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**Japan** is bracing for two more storms heading its way a week after a typhoon devastated the country's central and northern regions.

**Spain** The Socialist government says it will exhume and relocate the remains of dictator Gen. Francisco Franco on Thursday, bringing closer to an end a move that has sparked much criticism and legal battles.

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## SUSPECTED RAPE IN COTAI HOTEL REPORTED TO POLICE

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A rape at a Cotai hotel involving a female and a male, both from the mainland, has been reported to the Judiciary Police (PJ) following referral by the Public Security Police Force, the former said in a press conference yesterday.

A 51-year-old alleged male rapist, surnamed Sun and reported to be the owner of a karaoke club, met the victim at the casino associated with the Cotai hotel on October 17, according to the female in her thirties.

The man confessed to having sexual intercourse with the woman, but denied the accusation of rape.

The woman told the police that at the time, she was gambling at the casino on her own. The man approached her about 7 p.m. and started to gamble with her. At about 9:30 p.m., the suspect invited her to his room for a brief rest, to which she agreed.

Right after entering the room, the suspect pushed her onto the bed and raped her without using a condom. She told the police that the rape ended at about 10 p.m. and they left the room together.

Back on the casino floor, thinking she was safe, the victim

called the police to report the rape. The casino security was somehow notified and the duo was brought to a room in the casino, where they were looked after by security guards.

Medical checks found bruises on the victim's right thumb. Such an injury might have been caused by a blunt object. Besides this, no other injury was found on the victim.

The case has been passed to the Public Prosecutions Office for judicial action.

### ALERT FOR ONLINE BETTING SCAMS

A local man has reported to the Judiciary Police that in early October, he came across an advertisement for an online casino in a mobile app. He visited the website and was right away contacted by the betting site's "customer service team."

He was told that if he registered for an account and deposited money immediately, he would get extra money for betting.

The man agreed and between October 6 and 13, he deposited funds on 10 separate occasions, with the money deposited to the betting site's account totaling to RMB148,300. He played some games and successfully withdrew

RMB71,440.

On October 13, he wanted to cash all his funds but was told to deposit RMB200,000 by October 19 in order to withdraw his funds. Failure to do so would result in a monetary fine.

As he refused to do so, he lost contact with the website's "customer service team." Therefore, he reported the case to the police, citing his loss as RMB76,860. Further investigation is being conducted by the Judiciary Police.

### BURGLARY AT COLOANE BUILDING SITE

Construction site workers should also stay alert for possible theft. At noon on October 18, the Judiciary Police received a referral by the Public Security Police about an aggravated burglary that took place at a Coloane construction site located at a large-scale residential estate.

The victim is a laborer from mainland who works at the site. There was an area at the site for storage of workers' belongings. They could put their belongings in wooden boxes locked with small password locks.

That morning, the victim did so when he got in for work. At about 11:30 a.m., as his break time started, he reached for his belongings.

Opening the box, he found his backpack open and all his belongings gone. He reported losses of HKD19,000, MOP3,550 and a cellphone, which altogether are worth MOP27,920.

### THE CASE OF FORGOTTEN CHIPS

The Public Security Police Force has also reminded the public to report any lost property to the police. The warning followed the disclosure of a case which occurred at about 7 p.m. on October 17, when a male mainland tourist reported to the police that he had lost casino chips worth HKD7,300 at a Cotai hotel.

At about 3 p.m. on the same day, the tourist was checking in to the hotel, in the course of which, he sat on a couch in the lobby to take some rest. He put his chips on a coffee table next to the couch.

He then got to his room and stayed there for about half an hour, before it suddenly crossed his mind that he had forgotten his chips at the lobby.

The chips were nowhere to be found. He thus notified the police.

After speaking with the hotel's security team, the man and the police were told that no one was spotted taking the chips. Meanwhile, the hotel agreed to provide surveillance camera footage to the police at a later time.

The police secured a target the next day, who was believed to be the suspect from the camera foot-

tage.

Police later ascertained that the suspect is surnamed Wang, aged about 30 years and a holder of a Chinese passport. The suspect managed to leave Macau before the police got hold of him.

Two days later, on the evening of October 20, the suspect tried to re-enter Macau through the Border Gate with his girlfriend. They were arrested by the police at the border checkpoint.

At the police station, the man confessed that he found and took the casino chips from the hotel lobby. He then cashed them out and offered the money to his girlfriend for shopping.

He emphasized to the police that his girlfriend played no role in the case. She was told that the cash had been won by gambling at the casino. Police found that both statements matched.

### AIR PASSENGERS ASKED TO REMAIN VIGILANT

Flying passengers should remain vigilant for loss of property during flights, Macau police authorities said during yesterday's press conference. A tourist flying in from Nanjing was reported to have lost HKD14,000 during his flight.

He failed to recover the money because he only discovered the loss after he entered Macau and reached the hotel where he was going to stay. He was only alerted of the loss when he looked for money to settle his taxi bill.

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# Prostitution rings running rampant and in plain sight

**P**ROSTITUTION rings are thriving in some of Macau's resorts where casino executives and local authorities allegedly turn a blind eye or even profit from the business, reported the South China Morning Post over the weekend.

An investigation by the Hong Kong newspaper found that nightclub workers at several Macau properties were offering sex in exchange for money. The activities, which were reported to occur at venues inside properties operated by Galaxy Entertainment Group and Emperor Entertainment Group, were also said to involve female pimps, known as "mamasans".

Individual prostitution is legal in Macau, however the law forbids both organizing and profiting from the sex trade.

Over the course of its investigation, the SCMP said it visited nightclubs inside Galaxy Macau and Star World Hotel, both operated by Galaxy Entertainment Group, and learned that customers would pay up to HKD6,800 for such services. Similar activities were also confirmed at nightclubs inside Grand Emperor Hotel and L'Arc Hotel.

The news comes as the Macau government is stepping up its efforts to combat human trafficking in the region and as the city works to substitute the shadier parts of its reputation for a more family-friendly image. It also

DANIEL BEITLER



follows a high-profile crackdown in January 2015 when Alan Ho, nephew of casino magnate Stanley Ho, was arrested over ties to a prostitution ring operating inside the Hotel Lisboa.

According to the investigation, the shady practice comes with the physical and mental abuse of young women well-documented in other locations where organized prostitution is illegal and driven underground.

Most of the women working at the nightclubs come from impoverished provinces in mainland China, or from Vietnam, Russia and Taiwan. They are usually recruited via online advertising campaigns that hint – though do not explicitly state – that sexual services or other illicit activities will be a part of the job.

A veteran police officer in Macau told the SCMP that exploitation of young women is rife in

the prostitution market, even as "there is money to be made by the girls that they could never hope to make in their poverty-stricken home provinces and countries."

"A cynic may argue that they know what they are getting into and do so with their eyes wide open. But these girls are clearly vulnerable economically and once they get here are strictly controlled and monitored by ma-

masans with connections to the underworld," added the officer, who the SCMP said was still serving in the police force.

The unidentified source also said that the operations are conducted in plain sight and that some casino management staff were even profiting from them.

"It is also known that the management of the nightclubs where they work take a significant cut of the fee customers are charged to take the girls out for sex. This is a crime in Macau but often – apart from the occasional sweep to expel illegal workers to make it look like something is being done – an official blind eye is turned to what is actually going on."

A spokesperson for Galaxy Entertainment Group told the SCMP that the company was "deeply disturbed" by the findings of the investigation, however stressed that the nightclubs in Galaxy Macau and Star World Hotel are owned and operated by third parties.

"We are deeply disturbed by the allegations since all retailers at our properties are expected to conduct their business in a reputable manner and in compliance with the laws and regulations in Macau," said the company in a statement cited by the SCMP, before recommending that further enquiries be directed to the nightclub operators.

A representative of Emperor Entertainment Group also distanced itself from the third parties that own and operate the premises under questions, adding that the company was "not aware of any of the activities you allege."

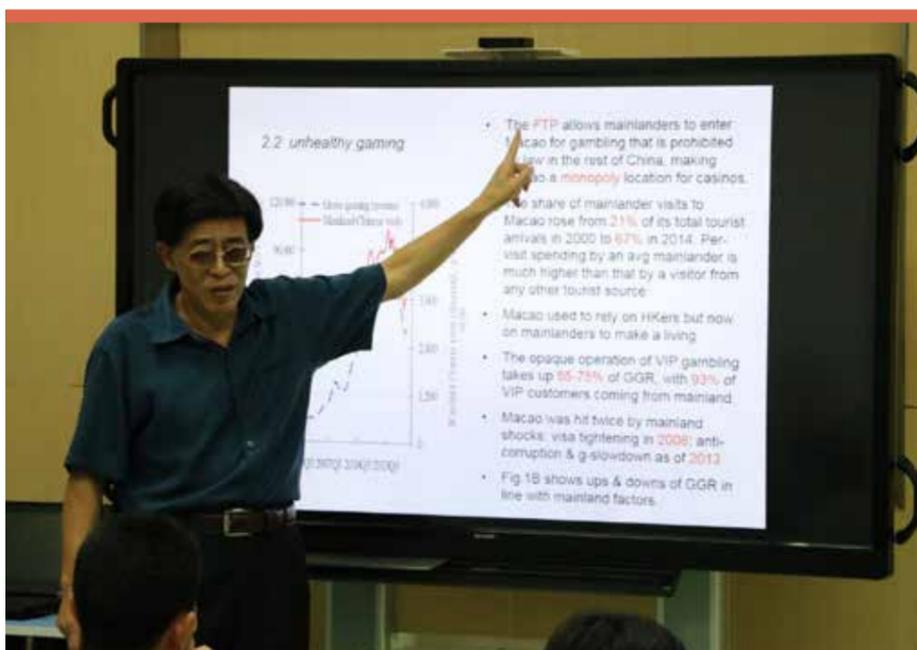
The SCMP said that attempts to contact the operators of the nightclubs were unsuccessful. **DB**

## UM professor says comments not racist

**T**HE professor who sparked controversy regarding his comments on his opposition to "foreigners" in the SAR said that the statements, which were made at the Annual Conference of Macao Studies 2019, did not exhibit racism.

Gu Xinhua, a professor at the University of Macau's (UM) Faculty of Business Administration, told Portuguese newspaper Hoje Macau, "I don't think it's racist; racism is everywhere in America. I didn't want my opinions to be public because it's a sensitive topic and it's personal."

UM has yet to make comments regarding the speech its professor gave during the conference, despite repeated inquiries by the Times.



The Times also contacted lawmaker Agnes Lam, who is also the director of UM's Center for Macau

Studies, to request comments on whether Gu's views also expressed the opinions of the center, yet

no reply was given by press time.

Lam told Hoje Macau that there is a protocol wi-

thin the higher education institution of not answering the questions. She added that it would be up to the university to respond.

Meanwhile, Gu's colleagues, who are also members of the Centre for Macau Studies, have given assurances that his opinions do not represent the opinion of the majority.

