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NEW ZEALAND PM Jacinda Ardern (pictured) said that no final decision has been made on whether Huawei equipment can be used in a planned network upgrade. The NZ spy agency stopped mobile company Spark from using the equipment in its planned 5G upgrade, saying it posed a "significant network security risk."

PAKISTAN Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan offered yesterday to hold talks with India, even as he warned New Delhi to refrain from launching any attacks on his country following last week's suicide bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir. [More on p13](#)

INDONESIA Deliberately set fires are burning through peatland forests in the Indonesian province of Riau, the disaster agency said, just two days after President Joko Widodo incorrectly claimed there'd been no fires for several years. The agency said that 843 hectares of land have burned.

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Macau keeps little data on talent development

A study carried out by the Talent Development Committee has found that "local human resources and the pool of qualified staff are in a situation of scarcity," reports Radio Macau, contrasting with the high importance placed on talent development in nearby Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Unlike in these two cities, Macau keeps little data on talent development. The Committee suggests that the needs of professional sectors should be studied to determine the exact number of skilled workers required and in which roles. Furthermore, general studies about Macau's demographics should be studied to create more reliable projections on the city's labor force.

F&B, retail firms see rise in customers

Visitor numbers in the food and beverage and retail establishments recorded a 12 percent increase during the Chinese New Year period. According to a survey conducted by the Economic Services Bureau, some 55 percent of the 1,420 total establishments recorded an average increase of 32 percent in its foot traffic. Some 49 percent of the totaled surveyed shops recorded a 27 percent increase in its turnover, while 16 percent of these firms recorded a fall in its sales turnover. The most visited establishments were recorded in the city's tourist areas including Cotai, Rua do Cunha, Largo do Senado and Rua de Felicidade, amongst others.

Forex reserves up 0.4 percent

The Monetary Authority of Macao announced that the preliminary estimate of Macau SAR's foreign exchange reserves amounted to MOP164.3 billion (USD20.32 billion) at the end of January 2019. The reserves increased by 0.4 percent from the revised value of MOP163.6 billion for the previous month. Macau's foreign exchange reserves at end-January 2019 represented 10 times the currency in circulation.

Gov't to update training for better quality prosecutors

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Daniel Beitler

THE government is planning to review the training of judges and prosecutors in the Macau SAR, finding support from the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), which has called for "a mechanism to confirm the quality of a magistrate."

Under the government proposal, the initial training of magistrates will be extended from two years to three. It also recommends extensive testing to be conducted during the course, though it is undecided whether the examinations will be held in the second or final year.

According to a report by Radio Macau, the AAM is in favor of testing in the second year as it would reduce the propensity for trainee failure and allow corrections if inadequacies are detected.

Another area of concern relates to a deficiency in the recent amendment to the Basic Law of the Judicial Organization, whereby it was unable to resolve the accumulation of functions by a judge in more than one court.

The government also proposes to establish a provisional

nomination phase for magistrates who have held "a 'very good' performance rating or equivalent" for at least the last two years.

Lawyer Frederico Rato told the Times that while the current model has been working for some time, "an evaluation of the system is a must."

"The judicial system can and must better [accommodate] the nowadays conditions," said Rato. "This is the task and duty of an attentive government."

"This is my understanding of the initiative, and certainly everybody agrees that better and continuous training [...] can correspond to a better capacity to respond to some of the more difficult cases, more complexity of the legal system, more speed and capacity of the judiciary and a desirable specialization of the judgment."

The review comes after a series of high-profile cases in which the Public Prosecutions Office has faced setbacks or committed blunders.

In the 2016 Ho Chio Meng trial, public prosecutors levied more than 1,500 charges against the city's former top official - as opposed to counts

of a crime - an irregularity that drew the attention of international media.

Then in the case of the Lisboa prostitution ring, prosecutors were unable to convince judicial authorities to convict Alan Ho, the nephew of Macau gaming tycoon Stanley Ho, with anything more than a 13-month sentence that he had already served in preventive custody.

Other cases highlighted a lack of coordination between prosecutors and police authorities, for example the contradictory statements given by police witnesses during the controversial case involving Sulu Sou and Scott Chiang.

One lawyer, who requested anonymity because of the sensitive nature of his comments, told the Times that police authorities have informed him of their frustration with the actions and decisions of the Public Prosecutions Office.

But lawyer Rato disagrees, stating that the review of the Statute of Magistrates and the legal framework of the judiciary training has little to do with a particular case or a set of specific cases, "but a general concern with the betterment of Macau justice."



Winnie Wong

Sands China singles out Responsible Gaming, appoints Winnie Wong chief officer

SANDS China Limited (SCL) recently appointed Winnie Wong to the position of Chief Responsible Gaming Officer and VP of Special Gaming Projects in a strategic move that "shows the operator's dedication" to reinforcing a culture of responsible gaming in the Macau community, the Times learned yesterday.

In a brief telephone interview with MDT, Wong described what her new role entails: "To design and drive Responsible Gaming (RG) strategies that are tailored to suit Macau's needs, [and] to develop the RG program, which reduces risk gambling and improves [gambling] safeguards and helps guests make informed choices."

"Sands has always been a good corporate citizen; our corporate program - applicable to the whole Sands group - called Project Protect was launched in August 2018," she added.

"Responsible Gaming (RG) is one of the three pillars under Project Protect. The company is committed to proactively drive RG efforts and lead the industry's best practice."

Winnie Wong joined Sands China in 2014, with 18 years of diverse and extensive professional experience under her belt, to head corporate communications and community affairs. In her previous position, she was already supervising RG initiatives.

However, in her new role, which singled out responsible gaming from community affairs, "more focus and dedication will be given to this particular and important area of the industry." **PC**

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VIP activity tracking 32 percent higher post-New Year

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MACAU gross gaming revenue posted strong results in the week following the Chinese Lunar New Year, showing a 32 percent year-on-year rise led by VIP activity, according to Japanese brokerage firm Nomura.

Citing unofficial data, the analyst firm said that the estimated daily run for the week came in at just under MOP1.09 billion (USD134.8 million), compared with MOP840 million per day in the previous week. The rise is being fueled by a return of high-stake gamblers to Macau VIP rooms, where volume is tracking about 30 percent higher than January's average.

Meanwhile, the average daily mass revenue per day was last week tracking 5 percent higher than the January 2019 average. With both major segments in mind, analysts at Nomura expect "around 10 percent growth"



in gross gaming revenue for February.

Brokerage firm Sanford C. Bernstein holds a more conservative view, with its analysts forecasting year-on-year growth of between 2 and 5 percent. The dampened view was influenced by the enduring effect of the "continued

enforcement of the smoking ban," which entered into operation at the start of the year.

Deutsche Bank Securities said that their consultant data was showing growth of between 1 and 6 percent, slightly higher than a previous forecast on February 10.

Macau gaming returns fell last month for the first time in more than two years, confirming analysts' earlier predictions for a gloomy January. Gross gaming revenue amounted to MOP24.9 billion, down 5 percent from a month earlier.

Due to the variable timing of

the Chinese Lunar New Year, one of the most lucrative weeks in the Macau gaming calendar that falls either in January or February, the first two months of the year are sometimes considered in tandem.

According to official figures published by the Macau Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, gross gaming revenue soared 36.4 percent in January 2018, while climbing only 5.7 percent in February. That was considered unusual, as the Chinese Lunar New Year fell in mid-February last year.

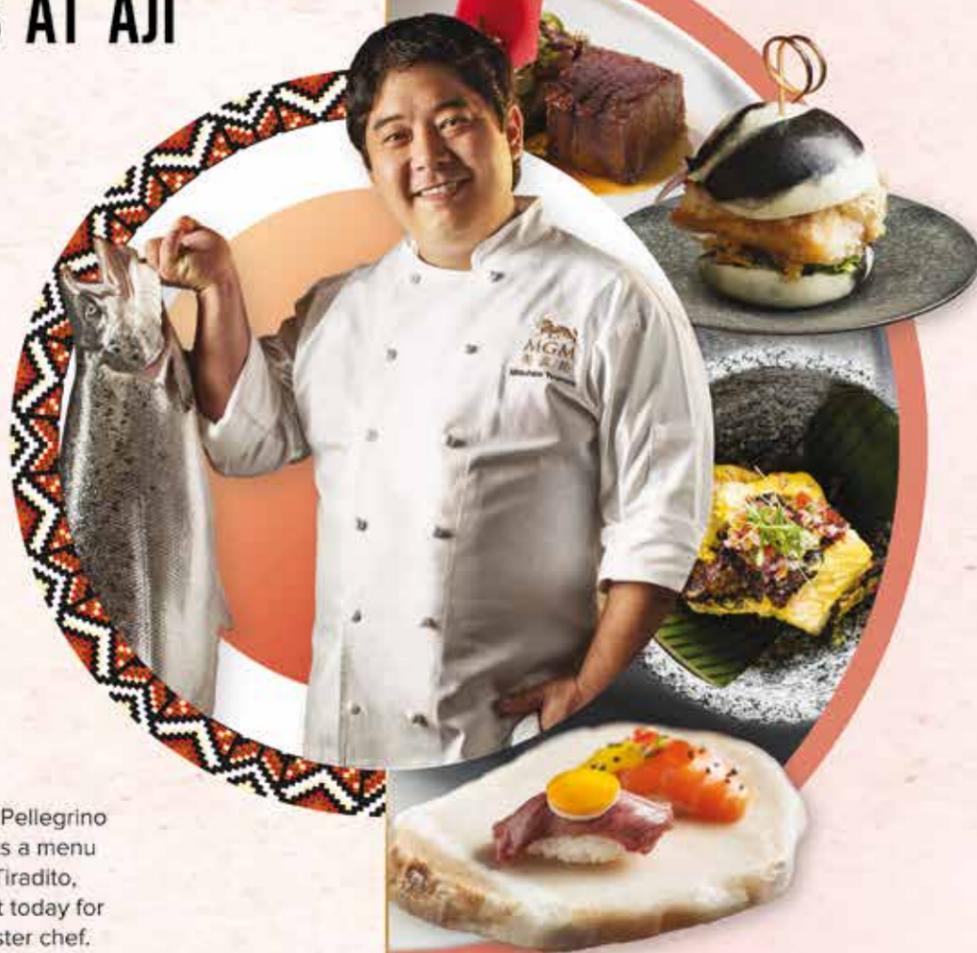
Together, the first two months of 2018 recorded a gaming take of MOP50.56 billion, up almost 20 percent from the MOP42.24 billion in gross gaming revenue a year earlier.

A 5 percent year-on-year increase in gaming revenues would bring February 2019 to somewhere in the region of MOP25.5 billion, while 10 percent would indicate MOP26.7 billion. Added to January, gross gaming revenue for the first two months of the year would grow to between MOP50.4 billion and MOP51.6 billion, or growth in the 0 to 2 percent range.

