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**China** A senior Chinese foreign-exchange regulatory official called for "special attention" to be paid to blockchain as the nation looks to gain advantages from digital finance. The State Administration of Foreign Exchange is looking to use blockchain and artificial intelligence in cross-border trade finance and macro-prudential regulation.

**Australia** Ivan Milat, whose grisly serial killings of seven European and Australian backpackers horrified Australia in the early '90s, died in a Sydney prison yesterday, ending hopes of a deathbed confession to more unsolved slayings. He was 74.

**Afghanistan** Officials have set a new date for announcing the result of last month's presidential election, after several delays.



**Pakistan**'s ailing former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, who was jailed on money-laundering and corruption charges, has remained in a government hospital where he was taken last week after suffering a heart attack.



**Syria** Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the shadowy leader of the Islamic State group who presided over its global jihad and became arguably the world's most wanted man, is believed dead after being targeted by a U.S. military raid in Syria.

**Turkey** Kurdish fighters killed one Turkish personnel and wounded five others amid a shaky truce in northern Syria, Turkey's army said yesterday, bringing its military death toll to 11 since the launch of its cross-border operation.

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**11 NATIONALITIES GATHER FOR MIGRANTS' DAY**

# RESTAURANT SECTOR REELING FROM REVENUE CRUNCH

**P**RESSURE on the restaurant sector went unabated in August, with the proportion of interviewed establishments reporting a decline as their business prospects rose. The information was released in the latest business climate survey conducted on the restaurant and retail trade.

According to the information released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), the proportion of establishments that saw a year-on-year decline in revenue rose by 7 percentage points from a month earlier to 38% in August. On the other hand, 33% of interviewed establishments recorded an annual rise in August revenue, a decrease of 1 percentage point from July.

Asked in August, most of the interviewed establishments expected their business outlook to remain unfavorable in September. The proportion of interviewed establishments anticipating a year-on-year decline in receipts rose by 18 percentage points from August to 45% in September. At the same time, the proportion of interviewed establishments forecasting a year-on-year growth in receipts in September reduced by 2 percentage points to 18%.

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Regarding the retail trade, the proportion of interviewed retailers reporting a year-on-year decrease in sales rose by 5 percentage points from July to 40%, with the corresponding proportion of motor vehicle retailers (80%) surging by 40 percentage points.

Retailers were cautiously optimistic about their business prospects in September, with 65% of the interviewed retailers an-

icipating their sales to increase year-on-year or remain steady. The proportion of interviewed retailers predicting a year-on-year sales decline in September decreased from 38% to 35%.

The business climate survey is compiled based on data provided by 186 restaurants and similar establishments, which accounts for 53% of the industry's receipts, and 136 retailers, that is 70% of the industry's receipts. **DB**

# CHINA'S AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL VISITS MONTE DO PASTO



**C**HINA'S ambassador to Portugal, Cai Run, has visited Portuguese agribusiness Monte do Pasto.

Cai led a delegation that included the embassy's economic and social adviser, Xu Weili. His visit aimed to learn more about the activities of the company that was recently acquired by the Macau investment and services company CESL Asia.

Monte do Pasto will play an important role in CESL Asia Group's Focus Platform, aiming to become the future operational base for food and green energy business between Portugal, Macau, China, and the Portuguese-speaking countries in Africa.

During the visit, the Chinese ambassador had the opportunity to learn about with raising cattle outdoors as well as

learning more about the sustainability and welfare practices that make this company a reference in the sector and a leader in Iberian outdoor cattle farming.

Monte do Pasto's president Clara Moura Guedes said, "by integrating CESL Asia group, Monte do Pasto can explore new expansion opportunities and reinforce its bet in obtaining international recognition to boost existing productions, launch new sustainable agricultural and livestock activities and enhance the entire Alentejo region and the Portuguese economy."

At this time, the property is mainly used as a free-range cattle pasture, but the company has highlighted on previous occasions that it can be developed through additional agricultural activities. **RM**

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### BEST EXERCISES FOR OLD DOGS

**O**LD dogs can still play like puppies. Don't give up on exercise and games just because you have an older dog. A regimen of regular exercise will keep your dog fit and healthy. Here are five great ways to exercise your older dog.

#### Light walks great for dogs with arthritis

Walking is always a good choice. Even with arthritis, dogs can walk for a good distance. Be aware of your distance, however, and don't overtire your dog. If possible, spend some time walking on grassy, uneven turf. This provides a lower-impact walk and may improve her balance. If your dog begins to limp or show signs of pain, let her rest. Don't force your dog to walk if she is in obvious pain, but encourage activity as much as possible.

For dogs suffering from paralysis or severe hip dysplasia, dog carts can restore some mobility. Properly fitted, many dogs are able to continue their daily walks. Other walking aids include a sling-like device that can assist your dog as she goes up and down stairs and ramps that allow easier access to your car or truck.

#### Giving your dog something to retrieve

Fetching does not have to involve long throws or fast running. A gently rolling ball can entertain an older dog, and this game can be played indoors. Be sure you use a ball that is large enough to prevent choking. In a Labrador Retriever-sized dog, a tennis ball may be too small. Pet supply stores carry oversized balls for larger dogs.

#### Tug-o-war instills confidence

Tug-O-War is not recommended for young or aggressive dogs, but in a gentle older pet, this game can instill confidence and strengthen their teeth, gums and jaw. Do not yank or tug forcefully, and let her win sometimes! Look for a dental-friendly rope toy at pet supply stores. They provide a minor flossing action when your dog chews.

#### Swimming minimizes pressure on joints

For the pain of hip dysplasia, dogs often find swimming to be very soothing. Water reduces the painful pressure on the joints and allows a freedom of movement that is impossible on



dry land. If your dog is not used to swimming, ease her into a shallow area. Often a lake or pond is preferable to a swimming pool. The slippery surface of man-made pools can frighten some dogs. Enter the water with her if possible. Most-but not all-dogs can swim. Some very chest-heavy dogs like Dobermans may not be able to swim safely.

#### Some vets offer water treadmills

Some veterinary clinics offer water treadmills. These devices allow your dog to walk naturally while being supported by the natural buoyancy of water. Originally used for surgical rehabilitation, they are being used

more often for exercise in older or arthritic dogs.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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# 11 nationalities gather for migrants' day

**T**HE 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees was celebrated yesterday, attracting the participation of hundreds from 11 different nationalities.

Held yesterday at St. Paul School, the celebration was themed "It Is Not Just About Migrants," a message that Pope Francis has endorsed.

The global day event aims to "shore up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone

newly-arrived."

According to the local organizer, the Catholic Pastoral Care for Filipino Migrants, the program was created to "make the migrants feel that they are not away from home."

Fr. Andrew de Vera of the Catholic Pastoral Care for Filipino Migrants remarked, "this event is also an encounter, not only of cultures but of people."

"We hope that through this event, we will also be creating an avenue for a more united people, not only migrants but

immigrants. Not only foreigners but also locals," he said.

This year, the event has attracted a series of performances from the Filipino, Brazilian, Chinese, East Timorese, Myanmar and Nepali communities.

These different groups showcased their traditional dances and conducted singing performances.

"We are looking forward to have an increase in the number of participants next year. Last year, we had around eight groups but now we have 11 so

we're looking forward to it," said Fr. de Vera.

Meanwhile, director of the Macao Government Tourism Office, Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, was also at the event, describing the celebration as a significant event among the migrant and local community.

"I think it's a very important thing that they feel like they belong to Macau. They are not only here to work but to live their lives. A lot of them have stayed here for a long period of time," said the tourism chief.

"That's what we've seen during the history of Macau. They are part of the fabric and DNA of Macau and we are welcoming different communities into [the city] to live with us and hope that we inspire them and they inspire us," Fernandes added.

The official also noted that about half of the city's workers in the tourism industry are non-resident workers.

"The non-resident people are very important to what makes Macau economically viable as well," she added.

During the event, different groups showcased their traditional dances and conducted singing performances.

On September 29, Pope Francis celebrated the annual event in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. **LV**

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO PROPOSE BUDGET ON NOVEMBER 12

Chief Executive Chui Sai On will be attending a plenary session on November 12 to deliver a summary on policy implementation work in 2019 and introduce a budget proposal for 2020. The session will be held at 3 p.m. and will be followed by a press conference at the Government Headquarters at 5 p.m., where Chui will respond to questions from the media. The policy implementation summary and the budget proposal, as well as the subsequent press conference, will be broadcasted live on the television and radio channels of TDM. The Chief Executive's work summary regarding policies implemented in 2019 is to be issued in Chinese and Portuguese. It will be available for download from government websites, including that of the Chief Executive's Office, the Government Information Bureau and the Macau SAR Government Portal.

## SSM STRESSES CHINESE MEDICINE PROMOTION IS A PRIORITY

The Director of the Health Bureau (SSM), Lei Chin Ion, has stressed that every effort is being made to promote the development of traditional Chinese medicine in Macau. Lei said that the SSM recently organized a visit to the Greater Bay Area for young Chinese medicine practitioners, to promote the sector and encourage the training of more professionals. The director pointed to the utilization rate of Chinese medicine in Macau, which according to Lei, is used by a similar proportion of residents as those that use Western medicine. The Center for Traditional Medicine Cooperation in Macau was established in collaboration with the World Health Organization. It follows a commitment in supporting the development of traditional medicine from other regions, such as India and China.

## TOURISM CHIEF DELIVERS SPEECH AT CREATIVE CITIES CONFERENCE

Officials from Macau are attending the first Asia-Pacific Creative Cities Conference, which is being held in Adelaide, Australia, from October 23 until 26. Organized as an initiative of the UNESCO Creative City of Music of Adelaide, the conference brought together government officials, cultural and creative industries professionals, and academics, aiming to outline a vision and strategy for the cooperation among the Creative Cities in the Asia-Pacific region. Macao Government Tourism Office's (MGTO) director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes delivered a speech at the conference, sharing the city's experience on tourism promotion policies and marketing strategies. MGTO actively joins events organized by the UNESCO Creative Cities Network member cities for exchange and collaboration opportunities. The annual "International Gastronomy Forum, Macao 2020" organized by MGTO, slated to be held next April, will also bring together Creative Cities from around the world, mainly from the gastronomy cluster.

