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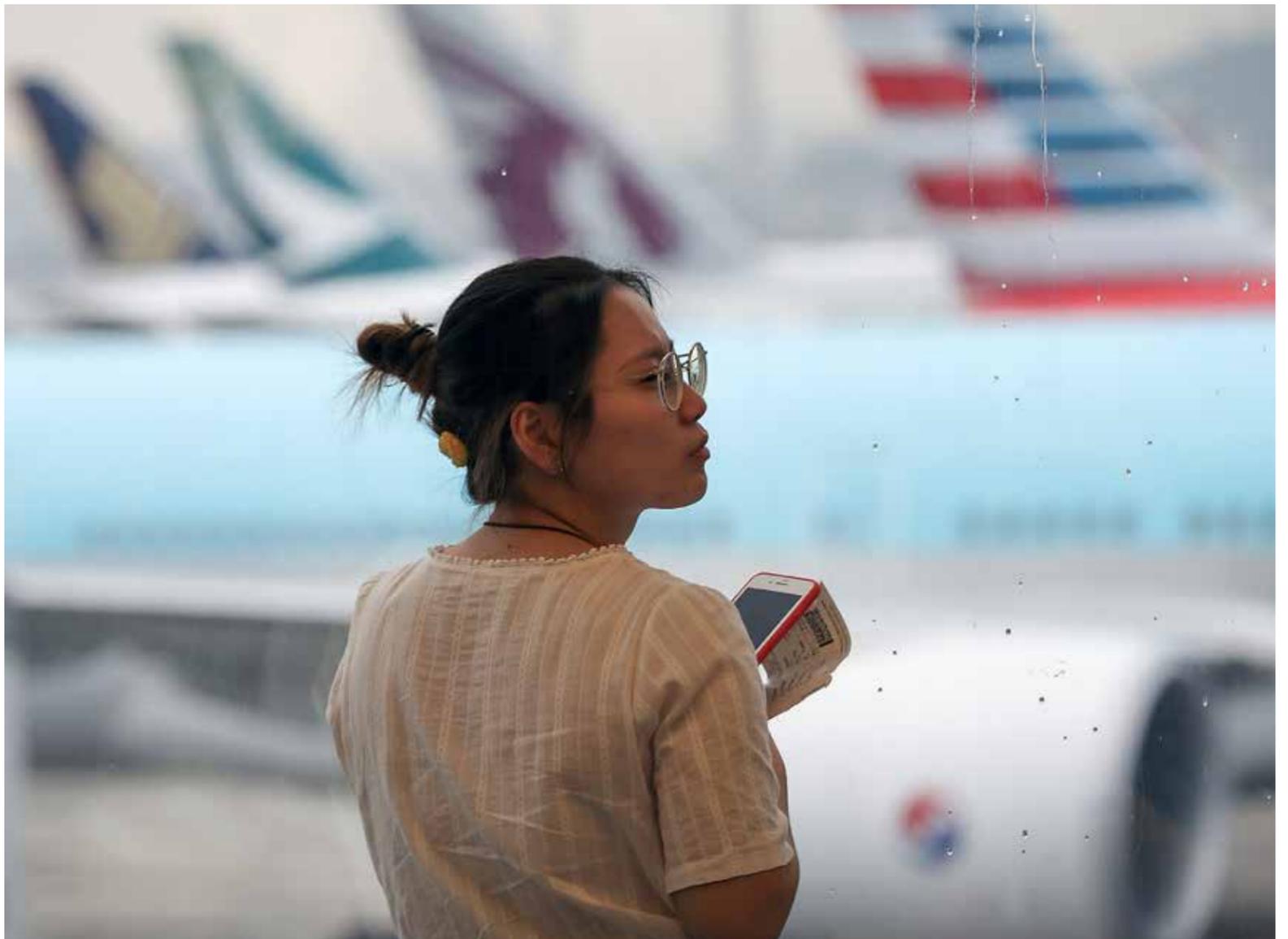
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**Malaysia** A shaman joined police from Ireland, France and the U.K. yesterday in the search for a 15-year-old London girl who mysteriously vanished from a nature resort eight days ago, as her parents offered a cash reward and appealed for information.

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**Myanmar** The death toll in a landslide that buried more than a dozen village houses in southeastern Myanmar has climbed to 56, an official said yesterday.

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**Kashmir** Troops in India-administered Kashmir allowed some Muslims to walk to local mosques alone or in pairs to pray for the Eid al-Adha festival yesterday during an unprecedented security lockdown that still forced most people in the disputed region to stay indoors on the Islamic holy day.

**Turkmenistan** Five countries bordering the energy-rich Caspian Sea met yesterday at an economic forum hosted by Turkmenistan in a bid to agree on how to divide the region's oil wealth.



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### IC TO CONDUCT RESTORATION WORKS ON GUIA LIGHTHOUSE

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) will conduct restoration works on the Guia Lighthouse and Chapel starting next Monday (August 19). The restoration works include the inspection, restoration and repair of the walls and rooftops of the Guia Lighthouse and Chapel, according to the IC. Scaffolding will be installed outside the buildings. The restoration works are estimated to be completed by the end of October. During this period, the fortress and chapel will remain open to the public and the opening hours will remain unchanged.

### SAILINGS BETWEEN MACAU AND HK AIRPORT CANCELLED

The last sailing yesterday departing the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal to the Hong Kong International Airport, scheduled for 7.45 p.m. was cancelled, according to the Marine and Water Bureau. The decision was taken in view of the flight cancellations at the airport of the neighboring region. As such, the last sailing yesterday departed Taipa at just before 4 p.m.

### SELF-SERVICE KIOSKS ROLLED OUT FOR PUBLIC'S CONVENIENCE

The Identification Services Bureau has expanded the self-service kiosk to different locations apart from the Civil Affairs Registry so as to further provide convenience to residents. Eligible Macau residents who have completed their marriage registration at the Civil Affairs Registry, can update their marital status at the self-service kiosks on-site or at the kiosks located in Macau, Taipa and Coloane. It is not necessary for the applicants to make appointment to complete the formality thus saving time and providing more convenience for the public. At present, more than 40 locations are equipped with integrated self-service kiosks.

### UM STUDENT'S RESEARCH STUDY PUBLISHED IN CRIMINOLOGY JOURNAL

A paper co-written by Xin Yanyu, a PhD student in the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau (UM), and her supervisor, Assistant Professor Cai Tianji, has been published in the Journal of Quantitative Criminology, one of the top journals in criminology and penology. The paper explores new possibilities and directions for sentencing studies. Using data mining technology, the study obtained over 140,000 valid sentencing documents for criminal traffic offences that occurred in China between 2014 and 2016. According to the UM, this study not only benefits Chinese sentencing research in terms of data, methodology, and empirical findings, but also provides new possibilities and directions for sentencing studies.

# GOV'T SAYS IT CANNOT COMPEL WORK WITH SPECIFIC FIRMS

**T**he Transportation Infrastructure Office (GIT) explained last Friday the absence of the most common form of 'tap-and-go' payment in Macau on the Light Rapid Transit (LRT).

The Office stressed that "it was impossible for the government to require the system provider to collaborate with a specific e-payment company."

The GIT did not specify why the requirement was impossible. The usual practice of service acquisition requires the government to open a public tender and obtain quotations from at least three service providers.

As for other reasons that the requirement was not included, the office explained because e-payment development is swift and it would come about sooner or later anyway.

Earlier, the office's supervisor, Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo do Rosário, said the absence of the option was due to technical weaknesses of the gates. Additionally, the requirement was not included in the purchase agreement made with the system's manufacturer, Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industry.



On Friday however, the GIT somehow overturned its supervisor's explanation. The office stated that the gates were fully compatible with tap-and-go payment. Mitsubishi has installed its tap-and-go system on the light rail network. In the future, riders can take the transport with Mitsubishi's tap-and-go card.

Riders can also make trips with one-way LRT coins, which can be purchased at vending machines either with cash or

with Macau Pass. Discounts, however, will only be available for trips made with the Mitsubishi card.

The GIT pointed out that the installation of other payment systems depends on system compatibility and business details, such as account clearance and handling charges. It considers it more appropriate for the LRT Company to conduct the negotiation.

The absence of a single payment method has also caused

concerns as to how the government will encourage cross-modal transit in the future. Transit on bus trips was realized by the existence of a united payment method.

Meanwhile, local critic Ron Lam recently urged the government to verify if the LRT will be extended to Barra in 2023. He also questioned if the government was still intending to build the East Extension and the Peninsula Line of the mass transit system. **AL**

# Health authority reminds residents to guard against infectious fevers

**T**he Health Bureau (SSM) reported two separate imported cases of infectious fevers, one being Dengue Fever and the other Chikungunya Fever. The bureau reminds residents to conduct mosquito control, as the insect is the main medium for contagion for both fevers.

Prior to contracting the diseases, both patients had traveled to Thailand. Both are staying home for recovery, and the SSM says it will conduct mosquito control at both patients' places.

The 39-year-old Chikungunya Fever patient traveled to the Southeast Asian country between July 27 and August 4 with her family. She is a local housewife residing in Seac Pai Van in Coloane.

The night after she returned to Macau, she developed symptoms of head and muscle ache, as well as a high body temperature. The next day, she sought medical consultation at the Ocean Garden Health Centre after noticing that a rash had developed on her.

It was confirmed that the infection was Chikungunya Fever. Normally, Chikungunya Fever is not fatal, but it can cause pain in the joints that can last for months.

The SSM says her situation is improving. Further, family members living with the patient have not developed symptoms of their own.

The Dengue Fever patient is a female of 30 years of age living in Areia Preta. She traveled to Thailand from July 22 to 27. Her symptoms, which de-

veloped on August 4, were much the same - namely a high body temperature, muscle ache and rash.

On August 9, she sought medical attention at Kiang Wu Hospital, and was confirmed with infection of Dengue Fever the next day.

Her cohabiting family members did not develop Dengue Fever symptoms.

The SSM reminds residents to clear or cover still water at home as it is a breeding environment for mosquitos. Repellent

should also be used when conducting outdoor activities. Long trousers and long-sleeved shirts should be worn to avoid getting bitten.

There have been 12 imported cases of Dengue Fever recorded so far this year. Five people were infected after traveling to Cambodia, two in Malaysia, one in the Philippines, one in Singapore and three in Thailand.

Chikungunya Fever is far less common, with only four imported cases on record. **AL**

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# Local democrats to meet Chief Executive candidate today

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE New Macau Association (ANM) will meet later today with Ho Iat Seng, the Chief Executive election candidate, at the latter's office in downtown Macau.

The news was released on the sidelines of a press conference intended to update the public on a voting activity organized by the group.

When he submitted his nomination forms for the position of Chief Executive, Ho said the nomination period had been too brief for him to meet with all the organizations and associations within the city.

Represented by the group's legislature member, Sulu Sou, ANM

expressed certain views that may be discussed during today's meeting.

The group pointed out that it is the first time, after Macau's change of sovereignty, a Chief Executive candidate has expressed their view on universal suffrage for a Chief Executive election. "Universal suffrage in a Chief Executive election is our goal," said Sou.

The clear expression by a CE candidate is unprecedented in Macau's history.

Sou also said that Ho's recognition of the Central Government's authority to initiate and conclude Macau's constitutional reform has indeed been understood by New Macau in the years they have been pressing for democracy.

Despite that fact, "the first step

ought to be taken by the Macau SAR. The Chief Executive ought to submit a report [on the status quo] to the National People's Congress's Standing Committee," said Sou.

ANM also pointed out that Ho has compiled his manifesto differently from his predecessors, as he has chosen to prioritize the section for public administration.

"In the previous 20 years, we saw deadlocks everywhere. They were caused by failures in public administrations," Sou said, adding his reminder for the Chief Executive candidate that administrative failures generate failures in other aspects.

The lawmaker has also expressed the group's disagreement with Ho's comments on youth education. The candidate commented

on the Hong Kong protests, and attributed their cause to defective education of young people.

