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CHINA Five were killed and 18 injured when a car rammed into a group of children crossing a road after leaving their school in northeast China's Liaoning Province, local authorities said yesterday.

NORTH KOREA The head of the U.N.'s atomic watchdog has called on North Korea to allow inspectors back in to monitor its nuclear program. Director General Yukiya Amano noted that Pyongyang had talked about denuclearization measures including the "permanent dismantlement of the nuclear facilities in Yongbyon" — a reactor where it produces plutonium. More on p12



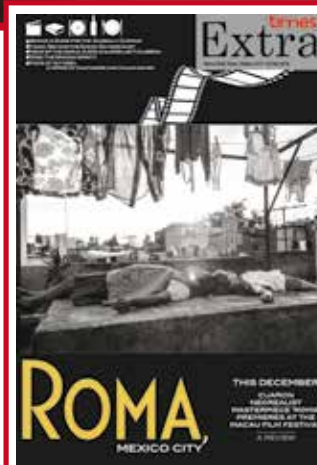
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Serving the citizens, really?

Eric Sautedé, MDT

FOR years we have complained that the policy address was a mere exercise in shortsightedness resting on a catalogue of administrative measures, mostly expressed in quantitative terms. Quality, so it seems, was always less of a concern as long as targets were announced as having been met and social sweeteners were on the rise: the wealth-partaking scheme basically doubled since its inception in 2008.

A somewhat complete review, let alone an effective and courageous assessment of past deeds, has always been absent or so cosmetic that it boiled down to complacent bragging. Pending issues, delayed policy-making or blunt failures are never discussed, and the “looking back” (huigu) part of the policy address was always, and is still very much, narrowly understood and defined.

We have argued time and time again that without any form of critical thinking, convincing the mind and winning the heart of the people would prove impossible. All these businessmen-turned-politicians who govern us should know better: business textbooks are full of half-baked recipes to turn managers into leaders, control freaks into inspirational visionaries, plumbers into architects.

Clearly, family-run businesses striving because of oligopolistic positions and privileged access to land do not abide by the same rules, but they can read, right? If they want to stay on the pragmatic side, they can simply follow the advice of Sir Winston Churchill, who aptly remarked, “Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.” Reality does bite, and sweeping pressing issues under the rug will only translate into distracting tactics.

But they could also go for more heavy-lifting reading, as both Li Keqiang and Wang Qishan, respectively China’s premier and vice-president, are said to have recommended to communist cadres the study of de Tocqueville’s “The Old Regime and the Revolution.” The point being that reform is needed if revolution is to be avoided, but that deciding what and how to reform are the key questions, something



even democratic governments around the world, obsessed with procedures and plagued by elite reproduction, had somehow forgotten to prioritize.

In today’s China, reforming so-called “mass organizations”—the engagement with society—has indeed become a priority given the regime wants to fully capitalize on the effective gains of popularity derived from the sweeping and far-reaching war against corruption. Getting rid of corrupt officials does create expectations: from now on, things are going to be different; and if they are not, what’s the point? I wonder if the Macau representatives at the National’s People Congress and Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference are really doing their homework when the visit Beijing in March every year.

To be fair, in his first genuine policy address—the one delivered in November 2010 and not earlier in March, necessarily more in the continuity of his predecessor—Chui Sai On did announce quite a radical break from the past. These were still the years in the aftermath of the 2007/2008 global financial crisis, and thus the idea of recovery was shaping the rationales. Moreover, the official motto in Hu Jintao’s China was to develop a “society of moderate prosperity,” one in which inequalities would be the focus of policy-making and redistributive measures would take the lead.

No wonder, then, that Chui insisted on caring for the ones in need at the bottom as well as nurturing the majority in the middle. The very idea of not antagonizing the middle-class, which had grown not only in number but also in skills—wanting more say in the political decisions that were made in their name—derived from a precise analysis of the latest demographic trends. Hence the new fad around “political consultations,” the perfect substitute to effective democratic changes.

Promoting the former secretary for culture and social affairs indeed made perfect sense, even more so because Chui had been associated with “social concerns” since 1992, the year he became legislator for the first time.

Besides, the measures that were to be taken had a renewed ambition: they would take place in a corruption-free environment—the previous administration had been irremediably tainted by the Ao Man Long scandal—and would be based on carefully weighted initiatives. The claim to scientificity was not new, but the framing was novel: we were to have a “sunshine government” (yanguang zhengfu), and “scientific decision-making” (kexue juece) would preside over the government’s decisions. That sounded awfully close to the jargon used in the first system, but for the first (and unique) time the wealth-partaking scheme went down by MOP1,000 for perma-

nent residents. In many respects it was both a courageous and reasonable move to make. People get used to receiving sweeteners, even though this is in total contradiction to means-tested policies that aim at correcting social inequalities.

Core principles have value only if they are incorporated into a vision that will in turn translate into reality

Unfortunately, corruption was not wiped out – far from it: former Prosecutor General Ho Chio-meng (15 years in the job!) was arrested in February 2016 and one year later sentenced to 21 years’ imprisonment on multiple accounts of fraud, abuse and trafficking of power, money laundering, etc. Prior to that, the Perks’ Bill, which was eventually ditched in May 2014 after 20,000 people had taken to the streets, had shown in crude light that policy-making, far from being scientifically grounded, could be construed as the exclusive playing field for a small co-

terie that moreover considered itself impervious to supervision. At the time, I used the word “kleptocracy” to characterize the form of government Macau was enjoying.

The whole lot of governmental secretaries was replaced in December 2014, and promises were made in the policy address that cronies and traditional patrons would have to lay low for a while, not being able to concurrently hold more than three advising positions to the government and for no more than two terms. That corresponded to the time when the economy was ailing—gross gaming revenues had started their decline in June that year and would continue their nosedive up until the summer of 2016. Old habits die hard: nothing much changed as far as governance was concerned—except for security—and in the wake of the disastrous management of deadly typhoon Hato, Chui’s team became the least popular government ever in the short history of the Macau SAR!

Today, we have a longer time frame for policies to be implemented step-by-step, thanks to the SAR’s five-year development plan (2016-2020), and all seems to be going fine: last year, the Chief Executive announced that 80% of the overall plan had already been achieved and this year the percentage stands at 92 percent. Fiscal reserves have reached a whopping MOP555 billion: that’s close to five years budgeted public expenditures! And Macao is set to become the richest place per capita by 2020! But then of course, the median salary is only MOP16,000 per month, three times what it was in 2000, whereas GDP has grown almost sixfold in the same period!

Ignorance is bliss though: the last time we had a Gini Index was in 2013! And then, do you really feel like you’re in New York, Berlin or Tokyo when walking the streets of Macau? Is the public hospital in the SAR on par with the one in Singapore? Is the skyline comparable to Doha? And then let’s not mention the elephant in the room: what about democratic reform? Is the “+2+2+100” the only steps that could be taken in 20 long years? And then why was the latest UN Universal Periodic Review so critical regarding Macau’s discriminatory practices? Core principles (Macao people governing Macau and a high degree of autonomy) have value only if they are incorporated into a vision that will in turn translate into reality.

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The New Central Library project



The Leon Auditorium

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Marreiros denies plagiarism claims

Paulo Barbosa

ARCHITECT Carlos Marreiros yesterday denied allegations of plagiarism regarding the façade of his project, the New Macau Central Library, which bears similarities with an award-winning auditorium built in the early 2000's in the Spanish city of Leon. During a press conference held yesterday, Marreiros said that "architecture is not cosmetic," and explained that the project presented by he and a team of around 40 persons must be "seen holistically."

It was revealed on Saturday that Marreiros had been selected to design and plan the construction of the New Macau Central Library, first announced in 2007, and is expected to submit its final blueprint by 2020. The winning bid was announced at a press conference held by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), at a tender price of MOP18.68 million and for a design period of 268 days.

The IC stated yesterday that it is following the issue and has contacted the winning company immediately asking for an explanation about it. The bureau "carried the open tender and proposal evaluation process of the library design and planning of the New Macau Central Library Project strictly following the principles of fairness, impartiality and openness and in accordance with the law. At the present stage, it is not convenient to make any comments," according to a statement sent to the Times.

During the press conference held at Albergue SCM, Marreiros said that he already sent a letter to the IC with further explanations, adding that he and his team only received knowledge of the existence of the Leon Auditorium on Wednesday night, after he was contacted by a journalist from newspaper

Hoje Macau and asked to comment upon the resemblance. "I did not know the building. I started knowing about it superficially now, through pictures and the Internet," he said.

The local architect and artist said that his work had been heavily influenced by Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier and the modernist movement. During yesterday's press conference, he showed several images of his previous work in Macau, where he mingled heritage buildings with modern sections, such as the expansion of the Public Security Forces Affairs Bureau building, located in the former St Francisco barracks.

