmet demands.

The speaker added that designing effective customer experience is about "injecting purpose and empathy into everything the hotel business does."

## Airport expands emergency generator system

**T**HE Macau International Airport (MIA) has added three sets of backup emergency generator systems to ensure uninterrupted power supply to important airport equipment.

MIA currently relies on three power stations at different locations in the airport to supply critical equipment; including its control tower, fire station and runway, and taxiway bridge airfield ground lighting.

All three power stations are equipped with emergency generator systems.

To improve the emergency response capability of the airport and provide second-level backup generator power supply, Macau International Airport Company Limited launched a new backup emergency generator system at the end of last year.

In the event of a sudden power failure, equipment will be powered by three sets of emergency generators, with three more sets on standby for backup. Each generator set can now automatically start and load power within 15 seconds, and the new failsafe backup function enables the new and old units to complete the alternating load and restore power in less time.

The generator system can supply up to 72 hours of uninterrupted power. According to MIA, this "greatly improves the efficiency, ensuring the stability and strengthening the continuous capability of the emergency power supply."

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## EDUCATION

# UM included in Alliance of Int'l Science Organizations

**T**HE inauguration ceremony for the Alliance of International Science Organizations in the Belt and Road Region, and the second international conference on science, technology, and innovation for the Belt and Road region, took place in Beijing recently.

The University of Macau (UM), along with 36 universities and research institutions, was among the first to join the alliance. According to a statement issued by the UM, the initiative "aims to strengthen its members' policies on science, technology, and innovation and to facilitate their respective development strategies, in order to initiate key collaborative projects on science and technology, as well as to nurture professionals in the areas of innovation and entrepreneurship."

In his letter to congratulate the alliance upon its inauguration, Chinese President Xi Jinping said that the Belt and



Road initiative had been well received in the international community. Xi expressed his wish that the scientific communities in all countries of the region would work together and use the alliance as a platform to promote sustainable development.

The alliance includes several research institutions, including the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Pakistan Academy of Science,

the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Kazakhstan Academy of Sciences, Tribhuvan University, the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World, the Polish Academy of Sciences, and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

UM Rector Yonghua Song attended the alliance's general meeting and a meeting of its executive committee on

behalf of UM. Song also met with Bai Chunli, president of the CAS. During the meeting, Song gave Bai general information about UM, as well as informing him of its research achievements in recent years and his vision for the university's future. Bai shared information about the CAS and its strategy for internationalization. They agreed to strengthen collaboration and to establish joint labs in areas where both institutions enjoy a competitive advantage.

The theme of this year's conference was collaboration in science and technology and sustainable development in the Belt and Road region. The event attracted over 700 participants from more than 40 countries and regions in the Belt and Road network, including heads of universities and research institutions, representatives of international organizations, and world-renowned experts in the related fields.

## 1,420 new companies in Q3

**A** total of 1,420 new companies were incorporated in the third quarter of 2018, an increase of 170 year-on-year. The total value of registered capital rose by 118.7 percent to MOP254 million, attributable to the incorporation of new companies with large capital in the Financial Services and Transport sectors.

According to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), analyzed by industry, there were 485 newly incorporated companies operating in Wholesale & Retail, 309 in Business Services and 199 in Construction. Meanwhile, companies in dissolution totaled 172 in the third quarter, and the value of registered capital of companies in dissolution amounted to MOP59 million.

Analyzed by size of registered capital, there were 1,068 new companies (75.2 percent of the total) registered with capital of less than MOP50,000. The total value of capital came to MOP28 million.

On the other hand, there were 26 new companies registered with capital of MOP1 million or more, and the total value of capital amounted to MOP181 million (71.5 percent of the total). The majority of the capital came from Macau (MOP212 million) and mainland China (MOP21 million), including MOP10 million from Guangdong.

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# BlueOcean to represent Tencent in town

Julie Zhu

**L**OCAL advertising company BlueOcean Ad has been nominated as the representative of Chinese company Tencent's global advertising business in Macau.

The launch ceremony of Tencent's global advertising business was held at the Macau Tower yesterday.

Chairman of BlueOcean Ad, Orlando Ho, said during his speech that his company will use the most advanced science and technology to spread its customers' information.

Currently, Tencent has more than one billion active users globally, with Tencent products varying from WeChat and QQ to news outlets and music platforms.

The penetration rate of WeChat products in mainland China exceeds 90 percent of the population. WeChat is also the most widely used social network and communication software in both mainland China and Macau.



Orlando Ho

On the sidelines of yesterday's press conference, Orlando Ho told the media that BlueOcean Ad will mainly target social media users.

"Currently, electronic media advertisement represents 30 percent of Macau's entire advertisement market. We want to explore this area. [...] Electronic media advertisement will be the next new trend," said Orlando Ho, adding that "the technology in mainland China is absolutely mature. Macau is also ready for it. All our targets are social media [users], such as WeChat users."

Besides focusing its business

on mainland China, Macau and Hong Kong, BlueOcean Ad is also attempting to develop its advertisement business in North America, Europe and Australia because these areas are places where "many mainlanders go."

"Certainly, I hope we can collaborate with all of Macau's merchants. [...] Currently, we are negotiating with companies in the tourism industry, and [the company] is also discussing with governmental organizations regarding how to promote Macau's tourism industry," said Orlando Ho. "This ad is [also] an

advertisement in WeChat. We will release ads specifically for each individual customer, for instance, in WeChat Moments," Orlando Ho explained. All kinds of local hotels are also targets of BlueOcean Ad.

In January of 2015, the first batch of commercial advertisements appeared in "WeChat Moments."

According to WeChat statistics, on average, each WeChat user checks his "moments" feature ten times a day.

WeChat Moment advertisements are displayed in a similar fashion to that of an original post made by a WeChat friend.

WeChat supports six types of ads. Prices of "Wechat Moments" ads are based on the per-thousand-exposure rate of each ad.

In order for an ad to appear in "Wechat Moments," the cost per thousand exposures is RMB180, or RMB120 in first or second tier mainland cities, respectively, and RMB60 in all other mainland cities.

## Sting operation labelled unfair to taxi drivers

**T**HE taxi industry has expressed its concerns regarding the new taxi regime's proposal of police sting operations.

A representative of the taxi industry, surnamed Tong, met with the Third Standing Committee yesterday to inform the lawmakers of the drivers' concerns.

On behalf of the taxi industry, Tong stressed that the sting operation would be unfair to the taxi industry and that such an operation would impose mental pressure upon the drivers.

Tong doubts the legitimacy of sting operations. He is worried that overwhelming power will be given to off-duty police officers.

In Tong's opinion, approving sting operations is equivalent to labeling taxi drivers as unscrupulous.

According to statistics from the Public Security Police Force (PSP), in 2017, Macau recorded a total of 3,180 taxi overcharging cases, representing 57.9 percent of the total taxi infractions in 2017.

Tong accused the police authority of not actively handling taxi infractions, as it only issues fines to some unscrupulous taxi drivers in extreme cases.

The city's new taxi regime increases the fines applied to unruly taxi drivers. Nevertheless, Tong believes that simply increasing fines will not improve the taxi service. Rather, fines will give drivers who provide bad service the impression that as long as they pay the fines, they can continue operating their vehicles, he said.

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# Malaysia probes more deals by ex-Goldman partner Leissner

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**M**ALAYSIA'S leader-in-waiting said the government is looking into more Goldman Sachs Group Inc. deals carried out by Tim Leissner, the former partner whose work on 1MDB's fundraising dragged the Wall Street firm into one of Asia's biggest corruption scandals.

Anwar Ibrahim, speaking in an interview at the New Economy Forum in Singapore, didn't identify any specific transactions. He also said it would be "inexcusable" if Goldman were complicit in the scandal surrounding the state investment company known as 1Malaysia Development Bhd., levying among the harshest and most direct criticism of the U.S. bank so far by a Malaysian politician.

"We are looking at other earlier involvements, other deals in the country, whether they're transparent," Anwar said. "Although the focus is on 1MDB," investigators in Malaysia and the U.S. are probing earlier deals in which Leissner was involved in the Southeast Asian nation, he said.

Goldman has been under scrutiny for years for its role in raising USD6.5 billion for 1MDB and for the nearly \$600 million in fees and commissions it earned from the bonds. 1MDB is at the center of a global scandal involving claims of embezzlement and money laundering, which have triggered investigations in the U.S., Singapore, Switzerland and beyond.

There are ongoing discussions about recovering money from financial institutions including Goldman, Anwar said. He is expected to replace 93-year-old Mahathir Mohamad as prime minister in a year or two.

"They must understand that to be complicit to the excesses and crime, is inexcusable and in the process the country and the people suffer," Anwar said in respon-



Anwar Ibrahim

se to a question on whether he plans to meet with Goldman executives who are also attending the NEF forum. "We must get hold of every cent that has been taken out of the country by either the leaders or those complicit in this action."

