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China accused the U.S. of having "weaponized" the issuance of visas following the reported inability of a top Chinese space program official to obtain permission to travel to a key conference in Washington. The head of the Chinese delegation to the International Astronautical Congress, Wu Yanhua, wasn't able to obtain a visa, making it difficult for Chinese representatives to attend important events at the meeting. More on p11

North Korea Food insecurity in North Korea "is at an alarming level," with nearly half the population — 11 million people — undernourished, the U.N. independent investigator on human rights in the country said. Tomas Quintana told the General Assembly's human rights committee that 140,000 children are estimated to be suffering from "undernutrition," including 30,000 who "face an increased risk of death." More on p13

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BBAM BECOMES BRITCHAM MACAU IN NAME CHANGE

The British Business Association of Macao has formally changed its English name to the British Chamber of Commerce in Macao, to be known in short as Britcham Macau. The entity will celebrate the name change at a cocktail event later today. The rebrand will help the association fulfill its mission in Macau. Chairman of Britcham Macao Keith Buckley told the Times ahead of today's launch event. "Our mission is to help our members to make connections and to develop a British network [here in Macau]," he said. "This is not a new direction, but it is felt that the name [change] will help to do that."

MORE FEMALE TOILETS PLANNED FOR PUBLIC BATHROOMS

More female toilets will be added to new public bathrooms. To Sok I, member of the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) administrative committee, revealed during yesterday's TDM radio program. The IAM is currently making modifications to 83 public bathrooms in Macau, including installing odor removal devices. Since 2015, the municipal affairs authority has been changing the ratio of toilets for men and women. As of today, 27 public bathrooms have already been upgraded to a 1:2 ratio for men's to women's toilets, given the higher demand for women's bathrooms. So far in 2019, 10 public bathrooms in tourist areas have been modified.

NAM KWONG TO MANAGE HKZMB COMMERCIAL SPACE

Nam Kwong (Group) Company Limited will manage and operate the commercial space of the Macau port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge for a period of 66 months, according to a report by TDM. Nam Kwong Group will have to pay a monthly fee of MOP4.68 million, which will be waived for the first two months. In addition to paying the electricity bill for the commercial space, Nam Kwong must also pay 10% of the total electricity consumption of the entire building. The commercial space covers a nearly 9,000 square meters in total. The basic requirements of the commercial space include two food and beverage outlets, 20 goods or convenience stores, travel agencies, exchange shops, self-service tellers and vending machines.

187 CARS QUALIFIED TO USE SHENZHEN BAY PORT

Cars with license plates from Guangdong and Macau are now eligible to use the Shenzhen Bay port, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) announced yesterday. Macau single-plated private and business cars that have approval to run between Macau and Hong Kong can also apply to use the Shenzhen Bay port. In total, 187 cars are qualified to apply to use the Shenzhen Bay port. Cars that are approved for driving in Guangdong, Macau and Hong Kong can also apply to use the Shenzhen Bay port (for Macau cars) and the Hengqin port (for Hong Kong cars). The arrangements, which will be implemented in two different stages, are currently undergoing a testing period.

ILLEGAL DRIVER SENTENCED TO 39 MONTHS JAIL FOR FATAL ACCIDENT

THE mainlander driver who caused a fatal accident in March at Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus while driving illegally was sentenced to 39 months in jail, the Court of First Instance announced recently, according to a report by Macau Conceleers.

A 22-year-old local woman died from the severe injuries caused by the accident.

The woman was riding a light motorcycle at Avenida Marginal Flor de Lotus in the direction of Coloane and collided with the car which was performing a U-turn in front of Hotel Okura.

What initially appeared to be a serious infraction of the Road Traffic Law turned out to be an even more complex case. The car, a seven-seater van owned by a local junket operator, was being driven by a non-resident worker without the necessary work permit.

The hiring of non-locals as professional drivers is strictly forbidden by law, and this is one



of several jobs exclusively reserved for local residents.

The driver, a 40-year-old male, was officially employed as an assistant accountant.

Since the trial commenced on September 26, the defendant, Chen Feng, was never presented at court trials.

The court announced the

verdict on October 17, finding Chen guilty of the fatal accident.

In addition to 39 months in prison, Chen is banned from driving in Macau for 30 months. Previously, Chen had admitted to negligent homicide in his testimony.

Chen's employer, the Seng Keng Group, reached a civil se-

ttlement with the parents of the deceased before the trial for a figure of MOP8 million.

According to the Macau labor law, when an employee is found performing a job that is different from the one they have been hired to perform, the employer may incur a fine of MOP5,000 to MOP10,000. JZ

ENVIRONMENT

IMPACT OF 5TH MACAU-TAIPA LINK WILL BE REVERSIBLE, SAYS GOV'T

THE environmental impact assessment report of the future underwater tunnel between the Macau Peninsula and Taipa Island states that the construction will have some impact on the surrounding environment, which will, however, be temporary and reversible, said the Bureau of Land Services, Public Works and Transportation.

The report said that the impact can be minimized through appropriate environmental protection measures and once the construction is completed, the ecological environment will return to its original state, and it is, therefore, foreseeable that there will be no significant impacts on the area.

The underwater tunnel is located next to the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge, the first to be built in Macau. It will be

approximately 2,400 meters long, have six lanes, with a maximum permitted speed of 60 kilometers per hour

The tunnel will connect zones B and D of Macau's New Urban Landfill Area, will start at the intersection of Avenida Dr. Sun Yat-Sen and Zone B's Avenida 24 Julho on the Macau Peninsula and will end in a new road in Zone D on the island of Taipa.

The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau reported that the second phase of the public consultation on the environmental impact assessment of the fifth Macau-Taipa connection is currently underway until 5 November.

Work on this environmental impact assessment is being carried out by the Shanghai Investigation, Design & Research Institute Co, Ltd. MDT/MACAUHUB

IKEA CONFIRMS STORE TO OPEN IN MACAU

SWEDISH furniture company IKEA is set to open its first Macau store in Taipa in the first quarter of next year, the company announced yesterday in a press release.

Their debut Macau store is expected to be located in the shopping mall of the Nova Grand residence, next to the Central Park in Taipa. However, the company has been refusing to comment on the speculation.

For the last 10 years, the furnishing company's Hong Kong franchise, operated by the Dairy Farm Group, has offered a delivery service to Macau. Macau purchasers of IKEA products from Hong Kong can enjoy the service free-of-charge when they spend over a certain amount.

Regarding the new store, the franchise's managing director, Adrian Worth, said, "The new IKEA store will offer well-designed, affordable and practical home furnishing solutions to Macau consumers."

The Macau store will take up 90,000 square feet. Besides furniture, it will feature an IKEA Café and a Swedish food market.

To prepare for the store opening, the company will organize Recruitment Days at Ngai Chon Center of General Union of Neighbourhood Associations from November 8 to 10. A hundred employees will be needed for the Macau store. AL

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Degree recognition to open up local universities to more students

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A recently signed memorandum between the SAR government and the Ministry of Education in mainland China on mutual degree recognition is likely to more open the doors for mainland students who want to pursue higher education in Macau – especially those with an applied education background.

The plans suggest that Macau associate, bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees will be recognized by mainland China. In turn, mainland tertiary-level degrees will also be recognized by Macau.

The memorandum also proposes that mainland holders of Applied Education degrees from recognized mainland higher education institutes can apply for bachelor's degrees in Macau, and Macau holders of associate degrees from recognized institutes can apply for bachelor's degrees in mainland China.



On Tuesday, the Times sent several questions to the Higher Education Bureau (DSES) asking about the arrangements for mutual recognition of degrees.

According to DSES's reply, which was received by the Times yesterday, currently, mainland students who wish to apply for bachelor's degrees at Macau universities must be high school graduates of the current year. This means that mainland high school graduates

can only apply to Macau universities right after they take the national college entrance examination in mainland China in June. (The exam takes place on June 8 and 9 each year.) According to the mainland's schedule, these students should begin attending university in September of the same year.

Currently, only mainland students who meet the aforementioned criteria can apply to study bachelor's degrees in Macau.

Once the memorandum's proposal is written into Macau's laws and comes into effect, more mainland students who are not high school graduates of the current year will be able to apply for bachelor's degrees, meaning more applicants will seek to enroll in local universities. The policy will mean that aside from high school students graduating in the current year, more students will be eligible to study in Macau for bache-

lor's degrees, including those who attended vocational colleges in mainland China and who did not qualify for Macau universities based on their college entrance examination results.

The week, the Times reported that the mutual recognition of tertiary education degrees between mainland China and Macau, and Portugal and Macau has the potential to make processes more convenient for students who wish to pursue further education.

Vong Sou Kuan, associate professor of Sociology of Education at the Faculty of Education of the University of Macau, explained to the Times that the recognition may save students trouble when they plan to seek further education in Portugal.

"Now, with mutual recognition [with Portugal], it is much more convenient for our students. It is actually convenient as well for Macau's tertiary education, which becomes more internationally-recognized," Vong told the Times.

Macau signs fugitive agreement with South Korea

Two agreements with regard to judicial cooperation and the handling of fugitives were signed yesterday between Macau Special Administrative Region and the Republic of Korea.

The signing ceremony was held at Government Headquarters yesterday afternoon. Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, and the consul-general of South Korea in Hong Kong, Kim Weon-Jin, signed on behalf of their respective jurisdictions.

The two agreements are officially known as the Agreement for the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders and the Agreement Concerning Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.

They were signed to provide a legal framework for the two jurisdictions to conduct legal and judicial communications and exchanges. It is hoped that



Secretary Sonia Chan (right)

the enactment of both agreements will have a positive impact on the prevention and combat of cross-border crimes.

According to the government, the agreement on judicial assistance will be applicable in three situations: the transfer of fugitives, the transfer of those sentenced and assistance in criminal judicial procedures.

The Macau SAR government remarked

that the surrender of fugitives and offenders has been an effective way to fight crime. The agreements also symbolize the enhancement of judicial cooperation with countries along the "Belt and Road."

After the signing ceremony, the secretary described the agreements as "beneficial to handling future cases or legal issues, while at the same time be able to

guarantee the realization of justice in each of the two jurisdictions."

Chan also said, "the concerned agreements are the fruits of years of negotiation. They were also realized against the backdrop of the continuous development of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea."

Chan explained that the content of the agreements was stipulated following a set of formats and requirements which had been approved by the Central People's Government. Minor differences may exist by request and agreement by both signatories.

The two agreements will be enacted 30 days after the completion of the required internal procedures.