Should the more conservative estimates hold up, Macau can expect a year-on-year decline in gaming receipts across the first two months of the year.

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Taxi law approved amid much criticism of

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THE Legislative Assembly (AL) finally passed in plenary session yesterday the bill that updates the current laws regulating the transportation of passengers in rental light vehicles, known informally as the “taxi law.” The law will exclude individuals from competing in taxi licenses, instead permitting only companies with a minimum capital of MOP5 million. The law proposal, which had passed on its first reading in April last year, has now finally been approved and will enter into force 90 days after its publication in the government’s Official Gazette.

As the president of the Third standing committee of the AL, Vong Hin Fai, explained at the beginning of the session, this law took an unexpectedly long time to attain consensus within the committee, with the deadline for its discussion being extended more than once.

Although the law proposal was finally approved, yesterday’s debate at the AL session generated a heated discussion that lasted for about

three hours.

The first to raise questions on the topic was lawmaker Sulu Sou, who criticized the removal of such language in the bill that could open up the possibility of taxis using mobile apps.

Sou considered that the removal of this detail in the final version of the bill was a step backward, which does not take into good consideration the development trend in most countries and territories worldwide.

The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, replied that the provision allows for the use of an app to call taxis only under the new system of “on call” taxis.

Au Kam San, who besides considering that the definition of what is considered a taxi needed more accuracy and detail, raised once more the government’s decision to allow only the participation of companies in future taxi licensing tenders.

In Au’s opinion, this decision “is against all the expectations of society and against the idea of the law itself.” The lawmaker noted that



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the government is “taking the business from the hands of the small [taxi drivers] and delivering [the taxi business even further] into the hands of the big companies, transforming all taxi drivers into employees.”

In reply, the director of the Transport Bureau, Lam Hin San, said, “we are adopting a different model.

Through the companies, we can achieve better training for the drivers and also better maintenance for the cars.”

Lam noted that the government is well aware of the limitations of the individual and personal management model. The official also pointed out that resolving the public’s ongoing problems with taxi

drivers was another advantage of the incorporation model that the government has established as the only means by which to apply for the upcoming tender.

Lawmaker Ella Lei chipped in to express concerns over the rules of incorporation and the possibility of shareholders growing too influential in this sector of the

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Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo do Rosário

economy. “The government did not hear the opinion of the lawmakers,” she said. “There is a concern that a main stakeholder can be part of several companies, which can effectively result in a monopoly on the tender,” she said.

Lei also argued that there are both good taxi drivers and bad taxi drivers and that this system is treating all of them in the same way without any distinction, forcing all into a corporate model in the future.

Following on from Lei was her stand partner, Leong Sun Iok, who reaffirmed the position of his peer. Leong noted that the base salary of taxi drivers is only around MOP10,000 per annum, and that the incorporation

model would create even more problems of survival and poor working conditions.

This was an opinion also shared by José Pereira Coutinho, who noted that the requirement of interested companies to control capital of a minimum of MOP5 million would exclude many of the younger generation from achieving their own license to work in the field. “For sure, there would be more effective methods to do this such as by raising the fines [applied to law-infringing drivers], among others.”

After a long discussion the floor returned to Sulu Sou, who enquired about a law provision that grants the discretionary power to the Chief Exe-

cutive to attribute licenses without a public tender in situations of “public interest.”

Sou noted that such a provision does not make sense, also agreeing with many other lawmakers that the policy chosen by the government to address the taxi problem was like trying to treat a “cancer tumor” by “killing all the cells, [good and bad].”

A representative of the Legal Affairs Bureau replied to Sou, saying that the possibility of strikes or severe conflicts between companies and the government that could result in damage to the image of Macau might be an instance when the intervention of the Chief Executive is required. “The government must possess an instrument it can use in case of a need to ensure the taxi service,” the representative answered.

At the end of the discussion, the Secretary praised the approval of the bill, stressing that the solution of consensus had been reached throughout the discussion, even if that consensus was not the same as unanimity.

Except for a few articles requested to be voted on separately, the law was approved with all votes in favor. Voting against all articles regarding the use of surveillance recording equipment in taxis was Sou, who remarked during the vote declaration, “if [allowing recording] would make all taxi drivers [suddenly] observe the law, then we have a social ethics problem. [It does not make sense that] we must set up a camera recording to protect ourselves.”

Lawmakers slam system behind CE election

LAWMAKERS José Pereira Coutinho and Sulu Sou took the period before the agenda for yesterday’s plenary session of the Legislative Assembly (AL) as an opportunity to make remarks regarding the upcoming Chief Executive (CE) election.

Building on the criticism already expressed last week during the AL Spring Lunch, lawmaker Sou highlighted comments from both Ho Iat Seng and Lionel Leong to the media regarding their consideration to run as a candidate for the CE position. Sou noted that both referred to “the importance of support from the public as a decision factor.”

Sou queried in rhetorical form how such support was possible when the election for the CE is conducted behind closed



Pereira Coutinho

doors “in a room where Macau citizens are even forbidden from looking into.”

“What is undeniable is that the overwhelming majority of Macau citizens do not even have one vote! How can you express your willingness to accept or support someo-

ne to stand for election or to be elected?” remarked Sou.

Calculating the total number of people that could be represented by the 400 members of the CE election, Sou questioned: “What are the theoretical and scientific foundations that can

prove that 5.5 percent of qualified, competent and intelligent voters can represent the remaining 94.5 of citizens?”

“One line only marks the difference between the ‘trusted man’ and the ‘yes man,’” said Sou, stressing the absence of “a democratic, fair, and open political system.”

In a similar vein, Pereira Coutinho remarked that candidates campaigning for the CE position often make promises that they fail to keep when they take office. He said that the examples of “good governance” mostly come from the leaders, recalling that being the Chief Executive is - or should be - more of a “job of duties than of rights” and that those who put the interests of themselves before those of the region should not pursue the position. **RM**

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Fascinated by Peruvian cuisine and convinced of its international potential, he also worked with El Comercio to develop “The Great Encyclopaedia of Peruvian Cuisine” when he was still a student. After years of research, Chef Tsumura dedicated a book to Nikkei Cuisine, “Nikkei es Peru”, which is considered the most authoritative reference on the cuisine.

Aji is a stunning contemporary Nikkei restaurant, envisioned with a one-of-a-kind concept to become a destination for sophisticated gourmets, and which reflects the fusion of cultures that has made Peru a global food capital. The dining room, with its organic shapes and textures, overlooks MGM COTAL’s incredible Spectacle, and the ceviche and sushi counter brings you up close with master chefs preparing the freshest



seafood. Aji’s pisco and sake bar mixes some of the best Peruvian-inspired cocktails outside of Lima.

Chef Mitsuharu says, “There is a story that the original point of entry of chili peppers to Asia was in fact from Macau – by the Portuguese. That is the name of our restaurant ‘Aji’ – it means ‘taste’ in Japanese, and ‘chili pepper’ in Peruvian. We are blending our spice and spiciness with local ingredients.”

The menu at Aji features ceviche dishes, which highlights unique ingredients like akagai clams, octopus and black tiger milk. What sets Chef Tsumura apart is how he creates magic these exotic ingredients to present an interpretation that takes Nikkei cuisine to new heights. When it comes to cuisine as daring and innovative as what Chef Tsumura offers, tasting is believing.



ANALYSIS

China plan to integrate Macau, HK skirts tough questions



The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge

David Tweed, Yanan Zhao and Edwin Chan

CHINA'S long-awaited plan to create a high-tech megalopolis on its southern coastline rivaling California's Silicon Valley generated optimism among Hong Kong's business community even as key details remain unclear.

The blueprint for the Greater Bay Area linking China's southern coastal cities with Hong Kong and Macau, a signature policy of President Xi Jinping first articulated in 2017, boosted stocks after it was published late Monday. It said the government would turn the area into a leading global innovation hub, boost infrastructure connecti-

ty and strengthen Hong Kong's role as an international center of finance, shipping, trade and the offshore yuan business.

Yet several thorny issues were left out of the plan, including complex questions about which customs, tax and legal systems would predominate. In Hong Kong, the concept of the Greater Bay Area has led to worries that further integration will erode the "one country, two systems" framework that allows the city to maintain separate legal, monetary and political systems from communist China.

"The vagueness of the 11-chapter document suggests that officials will struggle to realize the initiative's goals," said Yue Su, China economist at the Econo-

mist Intelligence Unit. "The difficulties in agreeing reforms that both advance the cause of regional integration and are palatable to officials in Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macau and the central government will be the key challenge."

If all goes as planned, the economic benefits could be substantial: HSBC Holdings Plc says the move to knit the cities of Hong Kong, Macau, Shenzhen and Guangzhou together could boost a trillion-dollar economy that exports more than Japan. Earlier, the announcement drove stocks in the region higher, with Guangzhou Port, Zhuhai Port and Shenzhen Yan Tian Port all climbing by the 10 percent daily limit.

Still, China's major tech companies based in Shenzhen, which borders Hong Kong, haven't made the Greater Bay Area central to their future growth plans. Shenzhen has become an Asian tech mecca home to giants such as Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Huawei Technologies Co. largely due to its hyper-competitive industry culture, and neither Hong Kong nor Macau is known as a wellspring of global tech talent.

Tencent's co-founder Pony Ma couched the plan in political terms in 2017 when his company organized a summit specifically to spur debate on the topic during the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's handover to China from Great Britain.

"Our Greater Bay Area is different in one big way from other Bay Areas: we have one-country two-systems," Ma told hundreds of people including government officials, academics and investors. "We have more than 100 years of segregation and now we are entwining."

The plan emphasized the importance of maintaining the "one country, two systems" frameworks meant to ensure a high degree of autonomy for Hong Kong and Macau. But it also identified diverging social, customs and legal systems as a challenge to the Greater Bay Area's success, without providing details on how they would be integrated.

"Economically a kind of blurring of the boundaries of 'one country, two systems' is inevitable," said Sonny Lo, a politics professor at the University of Hong Kong, who has authored books on the city's relationship with Beijing. "But given the fact that Hong Kong and Macau have legal and political differences with China, 'one country, two systems' will be retained."

China has already spent billions of dollars on infrastructure projects linking the cities, and the plan now envisages a strategy for the region that stretches to 2035. Xi last year inaugurated a \$15 billion, 55-kilometer (34-mile) bridge, the world's longest sea crossing, linking Hong Kong with Macau and the mainland city of Zhuhai.

A comprehensive blueprint can "add new impetus into the development of Hong Kong and Macau" and help build a "world-class cluster of cities," it said.

"In some ways the concept of the Greater Bay Area is a manifestation of things that have already been happening in terms of economic connectivity," said Tim Summers, whose book "China's Regions in an Era of Globalization," was published last year. "The plan gives the development of the region more strategic importance within the Chinese system." **Bloomberg**

Chui promises Macau is ready for Bay Area integration

THE Macau SAR is ready for further integration into the national development plan and to assume its own responsibilities, Chief Executive Chui Sai On has promised.

