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Taiwan Filmmaker Ang Lee says China's boycott of Taiwan's Golden Horse film awards demonstrates how politics can take its toll on the arts. Beijing's order to give Saturday night's awards show the cold shoulder was part of its campaign to ratchet up economic and political pressure on the island it claims as its own territory.

South Korea Police say pop star Goo Hara has been found dead at her home in Seoul. Police say an acquaintance found the 28-year-old dead at her home in southern Seoul yesterday and reported it to authorities. The cause of her death wasn't immediately known. Police refused to provide further details. More on p18

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India More than 1,000 members of the LGBTQ community and their supporters marched through New Delhi yesterday to celebrate India's sexual diversity, which they said is progressing but still has a long way to go to become a more accepting place for them.

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Congo A plane carrying at least 17 passengers crashed shortly after takeoff yesterday in Congo's eastern city of Goma, killing all of those on board and possibly more people on the ground. The aircraft crashed into residential homes near Goma's airport in the North Kivu province. Black smoke rose from the plane, whose wreckage could be seen amid destroyed homes as dozens of men tried to help with the rescue efforts.

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BUSINESSES SEE 70% RISE IN REVENUE AT FOOD FESTIVAL

Businesses participating in this year's Macau Food Festival, which came to a close last night, applauded its prosperity saying they have recorded a 70% increase in revenue. The popularity was attributed to this year's satisfactory weather – sunny days with breezes – throughout the festival. A seafood restaurant debuted at the festival with lobsters and baby oysters. The manager said per capita spending at the stall was about MOP80. The Japanese food district also returned this year. A Japanese restaurateur who owns a two-decade-old establishment in Hokkaido, Japan, made his debut this year seeing an average spend of MOP60 per person. He felt Japanese food is popular among people in Macau, although he has no plan to open a shop here.

SPACE RESERVED FOR ELDERLY, PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES IN COLOANE

The elderly and psychiatric patient rehabilitation facilities at Seac Pai Van will be expanded using the facility originally built for the Health Bureau. Two floors of space have been reserved for the Social Welfare Bureau for such facilities. Construction drafts have been submitted to the Land, Transport and Public Works Bureau for approval. The Social Welfare Bureau is striving to open the expansion next year. The current facilities will be in normal operation during the expansion work. Meanwhile, the Social Welfare Bureau is currently looking for venues to house three facilities respectively in the São Lourenço, the Mong-ha and the Fai Chi Kei districts to provide an extra 2,400 beds.

FORMER LAWMAKER HOPES ALL SECTORS FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

JULIE ZHU

EXECUTIVE Council member and former lawmaker Leonel Alberto Alves said he hopes that all sectors in Macau can fight for human rights.

On Friday's 2019 Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit Awards Ceremony of Macau, Alves, who is also a veteran lawyer, was asked for his opinion on the security authority's regular submission of controversial bills recently, including the civil protection bill and the proposed facial recognition bill, which have both been accused of violating human rights.

Alves, who was awarded the Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus, said that using new technology to deal with criminal cases is both beneficial and dangerous. If problems are detected with the new technologies, all sectors must fight for the protection of human rights.

He was asked whether the human rights situation in Macau has worsened due to these new bills. In his capacity as chairman of the Security Force and Security Discipline Inspection Committee, Alves only responded by saying that the committee attaches great importance to human rights.

Regardless of how the laws change, he wants both his com-



Leonel Alberto Alves

mittee and society to pay close attention to human rights.

Besides the abovementioned topic, the current Executive Council member was asked if the incoming Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng has invited him to be a member of the new council. Alves did not provide an answer, instead noting that he believes he has made contributions to Macau.

The local government held the ceremony on Friday award-

ing 44 individuals and organizations.

They were awarded in recognition of, respectively, achievement, outstanding contribution and distinguished service.

The awards for Decorations of Honour include the Decoration of Honour – Grand Lotus; the Decoration of Honour – Golden Lotus; and the Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus.

Such awards are for individuals or entities that have made

outstanding contributions to the image and reputation of the MSAR.

The recipients for Decoration of Honour – Golden Lotus are Liu Chak Wan and Ma Iao Lai. Meanwhile, the Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus were given to Leonel Alberto Alves, Cheang Chi Keong, Ho Sut Heng, Eddie Wong, Chan Chak Mo and Nam Kwong (Group) Company Limited.

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ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

WARNING SIGNS OF DIABETES IN CATS

THE warning signs of diabetes should be taken seriously, as diabetes is a complex condition that may lead to blindness if left untreated. Diabetes may manifest through a wide range of symptoms starting from increased urination and thirst to lethargy. Check with a qualified veterinarian if you notice one or several of these diabetes symptoms.

Excessive thirst

Excessive thirst is among the symptoms of diabetes. This is due to the fact that the cat cannot properly assimilate the glucose after meals and there will be a high level of glucose in the blood, so he will try to dilute the elevated concentration of glucose. Polydipsia is symptomatic for several other diseases including urinary tract infections or hyperthyroidism, so you should watch out for additional symptoms or get a clear diagnosis from your vet.

Excessive urination

Excessive urination or polyuria is symptomatic

of felines with diabetes and may be due to: The increased level of glucose in the blood. The fact that the cat consumes an increased amount of liquids.

You can monitor your cat and see if there are changes in the urination schedule. You can also watch the litter box and establish if your cat eliminates more urine. If tested, the urine will have an elevated level of glucose, as this cannot be stored in the cells of the body and is ultimately eliminated.

Weight loss in diabetic cats

A cat with diabetes will lose weight, despite the fact that he may have an increased appetite. This is due to the fact that the body doesn't get the needed nutrients and starts using the glucose stored in the fat deposits and the muscles.

Diabetes and increased appetite

Increased appetite or polyphagia is due to the fact that the cat's body will not assimilate glucose properly and will feel the need to provide

more energy for survival. The lack of nutrients in the blood will send a signal to the cat's brain and he will eat more. You may find your cat looking for food in addition to his meals.

Cat dry mouth

Dry mouth is among the symptoms of diabetes in cats, but it may be more difficult to detect. However, the cat may drink more water also due to the fact that he feels his mouth is dry.

Diabetes and a cat's lack of energy

A cat with diabetes may be lethargic, as he doesn't have enough energy. The lack of energy results from the fact that the body cannot assimilate the glucose. Glucose is formed from the food consumed by the cat. When the cat has an insulin deficiency, the glucose cannot enter the cells.

Diagnosing diabetes in cats

Diabetes can be diagnosed with a test of urine and some blood tests. Both the blood and the



urine tests will reveal abnormal levels of glucose. The vet will examine the cat and establish if the symptoms are indicative of diabetes. Additional tests can be performed to establish if the condition has caused any damage in the cat's body. In advanced stages, cataracts may occur.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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ANTHONY LAM

WANG Sai Man, the sole candidate in the Legislative Assembly indirect constituency's by-election, received 813 votes from a total of 920 eligible voters in the industrial, commercial and financial sector.

