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**Japan** Police authorities have obtained an arrest warrant for a suspect as soon as he regains consciousness from injuries in a deadly arson at a Kyoto anime studio, officials said yesterday.

**Pakistan** A female suicide bomber struck outside a hospital in Pakistan yesterday as the wounded were being brought in from an earlier shooting against police, in a complex assault claimed by the Pakistani Taliban that killed a total of nine people and wounded another 30. [More on p13](#)



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JULIE ZHU

**A**NOTHER four local residents have collected application forms for the fifth Chief Executive election, meaning there are now 13 individuals interested in the position, the Electoral Affairs Commission announced on Friday.

Many of those interested in Macau's top job remain unknown to the public.

The latest four individuals collected the contact information of the electors, as reported the previous week. One of the four has already returned the information to the commission.

In order to be accepted as an election candidate, each contender must obtain a minimum of 66 nominations from the 400-member Chief Executive Election Committee.

Most analysts expect that only frontrunner Ho Iat Seng will obtain the necessary backing from the Committee to stand in the election.

Tomorrow is the last day of the Chief Executive candidate nomination period. On Thursday, the commission will review the backgrounds of candidates and confirm the acceptance of their candidacy, in accordance with the law.

Last week, the commission reported that it would organize a promotional election symposium on August 10. All members of the election committee will be invited to the symposium.

There, confirmed candidates will reveal their platforms and answer questions.

A live broadcast will also be available, allowing the public to watch the symposium in real time.

Song Man Lei, chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission, explained that qualified candidates are not required to announce their platform at the symposium and they can make their announcements on other occasions.

## WONG'S OFFICE DEFENDS CIVIL PROTECTION LAW, AGAIN

**T**HE Office of the Secretary for Security has, again, clarified the definition for the crime described in the controversial Article 25 of the Civil Protection Basic Law, which establishes the provision for "spreading of false rumors and tendentious news in times of crisis."

In a statement published on Friday, the office reiterated that both the production and the intentional dissemination of rumors during catastrophes are two different crimes.

According to paragraph 3 in the revised version of Article 25, the new draft establishes a different punishments for the act of spreading rumors in bad faith and those who "produce rumors aiming concretely [to cause social panic] as a result."

The penalty proposed for the first act is slightly reduced compared to the latter.

According to the office, those who produce false news intentionally to cause confusion and anyone who intentionally disseminates false news that will cause panic should be punished



Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak

according to the "crime against safety, order and public peace during sudden incidents of a public nature."

"If the draft law fails to punish the act of intentional dissemination, it will effectively create an obvious legal loophole by allowing such behavior to be immune from criminal-law censorship," the office stated.

During the drafting of the article, security authorities believed that a lesser degree of malice and per-

versity was involved in the dissemination of rumors in bad faith when compared to individuals who produced targeted rumors to cause public panic, so the distinction must be made in the punishment.

Meanwhile, the office reiterated that the new draft has changed the definition of a crime against order and public safety from spreading "fake news" pertaining to "threats, risks, and vulnerabilities concerning sudden

public incidents," to the spreading of "fake information" concerning sudden public incidents.

Thus, punishments are targeted at people who either intend to disseminate rumors or spread false information with the intent of causing social panic.

Meanwhile, the new draft suggests reducing imprisonment from two years to 16 months for disseminating rumors.

The maximum sentence for offenders who cause social panic is still two years, but it will be possible to lower the criminal responsibility of an offender based on certain situations.

Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak previously pledged that authorities would strive to leave no grey areas in the proposed Civil Protection Law that could lead to interpretations that limit freedom of expression.

Although he had admitted that the bill still has room for improvement before it enters the final phase of the legislation, Wong said that his office is trying its best to clarify any unclear aspects of the bill. LV

### ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

## CARING FOR A CAT WITH HERPES

**T**HE herpes cat virus causes flu-like symptoms. It's only contagious to other domestic cats, but there's no cure. If your cat contracts feline herpes virus, the most you can do is try to relieve the symptoms and lessen the severity of the outbreak. Here's what you need to know about feline herpes.

### Feline herpes virus explained

Feline herpes virus, or FVR, is an acute upper respiratory infection caused by feline herpesvirus type 1 or FHV-1. Feline herpes is the most common cause of upper respiratory distress in cats. It's common in kittens, and in cats who must endure stressed or overcrowded environments, such as those found in animal shelters. Once your cat is infected with the virus, he'll have it for the rest of his life. The first outbreak is often the worst. Once your cat recovers from this initial outbreak, his immune system will keep the virus under control most of the time. However, during times of stress or sickness, your cat may experience another outbreak. Corticosteroids may also trigger

outbreaks in cats suffering from feline herpes.

### How cat herpes infection spreads

Your cat can catch the herpes virus from other cats even if they aren't showing symptoms. There are three means of contracting the feline herpes virus. They are: In utero, when unborn kittens contract the virus from their mother.

Direct contact, when your cat comes into contact with the oral or respiratory secretions of a cat who is shedding the virus.

Indirect contact, when your cat comes into contact with the food bowl, litter tray, bedding or other belongings of a cat who is shedding the virus.

### Dangers and symptoms of feline herpes infection

The feline herpes virus grows in your cat's eyes, nose, throat, mouth, sinuses, and tonsils. This causes inflammation and fever. Nasal discharge can cause a loss of appetite, which is dangerous, especially in kittens, who are especially

prone to malnutrition and dehydration. Secondary infections can occur due to tissue damage caused by the feline herpes virus. The feline herpes virus may cause spontaneous abortion in pregnant cats.

Symptoms of feline herpes infection include:

- Sneezing
- Discharge from the eyes and nose
- Conjunctivitis and sometimes corneal ulcers
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Lethargy
- Ulcers of the mouth and tongue
- Pneumonia

### Caring for cats with herpes

Once your cat has become infected with feline herpes virus, he'll remain infected for life; there is no cure. Treatment involves supportive care to help your cat's immune system suppress the virus once more; you can relieve your cat's symptoms and try to shorten the outbreak.

You'll need to keep your cat's eyes and nose clear of discharge. Cleanse them gently with clean, warm water and a cotton ball. Your cat may need antibiotics to treat secondary infections that could arise. Antiviral drugs may help shorten the feline herpes outbreak. Your cat will need to continue taking in food



and water. If the outbreak is particularly severe, this may mean putting him on an IV drip, force feeding him or injecting fluids subcutaneously.

The amino acid, L-Lysine, may help to suppress the virus and prevent outbreaks. Speak to your vet before supplementing your cat's diet.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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# 70-day maternity leave considered discriminatory

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**P**RESIDENT Vong Hin Fai of the Third Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly said the body supports compensated leave unanimously, but opinions vary on

maternity leave, with some considering the current proposal discriminatory.

The committee held its first meeting to study the maternity leave bill on Friday when it reviewed the Labor Relations Law.

The bill suggests that 70-day

maternity leave be provided to workers, 14 more than is currently being provided. It is also stated that 63 of the 70 days must be taken immediately after giving birth.

The remaining seven days, on the other hand, are to be taken at the worker's discretion, before or

after birth, in part or in whole.

In the meantime, if an employer dismisses a worker who is pregnant or has given birth in the last three months, the bill sets forth that the employer must pay the employee 70 days of basic salary in compensation, in addition to the other compensations required by the law.

Despite the proposed extension to maternity leave, some members of the committee have questioned the government's proposal of 70 days, citing that 80% of the comments received during the public consultation supported a 90-day

maternity leave, identical to that enjoyed by civil servants.

Committee members are worried that the government may be discriminating against workers.

As international covenants outline 98 days of maternity leave, some members questioned why the bill still falls short. Regarding this, committee advisors have reminded members that Macau is not a signatory of the covenant, but has admitted that it may be used as a reference.

Additionally, some members have suggested that longer maternity leave should be given to workers giving birth to multiple pregnancies. Arrangements to protect workers who are pregnant or have given birth within three months should be made.

In addition, the bill also suggests that pregnant women should not carry out physically inappropriate work, a term that was deemed unclear by the committee.

Some lawmakers also proposed that the government further explain how wages are calculated in specific cases, in particular, when an employee stops work while on duty but the law proposes that employers should compensate workers based on their working hours.

The bill also proposed that workers may choose between money-and-holiday or double-holiday-only compensation models in case they are required to work on a regular rest day.

## Laborers threaten to jump from building in wages protest

STAFF REPORTER

**O**N July 18, nearly a dozen construction workers started a standoff on top of a future residential building in Cotai to protest against unfair compensation by their employer.

The construction site is located next to Pousada Marina Infante in Cotai. The exteriors of the buildings has been built, and they are still covered by bamboo scaffolding and green nets.

More than 10 workers were seen lingering on the 17th floor of one of the buildings.

The police were notified and a negotiator was sent to the scene. Negotiations lasted at least 24 hours.

Meanwhile, the Fire Bureau set up an air cushion as a precautionary measure, and the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL) also sent officers to the scene.

A statement from the DSAL did not mention



DSAL staff communicate with workers in the protest

whether any of the laborers were injured in the protest.

The DSAL has since been in touch with the employer and employees for details regarding the standoff.

The employees claimed they had not been offered the right amount of compensation for holidays, overtime, accommodation,

dismissal notices and dismissals.

On the other hand, the DSAL were told by the employer that they had abided by laws regarding regular rest days, statutory holidays and overtime payments. The claims were supported by the employment records of certain employees.

The DSAL has pledged to investigate the complaints and safeguard the lawful rights of the employees. If any violations are found during the investigation, the bureau will begin legal proceedings.

In the meantime, the employer has proposed rehiring the employees and handling their individual cases according to the law.

About a year ago, a construction worker from the mainland who worked at the Lisboa Palace site threatened to jump from the 5th floor of the building. The incident lasted an hour and a half, and the worker eventually retreated to safety.

Macau has seen similar incidents in recent years.

In 2016, a group of 10 workers reportedly threatened to jump from the Lisboa Palace construction site in Cotai. They were protesting unpaid and overdue salaries, according to media reports at the time.

## MIGRANT WORKER SEEKS COMPENSATION FOLLOWING WORK ACCIDENT

**A**migrant worker from the Philippines is seeking compensation after an accident at his work led to the amputation of his leg in October 2018.

As reported by public broadcaster TDM, Raymond Tagacay explained that he was run over by a car driven by his co-worker while washing another car at the shop.

He was one of six who were hit by the car, and the only one who suffered major injuries.

According to Tagacay, he was stuck under the car for an hour.

The migrant worker is also facing a dilemma: his visa will expire on August 10 and he has been informed by the Labour Affairs Bureau that he will not be receiving the last two months of his salary.

Tagacay said that he would prefer to go back home,

but is calling to be paid a fair amount of compensation after the incident cost him his leg.

"If I go back to work, I'll be useless. I only know how to drive, clean a car and [repair cars]. But paper work, it's hard for me, so it's better for me [to just go back home.] I'm not begging them for a big amount, I just want what's right for me," he told TDM.