New Macau said yesterday it does not agree with the stance adopted by the candidate. First, the comment has understated the long-term diligence of both educators and students. Second, the group found no mandatory relationship between education and youth dissatisfaction.

The group recommends the candidate spend time with the youth from all walks of life to understand them.

The press conference had been called to update the public on a so-called "voting activity" to assess public opinion on the manner by which Macau's top official should be chosen.

Pursuant to the Basic Law, Macau's top official is selected by an electoral college consisting of 400 people, versus the approximate 307,000 people entitled to vote in the Legislative Assembly election.

A total of 1,857 people had cast their votes as of 10 p.m. yesterday. The turnout falls within the expectation of the New Macau Association.

"New Macau has limited resources, and we believe the majority of residents have yet to hear about this voting," said Sou, noting the ANM will conduct outreach activities over the next couple of weeks to promote the voting activity. "Whether they [residents] will vote is another thing; at least they will get to know about it."

Sou said his group understands that there are a lot of issues facing local residents every day, but the group wants to help residents understand that constitutional reform and public administration, which the CE candidate has also emphasized, are part and parcel to the resolution of many social issues.

# FSS records increase in total assets in 2018

**T**HE Social Security Fund (FSS) recorded a net income of MOP2.44 billion in 2018, while the total net asset value increased to about MOP79.85 billion, an increase of 3.16%.

According to the "Social Security Fund 2018 Annual Report," the bureau's income amounted to some MOP8.11 billion, with a total expenditure of MOP5.67 billion.

The benefit payments FSS made were still its main expenditure, accounting for about 72%.

The total amount of payments was about MOP4.1 billion, benefiting a total of 134,773 people, a 7.7% increase when compared with 2017.

Among them, the number of old-age pension (including early old-age pension) recipients is the largest, with

110,319 people, accounting for 81.9%.

According to the report, in order to promote the newly implemented non-mandatory central provident fund system, FSS held more than 200 explanatory sessions for employers of different industries, including a number of large enterprises, public utilities, social services and educational institutions.

More than 100 businesses have taken up the joint provident fund scheme, and more than 36,000 people have set up an individual provident fund scheme.

In the same year, the FSS also increased the number of birth allowances to support the policy objectives of promoting healthy births and an increase of the birth rate. In addition, the bureau improved the social protection of people with disabilities by amending the law to make the disability pension universally applicable to all people with disabilities. **LV**

# HO IAT SENG VISITS KIANG WU HOSPITAL

**C**HIEF Executive candidate Ho Iat Seng yesterday visited Rua de Cinco de Outubro and the Kiang Wu Hospital for an "understanding public sentiment" campaign prior to his expected taking office in December.

During his visits, Ho made several general comments on issues that have been widely discussed by the local community.

After visiting Rua do Cinco de Outubro, Ho expressed that in the long term, flooding, electricity and aging of buildings need to be solved through a comprehensive urban renewal plan.

Ho noted that the current government has taken temporary

measures to address the issues, but Ho claimed that he would not make any promises regarding these matters at current stage.

As the only CE election candidate, he hopes that all parties can form a good plan for the old urban zone under the condition that the population in the zone does not increase.

During Ho's trip, he visited bakeries, pharmacies, and other shops in Rua do Cinco de Outubro, where he asked questions about the flooding situation.

In the afternoon, Ho attended the Kiang Wu hospital and met with 400 people from the social service sector. **JZ**



CRIME

# SEXUAL ABUSE CASE FILED OVER NIGHTCLUB DATE IN MACAU

RENATO MARQUES

A 23-year-old woman from the mainland is accusing a 29-year-old male, also from the mainland, of sexual abuse after a night out filled with drinking at a Macau nightclub, a Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesperson informed yesterday at the daily joint press conference of the police forces held at the Public Security Police Force (PSP) facilities.

The case was revealed to the PSP by a friend of the victim with whom she traveled initially to Macau on August 8.

According to the victim, she and her friend arrived in Macau and lodged in a hotel in Cotai.

The next day, she said they had an argument and she decided to leave by herself and go to a nightclub, also located in Cotai.

Around midnight she came across the suspect in the club and they chatted for a while and had several drinks together. She said she drank too much and lost consciousness, waking up on the next day at 10 a.m. naked in an unknown bedroom with the suspect lying next to her.

At that moment, she suspected she had been abused by the

man and called her friend, who alerted the police.

Deployed to the venue, the PJ officers found the suspect and took him into custody for questioning.

To the police, the man admitted he had sex with the woman, but said that she had consented to it.

Further investigation and analysis of surveillance camera footage from the nightclub and hotel revealed, according to the PJ, that the victim was in an altered state of consciousness before leaving the venue with the suspect, reason enough for the PJ to consider the victim's allegations and proceed with the forwarding of the case to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) under the charge of "sexual abuse to person incapable of offering resistance."

## OCTOGENARIAN SCAMMED IN 'LUCK CEREMONY'

An 81-year-old woman from Macau was involved in a scam carried out by two women from the mainland who took from her cash and jewelry worth around MOP180,000, the PJ spokesperson informed yesterday.

The case initially reported on May 13 this year finally saw some development on August 8, when one of the suspects was caught while trying to reenter Macau.

In May, the victim told the PJ that while she was at the

**According to the PJ, the victim was in an altered state of consciousness before leaving the venue with the suspect**

market buying vegetables she was approached by one of the suspects, a 43-year-old woman from the mainland, who said that her foot was hurting and she needed to find a woman who would perform a ceremony at a temple to heal her, asking the victim for help to find this woman.

When they arrived at the temple, they found the other person who, after performing a ceremony to heal the first of the two, convinced the elderly woman to also perform a ceremony to "free her family from bad luck."

As the first woman was "mi-

raculously" healed after the ceremony and she said she was worried about her family, she believed in the power of the woman to act as an intermediary to the gods and, following instructions from the second woman, she returned home to get all her assets that included cash, rings, and several gold items worth some MOP180,000.

Then, she took the items to a building at Avenida de Horta e Costa, where the woman was waiting to perform the ceremony.

After a while, a red bag was returned the victim, into which she believed her belongings had been placed. The scammers said that the ceremony had been held and the items had been "blessed."

The scammer asked the elderly woman not to open the red bag for a period of at least two or three days so as to not "break the good luck spell." The victim took the bag home but the next day, she started to suspect that something was not right and decided to open it. There was nothing but a few vegetables inside, with no sign of the cash or jewelry. She then went to PJ to file the com-

plaint, but the PJ quickly understood that the two suspects had crossed the border already into the mainland and they were not able to do anything until last Thursday, when one of them tried to reenter the territory.

One of the women was detained and presented to the MP the next day for an aggravated scam.

## MAN TRIES TO BUY WATCH WITH 'FAKE COUPONS'

The spokesperson also informed that a mainland male had been caught by the PJ on August 9 trying to acquire a luxury watch at a local shop using a large number of coupons, deemed to be forged.

The case was reported by the shopkeeper, who warned the police of the case.

According to the shopkeeper, the man asked to pay for a wristwatch worth MOP49,000 with 49 coupons worth MOP1,000 each, but the staff suspected immediately that the coupons had been forged.

To the police, the suspect admitted he bought those coupons in early August on the Internet for about one-third of the face value; about MOP16,000.

To the police, he said that he had been warned, by the seller, that he could not use the coupons in Macau shops, but still he decided to try his luck. He is now being charged with perpetrating a scam and the case has already been forwarded to the MP.



# Local firm sees investment growth from collaborating with Sands China Ltd

**S**ANDS China Ltd has been boosting its efforts in supporting local small, medium and micro suppliers, with the aim of boosting local firms' sales revenues and quality standards.

Hang Fong Hong (Macau) Ltd was established in the SAR in 1989, initially supplying drinks and beer. Upon the liberalization of the gaming industry in Macau, they became aware that more international hotels would come to Macau and that there was great potential for F&B demand.

Therefore, in 2011, the local firm established Hang Fong Hong Food Factory Ltd. and commenced supplying bakery products and pastries to the gaming operator's team-member dining rooms.

Lei Io Chio, the general manager of the company, recalled that the firm first approached the gaming operator in 2011.

The general manager said that Sands China's support to local SMEs and to his firm had enhanced their ability to expand because the gaming operator has been a reliable and consistent purchaser. To meet and improve quality standards, the company has obtained ISO 22000 and HACCP

certifications.

Since its collaboration with Sands China, Hang Fong Hong Food Ltd's business has grown from MOP12 million to MOP26 million annually.

"Sands China has given us a lot of support. The gaming operator contributes 30% to the company's total sales revenue. They have given us a stability of orders, which also allowed us to invest and buy heavy-duty equipment," said Lei.

"To meet Sands China's expanding business needs, from [our] establishment to now, we have invested more than MOP20 million in equipment. In the middle of 2018, we were able to purchase an automatic segmentation molding machine from Germany directly, which was valued at around MOP4 million," he added.

The firm was also able to increase its staff from 20 people to over 100, while its delivery trucks increased from three to 12.

Currently, the company serves and delivers to some 300 clients, including integrated resorts,

schools and Food & Beverage stores.

Hang Fong Hong (Macau) Ltd was also recognized by Sands China as an exceptional supplier at its annual Sands Supplier Excellence Awards, a global initiative of Sands China's parent company, Las Vegas Sands Corp.

The award was given as the company promptly responded to the needs of the gaming operator when Typhoon Hato hit Macau

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back in 2017.

The local firm ordered 154 tonnes of drinking water to be delivered to the integrated resorts of the gaming operator.

"There was a severe lack of water in the city during that critical time. Even our food factory did not have water supply. So, we worked together and arranged 154 tonnes of drinking water from China to supply Sands China for the guests who remained on property and the staff on-du-

ty," Lei explained.

"I believe that such an awards program gives us motivation to further improve our products and services," he added.

Sands China considers its suppliers essential to the gaming operator's business. It also aims to create a partnership of mutual success, thus it continues to offer a wide range of complimentary programs to disseminate business knowledge to these SMEs,

and made-in-Macau companies.

Hang Fong Hong Food Ltd took part in the Sands Procurement Academy, an

academy that shares business knowledge and skills to further the development of local SME suppliers. They are now applying business techniques that were demonstrated during the program.

The aim of the program is to help local firms gain experience and capacity to work with large-scale international corporations like Sands China. The academy specifically targets four categories of local SME suppliers: small-

and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), micro-enterprises, Macau young entrepreneurs, and "Made-in-Macao" enterprises.

"We really have to thank Sands China for trusting us and for the support [given] to our company. We have attended almost every training course because we gain a lot of skills from warehouse operations, quality assurance, and logistics management to the procurement process," said Lei.

"I appreciate the partnership with Sands China because we receive a stable volume of orders and when we have that, other companies also become confident to invest in our company over the long-term," he added.

The gaming operator considers the Sands Procurement Academy to be an important way for the company to offer its resources for the benefit of the wider community.

Sands China's Local Supplier Support Programme is in line with the Macau government's initiative to "buy local." It is part of Sands China's supplier relationship management strategy, which guides the company's long-standing effort to support local suppliers, whom it views as its strategic partners.



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# Residential loans record 53% increase

**T**HE approval of residential mortgage loans (RMLs) rose by 53.1% month-to-month in June to MOP6.04 billion, of which new RMLs to residents, representing 98.6% of the total, increased by 56.6% to

MOP5.95 billion, according to data released by the Monetary Authority of Macao. The non-residential component dropped by 39.4% to MOP86.3 million. The monthly average of new RMLs approved between April and June 2019

was MOP4.2 billion, up by 27% from the previous period. Meanwhile, the new RMLs collateralized by uncompleted units fell month-to-month by 22.5% to MOP464.3 million; of which the equitable mortga-

ges extended to residents accounted for 94.1% of the total.

On an annual basis, new equitable mortgages approved dropped by 16.4%.

New commercial real estate loans (CRELs) dropped by 45.0% month-to-month to MOP4.1 billion, of which new CRELs to residents, which occupied 97.4% of the total, decreased by 46.1% to MOP4 billion.

Meanwhile, the new CRELs to non-residents grew by 111.0% from a relatively low base to MOP108.6 million.