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CARLOS MARREIROS

Regarding the project of the New Central Library, Marreiros said that the placement of the windows was made in a way similar to a famous work by Le Corbusier, namely the Chapel of Notre Dame du Haut in Ronchamp, France.

"The modernist architectural language has a similar vocabulary. We can't conclude that there is a copy when a section of a building is highlighted to compare it with a section of other building," Marreiros said. "To find resemblance [between buildings] is something that happens all over the world in modern architecture. [...] We never thought that the result of our exercise would

have any resemblance to any building, much less to this Leon auditorium, which I only knew about yesterday [Wednesday]."

In order to demonstrate his point, Marreiros showed images of several works of modernist architecture that are very similar to one other [see images besides]. He argued that "architecture is a whole made to serve the happiness of the user. It is not only looking at the details of a window or a façade that you can compare with other thing and say it is a copy."

The Macanese architect also said that the project for the New Central Library and the Leon Auditorium are very different, noting that the Macau project has 11 floors and the Leon has six. "In terms of size and implementation, our project has nothing to do with the one in Leon. All the approaches, the way to build, the [architectural] discourse are completely different."

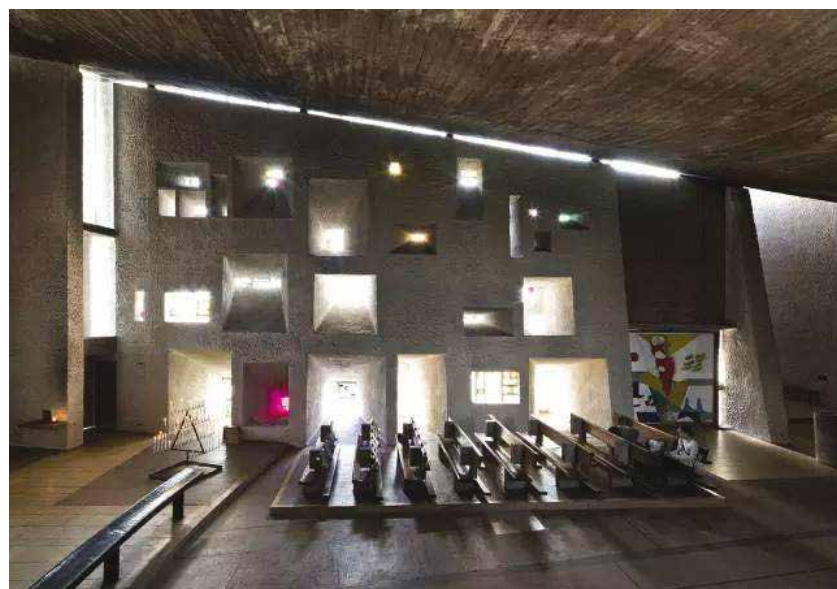
During the press conference, Marreiros revealed his idea for the modern section of the building, which intends to show what libraries are built for: "The block was inspired in a file drawer and a book shelf, where knowledge is stored and safeguarded."

Marreiros noted that all his projects are unique and adapted to topology and use. "When I draw for Macau, I don't draw the same way that I do when drawing for China, Lisbon or Cape Verde."

He closed the press conference by defending his honor. "I always upheld principles of good architectural practice and creativity. [...] I never copied or plagiarized," he said. "What would I win with 61 years of age – I started to work when I was still an architecture student in Lisbon – by plagiarizing? Bearing in mind all my past, it doesn't make sense that people would think that there is any intention to imitate. My conscience is clear."



Marreiros speaks to journalists yesterday



Chapel of Notre Dame du Haut in Ronchamp, France



Justice Palace, Gouveia



Apartments in Murcia, Spain



Comparison between the Old Court Building and the proposed new section

Sonia Chan's Policy Address for 2019 more a review of 2018

Renato Marques

THE Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan was yesterday at the Legislative Assembly (AL) to present her Policy Address for the fiscal year of 2019, following the general presentation made by Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On last week.

In fact, the Secretary chose to focus more on a review of the works of her Secretariat during the year 2018 than to present concrete measures or topics which she plans to address in the year to come.

"In 2019, the area of Administration and Justice would continue to work further on the several policy measures, based on the existing works," she noted before enumerating a number of measures in which Secretary Chan believes the government has been very successful in 2018. Specifically, she mentioned the creation of the new Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), which will be officially created from January 1, 2019, and the development of the Electronic Government (e-gov) in relation to the general planning for 2015-2019, for which Chan claims 86 percent of the works have already been concluded.

That was an opinion not shared by several lawmakers, who claim precisely the opposite - among them Ma Chi Seng, Si Ka Lon and Ella Lei, who questioned the Secretary on the real effects of such works.

On the topic and referring to the figures presented previously by the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, Lei said, "the increase in the number of workers [public servants] proves that the 'electronic government' is not working and



Sonia Chan (center)

there is no simplification of procedures," adding, "there is no efficiency and more and more workers will be needed, costing more and more money to the public coffers."

Lei remarked that the government has been advertising the electronic government for many years but the concept has not moved from the project stage to a real implementation. "It's far below the expectations of the population," she concluded.

The creation and the expectation of the work of the IAM was also a highlighted topic at the plenary session with lawmaker Ma calling for a timetable for the publication of the list of members that will compose the Advisory Council of the new bureau.

In reply the Secretary advanced that the list will be revealed next month. "In December we will conclude the process and disclose the list of the selected members as well as the justification for why they were chosen," the Secretary said, noting that there was a high number

of applicants from which, "60 percent are people below 45 years old, which means that the younger people are interested in participating." Chan also said "all sectors of society would be represented."

Another area of interest for the government will be the exten-

sion of visa-free access to countries in the American continents for Macau passport-holders. "In 2019 the government of the MSAR will continue to prioritize the negotiation with American countries over the reciprocal access to visa-free entry" for Macau passport holders, she said, a

measure that according to Chan was already extended to 141 countries and regions in 2018.

In regards to leisure and recreational areas soon to be placed under the authority of the IAM, the Chairman of Administration Committee of IACM, José Tavares announced that the bureau has plans to build in 2019 "a bicycle path in the mountain area, starting around Seac Pai Van park" as well as a refurbishing of the streets and sidewalks around Nam Van Lake and the creation of a new pedestrian path in the area of the Taipa Houses-Museum, "to enhance the environment in the area and allow visitors to appreciate the flowers and plants."

Further into the session, lawmaker Sulu Sou provided his own calculation of the performance of the Secretariat of Sonia Chan in 2018, noting, "according to your plan and from the 11 noted topics, seven of them have not even reached the AL yet."

"Besides that, there was very little transparency in the way other topics were approached. It looks like the government is purposely delaying the policies that interfere directly with people's lives," he said, naming for instance the policy to implement a tax over the use of plastic bags, among others.

Chan announces end to public servants lower career index

ONE of the measures that Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan announced is the end to some lower career indexes for civil servants, who will now move to the upper level.

On the sidelines, lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho expressed his satisfaction but noted that it is just a small victory.

"This is a war that is not over yet. The government takes advantage of this [lower salary index] to put workers to do the work of higher salary indexes [but] paying less," he said, adding, "the fight will continue because at this very moment, the government is paying [for example]

the index 350 for the staff members with bachelor degrees and as far as I know there is no such degree anymore. Taking into account that in Macau there are enough vacancies for university courses we can't understand why they want to keep this index. In fact, these people are hired over this index but in reality they are performing tasks of licentiates from the 430 [salary] index," the lawmaker said.

Coutinho also noted that there are many other cases in which public servants are being harmed in their rights by "exploitative" index tables that do not match the work that these people are performing.

Forum Macau delegation tours Angola and Portugal

A delegation of the Permanent Secretariat of Forum Macau, has toured Angola and Portugal from November 7 to 12, as informed in a statement.

During the visit to Angola, the delegation held a meeting with the director-general for Asia and Oceania of the Republic of Angola's Ministry of External Relations, Agostinho André de Carvalho Fernandes, where the two sides exchanged views on the achievements of Forum Macau over the past 15 years. This included

talks about Macau's role as a platform for business and trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. Among other discussion topics was the upcoming 6th Ministerial Conference of Forum Macau.

During the tour, the delegation also had the opportunity to visit the Chinese Embassy in Angola, the Chinese-financed Higher Institute of International Relations project, and had an exchange session with representatives of China-based firms in Angola.

During the Portugal leg of the tour, the delegation met the director-general of Economic Activities of the Ministry of Economy Fernanda Ferreira Dias, where both parties discussed the importance of Sino-Portuguese economic and trade relations, and the role of Macau has a platform in the development of economic and trade cooperation between China and Portugal.

One of the highly relevant topics of discussion was the participation of Portugal in China's "Belt

and Road" initiative, as well as the implementation of matters raised at the 5th Ministerial Conference of Forum Macau and preparations for the 6th conference.