The New Economy Forum is being organized by Bloomberg Media Group, a division of Bloomberg LP, the parent company of Bloomberg News. Goldman's Chief Executive Officer David Solomon and former president Gary Cohn are among those attending the forum.

"The firm continues to cooperate with all authorities investigating this matter," Goldman Sachs spokesman Edward Naylor said.

Fallout from working with 1MDB had led to a wider collapse in Goldman's once-thriving business in Malaysia in recent years, which it once said offered "very positive" prospects. Work advising Malaysian clients on mergers and acquisitions, share offerings and bond issues also all but evaporated, and senior bankers involved in Malaysian deal-making left.

Goldman arranged two separate \$1.75 billion bond placements for 1MDB in 2012, and a \$3 billion debt sale in 2013. It has for years said it believed the money it was

raising for 1MDB would be used for development projects, and that fees and commissions "reflected the underwriting risks" it had assumed. Authorities have said cash instead went into yachts, luxury real estate, paintings and jewelry, as well as into private bank accounts.

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"We need to go to due process, but if they are prepared to negotiate, they have to return" about \$600 million of the fees and commissions, Anwar said, adding that he has no plans to meet with Goldman executives in the city-state as

investigations are ongoing.

In the first charges against individuals by U.S. prosecutors made public last week, at least three senior current or former Goldman executives including Leissner were implicated. Leissner, once Goldman's Southeast Asia chairman, pleaded guilty to conspiring to launder money and confessed that he bribed officials in two countries - Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates - to get bond deals for Goldman.

He also admitted that he and others arranged the 1MDB fundraising as bond offerings because it would generate higher fees for the bank. As part of his settlement, he will forfeit almost \$44 million. Former Malaysian premier Najib Razak, who once chaired 1MDB's advisory board, is facing several charges of wrongdoing in Malaysia related to the fund, and has pleaded not guilty.

Leissner was a fixture in Malaysian dealmaking in the late 2000s. The bank led the league tables for arranging dollar bond sales by Malaysian companies from 2011 to 2013, bolstered by the 1MDB debt offerings. Around 2011 and 2012, it raised \$1.6 billion in two offerings on behalf of the Sarawak state government. **Bloomberg**

## Office rents in Hong Kong seen falling in 2019

**R**ENTS in the world's costliest office market, Hong Kong, may fall for the first time in four years as an equities rout weighs on sentiment in the financial hub.

Grade-A office rents in Central and Admiralty will decline by about four percent in 2019, Colliers International Inc. said in a report. That compares with an estimated gain of 9 percent this year.

Declines in stocks this year "must" have undermined confidence at the financial firms that rent more than half of the Grade-A office space in the central business district, the property brokerage said. Looming interest-rate increases and the U.S.-China trade war will also take a toll on sentiment, it said.

Office occupancy costs in Central stand at \$307 per square foot, topping London's West End and Beijing's Finance Street, according to CBRE Group Inc.

"Overall confidence among financial occupiers in Hong Kong remains high," said Andrew Haskins, Asia head of research at Colliers. "While US-China trade tension continues to be headline news, it has yet to make a tangible impact on Hong Kong's business environment." **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### RUN OF HOPE TO BE HELD THIS MONTH



Four Seasons Hotel Macao will host its annual charity event, Run of Hope Macau, for the tenth consecutive year on November 25, with the theme "Superhero."

The choice of theme intends to

applaud the everyday heroes in the ongoing fight against cancer, including cancer patients and their families, medical professionals, and participants of Run of Hope.

Participants are encouraged

to dress up as their favorite superhero and will have the chance to win best costume prizes, the hotel noted in a statement. Interested participants can sign up online and choose between a 5.6km run or 3km family leisure hike.

Admission is MOP250 for adults and MOP125 for children aged 13 and below.

All funds raised are donated to Kiang Wu Hospital for cancer research initiatives and Evangelize China Fellowship Orphanage. Supplementary activities will take place so that those who are not able to take part in the Run can show their compassion and support, with two programs: Cocktails for a Cause and Silent Auction.

### GEG DONATES MOP200,000 TO CARITAS MACAU



Galaxy Entertainment Group has supported the annual Caritas Macau Charity Bazaar, which was held last weekend at the Nam Van Nautical Centre, for the eighth consecutive year by or-

ganizing volunteers to work at the game booths.

Funds raised were given to Caritas Macau in order to support their community outreach programs for the underprivileged.

At the opening ceremony, Philip Cheng, director of GEG, presented a cheque for MOP 200,000 to Paul Pun, secretary general of Caritas Macau.

A group of 50 GEG volunteers manned the prize game booths they had created and presented various home appliances and homeware as prizes for the winners. Cheng said, "It is our goal to encourage more people to care for the community and to create opportunities for team members to contribute to society through collaborations with these groups," as cited in a statement issued by the gaming operator.



# Angola and Cape Verde to have air links once again



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**T**HE Angola-Cape Verde air link will be resumed later this year, with only a few technical adjustments left to organize, the Angolan Transport Minister said recently. Ricardo Viegas D'Abreu provided the information after leaving a meeting held in Praia with the Cape Verdean prime minister and with

whom he addressed issues about civil aviation and air transport.

"We have come to discuss opportunities in this sector for the two countries, namely air transport with connections between Luanda and Sal or Praia and to set out other destinations from Cabo Verde," he said, quoted by the Inforpress news agency.

The Angolan minister said, however, that the aircraft of the Angolan airline TAAG will not make the connection with Sao Tome and Principe, as they had previously.

The Minister of Tourism and Transport and Minister of Maritime Economy of Cabo Verde, José da Silva Gonçalves, said that all that was left was to resolve the

question of the economic viability of flights.

The minister also confirmed the establishment of a commercial partnership between the two airlines and added that the priority of the destination of the first flights will be the island of Sal and that only in a second stage will Praia be covered as a destination. **MDT/Macauhub**

## MOZAMBIQUE

# Maputo-Katembe Bridge opens on Saturday

**T**HE Maputo-Katembe Bridge, to be inaugurated on Saturday, will be crossed daily by 4,000 vehicles in the first year of opening to traffic, according to forecasts from Empresa de Desenvolvimento Maputo Sul.

The company's president, Silva Magaia, told Maputo daily newspaper Notícias that the new infrastructure will facilitate the distribution of goods and construction materials to the municipality of Katembe, which so far has been limited due to the small capacity of the ferry that crosses Maputo bay. Magaia said that the bridge is expected to receive about 4,000 vehicles a day compared with the ferry, which can carry no more than 200 vehicles per day across the bay.

The president of Maputo Sul said that with the bridge and the roads, stretching over 187 kilometers, it is now more practical to travel to Ponta do Ouro, in the far south of the country with a stop at the Maputo Special Reserve.

The bridge and the roads will be inaugurated on Saturday, 10 November, when two tolls will start operating, one on the bridge on the Katembe side and the other in Bela Vista, in the district of Matutuine.

Construction of the Maputo-Katembe Bridge was awarded to the China Road and Bridge Corporation (CBRC). Construction began in September 2012 and was financed with loans from the China Export Import Bank. **MDT/Macauhub**

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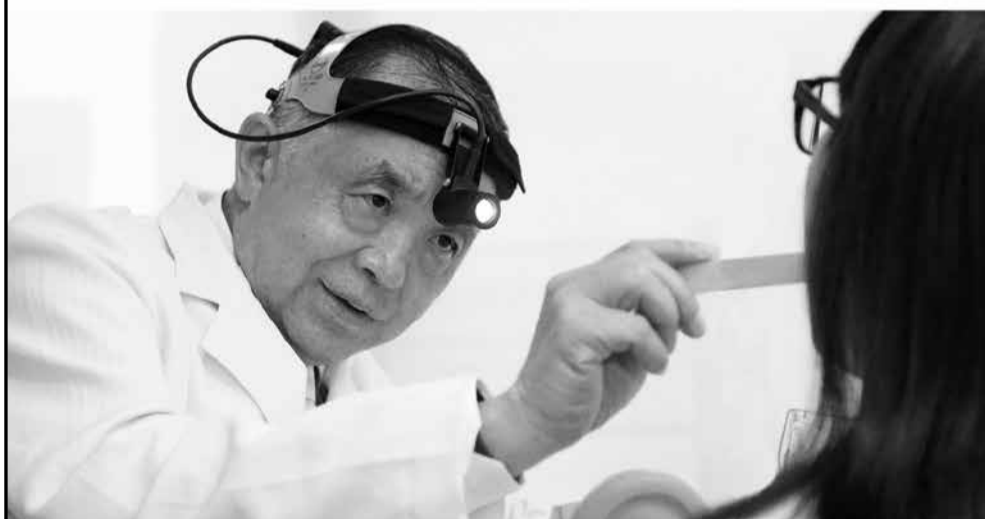
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## Chinese 'gait recognition' tech IDs people by how they walk

Dake Kang, Beijing

**C**HINESE authorities have begun deploying a new surveillance tool: "gait recognition" software that uses people's body shapes and how they walk to identify them, even when their faces are hidden from cameras.