Although the insurance company paid his employer back nearly the full amount of his hospital and therapy expenses, Tagacay was not given any compensation.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office has said that he could qualify for the benefits given to overseas Filipino workers, despite not signing up for the program due to the absence of a working contract. **LV**

## POPPY FLOWERS SEIZED FROM FLOWER SHOP

The Judiciary Police (PJ) seized 50 poppy flowers from a flower shop located in the central district of the Macau peninsula. The pair that owned the shop were arrested. Following reports that poppy flowers were being sold at a flower shop, the PJ conducted an inspection on July 19. According to the owners, the flowers had been imported through legal channels, yet they claimed not to know that the sale of the flowers was illegal in Macau. The flowers had been purchased from a foreign website. Tests showed that the flowers contained morphine, codeine and thebaine, which are restricted substances under local laws. Customs have transferred the information to the PJ. Poppy flower extracts are used as painkillers and sedatives. However, they are also a main ingredient in opium, which is addictive.

## IN 747 INSPECTIONS, NO ILLEGAL DRIVERS FOUND

Lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong wrote an inquiry to the government asking for a solution to the "illegal drivers" situation, specifically in the area under mainland administration between the Gongbei port and the Macau Border Gate. The inquiry specifically concerned drivers who have already crossed the Gongbei port and returned to Zhuhai without entering Macau. The Office of the Secretary for Security stated that it had already reported the situation to the relevant Zhuhai government department. According to the same office, during 2018 and the first quarter of 2019, police carried out 747 inspections of double-plated vehicles and drivers with special licenses. The office did not identify any cases of illegal drivers.

## ILHA VERDE HILL ABBEY INHABITANTS ACCUSED OF UNLAWFUL RESIDENCE

The self-proclaimed owner of Ilha Verde hill, Wai San Development Company, is accusing a group of 20 to 30 people of unlawfully occupying Ilha Verde hill abbey. Last week, company CEO Fu Weijie reported to the media that in 2015, a court judgment commanding the occupants to leave the abbey had been made. However, the occupants appealed and the Court of Second Instance has not issued a judgment yet. Fu claimed that his company is willing to coordinate with the government to protect the Ilha Verde hill. Fu also stated that there are no ownership disputes involving Ilha Verde hill.



DSEPDR Director Mi Jian, who was accused of unlawful practices in a letter sent to the anti-graft body earlier this month

# TWO LAWMAKERS APPLY FOR LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON BUREAU HEAD

STAFF REPORTER

**DIRECTLY**-elected lawmakers Sulu Sou and José Pereira Coutinho have jointly submitted a request to hold a legislative hearing on Mi Jian, director of the Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau (DSEPDR).

The request followed a complaint letter allegedly sent by "a group of DSEPDR workers" to the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), accusing the

bureau head of misconduct and corruption.

Both Mi and the bureau heads have firmly rejected the accusations and stated that they did not originate from the DSEPDR.

However, Sou and Coutinho have requested the inauguration of a committee or even a standing committee, so that the legislature can summon officials and DSEPDR workers to clarify any confusion that both the legislature and the general public may have.

The two lawmakers stressed that the hearing does not affect the investigation, nor any future judicial procedures.

A legislative hearing has never been held in the history of the Macau Special Administrative Region.

Mi was accused in the letter of committing 11 types of misconduct, including hiring his doctorate candidates and his own relatives by ignoring the central recruitment process for public servants, wrongfully terminating the

employment of local residents at the bureau, appropriating bureau funds, smoking inside his office and evading the proper tender procedures.

He was accused of having divided research projects into small parts with each costing less than MOP500,000, in order to bypass the legal requirement to open a public tender.

The bureau says that the former policy research office and DSEPDR have strictly complied with all regulations and laws in Macau, and that, currently, the bureau is fully committed to the construction of the Greater Bay Area.

Commissioner André Cheong of the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) previously informed that the anti-graft body under his purview is conducting an independent and serious investigation into the case. Cheong emphasized that the case is being handling according to the Commission's standard operating procedures.

"The statement issued by the DSEPDR will not have any impact on the CCAC investigation," said Cheong, adding that the CCAC "is independent and neutral as well as free from external interference."

Regarding how long it would take for a conclusion to be reached, Cheong said, the "CCAC needs to be cautious when handling investigation cases. It might be a long process, but I can reassure that the case will have a conclusion and will not be forgotten."

# Community shopping festival encourages spending on the islands

STAFF REPORTER

**A** shopping festival encouraging people to spend money in Taipa and Coloane officially opened on Saturday. It is the first event of a series of shopping festivals that are to take place in various districts of the city.

The Islands Shopping Carnival will be held between now and September 29, and features more than 600 shops across Taipa and Coloane. The scale of the festival has doubled since last year's event.

Several initiatives will be in place to help business owners attract customers, one of which being discounts offers on electronic payment methods. Customers

will have the chance to win an instant discount, enter an electronic lucky draw and earn coupons when they pay for purchases over MOP68 by BOC Smart Pay, Tai Fung Pay, UnionPay Cloud Payment or Macao Pass' MPay.

In total, MOP400,000 worth of coupons will be offered for use at more than 400 participating outlets.

Director Tai Kin Ip of the Economic Bureau, the lead organizer of the festival, expressed his delight at seeing the electronic redemption platform being made in such a short time. He said the platform will not only help with the distribution of perks, but also resource allocation and marketing. He

hopes it will help business owners understand the advantages of electronic payment.

On the other hand, Ieong Keng Hoi, president of The Industry and Commerce Federation of Islands of Macao, another lead organizer, recalled that at last year's festival, half of the transactions were made in the form of electronic payment.

Ieong said in the past year, his association has regularly visited businesses to promote electronic payment. Of all the participating outlets this year, 90% have been equipped with electronic payment facilities. He hopes the government can further promote Coloane, Hac-sa and Ka-Ho to tourists.

# CAPE VERDE IS MADE 'GUEST COUNTRY' OF MACAU INTERNATIONAL FAIR

**C**APE Verde will be the guest country of the 24th edition of the Macau International Trade Fair (24MIF), with the participation of Cabo Verde Trade Invest, led by Ana Lima Barber, the agency said in a statement released in Praia.

The statement also announced that the invitation was made official by the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) and aims to take advantage of the platform and explore business opportunities between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, focusing on Macau's advantages as a platform for trade and cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries.

Cape Verde will have an area to showcase domestic products with export

potential for the Asian market and will also participate with a government delegation made up of a ministerial team and entrepreneurs who may meet with companies to create new partnerships.

This year's edition of the Macau International Fair will have Jiangsu as the guest Chinese province, which, according to the Cape Verdean agency, "is an excellent opportunity to strengthen the economic and commercial relationship, focusing on attracting investments and creating opportunities of possible partnerships with companies from Macau and China."

The 24th edition of the Macau International Fair will take place from October 17 to 19, 2019 at The Venetian Macao Convention and Exhibition Centre. **MDT/MACAUHUB**



## MGM CARES ABOUT LOCAL SMES AND FOSTERS YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS

As a loyal partner of local SMEs, MGM is always keen on creating innovative opportunities for local SMEs to ensure their sustainable growth. Besides caring about their business environment, MGM is also helping them to adopt eco-friendly business solutions. Through a diverse range of support initiatives, MGM genuinely hopes to explore partnership with potential local young entrepreneurs and start-ups..

### EQUIPPING SMES FOR THE TYPHOON SEASON

The disastrous Typhoon Hato has been one daunting nightmare to SMEs. Since then, MGM has initiated a number of programs to support SMEs in their recovery journey, such as the launch of cloud data backup service and assistance with damages as well as installation of flood protection.

As the typhoon season is soon approaching, MGM has started a new campaign of distributing over 100 emergency kits to the SMEs in the low-lying areas, to prepare them for possible adverse situations. Each kit contains useful tools including poncho, whistle and light torch, along with the specially designed leaflets of preparation tips and emergency contacts, which will come in handy during critical situations.

Recently, MGM team members visited their SME partners located at the Inner Harbor area and gave each one of them an emergency kit. Cheang Yat Hong, owner of Luen Heng Grocery who has received the kit, expressed his gratitude, "Right after Typhoon Hato back in 2017, MGM offered cloud data backup service to us, and they have been keeping us in touch during the typhoon season to ensure our safety. I am very thankful to all these caring acts, especially for the latest hand-delivered emergency kit. It really means a lot to us."



### POURING SUPPORT TO STARTUPS



MGM understands the challenges startups face nowadays in Macau, and is pleased to offer them a hand to grow and flourish. Recently, MGM has co-organized the "MYEIC Pro Q Alliance x MGM" with Macao Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre, where 40 participating young entrepreneurs were offered a workshop on MGM's procurement procedures and a site visit to the back-of-house of MGM COTAI to get a comprehensive insight on the Company's intellectualized operating system. The entrepreneurs were also offered a one-on-one business matching session, where they met up with the members of 8 different departments of MGM to explore collaboration opportunities.

During the event, MGM approached a startup member of MYEIC, Barra Studio, a six-month old company that offers tailored AR solution service, for collaboration to create an immersive pre-show AR experience for MGM's newest show Fuerza Bruta.

Kammy Cheong, General Manager of Barra Studio, shared his appreciation on this collaboration, "This is our first ever collaboration with a large enterprise, and it has been a fulfilling and exciting one. Although we were only given only a

short period to complete the project, MGM has provided lots of assistance and helpful comments throughout the way so that the project was completed on time with good results. This project has been a milestone for us, which has exposed our brand to a larger group of audience and has definitely enhanced our brand image and company profile."

### HELPING SME WITH ECO-FRIENDLY SOLUTION

MGM has launched a food waste composting program to turn kitchen scraps into a nutrient-rich landscaping compost, preventing approximately 900kg of unfinished food a day from being sent to the incinerators. MGM's food waste composter produce over 900 kg of landscaping compost monthly, which is used for over 100,000 plants at both MGM MACAU and MGM COTAI. This year, the Company piloted to give-away some of its landscaping compost to local horticulture SMEs, together with the advice by MGM's horticulture specialists on the correct use, with the aim to reduce the use of chemical fertilizer in the environment.

Chu lo Man, owner of Florista Sei Kuai Un Lam, said, "We support MGM's concept of turning food waste into landscaping compost to reduce waste. The compost sent from MGM has helped us reduce our fertilizer cost by 25%. We are going to share this great initiative with our industry for the good of our environment and also for our business."





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### Property of the Week



**One Central - High Floor 2 Bedroom Apartment**  
**HK\$13,900,000** 1,269 ft<sup>2</sup> 2 2



High floor two bedroom apartment in One Central Residences. Overlooking Nam Van Lakes and the famous Praia Grande, the apartment has spectacular views over Macau and China. The development is one of the leading projects throughout Macau, One Central has full club facilities including a swimming pool, gym, function rooms etc, and 24/7 security and management of the complex. Central location and easy access to downtown Macau, must be seen to be appreciated.