The delegation also visited AICEP Portugal Global, the Chinese Embassy in Portugal and the Huawei Portugal Innovation & Experience Centre.

After their visit to Portugal, the working group of the Permanent Secretariat of Forum Macau has scheduled a tour to São Tomé and Príncipe.



The delegation visited the Huawei innovation center in Portugal

Q&A KRIS KAMINSKY
GENERAL MANAGER OF FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MACAO

New phase of Four Seasons targets to be city's 'premier product'

Lynzy Valles

FOUR Seasons Hotel Macao is set to hold its annual charity event Run of Hope Macao, a community program that aims to support the fight against cancer, for the tenth consecutive year this Sunday.

Themed "Superhero," the hotel is expecting some 300 participants this year, with funds donated to Kiang Wu Hospital for cancer research initiatives and Evangelize China Fellowship Orphanage.

General manager of Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Kris Kaminsky, sat with the Times, detailing the hotel's activities in regards to this cause, as well as disclosing updates on the second phase of Four Seasons – which Sheldon Adelson, chairman and chief executive officer of Las Vegas Sands referred to as "Four Seasons Tower Suites Macao."

Although no budget for this particular project was revealed, Adelson noted in the LVS third quarter results that investments in the Four Seasons Tower Suites Macao, St. Regis Tower Suites Macao and The Londoner Macao totals to a USD2.2 billion investment through to 2021.

Macau Daily Times - Run of Hope is set to enter its tenth year. Are there newly added elements that we can expect?

Kris Kaminsky - It's a special event for Four Seasons. It's been around for a long time. Our founder, Isadore Sharp, decided to do something about it. If you look around the globe, all our 112 properties are doing something around Run of Hope. Four Seasons, as a company, has raised more than CAD700 million throughout the years [which has] gone to help fund cancer research, with this goal of eradicating cancer.

In Macau it's our tenth year so it's an exciting one. There's a little bit of twist this year. [The event] has become more of a family event and I think there's certainly a desire for family friendly events in Macau.

To celebrate our tenth year, [...] we've asked all the participants to come and dress up like superheroes, and we'll treat them like superheroes because they're really doing good things too.

MDT - Is this a part of the hotel's branding?

KK - Yes, the hotel and the company in general. It is part

LYNZY VALLES



of our corporate social responsibility. We've got three pillars in Four Seasons. One is building communities, [...], second is cancer research and the third pillar is supporting sustainability. So, certainly we're hitting some of these markets with Run of Hope.

MDT - Are we seeing an increase in the funds being raised?

KK - We are, but that's because we are doing more events; we're sort of diversifying this. Run of Hope is becoming more of a series of events than just one run. We've got Cocktails for a Cause, which we did for the first time last year and raised MOP50,000. We finished that event two weeks ago and [...] we

broke MOP100,000. It's double the amount of the donations year-on-year, so if we just keep that trend, we'll be making a great impact.

MDT - There aren't a lot of establishments in the SAR that have activities to support cancer research programs, particularly in Macau. Thus how significant is this Four Seasons in supporting local research?

KK - You know it's special when you see what they do with the money.

We don't always know the [direct impact]... but for example two years ago, they used the money to offer breast cancer scans for people that could not afford it and would not be able to go

to a private hospital to have it done. When you think about that, how can you not feel good? That's making an impact.

The people of Macau who wouldn't otherwise have the resources are able to go to Kiang Wu and because of these funds that we've been able to raise, they're able to go and have a free scan.

MDT - Can you tell us details about the new phase of the Four Seasons Hotel?

KK - There are exciting things happening at this property. One of them is the addition of the second tower. I think that we're at point where it is an extension of this hotel, so it's a new experience coming.

We kind of look at it as saying Four Seasons Macao has estab-

lished itself as really the premier property in Macau.

It will be an all-suite product. There will be some of the biggest suites in town, the design is spectacular and it's really designed with home in mind. So this is a different product for this market.

If you can imagine a very high-end residential product, that's what you'll have with the comfort of home. Partner it along with the legendary service and anticipatory service, [and with] all this, it's going to be a really amazing experience.

Product-wise [the new tower] is going to have its own identity [...] designed as a residential product vs a hotel product.

MDT - Will we see different branding in this new tower?

KK - This is a Four Seasons product. A lot of that is still in the works in terms of developing it, but it's Four Seasons [so] you'll have the service and the experience of Four Seasons.

MDT - How will this new tower differ from the integrated resorts that Macau currently has?

KK - I think product-wise it's going to have its own identity. This is designed as a home, as a residential product versus a hotel product. In terms of the looks and feel of it, it will absolutely have its own identity. In terms of experience, it's part of the Four Seasons.

The Four Seasons brand is enhancing the product. [...] There will be a pool overlooking the Cotai Strip, giving more experiences to our guests.

MDT - How many suites are we expecting?


KK - Let's say around 300.

MDT - Can you reveal the budget for this new tower?

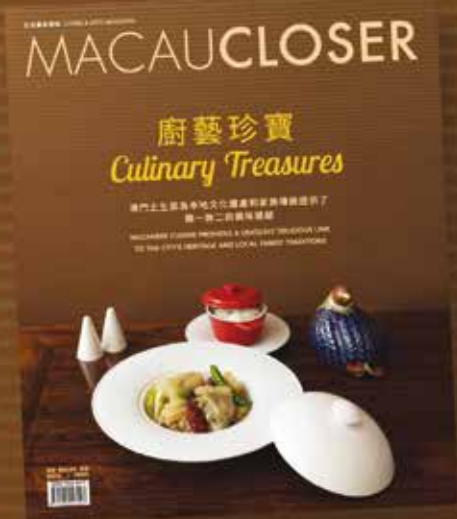

KK - I certainly can't comment on the budget but I can say that this is being designed and built to be the premier product in Macau.

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'Latin Parade' organizers expect 30 percent surge in participants

THIS year's Macao International Parade, formerly known as the "Parade through Macau, Latin City", will see an increase in the number of participating groups and an anticipated 30 percent surge in the number of participants. The expectations were announced yesterday at a press conference held at the Macao Cultural Center.

Organizers say that this year's Parade, which is once again being used as an opportunity to celebrate the anniversary of the 1999 handover of Macau from Portugal to China, will count the attendance of 76 groups (57 local and 19 foreign groups) and a total of 1,700 participants.

That marks a notable increase over the 2017 Parade, which invited 49 local and 15 foreign groups and a total of 1,300 participants.

This year's participating countries and territories are mainland China, France, Spain, Russia, Colombia, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Argentina, Japan, Malaysia, Korea, Hong Kong – and the Portuguese-speaking countries of Portugal, Brazil, Guinea-Bissau and Mozambique.

The 2018 Macao International Parade will be held on Sunday, December 16, four days prior to the 19th anniversary of the handover.

The Parade is based on the concept of what organizers describe as "cultural encounter" between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. This year it will showcase the classic myths and folklore of the countries and territories within this international scope, using totems and mascots that embody the cultural origins of these countries.

The figures are Niuwa from China, the A-Ma from Macau, the Barcelos Rooster from Portugal,



Mok Ian Ian (center-right)

the Sun from Cape Verde, the Crocodile from East Timor, the White-nosed Monkey from Guinea-Bissau, the Protector of the Forest from Brazil, the Island of Roosters from São Tomé and Príncipe, the Goddess of the Sea from Angola and the Spirit of the Oceans from Mozambique.

According to organizers, "the ten figures were created by a local designer from the mythology and folklore of China, Macau and the Portuguese-speaking countries. These figures carry the roots and essence of their respective cultures and represent different values in life such as love, inheritance, esteem, respect, protection, eternity, justice, gratitude, compassion and dedication."

This year's Parade will follow the same route as in 2017, strolling from the Ruins of St. Paul's to Sai Van Lake Square and ending with a fireworks display at the Macao Tower.

The President of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Mok Ian Ian, who

presided over yesterday's opening ceremony, said that the Parade will encourage locals and tourists to intermingle among the Latin-inspired heritage sites of downtown Macau.

"The participating groups will parade with residents and tourists through the old quarters, from quiet squares to the bustling town, injecting artistic vitality in streets and avenues full of cultural heritage," she said.

The Parade will also host a total of 24 outreach performances, with foreign art groups invited to host community workshops. The aim is to inspire cultural exchange with foreign artists and create a festive atmosphere in the community, organizers said.

The entire event will be broadcast by TDM. Outdoor screens will be installed at several locations including Iao Hon Garden, Rotunda Carlos da Maia, Rua de D. Belchior Carneiro and next to Flower City Garden on Rua de Coimbra, Taipa. **DB**

Value of economic activities rises 9.1 percent in 2017

THE gross value added by all economic activities in Macau registered 9.1 percent growth in real terms in 2017, according to the latest data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), after declining 0.7 percent year-on-year in 2016.