Last week, the professor, who holds a PhD in financial economics from the University of Toronto, accused "foreigners," specifically "white people," of corrupting Hong Kong's judicial system: "Macau's judiciary system is not controlled by white people [...] this is our advantage."

"Hong Kong's legal system is in the hands of white people and foreigners. Hong Kong people do not have judicial sovereignty; they only have administrative sovereignty," he added in his speech.

Gu also opposes the support rendered by China in maintaining Hong Kong's status as an international financial center, suggesting that Macau could replace the neighboring region as the 'window to the world' for the southern China region.

As previously reported, lawyer Neto Valente had also expressed his sentiments towards the professor's speech, noting that Gu is entitled to express himself, yet implied the comments were unnecessary.

The lawyer believes that Gu's comments does not deserve any kind of reply except to be completely disregarded.

"People that have different mindsets and values to the ones in Macau have the right to express themselves, they just don't have the right to make such comments," he told the press on Friday. **LV**

# MACAU-SHOT SEA OF MIRRORS NOMINATED IN SPAIN'S FILM FESTIVAL



**L**OS Angeles-based director Thomas Lim has expressed his hopes of making a third feature in Macau as a "love letter" to the city he calls his filmmaking home.

According to a statement, he aims to complete a "Macau Trilogy," and is working on ideas for the story before beginning principal photography in 2020 or 2021.

Lim's film, "Sea of Mirrors,"

filmed predominantly in Macau, is nominated for the 7th edition of the Asian Film Festival Barcelona.

"Sea of Mirrors" is Lim's second Macau feature after "Roulette City," which premiered in Macau in May 2018.

He is currently developing 14 films and TV series in Los Angeles for a Hong Kong film company.

"Being in competition means that the efforts and hard work

for 'Sea of Mirrors' have paid off. Regardless of the results, this is definitely an encouragement for the team," said Lim, as cited in a statement.

The film is a psychological thriller about a former Japanese star "Riri Kondo" who travels to Macau with her young daughter "Nana," to meet a rich investor who claims to be her fan and wants to invest in a movie with her in the lead. LV



## CCM LAUNCHES WINTER PROGRAM

**T**HE Macao Cultural Centre (CCM) is launching "ARTwarming Winter," its winter season program featuring several family-oriented performances, which aims to entertain the audience with music and theatrical productions from Macau and overseas.

The program, which will run from late December to early Ja-

nuary next year, will take the stage at CCM's Small Auditorium, starting from the play "The Sound of Nature," to be staged on December 20.

The program continues with two performances dedicated to the younger audience, who will have the opportunity to assist in "Shh! We Have a Plan," a funny and entertaining play

by Cahoots Northern Ireland, which will be presented following the Christmas holiday.

Then, there will be the Swedish interactive performance dedicated to babies, "The Garden of Spirited Minds," which aims to turn CCM's small auditorium stage into a colorful playground.

Tickets for all the events of "ARTwarming Winter" are already available as of last Sunday at CCM's box office and through Macau Ticketing Network. RM

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# Sands partners with Li Haotong as new brand ambassador

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**L**AS Vegas Sands Corp. (LVS) and Sands China Ltd. yesterday announced rising Chinese star golfer Li Haotong as an ambassador to the brand.

The announcement was made during a press conference co-organized by both companies and ahead of a golf clinic held by Sands, where Li and Hall of Famer American golfer Phil Mickelson participated as guests.

Announcing the partnership, the president of Sands China Ltd., Wilfred Wong recalled the importance of the brand ambassadors, which include the British football icon David Beckham.

"David Beckham also came to Macau to work together with organizations such as the [Macao] Special Olympics. This time, we have Li Haotong here and I believe that [with his help] we will continue to contribute to make Macau a better place and more famous in the world," Wong said, highlighting the commitment of the company with local entertainment and leisure industry: "Macau is now at

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Chinese star golfer Li Haotong

the top of the world in terms of leisure and entertainment."

Senior vice president of Global Communications and Corporate Affairs of LVS, Ron Reese said, "I am very pleased to welcome golf legend Phil Mickelson to Macau and I am also thrilled to have our new friend Li with us today as he will be joining the Sands family as our global brand ambassador," adding, "[Li] Haotong has already

proven himself as a great talent with a bright future in the game of golf."

Reese noted the changes promoted in Macau for the past 15 years, remarking that events such as the one being presented - and with great names of the world sport - "show how much Macau has evolved and can [now] attract celebrities and so many types of entertainers that add to the offers

for guests from the region and around the world."

During his remarks, Mickelson noted how he and Li were "excited to share some of our qualities in this game of golf to some of the juniors here and also [to have] an opportunity for us to show off some of our skills and hopefully inspire them."

He added that he hopes that through events like the Sands Ju-

nior Golf Camp, golf [will] become more accessible to the community here because it is such a great sport and has been such an important part of my life that gave me so many gifts that I feel that is my duty to give back to the game to help promote it and to introduce it to many young players and get them involved in the game."

Li said he was very happy and proud to be a partner of Sands as a brand ambassador.

The Chinese player noted the qualities of the sport, saying that in his opinion it "teaches many values from patience to sportsmanship," and added, "I am very keen to meet the young Macau golfers and to pass this message to them."

During the event that followed, in which Mickelson and Li had the opportunity to partner with some of the junior golfers in a competitive skills game, Mickelson added the things that changed his game was his nutrition and physical fitness. "I started to recover better from my training sessions by changing my diet, having a healthier diet and eating a smaller quantity," he said, noting, "working out [outside the golf practices] also helped a lot," and contributed significantly to boost his career.

As for Li's advice, he noted, "you must love the game. You must love what you are doing, otherwise you will get bored easily."

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We wish everyone success in the future and look forward to seeing you all again next year at the "25<sup>th</sup> Macao International Trade and Investment Fair" (25<sup>th</sup> MIF) and the "2020 Portuguese Speaking Countries Products and Services Exhibition (Macau)" (2020PLPEX).

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## MGTO HOLDS ROADSHOW IN GUANGDONG TO PROMOTE EVENTS

**T**HE Macao Government Tourism office (MGTO) held a roadshow during the weekend in Foshan, Guangdong, to highlight the city's tourism resources and events.

The "Experience Macao Your Own Style" roadshow showcased Suncity Group's 66th Macau Grand Prix, 4th International Film Festival & Awards - Macau (IFFAM), Macau Light Festival 2019 and 2019 Galaxy Entertainment Macao International Marathon, among others.

According to a statement issued by the tourism bureau, the roadshow featured multiple interactive-themed zones for local and visiting spectators to explore the palette of travel experiences in the SAR.

Held in Wanda Plaza, local music group MFM and singer Rico Long shared with the audience the series of events and culinary highlights in Macau, followed by their



performance of the song "United as One Family in the City of Lotus". The song composed by a local music association in celebration of the SAR's handover anniversary.

Meanwhile, Grand Prix simulators were available at the roadshow, alongside a motorsport car display, the "Macau Lighting Bicycle" and a miniature red carpet for photo opportunities. The roadshow also featured a gastronomic zone where Ma-

cau's signature snacks were distributed to the public during interactive activities.

A range of singing and dancing performances were also staged during the roadshow, as well as games and lucky draws.

Local travel agencies joined the roadshow to promote sales of their travel packages to Macau.

MGTO has held a series of roadshows this year to present the activities available in

the city.

Aside from roadshows, it also brought its promotional campaign "Experience Macao Food Truck in Los Angeles," which won the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Grand Award in Marketing. The campaign, which was rolled out last year, offered residents and travelers in Los Angeles a taste of Macau's delicacies, including pork chop buns and Portuguese egg tarts. **LV**

## CONSUMER PRICES RISE IN NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

**T**HE Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2019 increased by 2.73% year-on-year to 116.64, according to the latest data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

The rise marks a slowdown of 0.1 percentage points from the 2.83% year-on-year growth seen in August. Nevertheless, according to DSEC, the September increment was attributable to higher charges for eating out, rising rentals for dwellings and higher prices of fresh pork.

Among the various sections of goods and services, the price indexes of education surged 5.25%, while that of food and non-alcoholic beverages grew 4.41% year-on-year. The price index of communication dropped by 2.56% in the same period.

In month-to-month terms, the Composite CPI for September rose 0.2% on account of higher tuition fees in the new academic year and the growing prices of fresh pork. On the other hand, lower charges for package tours and the seasonal sale of women's summer clothing pushed down the price index of recreation and culture by 3.25% and clothing and footwear by 1.29%, respectively.

Meanwhile, the average Composite CPI for the third quarter of 2019 increased by 2.72% year-on-year to 116.37.

The Composite CPI reflects the impact of price changes on the general households in Macau and is a key indicator of inflation. **DB**

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# Local designers bring romantic forest elements to new collection

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**A**LO Lo and Rainie Choi, a talented fashion duo from Macau, have prepared a new collection with the theme of enchanted romance and forestry for fashion lovers in Macau and abroad.

Last Friday, AURALO ARTE the label under the fashion duo, opened the Walk on Water of the Sands Macao Fashion Week 2019, at Shoppes at The Venetian Macao.

This event marks the first time their label, which was established in 2013 by the two designers, will join one of the biggest fashion events of Macau, exhibited their 2020 Spring/Summer ready-to-wear collection.

In total, the designers prepared 45 looks for the Walk on Water fashion show at the Venetian Macao. Twenty-five of these looks are new pieces for the 2020 Spring/Summer ready-to-wear collection. The rest are selective prime designs from previous seasons, which hope to bring to customers the chance of a glimpse into designs from other seasons.

Targeting fashion lovers aged between 25 and 40 years, AURALO ARTE focuses on romantic, young and feminine content.

For this season in particular, the forest is where the designers drew their inspiration.

“[The inspiration of] our theme for this collection comes from the forest. The theme for this collection is [the] forest elf,” Choi said.