Already used by police on the streets of Beijing and Shanghai, "gait recognition" is part of a push across China to develop artificial-intelligence and data-driven surveillance that is raising concern about how far the technology will go.

Huang Yongzhen, the CEO of Watrix, said that its system can identify people from up to

50 meters (165 feet) away, even with their back turned or face covered. This can fill a gap in facial recognition, which needs close-up, high-resolution images of a person's face to work.

"You don't need people's cooperation for us to be able to recognize their identity," Huang said in an interview in his Beijing office. "Gait analysis can't be fooled by simply limping, walking with splayed feet or hunching over, because we're analyzing all the features of an entire body."

Watrix announced last month that it had raised 100 million yuan (USD14.5 million) to accelerate the development and sale of its gait recognition technology,

according to Chinese media reports.

Chinese police are using facial recognition to identify people in crowds and nab jaywalkers, and are developing an integrated national system of surveillance camera data. Not everyone is comfortable with gait recognition's use.

Security officials in China's far-western province of Xinjiang, a region whose Muslim population is already subject to intense surveillance and control, have expressed interest in the software.

Shi Shusi, a Chinese columnist and commentator, says it's unsurprising that the technology is

catching on in China faster than the rest of the world because of Beijing's emphasis on social control.

"Using biometric recognition to maintain social stability and manage society is an unstoppable trend," he said. "It's great business."

The technology isn't new. Scientists in Japan, the United Kingdom and the U.S. Defense Information Systems Agency have been researching gait recognition for over a decade, trying different ways to overcome skepticism that people could be recognized by the way they walk. Professors from Osaka University have worked with Ja-

pan's National Police Agency to use gait recognition software on a pilot basis since 2013.

But few have tried to commercialize gait recognition. Israel-based FST Biometrics shut down earlier this year amid company infighting after encountering technical difficulties with its products, according to former advisory board member Gabriel Tal.

"It's more complex than other biometrics, computationally," said Mark Nixon, a leading expert on gait recognition at the University of Southampton in Britain. "It takes bigger computers to do gait because you need a sequence of images rather than a single image."

Watrix's software extracts a person's silhouette from video and analyzes the silhouette's movement to create a model of the way the person walks. It isn't capable of identifying people in real-time yet. Users must upload video into the program, which takes about 10 minutes to search through an hour of video. It doesn't require special cameras — the software can use footage from surveillance cameras to analyze gait.

Huang, a former researcher, said he left academia to co-found Watrix in 2016 after seeing how promising the technology had become. The company was incubated by the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Though the software isn't as good as facial recognition, Huang said its 94 percent accuracy rate is good enough for commercial use.

He envisions gait recognition being used alongside face-scanning software.

Beyond surveillance, Huang says gait recognition can also be used to spot people in distress such as elderly individuals who have fallen down. Nixon believes that the technology can make life safer and more convenient.

"People still don't recognize they can be recognized by their gait, whereas everybody knows you can be recognized by your face," Nixon said. "We believe you are totally unique in the way you walk." **AP**

YUNNAN

## Wenshan curbs dog walking, bans them in parks, stadiums

**A** city in southwestern China has banned dog walking during the daytime and banished the pets entirely from parks, shopping centers, sports facilities and other public spaces.

The ordinance issued by the city of Wenshan in Yunnan province on Oct. 29 has been called the most restrictive in a nation where dog ownership has

long been subject to tight regulations.

Under communist China's founder Mao Zedong, pet ownership was considered a bourgeois affectation but it has revived over recent decades with Chinese being more affluent but having smaller families.

Many cities, however, still maintain rules on what size dogs can live in

what areas, with the capital Beijing banning large dogs from the city center. Dog parks are rare and canines are almost always required to be on leash.

However, Wenshan's ban appears to go well beyond that by saying dogs can only be outside before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m.

It also says dog leashes cannot be longer than 1 meter (3 feet) and dogs can

only be walked by adults.

Despite the newfound popularity of keeping dogs, many Chinese remain wary over the presence of wild or unleashed dogs. Rabies spread by unvaccinated dogs also accounts for a substantial number of the roughly 2,000 deaths from the disease that the World Health Organization counts in China each year. **AP**

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In Beijing, dogs still have a free pass



Trump and Ivanka

# China grants Trump family 18 trademarks in two months

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

**T**HE Chinese government granted 18 trademarks to companies linked to U.S. President Donald Trump and his daughter Ivanka Trump over the last two months, Chinese public records show, raising concerns about conflicts of interest in the White House on the eve of national elections.

In October, China's Trademark Office granted provisional approval for 16 trademarks to Ivanka Trump Marks LLC, bringing to 34 the total number of marks China has greenlighted this year, according to the office's online database. The new approvals cover Ivanka-branded fashion gear including sunglasses, handbags, shoes and jewelry, as well as beauty services and voting machines.

The approvals came three months after Ivanka Trump announced she was dissolving her namesake brand to focus on government work.

China also granted provisional approval for two "Trump" trademarks to DTTM Operations LLC, headquartered at Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in New York. They cover branded restaurant, bar and hotel services, as well as clothing and shoes.

The marks will be finalized if there is no objection during a 90-day comment period.

All the trademarks were applied for in 2016.

Both the president and his daughter have substantial intellectual property holdings in China. Critics worry that China, where the courts and bureaucracy are designed to reflect the will of the ruling Communist Party, could exploit those valuable rights for political leverage.

There has also been concern that the Trump family's global intellectual property portfolio lays the groundwork for the

president and his daughter, who serves as a White House adviser, to profit from their global brands as soon as they leave office.

"Ivanka receives preliminary approval for these new Chinese trademarks while her father continues to wage a trade war with China. Since she has retained her foreign trademarks, the public will continue to have to ask whether President Trump has made foreign policy decisions in the interest of his and his family's businesses," wrote Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a government watchdog group that first published the news about Ivanka Trump brand's new Chinese trademarks.

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Lawyers for Ivanka Trump and Donald Trump in Beijing declined immediate comment.

Companies register trademarks for a variety of reasons. They can be a sign of corporate ambition, but many companies also file defensively, particularly in China, where trademark squatting is rampant. Trademarks are classified by category and may include items that a brand does not intend to market. Some trademark lawyers also advise clients to register trademarks for merchandise made in China, even if it's not sold there.

China has said it handles all trademark applications equally under the law. **AP**

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# With poo on the podium, Bill Gates talks toilet technology



Bill Gates speaks as a jar of human feces sits on a podium at the Reinvented Toilet Expo in Beijing, yesterday

**P**LACING a jar of feces on a pedestal next to him, billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates made a plea yesterday for the safe disposal of human waste as he kicked off a "Reinvented Toilet" Expo in China.

"You might guess what's in this beaker — and you'd be right. Human feces," the former CEO of software giant Microsoft said. "This small amount of feces could contain as many as 200 trillion rotavirus cells, 20 billion Shigella bacteria, and 100,000 parasitic worm eggs."

He went on to say that pathogens like these cause diseases that kill nearly

500,000 children under the age of 5 every year.

More than 20 companies and academic institutions are exhibiting new toilet technologies at the three-day expo in Beijing, from self-contained toilets to a small-scale, self-powered waste treatment plant called the Omni Processor.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that Gates co-founded with his wife has spent more than \$200 million since 2011 to stimulate research and development of safe sanitation technology.

"The technologies you'll see here are the most significant advances in

sanitation in nearly 200 years," he said, according to a text of his prepared remarks.

UNICEF estimates that 4.5 billion people worldwide do not have access to safely managed sanitation, and that 480,000 children under 5 die every year from diarrhea, primarily in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. There is an economic cost too: Poor sanitation cost the world nearly \$223 billion in 2015, according to a study by Oxford Economics and Japanese toilet maker Lixil.

Gates left the feces on display for about 10 minutes before removing it, his point made.

# Uighurs' supporters march as Beijing faces rights review at UN

**S**UPPORTERS of China's Muslim Uighur minority are demonstrating in Geneva as the U.N.'s top human rights body examines the country's rights record in a regular review.

Advocacy groups including Human Rights Watch want the Human Rights Council to press Chinese authorities on issues like use of mass detention centers in the western Xinjiang region where many Uighurs live.

Some foreign officials and rights groups have criticized China's use of so-called "vocational training centers," which they say aim to strip the Uighurs of their religion and ethnic identity.