Yesterday's by-election had a high turnout with only one voting station, located at the Macau Forum. For the morning voting, there was a turnout rate close to 60% in the first three hours of operation, which started at 9 am.

When the polls closed, some 822 votes had been cast, representing a turnout of over 89%. According to the electoral authority, five votes were blank and four were considered invalid.

The 49-year-old candidate is a member of the Executive Council of the Social Coordination Standing Committee. At the same time, he is the vice president of the executive branch of the Industrial Association of Macau, president of the executive branch of the Macau Textile Merchants Association and a member in the Standing Committee of Directors of the Macau Chamber of Commerce.

Incumbent president of the legislature, Kou Hoi In, was among the eligible voters. He expects there will be not much change in the

Sole candidate Wang wins by-election with 813 votes



Members of the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election inspect the polling station

work of the Legislative Assembly, and anticipates working closely with Wang in future.

President of the Macau Chamber of Commerce, Ma Iao Lai, expressed his hope that Wang would enhance communications with the sector. On the other hand, Ma expects that his sector and the labor sector can work harmoniously for the development of Macau, considering the Macau Chamber

of Commerce has established a connection with its counterpart sector.

Indirectly elected lawmaker José Chui Sai Peng, who was also voted yesterday, commended the work of the Electoral Affairs Committee. In addition, he also encouraged his new colleague to work together to consolidate the existing achievements and produce new results.

After casting his vote, Wang voiced his pledge to work on issues of all aspects. He also hoped that the government would provide a more advantageous environment for small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as resolve challenges in human resources and public administration.

Wang compiled his manifesto into seven points, namely defending the interests of his sector, su-

pporting small and medium-sized enterprises against challenges, invigorating community economy, promoting distinguished financial services, generating synergies for economic development, supervising the government and contributing to the building of a harmonious Macau.

In his manifesto, he elaborated that he would work on diversifying the products offered in Macau by the tourism industry. The cultural values in all districts of the city should be utilized in full to improve the industry's competitiveness.

Furthermore, he believed further development in the financial industry, with the offering of products with local characteristics, would help Macau upgrade its industry.

He also aligned with Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng's drive for an improvement in governance efficiency.

The by-election was held to elect a replacement for the seat of Ho Iat Seng. Ho resigned from the legislature to participate in the single-candidate Chief Executive election. Since Ho represented the indirect constituency of industrial, commercial and financial sector, Wang, also a businessperson, was proposed to run for the by-election.

The government has budgeted the by-election spending to be 3 million patacas.

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EDUCATION

10 INQUIRIES ON SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OFFERS TO MACAU STUDENTS IN HK

SOU Chou Fai, director of the Higher Education Bureau (DSES) claimed that the bureau has received inquiries from local parents regarding enrolling their children, currently studying in Hong Kong, in Macau's universities.

Earlier, due to the protests in Hong Kong, local universities

have extended a welcoming gesture to Macau students who are studying in Hong Kong, offering to enroll them in Macau's local schools.

According to Sou, as of today, the DSES has only received inquiries from approximately 10 students and parents asking about the offer.

However, no confirmed case has been recorded as yet.

Local schools will provide full assistance to make sure that the students' studies are not affected. The university will provide different forms of assistance in view of individual circumstances, such as arranging ways for students to audit the classes, gi-

ving them access to learning resources, or faculty tutoring.

In Sou's opinion, Hong Kong's current situation dampens, to some degree, Macau students' willingness to study in the neighboring SAR.

In addition to his response on the abovementioned matter, Sou also commented on the online speech by local teaching staff.

Earlier, a teacher of Pui Cheng School posted social media posts containing hate speeches against Hong Kong protestors.

Sou said that local schools provide civic education to students, and they should be responsible for their speeches both online and in person. **JZ**

Gambling accounted for half of economic activity last year

LOTTERIES, other gambling and gaming promotion in Macau accounted for more than half of the territory's economic activity in 2018, rising from 49% to 50.5% of the total, the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) reported.

In the same year, the weight of the tertiary sector in the economy increased by 0.9 percentage points, from 94.9% in 2017 to 95.8% in 2018, and the secondary sector lost the same percentage points from 5.1% to 4.2%.

DSEC reported that the main activities not directly related to gambling are public administration, education and other collective services, with a weight of 9.7%, real estate activities with 9.6%,

banking and insurance 6.6% and wholesale and retail trade 4.6%.

The same document also stated that gross value added of all Macau business sectors in 2018 recorded a real increase of 5.8%, mainly driven by the increase in "lotteries, other gambling and games promotion activities" (+10%) and "hotels and similar" activities (+11.4%).

Secondary sector gross value added fell by 12.3% in real terms and its weight on the GVA of all economic sectors decreased to 4.2% in 2018.

In turn, the tertiary sector gross value added rose 6.8% in real terms and its weight increased to 95.8%, highlighting the 45.3% share of non-gaming services. **MDT/MACAUHUB**

GPDP BACKS UP POLICE AUTHORITY'S FACIAL RECOGNITION CLAIMS

THE Office for Personal Data Protection (GPDP) has defended the security authority's facial recognition plan.

On Friday, during a TDM radio program, Iao Hin Chit, deputy coordinator of the GPDP said that facial recognition technology will be used in a background operation, which has nothing to do with the police authority's "Sky Eye" CCTV surveillance system.

Iao's statement was in line with a previous statement from the police authority.

In Iao's opinion, according to the city's surveillance law, the security authorities must consult the GPDP about the came-

ras. However, in regards to the facial recognition feature, the security authority is not required to consult the GPDP.

Despite the laws not requiring the police authority to do so, according to Iao, the police authority was cautious and asked the GPDP's opinion regarding the use of facial recognition features.

On the mention of public fears regarding the collection of personal information through facial recognition, Iao maintained that the handling of any statistics collected from CCTV surveillance cameras must comply with the relevant laws governing such technology. **JZ**

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO INCREASE VARIOUS PENSIONS

The local government plans to raise social welfare pensions starting from next year. Adjusted benefits and subsidies include retirement and disability pension increased from 3,630 patacas per month to 3,740 patacas per month; unemployment allowance from 5,260 patacas to 5,418 patacas per month; birth allowance from 2,060 patacas each time to 2,120 patacas; marriage allowance from 2,670 to 2,750 patacas each time; funeral allowance from 2,385 patacas to 2,457 patacas; and relief fund increasing from 145 patacas per day to 150 patacas per day. Meanwhile, sickness allowance for hospitalization will grow from 145 patacas per day to 150 per day. After these increases, it is estimated that the total budget for next year will be about 5.2 billion patacas, of which retirement pensions will account for 4.6 billion patacas (about 88.5%). The number of pensioners is expected to be 126,000. The increased pension will result in an additional budget of about 150 million patacas.