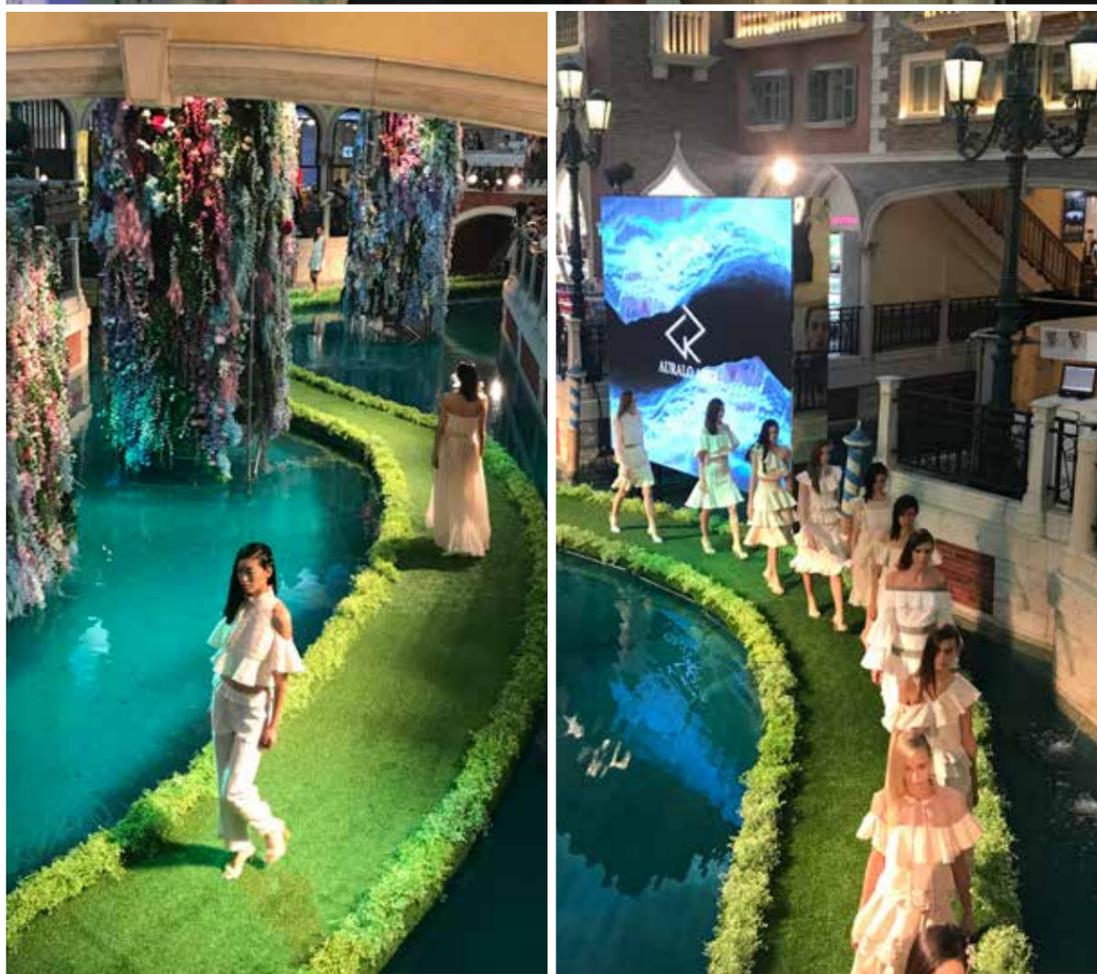
To create the effect of the forest, the designers used colors as greyish blue, greyish red, beige, and greyish green, which are rather enchanting colors, easily found in the forest, according to Choi.

“The whole collection is enchanting, which allows for a glimpse into the wonderland through enchantment,” said Choi.

Besides the colors, the lacing and tailoring of the clothes were also designed to be more romantic, for example, many uses of ruffles and fabrics deliver a sense of romance. According to Choi, the cutting of AURALO ARTE 2020 Spring/Summer ready-to-wear collections is more three-dimensional than flat.

The designers wish to bring, to their customers, more unique fabrics and cutting, as well as the combination between the two, aided by colors.

Talking about their collaboration with the Sands Macao



Fashion Week 2019, ALO Lo thanked Sands for fulfilling their dreams. According to Lo, the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center recommended them to the gaming operator.

“Walking this catwalk has always been our dream. This time, we [have been] recommended by the center. We feel very grateful that we fulfilled our dream and opened this fashion week,” said Lo.

AURALO ARTE is established by Lo and Choi, and the brand style aims to make trendy, unique and practical costumes with the concept of madness and black.

Fervently in love with fashion design as her most important thing in life, Choi is well-experienced in the sales industry of Haute Couture; whilst Lo is a hair stylist and image designer, working for a fashion and hair show, both locally and abroad.

Both Choi and Lo took the course “Diploma in Fashion Design and Production” at the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center, and got the first prize and third prize respectively during their graduation in 2012 and 2011.

With a common goal and passion in fashion, the two designers established their own brand, AURALO ARTE. Their first series was the Spring/Summer 2014 fashion collection.

## MAN DETAINED FOR IN-FLIGHT THEFT CASES

A 38-year-old mainland man has been detained for multiple in-flight theft cases, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported yesterday. In July, the PJ received a report from a mainland tourist about a personal loss of HKD7,000 in cash in addition to credit cards. On October 19, the suspect was detained at the Macau airport as he was about to enter the territory. Among his belongings, the PJ found HKD41,000 and RMB1,900 in cash, as well as amounts in other currencies, including U.S. dollars and euros. The PJ believes that the suspect is involved in more in-flight theft cases, and that there is a second suspect involved. The man denied the accusations and has been referred to the prosecution authority. The PJ is still investigating the whereabouts of a possible second man, who is on the run.

## ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE ENTRY BAN URGED

Lawmaker Chan Hong has urged the local government to ban electronic cigarettes from entering Macau. In an interpellation written to the government, Chan remarked that electronic cigarettes pose a great danger to residents' health and the society, adding that banning this type of cigarette is a major trend. Chan pointed out that in relation to Macau's present law, individuals are allowed to bring to the territory no more than 25 grams of tobacco products. She believes that allowing people to bring electronic cigarettes to Macau poses difficulties to Macau's tobacco control. In addition, Chan wants to know about the effectiveness of the city's new tobacco control law, which has been implemented for more than one and a half years.

## 160 TENANTS VACATE PUBLIC HOUSES DUE TO RISING INCOME

Approximately 160 public housing tenants have left their rented public houses because their incomes exceed public housing requirements. Currently, Macau has a total of 14,020 public housing units. As of the third quarter of 2019, Macau had a total of 11,717 tenants, 160 tenants of whom returned their houses to the government due to the fact their income has exceeded a threshold. During the same period last year, 73 tenants moved out from public houses. In 14 cases this year, people were found not using the houses permanently or giving them to other people who were not involved in the contract established with the government. In five out of these 14 cases, tenants moved out voluntarily; legal procedures were needed for the remaining nine cases.

# FEARS ARE GROWING AMONG MAINLAND CHINESE LIVING IN HONG KONG

BEI HU, ALFRED CANG  
& ALFRED LIU

As Hong Kong's historic protests become increasingly violent, mainland Chinese living in the city are becoming increasingly fearful.

Min, who moved to Hong Kong from the mainland in 1995 and now runs his own hedge fund, said the startling escalation in mayhem prompted him to tell his children not to speak Mandarin in public for fear they'll get beaten up in the Cantonese-speaking city.

Before going out for dinner, Min checks his phone for news on which city streets are blocked due to mass marches or violent clashes. He stopped flying on the city's flagship carrier, Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., where some staff took part in protests and others were fired after investigations into depleted oxygen tanks. With battles between police and black-clad mobs becoming pervasive, Min said he's considered moving his business to Shanghai and his family to Canada.

"They have no moral bottom line as to what they'll do to achieve their goals," Min, who asked that his full name not be used for fear of retribution, said of the protesters. "Fingers crossed, I believe the police can crush this."

The strife ripping through Hong Kong - with police officers and protesters in hand-to-hand combat, subway stations set ablaze and an improvised explosive device detonated near a police car - looks very different to the city's mainland-born residents. Since Hong Kong's handover from the U.K. to China in 1997, professionals from the mainland flocked to the city, and they now make up more than 1 million among the population of about 7.5 million.

The protests began in opposition to a since-scraped government bill allowing extraditions to mainland China and have expanded to include calls for greater democracy and an independent inquiry into police tactics. While the majority of protesters are peaceful, the demonstrations often

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feature a darker, anti-China tone. Some demonstrators have burned Chinese flags and spray-painted the phrases "Chinazi" and "Hong Kong is not China" across the city. Others have attacked mainland Chinese.

This past weekend, gangs ransacked or destroyed Chinese bank branches and retail businesses, including an outlet for smartphone maker Xiaomi Corp. based in Beijing.

The tensions between mainlanders and locals also surface in daily office interactions.

"Employees are generally encouraged to not discuss this topic at work and to leave political opinions at home," said Benjamin Quinlan, chief executive officer of financial-services consultancy Quinlan & Associates. Still, "you can't segregate a private and corporate life so cleanly, and there will inevitably be opinions on politics that don't gel among colleagues."

When crowds surged into the streets recently, Yang, a 34-year-old finance professional from China, watched from above in one

of the city's gleaming skyscrapers.

TVs in the office - and desktop live-streams - were all tuned to the protests against Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam's impending use of a colonial-era emergency powers law to ban face masks on demonstrators. Mobile phones buzzed with messages flowing across WeChat groups about looming protests and violence outside, including one alarming video

## Tensions between mainlanders and locals also surface in daily office interactions, where it can be difficult to segregate private and corporate lives

of a Chinese banker from JPMorgan Chase & Co. getting punched in the head by a protester, and someone yelling: "Go back to the mainland!"

Yang, who asked to be identified only by one name, also is scared to speak Mandarin and has

been regularly fleeing across the border to nearby Shenzhen to escape the violence. That Friday afternoon, she left early and dashed to meet her husband and daughter at the bus station, right before the city descended into its worst violence on the weekend of Oct. 5.

"As I rushed to the bus station to regroup with my family, I was so stressed - hearing my heart beating quickly and strongly," she said, adding she bought the last three tickets for a bus that whisked them all to Shenzhen, which was celebrating 70 years of Communist rule with buildings and billboards decked out in red lights.

"When the bus crossed the bridge and was about to enter Shenzhen, we all saw the red neon at the other side of the river," she said. "I felt suddenly relaxed."

In the financial sector, the conflicts between those sympathetic to protesters and those aligned with Beijing can be seen in instances both subtle and dramatic.

Hao Hong, chief strategist at Bocom International Holdings Co. in Hong Kong, recently visi-

ted another company to meet with workers from mainland China, stepping into an office and speaking to them in Mandarin. Their local colleague quickly raised the volume on a nearby TV, overpowering the conversation with the sound of a show - in Cantonese.

"Sometimes people refuse to talk to you if you speak to them in Mandarin," said Hong, who's lived in the former British colony for eight years. "Everyone is touchy."

In addition to not speaking Mandarin in public, other mainlanders said they have stopped using WeChat - the Tencent Holdings Ltd.-owned Chinese messaging service - in the open.

Some have started considering relocating back to the mainland, despite spending decades in the city, said one woman who works at a Chinese hedge fund and asked that she only be identified as Levy. Mainlanders with children in local schools are concerned they will be exposed to anti-government sentiment, she said.

"We are all in the financial industry," Levy said. "If they can find good offers in Shanghai or Beijing, there is now a stronger incentive to move back." **BLOOMBERG**

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# Carrie Lam apologizes for water cannon use at mosque

KELVIN CHAN

**H**ONG Kong officials apologized to Muslim leaders yesterday after riot police sprayed a mosque and bystanders with a water cannon while trying to contain turbulent pro-democracy demonstrations in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

The city's leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, and the police chief visited the Kowloon Mosque to apologize to the chief imam and Muslim community leaders.

Officials were scrambling to minimize the fallout from the incident at one of the city's most well-known religious sites.

The government said in a statement that Lam "extended an apology for the inadvertent spraying."

Authorities called it an accident, but a bystander's account disputed that.