### Property Hotlist



**Man Fai, Taipa**  
**\$8,880,000**  
1,390 ft<sup>2</sup>  
3 2



**Beautiful 3 Bedroom Apartment in Coloane**  
**\$8,500,000**  
1,665 ft<sup>2</sup>  
3 2



**Manhattan, Taipa**  
**\$23,800/mth**  
1,720 ft<sup>2</sup>  
3 2



**One Grantai, Taipa**  
 **Carpark**  
**\$2,500/mth**



### More Listings

#### For Sale

- [Taipa] One Central 2 2 1,269 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$13,950,000** (ref: 19070000)
- [Coloane] Hellene Gardens 3 2 1,663 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$7,950,000** (ref: 19055006SC)
- [Taipa] Kinglight Garden Loft 1 1 800 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$6,980,000** (ref: 19055005ST)
- [Taipa] Pearl on the Lough 4 2 2,055 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$16,980,000** (ref: 19055008)
- [Cotai] One Grantai 4 2 2,556 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$25,600,000**

#### For Rent

- [Taipa] Nova Grand 2 1 986 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$16,000/mth** (ref: 19065011RM)
- [Taipa] Ocean Gardens 4 4 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$35,000/mth** (ref: 18040674)
- [Coloane] Cheoc Van House 3 2 **\$28,000/mth** (ref: 19055009RC)
- [Taipa] 4 storey commercial building 4,003 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$108,000/mth** (ref: 17040646)



### Recent Movements

**Rented** Pacifica Gardens, Taipa, 3 beds

**Rented** San Malo, Macau, 3 beds

**Rented** Manhattan, Taipa 2 beds



### JML in the Community



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Macau Golf Masters

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LAS VEGAS

# MGM is said to weigh sale-leaseback of top resorts like Bellagio

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**M**GM Resorts International, the largest operator of casinos in Las Vegas, is exploring the sale and leaseback of iconic properties such as Bellagio, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

The company is working with an adviser to solicit interest from potential buyers for the marquee casinos Bellagio and MGM Grand, said some of the people, who asked not to be identified because the deliberations are private. MGM is open to the sale and leaseback of properties either on their own or bundled together.

The Las Vegas-based company, which has a market value of more than \$15 billion, formed a committee in January comprising three independent directors - John B. Kilroy Jr., Keith A. Meister and Paul Salem - to evaluate ways to extract value from its real estate portfolio.

Bloomberg News reported earlier that month that Starboard Value, the activist fund run by Jeff Smith, had built a position in the company and planned to push for changes. The invest-

ment firm disclosed a 0.54% stake as of March 31, which was worth about \$83.3 million as of Thursday's close.

Debra DeShong, a spokeswoman for MGM, declined to comment.

MGM created MGM Growth Properties LLC - a real estate investment trust - for some of its properties in 2016 after Jonathan Litt's Land & Buildings Investment Management LLC pressured the company to restructure.

Property sales free up cash for casino companies to expand while letting them continue to manage their resorts. Any transactions at MGM are expected to be structured similarly, according to some of the people.

Shares of MGM rose 1.4% to \$29.16 in extended trading following the news. The stock has gained 19% this year.

MGM could reap \$6 billion to \$7 billion of value from a sale-leaseback of the Bellagio and MGM Grand alone, assuming that rent coverage is similar to prior transactions, Macquarie Group analyst Chad Beynon said in an email.

"On an after tax basis, we believe MGM could repurchase over 150 million shares," he said. **BLOOMBERG**



## Gaming regulator carries out 'lightning' inspections

**T**HE city's gaming regulator says it has been carrying out surprise inspections of junket-controlled rooms at Macau casinos in order to crack down on any illegal activity.

In a statement issued Friday, the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) said it had organized several so-called "lightning" inspections at gambling promoters' sites inside casinos. It said that these inspections serve to ensure the healthy development of the gaming sector, while acting as a deterrent against any illegal activity.

The inspections appear to come in response to allegations made by Chinese mainland media that junket operator Suncity Group was involved in the running of online casinos and proxy betting services based in Southeast Asia. Both activities are forbidden in Macau.

Suncity denied the allegations, but said it would adopt Macau law for the



group's overseas operations in a bid to prevent similar accusations in future.

A meeting between representatives of the DICJ and the Judiciary Police was held on Friday to exchange information on the current situation of illegal gambling activity. In particular, the authorities discussed illegal online gambling and the evolution of gaming-related crime.

The DICJ urged junket promoters to strictly abide

by Macau's laws and regulations, while at the same time recalling that violators of the law may have their suitability to continue operating in the SAR reviewed.

Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong also issued a reminder last week that Macau's gaming concessionaires and sub-concessionaires - as well as the city's licensed junkets - must comply with local laws in order to carry out their businesses. **DB**

## MGTO CAMPAIGN RECEIVES 2019 PATA GRAND AWARD

**T**HE "Experience Macau Food Truck in Los Angeles" promotional campaign rolled out by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) last year won the Grand Award in the Marketing Category at the 2019 Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Grand and Gold Awards.

The association will also award Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited the PATA Gold Award in the category of Marketing - Hospitality for their "The Art of Winning" advertising campaign, making this Melco's third win of the award since 2017.

According to a statement issued by the MGTO, the award presentation will be held September 19 during the PATA Travel Mart 2019, which will be at Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, September 18 to 20.

The winning "Experience Macau Food Truck in Los Angeles" campaign was held from May 29 to June 2, 2018. The food truck featured samples of signature pork chop buns and Portu-



guese egg tarts from Macau, twice-daily lion dance performances and practical travel tips.

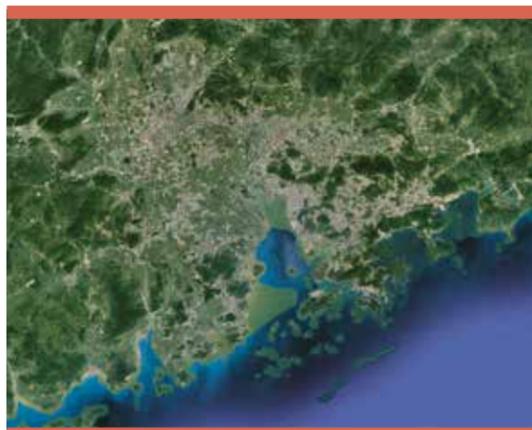
The MGTO also invited members of the industry and media to experience the food truck firsthand, sampling Macau's signature delicacies ahead of the official launch of the campaign. The promotional food truck visited five destinations in Los Angeles.

This is the fifth time that the MGTO has been honored with a PATA award. MGTO received a 2002 PATA Grand Award for Marketing for its "Macao Welcomes You Passport" campaign, a 2007 PATA Grand Award for Heritage

for its "Macao World Heritage Year" campaign and a 2008 PATA Gold Award for Travel Advertisement Print Media for its "Experience Macao" campaign.

The tourism bureau also received the 2016 PATA Gold Award for Marketing Media - Mobile Travel Application with its "Step Out, Macao" mobile app.

PATA will present four Grand Awards and 29 Gold Awards to celebrate accomplishments in seven categories: Marketing Campaign, Environment, Corporate Social Responsibility, Heritage and Culture, Education and Training, Marketing Media and Travel Journalism. **LV**



## A new roadmap to 'world-class' Greater Bay by 2035

JULIE ZHU

**T**HE government of Guangdong is hoping that the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area will achieve its goal of becoming a "world-class urban circle" within the next 16 years, according to the latest plan announced by Guangdong government.

Last week, the Guangdong government released its latest development plan named "Opinions on building a new pattern of regional development 'the one core, one belt and one area' to promote regional coordinated development in the province."

The Greater Bay Area world-class achievements have been included as sub-goals, under the broader objective of having "the whole province basically realized [as] a socialist modernization by 2035."

According to the document, classified guidance suggests joining hands with Hong Kong and Macau to build the Greater Bay Area, and to accelerate the promotion of the Pearl River Delta innovation zone and the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Macau science and technology innovation center.

"One core" refers to the Pearl River Delta cities, which are the nine Greater Bay cities on the mainland.

"One belt" refers to seven cities in the Pearl River Delta and seven other cities west and east of the delta, including Shantou, Shanwei, Yangjiang and Chaozhou.

"One area" refers to cities situated in the northern district of Guangdong.

The document features general goals that the province wishes to achieve within a certain period. It suggests that an intercity transportation network be planned and built in Greater Bay Area, and nuclear and offshore wind power plants should be developed.

With respect to regional development, "importing Hong Kong and Macau's high quality in terms of public services" is listed as a possible option.

The report also suggests "coordinating with Hong Kong and Macau to build three big science and technology innovation cooperation zones."

As for the core cities, Zhuhai is to be developed into the core city of the Pearl River Delta's west coast, while Shenzhen is to build itself into "a pilot demonstration area of socialism with Chinese characteristics and an example of creating a socialist modernization power."

The "one core, one belt and one area" new regional pattern should be "preliminarily" established by 2020 and "basically" established by 2022. Guangdong province should then achieve its socialism modernization by 2035.

# Tens of thousands march through

**T**ENS of thousands of Hong Kong protesters marched through the city center to various locations including government headquarters and Beijing's liaison office, ignoring a police-approved end point and defying a ruling that shortened the planned route.

The march marked the sixth straight week of anti-government rallies that have put increasing pressure on the financial hub's administration. Organizers said 430,000 people turned out for yesterday's march, while the police said 138,000 attended at its peak.

The marchers splintered off in different directions to gather at sites including outside Beijing's liaison office in the city. Live TV footage showed some protesters spray paint over CCTV cameras and throw eggs at the building, before moving away as police cleared the area.

China's national emblem, which adorns the front of the Liaison Office, was splattered with black ink.

Organizer the Civil Human Rights Front said the rallies, which have drawn hundreds of thousands of people, were held to show support for demands including the withdrawal of legislation that would allow extraditions to China, amnesty for arrested protesters and the resignation of Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who is backed by Beijing.

The Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions ruled on Saturday that the march, originally planned to end at the city's Court of Final Appeal in Central, must finish in the Wan Chai district, citing potential difficulties in crowd control. Marchers ignored the ruling, and police retreated and shifted their barricades to allow the mass of protesters past the

AP PHOTO



Wan Chai end point.

Shopkeepers along the route supplied marchers with water and other drinks as the temperature in the city hovered above 30 degrees Celsius. Barricades surrounding the police station in Wan Chai were converted into so-called Lennon Walls, spontaneous message boards adorned with brightly colored sticky labels.

"Free Hong Kong! Democracy now!" the protesters chanted, forming a dense procession through Hong Kong's Wan Chai district as they were

joined by others who had been waiting in side streets.

Protesters repeated the five points of their "manifesto," which was first introduced when a small group of them stormed the legislature earlier this month. Their main demands include universal suffrage — direct voting rights for all Hong Kong residents — as well as dropping charges against anti-extradition protesters, withdrawing the characterization of a clash between police and protesters as a "riot" and dissolving the Legislative Council.

Protesters read the demands aloud in both English and Cantonese in videos released Saturday.

"We did not want to embark on this path of resisting tyranny with our bare bodies," they said, "but for too long, our government has lied and deceived, and refused to respond to the demands of the people."

Claudia Mo, a pan-democracy lawmaker, said at the rally that protesters wanted Lam to pledge not to target people who took part in the rallies.

"We would like her to say that

### SEASONED PROTESTERS

## FROM HAND SIGNALS TO POST-IT

**H**ONG Kong's youth are no rookies when it comes to protests.

The city's young activists have fine-tuned their strategies since Occupy Central in 2014, a months-long pro-democracy demonstration that ended without tangible victories. Using a range of new tactics, they have helped rally hundreds of thousands of fellow Hong Kong residents to

take to the streets over the past month.

The protesters have pressed on with an expanding set of demands, even after Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said the extradition bill that triggered the outcry had been "indefinitely suspended."

From hand signals to post-it notes, the protesters have honed multiple strategies and tools to maximize ef-

fectiveness, contend with police and keep up momentum.

The Hong Kong-based web forum LIHKG and Telegram, the encrypted messaging app, have served as crucial organizing platforms for the largely leaderless protests. Protesters have formed Telegram groups to share information and formulate strategies, as well as conduct real-time planning.

In the thick of a protest, they will notify each other on Telegram of the whereabouts of police officers and vote on whether to end a demonstration.