Uighur people demonstrate against China during the Universal Periodic Review of China by the Human Rights Council in Geneva

Yesterday's review of China is part of the Human Rights Council's universal period review process under which each U.N. member state co-

mes up for examination every four to five years.

Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng touted Chinese progress on rights issues.



## SRI LANKA

# Tens of thousands march to support new government

Emily Schmall & Bharatha Mallawarachi, Colombo

**T**ENS of thousands of Sri Lankans marched yesterday [Macau time] in support of a new government led by the country's former strongman, highlighting the political polarization in the Indian Ocean island nation.

The rally near Parliament came amid a constitutional crisis sparked by President Maithripala Sirisena's move to oust Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, replace him with ex-leader Mahinda Rajapaksa and suspend Parliament.

Wickremesinghe has refused to vacate his official residence, insisting he is the lawful prime minister and that the president had no constitutional right to replace him. Thousands of his supporters have been keeping vigil.

Supporters of Rajapaksa at the rally chanted "Whose power is this? Mahinda's power!"

As patriotic songs blared over loudspeakers, thousands shuffled through heavy rain toward a makeshift stage. Police and Sri Lankan special forces with semi-automatic rifles stood guard.

Police estimated 120,000 people attended the rally. State television reported there were at least 200,000.

Pradeep Kariyawasam, the head of Rajapaksa's party in Colombo, said that although Wickremesinghe continues to maintain he is the country's legitimate leader, "the people are with us."

"Give people a chance to choose their government and not hide behind constitutional interpretations," he said.

Sirisena and Rajapaksa arrived at the rally amid loud cheers.

Sirisena told the crowd that the change he initiated was more than a personnel shift.

"I ousted a vision that is incompatible with our local culture and values, and that works according to foreign agendas," Sirisena said.

"For the past 3 1/2 years, poor people were suppressed by Ranil Wickremesinghe's economic and political vision. Local thoughts were rejected and an extreme neo-liberal form of governance was carried out."

He was referring to Wickremesinghe's free-market economic policies and public-private partnerships with companies

from China and India to operate strategic centers such as ports and airports.

Rajapaksa supporters have accused Wickremesinghe of selling Sri Lanka's assets, citing a 99-year lease agreement his government struck with Hong Kong conglomerate China Merchants Port Holdings Co. Ltd. last year to operate a failing port developed with Chinese debt during Rajapaksa's decade-long presidency.

"Foreign countries are trying to take our resources, take our land," said Mithra Kumara Jayasinghe, a wedding photographer at the rally who said he had voted for Rajapaksa the two times he was elected president, in 2005 and 2010, and when he lost a re-election bid in 2015.

Critics of Sirisena's actions say Parliament was suspended to give Rajapaksa time to gather enough support to survive a no-confidence vote when lawmakers reconvene Nov. 14.

Parliament Speaker Karu Jayasuriya said on Monday that he won't recognize the new appointments until either side is able to prove it has a majority. It means that the speaker still recognizes a Wickremesinghe-led Parliament.

"I wish to emphasize that I am compelled to accept the status that existed previously until such time that they [the pro-Wickremesinghe lawmakers] and the new political alliance prove their majority in Parliament," he said.

The statement was fuel at Rajapaksa's five-hour rally. Lawmaker Susil Premjayantha told the crowd that electing a new speaker could be the first order of business when Parliament reopens, suggesting the party will bring a no-confidence motion against Jayasuriya.

Wickremesinghe said in an interview with The Associated Press last week that there is credible evidence that Rajapaksa's party is attempting to buy support in Parliament. Palitha Range Bandara, a United National Party lawmaker, has said that he was offered millions of dollars and a minister portfolio if he crossed over.

Lawmakers from Rajapaksa's party have denied the allegations.

Seven members of Wickremesinghe's United National Front have defected to Rajapaksa's government.

On Saturday, the Tamil National Alliance — an ethnic minori-

ty Tamil party — said it will support a no-confidence motion to be brought against Rajapaksa, after one lawmaker from their party joined Rajapaksa's government.

The Tamil party's 15 votes could give Wickremesinghe's camp a decisive edge over Rajapaksa.

Both Sirisena and Rajapaksa attempted to woo Tamil lawmakers in their speeches at the rally.

Speaking in the Tamil language, Rajapaksa promised to fulfill the Tamil people's needs.

"What I ask from all Tamil and [Tamil-speaking] Muslim people and their political parties is to help to build up our country. I trust you and you can always trust me," Rajapaksa said.

Ethnic minority Tamils in the country's north and east are still reeling from the effects of a 26-year civil war between Tamil Tiger separatists and government troops.

Rajapaksa is seen as a hero by the ethnic Sinhalese majority for winning the conflict.

Tens of thousands of civilians were reportedly killed in the final months of the war in 2009, when government troops brutally crushed the rebels. Thousands more are still missing.

Sirisena came into power in 2015 promising to address the issues affecting the Tamils and investigate allegations of war crimes against both sides of the conflict, but has done little in either area. He was also critical of investigations into military personnel accused of human rights violations during the civil war.

Among the crowd was Basil Ros, 58, a fisherman from the village of Negombo.

Ros said a local lawmaker from Rajapaksa's United People's Freedom Alliance bused him and his wife in with many others, pledging to give them 1,000 rupees (about USD5.80), food and alcohol.

He said he hadn't received any money yet.

"You can't trust politicians," he said. "They might pay; they might not."

After sacking Wickremesinghe, Sirisena announced that he made the replacement in part because Wickremesinghe and a Cabinet colleague were behind an alleged assassination plot against him.

Details of the alleged plot have not been disclosed and Wickremesinghe has repeatedly denied the accusation.

Tensions had been building between Sirisena and Wickremesinghe for some time, as the president did not approve of economic reforms introduced by the prime minister.

Sirisena said at the rally that he would not be discouraged by resistance in Parliament, civil society and the international community to his actions.

"Even if there are threats, pressure and forces, I will only move forward and will not take a step back," he said. **AP**

THAILAND

# Muslim concern about vaccine fuels measles outbreak

**H**EALTH authorities in Thailand are racing to contain a measles outbreak in the country's southern provinces, where 14 deaths and more than 1,500 cases have been reported since September.

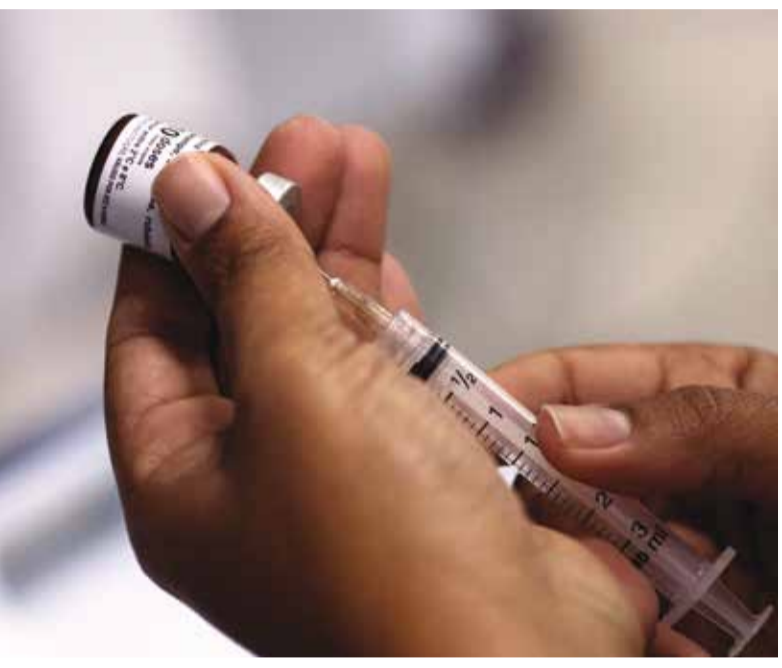
Officials blame the comeback of the disease on low vaccination rates in the south caused by misconceptions among the Muslim population about the nature of the vaccine.

Islam prohibits the consumption of pork, and vaccine makers sometimes use gelatin derived from pork products as a stabilizing agent. However, health official Vicharn Pawan said Thailand imports measles vaccine products that do not contain porcine gelatin.

The recent cases in Buddhist-dominated Thailand's Muslim-majority southern provinces represent half the total for the whole country since the beginning of the year.

Measles cases nationwide have increased in recent years, Thailand's Health Ministry said. Last

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year, nearly 3,000 cases — with no deaths — were reported, compared to just over 1,000 in 2012. According to the U.N.'s World Health Organization, this year Japan and Brazil have also reported measles outbreaks, while Europe experienced a

surge in 2017 with more than 20,000 cases and 35 deaths. "Increasingly, there is a lot of misunderstanding about vaccinations that spread around Muslim communities here. Some said it is against their religion to receive vaccine shots,

while others think it's not safe," said Anchanee Heemmina, a rights activist who lives in an affected area in the south.