The Macau SAR recently signed similar agreements with the Republic of Portugal and Mongolia. **AL**

COURTS

VEHICLE PASSENGER TO PAY COMPENSATION TO INJURED

THE Court of Second Instance (TSI) has ruled that the passenger of a stopped car, who opened their car door and severely injured a passing motorbike rider, is partially responsible for paying monetary compensation, overruling the judgment of the Court of First Instance (TJB).

The argument fell to the question of whether the passenger of the vehicle should be held responsible for the payment of compensation in addition to the insurance company.

Referencing the facts available to the court, the TSI pointed out that the acts of the driver and the front passenger, the second and the third civil defendants in the case respectively, had both caused the incident.

The passenger took the ride voluntarily and benefited from it, the court noted, and can only be waived of their responsibility if "they took the ride when they were aware it was in improper possession."

It was impossible to assign the driver of the vehicle any further responsibility because the TJB had already done so, ruling that the driver bore all responsibility with the insu-

rance company.

The TSI ruled that the passenger must share the responsibility with the insurance company.

The incident occurred in October 2014, when a motorbike rider was driving in the left lane of a road and carrying a passenger, and a car pulled into the left lane without any precautionary signals.

As the motorbike passed the car, the passenger of the car opened the door and knocked both the rider and their passenger off the bike, injuring them both. It took the motorbike rider 80 days to completely recover.

Considering all the evidence, the Court of First Instance handed down a fine of MOP12,000 or 80 days in prison to the passenger of the vehicle. As for civil compensation, the court ruled that nearly MOP280,000 should be paid.

The TJB ruled that civil responsibility of the passenger would be transferred to the driver, who was insured. As such, the insurance company was held fully responsible for the payment. The company then filed an appeal to the TSI. **AL**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

GAMING CONCESSION UNCERTAINTY SLOWING ECONOMY, IMF SAYS

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) said that uncertainty regarding the future of Macau's gaming concession rules has been acting as an obstruction to investment in the region and is the leading cause of an economic cool-off.

The lack of clarification over the requirements and regulations that will rule the new license tendering, together with the decline in exports of gaming services, were considered the two main factors contributing to the decline of Macau's gross domestic product (GDP) in the first half of this year, said the IMF to news agency Lusa.

According to the IMF's mission chief for Macau, Mariana Colacelli, investors would need clarity regarding the system that will attribute new gaming licenses by 2022 so they can regain confidence.

"The uncertainty created by the expiration date of the gaming licenses in 2022 will have to be resolved so the investment [in Macau]

can] recover," Colacelli said.

In their latest World Economic Outlook report which was published last week, the IMF updated its forecast for local GDP to fall by 1.3% this year, followed by another fall of 1.1% in 2020.

The report also suggested that economic growth might not return to Macau before 2024.

"We forecast a contraction in 2019 as gaming revenues are negatively affected by China's slowdown," said Colacelli.

Previously, the IMF had projected that the local economy would expand by about 4.3% this year and 4% in 2020, while warning that depending on how the trade tensions between China and the U.S. develop, the economy could dip further. Official data showed that Ma-

cau's GDP fell by 1.8% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2019, after declining by 3.2% in the first three months of the year.

Real exports of gaming services from Macau were down by almost 1% in the second quarter of this year when compared to the year earlier.

In the same period, gross gaming revenue also fell by 0.5% year-on-year, leading to a total contraction of 1.7% during the first nine months of the year.

In her statements to Lusa, Colacelli noted that the IMF expects that with the establishment of Macau's new government led by Ho Iat Seng, in December this year, new measures could be presented to address to the problems detected. **RM**



Macau and Zhuhai to jointly train finance staff

THE Monetary Authority of Macao will cooperate with the Zhuhai Financial Work Bureau to train staff working in the financial sector under a memorandum of cooperation signed on Monday in Zhuhai, Guangdong province during the Macau-Zhuhai Business Summit 2019, the institution said.

The memorandum aims to establish a framework and general guidance for cooperation between the parties, including joint training of financial staff, enhanced cooperation in the provision of financial courses, organization of financial

training, and coordinated development of financial activities with their own characteristics.

Macau is currently studying the possibility of establishing a stock exchange. The idea was first unveiled in the Outline Development Plan for the Greater Bay Area, where it was suggested that Macau utilize a securities market, most widely believed to take the form of a stock exchange, to better position the city as the bridge linking China and the Portuguese-speaking world.

Last week, a Guangdong official said that a plan had been submit-

ted to Beijing and would likely be approved before the Special Administrative Region's 20th anniversary. However, both the Monetary Authority and the Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong stressed that the idea was still being studied.

A statement issued later by the Monetary Authority of Macao said that the opening ceremony of the "Guangdong-Macau Cross-Border Cooperation Pilot Zone (Zhuhai)" located in the headquarters building of the Hengqin Islands, was also held on Monday.

According to the zone's plan, companies

in the areas of finance leasing, wealth management, financial technologies and their representative associations, will be established in the area. These organizations will be provided with support for the development of financial activities in terms of staff, and venues for training and holding events.

The 2019 Macau-Zhuhai Business Summit was jointly organized by the Secretary for Economy and Finance of the Government of the Macau Special Administrative Region, and the Zhuhai Municipal People's Government. **MDT/MACAUHUB**

NUMBER OF PORTUGUESE TOURISTS INCREASED 18%

RENATO MARQUES

THE number of Portuguese nationals visiting Macau in September this year has risen to 878. This is a 17.9% (133) increase when compared with the same month last year, according to figures from the Statistics and Census Bureau (DSEC).

When analyzing the first nine months of the year, the growth is less significant but still accounts for an increase of 8.2%, or 667 people, and is the strongest increase recorded this year among European visitors.

The DSEC data shows that besides Portugal, the only other country from which visitors to Macau grew in September was Germany, registering a rise of 6% to 992 visitors in total. These results went against

the general trend, with a drop in European tourist arrivals by 6% to a total of 9,033.

Despite the drop, in the first nine months of this year, there was an increase of 2.9% in all European visitors to reach a total of 95,990.

In terms of ranking by country, the United Kingdom continued to lead with a total of 20,514 visitors to Macau (-1.5% year-on-year, compared with 2018), followed by France with 12,864 (-1.9%), and Russia and Germany, accountable for 10,150 (-2.5%) and 9,482 (+ 13.4%) tourists respectively.

The figures are miniature when compared with the total figures registered. According to the same data, last month Macau received a total of 2.76 million visitors, representing a total increase of 8%.

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KNOWING YOU, KNOWING US

MELCO'S INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF SMES

WITH the aim to contribute to the sustainable future of Macau together with the city's Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Melco Resorts & Entertainment has introduced a new initiative titled 'Knowing You, Knowing Us'.

The program's goal is to serve as an exclusive communications platform to build and facilitate constructive rapport between Melco and local merchants through ongoing and regular events; enabling beneficial relationships which not only grant SMEs greater transparency into Melco's procurement requirements and procedures and allows SMEs to identify products and services they can offer Melco and the wider industry, but also helps Melco get to know local vendors and what they have to offer.

Putting into effect Melco Chairman and CEO Mr. Lawrence Ho's philosophy of supporting local SME business development, Melco has continued to provide business opportunity priority to SMEs offering the right products and services for their integrated resorts' discerning guests.

Melco's 'Knowing You, Knowing Us' campaign was inaugurated last month with a seminar on Operating Supplies & Equipment (OS&E) and Printing Categories standards. A vendor experience tour was also arranged for more than 50 local SMEs, including business members of the Macao Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Association of Macau, and Macau Union Suppliers Association. More than 80 representatives from SMEs of varying sectors were in attendance, including those from the fields of Marketing; Printing; OS&E; Room Accessories; and Information Technology.

The event's participants were invited on a tour of Melco's Studio City, to experience the property from the perspective of guests, thus allowing SMEs the chance to gather a deeper understanding of how their products and services may be utilized. The day's activities concluded with a business matching session, where SMEs showcased their products to Melco's Supply Chain representatives, and Melco also displayed OS&E and Printing products it currently uses, for further discussion.

During another event for SMEs on August 28, Melco shared sustainable procurement initiatives and its broader sustainability strategy with fifty representatives from over thirty local SMEs of various sectors at a workshop held at Studio City.

Putting into effect Melco Chairman and CEO Lawrence Ho's philosophy of supporting local SME business development

Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center (CPTTM)'s Manager of Standards, Management, Training and Assessment Ms. Jenny Ho introduced the global standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization in alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) and targets as practical guidelines for driving sustainable operations.

The workshop also brought to attention factors to consider in sustainable procurement, including the environmental impact and reusability of products and services, an SME's role within a sustainable supply chain, and awareness for constantly shifting customer demands. A networking session enabled Melco's Supply Chain Department and workshop participants to convene, to jointly pursue further sustainable products and solutions, and catalyze potential collaborative business opportunities.

After attending the seminar event, Ms. Karen Chu, Executive Director of local SME Paris Store, commented, "I feel the workshop really helps enhance SME representatives' awareness on sustainable procurement. Melco's broader sustainability strategy and green initiatives were clearly presented, and after this session I think many of us will review and consider upgrading our offerings to this end. It was a positive event to help boost the overall profitability of SMEs in Macau as a whole. We can now pay more attention to sourcing sustainable products for the market, avoiding those with excessive packaging. We'll also explore opportunities to attain recognized sustainability certifications to complement our company's growth."

Other past events hosted by Melco include a workshop on the latest trends in Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Management Certification as well as a vendor experience tour attended by over 40 local SMEs from varied industries such as Marketing; Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment; Hospitality Operating Supplies and Equipment; Maintenance Services; Parts; and Entertainment Equipment.

Mr. Donald Tateishi, Senior Vice President, Finance, Melco Resorts and Entertainment, said, "Through establishing and implementing the 'Knowing You, Knowing Us' campaign for enhanced communications between ourselves and SMEs, such as workshops, seminars and open days, we hope to expand Melco's procurement from local vendors and support their development. We look forward to announcing a series of further initiatives in the coming months, where local SMEs and Melco will have the chance to establish detailed dialogue and understanding, to identify opportunities and business prospects so that we may work together towards a sustainable future for Macau and the Greater Bay Area."



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ONE YEAR ON

Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge brings benefits to Greater Bay Area

THE operation of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge over the past year has brought tremendous opportunities and benefits to the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.

Launched on October 23 last year, the 55-km bridge, known as the longest bridge-and-tunnel sea crossing in the world, links Hong Kong, the city of Zhuhai in southern Guangdong Province and the Macau SAR. It is the first large-scale infrastructure project jointly developed by the three territories under the principle of "one country, two systems."

