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**China** President Xi Jinping yesterday hailed a visit by French President Emmanuel Macron as giving a boost to multilateralism and free trade, amid ongoing economic tensions with Washington. The two countries also pledged continued support for the Paris Agreement as the U.S. begins its withdrawal from the landmark climate deal.



**Thailand** An American man who was among three prisoners who staged a violent escape from a courthouse in Thailand shot and wounded himself and his Thai wife yesterday as police surrounded them.

**Philippines** The vice president of the Philippines yesterday accepted President Rodrigo Duterte's offer for her to play a lead role in his deadly crackdown against drugs, even though she's been critical of the campaign and has been warned it could be a political ploy to destroy her. Leni Robredo said that by agreeing to the unusual offer, she may be able to save lives under the campaign, which has left thousands of mostly petty drug suspects dead in purported gunbattles with police, alarming Western governments and rights groups.



**Morocco** White House adviser Ivanka Trump has arrived in Morocco to promote women's economic empowerment in the North African country. During the three-day visit, Ivanka Trump will promote the U.S. government's Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative

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## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXHIBITION HELD AT MUST

**T**HE opening ceremony of the Scientific Research Projects Result Exhibition and Academic Report in Year of 2018 was held in Room N101 of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) yesterday.

The event was hosted by the Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT).

In addition to an exhibition of 76 completed scientific re-

search projects for the year of 2018, FDCT also invited Professor Wang Yitao, Director of the State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicines of the University of Macau (UM), together with Professor Zhang Keke, Director of the State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences of MUST, to deliver keynote speeches on Scientific and Technological Innovation in Traditional Chinese

Medicine and Industrial Platform Building in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, and Earth-like Planetary Magnetic Field Detection and Macau's first scientific satellite project.

Following the keynote speeches, academic sessions on four themes were held at four venues, by 16 project leaders who introduced their research findings in traditional Chinese medicine,

life sciences, information technology, engineering and materials science, and technology.

Researchers, mainly from MUST and UM, were invited to give talks on their research. There were also academics from the University of Saint Joseph and Kiang Wu Nursing College of Macau.

The Scientific Research Projects Result Exhibition will be held in front of the MUST library from November 6 to 13, and will then move to Room N21-G015 at UM until 20 November. In order to advance scientific and technological development and research in Macau, FDCT welcomes all interested parties to participate in the exhibition.

Miss Lok, who is in charge of a project about a mobile application for self-management for patients with diabetes, said that the mobile app her team built can provide patients with measures vital for the management of the disease, such as blood pressure. The users can also communicate with support personnel through the app.

Lok's research also found that there are significant differences in the self-management between patients who use and do not use the app.

According to FDCT chairman Ma Chi Ngai, as of October, FDCT received a total of 604 scientific research applications. FDCT has approved 260 projects, with grants totaling nearly 340 million yuan. **JZ**

## MACAU NEWLY REGISTERED COMPANY CAPITAL SURGES BY 111.2% IN Q3

**T**HE total value of registered capital of new companies in Macau soared by 111.2% to 536 million patacas (about \$66 million) in the third quarter of 2019, the special administrative region's statistics service said on Wednesday.

The latest report from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that a total of 1,426 new companies were incorporated in the third quarter of 2019, an increase of six year-on-year. The increase in registered capital is attributable to new companies with large capital in financial services.

Analyzed by industry, there were 501 newly incorporated companies operating in wholesale and retail, and 322 in business services.

Meanwhile, companies in dissolution totaled 225 in the third quarter, and the value of registered capital of companies in dissolution amounted to 45 million patacas (about \$6 million).

Analyzed by size of registered capital, there were 1,025 newly registered companies (71.9% of the total) with capital under 50,000 patacas (about \$6,199), and the total value of capital was 26 million patacas (about \$3 million).

There were 22 new companies registered with capital of 1 million patacas (about \$123,977) or more, and the total value of capital amounted to 454 million patacas (about \$56 million), accounting for 84.7% of the total.

In the first three quarters of 2019, a total of 4,704 new companies were incorporated, up by 111 year-on-year. The total value of registered capital leapt by 455.4% to 4 billion patacas (about \$496 million).

The number of companies dissolved totaled 646 in the first three quarters, and the value of registered capital amounted to 202 million patacas (about \$25 million).

At the end of the third quarter of 2019, the number of registered companies totaled 70,243, an increase of 5,208 from a year earlier.

### ON THE ROAD TO GP

## Drones banned all over city during Grand Prix

**T**HE Macao SAR Government will ban all unmanned aircraft activities during this year's Macau Grand Prix to ensure that the event takes place in a safe environment.

The Macau Grand Prix is an important annual motorsports event in the territory.

To ensure the tracks are clear so that the races can proceed smoothly, the Civil Aviation Authority (AACM) will ban all unmanned aircraft activities for four days from November 14 to 17 over the skies of the Macau peninsula. This will be in accordance with the powers

granted to the AACM on the prohibition and restriction of flying areas, as stipulated in Article 66 of the Air Navigation Regulation of Macau approved in the Executive Order No. 64/2019. Except for unmanned aircraft operations performed by the SAR Government, all other unmanned aircraft activities are banned for the aforementioned dates and areas. Anyone who violates the above prohibition will be fined 2,000 patacas to 20,000 patacas by the authority.

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Leong Heng Teng (left) and Davina Chu

## FIC warns young entrepreneurs 'too many micro-companies'

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**T**HE Cultural Industries Fund (FIC) has warned of the dangers of the creation of an excessive number of micro-size companies operating in the same business sector, chairman of Fund Leong Heng Teng said yesterday during a meeting with the press.

"Maybe there are too many small companies operating in the same [business] field," Leong said, adding that grouping them into a larger size corporation could be more sustainable.

Leong said that yesterday was fulfilling as his last day of working in the duties of the chairman of the fund, and also said that the topic of the high number of micro-size companies seeking financing for business in niche markets "has been a concern [for] the fund," noting that "the fund supports the companies but we are not entitled to take [manage-

rial] decisions [for] those companies."

In the chairman's opinion, digital media companies are the type to seek support from the fund more often, as many young people are interested in the field. "There aren't great earnings in this sector," he warned.

Leong was following on from the words of committee member Davina Chu, who had said earlier, when questioned by the media on the high percentage of companies (74%) whose projects have not yet reached a break-even point, that the "animation and film and television are sectors that we know have a very high [initial] investment, and that it is difficult for them to fulfill the same timelines as other sectors. We are taking this into account."

Chu added that one of the tasks the FIC has been working on is precisely to provide a better platform for companies to be able to do their business, namely establishing some business matching opportunities among

companies so they can "cooperate, for example on renting some equipment to lower the production costs."

On the topic, Chu also noted that besides the FIC, companies, especially those that are developing larger-scale businesses "need to seek financing from other sources."

When speaking more specifically about the problems observed by the FIC that might be based on the lack of financial balance, and how to sustainably develop companies, Chu said that there is some rush in growing companies through the recruitment of more staff.

"In the reports, [of] the companies presented [to the fund] we could observe that a high number of companies [make the same mistake]. When they start to have more productivity, they immediately start recruiting more people and then they can't find a balance [between the number of staff members and the workload]," Chu said.

Like Leong, Chu indicates the path to stability for these micro-companies is by participating in cooperative projects and sharing their resources.

Although the issues were cited while doing a general evaluation of the work of the fund over the past six years, the members noted that the FIC has financed a total of 256 projects that accounted for some 502 million patacas in financing since 2014 until last month. About 286 million patacas were related to non-refundable grants, while some 216 million patacas were granted as interest-free loans.

Including their own investment from the companies and other means of funding, the 256 projects involved a total investment of about 2.1 billion patacas and generated 1,687 jobs in total.

## DAVINA CHU TO CHAIR FIC UNTIL 2021

**T**HE Cultural Industries Fund (FIC) committee member Davina Chu will assume leadership of the FIC from today until 2021, both Chu and Leong Heng Teng confirmed yesterday during a meeting with the press.

Not wanting to address the topic of who will succeed him in his other positions, such as spokesperson of the government Executive Council, Leong said that Chu will assume leadership of the fund in the interim from today, leaving the fate of his other roles to be announced by the Macau SAR government as soon as today.

Nevertheless, at 72 years old, Leong confirmed that yesterday was his last day serving the SAR government and that he plans to retire from all his government duties.

Chu remarked that her position was, for the time being, as acting chairperson and that further developments would depend on an official appointment from the government, though she noted that her mandate in the FIC had recently been extended for another two years. **RM**

# Macao Daily News editor condemns Hong Kong protestors

**T**HE editor-in-chief of Macao Daily News, Lok Po, condemned the recent demonstrations against Xinhua News Agency by protestors in Hong Kong.

While he was in Guangzhou, Lok voiced his opinions on behalf of the Macau journalist association Ou Mun Kei Hip (Associação dos Trabalhadores da Imprensa de Macau), which he chairs. While condemning the protestors' actions, Lok said his association will fully support Hong Kong media that loves the country.

He proposed that the Macau media should focus on their work and stand in solidarity with Hong Kong's country-loving media organizations.

Last Saturday, Hong Kong protestors demonstrated against Chinese state-owned Xinhua News Agency.

The protestors smashed the glass doors of the agency's Hong Kong office and threw firebombs into the building

lobby.

In his speech, Lok said that this year marks two important anniversaries for the country – one is the 70th anniversary of China and the other is the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover.

Lok thinks that both Guangzhou and Macau have witnessed great achievements in the country's reform and opening up, and the two cities unwaveringly safeguard national unity and promote the country's long-term development and stability. These issues are also the common mission and responsibility of journalists, Lok said.

Lok believes that in the future, journalists will have greater opportunities for cooperation and development between the two cities.

He also considered the fact that both SARs will have more opportunities to cooperate in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative, and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area strategy. **JZ**



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## GOV'T CONFIDENT ABOUT INSCRIPTION OF 'SEA SILK ROUTE' AS UNESCO HERITAGE

The Government of Macau is confident about the inscription of the "sea silk route" on the UNESCO cultural heritage list, a Beijing wish that encompasses 25 cities for now. "We hope that, as we [Macau's old town] were registered [as a] world heritage site in 2005, we will also be part of this route in a few years," said the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam yesterday. Tam spoke to reporters on the sidelines of the International Silk Maritime Route Symposium, which brought local and mainland Chinese academics together in Macau.

## MICHAEL WONG TO VISIT MACAU

Hong Kong Secretary for Development Michael Wong will visit Macau today to attend the 2019 Mainland, Hong Kong & Macao Symposium on Built Heritage Reuse. The event is co-organized by the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the Hong Kong Government Development Bureau and the Cultural Affairs Bureau. This year's theme is "Community x Living x Revitalization of Historic Buildings." Wong will speak at the opening ceremony. He will also visit the Biblioteca do Patane to learn more about the historic building cluster's restoration and revitalization.