Chui made the remarks after the unveiling of an Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, which was released by the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the State Council.

According to Chui, the plan explicated the SAR's role in the development

of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area and its position in the national strategy.

The objective of the plan is to promote the development of the nine cities in Guangdong Province, as well as Macau and Hong Kong, so as to push forward overall socio-economic development and to improve social management of the country.

The CE stressed that the SAR would continue to uphold the principle of "one country, two systems", and put national interest as its priority,

adding that the city is willing to deepen cooperation with other cities in the Greater Bay Area and make its own contributions to national strategic development.

Through the development of the Greater Bay Area, which is guided by ecological, technological and cultural ideals, the plan also aims to improve the social life and economic development of the area, thus laying a foundation for the advancement of the Belt and Road Initiative, Chui further remarked. **LV**



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Heritage Committee discusses protection of building that no longer exists

THE Cultural Heritage Committee in its plenary session held yesterday at the Macao Cultural Center, was to address the protection of a building located in the area of Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro that no longer exists.

That acknowledgement was made on the sidelines of the meeting by the President of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) Mok Ian Ian who explained that the building, which was under the evaluation of the committee, had to be demolished because it presented a threat to public safety.

The building, located at Rua dos Fatiões and subject to the Protection Area of the Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, was demolished although the Urban Conditions Plan was still under consultation and the opinion issued by the IC had suggested that the original façade should be kept. Mok justified the decision to demolish the building by citing public safety concerns, as reported by TDM.

The IC president took the same opportunity to comment on the removal from duties of the head of the Public Libraries Manage-



Mok Ian Ian of the IC

ment Department of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Tang Mei Lin, who according to Mok would be transferred to another department and given different duties. The measure comes as a result

of disciplinary proceedings opened in August last year following an audit in May in which several breaches of procedures were detected at the department. The breaches allegedly resulted in a

loss to the public purse, as well as damages and misuse of library resources.

In the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, Tang was given a written reprimand

followed by the removal from such duties. She was transferred to another department but continued to work under the IC, Mok informed.

■ The building had to be demolished because it presented a threat to public safety, said Mok

Tang was under a disciplinary proceedings following an audit which detected persistent neglect in the cataloging and preservation of the materials and documents of the public libraries as well as a large budget spent on the acquisition of new books without an apparent criteria and that most of the time would stay stored in boxes without being made available for public review or use. **RM**

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Malaysia nears deal with China to revive scrapped rail project

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MALAYSIA is making progress in talks with China to revive a high-speed rail project that Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's govern-

ment said it would cancel, according to Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah.

China is willing to reduce the USD20 billion price tag for the East Coast Rail Link project and talks are "in the last mile," Saifuddin said in an interview Tuesday at his office near Kuala Lumpur.

Discussions have been led by Daim Zainuddin, an adviser to Mahathir, with the aim of reaching a smaller project size and cost, he said.

"It is not canceled until and unless we can't settle on the numbers," Saifuddin said. "China understands our constraint and they're

willing to scale down the size of the project and the cost. The discussion is probably in the last mile."

Since returning to power last May, Mahathir has tested Malaysia's relations with China. Besides the railway, he has also canceled a gas pipeline project backed by China, criticized foreign ownership in a housing development marketed to Chinese investors, and warned against "a new version of colonialism" on a trip to Beijing.

China's state-run Global Times newspaper last year blasted Mahathir's "piercing" remarks, saying they "will definitely make Chinese investors worry about Malaysian public opinion and whether such an atmosphere will affect investment in the country."

There are recent signs that Malaysia wants to ease tensions with China.

Mahathir struck a conciliatory tone last month and said the government canceled the rail project only due to cost, leading to renewed talks. And members of his cabinet have declined to confirm or deny a Wall Street Journal report that said senior Chinese leaders offered Mahathir's predecessor help bailing out troubled state fund 1MDB in exchange for stakes in projects. **Bloomberg**

Solar subsidy program that rattled market relaxed

CHINESE regulators have proposed ceasing a major solar power subsidy policy announced last year, according to the nation's main industry group, a move which would partially reverse rules that undercut demand in the world's biggest user and shook the global market.

Policy makers are starting approvals again for utility-scale, ground-mounted projects that receive subsidies, which were halted in June 2018. As part of the renewed approvals, developers of these large projects, as well as those for industrial use, will have to bid for government aid.

Shares of solar companies gained yesterday. Tongwei Co. rose as much as 5.8 percent in Shanghai to a nine-month high, while LONGi Green Energy Technology Co. added 4.8 percent. In Hong Kong, Xinyi Solar Holdings Ltd. climbed 3.7 percent. GCL-Poly Energy Holdings Ltd., which initially advanced 2.8 percent to extend the previous day's 11 percent increase, pared those gains to trade 1.4 percent lower.

The move last year to cut subsidies for some solar projects was aimed at forcing provinces to utilize unused capacity and reduce subsidy bills. But it also hurt demand and depressed solar material prices globally, roiling manufacturers. The reversal discussed this week may help capacity installations in the world's biggest solar market rebound from last year's slump, according to the association. **MDT/Bloomberg**

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TRADE WAR

Economy czar heading to Washington for talks

CHINA'S economy czar is heading to Washington for talks this week aimed at ending a fight over Beijing's technology ambitions ahead of a deadline for a massive U.S. tariff hike.

The announcement yesterday via the official Xinhua News Agency follows talks last week in Beijing that U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said "made headway" on key issues. Xinhua said Vice Premier Liu He will hold talks with Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Business groups and economists saw Friday's surprise announcement of further talks this week as a sign they were making progress.

Economists say Beijing's goal is to persuade Trump they are making enough progress to push back threatened US penalties

Both governments have expressed optimism but they have given no details of their talks. Economists say the time available for negotiations is too brief to resolve an array of irritants in U.S.-Chinese relations. They say Beijing's goal is to persuade President Donald Trump they are making enough progress to push back threatened U.S. penalties.

Beijing hopes for "a mutually beneficial and win-win agreement that is acceptable to both sides," said a foreign ministry spokesman, Geng Shuang.

Without an agreement, a 10 percent tariff increase imposed



AP PHOTO: Vice Premier Liu He (right) and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in Beijing last week

in July on USD200 billion of Chinese goods is due to rise to 25 percent on March 2.

Last Friday, Lighthizer told the Chinese president, Xi Jinping,

the two sides "made headway on very, very important and difficult issues."

Trump imposed the penalties over complaints Beijing steals or

pressures foreign companies to hand over technology. The talks also include complaints about Beijing's plans for government-led technology development,

cyberspying and China's trade surplus.

Beijing retaliated with higher duties on U.S. goods and told its importers to find other suppliers. That led to a 40 percent drop in Chinese imports of American goods in January.

Washington, Europe, Japan and other trading partners complain plans such as "Made in China 2025," which calls for government-led creation of global competitors in robotics and other technologies, violate Beijing's market-opening obligations.

China's leaders have offered to narrow its multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States by purchasing more natural gas, soybeans and other exports. But they are resisting pressure to scale back industry plans they see as a path to prosperity and global influence.

Other stumbling blocks include Chinese resistance to U.S. pressure to accept an enforcement mechanism with penalties to ensure Beijing carries out whatever commitments it makes.

Trump said last week he might be willing to push back the March 2 date if the talks go well but Washington has yet to say whether the negotiations are making enough progress. **AP**

Beijing abandons cybersecurity truce with US, report says

CHINA largely abandoned a hacking truce negotiated by Barack Obama as President Donald Trump embarked on a trade war with Beijing last year, according to the cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike Inc.

A slowdown in Chinese hacking following the cybersecurity agreement Obama's administration secured in 2015 appears to have been reversed, the firm said in a report released yesterday that reviewed cyber activity by U.S. adversaries in 2018.

"By 2017 they started coming back and throughout 2018 they were back in full force," said Adam Meyers, vice president of intelligence at CrowdStrike. "They have been very active and we expect to see that continue."

The report comes as the Trump administration seeks to reach a trade deal with China, including provisions on intellectual property theft, ahead of a March 1 deadline. Trump has said he may extend that deadline and hold off on increasing tariffs on Chinese imports if there's progress in the talks.

China's hacking targets in 2018 included telecommunications systems in the U.S. and Asia, according to CrowdStrike. Groups linked to Iran and Russia also appeared to target telecommunications, a sector that yields "the most bang for your buck" for hackers due to the large number of users that can be accessed after breaching a single network, Meyers said.

The findings align with concern in the U.S.

about telecommunications security as the country transitions to the next generation of mobile networks and the Trump administration seeks to secure so-called 5G technology from foreign intelligence gathering. The administration has expressed particular concern about the spread of products made by the Chinese firm Huawei Technologies Co.

CrowdStrike said that Iran focused much of its cyber activity on Middle Eastern and North African countries while Russia engaged in intelligence collection and information operations worldwide. North Korea deployed hackers for financial gain and intelligence collection, while China targeted sectors including technology, manufacturing and hospitality, Meyers said. **AP**

ECONOMY

Auto sales fall in January for eighth month

CHINA'S auto sales fell for an eighth month in January, extending a painful decline for the biggest global market as demand cooled amid a slowing economy and tariffs standoff with the U.S.

Purchases of sedans, SUVs and minivans fell 15 percent from a year earlier to just over 2 million vehicles, according to an industry group, the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers.

Cooling growth and trade

tensions with Washington are prompting jittery buyers to put off purchases.

The slump is a setback for global automakers that are looking to China to drive revenue and are spending heavily to meet Chinese government targets to develop electric vehicles.

2018 passenger vehicle sales suffered their first decline in nearly three decades. Purchases fell 4.1 percent from the previous year to 23.7 million.

The downturn has prompted suggestions Beijing will cut sales taxes or offer other incentives.

January's total vehicle sales, including trucks and buses, declined 15.8 percent to 2.4 million, according to CAAM.

Sales by Chinese brands fell 22 percent to 832,000. Their market share contracted by 2.4 percentage points to 41.2 percent.

Purchases of electric and hybrid vehicles, which Beijing is promoting with

subsidies, rose 138 percent over a year earlier to 96,000 units.

Sales of SUVs, usually a bright spot for the industry, contracted 19 percent to 878,900.

Volkswagen AG said sales fell 2.9 percent to 387,300.

BMW AG said sales of BMW and MINI brand vehicles rose 15.5 percent to 63,135.

Nissan Motor Co. said sales were off 0.8 percent at 133,934. **AP**



Exposed Chinese database shows depth of surveillance state

Yanan Wang & Dake Kang, Beijing

THE Chinese database Victor Gevers found online was not just a collection of old personal details.

It was a compilation of real-time data on more than 2.5 million people in western China, updated constantly with GPS coordinates of their precise whereabouts. Alongside their names, birthdates and places of employment, there were notes on the places that they had most recently visited — mosque, hotel, restaurant.