They use LIHKG, known as Hong Kong's Reddit, to discuss next steps. Residents who are ambivalent about participating read the forum for more information, while others seek emotional support.

# Hong Kong in week six



there will be no prosecution of the protesters arrested, that there will be general amnesty in this very sad saga," Mo said. "She refuses in the name of the rule of law."

Lam earlier this month declared that the extradition bill was "dead," but did not officially withdraw it, leaving open the potential for the government to revive it with 12 days' notice and providing new momentum for protesters.

Bernard Chan, the convener of the city's Executive Council, told Bloomberg in an email that there was little more the government could do to meet the demands of the protesters.

"The government have already suspended the bill and Chief Executive has made very clear the bill is dead. I don't see how it will ever reintroduce to Legco under this term or any term in the future."

But many of the protesters argue that their government has not gone far enough.

"I think the government has never responded to our demands," said Karen Yu, a 52-year-old Hong Kong resident who has attended four protests since they started. "No matter how much the government can do, at least it should come out and respond to us directly."

Lam has vowed to use a more open manner to engage with the Hong Kong public and will concentrate on drafting a broad policy address for later this year, he added.

Kingston Cheung, a 17-year-old student who's taken part in the protests since they started on June 9, said he marched on Sunday to voice opposition to the government's handling of previous protests.

"The focus of the protests has been about the extradition bill, but we are also starting to see how the government and police have mishandled them," he said. "The abuse of power by the police has added to the public's anger."

The march comes a week after attempts to clear a demonstration in the New Territories area of Sha Tin devolved into dramatic clashes between protesters and riot police inside a shopping mall - keeping the heat on Lam. Officers arrested more than 40 people.

"My fear is there will be an escalation of violence," said opposition lawmaker Alvin Yeung, who was at the New Town Center in Sha Tin when the scuffles erupted. "It seems like everyone knows if this continues, somebody must die -- either a protester or police officer. And then what?"

Crowds of protesters have turned out regularly in the former British colony since mid-June. In recent weeks their ire has focused on China, which continues to back Lam publicly despite a Financial Times report that said she had offered to resign but was told to remain and resolve the city's chaos.

On Saturday, thousands of government supporters rallied in the city center in support of the police, with organizers estimating 316,000 turned out and police putting the figure at 103,000.

That followed news of three men, between the ages of 25 and 27, who were arrested in connection with the seizure of explosives, firebombs and other weapons in an industrial building in the Tsuen Wan district, according to a police statement. Of-



ficers found 2 kilograms of triacetone triperoxide at the scene, a police spokeswoman said.

Triacetone triperoxide has been used in terrorist attacks worldwide.

The Hong Kong National Front, a pro-independence group, said on its Facebook page Saturday that one of its members was arrested at the building.

Alick McWhirter, a senior bomb disposal officer, said the seizure of

the explosives Friday was the largest of its kind in Hong Kong and called it troubling that such a dangerous substance was being made in a homemade laboratory in the middle of the city.

"It puts at risk everybody within the building. It puts at risk bystanders outside," he told reporters.

Police spokesman Tse Chun-chung said more arrests may follow. **MDT/AP**

## NOTES

If yellow umbrellas were the iconic accessory of the 2014 protests, yellow hardhats may be this year's. During the most violent clashes, police have used pepper spray, bean bag rounds, rubber bullets and tear gas on protesters. In response, they have donned face masks, goggles and helmets.

Some protesters, outfitted with sanitary pads, gloves,

saline solution, scissors, gauze and other supplies, are responsible for administering first aid.

When protesters broke into the legislature building on July 1, they fashioned shields out of cardboard, wood and suitcases. The shields and face masks also conceal their identities, as some fear government repercussions and arrest.

Protesters use hand signals to communicate which supplies need to be delivered to the front lines. Arms circling the head

indicate "helmets," while a forward cutting motion made by the index and middle fingers signals "scissors." The items are then passed through a human chain.

The power of the protesters' nonverbal communication was apparent when a massive, dense crowd parted seamlessly to make way for an oncoming ambulance. Online videos capturing the moment spurred praise on social media for the protesters' politeness and deft coordination.

Following the assassination of singer and songwriter John Lennon, a wall in Prague was decorated in tribute to The Beatles. The colorful wall, which became a symbol of peace and love, has since been painted over several times to advocate for different causes.

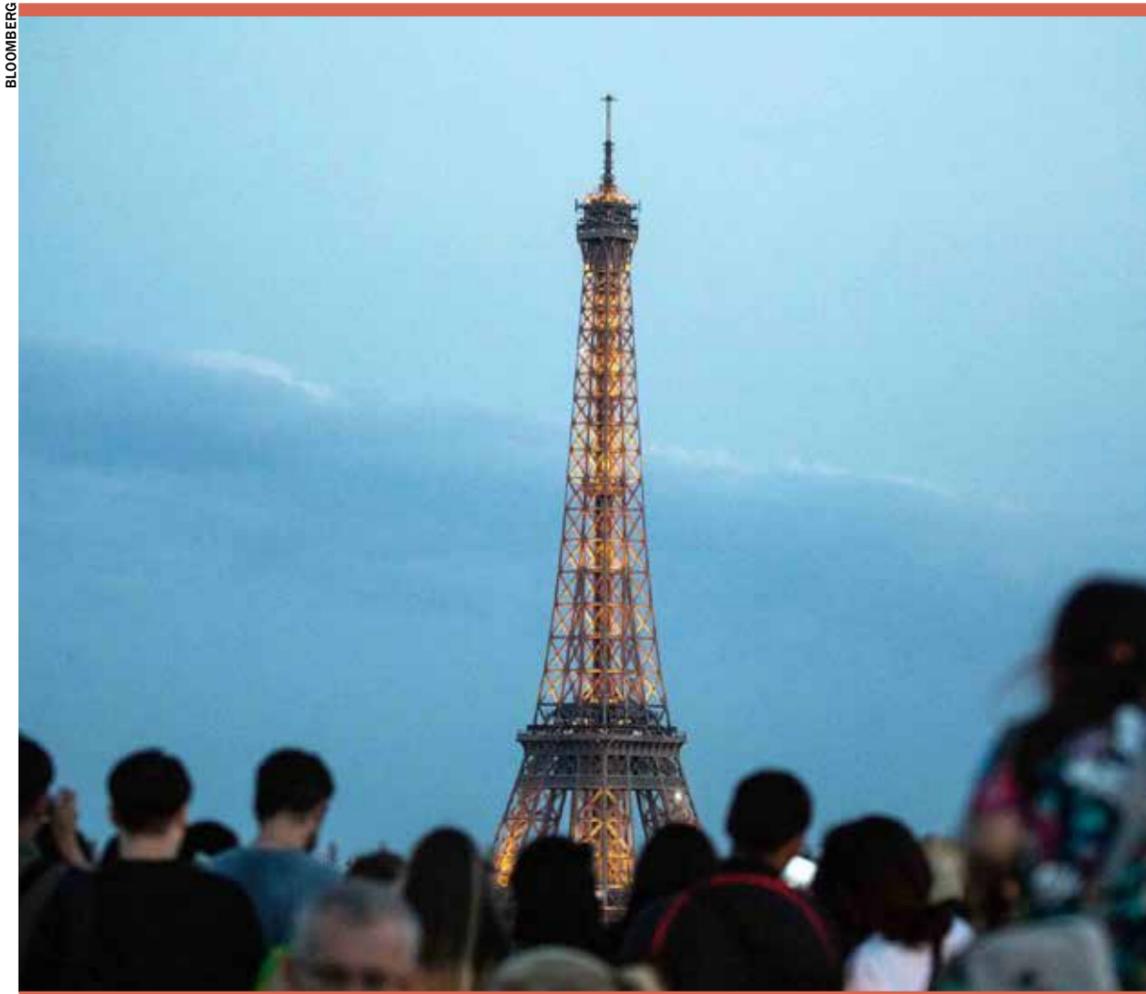
Hong Kong activists first created their own Lennon Wall during the 2014 protests, covering a wall with a vibrant post-it notes calling for democratic reform. This time, they have taken to sticking the neon-

colored notes everywhere, erecting impromptu Lennon Walls across the city as quickly as others might tear them down. Some protesters have called it "flowers blossoming everywhere."

The fluid walls fit the movement's mobile nature, said Antony Dapiran, the author of a book about dissent in Hong Kong. In contrast to the sit-in style of Occupy, he said, the current protesters will quickly evacuate a location once they've made an impact and move to another.

While police put up barriers to deter demonstrators, protesters built their own barricades to protect themselves, block roads and prevent lawmakers from reaching the legislature. Like their shields, the protesters' barricades are often repurposed materials, such as fences used to separate traffic lanes.

In the movement's early weeks, the protesters' road blocks prevented a Legislative Council meeting that had been scheduled to discuss the extradition bill. **MDT/AP**



# IN THE CITY OF LOVE, MASS TOURISM TROUBLES PARISIAN HEARTS

GERALDINE AMIEL

EVERY day on Boulevard Saint Michel, near the Notre-Dame Cathedral in the heart of Paris's Latin Quarter, buses unload thousands of tourists. Armed with selfie sticks, they clog up traffic and jostle with locals trying to get on with their lives.

"Saint Michel is a typical location for tourists and on some evenings it gets really hard," said Arnaldo Gomes, a 70-year-old building superintendent who's been living in the area since 1974. "There are so many groups and they can be very noisy and even dirty."

Parisians are used to tourists, but mass tourism - where groups move in packs - is beginning to annoy the residents of the City of Love, especially around landmarks like Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre museum. Although the backlash against such tourists is nowhere near as severe as in Venice and Barcelona, many in the French capital are calling on the local government to better manage flows.

France, which remains the world's top tourist destination, is targeting 100 million visitors in 2020, up from 89.3 million in 2018. Paris gets about 25 million international tourists a year - more than 10 times the city's population - placing it just behind Bangkok and London in world rankings.

The city drew 83 million euros (\$94 million) last year in direct revenue from the so-called "taxe de sejour." About 500,000 jobs are directly or indirectly linked to tourism, or 9.3% of the city's salaried workforce.

## 'SUFFOCATING' CROWDS

In May, the Louvre, home to the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo, closed its doors after staff and security employees went on strike, saying they couldn't handle the "suffocating" crowds. It reopened after the museum proposed a system of mandatory reservations and promised to hire more staff and spread out renovation projects.

In an interview with Le Parisien newspaper published on July 2, Emmanuel Gregoire, deputy mayor of Paris and the city official in charge of tourism, acknowledged the growing local hostility, blaming it on the "totally anarchic" manner in which large tourist buses make their way around Paris and rental inflation driven by apartment-sharing companies like Airbnb Inc.

While Parisians have been less vocal about their concerns than people in Venice, Barcelona and Amsterdam, officials are be-

ginning to concede they need to take action.

"There is no 'over-tourism' in Paris per se, but there's an issue with so-called group tourism, the sort that irritates the Parisians," Jean-Francois Martins, another deputy mayor, said in an interview. "That's when tourists travel in packs and end up in the same iconic places, over-crowding them at the same time, such as the Eiffel Tower, certain museums and churches."

The city doesn't expect a sig-

**"We've always targeted a sustainable growth in tourist numbers of around 1% to 2% a year."**

JEAN-FRANCOIS MARTINS  
DEPUTY MAYOR, PARIS

nificant jump in visitors in the coming years, except for specific events like the Olympic Games in the summer of 2024, Martins said.