The monthly average of new CRELs approved between April and June 2019 was MOP5.5 billion, down by 3.3% as compared with the previous period.

As at end-June 2019, the outstanding value of RMLs was MOP224.2 billion, up by 1.3% from a month earlier or 13.5% from a year ago, of which the residential component made up 93.0% of the total.

The outstanding value of CRELs was MOP191.3 billion, up by 1.9% month-to-month, but down by 2.4% from a year earlier. Residents accounted for 93.7% of the loans. **LV**

## FORUM

### CHINA-LUSOPHONE TRADE RISES 1.17% IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2019

**T**HE value of trade between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries grew marginally by 1.17% year-on-year from January to June 2019 to \$70.14 billion (566.9 billion patacas), according to official Chinese figures released by Forum Macau.

Chinese exports to the eight Portuguese-speaking countries in the first six months of the year totaled \$19.70 billion (a year-on-year drop of 6.13%) and imports totaled \$50.43 billion (+4.34%), leading to a trade deficit for China of \$30.72 billion.

Trade with Brazil increased by 0.33% in the first half to \$51.96 billion, with China buying goods worth \$36.31 billion (+4.99%) from Brazilian companies and selling products worth \$15.64 billion (-9.03%).

Trade with Angola totaled \$13.64 billion (+1.90%) in the period under review, with Chinese exports of \$935 million (-10.26%) and imports of \$12.70 billion (+2.93%).

Portugal comes next by value with a trade with China of \$3.27 million (+15.66%), of which \$2.15 billion (+22.66%) were Chinese exports and \$1.11 billion (+4.20) were Portuguese exports.

Trade with Mozambique amounted to \$1.15 million (-5.05%) from January to June, with Chinese companies exporting \$864 million (-2.81%) and importing goods worth \$285 million (-11.24%).

Trade with the other Portuguese-speaking countries – Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau, São Tomé and Príncipe and Timor-Leste – reached \$110 million in the first half of the year. **MDT/MACAUHUB**

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# AIRPORT SHUTS DOWN AMID PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTEST

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ONE of the world's busiest airports canceled all flights after thousands of pro-democracy demonstrators crowded into Hong Kong's main terminal yesterday, while the central government in Beijing issued an ominous characterization of the protest movement as something approaching "terrorism."

The extreme action by the largely leaderless movement seemed calculated to prompt a stern response from Beijing, and Communist Party leader Xi Jinping's administration responded within hours.

No new violence was reported by yesterday evening, although the city remained on edge after more than two months of near-daily and increasingly bloody confrontations between protesters and police.

Beijing tends toward a broad definition of terrorism, including in it nonviolent protests of government policies on the environment or in minority regions such as Xinjiang and Tibet. Such a designation adds to the regime's descriptions of protesters as clowns, criminals and traitors intent on overthrowing Chinese rule in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong International Airport said in a statement the demonstration "seriously disrupted" airport operations. Only flights that had already started boarding or those cleared for landing were allowed to use runways at the airport.

"All other flights have been

canceled for the rest of today," the airport statement said. It later said flights would resume at 6 a.m. this morning.

A massive traffic jam soon formed on the highway leading back to Hong Kong's city center. Some protesters were seen walking toward the airport amid the stifling heat.

The demonstrations that have drawn more than 1 million people at times call for democratic reforms and an independent inquiry into police conduct, with both protesters and police adopting ever-more extreme tactics.

In Beijing, the Cabinet's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office issued a statement saying the situation in Hong Kong was "beginning to show the sprouts of terrorism" and constituted an "existential threat" to the population.

"One must take resolute action toward this violent criminality, showing no leniency or mercy," said the statement, attributed to spokesman Yang Guang. "Hong Kong has reached an inflection point where all those who are concerned about Hong Kong's future must say 'no,' to law breakers and 'no' to those engaged in violence."

The chief executive of Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific Airways said there would be "disciplinary consequences" for employees involved in "illegal protests," as the airline joined businesses that have apologized to China in recent days over political flaps. Rupert Hogg warned in an internal memo that the company has a "zero tolerance approach to illegal activities," apparently referring to

unapproved protests.

Companies from luxury fashion brands to bubble tea shops are under pressure to distance themselves from protesters and declare their support for the ruling Communist Party's position on Hong Kong. China had said it would bar any airline employees found to have taken part in demonstrations.

Earlier yesterday, Hong Kong police showed off water cannons that could be deployed, a development that Amnesty International has warned could lead to serious injuries if misused in the densely populated city.

Legislators and journalists were invited to witness the display of crowd-control tactics, which came after a weekend of protests at the airport and in one of Hong Kong's main shopping districts.

During the weekend protests, website Hong Kong Free Press showed footage of one arrest that appeared to include officers in plain clothes pinning a demonstrator to the ground. The young man, who said his name was Chow Ka-lok and asked for a lawyer, was shown with a bleeding head wound and said he had a broken tooth.

Police defended their tactics and tried to fend off criticism over widely shared videos from Sunday night's clashes, including graphic images of Chow's arrest and of a female protester who was shot in the eye.

Deputy Commissioner Tang Ping-keung acknowledged that police use decoy officers in some operations but would not go into details.

"Our decoy officers do not take part in any unlawful activities," Tang insisted.

Police also have reported injuries, including eye irritation from laser pointers, burns from fire bombs and bruises and cuts from flying debris.

Protesters hurled bricks at officers and ignored warnings to leave before tear gas was used in the Sham Shui Po area, police said, calling a march there an "unauthorized assembly."

Tear gas also was used in central Hong Kong's Tsim Sha Tsui area on the Kowloon side of Victoria Harbour, and in Wan Chai on Hong Kong Island. At one point, protesters blocked a plaza to keep police out.

A train station in Kwai Fong filled with smoke after police fired tear gas inside. It was not clear how many protesters were in the station at the time, but it has been rare for officers to fire tear gas indoors.

Earlier, a large group of protesters marched down Hennessey Road, a main shopping drag in the Causeway Bay area, as a rally was held in nearby Victoria Park. Many wore face masks to shield their identities, and a few had helmets. Others just carried backpacks over the black T-shirts that have become their uniform.

The protest movement's demands include the resignation of the Chinese territory's leader, Carrie Lam, democratic elections for her successor, the release of those arrested in earlier protests and an investigation into police use of force.

A former British colony, Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997 under the principle of "one country, two systems," which promises the city certain democratic rights not afforded to people on the mainland. But in recent years, some have accused Beijing of steadily eroding their freedoms.

Banners at the rally in Victoria Park read "Give Hong Kong back to us" and "Withdraw the evil law," the latter a reference to an extradition bill that was the original spark for the protests. A large crowd sat under umbrellas, which are both a protest symbol in Hong Kong and protection from the summer heat.

At the airport, a flight attendant protesting on his day off, who gave only his surname, Lau, to avoid repercussions from his employer, said heavy-handed police tactics had alienated some people.

"The police have told a lot of lies to Hong Kong people. We cannot believe them anymore. We have to come here to protest," Lau said. China has reportedly threatened to bar air crews taking part in protests.

Another protester, who identified herself only as Bea, said she took the day off from work to express her outrage because "I feel that I have to do something. [...] It's just too sad to see what has happened. The police action has gone totally nonsensical."

In an interview in Berlin, Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei said China's leadership can now only resort to force, since it has failed in its quest to win hearts and minds in Hong Kong.

Ai, who has lived in Berlin since 2015, said U.S. President Donald Trump's characterization of the protests as "riots" and as an issue between Hong Kong and China seems to have only encouraged the authorities.

The U.S. "should be supporting freedom, and democracy, and freedom of speech — for a major power to give that kind of signal to another, authoritarian society is very improper and it will cost more life and more blood," he said.

"Hong Kong people will not be the loser, because they're on the right side of history," he said. AP

GREATER BAY FORUM

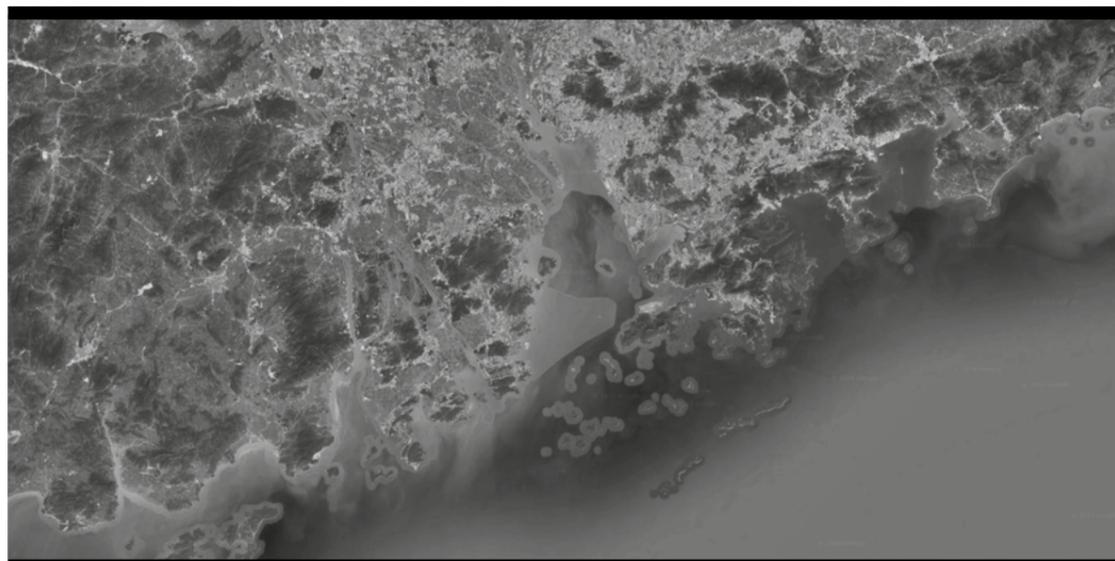
# Mainland professor urges respect for HK, Macau culture

JULIE ZHU

**G**E Jianxiong, Professor at Fudan University, suggested during yesterday's International Forum on the "Cultural Mission of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area", that mainland China should first respect and acknowledge the cultural differences in Hong Kong and Macau if mainland China wants to build "cultural confidence."

"We should admit that due to important historical reasons, Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan are subcultures within the greater Chinese culture," said Ge. "We can certainly find some differences among our own cultures, even from the perspective of some important values, such as ideology."

"As long as these differences do not affect people's recognition of the greater Chinese culture, and do not affect people's love towards the country and their acceptance of One Country, Two Systems, we should see that these differences



are playing an active and positive role," said Ge.

Themed as "Cultural Confidence and Mutual Learning among Civilizations," Ge's speech endorsed both Chinese history and Chinese culture.

However, the mainland professor repeatedly reminded the audience not to forget that, his-

torically, China has learned from multiple civilizations.

"We can be sure that the Chinese civilization became mature 3,800 years ago, [...] but the Chinese civilization is not the earliest one. Chinese culture is definitely one of the greatest civilizations in history, [...] but, during its development, it constantly learned and

absorbed the essence of other civilizations," said Ge.

He gave an example: bronze, wheat and linen were brought to China from west Asia.

"We could see that, actually, an abundant amount of material civilization is the result of our constant learning and absorbing of foreign culture," Ge noted.

The professor elaborated on his opinion by noting that in the Qing dynasty, the Chinese population boomed to 400 million people due to corn, potatoes, peanuts, and other farming products being introduced to China from America.

He also acknowledged that China "accepted completely" Japanese-made Chinese words.

"The Japanese used Chinese characters to translate nearly all terminology of social sciences and humanity subjects. China took all of them at face value, and then formed the basic vocabulary of modern Chinese," said Ge, adding that "a culture, a civilization and a country can learn constantly from rather advanced and more prospecting aspects of foreign culture. A culture, a civilization and a country can be more confident about their own culture, civilization and country because they are constantly learning from other more advanced civilizations."

In regards to mutual learning from different cultures, the Chinese professor questioned the audience as well as the mainland Chinese community by asking, "do we have to and how can we force our desires into other people?"