The discovery by Gevers, a Dutch cybersecurity researcher who revealed it on Twitter last week, has given a rare glimpse into China's extensive surveillance of Xinjiang, a remote region home to an ethnic minority population that is largely Muslim. The area has been blanketed with police checkpoints and security cameras that apparently are doing more than just recording what happens.

The database Gevers found appears to have been recording people's movements tracked by facial recognition technology, he said, logging more than 6.7 million coordinates in a span of 24 hours.

It illustrates how far China has taken facial recognition — in ways that would raise alarm about privacy concerns in many other countries — and serves as a reminder of how easily technology companies can leave supposedly private records exposed to global snoopers.

Gevers found that SenseNets, a Chinese facial recognition company, had left the database unprotected for months, expo-



A security checkpoint and surveillance cameras mounted on a street in Kashgar in Xinjiang

sing people's addresses, government ID numbers and more. After Gevers informed SenseNets of the leak, he said, the database became inaccessible.

"This system was open to the entire world, and anyone had full access to the data," said Gevers, noting that a system designed to maintain control over individuals could have been "corrupted by a 12-year-old."

He said it included the coordinates of places where the individuals had recently been spotted by "trackers" — likely to be surveillance cameras. The stream indicated that the data is constantly being updated with information on people's whereabouts, he said in an interview over a messaging app.

Gevers posted a graph online showing that 54.9 percent of the individuals in the database were identified as Han Chinese, the country's ethnic majority, while 28.3 percent were Uighur and

8.3 percent were Kazakh, both Muslim ethnic minority groups.

A person who answered the phone at SenseNets declined a request for comment. The Xinjiang regional government did not respond to faxed questions.

Xinjiang, which borders central Asia in China's far west, has been subject to severe security measures in recent years as part of what the government says has been a successful program to quash extremist and separatist movements.

The U.S. and other countries have condemned the crackdown, in which an estimated 1 million Uighurs, Kazakhs and other Muslim minorities have been detained in internment camps that the government says are vocational training centers designed to rid the region of latent extremism.

Gulzia, an ethnic Kazakh woman who didn't want her last name used out of fear of retri-

bution, said that cameras were being installed everywhere, even in cemeteries, in late 2017. Now living across the border in Kazakhstan, she told The Associated Press by phone yesterday [Macau time] that she had been confined to house arrest in China and taken to a police station, where they photographed her face and eyes and collected samples of her voice and fingerprints.

"This can be used instead of your ID card to identify you in the future," she said they told her. "Even if you get into an accident abroad, we'll recognize you."

The security clampdown is far heavier in Xinjiang than in most parts of China, though outside analysts and human rights activists have expressed concern that Xinjiang may be a testing ground for techniques that may be creeping into other parts of the country.

Joseph Atick, a pioneer in facial recognition technology, said that facial recognition products can use algorithms to recognize and track people in a crowd, but that privacy regulations in Europe, for example, make it much harder to launch a wide-scale application such as that of SenseNet.

"The technology around the world is becoming uniform and it is just the political climate that is different and leads to different applications," he said.

According to a company registry, SenseNets was founded in the southern China city of Shenzhen in 2015 and is majority-owned by Beijing-based NetPosa, a technology company specializing in video surveillance. SenseNets' website showcases partnerships with police for-

ces in Jiangsu and Sichuan provinces and the city of Shanghai.

A promotional video boasts about SenseNets' capacity to use facial and body recognition to track individuals' precise movements and identify them even in a crowded or chaotic setting. Another video on its website shows surveillance cameras zeroing in on the path of a runaway prisoner who ends up in an ailing relative's hospital room.

NetPosa's website says it has offices in Boston and Santa Clara, California. The website of NetPosa's U.S. subsidiary touts its products' use in urban anti-terrorism.

In recent years, NetPosa has been buying stakes in American surveillance startups such as Knightscope, a security robot maker. In 2017, NetPosa tried to buy the now-bankrupt California surveillance camera maker Arecont, but later backed out, court records show.

In 2010 U.S. chip maker Intel announced a strategic partnership with NetPosa and an Intel subsidiary bought a stake in the company, but NetPosa said in 2015 that Intel had notified the Chinese company of its intent to divest its 4.4 percent stake by 2016.

Gevers said his discovery of the database presented an ethical dilemma. He is the co-founder of GDI Foundation, a Netherlands-based nonprofit that finds and informs entities of online security issues. He has become well-known in recent years for helping to uncover similarly exposed information on databases built with the open source MongoDB database program and left unsecured by their administrators. **AP**

China, Iran meet amid efforts to preserve nuclear deal

THE Iranian foreign minister's passionate defense of his country's interests at the Munich Security Conference has made him "a famous person" in China, his Chinese counterpart told him yesterday, as the sides met amid efforts to preserve the 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif is leading an Iranian delegation to Beijing that includes parliamentary speaker Ali Larijani and the minis-

ters of finance and petroleum, as well as the CEO of the country's central bank.

Germany, Britain, France, China, Russia and the European Union have been trying to preserve the 2015 deal meant to keep Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons in exchange for sanctions relief after the unilateral withdrawal of the United States last year.

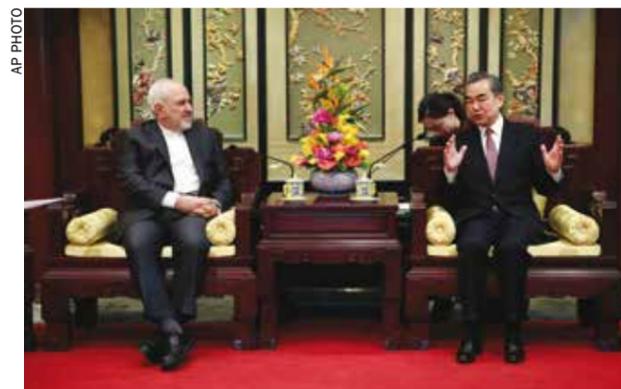
"Yesterday evening I saw on TV how you defended the rights of Iran loud and clear at the Munich Se-

curity Conference," Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi told Zarif. "I think an audience of hundreds of millions of Chinese also watched what you said and you are a famous person now."

A perception held by many Chinese that the U.S. seeks to contain their nation's global rise generates sympathy among the public for Iran and other countries, such as Venezuela, identified by Washington as hostile powers.

Zarif told the Munich conference on Sunday that a barter-type system known as INSTEX set up last month by France, Germany and Britain to allow businesses to skirt direct financial transactions with Iran, and thereby evade possible U.S. sanctions, fell short of commitments to save the nuclear deal.

He addressed the conference a day after U.S. Vice President Mike Pence prodded Germany, France and Britain to follow



Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif (left) and Foreign Minister Wang Yi

Washington in withdrawing from the deal and to "stop undermining U.S. sanctions."

Wang made no direct comments on China's position on the deal in ope-

ning remarks before reporters yesterday, but said he was "really delighted" to meet with Zarif "given the major changes in the Middle East and the international landscape." **AP**

KIM-TRUMP

Memorial speaks to North Korea's ties to summit host Vietnam

Hau Dinh & Grant Peck, Bac Giang

IN a rice field in northern Vietnam, 14 headstones are an enduring symbol of the wartime friendship of Vietnam and North Korea. They mark the original burial ground of North Korean pilots who died while secretly fighting alongside Vietnamese comrades against U.S. Air Force and Navy planes during the Vietnam War.

The role of North Korea is a footnote in the sweeping history of that conflict, one that speaks mostly of the fraternal relations of two nations that separately fought bruising armed conflicts against the United States in the context of the Cold War. Decades later, the communist nations' friendship is apparent as Vietnam gets ready to host the second summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un next week.

"When they died, Vietnamese people treated them the same as Vietnamese martyrs who sacrificed for the country," Duong Van Dau, the caretaker of the memorial, said last week. On the high ground where the fallen pilots were interred, their tombs all face northeast, toward their homeland.

South Korea's role in the war is much better known. From 1964 to 1973, Seoul deployed more than 300,000 military personnel to help the U.S. effort in South Vietnam against the communists.

By contrast, the North Korean air force contingent deployed near Hanoi in what was then called North Vietnam — the communist half of the war-torn Southeast Asian nation — had 200-400 personnel, including about 90 pilots over more than two years, according to postwar Vietnamese accounts.

In September 1966, according to Vietnamese historical documents obtained and translated by CIA



War veteran Duong Van Dau walks in between a row of headstones at a memorial for North Korean fallen pilots in Bac Giang province, Vietnam

analyst turned scholar Merle Pribbenow, Hanoi accepted an offer by Pyongyang to send three companies of pilots who would form a regiment equipped with 30 aircraft in total. They were to wear North Vietnamese uniforms and Vietnam would provide the aircraft, facilities and equipment.

It was timely assistance. Vietnam's fleet of aging Russian-made MiG-17 fighters was taking heavy losses defending against the U.S. bombing campaign against North Vietnam, Operation Rolling Thunder. China and Russia provided material assistance, but the number of trained Vietnamese pilots was shrinking by attrition.

The first North Korean contingent, also destined to fly Mig-17s, were sent before the end of 1966 to Kep air base in Bac Giang province, 70 kilometers (40 miles) northeast of Hanoi, to aid in training and to carry out combat missions.

"The agreement was signed by the two governments, but we didn't know anything about it. I did know that North Korea wanted

to send pilots to Vietnam so that they could practice and gain experience with the aim of building its air force," Vu Ngoc Dinh, one of the Vietnamese pilots who served alongside the Koreans, recalled in an interview with Istvan Toperczer, a Hungarian air force officer turned historian.

■ The role of North Korea is a footnote in the sweeping history of the Vietnam War

"The pilots were their best ones whose parents or relatives were working for the Politburo of the North Korean Central Party Committee," Dinh is quoted saying in Toperczer's book "MiG Aces of the Vietnam War."

"They sent their pilots and commanders to Vietnam and we

provided the hardware they required during their service," Dinh said. "They kept everything secret, so we didn't know their loss ratio, but the North Korean pilots claimed 26 American aircraft destroyed."

"Although they fought very bravely in the aerial battles, they were generally too slow and too mechanical in their reactions when engaged, which is why so many of them were shot down by the Americans," Dinh said. "They never followed flight instructions and regulations either."

Dau, the cemetery caretaker, is also a war veteran. He joined the army and marched south in 1966 to fight for the communist side in South Vietnam. He was discharged three years later after getting shot in the knee in fighting just outside of Saigon, now called Ho Chi Minh City.

"For the North Korean pilots who fought to protect our country and died for our country, I salute them. Being a soldier myself, I have great compassion for them. I see them

as my comrades, regardless of the nationality," Dau said.

In 2002, the remains of the pilots were repatriated from Vietnam to North Korea in a ceremony held by the military of both countries. But the headstones remain, lined up in two rows behind a memorial marker with an inscription in Vietnamese: "Here used to lie 14 North Korean comrades."

