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Thailand A court commuted a Taiwanese man's sentence for smuggling heroin to life imprisonment after sentencing him to death. The Bangkok Criminal Court official confirmed that 38-year-old Chen Kuan Lin (pictured) had been arrested while trying to smuggle 5.6 kilograms of heroin from Thailand to Taiwan. Authorities found 18 tin boxes labeled as cooling powder in his luggage as he was about to fly from Bangkok's Don Muang airport.

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Japan A Tokyo court held a hearing yesterday into the case of a former brokerage manager who says he was forced from his job for taking paternity leave. Canadian Glen Wood (pictured) wants to get back his former position of equity sales manager at brokerage giant Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley. He sued the company last year.

South Korea Thousands of protesters rallied yesterday in Seoul for the second consecutive week to call for the ouster of President Moon Jae-in's hand-picked justice minister, whose family is at the center of an investigation into allegations of financial crimes and academic favors. *More on p13*

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Afghanistan A special U.N. report has criticized American airstrikes earlier this year against alleged drug facilities in Afghanistan, saying the attacks were unlawful and caused significant civilian casualties. The report, released yesterday in both Kabul and Geneva, says the U.N. verified 39 civilian casualties, among them 14 children and a woman.

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UN OFFICER COMMENDS PROGRESSIVE APPROACH TO DRUG ABUSE

A visiting official from the United Nations has praised Macau's progressive view of substance abuse, which tends to regard it as a health problem rather than a criminal one. The approach is unusual in most of East and Southeast Asia.

Speaking in her personal capacity on the sidelines of a local workshop yesterday, Karen Peters, Associate Drugs and Health Officer of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), commended Macau's work in preventing and intervening in drug addiction.

The two-day workshop was organized by The Association of Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers of Macao (ARTM), with the support of the University of St. Joseph, while the UNODC was the training entity.

The UN's theme this year for the prevention and intervention of substance use is "Justice for Health, Health for Justice," which encourages all parts of the world to consider substance abuse as a medical problem instead of a criminal problem.

The Social Welfare Bureau and the Health Bureau have been collaborating with non-government organizations (NGOs) such as the ARTM to operate a needle retrieval program.

Substance users who inject narcotics with needles and syringes can dispose of their used apparatus with the help of the

Social Welfare Bureau. Users will not be referred to the police or prosecuted.

This has proven effective in preventing needle-related accidents and the spread of certain diseases. It can also help NGOs and the government to keep track of and provide support to substance users.

Peters commented on the program, saying that it is not a secret. She admitted it is one practice in Macau that is not allowed in many other jurisdictions.

"[Other places] consider it encouraging drug use, but with the science behind that has never been proven," said Peters. "The program [provides] positive health benefits to the users and, when

it's correctly administered, it also has positive social benefits." The UNODC officer described this as one area in which Macau excels.

Another "medal of excellence" that Macau obtained, in Peters' personal view, is that the work of drug control, apart from within the authorization of the law-enforcement agencies, is mainly overseen by the social welfare branch of the government.

"It is not very common. Usually the drug control agencies are situated in public security [branches]," Peters commented. "The difference is how you address drugs: do you address drugs [with] a social welfare and public health perspective or a public security perspective."

According to Peters, the practice of placing drug control under social welfare is very specific to Macau, compared with other jurisdictions in Asia. "It makes our work with the Macau government much easier because they are always ready to address the problem with social welfare and public health policy," added Peters.

She further added that UNODC experiences show that they have to convince governments in many places to take this approach when dealing with substance use prevention and intervention.

Substance use has been considered a health problem rather than a security one in many European countries. The use of substances has since been decriminalized and, often, since they will not face criminal procedures, substance users became more willing to seek medical support.

Questioned as to whether this approach can or will be adopted in Macau, ARTM president Augusto Nogueira replied that analysis has been started.

"[We want to see if] drug users can be given other alternatives, for example, community work, counseling or out-patient [treatments]," Nogueira explained. "So, [all these options] instead of sending them to prison. We will continue to discuss that next year."

Both Nogueira and Peters stressed that the options only apply to people solely using substances. Those with other criminal charges will need to go through normal criminal procedures.

Presiding over the workshop was Professor Victor Teixeira from the university, who thanked both UNODC and ARTM for helping Macau to train future professionals. **AL**

Fitch Ratings assigns expected 'A/stable' rating to Macau-issued notes

FITCH Ratings has assigned an expected rating of "A/stable" to the Bank of China's (BOC) proposed senior unsecured notes to be issued by its Macau branch under its \$40 billion medium-term note (MTN) program.

The BOC plans to issue various notes denominated in U.S. dollars, euros and

Chinese yuan with fixed and floating rates, and the proposed notes will be traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

According to a statement issued yesterday by Fitch Ratings, the final rating is contingent upon the receipt of final documents conforming to information already received.

Fitch first rated BOC's MTN program 'A/'F1' on December 9, 2013, with the most recent affirmation on January 18, 2019. The program's size was increased to \$40 billion, from \$30 billion, in April 2018 to meet the bank's funding needs, which will be used for commercial purposes.

The strong rating was

helped in part by the guarantee underpinning the BOC by the Chinese government. As the Macau branch of the BOC is part of the same legal entity as its mother company, Fitch Ratings said that the proposed notes have been rated with a view to the "agency's expectations of an extremely high probability of support

from the Chinese sovereign (A+/Stable) in the event of stress."

With this in mind, "any change to the proposed notes' rating will be correlated directly with changes in BOC's Issuer Default Rating, which will in turn reflect any shift in the perceived willingness or ability of the government to support the bank in a full and timely manner."

Also in yesterday's statement, Fitch Ratings said that Bank of China holds an environmental, social and governance (ESG) relevan-

ce score of 4 for financial transparency risk due to under-reporting of NPLs and risk-weighted assets stemming from the use of off-balance-sheet transactions.

"This negatively affects the bank's credit profile and is relevant to the rating in conjunction with other factors," Fitch Ratings noted.

The bank is also given an ESG relevance score of 4 for governance structure risk, as there is potential for significant state influence given the lack of independence from the Chinese government. **DB**

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MUST invites name submissions for Macau's first scientific satellite



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MACAU'S first scientific satellite is planned for launch in 2020 or 2021, the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) announced yesterday during the ceremony for the launch and naming of the project at the MUST campus. The University is calling on the Macau public to submit suggestions to name the satellite.

Initiated by MUST, the project is jointly organized by the Macau SAR government, the Liaison Office and the China National Space Administration, and is co-organized by the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences of MUST.

Not only will this satellite be the first for Macau, it will also be the "world's first and only scientific exploration satellite so far to be placed in a near-equatorial orbit to monitor the geomagnetic field and space environment of the near-equator South Atlantic Anomaly," according to MUST.

In practical terms, the satellite will serve "to provide basic information for oil exploration, forecasting disasters, mitigation of space-related disasters, weather forecasts, and it can be used for industrial or civilian navigation" according to Liu Liang, president of MUST.

The core objective of the satellite project lies in the SAA Geomagnetic Exploration and the Earth's deep interior and geodynamo research. The satellite is said to be "able to provide high-accuracy, high-resolution and long-time vector magnetic data and high-energy particles data of the SAA space, and is expected to yield world-leading research outcomes and social benefits in basic and applied research areas such as thermomagnetic magnetization of geological rocks, geodynamo, and nuclear magnetic fluid dynamics."

To help raise awareness of Macau's scientific and technological developments, the project team is holding a naming event for Macau's First Scientific Satellite Project, inviting the public to submit names for the satellite until the end of the month.

All Macau residents, non-resident students studying in Macau, and non-resident workers working in Macau are eligible to take part in the event. Each set of ID information is eligible to participate once, and each person must be over 6 years old.

Participants are required to prepare a brief statement of no more than 150 words, explaining the meaning behind their name.

Winners of the 1st prize, 2nd prize and 3rd prize will be assessed and selected by a content evaluation committee, in addition to a participation prize, which will be drawn randomly on a computer by the event organizer.

The project team will choose a name from the list of those submitted by the public and may also make changes to the chosen name in order to give the satellite its final name.

The project will continue to explore a series of interconnected scientific studies including the manufacturing and testing work of the satellite, to be completed by the end of this year. Afterwards, research and analysis will be conducted, based on the data provided by the satellite.

In addition, the team plans to use the project to promote scientific education programs for Macau youth. Once the project's Earth surface mission center is completed, students of all levels in Macau will be invited to visit the center. The team will also join students on their campuses to provide talks, training and observational tutorials. There will also be cross-regional science experience camps, travelling studies and other activities.

The State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Science of MUST was approved by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and established on October 8, 2018. The lab's overall objective includes constructing a research center on planetary sciences with international influence.

Between 2004 and 2019, the Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) approved 1,243 science research projects, granting a total of 1.46 billion patacas in funding, Ma Chi Ngai, chairman of the Administration Council of FDCT, revealed on Friday during a TDM program. A large sum went towards funding university research institutions, followed by industry. Only a small amount was granted to individuals. According to Ma, most of the research results of individuals were small inventions or daily necessities that require low technology. Currently, FDCT is considering how university research projects can be put onto the market. By doing so, Ma hopes to promote cooperation between industry and universities. Ma said that FDCT has already arranged for a team of experts to evaluate all types of projects.

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16 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS FALL VICTIM TO PHONE SCAMS

Sixteen university students have fallen victim to phone scams since the beginning of this year, according to the Judiciary Police (PJ). During this period, a total of 84 phone scam cases (around 10 fewer cases compared to the same period last year) were registered by the police authority, with a total claimed loss of 12.28 million patacas. For the 16 university students scammed, including one postgraduate student, most of scammers pretended to be government employees. PJ director Sit Chong Meng believes that, once the city's cyber security law comes into effect on December 22 and once the SIM card real name registration policy is implemented, phone scams will be cracked down upon more effectively.

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TOURISM

CAPE VERDE BECOMING ONE OF WEST AFRICA'S MOST ATTRACTIVE DESTINATIONS

Cape Verde is among the most promising tourist markets in West Africa at a time when the continent is increasingly eyeing the sector as an economic driver, according to an assessment released by Hospitality and Tourism International (HTI) Consulting.

The assessment, released during the African Property Investment (API) Summit that took place last week in Johannesburg, said that the main investment destinations in the hotel industry in West Africa besides Cape Verde are Senegal, Benin and Ghana.

The number of tourists in Cape Verde has been growing steadily. The country welcomed more than 765,000 tourists in 2018, and the government has set a target of reaching 1 million tourists by 2021 through measures such as visa-free travel, incentives for private investment and improvements in maritime transport and flights between the country's islands.

"Other markets offer opportunities, but the potential for security or political upheavals can hurt long-term performance and revenues," Wayne Troughton, head of HTI Consulting, told the conference. In the assessment, other Portuguese-speaking countries such as Angola, Guinea Bissau or São Tomé and Príncipe were not even mentioned.