# Workers in the transport sector grow 8.5%

**T**HE number of people employed by Macau's transport and storage sector increased by 8.5% last year to 20,500, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). At the same time, the number of operators within this sector increased by 136 compared to a year earlier, reaching 3,190 in 2018.

According to the DSEC data, operators in the transport and storage sector recorded a combined revenue of 24.53 billion patacas in 2018, up 9.3% in year-on-year terms. The revenue generated from passenger transport services rose 8.5% to MOP9.82 billion, attributed by the bureau to the growth of the air transport industry, while "services rendered" expanded by 7.5% to MOP9.45 billion.



On the other hand, following the commencement of operations of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge in late October 2018, receipts from the sea transport division inched down by 0.1% to MOP2.4 billion due to a decrease in the number of visitors and Macau residents travelling by sea. Official data released last week on the first anniversary of the bridge showed that it had been crossed by over 14 million passengers as well as 1.5 million vehicles.

Expenditure of the

transport and storage sector amounted to MOP20.57 billion, up by 8.1% year-on-year, with operating expenses growing 7% to MOP9.35 billion. Meanwhile, the purchase of goods and services and commission remunerated went up by 11.2% to MOP7.14 billion, and compensation of employees grew by 5.6% to MOP4.08 billion.

Meanwhile, gross value added, which measures the sectoral contribution to the economy, stood at MOP8.05 billion, an increase of 10.5% year-on-year. **DB**

# STUDY SHOWS 16.5% OF TERTIARY STUDENTS PART OF LGBTQ COMMUNITY

**A** survey conducted among over 1,000 students in 10 tertiary education institutions shows that 16.5% of them identify themselves as part of the LGBTQ community, which stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning.

The study led by a University of Macau professor of sociology, Spencer Li, shows that 862 students identified themselves as heterosexual, 134 as bisexual and 17 as homosexual, while the remaining 19 as others.

The study is also aimed at seeking to understand the possible relationship between sexual orientation and risky sexual behavior.

Meanwhile, the professor noted that members of the LGBTQ community are more likely

to experience mental health issues.

"For example, non-heterosexuals tend to have more mental health disorders and are more prone to alcohol and drug use, probably because they experience more stress because of discrimination or victimization. We don't [conclude] that, but it's a possibility," Li told TDM in an interview.

According to Li, the study's outcome is similar to those conducted in other tertiary institutions in other regions.

"It is a surprise to me personally but if you view the literature, you'll find that there is an increasing number of students - especially on college campuses - who will identify themselves as non-traditional sexual [orientation]," he added. **LV**

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# SINGAPORE COURT BLOCKS AUSTRALIAN CASINO DEBT COLLECTION ATTEMPT

A Singapore court has struck out an attempt from an Australian-based casino company to collect a gambling debt amounting to 40.2 million Singapore dollars (238 million patacas) from a Singaporean high roller.

The judge's decision emphasizes that Singapore's law does not enforce the recovery of money won on a wager, except when it is regulated by the city state's own legislation, for example the Singaporean Casino Control Act, The Straits Times reported.

The decision made by the International Commercial Court put down the intentions from The Star Entertainment QLD, which decided to sue Singaporean national Wong Yew Choy, after a two-day hearing held last August.



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Adding to the decision, the same court, under the ruling of international judge Jeremy Cooke, also ordered a reimbursement of the amount spend by Wong (about 118,000 patacas) to strike out the case.

The grounds for the judicial decision are not yet known but it is expected

that they follow similar cases in other jurisdictions, such as mainland China where, due to the non-recognition of the activity, there is no legal means to recover gambling debts.

According to information revealed on the case, the Brisbane-based Star Entertainment Group claimed

the sum allegedly lost by Wong in baccarat games at The Star Gold Coast casino in Queensland.

In the defense presented by Wong, the Singaporean national said that the casino had made mistakes on the baccarat games he played in and he should not have to pay the debt.

The casino had acknowledged "dealing errors" occurred between July 29 and August 1, but stressed it took prompt actions to fix the problem and noted that Wong had suffered no losses from the errors.

The casino also mentioned that the management had met Wong on three occasions after the errors, during which there was no mention, discussion or agreement that the gambling losses would be waived.

The casino mentioned that Wong had acquired a debt during his stay at The Star Gold Coast between July 26 and August 2 last year.

According to the case documents, Wong is a well-known high roller who was a patron in several other casinos in Sydney, Manila, and Macau.

The case against Wong resulted from a dishonored cheque he had signed.

Wong's lawyers argued that the reality is about recovering money The Star won on a wager disguised as a claim for an unpaid loan.

In the meantime, The Star is appealing against the court's order to strike out the claim involving the largest reported casino debt sum filed in a Singapore court. **RM**

# CROWN RESORTS BATS AWAY QUESTIONS ON 'SENSATIONALIST' SCANDALS

CROWN Resorts Executive Chairman John Alexander batted away questions about recent scandals engulfing the Australian business, saying that the claims made by three major news outlets in the country were "sensationalist" and "unproven".

The comments, made at the company's annual general meeting last week, come in reaction to allegations that the company partnered with junket operators with links to drug traffickers as Crown sought to bring higher-roller Chinese gamblers to its Australian casinos.

First reported by the Age and The Sydney Morning Herald newspapers, along with the 60 Minutes television program, one of the institutions reportedly linked to Crown was known simply as "The Company", an organized crime conglomerate run by triad bosses who allegedly used Crown-linked bank accounts and VIP rooms to launder money.

The allegations have been vehemently denied by Crown.

"There have been a number of sensationalist and unproven claims made, with many focused on allegations from over five years ago. Let me be clear — Crown does not tolerate any illegal activity by its employees or its patrons," he said in Thursday's meeting, according to Australia's public broadcaster ABC.

The Crown chairman shut down the few questions at the meeting concerning the allegations, instead blaming "interests and activists" with an "anti-Crown agenda," according to ABC.

Crown Resorts is currently being investigated by three federal regulators and the watchdogs in each Australian state it has a physical presence in. **DB**

# MEG-STAR DENOUNCES FALSE TIES TO VIRTUAL CURRENCY FIRM

MACAU junket Meg-Star Group has denounced the use of its name by a Hong Kong-based company, which claimed to have business ties to the gaming promoter.

Philia Wealth Group, which listed its ties to Meg-Star on its website, operates a virtual currency named Wealth-Point that it claims can be used at partner casino VIP rooms.

But according to a statement uploaded on Meg-Star's website last week, no such business relationship exists.

"The Group, including its affiliates and its related companies, has never established any partnership with and has neither had any commercial associations nor activities with Philia Wealth Group," noted the statement.

"The Group, has neither had plans to develop any business or commercial activities aforementioned in the conference, nor authorized or agreed any agencies to collect or use any virtual currency and all other related business transactions."

Gambling news website Calvin Ayre earlier reported that the Hong Kong-based company had claimed to jointly operate VIP casino rooms at Macau resorts such as the Grand Lisboa, StarWorld and Wynn Macau.

Meg-Star also said that it has entrusted a legal team to follow up on the matter and that it will not be responsible for any loss accrued "as a result of the contents of the website." **DB**

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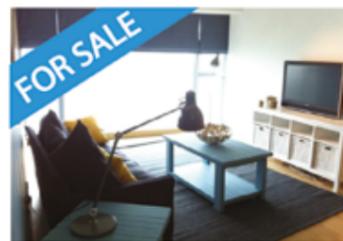
**One Central high floor apartment, Macau**  
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High floor two bedroom apartment in One Central Residences. Overlooking Nam Van Lakes and the famous Praia Grande, the apartment has spectacular views over Macau and China. The development is one of the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

## Property Hotlist



**One Central, Macau**  
Views Over Nam Van Lake  
**\$13,950,000**  
1,269 ft<sup>2</sup>  
2 2



**One Central, Macau**  
Stylish, modern apartment  
**\$14,839,000**  
1,349 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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**Manhattan, Taipa**  
Luxury residence  
**\$23,800/mth**  
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**Furnished apartment, Macau**  
**\$12,500/mth**  
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### For Sale

- [Taipa] 2 connected apartment 4 2 1,404 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$8,680,000** (ref: 19096006)
- [Taipa] Apartment with balcony 2 1 787 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$4,950,000** (ref: 19096008)
- [Coloane] Large apartment 2 3 2 2,530 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$13,800,000** (ref: 19096000)
- [Taipa] Manhattan 3 2 1,720 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$13,600,000** (ref: 19096006)
- [Coloane] Beautiful apartment 1 3 2 1,665 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$8,500,000** (ref: 19070001)

### For Rent

- [Taipa] Taipa Village 1 1 740 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$11,800/mth** (ref: 19101006)
- [Macau] Office space 1 1,043 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$26,000/mth** (ref: 19091008)
- [Macau] Keng Ou 3 2,352 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$38,000/mth** (ref: 19091000)
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## Recent Movements

**Sold** Nice Court, Taipa, 1,600 ft<sup>2</sup>, 3 beds

**Rented** Duplex, Macau, 1 bed

**Rented** Pacifica Gardens, Taipa, 1,317 ft<sup>2</sup>, 3 beds



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**T**HE Xiangshan (Macau) Documents Collection Exhibition, on display at the Macau University of Science and Technology's (MUST) Library, is offering the public a glimpse into some rare documents related to Xiangshan, an historical district of Guangdong.

The exhibition, which is being organized by the Research Center of Tong King Sing, includes a total of over 60 pieces of historical documents, including ancient maps, photos and written records.

These documents reflect the deep historical relationship between Xiangshan and Macau, which was once part of the historical Xiangshan area. The county-level geographic entity was renamed Zhongshan County in the 1920s, in tribute of the founder of the Republic of China, Sun Yat Sen, a native of the area.