## NOT VENICE

"We've always targeted a sustainable growth in tourist numbers of around 1% to 2% a year," he

said. Tourism in Paris briefly accelerated when China opened up, but "it never grew the way it did in Amsterdam, Venice or Barcelona," he said.

In Barcelona and Venice, mass tourism has drawn anger from local populations exasperated by the ever-growing crowds that have pushed up food prices and rentals and threaten a way of life. In Venice and Amsterdam, authorities have opted for higher visitor taxes to help curb tourism.

Unlike those other cities, Paris's landmarks are dispersed, making large numbers of visitors more manageable, said Veronique Potelet, a spokeswoman for the Paris Tourism board.

"The Parisian territory is compact yet attractions and interesting sites are spread across many districts that are not highly populated, so it's less of a nuisance," Potelet said.

For instance, the Eiffel Tower, which attracts on average 6 million visitors a year, is set in a neighborhood with large open spaces. The number of visitors has stayed largely stable over the past 10 years, Victoria Klahr, a spokeswoman for the Societe d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel, said.

## ANNOYING BUSES

Paris on average gets around 300,000 tourists a day, against the 2.5 million people who live or pass through the city each day, prompting Martins to say that "Paris is a dense city that lives just fine with its density." Still, he admits large tourists groups do create some issues.

Double-decker tourist buses, for instance, have become a source of annoyance for Parisians dealing with bottlenecks amid roadworks to open bike lanes and widen sidewalks on some boulevards. A recent accident in which a man was crushed to death by one of these buses in the swank 7th arrondissement sparked outrage. Since June, the Paris police have counted 219 infractions related to tourist buses, according to Le Journal du Dimanche newspaper.

The Paris town hall this month showed it's taking note of the discontent, nine months ahead of municipal elections.

"We don't want tourist buses plying in a totally anarchic way in Paris," Gregoire said in the Parisien interview. "Buses are no longer welcome downtown."

Starting September, double-decker buses will be subject to restrictions. In 2022, half of them will also have to be "clean." Other tourist buses will eventually have to park outside the city. The Paris tourism board is also working on directing visitors to other, lesser known, attractions of the capital, hoping to thin out crowds.

At Saint Michel, Gomes is starting to see the impact of that. "They cross the Seine river, go elsewhere," he said. "They're now passing by more quickly than before." **BLOOMBERG**



TECH

# EU assessing security risks to 5G that could include Huawei

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**T**HE European Union said it may deem certain 5G suppliers a security risk, noting that Chinese law requires domestic companies to collaborate with intelligence agencies.

The EU won't target China's Huawei Technologies Co. "from the outset," Security Commissioner Julian King told reporters on Friday. But he noted that Chinese national intelligence law "puts certain quite broad requirements on organizations or citizens to support or cooperate or collaborate with national intelligence work."

"It is indeed possible that we reach the conclusion that in some cases, some products, services and suppliers are deemed unsafe," King said.

U.S. President Donald Trump has advocated for a global ban on Huawei on security grounds, alarming European telecom operators who rely on the company's equipment to run networks. Excluding Huawei and ZTE Corp. from the next generation of mobile networks would burden European phone companies with 55 billion euros (USD62 billion) in extra costs, and delay 5G roll out, the wireless industry's main lobby group GSMA said last month.

"There's a lot of debate about Huawei," King said. "It's not because we're obsessing about China. We're trying to develop a risk assessment across this market," and major suppliers will feature in feature in the discussion.

While individual European governments are free to block a 5G

supplier over security concerns, King said he hoped they'd rely on a risk assessment he's putting together by Oct. 1, based on information from all EU members.

"Huawei welcomes the fact-based approach that the EU plans to take in reviewing the national risk assessments of 5G network infrastructure," the company said in an emailed statement. "It is now more important than ever to develop a common approach to cybersecurity."

The EU is relatively powerless to force its member states to abide by its recommendations, but King said the report should help them "reach a view on whether particular products, services or suppliers are sufficiently safe" as states make decisions on high-speed 5G spectrum auctions

and network deployment, he told a Brussels press conference.

While outright bans on Huawei appear unlikely in Europe, the region it relies on most for growth outside China, countries such as Germany, France and Britain have signaled more limited restrictions and tighter oversight of their networks. Huawei's European smartphone sales slumped last month, according to market research firm Kantar, after a U.S. component supply ban on the Chinese manufacturer threatened its access to crucial handset software.

"It is possible if you decide a particular service or supplier is presenting a risk that you find difficult to mitigate, that you can take a decision that reflects that, you take a decision to exclude the supplier from your market," King said. **BLOOMBERG**

## BEIJING STEPS UP DEFENSE OF XINJIANG POLICIES IN GOV'T REPORT

**C**HINA issued a defense of its policies in the Xinjiang region where its detention of ethnic Uighurs has drawn criticism from the U.S. and other western nations.

Xinjiang is an "inseparable part" of China, and internal and external hostile forces including separatists, religious extremists and terrorists are distorting history and facts to split the country apart, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It cited a white paper on the history of the northwestern province published Sunday in Chinese.

At the United Nations earlier this month, the U.S. and 21 other mostly Western nations urged China to end its mass detentions of as many as one million Uighurs, a Muslim ethnic minority.

The "transformation through education" camps in the far western region of Xinjiang have prompted calls for sanctions from lawmakers, human rights advocates and religious groups. While China contests the number detained, the government has defended the crackdown as necessary to fight terrorism and improve Uighurs' economic prospects after years of unrest and attacks.

Ethnic cultures in Xinjiang have historically reflected elements of Chinese culture, and the Arab civilization had an influence only at the turn of the 9th and 10th centuries when Islam spread in the region, according to the paper called "Historical Matters Concerning Xinjiang"

"The Uighur conversion to Islam was not a voluntary choice made by the common people, but a result of religious wars and imposition by the ruling class," according to the paper. Buddhism was once the predominant religion in Xinjiang, it said, adding that now, a significant number of people in Xinjiang do not follow any religion, and many Uighurs practice other religions.

Xinjiang progressed in the past when there was more cultural diversity, Xinhua reported from a section of the white paper.

"Having a stronger sense of identity with Chinese culture is essential to the prosperity and development of ethnic cultures in Xinjiang," according to the paper. **BLOOMBERG**

# US concerned over China's 'interference' in South China Sea

**T**HE United States said it's concerned by reports of China's interference with oil and gas activities in the disputed waters of the South China Sea, where Vietnam accuses Beijing of violating its sovereignty.

State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said in a statement that China's "repeated provocative actions aimed

at the offshore oil and gas development of other claimant states threaten regional energy security and undermine the free and open Indo-Pacific energy market."

Vietnam on Friday demanded China remove a survey ship from Vanguard Bank, which it says lies within Vietnam's 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

China claims the South China Sea almost in its entirety and has rattled smaller neighbors by constructing seven man-made islands in the disputed waters and equipped them with military runways and outposts.

Chinese coast guard vessels also have been reported near a drilling rig in the same Vanguard Bank area

where Vietnam has contracted Russia's Rosneft to develop gas fields.

"Vietnam has made contact with China on multiple occasions via different channels, delivered diplomatic notes to oppose China's violations, and staunchly demanded China to stop all unlawful activities and withdraw its ships from Vietnamese waters," Viet-

nam's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Le Thi Thu Hang said in a statement Friday.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang earlier in the week urged Hanoi to respect China's sovereign rights and jurisdiction, "and not to take any move that may complicate matters."

In May 2014, Chinese

and Vietnamese vessels engaged in a dangerous confrontation when China's national oil company moved its oil platform into waters Vietnam considers its territory.

Ortagus calls on China to "cease its bullying behavior and refrain from engaging in this type of provocative and destabilizing activities." **AP**

TAIWAN

# LEADER SAYS IT WILL TREAT HONG KONG ASYLUM SEEKERS HUMANELY

**TAIWANESE** President Tsai Ing-wen said she would follow "humanitarian principles" in dealing with asylum seekers from Hong Kong, which has been roiled by pro-democracy protests.

Tsai made the comments after Radio Free Asia reported that more than a dozen protesters from Hong Kong have fled to Taiwan.

In response, China's foreign ministry Friday accused Taiwan of exhibiting fake benevolence.

"We advise some people on the island not to jump out at this moment pretending to compassionate," spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular briefing. "They themselves are no more than clay Buddhas." The moniker is an apparent reference to an old Chinese saying: When a clay Buddha attempts to cross a river, it can barely protect itself, let alone others.

Taiwan does not have a formal refugee policy, and any move to resettle Hong Kong



protesters is likely to anger Beijing.

Hong Kong is a Chinese territory that has been rocked over the last month by massive protests against an extradition bill that would allow residents to be tried in mainland China. China also claims Taiwan as

its territory, though the democratically governed island split from the Communist Party-ruled mainland amid civil war in 1949.

Tsai spoke to reporters during a visit this week to Saint Lucia, an eastern Caribbean island nation that is among Taiwan's

few remaining allies. Beijing has chipped away at Taiwan's allies by making a break in diplomatic relations with Taiwan a prerequisite for establishing relations with China.

Germany granted asylum last year to two pro-democracy activists from Hong Kong AP

## TSAI SAYS 2020 ELECTION WILL BE A TEST OF ITS DEMOCRACY

CHINMEI SUNG

**TAIWAN'S** presidential election next year will be a test of its democracy and value system, President Tsai Ing-wen said at the end of a U.S. trip that drew rebuke from China.

"Voters in Taiwan will be focused on the future of our country, especially whether we can keep our democratic and freedom way of life," she said at a press conference in Denver on Saturday, and televised at the Presidential Office in Taipei.

Seeking a second term, Tsai will face Kuomintang nominee Han Kuo-yu - a firebrand mayor who advocates closer ties with China - in the election on Jan. 11. She, on the other hand, dismisses Beijing's claims to sovereignty over Taiwan and has strengthened the island's informal alliance with America.

The president has also sought to bolster Taiwan's defense capabilities against a potential Chinese invasion with a series of military-hardware purchases. Taiwan and China have been governed separately since 1949, and only 17 countries have formal diplomatic ties with Taiwan. Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party advocates formalizing Taiwan's independence.

Tsai stopped over in Denver after an official trip to four Caribbean countries that have diplomatic ties with Taiwan. She was also in New York City before visiting Haiti, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Saint Lucia.

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# Exit polls: Japan's ruling bloc secures upper house majority

MARI YAMAGUCHI  
& KAORI HITOMI, TOKYO

**P**RIME Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling coalition appeared certain to hold onto a majority in Japan's upper house of parliament following yesterday's election, with exit polls indicating he could even close in on the super-majority needed to propose constitutional revisions.

NHK public television said that Abe's Liberal Democratic Party and its partner Komei were sure to win from 67 to 77 seats in the upper house, and that the two-thirds majority needed for constitutional revision could be within reach if the bloc is joined by supporters from another party.

Up for grabs were 124 seats in the less powerful of Japan's two parliamentary chambers. There are 245 seats in the upper house — which does not choose the prime minister — about half of which are elected every three years.

If the exit polls prove accurate, the results would match or even exceed pre-election polls that indicated Abe's ruling bloc was to keep

ground in the upper house, with most voters considering it a safer choice over an opposition with an uncertain track record.

Opposition parties have focused on concerns over household finances, such as the impact from an upcoming 10% sales tax increase and strains on the public pension system amid Japan's aging population.

Abe has led his Liberal Democratic Party to five consecutive parliamentary election victories since 2012.