## UM STUDENTS WIN GOLD PRIZE AT IGEN

A group of students from the University of Macau (UM) Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) recently won the gold prize in the Environment Track of the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition for "a self-activating nanoparticle collector they developed, which provides a safe and cheaper alternative to the traditional way of purifying waste water," the Government Information Bureau revealed. The UM team also won a Best Part Collection award, and ranked among the top five in this category. Held in Boston, the United States, this year's competition attracted a total of 7,500 contestants in 344 teams from 45 countries and regions. This is the first time that a team from Macau has participated in iGEM.

## IAM ISSUED FRESH FOOD LICENSES TO 207 SITES

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) has issued licenses to 207 vegetable, meat and fish retail sites, IAM revealed yesterday. Between 2016 and 2019, the number of licenses issued for fresh meat retail increased 120%, from 15 to 33 licenses; for chilled meat retail, the number of licenses increased by 51%, from 71 to 107 licenses; and for frozen meat retail, the number of licenses increased by 20%, from 123 to 148. By issuing more licenses to retailers, IAM hopes to provide the public with more choices and availability, as well as to safeguard the supply of fresh food and maintain price competitiveness.



Macao Hub exhibition area, organised by the MSAR, is set up within the China Pavilion at the China International Import Expo in Shanghai

# SECRETARY LEONG SAYS SHANGHAI EXPO HELPS MACAU BUSINESSES' OUTREACH EFFORT

**T**HE active participation of Macau enterprises in the 2nd China International Import Expo (CIIE) "illustrates the Shanghai event is effective in promoting their business," said the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, yesterday.

Leong was speaking to reporters in Shanghai during his visit to the exhibition area organized by the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), and to booths of local enterprises. The IPIM exhibition area is in the "Trade in Goods – Foods and Agricultural Products Zone" of CIIE.

Leong added that CIIE provided Macau businesses with "fresh opportunities" to reach out internationally, and to participate in the fast-track growth of the country's economy.

As a commercial and trade cooperation service platform between China and the Lusophone world, "Macau was stepping up effort to introduce a greater number of products from Portuguese-speaking countries to the mainland, in order to serve the need for quality products in that market," said the secretary as quoted by the Government Information Bureau in a press release.

Secretary Leong noted that not only did Macau companies which trade in goods participate in the Expo, but also some local banks that

provide financial services for buyers and purchasers. "This demonstrated Macau's industrial ecosystem was gradually taking shape," added Leong.

He went on to say that the IPIM exhibition area at this year's CIIE was larger than in the previous year's edition. Leong also noted there had been more than 600 trade negotiation sessions arranged this year. This year's uptake showed the Macau business sector's recognition of the effectiveness of last year's CIIE.

## DELEGATION OF OVER 100 BUSINESSPEOPLE

The Macau delegation is composed of over 100 businesspeople who have travelled to Shanghai to attend the 2nd CIIE, held from November 4 to 7, IPIM said.

The trade institute, in addition to setting up two pavilions, also organized a

forum to present and promote Macau's advantages as a platform for cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries through a variety of interactive and diverse methods.

Leveraging on the positive outcome of the first CIIE, IPIM once again organized a business delegation to participate in the exhibition, which includes representatives from different sectors including trade, financial services, conventions and exhibitions, e-commerce, science and technology, food, hospitality, tourism, catering, manufacturing, and professional services.

IPIM set up pavilions in the Food and Agricultural Exhibition Area and the Services Trade Exhibition Zone. It was attended by Macau companies which produce goods, supply food

and beverages from Portuguese-speaking countries, and provide accounting and translation services.

Yesterday, Macau hosted the "Macau Cooperation and Investment Forum – Service Platform for Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-Speaking Countries," jointly organized by IPIM, the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, the Shanghai People's Government and the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries (Macao).

This seminar aims to introduce participants from around the world to Macau's positioning and advantages as a platform for trade cooperation services between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. MDT/MACAUHUB

## MORE EXPOSURE FOR MACAU DESIGNERS

**CLOTHING BY** Macau designers will tour the Yangtze River Delta under a cooperation agreement signed yesterday during the China International Import Expo, shine.cn reported. The designers will take their creations to Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces for exhibitions between November 28 and 30 and will be introduced to enterprises based there. Lu Pingyi, director of the International Fashion Idea Display and Trade Center, said that when it heard that Macau's clothing association — with which it had a good relationship — was attending the second CIIE, they saw a good chance to further

exchanges and collaboration in more areas of the Yangtze River Delta region. Tomorrow, the center will sign agreements with French fashion associations, which will establish an office in Shanghai in the future and bring high-quality fashion resources to China. It is also working on getting fashion resources from Japan and South Korea. According to shine.cn, Li Xiuqiong, general manager of the Macau Clothing Brands Incubation Platform, said he hoped through international exhibitions to integrate with the world market and improve the image of Macau fashion throughout the world, as well as enhancing overseas exchange.





## MGM Scoops 20 Human Resources & CSR Awards in Two Months

### CONSOLIDATING MGM'S LEAD AS EMPLOYER OF CHOICE INTERNATIONALLY

In September and October, MGM won 20 major awards for its stellar performance and achievements. The acclaim included 17 human resources awards from professional bodies across Greater Asia, an endorsement for MGM's continued investment in staff well-being, talent development, career growth and leveraging state-of-the-art HR technologies and learning platform to effectively serve and communicate with our team members.

MGM racked up its tally with 10 accolades in HR Distinction Awards organized by HR Magazine, a reputable publication in Asia. In addition to capturing the Employer of the Year (Gold) honor, MGM received recognitions in Employee Development, Talent Acquisition and other categories. MGM also won high praise from HRoot, a leading human resources media in China. The Company's Learning and Talent Development Team scored the Best HR Center of Excellence in Greater China for the very first time. MGM was named one of the Best HR Teams in Greater China for the second year; Ms. Wendy Yu, Senior Vice President of Human Resources, received the Outstanding Achievement Award of Human Resource Management in Greater China.



MGM's commitment to diversity, equality and inclusiveness in the workplace was once again endorsed by the Excellent Disabled Employees & Hiring Disabled Staff Recognition Scheme, a program co-organized by the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) and the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) of the Macao SAR. This year saw MGM receive the Hiring Disabled Staff Recognition for the seventh time in a row. In late October, MGM won the Outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility Award for the third consecutive year and earned its second Ambassadors of Corporate Social Responsibility honor at the 8th Cross-Strait-Four-Region Outstanding Corporate Social

Responsibility Award Ceremony organized by Mirror Post of Hong Kong.



### DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CAPITAL – KEY FOCUS ON CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Ms. Wendy Yu was thrilled at these recognitions for the Company, noting that the achievements were attributable to the leadership of MGM's Board of Directors and the wholehearted effort of our department heads and the human resources team. The impressive list of honors, especially the Best Employer award, justified MGM's commitment and respect to team members. MGM marshaled its resources to create a harmonious and caring working environment so that team members can be at their best and to deliver their best to our customers and communities. The Greater China awards is an endorsement for MGM's efforts by a reputable panel of judges from other industries. MGM will continue to build on different aspects of human resources encompassing local talent development, continuous education, staff's overall well-being as well as in-house facility enhancement and to uphold its commitment to corporate social responsibility.

### CONTINUOUS TALENT DEVELOPMENT

MGM's outstanding performance in talent development also won high praise from Hong Kong Management Association (HKMA). The Company received Awards for Excellence in Training and Development of Local Talent, making MGM the only company in Macau to garner these accolades. Separately, MGM earned China Talent Development Award - Top 50 Corporate University from China Training Magazine in recognition of its achievement in staff training.

MGM strives to nurture local talent and assist in career planning, which are in line with the direction of the Macau government. MGM provides team members with a wide range of development opportunities and diverse training programs, including learning or joining field trips in China and Las Vegas. In 2018, training programs offered by MGM totaled over 917,000 hours. Average annual training hours per team member was 85 hours, outperforming other players in the industry.

MGM eAcademy was set up in 2016 to further promote life-long learning, with over 6,500 courses for team members to learn with their digital gadgets anytime, anywhere. In September, this innovative learning platform earned MGM an award for outstanding e-learning at the HR Tech INNO Awards, China 2019.

### PROVIDING THE BEST FOR TEAM MEMBERS

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

## IAM SAYS FOOD SAFETY VIOLATIONS DECREASING

**T**HE number of food safety violations has gradually decreased, according to the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM).

Yesterday, during a TDM radio program, the Vice Chairman of Administration Committee on Municipal Affairs of IAM, Lei Wai Nong, said that due to multiple years of effort by IAM, IAM has started noticing the number of food safety violations decrease.

Statistics provided by Lei show that there were 84 violations in 2015, while in 2018 the number dropped to 66 cases. From January to September 2019, IAM recorded a total of 48 violations.

Over the past few years, IAM has been working with the Macao Customs Service to seize undeclared and unquarantined food.

The peak year in which the bureau seized the highest number of unquarantined foods was 2016. A total of 7,700 kilograms of unchecked food was seized that year. In 2018, the bureau seized a total of 2,121 kilograms of undeclared food and as of September 2019, the bureau has seized a total of 1,238 kilograms of undeclared food, according to Lei's statistics.

In 2013, the city's food safety law came into effect. Since then, the food safety inspection department has inspected more than 6,500 food providers across the city, with more than 60,000 inspections conducted.

In total, IAM handled 130 cases of food poisoning, opened files for 368 infractions, and seized more than 23,000 kilograms of unquarantined food. **JZ**

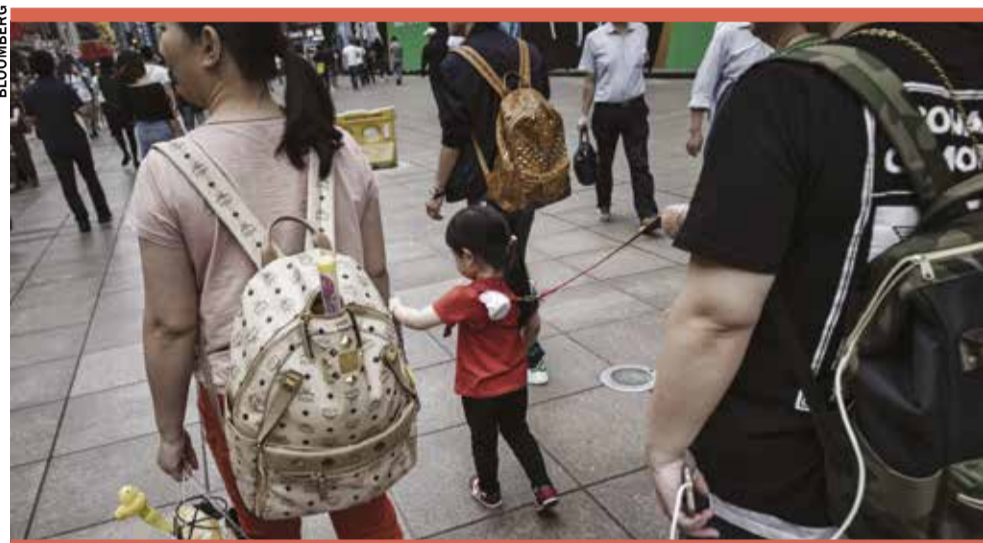
## STUDY DOMINATES CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN LOCAL PARENTS AND CHILDREN

**T**HE most discussed topic in conversations between parents and children are children's studies, according to survey results released yesterday.