Speaking to the Times, Dai Longji, the director of the MUST Library, who is also the director of the Research Center of Tong King Sing, explained that the collection demonstrates the preliminary results of the center's research of Tong King Sing over the past year.

Along with Sun Yat Sen and others, Tong is recognized as one of the most important modernizers in the story of China. Tong came from the current Tangjia district of Zhuhai city, which was the former Tangjia village of Xiangshan county of Guangdong province.

The exhibition gathers maps related to Xiangshan and to well-

# MUST exhibition showcases rare documents about Xiangshan



-known people from Xiangshan, including Tong.

The paper version of the documents only represent part of the center's research material. In addition, there are digital documents as well.

Dedicated to learning more about Tong, the center has been encountering difficulties in gathering documents related to him.

According to Dai, a large number of documents related to Tong

can be found in Shanghai Library, because Tong spent many years in Shanghai as a translator and comprador. Other places where Tong's relevant documents can easily be found include Kaiping Enterprise, a coal mining company established by Tong.

Besides these two places, which hold a large number of documents related to Tong that are more accessible to researchers, some parts of Tong's history are more difficult for

the center to source and acquire.

Between 1861 and 1863, Tong worked as a salesman at Jardine Matheson company. According to Dai, historical documents related to Tong's time at this British company are kept at Cambridge University. The documents still belong to the company, hence permission must be given to parties which intend to use them.

Dai noted that researchers hope that the company can authorize

the center to reproduce the documents so that the center may establish a specific collection of documents related to Tong. These documents are vital to the research of Tong as his history with Jardine Matheson is closely bound to Tong's participation in China's self-strengthening movement in earlier years.

The exhibition is ongoing at the MUST Library until November 24.

## Annual meeting of architects kicks off with exhibition

JULIE ZHU

**T**HE 23rd International Council of Portuguese Speaking Architects (CIALP) kicked off on Friday with an exhibition on architectural photography.

A kick-off ceremony for the annual meeting was held at the Portuguese consulate along with the inauguration of CIALP's Architectural Heritage Photography Exhibition, which showcased 39 photographs within the consulate's hall. The exhibition marks the outcome of the first international photography competition organized by CIALP, a joint project with the Portuguese architects.

The 39 items in the exhibition are the final photos selected or pre-

selected by the jury. An award will be given to three winners.

The theme of the exhibition is heritage in the Portuguese-speaking countries, and in the world.

"For us, this particular project is very important because it allows CIALP to reach out to everybody, namely architects and even the public in general. To have this collection of images is useful to promote our heritage and our cities," architect Rui Leão told the Times on the sidelines of the exhibition.

He remarked that the exhibition is important for the association because it represents a large universe of around 150,000 Portuguese-speaking architects worldwide: in Angola,

Brazil, Portugal, Mozambique, São Tomé, Macau, among other places.

"They are very different territories with very different scales and densities and so on. It's important for us to somehow help promote this cultural universe which has its own characteristics and specificities, which makes us feel as we are part of a big family," Leão said.

This exhibition also marks the beginning of the association's 23rd annual meeting. Introducing his association, Rui stated that CIALP is an umbrella association whose members are national architects from all these countries.

Set up in 1991, the association is likely one of the widest Portuguese networks. Since its estab-

lishment, CIALP has been holding annual encounters, round tables, among other activities.

CIALP is a private non-governmental organization based in Lisbon, Portugal. The association is comprised of professional associations of architects from countries and territories of Portuguese official language. CIALP is an institutional partner of the International Union of Architects (UIA) and advisory observer of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries.

CIALP's main ambition is to deepen the cooperation between its members, as well as to promote architecture among people who speak Portuguese, establishing itself as a platform for 150,000 architects of the Portuguese language, which is around 10% of the architects throughout the world, to a population of 250 million people of countries and territories with Portuguese as an official language.

## CB REQUESTS FIRE MAINTENANCE RECORDS

**T**HE Fire Services Bureau (CB) has requested the property management and the fire services installation contractor of Edifício Jardim Kong Fok Cheong to submit its fire maintenance records.

According to reports, the bureau has requested for the two parties to submit maintenance records of the building's fire services installations within 10 days, following the fire that broke out on the sixth floor of the building on Sunday last week.

It took the CB about three hours to put out the fire because the building's fire system was out of water.

The CB was required to pump water from its

trucks to facilitate the operation as the water pressure from the residential building's fire service installations were not strong enough.

The fire caused some 150 people to evacuate the building.

The bureau deployed 19 fire engines and 110 fire fighters to the scene.

Drones were deployed for the first time as auxiliary support and were used to assist the Fire Services to evaluate the situation from a three-dimensional perspective.

Meanwhile, the Social Welfare Bureau is already providing assistance including temporary accommodation for the fire victims, as well as emotional support and counseling.

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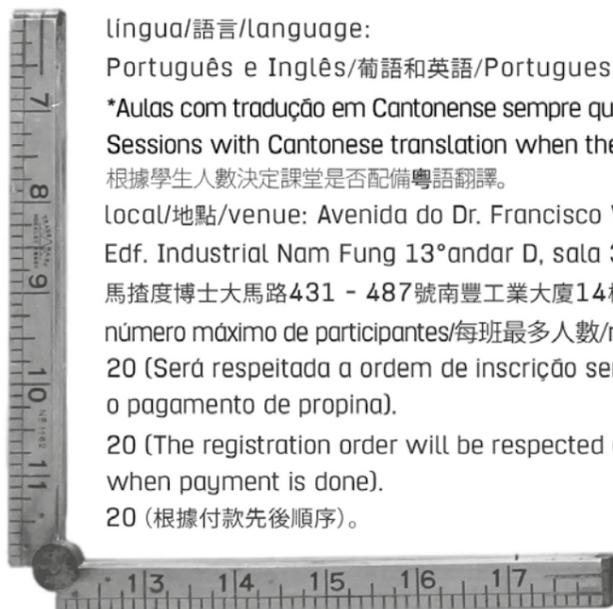
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## CHINA AUTHORIZES MACAU'S PORT ZONE IN HENGQIN

CHINA'S top legislature on Saturday voted to adopt a decision on authorizing the jurisdiction of Macao's port zone at Hengqin port and extended areas in Guangdong Province to the Macau Special Administrative Region (SAR).

The draft of the decision was reviewed at the bimonthly session of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress that ran from Monday to Saturday.

Lawmakers said the move was necessary in order to enhance the connection infrastructure between the Macau SAR and the city of Zhuhai in Guangdong and make the transportation, exchanges and trade between the places more convenient.

Macau will administer the port zone and extended areas from the day they are put into use in accordance with the laws of the SAR, according to



the decision.

The decision expounds on the range of the aforementioned extended areas and notes that Macau authorities will possess the right to utilize the port zone on lease until Dec. 19, 2049. The lease can be extended with the decision of the NPC Standing Committee.

## GUANGDONG TO HAVE NEARLY 35,000 5G STATIONS THIS YEAR

SOUTH China's Guangdong Province is expected to build around 34,800 5G base stations by the end of 2019, local authorities said.

In recent years, Guangdong has been accelerating the construction of new infrastructures. By the end of September, the province had built 21,473 5G base stations, ranking top nationwide, according to the provincial department of industry and information technology.

Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Foshan are the top three cities that have the largest number of 5G base stations in the province.

Wang Wenjun, an official with the department, said telecommunication operation enterprises in Guangdong had invested around 11 billion yuan



(about \$1.56 billion) on 5G network development by the end of September.

For the next step, Guangdong will promote 5G network coverage, speed up free sharing of resources in public places and cultivate more 5G-related enterprises.

## MACAU'S UM INAUGURATES RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ZHUHAI

AN inauguration ceremony for the University of Macau-Huafa Group Joint Laboratory and Zhuhai UM Science & Technology Research Institute was held on Friday, with officials from the university hailing the joint laboratory and the research institute as examples of cross-border industry-academia collaboration to align Macau's development with national development.

The new building of the Zhuhai UM Science & Technology Research Institute took less than six months to complete, and the various research centers are now ready for use.

By bringing together innovative people and advanced technologies from Zhuhai and Macau, the laboratory and the institute hope to create a world-class hub for innovation.

At the ceremony, UM Rector Yonghua Song and Huafa Group General



Manager Li Guangning signed a strategic cooperation framework agreement.

Rector Song said that the joint laboratory will provide a platform for UM and Huafa Group to cooperate in various areas, for instance, by promoting the moderate diversification of Macau's economy and industrial upgrading of Zhuhai.

# HK protesters criticize 'gangster cops' conduct



Police officers with their faces covered up detain a man after finding a gas mask in his backpack yesterday in Hong Kong

KELVIN CHAN

**H**ONG Kong police fired tear gas yesterday to disperse a rally called over concerns about police conduct in months-long pro-democracy demonstrations, with protesters cursing the officers and calling them "gangster cops."

Organizers called for the demonstration at a waterfront park, but police said the rally was unauthorized and engaged in a standoff with the protesters after ordering them to leave.

The protesters taunted the officers, calling them names, and the situation appeared tense. Police fired rounds of tear gas and moved forward to chase away the crowds.

Police have faced criticism for heavy-headed tactics including tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullets and a water cannon to subdue protesters who have hurled bricks and firebombs.

Protesters said they will also march in support of the former British colony's ethnic and religious minorities, in a show of unity after police used a water cannon to spray a mosque and bystanders the previous weekend.

Protesters have taken to the streets since early June. The movement was initially sparked by an unpopular extradition bill that many residents worried would put them at risk of being sent into mainland China's Communist Party-controlled judicial system.

The government formally withdrew the bill last week, but the movement has snowballed to include demands for political reform and police accountability.

Even though the Hong Kong government formally withdrew the extradition bill on Wednesday, it hasn't had much effect on cooling the unrest, rally-goers said.

"Because the problem is much more than before," said a protester who only gave his name as Nephets, citing heavy-handed police tactics. "We can see the future is controlled by China. We can see all the rules and even the law is starting to be controlled by the China government. For the Hong Kong people there's no say over our land and that is the problem."