DSEC added that the growth was bolstered by the "satisfactory performance" of the tertiary sector, with gross value added by gaming and junket activities rising 16.2 percent, while the wholesale and retail sector increased 21.9 percent.

Also according to DSEC, the relative importance of the secondary sector to total gross value added fell from 6.7 percent in 2016 to 5.1 percent in 2017, owing to a decrease in the share of construction. Meanwhile, the relative importance of the tertiary sector

rose from 93.3 percent to 94.9 percent, with the increased shares of hotels and similar activities, wholesale and retail and gaming and junket activities.

The share of gaming and junket activities grew by 2.5 percentage points year-on-year to 49.1 percent, whereas that of non-gaming services dropped by 0.8 percentage points to 45.8 percent.

Gross value added by the secondary sector declined by 20.6 percent in real terms, with that of construction dropping by 28.8 percent, and that of manufacturing and electricity, gas and water supply rising by 7.7 percent and 17.2 percent respectively in real terms. At the same time, gross value added by the tertiary sector increased by 11.2 percent in real terms.

AXA Hong Kong to expand Macau insurance presence

INSURANCE firm AXA Hong Kong has announced the expansion of their business in Macau with the opening of a new office, the implementation of the latest "InsurTech" and the growth of their local sales teams to cope with growing demand for insurance policies within the Macau market.

"The average income of Macau residents has increased and the current labor population in Macau is relatively young with around 54 percent aged 25-44. The need for wealth management and insurance protection has increased accordingly," noted the company in a press statement. "Besides this, the insurance penetration rate is only around 2 percent, and we can see a huge demand in the Macau market."

Traditionally, life and savings insurance products have been more popular in the Macau market. However, now home and travel insurance are becoming more popular, fueled in part by the devastating effects brought about by typhoons Hato and Mangkhut.

The company will launch travel and home insurance in Macau in the second quarter of 2019.

AXA Hong Kong has been providing services in Macau for nearly 30 years. In the past two years, it has expanded its team in the MSAR by more than one-quarter, further expecting to double its agency force in the next two years.

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SAM LEE

Although most property transactions are made with 'vacant possession' where the property is made empty and ready for the buyer to occupy on the day of completion, some properties are sold with an existing tenancy contract in place. Let's take a quick look at what might mean for the different parties.

Tenant

If you are the tenant, the legal contract that you have with the existing landlord is protected by law and transferred to the new owner. You will simply be requested to start paying rent into a new bank account. However, if you are looking to remain in the property and wish to renew your contract after it expires, your luck will depend on whether the new buyer is an investor or a homebuyer. An investor is more likely to extend the lease, unless he or she is looking to renovate the property.

A homebuyer will of course seek to end the contract ASAP to move into the property themselves.

Buyer

If you are considering buying a property that is tenanted, there are a couple of things to consider. First of all, you must review the existing tenancy contract carefully for its terms and any special clauses, because as the new owner of the property you will need to honor that contract. For example, if it is a newly signed 3-year contract that allows the tenant to keep large pets, you must be prepared to keep the tenants (pets included) for that period. You might also want to find out what kind of tenants they are and what their relationship is like with the current owner, although this information might not be so easy to get. The last thing to consider of course is how much rent the tenant is currently

paying since this will have direct implications for your cash flow.

Seller

For the seller, having a tenant in the property potentially means that it is more difficult to show and sell the property, depending on how cooperative the tenant is. If the tenant is messy or a hoarder this might make a bad impression of the property for potential buyers and negatively affect your bargaining power, although the opposite could work in your favor. If you are selling a commercial property, the valuation is derived directly from the net operating income of the property so the cleanliness of the tenants become irrelevant. Commercial transactions are much more mechanical, and it only matters how much the tenants are paying in rent, how long they will rent for and how much they cost to manage.

World's largest Ikea to open in Manila as company bets on Asia

Ian Sayson

THE world's largest Ikea store will open in 2020 in the Philippines as the Swedish furniture retailer presses on its bets in Asia.

Ikea will debut a 65,000 square meter (700,000 square feet) store in SM Prime Holdings Inc.'s Mall of Asia where it's leasing a space that's equal to more than 150 basketball courts, Ikea Southeast Asia Managing Director Christian Rojkjaer said at the launch of the Philippine website on Tuesday. A typical Ikea big blue-box is about 35,000 square meters.

Ikea will spend an initial 7 billion pesos (USD134 million) to build, stock, and staff the store, which will carry 9,000 products, Rojkjaer said. The Manila complex will have a two-level shop, a warehouse, an e-commerce facility and a call center that will serve more than 5 million households within a 60-minute radius. The company will employ 500 staff.

The Philippines, where the growing middle class is fo-



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■ The Mall of Asia complex sits across Manila's gaming district

recast to spend more than Italy's by 2030, has a population of more than 105 million people dominated by a working-age demographic. The economy has expanded above 6 percent for 13 straight quarters, fueled by private consumption

which makes up the bulk of gross domestic product.

The world's largest furniture retailer is expanding rapidly in Asia. It debuted the first of 25 stores in India in August. Last week, it said it will open the first city-center store in Tokyo in 2020 near one of its busiest metro stations.

The Mall of Asia complex sits across Manila's gaming district where integrated casino resorts worth more than \$1 billion each have sprouted and attracted mainland Chinese tourist traffic that has driven up property prices. **Bloomberg**

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E-COMMERCE

Dolce&Gabbana goods pulled in China over alleged insults

Ken Moritsugu, Beijing

DOLCE&GABBANA goods disappeared yesterday from Chinese e-commerce sites as the fallout grew over remarks insulting to China that were apparently made by two of its Instagram accounts. The company has blamed hackers.

Searches for Dolce&Gabbana turned up no items on major online retailers such as Alibaba's Tmall and JD.com. Both companies didn't respond to requests for comment.

A duty-free shop at the Haikou Meilan airport on China's Hainan island posted a photo of empty shelves on its social media account, saying that it had pulled all Dolce&Gabbana products. It wrote in another post that "Even if our power is small, we have to show our stance. We are proud of being Chinese."

The moves by retailers came one day after several



A computer screen shows the online impact on Dolce & Gabbana products displayed in Beijing

screenshots were circulated online showing co-founder Stefano Gabbana referring to China with crude terms and

emoji as he defended promotional videos that had sparked controversy earlier. The comments were made in

a private message exchange with another Instagram user. Separately, the Dolce&Gabbana account used offensive language in another exchange.

The Italian luxury fashion house apologized and said both accounts had been hacked. "We have nothing but respect for China and the people of China," it wrote.

The apology was too late to save a major extravaganza in Shanghai that Dolce&Gabbana had billed as one of its biggest shows ever outside of Italy.

Major Chinese celebrities threatened to boycott the event, which had been scheduled for Wednesday night, and the company finally called it off. Actress Zhang Ziyi, who starred in "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," said that the Italian brand had "disgraced itself."

An analyst said the bad publicity will have a lasting effect.

"It's the kiss of death for Dolce&Gabbana," said Shaun Rein, founder and managing director of China Market Research Group in Shanghai. "I expect them to have a real tough time over the next six to 12 months."

The three promotional videos that led to the Instagram fiasco showed a Chinese woman using chopsticks to eat pizza and other Italian food. Many in China called them racist and full of outdated stereotypes. The videos were previously deleted from the company's account on Weibo, a Chinese version of Twitter.

Rein said it's a big mistake when westerners come up with creative content but don't understand how the campaigns will be received by Chinese consumers.

He noted a trend of rising nationalism in China. "So if you, as a western brand, do anything that looks like you are mocking or making fun of Chinese culture, that's a big no-no," he said.

The ruling Communist Party's People's Daily newspaper wrote on Weibo late Wednesday: "China has always been friendly to foreign businesses. But it doesn't mean there's no bottom line. There is a deal only when there is respect." **AP**

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OLYMPIC REFERENDUM TOMORROW

Shall it be 'Taiwan' or 'Chinese Taipei'

ATHLETES from Taiwan compete at the Olympics under the name of a make-believe country: Chinese Taipei. They march behind an imaginary national flag and, if they win a gold medal, hear an "alternate national anthem" being played.

Imagine if France or Australia had to use an assumed name at the Olympics, or the United States and Japan were banned from flying their flags.

A referendum to challenge this will be held in Taiwan tomorrow. It asks if the self-governing island should compete in international sports events — including the 2020 Tokyo Olympics — as "Taiwan" instead of "Chinese Taipei."

"We are the sole IOC member banned from using our own country's name," said Chi Cheng, a bronze medalist in the 1968 Olympics. "We are the only member who cannot sing our national anthem and fly our national flag. We are the only one. This shows how seriously China is suppressing us."

No matter what voters want, nothing is likely to change.