He has prioritized revitalizing Japan's economy and has steadily bolstered the country's defenses in the backdrop of North Korea's missile and nuclear threats and China's growing military presence. He also has showcased his diplomatic skills by cultivating warm ties with President Donald Trump.

Abe hopes to gain enough upper house seats to boost his chances for constitutional revision, his long-cherished goal before his term ends in 2021.

But Abe and his conservative backers also face challenges because voters seem more concerned about their jobs, the economy and social security.

The main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan and three other liberal-leaning parties teamed up in some districts. They stressed support for gender equality and LGBT issues — the areas Abe's ultra-conservative lawmakers are reluctant to back.

At a polling station in Tokyo's Chuo district yesterday, voters were divided over Abe's 6 1/2-year rule.

A voter who identified himself only as a company worker in his 40s said he chose a candidate and a party that have demonstrated an ability to get things done, suggesting he voted for Abe's ruling party and its candidate, as "there is no point in casting my vote for a party or a politician who has no such abilities."

Another voter, Katsunori Takeuchi, a 57-year-old fish market worker, said it was time to change the dominance of Abe and his ultra-conservative policies.

"I think the ruling party has been dominating politics for far too long and it is causing damage," he said. **AP**

ISHTIAQ MAHSUD,  
DERA ISMAIL KHAN

**A** female suicide bomber struck outside a hospital in Pakistan yesterday as the wounded were being brought in from an earlier shooting against police, in a complex assault claimed by the Pakistani Taliban that killed a total of nine people and wounded another 30.

Salim Riaz Khan, a senior police officer in Dera Ismail Khan, said gunmen on motorcycles opened fire on police in a residential area, killing two. He says the bomber then struck at the entrance to the hospital, killing another four police and three civilians who were visiting their relatives. He said eight police were among the wounded, and that many of the wounded were in critical condition.

## PAKISTAN

# Female suicide bomber strikes hospital, 9 killed

Inayat Ullah, a local forensics expert, said the female attacker set off 7 kilograms of explosives packed with nails and ball-bearings.

The blast damaged the emergency room and forced it to shut down, according to a hospital official, who said the wounded were taken to a military hospital. The official spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

The Pakistani Taliban claimed the attack but did not acknowledge that the bomber was a woman. The group has launched scores of attacks going back nearly two decades, but almost all of them were carried

out by men.

Pakistan's military has carried out several major operations in recent years against the Pakistani Taliban and other militants in areas along the porous border with Afghanistan. The violence has declined, but the militants still make their presence known through occasional attacks, mainly targeting security forces and religious minorities.

Later yesterday, police said they had arrested 16 suspects in the attack, all of whom belong to banned organizations. Police officer Habib Ahmed said authorities also seized weapons during the manhunt. **AP**



SPACE

# MOON BACK IN NASA'S COURT 50 YEARS AFTER 1ST LUNAR LANDING

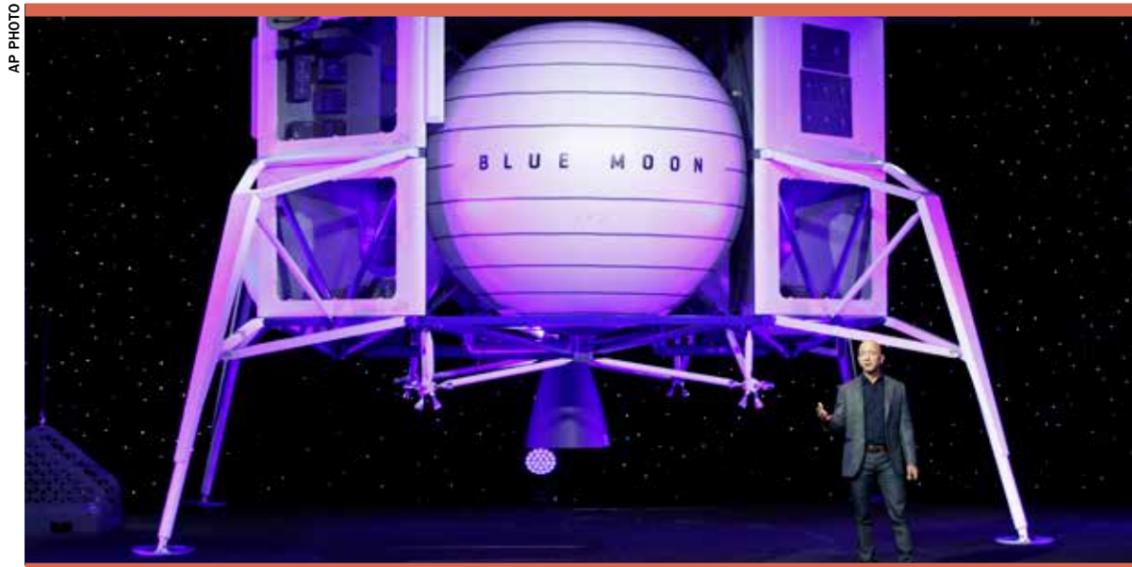
MARCIA DUNN,  
CAPE CANAVERAL

**FIFTY** years after humanity's first lunar footsteps, the moon is back in NASA's court.

The White House wants U.S. astronauts on the moon pronto — by 2024, a scant five years from now. The moon will serve as a critical proving ground, the thinking goes, for the real prize of sending astronauts to Mars in the 2030s.

The billionaires' space club is on board. Amazon's Jeff Bezos and Virgin Galactic's Richard Branson favor moon before Mars. SpaceX's Elon Musk also is rooting for the moon, although his heart is on colonizing Mars.

But Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins prefers a beeline to Mars. Buzz Aldrin, too, is a longtime Mars backer. Back in 1994 on the 25th anniversary of his moon landing with Neil Armstrong, Aldrin questioned whether astronauts would be back on the moon by the 50th anniversary let alone on Mars, which was the short-lived goal at that time.



AP PHOTO

Fast-forward to the golden anniversary and NASA doesn't even have the capability to get astronauts into orbit around Earth. Russians are launching American astronauts to the International Space Station — for high prices — until capsules built by SpaceX and Boeing are ready. That likely won't happen until next year, almost a decade after NASA's space

shuttle program ended. "Fifty years ago [...] we landed, explored, got back up again, rendezvoused, came back. That's 50 years of non-progress," Aldrin groused earlier this month during his anniversary bash near Los Angeles. "I think we all ought to be a little ashamed that we can't do better than that."

Collins, who circled the moon

in the mother ship while Aldrin and Armstrong planted a U.S. flag and gathered rocks, acknowledges that returning to the moon as a stepping stone to Mars is "a valid plan."

"But I don't have to agree with it," Collins told The Associated Press. "I would take what I call the John F. Kennedy approach and I'd say if you want to go to Mars, you

say you want to go to Mars and you go."

Even President Donald Trump — whose vice president is out there plugging moonshots — prefers talking up Mars. In an Oval Office meeting with Aldrin and Collins on the eve of the landing anniversary, Trump asked if it was possible to send astronauts to Mars without revisiting the moon. Collins replied yes.

"Who knows better than these people, right? They've been doing this stuff for a long time," the president said. He later instructed NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine to "listen to the other side."

If there's one thing NASA has learned in the half-century since Armstrong and Aldrin's moonwalk, it's that all the flip-flopping between the moon and Mars by presidential administrations has left astronauts no farther than the International Space Station since the sixth and final Apollo moon landing in 1972.

Despite a lack of human presence on the moon, robotic spacecraft are exploring the gray, dusty world. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter has been circling the moon for the past 10 years. Earlier this year, China landed a craft on the far side of the moon. And today, India plans to launch a mission to the moon's south pole.

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# UK Treasury chief vows to quit if Boris Johnson becomes PM

JILL LAWLESS, LONDON

**B**RITISH Treasury chief Philip Hammond said yesterday that he will quit if — as widely expected — Boris Johnson becomes prime minister this week on a promise to leave the European Union with or without a divorce deal.

Hammond said Johnson's vow to press for a no-deal Brexit if he can't secure a new agreement with the EU is "not something that I could ever sign up to."

Hammond was almost certain to be removed from office by the new leader in any case. He has angered Brexit-backers, who now dominate the governing Conservative Party, with his warnings about the economic pain that leaving the EU could cause.

Hammond told the BBC that if Johnson wins, "I'm not going to be sacked because I'm going to resign before we get to that point."

Johnson is the strong favorite to win a two-person runoff to lead the Conservative Party and the coun-

AP PHOTO



try. The winner is being announced Tuesday, with the victor taking over from Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday.

Britain is due to leave the EU on Oct. 31 but Parliament has repeatedly rejected the divorce deal struck between May and the bloc. Both Johnson and his rival Jeremy

Hunt, the current foreign secretary, say they will leave the EU without an agreement if the EU won't negotiate.

Most economists say quitting the 28-nation bloc without a deal would cause Britain economic turmoil. The U.K.'s official economic watchdog has forecast that a no-

deal Brexit would trigger a recession, with the pound plummeting in value, borrowing soaring by 30 billion pounds (USD37 billion) and the economy shrinking 2% in a year.

But Johnson, who helped lead the "leave" campaign in Britain's 2016 EU membership referendum, says

a no-deal Brexit will be "vanishingly inexpensive" if the country prepares properly.

The EU insists it won't reopen the 585-page divorce deal it struck with May.

Irish Deputy Prime Minister Simon Coveney said yesterday that the bloc is "simply not going to move away from the Withdrawal Agreement."

"If the approach of the new British prime minister is that they're going to tear up the Withdrawal Agreement, then I think we're in trouble," he told the BBC. "We're all in trouble, quite frankly, because it's a little bit like saying: 'Either give me what I want or I'm going to burn the house down for everybody.'"

Hammond is the third U.K. minister within a week to quit or say they will resign in order to try to prevent a cliff-edge Brexit. Britain looks set for a fall showdown between the new Conservative government and British lawmakers determined to thwart a no-deal exit.

"I am confident that Parliament does have a way of preventing a no-deal exit on October 31 without parliamentary consent and I intend to work with others to ensure parliament uses its power to make sure that the new government can't do that," Hammond said. **AP**

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**Offbeat**

**SWEET SPOT: OFFICER CRAVING ICE CREAM NABS GUN SUSPECT**

A police officer's craving for cake batter ice cream put him and his colleagues in the right place to take action when a loaded gun fell out of a man's shorts at a Baskin-Robbins shop in New York City.

Police say three officers were at the shop in Coney Island, Brooklyn while on-duty Saturday when Emmanuel Lovett walked in, tugged his denim shorts and dropped a pistol to the floor.

The officers swarmed and arrested the 33-year-old man. Police say his robbery record prohibited him from having a gun. He's charged with criminal possession of a firearm.

Lovett is jailed on \$7,500 bail. He's due in court Friday. A message seeking comment was left with his lawyer.

The NYPD acknowledged the oddity of the ice cream-induced arrest, tweeting: "Seriously, this actually happened."

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**this day in history**



**1977: DENG XIAOPING BACK IN POWER**

The disgraced deputy Prime Minister of China, Deng Xiaoping, is to return to Chinese Government.

The Chinese Communist Party conference has restored him to the offices of Vice Premier of the State Council, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Military Commission and Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army.

He was dismissed from his posts after the leftist Gang of Four blamed him for the popular uprising in Tiananmen Square in April last year after Premier Zhou Enlai's death.

Since the death of Chairman Mao last September the Gang of Four has sidelined Mr Deng and attempted a programme of radical reform.