Nephets, who said he was 40 and worked in media, said he attended protests in support

of younger hardcore protesters who have led violent confrontations with police.

At a rally on Saturday night organized by medical workers to oppose what they called "violent repression" by police in response to protesters, some demonstrators jeered and cursed at several officers observing from a footbridge.

Also Saturday, Hong Kong's government won a temporary court order banning anyone from posting personal details or photos of police officers online. The order prohibits unlawfully "publishing, communicating or disclosing" officers' details including their Facebook and Instagram account IDs or photos

of officers or their family members.

The government said Saturday that the High Court granted the Department of Justice's request for the interim injunction to "restrain doxing and harassment of police officers and their families."

The wide-ranging order prohibits unlawfully "publishing, communicating or disclosing" officers' details including their Facebook and Instagram account IDs or photos of officers or their family members.

The order, in effect until Nov. 8, also prohibits "intimidating, molesting, harassing, threatening, pestering or interfering" with police officers or their relatives.

It's unclear how authorities will be able to enforce the order and whether it applies to media photos of the protests.

Protesters ignored the order and continued to post photos and details of officers on an online forum. Supporters of the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's protest movement have also had their details posted on a website.

This month, an 18-year-old was charged with intentional wounding for a slashing attack on a riot officer.

Despite repeated government appeals for people not to side with mobs involved in vandalism, throwing gasoline bombs and other violence, the protest movement is still rousing determined support from more moderate demonstrators. They're broadly worried about the future and freedoms of the city that reverted to Chinese rule in 1997, with promises from Beijing that it would largely be its own boss, its way of life unchanged. **AP**

## ANALYSIS

# Pence speech takes hard stance on Hong Kong

**A**NALYSTS are highlighting the strong support Mike Pence offered for protesters in Hong Kong during a long-anticipated speech delivered in Washington late last week. That may mean the Senate will move ahead with measures backing the demonstrators, they said, which might in turn spark countermeasures from China.

Earlier, China fired back at Pence's criticism on human rights, calling his speech "lies" and chiding him for ignoring U.S. problems like racism and wealth disparity.

Separately, China said that preventing U.S. investors from entering Chinese markets isn't in the interest of the U.S. Those comments came after Senator Marco Rubio criticized MSCI Inc. for helping funnel Americans' investment dollars into Chinese companies linked to human rights abuses and national security threats.

The speech gave a "green light" for Congress on Hong Kong, Chris Krueger of financial services firm Cowen wrote in a note. "Pence was extremely strong in his defense of the Hong Kong protesters," he said. That added to Cowen's conviction that pending legislation will "clear the Senate by the end of the year."

Pence "went a bit further than other U.S. officials so far in expressing support for the Hong Kong protest movement," RBC's Elsa Lignos wrote. She also flagged remarks by Pence that called out Nike and the NBA for acting like a "wholly owned subsidiary" of China.

The speech was "more aggressive than expected on Hong Kong, but struck an overall balance that we expect will preserve progress in trade talks," write Clayton Allen of Height Capital Markets.

"While the statement that the U.S. 'stands with' Hong Kong protesters was strikingly close to language which drew backlash from Chinese leadership, Pence moderated its impact with clear references to Chinese sovereignty and restraint," he said. Allen sees Chinese push-back as unlikely to include limiting or pulling away from trade talks.

Allen also expects the remarks will "go quite a long way toward satisfying China hawks in Congress looking for a tougher stance toward Chinese authoritarianism."

Ed Mills of financial services firm Raymond James noted that the vice president offered the "strongest vocal support for the Hong Kong protesters to date," even as his tone on U.S.-China trade seemed more moderate compared to his remarks last year. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

## SHOPS FORTIFY FACADES

**A**S Hong Kong's protest movement becomes increasingly violent, some shops are battering the hatches.

Banks, retailers, restaurants and travel agents with ties to mainland China or perceived pro-Beijing ownership have fortified their facades over apparent fear of further damage after protesters trashed businesses following a recent pro-democracy rally.

Branches of state-owned Chinese banks across the city reinforced their glass fronts with walls of steel on Friday.

A Japanese noodle chain, a sushi chain and Starbucks outlets that have been targeted by protesters also covered up their shopfronts with wooden panels. The three are reportedly operated by a restaurant company founded by a tycoon whose daughter has denounced the protesters.

A welder put the finishing touches on grey steel panels covering up an Industrial and Commercial Bank of China branch in the city's Wan Chai district.

Across the street, a state-owned China Travel Service outlet was getting the same treatment.



Signs at a nearby China Construction Bank branch said "enhancement work was in progress" but it was business as usual and apologized for the inconvenience.

Staff at the businesses refused to comment.

A passing pro-democracy supporter, restaurant manager Tim Lo, said it wouldn't solve the root cause of the conflict. "Barricading is useless," he said. **MDT/AP**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

AVIATION

**APPLE, UNITED IN EARLY DISCUSSIONS TO UPGRADE TERMINAL**

United Airlines and Apple Inc. are in early discussions about upgrading United's terminal at San Francisco International airport. The talks between the companies have just begun and the specific upgrades that would come to the SFO airport terminal are unclear. "The Apple team in San Francisco has been in our baggage hold areas, customer service and the lobbies," Linda Jojo, executive vice president at United Airlines Holdings Inc., said Friday at the company's media day in Chicago. "I'm being deliberately vague" on details, she said. Parts of the current terminal look dated, and Apple, a modern technology giant known for sleek design, uses United as its corporate airline to shuttle thousands of employees around the world. United accidentally revealed last year that Apple spends \$150 million annually with the company on flights, including 50 business class seats a day from San Francisco to Shanghai. United executives also said that the company has purchased more than 100,000 Apple devices for employees.

RETAIL

**H&M CEO SEES 'TERRIBLE' FALLOUT FROM CONSUMER SHAMING**

The chief executive officer of fashion giant Hennes & Mauritz AB says a growing movement that shames consumers represents a very real social threat. Karl-Johan Persson is speaking out as a pattern of shaming that initially targeted air travelers spreads into more industries, including his. The movement has gained traction as Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teen activist, inspires millions of people across the globe to take to the streets and voice their anger over what she says is a climate crisis. Persson, who has been running H&M for a decade, says his concern is that the movement seeks to prohibit behaviors. Many of the protests are "about 'stop doing things, stop consuming, stop flying'." Persson said in an interview in Stockholm. "Yes, that may lead to a small environmental impact, but it will have terrible social consequences." The H&M CEO is a key figure in the \$2.5 trillion fashion industry that has come under increasing scrutiny amid concerns about pollution and workers' rights in the developing economies that have tended to do the bulk of the manufacturing.

PROPERTY

**AUSTRALIAN HELP FOR FIRST-HOME BUYERS DWARFED BY PRICE BOOM**

An Australian government program aimed at helping first-time home buyers cuts off support at a little more than half the value of an average property in Sydney where the real-estate market has been booming. The First Home Loan Deposit Scheme will guarantee eligible buyers purchasing a property with a deposit of as little as 5%. The program's price cap for homes in Sydney is AUD700,000 (3.85 million patacas), according to details announced by the Treasury yesterday. That contrasts with a median property value of AUD1.2 million for the city, where a typical house costs AUD1.4 million, according to CoreLogic, a real-estate data provider. The purchase-price thresholds under the new government program for other major cities are lower than Sydney. Property price rises are largely concentrated in Sydney and Melbourne, where home values surged 1.7% in each city last month alone.

# FACEBOOK LAUNCHES A NEWS SECTION - AND WILL PAY PUBLISHERS

BARBARA ORTUTAY & TALİ ARBEL

OVER the course of its 15 year history, Facebook has variously ignored news organizations while eating their advertising revenue, courted them for video projects it subsequently abandoned, and then largely cut their stories out of its newsfeeds.

Now it plans to pay them for news headlines — reportedly millions of dollars in some cases.

Enter the "News Tab," a new section in the Facebook mobile app that will display headlines — and nothing else — from the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, BuzzFeed News, Business Insider, NBC, USA Today and the Los Angeles Times, among others.

Breitbart, a conservative news outlet that has been accused of running racist stories, will also be part of the news tab, as will local stories from several of the largest U.S. cities. Headlines from smaller towns are on their way, Facebook says.

Tapping on those headlines will take you directly to publisher websites or apps, if you have any installed. Which is one thing publishers have been requesting from Facebook's news efforts for years.

It's potentially a big step for a platform that has long struggled with both stamping out misinformation and making nice with struggling purveyors of news. Though media watchers remain skeptical that Facebook is really committed to helping sustain the news industry.

Facebook declined to say who is getting paid and how much, saying only that it will be paying "a range of publishers for access to all of their content." Just last year, CEO Mark Zuckerberg said he wasn't sure it "makes sense" to pay news outlets for their material.

But now, as Zuckerberg told The Associated Press in an interview, "there's an opportunity to set up new long term, stable financial relationships with publishers."

News executives have long been unhappy about the extent to which digital giants like Facebook make use of their stories — mostly by displaying headlines and short summaries when users post news links. A bipartisan bill introduced in Congress this year would grant an antitrust exemption to news companies, letting them band together to negotiate payments from the big tech platforms.

AP PHOTO



Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg

"It's a good direction that they're willing for the first time to value and pay for news content," said David Chavern, head of the News Media Alliance, a publisher trade group. "The trouble is that most publishers aren't included."

Zuckerberg said Facebook aims to set up partnerships with a "wide range" of publishers.

"We think that this is an opportunity to build something quite meaningful here," he said. "We're going to have journalists curating this, we are really focused on provenance and branding and where the stories come from."

At an event Friday in New York, Zuckerberg was asked why Facebook isn't paying all publishers in the news section. He replied that the initial focus was on building a broad set of content and figuring how to compensate publishers with paywalls. The next step will be to add local and international sources to the tab, he said.

In a statement, the Los Angeles Times said it expects the Facebook effort will help expand its readership and digital subscribers. The New York Times said it was a "welcome first step."