Since the repatriation, the number of visitors to the site has declined. But Dau said he would continue to care for the gated memorial to the fallen pilots.

Only in 2000-2001 was the participation of the North Korean pilots officially acknowledged by Hanoi and Pyongyang. Since then, there has been a trickle of additional details about North Korea's involvement in the Vietnam War, teased out mostly from Vietnamese memoirs and state press accounts and Eastern European diplomatic archives.

What has also emerged is a revisionist view of North Korea's assistance, which suggests Pyongyang would have been happy to see Hanoi fight to the last Vietnamese.

"Sinking deeper and deeper into the quagmire of the Vietnam War, the U.S. government did not want to open a new front in Korea if it could help it," wrote Balazs Szalontai, a Hungarian historian of North Korea. He alleges that North Korea's then-leader, Kim Il Sung, "had much to gain from keeping America bogged down in Vietnam" and for that reason went out of it way to sustain North Vietnam's struggle.

Conversely, "the very fact that North Korea's assistance to Hanoi was strongly motivated by self-interest also implied that Pyongyang would not take kindly to any steps that could potentially enable the U.S. to get off the Indochinese hook and refocus its attention on the Korean peninsula," he noted in an essay on nknews.org, a website with news and analysis about North Korea.

When Washington and Hanoi began peace talks in Paris in 1968, North Korean aid began to tail off sharply, and Pyongyang greeted the 1973 Paris Peace Accords coldly, Szalontai noted. **AP**

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JAPAN

Honda to shut plant in Brexit-shaken Britain

Kaori Hitomi, Tokyo

JAPANESE carmaker Honda plans to close its car factory in western England in 2021, a fresh blow to the British economy as businesses struggle with the uncertainty associated with leaving the European Union next month.

The company announced the decision, which will imperil 3,500 jobs and possibly many more, at a news conference in Tokyo.

Honda's president and CEO, Takahiro Hachigo, said the decision was not related to Brexit, but was based on what made most sense for its global com-

petitiveness in light of the need to accelerate its production of electric vehicles.

Still, experts say the uncertainty surrounding Brexit will likely have been a contributing factor in a decision like Honda's. There is still no clarity on what leaving the EU will mean. In a worst case it could lead to heavy tariffs and border checks, raising costs and slowing deliveries.

That comes at a time when the industry is already in serious flux, with manufacturers shifting to cleaner cars, coping with more tariffs and a slowing global economy.

"We still don't know what sort of changes Brexit will bring at

this point," said Hachigo. "We have to wait until we have a better idea about the situation."

Hachigo said the company would begin discussions with affected workers at the factory in Swindon right away.

"I very much regret this," he said, adding that "this was the best choice under the circumstances."

Honda Motor Co. makes its popular Civic model at the factory, 115 kilometers (70 miles) west of London, with an output of 150,000 cars per year. Its restructuring is aimed at adjusting its operations to reflect stronger demand in Asia and North America, Hachigo said.

The next model of Civic to be

sold in Britain will be exported from Japan, the company said.

Honda is also adjusting its operations in Turkey, where it makes 38,000 Civic sedans a year. It said it would continue operating there, however, and hold a "constructive dialogue" with local stakeholders.

British businesses are issuing increasingly urgent warnings about the damage being done by the lack of clarity surrounding Britain's divorce from the EU. The U.K. has yet to seal a deal laying out the divorce terms and establishing what trade rules will apply after Brexit.

In presenting the restructuring plan, Hachigo stressed that Honda was striving to adjust to a fast changing global industry. Technology is driving the change.

"We are facing increasingly severe competition from Chinese and Indian manufacturers," he said. "We have to move more quickly."

Japan and the EU have also struck a free trade deal, which makes a manufacturing presence in the EU less important. The U.K.'s decision to leave the bloc could create further uncertainty for Japanese companies in Britain.

Christian Stadler, a professor at Warwick Business School in England, said the loss of free entry into the European market from Britain undoes one of its top advantages as a manufacturing base.

Many businesses fear economic chaos if there isn't an agreement on the rules and conditions that will replace the 45 years of frictionless trade that came with being an EU member. The uncertainty has already led many firms to shift some operations abroad, stockpile goods or defer investment decisions.

Earlier this month, Japan's Nissan announced that it would not build a new SUV at its plant in Sunderland, England, as previously planned.

"Car manufacturers have repeatedly warned the government about the threat Brexit poses to British industry," Stadler said, noting that Jaguar Land Rover had also scaled back its operations.

"Honda faces the same challenges as fellow Japanese car maker Nissan. The global economy is slowing down, which has hit key markets such as the U.S. and China."

L. Alan Winters, director of the U.K. Trade Policy Observatory at the University of Sussex, said that the backdrop of Brexit means that the U.K. is less able to respond to challenges in the industry.

"Honda, like all other car manufacturers, has a major problem to solve and having a chaotic government that does not seem to care about industry makes it less inclined to try to solve them here," he said, adding that it will be difficult for Britain to face the shock. "With Brexit sucking life out of the U.K. economy, it will be much more difficult to find new activities and jobs to compensate for the losses at Honda and elsewhere."

The planned closure will hit Swindon hard. Beyond the jobs at the plant, the jobs of those who supply the plan will also be at risk, as the auto industry has proved to be a bellwether of the economy.

Local lawmakers described the news as devastating and unions pledged to fight for the jobs.

TUC general secretary Frances O'Grady put the blame squarely at Prime Minister Theresa May's door, saying her refusal to rule out a Brexit without a deal has put thousands of jobs in jeopardy.

"Workers at Honda must not pay the price for the prime minister playing to the hardliners in her party and we urge Honda to sit down urgently with Unite to discuss a way forward for the plant," O'Grady said. **AP**

KASHMIR

Pakistani PM says he's willing to talk but warns India

PAKISTAN'S Prime Minister Imran Khan offered yesterday to hold talks with India, even as he warned New Delhi to refrain from launching any attacks on his country following last week's suicide bombing in Indian-controlled Kashmir.

Khan said he hoped "better sense" would prevail after the attack that killed at least 40 Indian troops.

However, should there be an attack from India, "Pakistan will not merely think of retaliation, but rather, we will retaliate," Khan said in a televised speech.

New Delhi has blamed Islamabad and threatened a "jaw-breaking response" for last week's bombing in which a militant rammed an explosive-laden van into a paramilitary bus in Kashmir. It was the worst attack against Indian government forces in Kashmir's history.

Tensions between Pakistan and India soared following the attack. Islamabad condemned it while also cautioning India against linking Pakistan to the bombing without an investigation. On Monday, four Indian soldiers, three suspected militants,

a police official and a civilian were killed as Indian soldiers searched for militants.

"I have an offer for the Indian government, if you have any actionable evidence, share it with us and we will take action," Khan said. "We are ready to cooperate with India in the investigations."

"I hope better sense will prevail," Khan added.

His remarks were in response to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that his government forces have been "given total freedom" to deal with the militants

in Kashmir.

India and Pakistan each administer a part of Kashmir, but both claim the Himalayan territory in its entirety. They have fought two of their three wars over it.

Rebels have been fighting Indian rule since 1989, demanding Indian-controlled Kashmir be united either under Pakistani rule or established as an independent country.

Earlier yesterday, Pakistan's foreign ministry said it recalled its ambassador from India and appealed for U.N. help to de-escalate and defuse tensions

with New Delhi after the Kashmir attack.

According to the statement, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi sent a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres alleging that "for domestic political reasons, India has deliberately ratcheted up its hostile rhetoric against Pakistan and created a tense environment."

Also, Pakistani Ambassador Suhail Mahmood was asked to return home from India, after New Delhi recalled its own envoy from Islamabad.

"It is with a sense of ur-

gency that I draw your attention to the deteriorating security situation in our region resulting from the threat of use of force against Pakistan by India," Qureshi said in his letter.

There were expectations that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who concluded a two-day visit to Pakistan on Monday and travelled on to India, could encourage the two South Asian neighbors to try to resolve their issues through talks.

India's Ministry of External Affairs said it had no comment on Pakistan's letter to the U.N. **AP**

OBITUARY

Iconic couturier Karl Lagerfeld dies in Paris

Thomas Adamson
& Samuel Petrequin, Paris

KARL Lagerfeld, Chanel's iconic couturier whose designs had an unprecedented impact on the entire fashion industry, died yesterday in Paris, prompting an outpouring of love and admiration for the man in the trademark white ponytail, high starched collar and dark enigmatic glasses who dominated high fashion for the past 50 years.

Although he spent virtually his entire career at luxury labels catering to the very wealthy — including 20 years at Chloe — Lagerfeld's designs quickly trickled down to low-end retailers, giving him global influence.

Such was the enigma surrounding the German-born designer that even his age was a point of mystery for decades, with reports he had two birth certificates, one dated 1933 and the other 1938.

In 2013, Lagerfeld told the French magazine "Paris Match" he was born in 1935, but in 2019 his assistant still didn't know the truth — telling The Associated Press he liked "to scramble the tracks on his year of birth — that's part of the character."

Chanel confirmed that Lagerfeld, who had looked increasingly frail in recent seasons, died early yesterday in Paris. Last month, he did not come out to take a bow at the house's couture show in Paris — a rare absence that the company attributed to him being "tired."

"An extraordinary creative individual, Lagerfeld reinvented the brand's codes created by Gabrielle Chanel: the Chanel jacket and suit, the little black dress, the precious tweeds, the two-tone shoes, the quilted handbags, the pearls and costume jewelry," Chanel said.

"Thanks to his creative genius, generosity and exceptional intuition, Karl Lagerfeld was ahead of his time, which widely contributed to the House of Chanel's success throughout the world," the brand's CEO Alain Wertheimer said. "Today, not only have I lost a friend, but we have all lost an extraordinary creative mind to whom I gave carte blanche in the early 1980s to reinvent the brand."

Chanel said Virginie Viard, his longtime head of studio, will create the house's upcoming collections. Chanel did not say whether her appointment was permanent.

Lagerfeld was one of the most hardworking figures in the fashion world, holding down the top design jobs at LVMH-owned luxury label Fendi from 1977, and Paris' family-owned powerhouse Chanel in 1983. He lost around 90 pounds in his late 60s to fit into the latest slimline fashions.

At Chanel, he served up youthful designs that were always of the moment and sent out almost infinite variations on the house's classic skirt suit, ratcheting up the hemlines or smothering it in golden chains, stings of pearls or pricey accessories. They were always delivered with wit.

"Each season, they tell me [the Chanel designs] look younger. One day we'll all turn up like babies," he once told The Associated Press.

His outspoken and often stinging remarks on topics as diverse as French politics and celebrity waistlines won him the nickname "Kaiser Karl" in the fashion media. Among the most acid comments included calling former French President Francois Hollande an "imbecile" who would be "disastrous" for France in Marie-Claire, and telling The Sun British tabloid that he didn't like the face of Pippa Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge's sister.