But Mao Tse Tung's named successor as CCP chair, Hua Guofeng, has been purging the Party of extremist influences such as the Gang of Four.

The Gang of Four was formally expelled from the CCP at a meeting of the Central Committee's Third Plenum last weekend.

The Gang includes Mao's fourth wife, Jiang Qing, former vice premier and politburo member Zhang Chunqiao, former factory worker Wang Hongwen and Shanghai intellectual Yao Wenyuan.

The official CCP newspaper, The People's Daily, last week accused the group of trying to "rebuild" the Communist Party, excluding senior officials and creating a "mass organisation".

Chinese authorities now regard "pleading the Gang's innocence" as a "counter-revolutionary act".

A party official in Kiangsi who defended the group recently was "denounced for his crime" at a meeting of 4,000 people.

Premier Hua has also identified far-left tendencies in party leaders of 13 of China's 29 administrative regions and removed them from power.

Courtesy BBC News

**IN CONTEXT**

By the end of 1978 Deng Xiaoping had effectively wrested power from Hua Guofeng.

The Gang of Four members had been arrested in October 1976 and were put on trial in 1980 for their part in an attempted coup.

In 1978 Deng oversaw the historic change of direction for China, the stressing of the so-called "Four Modernisations" of agriculture, industry, national defence, and science and technology.

During Deng's long hold on power, he instituted a variety of reforms aimed at decentralising the economy and opening the country to international trade.

He resigned from his last official Party post in 1989, after he and other Party elders ordered the use of military force to clear Tiananmen Square.

He remained extremely influential until his death in 1997, and it was Deng who agreed to Jiang Zemin's elevation to Party chief and Deng who nominated Hu Jintao as Mr Jiang's successor.

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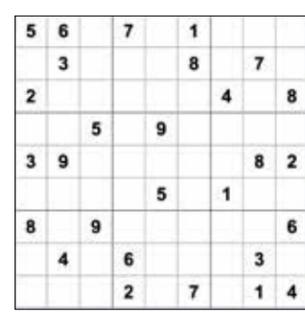
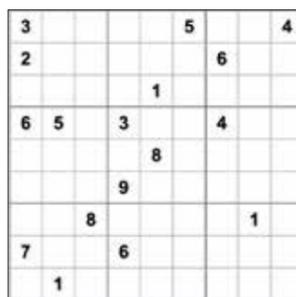
**YOUR STARS**

 <b>ARIES</b> Mar. 21-Apr. 19 If you are entering a new situation or group today, it might be wise to play it safe. The universe is in a bit of a flux, and pure clarity will be hard to find. It will take you time to get your bearings.	 <b>TAURUS</b> Apr. 20-May. 20 Asking a friend to be honest with you can be tricky. If you are looking for support and end up getting judged, don't blame the friend. Instead talk to someone who knows that no one is perfect.
 <b>GEMINI</b> May. 21-Jun. 21 When you're riding the tides of life today, be very mindful of the undercurrents—because they are what will actually lead you to your destination. There's not much you can do to change the direction you're traveling.	 <b>CANCER</b> Jun. 22-Jul. 22 It's more important than ever for you to balance your life now. The stars say that there is a great imbalance building, and it could send some bad vibes your way unless you address it.
 <b>LEO</b> Jul. 23-Aug. 22 It's more important than ever for you to balance your life now. The stars say that there is a great imbalance building, and it could send some bad vibes your way unless you address it.	 <b>VIRGO</b> Aug. 23-Sep. 22 All your plans are coming together nicely today, and it looks as though you're going to have a lot of fun! The hard work is over, so you can feel free to kick back and let yourself get distracted.
 <b>LIBRA</b> Sep. 23-Oct. 22 Every limit is there for a reason, and you need to yield to them. But luckily, there are so many fun things going on around you right now that you won't mind diverting your energies to something else.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> Oct. 23-Nov. 21 There are many temptations all around you today, but not all of them are healthy for your body and/or spirit. So you should make sure that you are well stocked with self-control!
 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Why go along with the crowd when you've got such an original mind and an incredible gift for self-expression? You are no lemming, and you will have a great opportunity to prove that to yourself today.	 <b>CAPRICORN</b> Dec. 22-Jan. 19 One of your most recent failed attempts at matchmaking might be working out after all—okay, so maybe that fixup didn't go as planned, but there is a domino effect at work here, and you should be prepared.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Things are starting to get very complicated between you and a friend. It seems that someone they are interested in is actually more interested in you. The guilty feelings could start to creep up on you today.	 <b>PISCES</b> Feb. 19-Mar. 20 In a group dynamic today, you're going to feel as though someone or something is missing—and you should respect that feeling. It might be time for your group to find a new leader or director.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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Tianjin	25	32	cloudy
Urumqi	23	34	clear
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Lhasa	12	22	shower
Chengdu	21	27	shower
Chongqing	25	31	drizzle
Kunming	19	26	shower
Nanjing	23	30	cloudy
Shanghai	24	27	drizzle
Wuhan	24	32	cloudy
Hangzhou	24	29	drizzle
Taipei	26	30	cloudy
Guangzhou	27	35	cloudy
Hong Kong	29	33	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	13	20	drizzle
Frankfurt	11	26	clear
Paris	14	26	cloudy
London	11	25	cloudy
New York	22	31	clear

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### ALI CALLED MARVEL ABOUT 'BLADE' AFTER 'GREEN BOOK' WIN

**M**AHERSHALA Ali made the first move with Marvel Studios and "Blade." Comic-Con audiences learned on Saturday night that Ali would be playing the Marvel Comics character in a reboot. Marvel Studios President Kevin Feige says right after winning his second Academy Award for "Green Book" earlier this year, Ali set up a meeting with the superhero studio. Within 10 minutes, Ali asked what was happen-

ing with "Blade" and said he wanted to play him. Wesley Snipes played the half-vampire in three films for New Line Cinema and in a recent cameo in "What We Do in the Shadows." Although there were rumors that Snipes would return over the years, nothing had officially progressed with the property on the big screen since the rights reverted to Marvel Studios in 2012.



### GINA TORRES STEPS INTO THE SPOTLIGHT WITH 'SUITS' SPINOFF

**G**INA Torres used to wonder about the backstory of her "Suits" character, Jessica Pearson. The character was the co-founder and boss of the law firm at the center of the show, but that was about all that was known. Torres wondered: "She doesn't have family, she doesn't have people. When are we gonna meet her people? What's gonna happen? When are we gonna get to know more of the woman?" Torres' questions are answered in the new spinoff,

"Pearson," that premiered last week in the USA. As the show begins, Pearson has been disbarred and can no longer practice law. She relocates from New York to Chicago where she's hired as the unofficial fixer for the mayor, who is married, but involved with the city attorney. "Pearson" is "not Suits 2.0. It's not Suits Jr.," Torres said. Torres also serves as an executive producer, a role that has been one of her career goals.

### POLICE SAY MAN WHO STABBED HONG KONG ACTOR IS SCHIZOPHRENIC

**P**OLICE in southern China said the man who stabbed veteran Hong Kong actor Simon Yam at an event suffers from paranoid schizophrenia. A 53-year-old man, surnamed Chen, was detained following the attack in the Zhongshan Huoju Development Zone in Guangdong province, police said Saturday evening. Chen rushed the stage and stabbed the 64-year-old actor with a fruit knife during an opening celebration for a business venue where Yam was invited to speak.

Yam underwent a minor operation at a hospital in Zhongshan city, his manager Lester Mo said. "He was stabbed in the tummy area and also got a cut on his right hand," Mo said. He was still being treated for injuries to the four fingers of his right hand. Yam, who is also known by his Chinese name Yam Tat-wah, has appeared in more than 125 movies and 40 television series. He played the villain Chen Lo in the 2003 Hollywood film "Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life."



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A surfer walks out of the ocean at Taito Beach located next to Tsurigasaki, a venue for surfing at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, in Chiba prefecture

# Surfers test waves ahead of sport's Olympic debut at Tokyo

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ICHINOMIYA

**A**S one of the new sports added to the program for 2020 Tokyo Olympics, surfing is arguably the most glamorous and is sure to bring a new dimension as the IOC seeks a younger audience.

The big question for Tokyo will be the quality of the waves. While Japan has a surfing culture that began over 100 years ago, the country isn't known for the type of mammoth waves that can be found at surfing hotbeds like the North Shore of Hawaii or Big Sur in California.

Japanese surfers got a chance to check out the waves in a four-day test event that concluded on Sunday at Tsurigasaki beach where the surfing event will be held.

On the east shore of neighboring Chiba prefecture, Tsurigasaki is about a two-hour train ride from the center of Tokyo. Through the final day of the competition on Sunday, most of the feedback was

positive, although some surfers said the waves weren't big enough.

"There's an idea that the waves aren't sufficient but they were probably three to four feet, which is absolutely good contestable conditions for a solid competition," said Robert Fasulo, executive director of the International Surfing Association. "I think the novelty and uniqueness of what we are bringing is going to create a lot of interest."

One of the most popular surfing spots in Japan, Tsurigasaki was selected because it has more consistent waves than other locations near Tokyo.

"I think this beach was chosen for its consistent waves," said Japanese surfer Hiroto Ohhara. "The waves today were a bit small. I plan to surf a lot and gain as much experience as I can, since I know this beach I hope to be able to use it my advantage during the Olympics if I qualify."

Fasulo said they expect a maximum 4,000 spectators during the Olympic competition. The

surrounding community does not boast a lot of infrastructure so many spectators will be looking at a long commute.

"It's a little far, there is no question about that," Fasulo said. "But that's the nature of our sport. The people who know and love our sport are willing to travel a little bit farther because the destinations require that."

The competition will be held over four days but organizers have given the surfing event a window of eight days if the weather doesn't cooperate.

Surfing's push to be included in the Olympics has a long history but got a big boost in 2014 when the IOC realized the need to add more youthful, vibrant sports to the Olympic program.

A total of 26 sports applied for inclusion in the 2020 Games and in August of 2016, four new sports, including surfing, were added. The other new sports are karate, skateboarding and sport climbing. The combined events of baseball and softball are returning after

being dropped after Beijing in 2008.

The IOC has also approved the inclusion of surfing on the program for the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

Surfing in Japan dates back over 100 years.

As detailed by *Legendary Surfers*, most Japanese-style wooden boats at the time had removable floor boards that were called Itago. When the boats were beached after fishing, the children of the fishermen took the Itago out of the boats and used them as body boards. This practice was commonly known as Itago-nori, meaning "Floor board riding."

During the occupation after World War Two, American soldiers began surfing fiberglass longboards at Kamakura, Karatsu and beaches around the military bases.

The sport boomed in the 1960s and Japan held its first surfing competition in 1966. It is estimated that there are now over two million surfers in Japan.

A total of 20 men and 20 women will qualify for Tokyo with a maximum of two athletes per gender per country.

The four-man heat method will be used. Four athletes will compete at a time, with the best two proceeding to the next round. The length of a heat depends on the condition of the waves and lasts 20 to 25 minutes. In that time, an athlete can ride 10 to 12 waves, with their two highest scores counting.

The United States, Australia and Brazil are expected to be the favorites in Tokyo.

Japan, meanwhile, is hoping to get a boost from Kanoa Igarashi. Born in Huntington Beach, California, the 21-year-old Igarashi recently received dual citizenship in order to compete for his ancestral homeland in 2020. He has become one of the top surfers in the World Surf League and will be a medal contender next year.