Facebook killed its most recent effort to curate news, the

ill-fated Trending topics, in 2018. Conservatives complained about political bias, leading Facebook to fire its human editors and automate the section until it began recycling false stories, after which the social giant shut it down entirely.

But what happens when the sprawling social network plays news editor? An approach that sends people news based on what they've liked before could over time elevate stories with greater "emotional resonance" over news that "allows public discourse to take place," said Edward Wasserman, dean of

out an anti-abortion activist's video for claiming that abortion is never medically necessary. Republican senators had complained about the fact check.

Asked at the Friday event why Breitbart was included in the news section, Zuckerberg replied that the company wants a "breadth of content."

Facebook says a small team of "seasoned" journalists it employs will choose the headlines for the "Today's Story" section of the tab, designed to "catch you up" on the day's news. The rest of the news section will be populated with stories algorithmically based on users' interests.

That sounds similar to the approach taken by Apple News, a free iPhone app. But Apple's effort to contract with news organizations has been slow to take off. Apple News Plus, a \$10-a-month paid version, remains primarily a hub for magazines; other news publishers have largely sat it out.

Apple's service reportedly offered publishers only half the revenue it pulled in from subscriptions, divided according to how popular publishers were with readers.

Zuckerberg said Friday that he hopes to have 20 to 30 million people in the U.S. using the news section over a few years. AP

## News executives have long been unhappy about the extent to which digital giants like Facebook make use of their stories

the graduate journalism program at the University of California-Berkeley.

"It deepens my concern that they'll be applying Facebook logic to news judgment," he added.

The social network has come under criticism for its news judgment recently. In September, it removed a fact-check from Science Feedback that called

TARIFF WAR

# GOV'T SAYS PART OF PHASE 1 OF TRADE DEAL TEXT 'BASICALLY COMPLETED'



SHAWN DONNAN & MIAO HAN

**C**HINA said parts of the text for the first phase of a trade deal with the U.S. are "basically completed" as the two sides reached a consensus in areas including standards used by agricultural regulators.

The Saturday comments followed a call Friday with Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. The trade negotiators "agreed to properly resolve their core concerns and confirmed that the technical consultations of some of the text agreement were basically completed," China's Ministry of Commerce said in a statement on Saturday.

Earlier on Friday, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative said in a statement that the U.S. and China are close to finalizing sections of the first phase of a trade deal that President Donald Trump and China's Xi Jinping hope to sign at a summit in Chile next month.

In the statement from China, the two sides reached an agreement for the U.S. to import cooked poultry products from China, as well as to regard its catfish product regulation system as equivalent to the U.S.

U.S. officials have said the first phase of the agreement will also include Chinese commitments on intellectual property and currency provisions. China is also expected to resume purchases of U.S. agricultural products at a level last seen before the trade wars started in 2019, in return for a pause in further U.S. tariffs, according to people familiar with the matter.

Trump has said he wants to sign the first phase of a trade deal with China at an Nov. 16-17 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Santiago, Chile. But when he announced the phased deal earlier this month he also conceded the two sides still needed to work out many details and to put it in writing.

"We're doing very well with China" and "they want to make a deal very badly," Trump told reporters as he left the White House on Friday.

There are still major questions over whether the second phase of a deal will ever happen.

In a sign that not all issues had been resolved, USTR said discussions "will go on continuously at the deputy level" with Lighthizer and Mnuchin due to speak with Liu again "in the near future." China's statement also confirmed the plan.

White House officials were nevertheless eager on Friday to continue portraying progress in bringing at least a pause to the trade wars that have unnerved financial markets and businesses around the world for more than a year and contributed to a slowing U.S. economy.

"We had excellent talks this morning. That will continue," Peter Navarro, a White House trade adviser, told Fox News.

"This is not one-and-done in phase one. This is phase one hopefully mid-November and then just keep rolling along," he said. "There's no chance that if we get all three phases of the deal that it will be watered down in any way." **BLOOMBERG**

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## SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China and Sands Cares Ambassadors Continue Service to Macao Community

Activities care for the elderly and conserve the natural environment

Sands China and the Sands Cares Ambassadors remain busy serving the Macao community, and recently spent time in service of the elderly and working to keep Coloane clean and green.

### Sands Cares Ambassadors Visit Elderly at Ka Ho Centre

A group of Sands Cares Ambassadors visited elderly members of the Ka Ho elderly centre in Coloane Sept. 13, offering them service and good cheer.



The Sands volunteers led the participants in some light exercise, followed by the performance of a song by Sands China's entertainment team. Then the Sands Cares Ambassadors did finger exercises with the elderly, played games with them, and distributed gift packs. The visit concluded with lots of laughter and love.

### Sands China Remains Strong Supporter of UGAMM

Since 2010, Sands China has been a supporter of the elderly support services of the General Union of Neighbourhood Associations of Macau (UGAMM), and has donated MOP 2 million to the organisation to date, benefiting nearly 6,800 live-alone elderly.



The company has been a supporter of the Peng On Tung Tele-Assistance programme since 2010, has been providing a home maintenance team for the elderly since 2015, and has supported an elderly haircut initiative since 2016, most recently donating MOP 240,000 at this year's event.

### Coastal Clean-up Event

On Sept. 22, Sands Cares Ambassadors showed their support for International Coastal Cleanup day by joining the Green Future organisation to pick up rubbish along the Coloane coast.



Besides cleaning up at the beach, the volunteers helped classify the collected litter and record their data according to guidelines from International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). The systematic approach can help analyse litter sources and integrate the collected data to search for possible solutions.

Sands China's community initiatives, including the Sands Cares Ambassador programme, are part of Sands Cares, the global corporate citizenship programme of parent company Las Vegas Sands Corp.

With the year's end only a couple of months away, Sands China and the Sands Cares Ambassadors aim to continue their focus on corporate social responsibility as they look forward to continuing their volunteer work into 2020.



# ALIPAY, TENCENT BEWARE: CHINA'S DIGITAL YUAN IS CLOSING IN

LULU YILUN CHEN  
& ZHEPING HUANG

**C**HINESE billionaires Jack Ma and Pony Ma, who built their online finance empires by dominating the country's online payments industry, are facing what could be the strongest competitor yet: the central bank.

The People's Bank of China is set to provide its own electronic version of the yuan soon, potentially the first major central bank in the world to issue a digital national currency. In doing so, the PBOC is throwing down the gauntlet to Ant Financial's Alipay and Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s WeChat Pay for a share of China's \$27 trillion payments industry.

In China, smart-phone-based electronic payments are ubiquitous, used for everything from bus-rides and convenience stores to vegetables at the local market -- and 94% of those transactions are controlled by the two firms. Yet private-sector primacy in a critical industry is becoming a rarity in China under President Xi Jinping, spelling tougher times ahead for the tech giants. A central bank-backed digital wallet could severely undermine the payments services that are the beating heart of Ant's and Tencent's businesses.

"The central bank is trying to regain the power it lost, as it simply can't allow private companies to dominate payments which lie at the heart of the finance sys-

tem," said Zhu Chen, the founder of Wisburg, a Shanghai-based financial and research consultancy. He forecasts that the PBOC could take as much as a third of the payments business. "Expect some big blows to WeChat Pay and Alipay," he said.

Much remains unclear about the threat that the digital yuan will pose to the existing businesses, including the extent to which the public will be willing or required to take it up. Executives from both companies have also not commented on it in public, though Ant Financial has worked with the regulator on it.

The PBOC has yet to set a time-line or plan of implementation, but official speeches suggest it could work something like this: Consumers and businesses would download a digital wallet on their mobile phone and load the token from their account at a commercial bank -- similar to going to an ATM. They then use that like cash to make and receive payments.

That's subtly different from the existing mobile payments function, which are essentially processing claims on a bank account much like a debit or credit card. But the state token, if it gains ac-

ceptance, would help Chinese regulators maintain a better grasp of the country's money supply.

Mobile payments for consumption represent 16% of gross domestic product in China, compared with less than 1% in the U.S. and U.K. where credit cards are more popular. As the nation becomes essentially cashless, the authorities have been paying ever more attention to the companies that operate the financial plumbing.

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ZHU CHEN  
FOUNDER OF WISBURG

"Those big tech companies bring to us a lot of challenges and financial risks," Yi Gang, China's central bank governor, said during a conference earlier this year. "You see in this game, winners take all, so monopolies are a challenge."

Zhu reasons that if Chinese regulators see payments as a sector of vital strategic importance, then the state will target

at least one third of market share to achieve control. The usefulness of a payment function to the general public has proven to be so great that both Tencent and Alipay have been willing to pour billions into the business just to win market share. Even though they are inherently loss making -- free to the user but incurring fees from banks -- payment services are a key way to keep nearly a billion people using the apps and available to buy other financial services.

Already Chinese regulators have curbed one of Alipay and WeChat Pay's most lucrative businesses -- the interest they gain from escrow funds. The PBOC has also reclaimed its authority in the clearing and settlements service, requiring all third party payment systems to connect to a company called Nets Union Clearing Corp. that links with the central bank. That's effectively stopped the duo playing the role of what Yi described as a "second central bank."

China's ruling party is adamant about the state controlling key sectors that pose systemic risk -- finance being one of the most important. "We have to have the borderline between central bank and big tech companies," said Yi.

Ant Financial, owner of Alipay, and Tencent declined to comment for this story. The PBOC didn't respond to a fax seeking comment on their digital currency plans.

It won't be easy to uproot the mighty incumbents though. For years, users have linked their bank saving cards to the apps, which also include a wide range of other useful services, to pay for daily outlays. Alipay and WeChat Pay each have more than 900 million active users in the country.

The simple part of the plan is that the token could replace existing cash -- part of an effort to prevent money laundering -- but if the PBOC wants to win more payment share, it will have to build a network where merchants are willing to accept the token directly. That would require a lot of work, said Ryan Zheng, co-founder of RiverPay, which helps Alipay and WeChat Pay connect with merchants.