"We are following the investment of structured funds, predo-



minantly from Europe and the Middle East; an increasing percentage of individuals with high liquidity from Europe, the Middle East and Africa itself; European, African and North American proprietary investors and family funds from the Middle East, the

United Kingdom, Europe and South Africa," said Troughton.

The most frequent investment opportunities, he said, are mid-range, 150-room city hotels located near business districts, conference centers and transportation platforms.

A Macau group, Macau Legend, expects to complete construction of a hotel and casino in Praia, Cape Verde, by the end of 2020, according to information recently sent to investors.

The office building and infrastructure on the Santa Maria

islet in Praia "will be completed by the end of 2019 and the new hotel and casino will be completed by the end of 2020," following the introduction of some changes to the project to accommodate local geographical limitations.

David Chow, owner of the Macau Legend Group, signed an agreement for the construction of the Gamboa/Santa Maria Island development with the Cape Verdean government in 2015.

Chow received a 25-year gambling license from the Cape Verdean government, 15 years of which will be on an exclusive basis on the island of Santiago, which cost Macau Legend subsidiary CV Entertainment Co. the equivalent of about 1.2 million euros. It also received an exclusive 10-year license for the provision of online gaming and sports betting services.

In the first half of 2019, more than 2.45 million overnight stays in Cape Verde were booked by foreign tourists, a year-on-year increase of 4.6%, according to the archipelago's National Statistics Institute.

The average hotel occupancy rate in Cape Verde was 60% in the first quarter and 49% in the second quarter, while the average stay was 5.8 and 6.1 nights respectively, according to the same data. **MDT/MACAUHUB**

Macau ranks eighth in per capita tourism spending

Per capita spending of visitors to Macau amounted to \$2,062 last year, according to Globehunters, leading the special administrative region to rank eighth worldwide in terms of per capita tourism spend.

However, the calculation was based on a total visitor spend of \$35.5 billion and the number of visitors reaching 17.22 million. According to official data from the government, visitor arrivals in reached 32.6 million in 2017, the year for which data was used to compile the ranking.

The ranking, which used data provided by the World Tourism Organization, shows the regions that are the pri-

ciest places to visit.

Australia topped the rankings, with an average spend per tourist of \$4,734, and over \$41.73 billion in total for its annual tourism spend.

Luxembourg and Lebanon came in second and third respectively in terms of per capita spend, with an average spend per tourist of \$4,322 and \$4,099 respectively. Their total spend amounted to \$4.51 billion and \$7.61 billion respectively.

The report also highlighted New Zealand and the USA as part of the top five countries for big spenders.

Hong Kong was ranked 29th in per capita spend, with over 27.8 million tourists per year

and an average spend per tourist amounting to \$1,194. The HK-SAR's annual tourism spend was \$33.3 billion, ranking 11th in this metric.

However, the neighboring region's ranking may change, as the city continues to see a dive in tourist arrivals with protests deterring visitors.

Along with spend per person, the report also listed the countries that make the most money from tourism. The USA ranked first, bringing in a total of over \$210 billion. Macau was ranked ninth, with visitors boosting the SAR's economy by \$35.5 billion in 2017.

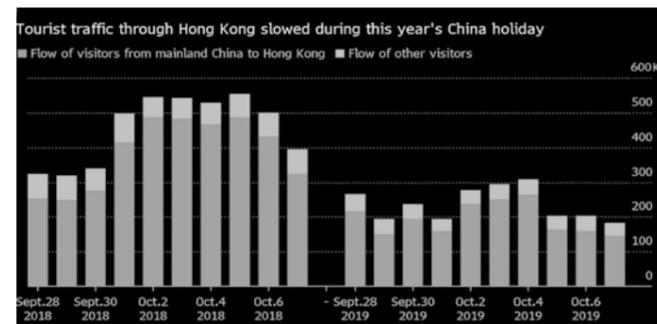
Other Asian coun-

tries that were included in the top 10 included Thailand and Japan, where revenue from tourism amounted to \$57.5 billion and \$34 billion respectively.

Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) for the second quarter of this year indicated that total spending - excluding gaming expenses - of visitors in the second quarter of 2019 dropped by 4.8% year-on-year to MOP15.71 billion, or about \$2 billion.

Earlier this year, the Times reported that local retailers have seen little to no improvement in their business in the last quarter of 2018, despite a boost in the number of visitor arrivals. **LV**

FEWER CHINESE VISITORS BRAVE HONG KONG



FEWER visitors from mainland China flocked to Hong Kong during this year's National Day holiday period, according to data from Hong Kong's Immigration Department.

The slowdown in tourism represents one of the many setbacks facing the city as it grapples with the effects of months-long protests, as flows of visitors from other parts of the world also declined.

At the same time, residents of mainland China generally engaged in less overseas travel this year amid a weaker eco-

nomy and currency, an earlier report showed.

Macau proved largely immune, as the Times reported yesterday. According to data provided by the Public Security Police Force, which oversees immigration matters, the city received 11.5% more visitors during this year's Golden Week, taking the number of arrivals to 985,000.

The government said that the rise was in line with its expectations, and was in part due to the influence of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, which opened only in late October 2018. **DB/BLOOMBERG**

Architect suggests micro-housing as solution to shortage

LYNZY VALLES

A low-cost and micro-living housing unit is coming to Hong Kong as early as next year, with the goal of easing the neighboring region's housing problems.

Named the OPod Tube House, project mastermind and CEO of James Law Cybertecture James Law told the Times that after the possible rollout in 2020, it would invite residents to live in it on one or two-year contracts.

"It's past the experimental stage. We are now in the process of building the first housing using this design," said Law on the sidelines of the British Business Association of Macau talk yesterday.

The OPod Tube House is a 100-square-foot space made from two repurposed concrete water pipes, and is equipped with a small bathroom, compact kitchen, shelving and a couch that converts into a bed. Each house is equipped with smartphone locks for online access.

They can also be stacked to be-



come a low-rise building and a modular community within a short time, and may also be located in different sites within the city.

During the talk, Law, who is also the director of the Hong Kong Design Center, explained that such housing could tackle the lack of affordable housing in the neighboring city.

As the Macau SAR is also experiencing a similar housing issue, Law recommended that the city should have a policy to disrupt the

problem that residents are facing.

"A policy in place from the government to make available the unused or disused government land housing is the first thing Macau needs," said the architect.

"Secondly, you have to have an ecosystem of NGOs who are willing to do these projects at no profit in order to keep costs low and make it available to people. There is no point building these houses if it turns out to be about the same price of private housing; you need to

have it disproportionately cheap," he said.

Rent of the OPod would be set at about HKD2,500 per month, only about 20% of Hong Kong's average one-bedroom apartment rental rate.

"The project is not typical real estate, but a social housing project made possible because the land was given for free," Law explained, adding that constructing each unit would cost HKD150,000.

"You cannot get away with not building long-term public housing, but if there is already a problem in place which is quite serious, the fastest way to give some relief to the problem is to build transient housing," the architect said.

"It's a two-pronged attack. You need to have fast housing, but then you also need to have [these types of units] because people can't live forever in transit housing," he added.

According to Law, the project was made possible as it partnered with a charity to manage the units. The charity was willing to subsidize them, which has made the rent much cheaper.

PROPERTY PRICES SLIP 0.6%, LED BY PENINSULA MARKET

Property prices were 0.6% lower in the three-month period from June through to August 2019, compared to the previous period between May and July. The data was released yesterday by Macau's Statistics and Census Service and showed that the overall residential property price index had dropped to 267.8. The index for the Macau Peninsula (269.1) dropped by 0.8%, while that for Taipa and Coloane (261.9) rose by 0.6%. During the three-month period, newer residential units tended to see their value climb faster than older units. Analyzed by year of building completion, the indexes for residential units completed between 11 and 20 years ago decreased by 0.7%, whereas the index for residential units completed between 6 and 10 years ago grew by 0.7%. The index for pre-sale residential units (282.0) increased by 0.4%.

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Art Macao could be the most visited art exhibition in the world

RENATO MARQUES

IN its first-ever edition, the "Art Macao" mega-event was visited by over 16 million people, making it arguably the most visited art exhibition in the world, surpassing the "Musée du Louvre" in Paris, which receives some 10 million annual visitors.

That was the message left yesterday evening by the organizers of the event during a dinner to officially close Art Macao. The unprecedented art event in Macau began in May.

Hosting the dinner, Frederic Winckler, Chief Creative and Brand Officer of Melco Resorts & Entertainment, cited the staggering figure first mentioned by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, to note the "incredible achievement." Winckler insisted that the dinner was

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as a "celebration" of the event and not a traditional "closing."

"If in the beginning, it looked difficult to achieve 16 million people, let us see what has been done," said Winckler, going on

to list as examples, "large exhibitions, performances, well-known artists from around the world and not only from around the world but also emerging talents from Macau."

"Ten million people visit the 'Louvre' each year, which means that Art Macao had three times as many people seeing it than the 'Louvre' in Paris," he added, extrapolating the full-year visitation

of Art Macao. "Congratulations, this is an amazing result."

For Winckler, more important than the total number of visitors is the fact that Art Macao had managed to show that this "is a city that is keen to be a platform for exchange and expression and that's great."

Just before Winckler, Tam had expressed his satisfaction with this first edition. The Secretary who oversees cultural matters said that Art Macao will return in a similar format next year.

For Tam, the "mega-event" that mobilized the six gaming concessionaires together with a large number of government departments and entities is a good example of how "art can connect people and create a new atmosphere in the city." He said it contributed to the promotion of arts and culture-related tourism.

"We have seen the success of the activities and the attraction effect that caused in the tourism [sector]," said Tam, adding that the figures achieved "surpassed our expectations."

"I hope in future we can continue with this effort to built Macau as an art brand," said Tam.

CINEMATHEQUE - PASSION

German Film Festival returns, paying homage to Schlöndorff

FEATURING 10 recent German films and two "Macao Special" films, in addition to four compelling works by Director-in-Focus Volker Schlöndorff and a talk on his work, German Film Festival Kino@Macao will return between October 19 and November 13.

The festival will kick off with "Balloon," a real-life adaptation that transports the audience back 40 years, when Germany was split between the East and West. Portraying the story of a family planning to escape East Germany to the West in a hot-air balloon, it depicts people's hope and fight for freedom.

Based on a sensational "honor" killing, "A Regular Woman" charts a Muslim woman's experience of oppression. "Gundermann" unveils the relationship between an East German secret policeman and singer-songwriter Gerhard Gundermann, who tragically died in 1998.

"Roads" is about the friendship between two young men in search of their loved ones on a hilarious and exciting journey. "The Most Beautiful Couple" investigates hidden desire through the traumatic and dark experience of a middle-class couple.