Muslim leaders told reporters they accepted the apology.

"Our mosque is not damaged, nothing is done wrong. Only thing is that they should have not done it. For that they apologized so we accept it," said Saeed Uddin, honorary secretary of the Islamic Community Fund of Hong Kong.

Police also apologized later at a daily press briefing and said they had been contacting Muslim community leaders across the city.

"To any people or any groups that were affected, we offer our genuine apologies," said Cheuk Hau-yip, the Kowloon West regional commander. "We certainly do not have any malicious intent.

It was a rare case of authorities apologizing for how they've handled the protest movement, which erupted in early June and expanded to include demands for police accountability and political reforms. Protesters seized on it as the latest example of what they call unnecessarily harsh police tactics.

During Sunday's protest, a police water cannon truck that was passing by the mosque sprayed a stinging blue-dyed liquid at a handful of people standing in front of the mosque's gate, according to video of the incident by pro-democracy lawmaker Jeremy Tam.

The mosque's front steps, metal gate and sidewalk outside were stained with the blue liquid while people caught in the plume were left gagging, coughing and trying

to rinse the solution from their eyes, the video shows.

Volunteers later arrived to help clean up the mosque, and by Monday morning the blue coating was largely gone.

Hong Kong is home to more than 300,000 Muslims, according to the Islamic Community Fund, which runs the city's five mosques and two Muslim cemeteries. They first arrived in the 19th century after being recruited in India by British colonizers.

Tam said on his Facebook page that he and two others went to the hospital to check for injuries.

One of those people, Mohan Chugani, a businessman and former president of Hong Kong's Indian Association, said he was passing by the mosque and stopped to chat with someone when he

was hit by the cannon.

Chugani, who is not Muslim, said there were no protesters around when the water cannon and an armored car rolled up, so he thought nothing of it. Then he noticed a periscope on the cannon focusing on him.

Before he knew it, the cannon fired.

"I was shocked," said Chugani, 73. It fired again.

"The second round became much more powerful. I couldn't open my eyes, and it was like my whole body was on fire," he said.

Chugani, whose left eye remained swollen shut, said Hong Kong officials reached out to apologize.

"I accept the chief executive's apology in principle, but apologizing to me alone does not solve this whole matter," he said. "The police have got out of hand and they seem not to be answerable to anybody."

Police used the water cannon along with tear gas and pepper spray to battle protesters who remained on the streets after the end of an unauthorized rally, vandalizing and setting fire to shops with ties to mainland China. They were rallying to call for broader political rights and police accountability. It was the latest turmoil to grip Hong Kong, which has been wracked by unrest since early June, spurred by concerns that Chinese communist leaders are tightening their hold on the former British colony.

Police said they arrested 68 people over the weekend. They called the protesters "rioters," and said they hurled more than 100 firebombs and damaged more than 100 sets of traffic lights.

Organizers were planning a Monday evening sit-in at a suburban train station on the three-month anniversary of a violent attack there on protesters by men with suspected organized crime ties.

Hong Kong's subway operator closed the station by early afternoon in an apparent bid to foil the protesters, who have trashed and torched subway facilities in anger at the operator's support for the authorities. AP

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# RUSSIA WILLING TO PAY TO LURE SHIPPERS TO THE ARCTIC

**R**USSIA wants to make its Arctic waters more attractive to shippers than the Suez Canal and could be willing to compensate for potential risks to make that happen.

President Vladimir Putin has made development of the Arctic one of Russia's top long-term priorities and huge projects to export liquefied natural gas via the Northern Sea Route have already lured investors above the Polar Circle. But shippers of other products remain reluctant to make the detour from the Suez Canal toward the Arctic due to multiple risks.

To deliver a cargo via the Northern Sea Route today, a shipping company needs an ice-class vessel or an icebreaker and to pay insurance costs more than twice those for the Suez Canal, according to Russia's Deputy Minister of the Far East and Arctic Development Alexander Krutikov.

His ministry, together with Russian think-tank Skolkovo, is working on a project to create a state-run container ship operator. The company would cover the cost of any risks associated with transporting international cargoes via the Arctic's icy waters, including possible delivery disruptions and higher insurance payments.

"The state pays for the Arctic exposure and the shippers cover the remaining costs themselves," Krutikov said in an interview. The resulting costs for shipping companies "should be lower than in the Suez Canal, at least at the first stage," to promote the route.

If the idea is implemented, the state container ship operator would be responsible for transporting cargoes across the Northern Sea Route, stretching more than 3,000 nautical miles between

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## Shipping Shortcut

Challenges abound for Russia's Northern Sea Route despite shorter distance to Asia



Miles/-days

| Route                    | Northern Sea Route (Miles/-days) | Suez Canal Route (Miles/-days) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Qinhuangdao to Rotterdam | 8,153/25                         | 11,024/33                      |
| Busan to Rotterdam       | 7,539/23                         | 10,806/32                      |
| Hammerfest to Yokohama   | 5,925/25                         | 12,460/37                      |

the Barents Sea at the Russian border with Norway and the Bering Strait near Alaska.

Feeder ships from European and Asian ports could sail as far as Murmansk in the Barents Sea and Kamchatka in the Far East, bringing cargoes to transshipment points, according to Krutikov. From there, the Russian container operator would take responsibility for the cargoes, he said. "This significantly lowers transportation costs, as foreign companies will not need Arctic vessels," and Russia could also keep transshipment costs competitive, Krutikov added.

The national ship operator would be needed to accompany international shippers for at least a decade, "otherwise no one will use" the Northern Sea Route, he said. "At some point the shippers will get used to and understand the infrastructure, will become

more interested and then we can stop covering the Arctic exposure and make the route commercial."

### ONE-THIRD HIGHER COSTS

The cost of transporting a Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit, a standard measure of a ship's cargo capacity commonly known as TEU, via the Northern Sea Route could be around 36% higher than via the Suez Canal, according to a 2014 presentation made by Tuomas Kiiski, a research manager at Finland's University of Turku.

Kiiski made the calculations by comparing approximate costs for an Ultra Large Container Ship making a trip from Rotterdam-Singapore-Shanghai-Busan-Yokohama-Rotterdam via the Suez Canal with costs for a much smaller Panamax making the same trip via the Northern Sea Route, he said in the presentation to the Arctic Frontiers conference.

The calculations are simplified as the actual comparison is fairly complex "due to lack of precedents for commercial Europe-Asia container shipping activity," Kiiski said in an email to Bloomberg. "The main hindrance of container shipping is that the requirements of liner shipping – regular year-round service, fixed schedules, schedule integrity, a network of intermediate ports and economies of scale – are not met" in the Northern Sea Route now, he said.

If navigation in the Northern Sea Route is extended to around 225 days per year, it may be economically viable to use the Arctic link during that period and the Suez Canal for the rest of the year, a 2014 research paper for Kyoto University suggests.

### DROP IN THE OCEAN

Today, international transit accounts for just a fraction of total

cargo flows along the Northern Sea Route. The bulk of the 20.2 million tons of cargo which were shipped via the route last year was LNG from Novatek PJSC's Yamal LNG plant and crude from Gazprom Neft PJSC's Novoportovskoye field. By 2024, Russia aims to increase shipments via the Northern Sea Route to as much as 80 million tons per year.

To achieve that target, Russia will have to deal with extremely harsh environmental conditions. At the moment, it's not possible to navigate across the Northern Sea Route for more than four months of the year. For the rest of the time, the Arctic waters are covered with thick ice with temperatures which fall as low as minus 40 degrees Celsius (also minus 40 Fahrenheit). That requires costly ice-breaking vessels and still doesn't guarantee safe delivery of cargoes, as unpredictable winds can bring heavy, moving pack ice onto the route.

"The task is to make the Northern Sea Route safe and economically viable for shippers, attractive both in terms of quality and price," Putin said at the international Arctic Forum in April. Russia aims to launch round-the-year navigation along the Northern Sea Route by 2030, according to media reports, citing a draft of the Arctic Development program.

Russia's round-the-year navigation plans may be aided by the changing climate as global warming is slowly freeing up the country's transpolar conduit from ice packs. Last year, Russia's meteorological service Rosgidromet recorded the highest average surface winter temperature in the nation's sea Arctic zone since 1952. Various studies suggest that climate change may extend the ice-free navigation period via the Northern Sea Route by several weeks between 2030-2050, enough to make the route commercially attractive for shipping transit. MDT/BLOOMBERG

## CORPORATE BITS

### Sands and teamLab to launch museum at The Venetian



Sands Resorts Macao and art collective teamLab will launch a monumental digital-only museum at The Venetian Macao in January 2020.

The permanent, as-yet-untitled museum will be housed

in The Venetian Macao's Cotai Expo Hall F, boasting 5,000 square metres of floor space. With eight-meter-high ceilings throughout, the space will be transformed by teamLab into an extremely complex,

three-dimensional world with varying degrees of elevation featuring constantly changing, immersive artworks. Currently under construction, the museum will unveil new pieces.

What teamLab calls a "body immersive" museum, the new destination at The Venetian Macao will be a world of artworks that blur the boundaries between the human body and art, challenging the conventional notion of the 'physical'.

Together with others, visitors will immerse themselves in the art, allowing them to explore new, continuous relationships that transcend the boundaries between themselves and the world.

### Melco supports 27th Quadripartite Conference on Occupational Safety and Health



Melco recently supported the 27th Quadripartite Conference on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) co-organized by the Labour Affairs Bureau and the Macau Construction Safety Association and held at Studio City, Macau, between

October 15 to 17.

The three-day event was attended by more than 400 representatives, including government officials from the region, experts, researchers, management professionals and practitioners in the field of OSH, with the aim of pro-

moting regional exchange, interaction and cooperation.

Akiko Takahashi, executive vice president and chief of staff to chairman and CEO of Melco said, "Since the establishment of Melco's OSH policy in 2008, ensuring the safety of our employees, guests and contractors has been our top priority."

In addition to the program of seminars and structured discussions, conference attendees were invited to exclusively tour Studio City in small groups, visiting OSH facilities available at the integrated resort's front operations and employee-only "Heart-of-House" areas.

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# American ambassador defends rules for Chinese diplomats

JOE McDONALD, BEIJING

**T**HE U.S. ambassador to China defended plans to require Beijing's diplomats to report contacts with some Americans and said yesterday that Washington is considering additional rules for employees of entities controlled by the ruling Communist Party.

The change comes as the United States, Australia and some other governments are looking at possible Chinese efforts to spy or gain influence in their countries. It follows years of complaints from American and other diplomats about controls on their ability to move around China and to meet with officials and members of the public.

Ambassador Terry Branstad said the rule is "very modest" and intended to win more access for American diplomats in China's "closed system." He rejected Chinese criticism that the measure violates a global treaty on conditions for diplomats as "very outrageous."

The rule change comes amid a deteriorating U.S.-Chinese relationship and a tariff war over American complaints about Beijing's trade surplus and technology ambitions.