The risk for the PBOC is that adoption is weak, undermining the institution's reputation. That's a concern on the minds of many central banks around the world also grappling with the impact of digital payments and currencies.

To listen to PBOC officials though makes it clear that these are just practical considerations beside the bigger themes at stake.

"Currency means interest, power, global politics and diplomacy," said Wang In, director of the People's Bank of China research bureau, during a conference this year. "If a payments tool can provide the function of a currency, then it will definitely have impact on legal tender, and affect how a country manages its currency and financial system." **BLOOMBERG**

# Australian serial killer Ivan Milat dies in prison at 74

ROD MCGUIRK, CANBERRA

**I**VAN Milat, whose grisly serial killings of seven European and Australian backpackers horrified Australia in the early '90s, died in a Sydney prison yesterday, ending hopes of a deathbed confession to more unsolved slayings. He was 74.

The road worker and self-styled cowboy who called himself "Tex" had been in custody since 1994. He was diagnosed in May with terminal esophageal and stomach cancer. Milat died in Long Bay Prison where authorities sent him from a hospital last week to ensure he ended his days behind bars, officials said.

Milat was convicted of murder in the deaths of three German, two British, and two Australian backpackers after giving them rides while they were hitchhiking. The serial killings came to light when the mutilated corpses were found in a forest near Sydney over 14 months in 1992 and 1993.

His sentencing judge had described as "inevitable" Milat having had an unknown accomplice. Speculation has also persisted that he is responsible for other homicides and suspicious tourist disappearances.

Clive Small, a former detective who led the murder investigation, said yesterday that he was confident Milat acted alone. But Small



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also suspects Milat had more victims, including three people whose bodies were found in other forests from as early as 1971.

"I had absolutely no respect for him at all. I thought that if he had one ounce of decency in him, he could have shown it before he died by admitting and clarifying a number of issues that are outstanding," Small said.

The case set off a frenzy of attention that consumed Australians like few others. Police put a team of investigators on the case,

a reward was offered and media intensely covered the hunt for the killer and the possibility of more victims.

The crimes also inspired the "Wolf Creek" horror movies and television series released since 2005.

In September 1992, two runners orienteering in the Belanglo State Forest southwest of Sydney found a corpse hidden under broken branches and leaf litter. Police unearthed a second body nearby, and dental records con-

firmed the victims were Britons Caroline Clarke, 21, and Joanne Walters, 22, who'd been last seen in Sydney five months earlier.

Two more bodies were found in October 1993 by a man searching for firewood. Police identified them as Melbourne couple Deborah Everist and James Gibson, both 19, who'd gone missing in late 1989.

Police searches of the forest revealed the body of German Simone Schmidl, 21, and later in November the corpses of German

couple Anja Habschied, 20, and Gabor Neugebauer, 21, who'd been missing since 1991.

Police established a 20-person team of detectives and analysts, posting a reward of 500,000 Australian dollars for information that would lead to the perpetrator. More than 300 police spent three months searching 3,800 hectares of forest.

Milat was arrested on May 22, 1994, following two months of surveillance. Police were aided by a British man, Paul Onions, who had accepted a ride from him while hitchhiking out of Sydney in 1990 and managed to escape from the car, running down the road while Milat shot at him.

Small said Onions' identification of Milat as his highway assailant enabled police to execute search warrants targeting Milat.

A search of Milat's Sydney house found several weapons including parts of a rifle that matched one used in the killings, as well as camera, tent and a sleeping bag belonging to his victims. Milat had also given victims' property he had taken as souvenirs to family members.

When his trial ended in 1996, Milat was found guilty of seven murders and sentenced to serve seven consecutive life sentences.

Small said of Milat's death: "A lot of people are going to be very satisfied with the current outcome and will be pleased that it's over."

Ian Clarke, the Northumberland-based father of British victim Caroline Clarke, said: "No matter how Christian one might be, you can't help but be glad that this has happened." AP

## Vietnamese village prays, awaits news on loved ones' fate

LINH DO, DO THANH

**T**HE rural village of Do Thanh in central Vietnam has relied on its sons and daughters working abroad to send money back home. Now it fears they could be among the dozens of people found dead in the back of a truck in England.

The mother and a sister of Bui Thi Nhung cried as they set up an altar with incense and a photo of the missing 19-year-old. The family heard from a friend living in the U.K. that "Nhung is one of the victims," said a relative who was visiting the woman's despaired mother.

Nhung paid an agent over \$10,000 with the hope of entering Britain to work as a nail technician, the relative said.

Nhung and many others from Yen Thanh, the farming district in Nghe An



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province where Do Thanh village is located some 200 kilometers south of Hanoi, travel abroad looking to make the type of money they cannot earn in Vietnam. One of their main goals is to send back enou-

gh to allow their families to build large homes that they otherwise would be unable to afford.

"Many families in Yen Thanh have gotten rich from money sent back by their children working

abroad," said Le Dinh Tuan, one of Nhung's neighbors, who was at the house.

On Saturday evening, about 200 people attended a ceremony at a church in Do Thanh organized by a Catholic priest to pray for

three possible victims from the area, including Nhung.

Many of the attendees wore white headbands, which are normally worn during Vietnamese funerals as a symbol of mourning.

U.K. police said Saturday that all 39 victims were out of the truck and in a mortuary awaiting autopsies. But they said the victims have not been identified and very few documents were found with the bodies.

Also Saturday, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc ordered investigations into alleged human trafficking, according to a government statement. He also ordered Vietnam's Embassy in London to closely work with British authorities to identify the possible Vietnamese victims.

Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Ngoc An visited the scene and worked with

Essex police to deliver information from concerned Vietnamese families, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

A representative for VietHome, a U.K.-based organization that assists the local Vietnamese community, had said the group sent photos of nearly 20 people reported missing to British police.

British police initially said they believed the victims found in the container truck Wednesday in southeastern England were Chinese, but later acknowledged that it was a "developing picture."

China said it could not yet confirm the victims' nationalities or identities. There was speculation circulating online in Vietnam that the victims may have been traveling on false Chinese passports. AP

# Pope's Amazon synod proposes married

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**C**ATHOLIC bishops from across the Amazon called Saturday for the ordination of married men as priests to address the clergy shortage in the region, an historic proposal that would upend centuries of Roman Catholic tradition.

The majority of 180 bishops from nine Amazonian countries also called for the Vatican to reopen a debate on ordaining women as deacons, saying "it is urgent for the church in the Amazon to promote and confer ministries for men and women in an equitable manner."

The proposals were contained in a final document approved Saturday at the end of a three-week synod on the Amazon, which Pope Francis called in 2017 to focus attention on saving the rainforest and better ministering to its indigenous people.

The Catholic Church, which contains nearly two dozen different rites, already allows married priests in Eastern Rite churches and in cases where married Anglican priests have converted. But

if Francis accepts the proposal, it would mark a first for the Latin Rite church in a millennium.

Still, the proposals adopted Saturday also call for the elaboration of a new "Amazonian rite" that would reflect the unique spirituality, cultures and needs of the Amazonian faithful, who face poverty, exploitation and violence over the deforestation and illegal extractive industries that are destroying their home.

Francis told the bishops at the end of the voting that he would indeed reopen the work of a 2016 commission that studied the issue of women deacons. And he said he planned to take the bishops' overall recommendations and prepare a document of his own before the end of the year that will determine whether married Catholic priests eventually become a reality in the Amazon.

Some conservatives and traditionalists have warned that any papal opening to married priests or women deacons would lead the church to ruin. They accused the synod organizers and even the pope himself of heresy for

even considering flexibility on mandatory priestly celibacy.

They vented their outrage most visibly this week when thieves stole three indigenous statues featuring a naked pregnant woman from a Vatican-area church and tossed them to into

zonian communities go months without a proper Mass. The paragraph containing the proposal was the most contested in the voting, but received the required majority 128-41.

The proposal calls for the establishment of criteria "to ordain priests suitable and esteemed men of the community, who have had a fruitful permanent diaconate and receive an adequate formation for the priesthood, having a legitimately constituted and stable family, to sustain the life of the Christian community through the preaching of the Word and the celebration of the sacraments in the most remote areas of the Amazon region."

The paragraph ended by noting that some participants wanted a more "universal approach" to the proposal — suggesting support for married priests elsewhere in the world.

The celibate priesthood has been a tradition of the Latin Rite Catholic Church since the 11th century, imposed in part for financial reasons to ensure that priests' assets pass to the church,

not to heirs.

Francis has long said he appreciates the discipline and the gift of celibacy, but that it can change, given that it is discipline and tradition, not doctrine.

History's first Latin American pope has been particularly attentive to the argument in favor of ordaining "viri probati" — or married men of proven virtue — in the Amazon, where Protestant and evangelical churches are wooing away Catholic souls in the absence of vibrant Catholic communities where the Eucharist can be regularly celebrated.

The second-most contested proposal concerned ordaining women deacons, a type of ministry in the church that allows for preaching, celebrating weddings and baptisms, but not consecrating the Eucharist.

The synod bishops didn't come straight out and call for women deacons, but rather for the Vatican's 2016 commission of study on the female diaconate to hear from the synod about "our experiences and reflections" and make a decision. The paragraph passed 137-30.

Francis in 2016 agreed to a request from the international or-

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the Tiber River.

The statues, which conservatives said were pagan idols, were recovered unscathed by Italy's Carabinieri police. One was on display Saturday as the synod bishops voted on the final document, which was approved with each paragraph receiving the required two-thirds majority.

The most controversial proposals at the synod concerned whether to allow married men to be ordained priests, to address a priest shortage that has meant some of the most isolated Ama-

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# priests, female leaders

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ganization of religious sisters to set up a study commission to explore the role of women deacons in the early church, answering an insistent call for women to have greater decision-making, gover-

nance and ministerial roles given that the Catholic priesthood is reserved for men.

The commission delivered its report to Francis but the results were never released and Francis

subsequently said there was no agreement among commission members.