The Macau Youth Research Association and the General Association of Chinese Students of Macao conducted a survey on the relationships between local parents and their children. The association received valid responses from a total of 899 middle school students.

The survey results show that more than half of respondents think they spend a sufficient amount of time with their parents on a daily basis. These respondents also say that they communicate with their parents for more than one hour per day.

The survey also found



that over 50% of the respondents had a low level of satisfaction and confidence in regards to their parents.

60% of the respondents said that they received little effective comfort and guidance from their parents, and that they also have

little physical contact with their parents.

The study recommends that local parents should move away from traditional methods of authoritarian upbringing by increasing interaction with their children in daily life, discovering their children's strong

points, and respecting the wishes of their children.

The association also suggests that the local government should consider setting up a parental education school to provide guidance on parenting so they can understand the problems children face.

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# Baroque festival invites local and int'l musicians to present series of classics

**T**HE 5th Macao Baroque Music Festival is set to return to the city with the theme "connection," celebrating the SAR's growing connections with neighboring cities and regions around the globe.

Alliance Française de Macao will present the annual festival this Saturday, kicking off the event with *The Four Seasons* and classics by Astor Piazzolla and Antonio Vivaldi.

This segment underlines the cultural differences between Mediterranean Europe and the heart of South America. With Baroque music that grooves, and tangos flush with 18th century flair, maestro Lio Kuokman will combine Baroque music with tango at the opening concert of the Macao Baroque Music Festival.

"I'm sure it's going to be an interesting concert. I cannot emphasize enough how great a talent Lio Kuokman is. He is so young and is going to be an amazing asset for Macau," said William Bascaule, director of Alliance Française de Macao.



Lio Kuokman (left) and Vincent Thévenaz

"It's interesting to also showcase local talent through our organization, because it is great to show Macau people what we have in town," he added.

The *Four Seasons* will be showcased at the Small Auditorium of the Macao Cultural Centre, with Lio Kuokman as conductor and harpsichordist; Yoo Jin Wang, Quan Yuan, Melody Wang and Amelia Chan on the violin; and Laurent Perrin on the cello.

Meanwhile, to present the festival's segment "From Portugal to France," four musicians from the Macao Orchestra will follow the connection between Portugal and France throughout the Renaissance and early Baroque periods, through the works of Pedro do Porto, Manuel Correia do Campo and François Couperin, among others.

The string quartet will play at Clube Militar de Macau this coming Sunday at 6 p.m.

This year, the organization has also invited the organist of Geneva's St. Pierre Cathedral, Vincent Thévenaz, to play the organ at St. Joseph's Seminary on November 13 and 14.

The two evenings have two different programs, and each features a variety of works by composers from around the world.

"He is one of the top French organists. We have five good ones worldwide and he's one of them," said Bascaule.

"For us, it's important to present a high level of quality to the audience," he added.

Sticking to the theme "connection," Bascaule said that this year's festival has invited artists and musicians from different regions, including Guangzhou, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

"It's going to be very interesting to see the unity [...] and the connection between the pieces they will be playing," he said.

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Pro-democracy university students hold up their hands to represent the protesters' five demands at the campus of the University of Hong Kong yesterday and (inlet) lawmaker Junius Ho

HONG KONG

# PRO-BEIJING LAWMAKER STABBED WHILE CAMPAIGNING

EILEEN NG, HONG KONG

**A**N anti-government assailant stabbed and wounded a pro-Beijing Hong Kong lawmaker who was election campaigning yesterday, police said, in another escalation of violence surrounding the protests demanding political reforms in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Junius Ho has become a hated figure by the protesters over his alleged links to violence against them. After receiving initial medical treatment, Ho told reporters the knife had been blocked by his rib cage and that he was left with a minor 2-centimeter-deep (0.79-inch-deep) wound.

Police have arrested the assailant. Ho, two of his assistants and the attacker were all injured, hospital officials said.

At a news conference yesterday in Beijing to wrap up her visit to mainland China, Hong Kong's embattled leader, Carrie Lam, condemned the attack on Ho and said she was concerned over rising public proclivity for violence.

"How can protesters carrying out violent acts claim to be pur-

suing freedom and democracy? Their every move challenges the freedom and violates the rights of the majority of the Hong Kong people," she said.

Lam, who earlier held talks with Vice Premier Han Zheng, said she was grateful for support from Chinese leadership during her trip and pledged to strictly enforce the law to restore order. She also met President Xi Jinping in Shanghai on Monday, seen as an endorsement of her government's handling of the crisis.

"The violent activities carried out by radical separatist forces have gone far beyond the bottom line of law and ethic," Han Zheng said. "The most important work for the Hong Kong society now is to stop violence and restore order."

China's foreign ministry recently dismissed a report that said Beijing planned to replace Lam next year. But the ruling Communist Party said in a statement Tuesday that it would "perfect" the system to appoint and dis-

miss Hong Kong's leader and top officials, in an indication of firmer grip on the territory. No details were given.

A video circulating on social media showed a man giving flowers to Ho and asking permission to snap a picture with him. Instead, the man drew a knife from his bag and stabbed Ho in the chest but was quickly overpowered by Ho and several others.

## Hundreds of students at two universities rallied in support of a 22-year-old man who is fighting for his life in a hospital

The man kept hurling abusive comments at Ho, calling him "human scum."

Ho has been targeted by anti-government protesters since July 21, when armed masked men in white T-shirts violently attacked demonstrators and passengers at a subway station in northern Yuen

Long, injuring 45 people.

That attack marked a dark turn in the protests that began in early June, and demonstrators have accused police of being slow to respond or even colluding with the attackers. Police later said members of organized crime gangs were involved. Ho was seen shaking hands with some of the attackers that night.

Ho, whose constituency includes Yuen Long, denied colluding with gangs. He said that he bumped into the men after dinner and thanked them for "defending their homes," but that he didn't know about the violence until later.

Protesters have vandalized Ho's office several times and desecrated his parents' graves.

Ho was campaigning for Nov. 24 district elections to pick 452 councilors, a low-level poll held every four years but closely watched this year as a gauge of public sentiment at the time of prolonged protests that have hardened positions in both camps. The seats are currently dominated by the

pro-establishment bloc.

The attack on Ho sparked concerns that the polls may be postponed. The city's biggest pro-establishment party voiced renewed concerns over safety, saying there were 150 incidents of their candidates being harassed and their offices vandalized in the last month, local media reported.

Many have seen a now-shelved China extradition bill that triggered the unrest as a sign of Beijing infringing on Hong Kong's judicial freedoms and other rights guaranteed when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997.

Apart from Ho, there have also been attacks on pro-democracy figures. On Sunday night, a knife-wielding man bit off part of the ear of district councilor Andrew Chiu and slashed two people. Jimmy Sham, a leader of one of the city's largest pro-democracy groups, was attacked by hammer-wielding assailants last month.

Yesterday, hundreds of students at two universities rallied in support of a 22-year-old man who is fighting for his life in a hospital after reportedly falling off the upper floor of a carpark building when police fired tear gas in clashes early Monday.

Police investigations are ongoing to determine what exactly happened in the case, which has further incensed students at forefront of the protests. AP



TRADE

# China resumes pork imports from Canada amid dispute

ROB GILLIES, TORONTO

**C**HINA will resume imports of pork and beef from Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced yesterday [Macau time], following a major rift between Ottawa and Beijing and amid a serious pork shortage in China as it combats African swine fever.

The move comes almost five months after Beijing suspended all meat imports from Canada over a dispute over Canada's detention of a top executive at the Chinese tech company Huawei.

"Good news for Canadian farmers today: Canadian pork and beef exports to China will resume," Trudeau said on Twitter.

Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou was arrested Dec. 1 in Canada at the request of U.S. authorities, who want to try her on fraud charges. She's the daughter of the company's founder.

China then detained two Canadians, Michael Kovrig and Michal Spavor, and sentenced another to death in an apparent attempt to pressure for her release. Beijing threatened "grave consequences" if Ottawa did not release Meng.



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**" [Chinese farmers] have lost up to a 100 million pigs. It will take at least 10 years for them to return to normal.**

GUY SAINT-JACQUES  
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

But pork is China's staple meat and its price and availability is considered a matter of national

concern. Shortfalls in supply have increased demand for pork from producers in the U.S., with whom

China is locked in an increasingly acrimonious tariff battle.

Guy Saint-Jacques, a former

Canadian ambassador to China, said he met with people in Canada's pork industry this week who reported to him that they received a request last week from a Chinese importer asking how much pork they could supply.

"The Chinese have run down their own reserve. They bought everything they could from Brazil and Europe, but the impact of the flu has been more severe than they would have expected. It's now present in 32 provinces so almost everywhere in China," Saint-Jacques said.

"They have lost up to a 100 million pigs. It will take at least 10 years for them to return to normal."

Saint-Jacques said the price of pork has increased by at least 70 percent and probably more in some parts of China. "The government had to take in account popular pressure and to resume imports of Canadian pork," Saint-Jacques said.

China has often retaliated against foreign governments and corporations in diplomatic disputes.

Relations between Ottawa and Beijing have been at their worst since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Saint-Jacques called relations "slightly less bad now" after China agreed to Canada's new envoy to Beijing in September.

"The message has been clear. Unless and until Meng is returned to China things won't be back to normal and they still detain Kovrig and Spavor," he said. **AP**

PERSONAL FINANCE

# Ho, ho, no? Reconsidering store credit cards at the holidays

SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

**M**OST shoppers know the routine: It's time to check out and the cashier (or website) offers a discount if you sign up for the store credit card.

The offer can be hard to refuse, but experts say some shoppers should do just that.