Yau Kin-Woo from the Hong Kong Association of Youth Commentators has become a frequent passenger since the bridge opened.

"The bridge and the cross-border shuttle buses are very convenient for visiting Macau and Zhuhai," Yau told Xinhua.

This year, Lau Suk-kwan, a kindergarten teacher from Macau, took students to the Hong Kong Disneyland Resort for their graduation trip. The whole journey only took them one and a half hours.

"In the past, we needed to first take a boat and then take a car. Sometimes children were seasick. It was really inconvenient," said Lau.

"After just one year's operation, the bridge port has become one of the busiest in the Greater Bay Area," said He Feng from the bridge's border control station in Zhuhai.

Over the past one year, the bridge has seen more than 14 million passengers as well as 1.5 million vehicles.

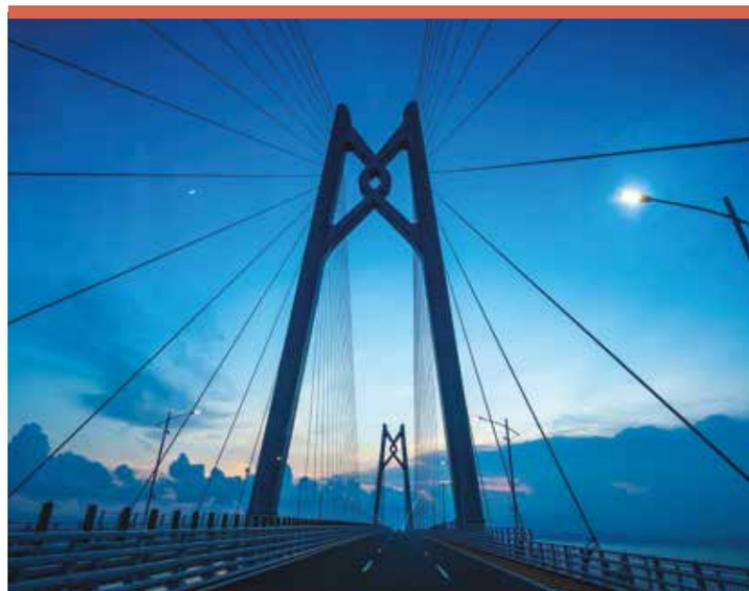
The bridge also injects new vigor into the area's logistics and tourism sectors.

Lam Kam-fai has been working as a truck driver for 20 years. The opening of the bridge has slashed his travel time from Hong Kong to cities on the west bank of the Pearl River to four to five hours.

"I used to drive all day long for a single trip. It is much faster now," Lam said.

Zhuhai Guangfeng Logistics Company where Lam works is one of the beneficiaries of the bridge. During the past year, the company saw its volume of imports and exports via the bridge hit 2.7 billion yuan (over \$380 million), and delivered about 1.7 million parcels for cross-border e-commerce.

"Thanks to the opening of the bridge, our transportation costs have fallen by as much as 30 percent. The annual cost of operating 1,000 freight vehicles can drop



600,000 yuan," said Zhang Jie, general manager of the company.

Meanwhile, according to the Macao Government Tourist Office, among the inbound passengers from January to September in 2019, the number of same-day visitors exceeded 15.9 million, up 30.6 percent year on year. The number of overnight-stay passengers also increased by 4.9 percent year on year to 14.27 million, indicating the positive effect of the

bridge on local tourism.

The bridge is also becoming an important link coordinating the innovative development among cities in the bay area.

In the city of Jiangmen, 13 science and technology innovation projects signed between Jiangmen and Hong Kong are under further development. A total of 50 start-up teams from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan have settled in a local start-up incubator.

In Zhuhai's Hengqin Free Trade Zone, nearly 500 new Macau enterprises were registered in one year, bringing the total number of enterprises from Hong Kong and Macao to over 3,000.

Choy Yan-po, a young entrepreneur from Macau who frequently shuttles between the three cities, said the completion of the bridge has significantly improved the operational efficiency of his start-up team.

"We can handle our business in the three cities in one day, which was completely impossible before," he said.

"As a significant hinge for the coordinated development of the Greater Bay Area, the bridge has brought and will continue to bring benefits and convenience to people's lives in the region," said Yu Lie, deputy head of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Authority. XINHUA

SUSPECT WHOSE CASE LED TO HONG KONG'S UNREST LEAVES PRISON

A murder suspect whose case indirectly led to Hong Kong's ongoing protests was freed from prison yesterday and told reporters he was willing to surrender to authorities in Taiwan, where he is wanted for killing his girlfriend.

Chan Tong-kai was released after serving a separate sentence for money laundering offenses. He could not be sent to Taiwan because the semi-autonomous Chinese city of Hong Kong has no extradition agreement with self-ruled Taiwan.

"I am willing, for my impulsive actions and things I did wrong, to surrender myself, to return to Taiwan to face sentencing and stand trial," he said.

He bowed deeply twice to the media scrum waiting outside the prison, thanked his parents for their support, apologized to the victim's family and the people of Hong Kong, then got into a waiting van.

Reporters gave chase, broadcasting live as the van made its way to an upscale gated apartment complex that they could not enter.

Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam had offered extradition legislation earlier this year to close what she called a "loophole" but the bill sparked widespread protests over concerns it put residents at risk of being sent into mainland China's murky judicial system. The city's security chief announced in the legislature yesterday that the bill was being formally withdrawn.

In the days leading up to his release, Hong Kong and Taiwan feuded over his case after Lam said Chan had offered to return voluntarily to Taiwan.

Taiwan objected to allowing him the freedom to travel and instead offered to send a team to escort him back, but Hong Kong's government refused, saying Taiwanese officers could not enforce the law in Hong Kong.

Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council said yesterday that allowing a murder suspect to fly on his own would ignore the safety of other passengers and that Hong Kong's approach makes Hong Kong "a criminal paradise where murderers can walk around."

Chan, 20, returned to Hong Kong alone last year after traveling to Taipei with his pregnant girlfriend, Poon Hiu-wing. Her body was found later. AP

HERE ARE THE POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED AS HK LEADER

SPECULATION again is swirling about possible successors to Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam after the Financial Times reported that she could be ousted by March. While officials in Beijing

would hope the city's next leader could quell months of unrest, that remains uncertain. Protesters' demands go beyond calls for Lam to resign to include systematic change that would allow the city

to nominate and elect its own leaders. Here are several possible contenders that have appeared in press reports, most of whom didn't respond to requests for comment:



Norman Chan, ex-Hong Kong Monetary Authority chief

Norman Chan, 64, who stepped down as head of Hong Kong's de facto central bank in September after a decade, is seen as an apolitical bureaucrat favored by the city's financial elite. Chan started his career as a public servant under British colonial rule. While he helped steer the city through the global financial crisis, defended the currency's peg, and managed property downturns, he also oversaw the city's finances during a period where affordability for first-time home buyers has plummeted. He has also previously served as director of the Chief Executive's Office and as a regional vice chairman for Standard Chartered Plc.

Henry Tang, former chief secretary

Henry Tang, 67, served as Hong Kong's No. 2 official through the global financial crisis and ran the city's finances for almost four years before that. The son of a textile tycoon, Tang is a Standing Committee member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, a national advisory body, meaning he has strong support from Beijing. His quest for the chief executive's role in 2012 failed after scandals including an unapproved basement extension at his home to house an extensive wine collection. He denied any wrongdoing. Tang's office declined to comment on the FT report yesterday.



Paul Chan, financial secretary

Paul Chan, 64, is currently spearheading economic policy in Lam's administration. An accountant by training, he previously served as a member of the Legislative Council and secretary of development. Chan this week introduced a HKD2 billion (\$255 million) package of relief measures to counter an economy facing recession. He has also been linked to a number of scandals, including one related to his wife's ownership of illegally subdivided properties and making libelous statements against international school students. He denied any wrongdoing. Chan's office also declined to comment on the FT report.

Bernard Chan, Executive Council convenor

Bernard Chan, 54, has served as the convenor of Carrie Lam's cabinet since leading her election campaign in 2017. He's worked with all of the city's chief executives since the former British colony's return to Chinese rule in 1997 and also served as a deputy to the National People's Congress, China's legislature. Chan began his career as a New York investment banker and serves as president of Asia Financial Holdings Ltd., a Hong Kong-listed investment firm. Before the protests in March, he told Radio Television Hong Kong that he wouldn't run. He reiterated in an interview last month that he never wants a "full-time" government job.



Matthew Cheung, chief secretary

Matthew Cheung, 68, is Hong Kong's current No. 2 official and manages the city's affairs when Lam travels outside the city. He has worked in public service since the 1970s, including serving as the city's labor and welfare chief. He could end up serving as an interim chief executive if Lam were to resign, a role he could keep for six months before the city's 1,200-member Election Committee picks a new leader. He lacks the broad experience of predecessors, and Lam last year was forced to deny local media reports that she was considering replacing him.

Regina Ip, lawmaker

Regina Ip, 69, is a member of the Legislative Council and Lam's advisory Executive Council who failed to get enough nominations to run for chief executive in 2017. Ip, who has been a public servant since 1975, was the first woman to be appointed secretary for security. Despite her role in the pro-Beijing camp and her frequent editorials against the city's protesters, she has also been one of the most outspoken critics of Lam's tactics. She became a contentious figure in the city's politics more than a decade ago after advocating for the passage of national security legislation, known as Article 23, which prompted a similar period of mass demonstrations and executive resignations.



US CONGRESS

SENATORS PUSH FOR QUICK VOTE DESPITE CHINA THREAT

SENATORS from both parties are keeping up pressure for a swift vote on legislation to show support for pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong by requiring annual reviews of whether the city is sufficiently autonomous from Beijing to justify its special trading status with the U.S.

Senator Ted Cruz, a Texas Republican and a sponsor of the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, said Tuesday he wants a vote this week.

"I hope the Senate takes it up soon and that we pass it into law," Cruz said on Fox Business News. "It's powerful to stand with the protesters in Hong Kong and say that the American people support you and support freedom."

The House on Oct. 15 passed a slightly different measure that would have to be reconciled with the Senate bill. Florida Republican Senator Marco Rubio, the Senate bill's lead Republican sponsor, has

previously said he expected a vote this week or "early the following week."

China threatened unspecified "strong countermeasures" if Congress enacts the House legislation, which would allow sanctions against officials deemed responsible for undermining Hong Kong's "fundamental freedoms and autonomy."

Hong Kong is becoming a police state, GOP Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri, who recently traveled to

the city, said on Fox News.