Supporters of women deacons say there is no reason to preclude a ministry for women that exis-

ted in the early church; opponents say ordination of women deacons would spell the start of a slippery slope toward ordaining female clergy.

"I'm a supporter of having more married priests, though this Amazon experiment is the wrong way to go about it," tweeted Damian Thompson, conservative commentator and associate editor of Britain's *The Spectator*. And he added: "Women deacons will mean women priests and a Great Schism on the scale of 1054."

The pro-ordination group Women's Ordination Conference praised the decision to reopen debate on the diaconate, but said it was time to move beyond study commissions.

"Now is the time for the Church to not just recognize women's leadership, but transform its institutions to honor their leadership sacramentally," the group said in a statement.

In addition to deacons, the final document called for the institution of a new ministry of "women leadership of the community" and for a revision of a 1960s church law to allow women to be trained as lectors and acolytes.

And it said cryptically that for a limited time a bishop can hand over "the exercise of pastoral care" of a community to "a person" who is not a priest, but not necessarily male, either.

However, in a sign that women still have a ways to go in church decision-making parity, no woman was allowed to vote on the final document.

Thirty-five women, among them religious sisters and superiors, were appointed as experts to the synod and contributed to the final document, but only the 181 men cast a vote.

While the question of married priests and women deacons dominated debate outside the synod hall, the bulk of the meeting and the 33-page final document focused more on the environmental destruction of the Amazon and the plight of its peoples.

Indigenous leaders thanked Francis for highlighting their concerns and for the words expressed, but called for action to put an end to the illegal logging and fishing, building of hydroelectric dams and mining that are ruining their homelands.

"Throughout the rainforests of Latin America, we are battling governments that treat us like criminals for saying no to projects that would dam our rivers, carve roads of ruin through our forests and turn our land into lifeless deserts and our rivers into liquid poison," said COIA, the coordinating body of indigenous organizations that participated in the synod. AP

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## Offbeat

### TEEN BREAKS INTO GERMAN PRISON IN BID TO WIN BACK JAILED EX



A teenager has broken into a German prison in an attempt to win back his ex-girlfriend.

Prison authorities in the northwestern town of Vechta told news agency dpa the 18-year-old scaled a 4-meter (13-foot) wall last week to get to his ex's window.

Prison officials intercepted the man. He refused to climb back down, and the fire service was called to bring him down with a ladder.

It wasn't clear whether the escapade succeeded in winning back the heart of the young woman, also 18, who had broken up with him by phone. The man is being investigated for trespassing and unauthorized contact with prisoners.

Regional broadcaster NDR reported that the man was half-naked, having taken off many of his clothes to avoid getting caught on barbed wire.

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## this day in history



### 1979 CHAIRMAN HUA ARRIVES IN LONDON

The first Chinese leader to visit Britain, Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng, has arrived in London at the start of a six-day visit.

He was welcomed at Heathrow airport by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who paid tribute to China as a "great and historical nation which has a crucial role to play in world affairs".

She said the two countries enjoyed a "close understanding in many fields" and she hoped their talks would further improve relations.

In his reply, Chairman Hua stressed "the important role Western Europe has to play in defending world peace".

He said this was why China had given "high priority to the development of good relations with the West European countries".

Chairman Hua was given the kind of treatment usually reserved only for royalty and presidents.

The Coldstream Guards formed a guard of honour before he was taken to the luxury Claridges hotel, where he and his party will be staying.

Chairman Hua has an invitation to lunch at Buckingham Palace where the Queen will personally take him on a tour of the state rooms.

This is the Chinese leader's first visit to the non-Communist world, apart from a short stay in Iran before Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi was forced into exile.

During his visit, he is expected to discuss trade, various bilateral issues, including the future of Hong Kong, and world peace.

It is hoped he and Mrs Thatcher will sign a number of deals, including an air services agreement giving Chinese airlines the rights to fly to Britain.

Trade issues are expected to focus on the process of modernisation in China - in particular improvements to its armed forces, transport infrastructure and industry.

The Chinese delegation will pay a visit to Rolls Royce in Derby, BP and British Rail's technical centre.

Chairman Hua, who spent 20 years of his life in the Chinese agricultural sector, will also be shown a farm in Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and fit in a quick visit to Oxford University, before flying on to Rome on Saturday.

He has already spent a week each in France and West Germany.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

In an interview before his visit to Western Europe, Chairman Hua was quoted as saying he wanted to see for himself the reality of advanced economic, scientific and technological experience to see how they could benefit China's modernisation programme. The trip paved the way to improved relations between Britain and China.

Official negotiations on the future of Hong Kong began in 1982 and were completed with the handover on 1 July 1997.

The Queen became the first British monarch to visit China in 1986.

However, the brutal suppression of the pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989 led to a breakdown in China's relations with the West.

China has since become of the world's leading growth economies, prompting greater trading links with the West. But in 2005 the EU and US were still enforcing an embargo on arms sales to China imposed after Tiananmen Square.



## GERMANS FLOCK TO FRANKENSTEIN CASTLE FOR SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



**M**EDIEVAL Frankenstein Castle has become a favorite haunt for Germans celebrating Halloween, a tradition that's grown increasingly popular in continental Europe in recent years. The crumbling castle, located 35 kilometers (22 miles) south of Frankfurt, has been staging spooky festivals since 1977 featuring monsters, gore and spine-chilling live shows.

On Saturday night, about

2,500 revelers — many in costumes — flocked to the castle, where they were entertained by 130 actors.

While the castle's name reminds some of English novelist Mary Shelley's 19th-century book about the man who creates a monster, historians are skeptical that it actually inspired the author.

The House of Frankenstein is believed to have first built a castle at the site in the mid-13th century.



## SERVICE ORGANIZATION COMMISSIONS STATUE OF BUSH'S DOG

**A** charity that trains service dogs for disabled veterans has commissioned a statue of the late George H.W. Bush's service dog for the 41st president's library.

America's VetDogs has commissioned sculptor Susan Bahary to create the bronze statue of Sully for placement in the east wing of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University.

VetDogs President John Miller says the statue will depict Sully sitting with his leash in his mouth, the "retrieve" task VetDogs trains its dogs to perform. It will show Sully wearing his America's VetDogs vest with the Great Seal of the United States on its back.

The yellow Labrador golden retriever assisted the former president for the last six months of his life before Bush's death last November at age 94.

## NEW CRUISE SHIP STARS A RAFT OF TONY AWARD WINNERS

**T**ONY Award-winners Alan Cumming, Norbert Leo Butz and Laura Benanti are headlining an interesting venue for a clutch of Broadway stars — a cruise ship.

The trio of performers will be joined by Sierra Boggess, Jenn Colella, Norm Lewis and Taylor Louderman for the inaugural sailing of The Broadway Cruise from New York City to Bermuda from Oct. 10-14, 2020.

The cruise will borrow the Norwegian Pearl, which accommodates 2,000 people. The stars will perform multiple unique shows on the main pool deck. Cabin

prices begin at \$995 per person.

Makeup designer Joe Dulude II will do demonstrations and interactive sessions with guests, costume designer Paul Tazewell will discuss his creative process and choreographer Kelly Devine will teach daily dance classes.

The concept isn't entirely new but the level of theater celebrity this time is high. Cruise ships have long highlighted Broadway shows onboard, with performances of everything from "Grease" to "Cats." And some cruise lines have employed Broadway veterans to mix with the passengers.



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# English sporting takeover comes with a twist

IT'S an English sporting takeover with a twist.

Fuelled by the brainpower of foreign coaches, England is going through a dominant spell of success in its traditional team sports: Football, cricket and, most recently, rugby.

And it has all happened in the space of six months.

It started with Liverpool and Chelsea winning two European soccer trophies — the Champions League and the Europa League, respectively — within three days.

Liverpool, managed by charismatic German coach Jurgen Klopp, became European champion for the sixth time by beating Tottenham 2-0 in an all-English final in early June and could yet be crowned world champion of the club game before the year is out. The team competes in the Club World Cup in Qatar in December and will start as favorite.

A month later, England won the Cricket World Cup for the first time in unforgettable circumstances, beating New Zealand in a final that was decided after a rare "Super Over" by a tiebreaker few had even heard of: Boundary countback.

The architect of that triumph? An Australian, Trevor Bayliss.

Fast forward three months and another major victory is in England's sights in the Far East, where the country's rugby team is into the final of the World Cup.

England defeated the mighty All Blacks, one of the most dominant teams in the history of any sport, in the semifinals on Saturday after a masterclass in mind games and strategy by its coach, Eddie Jones.

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Who just happens to be, you guessed it, Australian.

Wales or South Africa awaits in the final, with England seeking to win the main global cricket and rugby world titles in the same year for the first time. That's only

ever been done once before — by Australia in 1999 at the peak of the country's sporting dominance which also saw the Australians win the Davis Cup that year.

Jones and Bayliss have transformed the fortunes of their res-

pective adopted national teams, with England failing to get out of the group stage at the previous cricket and rugby World Cups, in 2015. It led to much introspection and soul-searching back home as the inventors of the two spor-

ts slumped embarrassing lows and reached out to coaches born overseas.

Bayliss achieved the cricketing turnaround with a relaxed, laid-back approach. He stayed very much in the shadows, giving his players freedom to express themselves. It helped England to the top of the rankings in one-day international cricket for the first time and then a first-ever world title, even if England's fortunes in test cricket have started to slide.

It remains to be seen how England gets on now Bayliss has left his post and an understated Englishman, Chris Silverwood, is in charge.

Jones, the first foreign-born coach of England's rugby team, is very much the opposite to Bayliss. Brash, outspoken and confrontational, Jones enjoys using news conferences to shape his own agenda. He relishes the psychological battle, seeing it as important as the game itself. He views it as a way of taking the heat off his players — and it worked a treat ahead of the New Zealand game.

"We will make sure the guys have the right attitude," the wily Jones said after the 19-7 win over the defending champions, "as well as the right time to relax and switch off a little bit."

With English racing driver Lewis Hamilton on the brink of winning the Formula One world title for a sixth time, these are golden days for English sport.