THREE MAINLAND WOMEN ROBBED BY LOCAL MAN

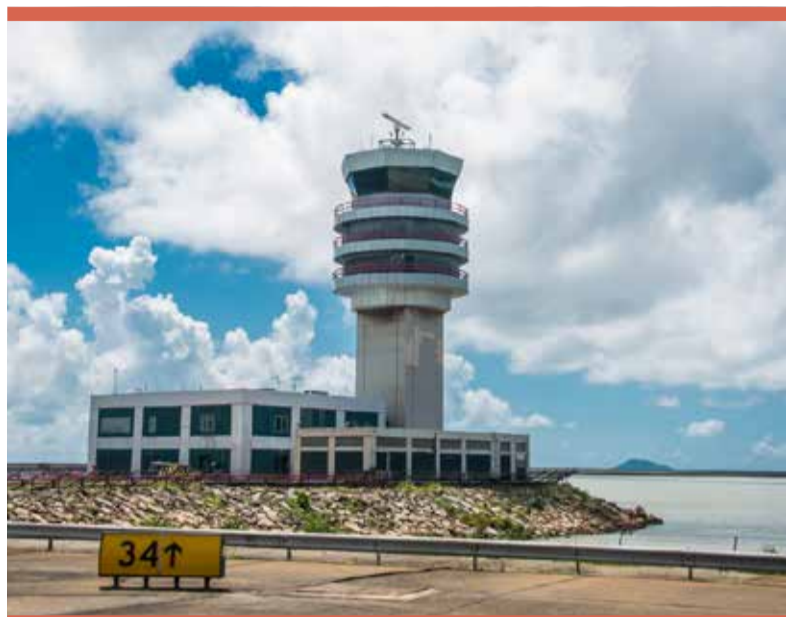
The Judiciary Police (PJ) arrested a 27-year-old local man who robbed three mainland women. The three mainlanders work as prostitutes. The local man first defrauded the three women when he requested sexual services. The first victim provided the service and was robbed afterwards, having lost two phones worth 8,300 patacas in total. Following his first crime, the man immediately defrauded the two other victims in different guest rooms at the same hotel as the first. These two victims lost 5,000 yuan and two necklaces. During his robbery, he threatened the victims with a knife. He escaped to mainland China afterwards, where he dumped the knife. He was arrested upon his return to Macau.

GOV'T PLEDGES PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM) has pledged to carry out a public consultation if the local government sets up an investment and development fund management company. Earlier this year, Chief Executive Chui Sai On announced the setting up of a fund for the Greater Bay Area, which the AMCM says is still being planned. Replying to lawmaker Sulu Sou's interpellation, AMCM said that the planned fund management company aims to improve the long-term return of public financial resources and promote a moderate and diversified economy. It is different from the business of Macao Investment Development Co., Ltd. and is also different from other investment projects in Guangdong Province.

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Three new routes at MIA by mid-December

THREE new routes will be opened at the Macau International Airport between now and mid-December, in addition to the resumption of the Pattaya route in January, according to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Flights will be launched on three different dates to and from three cities: two in the mainland and one in Southeast Asia. The three routes will be between Macau and Shenyang, capital city of Liaoning Province, Nantong of Jiangsu Province, as well as Hanoi in Vietnam. The Shenyang route will include a stopover in Nanchang, capital city of Jiangxi province.

On the other hand, Thai AirAsia's service to Thailand's Pattaya, which was suspended in September this year, will be resumed on January 13, 2020 for three ser-

vices per week.

Spring Airlines operates the Liaoning-through-Nanchang route, which opened yesterday, three times a week. The Nantong route, operated by Donghai Airlines, will also be three times a week. Donghai Airlines is new to the Macau market and will start operating the route on December 10.

By December 15, Macau will have daily flight services to Hanoi by Vietnam Airlines, the Southeast Asian country's flag carrier.

Popularity of the Macau International Airport among air travelers is on the rise. Counting only the third quarter, the airport has handled 2.5 million passengers, which amounted to a 17% increase compared with the same period last year. **AL**

MGTO PROMOTES MACAU AT HAINAN TOURISM FAIR

THE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) promoted Macau as a tourism destination during a seminar held as part of the 2019 Hainan International Tourism Island Carnival on Friday in Haikou, Hainan.

According to a press statement from the bureau, Macau industry delegates took the opportunity to update the Hainanese counterparts on local tourism trends and resources, as well as deepening exchange and cooperation between the travel trade from Hainan and Macau.

At the seminar, the MGTO delivered an overview of Macau's tourism development presenting a range of travel experiences offered by the city.

On the topic, the MGTO said that through these events, it seeks to build stronger ties with

the mainland and international travel trade, while promoting Macau's bid to become a world center of tourism and leisure.

In addition, the delegation led by the local tourism authorities and officials took part in the inauguration ceremony of the Hainan World Leisure Tourism Expo and Hainan International Tourism Food Expo held at Hainan International Convention and Exhibition Center, as well as the opening of the "2019 Hainan International Tourism Island Carnival", which kicked off on the same evening.

The 20th Hainan International Tourism Island Carnival featured over 200 activities including events and festivals in Hainan as well as the opportunity to experience new tourism products of the province. **RM**

SANDS CHINA NEWS

Sands China Showcases Local CPTTM Designers at Sands Macao Fashion Week

Third year of shining a spotlight on local fashion design talent

Macau fashion designers were prominently on display at this year's Sands Macao Fashion Week (SMFW 2019), which ran Oct. 17-23 at Sands Shoppes Macao. Local designers were featured throughout – in the opening and closing fashion shows, and in a special week-long exhibition.

The Oct. 18 opening Walk on Water Show at the iconic indoor canals of Shoppes at Venetian showcased the 2020 spring/summer ready-to-wear collection from talented Macao fashion duo ALo Lo and Rainie Choi and their brand AURALO ARTE.



SMFW 2019 presented the CPTTM Designers Show as the closing boutique show of the week Oct. 20 at Shoppes at Parisian's Avenue Champs-Élysées. The show featured nine local brands showcasing their new collections.

And between Oct. 12 and 23, the CPTTM's Fashion Incubation Program (MaConsef) held the MaConsef 2019 Spring/Summer Collection Exhibition, featuring 14 looks by Mickey Che and Jack Lin from the MaConsef 2018 design team under the theme 'Ditch the Label.'

Dr. Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd., said: "Sands China is very pleased to have worked alongside CPTTM again this year to promote Macau's cultural and creative industries. This annual iconic event provides an international platform at our integrated resorts for these outstanding local fashion designers to shine, and gives them a chance to showcase their creativity and talent."