The Indonesian Ulema Council, the religious body governing the world's largest Muslim population, had to deal with the same problem earlier this year when some local Muslim groups declared their opposition to the vaccine. It ruled that Muslims were allowed to use such vaccines out of necessity until other options were available. Its statement came after a measles outbreak in Indonesia's eastern province of Papua was believed responsible for the deaths of as many as 100 children.

The Indonesian controversy may be responsible for the concerns among Muslims in Thailand and other countries.

According to the Thai Health Ministry's Prevention and Control office, the misunderstandings about vaccinations have resulted in some areas in which only 60 percent of the population receives immunizations.

For highly contagious disea-

ses such as measles, the World Health Organization says at least 95 percent of the population must be vaccinated for a community to be considered immune to the spread of the disease.

Health authorities in Thailand have posted messages from local religious leaders on their websites urging people to accept vaccinations.

One video message from the Central Islamic Council of Thailand explains that even if vaccines contain religiously prohibited items, the medical benefit to a person and the community would take precedence.


Health workers meanwhile are visiting schools and homes in areas with measles outbreaks to target children under age 5 for free vaccinations, offering them also to others who are judged vulnerable. They are also trying to spread the word that Islamic religious bodies have given their approval for the use of such vaccines, said Vicharn Pawan, director of the Health Ministry's Bureau of Risk Communication and Health Behavior.

Resistance has not been overcome. Twenty families from three villages in Yala province refused vaccinations, with 10 of the families signing formal letters stating their intention to not receive any immunizations in the future, public broadcaster ThaiPBS reported. **AP**

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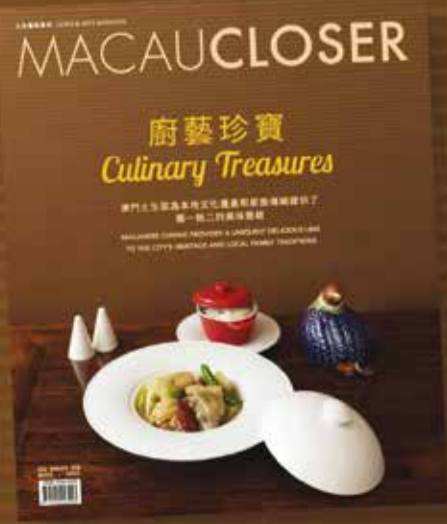
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## USA MIDTERM ELECTION

# Voting officials under scrutiny amid heavy election turnout

Christina A. Cassidy  
& Colleen Long, Atlanta

FEDERAL and state officials have been working for nearly two years to shore up the nation's election infrastructure from cyberattacks by Russians or others seeking to disrupt the voting process.

It turns out that many of the problems are closer to home.

Early voting leading up to yesterday's midterm election revealed a wide variety of concerns with voting and registration systems around the country — from machines that changed voter selections to registration forms tossed out because of clerical errors.

Election officials and voting rights groups fear that voter confidence in the results could be undermined if such problems become even more widespread on Election Day, as millions of Americans head to the polls to decide pivotal races for Congress and governor.

Already there is concern that last-minute court rulings on voter ID requirements, the handling of absentee ballots and other issues in a handful of sta-



tes will sow confusion among voters and poll workers.

"We expect poll workers will be overwhelmed, just as voters are overwhelmed, and there will be lots of provisional ballots," said Sara Henderson, head of Common Cause in Georgia, where voting-rights groups have

been raising numerous concerns about election security and voter access.

The problems come amid a surge of interest, with registrations and early-voting turnout running well ahead of what is typically seen during a midterm election.

The election marks the first nationwide voting since Russia targeted state election systems in the 2016 presidential race. Federal, state and local officials have been working to make the nation's myriad election systems more secure. They have beefed up their cybersecurity protections and improved communications and intelligence-sharing.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FBI and other federal agencies have opened a command center to help state and local election offices with any major problems that arise.

"We want them to be as informed as possible," said Matt Masterson, senior cybersecurity adviser with the Department of Homeland Security.

There have been no signs so far that Russia or any other foreign actor has tried to launch cyberattacks against voting systems in any state, according to federal authorities.

But early voting and voter registration has been problematic in a number of states. Problems include faulty machines in Texas and North Carolina, inaccurate mailers in Missouri

and Montana, and voter registration problems in Tennessee and Georgia.

In other states, including Kansas, Election Day polling places have been closed or consolidated, leading to worries that voters will be disenfranchised if they can't find a way to get there and cast a ballot.

Questions about election integrity erupted in recent days in Georgia, where the governor's race is among the most closely watched elections in the country.

Over the weekend, reports of security vulnerabilities within the state's online voter registration portal prompted a flurry of accusations from the Secretary of State's office, which is overseen by Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp. His office claimed without providing evidence that Democrats had tried to hack into the system. Democrats dismissed that as an effort to distract voters from a problem in a system Kemp oversees.

DHS officials have boasted that the 2018 midterms will be the most secure election in U.S. history, pointing to federal intrusion-detection sensors that will protect "90 percent of election infrastructure," as DHS Undersecretary Christopher Krebs tweeted in mid-October. Those sensors sniff for malicious traffic, and are installed on election systems in 45 states.

But similar sensors used at the federal level have performed quite badly. According to a Sept. 14 letter from the Office of Management and Budget, those sensors had a 99 percent failure rate from April 2017 onward, when they detected only 379 out of almost 40,000 "incidents" across federal civilian networks.

Nationally, some 6,500 poll watchers are being deployed by a coalition of civil rights and voting advocacy groups to assist people who encounter problems at the polls. That is more than double the number sent to polling places in 2016, while the number of federal election monitors has declined. AP

## 'In a sense, I am on the ticket,' Trump says

PRESIDENT Donald Trump, his shadow hanging over midterm elections that will determine the future of his administration, used his final pitch to ask voters to help preserve "fragile" GOP victories that could be erased by Democratic gains in Congress.

With the monthslong fight serving as a testing ground for his nationalist appeals and the strength of the coalition that powered him to the White House two years ago, Trump closed out a campaign season that has been defined by his racially charged rhetoric, hard-line immigration moves and scattershot policy proposals. Acknowledging the stakes in the closing days of campaigning, Trump stressed to voters that everything is on the line.

"It's all fragile. Everything I told you about, it can be undone and changed by the Democrats if they get in," Trump told supporters Monday on a telephone "town hall" organized by his re-election campaign. "You see how they've behaved. You see what's happening with them. They've really become radicalized."

In an election-eve interview, Trump struck a gentler note with media conglomerate Sinclair Broadcasting, saying he regretted some of his caustic campaign rhetoric.

"I would like to have a much softer tone. I feel to a certain extent I have no choice, but maybe I do," Trump said.



## Facebook blocks 115 accounts ahead of midterm elections

FACEBOOK said it blocked 115 accounts for suspected "coordinated inauthentic behavior" linked to foreign groups attempting to interfere in U.S. midterm elections.

The social media company shut down 30 Facebook accounts and 85 Instagram accounts and is investigating them in more detail, it said in a blog post yesterday [Macau time].

The company took ac-

tion after being tipped off Sunday evening by U.S. law enforcement officials, who notified the company about recently discovered online activity, "which they believe may be linked to foreign entities," Facebook's head of cybersecurity policy, Nathaniel Gleicher, wrote in the post.

U.S. tech companies are stepping up security and efforts to fight disinformation campaigns as online

troublemakers including Russian groups try to divide voters and discredit democracy. Facebook's purge is part of countermeasures to prevent abuses like those used by Russian groups two years ago to sway public opinion ahead of the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Last month, the company removed 82 pages, accounts and groups tied to Iran aimed at stirring

up social strife in the U.S. and the U.K. Facebook carried out an even broader sweep in August, removing 652 pages, groups, and accounts linked to Russia and Iran.

Gleicher said that will provide an update once the company learns more, "including whether these accounts are linked to the Russia-based Internet Research Agency or other foreign entities."



Almost all of the Facebook Pages associated with the latest blocked accounts appeared to be in French or Russian. The Instagram accounts were

mostly in English and were focused either on celebrities or political debate. No further details were given about the accounts or suspicious activity. AP

USA MIDTERM ELECTION

# In Texas, Ted Cruz squares off with rising star O'Rourke

**B**ETO O'Rourke has already used his once-longshot Texas Senate run to become a national Democratic phenomenon, shatter fundraising records and set off whispers that he could be a credible 2020 White House contender. But will it be enough to upset — or even stay close to — incumbent Republican Ted Cruz in a state as deeply conservative as Texas?

The two candidates square off yesterday in their hard-fought race that could help determine control of the Senate. Both say strong early voting statewide is a good sign for them. Early voting in the state's 30 largest counties alone already exceeded the total number of ballots cast during the 2014 midterm elections in Texas.