"We have to continue to keep the pressure up; we're not going to watch Hong Kong get steamrolled," Hawley said. "Next it will be Taiwan."

Senator Rick Scott, who visited Hong Kong with Hawley and Cruz, made similar comments in a CNBC interview Tuesday when asked what advice he'd give President Donald Trump on dealing with China.

"There's no human ri-

ghts over there," Scott said, adding that China wants to take human rights away from Hong Kong. "The American president needs to stand up for what we believe in this country," he said.

Scott, who has previously expressed doubts about the odds of China complying with any trade agreement, said that while "hope springs eternal" he still doesn't believe there will be a deal.

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Reports suggest China is considering replacing Carrie Lam

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THE Chinese government is considering a plan to replace Hong Kong's Carrie Lam as chief executive, pro-establishment lawmaker Michael Tien said, in a potential strategy shift by Beijing as pro-democracy demonstrations continue to rock the Asian financial center.

Tien said he has information from Beijing that the government was considering candidates to fill Hong Kong's top job next year. His comments came after the Financial Times reported, citing unidentified people briefed on the deliberations, that an "interim" chief executive would be installed by March if President Xi Jinping decides to carry out the plan.

"They recently assessed that this could go on for a while," Tien said in an interview on yesterday. "Dragging this thing out is actually bad for everyone, for Hong Kong, the police. So now they need to sort of take action. And I have heard it's going to be next year, probably February or March."

Lam's replacement wouldn't necessarily stay on for a full five-

-year term. Tien said Beijing was weighing two different scenarios: Either appointing a "caretaker" who would serve the remainder of Lam's term, or try out someone who could conceivably stay on after the next election for chief executive in 2022. Tien said a replacement would need to be elected by the 1,200-member election committee.

A spokesman for Lam's office declined to comment on the speculation over her position.

The Financial Times said Norman Chan, former head of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and Henry Tang, who previously served city's No. 2 official, were leading candidates to succeed Lam. Both Tang and Chan declined to comment on the FT report Wednesday.

China's foreign ministry yesterday said the central government still firmly supports Lam, reiterating Beijing's long-standing position.

"This is a political rumor with ulterior motives," spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters at a regular briefing.

Replacing Lam would represent a delicate reversal for Xi's Communist Party, which doesn't

want to give a victory to protesters demanding direct elections. Still, Beijing is under pressure to ease months of unrest, which has helped push the city toward recession and provided ammunition to the party's critics from Taipei to Washington.

Lam's introduction of legislation allowing extraditions to China sparked months of increasingly violent protests against Beijing's tightening grip over the city. Her moves to withdraw the bill - which formally took place yesterday - and invoke a colonial-era emergency law to ban face masks have done little to stem the chaos.

"Business should not expect that the removal of Lam will end the civil unrest," Verisk Maplecroft, a consultancy that advises businesses on political risk, said in a note on yesterday. "No matter who the next chief executive is, the protesters will continue to demand an independent investigation into police conduct amid widespread dissatisfaction with how the authorities are managing the demonstrations."

Lam told a gathering of business people that she had caused "huge havoc" and would quit "if I had a choice," according to audio

excerpts released by Reuters last month. She subsequently told reporters that she never asked China for permission to resign over the historic unrest rocking the city.

If Lam resigns, responsibility for leading the city of 7.5 million would fall immediately to Chief Secretary Matthew Cheung, who can act as chief executive for as long as six months. Before that interim period ends, the city's 1,200-member Election Committee comprised overwhelmingly of Beijing loyalists must meet to select a new leader.

In 2005, Hong Kong's first post-colonial leader, Tung Chee-hwa, resigned after mass protests forced him to withdraw China-backed national security legislation. Tung, a shipping magnate, held onto the job for more than a year after the demonstrations peaked as the party settled on a succession plan.

Opposition lawmaker Claudia Mo said last week that Lam's resignation could help ease tensions.

"She can go, if she wants to," Mo told Bloomberg Television. "You might say, 'What's the point of having Carrie Lam gone? There would just be another puppet in place.' But at least we can have a

new face, and let's have a restart, if possible, between the government and the people."

In her annual policy address last week, Lam tried to appease the economic concerns of poorer Hong Kong citizens with incentives for first-time home buyers and annual grants for students. Still, she didn't make any new proposals and repeated her opposition to the protesters' demands, including granting amnesty, an independent police inquiry and the ability to nominate and elect their own leaders.

"Heads need to roll" in order to show the administration is accountable but Lam's removal would also carry risks for the Communist Party in Beijing, said David Zweig, an emeritus professor at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and director of Transnational China Consulting Ltd.

"How many cities in China may have bad situations, unemployment or difficulties particularly going forward if the U.S.-China trade war continues, China's economy slows down, and people march," he said. "Are they going to remove mayors? Are they going to remove officials?" **BLOOMBERG**

AN INTEGRATED RESORT

KIM JONG UN DEALS BLOW TO SOUTH KOREAN PLANS FOR JOINT HOTEL PROJECT

JON HERSKOVITZ & JIHYE LEE

KIM Jong Un has threatened to tear down South Korean-built structures at a North Korean mountain resort, delivering a blow to South Korean President Moon Jae-in's plans to bring back the now-frozen project once seen as a symbol of reconciliation.

The North Korean leader toured the Mt. Kumgang resort, built by an affiliate of South Korea's Hyundai group and shuttered for more than a decade, saying the facilities "were built like makeshift tents in a disaster-stricken area or isolation wards," the state's official Korean Central News Agency on Wednesday reported him as saying.

"He instructed to remove all the unpleasant-looking facilities of the South side with an agreement with the relevant unit of the South side," KCNA said adding Kim "made a sharp criticism of the very wrong, dependent policy of the predecessors who were going to rely on others when the country was not strong enough."

Kim indicated he is open to South Koreans coming back to Kumgang, but on his terms. Moon has pressed for reviving Mt. Kumgang and a joint industrial park with North Korea that have been closed due to political tensions and Pyongyang's testing of nuclear devices and ballistic missiles in violation of United Nations resolutions.

"He is serious about tearing



The Mount Kumgang resort, a venue for separated family reunion

down the existing South Korean-built facilities and build new ones," said Rachel Minyoung Lee, a specialist on North Korea at Seoul-based NK Pro, adding the report suggested "North Korea may be leaving the door open for South Korea to keep its finger in the pie in some form."

South Korea's Unification Ministry said it was looking into the report. "If North Korea makes a request, our government is ready to engage in talks regarding the protection of our people's property rights, the spirit of the agreement between North and South Korea, and the resumption of tourism in Mt. Kumgang," it said in a statement.

In a speech Tuesday to South Korea's National Assembly,

Moon said the Korean Peninsula is facing its last hurdle before a permanent peace and called on Kim to respond to South Korea's proposal to build "peace economy" with expanded economic, cultural and social exchanges. North Korea has largely ignored Moon's calls over the past several months for talks.

Hyundai Asan Corp. said it has invested 767 billion won (\$653 million) in Mt. Kumgang that includes 226 billion won for facilities and 560 billion won paid as operating fees to North Korea.

"We are confused at such abrupt reports when we are at the point of resuming tourism, but we plan on responding patiently," the company said in a statement in response to the

KCNA report. South Korea has given no indication that a resumption of tourism was imminent.

The news from North Korea sent shares of affiliated firms such as Hyundai Elevator Co. and Hyundai Rotem Co. lower in early trading in Seoul.

Mt. Kumgang was once a source of foreign currency for cash-starved North Korea with each tourist having to pay a fee to enter North Korea and Pyongyang taking a cut on all the money they spent on food, lodging and tours. The U.S. had raised worries that North Korea used funds from Mt. Kumgang to help pay for its weapons programs.

The resort on North Korea's east coast opened in 1998 as a symbol of cooperation between the two countries technically still at war. It included hotels, restaurants, shopping arcades and a performance hall with the then modern facilities standing out from slipshod North Korean-built structures in the area.

In 2008, South Koreans were ordered to vacate the resort after a 53-year-old woman vacationer who wandered close to a North Korean military facility in the area was shot and killed. More than 2 million South Koreans had visited the scenic mountain site located on clear blue waters before it closed.

The resort was largely staffed with ethnic Koreans who had been living in China, which minimized interaction between North and South Koreans.

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EGYPT

UK lifts ban on flights to Sharm El-Sheikh

THE U.K. lifted its advisory against commercial airlines flying to the popular Egyptian beach resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, a boost for the North African nation's important tourism industry.

The step was taken after security improvements at the airport and close co-operation between the U.K. and Egypt, the British government said in a statement. It pledged to work with airlines interested in resuming flights.

British authorities placed the restriction after a Russian jetliner departing the South Sinai resort was downed by a suspected bomb attack in October 2015 claimed by an Islamic State affiliate. Easyjet Plc and British Airways were among the carriers that suspended flights.

The decision reflects "the satisfaction of the British authorities with the security and safety that Egypt enjoys, after the measures the Egyptian government took on all levels, whether it's at its airports or tourist areas," Egypt's Tourism Ministry said in a statement. Overall tourism from the U.K. to Egypt will also be boosted because the flight ban "had sparked British tourists' fears of visiting the Egyptian destination in general," it added.

All 224 passengers and crew on the charter flight from the Sinai resort to St. Petersburg died in the suspected terrorist bombing, prompting the U.K., Russia and others to suspend flights. The downing of the Metrojet airliner shortly after its departure from the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh battered Egypt's tourism sector, deepening a hard currency crunch the country was then battling. It also led to a Russian ban on direct air travel to Egypt.

Russia has also said it may resume flights to Egypt in the near future.

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CORPORATE BITS

Grand Prix feast to return to Grand Lapa



As it has done for the last nine years, Grand Lapa will bring the Grand Prix Live BBQ All-day Buffet back to its Friendship Terrace, which overlooks the famous Mandarin Bend of the Guia Circuit.

The feast celebrates arguably the most famous characteristics of Macau – racing and gastronomy. Macau was named the UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in 2017.

Large TV screens will be set up at the Terrace on the hotel's fifth floor for full coverage of each race session. Customers will also be able to sample made-to-order BBQ delicacies, as well as chilled drinks.

The Grand Prix Live BBQ All-day Buffet at Grand Lapa Macau will be held on November 16 and 17.

Admission tickets and tables will be available for sale from October at MOP1,288. On top of regular admission tickets, Grand Lapa is also introducing its room package, welcoming people to stay and watch the races with special offers starting from MOP2,599.