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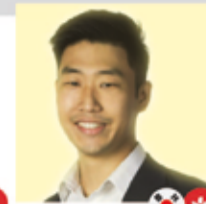
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Property of the Week



One Central Lakeview Apartment On High Floor, Taipa

HK\$12,980,000 1,269 ft² 2 2

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

Property Hotlist



Beautiful Apartment, Coloane

\$7,980,000
1,665 ft²
3 2 1



Wa Bao, Taipa

\$7,995,000
1,071 ft²
2 2



Nam Long Neat 2 bedroom, Taipa

\$11,800/mth
645 ft²
2 1



Large de Ponte: Unit A, Taipa

\$8,500/mth
400 ft²
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For Sale

- [Macau] Nova City 3 2 1,515 ft² **\$11,750,000** (ref: 19106001)
- [Taipa] Taipa Village with balcony 2 1 787 ft² **\$4,950,000** (ref: 19096008)
- [Taipa] Taipa Village (2 connected) 4 2 1,404 ft² **\$8,680,000** (ref: 19096006)
- [Macau] One Central 2 2 1,349 ft² **\$14,839,000** (ref: 19096004)
- [Coloane] Large apartment 2 3 2,530 ft² **\$13,800,000** (ref: 19096000)

For Rent

- [Taipa] Nova Grand 2 1 935 ft² **\$17,800/mth** (ref: 19091004)
- [Taipa] Manhattan high floor 4 2 2,305 ft² **\$26,800/mth** (ref: 19091003t)
- [Taipa] Ocean Garden 4 4 3,700 ft² **\$35,000/mth** (ref: 18040674)
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Rented 1 bed duplex, Macau, 1 bed

Rented Nova Park, Taipa, 731 ft², 1 bed



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Singapore team wins MGM lion dance championship

SINGAPORE'S Yi Wei Athletic Association won this year's MGM Lion Dance Championship - Macau International Invitational 2019 with a score of 9.3, outdoing the other nine teams.

The Singapore team won the "Traditional Lion Dance Championship," the first time that female lion dancers joined the battle for the throne.

The China Shenzhen Fuhai Qiaotou Lion Dance Association from China and Taipei's Chinese Taipei Lian Feng Dragon Lion Dance Group came in second and third with scores of 9.21 and 9.18 respectively.

"This is the third time we joined the competition and the second time we've won the championship," said one of the participants from the group.

"We're very lucky to have won this because this year, we can see that we have a lot of competitive teams. We're lucky but I know it's also our hard work. We're very happy about these results," the participant added.

Meanwhile, China Shenzhen Fuhai Qiaotou Lion Dance Association won the championship title of the "Female Traditional Lion Dance Championship."

The Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Association Hung Kuen Lee Yun Fook Lion Dance Team, and Zhong Yi Kung Fu Association (United States) scored



second and third places respectively in the Female Traditional Lion Dance Championship."

Meanwhile, MGM Golden Lion Troupe - Team A and Wenyang Sports Association (Singapore) took home the gold trophies of this year's "Junior Lion Dance Performance

Competition."

MGM Golden Lion Troupe - Team B, another team of graduates from MGM's Junior Lion Dance Training Program, also won one of the silver trophies.

Co-hosted by MGM and Wushu General Association of Macau, the two-day cham-

pionship gathered lion dance teams from 11 different regions to compete at the Macau International Invitational 2019.

Highlighting the inheritance of this Chinese traditional sport, the opening ceremony of the 8th MGM Lion Dance Championship was attended

by Chan Siew Kee, the "grand-master" of lion dance and also known as the "King of Drum," to lead a group of his mentees from the United States, Singapore and Macau and present a traditional Shaping-Heshan style Chinese drum performance.

Chan Weng Kit, president of Wushu General Association of Macau and Chairman of Dragon & Lion Dance Federation of Asia, said during the kick off ceremony, "Coming to its eighth edition, MGM Lion Dance Championship has become a much beloved event of Macau, and has drawn the locals and tourists closer to this Chinese traditional sport."

The MGM Lion Dance Championship 2019 featured lion dance troupes from Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the United States and the Macau SAR.

On Saturday, the championship started with the "Female Traditional Lion Dance Championship," where nine female lion dance troupes competed for the championship title, followed by the "Junior Lion Dance Performance Competition" where eight junior teams competed.

Pansy Ho, co-chairperson and executive director of MGM China Holdings Limited, said, "Lion dance, an always-festive event that best represents our Chinese tradition, is an undivided part of our Lingnan culture. It is an important piece of our heritage that has connected Chinese communities from around the globe for generations." LV

Xian Xinghai Memorial Museum opens its doors

LOCATED at one of the renovated villas at the Rua de Francisco Xavier Pereira, the Xian Xinghai Memorial Museum opened its doors to public visits on Saturday in a ceremony which was attended by several government officials as well as representatives from mainland authorities and former Chief Executive (CE) Edmund Ho.

In a press statement from the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), the government says that the museum aims to "honor the musician contributions to the nation, as well as pro-

moting his musical achievements and set him as a role model for young people."

The museum is divided into several sections, including the exhibition room, the discovery corner, the multi-purpose hall, the nursing room, and the courtyard. The different sections introduce the public about the life and the artistic achievements of Xian as well as a multimedia discovery corner where the public can experience conducting an orchestra.

In total, 36 pieces of Xian Xinghai's manuscripts and belongings

from the collection of the Library of Chinese National Academy of Arts will be showcased in the museum for a period of three months. Among these manuscripts and belongings are items such as violins, diaries, letters, fountain pens, and a concert suit jacket.

The opening ceremony was attended by the musician's daughter, Xian Nina. During the ceremony a bronze statue of the musician was unveiled and it will stay in the courtyard of the two-story villa.

During the ceremonies, the Secretary for

Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam conferred a certificate of appreciation to Xian Nina for her support and assistance in the establishment of the museum.

Concurrently with the museum opening, IC will launch an illustrated book titled Music Road of Xian Xinghai, which will be available from December.

The book, only available in Chinese, targets primary school students and well as their parents, addressing the growth, education and musical career of Xian Xinghai. RM

ONE SHOT NEWS



Eye-dotting ceremony. Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, officiates at the launching ceremony of the Parade of Large Mechanical Installation "Spirit of the Dragon-Horse", which is in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

HK FAMILIES PROTEST POLICE USE OF TEAR GAS

CHANTING "No more tear gas," dozens of Hong Kong families with young children marched Saturday to oppose the government's handling of pro-democracy protests on the eve of keenly contested local elections.

Riot police have reportedly fired more than 9,000 rounds of tear gas since protests began roiling the Chinese territory in June, often in crowded areas and also near schools.

With police now buying canisters from China, there are rising fears that the tear gas could release toxic

chemicals including cancer-causing dioxin. A local journalist covering the protests reportedly said he had been diagnosed with a skin condition linked to exposure to toxins including dioxin.

The government this week said there was no evidence of any health or environment risks and has refused to reveal the chemicals in the tear gas, citing operational concerns.

"Does the government have something to hide? With police firing tear gas wantonly, how do we protect ourselves and clean up properly after exposure?" Emily Ku,

33, said as she marched with her 5-year-old daughter in a Kowloon suburb.

More worrying is the unknown long-term impact on children's health, she said.

Another marcher, Michelle Lam, said she and her 6-year-old daughter, who live in an area that has been a frequent protest site, have suffered worsening sinus symptoms in recent weeks due to tear gas.