"Sweethearts" brings the viewer to a changing friendship between a single-mother and criminal Mel, and her hostage, while "25 km/h" unites two brothers at their father's

COURTESY CINEMATHEQUE - PASSION



Two brothers unite at their father's funeral and start a journey to find the meaning of life in "25 km/h"

funeral, and a journey to find the meaning of life develops.

"The Collini Case" uncovers a scandal from the World War I and a murder. In "The Mover," the protagonist has to expel his son and daughter-in-law for a money laundering syndicate, and documentary "Chris the Swiss" follows the mysterious death of journalist Chris, who is the director's admired cousin.

Volker Schlöndorff, German film maestro and prominent figure in the New German Cinema movement, turns 80 this year. His remarkable works have earned him the Palme d'Or and award for Best Foreign Language Film at the Oscars. His portfolio spans over 30 films and performing art works.

The session, offering a broad view of his creative paths over 20 years, features "Baal" (1969), "Young Törless" (1965) and "The Legend of Rita" (2000). Led by Dr. Derek Lam, the film talk will give an in-depth understanding of Schlöndorff's practice.

Kino@Macao 2019 will present two Macau-exclusive films, namely "Lotte at the Bauhaus" and "Babylon Berlin Ep. 1-2."

The former depicts a young woman's pursuit of emancipation and creative development, while the latter brings us the thrilling story of a post-World War I secret mission. Both screenings are followed by talks given by distinguished authors. **AL**

IFFAM

IN BUSAN, MACAU ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCE SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

THE Organizing Committee of the Fourth International Film Festival and Awards - Macao (IFFAM) has announced, on the sidelines of the Opening of Busan International Film Festival, that this year IFFAM would feature a series of presentations related to the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR).

As announced by the organizers in a statement, the presentations will be one of the special highlights of this year's program.

The announcement was made at the Busan International Film Festival in Korea, where the organizing committee of IFFAM also took the opportunity to meet with the recently announced Talent Ambassador for this year, Kim Jun-myeon (Suho), who also attended the opening ceremony of the festival.

For the special program, the organizers included a selection of local films that will be screened in this non-competition section. Besides marking the celebratory date, showcasing creative industries in Macau and paying tribute to the city's film industry, this screening aims to draw attention to local film pro-

ductions, putting them on an international stage.

Organized by the Macao Government Tourism Office and the Macau Films & Television Productions and Culture Association, IFFAM is committed to becoming a major gathering for international filmmakers to enhance cultural exchange, while advancing Asian film talent and film works on the global stage.

As an event that is already part of the annual international event calendar, IFFAM aims to push forward the development of local film, cultural and creative industries, as well as pave the way for a broader development of cultural, artistic and tourism-related platforms, among others.

Besides the novelty of the "20th Anniversary Macao Special Presentations," this year's IFFAM will feature different sections, such as an International Competition, New Chinese Cinema, World Panorama, Flying Daggers, Gala, Special Presentations, Director's Choice and Shorts Competition.

The Fourth IFFAM will take place from December 5 to 10 this year. **RM**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



2022 Macao Guangzhou Products Fair
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Poly World Trade Expo Centre
Guangzhou, China

Organizer: Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute
Guangzhou Municipal Commerce Bureau

This event is a major economic and trade event in Guangzhou-Macao trade and economic co-operation, covering a wide range of products and services including Made in Macao, Macao Brand, Macao souvenirs, cultural and creative products, young entrepreneurs' products, consumer goods, food products, wine, products from Portuguese-speaking countries, as well as other merchandise.

Macao companies are welcome to actively participate in this event. Products manufactured in Macao, Macao brand products and foreign-brand products represented by an agent in Macao (priority will be given to products from Portuguese-speaking countries).

***The preferential scheme for companies from Macao (MOP\$2,000.00/booth or MOP\$1,800.00/raw space) includes the following items:**

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- ◎ One double room (four nights)

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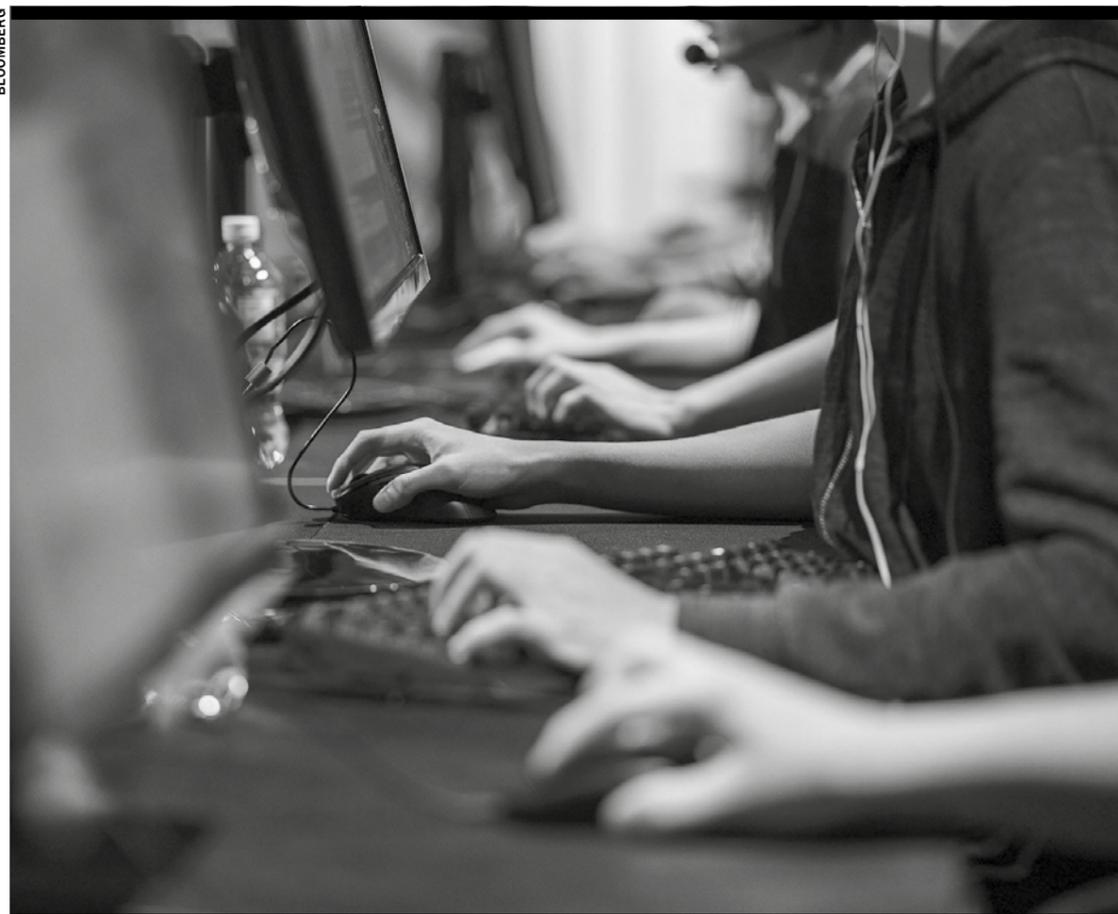
GAMERS CALL FOR BLIZZARD BOYCOTT AFTER HONG KONG PLAYER BANNEDZHEPING HUANG
& GREGOR STUART HUNTER

ACTIVISION Blizzard Inc. is facing a fierce backlash and calls for a boycott after a unit of the American game company punished a player for supporting Hong Kong's protest movement, the latest cultural clash between the U.S. and China.

Blizzard Entertainment banned Ng Wai Chung, known as Blitzchung, from its Grandmasters esports competition for a year and withheld prize money he had already won after he used a slogan from Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement. Players and fans around the world immediately responded with outrage over what they view as heavy-handed punishment and kowtowing to Chinese censorship. The topic erupted online, with #blizzardboycott trending on Twitter.

"I will never play Blizzard's game from now on, unless they apologize to blitzchung and to HK people. Blizzard sucks," one person wrote on a forum discussion thread called 'Solidarity with Blitzchung, Censored by Blizzard.'

Hong Kong's protests have sparked escalating clashes between Beijing and the rest of the world. The National Basketball Association was engulfed in controversy after the general manager of the Houston Rockets expressed support for the protesters, leading China's broadcasters to pull NBA games and local companies to drop Rockets pro-



ducts. Apple Inc. was blasted by the Communist Party's flagship newspaper for carrying an app and song embraced by the movement.

The Blizzard incident began when Ng - dressed in a gas mask and goggles in defiance of authorities' ban on face masks - used the phrase "Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our age!" during a post-match interview. Blizzard, developer of games like World of

Warcraft and Hearthstone, said in a statement it instituted the ban to "prevent similar incidents" in the future. On the China micro-blogging site Weibo, Blizzard's statement in Chinese was: "We will, as always, resolutely safeguard the country's dignity."

The blowback was immediate. In South Korea, Blizzard became a top trending subject on Twitter with people saying the company "prioritizes money over human

rights" and that it is "crazy" and "disappointing." In the U.S., an influential former Blizzard employee, Mark Kern, rebuked the company.

"You screwed up and traded your players in for dollars," he tweeted. "There is keeping politics out of games, then there is grand standing to appease the Chinese Communist Party."

Contacted for comment, Activision Blizzard reiterated in a

statement plans to enforce its established rules of conduct: "While we stand by one's right to express individual thoughts and opinions, players and other participants that elect to participate in our esports competitions must abide by the official competition rules."

Activision Blizzard joins a number of international companies embroiled in controversy around free speech linked to China. Luxury brands like Versace, Coach and Givenchy have all fallen foul of Beijing's demands to refer to both Hong Kong and Taiwan as parts of its territory and not suggest they are independent nations. During the summer, China also requested more than 40 foreign airlines stop referring to China, Hong Kong and Taiwan as separate countries.

"As you know, there are serious protests in my country now," Ng said in a statement to gaming blog Inven Global. "My call on stream was just another form of participation of the protest that I wish to grab more attention."

Activision Blizzard has tie-ups with Chinese gaming houses Tencent Holdings Ltd. and NetEase Inc. to distribute - and in some cases co-develop - new entries in beloved franchises like Call of Duty and Diablo in the world's biggest video game market and beyond.

One player explained how much they enjoyed playing Blizzard's World of Warcraft, but would be stepping back from it and joining the boycott.

"I hit level 45 tonight so when I read the news I was extremely sad," the person wrote. "I can put up with a lot, but if it's someone's freedom or my money, I will gladly give up my favorite game so that others can have the same freedoms I enjoy." **BLOOMBERG**

People's Daily blasts Apple over app, protesters' song

THE Communist Party's flagship newspaper criticized Apple Inc's decision to approve an app that shows police activity in Hong Kong and to allow its iTunes store to carry a song that's become a rallying cry for demonstrators in the midst of increasingly violent pro-democracy protests.