Signups for retailer credit cards soar during the holidays. But the cards' perks don't always outweigh the downsides for everyone.

Here's what to consider:

**HOW THEY WORK**

Retailer credit cards work in one of two ways.

Cards that can only be used for purchases at that chain — like Target or Macy's — are known as "closed-loop" cards.

"Open loop" cards, on the other hand, such as the



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Amazon Prime Rewards Visa or the Capital One Walmart Rewards card, can be used anywhere but tend to earn better perks at the named retailer.

Holidays are when Americans tend to shop the most, so it's no surprise that signups for credit cards jump at the end of the year.

Credit reporting agency

Transunion says that credit card originations jump in November and December for both general and private label cards. But those associated retailers tend to be more sensitive to the holiday surge, said Matthew Komos, vice president of financial services, research and consulting at Transunion.

Transunion has studied this issue for several years and found that private label card originations can double during the holiday period. For department stores and clothing stores alone last year, originations were 65% higher during the two-month holiday season compared with the rest of the year.

**PROS**

There are some perks to retailer cards.

A closed-loop card is easier to acquire than a traditional credit card. That's good news for folks who are just starting to build, or rebuild, their credit.

The cards can save you significant money if you are making a large purchase — say a refrigerator, mattress or a particularly large haul of goods. The discount and loyalty perks can also be a good thing if it's a store you

already shop at regularly.

Other benefits vary by card, and include free shipping, early access to sales or more generous return policies. Nordstrom, for example, offers its loyalty members and cardholders curbside pickup for purchases and free alterations.

There's also a quick approval process, which is appealing in the rush of holiday shopping.

**CONS**

The most notable downside of store cards is interest rates.

The average interest rate on a retail card is about 26 percent, compared with 21 percent for a traditional credit card, according to Ted Rossman, industry analyst at Creditcards.com.

That's just the midpoint of the range based on credit worthiness, Rossman warns. Some branded cards ea-

sily run into the 30 percent range.

That's no big deal if you pay your card off in full each month, but for people that carry a balance, it can be a big expense.

Also consider your credit score. Too many inquiries could lower your score slightly and too much debt can drag it down. Additionally, store cards typically come with much lower credit limits than a normal card, which means if you run up \$400 on your store card with a \$500 credit limit, you could be hurting the utilization rate that goes into determining your score as well.

These cards may also encourage you to make purchases you wouldn't otherwise make, said Kit Yarrow a consumer psychologist and author of the book "Decoding the Consumer Mind." **AP**





## MACRON, XI PLEDGE TO UPHOLD FREE TRADE DURING VISIT

CHINA and France vowed to uphold multilateralism and free trade and build an open global economy, as President Xi Jinping nears a phase one trade deal with the U.S.

Xi's comments came during a three-day visit to China by President Emmanuel Macron. "Together, we sent a strong signal to the world to firmly uphold multilateralism and free trade and build an open world economy. Your speech also aroused strong repercussions and resonance in China," Xi said as the two leaders met yesterday in Beijing. Macron was slated to speak with Chinese Premier Li Ke-qiang and attend a state banquet hosted by Xi later in the day.

"I am willing to work with you to face toward the world, the future, to cater to our people, to promote the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and France to a higher level, and continue

to be at the forefront of the relationship between major powers," he said.

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told Bloomberg Friday that Democrats would be tougher on China than Trump by aligning with the EU to bring additional pressure on the world's second-largest economy. She said Trump was correct to identify China's aggressive trade policy as a threat to the U.S., but she faulted his approach as ineffective and said he's further hobbled the U.S. position by engaging in a trade conflict with the EU at the same time.

Macron said yesterday he'd told Xi he hoped U.S.-China trade tensions would calm down. He also stressed that France welcomes foreign investment and would not target individual countries.

"This European sovereignty we build it for ourselves, something that China has always done for itself too," Macron said. "This is the goal of the strategic agenda for investments and critical infras-

**"I am willing to work with you to face toward the world, the future, to cater to our people."**

PRESIDENT XI JINPING

tructures. This European sovereignty is not being build against others, foreign investments are welcomed in Europe, without discrimination, in full respect with our interests in sovereignty and security."

### Strengthening Cooperation

Macron said earlier this week that China and the European Union will sign an accord to protect products that have a specific geographical origin -- such as Champagne or Manchego cheese -- in a bid to fight counterfeits. He said the accord would be signed in Beijing yesterday. The EU is China's largest trade partner, and the Chinese market is the second biggest after the U.S. for exports from the bloc.

"I know how committed you are to the European Union and we must build a stable partnership on the big questions of the world in a world that is more and more destabilized," Macron told Xi. "The capacity we will have to reform the WTO, to avoid trade tensions is absolutely defining."

Earlier this year, Europe claimed a diplomatic victory in the push for Beijing to pursue fairer economic policies, saying a laboriously drafted joint statement signaled important Chinese concessions over curbing subsidies to domestic industries and facilitating market access for foreign companies. The EU bloc has sought to enlist Beijing's help on numerous fronts as U.S. President Donald Trump has turned his back on international organizations and agreements that had counted on staunch U.S. support.

### Europe Claims Progress in Prodding China to Open Its Market

During Macron's visit, China and France also agreed to strengthen cooperation on climate change and preserve the Paris accord.

France expected about forty contracts to be signed during Macron's state visit in aeronautics, finance, energy, tourism, health and agriculture, an official said last week before the trip. Talks for a potential contract for nuclear engineering group Orano in China were accelerating, the official said.

Xi told reporters the two sides would promote major nuclear and aviation projects, without elaborating, and said they had agreed to promote market openness, investment and IP exchange. They will enhance cooperation on issues ranging from cultural and study exchanges to stopping the smuggling of antiquities, he said.

Aircraft engine maker Safran is in advanced talks over a major order in the Asian powerhouse that could be signed during Macron's visit, Bloomberg reported.

Societe Generale SA is also considering a fully-owned brokerage in China, joining a rush by the world's biggest banks as the country speeds up the liberalization of ownership restrictions in the financial sector. Macron's previous plans for China included investing 1 billion yuan (\$142 million) to obtain a 51%-owned local brokerage, but SocGen is becoming more ambitious as it seeks growth abroad and retrenches in a sluggish European market. **BLOOMBERG**

## Huawei banks on strong smartphone growth despite blacklist

STEPHEN ENGLE, GAO YUAN & PETER ELSTROM

HUAWEI Technologies Co. expects smartphone shipments to grow 20% next year - about the same pace as in 2019 - even if it's blocked from the latest Google software, suggesting the Trump administration efforts to contain the company's rise may not be working.

The world's largest smartphone maker after Samsung Electronics Co. can rely on its massive home market and in-house software to drive a one-fifth rise in 2020 unit growth, said Will Zhang, Huawei's president of corporate strategy. Sourcing the hardware for smartphone manufacturing wasn't a problem because of the availability of global su-

pply, he told Bloomberg News. Billionaire founder Ren Zhengfei later chimed in to say the Chinese giant should manage to move 240 million to 250 million devices in 2019, a rise of as much as 21% from last year.

Huawei is approaching a critical juncture in its fight for survival, six months after Washington barred it from buying key U.S.

components and software without special licenses. Those include Google's Android operating system, semiconductor design tools from Synopsys Inc. and Cadence Design Systems Inc. and radio frequency chips made by Qorvo and Skyworks. That threatens to dent Huawei's smartphone business, which ships more than twice as many devices as

Apple Inc., while impeding its ability to make fifth-generation networking gear.

Yesterday, Ren said the inability to access Google's latest and greatest would depress sales overseas -- but not so much in China, where consumers behind the Great Firewall have long been forced to seek out local content. Huawei in fact is working now on

American alternatives to both software and components.

"We have mobilized thousands of people and they are working hard to address these issues," the founder said on a panel moderated by Bloomberg Television and live-cast from Shenzhen. "I expect that next year there will be a big rise. But we don't know about the future."



# Defense chief defends policy on Hong Kong, Xinjiang

**C**HINA'S defense minister defended his country's policy on the controversial issues of Hong Kong and the northwestern territory of Xinjiang in a telephone conversation with his U.S. counterpart.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Defense Minister Wei Fenghe also raised the issues of Taiwan and the South China Sea in the Tuesday conversation with Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

While it's usual for China to reassert its claim to sovereignty over both those areas in talks with the U.S., the mention of Hong Kong and Xinjiang is more unusual.

Semi-autonomous Hong Kong has been wracked by five months of anti-government protests that Beijing accuses the U.S. and other foreign forces of encouraging.

Meanwhile, China has come under criticism for detaining more than 1 million members of Xinjiang's native Uighurs and members of other Muslim ethnic groups in political re-education centers where they are forced to swear loyalty to the ruling Communist Party. The centers are seen by critics as a key part of what they call a campaign of cultural genocide.

China at first denied the existence of the centers, but now says they aim to provide jobs skills to lift Uighurs and others out of poverty and combat religious extremism.

No details of Wei's comments on any of the four topics were given, although he has issued a series of harsh statements renewing China's determination to back up its territorial claims with force.

At an annual security conference in Singapore in June, Wei war-

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ned that China's military would "resolutely take action" to defend Beijing's claims over self-ruled Taiwan and disputed South China Sea waters.

Wei did not direct the threat at the U.S. but loaded his address with criticism of activities by Washington, including support for Taiwan and leading so-called freedom of navigation operations in the strategic waterways that

China virtually claims as its own.

Wei said the People's Liberation Army would not "yield a single inch of the country's sacred land."

China's Communist Party maintains that Taiwan is part of China, and has used increasingly aggressive rhetoric toward the democratic island, which split from the mainland amid a civil war 70 years ago.

In the South China Sea, China

is pitted against smaller Southeast Asian neighbors in multiple disputes over island reefs, corals and lagoons amid some of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

It has constructed seven artificial island outposts equipped with airstrips, radar and missile stations that have been repeatedly criticized by the U.S. as a source of increased tension in the area.

Despite Wei's hard-line stance,

Xinhua reported he told Esper Tuesday that while China-U.S. relations had reached a "crucial period," mutually beneficial cooperation was the "only correct choice."

"The two sides should ... continue to advance military-to-military relations to make them a pillar of stability in bilateral relations," Wei was quoted as saying. AP

## Alipay, WeChat pay open apps to foreigners visiting China

**C**HINESE payments giants Alipay and WeChat Pay, long a source of worry among competitors abroad, plan to open up their platforms to foreigners visiting the mainland as regulators ease restrictions.

The apps, which dominate payments across the world's second-largest economy and have even supplanted cash at some businesses, announced the plans in rapid succession after previously requiring users to have local accounts. Opening up to visitors may give an incremental boost to spending on the platforms -- but for overseas firms, it has big implications, potentially helping pave the way for future adoption abroad.