"The government should respond to the people's demands and not use tear gas and other hard tactics to suppress our voice," she said, before the march ended peacefully. **MDT/AP**



SEIGE OF POLYU

Once a protest fortress, HK campus quiet

OVERTURNED chairs. Empty plastic bottles scattered around. Food leftovers rotting in the canteen.

Most of the protesters who took over the Hong Kong Polytechnic University have left following clashes with police, but an unknown number have remained inside, hoping somehow to avoid arrest.

Six masked protesters surrendered before dawn Friday, bringing to about 30 the number that have come out the previous day from the campus sur-

rounded by police.

Tang Chun-Keung, head of the Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools, said that the holdouts include minors, numbering less than 10, and they are emotionally unstable. Tang entered the campus Friday with some others but failed to find them.

"We have lawyers and social workers ready to provide assistance and we hope to persuade them to leave the campus. We are worried our work is getting more and more difficult because students are

refusing to meet us," he told reporters.

Police Commissioner Tang Ping-keung said that those under 18 can leave, although they may face charges later, and pledged impartial treatment for all adults facing arrest.

"The condition is deteriorating and dangerous, there are many explosives and petrol bombs inside [...] we hope to end the matter peacefully," he said, adding police haven't set any deadline to end the siege. **AP**



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Turnout high in Hong Kong vote seen as referendum on protest

A record number of Hong Kongers cast ballots in district council elections yesterday, seizing the first opportunity to vote after months of increasingly violent protests calling for greater democracy. Initial results showed a surge in support for democrat candidates, with notable pro-establishment figures losing their re-election bids.

More than 2.94 million people, or roughly 71.2% of the financial hub's electorate, had voted, according to Barnabas Fung, chairman of election affairs committee. The previous highest turnout was 1.47 million in 2015. Residents faced unusually long lines at polling stations across the city as they came out to vote in the election.

The vote unfolded peacefully despite concerns it could be delayed or disrupted by violence following unrest in the leadup. More than 6,000 complaints relating to the election were received, Fung said. Logistical issues including the long lines at the polling stations topped the list, he added.

"There's so many people it's brought tears to my eyes," said Ng Siu-hong, a councilor for the city's Central and Western District. "It's good for me but more importantly good for democracy."

Some pro-democracy candidates claimed early victories. Among them are Civil Human Rights Front organizer Jimmy Sham, who was hospitalized after he was attacked by hammer-wielding thugs, and Kelvin Lam, who's backed by activist Joshua Wong.

"The high turnout rate did benefit the pro-democracy camp," Lam said. "The result is like a referendum of the current administration, like a confidence vote."

Some candidates came under attack and the city was paralyzed by days of chaos in the weeks leading up to the election, with schools suspended, protesters disrupting commutes and riot police laying siege to a university. Police dispatched at least two officers clad in riot gear to each polling booth Sunday.

"Recent social events make people want to voice their opinions," said a 22-year-old voter who gave his name as Mr. Yip, as he stood in a line to vote that stretched some 500 meters down central Caine Road under the watchful eye of four riot police. "The people's voices won't necessarily be reflected in the governments' real life decisions

AP PHOTO



Supporters of a pro-democracy candidate cheer after winning their seat in district council elections

and our power is quite weak, but it is still our right to show our voices."

The vote comes at a time of unprecedented political polarization in the city, with divisions hardening as the protests turn more violent. While most Hong Kongers support the protesters' goals of an independent inquiry into police abuses and meaningful elections, they're also increasingly fed up with tactics including vandalizing transport networks, seizing universities and using medieval-style weapons.

"It's kind of a referendum on the government and everything that's happened over the past five months," said Chi-Jia Tschang, a senior director in the Hong Kong office of BowerGroupAsia, which advises companies on business and political risk in the region. "People still want an opportunity to work within the system to have their voices heard. That's why there's so much focus on this."

The district council is the lowest rung of government in the city and councilors have few real powers, mostly advising the chief executive on matters like fixing up parks and organizing community activities. Its elections have typically been plagued by low voter turnout and aren't hugely competitive, compared with those for the Hong Kong's more powerful Legislative Council.

But they're being closely watched this year as the first democratic exercise since the protests

began in June. Enthusiasm is high among pro-democracy forces, who are hopeful they can pressure Carrie Lam's administration to become more compromising.

Lord Alton of Liverpool, an independent election observer who was visiting areas around polling stations in the afternoon, was upbeat about the situation.

"The turnout is significantly up so far on previous elections,

The normally low-key race for seats in 18 district councils has taken on symbolic importance in a city polarized by the protests

more than double from four years ago," he said. "The absence so far during the day of protests means there shouldn't be any negative reason for people feeling unable to go out to vote."

District councilors help appoint 117 of the 1,200 electors who select the chief executive, which would give pro-democracy forces more choice over candidates who must nevertheless still be approved by Beijing.

The councilors are also directly elected by the public, making it a more democratic process than the contest for the Legislative Council, which has reserved seats for members of the financial hub's business community.

"I came out to vote because of the current situation in society now," said Ken Lam, 19, a student and first-time voter. "The government is ignoring voices in the public. Policy-making lacks transparency in every aspect."

As she cast her vote, Lam said that the Hong Kong government will continue to support the district councilors. She said she expects a relatively peaceful and calm election even as the city faces an "extremely challenging" situation.

The vote comes as dissatisfaction with the government's performance increases because of the ongoing protests triggered by legislation allowing extraditions to mainland China. People's unhappiness with the administration rose to 80% from just 40% a year ago - well before the unrest began - according to surveys by the Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute.

Lam's popularity, meanwhile, has fallen to records as peaceful marches five months ago were ignored and demonstrators began clashing with police, with the protest movement morphing into a wider pushback against Beijing's grip.

"People now realize that you can take things to the streets, but at a very high cost - and there is a limit to one's energy," said Claudia Mo, a pro-democracy lawmaker in the city's Legislative Council. "You need changes from within this rotten system." **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

TRUMP CLAIMS HE'S BEHIND CHINA RESTRAINT

PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Friday wouldn't commit to signing bipartisan legislation supporting pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong as he tries to work out a trade deal with China.

Trump's comments came after the House and Senate this week passed the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act in reaction to anti-government protests that have convulsed the semi-autonomous Chinese city for more than five months.

The bill authorizes sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong officials involved in human rights abuses and would mandate the State Department to annually review special autonomous status that the U.S. grants Hong Kong on trade.

"Look, we have to stand with Hong Kong," Trump said in an interview on "Fox & Friends." He continued: "But I'm also standing with President Xi [Jinping]. He's a friend of mine. He's an incredible guy."

At an unrelated event later Friday, Trump said he would give the Hong Kong bill a long look.

White House officials did not respond to a request for comment on where Trump stood on the legislation.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Democratic minority leader, slammed Trump's refusal to commit to the legislation.