The HKmap.live app has been used by protesters to monitor the police's whereabouts and facilitates illegal activities, the People's Daily said in a commentary late Tuesday, echoing Apple's reason for initially rejecting the app.

It also said the song "Glory to Hong Kong," which the paper described as advocating independence, had been "re-

surrected" after being removed from iTunes. Yesterday morning, the song was not available in China and Hong Kong's iTunes stores.

"Over and over again, Apple's actions are incomprehensible, and people have to wonder about their intentions," the People's Daily article said. "This reckless behavior will cause a lot of trouble for Apple, and it needs to think deeply," it said, adding that allowing the "poisonous" software to gain traction is "a betrayal of Chinese people's feelings."

Apple joins other foreign companies struggling to navigate the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong as protests that began in June show no sign of abating.

The issue has become a red line for those doing business in China, most recently drawing the National Basketball Association into a firestorm over a tweet that's caused partners to stop doing business with the NBA and state television to halt airing its games.

Apple also reportedly removed the Taiwanese flag emoji from some iPhones, underscoring the difficult balance the company must strike in supporting free speech while appeasing China. The change was implemented via software on iPhones sold in Hong Kong and Macau after Apple released new versions of its iOS 13 operating system.

BLOOMBERG

Crowds flood Hong Kong court to support jailed activist appeal

DOMINIC LAU
& IAIN MARLOW

HUNDREDS of protesters flooded a Hong Kong court to support the appeals case of a jailed activist yesterday as the city continued to clean up from a weekend of unprecedented violence, with the subway system set to close early for the sixth straight day.

The crowds gathered outside of Hong Kong's High Court in the central Admiralty neighborhood, where self-described "localist" Edward Leung, 28, was expected to appear at an appeal hearing. Leung had been sentenced to six years in prison last year for helping to lead a 2016 riot that was one of the worst outbreaks of unrest the city had witnessed at the time.

The crowd of protesters - many wearing masks, despite a recent ban on face coverings that prompted clashes over the weekend - chanted "Release



Edward Leung!" After hearing arguments from both sides in court, a three-judge panel adjourned and said they would rule at a later date, Radio Television Hong Kong reported.

Leung's more radical approach has gained traction in the recent protests, which have been raging for four months as of yesterday. The Asian financial hub was paralyzed in an unprecedented

stretch of violent protests last weekend, as demonstrators threw Molotov cocktails and bricks at the police and vandalized several subway stations and bank branches.

Yesterday, the MTR Corp. said train service had mostly returned to normal even though numerous stations and exits remained shut due to "serious vandalism." Service was ending at 8 p.m. to allow extra time for more repairs, the company said. The city was bracing for more protests this weekend.

Leung has a broad following among younger activists on the front lines of recent protests, and his 2016 campaign slogan "Liberate Hong Kong! Revolution of Our Time!" is chanted at almost every demonstration. He was subsequently among the first candidates banned for running in citywide elections, as the China-backed government asserted that his past support for independence conflicted with Hong Kong's charter.

The so-called fish ball riot in 2016, which began as a protest against government restrictions on unlicensed street vendors during the Lunar New Year, shocked the city at the time. More than 90 police officers were injured and warning shots were fired into the air.

The sentencing judge in Leung's case described the 2016 incident as "organized violence" carried out with a desire for "revenge" before handing down the second-most-severe penalty to a protester, according to the South China Morning Post newspaper. Leung was convicted for rioting under a colonial statute that authorities have increasingly used against protesters this year.

Two other defendants in the case, Lo Kin-man and Wong Ka-kui, are also appealing against their rioting convictions.

Although Leung lost an election for an open legislative seat weeks after the incident, he garnered 15% of the vote, demonstrating growing support for radical anti-China politics in Hong Kong. Several other candidates supporting independence or "self-determination" for the city subsequently won elections, but were removed for altering their oaths of office and other violations. **BLOOMBERG**

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MARKETS

RISK STRIKING FASTER THAN EVER HAS INVESTORS TOUTING HEDGES

THE speed at which risk moves through markets is creating new challenges for investors, who need to adjust their portfolios to deal with the phenomenon, according to Principal Global Investors.

Choosing large cap stocks over small, having a strategic allocation to long-dated Treasuries and some exposure to real estate are some of the methods the \$452 billion asset manager suggests to hedge against what it has dubbed "risk velocity."

"It's not necessarily the case that markets are markedly more volatile than they've been in previous cycles," wrote Seema Shah, Principal's chief strategist, in a report. "It's the pace at which risks can transition between the potential and the kinetic, to use an energy analogy, that's never been more rapid."

Drivers of this increasing "risk velocity" include a disconnect between the price of assets and the expectations of the underlying economy, a heightened downgrade risk and potential forced selling from investor positioning in lower-rated bonds, and the interdependence of global supply chains, Shah wrote. The shift of political news from planned addresses to posts on social media has also been a factor, she said.

"When combined, the overarching effect is that the market's positive or negative response time becomes shorter," Shah said.

While Principal doesn't believe growth has slowed enough to presage a recession or that risk assets are no longer attractive, it does suggest investors take steps to hedge against increased risk velocity.

Todd Jablonski, chief investment officer for Principal Portfolio Strategies and a contributor to Shah's report, emphasized U.S. large-cap equities as an opportunity to hedge.

Mega-caps in particular can take advantage of their size, go all over the world to the most favorable locations and translate decisions into business opportunities, he said in an interview. They "offer downside protection but they participate in the upside," he said. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

BANK OF CHINA LEADS WAY FOR LIBOR SUCCESSOR IN ASIA BONDS

ANNIE LEE & REBECCA CHOONG WILKINS

ONE of China's biggest lenders is marketing a new dollar note linked to a Libor replacement, as borrowers across the globe move away from the scandal-ridden pricing benchmark.

Bank of China Ltd.'s Macau Branch is expected to price a floating-rate note tied to the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR), according to a person familiar with the matter. Once priced, this would be the first foreign-currency bond from a Chinese issuer linked to SOFR, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The publication of the SOFR, or Secured Overnight Financing Rate, began in

April 2018 as one of the successors for Libor, which at last count underpinned over \$350 trillion of mortgages, loans and derivatives globally. Borrowers in the U.S. and Europe have been active issuers of bonds using this benchmark.

Becky Liu, head of China macro strategy at Standard Chartered Plc, said the latest bond deal from China signals a step forward for banks trying to adapt to a new benchmark, "given the still-low adoption of SOFR in the banking system or financial markets."

While it's been more than a year since the Federal Reserve Bank of New York debuted the SOFR, its adoption has been slow. Market participants see a chance that Libor's ad-

ministrator and the panel of banks that determine its setting could keep the old rate alive past 2021.

Ajeet Choudhary, executive director for Asia fixed income, J.P. Morgan Private Bank said lack of a term SOFR market and delayed development of SOFR linked derivative products has created bottlenecks.

"Asian investors are now looking at the logistics, like the calculation of coupons, and working with the operation department on how to handle the daily fixing monitoring," said Pheona Tsang, chief investment officer of fixed income at BEA Union Investment Management. "Since SOFR will eventually replace Libor, investors will

start to get familiar with the new structure," she said.

"SOFR moves more closely to fed fund rates, so in that sense it is probably less volatile," said Timothy Tan, a Bloomberg Intelligence strategist. "Every benchmark has its shortcomings but SOFR is the most unambiguous one currently," he said.

The price guidance on Bank of China's new three-year dollar floater is set in the 120 basis points area over SOFR and the proceeds will be used for green projects, said a person who isn't authorized to speak publicly and asked not to be identified. Bank of China is also marketing off-shore yuan and euro-denominated bonds alongside the dollar note. **BLOOMBERG**

CORPORATE BITS

Venetian's North commences Sichuan cuisine promotion



The Venetian Macao's North restaurant is launching a Sichuan cuisine promotion until November 30. The capital of the province, Chengdu, is listed alongside Macau as a

UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy.

The Sichuan cuisine promotion includes classic cold dishes such as chilled pork knuckle and century egg terrine with

spicy garlic sauce and crispy beef with dried chili, cumin and sesame seeds.

Hot favorites include steamed turbot with black bean and green peppercorn sauce, tea-smoked baby duck, and Chinese baby lobster and clams in sesame chilli oil.

Dessert – a Sichuan blossom jelly with dried fruit – is used as a traditional palate cleanser to wash away the spiciness of the meal.

Sichuan cuisine features an abundance of ingredients enhanced with rich seasonings, particularly the use of its unique, spicy and numbing pepper.

MGM organizes team visit Chinese Historical Documentary Exhibition



Always encouraging team members to treasure every opportunity to learn about our nation, MGM has gathered a group of 30 team members, led by Wendy Yu, senior vice president of human resources, to visit the "Historical

Documentary Exhibition for Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao SAR" yesterday at the Handover Gift Museum

of Macao.

The team enjoyed the privilege of viewing 100 precious relics, including "La Jeunesse," one of the key enablers of the May Fourth Movement, documents of the Sino-Portuguese Joint Declaration, as well as old photos and maps of 19th century Macau.

Yu expressed her thoughts on behalf of the group: "MGM highly recognizes the importance of national education. We will continue in this approach. There is also a dedicated section about the history of Macau, in which we were able to connect to and acknowledge the great support extended to us by our country."

The US-China relationship is worsening rapidly before talks

SHAWN DONNAN

THIS was supposed to be the week U.S.-China trade talks got back on track and the two sides found a way to avoid sending more unsettling signals to financial markets and a global economy that looks increasingly fragile.

But that didn't take long to change. If the state of relations between the world's two largest economies was a tangled mess before the latest round of Chinese negotiations get underway today, the tangle has only gotten worse.

The move this week to blacklist Chinese tech giants like video surveillance company Hikvision and the world's most valuable artificial intelligence startup, SenseTime, took the Trump administration's economic wars against China in a new direction.

Not only did the U.S. provocatively invoke its right to address human rights violations "within China," as Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross did, it also targeted a new swathe of Chinese technology champions. The stated reason was the companies' involvement in China's crackdown on Muslim minorities in the region of Xinjiang, but the move also strikes a blow against sectors like AI where China is increasingly dominant. Adding to the frictions, the U.S. is slapping visa bans on Chinese officials linked to the abuses in Xinjiang.

That came alongside more news yesterday [Macau time] that, despite White House denials, the conversation over how the U.S. can restrict financial flows into China continues. The focus is narrowing to how to pressure index companies like MSCI and Bloomberg Barclays to reduce the weighting Chinese companies get in emerging market indexes. Also under discussion is how to limit federal government retirement funds from investing in China.