In the end, Ge proposed that those on the mainland should study carefully which parts of other cultures are worth learning from.

GREATER BAY FORUM

# Carrie Lam makes appearance alongside Chui and Guangdong Governor

JULIE ZHU

**H**ONG Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, together with Macau Chief Executive Chui Sai On and Guangdong Provincial Governor Ma Xingrui, attended yesterday's International Forum on "Cultural Mission of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area" in Macau.

Organized by the Macau SAR government, the two-day forum invited approximately 400 people from mainland ministries and commissions, the Hong Kong government and the Macau government. "I am very pleased to be able to attend the opening ceremony of the [...] forum," said Carrie Lam, who has been accused by Hong Kong residents of avoiding the public and Hong Kong media.

"I believe that Hong Kong, Macau and Guangdong province can play a synergistic role in the deve-



lopment of the Greater Bay Area," said Lam.

According to Lam, the Hong Kong government has planned to use HKD140 million to send Hong Kong artists and art groups to perform in the Greater Bay to participate in other ex-

change activities.

In 2009, Guangdong, Macau and Hong Kong jointly organized the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Youth Cultural Exchange Programme. Ten years have passed since the establishment of the pro-

gram, and a total of more than 400 Hong Kong youths participated, according to Lam.

Speaking at yesterday's opening ceremony, Macau Chief Executive Chui Sai On said that the "urban culture of Macau is an important

part of the cultural construction of the Greater Bay Area."

He said that Macau's unique culture – influenced by centuries of exchanges between Chinese and Western culture – played an important role in the cultural development of the Greater Bay Area. He added that Macau's cultural background – from commerce to folk customs, religion, the role played by associations, and philanthropy – had distinctive Chinese characteristics, coupled with international influences.

The city's unique culture had led to the Historic Centre of Macao being inscribed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in its World Heritage List. Macau's intangible cultural heritage was also recognized at a national level, added Chui.

He pointed out that Macao's cultural elements would be a further source

of 'soft power' for the Greater Bay Area, while contributing to close cultural exchanges and people-to-people links under the "Belt and Road" initiative. "Cultural construction is of vital importance to the Greater Bay Area, and the sustainable development of the Greater Bay needs to be supported by a stable cultural identity. Macau will continue use the soft power of culture enhancing culture exchange in the Greater Bay," said the Macau Chief Executive.

Xie Fuzhan, President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said in his speech that Macau should take the Greater Bay as an opportunity to take up a new cultural mission, which is to continue upholding Chinese culture as the mainstream and give full play to the advantages of multiculturalism.

Unlike other Greater Bay forums, yesterday's forum was considered very important due to the presence of many high-ranking politicians from the SARs and Guangdong.

During the ceremony, performances featuring Greater Bay artists and patriotic displays were prepared to kick off the event.



## AMERICA'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH FLYING IS GROWING FASTER THAN THE ECONOMY

JUSTIN BACHMAN

**A**MERICANS love to fly and it shows.

U.S. airlines carried a record 889 million passengers in 2018, a 20 percent increase from five years earlier, according to Bureau of Transportation Statistics records that date to 2002. That wanderlust appeared in U.S. airlines' robust second-quarter revenues and executives across the industry said they're seeing continued strong consumer demand throughout the peak summer travel period.

What's most intriguing about this ardor for air travel, however, isn't full planes at the peak of summer travel season, but that the planes have remained full even as U.S. airlines add new flights, larger planes and more seats.

"It's the persistence of this [de-

mand] that's been interesting," said Jamie Baker, a JP Morgan analyst who has tracked airlines for 17 years. The boom poses a big question for the industry, especially amid trade wars and worries about whether a recession looms: "Is this just a flash in the pan?" Baker said.

The airlines' traffic surge has outpaced the nation's economic expansion over the same period. Current airline demand is roughly twice the rate of U.S. growth. Historically, that figure "has been closer to 1.5 times," said Rajeev Lalwani, a Morgan Stanley aerospace analyst.

Airline stocks, however, have been a flop for investors. An index of five U.S. carriers is up 9% this year, compared with 17% for the S&P 500. Only Delta Air Lines Inc.'s 19% return is currently outperforming the index. The car-

riers have also underperformed the S&P index three of the past four years and merely matched its return in 2016.

The demand trends suggest the world's largest aviation market remains a growth business, and possibly not a mature industrial sector yoked firmly to economic performance.

"Years ago, we used to model air travel based on the growth of the economy," Delta Chief Executive Officer Ed Bastian said in a July interview. "That relationship broke several years ago. And I think the internet has played a big contributing part in that."

Consumer demand drove Delta to a quarterly revenue record of \$12.5 billion, with half of its top 10 record sales days occurring in the 30 days prior to its July 11 report, Delta executives said. The world's largest airline, American Airlines

Group Inc., said its \$12 billion second-quarter sales was a record for the period.

"I think the fundamental demand for this product in this business is very, very strong and we're capitalizing on it," Bastian told analysts. Delta and United Airlines Holdings Inc. have both raised their profit forecasts for 2019.

Airline executives and analysts point to a variety of sources for the demand. Some of the primary factors:

### CHEAPER FLIGHTS

Average domestic airfares have declined more than 15% since early 2015 when adjusted for inflation, to \$353 per round trip in the first quarter this year, according to government data. Airlines are capitalizing on sophisticated revenue management systems which predict demand with more

far more accuracy than in the past. Seats that once flew empty are now more likely to be priced for sale, and filled.

### BUDGET AIRLINES

The overall supply of budget fares has grown. Spirit Airlines Inc. and Allegiant Travel Co. have expanded dramatically in the past decade, with the most growth at ultra low-cost airlines. The Big Three legacy carriers have responded with "basic economy" fares as part of a broader shift to segment airplane cabins into more zones based on price and amenities. "That has been a pretty big shift in our business and we're encouraging a new set of travelers to fly," said Andrew Nocella, United's chief commercial officer.

### EXPERIENCES VS THINGS

The millennial tendency to value experiences over material goods is fueling some of the demand for air travel, Bastian and others said. Older people have bucket lists; younger ones see traveling with friends as more important than buying some expensive possession. Today's travelers want to "get that Instagram shot on top of Kilimanjaro or wherever and airlines are absolutely going to help you accomplish that," Baker said.

### LOYALTY SCHEME CHANGES

Airlines have seeded some of this demand by making major changes to loyalty programs. The carriers are focused on turning frequent-flier miles into a transactional "currency" for members to spend for things beyond award trips, such as upgrades, bag fees, cocktails in airport lounges and TSA PreCheck enrollment costs. The airlines have also begun to dynamically price award trips, raising and lowering the number of miles needed based on demand. With miles gaining "better utility" travelers have become eager to collect more of them from travel and credit card spending, Nocella said. **BLOOMBERG**

## CORPORATE BITS

### Sands China recognizes graduates from IR internship programme



Sixty-five interns of the Integrated Resort Internship Programme (IRIP) have been honored in a ceremony at Sands Cotai Central.

This latest batch of graduates is composed of year 3 and year 4 students from local educational institutions including the University of Macau, the

Macau University of Science and Technology, the Institute for Tourism Studies.

According to a note from the gaming operator, this year, Sands China collaborated with the Labour Affairs Bureau to launch a Working Experience Program to equip high school students with disabilities with work experience, "offering them a chance to enter society and enhance their opportunities to be hired in the future."

During the ceremony, 17 program participants received certificates showing appreciation for their efforts during their internships.

### A journey of imagination: Sunday brunch with Jak at The Manor



A New York-inspired "culinary journey of imagination" awaits every Sunday at The Manor with a spectacular

Gourmet Tour Sunday Brunch featuring the St. Regis' very own Jak. Sunday Brunch guests can

enjoy a selection of pass-around signature dishes, and children can receive a Jak cookie-decorating kit including a Jak-shaped cookie and frosting that they can bring home as a keepsake, the hotel said yesterday in a press release.

The brunch with Jak is available every Sunday from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. Priced from MOP528 per adult, it includes unlimited non-alcoholic beverages, fruit punches, cold-infused tea, plus non-alcoholic champagne for the little ones.

Children under 12 years of age enjoy a 50% discount, while attendance is complimentary for children under 3 years.

# Backlash over t-shirt designs spreads to Givenchy, Coach

**W**ESTERN fashion brands are coming under fire in China for designs perceived to run afoul of local political sensitivities, sparking calls for boycotts in a market that accounts for a third of global luxury demand.

Less than 24 hours after Versace apologized for t-shirts that were accused of defying China's One-China Policy, American fashion label Coach and French luxury house Givenchy are facing backlash from Chinese consumers for similar faux pas.

After pictures circulated online of t-shirts sold by both brands that suggest Hong Kong and Taiwan are countries, rather than cities, calls grew on Chinese social media for boycotts of Tapestry Inc.-owned Coach and LVMH's Givenchy. Coach's brand ambassador, Chinese supermodel Liu Wen, said yesterday on the Weibo platform that she would terminate her relationship with the brand for "seriously hurting the Chinese people's feelings."

Givenchy's t-shirt, which is



being sold for 3990 yuan (USD565) on the Chinese website of luxury e-commerce platform FarFetch, features a list of cities and their corresponding countries. Hong Kong is listed as both a city and country, while Taipei's corresponding country is listed as Taiwan. Coach's T-shirt was similar.

Coach said on its Weibo account yesterday that the t-shirts were pulled from sale in May 2018 after the

mistake was identified and said that it is "deeply sorry for the emotional harm caused to consumers." Representatives for Givenchy did not immediately respond to requests for comment; Jackson Yee, a boyband star who's an ambassador for Givenchy's beauty line, said he was terminating his contract with the French label.

Versace apologized on Sunday for a "wrong design" on its own

t-shirts, where Hong Kong and Macau were listed as countries. Versace's China brand ambassador, actress Yang Mi, also ended her cooperation with the Italian fashion house, which said the t-shirts had been removed from sale July 24 and destroyed.

The backlash comes as China steps up its response to months-long anti-Beijing protests in Hong Kong, which along with the gambling enclave of Macau is a special administrative region of China.

The fracas surrounding the t-shirts show how easy it is for foreign companies to fall afoul of local sensibilities in China, where the government censors web and media content and consumers can be increasingly nationalistic, especially online.

An advertisement from Dolce & Gabbana last year that showed a Chinese model struggling to eat spaghetti and pizza with chopsticks sparked outrage and a boycott of the luxury fashion retailer's goods. In April, Leica Camera AG quickly distanced itself from a promotional

video bearing the camera maker's name that prompted a backlash against the company in China for partially focusing on the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy protests.

With both Tapestry and LVMH increasingly focused on China to drive growth, the t-shirt incidents are likely to add to concern about western luxury brands' ability to navigate the huge market. Chinese consumers are estimated to account for at least a third of current luxury sales and two-thirds of the industry's growth, according to figures from consultancy Bain & Co.

Demonstrations in Hong Kong that started as a protest against a law allowing extraditions to China have entered their 10th week. Companies have been caught in between, with shares of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. falling on Monday after China's civil aviation authority demanded the airline bar employees who supported the protests from flying to the mainland.

Versace's former ambassador, an actress known for films like Eternal Love and the Tiny Times series, said Sunday that she has ended her relationship with the company because it had harmed China's sovereign and territorial integrity. Designer Donatella Versace apologized in a post on Instagram on Sunday for an "unfortunate error." **BLOOMBERG**

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# CHINESE STATE-RUN FIRM TELLS EMPLOYEES TO STOP FLYING CATHAY

A Chinese state-run company told employees to avoid flying Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., according to people familiar with the matter, widening the fallout for Hong Kong's dominant carrier after its employees took part in anti-Beijing protests that angered the government in the mainland.

China Huarong International Holdings Ltd., a Hong Kong-based unit of China's largest bad-debt manager by assets, sent out a message to workers on Friday to choose airlines other than Cathay or its Dragon Air unit when flying on business or personal trips, said the people, asking not to be identified as they aren't authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Cathay shares closed at a 10-year low yesterday, with the airline becoming the most visible corporate target for China. Beijing appears to be losing patience over the demonstrations, which have gripped the former British colony for more than two months and prompted airport authorities to take the extraordinary step of canceling all remaining flights in and out of Hong Kong. Huarong's move also serves as a reminder of how Chinese boycotts can apply enormous economic pressure on companies and countries that fall out of favor, with South Korean and Japanese companies targeted in recent years.