"She should only show her back," he advised.

Lagerfeld was also heavily criticized for sending out a negative message to women when he told France's Metro newspaper that British singer Adele was "a little too fat."

Despite this, he did have an under-reported soft side. He was known to be very kind to his staff at Chanel and was famous for giving journalists long interviews after each fashion show. He also shared his unmarried life in his Parisian mansion with a Siamese cat called Choupette.

"She is spoilt, much more than a child could be," he told the AP in 2013, revealing that he took her to the vet nearly every 10 days.

Lagerfeld had little use for nostalgia and kept his gaze firmly on the future. Well into his 70s, he was quick to embrace new technology: He famously had a collection of hundreds of iPods.

A photographer who shot ad campaigns for Chanel and his own eponymous label, Lagerfeld also collected art books and had a massive library and a bookstore as well as his own publishing house. He was also an impres-

AP PHOTO



Karl Lagerfeld in 2013

sive linguist, switching between perfect French, English, Italian and his native German during interviews at fashion shows.

Although he spent much of his life in the public eye, Lagerfeld remained a largely elusive figure. Even as he courted the spotlight, he made an apparently deliberate effort to hide what was going on behind his trademark dark shades.

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"I am like a caricature of myself, and I like that," British Vogue quoted Lagerfeld as saying. "It is like a mask. And for me the Carnival of Venice lasts all year long."

After cutting his teeth at Paris-based label Chloe, Lagerfeld consolidated his reputation in the 1980s when he revived the flagging fortunes of the storied Paris haute couture label Chanel. There, he helped launch the careers of supermodels including Claudia Schiffer, Ines de la Fressange and Stella Tennant.

In a move that helped make him a household name, Lagerfeld designed a capsule collection for Swedish fast-fashion company H&M in 2004 and released a CD of his favorite music shortly after.

A weight-loss book he published in 2005 — "The Karl Lagerfeld Diet" — consolidated his status as a pop culture icon. In the book, Lagerfeld said it was his desire to fit into the slim-

cut suits by then-Dior Homme designer Hedi Slimane that had motivated his dramatic transformation.

The son of an industrialist who made a fortune in condensed milk and his violinist wife, Lagerfeld was born into an affluent family in Hamburg, Germany.

Lagerfeld had artistic ambitions early on. In interviews, he variously said he wanted to become a cartoonist, a portraitist, an illustrator or a musician.

"My mother tried to instruct me on the piano. One day, she slammed the piano cover closed on my fingers and said, 'draw, it makes less noise,' he was quoted as saying in the book "The World According to Karl."

At 14, Lagerfeld came to Paris with his parents and went to school in the City of Light. His fashion career got off to a precocious start when, in 1954, a coat he designed won a contest by the International Wool Secretariat. His rival, Yves Saint Laurent, won that year's contest in the dress category.

Lagerfeld apprenticed at Balmain and in 1959 was hired at another Paris-based house, Patou, where he spent four years as artistic director. After a series of jobs with labels including Rome-based Fendi, Lagerfeld took over the reins at Chloe, known for its romantic Parisian style.

Lagerfeld also started his own label, Karl Lagerfeld, which though less commercially successful than his other ventures, was widely seen as a sort of sketchpad where the designer worked through his audacious ideas.

In 1982, he took over at over Chanel, which had been dor-

mant since the death of its founder, Coco Chanel, more than a decade earlier.

"When I took on Chanel, it was a sleeping beauty — not even a beautiful one," he said in the 2007 documentary "Lagerfeld Confidential." "She snored."

For his debut collection for the house, Lagerfeld injected a dose of raciness, sending out a translucent navy chiffon number that prompted scandalized headlines.

He never ceased to shake up the storied house, sending out a logo-embazoned bikini so small the top looked like pasties on a string and another collection that dispensed entirely with bottoms, with the models wearing little jackets over opaque tights instead.

Lagerfeld was open about his homosexuality — he once said he announced it to his parents at 13 — but kept his private life under wraps. Following his widely known relationship with a French aristocrat who died of AIDS in 1989, Lagerfeld insisted he prized his solitude above all.

"I hate when people say I'm 'solitaire' [or solitary.] Yes, I'm solitaire in the sense of a stone from Cartier, a big solitaire," Lagerfeld told The New York Times. "I have to be alone to do what I do. I like to be alone. I'm happy to be with people, but I'm sorry to say I like to be alone, because there's so much to do, to read, to think."

As much as he loved the spotlight, Lagerfeld was careful to obscure his real self.

"It's not that I lie, it's that I don't owe the truth to anyone," he told French Vogue in an interview. **AP**

USA

Sen. Bernie Sanders running for president in 2020, in a crowded camp

Juana Summers, Washington

VERMONT Sen. Bernie Sanders, whose insurgent 2016 presidential campaign reshaped Democratic politics, announced yesterday that he is running for president in 2020.

"Our campaign is not only about defeating Donald Trump," the 77-year-old self-described democratic socialist said in an email to supporters. "Our campaign is about transforming our country and creating a government based on the principles of economic, social, racial and environmental justice."

An enthusiastic progressive who embraces proposals ranging from Medicare for All to free college tuition, Sanders stunned the Democratic establishment in 2016 with his spirited challenge to Hillary Clinton. While she ultimately became the party's nominee, his campaign helped lay the groundwork for the leftward lurch that has dominated Democratic politics in the Trump era.

The question now for Sanders is whether he can stand out in a crowded field of Democratic presidential candidates who also embrace many of his policy ideas and are newer to the national political stage. That's far different from 2016, when he was Clinton's lone progressive adversary.

Still, there is no question that Sanders will be a formidable contender for the Democratic nomination. He won more than 13 million votes in 2016 and dozens of primaries and caucuses. He opens his campaign with a



nationwide organization and a proven small-dollar fundraising effort.

"We're gonna win," Sanders told CBS.

He said he was going to launch "what I think is unprecedented in modern American history": a grassroots movement "to lay the groundwork for transforming the economic and political life of this country."

Sanders described his new White House bid as a "continuation of what we did in 2016," noting that policies he advocated for then are now embraced by the Democratic Party.

"You know what's happened in over three years?" he said. "All of these ideas and many more are now part of the political mainstream."

Sanders could be well positioned to compete in the nation's first primary in neighboring New Hampshire, which he won by

22 points in 2016. But he won't have the state to himself.

Sen. Kamala Harris of California, another Democratic presidential contender, was in New Hampshire earlier yesterday and said she'd compete for the state. She also appeared to take a dig at Sanders.

"The people of New Hampshire will tell me what's required to compete in New Hampshire," she told shoppers at a bookstore in Concord. "But I will tell you I'm not a democratic socialist."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren of nearby Massachusetts will be in New Hampshire on Friday.

One of the biggest questions surrounding Sanders' candidacy is how he'll compete against someone like Warren, who shares many of his policy goals. Warren has already launched her campaign and has planned an aggressive swing through the early primary states.

Shortly after announcing her exploratory committee, Warren hired Brendan Summers, who managed Sanders' 2016 Iowa campaign. Other staffers from Sanders' first bid also have said they would consider working for other candidates in 2020.

Our campaign is not only about defeating Donald Trump.

BERNIE SANDERS

The crowded field includes a number of other candidates who will likely make strong appeals to the Democratic base including Harris and Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York. The field could also grow, with a number of high-profile Democrats still considering presidential bids, including former Vice President Joe Biden and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

While Sanders had been working to lay the groundwork for a second campaign for months, it was unclear whether he will be able to expand his appeal beyond his largely white base of supporters. In 2016, Sanders notably struggled to garner support from black voters, an issue that could become particularly pervasive during a primary race that could include

several non-white candidates.

Last month, he joined Booker at an event in Columbia, South Carolina, marking the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. In 2016, Sanders lost the South Carolina primary, which features a heavily black electorate, by 47 points.

Sanders also faces different pressures in the #MeToo era. Some of his male staffers and supporters in 2016 were described as "Bernie bros" for their treatment of women.

In the run-up to Sanders' 2020 announcement, persistent allegations emerged of sexual harassment of women by male staffers during his 2016 campaign. Politico and The New York Times reported several allegations of unwanted sexual advances and pay inequity. In an interview with CNN after the initial allegations surfaced, Sanders apologized but also noted he was "a little busy running around the country trying to make the case."

As additional allegations emerged, he offered a more unequivocal apology.

"What they experienced was absolutely unacceptable and certainly not what a progressive campaign — or any campaign — should be about," Sanders said Jan. 10 on Capitol Hill. "Every woman in this country who goes to work today or tomorrow has the right to make sure that she is working in an environment which is free of harassment, which is safe and is comfortable, and I will do my best to make that happen." **AP**

SYRIA

Efforts aimed at evacuating civilians from IS area

A spokesman for a U.S.-backed Syrian force fighting the Islamic State said yesterday a military operation aimed at ousting the extremists from their last remaining area in eastern Syria will commence after separating or evacuating civilians holed up with them.

Mustafa Bali said if the remaining militants estimated to be around 300 surrendered, there would be no need for a fight.

The comments came as a Kurdish official and a Syria war monitor said that dozens of trucks arrived at the outskirts of the tiny enclave held by IS



A US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces fighter stands atop a building near the last land still held by Islamic State militants in Baghouz

to bring out civilians remaining inside, believed to be in the hundreds.

"We are working on ei-

ther separating the civilians or evacuating them and raiding the place," Bali said.

Adnan Afrin, a commander with the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces, said a number of civilians and some fighters have turned themselves in and that the trucks went to the corridor to get them. He reported some clashes on the other side of the enclave between IS militants who don't want to surrender and SDF fighters.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, also reported that some 50 trucks belonging to the U.S.-led coalition fighting IS arrived at the outskirts of the area.

A U.N. official said yesterday she is concerned about the condition of the some 200 families trapped in the last remaining area held by IS. In a statement issued in Geneva, Michel Bachelet, the U.N.'s human rights chief, said the extremists are actively preventing civilians, including women and children, from leaving the area near the border with Iraq.

The International Rescue Committee said Monday that more than 60 people have died in recent weeks after making their way out of the tiny area controlled by IS, most of

them from exhaustion and malnutrition. They either died along the way or soon after arriving at a massive camp in northern Syria that is hosting those fleeing and evacuating the area in eastern Deir el-Zour province.