MGM takes action on employee wellness and health



MGM considers the health and safety of employees its utmost priority. For the fourth consecutive year, MGM Health and Safety Month was launched in October, with a series of exciting and thoughtful activities to raise employees'

awareness of health and safety, and help them develop an effective training regimen.

Coming up with the slogan "Wellness for Life, Work Safety in Mind," the fun-filled MGM Health and Safety Month presented 8 Golden Lion Health

Actions and workout videos starring Health Ambassador Leo Sincere. The month-long campaign commenced with "Different Draw - Different We Are," a circle painting workshop where 200 volunteers co-created a special artwork.

Other highlights included Health Check Point, with medical professionals providing BMI, body fat and glucose checkups for team members.

Meanwhile, the Qigong Ba Duan Jin Experience taught participants the gentle and effective movement sequences of Chinese Qigong, which helps participants improve their physical condition. Family-oriented activities were also held.

Taliban say new intra-Afghan peace talks to be held in China

KATHY GANNON

A fresh round of intra-Afghan peace talks will be held in China next week, Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen said yesterday [Macau time], raising hopes for renewed negotiations, even as violence surges in Afghanistan's 18-year war.

The talks planned for Oct. 28 and 29 will be the first meeting between Taliban and prominent Afghans from Kabul since a July round of talks held in Doha, the capital of the Middle Eastern State of Qatar, where the Taliban maintain a political office.

This week, the U.S. State Department said its peace envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, started a fresh round of talks with European, NATO and U.N. allies about ending the war.

Khalilzad will later meet with Russian and Chinese representatives "to discuss shared interests in seeing the war in Afghanistan come to an end," the State Department said.

For nearly a year, Khalilzad led the first direct U.S. talks with the Taliban. However, in September, just as a deal seemed imminent, President Donald Trump declared the deal dead after a series of attacks in the Afghan capital killed more than a dozen people, including a U.S. soldier.

Trump continued to call for the withdrawal of the estimated 14,000 American soldiers still in Afghanistan, saying they had taken over the job of policing the country, a job the government's security forces

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Suhail Shaheen, spokesman for the Taliban's political office in Doha

should be doing.

U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper, who made his first visit to Afghanistan last weekend, told reporters traveling with him that he believes the U.S. can reduce its force in Afghanistan to 8,600 without hurting the counterterrorism fight against al-Qaida and the Islamic State group.

But Esper said any withdrawal would happen as part of a peace agreement with the Taliban.

Increasingly in recent weeks signs have emerged of a renewed

effort to get peace talks with the Taliban restarted. Earlier this month, Khalilzad met Taliban chief negotiator and co-founder Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad — their first meeting since Trump declared talks dead.

The State department said Khalilzad's trip to Pakistan wasn't about restarting talks with the Taliban, yet their meeting seemed a beginning.

Shaheen, the Taliban spokesman, said the group was ready to

resume talks from where they left off in September. According to him, a peace deal was ready for signing and a date had even been selected, Sept. 13.

Immediately upon signing, the Taliban had agreed to announce a cease-fire, but only against U.S. and NATO troops, Shaheen said. The deal also called for a cease-fire with Afghanistan's security forces to be the first order of business at the first intra-Afghan negotiations, which were scheduled for Sept. 23, according to Shaheen.

The peace deal the Taliban had hammered out with Khalilzad was also to include the release of 5,000 Taliban prisoners in exchange for prisoners being held by the Taliban, according to a second Taliban official, who did not want to be identified because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

A separate set of negotiations were held for the release of two Western professors at the American University in Kabul — American Kevin King and Australian Timothy Weeks — kidnapped in 2016. The two were to be exchanged for 11 Taliban prisoners, including Anas Haqqani, the brother of Sirajuddin Haqqani, deputy head of the Taliban and leader of the much feared Haqqani network. An uncle of the Haqqanis was also to be released.

Khalilzad has been criticized by the Afghan government of President Ashraf Ghani for shrouding his talks with the Taliban in secrecy. The Taliban have refused to talk directly with Ghani's government calling them U.S. puppets after the 2014 presidential elections were so deeply disputed that the United States sent the then Secretary of State John Kerry to Kabul. Kerry cobbled together a so-called Unity Government making both Ghani and his chief rival Abdullah Abdullah equal partners in leading the government.

The new presidential polls held on Sept. 28 appeared to be headed for a similar controversy as preliminary results have yet to be announced amid scores of allegations of fraud and corruption have emerged.

Ghani's spokesman, Sediq Sediqqi, would not comment on Shaheen's announcement of an upcoming meeting in China.

Sediqqi did say that a "sustainable peace" would be possible only if the Afghan government took the lead. AP

Beijing says US has 'weaponized' visas to target exchanges



Wu Yanhua (center) vice chairman of the China National Space Administration

CHINA yesterday accused the U.S. of having "weaponized" the issuance of visas following the reported inability of a top Chinese space program official to obtain permission to travel to a key conference in Washington.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters that the head of the Chinese delegation to the International Astronautical Congress wasn't able to obtain a visa following an Oct. 12 interview, making it difficult for Chinese representatives to attend important events at the meeting.

Reports said the vice chairman of the China National

Space Administration, Wu Yanhua, had planned to attend the congress.

Hua said the U.S. has "weaponized" visa issuances and "repeatedly defied international responsibilities and obligations and impeded normal international exchanges and cooperation."

She said that "threatened and damaged the legitimate rights and interests of all parties in the international community."

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing said it couldn't discuss individual visa cases because of privacy issues.

Hua said that "for some time, the U.S. has frequently rejected and delayed visa applications, revoked long-term visas of Chinese applicants and investigated and harassed the Chinese scholars, students, businesspeople, and scientific and techni-

cal personnel."

China last year launched more missions to orbit than any other country, and is on track to do the same this year. Those missions include the first-ever soft-landing of a space craft on the far side of the moon.

However, close ties between the Chinese space program and the country's military have limited its participation in multinational efforts, including the International Space Station. China is instead building its own permanent station and has invited other countries to join in the effort.

The visa incident also comes amid a simmering trade war between China and the U.S. in which accusations that China steals or coerces foreign firms into handing over sensitive technology have played a major role. AP

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MU SOCHUA

Thailand puts crimp in return plans of Cambodian opposition

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THAILAND has barred a top leader of Cambodia's opposition party from entering the country, casting doubt on plans for its exiled leaders to return to their homeland against the Cambodian government's wishes.

Mu Sochua, a former lawmaker of the court-disbanded Cambodia National Rescue Party, said she was deported Sunday after arriving at Bangkok's international airport.

Party co-founder Sam Rainsy has declared that he and other exiled colleagues plan to return to Cambodia on Nov. 9, along with a mass of Cambodian supporters who also live outside the country. While Thailand has never been publicly specified, it is the only practical location for such a plan. Thailand hosts hundreds of thousands of Cambodian migrant workers, and Cambodia's other neighbors are its political allies with authoritarian governments.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen has said security forces would stop or arrest the would-be returnees, whom he has called traitors. He said Tuesday that he had already given instructions to the armed forces on how to deal with Sam Rainsy and his supporters and did not intend to talk more about the subject.

Mu Sochua, who is the opposition party's deputy chief, told said



Vice President of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), Mu Sochua

by phone from the United States yesterday that the group was in contact with Thai lawmakers about its situation and would also send a message to Thailand's government explaining its reasons and intentions.

"We remain confident and hopeful that Thailand will understand," she said.

"There are other ways to go to Cambodia," she added, without specifying further but asserting

the group's determination to carry out its plan. She said some 300-400 overseas Cambodians planning to join the return would be meeting in Seattle this coming weekend.

Thai foreign ministry spokeswoman Busadee Santipitaks said she had no information about Mu Sochua's deportation, and declined to comment about how Thailand's relations with Cambodia might be involved.

Hun Sen's government has reacted furiously to the opposition plan, thundering almost daily about its intentions to block it and threatening anyone supporting it with arrest and long prison sentences. Dozens of people have been detained.

Sam Rainsy has been active in using social media to rally support for his party.

"My calls to the people and the armed forces of #Cambodia to rise

up against the regime will continue until the regime has restored to the opposition its right to participate in the country's political life including genuine elections," Sam Rainsy said on Twitter in late September.

A party statement on Oct. 3 took a gentler approach, saying: "We are going back because we believe in the power of dialogue. Our only means to achieve change is the power of word and conviction. We have no arms. Our political mission is peace and reconciliation, prosperity and dignity, unity and strength."

Sam Rainsy has been Hun Sen's most prominent and popular foe for decades. He went into exile in late 2015 to avoid a two-year prison sentence on charges of criminal defamation. Other legal cases have since been lodged against him by the government.

Other top party members fled into exile during a late 2017 crackdown on all opposition to Hun Sen, which included the party's dissolution, the shuttering of virtually all critical media and the arrest of the party's other co-founder, Kem Sokha. He was charged with treason, based on his links to a U.S. pro-democracy organization, and is under strict house arrest.

The Cambodia National Rescue Party had been expected to mount a strong challenge in the July 2018 general election, and its dissolution was widely seen as being politically motivated, with Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party fearful that it could lose power in the polls. Cambodia's courts are widely seen as being under the influence of the government, and its ruling suggesting the opposition party was involved in treasonous activity was dismissed by critics as spurious. AP

NORTH KOREA

UN investigator says 11 million people are undernourished

FOOD insecurity in North Korea "is at an alarming level," with nearly half the population — 11 million people — undernourished, the U.N. independent investigator on human rights in the country said Tuesday.

Tomas Ojea Quintana told the General Assembly's human rights committee that 140,000 children are estimated to be suffering from "undernutrition," including 30,000 who "face an increased risk of death."

Quintana said the government, which has primary responsibility for ensuring access to food, "is violating its human rights obligations due to its failing economic and agricultural policies."

In addition, he said,

"climate conditions, infertile land, natural disasters and the negative impact of sanctions have contributed to further food insecurity."

More broadly, Quintana said he has seen no improvement in North Korea's human rights situation during his three years as special rapporteur.

"The country's economic resources are being diverted away from the essential needs of the people," he said. "Pervasive discrimination in the public distribution system means that ordinary citizens, especially farmers and people in rural areas, have not been receiving any rations."

Quintana said collecti-

ve farming and the failure to allow farmers to benefit from individual plots of land is further exacerbating food insecurity.

"At the same time, the government has failed to put in place conditions where people can securely engage in trade and exchange in marketplaces without facing criminalization, extortion and other forms of abuse," he said. Nonetheless, he added, the vast majority of North Koreans "are now engaged in such market activity for their survival."