"For a guy who promised to be tough on China, President Trump's reliable deference to President Xi is all the more bewildering," Schumer said. "Being tough on China when it comes to human rights will also help us win the battle on trade."

Trump also claimed he's the reason China hasn't taken steps yet to crush pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong.

Trump said he asked Xi not to send in the military to stamp out the protests. The president added that he told Xi that efforts to quash the protests would complicate negotiations for a U.S.-China trade deal.

Trump asserted if it weren't for him, China would have responded to the unrest in Hong Kong with brutality, potentially killing thousands in the process. "The only reason he's not going in is because I'm saying, 'It's going to affect our trade deal, you don't want to do that,'" Trump said. **MDT/AP**

DECORATIONS 2019

Liu Chak Wan, Ma lao Lai given



Medal of Merit – Cheang Seng Ip



Medal of Merit – Poon Lock Kee Rocky



Medal of Merit – Manuela Teresa Sousa Aguiar



Medal of Merit – Professions - Sociedade de Prestação de Serviços Kong Seng Paging LTD. (Lam Ion Fun)



Medal of Merit – Industry and Commerce - Sam Chin Peng



Medal of Merit – Industry and Commerce - Loi Keong Kuong



Medal of Merit – Industry and Commerce - Chan Wai Chi



Medal of Merit – Industry and Commerce - Banco Luso Internacional, S.A. (Jiao YunDi)



Honorary Title – Valor - Pui Ching Middle School team (Lei Hei I)



Honorary Title – Valor - Pui Ching Middle School team (Fong Chun Hei)



Honorary Title – Valor - School annexed to Macau University (Zhong Zheng)



Honorary Title – Valo - Nearsightedness team (Mok Hoi Chon)



Decoration of Honour – Golden Lotus- Ma lao Lai



Decoration of Honour - Golden Lotus - Liu Chak Wan



Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus - Leonel Alberto Alves



Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus - Cheang Chi Keong



Medal of Merit – Industry and Commerce - Banco Industrial e Comercial da China (Jiang Yi Sheng)



Medal of Merit – Education - Manuel Augusto Martins Peres Machado



Medal of Merit – Education - Escola dos Moradores de Macau (Kong Chio Iok)



Medal of Merit – Philanthropy



Medal of Merit – Tourism - Ho Pansy Catilina Chiu King



Medal of Merit – Education - Lam Sok Wa



Medal of Merit – Culture - Carlos Manuel Bernardo Ascenso André



Medal of Merit – Philanthropy das Associações dos Moradores (Leong Heng Kao)

Golden Lotus accolades



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Honorific Title – Valor- Fong Hok Kin



Honorific Title – Valor- Ho Kai Pong



Honorific Title – Valor- Wong Sam In



Honorific Title – Valor- Cheong Chi Chong



Honorific Title – Valo r- Cheang Lok In



Honorific Title – Valor - Lao Chio Long



Honorific Title – Valor - Cheong Tsz Kin



...ak Wan



Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus - Chan Chak Mo



Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus - Wong Eddie Yue Kai



Medal for Distinguished Service – Medal for Community Service - Associação de Surdos de Macau (Lou Weng Hang)



Medal for Distinguished Service – Medal for Community Service - Associação Geral de Voluntários de Macau (Pak Ki Man)



Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus - Ho Sut Heng



Decoration of Honour – Silver Lotus - Nam Kwong União Comercial e Industrial, Limitada (Fu Jian guo)



Medal of Dedication – Rui Pedro de Carvalho Peres do Amaral



... - Vong Yim Mui



Medal of Merit – Philanthropy - Associação de Beneficência "Leng Fong" de Macau (Vong Sap Mui)



Medal of Merit – Leong Chong Leng



Medal of Dedication – Chan Kin Kuong



...y - União Geral de Macau



Medal of Merit – Philanthropy - ANIMA - Sociedade Protectora dos Animais de Macau (Albano Martins)



Medal of Merit – valor - Equipa Internacional de Emergência Médica da China (Miu Chi Fong)



Medal of Dedication – António Manuel Pereira

For the final time before he steps down next month as the city's top official, Chief Executive Chui Sai On conferred the city's highest and most prestigious awards to notable members of the Macau government and public. At the annual Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit ceremony held on Friday, the prominent Golden Lotus and Silver Lotus awards were bestowed on a combined total of eight persons and one company. The two individuals who were awarded the Decoration of Honour – Golden Lotus are Liu Chak Wan, member of the Executive Council and of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), and chancellor of the Macau University of Science and Technology; and Ma Iao Lai, a politician, member of the CPPCC and of the Executive Council, and President of the Macao Chamber of Commerce. Leonel Alberto Alves, Cheang Chi Keong, Ho Sut Heng, Eddie Wong and Chan Chak Mo were each recipients of the Decoration of Honour - Silver Lotus awards, as was Nam Kwong União Comercial e Industrial, Limitada. The individual recipients of the Golden Lotus and Silver Lotus awards are all members of the Executive Council.

GAMING

ATLANTIC CITY CASINOS' THIRD-QUARTER PROFITS UP FROM YEAR AGO

WAYNE PARRY, ATLANTIC CITY

ATLANTIC City's nine casinos saw their collective gross operating profits increase by 12.5% in the third quarter of this year compared with the same period last year.

The comparison was boosted by two new casinos that opened last summer doing much better in the third quarter of this year than they did a year ago, when they had just opened and were spending heavily to attract new business.

The casinos earned a collective profit of \$239 million in July, August and September this year.

The Ocean Casino Resort saw a \$10 million profit, compared with \$581,000 a year ago. And Hard Rock saw a \$24.4 million profit, up from \$8.2 million in the third quarter of last year.

"We were pleased with our performance in the third quarter," said Michael Donovan, Ocean's senior vice president and chief marketing officer. "We set a property record for profits, driven by a 27% increase in net revenue. Ocean has seen four consecutive months of double-digit growth, and we're excited to carry that momentum into 2020."

Both Ocean and Hard Rock opened on June 27, 2018, so the third quarter of 2018 represented their first full quarter in business as they struggled to attract customers.

Their return to the market — Hard Rock is the former Trump Taj Mahal, which closed in 2016, and Ocean is the former Revel, which shuttered in 2014 — has been closely watched to see if it dilu-



tes the Atlantic City market. That market had only recently regained its equilibrium as a smaller one following the shutdown of five casinos from 2014 to 2016.

That concern is still reflected in the casinos' performance in 2019 as a whole. For the year so far, Atlantic City's casinos are down 4.5% compared with the same nine-month period in 2018.

But the third quarter represents the first apples-to-apples comparison of a nine-casino market this year compared with a year earlier.

All nine casinos were profitable in the quarter, and six of the nine saw their gross operating profit rise. Gross operating profit reflects earnings before interest, taxes and other charges, and is a widely accepted measure of profitability in the Atlantic City gambling industry.