A three-term House member and onetime member of a punk rock band, O'Rourke was virtually unknown outside his Texas-Mexico border hometown of El Paso before an-



Texas Senate candidates: incumbent GOP Sen. Ted Cruz (left) and Democratic Representative Beto O'Rourke

nouncing in March 2017 that he was taking on a seemingly unwinnable race against Cruz. A Democrat hasn't won a Texas Senate seat since 1988, and no one from the party has captured any statewide office since 1994, the nation's longest political losing streak.

But O'Rourke visited all 254 Texas counties and often drew

larger-than-expected crowds, even in fiercely conservative areas. Preaching optimism and bipartisanship, he also refused to soften a liberal agenda that included calling for impeaching President Donald Trump, decriminalizing marijuana, implementing universal health care and gun control and relaxing federal

immigration policies.

"My confidence is in the people of Texas," O'Rourke told reporters, moments before staging a raucous rally with Mariachi band at the University of Texas at El Paso, mere blocks from his home. "I think we have every indication, based on turnout so far, that we're going to have a very

good day tomorrow."

Cruz scoffs at the notion that O'Rourke could beat him. Still, late summer polls showed the challenger within striking distance. Though more recent ones indicate that the senator has regained his footing and maintained a modest lead, the race has gone from cakewalk to far closer than expected.

Even that was a shock for Cruz, who won 10-plus contests during the 2016 Republican presidential primary and has long been considered the most powerful and popular conservative in a state full of them. But the battle with O'Rourke proved that many Texas conservatives remained angry after Cruz clashed bitterly with Trump in 2016 and refused to endorse him during the Republican National Convention. Though the senator has since become one of Trump's staunchest defenders, the president nonetheless staged a massive rally in Houston just two weeks before Election Day to ensure his conservative base wouldn't abandon Cruz.

"It's the time for choosing. It's the time for action. We know that the hard-left right now, they're angry. They're energized," Cruz said Monday. "They're filled with rage and hatred for the president. And that's dangerous." AP

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## Offbeat

## LEAKS REVEAL MAN CITY DEAL TO HIDE PLAYER COSTS FROM UEFA

Manchester City created a shell company for a commercial deal to disguise tens of millions of dollars in income from UEFA investigators, according to club documents cited by a German magazine.



Der Spiegel cites internal Man City correspondence to show the team's holding company, state-backed Abu Dhabi United Group, paid the shell firm to "buy" player image rights from the club.

The magazine reported that Man City officials detailed a long-term search for "creative solutions" to hiding expenses and evading UEFA monitoring of spending on players.

Man City risked Champions League expulsion in 2014 if a UEFA club finance panel had found it had severely breached "Financial Fair Play" rules, designed to curb overspending on player costs. Critics say FFP protects storied clubs from ambitious rivals with new and wealthy owners.

Der Spiegel is leading the Europe-wide publication of the "Football Leaks" documents.

In recent days, European media have detailed plans shaped by Real Madrid for a breakaway European Super League kicking off in 2021, and how FIFA President Gianni Infantino has intervened in its independent ethics committee's work.

Der Spiegel also reported last Friday that Man City threatened to destroy UEFA with legal action before reaching a 2014 settlement to forfeit 20 million euros (\$22.8 million) in prize money.

Man City has not disputed the authenticity of the documents, and said an "attempt to damage the club's reputation is organized and clear."

Since Man City was bought with Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth in 2008, a team long in the shadows of more glamorous Manchester United has overtaken its rival on the field.

City achieved this spending more than 1 billion pounds (\$1.3 billion) to win a first Premier League title in 2012.

This rise coincided with UEFA creating rules — in consultation with the European Club Association — to limit spending within a club's ability to generate revenue.

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Language: English

Duration: 112min



## HALLOWEEN

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 7:30 9:30pm

Director: David Gordon Green

Starring: Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer, Will Patton

Language: English

Duration: 130min



## HUNTER KILLER

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15 9:30pm

Director: Donovan Marsh

Starring: Gerard Butler, Gary Oldman

Language: English

Duration: 112min

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ROOM 3

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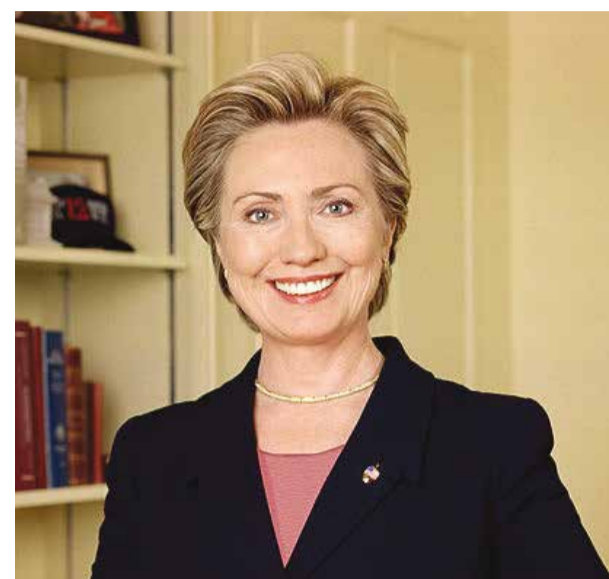
Director: Kenji Shibayama

Starring: Takanori Iwata, Hana Sugisaki, Kenta Sui

Language: Japanese (Chinese/ English)

Duration: 112min

## this day in history



## 2000 HILLARY CLINTON IS FIRST FIRST LADY IN SENATE

Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife of the president, has won a seat for the Democrats in the Senate to become the only First Lady to win elective office in US history.

Votes are still being counted but exit polls show she has a clear majority over Republican rival Rick Lazio in the state of New York.

The Clinton family voted near their home in Chappaqua, north of the city, with the president telling reporters, "You can't put me down as 'undecided'!"

Mrs Clinton made her victory speech in Manhattan, flanked by husband Bill, her daughter Chelsea, outgoing Democrat Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and incumbent senator Chuck Schumer. She told cheering supporters: "Today we voted as Democrats and Republicans, tomorrow we begin again as New Yorkers."

Mr Lazio only entered the race in May after charismatic New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani pulled out to fight prostate cancer.

During an acrimonious campaign he emphasised his strong connections to New York, while Hillary defied accusations she was a carpetbagger and appealed to Democrats in New York City, black, Hispanic, Jewish and women voters - and won through.

Mrs Clinton has also shown her tenacity in the face of the president's much publicised extra marital affairs.

In 1992, when Gennifer Flowers revealed that she had had an affair with him (which he admitted to only years later and then claimed it was confined to one encounter), she uttered the famous words on the CBS 60 Minutes programme: "I'm not sitting here as some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette. I'm sitting here because I love him."

She later had to apologise to the country singer Tammy Wynette who wrote and sang "Stand by Your Man" but was not the character in it - but Mrs Clinton had successfully made her point to the American public.

Then in January 1998 the story about the president's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky broke - which Bill Clinton strenuously denied.

Mrs Clinton was defiant once more, declaring in an interview with the NBC Today show that it was all inspired by "this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for president".

She had a difficult moment later that year when her husband admitted to having had a relationship with Miss Lewinsky, and TV viewers watched them walking across the White House lawn - Chelsea between them - to the helicopter waiting to take them on holiday.

All that is in the past and now - as her husband prepares to leave office at the end of his second term - Hillary Clinton's supporters are even talking of her running for the top job herself.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

At a news conference the following day Hillary Clinton ruled herself out of the 2004 presidential election to serve her full term as New York senator. Her husband left office in January 2001.

In her best-selling autobiography Living History published in 2003 Mrs Clinton said the two hardest decisions of her life were "to stay married to Bill and to run for the Senate from New York".

New York votes again in 2006, and Mrs Clinton is tipped for a landslide victory.

She disputed with Barack Obama the party nomination for the 2008 election, and was the Democrat candidate in the latest presidential elections.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Friends and family will have to wait, at least one more day. Place your career above any other considerations today. Making a living requires blocking out as many distractions as is humanly possible.

Taurus April 20-May 20 If you had a good personal day yesterday, it's back to the grindstone today. Don't allow yourself too much time to ease yourself back into the swing of things. Your finances can't handle more than one day off.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Don't let yourself get paranoid. Not only are you not being personally held back, you're in the same boat as exactly the rest of the world. Join the crowd.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You can hardly get out of bed, much less face making money today. But the work week has one more day left in it and the last thing you can afford is time off. Wake up and smell the coffee.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You're tempted to limp through the day, but you should face it with enthusiasm instead. Remind yourself of what you really want. If material things don't motivate you, think of financial security.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 More than money calls today. You could finally meet the right business partner, and it's a marriage made in heaven. But only if you make it out of bed and get to work.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You still haven't adjusted to the new financial landscape. Denial isn't helping you or your bottom line. It's past time to stop feeling sentimental and weird and face the music.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 How can you implement plans when you have no idea what the financial world will look like tomorrow? As hard as it is to hold still, it's a good time to put your ambition on hold. Relax, just for the foreseeable future.