Ironically, he said, the government's failure to regulate nascent market activity is creating increasing inequality based on weal-

th, "where only those with money have access to basic rights such as education, health care, freedom of movement and adequate housing."

Quintana said severe restrictions on basic freedoms continue to be widespread, including surveillance and close monitoring of civilians.

"North Korean people continue to live in the entrenched fear of being sent to a political prison camp," called a kwanliso, he said.

"If you are considered to be a spy of the hostile countries or a traitor, when in reality you are simply exercising your basic human rights, you can be suddenly taken by agents

of the Ministry of State Security to a kwanliso and never be seen again," Quintana said. "Suspects' families are never informed of the decisions or of the whereabouts of their relatives."

On the issue of North Koreans who have fled to China, Quintana said in the past six months he has received information from family members living in South Korea of an increasing number of these escapees being detained in China.

He said any North Korean who escapes should not be forcibly returned because there are substantial grounds they would be tortured or subjected to other human rights violations.

"I appreciate the government of China's increased engagement with me on this concern, and I hope that this will lead to greater compliance with international standards," he said.

Quintana said North Korea has accepted 132 recommendations from other U.N. member states, including one "to grant immediate, free and unimpeded access to international humanitarian organizations to provide assistance to the most vulnerable groups, including prisoners." He said this could lead to the first international access to places of detention, "and could therefore be an opportunity to improve prison conditions." AP

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USA

RONALDO ASKS LAS VEGAS COURT TO DISMISS RAPE CASE OR OK MEDIATION

KEN RITTER, LAS VEGAS

CRISTIANO Ronaldo's lawyers have filed court documents asking a U.S. judge in Las Vegas to either dismiss a Nevada woman's lawsuit alleging the soccer star raped her in 2009, or to order closed-door settlement talks.

Attorneys representing Ronaldo's accuser, Kathryn Mayorga, did not immediately respond to telephone, email and text messages seeking comment about the two recent court filings about her lawsuit stemming from a 2010 confidentiality agreement and \$375,000 hush-money payment.

The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they have been victims of sexual assault, but Mayorga gave consent to be named through her lawyers, Leslie Mark Stovall and Larissa Drohobyczer.

Ronaldo's lawyer in Las Vegas, Peter Christiansen, declined to comment about the documents he filed Oct. 14.

"Mr. Ronaldo has always maintained that this was a consensual encounter," said the fi-



ling seeking dismissal of the case. A companion document also filed Oct. 14 in U.S. District court asks the judge to order out-of-court talks to settle the lawsuit. Mayorga alleges conspiracy,

defamation, breach of contract, coercion and fraud. Her lawyers want to void the 2010 deal and collect at least \$200,000 more from Ronaldo. They acknowledge Mayorga received \$375,000 in

2010. The court has kept the original agreement sealed. Mayorga's lawyers maintain she didn't break the confidentiality pledge. They accuse Ronaldo or his associates of

allowing reports of it to appear in European publications in 2017.

The soccer star's lawyers have said the information was among electronic data hacked, stolen and sold by cybercriminals, and that Mayorga's lawsuit is being used to damage Ronaldo's reputation.

Mayorga's lawsuit said she met Ronaldo at a nightclub and went with him and other people to his suite at the Palms Hotel and Casino, where he assaulted her in a bedroom.

Las Vegas police last year re-investigated the rape allegation, but no criminal charge was filed. The local elected prosecutor said there was not enough evidence to take the 10-year-old case to trial.

Ronaldo, now 34, is one of the richest athletes in the world. He plays in Italy for the Turin-based soccer club Juventus and captains the Portugal national team.

Mayorga, now 36, is a former schoolteacher and model who lives in the Las Vegas area.

Stovall has alleged that Mayorga, then 25, was so stressed by pressure from "fixers" trying to protect the reputation of Ronaldo, then 24, that she lacked the legal capacity to sign a non-disclosure agreement 10 years ago.

A federal judge in Las Vegas has not set a hearing date on Ronaldo's bid to stop the court case. AP

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CHILE

Death toll rises to 15 as violence wracks Chile for fifth day

RIOTING, arson attacks and violent clashes wracked Chile for a fifth day Tuesday, as the government raised the death toll to 15 in an upheaval that has almost paralyzed the South American country long seen as the region's oasis of stability.

President Sebastián Piñera announced a program yesterday [Macau time] calling for modest boosts to the lowest incomes and increased taxes on the wealthiest as he sought to calm anger in the streets.

About half of Chile's 16 regions remained under an emergency decree and some were under military curfew, the first — other than for natural disasters — imposed since the country returned to democracy in 1990 following a bloody 17-year dictatorship.

Unrest sparked last week when a relatively minor, less-than-4% rise in subway fares led to students jumping station turnstiles in protest. But the defiance exploded into violence Friday with demonstrators setting fire to subway stations, buses and a high-rise building. Demonstrations escalated with wide-ranging demands for improvements in education, health care and wages, and spread nationwide, fueled by frustration among many Chileans who feel they have not shared in the economic advances in one of Latin America's wealthiest nations.

"I fight so that all that will end and so that all of us will have something fair," said one protester, José Tomás López, a cook.

He said he took to the streets "because I've seen how my mother lives, with a salary of not more than (\$700 a month) to maintain my three siblings, and I know her debts and all her efforts to meet them."

Riot police used tear gas and water cannons earlier this week to break up marches by rock-throwing demonstrators in several parts of Santiago, while soldiers and police guarded other Chileans who formed long lines at supermarkets.

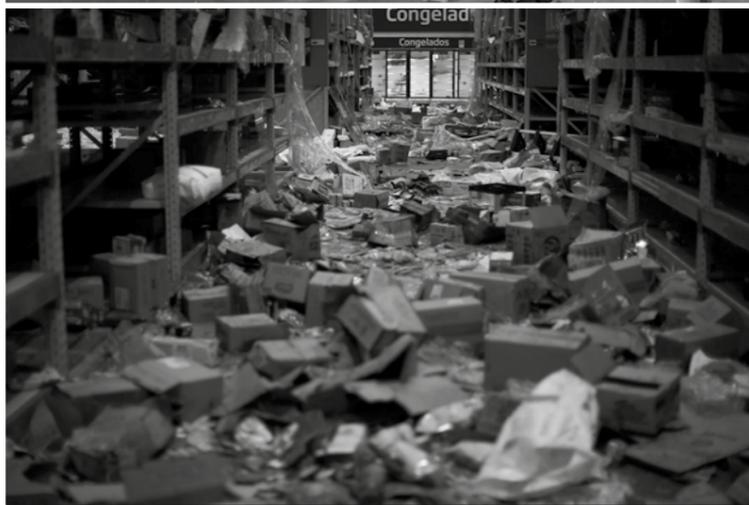
"I've walked several kilometers searching for milk, but the supermarkets remain closed and neighborhood stores have run out," said Carmen Fuentealba, a retiree.

Many stores, subway stations and banks were burned, damaged or looted during protests over the weekend, and some people have reported problems getting cash at ATMs.

"It's enough with this," said store owner Fernando García. "They want to destroy it all. I don't sleep at night because I fear that they'll loot."

Shortly before the rioting broke out last week, Chile's conservative president boasted in an interview with The Financial Times that Chile "looks like an oasis" in the region because it has a stable democracy

AP PHOTO



and a balanced and growing economy that has been creating jobs and improving pay.

But the wealth is unevenly spread, with one of the region's highest rates of inequality. Many Chilean families earn \$550 to \$700 a month and pensions can be as low as \$159.

"It's indispensable that they lower the price of medications because there's no salary that can hold up to this," said Hernán Pavéz, a retired teacher.

Long lines of cars also continued to snake from gas stations as drivers worried about supplies in a country that imports nearly all its gasoline.

"People are desperate," said gas station attendant Jacqueline Zúñiga. "They think the gasoline, the petroleum is going to end, and they keep filling and filling their

tanks. ... This has all led to aggressiveness."

The disorder has prevented many people from getting to their jobs, and about 2 million young people are unable to get to classes.

Marta Lagos, director of the polling firm Latinobarometro, said problems have accumulated over at least the last four governments, which were of both the left and right.

Officials can argue "that we have reduced poverty, that there's no inflation these days, that the economy is controlled, etcetera, etcetera," Lagos said. "And all those arguments mean nothing to the people who can't make it to the end of the month."

After the protests erupted, Piñera rolled back the subway hike while also declaring a state of emergency. He said this week

that Chile is "at war with a powerful, relentless enemy that respects nothing or anyone and is willing to use violence and crime without any limits."

But he did not identify the enemy, and the remark brought rebukes from celebrities, politicians and soccer players.

"A war needs two sides," Chilean soccer player Gary Medel tweeted. "And here, we're just one people who want equality."

Piñera, a billionaire and former airline owner, then switched to a more conciliatory tone. He said the government is working on a reconstruction plan to cover the hundreds of millions of dollars in damaged infrastructure.

The president met with members of his administration and three of the six main opposition leaders Tuesday to explore a "so-

cial agreement" on solving "the problems that affect Chileans."

Hours later, Piñera announced an agenda calling for increasing the lowest monthly pensions from \$151 to \$181, raising the monthly minimum wage from \$413 to \$481 and rescinding a 92% rise in electricity rates scheduled to take effect next month. It would also include a tax increase for anyone earning more than \$11,000 a month.

Some leftist parties boycotted the meeting to protest the

"I think it's a critical moment in Chile in history," said Joe Eldridge, an analyst at the Washington Office on Latin America. "Are we going to go back to the old kind of right-left extremes ... or are these institutions sufficiently flexible and adaptable to address the current situation?" AP

what's ON



STAMPS AROUND THE WORLD – LIECHTENSTEIN, KINGDOM OF STAMPS
TIME: 9am-5:30pm (Closed on public holidays)
UNTIL: November 30, 2019
VENUE: Temporary Gallery, Communications Museum
ADMISSION: MOP10
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2871 8063

A CHERISHED MEMORY FROM 1999 – ARCHIVES EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF MACAU TO THE MOTHERLAND
TIME: 10am-6pm (Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
UNTIL: December 27, 2019
VENUE: Archives of Macau, Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida 91-93
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2859 2919

QUIETNESS AND CLARITY: WORKS OF CHEN ZHIFU FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE NANJING MUSEUM
TIME: 10am-7pm (No admittance after 6:30pm; Closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: November 17, 2019
VENUE: Macau Museum of Art
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS
TIME: 12pm-6pm
UNTIL: October 31, 2019
VENUE: Access to Level 23 via lifts behind Morpheus check-in counters
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8399 6699

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
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

Offbeat

ANONYMOUS TRUMP OFFICIAL WRITING 'UNPRECEDENTED' INSIDE TAKE

The Trump administration official who wrote an anonymous essay about resistance from the inside has a book deal.