Representatives for Huarong International and Cathay didn't immediately respond to requests for comment over the boycott.

Cathay, one of the most high-



profile brands in Hong Kong, came under fire last week from Chinese state media after many of its employees took part in a general strike yesterday that resulted in the cancellation of hundreds of flights. The actions of Cathay's employees prompted the English-language Global Times, a nationalist paper published by the Communist Party, to warn the company would "pay a painful price."

Then on Friday, the Civil Avia-

tion Administration of China turned up the pressure by issuing a swathe of demands to the carrier. The directives included an order for Cathay to ban all employees who supported or joined the protests from flying to the mainland.

Cathay caved in. Over the weekend, the carrier said it suspended a pilot who had been detained while participating in a protest and fired two workers for "misconduct."

In a message to Cathay staff

yesterday, Chief Executive Officer Rupert Hogg said the company plans to fully comply with the CAAC demands and warned that the carrier will discipline employees who "support or participate in illegal protests" with penalties including termination of employment.

Cathay shares lost 4.9% to HKD9.80 yesterday, their lowest level since June 2009. Swire Pacific Ltd., Cathay's parent, fell 6.2%, the most in almost four years.

Over the weekend, signs emerged that Hong Kong authorities used more aggression against demonstrators, with riot police videotaped beating demonstrators in subway stations.

For Cathay, the aviation regulator's directive forced it to choose between fueling the wrath of its workers, or those of China - possibly the company's most important market. Though the carrier doesn't disclose a breakdown of its mainland China business, flights originating from there and Hong Kong account for about half the firm's revenue.

The Chinese authority's order could threaten not only Cathay's direct flights to China but also those to Europe and the U.S. because those routes fly over Chinese airspace, Jefferies Hong Kong Ltd. analyst Andrew Lee wrote in a note to clients.

The Hong Kong Cabin Crew Federation expressed "deep regret" over the Chinese regulator's demands and criticized the CAAC for making policies restricting Hong Kong people's legal rights and freedom, and damaging the "one country, two systems" principle by which the city is governed.

Cathay is controlled by the U.K.'s Swire family, though the airline counts government-run Air China Ltd. as its second-largest shareholder.

In its warning on Friday, the Chinese regulator ordered Cathay to submit a plan for boosting internal controls, flight safety and security by Aug. 15.

Cathay's actions, or lack thereof "have led to a severe threat to aviation safety, created negative social impact and increased the risk of flying from Hong Kong to the mainland," according to the CAAC statement. **BLOOMBERG**

# Huawei's founder wants an 'invincible iron army' to fight US

HUAWEI Technologies Co.'s billionaire founder intends to kick off a three- to five-year overhaul of the networking giant, creating an "iron army" that can help it survive an American onslaught while protecting its lead in next-generation wireless.

Major structural shifts are around the corner as U.S. sanctions threaten the survival of its cash-cow smartphone business, Ren Zhengfei warned in an internal memo seen by Bloomberg News and verified by a Huawei spokeswoman. The consumer business faces a "painful long march," Ren wrote, a possible reference to the Communist Party's historic cross-country trek.

China's biggest technology company is grappling



with an existential threat after Washington blocked Huawei from buying American technology, cutting off vital components from Qualcomm Inc. chipsets to Google's Android operating software. Ren, 74, said an internal revamp was now needed to meet war-time needs, meaning organiza-

tions deemed unnecessary or redundant will be removed. He didn't provide details about how such a restructuring might unfold.

"We have to complete an overhaul in harsh and difficult conditions, creating an invincible iron army that can help us achieve victory," Ren wrote in the letter

dated Aug. 2. "We absolutely have to complete this re-organization within three to five years."

Ren, a former engineer with the People's Liberation Army, has a penchant for militaristic language. The entrepreneur has spoken previously about a "strategic withdrawal" from cer-

tain markets in response to escalating U.S. scrutiny. Huawei itself hasn't been clear about how Trump administration curbs would impact its 190,000-some employees worldwide but the company has begun to lay off U.S.-based staff, the Wall Street Journal has reported.

Huawei reported slower sales growth in the second quarter compared to the first as the ban started to bite, especially into a consumer business encompassing smartphones and laptops. The company unveiled its in-house HarmonyOS last Friday, saying it can replace Android if Google's software was barred from its future smartphones. But Ren said the company needed a lot more time to build an apps

ecosystem, a major requirement for any operating software to thrive in the long run.

"Two bullets fired at our consumer business group unfortunately hit the oil tanks," Ren said in his letter, without elaborating.

Still, Ren talked about Huawei's edge against the U.S. in fifth-generation telecommunication technologies. The Chinese company's dominance in 5G has been cited as motivation for a U.S. campaign to contain its ascendancy, because the technology is expected to propel future modern economies.

"The U.S. doesn't use the most advanced 5G technology," he wrote. "That may leave it lagging behind in the artificial intelligence sector." **AP**

# South Korea to remove Japan from preferred trade list

KIM TONG-HYUNG, SEOUL

**S**OUTH Korea said yesterday that it has decided to remove Japan from a list of nations receiving preferential treatment in trade in what was seen as a tit-for-tat move following Tokyo's recent decision to downgrade Seoul's trade status amid a diplomatic row.

It wasn't immediately clear how South Korea's tightened export controls would impact bilateral trade. Seoul said some South Korean companies exporting to Japan will be able to receive exceptions from case-by-case inspections that are normally applied on sensitive shipments to nations with lower trade status and go through the same fast-track approval process that they currently enjoy.

Masahisa Sato, Japan's vice minister for foreign affairs, said he believes the impact of Seoul's move would likely be limited as Japan doesn't import much sensitive materials from South Korea.

Japan provided similar excep-



tions while removing South Korea as a favored trade partner, which eased some of the fears in Seoul about a possible blow to its export-dependent economy, where many manufacturers heavily rely on parts and materials imported from Japan.

After spending weeks berating Tokyo for allegedly weaponizing trade and vowing retaliation, South Korean President Moon Jae-in struck a more conciliatory tone, saying that his government will refrain from "emotional" reactions to Japan over the trade dispute.

"While maintaining unwavering resolve and calmness, we need a long-term approach to look for fundamental countermeasures," Moon said in a meeting with senior aides.

South Korea's trade minister, Sung Yun-mo, said Seoul decided to remove Japan from a 29-member "white list" of countries that enjoy minimum restrictions in trade because it has failed to uphold international principles while managing its export controls on sensitive materials. Sung and other South Korean officials did not spe-

cify what they saw as Tokyo's problems in export controls.

Sato said South Korea would be violating World Trade Organization rules if it was retaliating against Japan's earlier measures. Park Tae-sung, a South Korean trade official, said that South Korea is making a legitimate effort under domestic and international laws to improve its export controls.

South Korea currently divides its trade partners into two groups while managing the exports of sensitive materials that can be used both for civilian and military purposes. Seoul will create a new in-between bracket where it plans to place only Japan, which "in principle" will receive the same treatment as the non-favored nations in what's now the second group, Sung said.

South Korea's government currently requires companies to go through case-by-case approvals to export sensitive items to non-favored nations, which typically take 15 days. However, Seoul also plans to grant exceptions to South Korean companies exporting to Ja-

panese partners under long-term deals and allow them to continue using a fast-track approval process that takes about five days.

South Korean officials didn't clearly explain why they created a special bracket for Japan instead of grouping it with other non-favored nations. They said Seoul will work to minimize negative impact on South Korean exporters and bilateral trade.

Sung said the changes are expected to enter effect sometime in September, following a 20-day period for gathering public opinion on the issue and further regulatory and legal reviews. He said Seoul is willing to accept any request by Tokyo for consultation over the issue during the opinion-gathering period, but officials didn't say whether Seoul's decision will be negotiable.

South Korea's announcement came weeks after Japan's Cabinet approved the removal from South Korea from a list of countries with preferential trade status, citing an erosion of trust and unspecified security concerns surrounding Seoul's export controls.

Seoul says Tokyo is using trade to retaliate over South Korean court rulings that called for Japanese companies to compensate aging South Korean plaintiffs for forced labor during World War II and plans to file a complaint with the WTO. AP

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# US-China trade war leaves Europe as collateral damage

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**L**IKE a sleek Mercedes crunched between two freight trucks, Europe's economy is being knocked off course by the conflict between the U.S. and China over trade.

The bill for damages from the U.S-China collision could be painfully high, starting this week if new growth figures on Wednesday show that Europe's economic motor, Germany, is stalled or shrinking. Beyond that, economists say there are signs that years of declining unemployment since the depths of the Great Recession and the eurozone debt crisis may be ending.

And if the trade wars escalate to include higher U.S. tariffs on cars made in Europe, the picture could look even worse.

The heart of the matter is Germany, Europe's largest economy and a key trade partner of both the U.S. and China.

Exports amount to almost half the German economy - 47%, according to World Bank figures — as its companies play a dominant role in global markets for luxury autos and complex industrial machinery. Supply chains from Germany extend into neighboring countries as well, while Ger-

man profits are often invested in factories in places like Slovakia, Hungary and Poland. Great for Germany and Europe when trade is booming — but it means Germany remains more vulnerable than less open economies such as Portugal or France to a slowdown in global trade in goods and services.

And that is what's happening. German has spewed wretched economic data for weeks: an 8% annual fall in exports in June, a 1.5% drop in industrial production in June from the month before, three times bigger than expected. Surveys of company executives suggest the industrial sector is in recession, with consumer demand and services propping up the economy.

But the damage from trade may be spreading to consumers and companies that do business only at home. While unemployment remains low at 3.1%, job gains have stalled recently.

Ironically, trade between Germany and the U.S. and between Germany and China is holding up pretty well. It's mainly the uncertainty about the outcome of the clash between U.S. President

Donald Trump and the Chinese Communist leadership that has been weighing on business confidence and deterring decisions to invest and buy across global markets. Last week, Trump imposed a 10% tariff on an additional USD300 billion in Chinese goods effective Sept. 1.

As a result, research firm Oxford Economics forecasts world trade growth of just 1.2% this year, far below last year's 4.9% rise.

## The heart of the matter is Germany, Europe's largest economy and a key trade partner of both the US and China

There are a few small benefits for Europe. While the U.S. and China ramped up barriers against each other, the U.S. has largely kept tariffs on European products the same, except for introducing charges on steel and aluminum imports. China has actually lowered charges on exports from the 19 European countries that use the euro.

"That mildly positive effect for the eurozone has been, however,

more than offset by the hit to business sentiment and demand," says economist Florian Hense at Berenberg bank. "As uncertainty about the future trading regime is pervasive, businesses have cut their outlook and their investment plans. The slowdown in Chinese actual and potential growth, which the trade tensions have exacerbated, also weighs on demand for eurozone exports."

Trump has recently repeated threats to increase tariffs on autos if he does not get a satisfactory new trade deal with the EU.

Germany's top companies issued cautious outlooks along with their earnings for the most recent quarter, even those that are doing relatively well. Volkswagen CEO Herbert Diess warned that "growing protectionism also poses major challenges for the globally integrated auto industry." Siemens AG CEO Joe Kaeser said that "geopolitics and geo-economics are harming an otherwise positive investment sentiment."

The auto industry in particular, with its dependence on demand from operations in China, looks less healthy. Daimler, maker of Mercedes-Benz luxury cars, has issued four profit warnings over 18 mon-

ths and saw its first quarterly loss since 2009. BMW lost money on its autos business in the first quarter for the first time in a decade.

Some of Europe's troubles can't be blamed on the trade dispute. The auto industry is under pressure to meet lower greenhouse gas emissions limits imposed by the European Union. Automakers had expected to rely on more fuel-efficient diesels to help meet the requirements, but saw diesel sales plunge after Volkswagen was caught in 2015 cheating on diesel emissions tests.