China's authoritarian government has viewed Taiwan as a renegade province since the two separated in the 1949 civil war. The International Olympic Committee backs China, which will host the 2022 Winter Olympics after spending USD40 billion on the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

In a statement to the Associated Press, the IOC said it will not alter a 1981 agreement that Taiwan must compete as Chinese Taipei. Its executive board repeated that stance in meetings on May 2-3.

"The agreement remains unchanged and fully applicable," the IOC said.

That puts the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee in a bind.

If the referendum passes, it could be required by Taiwanese law to go ahead with the name change pending approval from the legislature.

But in a statement to AP, it said "we are bound by the Olympic Charter, the agreement we signed with the IOC in 1981, and also by the IOC executive board decision."

Taiwan's athletes are caught in the middle. Dozens protested Wednesday, fearing they could lose their chance to participate in the Olympics.

Even if Taiwan was booted out, the IOC has frequently let athletes compete under an independent Olympic flag.

Jacqueline Yi-ting Shen, the secretary general of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, declined to comment for this article. But she spoke about Taiwan's predicament in an interview with the AP at the Asian Games in August.

"This gives us a chance to compete and make our strength known internationally, so we accept the pity that we have to

compete under the name of Chinese Taipei," Shen said.

She added: "I'm sure that many people [in Taiwan] feel dismayed. But quite a lot understand that it is the reality in the international sporting realm. If we use our own name, we will lose the chance for our athletes. They will lose the playground, or the showcase they have. The right of our athletes to compete is our utmost concern. And I think most Taiwanese understand that."

Ma Xiaoguang, a spokesman for China's Taiwan Affairs Office, told a news conference this month that Taiwan was using the name issue to "politicize" sports. He said the referendum would damage Taiwan's interests but gave no details of measures Beijing might take.

Earlier, China warned that Taiwan would "swallow its own bitter fruit" over the referendum issue.

Taiwan's ruling party, the independence-leaning Democratic Progressive Party led by President Tsai Ing-wen, has remained largely silent on the name change. AP

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Chinese reporter wins rare police apology for harassment

AP PHOTO



An online post by the Quanzhou police detailing the investigation and an apology for an incident where agents let themselves into the hotel room of Zhou Chen

THE young woman is panting, panicked, her thin arm pointing at four men in police uniforms who had let themselves into her hotel room near midnight.

"You cannot treat me like this," she shouts, her voice high and reeling. "You cannot barge in like this late at night, OK? I didn't do anything illegal."

The men, one carrying a pair of thin white plastic restraints, tell her they are doing a "routine inspection," according to a video of the Nov. 11 incident seen by The Associated Press.

Only there was nothing routine about this. Their target was Zhou Chen, an environmental reporter for Caixin, one of China's most respected business media groups. She was on a reporting trip to Quanzhou, a city in southeastern China's Fujian province, to investigate a petrochemical leak that sickened more than 50 people.

Journalists in China are regularly tailed and harassed by local authorities, but few Chinese reporters publicly discuss the details. Zhou broke the silence about her harassment in an article published this week, prompting an outcry on social media and a rare apology from the police.

Reporters Without Borders ranks China 176 out of 180 in its World Press Freedom Index and says more than 50 journalists and bloggers are detained "in conditions that pose a threat to their lives." China's ruling Communist Party is eager to suppress information that might contribute to social instability, while local officials often try to interfere with reporting on sensitive topics.

On Nov. 4, around 7 tons of the petroleum derivative C9 leaked into the sea off Quanzhou. Do-

zens of residents fell sick, and scores of fish died. Local residents complained that officials mishandled the cleanup and tried to cover up the extent of the damage.

Zhou went to investigate. On Nov. 11, after a long day of reporting, she was in bed, in her pajamas, looking at her phone when she heard a keycard unlocking the door of her hotel room. It was 11:30 p.m.

"You barged in like this when I'm not even properly dressed," Zhou shouts in the video. "Could you please leave immediately?"

The men demanded her ID. They did a cursory search of the room, flipping the curtains back and forth, and warned her to watch out for her safety.

Zhou's account of her terrifying night was published Monday in Caixin Weekly, part of the Caixin Media group. The police search capped a day of bullying, according to her article. She wrote that she had been blocked from taking photos by people wearing body cameras and tailed as a mother and daughter took her to see dead fish floating in their family fish farm.

According to Zhou, the police didn't show her any documents authorizing their late-night search, as required by Chinese law. Hotels in China must register their guests' information with the police, and a hotel receptionist later told Zhou that the police had asked for her room card specifically.

"I finally have seen firsthand how lawless and unscrupulous the abuse of official power can be," she wrote. After the men left her room, she wrote that she sat for some time "in a frightened daze."

Both Caixin and Zhou declined to comment. **AP**

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ANALYSIS

Rising US, China rivalry deepening rifts in Asia

Elaine Kurtenbach, Bangkok

ALL the usual rituals of international summits were there: the group photos, the gala dinners, the noticeably vibrant shirts leaders force themselves into. But eclipsing all of that at Asia's two big meetings was some unusually forthright criticism that exposed deepening divisions rattling the region.

Front and center was the rivalry between the U.S. and China. The two countries are locked in a widening trade war and their representatives used the summits to exchange barbs and maneuver to expand their influence.

Competition between the great powers is not new to the region. But over decades of war, financial crises and other setbacks, countries across Asia and the Pacific Rim have used these an-

nual meetings to talk through such problems, usually opting to sideline disagreements in a show of unity. Consensus, not conflict, is typically the norm.

This year is different.

The clash between the world's two biggest economies is shaking the bedrock of regional amity and leaving some countries worried they will be forced to choose between Beijing and Washington. It also may bode poorly for compromise between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping when they meet this month at the Group of 20 gathering in Argentina.

The antagonisms kicked off last week at a Southeast Asian summit in Singapore, where U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, standing in for Trump, declared that "empire and aggression have no place" in the region, a clear reference to Chinese ex-

pansion in the disputed South China Sea.

The discord carried over to the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Papua New Guinea, where leaders failed for the first time in nearly 30 years of such gatherings to endorse a final joint statement. China apparently pushed back hard against U.S. demands for strong language against unfair trade practices.

Pence and Chinese leaders sparred at both summits, with the vice president describing China's militarization and expansion in the South China Sea as "illegal and dangerous." He accused Beijing of threatening the sovereignty of many nations and said it "endangers the prosperity of the world."

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang smacked back, urging fellow leaders to send a positive message

to markets ruffled by the trade war, which has seen both sides imposing punitive tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's exports and has the potential to unravel supply chains across the globe.

The acrimony may be somewhat less apparent at the G-20 gathering in Buenos Aires, which will include leaders from across the globe and the focus will be global, not regional.

But the strains between the U.S. and China were painful enough in Singapore that the gathering's urbane host, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, appealed for a bit less candor and greater camaraderie, saying it would be easier if everybody was "on the same side."

Across Asia, countries worry they will have to "choose one or the other," he said. "I hope it does not happen soon."

Most Asian nations are loath to make such a choice because they benefit from the rivalry, whether economically, militarily or both. For most, China is their largest trading partner. But they are wary of China's military might and see the U.S. and its presence in the region as a welcome counterbalance.

China's footprint was everywhere in the Papuan capital, Port Moresby, from a showpiece boulevard and international convention center built with Chinese help to bus stop shelters sporting "China Aid" plaques. A huge billboard showed Xi gazing beneficently beside Papua New Guinea's leader.

At that meeting, Pence took aim at China's global infrastructure drive, known as the "Belt and Road Initiative," suggesting that Beijing was drowning its partners in debt and infringing on their sovereignty.

He also announced the U.S. would join ally Australia's plan

to develop a naval base in Papua New Guinea. That followed a hush-hush working level meeting in Singapore of the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, which involves the U.S., Japan, Australia and India and is viewed as a challenge to China's expanding military reach.

Xi, the Chinese president, suggested the U.S. was bending the rules of global institutions set up after World War II, such as the World Trade Organization, and using them for "selfish agendas."

The clash between the world's two biggest economies is shaking the bedrock of regional amity

This year's friction wasn't confined to jousting between the U.S. and China.

In Singapore, Myanmar's leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who usually is not put on the spot by the other leaders, appeared grim and weary after she was sharply criticized by Pence and by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed over the Buddhist majority-nation's treatment of ethnic Muslim Rohingya. Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled killings and other violence in Myanmar and are crowded in dire conditions in camps in Bangladesh.

True to form, China saw an opportunity and responded to the criticism by having Li reach out and reaffirm Beijing's support for Myanmar's efforts to maintain domestic stability. **AP**

UN ATOMIC WATCHDOG

IAEA calls on North Korea to re-admit nuclear inspectors

THE head of the U.N.'s atomic watchdog has called on North Korea to allow inspectors back in to monitor its nuclear program.