The book, titled "A Warning", will come out Nov. 19. The Hachette Book Group imprint Twelve announced yesterday [Macau time]. It will likely set off the biggest Washington guessing game since "Primary Colors," the fictionalized take on Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign that turned out to be written by journalist Joe Klein.

The anonymous essay appeared in The New York Times in September 2018 and said that many within the administration were actively blocking some of Trump's orders. No one has named the official despite widespread speculation and Trump's own suggestion that the author's identity be investigated.

Twelve is calling the book "an unprecedented behind-the-scenes portrait" that "offers a shocking, first-hand account of President Trump and his record." The author will be identified as "A Senior Trump Administration Official."

According to the publisher, the author accepted no advance and will donate a portion of royalties to nonprofits that focus on accountability and "standing up" for truth in oppressive countries.

The official's literary representatives, the Washington-based Javelin, have made deals for other books that have enraged Trump, including former FBI director James Comey's "A Higher Loyalty" and former White House aide Cliff Sims' "Team of Vipers."

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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
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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

A WITNESS OUT OF BLUE

ROOM 2
 2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm
Director: Chi Keung Fung
Starring: Jacky Cai, Kai-Chung Cheung, Jessica Hester Hsuan
Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)



JOKER
 ROOM 3
 9:30pm
Director: Todd Phillips
Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz
Language: English
Duration: 122min

this day in history



1945 UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION IS BORN

The United Nations Organisation has been formally inaugurated during a short ceremony at the US State Department in Washington. A total of 29 countries ratified the United Nations Charter that was signed by 50 nations on 26 June in San Francisco. US Secretary of State James Byrnes signed the protocol and proclaimed the charter was "now a part of the law of nations".

He said it was a historic day for peace-loving nations of the world. But he warned peace was not based on documents but depended on the will of people to maintain it. He added the USA would do its best to promote international co-operation. The world security organisation aims to "save succeeding generations from the scourge of war" and maintain international peace and security.

The UN Charter upholds human rights and proposes that nations should work together to overcome social, economic, humanitarian and cultural challenges.

The name "United Nations" was coined by US President Franklin D Roosevelt, and was first used in the Declaration by United Nations of 1 January 1942 when representatives of 26 nations pledged to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers. Further proposals for an international security organisation were discussed in August 1944 at Dumbarton Oaks, in the District of Columbia, USA. The final charter was then signed in June in San Francisco and ratified today.

The UN's predecessor, the League of Nations, was established after the 1914-18 World War. It aimed to prevent another global conflict, but it failed to prevent the devastating world war that has just ended.

Much of the league's structure and many of its aims have been adopted by its successor.

The organisation will consist of six organs: a General Assembly of all members; a Security Council with five permanent members - China, France, Russia, the UK and the US - and six temporary members; an Economic and Social Council; a Trusteeship Council to supervise administration of colonies, former mandates of the League of Nations and territories taken from defeated nations; an International Court of Justice to be based at The Hague in the Netherlands; a Secretariat. A Military Staff Committee will be charged with security and may take control of weapons such as the atomic bomb.

The permanent headquarters of the UNO will be in the US although it has been revealed that France, the UK and the Netherlands voted against this decision.

A preparatory commission will gather in London next month to prepare for the UNO's first General Assembly meeting in the British capital early next year expected to bring 2,000 people to the city.

Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin will lead the British delegation. Colonel GR Codrington, who is leading the event's organisers at the Foreign Office, told the Times newspaper there would be "no ostentatious entertaining" and that visitors would be given emergency ration cards.

Bomb damage has restricted the amount of hotel rooms available and members of the public have responded to an appeal to take guests into their homes during the conference.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

United Nations Day is celebrated on 24 October each year. The United Nations Organisation became known simply as the United Nations and by 2005 comprised 191 member states. Its numbers were swollen as colonies became independent and the Soviet Union disintegrated. The Vatican and Taiwan remain non-members. Most members have permanent missions at the UN's main headquarters in New York. This was built in 1952 on land beside the East River donated by US millionaire John D Rockefeller. Fourteen independent agencies make up the "UN System" alongside many of the organisation's own programmes and agencies. These include the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Health Organisation. Frictions between the Western nations and the Soviet Bloc during the Cold War dominated much of the organisation's first four decades and hampered the functioning of the Security Council. Since the 1990s the UN has taken on an increasingly interventionist approach. Despite some successes in the peacekeeping arena, operations in Bosnia, Rwanda and Somalia were flawed, failing to prevent massacres and even genocide. A 2000 report criticised the UN's insistence on neutrality in situations where one side resorted to violence, warning that this could render missions ineffective. The share-out of power in the UN, particularly in the Security Council, is hotly debated. Critics say the over-riding influence of the council's five permanent members is unfair. After years of financial crisis, the UN has come under pressure to cut spending and to slim down its bureaucracy. Member nations owe the organisation billions of dollars.

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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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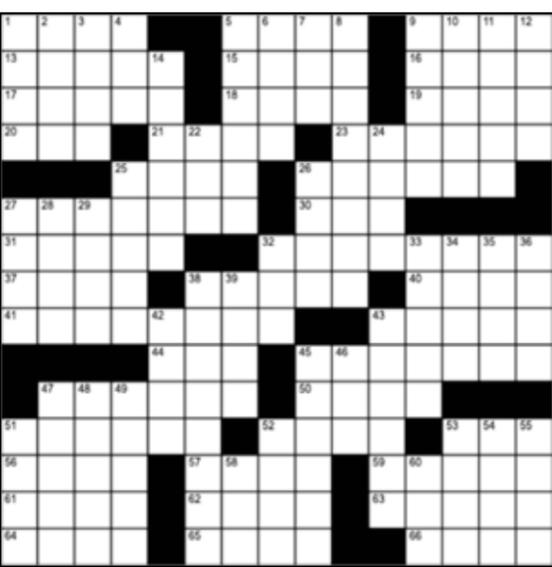
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Harbin	2	18	cloudy
Tianjin	14	18	drizzle
Urumqi	-2	9	clear
Xi'an	10	14	drizzle
Lhasa	4	17	cloudy
Chengdu	14	18	moderate rain
Chongqing	17	19	drizzle
Kunming	11	23	cloudy
Nanjing	13	25	clear
Shanghai	18	23	cloudy
Wuhan	12	25	cloudy
Hangzhou	15	25	cloudy
Taipei	19	23	cloudy
Guangzhou	22	30	cloudy
Hong Kong	23	28	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	7	9	drizzle
Frankfurt	10	17	overcast
Paris	12	18	drizzle
London	10	14	drizzle
New York	5	17	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- River in central Switzerland; 5- Put your hands together; 9- High-five, for one; 13- In what place; 15- Dynamic leader?; 16- Prefix with conference; 17- Love, Italian-style; 18- Head honcho; 19- Gets older; 20- Toady's response; 21- Pour; 23- Baby; 25- ___ Fein; 26- Smother; 27- Unity; 30- Like Abner; 31- Less diluted; 32- Employment seekers may pound it; 37- Actress McClurg; 38- Debonair; 40- Notion; 41- Autopsy; 43- Type of sanctum; 44- Born: Fr.; 45- Green citrus beverage; 47- Spur; 50- Word of regret; 51- Haunted house cry; 52- Diver Louganis; 53- Recipe abbr.; 56- Long time; 57- ___ to differ; 59- Writer Jong; 61- Flower holder; 62- Hawaiian goose; 63- Word with panel or energy; 64- French summers; 65- Will of "The Waltons"; 66- Isle of exile;

DOWN: 1- On vacation; 2- Alas!; 3- Classic cars; 4- Drift, make a mistake; 5- Ship apartments; 6- Boxer Spinks; 7- ___ Poetica; 8- Sure; 9- Personnel; 10- Juridical; 11- Coeur d'___ Idaho; 12- Nuisance; 14- More spine-tingling; 22- Ques. response; 24- Memphis's river; 25- Unkind look; 26- Pole, for one; 27- Overt; 28- Au naturel; 29- Slang expert Partridge; 32- Salary; 33- Floating bombs; 34- Mystery writer Buchanan; 35- Scholarship criterion; 36- Shipping deduction; 38- Talking; 39- Manipulator; 42- Fairy tale opener; 43- Likenesses; 45- More massive; 46- ___ du Diable; 47- Swindle; 48- ___ by any other name...; 49- Queues; 51- Rescue; 52- Basic unit of heredity; 53- Cash drawer; 54- Wound cover; 55- Legal prefix; 58- Apiary resident; 60- Wade opponent;



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JAPAN'S EMPEROR NARUHITO HOSTS TEA PARTY FOR FOREIGN ROYALS



JAPANESE Emperor Naruhito is hosting a tea party at his residence for royals from other countries, thanking them for celebrating his enthronement at a palace ceremony the day before.

Naruhito proclaimed his succession in an ancient ritual this week at the Imperial Palace, where he was congratulated with cheers of "Banzai!" from the audience.

Naruhito and his wife, Masako, greeted the royal guests with hugs or handshakes as

they arrived at the tea party yesterday.

Guests included Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf, Grand Duke of Luxembourg Henri, Malaysian King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah, Brunei's King Hassanal Bolkiah and Prince Albert II of Monaco.

Palace officials said other members of the imperial family would join the party, including Naruhito's abdicated father, Akihito, and his wife, former Empress Michiko.



QUEEN LATIFAH RECEIVES HARVARD BLACK CULTURE AWARD

MUSIC artist and actress Queen Latifah was among the honorees recognized by Harvard University for their contributions to black history and culture.

Harvard awarded the W.E.B. Du Bois Medal to Queen Latifah and six other recipients yesterday [Macau time], according to the Cambridge, Massachusetts, school's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research.

Other honorees include

poet and educator Elizabeth Alexander, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution Lonnie Bunch III, poet Rita Dove, co-founder of Black Entertainment Television Sheila Johnson, artist Kerry James Marshall and Robert Smith, founder, chairman and chief executive of Vista Equity Partners.

The award is named after Du Bois, a scholar, writer, editor, and civil rights pioneer who became the first black student to earn a doctorate from Harvard in 1895.

IT'S A BOY FOR 'GIRL' SINGER MAREN MORRIS

GIRL' singer Maren Morris announced with some irony that she's having a boy with husband and singer Ryan Hurd.