Another source of uncertainty is Britain's impending departure from the EU, currently set for Oct. 31. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said he wants to leave without an extension even if that means no divorce deal to smooth trade.

In an effort to ward off a steeper slowdown or possible recession, the European Central Bank has signaled it could provide more monetary stimulus at its Sept. 12 meeting, including new purchases of bonds, which pump newly created money into the economy. It's a measure of Europe's reversal of fortune that a four-year, 2.6 trillion-euro (\$2.9 trillion) bond purchase program was halted only in December.

"What is hurting German exports currently is the uncertainty which has spread across the globe and has also paralyzed many European economies," said Carsten Brzeski, chief economist for Germany at ING. "Looking ahead, the outlook for German exporters is clearly in the hands of the U.S. and China." AP

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## Offbeat

### ARIZONA MAN BAFLED, AMUSED BY 'GREEN SHIRT GUY' STATUS



Alex Kack remained mystified Thursday as to how he became an internet sensation when all he did was laugh at a city council meeting in Arizona.

"Everyone else was doing something far more active than me honestly. I was just laughing," Kack told The Associated Press. "You could have watched me do the same thing in a movie theater."

His amused reaction to an anti-immigrant protester at a Tucson City Council meeting last week over a proposed "sanctuary city" law has earned him folk hero status on social media. The video clip from KVOA-TV has been viewed 9.5 million times. With no way to identify him, Twitter posters dubbed him "Green Shirt Guy" because of the lime green polo he was sporting.

"#GreenShirtGuy" remained the top Twitter trending topic in the U.S. all day Wednesday. Celebrities like model Chrissy Teigen and comedian Patton Oswalt praised "Green Shirt Guy" for literally laughing in the face of his opponents.

The rapid ascent to online fame has been "surreal" for the 28-year-old field organizer.

"There's no other way to phrase it," Kack said. "Patton Oswalt said he loved me twice, once as 'green shirt guy' and once by my name."

He also plans to never part with the shirt.

"Once there are too many holes in it, I'll put it in a frame somewhere."

Kack works for a campaign to put a "sanctuary city" initiative on Tucson voters' November ballot. He was sitting near a woman who he said had been making snide comments throughout the meeting. In the video, the woman, wearing a "Make America Great Again" hat, is seen blasting the measure and then being ushered out with another man by a police officer.

A Twitter user listed as Jen of AZ Patriots identified herself as the protester. Messages via social media and email seeking comment from her and AZ Patriots were not immediately returned on Thursday.

AZ Patriots is a conservative group known for counter-protesting at rallies involving immigration. They also are a defendant in an ongoing federal lawsuit filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center for harassing churches that aid immigrant families.

Kack knows it's unlikely the video would have gone as viral if he had been in a setting that wasn't politically charged. The meeting occurred just three days after a gunman killed 22 people in El Paso, Texas. Authorities believe the shooter posted an online message expressing hate for Mexicans and immigrants.

## TV canal macau



13:00 TDM News (Repetição)

13:30 Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)

15:00 Agua de Mar

15:45 Zig Zag

16:20 Sim Chef! Sr2

16:50 Quem Quer Ser Milionário

17:45 Amor Maior (Repetição)

18:40 Castelos e Palácios da Europa

19:35 Os Nossos Dias Sr.2

20:30 Telejornal

21:15 Linha da Frente

21:50 Filhos da Nação Sr.3

22:25 Amor Maior

23:15 TDM News

23:50 Motel Bates Sr.2

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01:20 RTPi Directo

## cinema



### CINETEATRO

08 - 14 Aug

CRAYON SHINCHAN 2019

ROOM1

2:15pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yumiko Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min



TOY STORY 4

ROOM1

4:00pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min

LINE WALKER 2

ROOM1

4:30pm

Director: Jazz Boon

Starring: Nick Cheung, Peiyao Jiang, Louis Koo

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 110min

THE FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW

ROOM2

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

Director: David Leitch

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min

DORAEMON THE MOVIE:

NOBITA'S CHRONICLE OF THE MOON EXPLORATION

ROOM3

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

Director: Jeong-beom Lee, Shinnosuke Yakuwa

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Sang Hyun Uhm, Jung-jae Lee

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

THE LION KING

ROOM3

9:30pm

Director: J Jon Favreau

Starring: Donald Glover, Beyoncé, Seth Rogen

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 118min

## this day in history



### 1966 CHINA ANNOUNCES CULTURAL REVOLUTION

China has announced plans for a "new leap forward" after the first meeting in four years of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

The blueprint unveiled by the committee shows Peking's determination to spread the words of leader Mao Zedong and purge all those "who have followed the path of capitalism".

According to news broadcast on Radio Peking, the committee wholeheartedly endorsed Chairman Mao's purge and "rectification" programme described as the "great proletarian cultural revolution".

The radio report said the committee had strongly reaffirmed the nation's "hard line" at home and abroad.

It also called on people for renewed efforts to fulfil economic goals.

Chairman Mao attempted to stimulate agricultural and industrial production during the first Great Leap Forward in 1958.

By reorganising small collectives into great communes he hoped to release workers for industry with the aim of driving up steel production.

But the plan backfired - grain output declined leading to the country's biggest famine while industry began producing masses of unwanted, shoddy goods.

Today's report from the Central Committee confirms that conditions now exist for a "new leap forward" - four good successive harvests, progress in nuclear technology and the "invigorating revolutionary atmosphere" prevailing in the country.

According to Chinese News Agency reports, Chairman Mao received a tumultuous reception three days ago when he visited supporters in Peking and called on them to carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end.

Editorials in the People's Daily and Red Flag newspapers subsequently called on the nation's revolutionary masses to expose the "bourgeois rightists" who were marching "on the capitalist road".

The recent dismissal of Pen Cheng, the Mayor of Peking, who ranked sixth in the party's Politburo, can now be seen as a warning to leaders of equally high rank, such as, Premier Chou En-lai, who has been associated in the past with more moderate policies.

The Central Party says anti-socialist right-wingers should receive "severe punishment" - but they should also be given a chance to repent and begin a new life.

It suggests any errant party leaders should overcome their fear of becoming the objects of struggle by engaging in sincere self-criticism.

Thirty-five million copies of "The Selected Works of Mao Zedong" are to be printed within the next 18 months so his thoughts can be relayed to the masses said to be eagerly waiting to study and apply Mao's work.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The Cultural Revolution heralded a dramatic purge of Mao's rivals.

He mobilised the Red Guards, bands of radical students who were ordered to destroy the four "olds" in the country, customs, habits, culture and thinking.

Colleges were shut so they could concentrate on revolution but the Red Guards began to terrorise almost anyone who stood for authority, attacking teachers and even parents, many of whom were tortured or beaten to death. Altogether around three million people were denounced and tens of thousands died in prison.

At the same time Mao removed many of his opponents from within the party and retook absolute control of the party hierarchy.

The revolution ended officially only with Mao's death in 1976.

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**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
 Your brain is extremely active right now, and it's making you very productive and ambitious. Consequently, you will have little patience for people who try to slow you down.

**TAURUS**  
 Apr. 20-May. 20  
 You'll both find yourself talking about some very important issues. Voice your true feelings about everything, and don't worry about seeming jealous or possessive.

**GEMINI**  
 May. 21-Jun. 21  
 Now is a good time to start thinking about how you can take preventative measures to combat a physical problem that runs in your family. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!

**CANCER**  
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
 If you don't take precautionary measures to keep yourself free of the anxiety that this person is spreading, your life could enter a very long period of upheaval and uncertainty.

**LEO**  
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
 You may sense that a person in a position of authority is subtly flirting with you. The fact that someone of this stature is paying so much attention to you will be a nice ego boost.

**VIRGO**  
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22  
 When you're listening to others and blindly doing whatever they say to do, are you giving them too much power? The stars say that today is a day to think for yourself and do what you think is right.

**LIBRA**  
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
 Ask some interesting (but not too personal) questions, and you'll get an careful of fascinating information to follow up on. Getting to know new people will help you feel more at ease.

**SCORPIO**  
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
 Right now, you don't have enough mental bandwidth to give this relationship the attention it deserves. This is not a game you're playing - this is serious stuff, and it needs serious attention.

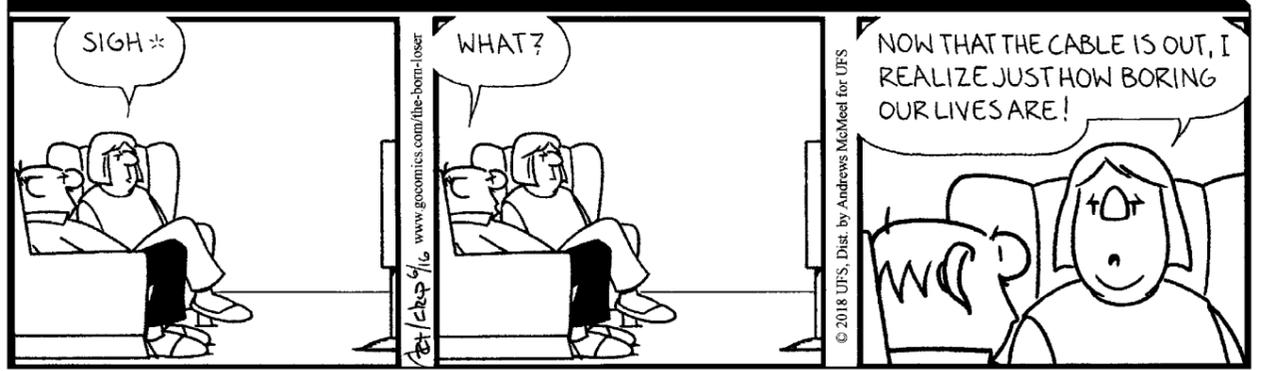
**SAGITTARIUS**  
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
 The decision should be based on how realistic it is. Is backpacking around Europe really a practical goal? And maybe winning an Academy Award isn't in the cards for you. Let go of one dream to make room for another.

**CAPRICORN**  
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
 Socially, you may be feeling less energetic, but this will not hurt your social standing in any way whatsoever. Your people are also feeling this way - all of you are feeling somewhat mellow.

**AQUARIUS**  
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
 One of the hottest opportunities you've had in a long time is losing momentum, but that doesn't mean it's going to come to a complete stop. Do not assume the worst in this situation.