The Golden Nugget posted a \$17.7 million profit, up over 30% from a year ago; Borgata was up

10.6% to \$69.8 million; Tropicana was up 1.9% to \$32.4 million; and Resorts was up 1.7% to \$9.3 million.

Bally's was down 22.6% to \$14.2 million; Caesars was down 18.4% to \$23.3 million; and Harrah's was down 8.2% to \$32.9 million.

Among internet-only entities, Caesars Interactive Entertainment-NJ turned a profit of over \$3 million for the quarter, up from \$1.1 million in the third quarter of last year. Resorts Digital was down 16.3% to \$1.7 million.

James Plousis, chairman of the New Jersey Casino Control Commission, said other financial indicators also were positive for Atlantic City in the third quarter. Those included total taxes paid to the state from casinos (\$9.5 million, up 13.8%); occupied hotel room nights increasing by 3%; and third-party business sales, such as eateries or nightclubs that rent space in casinos, up 4.9%. AP

TOURISM

UK, CHINESE VISITORS TOP LIST AS THOUSANDS HAVE A SAUDI HOLIDAY

VIVIAN NEREIM

SAUDI Arabia's embryonic efforts to turn the kingdom into a magnet for holidaymakers attracted 50,000 visitors since the September launch, and almost three times that number applied for tourist visas officials hope will diversify an oil-dependent economy.

British tourists, followed by Chinese, were the top visitors, Ahmed Al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and National Heritage, said in an interview in Riyadh. About 140,000 people requested tourist visas, he said.

The numbers are "in line with our expectations," Al-Khateeb, a key adviser to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, said Wednesday. "We are expecting that the adventurous will come first to explore the country, and this is what is happening."

He spoke on the sidelines of an event to launch a \$17 billion project called Diriyah Gate, a revamp of the historic hometown of the Saudi royal family that officials want to be a major draw for tourists.

While representing an important beginning for the conservative Islamic kingdom, there's a long way to go before it can compare to long-established regional destinations. Dubai received more than 130,000 Saudi tourists a month on average last year. Officials say they'll need to add flights and hotel rooms to meet demand as they chase their targets.

Until September, Saudi Ara-

bia had been one of the hardest countries in the world to visit, issuing visas only for business trips, religious pilgrimage or family gatherings. But the government's now delivering on a pledge made in 2016 to allow tourism as the oil-price rout wreaked havoc on finances and triggered Prince Mohammed's plan to overhaul the economy.

To attract visitors, officials have significantly loosened some social restrictions, dropping a requirement that foreign women wear floor-length robes in public and allowing foreign, unmarried couples to share hotel rooms.

The kingdom "will continue our reforms," Al-Khateeb said, but he didn't expect a ban on alcohol consumption to be eased.

"I don't see it happening," he said. "When we promote our tourism, we're promoting the history, the heritage, the culture and I believe we have enough offerings to our guests."

Businesses could be allowed to stay open during Islam's daily prayers - Saudi restaurants, cafes and shops close for half an hour several times a day - Al-Khateeb said, if it becomes "a must." For now, people are managing their time and the prayer closures are "not a problem," he said.

"I think this is not an obstacle to people to come and shop in a shopping mall or outside," he said. "But definitely, we are assessing the tourist's journey and we are receiving very valuable feedback from our tourists and our visitors."

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CORPORATE BITS

Celebrity chef showcases regional cuisine at The Parisian



Celebrity master chef Zhou Xiaoyan, renowned as "the Godfather of Huaiyang cuisine" and eight Chinese Five-Star Alliance master chefs produced a feast of regional cuisine at Sands

Resorts Macao as part of its ongoing celebrity chef series.

The first evening of the Chinese Five-Star Alliance Chefs' Dinner saw Chef Zhou and the eight master

chefs present a gastronomic event for 100 guests on the stage of The Parisian Macao's Parisian Theatre, showcasing the nine great cuisines of China.

The gaming operator noted in a statement that traditional Chinese dishes were prepared, representing the cuisines of Shanghai, Sichuan, Shandong, Liaoning, Anhui, Zhejiang, Guangdong and Huaiyang.

Classic dishes from each region were especially chosen for the evening.

Chef Zhou introduced each dish, describing their ingredients and what went into their preparation as he engaged with the guests.

Galaxy holds opening ceremony for Int'l Marathon Carnival



Galaxy Entertainment Group held the opening ceremony yesterday for the 2019 Galaxy Entertainment Macao International Marathon Carnival at Broadway Food Street, Broadway Macau.

Through marathon-themed game booths, delicacies and

singing and dance performances, the seven-day carnival (open now until November 30) will allow runners from around the world, residents and travelers to have a glimpse into Macau's annual marathon.

With the carnival incorporating an array of elements, from

sports and gastronomy to entertainment, GEG invited runners and social media influencers to share their experiences of preparation for the Macao International Marathon at the opening ceremony.

Additionally, there were face painting and interactive singing and dance performances, which attracted the participation of many families and created a jovial atmosphere.

The opening ceremony of the carnival was officiated by a number of honorable guests, including Pun Weng Kun, President of the Sports Bureau, Ma lao Hang, Chairman of the General Association of Athletics of Macau, and Francis Lui, Vice Chairman of GEG.

TRISTAN LAVALETTE, PERTH

Gov't says self-confessed spy defector is fraudster

CHINA denied the explosive claims of a self-confessed spy seeking asylum in Australia, saying yesterday he is a convicted fraudster wanted by Shanghai police.

The Nine Network newspapers reported that Chinese defector Wang "William" Liqiang has given Australia's counterespionage agency inside intelligence on how Beijing conducts its interference operations abroad and revealed the identities of China's senior military intelligence officers in Hong Kong.

Wang claimed he was involved in the kidnapping in 2015 of one of five Hong Kong booksellers suspected of selling dissident materials. The incident has been a reference point for protesters during the ongoing unrest in Hong Kong.

He said he currently was living in Sydney with his wife and infant son on a tourist visa and had requested political asylum.

The Chinese Embassy on yesterday hit back at Wang and referenced a statement from Shanghai police, which said Wang was sentenced in Fujian province in October 2016 to one year and three months in prison for fraud with a suspended sentence of 1 1/2 year.

It said he was wanted in relation to a fraud case from earlier this year.

"On April 19, 2019, the Shanghai police opened an investigation into Wang who allegedly cheated 4.6 million yuan from a person surnamed Shu through a fake investment project involving



car import in February," the statement said.

The embassy said Wang left for Hong Kong on April 10 carrying a fake Chinese passport and a fake Hong Kong permanent resident ID.

It said the Shanghai police were investigating the matter.

Wang would be the first Chinese

intelligence operative to blow his cover. He told Nine Network he faced detention and possible execution if he returned to China.

Wang claimed he was part of a Hong Kong-based investment firm that was a front for the Chinese government to conduct political and economic espionage in Hong Kong, including infiltrating

universities and directing harassment and cyberattacks against dissidents.

Using a South Korean passport, Wang said he meddled in Taiwan's 2018 municipal elections and claimed there were plans to disrupt the democratic self-ruled island's presidential election in January.