But there is a barely hidden goal behind both moves. China hawks inside the administration and on Capitol Hill want to restrict Chinese access to U.S. technology and capital. That isn't going away.

LOUDER AND LOUDER IN WASHINGTON

People close to the Trump administration have long acknowledged the narrow path

AP PHOTO



they have to a deal with China. Any China deal betraying weakness by the Trump administration will be lambasted both by Democrats and Republicans. From the other side, even hawks in Washington recognize there is a limit to what China will commit to.

For evidence of what the potential political reaction to a weak China deal would be just look at the Republican backlash against this week's moves to withdraw U.S. forces from Syria and abandon Kurdish allies. If Republicans see that as an unacceptable reversal imagine what hawks like Senator Marco Rubio would make of any broad compromise with a far bigger strategic rival in Beijing.

What's newest, though, is how the popular conversation about China is spreading.

The moves against Chinese tech companies reflect growing bipartisan anxiety in Washington about China's crackdown in Xinjiang. But it's the worsening situation in Hong Kong that is really helping to crystallize things.

Conservatives have long seen Hong Kong as a bastion of relative economic liberty inside Communist China and been early backers of the protests there. So too have Democrats, albeit generally for broader reasons related to human rights. That's one big reason that a bill that would

remove Hong Kong's special trade status has plenty of backing on Capitol Hill and could pass through Congress within weeks, presenting Trump with a dilemma over whether to sign it into law.

The other reason that bill looks like an increasing certainty is the shift of those China concerns into popular culture. China's angry response - and the NBA's subsequent bending to Beijing - following a Houston Rockets executive's tweet backing the protests in Hong Kong has already fed further anger about how American companies often have to kowtow to do business in China. Now Chinese sponsors of NBA events are cutting ties to the league. Reinforcing the shift is the fact it comes alongside comedy show "South Park" getting caught in the Chinese censor's net.

The economic wars, in other words, are becoming culture wars.

THE ECONOMIC DAMAGE IS GROWING

Until this summer the notion that Trump's trade wars would prove damaging to the U.S. and global economies was largely that - notional. But the data in recent months have been clear. You can quibble with the exact mix of causes, but you only have to speak to businesses to see the evidence building that

Trump's tariff wars and the uncertainty caused by them have contributed significantly to slowdowns in business investment and manufacturing.

The warnings about potential effect have also turned into ones about actual effect. Kristalina Georgieva, the new head of the International Monetary Fund, on Tuesday warned that a world that just two years ago was in a "synchronized upswing" was now looking at a "synchronized slowdown" tied to trade tensions.

The IMF would be lowering its projections for global growth for both 2019 and 2020 at its annual meetings in Washington next week, she said, with 90% of the world seeing slower growth.

The damage in the U.S. is also growing. The focus in recent months has been on the manufacturing recession in the U.S. and the swing states where it is hitting hardest. But it's the unintended and unusual ways the damage is flowing through the economy that is arguably most fascinating.

In a new paper released this week, New York University economist Michael Waugh lays out a daunting correlation between Chinese retaliation and slowing U.S. auto sales. In the counties most exposed to trade with China - largely rural ones where China's move to stop purchases of soybeans and other U.S.

farm exports have borne the brunt - auto sales have dipped more than in others. The upper quartile of counties exposed to Chinese retaliation saw both a 3.8 percentage point decline in consumption growth and a decrease in employment growth, Waugh says.

"Chinese retaliation is leading to concentrated welfare losses in the U.S.," he writes.

DEAL GROWS MORE DISTANT

Even before this week's moves by the Trump administration, Chinese negotiators were signaling they were only prepared to discuss a much narrower deal than the grand rebalancing that the Trump administration has been pursuing.

Recent visitors to Beijing have been told any discussions over Chinese government subsidies are off the table, for example. Those subsidies are one of the "seven deadly sins" that Trump trade adviser Peter Navarro rails against and were a target of U.S. complaints long before Trump took office.

If the Chinese are not willing to even discuss them it's hard to see how a credible deal is possible. Unless, of course, credibility isn't the issue.

Trump has repeatedly in recent weeks said he is opposed to a "partial" or interim agreement with China that would see the Chinese step up purchases of U.S. farm exports and his administration put further tariffs on hold. He has also, however, touted at least one such limited deal that some close to his trade team quietly see as a possible model.

Although the Trump administration is eager to spin it as a major win, the pact it signed with Japan on Monday is a narrow one at best. It will reduce tariffs on about \$7 billion in U.S. agricultural exports to Japan and finally give U.S. farmers the access to the Japanese market they had won in the Trans-Pacific Partnership that Trump pulled out of in January 2017. It includes a chapter on digital trade largely lifted from the TPP and Trump's renegotiated Nafta. But it also relies on broader negotiations continuing, with the bulk of the economic relationship - and particularly the auto trade - left out of the deal.

Trump isn't shy, however, in his touting of the Japan deal. On Monday he called it "historic" and a "game changer."

Which may be an important signal. As the broader U.S.-China relationship continues to deteriorate and any deal looks increasingly distant, those may yet be words we hear the president utter some day on China. **BLOOMBERG**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

XI TO VISIT INDIA THIS WEEK, MEET WITH MODI

EMILY SCHMALL & KRITHIKA VARAGUR, NEW DELHI

CHINESE President Xi Jinping is coming to India to meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi tomorrow, just weeks after China supported Pakistan in raising the issue of India's recent actions in disputed Kashmir at the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York.

India stripped Kashmir's semi-autonomous status in August, deploying thousands of troops and cutting off internet connectivity to prevent protests. Thousands of people, including mainstream political leaders and young people, have also been detained.

The Himalayan region of Kashmir is claimed by both Pakistan and India and split between them.

At the U.N., China said India should not act unilaterally on Kashmir, a portion of which China also controls, and where there have been occasional border skirmishes between India and China.

On Oct. 31, New Delhi will take direct control of Ladakh, the border region famous for its sparsely populated and stunning landscapes, Buddhist monks in moun-

taintop monasteries and elusive snow leopards prowling rugged terrain.

India's Ministry of External Affairs said Wednesday that Xi and Modi will meet in the southern coastal city of Chennai on Friday and Saturday to "exchange views on deepening" the two countries' development.

At the UN, China said India should not act unilaterally on Kashmir

They also will visit the nearby temple town of Mamallapuram.

Xi and Modi last met one-on-one at a resort in Wuhan, China, in April 2018.

Indian security forces have detained 10 Tibetan activists, including noted novelist and poet Tenzin Tsundue, near Chennai to stifle any protests during Xi's visit, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

Regional police in the sou-



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (right) welcomes Xi Jinping in Ahmadabad, India, during a state visit in 2014

thern state of Tamil Nadu also have asked more than a dozen Tibetan students to sign statements promising not to engage in activities that may "commit breach of peace or disturb the public tranquility," according to a photo of the document provided by the Tibetan Students' Associa-

tion of Madras. Two leaders of the student association were among those detained on Sunday.

Dr. Tenzin Norbu, an English lecturer at Hindustan College in suburban Chennai, was also arrested on Tuesday and remains in custody.

Tenzin Dakpa, a leader of Stu-

dents for a Free Tibet, said a Tibetan lawyer from Dharamsala, home of the spiritual leader the Dalai Lama and site of the Tibetan government-in-exile, has gone to Chennai to see if the detentions can be contested.

Pre-emptive detentions are not uncommon in India. AP

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SOUTH KOREA

Protesters call for ouster of justice minister

KIM TONG-HYUNG, SEOUL

THOUSANDS of protesters rallied yesterday in Seoul for the second consecutive week to call for the ouster of President Moon Jae-in's hand-picked justice minister, whose family is at the center of an investigation into allegations of financial crimes and academic favors.

The protest near the presidential palace in Seoul followed a weekend demonstration in which a huge crowd of pro-government supporters occupied streets in front of the state prosecutors' offices to show their support for Cho Kuk, whose appointment last month has deepened the nation's political divide.

The city's streets are now divided between pro-Cho and anti-Cho protesters, who for weeks have alternated with protests and counter-protests in areas separated by the Han River that flows through the capital.

Yesterday's rally came amid a highly-publicized investigation of Cho's university professor wife and other relatives over allegations of shady financial investments and fraudulent activities related to his daughter's admission to a top university in Seoul and a medical school in Busan.

Cho, who previously served as Moon's senior secretary for civil affairs, has denied any wrongdoing and vowed to push ahead with plans to reform the country's justice system, including curbing the powers of mighty state prosecutors, even as they conduct a criminal probe into his family.

Carrying the South Korean flag and banners and signs that read



Demonstrators wave national flags of South Korea and the U.S. during a rally in Seoul yesterday

"Arrest criminal Cho Kuk," the protesters poured onto a major boulevard near Gwanghwamun Gate, the same streets where millions marched for months three years ago in unified anger against Moon's conservative predecessor Park Geun-hye. She was removed from office in March 2017 and is currently serving a decades-long prison term over bribery and abuse of power.

"We need to fight and avenge against a government that has ripped the country in two," Shin Hye-sik, a conservative activist, told the crowd from a stage. "Let's fight! Let's win!"

Chun Gwang-hun, a right-wing Christian pastor and one

of the protest organizers, accused the ruling liberals of mobilizing its supporters to defend Cho and called for Moon to step down.

Some of the protesters pushed and shoved with a few Cho supporters who showed up before police broke up the scuffle. There were no immediate reports of major clashes or injuries.

Hwang Kyo-ahn, leader of the conservative opposition Liberty Korea Party, participated in the protest along with members of the party's leadership, but did not speak on the stage.

Police did not release an estimate on the size of the crowd, which appeared to be in the tens

of thousands. It was clearly a smaller gathering than the previous anti-Cho protest on Oct. 3, which experts said may have drawn hundreds of thousands.

Cho's supporters are planning to hold another rally on Saturday.

Lawmakers from Moon's Minjoo Party, who have been encouraging government supporters to take to the streets, say prosecutors are pushing an excessive probe in a possible attempt to resist Cho's planned reforms. They have accused prosecutors of leaking investigative secrets to their conservative opponents, who have aired detailed allegations against

Cho's family in public.

The conservatives say the ruling liberals are pressuring a legitimate probe of a key government member, and that the investigation itself is proof of prosecutors' neutrality and independence from political influence.

"To be honest, there were many moments each day that were painful and difficult," Cho said Tuesday during a news conference to announce his planned reforms, apparently referring to the controversy surrounding his family. "But I have been enduring every day thanks to the strength of our people who have given me courage and wisdom to push through and complete the reform of the prosecution."

Cho's plans include reducing the number of criminal investigations directly initiated by prosecutors, who by law have exclusive authority to indict and seek warrants for suspects and exercise control over police investigations. Critics say South Korean prosecutors have too much power and this has prompted past governments to use them as a political tool to suppress opponents.