**PISCES**  
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
 Stop putting what others want and think ahead of your needs, and start paying more attention to what you want to learn. Build your knowledge, and you'll build your abilities.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sanson**



**SUDOKU**

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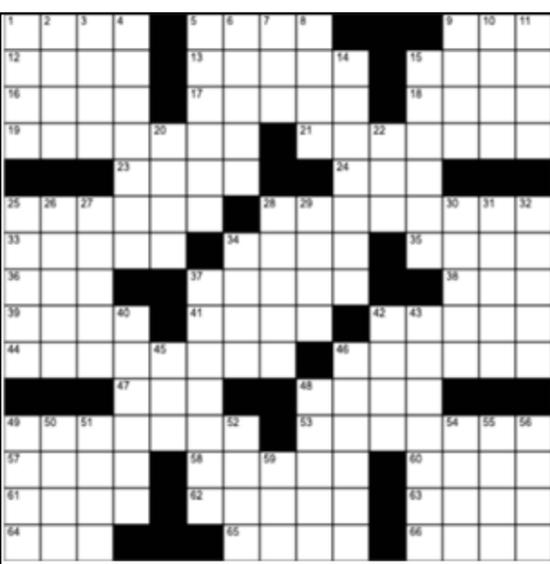
**WEATHER**

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	23	31	overcast
Harbin	18	26	cloudy
Tianjin	22	28	drizzle
Urumqi	20	33	clear
Xi'an	23	36	clear
Lhasa	10	22	shower
Chengdu	25	35	clear
Chongqing	27	38	cloudy
Kunming	17	28	cloudy
Nanjing	24	34	clear
Shanghai	27	35	cloudy
Wuhan	25	36	clear
Hangzhou	25	36	clear
Taipei	26	31	drizzle
Guangzhou	27	35	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	32	shower
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	16	25	cloudy
Frankfurt	12	22	drizzle
Paris	11	19	drizzle
London	10	18	drizzle
New York	21	28	drizzle

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Wise trio; 5- Shambles; 9- Person, slangily; 12- \_\_\_ instant; 13- Nonsensical; 15- Impulse; 16- Dict. entries; 17- Make less tense; 18- Soft ball material; 19- Two wrestlers on the same side; 21- Herb; 23- Nervous; 24- Billiards rod; 25- Power problem; 28- One who lives in a small cozy house; 33- Playground fixture; 34- War, to Sherman; 35- Old Italian bread?; 36- Geom. point; 37- Rice field; 38- PC linkup; 39- \_\_\_ 51, supposed Nevada UFO cover-up site; 41- French summers; 42- Model material; 44- Temerity; 46- Evening; 47- Not 'neath; 48- European erupter; 49- Portal; 53- Flogging; 57- Pulls the plug on; 58- Zsa Zsa or Eva; 60- School on the Thames; 61- Pro or con; 62- Burst forth; 63- \_\_\_ boy; 64- Connections; 65- Changes color; 66- Bubbly name;

**DOWN:** 1- Light spray; 2- Author Seton; 3- Group; 4- In the place of; 5- Optical phenomenon; 6- Adversary; 7- Mule of song; 8- Easy task; 9- Belgian songwriter Jacques; 10- Man-eating giant of popular folklore; 11- Resist openly; 14- Precisely; 15- Open; 20- Rim; 22- Groove; 25- Movie award; 26- Extremist; 27- Wearies; 28- Gives up; 29- Cutlass, e.g.; 30- Breathing organs of fish; 31- Take out; 32- Charged toward; 34- Toppers; 37- English nobility; 40- Riding; 42- Bread rolls; 43- City SE of Los Angeles; 45- Innovative; 46- Begins; 48- Get hitched quick; 49- Lucie's dad; 50- Getting \_\_\_ years (aging); 51- Bookie's concern; 52- Prison area; 54- Sock \_\_\_ mel; 55- Facial feature; 56- Annoying buzzer; 59- Purchase;



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- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IAM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
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### J.D. SALINGER'S BOOKS ARE FINALLY GOING DIGITAL

**YOU'LL** finally be able to catch the late J.D. Salinger's books in digital format.

Longtime Salinger publisher Little, Brown and Company said all four of his works, including "The Catcher in the Rye," will be made available as e-books today, marking the first time that the entirety of his published work will be available in digital format.

His son, Matt Salinger, said the digital holdout ended because many readers use e-books exclusively and some people with disabilities can only use them.

"There were few things my father loved more than

the full tactile experience of reading a printed book, but he may have loved his readers more," said Salinger, who helps oversee his father's literary estate.

In addition to "The Catcher in the Rye," the e-books include "Nine Stories," "Franny and Zooey," and "Raise High the Roof Beam, Carpenters and Seymour: An Introduction."

The electronic publication continues a yearlong centennial celebration of author's birth and his contributions to literature.

Salinger, who died in 2010, lived a reclusive life in Cornish, New Hampshire.

### K-POP SUPERSTAR GROUP BTS WILL TAKE 'EXTENDED' BREAK



**K-POP** superstar group BTS is taking an extended break to "enjoy the ordinary lives of young people in their 20s, albeit briefly," their agency said yesterday.

Big Hit Entertainment said a concert Sunday in Seoul was the group's last scheduled performance before the seven members take "vacations" for the first time since their 2013 debut.

The agency didn't say when BTS will perform again. According to the company's website, BTS is

scheduled to perform in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Seoul in October.

"Should you have a chance encounter with a member of BTS while they are on vacation, we ask that you show consideration for their need to rest and enjoy their private time off," the agency said.

BTS has a large international following and was the first K-pop act to debut atop the Billboard Album chart last year with "Love Yourself: Tear."

### BILL COSBY'S APPEAL TO REVIEW HANDLING OF #METOO CASE

**BILL** Cosby's lawyers will fight to overturn his sexual assault conviction yesterday as the 82-year-old comedian serves a three- to 10-year prison term in Pennsylvania?

Cosby was the first celebrity tried and convicted in the #MeToo era. He insists the sexual encounter with a young woman seeking career advice was consensual.

A jury last year found Cosby drugged and molested her at his suburban Philadelphia estate

in 2004. Defense lawyers contend the trial judge erred in letting five other accusers testify to bolster the prosecution's case.

The three-judge Superior Court panel includes two women jurists. The panel is not expected to rule for several months.

The decision will be closely watched by both sexual assault victims and lawyers for Harvey Weinstein and other high-profile men accused of similar misconduct.



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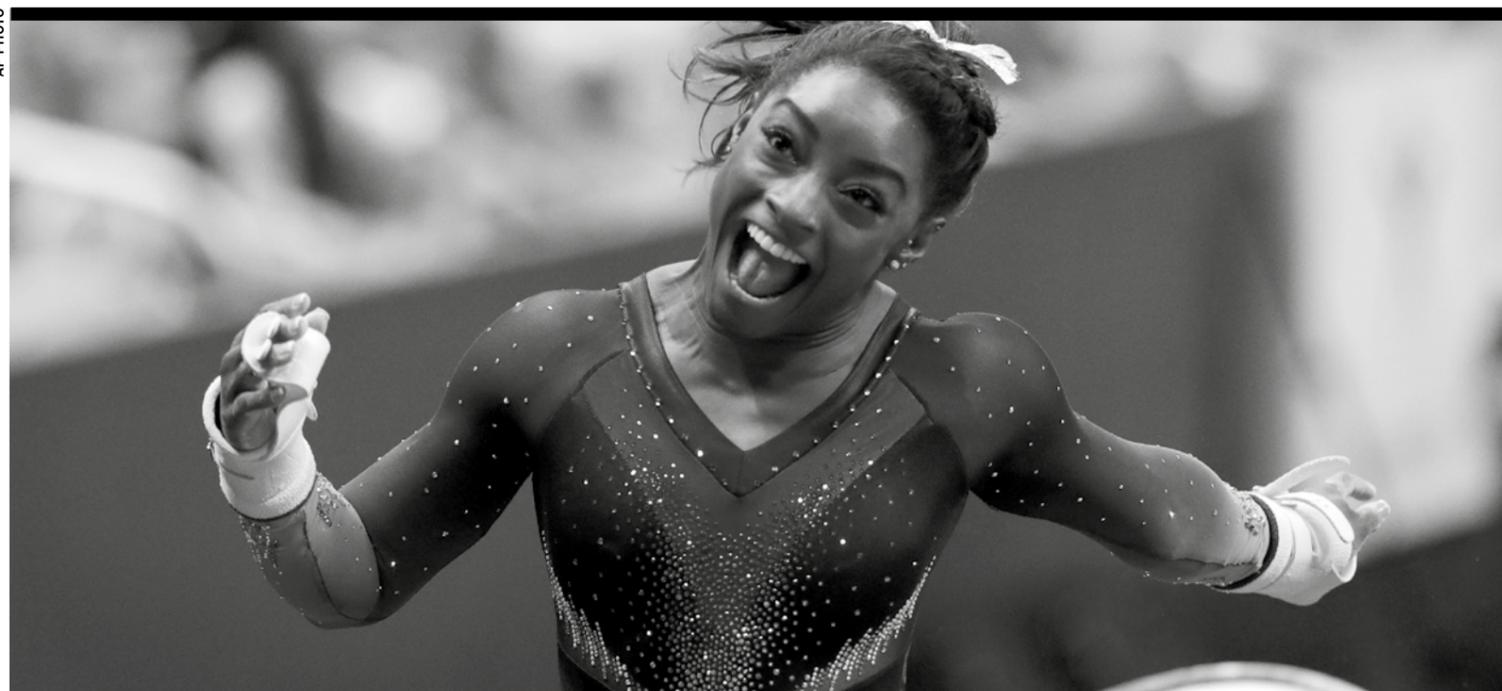
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Simone Biles

GYMNASTICS

# Simone Biles soars to 6th US gymnastics title

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**T**HE choice was entirely hers. Only there really wasn't of one for Simone Biles to make.

Sure, she could have taken her triple-twisting double-flip (aka "the triple-double") out of her floor exercise routine during the final night of the U.S. women's gymnastics championships yesterday [Macau time]. She surely didn't need it to assure herself of another national title.

Still, even as her coach Laurent Landi left the option up to her after the Olympic champion's bid to become the first woman to complete the triple-double in competition came up a bit short on Friday, he knew the answer.

Spend enough time in the gym

around the 22-year-old who is redefining what's possible in her sport one exhilarating routine at a time and it quickly becomes evident that sidestepping a challenge isn't really her thing.

So she threw it at the end of her first tumbling pass, fueled by adrenaline, ambition and otherworldly skill. When the dizzying combination ended with her feet firmly on the floor — if barely in bounds — the jolt through the packed arena was palpable. The smile on her face unmistakable. And the competition — just like it has been for six years and counting whenever Biles is involved — was over.

The triple-double served as the exclamation point on her sixth national championship. Her two-day total of 118.500 was nearly five points clear of 16-year-old

Sunisa Lee in second and more almost seven points ahead of third-place finisher Grace McCallum.

Yet Biles doesn't pay too much attention to the margin or her scores for that matter. She's been a fixture atop the podium for six years and counting. Attempting to find the boundaries of her immense talent is what drives her.

It's why she got so angry after putting both hands down as she tried to land the triple-double on Friday. It's why she never thought about ditching it on Sunday. And it's why she sneaked a peek at her phone while rotating from floor to balance beam, typically a no-no during a meet. Well, at least for anyone not named Simone Biles.

"I wanted to see how it looked," she said.

Here's a word: historic.

"It's like she hit a hole in one and we were all there," USA Gymnastics high performance director Tom Forster said. "It's a big deal and we all know it. No one in the world has done it before in the women and actually, she does it better than most of the men who have done it. She should be super excited about that."

She was. When Biles finished off a two-hour showcase that highlighted how wide the gulf between herself and the rest of the world has become by drilling her dismount on uneven bars: she danced.

Well, sort of. Biles gave Landi a relieved high-five before sticking out her tongue and waving her arms as she ran to hug the rest of competitors in her rotation.

The anger of Friday night — when she openly seethed after shorting the triple-double and making a bit of a mess on bars — was gone.

"I was a lot happier today," Biles said. "I feel I haven't been as confident on bars this year as I was last year. To finally do a good routine like I can do it, I was really happy. I was very happy and the last event, so I was like, 'Thank God we're done.'"

For now anyway. Biles is two months away from a trip to the world championships — where her 20 medals are tied for the most by a female gymnast — and a year away from a return to the Olympics. She was a sensation in 2016, cementing her status as one of the best ever with two weeks of gymnastics that came as close to perfection as the sport allows.

A year to go before a return trip to the games, Biles is even better. And really, it's not close.

"She's a freaking beast," said MyKayla Skinner, an alternate on the 2016 Olympic team who clinched a spot on the national team by finishing eighth. "Like, I don't even understand. I always ask her, 'Do you realize how good you are?' And she's like 'Yeah, but I don't know.' It just comes so naturally, it's amazing."

In a sport that sometimes forces athletes to choose between skill and execution, Biles doesn't have to. She not only puts together the most difficult routines in the world, she does them better than anyone else. Biles won floor, balance beam and vault and finished third on bars even with her "meh" set on Friday.

"She does stuff that I never thought people could do," Lee said.

Lee and 2017 world champion Morgan Hurd were the only women in the field to place ahead of Biles on any event, finishing one-two on bars, solidifying their chances of joining Biles at world championships in Germany in October in the process.

Hurd rebounded from a rocky floor exercise on Friday that dropped her to eighth overall to zoom up to fourth despite admitting she "wanted to throw up a little" when the night began. She promised she would be better on Sunday and she was, despite a technical glitch before her floor when the music started before she took her starting position. She walked off the podium, exhaled and then went out and drilled her set.