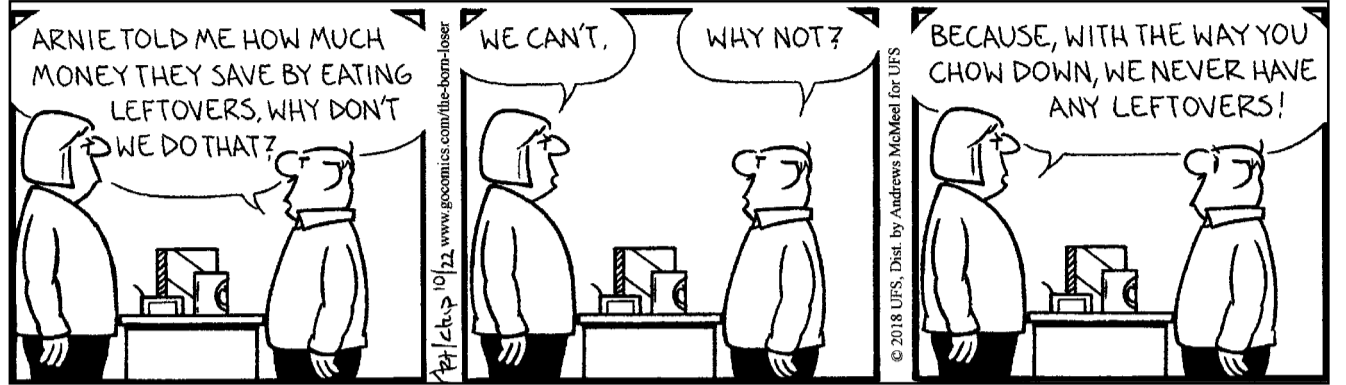
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If ever there was a time to see the world with an original and fresh mind, this is it. Everything is brand, spanking new and your approach to it should match. How's that for looking on the bright side?

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Impressing others should be the last thing on your to do list. You have much more important things you should be working hard to achieve. Just the basics require all your energy and stamina.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Everything has changed, and that should include you. Don't start feeling bitter because your normal discipline isn't getting you anywhere. It's time to reevaluate your way of doing things, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Face it, you need something new. If you're used to being independent minded, suddenly needing a leader may feel a bit alien to you. Get used to it, even if it's only a short term attitude adjustment.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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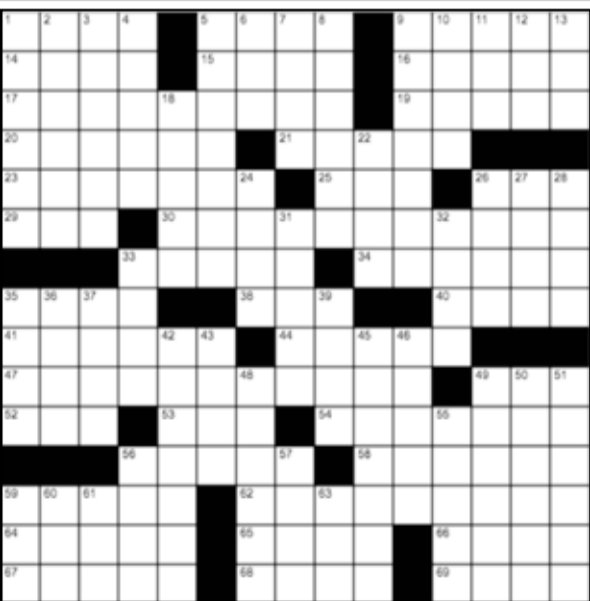
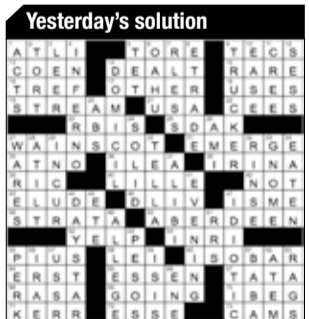
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CROSSWORDS

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New Zealand's Ngani Laumape crosses for a try against Japan during their rugby test at the Ajinomoto Stadium in Tokyo last weekend

## RUGBY

# All Blacks vs Ireland headlines November rugby series

**W**HEN England recovered within months from a humiliating home Rugby World Cup campaign to Grand Slam the Six Nations in 2016, it clamored to play the double world champion All Blacks.

Eddie Jones, the new coach, led the cheerleading. For various reasons — money, scheduling, drawing out the hype — the matchup was put off.

Finally, it's here. This Saturday at Twickenham.

And the English ought to be careful of what they wished for. A game that a year ago was being hyped as a preview of the 2019 Rugby World Cup final is no longer the headliner of this November series. That would be New Zealand's visit to Ireland next week.

England can blame only itself. Notwithstanding upsetting the Springboks last weekend in the first skirmishes, England remains tough but unsettled and exposed. After a glamorous 2016 and 2017, including 18 wins in a row, England's losses outweigh the wins this year.

Meanwhile, the All Blacks will next week achieve nine successive years as No. 1.

And could lose the ranking the next day to Ireland in Dublin.

Ireland replaced England this year as Europe's big cheese. Following a Six Nations Grand Slam, Ireland won a first series in Australia in 39 years. Coach Joe Schmidt has capped 36 new players since the last Rugby World Cup, including two last weekend, and is down to fine-tuning.

The crux of the attack remains

halves Jonathan Sexton and Conor Murray, who did much to end Ireland's excessive respect of the All Blacks in 2016 in Chicago. Murray has been rehabbing a neck injury and returned to training last week.

The Irish will warm up for the All Blacks this week against Argentina, which transformed into a threat again after Jaguars Super Rugby coach Mario Ledesma replaced Daniel Hourcade in August.

The Pumas beat South Africa and Australia in the Rugby Championship, and impressed against the All Blacks. Beside Ireland, they play France and Scotland.

The Springboks are already in Paris, ruing blowing their last two matches to New Zealand and England. South Africa knows what it's capable of after a home

series win over England and beating the All Blacks in Wellington, but it remains a work in progress. To their dismay at Twickenham, the Springboks' lineout malfunctioned and their error-rate was alarming, but all of it was fixable.

After France, the Springboks go to Scotland and Wales.

The Welsh opened their series with a rare win, showing off attack and defense in beating off Scotland. Sam Warburton's retirement is a blow but Wales has depth in the back row, and Alun Wyn Jones is a rousing leader. A year of improvement in results and expansive back play would be capped by beating Australia in Cardiff this weekend, less than a year from their Rugby World Cup pool match in Japan.

Wales have let the Wallabies slip through their grasp for 13

straight matches over a decade. But that might finally end with the Wallabies appearing to have lost their killer instinct.

Australia scored only 16 tries in the Rugby Championship, compared to 25 last year. They have been setting up chances, but tending to grind, putting coach Michael Cheika at wits' end.

If the Will Genia-Bernard Foley-Kurtley Beale axis can grow, the attack could sharpen with the return from injury of center Samu Kerevi and the recall of wing Adam Ashley-Cooper against Wales, Italy, and finally England.

The Scots' road woes continued last weekend in Cardiff, but they relish Murrayfield, where they have lost only once in two years, and that narrowly to New Zealand.

The Scots will also welcome back exiles such as Greig Laidlaw and Sean Maitland plus injured front-liners such as Stuart Hogg, John Barclay and Zander Fagerson for remaining games against Fiji, South Africa, and Argentina.

New Zealand, fresh off another Rugby Championship title, split its squad last week so its second-stringers could account for Japan in Tokyo, and the regulars could come to London early and prepare for England.

It's all part of their Rugby World Cup defense planning, including consecutive games at Twickenham and Lansdowne Road to help them prepare for the knockout rounds. It's these games on murky and moist November nights in Europe which force the All Blacks, so rampant in the southern hemisphere, to strategize more.

It keeps on working. They haven't lost a test in Europe in six years.

This month will also complete the Rugby World Cup field, as Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, and Kenya vie in Marseille for the 20th and last berth. Only Canada of the four has previously qualified, and never missed a World Cup. AP

## FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

# After record Serie A start, Juventus set for Man U visit

Thursday, 4:00  
Juventus v Man Utd  
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**J**UVENTUS is enjoying its best start to a Serie A season and shows no sign of letting up ahead of an important week for the Italian champion.

Juventus hosts Manchester United in the Champions League today [Thursday, 4am] before playing AC Milan at San Siro in Serie A on Sunday.

Cristiano Ronaldo may not have found the net for Juventus in Saturday's 3-1

win over Cagliari, but the Portugal international has helped his new club win 10 of its opening 11 league games.