Chinese diplomats would be required to report contacts with American educators, researchers and local and state governments under the rule announced Wednesday. Branstad said by contrast, American diplomats face a more restrictive system that requires them to apply for permission for such contacts, which he said often is refused.

A spokeswoman for the Chinese foreign ministry said Beijing has a "positive attitude" toward cooperation with the United States and expressed hope Branstad could clarify what restrictions he was talking about.

"We hope that on this issue, the United States will face facts and facilitate normal people-to-people exchanges between the two sides, instead of setting up obstacles, let alone making unfounded countercharges," said the spokeswoman, Hua Chunying.

In Australia, individuals and businesses that try to influence politics or the government for a foreign country have been required to register since December. That followed a government report that found China's Communist Party has tried over the past decade to influence Australian policy, compromise political parties and gain access to government.

Branstad said American diplomats have been blocked from meeting with Chinese law enforcement and other officials and requests to visit universities have been refused. The ambassador said when he and other diplomats planned to visit a coffee shop in the western province of Qinghai during a trip to Tibet, officials visited the shop in advance and ordered employees and customers not to talk to the Americans.

"The State Department finally came to the opinion that to try to improve our access we need to show some reciprocity," Branstad told reporters.

The ambassador said U.S. officials have yet to discuss the rule directly with Chinese authorities.

But the Chinese Embassy complained on its Twitter account that the rule violates the Vienna Convention and said China imposes no similar restrictions on American diplomats — a claim that conflicts with Branstad's comments and complaints by diplomats from other countries about curbs on their activities.

"I think the response on Twitter from the Chinese ambassador has been really outrageous," said Branstad. "The truth is that we have a very open system and they have a very closed system."

Meanwhile, Branstad said Washington is considering a separate proposal to require employees of "party-controlled entities" — a group that might include state media — to register as foreign agents. He said that is unrelated to the rule for diplomats.

"There has been some discussion about Chinese that are working for party-controlled entities and whether they should be treated as foreign agents," the ambassador said. "I don't know where that's come down. But that's really a separate issue. It's not part of this." AP

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Grab the whole family and come for a day filled with Bavarian fun! Tickets are on sale now, so mark your calendar and book yours before they're all sold out! Purchase them online on the MGM website or in person at MGM MACAU and MGM COTAI.



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## MINISTER ISSUES STINGING REBUKE OF US AT BEIJING DEFENSE FORUM

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN,  
BEIJING

CHINA'S defense minister lashed out at U.S. foreign policy yesterday, saying China wasn't fazed by sanctions, pressure or a "big stick" approach, while reiterating threats to force the self-governing island democracy of Taiwan to accept rule from Beijing.

Gen. Wei Fenghe did not refer directly to the U.S. in his opening

remarks at the Xiangshan Forum, an annual gathering in Beijing patterned on other multilateral gatherings such as Singapore's Shangri-la Dialogue.

But he repeated phrases Beijing often says about Washington and its Western allies as part of what China considers an ongoing campaign to restrain its development.

"No one and no force will be able to stop the course" of China's annexation of Taiwan, Feng said in an opening address to the

forum, whose catchphrase this year is "Maintaining International Order and Promoting Peace in the Asia-Pacific."

China "will never allow the separatists for Taiwan independence to take their chances or any external forces to interfere into the Taiwan affairs. Reunification of the motherland is a justified course and separatist activities are doomed to failure," Wei said.

Taiwan, a former Japanese colony, split from China amid civil

war in 1949 and enjoys strong U.S. military and diplomatic backing, despite the lack of formal ties.

Referring to what China regards as unwarranted U.S. intervention in other countries' affairs, Wei said China wouldn't accept or be intimidated by Washington's actions.

He included among those "long-arm jurisdiction," China's pejorative term for the leveling of U.S. sanctions on countries such as China, North Korea and Iran.

Wei's comments yesterday come amid sharpening tensions between China and the U.S. over a range of economic and security issues, from trade and technology transfer to Hong Kong and the South China Sea.

U.S. officials have offered their own harsh assessments of China's drive to supplant America as Asia's pre-eminent military power.

In testimony Wednesday before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, top U.S. diplomat David R. Stilwell said China's ruling Communist Party is pursuing a "repressive alternative vision" for the region that seeks to reorder it in its favor and has put Beijing "in a position of strategic competition with all who seek to preserve a free and open order of sovereign nations within a rules-based order."

Stilwell, assistant secretary of the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea as exemplified by the "preposterous nine-dashed line" lacked "legal, historic, or geographic merit."

Stilwell was especially scathing about China's claim to be pursuing a peaceful code of conduct with other parties while using its navy, coast guard and other actors to bully neighbors such as Vietnam and cement its claims in their area by building artificial island outposts.

"We remain skeptical of the PRC's sincerity to negotiate a meaningful Code of Conduct that reinforces international law," Stilwell said. "If it is used by the PRC to legitimize its egregious behavior and unlawful maritime claims, and to evade the commitments Beijing signed up to under international law, a Code of Conduct would be harmful to the region, and to all who value freedom of the seas." AP

## Taiwan-Hong Kong spat raises doubts about murder

ADELA LIN  
& IAIN MARLOW

THE man at the center of a Taiwan murder case that sparked months of violent protests in Hong Kong wants to turn himself in. But first Hong Kong and Taiwan must stop feuding over how that happens.

Officials in Taipei have accused Hong Kong of playing politics by trying to get rid of a man accused of murdering his girlfriend while on a vacation in Taiwan - a case that led Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam to introduce deeply unpopular extradition legislation. Taiwan said the two sides need to dis-

cuss how they'll cooperate on the prosecution before they accept him.

At the same time, Lam's Beijing-backed government said that Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-Wen, whose Democratic Progressive Party favors independence from China, hasn't responded to suggestions on how they can cooperate. The city said their police investigation did not find sufficient evidence to prosecute a murder charge and that the suspect's decision to surrender to Taiwan should solve the thorny legal issue of his extradition.

A Hong Kong court should issue a formal statement saying it didn't have

sufficient evidence, Tsai Ching-hsiang, Taiwan's Minister of Justice, said at a press briefing in Taipei on yesterday evening. He added that Taiwan will arrest Chan if he returns.

The dueling statements follow a letter from Chan Tong-kai, in which he outlined his willingness to return to the island after his release from a Hong Kong jail on a related money-laundering charge. The case sits at the center of a complex dispute that has sparked four months of unrest and a broader geopolitical battle that has embroiled Beijing and Washington.

"Carrie Lam is cooperating with China," Taiwanese

Premier Su Tseng-chang told reporters yesterday. "She didn't investigate the jailed Hong Kong person who killed another Hong Kong person. She ignored our requests for judicial assistance previously. Now she changes her attitude suddenly and said will send the suspect to Taiwan. This is very strange."

### 'POLITICAL FORCES'

The Mainland Affairs Council in Taipei, which governs the island's relations with China, said in a weekend statement that "political forces" were behind the Hong Kong suspect's plan to hand himself in to Taiwan. The body rei-

terated that only judicial cooperation can solve the problem, which arose because Hong Kong has no formal extradition treaty with Taiwan.

"As long as Hong Kong requests, we will promptly provide relevant evidence on an equal, dignified and mutually beneficial basis," the Mainland Affairs Council said. "We also hope the Hong Kong government will face our request in a prompt and pragmatic manner."

Hong Kong authorities said it received "no reply" from Taiwan to its suggestions to send a delegation to Taiwan to discuss a "co-operation arrangement." The

government said in a statement that Chan's plan "to surrender himself to Taiwan is purely out of his own free will," and that allegations of "political maneuvering are totally groundless."

"We have stated clearly that there is no law that allows us to extradite suspect Chan to Taiwan, or to pursue any criminal judicial assistance with Taiwan," the Hong Kong government said. "As Chan has stated his willingness to surrender himself voluntarily to Taiwan, the authority of Taiwan should handle the case in accordance with its protocol in handling similar cases of self-surrender." BLOOMBERG

# Australian papers redact front pages to expose gov't secrecy

ROD MCGUIRK, CANBERRA

**A**USTRALIA'S major newspapers published redacted front pages yesterday in a coordinated campaign to highlight government secrecy that is often justified on national security grounds.

Rival media businesses first banded together to fight for press freedom in June after police raided the Canberra home of a News Corp. journalist and the Sydney headquarters of Australian Broadcasting Corp. in search of leaked government documents that had formed the basis of news reports embarrassing to the government. A former army lawyer has been charged over the leaks and several journalists could also be charged.

The newspaper front pages ask: When government keeps the truth from you, what are they covering?

Examples of secrecy include



the government's refusal to disclose which nursing homes have been found to abuse and ne-

glect elderly residents. The government also will not disclose how much agricultural land has been

sold to foreign entities.

"Australians should always be suspicious of governments that want to restrict their right to know what's going on," News Corp. Australia's executive chairman Michael Miller said.

The media campaign began on the day the new Australian Federal Police Commissioner Reece Kershaw testified for the first time before a Senator committee that is holding an ongoing inquiry into police issues.

Kershaw, who has been in charge of police for less than three weeks, said he planned to meet news editors soon to discuss their concerns on press freedom.

"Police independence and freedom of the press are both fundamental pillars that coexist in our democracy," Kershaw said. "I strongly believe in these two pillars."

Police had finalized new gui-

delines for investigating unauthorized disclosures by government officials that take into account a recent government direction to acknowledge the importance of a free and open press, Kershaw said.

Questioned in Parliament, Prime Minister Scott Morrison yesterday would not give assurances that journalists targeted in the June raids would avoid being charged.

"There is no one in this country who is above the law," Morrison said.

"People should not be prosecuted for their profession. They should only be prosecuted if indeed they have been found to be falling foul of the law," he added.

Australian media organizations argue that press freedoms have been eroded by more than 70 counterterrorism and security laws that have been passed by Parliament since the al-Qaida attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

The government responded by asking a parliamentary committee to hold an inquiry into the impact of Australian law enforcement and intelligence powers on press freedom. That committee will report next month. **AP**

## POLITICS

# South Korean prosecutors seek arrest of ex-minister's wife

**P**ROSECUTORS said yesterday they are seeking to arrest the wife of South Korea's former justice minister, who resigned last week amid allegations of financial crimes and academic fraud surrounding his family that sparked huge protests and dented the popularity of President Moon Jae-in.

The Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office said it requested an arrest warrant for Chung Kyung-shim over her suspected involvement in dubious private equity investments, attempts to destroy evidence, and creating fake credentials to help her daughter get into medical school.

Officials from a Seoul court that's reviewing the request didn't immediately return calls.

Chung and her husband Cho Kuk have denied legal wrongdoing, although Cho has apologized over alleged perks his daughter received when entering a top university in Seoul and a medical school in Busan.

The former justice minister, who for years built a reputation as an anti-elitist and reformist, said last week he was stepping down to reduce the political



burden of Moon, whose approval ratings have dipped.

Cho's resignation came after huge crowds of his supporters and critics marched in South Korea's capital for weeks, demonstrating how the months-long saga has further polarized a nation already grappling with deep divides along political, regional and generational lines.