"I think more than anything, tonight just really helped my confidence," Hurd said. **AP**

RUGBY

# Springboks captain Kolisi to return against Argentina

**SPRINGBOKS** captain Siya Kolisi will play some part in the Rugby World Cup warmup test against Argentina this weekend, coach Rassie Erasmus said yesterday, with little time left for the flanker to prove his fitness.

Kolisi was out for two months with a knee injury but returned to action with provincial side Western Province in a Currie Cup game on Friday.

Erasmus said Kolisi will be involved against Argentina in Pretoria on Saturday "but it will be limited minutes."

"We won't rush him," Erasmus said. "We need to carefully manage his return."

Kolisi was the first black player to be appointed captain of South Africa's rugby team.

He needs game time after missing the victorious

Rugby Championship campaign.

The Springboks face Argentina at home and play Japan in Japan in warmup games before lining up against defending champion New Zealand in their first match at the World Cup on Sept. 21.

"He (Kolisi) is a guy we desperately want to be involved on Saturday and we will involve him," Erasmus said after the Springboks

squad returned home from Argentina with the Rugby Championship trophy.

South Africa beat Argentina 46-13 away in Salta on Saturday to clinch the southern hemisphere title for the first time since 2009.

"Winning a trophy wasn't something we had done for a while so that was great but in a few months there's a bigger one to win and that's our main aim," Erasmus said. "We have got some

momentum and [are] developing consistency and that's very important to us."

Saturday's test against Argentina at Loftus Versfeld could also be Erasmus' last in charge at home if he keeps a promise he made to step aside as head coach after the World Cup in Japan.

Erasmus has been combining roles as director of rugby and coach and said last year he would return to his director job with SA Ru-

gby full time after the World Cup.

Erasmus has turned the Springboks around since taking over in early 2018 and they've beaten the world champion All Blacks 36-34 and drawn 16-16 in their last two games in New Zealand.

In 2017, South Africa lost 57-0 in New Zealand — a record defeat for the Springboks — under former coach Allister Coetzee. **AP**

**OPINION**

**World Views**

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**TRUMP WANTS TO MOVE AGENCIES OUT OF WASHINGTON, DC**

The Washington, D.C., area is already rich and overcrowded, and with the arrival of Amazon.com Inc.'s second headquarters it's about to get thousands more high-paying jobs. Lots of other metropolitan areas, especially in the middle of the country, are less rich and less crowded. So why not move some good government jobs out of Washington?

Cult Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang is all for it. From his campaign website: "Federal agencies that aren't directly tied to general government activities (e.g., the NIH) should be relocated to different areas throughout the country to provide a boost to local economies and tie the rest of the country to the federal government." Vox.com's Matthew Yglesias made the same argument in a much-discussed 2016 opinion piece that clearly inspired Yang, given that both recommend that the first agency to move should be the National Institutes of Health, to Cleveland.

It's not just people whose names begin with Y that think this might be a good idea. Moving federal agencies out of Washington has been endorsed by renowned urbanist Richard Florida, proposed in legislation by conservative Ohio Congressman Warren Davidson, and to some extent put into effect in past decades by the late West Virginia Senator Robert Byrd.

So why is the U.S. Department of Agriculture getting so much blowback over the decision to move its Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture from Washington to Kansas City? (The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management is also moving its headquarters to Colorado, but that involves fewer jobs and has occasioned less protest.)

Clearly, some of it has to do with the way the Trump administration has handled things.

Even the best-intended, best-planned agency move would occasion lots of grumbling, though. In the Netherlands, where the government decided in the 1960s that spreading government agencies around the country would be a good way to combat (1) housing shortages in and around The Hague and (2) joblessness in the country's eastern regions, the process took decades and was accompanied by much protest and backpedaling. The highest-profile move of all, that of the postal and telecom service to Groningen in the country's northeastern corner, ended up being largely reversed after the agency was privatized (PostNL NV is now headquartered in The Hague and Koninklijke KPN NV, the telco, is in nearby Rotterdam). All this in a country where the spread-the-government plan had the support of all major political parties, and no city is more than three hours by train from The Hague.

On the face of it, moving the USDA agencies to Kansas City seems like a good match. The ERS gathers data and publishes reports on crops and other agriculture-related topics, and the National Institute of Agriculture makes research grants. Kansas City is a big, vibrant metropolitan area with lots of well-educated people that's close to major farming regions and land-grant universities with good agricultural-science departments. It also has a median house price of \$227,000, according to the National Association of Realtors, compared with \$456,500 for the D.C. area. There are surely lots of talented agricultural economists and grant-making experts who would not find living in Kansas City to be an unbearable hardship. Their spouses and partners do have more good jobs to choose from in the D.C. area, which is one of the factors that has helped concentrate good jobs in a limited number of metropolitan areas in recent decades, but a broad, coordinated government effort to bring more agencies there might help with that.

What we're witnessing now is not a broad, coordinated effort. It's another slapdash move by an administration that has made bumbling bad faith a trademark. Spreading more government agencies around the country is a policy that 'could' attract bipartisan support and lots of expert assistance. Those are two things that Donald Trump isn't interested in or capable of attracting, but maybe somebody else could make it work. Your move, President Yang.

[Abridged]

A former Ohio State diving club coach will be sentenced on charges related to allegations of having sex with a diver who was a teenager at the time.

The diver, Estee Pryor, shared her allegations publicly and is expected to give a statement at former coach William Bohonyi's sentencing yesterday in Columbus. She says Bohonyi began pressuring her for sex when she was 16.

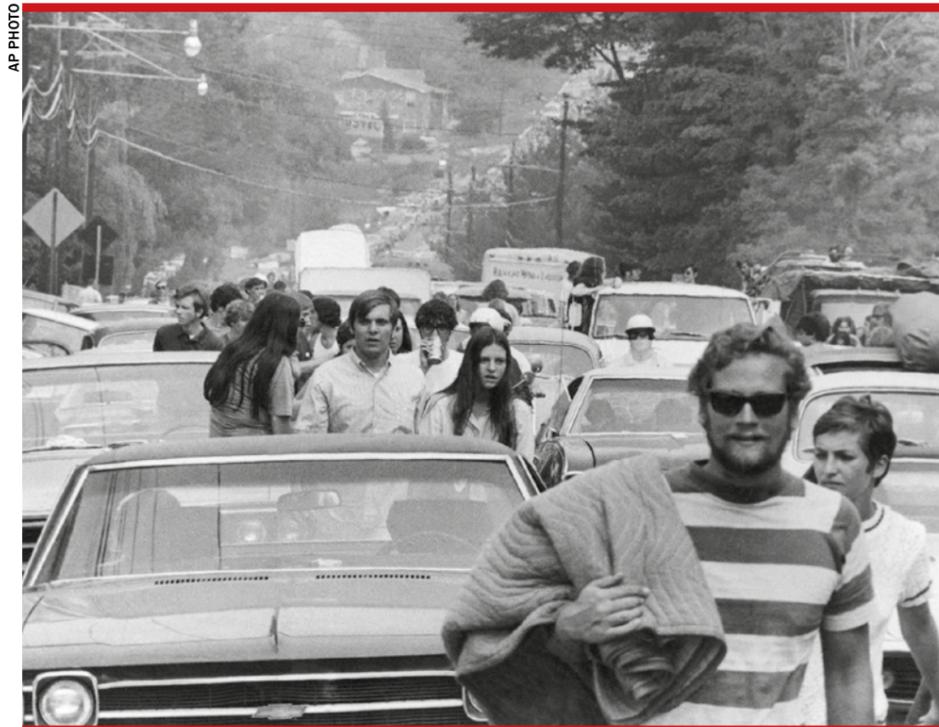
Bohonyi pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual battery in May.

His lawyer, Brad Koffel, previously said Bohonyi had a consensual relationship and the case isn't as bad as it was portrayed.

Ohio State fired Bohonyi in August 2014.

Pryor is among divers suing Indianapolis-based USA Diving, alleging it didn't do enough to stop Bohonyi.

USA Diving has said it didn't knowingly participate in alleged misconduct.



**WHERE WAS WOODSTOCK HELD? FIVE MYTHS ABOUT THE FAMOUS FESTIVAL**

**F**IFTY years on, this week, Woodstock is surrounded by myths, legends and misperceptions – a story the Times will explore in depth in our Extra supplement on Friday. Meanwhile, here's the real story about five of those legends.

**1. WOODSTOCK WAS NOT HELD AT WOODSTOCK**

It made sense that co-organizer Michael Lang wanted to have the concert in Woodstock. The Catskill Mountains town was already known for being an artists' colony and Bob Dylan's rural hideaway. But key people in the town wanted no part of the concert. The festival was going to be held a bit south of Woodstock at an old industrial site in Wallkill, New York. But those plans fell through about a month before the show, sending Lang scrambling to find a new site. He was driving through farm country in Bethel, New York, when he spied a gently sloping alfalfa field. He struck a deal with the farmer, Max Yasgur.

**2. THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY STAYED OPEN**

"The New York State Thruway is closed, man," Arlo Guthrie famously announced from the festival stage. Not exactly. Police

closed at least one thruway exit east of the festival to stem the source of a blockbuster traffic jam around the site. How bad were the roads? The New York Daily News reported on Aug. 16, 1969, that cars were being delayed by as much as eight hours between New York City and the concert site — a distance of less than 100 miles.

**3. BABIES WERE (SORT OF) BORN AT WOODSTOCK**

This one could be true depending on how you define "at Woodstock." The concert's medical director told reporters at the scene of the festival that there were two births: one at a local hospital after the mother was flown out by helicopter; the other in a car caught in traffic. Wade Lawrence, the director of what is now the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts at the festival site, recently confirmed the helicopter story with the medevac pilot, who said the mother gave birth at the hospital.

**4. MAX YASGUR WAS NOT A COUNTRY BUMPKIN**

Yasgur told the young crowd massed on his field he was a farmer not used to speaking to groups. Self-deprecation aside, he ran a large dairy operation with a large herd, trucks and its own plant. Nephew Marty Miller said that he warned his uncle months earlier that Woodstock's organizers might come knocking, and that Yasgur was ready when it happened. Lang in his memoir describes Yasgur as a "sharp guy." Miller said that beyond rent money, Yasgur benefited from improvements to the field, such as wells. "Max was an astute businessman, very sharp. He was nobody's fool," Miller said.

5. WOODSTOCK WAS NOT EXACTLY THREE DAYS OF PEACE AND MUSIC

The famous concert poster with a bird perched on a guitar neck advertised "three days of peace and music," spanning from Aug. 15-17. There was undisputedly music at Woodstock, and many attendees reportedly spent the weekend blissed out. But Woodstock lasted more than three days. Thanks to delays, it bled into the morning of Aug. 18. Jimi Hendrix came on stage after the sun came up, after a large portion of the crowd had left.

**5. WOODSTOCK WAS NOT EXACTLY THREE DAYS OF PEACE AND MUSIC**

On Friday, we will publish a long feature on Woodstock event in our Extra supplement. **MDT/AP**



**Mexico** The government has auctioned off the mansion of a Chinese-Mexican businessman facing drug trafficking charges. Video posted on the website of the newspaper El Universal shows the Mexico City mansion selling for USD5.25 million, slightly above the minimum asking price of \$5 million.

**Geneva** Swiss police say they have detained a German man in connection with a backpack filled with fake pipe bombs found near the route of a large techno music parade in Zurich on Saturday.

**Croatia** Officials in Croatia say two South Korean tourists have been found dead in a river at a national park in the southeast of the country.



**Norway** A suspected gunman accused of an attempted terrorist attack on an Oslo mosque and separately killing his teenage stepsister appeared in court yesterday for a hearing, but his defense lawyer said he "will use his right not to explain himself for now."

**Russia** The failed missile test that ended in an explosion killing five scientists last week on Russia's White Sea involved a small nuclear reactor, according to a top official at the institute where they worked.



**USA** A day care center where children could stay overnight as their parents worked was ravaged by a fire that killed five and sent the owner to the hospital, authorities said.