In May, Igarashi became the first Japanese surfer to win an elite Championship Tour event when he topped the men's competition at the Corona Bali Protected.

As host, Japan will get one automatic berth in each of the 20-surfer draws and will have a chance to earn another.

"He's very talented, I think he could become a face of the games," Fasulo said. **AP**

## BOXING

# Manny Pacquiao beats Keith Thurman by split decision

**F**ROM his first-round knockdown punches to his tenacious 12th-round finish, Manny Pacquiao gave yet another one-sided thrashing to Father Time.

Keith Thurman was a whole lot tougher to beat, but the 40-year-old Filipino senator managed to win that vote as well.

Pacquiao floored Thurman early and persevered

late to an exciting split-decision victory Saturday night, adding a third straight win to his late-career resurgence.

Pacquiao (62-7-2) dropped his previously unbeaten opponent with a combination late in the first round, and the Pac-Man dominated the opening rounds with a combination of flair and power that re-

called the incredible prime of the only eight-division champion in boxing history.

Thurman (29-1) showed remarkable tenacity in rallying through the middle rounds, repeatedly testing Pacquiao's chin with big shots. Neither fighter managed another knockdown, but they pushed relentlessly in front of a sellout crowd

at the MGM Grand Garden that repeatedly chanted Pacquiao's name from the moment he reached the ring.

"It was fun," Pacquiao said. "My opponent is a good fighter and boxer. He was strong. [...] I think he did his best, and I did my best. I think we made the fans happy tonight because it was a good fight."

Two judges scored the bout 115-112 for Pacquiao, while Glenn Feldman scored it 114-113 for Thurman. The Associated Press also scored it 115-112 for Pacquiao.

Pacquiao appeared to be declining as recently as two years ago, when he lost a listless decision to Jeff Horn. But while his political career flourished, Pacquiao

also revived his ring career with solid back-to-back victories over Lucas Matthyse and Adrien Broner.

Before the bout, Floyd Mayweather got into the ring to wish both fighters good luck. The retired superstar watched intently from the crowd in the same arena where he beat an injured Pacquiao four years ago. **MDT/AP**

OPINION

Rear Window

Severo Portela



TYPHOON SEASON FORECAST

Space conquest science has been developing new tools to forecast weather with more accuracy, thus giving humanity a better chance to minimize damage and spare lives. However, meteorological phenomena like the South China Sea typhoon season continues to be hard to handle... more so in times of climate change. The idea of linear and cumulative development is challenged, opening to new variables, demanding new equations. And so, we introduce the metaphor.

Four to six typhoons are expected to come within 800 km of Macau, of which one is at high risk of being a super typhoon. Macau people hope that the civil protection measures the government has been putting in place to minimize the consequences of a typhoon landing in the MSAR will be enough to avoid a disaster like Hato; although the fabled Inner Harbor levy still is a working hypothesis.

Macau will do fine with no levy to contain floods, perhaps. But we believe it will do better without that article 25 of the civil protection law on obstruction of public safety, order and peace under sudden public incidents. The Secretary for Security may have corrected the wording of the rumor crime, a grace welcomed by some journalists, but the great number of local reporters in the Macau (Chinese) Journalists Association is eager to scrap the article. This is climate change.

The dialectics of leniency vs moderation we mentioned in this column a fortnight ago cannot convince the media that the law is almost innocuous to press freedom. Why insist on the 25th... if the criminal code already fits the crime?

Even though local press organizations are becoming aware of the negativity of the proposal, the New Macau Association started a campaign to gather signatures against the 25th rumor crime as a threat to media, new media and social media. NMA does not go along with the fable of bad people raising petty questions to smear the good law. On one side we have the idea of sunshine journalism, on the other side we have the idea that the regulatory environment has horror vacui.

After typhoon season, we meet the dead calm season, or the Chief Executive selection. One of the images of Asian authority politics which always amazes foreigners is when an official or an official-in-waiting visits a hierarchically lower department or outpost. TV footage available shows the outside official lecturing the inside official.

It was supposed to be the other way around. The same thought comes to mind, putting the authoritarian code aside, that when we learn that the leading runner to the post of CE, Ho Iat Seng, informed media that besides reaching out to all 400 members of the election committee, he would also "meet" local organizations. One would guess, and guess wrongly, he was to tell local organizations about his ideas to lead MSAR, if not his thoughts on general politics. Ho Iat Seng is about to obtain "comments and suggestions" he will use to compile his "manifesto".

What is his manifesto about, we do not know yet and we will have to wait for the review of eligibility on July 23rd and the subsequent, quote, campaign period, that will begin on August 10, the high typhoon season. There will be a symposium, organized by the Electoral Affairs Committee, on HIS platform.

If candidates can manage to run and not speak about the selection procedure and politics, the Electoral Affairs Committee plans to release a short video about the election - repeat - election.

Finally, a note on an amazing SCMP piece on "How Hongkongers herbal soup shakedown in Beijing helps explain why local businessmen fear extradition to the mainland." Felix Chung said legislators tried to have bribery removed from the extradition bill - a complaints system known as dajiaren - as well as forgery.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has urged Europeans to confront populism, nationalism, racism and anti-Semitism as she paid tribute to the Nazi resistance in her own country.

Speaking Saturday at a solemn ceremony marking the anniversary of the failed attempt to kill Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, Merkel said the courage and sacrifice of the conspirator should serve as an example to people today.

"They put humanity over their own human lives," she told the crowd at the site where plot leader Col. Claus von Stauffenberg and others

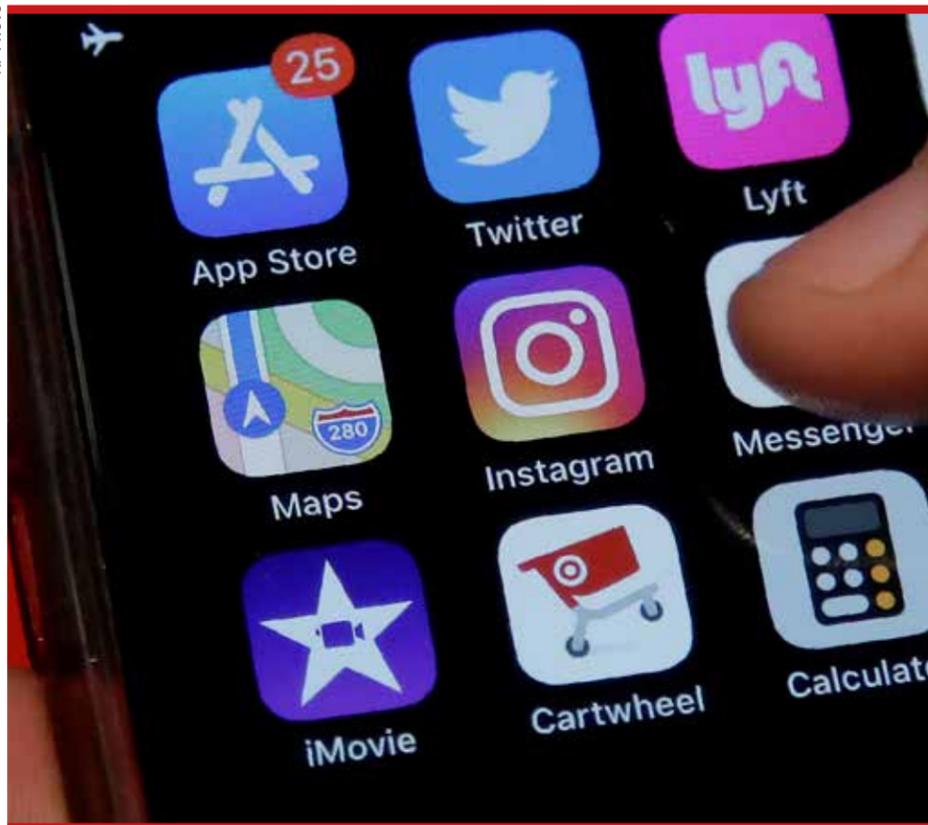
were executed.

Von Stauffenberg tried to kill Hitler with a briefcase bomb on July 20, 1944, during a meeting at his headquarters in what was then East Prussia. The plot crumbled when news spread that Hitler had survived. Von Stauffenberg and his fellow plotters were executed within hours.

Merkel took the occasion to pay tribute to all who stood up against the Nazis in different ways, including people who hid Jews to save them from the death camps, as well as others who fought against the German occupiers.

INSTAGRAM EXPANDS HIDING 'LIKES' TO MAKE YOU HAPPIER

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BARBARA ORTUTAY, SAN FRANCISCO

INSTAGRAM is expanding a test to hide how many "likes" people's posts receive as it tries to combat criticism that such counts hurt mental health and make people feel bad when comparing themselves to others.

The Facebook-owned photo-sharing service has been running the test in Canada since May. Now, Facebook said the test has been expanded to Ireland, Italy, Japan, Australia, Brazil and New Zealand.

Facebook typically tests new Facebook and Instagram features in smaller markets before bringing them to the U.S., if it ever does. The company would not comment on what it's learned from the Canada test or if it has plans to expand it to the U.S. any time soon.

One group that may be affected is Instagram "influencers," the major, minor or micro celebrities who use social media to market products and otherwise influence their hordes of followers. Af-

ter all, if you post a photo and no one likes it, did you really post it?

People can still see how many people liked their own photos, but won't see counts for other people's posts. Rather, they could tap to see a list of all the accounts that liked the other posts, but would have to count the total manually. It's a task few people would bother with. Likewise, though Instagram isn't hiding the number of followers on an account, it still requires an extra tap or

added that he understands why Instagram is doing this. Hilton said his younger sister, who is in high school, is "obsessed" with likes.

"It's mostly for the younger generation, people in high school and stuff," he said. "There is a lot of pressure. If someone has 1,000 likes and someone has two likes, that probably makes them feel not very nice."

While Hilton said the change will probably slow down the influencer world

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two to find that.

"It makes it hard to find who the influencers are," said Ryan Hilton, a 27-year-old Canadian who works in social media and has been part of the no-likes test for months. "It's hard to know who to follow because everyone looks the same."

Hilton, who has a personal account as well as one for his dog, the latter with more than 3,200 followers,

a little bit, he pointed out that a lot of young influencers now are using live videos, not static photos, to build their following. Here, likes are still visible.

Guy Avigdor, co-founder and chief operating officer of influencer marketing company Klear, said many marketers are also moving toward Story, Instagram's disappearing video and photo feature.

"If anything, now is a time for the industry to adapt more adequate metrics for measuring influencer impact and reduce reliance on likes," Avigdor said. AP

**Poland** More than 20 people were detained after an attack on participants and police at the first LGBT pride parade in Bialystok in eastern Poland. Four of the people detained are suspected of offences including threatening police officers and assault.

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**Ukraine** People are voting in an early parliamentary election in which the new party of President Volodymyr Zelenskiy is set to take the largest share of votes.

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**Gulf-Tensions** In an audio recording released yesterday, a British naval officer insists that a British-flagged oil tanker must be allowed to sail through the Strait of Hormuz as Iranian paramilitary forces demand that the vessel change course before commandeering it.

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**UK** British Airways and Lufthansa both said they were suspending flights to Cairo for unspecified reasons related to safety and security.

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**USA** President Donald Trump resumed his criticism of the four progressive Democratic Congresswomen known as "The Squad," saying he didn't believe they were "capable of loving our country."