Moon's liberal Minjoo Party and pro-Cho protesters, who have continued their rallies despite his resignation, have accused prosecutors of pushing an excessive investigation out of resistance to Cho's reform plans, which included curbing prosecutors' powers, which cri-

tics say are excessive.

But the controversy surrounding Cho has struck a nerve in a country that's struggling to tackle worsening inequality and brutally competitive school environments and has tarnished the image of Moon, who vowed to restore faith in fairness and justice after replacing conservative President Park Geun-hye, who was impeached and jailed for corruption.

Recent polls suggest Moon's approval ratings are at the lowest level since he took office in May 2017, an alarming development for the ruling liberals ahead of parliamentary elections in April. **AP**

# TWO INDIAN STATES HOLD ELECTIONS; MODI'S PARTY EXPECTED TO WIN

SHEIKH SAALIQ, NEW DELHI

**V**OTERS cast ballots yesterday in two Indian states where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist party is seeking a second consecutive term.

The Bharatiya Janata Party is expected to win the elections in Maharashtra in the west and Haryana in the north after its dominant victory in national elections earlier this year.

Modi took to Twitter to urge voters to participate in large numbers and exercise their right to vote and "enrich the festival of democracy."

Voters were seen lining up to vote outside polling booths and getting their identities checked before voting in Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra state, where a coalition between Modi's party and Shiv Sena is expected to retain power, according to opinion polls.

Being the home of Bollywood, celebrities were also seen outside polling stations in Mumbai to cast their votes.

The BJP's high-voltage election campaigning aggressively raised the nationalism plank by focusing on the government's scrapping of disputed Kashmir's special status in early August and targeting the opposition on national security

and corruption. The party has pledged to work towards making the state drought-free.

Opinion surveys predicted a BJP romp in Haryana too, where its main opposition, the Congress party, could face a near decimation. Congress, however, is hoping to recover from its national election rout last spring and make a comeback in the state.

The traffic in Haryana was light as most people remained indoors. Voters said they were voting for issues related to employment.

"We want someone who is educated to rule our state and fix our problems," said Mohamad Sajid, a voter in Mewat district.

Others said that the government should fulfill the promises they make.

"Whatever good work is required, they [government] should complete it," said Irshad, who uses only one name.

The opposition tried to corner the BJP governments in the two states on the handling of the economy, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi blaming the ruling party for an economic slowdown and unemployment. But the opposition campaigns were lackluster due to infighting and desertions in the run-up to the vote. **AP**

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South African President Cyril Ramaphosa (left) and Russian President Vladimir Putin

CARA ANNA, JOHANNESBURG

**R**USSIAN President Vladimir Putin is following China's lead and making a splashy bid for influence in Africa, hosting the continent's leaders this week in the first-ever Russia-Africa Summit. The Kremlin has said 47 of the continent's 54 heads of state or government are expected to attend.

Russia is taking advantage of the Trump administration's seemingly waning interest in the continent of 1.2 billion people that includes some of the world's fastest growing economies and a strategic perch on the Red Sea.

"We are not going to participate in a new 'repartition' of the continent's wealth; rather, we are ready to engage in competition for cooperation with Africa, provided that this competition is civilized," Putin told Russia's Tass news agency Sunday.

Here is a look at Russia's growing military and business activities in Africa as it portrays itself as free from the past baggage of colonialism and slavery that haunt some traditional powers.

#### WHY AFRICA NOW?

In addition to its booming youth population, growing middle class and improving infrastructure as well as long-standing natural assets like diamonds, strategic minerals and oil, Africa is also a place where Russia can grow its interests while avoiding Western sanctions imposed over its annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Russia is trying to revive relationships forged during the more engaged Soviet Union era, when

## Russia's new focus on Africa takes advantage of US drift

the USSR assertively backed countries across Africa in a Cold War of influence with the United States. While the generation of African leaders and officials who trained in the Soviet Union decades ago is aging, some such as President Joao Lourenco of oil-rich Angola are still in influential positions.

One such relationship has paid off in the past couple of years in Central African Republic, where ties with former president Michel Djotodia led to the arrival of Russian military and civilian trainers that alerted France and others to Moscow's growing interest in a continent it long had largely neglected.

"It will be naive to say Russia's return to Africa is not about geopolitics," Nigerian analyst Ovigwe Eguegu wrote yesterday for The China Africa Project blog.

#### WHAT CAN RUSSIA OFFER?

While Russia is years late to Africa in comparison to China, which has invested hundreds of billions of dollars in railways, airports and other high-profile projects across the continent, it can build on what it has kept flowing for years: guns. Russia sends more arms to Africa than any other

country and the supply is rising, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

"Weapons exports to Africa facilitate Russia's broader diplomatic efforts to cultivate military, political, and security ties and

**Moscow can't bring as much to the table in terms of investment, humanitarian aid or even soft power but its assistance is free from conditions linked to human rights concerns**

expand its influence in Africa" to compete with the United States, France, and China, senior fellow Paul Stronski wrote for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace last week.

The experience in Central African Republic has shown that "Russia's relatively modest toolkit can have disproportionate impact with long-term consequences on fragile societies in or at high risk of conflict and with poor governance," he added.

Russia has signed military cooperation agreements with at least

28 African countries, the majority in the past five years, often using counterterrorism as a basis, according to an analysis published in August by the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War.

Moscow can't bring as much to the table in terms of investment, humanitarian aid or even soft power but its assistance is free from conditions linked to human rights concerns, making Russia an attractive business partner for other countries chafing from Western sanctions, Stronski said.

One of them is Zimbabwe, whose President Emmerson Mnangagwa met with Putin in Moscow early this year and praised Russia for standing by during his country's long period of isolation. "You, as a senior brother, can hold my hand as I try to develop Zimbabwe," Mnangagwa said, according to the Kremlin's report. Putin is a decade younger than him.

#### WHERE IS THE UNITED STATES?

While Putin and other senior Russian officials have visited African countries in the past few years, the United States under the Trump administration has shown little high-level engagement and

Trump's dismissive comments about the continent haven't helped. Even the U.S. military's presence has been cut back, giving Russia and others room to assert their influence on multiple fronts.

Russia's trade with Africa almost tripled from \$6.6 billion in 2010 to \$18.9 billion last year, Judd Devermont, the director of the Africa program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, pointed out last week.

The U.S. has bristled at Russia's growing presence, accusing Moscow of "seeking to increase its influence in the region through corrupt economic dealings" while unveiling Washington's Africa strategy last year.

Devermont acknowledged that Russia's renewed focus on Africa threatens U.S. interests but he and other analysts say Washington should not overreact. "The Kremlin benefits when U.S. officials and international media frame its presence in Africa as a restoration of its status as a global superpower," Devermont wrote for the Lawfare blog.

Analysts say the U.S. and the West instead should focus on potential threats such as Russia-backed disinformation campaigns aimed at influencing African elections or attempts to launder money in countries with poor financial surveillance and controls. **AP**

## what's ON



### EXHIBITION OF TUBEROSE

TIME: 10:30am to 6:30pm (closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: November 30

VENUE: 10 Fantasia, Kei Luen Bld, R. de São Miguel 17

ADMISSION: Free

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### THE GOLDEN AGE OF ARABIC SCIENCE:

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UNTIL: October 27, 2019

VENUE: Gallery 2, Exhibition Center, Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (several discounts available)

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## Offbeat

### 'THE CASAGRANDES' EXTOLS MEXICAN AMERICAN LIFE VIA ANIMATION

AP PHOTO



"The Casagrandes," Nickelodeon's new original animated series that centers around an 11-year-old girl trying to survive a big city, is one of the first cartoons in the U.S. to feature a multigenerational Mexican American family.

The long-awaited spin-off from the network's popular animation series, "The Loud House," premiered Monday and comes as more networks are taking chances on Latino-themed shows.

In this series, Ronnie Anne and her family — an older brother and single mother — leave the suburbs to move in with their large family in the fictional Great Lake City. The apartment is located above The Casagrandes bodega, owned by Ronnie Anne's grandpa, and in front of a subway track.

The skateboarding Ronnie Anne works to adjust to her new surroundings while shunning a female cousin's attempt to dress up with urban style and making new friends in a multicultural city.

Unlike previous cartoons with Latinos like Fox's 2016 "Bordertown" series, "The Casagrandes" seeks to tackle family-oriented themes like love, friendship, and jealousy. Family members, including Ronnie Anne's nurse mom, work to navigate limited space in a crowded apartment amid uncertainty and humor.

Miguel Puga, the show's supervising director, said the idea for the series came after Ronnie Anne's character was introduced on "The Loud House" and writers started thinking about a spin-off with a new family.

"I said, 'let's make them Mexican American,'" Puga said. "They started to listen, and we went from there."

Puga, a first-generation Mexican American, lived among a large family in a house as a child. To make the cartoon feel authentic, he shared his experience growing up in East Los Angeles and how his home was always crowded with family and parties. Nickelodeon executives bought in.

"I just pitched them on how it was going on and they loved it," Puga said.

Yet, Puga wanted to get more Latino artists involved. So, he reached out to syndicated cartoonist Lalo Alcaraz, who was a consulting producer on the Oscar-winning 2017 animated Disney/Pixar feature "Coco."

Alcaraz agreed to join the series as a consulting producer and a writer. He wrote an episode focusing on the "Day of the Dead" and how different cultures tackle the death of loved ones. Still, not all episodes deal with serious topics.

## TV canal macau



13:00 TDM News (Repetição)

13:30 Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)

15:00 Agua de Mar

15:35 Zig Zag

16:00 Viajante da Música

16:30 Quem Quer Ser Milionário

17:30 LiteraturAqui

18:00 Amor Maior (Repetição)

18:55 Semana Internacional (Repetição)

19:30 Ouro Verde Sr.1

20:30 Telejornal

21:15 TDM Talk Show

21:50 Livros com João Guedes

22:00 Todas as Palavras

22:25 Amor Maior

23:15 TDM News

23:50 Justiça de Chicago

00:30 Telejornal (Repetição)

01:20 RTPi Directo

## cinema



### CINETEATRO

17 - 24 Oct



MALEFICENT: MISTRESS OF EVIL

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Joachim Rønning

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Harris Dickinson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min



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

### BRAVE FATHER ONLINE

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:45, 7:15pm

Director: Teruo Noguchi, Kiyoshi Yamamoto

Starring: Kentaro Sakaguchi, Kôtarô Yoshida

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 114min



JOKER

ROOM 3

9:30pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz

Language: English

Duration: 122min

## this day in history



### 1966 DOUBLE-AGENT BREAKS OUT OF JAIL

One of Britain's most notorious double-agents, George Blake, has escaped from prison in London after a daring break-out believed to have been masterminded by the Soviet Union.

Wardens at Wormwood Scrubs prison last saw him at the evening roll call, at 1730 GMT.

An hour-and-a-half later, his cell was discovered to be empty.

After a short search, the escape route was found. Bars in a window at the end of a landing had been sawn away and a rope ladder hung down inside the prison wall.