The intense wrangling over Cho has tarnished Moon's reformist image and sank his popularity to the lowest levels since he took office in May 2017, according to recent surveys. Moon also faces pressure over a weakening job market, a messy trade war with Japan and a lack of progress in diplomacy with nuclear-armed North Korea.

A plunge in popularity could be damaging for the liberals ahead of crucial parliamentary elections due in April. AP

AUSTRALIA

Wildfires destroy up to 30 homes in New South Wales

ABOUT 500 firefighters were battling out-of-control wildfires in eastern Australia that have destroyed up to 30 homes.

More than 40 bushfires were burning across New South Wales state. Temperatures were cooler yesterday after strong winds and stifling heat restricted firefighting efforts Tuesday.

More than 100,000 hectares have burned with the small village of Rappville, population 250, among the worst affected. About 50 people sheltered in a school overnight.

NSW Rural Fire Service

deputy commissioner Rob Rogers said some people had been taken to hospitals with minor burns and breathing difficulties. The number of injuries wasn't given, and the extent of the fire damage was still to be determined.

"We're just making sure we know what properties are damaged or lost, people are accounted for and making those areas as safe as we can so that people who haven't lost their homes can return," he said.

"There's power lines still down, there's a lot of trees falling down, so there's a lot

of work to do," he added.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said it was a dangerous situation. "Fortunately, there's been no loss of life, which is something always to be thankful for, but there are remaining very serious threats today," he said.

Arson was suspected of causing the Rappville fire that started Friday night. Fire service superintendent Michael Brett said "suspicious activity" had been identified in the area.

Rain is expected across northern New South Wales tomorrow. AP



A bushfire burning near Busbys Flat, Australia, yesterday

TRUMP

White House and Democrats fight over rules for impeachment

THE U.S. Constitution gives the House “the sole power of impeachment” — but it confers that authority without an instruction manual.

Now comes the battle royal over exactly what it means.

In vowing to halt all cooperation with House Democrats’ impeachment inquiry, the White House yesterday [Macau time] labeled the investigation “illegitimate” based on its own reading of the Constitution’s vague language.

In an eight-page letter, White House counsel Pat Cipollone pointed to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s failure to call for an official vote to proceed with the inquiry as grounds to claim the process a farce.

“You have designed and implemented your inquiry in a manner that violates fundamental fairness and constitutionally mandated due process,” Cipollone wrote.

But Douglas Letter, a lawyer for the House Judiciary Committee, told a federal judge that it’s clear the House “sets its own rules” on how the impeachment process will play out.

The White House document lacked much in the way of legal arguments, seemingly citing cable TV news appearances as often as case law. And legal experts cast doubt upon its effectiveness.

“I think the goal of this letter is to further inflame the president’s supporters and attempt to delegitimize the process in the eyes of his supporters,” said Stephen Vladeck, a law professor at the University of Texas.

Courts have been historically hesitant to step in as referee for congressional oversight and impeachment. In 1993, the Supreme Court held that impeachment was an issue for the Congress and not the courts.

In that case, Walter Nixon, a federal district judge who was removed from office, sought to be reinstated and argued that the full Senate, instead of a committee that was established to hear testimony and collect evidence, should have heard the evidence against him.

The court unanimously rejected the challenge, finding impeachment is a function of the

legislature that the court had no authority over.

As for the current challenge to impeachment, Vladeck said the White House letter “does not strike me as an effort to provide sober legal analysis.”

Gregg Nunziata, a Philadelphia attorney who previously served as general counsel and policy adviser to Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, said the White House’s letter did not appear to be written in a “traditional good-faith back and forth between the legislative and executive branches.”

He called it a “direct assault on the very legitimacy of Congress’ oversight power.”

“The Founders very deliberately chose to put the impeachment power in a political branch rather than the Supreme Court,” Nunziata told The Associated Press. “They wanted this to be a political process and it is.”

G. Pearson Cross, a political science professor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, said the letter appeared to act as nothing more than an accelerant on a smoldering fire.

“It’s a response that seems to welcome a constitutional crisis rather than defusing one or pointing toward some strategy that would deescalate the situation,” Cross said.

After two weeks of a listless and unfocused response to the impeachment probe, the White House letter amounted to a declaration of war. **AP**

Kurds mobilize in

BASSEM MROUE, BEIRUT

WARNING of a “humanitarian catastrophe,” Syrian Kurdish forces who are allied with the United States issued a “general mobilization” call yesterday in northeastern Syria, along the border with Turkey, as Ankara threatened an imminent invasion of the area.

The Turkish operation would ignite new fighting in the war-ravaged country’s eight-year-old war, potentially displacing hundreds of thousands of people.

Turkey has long threatened an attack on the Kurdish fighters in Syria whom Ankara considers terrorists allied with a Kurdish insurgency within Turkey. A Syrian war monitoring group, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, reported that people were fleeing the border town of Tal Abyad.

AP journalists on the Turkish side of the border overlooking Tal Abyad saw Turkish forces crossing into Syria in military vehicles yesterday, though there was no official statement from either side that the offensive had begun.

Expectations of a Turkish invasion rose after President Donald Trump on Sunday abruptly announced that American troops

would step aside ahead of the Turkish push — a shift in U.S. policy that essentially abandoned the Syrian Kurds, longtime U.S. allies in the fight against the Islamic State group in Syria.

But Trump also threatened to “totally destroy and obliterate” Turkey’s economy if the Turkish push into Syria went too far.

Turkey has been massing troops for days along its border with Syria and vowed it would go ahead with the military operation and not bow to the U.S. threat over its plans against the Kurds.

A senior Turkish official said that Turkey’s troops would “shortly” cross into Syria, together with allied Syrian rebel forces to battle the Kurdish fighters and also the Islamic State group.

Trump later cast his decision to pull back U.S. troops from parts of northeast Syria as fulfilling a campaign promise to withdraw from the “endless war” in the Middle East. Republican critics and others said he was sacrificing a U.S. ally, the Syrian Kurdish forces, and undermining American credibility.

Fahrettin Altun, the Turkish presidency’s communications director, called on the international community in a Washington Post op-ed published “to rally” behind Ankara, which he said would also

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Syria as Turkey poised for imminent attack

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Members of Turkey-backed Syrian National Army (former FSA)

take over the fight against the Islamic State group.

Turkey aimed to "neutralize" Syrian Kurdish militants in northeast Syria and to "liberate the local population from the yoke of the armed thugs," Al-tun wrote.

Turkey's defense Hulusi Akar told state-run Anadolu Agency that Turkish preparations for the offensive were continuing.

In its call for mobilization, the local civilian Kurdish authority known as the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria, also urged the international community to live up to its responsibilities as "a humanitarian catastrophe might befall our people" in the region.

"We call upon our people, of all ethnic groups, to move toward areas close to the border with Turkey to carry out acts of resistance during this sensitive historical time," it said. The statement said the mobilization would last for three days.

The Kurds also said that they want the U.S.-led coalition to set up a no-fly zone in northeast Syria to protect the civilian population from Turkish airstrikes.

Meanwhile, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accused Washington of playing "very dangerous games"

with the Syrian Kurds saying that the U.S. first propped up the Syrian Kurdish "quasi state" in northeastern Syria and is now withdrawing its support.

"Such reckless attitude to this highly sensitive subject can set fire to the entire region, and we have to avoid it at any cost," he said during a visit to Kazakhstan. Russian news said Moscow has communicated that position Washington.

Earlier yesterday, IS militants targeted a post of the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in the northern Syrian city of Raqqa, which was once the de facto IS capital at the height of the militants' power in the region.

The Kurdish-led SDF, which is holding thousands of IS fighters in several detention facilities in northeastern Syria, has warned that a Turkish incursion might lead to the resurgence of the extremists. The U.S. allied Kurdish-led force captured the last IS area controlled by the militants in eastern Syria in March.

In Wednesday's attack, IS launched three suicide bombings against Kurdish positions in Raqqa. There was no immediate word on casualties. Raqqa is being Silently Slaughtered, an activist collective that covers news in the northern city, reported an exchange of fire and a blast. AP

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Offbeat

ALEC BALDWIN FALLS FOR STATUE OF LIBERTY TOUR 'SCAM'

AP PHOTO



Alec Baldwin says he fell for a "scam" Statue of Liberty tour. The actor shared his experience on Instagram Sunday. He says he bought \$40 tickets for a boat tour of the Statue of Liberty for his family. But they were instead escorted to a shuttle bus to New Jersey.

The Daily News reports the shuttle bus transports passengers from downtown New York to New Jersey, where they get on a boat that offers views of the Statue of Liberty.

A message was left with the tour operator that apparently sold Baldwin the tickets.

Baldwin says his family ultimately ended up taking the Staten island Ferry, which is free and passes the Statue of Liberty.

Mayor Bill de Blasio this week announced expanded enforcement against companies that mislead tourists and operate buses without permits.

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2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: Todd Phillips
Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz
Language: English
Duration: 122min



GEMINI MAN
ROOM 2
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: Ang Lee
Starring: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Will Smith, Clive Owen
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 117min



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Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 90min

this day in history



1999 MILLENNIUM WHEEL EDGES UPWARDS

Thousands have assembled to watch a giant Ferris wheel move into position as the new landmark on the London skyline.

The engineering feat has taken all weekend. The wheel now stands some 400ft (125m) high, surpassing the Big Ben clock tower and St Paul's Cathedral.

But it still has some way to go and now leans at 65 degrees above the River Thames.

One sceptical observer said: "It looks like a large bicycle wheel with spokes. I assume it works all right but it looks highly dangerous to me - I'm not going on it!"

Others came to marvel at the complex engineering operation.

"We've driven up specially today just to see it...it's tremendous."

Others came to capture a fast changing London landscape with their easels and sketchbooks.

Hoisted by cables and cranes, the £20 million, 1700 metric tonne steel construction moved towards its upright position at the speed of 3.5 metres per hour.

Under the media spotlight a month ago, the first attempt to crank the structure off the ground failed when one of a series of sockets holding high-tension cables to the wheel's rim suddenly slipped.

Now the sockets have been redesigned. 6.5 kilometres of high-tension cable have been attached to the wheel's 80 spokes to help haul it into position.

The wheel will be in its vertical position by next week, and developers promise it will be ready to take its first visitors by New Year's Eve.

Officially the Millennium Wheel has been given a five year lifespan, but Paul Baxter, the project manager, thinks it will last much longer.

"The Eiffel tower was initially there just for the Paris exhibition," he said.

Built for the 1889 Paris exhibition, the Eiffel Tower remains to this day one of the most famous landmarks of the French capital.

The Millennium Wheel's designers and developers are hoping the London attraction will achieve similar immortality.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

One of the tallest structures in London, the Millennium Wheel, better known now as the London Eye, stands 135 metres high on the South Bank of London between Waterloo station and Westminster Bridge. It has proven one of the most successful Millennium ventures. Since its opening the attraction has had an average of 10,000 visitors a day.