Speaking at a board meeting yesterday in Vienna of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Director General Yukiya Amano noted that Pyongyang had in September talked about denuclearization measures including the "permanent dismantlement of the nuclear facilities in Yongbyon" — a reactor where it produces plutonium.

Amano said there has been activity observed at

Yongbyon, but "without access the agency cannot confirm the nature and purpose of these activities."

IAEA inspectors were expelled from North Korea in 2009 but Amano said the agency continues to prepare for their possible re-admittance.

"The agency continues to enhance its readiness to play an essential role in verifying [North Korea's] nuclear program if a political agreement is reached among countries concerned," he said. "I again call upon [North Korea] to comply fully with its obligations under relevant

resolutions of the U.N. Security Council and of the IAEA board, to cooperate promptly with the agency and to resolve all outstanding issues."

On the other hand, Amano told board members that Iran continued to abide by the deal reached in 2015 with major world powers that aimed at preventing Tehran from building atomic weapons in exchange for economic incentives.

He reiterated the agency's findings in a report distributed to member states earlier this month that "Iran is implementing

its nuclear-related commitments under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action."

The issue has grown more complicated since the U.S. withdrew unilaterally in May from the deal and then re-imposed sanctions. Iran's economy has been struggling ever since and its currency has plummeted in value.

The other signatories to the deal — Germany, Britain, France, Russia and China — are continuing to try and make it work.

Amano stressed that "it is essential that Iran continues to fully implement



Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, Yukiya Amano of Japan

its commitments.

In its full report, the IAEA said its inspectors continued to have access to all sites in Iran that it needed to visit and that inspectors confirmed Iran has kept within limits of heavy water and low-enriched uranium stockpiles.

"The agency continues to verify the non-diversion of nuclear material declared by Iran under its safeguards agreement," Amano said. "Evaluations regarding the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in Iran continue." **AP**



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GERMANY

Merkel rebuffs German nationalists over migration pact

Frank Jordans, Berlin

CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel rejected calls from nationalist lawmakers for Germany to drop its support for a U.N.-backed agreement on migration.

Several countries — including the United States, Hungary, Austria, Israel, Australia and Poland — have announced they won't back the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, set to be approved next month in Marrakech, Morocco.

Speaking during parliament's annual budget debate in Berlin, Merkel told lawmakers that the pact would ensure "reasonable conditions" elsewhere that already exist in Germany, such as the right for migrants to access health services and get financial support.

"That's why it's in our national interest that the conditions around the world, for refugees on the one hand and migrants on the other, are improved," Merkel said.

Opposition to the pact has come mainly from the far-right Alternative for Germany party, but



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a number of lawmakers from Merkel's own party have also begun to question the agreement.

Health Minister Jens Spahn called recently for a broader debate about the pact and, if necessary, for a delay in approving it. Spahn appears to be trailing other high-profile candidates in a bid to succeed Merkel as leader of her

Christian Democratic Union party next month.

One of the leading contenders, Friedrich Merz, called yesterday [Macau time] for a clarification that the U.N. pact won't create any new grounds for asylum "through the back door." At an event in eastern Germany with the other candidates, Merz also

advocated a wider discussion on how the right to asylum in Germany is defined.

Merkel, who has announced she won't run for a fifth term in 2021, said the migration pact is an example of the way in which global problems can only be solved through international cooperation.

Amid a rise in nationalist sentiment around the world, Merkel has become one of the most vocal defenders of multilateralism, frequently noting that Germany owes its revival after World War II to institutions such as the European Union and United Nations.

Presenting her government's 356 billion-euro (USD407-billion) budget for 2019, Merkel cited plans to invest more in care for children and the elderly, improve integration of migrants, raise pension levels and boost renewable energy.

Merkel told lawmakers that the pact would ensure 'reasonable conditions'

Alternative for Germany's co-leader, Alice Weidel, earlier accused Merkel's government of spending "without thinking about tomorrow."

Weidel used much of her speech to defend her party over its receipt of foreign donations and accuse rivals of having similarly dubious sources of income.

Merkel didn't respond to Weidel's comments about party funding. **AP**

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UK

May sees Brexit deal soon as future ties text agreed

Lorne Cook, Brussels

BRITISH Prime Minister Theresa May said that a good Brexit deal is within reach, after the European Union and her government agreed on a draft declaration outlining their future relations.

The 26-page text was agreed upon at a technical level by negotiators and endorsed yesterday by the European Commission, the EU's executive arm, which is overseeing Brexit negotiations.

It paves the way for a weekend EU summit to rubber-stamp the deal.

"This is the right deal for the U.K.," May said later outside her Downing Street offices. "It delivers on the vote of the referendum. It brings back control of our borders, our money and our laws and it does so while protecting jobs, protecting our security and protecting the integrity of the United Kingdom."

She said that British citizens



Theresa May greets Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz on Downing Street in London, yesterday

"want a good deal that sets us on course for a brighter future. That deal is within our grasp and I am determined to deliver it."

In a tweet earlier yesterday, EU Council President Donald

Tusk — who is set to chair Sunday's summit — confirmed that a draft political declaration on future ties "has been agreed at negotiators' level and agreed in principle at political level."

Tusk said he sent the draft to Britain's 27 European partners and that it still requires "the endorsement of the leaders."

EU heads of state and government are due to meet in Brussels on Sunday to approve the declaration and a separate divorce deal. May is set to return to Brussels on Saturday for more talks on the eve of the summit, including with Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker.

Representatives from all 28 EU countries are due to meet Friday to prepare for the summit, which is seen as a pivotal moment in the Brexit process.

May is facing widespread opposition in the British Parliament over the divorce agreement, which was agreed last week. That 585-page legal treaty deals with the terms of Britain's departure, including what the country owes the EU.

Britain officially leaves the EU — the first country ever to do so — on March 29, 2019, but a withdrawal agreement needs to be sealed soon to leave enough

time for the European Parliament and the U.K. parliament to endorse it.

As opposed to the withdrawal agreement, the draft declaration on future ties is a political, not a legal, text.

"This declaration establishes the parameters of an ambitious, broad, deep and flexible partnership across trade and economic cooperation, law enforcement and criminal justice, foreign policy, security and defense and wider areas of cooperation," according to the document.

It also talks about the close ties that have been cemented after 45 years of Britain's membership of the EU as well as "the sizes of the two economies and their geographic proximity, which have led to complex and integrated supply chains."

It notes that the "parties envisage having a trading relationship on goods that is as close as possible, with a view to facilitating the ease of legitimate trade."

The actual legal text will have to be negotiated after Brexit on March 29, and that could well be even more complicated than what has come so far.

In a speech in Berlin before Tusk's announcement, German Chancellor Angela Merkel underlined that "Britain should remain a partner, remain a friend." AP

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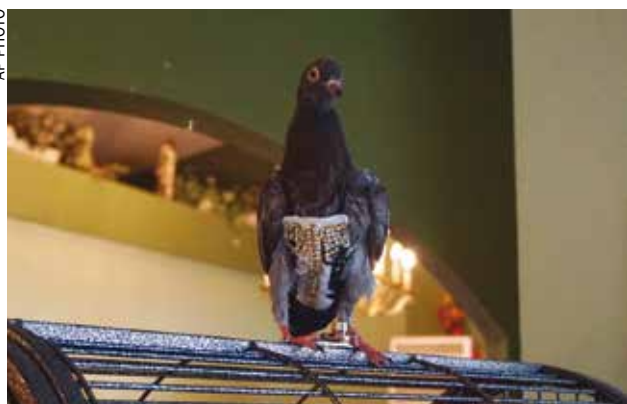
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Offbeat

BEDAZZLED PIGEON FOUND IN ARIZONA CITY REUNITED WITH OWNERS



A pigeon that had flown the coop with only its bedazzled vest is nesting back home in Phoenix.

The Arizona Republic reports Marlette Fernando and her husband were reunited earlier this week with their pet pigeon Olive.

The bird was brought to the Fallen Feathers bird rescue center in Peoria more than a week ago.

Center director Jody Kieran says she knew the pigeon had to be someone's feathered friend when she saw the rhinestone-studded vest.

The organization posted a picture of the bird and the vest on Facebook.

Fernando says a friend saw the post. She says Olive went missing from their home Nov. 7.

Fallen Feathers had planned to put the bird up for adoption if nobody came forward after one month.

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ROOM 3

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Director: Kenji Nagasaki

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this day in history



2002 RIOTS FORCE MISS WORLD OUT OF NIGERIA

The Miss World contest is moving to London from Nigeria after riots by Muslim youths opposed to the show left more than 100 people dead and 500 injured in the city of Kaduna.

The pageant's organisers said the show would be held in London on 7 December instead of the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

In Abuja, police say they have regained control of the streets after violent protests spread to the city over the plans to hold the contest there.

In a statement, the pageant organisers said the change of venue was in the "overall interests of Nigeria and the contestants".