"Although there will be



some revenue coming from the foreigners using the card, the more interesting aspect is how seamless the cross-border Alipay and WeChat Pay experience is becoming," said Zennon Kapron, founder and director of research consultant Kapronasia.

Behind the scenes, China's central bank recently told a number of payments firms they will soon be allowed to plug foreign cards into their apps for use in China, according to two people with knowledge of the situation. Previously, regulatory concerns about

money laundering and cross-border cash flows had prevented that from happening. The central bank offered no immediate comment to an inquiry sent by fax.

The move will provide relief to some of the more-than-30 million people who visit China annually and sometimes struggle to find alternate payment methods. Alipay and Tencent account for 94% of the country's mobile-payment market.

Already, Alipay and WeChat Pay's logos are visible in stores and taxis in major cities around the world as the firms focus on helping Chinese travelers there. The expectation across the industry is that the apps will someday use that infrastructure to attract locals in those destinations.

To be sure, the ability to work with credit cards is still pending. In its announcement, Ant Financial's Alipay laid out a system that will work around current restrictions and can start immediately.

Alipay said it's letting travelers use a prepaid card service provided by the Bank of Shanghai. That means customers will have to periodically top off that account, which will be limited in amount.

In contrast, Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s WeChat Pay intends to let people more directly connect their existing cards to its app. Visa described that plan in a statement of support yesterday in China, saying it will essentially enable its cards to work across China.

"This is a great step

forward, both for consumers traveling to China and the overall payments industry," Visa said. "This partnership means that we'll be working towards an environment where Visa cardholders will be able to use their Visa card in China at the millions of places where WeChat Pay is accepted, instead of having to rely on cash."

The companies didn't provide a time frame.

Tencent, acknowledging that it's working under guidelines from regulators, said it has been discussing cooperation with U.S. card-network operators Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover as well as Japan's JCB to support the linking of overseas credit cards to Wechat Pay.

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# US SEES JAPAN-SOUTH KOREA THAW AS LAST HOPE TO SAVE INTEL PACT

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**T**HE U.S. is encouraged that Japan and South Korea are showing their first signs of a thaw in their yearlong feud. But it's unclear whether ties between the two American allies will warm fast enough to save a key intelligence-sharing pact.

The neighbors have a little more than two weeks to stop the defense pact from becoming a lasting casualty of their diplomatic crisis, even as they face common threats from China and North Korea. South Korea moved to withdraw from

the agreement in August and it will expire on Nov. 23, unless its notice of termination is withdrawn.

The U.S. has been pressing South Korea to reconsider the move, Japan's chief government spokesman said Tuesday. And a brief meeting between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Moon Jae-in in Thailand on Sunday has sparked hopes that frosty ties may be warming up.

"That's an encouraging sign as we watch the relationship improve," said Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs David Stilwell yesterday in a visit to

South Korea where he met officials in Seoul for talks that touched on the pact. He didn't offer details on whether Moon's government was ready to change its plans.

South Korea's presidential Blue House also offered little clarity on the matter, saying in a statement it had "detailed, constructive, and future-oriented" discussions with the U.S. envoy and laid out Seoul's position.

Ahead of Stilwell's arrival in South Korea, Former Japanese Defense Minister Takeshi Iwaya said in an interview that security was an immediate problem and

should be treated separately from the overall relationship. Keeping that channel of communication open could even help restore the broader relationship, Iwaya said in Tokyo.

"An agreement showing that Japan, the U.S. and South Korea will cooperate on national security, and have the kind of relationship in which they can even share secret military information, has great symbolic value," he said.

Moon expressed optimism after his meeting with Abe, their first such encounter in more than a year. "With Prime Minister Abe,

I held a meaningful meeting that could be the start of dialogue," he said on Twitter on Tuesday. Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi, however, offered a note of caution about Abe's meeting with Moon. "We shouldn't give too high an evaluation of this 10-minute conversation," Kyodo News cited Motegi as telling reporters.

Meanwhile, South Korean Defense Minister Jeong Kyeong-doo told the National Assembly in Seoul that the military agreement should be maintained if it was at all helpful to national security. The General Security of Military Information Agreement, or GSO-MIA, was signed by Japan and South Korea in November 2016 and was seen as a breakthrough in getting them to cooperate independently of the U.S.

South Korea notified Japan in August it would withdraw from the hard-won agreement, raising alarm in Washington. The Moon government said it had difficulty trusting Japan after it imposed export restrictions that Seoul saw as politically motivated.

Relations between the two Asian neighbors have sunk to their lowest point in decades since the South Korean Supreme Court ruled last year that a Japanese company must compensate conscripted workers from Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule over the peninsula. Japan says all such claims were settled under a 1965 treaty, while the South Korean courts said that agreement didn't cover emotional pain and suffering.

Baek Seung-joo - a former South Korean vice defense minister who helped broker a separate three-way intelligence pact that included Japan and the U.S. - said that Seoul's decision to let GSO-MIA expire could hurt its international standing.

"If we lose the trust of the U.S. on the South Korea-U.S. Alliance, that would impact the level of trust from other U.S. allies, NATO, and international society in general," said Baek, who was a part of a 2014 deal known as the Trilateral Information Sharing Arrangement. **BLOOMBERG**

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# Thailand set to hinder Cambodian opposition's return plans

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**P**LANS by self-exiled leaders of Cambodia's banned opposition party to return to their homeland hit a major roadblock yesterday when Thailand's prime minister said their top leader would not be allowed in to make his way through the country to the Cambodian border.

Leaders of the Cambodia National Rescue Party have vowed to return home on Saturday despite efforts by their government to thwart them. They are led by party co-founder Sam Rainsy, who has been in exile since 2015 to avoid serving a prison term on charges that he says are politically motivated.

The opposition politicians had said they hoped to return accompanied by a mass of followers, including from the huge community of Cambodian migrant workers in Thailand. They say they seek to spark a popular movement to oust long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen, an autocratic leader who has clamped down on his opponents and demolished democracy.

Sam Rainsy said that he was shocked and disappointed by Thailand's position, but that he would still try to carry out the plan to return.

"I don't give up. I will try to the last minute. I think no one should stand with Hun Sen, he is a dictator," the 70-year-old politician, who maintains dual Cambodian and French citizenship, told The Associated Press by phone from Paris.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth

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Cambodia's ambassador to Indonesia Hor Nambora (left) and Mu Sochua, vice president of the Cambodia National Rescue Party

Chan-ocha told reporters that in keeping with the agreement of member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, not to interfere in each other's domestic affairs, he has given an order that no resistance organization will be allowed to operate on Thai territory.

"So, he won't be able to enter Thailand," Prayuth said, referring to Sam Rainsy.

The Cambodia National Rescue Party was dissolved by court order in late 2017, allowing Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party to sweep a 2018 general election. Cambodian courts are

widely considered to be under the influence of the government, which employs the law to harass its opponents.

Hun Sen's government has barred the opposition politicians' return, alerting airlines that they would be turned back, and also conveyed its position to neighboring countries. Cambodian security forces have been put on high alert and scores of opposition supporters detained.

Officials have repeatedly warned that if the returnees did make it into Cambodia, they would be immediately arrested. Most if not all have convictions or charges

pending against them, including inciting armed rebellion despite their avowedly nonviolent intentions.

Cambodia's ambassador to Indonesia yesterday had a face-to-face confrontation with a top opposition politician who was holding a news conference at a hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, to explain the returnees' plans.

Ambassador Hor Nambora barged into the news conference and spoke in front of the assembled journalists as Cambodia National Rescue Party vice president Mu Sochua sat waiting to speak. The envoy described the oppo-

sition politicians as fugitives and criminals, and accused Mu Sochua of trying to mislead Indonesian immigration authorities into thinking she was only a tourist by using her American passport. She holds dual Cambodian and U.S. citizenship.

Hor Nambora did not further disturb the proceedings, though he paced at the front of the conference room as Mu Sochua spoke. As he left, he apologized to journalists for any disruption, but reiterated that Cambodian courts had ruled against the opposition politicians.

"We are risking our lives, we will go to Cambodia empty-handed with bare hands," Mu Sochua told the news conference, which was also attended by Indonesian activists. "Returning home for democracy in Cambodia, it's not a revolution, it's not a coup d'etat."

"We have asked neighboring countries to permit us safe passage to Cambodia and to have free movement when we are in Cambodia," she said. "We have been asking governments all around the world to witness our return to our nation, our homeland, with good intentions and totally transparent."

After the news conference, the Cambodian Embassy in Jakarta issued a press release saying that Mu Sochua was a fugitive from the law because a Cambodian court on Oct. 2 had issued an arrest warrant against her for her allegedly seeking to overthrow a legally elected government.

"It is unfortunate that Indonesia, a fellow member state of ASEAN, allows Ms. Mu Sochua to enter in Indonesia despite of her arrest warrant and conduct anti Cambodian activities in Jakarta," it said.

The statement said the embassy "requests Indonesian authorities to arrest Ms. Mu Sochua and deport her to Cambodia immediately in the true spirit of ASEAN." AP

# South Korea offers to visit stalled joint tour resort in North

**S**OUTH Korean has offered to send a delegation to check on South Korean-built facilities at a long-stalled joint tourist resort in North Korea, Seoul said yesterday, as the North is pushing to tear them down.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un recently ordered the destruction of South Korean-made hotels and other facilities at the North's Diamond Mountain resort, saying they appear "shabby" and "unpleasant-looking."

Seoul's Unification Ministry sent a message Tues-

day proposing a delegation dispatch to conduct safety checks on those facilities, but ministry spokesman Lee Sang-min said North Korea hasn't responded. He said the dates for a delegation trip to the mountain could be determined through consultations with North Korea.

South Korea earlier proposed face-to-face talks on the issue. North Korea has rejected that and insisted on document exchanges.

South Korean-run tours to the mountain resort, once a symbol of inter-Korean reconciliation projec-

ts, was halted in 2008 when a North Korean soldier fatally shot a South Korean tourist who the North says entered a restricted area. The tours had been a source of hard currency for the impoverished country.

The latest development on the mountain tours comes amid a standstill in a U.S.-led diplomacy aimed at depriving North Korea of its nuclear weapons. North Korea has earlier called for the tours' restart, but South Korea couldn't do so while international sanctions remain in place over the North's nuclear program. AP

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## CLIMATE CHANGE

# Zimbabwe's severe drought killing elephants, other wildlife

FARAI MUTSAKAM

**W**EAK from hunger and thirst, the elephant struggled to reach a pool of water in this African wildlife reserve. But the majestic mammal got stuck in the mud surrounding the sun-baked watering hole, which had dramatically shrunk due to a severe drought.