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ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Calling in sick at the last minute is not the right way to remove yourself from a situation (unless you are truly sick, of course). This type of flakiness might seem a harmless white lie, but it's still a lie.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

Is there someone you've been meaning to have a difficult conversation with? Today is the day to do it. Instead of calling them up and plunging right into the issue, invite them over for a quiet dinner.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Give them the benefit of the doubt. Hold on to your suspicions for now and wait at least until the afternoon to sound any alarm bells. Being a tattletale isn't really your style, anyway.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Today might be an extremely busy one for you, but it doesn't have to be all work and no play! There is nothing wrong with adding a little fun to a business situation - so don't feel the need to take everything so seriously.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You'll be quite a whirlwind of activity today - and the people around you will have to step aside in order to give you room. Just like a hurricane, you will hit the scene with quite an impact.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

You've got a lot of irons in the fire right now, and they're all starting to get too hot to handle. Before there's a total meltdown, you need to get active! Don't jump blindly into anything without first making a plan.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

People who have been in conflict are finally settling their age-old differences (due in part to your level head, encouragement, and negotiations) and turning together to face the same positive direction again.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Let forgiveness and charity take over today - the peaceful resolution of a situation may require you to take the high road (yet again). You may not realize it, but you are a role model to many other people.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

There may be a lot of noise and excitement around you today, but you will be all too happy to stay outside of the activity. Your energy will flourish in quieter surroundings, with few (if any) people around you.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It may be extremely tempting to let other people take the reins today and just follow along - after all, it is easier to just go where you are told to go and do what you are told to do.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Keep your head down and do not get sucked into the daily soap opera around you. There is no point getting down in the dirt - keep your eyes on the stars.

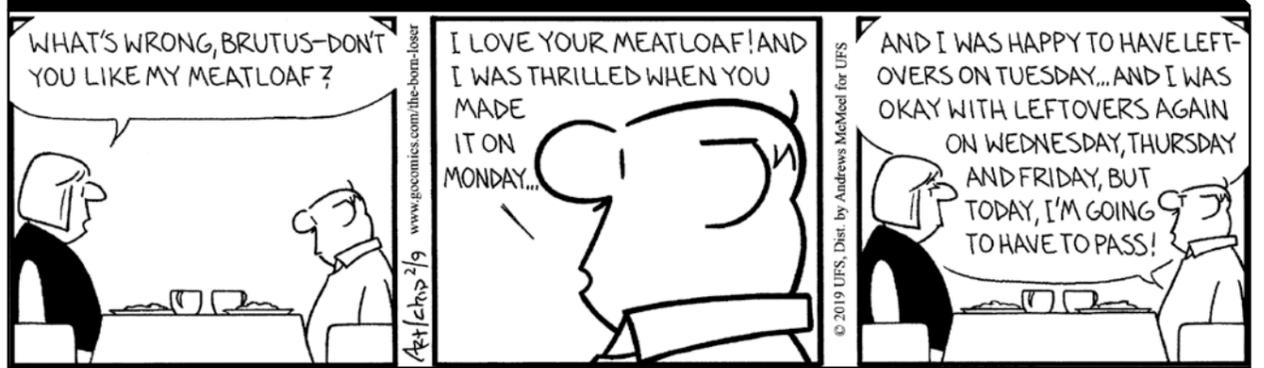


PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Get together with a group of other people and help make your world a better place! If you can't find a group to help you get things done, then organize your very own beautification project.

The Born Loser by Chip Sanson



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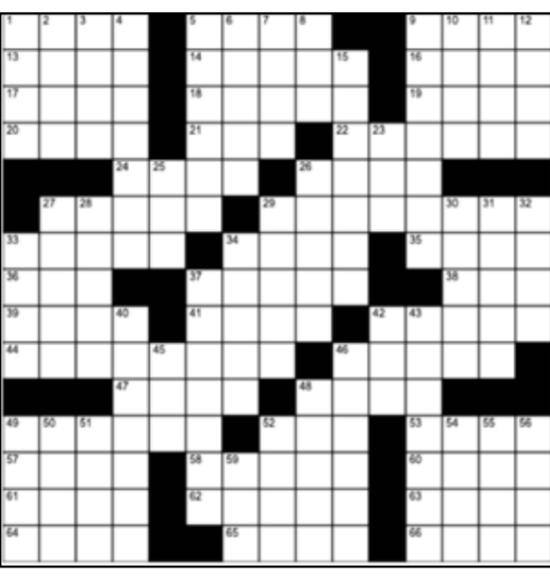
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Urumqi	11	21	clear
Xi'an	11	17	drizzle
Lhasa	6	19	cloudy
Chengdu	16	22	clear
Chongqing	19	22	drizzle
Kunming	13	23	cloudy
Nanjing	18	27	cloudy
Shanghai	19	27	cloudy
Wuhan	18	28	cloudy
Hangzhou	17	28	cloudy
Taipei	23	26	clear
Guangzhou	24	33	clear
Hong Kong	27	31	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	6	10	drizzle
Frankfurt	10	15	moderate rain
Paris	11	18	drizzle
London	9	18	cloudy
New York	11	15	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Marionette maker Tony; 5- Shipped; 9- Dynamic start?; 13- Rain in Spain?; 14- Distinguishing characteristic; 16- Walked on; 17- Let off steam; 18- Author Jong; 19- Come up short; 20- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto); 21- Sushi offering; 22- Equilibria; 24- Untamed; 26- Bingo call; 27- Gladden; 29- The Mona Lisa or Guernica; 33- Does in; 34- Ripped; 35- Soon; 36- Cabinet dept.; 37- Like some vbs.; 38- Mauna ___; 39- Henpecks; 41- Have to have; 42- Go-between; 44- Explosive shells; 46- Prepares for publication or release; 47- Load; 48- Skunk's defense; 49- Shrink back; 52- Hindu title; 53- Jason's craft; 57- High-five, for one; 58- Insinuate; 60- Food implement; 61- Beneath contempt; 62- Related on the mother's side; 63- Free from bias; 64- Duo; 65- Got on in years; 66- "Show Boat" novelist Ferber;

DOWN: 1- Prepare for a rainy day; 2- Matures; 3- Flows; 4- Entrance; 5- Addison's collaborator; 6- Dropped the ball; 7- Hit dead-center; 8- ___-tac-toe; 9- Capital of Georgia, USA; 10- Greek god of love; 11- Ascended, flower; 12- Keats works; 15- Sampling; 23- 1980's movie starring Bo Derek and Dudley Moore; 25- FWIW part; 26- Revealed; 27- "Enigma Variations" composer; 28- More than medium; 29- Skin openings; 30- Shoreline recess; 31- Middays; 32- Airborne pest; 33- Squealed; 34- Kilmer classic; 37- Gratify; 40- Meddling person; 42- Excitement; 43- Long-necked ruminant; 45- Tropical cuckoo bird; 46- Prepared for publication; 48- Speak pompously; 49- Invitation letters; 50- Director Kazan; 51- Colombian city; 52- Adult male deer; 54- Highway; 55- Broad smile; 56- Soup pod; 59- Bambi's aunt;



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CLINT EASTWOOD'S 'RICHARD JEWELL' GETS AFI FEST PREMIERE



CLINT Eastwood's film "Richard Jewell" is having its world premiere at the AFI Fest in Los Angeles in November.

The American Film Institute announced this week that the film had been added to a lineup for its annual film festival.

Eastwood directed the film, written by Billy Ray, about the true story of the security guard who went from hero to

suspect after the 1996 Atlanta Olympic bombing that killed one woman. Paul Walter Hauser plays the title character. Sam Rockwell, Kathy Bates and Jon Hamm co-star.

"Richard Jewell," a Warner Bros. release, will open in theaters on Dec. 13.

The 2019 AFI Fest will open with the premiere of "Queen & Slim" on Nov. 14 and close with "The Banker" on Nov. 21.



'BIG BANG THEORY' GETS SHOUT OUT TO NOBEL PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT

LIFE imitated when "The Big Bang Theory" — the American TV sitcom, not the scientific explanation for how the universe began — entered the annals of Nobel Prize history.

The announcement of the winners of this year's Nobel in physics began with a nod to an unlikely cultural reference: the opening lyrics to the show's theme song. "The Big Bang Theory" had its finale in May. In the episode, two of the main characters, Sheldon and Amy, win the physics prize.

"Our whole universe was in a hot, dense state, then nearly 14 billion years ago expansion

started," academy member Ulf Danielsson said, quoting "The Big Bang" theme at the presentation in Stockholm.

A Canadian-American scientist and two Swiss scientists won the physics prize for their work in understanding how the universe has evolved from the Big Bang and the blockbuster discovery of a planet outside our solar system.

Goran Hansson, secretary general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, said the TV show was a "fantastic achievement" that brought the "world of science to laptops and living rooms around the world."

VENICE COURT TEMPORARILY BLOCKS DA VINCI LOAN TO LOUVRE

AN administrative court in Venice decided this week to temporarily suspend the loan of Leonardo da Vinci's "Vitruvian Man" to the Louvre in Paris for an exhibition that is set to open later this month.

The move followed a request by the non-profit group Italia Nostra, which has been protesting the loan of the famed drawing by the Renaissance master from Venice's Accademia Gallery.

A final decision is set for Oct. 16, just days before the exhibition marking the 500th anniversary of Leonardo's death is set to open at the Louvre on Oct. 24.

Italia Nostra, which campaigns for the protection of Italy's cultural treasures, argued that such a "precious and fragile" masterpiece should not leave Italy.

The Culture Ministry called the decision "incomprehensible."



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RWC REVIEW

Wales edges Fiji in a thriller

WALES 29, FIJI 17

LEFT winger Josh Adams scored a hat trick of tries as Wales reached the quarterfinals beating Fiji 29-17 in a pulsating Pool D match yesterday.

Wales hit back from 10-0 down and meets either England or France in the quarterfinals.

The Flying Fijians take the plane home after going out in style.

Only five points separated them with about 10 minutes left, but fullback Liam Williams gave Wales breathing space with a converted try.

A chaotic first half produced seven tries, but only three were given.

Referee Jerome Garces referred five to video review, of which three were ruled out — two by Wales, one by Fiji.

Another try, scored by Fiji No. 8 Viliame Mata late in the half, didn't need the TMO because the

forward pass to him was so evident.

Adams crossed three times in the first half, but one got chalked off. Wales flanker Josh Navidi also got one disallowed by the TMO.

The two Fiji first-half tries given went to right winger Josua Tuisova and fullback Kini Murimurivalu inside eight minutes, by which time Fiji scrumhalf Frank Lomani had one ruled out by TMO for a forward pass from left winger Semi Radradra.