Pageant publicist Stella Din added: "The show definitely will go on".

The contestants were under pressure to pull out of the event even before they arrived in Africa. Campaigners protesting against the death sentence imposed on a young Nigerian woman called Amina Lawal urged a boycott of Miss World.

On 22 March this year, the 31-year-old woman was sentenced to be stoned to death by an Islamic court in the northern state of Katsina for bearing a child out of wedlock after she was raped. Her lawyers are appealing the decision.

Kaduna - a city in the mainly Muslim state of Zamfara which has a large Christian minority - is now under curfew.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo went on television along with religious leaders to appeal for national calm, blaming a media report, not the contest itself, for the violence.

"It could happen at any time irresponsible journalism is committed against Islam," he said.

Trouble had been brewing since the arrival of the contestants earlier this month. Many Nigerian Muslims were incensed that the event, already an affront to their conservative ideas about feminine modesty, would be held during the holy month of Ramadan.

At first the protests were confined to angry statements by Islamic leaders and religious scholars.

Then on 16 November when ThisDay, a Nigerian daily, published an article written by 21-year-old journalist Isioma Daniel in which she suggested the Prophet Mohammed might have married one of the contestants.

Many Muslims were deeply offended, and on 20 November youths in Kaduna sacked and burned a local office of the newspaper. Two days ago the fighting degenerated into a vicious round of sectarian bloodletting, as rival gangs of Muslims and Christians burned places of worship and attacked each other.

Troops and police responded in force, and yesterday the Red Cross said about 100 had been killed with the streets of Kaduna scattered with bodies.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The following day the 92 Miss World contestants arrived in England much to the relief of their family and friends.

They left behind them scenes of carnage in Nigeria - the final number of dead was 215.

Two days later the deputy governor of Zamfara announced the state government had passed a fatwa, or religious edict, on journalist Isioma Daniel in spite of numerous apologies made by ThisDay newspaper.

She fled to the United States on 27 November and is still living in hiding even though the Nigerian government said it would not allow her to be harmed by any fatwa that was issued.

Miss World was moved to London and on 7 December Miss Turkey won the competition.

Amina Lawal won her appeal against the death sentence in September 2003.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You need to deal with something real today...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your people are at your side today - though some may have to phone it in...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your career path seems clearer than ever before - though it still may feel somewhat daunting...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your personal energy feels just right today - and for good reason! You may find that you can handle almost anything without ruffling any feathers...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Keep your financial dealings within the family - or even closer - today. You need to be in charge as much as possible...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Avoid the temptation to be overly critical today - hard as it may be! People just aren't ready for your tough love...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You need to relax and accept that your schedule is just going to be a little hectic today - and you might have to cancel or postpone some of the stuff you were looking forward to!

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Now is the time to make your move romantically. If you're already with someone, shower them with gifts and affection...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You just can't seem to get yourself going today, try as you might. It's a good time to deal with domestic issues anyway...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You need to explore your creative side - especially in writing, though you should use any tools that feel right to you...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Money is even more precious today - so don't let go of any more than you absolutely must! Things look good in general...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Focus your energy outward today - though there is so much of it, you may have a hard time focusing it! That's okay, because things are looking up for you...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-I'd hate to break up...; 5- Actress Shire; 10- Work up lather; 14- Faithful; 15- Teheran native; 16- Used to be; 17- Razor name; 18- Amuses; 20- Wynonna's mother; 22- Aliens, briefly; 23- Cove; 24- Bullwinkle, e.g.; 26- Corrida cry; 27- Governing bodies; 30- Canopy site; 34- Hindu incarnation; 35- Scottish refusals; 36- Locka, Florida; 37- 'The Sweetest Taboo' singer; 38- Constellation components; 40- Ooze; 41- Star Wars letters; 42- Rat; 43- del Fuego; 45- Longed for; 47- Middle; 48- Brit. lexicon; 49- Like Fran Drescher's voice; 50- Moistest while cooking; 53- Actor Herbert; 54- High times?; 58- Not sacred; 61- Numbered work; 62- Bad mood; 63- Having wings; 64- River deposit; 65- Having all one's marbles; 66- Executive of a municipality; 67- Slippery swimmers; DOWN: 1- all-time high; 2- Mex. miss; 3- Currency unit of France and Germany, among others; 4- One on the same side; 5- No-win situation?; 6- 'Gunsmoke' star; 7- Starbucks order; 8- Supermodel Sastre; 9- Intangible mixture of gases used for breathing; 10- River of song; 11- Trompe l'oeil; 12- 'Judith' composer; 13- Annoyance; 19- Roofing items; 21- Tiny bit; 25- Unit of magnetic intensity; 26- Brother of Electra; 27- Fresh; 28- Elude; 29- Gymnast Comaneci; 30- Pitch; 31- is human; 32- Wagner work; 33- Pertaining to Benedict XVI; 35- King Cole; 39- Little bit; 40- Free; 42- Slippery as; 44- uproar; 46- Take turns; 47- Regained consciousness; 49- Forget it!; 50- Smooch; 51- Tolstoy heroine; 52- Type of guard; 53- 'Damn Yankees' character; 55- Mayberry kid; 56- Void's partner; 57- Fast fliers; 59- Hasty escape; 60- Rosenkavalier;

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BOXING

Fights get big new platforms even as HBO exits sport

Tim Dahlberg

DMITRY Bivol knew where he wanted to go in his boxing career — straight to the top of one of the HBO cards he used to watch replays of while growing up in Russia.

Now Bivol is a light heavyweight champion — and on Saturday night (Sunday in Macau) he'll finally be an HBO headliner. He meets former champion Jean Pascal in Atlantic City as the featured bout of HBO's World Championship Boxing series.

The fight is big for Bivol, but the occasion for boxing fans is bittersweet. After 45 years, HBO is pulling the plug on its premium boxing coverage with its last prime-time boxing card.

First, though, Bivol gets his shot to shine.

"It was my dream to do this," Bivol said. "We had a couple of offers to fight on another channel, another platform. But I took this chance to realize my dream."

HBO — which began in the boxing business with George Fore-



Dmitry Bivol of Russia looks on against Sullivan Barrera of Cuba during their WBA light heavyweight title boxing match in New York in March

man's knockout of Joe Frazier in 1973 — says it is leaving boxing because research shows the sport doesn't increase subscriptions to the premium network. Boxing fans need not worry, though, because plenty of others are entering the mix.

There's a seismic shift in boxing, which for years relied on HBO and Showtime for top fights, and pay-per-view for the biggest fights. HBO may be leaving, but other networks and platforms are rushing to fill the gap — and then some.

That includes longtime rival Showtime, which is looking for ways to expand its boxing offerings.

"We know it drives business, we know it attracts ratings," said Stephen Espinoza, president of Showtime Sports. "We have

a long history in the sport and believe in the sport. If anything we're becoming more active and looking for more fights."

Indeed, the demand for live programming is prompting a lot of broadcasters to take a look at boxing once again. And they're making plans to show fights on everything from free over-the-air television to subscription streaming apps.

Superstar middleweight Canelo Alvarez, who had been a big attraction for HBO, signed a deal last month to fight exclusively on the streaming service DAZN through 2023. Though all details weren't revealed, the contract is believed to be an 11-fight deal worth a minimum of USD365 million for Alvarez, whose last fight with Gennady Golovkin was televised on HBO pay-per-view.

Instead of paying \$84.95 for one pay-per-view fight, fans can buy DAZN for a monthly fee of \$9.99. The service has also locked up Anthony Joshua, the big British heavyweight champion, along with a number of other fighters from Golden Boy Promotions and Joshua's British promoter, Matchroom Sport.

"This is huge for boxing, huge for Canelo and huge for Golden Boy," Golden Boy promoter Oscar De La Hoya said when the deal was announced last month. "Golden Boy is at the forefront of something very monumental for the sport of boxing." **AP**

Macau Daily Times contest



LA PARISIENNE Cabaret Français

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Due to the popularity of La Parisienne Cabaret Français, the season has once again been extended through until Feb. 3, 2019 at The Parisian Macao's Parisian Theatre, giving guests and visitors a chance to see this wonderful show over the upcoming holiday season. Featuring an international cast of 38 death-defying stunt performers, illusionists, champion skaters, and dancers, the show is suitable for audiences of all ages. The 65-minute performance blends illusion, dance, acrobatics and comedy with classic acts such as can-can and burlesque dancing, along with gravity-defying basketball acrobatics and the world-renowned Globe of Death motorcycle team. La Parisienne Cabaret Français is one of the world's most entertaining variety shows for audiences, behind the scenes are committed artists with years



of experience taking calculated risks for the sake of their art. The Globe of Death act is performed by a fourth-generation family from Sao Paulo, Brazil, who have been performing death-defying motorcycle acts around the world since the 1960s. The stunt riders race motorcycles inside a mesh sphere, looping vertically and horizontally at high speed. It takes two years to train to be a rider on the team, first learning the routine on a bicycle. The most dangerous part is when the globe actually splits into two sections, leaving zero margin for error. Ice Skating Adagio is performed by two hugely talented Russian ice skaters, Aleksandr Popov and Elena Efaeva, who have been partnered for more than four years. They both competed at the European Championships and Olympics, and Aleksandr won a gold medal in the Junior Olympics in Slovenia in 2003.