Winning the soccer World Cup is still regarded as holy grail when it comes to sports in England, and that hasn't happened since 1966.

This year, at least, England's cricket and rugby teams are doing their best to pick up the slack. AP

## TENNIS

# Roger Federer delights hometown fans cruising past Tsitsipas

ROGER Federer delighted his hometown fans by cruising past Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-4 in the Swiss Indoors semifinals on Saturday.

Seeking a 10th career title in Basel, the 38-year-old Federer will play 20-year-old Alex de Minaur in Sunday's final.

"That's what you do with a home court advantage," said Federer, who has reached the final 13 straight times he has played the Swiss Indoors. "They enjoy when I'm playing good tennis and it pushes me to play even better."

De Minaur, a wild card, advanced by beating big-serving American Reilly Opelka 7-6 (2), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3) in a meeting of unseeded

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players.

Both finalists have won three titles this season, though for De Minaur these

are the only three of his career so far while Federer is chasing his 103rd.

Serving for the mat-

ch, Federer saved the only break point he allowed the seventh-ranked Tsitsipas.

Federer clinched two

points later with a leaping volleyed winner approaching the net after Tsitsipas struggled to handle a strong first service.

Top-seeded Federer broke the Tsitsipas service at 2-2 in the first set, and created set point chances with a delicate angled drop volley for a winner. He clinched by firing an ace down the middle.

Federer broke again to begin the second set, taking his chance with a powerful forehand winner down the line.

Victory lifted Federer to a 50-8 record in 2019. It's his third straight year of 50 wins since an injury-ravaged season ended early in 2016.

De Minaur, ranked No. 28, has won all four of his

semifinals this season. He went on to take the title each time, at Sydney, Atlanta, and Zhuhai, China.

He also improved to 4-0 this season against the 37th-ranked Opelka, who stands at 6-foot-11 (2.1 meters).

Opelka hit 26 aces to top 1,000 for the year and overtake John Isner for the ATP lead.

"Probably the most important thing is not to get frustrated," De Minaur said. "You've got to know that he's going to serve at least 40, 50 aces against you."

Federer and De Minaur, who was born in February 1999, four months after the Swiss great played his first match at Basel, have never played each other on tour. MDT/AP

**OPINION**

**Rear Window**

Severo Portela



**PRIDE THAT BLINDS**

Contrary to some (un)conventional wisdom, making the case for the gentle, well-behaved, realistic Macau, as against the fiery and doomed Hong Kong, we think there is no reason to silence professor Gu Xinhua's scholarly considerations and recent comments made in public. Let us be clear, professor Gu is entitled to voice his positions or opinions on matters related or otherwise to his courses at the Faculty of Business and Administration. And he does so openly to his students. It is called freedom... a staple food in academy!

Gu, who holds a PhD in Finance from the University of Toronto, displays a kind of self-confessed no-color blindness in his evaluation of the legal system in Macau and Hong Kong. Professor Gu blames "foreigners", almost a metaphor for "white people", for engaging and sustaining the corruption of Hong Kong's judicial system. Despite the race-grounded theme, Gu Xinhua is voicing discomfort with the current status of the common law, and at the same time he seems to be recommending some reconstructive surgery. Or perhaps not; it is just a matter of replacing white people!

The Toronto trained professor of the University of Macau goes further; chastising the evil-doers at the core of the judicial system in the SAR: "Hong Kong's legal system is in the hands of white people and foreigners. Hong Kong people do not have judicial sovereignty, they only have administrative sovereignty". No mention about political sovereignty.

Professor Gu Xinhua refutes the idea that his comments could be deemed "racist"; he is sure he could spot the difference, as "racism is everywhere in America". Interestingly, he views as an "advantage" the fact that "Macau's judiciary system is not controlled by white people".

May we believe his hubris when Professor Gu says his analysis is not race motivated, but white suppression seems to be his founding block toward the restoration of Hong Kong's integrity: food for thought, indeed!

If we were prone to black states of mind - and please do forgive the black - we would be afraid this rationale would be a two-step dance: deconstructing the dominant narrative, deconstructing the judicial system.

Finally, we underline Professor Gu's creativity, who opposes Beijing's support of Hong Kong as an international finance center, which he revealed when giving an example of the "advantage" Macau could benefit from, given its judiciary is not controlled by white people: replace Hong Kong as the "window of the world" for Southern China. Now, Gu Xinhua is inviting MSAR people to a "Magical Mystery Tour". Ad lucem.

Final notes this week should go to the replacement of Carrie Lam at the helm of the Bauhinia (source: Financial Times). (Stubborn Lam waited until the 23rd of October to formally withdraw that extradition bill, ultimately, the start of her descent into chaos.) And there are frontrunners.

Norman Chan, former head of the Monetary Authority. A non-political, favored by the HK elite.

Henry Tang, CPPCC member, former Chief Secretary. Well-placed for Beijing ...if it were not for the scandals.

Paul Chan, former Legco, former secretary for Development. Scandals.

Regina Ip, of Article 23 notoriety, hard written into pro-democracy demonstrations.

All should be discarded. Bernard Chan, Executive Council, former deputy to NPC, will be the bet if the choice goes to a mastermind operator during the ongoing Hong Kong crisis. Even though, and because of it, he said he does not want a full-time job.

If everything goes wrong, the top job will go to current Chief Secretary, Matthew Cheung. He can replace Carrie Lam for a period of six months.

Climate activist Greta Thunberg has a tiny new namesake. London's Natural History Museum said Friday that a minute species of beetle is being named "Nelloptodes gretae" in honor of the 16-year-old Swede who has pressed the world to do a better job fighting climate change.

Michael Darby, a scientific associate at the museum who found the insect in its collection of millions of animal specimens, chose the name to acknowledge Thunberg's "out-

standing contribution" to raising awareness of environmental issues.

The beetle is less than 1 millimeter long and has no eyes or wings. It belongs to a 1960s collection from samples of soil and leaf litter in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, which was donated to the Natural History Museum in 1978.

It is part of the Ptiliidae family of beetles, which includes some of the world's smallest insects.

BARCELONA

**SEPARATISTS CLASH WITH POLICE AFTER HUGE RALLY**

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JOSEPH WILSON

**P**OLICE and violent protesters in Spain's restive Catalonia region clashed Saturday after a massive rally in Barcelona against the imprisonment of nine separatist leaders for their roles in an illegal 2017 secession bid.

The flare-up in violence came after a week of tense calm without major incidents following six days when Catalonia was rocked by riots each night after the Oct. 14 Supreme Court verdict that found 12 Catalan leaders guilty of sedition and other crimes. That outbreak led to 500 people, nearly half of them police, being injured and around 200 arrests.

Hundreds of mostly masked youths surrounded the National Police headquarters in downtown Barcelona and threw colorful plastic balls at the officers on guard. When they switched to raining down rocks and bottles, national police with backup from Catalonia's regional police force charged with batons swinging and fired foam bullets. After a chaotic moment they managed to extend a perimeter while protesters set fire to trash cans in the middle of the streets.

Regional emergency services said 15 people were being treated for injuries as a result of the clashes, inclu-

ding an AP photographer who was hit in the face with a police baton. Catalonia's regional police said one of its officers was serious hurt. At least one person had to be put on a stretcher by medics and taken away in an ambulance.

Unlike the worst of the last week's riots that lasted hours, order was restored relatively quickly.

Earlier on Saturday Barcelona's police said 350,000

**Hundreds of mostly masked youths surrounded the National Police headquarters**

people rallied peacefully in the regional capital, many waving pro-independence flags for Catalonia. The rally was organized by the main pro-secession grassroots groups who want to create a new state in the northeastern corner of Spain. There were no repeated incidents in the rally that drew families from across the wealthy region.

"We cannot accept that [the prisoners] have been condemned to terms of nine to 13 years for defending the self-determination of Catalans," the president of the pro-secession grassroots group ANC, Elisenda Paluzie, said at the peaceful

protest.

Nine Catalan officials were given sentences of nine to 13 years for sedition by the Supreme Court. Four of those were also convicted of misuse of public funds. The other three were fined for disobedience. They were all acquitted of the more serious crime of rebellion, which carries sentences of up to 25 years. Spain's most right-wing politicians called the verdict soft.

Spain's government has told Catalonia's separatists that the national Parliament would need to amend the Constitution, which considers the nation indivisible, to make secession by a region legal.

The largest pro-Spanish union grassroots group Catalan Civil Society has called for a rally in Barcelona on Sunday. About roughly one half of Catalonia's 7.5 residents oppose severing century-old ties with the rest of the country.

The Catalan crisis is set to be a key issue in Spain's Nov. 10 national election, where Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez will try to stay in power.

Also on Saturday, Spain's far-right party Vox drew several thousand people to a political rally in central Madrid. Vox is trying to profile itself as the best option to stop the rupture of Spain. **AP**

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**Chile** President Sebastián Piñera asked all his Cabinet members to offer their resignations Saturday as he prepared to shake up his government in response to a wave of protests, including one that drew more than a million people the day before.

**Germany** Voters in the German state of Thuringia are casting ballots in a state election that could boost a far-right politician known for his fiery anti-migrant speeches. Bjoern Hoecke has come under scrutiny from Germany's domestic intelligence agency for possible extremist views.

**Switzerland** Prosecutors have indicted two men accused of recruiting people for the Islamic State group. The main suspect, a Swiss-Italian dual citizen, allegedly traveled to IS-controlled territory in Syria and on his return recruited several people for the group.

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**UK** British police say three suspects who were arrested in the deaths of 39 people hidden in a shipping container have been released on bail. *More on p15*

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**UK** Two British opposition parties want to hold elections even earlier than Prime Minister Boris Johnson has proposed as they try to ensure the country doesn't leave the European Union without an agreement.

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**US** A Northern California blaze forced evacuation orders and warnings for nearly all of Sonoma County stretching to the coast, with forecasts of strong winds prompting officials to begin cutting electricity for millions of people in an effort to prevent more fires.