Eventually park staff freed the trapped elephant, but it collapsed and died. Just yards away lay the carcass of a Cape buffalo that had also been pulled from the mud, but was attacked by hungry lions.

Elephants, zebras, hippos, impalas, buffaloes and many other wildlife are stressed by lack of food and water in Zimbabwe's Mana Pools National Park, whose very name comes from the four pools of water normally filled by the flooding Zambezi River each rainy season, and where wildlife traditionally drink. The word "mana" means four in the Shona language.

At least 105 elephants have died in Zimbabwe's wildlife reserves, most of them in Mana and the larger Hwange National Park in the past two months, according to the Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority. Many desperate animals are

straying from Zimbabwe's parks into nearby communities in search of food and water.

Mana Pools, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its splendid setting along the Zambezi River, annually experiences hot, dry weather at this time of year. But this year it's far worse as a result of poor rains last year. Even the river's flow has reduced.

The drought parching southern Africa is also affecting people. An estimated 11 million people are threatened with hunger in nine countries in the region, according to the World Food Program, which is planning large-scale food distribution. The countries of southern Africa have experienced normal rainfall in only one of the past five growing seasons, it said.

Seasonal rains are expected soon, but parks officials and wildlife lovers, fearing that too many animals will die before then, are bringing in food to help the distressed animals. The extremely harsh conditions persuaded park authorities to abandon their usual policy of not intervening.

Each morning, Munyaradzi Dzoro, a parks agency wildlife officer, prays for rain.

"It's beginning to be serious," he said, standing next to the remains of the elephant and buffalo. "It might be worse if we fail to receive rains" by early November. The last substantial rains came in April, he said.

An early end to a "very poor rainy season" has resulted in insufficient natural vegetation to see the animals through, said Mel Hood, who is participating in the Feed Mana project, which is providing supplementary feeding.

## Mana Pools would get up to 24 inches of rain per year, said Dzoro, the wildlife officer. Now it's lucky to get half that

Most of the animals in Mana Pools "are more or less confined to the barren flood plains," where temperatures soar to 113 degrees Fahrenheit," she said.

Separated from neighboring Zambia by the Zambezi, the region's once reliable sources of water have turned into death traps for animals desperate to reach the muddy ponds. Like the elephant and buffalo, many other animals in the park have gotten stuck in the clay while trying to reach Long

Pool, the largest of the watering holes at 3 miles long.

The animals were pulled out by rangers, but they could not survive predators on the pounce for weak prey.

"The carnivores attacked it from behind," Dzoro said of the buffalo. The elephant carcass had been there for almost a week and emitted a strong stench as flies feasted on it.

At just 5% of its normal size, Long Pool is one of the few remaining water sources across the park's plains. On a recent day, hippos were submerged in some puddles to try to keep their skin from drying out in the extreme heat while birds picked at catfish stranded in the mud.

Two others of Mana's pools have completely dried up, while the third is just 20% to 30% of its usual size and dwindling, Dzoro said.

There are more than 12,000 elephants roaming Mana's flood plains as well as an abundance of lions, buffaloes, zebras, wild dogs, hyenas, zebras and elands. The animals are visibly affected by the drought. Some impalas show signs of skin mange. In addition to the land animals, the park has

350 bird and aquatic species, according to the parks agency.

In other parts of Mana, park authorities are pumping water from deep boreholes, but the supplies are barely enough, he said.

"We used to say nature should take its course," Dzoro said of the park's normal policy of not intervening and allowing the ecosystem to find its own balance.

"We are now forced to intervene, which is manipulative conservation, because we are not sure when and how we will receive the rain. To avoid losing animals we have to intervene to maintain population sizes," Dzoro said.

With the acacias, other indigenous trees and grasses that provide the bulk of food for herbivores like elephants and buffaloes also decimated by the drought, authorities began supplementary feeding in July.

Trucks and tractors ferry hay to various locations in the 2,196-square-kilometer park. In some spots, elephants, buffaloes and zebras are fed next to each other. The Feed Mana project has so far trucked 14,000 bales to the park, said Hood, the animal welfare campaigner.

The group has been appealing for "urgent" donations of items such as soy bean hay, grass and cubes made of nutritious grains and molasses.

"Although it may not be enough to stave off all the hunger pangs, it is certainly giving these animals a chance to survive until conditions improve," Hood said.

Zimbabwe has an estimated 85,000 elephants and neighboring Botswana has more than 130,000. The two countries have the largest elephant population in the world. Zimbabwe says it's struggling to cope with booming numbers of wild elephants and is pushing to be allowed to sell its ivory stockpile and export live elephants to raise money for conservation and ease congestion in the drought-affected parks.

Other African countries, especially Kenya, are opposed to any sale of ivory. And earlier this year the meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species voted to continue the ban on all ivory sales.

At Mana Pools, saving the animals is a challenge and officials say Zimbabwe is severely affected by climate change that has changed weather patterns.

In past years, Mana Pools would get up to 24 inches of rain per year, said Dzoro, the wildlife officer. Now it's lucky to get half that.

With such a dramatic reduction, "we can't have perennial sources to sustain animals and some of the perennial springs have dried up. Climate change is affecting us. That's why the manipulative way now is the only way to rescue our fauna," Dzoro said.

"Climate change is real for sure, we are witnessing it," he said. AP



## what's ON



### A CHERISHED MEMORY FROM 1999 – ARCHIVES EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF MACAU TO THE MOTHERLAND

**TIME:** 10am-6pm (Closed on Mondays and public holidays)

**UNTIL:** December 27, 2019

**VENUE:** Archives of Macau, Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida 91-93

**ADMISSION:** Free

**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 2859 2919

### QUIETNESS AND CLARITY: WORKS OF CHEN ZHIFU FROM THE COLLECTION OF THE NANJING MUSEUM

**TIME:** 10am-7pm (No admittance after 6:30pm; Closed on Mondays)

**UNTIL:** November 17, 2019

**VENUE:** Macau Museum of Art

**ADMISSION:** Free

**ENQUIRIES:** (853) 8791 9814

### EXHIBITION OF TUBEROSE

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

**UNTIL:** November 30

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

**ADMISSION:** Free

**Enquiries:** (853) 2835 4582

### RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION ON THE PAST NATIONAL LOTUS FLOWER EXHIBITIONS

**TIME:** 9am-1pm & 2:30pm-5:30pm (Closed on Mondays)

**UNTIL:** December 31, 2019

**VENUE:** Guia Hill Nature Information Station (next to cable car station)

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## Offbeat

### STORM BRIEFLY FREES HISTORIC BARGE STUCK ABOVE NIAGARA FALLS



Parks officials are monitoring a century-old grounded barge that briefly broke loose during a storm last week in the river just above Niagara Falls.

WGRZ says the rusty iron scow had been stuck since 1918 on rocks in the upper rapids above the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side.

High winds and rain last Thursday dislodged it before it got stuck again.

The Washington Post says it was originally about a third of a mile from the brink of Horseshoe Falls. Then it moved about 164 feet downstream and became lodged again.

A Niagara Parks official said it could be stuck in its new location for days or years.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:35	Zig Zag
16:00	Viajante da Música
16:30	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	LiteraturAqui
18:00	Império (Repetição)
18:55	Semana Internacional (Repetição)
19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:20	Império
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Justiça de Chicago
00:35	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:20	RTPi Directo

## cinema



### CINETEATRO

07 Nov



TERMINATOR: DARK FATE

ROOM 1

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

Director: Tim Miller

Starring: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davis

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 128min



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

ROOM 2

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Greg Tiernan, Conrad Vernon

Starring: Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron, Chloë Grace Moretz

Language: English (Chinese)

ROOM 2

4:30, 7:30pm

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 87min



FORTUNA'S EYE

ROOM 3

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

Director: Takahiro Miki

Starring: Ryunosuke Kamiki, Kasumi Arimura, Yukiya Kitamura

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

JOKER

ROOM 3

7:15pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz

Language: English

Duration: 122min

## this day in history



### 1972 NIXON TAKES SECOND TERM BY LANDSLIDE

President Richard Nixon has won an overwhelming victory in the US presidential elections for a second term in the White House.

He took 61% of the popular vote, compared with 38% for his Democrat rival Senator George McGovern.

He won 521 electoral college votes and carried 49 states while Mr McGovern took just 17 votes and won only two states, Massachusetts and the predominantly black district of Columbia.

However, Mr Nixon's Republican party lost ground in the Senate and fell short of gaining control of the House of Representatives.

In total, the Democrats now control 57 of the 100 seats in the Senate.

In the House of Representatives, the Republicans increased their seats from 179 to 191, but still short of the Democrats with 243, down 13. Independents gained one.

Senator McGovern delivered his concession speech from his home town of Sioux Falls in South Dakota.

In it he spoke of his desire to see an end to the war in Vietnam. "We will press on with this effort until all the bloodshed, all the sorrow has ended once and for all," he said.

The president's victory - by one of the largest margins in American history - had been widely predicted by political correspondents.

Senator McGovern had become regarded as a radical. He advocated higher taxes and supported what became known as the three As (abortion, acid and amnesty).

He supported reform of the law on cannabis, an amnesty for those who avoided service in Vietnam and a reduction of the restrictions on abortion.

But his views were unpopular with the largely conservative voting population.

The senator also mis-judged the public's mood on various issues like the Vietnam war.

When Mr Nixon announced peace was at hand the senator complained it should have been made earlier.

For his part, Mr Nixon kept a very low profile during the campaign, standing by his record and, in particular, his achievements in foreign policy.

His popularity was boosted by his historic visit to China in February 1972, which led to the restoration of Sino-US diplomatic links.

In May he also agreed a first strategic arms limitation treaty with Moscow.

The only sections of the population who remained behind the Democrats were the under-privileged, black voters and other racial minorities - but even among these groups the Republicans increased their share of the vote.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

President Nixon's first achievement of his second term was to sign a ceasefire agreement in Vietnam, announcing "peace with honour" on 23 January 1973. But Mr Nixon himself was quickly embroiled in the domestic political scandal which became known as Watergate.

Seven men were found guilty of illegally entering Democratic offices in Washington's Watergate building in June 1972 during the election campaign. The convicted men were found to have links with the president's re-election team.

Three of Mr Nixon's top aides quit after being implicated in the affair. The president himself resigned in August 1974 after he was threatened with impeachment.

He was succeeded by Vice President Gerald Ford, who pardoned the former president only two months later.

Mr Nixon later restored his reputation as a political statesman. He died in 1994.



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## YOUR STARS



### ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Commerce is not an ideal thing to be involved in right now, especially if you are interested in selling some of your possessions. Your personal goods will not move as quickly as you think.



### TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

Using flattery in order to get what you want in life is a completely legitimate tactic, there is no doubt about it. But if you use it too often, it will lose its value. Today, use flattery only as a last resort.



### GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

The recent developments in your romantic or private life will be right at the top of your mind today, which could negatively affect your ability to focus on the work at hand.



### CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your kookiest ideas are just so crazy that they might work today, so try not to edit yourself. Censoring what you contribute to the group at large might be your idea of protecting your reputation.



### LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Red tape is sticky stuff, so if you are in the midst of dealing with any type of bureaucracy, beware: You could get stuck in the system. Diligence is your best bet, so keep calling the numbers you have.



### VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Having more harmony in your life will help even out the tumultuous energy that's been circling you for a few days. Aim for less tug of war, and you'll have a lot less stress.



### LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

An exciting person comes back into your life today, and they have a special type of invitation for you. It involves an unusual cultural experience, and it's one you should accept if you can.



### SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

There are developing issues in one of your non-romantic relationships, and you need to focus your energies on them before you can go off and play.



### SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Don't let them claim they are a generous person when they are merely manipulative. Helping other people must be done for its own sake - let them find someone else to use.



### CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It represents the chance for an important opportunity, and should be your top priority right now. Your love life can wait. Today, you've got to take care of your own best interests first.



### AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Learning takes time - you have to hear new things and experience new things over and over again before they sink in. You want to internalize this, down to your core.



### PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Beautiful words will hold extra entertainment value for you today, so do whatever you can to get into conversations with people who have wit and poetic abilities.

## The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



## SUDOKU

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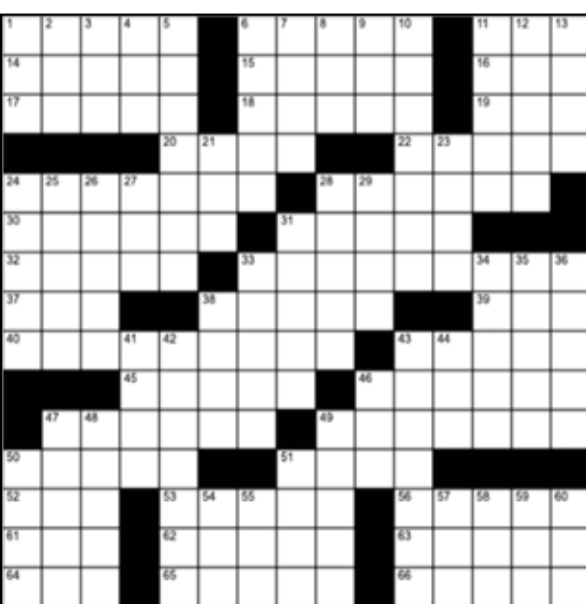
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Harbin	-6	2	cloudy
Tianjin	8	17	cloudy
Urumqi	4	9	overcast
Xi'an	10	14	drizzle
Lhasa	2	14	cloudy
Chengdu	12	17	cloudy
Chongqing	14	17	drizzle
Kunming	11	20	cloudy
Nanjing	10	20	cloudy
Shanghai	14	20	cloudy
Wuhan	12	20	drizzle
Hangzhou	12	21	overcast
Taipei	19	22	cloudy
Guangzhou	17	29	clear
Hong Kong	22	27	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	4	9	drizzle
Frankfurt	2	12	cloudy
Paris	5	12	drizzle
London	4	13	drizzle
New York	3	16	clear

## CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-Stone marker; 6- \_\_\_ in the right direction; 11- B'way posting; 14- Hatch on the Hill; 15- High building; 16- First name in horror; 17- Hospital rooms; 18- Maine college town; 19- Citrus drink; 20- Identify; 22- Elector; 24- Accidents; 28- Sound investment?; 30- F equivalent; 31- Stock unit; 32- Overjoy; 33- The right-hand side; 37- Convert into leather; 38- Pizzeria order; 39- Avril follower; 40- Chitchat; 43- Buffalo hockey player; 45- Brownish gray; 46- Cereal grass; 47- Accessories; 49- Radiators; 50- Fewest; 51- Toasty; 52- \_\_\_ be my pleasure!; 53- Immobile; 56- Alleviates; 61- Break off; 62- Lofty dwelling; 63- Winter woe; 64- It breaks daily; 65- Bird homes; 66- Fudd of cartoons;

DOWN: 1- Plant; 2- Refrain syllable; 3- Miss the mark; 4- Cover; 5- Capture in a trap; 6- Tiny particles; 7- Achy; 8- Tango need; 9- Velvet add-on; 10- Adage; 11- Roofing stone; 12- Cowboy display; 13- Standout; 21- PC program; 23- Hydrox competitor; 24- Runs into; 25- Religion of the Muslims; 26- Author Alexander; 27- Covering for the head; 28- Rough cabin; 29- Shipping deduction; 31- Subway turner; 33- High-fives; 34- Saunter; 35- Less common; 36- Eats to a plan; 38- Render speechless; 41- Former Fords; 42- Vientiane native; 43- Like some cats; 44- Supermodel Carol; 46- Mal de \_\_\_; 47- Big name in insurance; 48- Father; 49- Loathes; 50- Prevaricated; 51- Sealed document; 54- Society-page word; 55- Hosp. sections; 57- Nothing but; 58- Theologian's sch.; 59- Shoebox letters; 60- Orch. section;



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## SHAKIRA PLANS A LATIN TRIBUTE AT UPCOMING SUPER BOWL



COLOMBIAN music star Shakira says she will pay homage to Latin culture alongside Jennifer Lopez at the 2020 Pepsi Super Bowl Halftime Show in Miami.

Speaking Monday in Barcelona, Spain where she lives with her long-term partner, Spanish soccer star Gerard Piqué, and their two children, Shakira told The Associated Press she was fulfilling a dream which also had "a very important purpose."

"To celebrate that culture, to showcase it in a country where Latinos have also struggled a lot," she said. "I feel really humbled and with a great responsibility in my hands to represent the Latino community."

The Grammy winner, who turns 43 on Feb. 2, the day of the Super Bowl, is currently promoting a documentary and live concert album from her 2018 "El Dorado World Tour," to be released worldwide on Nov. 13.

## ANNETTE BENING TO RECEIVE AARP MOVIES FOR GROWNUPS AWARD

ANNETTE Bening will receive AARP the Magazine's lifetime achievement honor at the Movies for Grownups Awards next year.

The magazine announced Tuesday that Bening will accept the career achievement award at the ceremony on January 11, 2020 in Beverly Hills, California. The 19th annual Movies for Grownups Awards will air January 19 on PBS. The ceremony honors and advo-

cates for "the 50-plus audience."

Bening won Golden Globe awards for best actress for the 2004 film "Being Julia" and 2010's "The Kids Are All Right." She's also a four-time Oscar nominee, including for the 1999 film "American Beauty."

Previous career achievement honorees include Shirley MacLaine, Michael Douglas, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Costner and Robert De Niro.



## SHERYL CROW AND BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN HELP RAISE MONEY FOR VETS

SHERYL Crow and Bruce Springsteen hit the stage together to help raise over \$5.7 million at this year's Stand Up for Heroes fundraiser, which benefits injured veterans and their families.

The two musicians were joined at the Monday night event at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden by Ronny Chieng, Hasan

Minhaj, John Oliver and Jon Stewart. Crow and Springsteen made a duet of "Redemption Day."

Stand Up for Heroes was first held in 2007 and is produced by the New York Comedy Festival and the Bob Woodruff Foundation. Woodruff was nearly killed during a 2006 attack in Iraq while embedded with U.S. troops for ABC News.

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WORLD SERIES

# How gambling built baseball - and then almost destroyed it

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**I**MAGINE if, after watching the thrilling victory of the Chicago Cubs in Game 7 of the 2016 World Series over the Cleveland Indians - a game in which the Cubs won their first championship in over a century - you learned that the Indians had collaborated with gamblers to intentionally throw the series.

Would you trust the game, its umpires and its players, ever again?

That was the scope of the crisis that enveloped baseball a century ago, when key members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox, including pitchers Eddie Cicotte and Claude "Lefty" Williams, conspired to throw the series to their opponents, the Cincinnati Reds.

What became known as the "Black Sox Scandal" rocked professional baseball. But it wasn't an aberration in a sport that was otherwise clean.

Baseball became America's national pastime because of - and not in spite of - gambling.

## GAMBLING FUELS BASEBALL'S RISE

In his book "Baseball in the Garden of Eden," historian John Thorn explains how gambling was far from an "impediment to the game's flowering"; instead, it was "the vital fertilizer."

In baseball's infancy, the sport was thought of as a boy's game. But over the course of the 19th century, gambling deepened adult interest and investment in the sport, attracting cohorts of older fans.

Gambling's popularity was helped along by the spread of statistics, that particular lifeblood of baseball that still keeps fans hooked today. Developed initially to allow the results of a game to be printed onto the page in the form of box scores, statistics also created a pool of data that gamblers could use to inform their bets - many of which were made from the stands, in the middle of games.

In his history of Fenway Park, Glenn Stout describes how, in the ballpark's early years, "the best seats were quickly taken over by a rabid contingent of gamblers who bet on absolute everything imaginable, ranging from the eventual winner ... to ball and strike calls" and "even such arcane issues as whether the wind would change direction." Fans waving dollar bills and barking out bets resembled "brokers on the floor of the

stock exchange."

This kind of gambling was so common in the stands that Ernest Lawrence Thayer's iconic 1888 poem, "Casey at the Bat," captured such a moment in one of its stanzas:

"A straggling few got up to go in deep despair.

The rest clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;

They thought, "If only Casey could but get a whack at that -

We'd put up even money now with Casey at the bat."

## PLAYING TO LOSE

Some players also sought to get in on the action.

In 1919, the highest-paid player was Detroit Tigers outfielder Ty Cobb, who earned US\$20,000 - which equates to roughly \$300,000 today, or less than Major League Baseball's current minimum salary.

Most of Cobb's peers earned far less than the future Hall of Famer. Working with gamblers was an attractive way to supplement their incomes - and many of them did.

One of the most notorious was first baseman Hal Chase. Dubbed the "Black Prince of Baseball" by baseball historians Donald Dewey and Nicholas Acocella, Chase made a veritable career out of throwing games. Playing mostly with the New York Highlanders, Chase, as Charles Fountain noted, "threw games for money, he threw games for spite, he threw games as a favor for friends, he threw games apparently for no reason at all other than to stay in practice."

But this wasn't the kind of gam-

bling that brought baseball to the brink of disaster in 1919. That scandal saw the players themselves - working in tandem with professional gamblers and gangsters - fix the World Series.