Have been performing in over 80 countries and for many, their beautiful and romantic act includes a spectacular one-hand lift and a 'bow spin' which many ice skaters aspire to. One of the more popular performances of the show is Face Team Basketball, from Budapest in Hungary. With six performers using up to 20 basketballs during their act, they jump, shoot and slam dunk their way around the stage. The team currently holds 10 Guinness World Records, including 'most basketball slam dunks by a team using a trampoline in one minute' (46 dunks) and 'highest slam dunk with a backflip' (4.9 metres). They have performed for celebrities including Simon Cowell, Harry Styles, LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and the Prince of Dubai. Not to be missed, the most challenging part of their act is the backflip from the top of the back board, at a height of around five metres.

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Leanda Lee



BLACK FRIDAY SPOILS AND DEVASTATION

It was severely hot and dry that summer in Victoria. The drought had lasted several years, creeks and riverbeds were dry, and Melbournians were on water rations. Bush fires had already been burning the previous December and there were "controlled" burns by the ill-informed throughout early January. Then, on Friday 13th, 1939, high temperatures and the ever-feared strong northerly winds fanned separate fires into massive fire fronts in the mountainous north-east of the state and along the south-west coast. This was a calamity so great that the subsequent Royal Commission report became required reading at Victorian schools for many years. Seventy-one people lost their lives that day and 1,000 houses were destroyed. 575,000 hectares of reserved forest and 780,000 hectares of forested Crown Land were burned.

Death, destruction and fierce environmental devastation are the words that come to mind at the mention of Black Friday; not the chaotic hunt for a bargain, the turning of a profit, or the follow-up to a period of family gatherings and thanks-giving, or the unofficial start to the Christmas silly-season.

In 1939, graziers, miners, and forestry workers, through carelessness or ignorance of the environmental conditions, lit fires. The devastation was not limited to that fateful Friday 13th but affected the ability of lands to retain water, contaminated water catchment areas and destroyed soil fertility for decades. The scars remain, 80 years on, and are felt in the very core of our memory. Black Friday, in the collective Victorian consciousness, is a sombre reminder of human folly.

Judge Leonard Stretton, who led the Royal Commission into the Black Friday fires, lamented the lack of environmental knowledge of victims and the "indifference" to the "menace" and "an attitude of apathy towards fire prevention". His warning that "The experience of the past could not guide them to an understanding of what might, and did, happen" is sage advice for us to today.

A more recent environmental consciousness around the modern Black Friday suggests there is a tide against the temporary insanity of the competitive shopping-frenzy. Concerns are about the mindless consumerism that typifies the day and the consequent overuse of resources and waste left behind -household waste increases 25% that weekend. Purchases are driven by the marketing hype that switches off consumers' rational shopping filters.

As an antidote to Black Friday's over-exuberance, campaigns such as #GreenFridayFriends aim to send a message of conscious consumerism that a bargain is not a bargain if what is purchased brings no real and long-lasting value to your life.

If it were not for poor quality production, planned obsolescence and fast fashion consumption (demand for the newest, hippest gadget and look) Black Friday and other bargain-hunting and sales events would not continue to drive the endless purchase-and-dump cycle.

Spanish and French NGOs, Halte L'Obsolescence Programme and FACUA-Consumers in Action, are currently fighting large corporations, such as Apple, in the courts to stop the practice of designing products for a short life-span. France has already enacted laws against the practice, while in August the European Parliament voted to have the European Commission draft rules to insist on reparability of electronic products, thus limiting planned obsolescence. Minimal product life expectancy is also to be disclosed on a product.

Small (and not so small) businesses are also pushing back against the Black Friday-type sales mania. Some have had enough of the lack of integrity around pricing fluctuations - to accommodate low prices, normal prices must be inflated. Others want to improve the retail experience for the customer by offering a relationship with a real person rather than a faceless brand. Some retailers do not want to sell cheaply-made products which merely end in landfill, preferring to sell less, sell quality and to make it last.

Black Friday was devastating; the modern form is equally aptly named.

THE LEANING TOWER OF PISA CONTINUES LONG PATH TOWARDS VERTICAL

The Leaning Tower of Pisa isn't leaning so much anymore. After more than two decades of efforts to straighten it, engineers say the famed Tuscan bell tower has recovered four centimeters more and is in better structural health than predicted.

ANSA news agency quotes a consultant to the international committee monitoring the tilt, Nunziante Squeglia, as saying that while the progressive recovery of tilt

is good news, the overall structural health of the tower is more important.

The 12th-century tower reopened to the public in 2001 after being closed for more than a decade to let workers reduce its slant. By using hundreds of tons of lead counterweights at the base and extracting soil from under the foundations, engineers initially shaved 17 inches off the lean.



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

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

EU-TURKEY The European Union's foreign policy chief expressed "strong concerns" yesterday over the continued detentions of academics and activists in Turkey.



LEBANON marked 75 years of independence with a military parade yesterday in Beirut, but many anxious Lebanese feel they have little to celebrate: the country's corruption-plagued economy is dangerously close to collapse and political bickering over shares in a new Cabinet is threatening to scuttle pledges worth USD11 billion by international donors.

ETHIOPIA An opposition figure who recently returned from exile was named Ethiopia's election chief yesterday as the country prepares for what the reformist prime minister vows will be "free and fair" elections in 2020.



SERBIA's president has criticized the European Union and the West for allegedly failing to prevent Kosovo from triggering a trade war as tensions soar between the wartime foes.

GERMANY A teenager was convicted of murder yesterday for killing a 14-year-old girl in a case that was seized upon by far-right groups, who falsely claimed that the perpetrator was a migrant.



MEXICO Immigration agents have detained almost all of the Central American migrants on a fourth caravan that recently entered Mexico seeking to reach the United States.

US A family of four whose remains were found at the burned-down ruins of their New Jersey mansion was slain before the home was set ablaze, authorities said, hours after the mansion owner's brother was arrested on suspicion of arson at his own house.

Colombia tries quashing tensions at migrant camp with football

COLOMBIAN officials care hoping to quash tensions at a Venezuelan migrant camp with a game both the new arrivals and their hosts share a passion for: soccer.

Migrants faced off against Colombian aid workers in a tournament yesterday [Macau time], two days after over a dozen Venezuelans were expelled from the camp after a violent protest over food rations.

That incident, in which some migrants looted supplies and clashed with riot police, marked a rocky start for Colombia's first official camp for Venezuelan migrants, who have flooded the neighboring Andean nation fleeing their own country's economic and humanitarian calamity.

"It's very good after what happened a few days ago that we could interact with the people here in Colombia," said Carlos Uriel, a Venezuelan migrant playing in the tournament.

Migrants cheered from a small concrete stand as eight-person teams named after famous clubs like Barcelona and Real Madrid clashed on a sunbaked field across from the camp.

During a break between games, three young men burst into an acrobatic break dance, making the crowd roar in delight.



Venezuelan migrants celebrate a goal during a football match at their temporary camp in Bogota, Colombia

"This really relaxes you," said Agustin Perez, 52, a migrant playing for a team called Los Vinotinto, the nickname used by Venezuela's national squad.

Colombian authorities had been hesitant to set up a refugee-style camp for Venezuelan migrants, fearful that it would become a permanent home for many and hinder their integration into society. But after several hundred homeless migrants set up an informal encampment in a park outside a bus terminal in Bogota, officials decided that offering tents and services was a better alternative.

Some neighbors disagreed. As the Venezuelans were arriving at the encampment, people shouted at them from nearby apartment buildings and accused them of bringing in crime and disease.

Liliana Pulido, director of district planning for Bogota's mayoral office, said authorities are now looking for ways to facilitate meaningful encounters between the Venezuelan migrants and Colombian citizens.

Perez said that many migrants at the camp are still unhappy with the food provided by the city, which has been mostly limited to sandwiches and a piece of fruit. But he said that conditions had been improving since Monday's protest.

"We finally had a hot meal yesterday, with chicken," he said.

Colombia is currently home to more than 1 million Venezuelan migrants and refugees who have fled hyperinflation and food shortages at home. Officials suspect that number could potentially multiply in the years ahead. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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A woman lies on the glass bottom deck of the King Power Mahanakhon building high above Bangkok. The building, currently Thailand's tallest at 314 meters with 78 floors, has a 360-degree view of Bangkok.