In Idlib, government forces shelled a bakery killing at least four people, including children, in the town of Khan Sheikhoun in Idlib, the Observatory said. The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense said the shelling killed five people including two children and also wounded five others. It said the bakery is out of service. **AP**

what's ON



NO WHERE THERE – WORKS BY TANG JING
TIME: 11am-1pm & 2pm-6pm (closed on Sundays)
UNTIL: March 16, 2019
VENUE: 1844 Macau Photography Art Space
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 6311 1390

ASSEMBLAGE OF TREASURES - EXHIBITION OF THE MACAU MUSEUM COLLECTION FOR CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
TIME: 10am-6pm (ticket booth closes at 5:30pm; closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: February 24, 2019
VENUE: Macau Museum
ADMISSION: MOP15 (free admission on Tuesdays and on the 15th of every month)
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

SPARKLING GARDEN – GUAN HUI BIN WORKS
TIME: 10am-7pm (last admission 6:30pm; closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: February 24, 2019
VENUE: Macau Museum of Art
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

DISCOVER MACAU: MUSEUM OF TAIPA AND COLOANE HISTORY
TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Mondays)
ADDRESS: Rua Correia da Silva, Taipa
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

3RD MACAU PRINTMAKING TRIENNIAL
TIME: 10am-7pm (no admittance after 6:30pm, closed on Monday)
VENUE: Macau Contemporary Art Center - Navy Yard No.1
 Exhibitions Gallery and Nostalgic House

Offbeat

COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD TO HONOR RUTH E. CARTER, GLENN CLOSE

AP PHOTO



Designer Ruth E. Carter

Oscar nominees Glenn Close and "Black Panther" costume designer Ruth E. Carter will be honored today [Macau time] at the 21st annual Costume Designers Guild Awards.

Close will receive the spotlight award at the ceremony Tuesday night at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. The guild will pay homage to Carter's illustrious designs with a career achievement award.

Costume designer Betty Pecha Madden and screenwriter-director Ryan Murphy will be recognized for their work in film.

Actress Kate Walsh will host the awards.

Close is nominated for a best actress Oscar for "The Wife." Carter could become the first African-American to win an Oscar for best costume designer for her work in "Black Panther."

Halle Berry, Michael Chiklis, Danai Gurira and Christina Hendricks are expected to serve as presenters.

TV canal macau



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18:00	Palcos Agora
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19:00	TDM Entrevista (Repetição)
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20:30	Telejornal
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21:50	O Último Reino Sr.1
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THE NEW KING OF COMEDY

ROOM 1

2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Stephen Chow

Starring: Wang Baoqiang, E Jingwen, Zhang Quidan

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 91min

INTEGRITY

ROOM 1

4:30, 9:30 pm

Director: Alan Mak

Starring: Sean Lau, Nick Cheung, Karena Lam

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 90min



ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL

ROOM 2

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

Director: Robert Rodriguez

Starring: Christopher Waltz, Mahershala Ali

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 122min

MARY POPPINS RETURNS

ROOM 2

4:30pm

Director: Rob Marshall

Starring: Julie Andrews, Meryl Streep, Colin Firth

Language: English

Duration: 130min

THE LEGO MOVIE 2

ROOM 3

4:00, 7:45 pm

Director: Mike Mitchell

Starring: Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks, Will Arnett

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 106min

MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM NT (NARRATIVE)

ROOM 3

4:15, 9:30 pm

Director: Toshikazu Yoshizawa

Starring: Junya Enoki, Tomo Muranaka

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 88min

this day in history



1962 US SPACEMAN ORBITS EARTH

The first American to orbit the Earth has landed safely in the Atlantic Ocean.

Marine Lieutenant John Glenn, 40, travelled about 81,000 miles (more than 130,000km) as he circled the globe three times at more than 17,000 mph (27,000kph).

Lieutenant Glenn controlled nearly two of the orbits himself after reporting "minor difficulties" with the automatic altitude control system as he completed the third circuit - the maximum anticipated.

Messages from the astronaut were transmitted by radio stations across the United States and United Kingdom and his progress was monitored by 18 ground stations around the world.

As he re-entered the atmosphere after his four-hour and 56-minute journey Lieutenant Glenn said: "Boy, that was a real fireball."

His spacecraft, Friendship Seven, landed at 2040 GMT 240 miles north-west of Puerto Rico, where it was picked up by the US destroyer Noa.

Altogether, 24 American ships were ready to pick up the astronaut and his craft from various locations across the globe.

The capsule was launched from the flaming Atlas rocket at 1447 GMT from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

President Kennedy followed the mission on television and telephoned the astronaut afterwards.

"We are really proud of you. You did a wonderful job," he said.

The Queen and British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, also cabled their congratulations.

Technical problems had delayed the mission 10 times - a total of 61 days.

The US has spent over £142m on the man-in-space programme so far and Nasa has planned another three manned orbital flights this year.

The US Earth orbit took place 10 months and 10 days after Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space, making one circulation of the globe.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

John Glenn became an overnight celebrity. He was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1964.

He went into politics and was a democrat senator for Ohio - his home state - for 24 years.

He campaigned on space and defence issues in particular.

It was his interest in space medicine that led him to persuade Nasa to send him into space at the age of 77 in November 1998.

He completed the nine-day mission on the space shuttle with another six astronauts to become the oldest man in space.

Over 250,000 people - including President Clinton - gathered at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida to watch the launch.

Exactly on this day, in 1986, the Soviets launched space MIR station.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Adjusting to new ways of doing things is usually easy for you, but right now you may be feeling a little bit overwhelmed by how fast things are developing and changing. Don't expect to become a master of everything.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Even though your time is completely your own right now, there is no time to waste. Just because you don't feel pressure from outside forces does not mean that the speed at which you travel effects only you.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 This day will start out as a giant question mark for you—it seems that the concrete plans you thought you had are not so concrete after all. The good news is that this change will make for a very interesting day.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 There has been a lot of behind-closed-doors talk about you and where you are going—the powers that be are debating whether you're ready for a big challenge. There is a major opportunity within your reach today.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Sometimes, being unique requires that you be brave—life isn't always easy for people who don't conform. Today someone in power will be intent on making sure that you parrot the party line.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Convince your people that quality takes time—some folks are getting antsy today, and it is up to you to keep everyone on task. Even your quick reasoning won't result in a quick solution right now.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your vocabulary isn't quite good enough to express all the nuances of what you're feeling right now, so why not try silence for the day? The less you speak, the more you'll think.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You will save the day when an unusual minor detail catches your eye and reveals a much bigger problem. Your quick action will prevent a lot of headaches for a lot of people.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If you are in a contemplative mood, go with it—now is a very good time to take stock of what has been going on in your life. Stepping away from the heat of the action is a wise move.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Communication is a two-way street—so if you're trying hard to communicate with someone who is simply not hearing you, then you should consider the fact that it might not be your fault.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The world will be taking special notice of you, and you should be prepared for a lot of extra attention. (This could involve some unwanted attention, so be prepared to tell undesirable admirers to back off!)

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 A lot of different energies will be moving all around you today—and they might make you feel overwhelmed. If you're traveling, a crowd of people could cause you some major delays or stress.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle.

Medium

9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle.

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WEATHER

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Table of weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

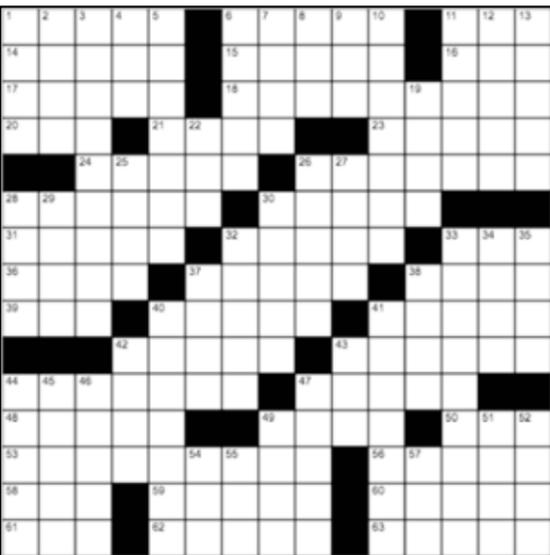
WORLD

Table of weather conditions for various world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- I smell ___; 2- Injectable diazepam, in military lingo; 3- Trembling; 4- Not 'neath; 5- Most orderly; 6- Refine metal; 7- Spumoni or vanilla holder; 8- Uneaten morsel; 9- "Annabel Lee" poet; 10- On the way; 11- Lag behind; 12- Doofus; 13- Nursemaid; 19- Corner; 22- Skill; 25- Bites; 26- Hard to call; 27- Hazard; 28- Urban renewal target; 29- Dynamic intro; 30- Bert's buddy; 32- Broadcaster; 33- Pasture; 34- Use a surgical beam; 35- Chooses; 37- Nothing more than; 38- Civil wrong; 40- Intellectual; 41- Below; 42- Dramatic conflict; 43- Actor Kilmer; 44- Singer Lopez; 45- Rudner and Moreno; 46- Less welcoming; 47- For ___ sake; 49- Part of BTU; 51- Magazine founder Eric; 52- So-so grades; 54- Antique auto; 55- Prince Valiant's son; 57- Feathery wrap;



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Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
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AD

Real estate advertisement for JML Property, featuring 'FOR SALE' listings for various properties in Taipa and Macau, including Nova City, Ocean Garden, Sea View Condo, and Taipa Nam Long.

Rugby Academy

Bats return from Bangkok with silverware

Donald Shaw, Bangkok
Special to MDT

LOCAL rugby team Macau Bats recently participated in the Bangkok International 10s, a leading regional competition. This was the second year that the club played in the competition and fielded four teams at the U10/12/14 and 16 age groups.

The tournament is one of the most popular in Asia and attracted teams from Malaysia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Russia, in addition to Thailand. The tournament was played over last weekend.

The U10 team got off to a winning start against local team Nak Suu by 2 tries to nil. They then met old foes Sai Kung Stingrays from Hong Kong and went down 2-5 before drawing 2-2 against Bangkok Lions. The Bats then played very well against Singapore Centaurs but lost out to a stronger team. This led to a Plate final against the Stingrays who once again came out on top against the Bats despite the team's best efforts. Finishing Plate runner-up was a good effort for this young group.

The U12s had two pool victories against Jakarta Komodos and Bangkok Lions before a 2-2 draw with Kuala Lumpur Tigers set up a tense final pool match against Sai Kung Stingrays with the winner to play in the Cup final. This proved to be one of the best games of the weekend, truly "a final before the final." The Stingrays scored first, however the Bats fought back playing good infield rugby before switching the play and making use of the wings. Having equalized, the Bats let their concentration drop and the Stingrays quickly regained the lead. Once again Macau fought back and got a second try before finally losing a last minute score to give the Stingrays a 3-2 win. This resulted in the Bats playing Enisei, from Russia, in the Bowl final. This was another tense affair with both teams defences initially on top. Macau broke through and established a 2-0 lead, however Enisei hit back with a try of their own to make it 2-1 at half-time. Macau defended well against the Russian team and ran in a further two tries to secure a 4-1 victory and come away as Bowl winners.

The U14s had a slow start to the competition, going down heavily to KL Tigers before bouncing back with wins over Nak Suu (10-5), Jakarta (17-0) and Omnoi (20-0). This put Macau into the Plate final against KL Cobras who proved to be the stronger team running out 17-0 winners. Despite the loss the Bats had done well to get to the final after their less than ideal opening to the tournament.