Blake is believed to have taken advantage of the free association allowed between prisoners on Saturday afternoons in the long-term wing, where he had his cell.

He had served a little over five years of his 42-year sentence.

He was not under high security at the prison, and the privileges he enjoyed have been heavily criticised in the wake of his escape.

He was removed from the list of likely escapers after only a year, and wardens were said to have been lulled into a false sense of security by his seeming acceptance of his exceptionally long sentence.

Blake was charged under the Official Secrets Act in May 1961. During his trial, part of which was held in camera, he pleaded guilty to five counts of passing on secrets to the Soviet authorities.

He was sentenced to the maximum of 14 years on each of three counts, to run consecutively - a total of 42 years. It was the longest jail term any British court had handed down to an individual to date.

He spent nine years as a double-agent after being converted to Communism while a prisoner of war in Seoul, during the Korean War.

During this time, he is believed to have betrayed the names of more than 40 British agents to the Soviets. Many disappeared, and were thought to have been executed.

His actions devastated British secret service operations in the Middle East. He is believed to have passed on the names of almost every British agent working in Cairo, Damascus and Beirut.

Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, the judge sentencing him, likened his actions to treason, and said, "It is one of the worst that can be envisaged other than in a time of war."

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

After escaping from Wormwood Scrubs, George Blake made his way to Moscow, where he has lived ever since in a state-owned flat.

He left his three children behind, divorcing his wife and starting a new family in Russia. Once in the USSR, he was treated as a national hero.

He published his autobiography, *No Other Choice*, in 1990. He received about £60,000 from the book's British publisher before the government stepped in to freeze the remaining £90,000 he had been promised.

In May 2003, he accused the British government of breaching his human rights by confiscating the money. He was awarded £5,000 compensation in September 2006.

In a television interview broadcast by the state television channel in 2002 to celebrate his 80th birthday, he described the years he has spent in Russia as "the happiest of my life". He has always insisted that none of the spies he betrayed was executed.

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**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
**Mar. 21-Apr. 19**  
 When you combine time and perseverance, you can create some amazing things — although the longer the time, the harder it is to maintain that perseverance.

**TAURUS**  
**Apr. 20-May. 20**  
 Flattery, generosity, and confidence could get you exactly where you need to be — in either your career or your romantic life. Get cozy with the people.

**GEMINI**  
**May. 21-Jun. 21**  
 No one likes to be in conflict with a friend - least of all you - but getting into a verbal battle might not be such a bad thing right now. When you get things out into the open, you can start to clear them up.

**CANCER**  
**Jun. 22-Jul. 22**  
 Positive possibilities are all around you, so it's a very good time to initiate any major projects you've been considering - especially social ones.

**LEO**  
**Jul. 23-Aug. 22**  
 Your local government or another type of bureaucratic organization is a necessary part of your day today, but it's not an experience that you should worry about too much.

**VIRGO**  
**Aug. 23-Sep. 22**  
 Emotions are running high, and people all around you are acting out in very spur-of-the-moment ways today. Luckily, you are in a very analytical phase.

**LIBRA**  
**Sep. 23-Oct. 22**  
 If you are traveling today, your traveling companions will be especially chatty - if you want to avoid getting stuck in a long conversation, bring along a thick book you can bury your head in.

**SCORPIO**  
**Oct. 23 - Nov. 21**  
 Sometimes having an open mind requires having a brave personality - and you have the necessary courage today! Stay in the room when the conversation gets controversial.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**Nov. 22-Dec. 21**  
 Moving toward a more mature lifestyle might not sound appealing at first, but if you shift your focus to what's really important, you'll be able to see things a lot more clearly. Don't worry...

**CAPRICORN**  
**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**  
 You shouldn't even bother trying to understand why. You have far too many important, rewarding things to do to start wasting time on trying to help them figure out how to act like grownups.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan. 20-Feb. 18**  
 Just because someone is much older than you is no reason to think that they don't have a lot of valuable information to share with you. Different generations have different experiences.

**PISCES**  
**Feb. 19-Mar. 20**  
 Have you ever heard the expression "You can attract more flies with honey than you can with vinegar"? Well, it's true - especially today! So show your softer side.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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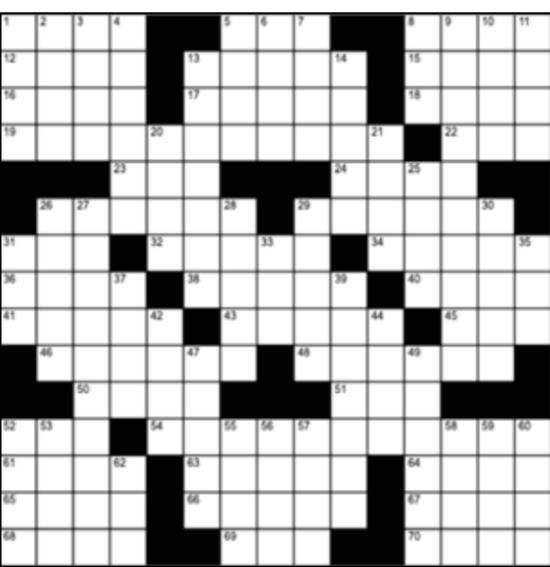
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| Harbin       | 8   | 16  | cloudy        |
| Tianjin      | 13  | 22  | overcast      |
| Urumqi       | 11  | 21  | clear         |
| Xi'an        | 11  | 17  | drizzle       |
| Lhasa        | 6   | 19  | cloudy        |
| Chengdu      | 16  | 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        |
| <b>WORLD</b> |     |     |               |
| 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- Strikebreaker; 5- Hogwash; 8- Problem with L.A.; 12- Rajah's wife; 13- Lid; 15- Acquire through merit; 16- Commotions; 17- Corpulent; 18- yellow ribbon...; 19- Nostalgic; 22- Speck; 23- CD follower; 24- Type of ranch; 26- Firmly implanted; 29- Oppressor; 31- Doze; 32- Liqueur herb; 34- Bert's buddy; 36- Gossip bit; 38- Circus performer; 40- Piercing places; 41- Turkish money; 43- Hearsay; 45- Bumped into; 46- Annie with a gun; 48- Drunk; 50- Shout in derision; 51- NASCAR sponsor; 52- Carnival city; 54- Black, tan, and white critter; 61- Collar fastener; 63- City near Phoenix; 64- The Supremes, e.g.; 65- Flower holder; 66- Look of contempt; 67- Snack in a shell; 68- Commoner; 69- Driving aid; 70- Primordial substance;

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

## JANE FONDA RETURNS TO CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE



**I**NSPIRED by the climate activism of a Swedish teenager, Jane Fonda says she's returning to civil disobedience nearly a half-century after she was last arrested at a protest.

Fonda, known for her opposition to the Vietnam War, was one of 17 climate protesters arrested last week at the U.S. Capitol on charges of unlawful demonstration by what she called "extremely nice and professional" police. Fellow actor Sam Waterston was also in the group, which included many older demonstrators.

Now 81, Fonda said she plans to get arrested every Friday to advocate for urgent reduction in the use of fossil fuels. She hopes to encourage other older people to protest as well.

Getting arrested in 2019, poses some entirely new challenges, Fonda told The Associated Press in an interview.

These days, "they use white plastic things on your wrists instead of metal handcuffs, and that hurts more," she said.

"The only problem for me is I'm old."



## JENNIFER LAWRENCE MARRIES ART DEALER COOKE MARONEY

**O**SCAR winner Jennifer Lawrence got married over the weekend in Rhode Island during a ceremony and reception studded with Hollywood stars.

The "Hunger Games" star tied the knot with New York art dealer Cooke Maroney on Saturday at a Newport, Rhode Island, mansion.

Lawrence's publicist confirmed to The Associated Press that the wedding took place, but did

not provide additional details.

People.com reports that Emma Stone, Kris Jenner and Amy Schumer were among the 150 guests at Belcourt Castle, which is owned by Carolyn Rafalian, owner and founder of the jewelry company Alex and Ani.

The Newport Daily News reports that about 100 fans stood outside the mansion hoping to catch a glimpse of a celebrity.

## DUCHESS OF SUSSEX CALLS FIRST YEAR OF MARRIAGE DIFFICULT

**T**HE Duchess of Sussex says her first year of marriage to Britain's Prince Harry has been hard because of Britain's tabloids.

The former Meghan Markle tells ITV news that her British friends warned her not to marry the prince "because the British tabloids will destroy your life."

The former U.S. television star says she "naively" dismissed the warnings, because as an American she didn't un-

derstand how the British press worked.

She says "I didn't get it so, yeah, it's been complicated."

The duchess earlier this month sued the Mail on Sunday tabloid, claiming it illegally published a letter she wrote to her father.

Prince Harry tells ITV says most of what's printed in the British tabloids is not true, adding "I will not be bullied into playing a game that killed my mum."



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GOLF

# Jason Day beats Tiger in Japan Skins - and also with quips

STEPHEN WADE, INZAI CITY

**N**OT only did Jason Day win the inaugural "The Challenge: Japan Skins" game yesterday, beating Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy and Hideki Matsuyama, he also won the needling contest.

Turning to Woods after receiving the trophy, Day asked how many similar events Woods had played in.

"Tiger, this is what — your fifth of sixth?"

Before Woods could reply, Day supplied the rejoinder.

"He hasn't won one yet. I found that out today when he told me."

Woods and everyone else laughed, which captured the lighthearted day at the Narashino Country Club, where the made-for-TV skins game finished under floodlights on the 17th and 18th holes.

"First time I've ever finished under lights, so that was exciting," Day said, surprised the sun goes down about 5 p.m. in the fall in the Tokyo area.

Day won eight skins and \$210,000. Woods had five skins and \$60,000 with McIlroy taking four and winning \$60,000. Matsuyama won only one skin and \$20,000.

"I'm disappointed I had only one," Matsuyama said, speaking

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Tiger Woods of the United States (left) and Jason Day of Australia hold their hands on the 18th hole after The Challenge: Japan Skins event

through an interpreter and also getting a laugh.

It was Woods' first event after surgery two months ago, the fifth on his left knee. He'll get a stiffer test at the Zozo Championship that opens Thursday — the first-ever full PGA Tour event in Japan.

Wood said it was great "just being able to compete again. I haven't done this in a little bit now."

By his own assessment, he started very slowly.

"I did not play well at the beginning," he said. "I hit a lot of bad shots and did not putt well. Once I got into the flow of competing

and feeling the round, it just got exciting. We were competitive, the banter was great, the back and forth."

Woods, who had a hand in organizing the event, said he hoped "we were entertaining everyone and everyone who's watching had a good time."

They probably did.

On No. 4, Woods seemed to try to take advantage of the fact the Narashino Country Club has two greens on every hole. It's a tradition at some courses in Japan, alternating greens to keep them both in good shape.

Woods hit a shot between two greens and Day got on him.

"I asked him (Tiger) to let me know which green he was going for," Day said. "But he was in between so I still don't know which one he was going for."

Woods agreed.