The Bianconeri have 31 points from a possible 33, surpassing their previous record of 30 points from the first 11 games in the 2005-06 season.

Juventus equaled the record set by Roma in the 2013-14 season and Napoli in 2017-18, and it has only dropped points in a 1-1 draw at home to Genoa.

"The teams behind us — Napoli, Inter and AC Mi-

lan — aren't slowing down at all so we can't afford to let up ourselves," defender Medhi Benatia said Saturday.

Coach Massimiliano Allegri wasn't entirely satisfied afterward, accusing his players of mentally drifting out of the game at times. Indeed, the team almost conceded a late equalizer before Ronaldo set up Juan Cuadrado for Juventus' third goal.

"Allegri has always explained to us how much we have to put into the defensive phase, and it's

clear that this is something that we must improve upon," midfielder Miralem Pjanic said. "Just as we have to be even better at closing out games."

And Pjanic has issued a warning to United.

"It will be an important evening, from which we can qualify for the next round," he said. "In Manchester, we played a great game [winning 1-0] but once again we didn't close it out how we should have. "We want to give our fans an amazing night."

AP/Oddschecker.com



opinion

World Views

Leonid Bershidsky, Bloomberg

THERE'S ONE WAY TO TACKLE FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE

Wouldn't it be wonderful, with the wealth of information available on the internet today, to go back to the nice village feel of the web's earliest days, when it was free to almost everyone who had access to it, personal data weren't bought and sold, important decisions weren't made by algorithms and online bullying, harassment and disinformation were non-issues outside a few un-moderated Usenet newsgroups?

Well, Tim Berners-Lee, who's credited with inventing the World Wide Web, appears to believe we can get at least part of the way there if we all agree that we should.

Through his World Wide Web Foundation, the British computer scientist has started a campaign to draw up a new "Contract for the Web" — a kind of internet Magna Carta — that would make it a safer, nicer, more equitable place to be; a communication medium that serves progress rather than a space for hatred, abuse and fake news. The intellectual foundations of the campaign are laid out in an accompanying report:

The web is under threat — but the web we want is not out of reach. It's up to us to overcome these threats and ensure the web remains an open platform that is truly a force of good for everyone.

The report lists ways in which the internet is broken. Yearly growth in new internet users in less developed countries, according to the report, has fallen to just 15 percent in 2017 from 41 percent in 2014. The user base in developing countries is skewed heavily toward men. About 54 percent of all web pages are in English, although three-quarter's of the world's population doesn't speak it with native proficiency.

Meanwhile, in more developed countries people have privacy and safety concerns, don't understand online companies' terms of service, and suffer from regular data breaches. Automated decisions are being made by flawed, biased algorithms (for example, ads for higher-paying job opportunities aren't being displayed to women) and online abuse is rife. People are getting access to the internet via a tiny group of giant tech companies. Some 90 percent of searches go through Google, more than half of cloud services run on Amazon, 2.2 billion people use Facebook at least once a month. Everywhere, governments are stepping up censorship and surveillance efforts.

This is a familiar litany by now, but the report is a useful attempt to draw up a list of priority problems. It also makes clear that most cannot be fixed by the free market. The countermeasures suggested by Berners-Lee's foundation require lots of government intervention. Who apart from the state could "develop smart policy that fosters competition and drives prices down," expand public access and build the broadband infrastructure to help increase internet access for all? Who else can "put into place comprehensive data protection laws and strong operational frameworks" and "ensure automated decisions are explainable and accountable to the people they are meant to serve?" Who else but government is interested in putting out content in minor languages?

And, obviously, if the censorship and surveillance were rolled out by governments, they're also theirs to roll back.

Yet it's hard to imagine states turning Berners-Lee's initiative into some kind of binding international convention. Is there any chance of the U.S., China and Russia all signing up to a document granting internet users the rights they thought they had before the web was commercialized and commit funding to global infrastructure projects? Extremely unlikely.

As one might expect, early signatories to the supposed "Magna Carta" include Facebook and Google, willing to jump on any public relations bandwagon to help them reverse the growing opprobrium toward Silicon Valley. Instead of complying with Europe's "privacy by design" requirements for their software, these companies get a chance to portray themselves as responsible corporate citizens, perhaps by picking an inexpensive program or two from the agenda endorsed by Berners-Lee.

[...] The commercialized internet of today is no longer run by idealists. It's a huge, largely unregulated market dominated by monopolies with massive lobbying budgets. At this point, it's time for decisive government intervention to regulate them. Nothing else will cut it.

THE FORMER NAZI SS CAMP GUARD, 94, BUZZ GOES ON TRIAL IN GERMANY

A 94-year-old former SS enlisted man went on trial yesterday in Germany, facing hundreds of counts of accessory to murder for alleged crimes committed during the years he served as a guard at the Nazis' Stutthof concentration camp.

Johann Rehbogen was pushed into the Muenster state court trial in a wheelchair, a wooden cane at his side and briefcase on his lap. He appeared alert and attentive as presiding judge Rainer Brackhane asked him questions, answer-

ing in slow, concise sentences.

Rehbogen is accused of working as a guard at the camp east of Danzig, which is today the Polish city of Gdansk, from June 1942 to about early September 1944.

There is no evidence linking him to a specific crime, but over 60,000 people were killed at Stutthof and prosecutors argue that as a guard, he was an accessory to at least hundreds of those deaths.

People magazine names Idris Elba 2018's Sexiest Man Alive

Jonathan Landrum Jr., Los Angeles

PEOPLE magazine has named Idris Elba as 2018's Sexiest Man Alive, and the British actor says the honor has given him a boost of self-confidence. Elba, who starred in "The Wire" and "Luther," was surprised after being crowned this year's winner, the magazine said.

"I was like, 'Come on, no way. Really?'" he told the magazine. "Looked in the mirror, I checked myself out. I was like, 'Yeah, you are kind of sexy today.' But to be honest, it was just a nice feeling. It was a nice surprise — an ego boost for sure."

Elba's selection was revealed on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon," with the actor appearing via satellite from London. Fallon had Elba perform poses to match the magazine's cover description of him as a "sweet, smoldering superstar." Elba said of his selection, "My mom is going to be very, very proud."

The actor has also starred in Marvel's "Thor" franchise and as Nelson Mandela in the film "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom."

Elba, 46, also performs on the side under the deejay name DJ Big Driis and has his own clothing line. He is



also planning a wedding with his fiancée Sabrina Dhowre.

The actor has a 16-year-old daughter, Isan, and a 4-year-old son, Winston, from previous relationships.

Elba told People about his upbringing as an only child of African immigrants growing up in East London. The actor said his parents were strict and he got picked on often while attending an all-boys school despite playing an array of sports including football, basketball, cricket, hockey and rugby.

"I was very tall and skinny," recalled Elba, who stands at 6-foot-3. "And my name was Idrissa Akuna Elba, OK? I got picked on a little bit. But again, as soon as I cou-

ld grow a mustache, I was the coolest kid on the block. Grew a mustache, had some muscles, bonkers."

Past winners include Dwayne Johnson, David Beckham, Chris Hemsworth, Adam Levine, Channing Tatum and last year's honoree, country star Blake Shelton.

Elba will be featured in a special double issue that will hit newsstands Friday. The actor said he tries to live life without few regrets.

"Life isn't about thinking about what you should have done," he said. "I think everyone should adopt the philosophy that tomorrow is not promised so just go for it today. You might as well do it to your heart's content." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Kin Cheung



China's K-8 aircraft from the Aerobatic Team "Hongying", meaning Red Eagle, of Chinese PLA's Air Force, perform during the 12th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition, also known as Airshow China 2018, yesterday in Zhuhai city.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	70-100 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

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WORLD BRIEFS

**TURKEY** The state-run news agency says police detained 24 people as part of an investigation into the Islamic State group's international financial dealings.

**POLAND** The leader of Poland's populist ruling party on Tuesday hailed its showing in local elections as an "all-out victory" despite the party's failure to win mayoral races in any of Poland's large cities.



**FRANCE** Security agents have arrested six people on preliminary terrorism charges for allegedly plotting to attack French President Emmanuel Macron (pictured), according to a French judicial official.

**SPAIN** Rescue workers combed the seas and shores of southern Spain yesterday, searching for 17 missing migrants a day after finding the bodies of 17 other migrants who died trying to cross the Mediterranean in boats departing from North Africa.



**MEXICO** Thousands of Central Americans dreaming of getting to the United States awoke Tuesday to donations of fruit and hot coffee at a sports stadium in Mexico's chilly capital as the U.S. held midterm elections in which President Donald Trump has made the migrant caravan a central issue.

**BRAZIL** President-elect Jair Bolsonaro is insisting on his respect for Brazil's constitution — implicitly responding to fears his administration might roll back civil rights.