There were three first-half sinbins: Two for Fiji, after Wales hooker Ken Owens got his early on for a dangerous tackle on Mata, launching him over his shoulder.

Flanker James Davies got sin-binned in the second half — on World Cup debut.

His older brother Jonathan Davies set up Williams with a brilliant backhand offload.

The 33,000 fans at Oita Stadium certainly got their money's worth. AP



Wales' Gareth Davies makes a run

RWC PREVIEW

To'omua takes the range as Australia faces Georgia

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FOR most coaches at the Rugby World Cup, selection stability is a key issue as the knockout rounds loom. Not for Australia coach Michael Cheika.

Cheika has changed his halves pairing for tomorrow's match against Georgia for the third time in four matches, naming Matt To'omua at flyhalf and Nic White at scrumhalf as he searches for his strongest combination a week out from the quarterfinals.

Australia leads Pool C but isn't yet guaranteed a quarterfinal place and captain David Pocock said the Wallabies can't afford to look any further ahead than Georgia.

Bernard Foley and Christian Leali'ifano have previously started in the No. 10 jersey in Australia's wins over Fiji and Uruguay and its loss to Wales. Cheika will now try To'omua, who has started only four of 50 test matches at flyhalf.



Australia's Dane Haylett-Petty celebrates after scoring a try against Uruguay

Leali'ifano combined with White against Fiji and Uruguay while Foley paired with Will Genia against Wales.

Cheika says his selection changes serve the dual purpose of managing player workload — Leali'ifano played all 80 minutes against Uruguay — and promoting competition for positions.

To'omua is "a different player to Leali'ifano and Foley," Cheika said. "He's got a different style and [he's] a different type of defender and he's done well in the opportunities he's been given."

Foley and Leali'ifano haven't yet been able to preside over the 80 minute performance Cheika has been looking for and he now hopes the 29-year-old

To'omua, in his first start at flyhalf since November, might be able to guide a more complete performance.

"This is how we think this squad is best is to keep giving opportunities to guys to keep the contest alive with others," Cheika said. "So if we do the right thing and get through knockout stages, we know everyone's been a part of

doing their bit.

"Some want to go with the same players all the time and maybe rest out. We feel like keeping players competing for spots is working for us. I think we're playing some good footy."

Cheika doubts that selection instability has contributed to the Wallabies' slow starts.

"It's not like we're not

playing well there," he said. "We're creating opportunities at starts of games but we're not capitalizing on them.

"That just takes that little bit of extra concentration on staying in the moment. I think sometimes in the game we're thinking about the bigger picture of the game.

"Obviously, other teams are coming hard at us because they know it's an opportunity to try and get us there, so we've just got to lift our standard there, it's pretty simple."

Georgia and Australia's meeting will be their first in tests.

"They're very physical, that's quite obvious," Cheika said. "It'll be a really good challenge for us.

"A lot of players play in professional leagues in France, England as well. They're well attuned to competition at a high level.

"It's really exciting to be part of the first time two countries have ever faced off. We want to show them how we play our rugby and I'm sure they'll be showing us how they play theirs." AP

OPINION

The Stranger

Sheyla Zandonai



MINCHI POLITICS

Macanese gastronomy has once again been recognized as an integral part of Macau's heritage, following this week's official announcement of its inscription in the city's repertoire of intangible cultural heritage.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau listed the local cuisine along with other cultural items that represent both Macanese and southern Chinese ways of life, including the Maquista creole or Patuá, Cantonese opera and the Drunken Dragon Festival.

The process, which culminated in this classification, has been a long one. There have been efforts to list the cuisine since 2012 at least, when Macanese gastronomy was already the subject of a public consultation. In 2017, it was integrated into the local "inventory" of intangible cultural heritage, and now, following yet another public consultation it has earned the title of local intangible cultural heritage.

Apart from this episodic way of doing things that the Macau government and heritage department have chosen to rely on, the confirmed recognition of Macanese gastronomy is important not only for its acknowledgement of Macanese culture, but also of Macau as a place of culture.

Truth be told, Macanese cuisine is one of the topics everybody agrees to disagree on. The stories of family recipes and their secrets abounds. But there is no doubt the cuisine embodies a long history of global developments, emerging from encounters and disagreements between different cultures, and their use of ingredients and ways of cooking.

Macanese gastronomy therefore emerges from the crossing of cooking influences and ingredients, making it a very early modern "fusion" cuisine. Portuguese and Chinese cooking styles blend in distinctive concoctions, with ingredients found and absorbed on the trading routes of Asia, from India and Malaysia to Japan. Reinvented by Macanese families as the city and trade developed, with the transnational links that for long have marked the Macanese ethnicity, it has matured.

What nobody seems to disagree with is that the food is good when it is good food. But that still seems to be limited to a quite closed circle of Macanese family homes and a handful of restaurants, although several books about the Macanese cuisine and its social history are now available – by Graça Pacheco Jorge, Cecilia Jorge, Fernando Sales Lopes, and António M. Jorge da Silva, to name a few authors – for those who want to try their hand at local specialties.

If, by conferring upon Macanese food the title of local heritage, the Macau government is seeking to better apply its efforts to safeguarding the cuisine while promoting it, it should know that with commitment comes responsibility. There is a need to find a good balance between respecting memory and creating routes for ensuring transmission, while unfolding flat narratives onto something more meaningful to residents and tourists – which is to say that the "East meets West" line has an expiration date.

Considering the big picture, several outcomes may emerge from this. In a way, the local listing is the first step on the way to a national and eventual international recognition; but working on the listing of Macanese gastronomy as part of China's national heritage – and Macanese representatives have already expressed such intent – might be a much longer route. As for international classification with UNESCO, China may have preempted the option of future recognition when it supported Macau's application as a UNESCO creative city of gastronomy, a designation it received in 2017, whereby Macanese cuisine was labelled the first fusion cuisine in the world.

Is China preparing to embrace diversity within or to keep it at a distance by inscribing "fusion" and its products in an external sphere? Politics alone will tell.

CHINA DEMANDS US LIFT TECH CURBS, WILL 'SAFEGUARD' INTERESTS

THE BUZZ

China demanded Washington lift sanctions on Chinese tech companies and warned yesterday it will "resolutely safeguard" the country's interests.

The Ministry of Commerce criticized curbs imposed on sales of U.S. technology to a group of Chinese companies as interference in the country's affairs. American officials say those companies provide technology used to repress Muslim minorities in the northwestern region of Xinjiang.

"We strongly urge the United States to immediately stop making irresponsible remarks on the issue of Xinjiang,

stop interfering with China's internal affairs and remove relevant Chinese entities from the Entity List as soon as possible," said a ministry statement. "China will take all necessary measures to resolutely safeguard Chinese interests."

The ministry gave no details of possible retaliation.

Despite the spike in tension, the ministry said Tuesday a trade delegation was going ahead with a trip to Washington this week for talks aimed at ending a tariff war.

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Winner of Nobel Prize of Chemistry Akira Yoshino smiles during a press conference in Tokyo yesterday

THREE WIN NOBEL IN CHEMISTRY FOR WORK ON LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

DAVID KEYTON, STOCKHOLM

THREE scientists won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry yesterday for their work developing lithium-ion batteries, which have reshaped energy storage and transformed cars, mobile phones and many other devices — and reduced the world's reliance on fossil fuels that contribute to global warming.

The prize went to John B. Goodenough, 97, a German-born engineering professor at the University of Texas; M. Stanley Whittingham, 77, a British-American chemistry professor at the State University of New York at Binghamton; and Japan's Akira Yoshino, 71, of Asahi Kasei Corporation and Meijo University.

Goodenough is the oldest person to ever win a Nobel Prize.

The three each had a set of unique breakthroughs that cumulatively laid the foundation for the development of a commercial rechargeable battery.

Lithium-ion batteries — the first truly portable and rechargeable batteries — took more than a decade to develop, and drew upon the work of multiple scientists in the U.S., Japan and around the world.

The work had its roots in the oil crisis in the 1970s, when Whittingham was

working on efforts to develop fossil fuel-free energy technologies. He harnessed the enormous tendency of lithium — the lightest metal — to give away its electrons to make a battery capable of generating just over two volts.

By 1980, Goodenough had doubled the capacity of the battery to four volts by using cobalt oxide in the cathode — one of two electrodes, along with the anode, that make up the ends of a battery.

Lithium-ion batteries took more than a decade to develop

But that battery remained too explosive for general commercial use and needed to be tamed. That's where Yoshino's work in the 1980s came in. He substituted petroleum coke, a carbon material, in the battery's anode. This step paved the way for the first lightweight, safe, durable and rechargeable commercial batteries to be built and enter the market in 1991.

"We have gained access to a technical revolution," said Sara Snogerup Linse of the Nobel committee for chemistry. "The laureates developed lightweight batteries with high enough potential to be useful in many applications — truly

portable electronics: mobile phones, pacemakers, but also long-distance electric cars."

"The ability to store energy from renewable sources — the sun, the wind — opens up for sustainable energy consumption," she added.

Speaking at a news conference in Tokyo, Yoshino said he thought there might be a long wait before the Nobel committee turned to his specialty — but he was wrong. He broke the news to his wife, who was just as surprised as he was.

"I only spoke to her briefly and said, 'I got it,' and she sounded she was so surprised that her knees almost gave way," he said.

In a statement from SUNY-Binghamton, Whittingham said: "I am overcome with gratitude at receiving this award, and I honestly have so many people to thank, I don't know where to begin."

"It is my hope that this recognition will help to shine a much-needed light on the nation's energy future," he added.

The trio will share a 9-million kronor (\$918,000) cash award. Their gold medals and diplomas will be conferred in Stockholm on Dec. 10 — the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death in 1896. AP

Bangladesh Police were investigating the killing of a student at a university dormitory allegedly by student activists loyal to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after he criticized a recent water-sharing deal with India. Last weekend's killing has sparked protests at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka. Police have arrested at least 11 students for their alleged involvement.



Trump In vowing to halt all cooperation with House Democrats' impeachment inquiry, the White House labeled the investigation "illegitimate" based on its own reading of the Constitution's vague language. The fundamental law gives the House "the sole power of impeachment," but without instructions manual. More on p14



UK A Scottish court has decided for now against ordering British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to write a letter asking the European Union to delay Brexit. The Court of Session in Edinburgh says there's no need to make a ruling yet because the government has promised to comply with a law ordering it to seek a delay if no divorce deal has been agreed by Oct. 19.



Germany Two people were killed yesterday in a shooting in the eastern German city of Halle and the suspected assailants fled, police said. Several shots were fired and the suspected assailants then fled in a car, police said in a tweet. They urged residents to stay in their homes or indoors. A short time later, police reported that one person had been arrested.