"I hit in between the greens, so it looked kind of like I kind of didn't know what I was doing," he said.

Both greens at No. 4 will be used this week at the tournament. A hole will be cut in each and players will choose which to play to.

The Narashino club is located about 50 kilometers (30 miles) northeast of Tokyo in Chiba prefecture. The course for next year's Tokyo Olympics will be at Kasumigaseki Country Club in neighboring Saitama prefecture.

Four famous rugby players really got the match moving at No. 7 when they paired up with the pros for one hole.

Matsuyama dropped a 35-foot putt for birdie, and then was embraced by his teammate — former South African rugby player Bryan Habana. The 100-kilogram (220-pound) Habana almost crushed Matsuyama as he screamed: "That's my partner."

Seconds later, former Ireland rugby player Brian O'Driscoll holed another long putt, matching Matsuyama's birdie. Jason Day then holed another shorter birdie putt.

Walking one fairway, McIlroy was asked by a TV interviewer about comments by Brooks Koepka about the Irishman's game.

Koepka said last week: "Rory hasn't won a major since I've been on tour, so I don't view it as a rivalry."

McIlroy last won a major in 2014 at the PGA Championship.

McIlroy said Koepka "wasn't wrong. He's been the best player in the world for the last couple of years. Four majors. I don't think he needed to remind me I haven't won in a while. And I love Brooks. He's a great guy; obviously super-competitive like we all are. I can see where he's coming from."

McIlroy then paused and also added: "I think that's good for the game, and I think if you take what Brooks said out of context — then it can become this big thing it's become. Brooks and I are good. We're good friends." AP

RUGBY WORLD CUP

# Referee under scrutiny as Welsh play on in Japan

**A** group of Wales fans laughed and smiled broadly while posing for a photo with South African referee Jaco Peyper after their team scraped into the Rugby World Cup semifinals.

Peyper, perhaps unwisely, was holding his right elbow horizontally and into the face of one of the supporters — seemingly mimicking the key incident in Wales' comeback 20-19 win over France on Sunday when French lock Sebastian Vahaamahina was sent off for violent play.

Peyper also had a big grin on his face. It will certainly be no laughing matter in France, or possibly for World Rugby when the governing body sees the image, taken by a French journalist, which was being

AP PHOTO



shared widely on social media on Monday.

World Rugby said it was aware of the picture and "it would be inappropriate to

comment further while we are establishing the facts."

Wales' performance wasn't anything to celebrate, either.

OK, the Welsh are through to the last four for only the third time. And OK, they showed again that never-say-die attitude which

Warren Gatland seems to have instilled in his players in the final months of his 12-year tenure.

But those Welsh fans joking around in that picture with Peyper will likely have had their heads in their hands during what was one of their teams' most anemic displays for some time.

"We need to be a lot better than we were in this game," Wales fullback Liam Williams said, looking ahead to the semifinal match against South Africa in Yokohama on Sunday.

His teammate, George North, acknowledged it was too close for comfort for Wales. Gatland was even more blunt, saying that "the better team lost" and that he had been starting to

think about what he'd say to the media if Wales lost.

The Dragons lacked fire. They played straightforward rugby, but it was ineffective and ponderous, missing any snap or bite. The French dominated the exchanges, had more penetration to their attacking play, and basically threw away the game in a way only they can.

The Welsh do not have the same squad depth as the other three semifinalists — England, New Zealand and the Springboks — and it might be starting to tell.

What they do have, though, is plenty of heart. And that happy knack of getting the job done. A team that tended to fall short in the close games now seems to have forgotten how to lose. AP

OPINION

Our Desk

Julie Zhu



**A TAXI RIDE AND THE DRIVER'S GESTURE 'IN THE NAME OF LOVE'**

Earlier this month, I took a taxi from the San Ma Lou BCM taxi stand to the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

On that particular day, I was lucky enough to get a taxi immediately upon arriving at the taxi stand. The taxi had four stickers stamped on all four door windows celebrating the 70th anniversary of China. As it was around the time of the major holiday, despite the fact that seven days had already passed, I did not give the stickers any special look or thought. I merely hopped into the vehicle and greeted the driver with a "Hello, good morning! MUST, thank you." The driver was extremely nice; he turned his head to me, smiled and nodded. I thought "Ok, at least a polite one today."

Soon afterwards, he made a turn to Av. do Infante Dom Henrique. Everything was normal until then. Not even a little sense of self-protection came up until he reached the Portuguese school, where he stopped waiting for the traffic light to turn green. He then asked me, again very politely, "which bridge do you want to take? The old bridge [the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge] or the Friendship Bridge?" I was focused on doing paperwork, my head pointing down, when he asked the question. Caught in a sudden surprise, I replied: "This one in front [the old bridge]." Stunned, he exclaimed, "Huh, this one? Ok." Bang, I am doomed. For one second, I thought: he was testing me. Why didn't I say 'old bridge', acting like I was a local resident who has lived in Macau longer than him, even though he apparently looked older than myself? I started to become anxious: "It's going to be a tough war, along the way," I thought. However, I remained lost in my paperwork, head still pointing down.

The taxi then went down the bridge and took a left to the Estrada Alm. Marques Esparteiro. "Ok, he is taking the correct way," I thought.

How stupid I was. The next moment I raised my head up, he had already made a turn onto Estrada Nordeste da Taipa.

"Sir, I am going to MUST," I repeated.

"Yes, this way is going to MUST, I am going to MUST," he replied, still very polite and smiling.

Just like what people say in the west: "Always smile, a beautiful smile always works."

Then he turned at Rua de Choi Long. "Ok, now I am heading to the Anglican college," I assumed. At this moment, I thought he had already finished his big play, and that maybe it was time for him to do something right...

But I was wrong. Never underestimate an animal's strong sense for survival. He turned into Estrada Alm. Magalhães Correia.

"Wow, fantastic. He has been playing a game since the beginning. He finally got his chance, and is still making his way towards the Friendship Bridge's flyover."

I couldn't hide my frustration anymore. I told him once more: "Sir, I want to go to MUST."

With his classic, most innocent, beautiful and polite smile, he said "Yes, I am driving you to MUST."

"Okay," I said, turning my head aggressively in order to have a look at his license while purposely making sure he noticed my gesture.

Then, finally, 30 seconds later, he told me sincerely: "You can pay me whatever you normally pay. I thought you were going to the MUST hospital."

Really? He was still playing his game shamelessly.

From San Ma Lou BCM taxi stand to MUST, the meter displayed MOP87.

How much I ended up giving him is not important because all I could think of, on that very special day of my life, was that he loved the country and demonstrated his strong love through his four stickers.

I wonder how many mainland tourists have fallen victim to his scams, deceptively initiated by his demonstration of love towards the same motherland.

**FOUR SUSPECTS INDICTED IN CASE OF SLAIN SLOVAK JOURNALIST**

THE BUZZ

Slovakia prosecutors have indicted four suspects in the slaying of an investigative reporter and his fiancée, a case that brought down the government.

The four include the alleged mastermind, a businessman who was long suspected of involvement in the crime. The prosecutors previously identified him as Marian K., omitting his full last name as is standard in Slovakia.

Reporter Jan Kuciak and his fiancée Marti-

na Kusnirova were fatally shot in their home on Feb. 21, 2018. Slovak authorities believe it was a contract killing linked to Kuciak's work investigating possible government corruption.

The killings triggered major street protests and a political crisis that led to the dismissal of the national police chief and the government's collapse.

The prosecutors previously said 70,000 euros was paid for the alleged contract slayings.



**WIKILEAKS FOUNDER ASSANGE IN UK COURT TO FIGHT EXTRADITION**

GREGORY KATZ, LONDON

WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange appeared in court yesterday to fight extradition to the United States on charges of espionage, saying he needed more time to prepare his case.

Assange and his legal team failed to convince District Judge Vanessa Baraitser that a slowdown was justified. The full extradition is still set for a five-day hearing in late February, with brief interim hearings in November and December.

Assange defiantly raised a fist to supporters who jammed the public gallery in Westminster Magistrates Court. He appears to have lost weight but looked healthy. Assange wore a blue sweater and a blue sports jacket for the hearing, and wore his silvery-gray hair slicked back.

After the judge turned down his bid for a three-month delay, Assange — speaking very softly and at times appearing to be near tears — said he didn't understand the proceedings.

He said the case is not "equitable" because the U.S. government has "unlimited resources" while he doesn't have easy access to his lawyers or to documents needed to prepare his battle against extradition while he is confined to Belmarsh Prison on the outskirts of London.

"They have all the advantages," the 48-year-old Assange said.

Lawyer Mark Summers, representing Assange, told the judge that more time was needed to prepare Assange's defense against "unprecedented" use of espionage charges against a journalist. Summers



said the case has many facets and will require a "mammoth" amount of planning and preparation.

He also accused the U.S. of illegally spying on Assange while he was inside the Ecuadorian Embassy seeking refuge and taking other illegal actions against the

**Assange defiantly raised a fist to supporters who jammed the public gallery in Westminster Magistrates Court**

WikiLeaks founder.

"We need more time," Summers said, asking for a three-month delay. He said Assange would mount a political defense that will be laborious to prepare.

Summers said the initial case against Assange was prepared during the administration of former President Barack Obama in 2010 but wasn't acted on until Donald Trump assumed the presidency. He said it represents the administrations aggressive attitude toward whistleblowers.

Representing the U.S., lawyer James Lewis said

the U.S. opposed any delay to the proceeding.

The case is expected to take months to resolve, with each side able to make several appeals of rulings.

The public gallery was jammed with Assange supporters, including former London Mayor Ken Livingstone, and outside the courthouse others carried placards calling for Assange to be released. There were chants calling for him to be set free.

The judge said the full hearing will be heard at Belmarsh Court, which would make it easier for Assange to attend and contains more room for the media.

Assange's lawyers said the five days wouldn't be enough for the entire case to be heard.

Former Home Secretary Sajid Javid signed an order in June allowing Assange to be extradited. U.S. authorities accuse Assange of scheming with former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning to break a password for a classified government computer.

Assange claims he is a journalist entitled to First Amendment protection. AP



**Turkey** Angry over the U.S. withdrawal from Syria, residents of a Kurdish-dominated city pelted departing American military vehicles with potatoes yesterday as they drove through. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said U.S. troops will stay in eastern Syria to protect Kurdish-held oil fields for at least the coming weeks and he was discussing options to keep them there.

**Czechia** The head of the Czech counterintelligence service says a Russian spying network that his agency broke up last year was meant to be used for cyberattacks against the Czech Republic and its foreign allies.



**UK** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson attempted for a second time to secure lawmakers' backing for his European Union divorce deal yesterday Parliament geared up for a grueling week of political warfare over Brexit.



**Canada** Minister Justin Trudeau faced the threat of being knocked from power after one term as the nation held parliamentary elections yesterday.

**US** The United States and the U.K. say they have exposed how a group of Russian hackers hijacked the tools of their Iranian counterparts to attack dozens of countries around the world.