The 1919 World Series was the best-attended Series at that point in the game's history, but the play of the White Sox turned the games into elaborate theatrical performances.

Those in on it had to play to lose, and the statistics are telling.

Shortstop Swede Risberg hit .080 - not a typo - while committing four fielding errors. Outfielder Happy Felsch didn't do much better, hitting .192, with just five hits in 26 at-bats. He also committed two errors. Pitcher Claude "Lefty" Williams surrendered 12 runs in 16.1 innings of work.

While the players tried to pull off authentic performances for fans, they weren't always successful. Felsch was chided by his fellow cheaters for his blunders in center, which they deemed too obvious.

Fundamentally, however, the games lacked the core drama and appeal of sports: the uncertainty of the outcome.

Sportswriters took notice. Rumors were already flying in the press box before the World Series' conclusion that something was wrong. Sports journalist Hugh Fullerton had heard these rumors when he arrived to cover the series, though he tried to convince himself - and his readers - that the story couldn't be true. Still, once the series ended, Fullerton wrote worriedly in the Chicago Herald and Examiner that "Yester-

day's, in all probability, is the last game that will be played in any World Series."

Fullerton kept pursuing the story and became the first sportswriter to break the details to the public in December 1919, with an article in the New York World entitled, "Is Big League Baseball Being Run for Gamblers, with Players In on the Deal?"

As more details emerged, the scandal overwhelmed the sport and threatened to destroy it. If the World Series itself, baseball's premier event, could not be trusted, how would the sport survive?

The new baseball commissioner, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, acted decisively and independently of the courts. Even after the players were acquitted in a trial that ended on Aug. 2, 1921, Landis - a former federal judge - had already made his decision.

"Regardless of the verdict of juries," he announced, on the morning of Aug. 3, 1921, "no player that throws a ball game; no player that undertakes or promises to throw a ball game; no player that sits in a conference ... where the ways and means of throwing games are discussed and does not promptly tell his club about it, will ever play professional baseball."

The stunned White Sox players - including stars like "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, who had hit .375 in the series but was nonetheless aware of what his teammates were up to - were banned from baseball for life.

## THE SPECTER OF 1919

Seventy years later, commissioner Bart Giamatti acted in a

similarly swift and punitive manner when he banned all-time hits leader Pete Rose from baseball in 1989.

Rose had admitted to gambling on his own games, even as a manager. Some thought Giamatti overreacted, given that Rose never bet against his own team.

That argument, as historian Bruce Kuklick wrote in a 1999 essay, doesn't hold up. Rose, he points out, didn't bet on every game. It's not inconceivable, then, that he would make decisions during games in which he didn't place bets - say, not bringing in his best relief pitcher - to make sure that reliever would be available for the games he did bet on.

Giamatti surely had 1919 on his mind when he meted out Rose's punishment. With the game having barely escaped death once, Giamatti knew that organized baseball couldn't risk skating too close to that edge again.

And yet in August of this year, Major League Baseball made FanDuel - a daily fantasy sports gambling service - its official gambling partner.

It may be that baseball hopes that gambling will bring more adults back to the sport, just as it did in its early days. After all, attendance at games is down. Football, meanwhile, has become the most watched sport on television in the U.S. Six million viewers even tuned in for the 2019 NFL Draft.

Gambling may fuel more interest in the sport. But throwing on more fuel can result in a fire that burns out of control. In 1919, baseball came close to burning its own house down. One hundred years later, journalist Hugh Fullerton would surely be stunned to know that big league baseball has once again made a contract with gamblers, in full view of both players and fans.

Let's hope the story doesn't end in scandal this time around.  
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**OPINION**

**The Stranger**

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**IMAGE CHECK**

We live in a society and in times in which the power of images cannot be underestimated. In fact, this is the nature of images. They have an impact, an aura, a presence. We register them sometimes without knowing well their origin or meaning. These days too, they travel too soon too fast, leaving a first impression that may be equivocal. Images circulating with little or no filter can be powerful and empowering though. But there is often more to the image than the image itself.

People who have put some thought into the field of visual culture, a discipline I teach, are skeptical about commonsensical notions that the image is overriding in our world today. No doubt, we are surrounded by them, owing mostly to round-the-clock access to internet on professional and personal devices. A picture is worth a thousand words as the saying goes, but text and audio continue, in many cases, to be imperative in helping us get the full picture, so to speak. Furthermore, context is important. It allows us to properly interpret what we see.

Now image can be a very broad concept – the photograph, the moving picture, the painting. In the field of visual studies, the image ranges from different forms of artistic expression to mass media. Understandably, the first “image” that comes to mind is something that accompanies and illustrates the news on a daily basis, either online or in print. It is close to us and our reality; it is accessible. With a few exceptions, these are often quite informative, and yet never neutral: they stand between objective and subjective depiction, reflected in the choice of topic, angle or color, to name a few aspects.

We also project onto other people what we see or want to see in them. Cultural representations of the “other,” commonly referred to as stereotypes, should not be “read” as purely prejudiced. They tell us something about the other – although in what is often quite a reductive manner – as well as something about the one creating the image, revealing hierarchies of value, power plays and negotiations of identity.

Other types of images, such as those that embody memories, help us recollect the past, while pictorial projections, like city plans, remain particularly important to informing people’s view of their place on earth. These two representations are particularly relevant in Macau’s context, in which casino urbanism and a bullying form of tourism hijack the city’s public spaces to the point of a subtle but existing disquiet.

Curiously enough, and although the city keeps changing for better or worse, such images rendering what Macau’s urban future as part of the Greater Bay Area may look like are rather scarce in daily life. But we may be getting closer to catching a glimpse of it when the government reveals the city’s master plan, which Hong Kong-based Ove Arup & Partners were commissioned to do, for public consultation, perhaps before the end of the year.

Until then, there is an image contrast in Macau’s ever-changing landscape that is worth pointing out, which concerns the Zone C landfill currently under development north of Taipa. Vessels are working day and night to fill the shallow waters with sand, which is to be expected. But the official representation shown in previous maps renders the landfill much smaller than what the actual work looks like as of today, as it is taking a big chunk of the waterway between the peninsula and its southern island. Images also need to be checked as facts do.

More than 2,000 teachers and other employees in Croatia’s education system have rallied in the capital of Zagreb to press for higher wages after being on strike for nearly a month.

Carrying banners and blowing whistles, the protesters marched yesterday through the city before gathering outside government headquarters in Zagreb.

The unions are demanding wage hikes but talks with the go-

vernment so far have yielded no results.

Sanja Sprem of the Croatian teacher’s union says “it’s important to show the government that teachers are ready to fight for their dignity.”

The teachers’ strike started last month, with different Croatian municipalities halting classes on different days. There are about 1,000 schools in Croatia with tens of thousands of employees.

**BANK OF ENGLAND AWAITS ELECTION OUTCOME BEFORE MOVING RATES**

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Boris Johnson walking away from 10 Downing Street

PAN PYLAS, LONDON

**U**nder normal circumstances, the Bank of England would be looking to cut interest rates. The economy is slowing and inflation is below target.

But these are no normal times in Britain, with a general election due Dec. 12 that will have deep implications for the economy, including for the still unresolved issue of Brexit.

Today, the Bank of England is widely predicted to keep its main interest rate at 0.75% despite the gloomy economic backdrop.

“The upcoming general election has added to the fog of political uncertainty already hanging over the U.K. economy because of Brexit,” said Kallum Pickering, senior economist at Berenberg.

“With economic momentum subdued, and no immediate inflation risks to contend with, expect the bank’s nine-member Monetary Policy Committee to keep policy on hold.”

In economic projections published alongside the interest rate decision, the bank is set to lower its growth forecast for 2020, mainly as a result of concerns over Brexit.

Business investment in particular has weakened since the country voted in June 2016 to leave the European Union as executives

wonder what Britain’s future trading relationship with the EU will be.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the election in the hope of securing a majority in Parliament that would allow him to push through the withdrawal agreement he negotiated with the EU by Jan. 31, Britain’s new scheduled departure from the EU.

He says “getting Brexit done” will unleash pent-up investment, stoking growth.

“Let’s make 2020 the year of investment and growth,” he said yesterday outside his residence at No.

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10 Downing Street as the general election formally got underway.

Bank of England Governor Mark Carney, who is due to step down early next year, has said that ratification of a Brexit deal would lead to a rebound in some investment, helping growth and potentially leading to one or two quarter-point interest rate increases.

Not everyone is convin-

ced, with Johnson’s political opponents arguing for alternative courses — from scrapping Brexit to another referendum on Britain’s membership.

They claim his Brexit deal will just lead to further uncertainty that keeps investment in check and potentially forces the Bank of England to cut interest rates.

Though ratification of Johnson’s deal soon after the election would pave the way for Britain to leave the EU by the end of January, attention would swiftly turn to the next stage of the Brexit discussions on the future relationship between the EU and the U.K.

Under the terms of the withdrawal agreement, Britain will remain in the tariff-free European single market and customs union until the end of 2020 even though it won’t have any say in its rules. That transition period can be extended once by one or two years, but that must be done by the

end of June.

Few experts think a future trade deal can be forged in the space of a few months. The tortuous discussions on citizens’ rights, Britain’s divorce bill and the Irish border that make up the withdrawal agreement don’t point to a speedy resolution.

The fog of Brexit doesn’t look likely to go away anytime soon. AP

**Maldives** A banned activist group asked the Maldives government yesterday to reverse its decision and reinvestigate allegations that it published content against Islam in a report on religious radicalization.

**Turkey** has captured a wife of the slain leader of the Islamic State group, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday.



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**Mexico** The eight children, some mere infants, who survived the ambush in northern Mexico not only escaped the drug cartel gunmen who killed their mothers but managed to hide in the brush, with some walking miles to get help despite grisly bullet wounds.



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**Russia** President Vladimir Putin says Russia’s new weapons have no foreign equivalents but he insists the country will not use them to threaten anyone. Speaking during a meeting yesterday with senior military officers, Putin said no other countries have hypersonic, laser and other prospective weapons that have been commissioned by the Russian military, adding that “it’s not a reason to threaten anyone.”



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**UK** Britain’s five-week election campaign officially began yesterday, when Parliament was dissolved ahead of the Dec. 12 vote. There are 46 million eligible voters in the UK.

**UK** British backpacker Grace Millane met her killer on the dating app Tinder and he calmly went on a date with another woman while Millane’s body was stuffed in a suitcase at his hotel apartment, prosecutors at the New Zealand murder trial said yesterday. Defense lawyers said Millane died accidentally as the result of a consensual sex act that went wrong.