The U16s found themselves in a strong pool and lost a very tight opening game against Bangkok Lions by 7-0. This was a game where Macau had the opportunity to take at least a draw from the game. Next up was KL Cobras who quickly ran up a 14-0 lead, although the Bats hit back and finished the game the stronger, the Cobras won by 21-7. The third match was a fiery encounter with KL Tigers that saw Macau score one of the best tries of the weekend to take an early lead. The KL team were strong but brought a lot of "niggle" into the game which saw the referee issue two yellow cards and gave a warning to both teams at half-time to control their tackling. However, shortly into the second half a high tackle from the Tigers saw the temperature rise and the referee red carded a player from each team to restore order. The Tigers won the game by 21-7.

The Bats then had two games against strong Singaporean teams. Despite losing both games, Centaurs (0-17) and Dragons (7-10) the Macau team acquitted themselves well and were unfortunate not to take at least a draw from one of the matches. This then put the Bats in the Bowl final and a re-match with Bangkok Lions. Again the game was a tight initial affair with the Bats finding space hard to find - this was in no small way due to the Lions having 11 players on the park until the situation was pointed out to the referee and the game resumed to 10 v 10. Macau then started to play its running game and led by 7-0 at the interval. Another two tries were scored to put Macau in control before the Lions scored a consolation try to make the final score 21-7. Thus the U16s were able to replicate the U12s achievement and bring the Bowl back to Macau.

It was a tired but happy Macau Bats contingent that boarded the flight back to Macau, Plate runners-up in U10 and U14 plus Bowl winners in the U12 and U16.



FOOTBALL

Man United defeats Chelsea, advances to FA Cup quarterfinals

ANDER Herrera and Paul Pogba each scored first-half goals as Manchester United defeated Chelsea 2-0 yesterday [Macau time] at Stamford Bridge to advance to the quarterfinals of the FA Cup.

United, which has lost just once in interim manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's 13 games in charge, has reached the quarterfinals of the competition for the fifth consecutive season.

A rematch of last year's final won by Chelsea, Herrera put United ahead in the 31st minute and Pogba came through just before halftime to double the lead.

United had not played since losing 2-0 to Paris Saint-Germain in the opening leg of the Champions League round of 16 last week — a defeat that ended Solskjaer's unbeaten start.

"You want to see a reaction," Solskjaer said. "There's a balance between being too eager [and not] after losing a game, so this



United's Ander Herrera (center) scores the opening goal

was brilliant."

The game took an odd twist late as Chelsea fans fed up with manager Maurizio Sarri joined their United counterparts in

chanting for his firing.

Sarri, who replaced Antonio Conte in the summer, went unbeaten over his first 18 games in all competitions but has won

just six of 12 games since Jan. 1.

"I can understand the situation and our fans, because the result wasn't really good," Sarri said. "We are out of the FA Cup, so I can understand. But I am worried about our results."

"We were unlucky. In the first half, we played better than the opponent and, at the end of the first half, it was 2-0 to them, so we played confused football in the second half. But, in the first half, we played well. We need, of course, more aggression, more determination."

A change of manager has had the desired effect for United, which appointed Solskjaer after firing Jose Mourinho on Dec. 18.

Sarri selected a predictable lineup and Chelsea began well, but United grew into the game and always looked dangerous.

Chris Smalling might have put United in front after nine minutes, but Kepa Arrizabalaga saved the weak header before Chelsea's best stretch of the game.

United's Sergio Romero then

made two saves in quick succession, punching David Luiz's free kick to Pedro, whose volley was gathered by the goalkeeper.

Eden Hazard later curled wide before Gonzalo Higuain headed narrowly off target from a cross by Cesar Azpilicueta.

Pogba, deployed on the left of United's midfield, set up the opening goal when he crossed from the left to Herrera, who headed in unnoticed at the back post.

A second goal followed as Pogba won the ball in midfield, fed Marcus Rashford down the right wing and was then found by Rashford's pinpoint cross.

Hazard tried to spark Chelsea in the second half by cutting in from the right, but his shot was blocked by Victor Lindelof.

Chelsea fans then started to grow restless, greeting Sarri's predictable substitution of Willian for Pedro with sarcastic applause and doing so again when Mateo Kovacic was replaced by Ross Barkley. **AP**

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Animal Farm

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WRITTEN IN WATER!

1. The end of the contracts of the two Portuguese legal advisors to the Legislative Assembly came with a justification that was at the time presented by the President of the Legislative Assembly. This justification was used by some local people who decided to speak "off the record" - although it would have been better not to have said anything - for not giving a hand to help the two jurists stay in Macau; to these lawyers who are known to have a wealth of experience in these lands, and are considered excellent professionals. Afterwards came the announcement of the recruitment in December of a new Portuguese advisor just arrived to Macau, and another one more recently. What do these series of facts demonstrate exactly?

First, that none of this is good, ethical, or fair; it lacks truth and is not going to improve the AL's performance. Therefore, it is hardly a progressive step for the business of legislation.

Second, that the present or future interests of some people come first. The President of the AL may be the future Chief Executive, so we have to be cautious! But of what exactly?

If this hypothetical scenario of an election were out of the question, it may just be that the position of some people would have been diametrically opposed.

Lastly, interests come before ethical values, which are put aside. A misery, simply a misery!

2. Let's talk about Macau's inflation.

According to what one can read in the local press, it was 3.01 percent in 2018.

I recall that in December, even before the end of the year, I said: "... it [the inflation] proved to be much more congenial than common sense informs. It will hardly exceed 3.01 percent! (...)"

In 2019 it should be close to 2.93 percentage points. A local university suggests 3.9 percent for 2019, and had forecast 3.3 percent for 2018, while still reporting 8.3 percent of GDP growth in 2018 and 7.1 in 2019!

I think these theoreticians do the wrong thing, which is not, as you know, the first time they are caught up in these writing exercises in the sky.

So, for me, CPI growth will be less, but this will not occur immediately in the early part of the year.

No, in those first months we should still see an increase in inflation (measured by the average variation of the last twelve months) and only after May will we begin to see it fall.

This is a result of the process of calculating inflation, not from a special capacity of mine to forecast!

January's figure for inflation should close at 3.11 percentage points or a maximum of 3.12 percent!

This is not gambling.

This is mathematics!

THE BUZZ NOT A COPYCAT: US SUPREME COURT STAYING OUT OF ACTOR'S 'EMPIRE' LAWSUIT

The Supreme Court is staying out of a lawsuit involving the television show "Empire."

The high court said yesterday it won't take a case involving the Fox show, which follows a black family navigating the ups and downs of the record industry. That means a decision in favor of "Empire" co-creators Danny Strong and Lee Daniels stands.

Actor Clayton Prince Tanksley sued in 2016, claiming that "Empire" was substantially similar to a

television show he had pitched at a competition in 2008.

The lawsuit said Daniels was a judge at the competition and expressed an interest in the show Tanksley called "Cream," which involved a black record executive. A trial court dismissed the lawsuit, ruling that the shows weren't substantially similar. An appeals court agreed.

"Empire" debuted in 2015.

Cheap and green: Pyongyang upgrades its mass transit system



Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

PYONGYANG is upgrading its overcrowded mass transit system with brand new subway cars, trams and buses in a campaign meant to show that leader Kim Jong Un is raising the country's standard of living.

The long-overdue improvements, while still modest, are a welcome change for the North Korean capital's roughly 3 million residents, who have few options to get to work or school each day.

First came new, high-tech subway cars and electric trolleybuses — each announced by the media with photos of Kim personally conducting the final inspection tours. Now, officials say three new electric trams are running daily routes across Pyongyang.

Transport officials say the capacity of the new trams is about 300, sitting and standing. Passengers must buy tickets in shops beforehand and put them in a ticket box when they get on. The flat fare is a dirt cheap 5 won (around one-sixteenth of a cent) for any tram, trolleybus, subway or regular bus ride on the public transport system. The Pyongyang Metro has a ticket-card system and the Public Transportation Bureau is considering introducing something similar on the roads as well.

Privately owned cars are scarce in Pyongyang. Taxis are increasingly common but costly for most people.

Factory or official-use vehicles are an alternative, when available, as are bicycles. Motorized bikes imported from China are popular, while scooters and motorcycles are rare.

The subway, with elaborate stations inspired by those in Soviet Moscow and dug deep enough to survive a nuclear attack, runs at three- to five-minute intervals, depending on the hour. Officials say it transports about 400,000 passengers on weekdays. But its two lines, with 17 stations, operate only on the western side of the Taedong River, which runs through the center of the city.

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"The subway is very important transportation for our people," subway guide Kim Yong Ryon said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "There are plans to build train stations on the east side of the river, but nothing has started yet."

The lack of passenger cars on Pyongyang's roads has benefits. Traffic jams are uncommon and, compared to Beijing or Seoul, the city has refreshingly clean, crisp air.

Electric trams, which run on rails, and electric trolleybuses, which have wheels, are relatively green transport options.

But mass transit in Pyongyang can be slow and uncomfortable.

The tram system, in particular, is among the most crowded in the world.

Swarms of commuters cramming into trams are a common sight during the morning rush hour, which is from about 6 to 8:30. Getting across town can take about an hour.

Pyongyang's tram system has four lines. In typical North Korean fashion, one is devoted to taking passengers to and from the mausoleum where the bodies of national founder Kim Il Sung and his son, Kim Jong Il, lie in state.

The city's red-and-white trams look familiar to many eastern Europeans. In 2008, the North bought 20 used trams made by the Tatra company, which produced hundreds of them when Prague was still the capital of socialist Czechoslovakia.

North Korea squeezes every last inch out of its fleet.

Red stars are awarded for every 50,000 kilometers driven without an accident, and it's not unusual to see trams with long lines of red stars stenciled across their sides. One seen in operation in Pyongyang last month had 12 — that's 600,000 kilometers, or the equivalent of about 15 trips around the Earth's circumference.

Impossible as that might seem, the math works. **AP**

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

WORLD BRIEFS



USA Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, whose insurgent 2016 presidential campaign reshaped Democratic politics, announced that he is running for president in 2020. "Our campaign is not only about defeating Donald Trump," the 77-year-old democratic socialist said. **More on p15**



HAITI Businesses and government offices slowly reopened across Haiti on after more than a week of violent demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of protesters demanding the resignation of President Jovenel Moise over skyrocketing prices that have more than doubled for basic goods amid allegations of government corruption.



FRANCE Residents and public officials from across the political spectrum geared up for nationwide rallies against anti-Semitism following a series of anti-Semitic acts, including the swastikas painted on about 80 gravestones at a Jewish cemetery overnight.



BREXIT EU Commission spokesman Margaritis Schinas said "the EU27 will not reopen the withdrawal agreement," a condition many British lawmakers are insisting on before they back a deal to have Britain leave the bloc on March 29. Theresa May arrives today in Brussels for talks.