The Grammy-winning country singer posted of a photo of herself with Hurd on Instagram yesterday announcing her pregnancy, saying "the universe would give us a baby boy to even things out."

The Texas-born Morris released her second album "GIRL" this year.

It's nominated for album of the year at this year's CMA Awards, where she's the leading nominee. She had a breakthrough debut in 2016 with "Hero," which spawned the Grammy-winning "My Church." She also had a Top 5 crossover hit with "The Middle," a collaboration with Zedd and Grey.

She's also a member of the country group The Highwomen, with Brandi Carlile, Natalie Hemby and Amanda Shires.



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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

GOLF

PGA Tour hopes to 'never leave Japan'

JIM ARMSTRONG, INZAI CITY

JOINING forces with a celebrity tycoon who dreams of going to the moon, the PGA Tour is committed to being in Japan for the long haul with its first tournament starting today.

With the help of businessman Yusaku Maezawa, known for taking chances, the sport's biggest names hope to usher in a new era for golf-mad Japan at the Zozo Championship.

Tiger Woods, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy are all here at the Accordia Golf Narashino Country Club, about 80 kilometers east of Tokyo at Inzai City.

"When we make a commitment to bring a new event to a market, that's a commitment that is permanent," PGA Tour commissioner Jay Monahan said Wednesday. "Our intention is to never leave Japan, to always have a PGA Tour event in Japan from this day forward."

The Zozo Championship, co-sanctioned with the Japan Golf Tour, is one of three tournaments that make up the PGA Tour's Asia Swing. The CJ Cup in South Korea

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was won last week by Justin Thomas and the HSBC Champions takes place next week in Shanghai.

Tournament sponsor Zozo Inc. has drawn a great deal of attention in the relatively conservative Japanese business world.

Maezawa, owner of Zozo, played a round with Woods yesterday

Some in Japan have questioned the maverick approach of Zozo chief executive Maezawa, owner

of the online Japanese retailer. He is known for lavish spending on artworks and buying a Stradiva-

rius violin, and has even set his sights on a future trip to the moon. He played a round with Woods yesterday, and Monahan praised his "immense contribution" to the tournament.

Yahoo Japan Corp. announced last month it will put up a tender offer, estimated at 400 billion yen (\$3.7 billion), for Zozo Inc.

For now, the golf world couldn't be happier. There's an agreement in place to hold the Zozo Championship until at least 2025.

"For an event of this magnitude to take place, we're very fortunate to have many passionate people who have helped make the Zozo Championship a reality," Monahan said.

Woods will be the tournament's main attraction. The Masters champion last played in an official tournament in Japan in 2006 at the Dunlop Phoenix, where he lost in a playoff to Pádraig Harrington. He won the Dunlop Phoenix the two previous years.

The timing is good for tournament organizers. Woods needs one victory to reach 82 wins and tie the career record held by Sam Snead. **AP**

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OPINION

The Stranger

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IDEOLOGIES OF INTOLERANCE

A professor at the University of Macau (UM) has recently uttered some controversial comments about a certain inclination of “white people” – whom, he clarified, also happen to be “foreigners” in this land – to perform corrupt acts.

The comments were made during a conference organized by the UM Center for Macau Studies, of which the academic is a member, and referred to a comparison between Macau and Hong Kong’s judicial systems.

Many people raised eyebrows and condemned the unfortunate statement, including the president of the local Lawyers’ Association, Jorge Neto Valente, lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho, and scholars who are also members of the Center.

Singling out and accusing people of wrongdoing based on race or ethnicity without supporting evidence, in a place and context of debate which should be free of such discriminatory remarks – reminiscent of the imperial “barbarian” discourse? In 2019? – looks bad from every angle you can possibly imagine.

First of all, we should not expect of a person who occupies an academic position, especially one who has been trained abroad, to be an epitome of such narrow-mindedness. Speaking his mind in this context, the professor was far from practicing freedom of expression. If anything, it was an exercise in reverse chauvinism: it seems he had some hard time while living in North America as a Chinese person, as his comments about racism being “everywhere” there lead us to infer.

The laws of research and empiricism must apply, nevertheless, to corroborate such types of statement. While suggesting that “white people” are more corrupt than others and that they have weakened Hong Kong’s judicial system, the professor was seemingly implying that the others who are not corrupt are the Chinese.

If the “whites” are crooked, then, what are we to make of “non-white” people in Macau who have been incapable of completing public projects planned over ten years ago? Or who have granted land concessions, as a matter of fact, without due respect to the rule of law?

The unfortunate statement by the professor is somewhat of a glimpse of a much broader, and problematic take on recent academic affairs in Macau’s main university: that which lets dogma speak for knowledge. A stance which does not seem to be going away any time soon though.

Claiming, on the other hand, as the academic did, that the topic is “sensitive” and that his opinion, delivered during a public conference, is “personal” and that, for such reasons, he didn’t want it to be made public, strikes as either naivety or weak use of rhetoric. Defending that the comment was not “racist,” he attempted to further excuse his behavior by throwing the problem elsewhere, in America.

The man has got a point. There is racism in America, North and South, expressed in forms more or less manifest or concealed. But it is also patent in Europe, Africa, and, definitely, Asia – although outside the Americas the debate is more often formulated in ethnic or national terms.

People’s poor acceptance of cultural and ethnic difference is a well-known condition of human existence, which tends to be exacerbated in times of unrest and distress – it is always easier to blame the stranger or the unfit for a society’s ills.

Yet, discrimination is not a product of geographical location. It is a social practice imbued with ideologies that foster intolerance, if not ignorance, based on such principles as pure blood and common origin, which are mere foundational myths embraced and replicated in different formulas by the State. As racism, reactionary politics never goes out of fashion.

PRINCE CHARLES POPS IN TO SEE WELSH RUGBY TEAM AT WORLD CUP

THE BUZZ

Over in Japan to attend an enthronement ceremony for the country’s new emperor, Britain’s Prince Charles has popped in to see the Welsh rugby team ahead of its World Cup semifinal match against South Africa.

The Prince of Wales, who is first in line to the British throne, visited a Wales training session in Tokyo yesterday.

Wales assistant coach Neil Jenkins said “for him to come along was brilliant, and I am sure it will give the boys a lift ... it was just a great honor for him to be there watching us.”

Prince Charles’ son, William, is a royal patron to the Welsh Rugby Union. His other son, Harry, has a similar role with England’s Rugby Football Union.



ACTOR ALEC BALDWIN CAMPAIGNS FOR VIRGINIA DEMOCRATS

ALAN SUDERMAN, MIDLOTHIAN (VA.)

THE actor known for his mocking impersonations of Republican President Donald Trump on “Saturday Night Live” campaigned Tuesday for Democratic legislative candidates in a Virginia election that is viewed as a warmup to the 2020 presidential contest.

Alec Baldwin told Democrats and reporters in suburban Richmond that he believes flipping the Republican-controlled House of Delegates and Senate would benefit residents of Virginia and improve the chances of the state ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

“If they take both houses here, if they go blue, then you have the opportunity to be the 38th state, which would then leverage the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, which is something that I’ve always been fairly obsessed about,” he said.

Passed by Congress in 1972, the Equal Rights Amendment would ban discrimination on the basis of sex, explicitly enshrining equality for women in the U.S. Constitution. Thirty-seven states have ratified it and advocates say having 38 would meet the constitutional threshold for approval, though it would also likely spark court battles over a long-passed ratification deadline and other legal questions.

Baldwin’s first stop in Virginia was in a suburban Richmond neighborhood where he campaigned with Amanda Pohl, a Democrat looking to unseat incumbent Republican state Sen. Amanda Chase.

The Emmy winner and former “30 Rock” star began by knocking on doors, followed by a small army of reporters.

The progressive advocacy group People for the American Way helped organize



Actor Alec Baldwin (right) points out a throng of media as he talks to Kristin Goodlett as he walks with Amanda Pohl, candidate for Virginia Senate

the trip. Baldwin is a board member and has been an outspoken critic of Trump.

Sarah Robinson, who answered the door when Baldwin knocked, said she’s planning to vote for Virginia Democrats to signal her disapproval of the president and his administration.

“It’s just a disaster and

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embarrassment,” said Robinson, a 28-year-old graphic designer.

Virginia is one of only four states holding legislative elections this year and the only one where partisan control of the legislature is up for grabs.

The district Baldwin visited leans Republican, but Democrats are bullish on their chances of unseating Chase. She’s an outspoken conservative who often feuds with members of her own party and sometimes wears a sidearm at the Capitol. Earlier this year she issued an apology after she berated a Capitol Police officer over a parking space.

Chase mocked Baldwin’s visit, noting his history of public confrontation and legal problems, and called Pohl a hypocrite for campaigning with him.

“He embodies and represents everything she claims that she’s against,” Chase said in a Facebook post.

Baldwin told the crowd he’d learned that Chase had “attacked” him and poked fun at her.

“And then I heard about what happened to her,” he said, to laughs and applause from Pohl supporters.

Baldwin pleaded guilty earlier this year to harassing a man during a dispute over a parking spot.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported that Chase held up traffic and used profane language when she was denied access to a secure parking area near the Capitol.

Baldwin said he had a gift for Chase: a roll of quarters “so when she loses this job she can go and find all the parking spaces she needs.”

Pohl and Baldwin knocked on voters’ doors near Chase’s house. Before he left, Baldwin joked about leaving the quarters in her mailbox but was persuaded by aides not to do so. AP

Pakistan A security firm says fake smartphone apps laden with malware are targeting Pakistan’s military and government. A report by Canadian company BlackBerry identifies new espionage campaigns attempting to steal sensitive data from mobile devices. BlackBerry says it doesn’t know who is responsible for the campaigns but says it likely involves state-sponsored hacking groups.



Afghanistan’s acting foreign minister, Salahuddin Rabbani, has resigned his post. In a resignation letter to President Ashraf Ghani yesterday, Rabbani said the Foreign Ministry has been sidelined and is being treated as a non-governmental organization. “It is unbearable,” he says.



Israel’s former military chief Benny Gantz is set to receive an official mandate to form the country’s next government but has few options after last month’s elections left him in a near tie with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (pictured). Netanyahu was given the first opportunity to form a government after assembling a large right-wing bloc but failed to build a 61-seat majority.



UK A large cargo truck was found containing the bodies of 39 people in one of Britain’s worst people smuggling tragedies. Police initially said the cargo truck had traveled through Ireland and then to Wales via ferry, but that theory changed late yesterday when Essex police said they believe the container went from the port of Zeebrugge in Belgium to Purfleet, England, where it arrived earlier yesterday.