Resource-rich Australia relies

on China for one-third of its export earnings, but relations have been frosty for some time.

The Australian government has been trying to neutralize China's influence by banning foreign political donations and all covert foreign interference in domestic politics.

Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg told reporters Saturday that Wang's claims were "very disturbing."

"The matter is now in the hands of the appropriate law enforcement agencies," he said. "The government makes no apologies for the strong measures that we've taken to ensure that we have foreign interference laws in place.

He added, "We will always stand up for our national interest whether it's on matters of foreign policy, foreign investments or other related issues."

Former ASIO boss Duncan Lewis warned Friday that the Chinese government was seeking a "takeover" of Australia's political system.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison dismissed such concerns, saying that national intelligence agencies were on top of any threats.

Last week, Liberal Party members Sen. James Paterson and Rep. Andrew Hastie said they had been barred entry to China for a study trip because of their criticism of the Chinese government.

Hastie told Nine Network on yesterday that Wang should be protected by the Australian government. "I'm of the view that anyone who's willing to assist us in defending our sovereignty deserves our protection," he said. AP

US regulators bar gov't telecom funds for Huawei, ZTE

TALI ARBEL

U.S. communications regulators have cut off government funding for equipment from two Chinese companies, citing security threats.

The Federal Communications Commission also proposed requiring companies that get government subsidies to rip out any equipment from Huawei and ZTE that they already have in place.

It's the latest action by the U.S. government against Chinese tech and telecom companies.

The FCC voted unanimously Friday to bar U.S. telecommunications providers from using government subsidies to buy equipment from Huawei or ZTE. The FCC's order mostly affects small, rural companies, as larger U.S. carriers do not use equipment from those



Chinese companies.

In a statement Saturday, Huawei urged the FCC to reconsider what it called a "profoundly mistaken" and "unlawful order."

It said the decision was "based on selective information, innuendo, and mistaken assumptions" and that "these unwarranted actions will have profound negative effects on connectivity for Americans in rural and underserved areas

across the United States."

As for replacing existing equipment, the FCC is asking for comment on how to help rural telecoms financially. Bills in Congress have proposed setting \$700 million to \$1 billion aside.

A trade group for small rural wireless carriers has said that it would cost up to \$1 billion for its dozen companies to replace their Huawei and ZTE equipment. It says that Huawei

has 40 customers in the U.S. (Huawei is also a member of the trade group, the Rural Wireless Association.)

The group said Friday that it was "cautiously optimistic" that the FCC's approach would let its companies keep providing services to customers and give them funding to replace any banned equipment.

The Huawei statement said the lack of funding would hurt rural and disad-

vantaged communities.

"Without access to those solutions, these carriers will lose their ability to provide reliable and high-speed telecommunications and internet services," it said. "Rural schools, hospitals, and libraries will feel the effects. And, due to reduced competition in the market for telecommunications equipment, particularly in cutting-edge 5G networks, all Americans will pay higher prices for these critical services."

Huawei reiterated its desire to work with the FCC to lay to rest concerns over national security and ensure "best practices" are used in U.S. telecommunications systems.

Huawei is the world's biggest supplier of telecom gear as well as a major cellphone manufacturer. The U.S. government has said that Huawei poses an

espionage threat, but has presented no evidence of its equipment being used for spying by the Chinese government. The U.S. has been pressuring allies to ban Huawei from their networks and has restricted exports of U.S. technology to Huawei, though numerous loopholes have been exploited.

ZTE did not respond to requests for comment Friday. ZTE has also denied that China uses its products for spying.

A congressional report in 2012 labeled both Chinese companies as security risks.

Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, a Democrat, said the FCC's move Friday was a good one, but took too long and did not go far enough. She said there needs to be a "coordinated national plan" for securing next-generation cellular networks, known as 5G. AP

POPE IN HIROSHIMA: USE AND POSSESSION OF ATOM BOMB 'IMMORAL'

NICOLE WINFIELD & KAORI HITOMI, HIROSHIMA

POPE Francis traveled to Hiroshima and Nagasaki yesterday to demand that world powers renounce their nuclear arsenals, declaring the use and possession of atomic bombs an "immoral" crime and a dangerous waste.

Standing before survivors of the 1945 U.S. atomic bombings, Francis denounced the steady erosion of arms control agreements and rejected the Cold War-era doctrine of deterrence that had been sanctioned by the Catholic Church for nearly three decades.

In the rain of Nagasaki and the silent darkness of Hiroshima, he urged political leaders to accept that true peace and international security cannot be built in a climate of distrust, but rather solidarity.

"The use of atomic energy for purposes of war is immoral," the pope declared during a nighttime prayer at Hiroshima's peace memorial. He added off-the-cuff, "As is the possession of atomic weapons."

"We will be judged for this," he warned.

Francis visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki during the first full day of a three-day trip to Japan aimed at emphasizing his call for a global ban on atomic weapons. Nagasaki was the perfect place to begin, the birthplace of Christianity in Japan where he could honor innocents killed in war as well as Christian



missionaries and martyrs killed for their faith.

The mood there was somber, darkened by the downpour that drenched the terraced fields and rice paddies and the hundreds of Japanese who came out in plastic raincoats to witness the second pope to pay his respects after St. John Paul II in 1981.

The scene was equally as restrained in Hiroshima, where a brief round of applause when Francis arrived punctured an otherwise quiet night. After a gong signaled a moment of silence and Francis lit a candle of peace, two

survivors offered their testimony about the "demonic" atom bomb.

"No one in this world can imagine such a scene of hell," said Yoshiko Kajimoto, who was 14 at the time and was working in a factory 2.3 kilometers (1.4 miles) north of ground zero when the blue light of the bomb tore through the windows, collapsing the building on top of her.

Standing solemnly before Francis, she described what she saw along the evacuation route:

"There were more and more people coming by. Their bodies were so burned and totally red.

Their faces swollen to double size, their lips hanging loose, with both hands held out with burnt skin hanging from them. They no longer looked human."

Kajimoto had two-thirds of her stomach removed in 1999 because of cancer, and now suffers from leukemia. "I work hard to bear witness that we must not use such demonic atomic bombs again, nor let anyone in the world endure such suffering," she said.

"Do we still need nuclear even after you see all of this?" she asked. "Each one of us can only do so much."

Her testimony clearly had an impact on Francis, whose own emotional reaction to images of the Nagasaki aftermath prompted him last year to print up thousands of pocket-sized copies of a photograph of a young Nagasaki boy carrying his dead brother on his back that was taken by American military photographer Joe O'Donnel.

Francis had the words "The fruit of war" printed on the image, and a poster-sized copy was on display in Nagasaki, where Francis met with the photographer's son, Tyge, an invited guest.

The Holy See was among the first countries to sign and ratify the new U.N. nuclear prohibition treaty, and Francis himself went further than any pope before him in saying in 2017 that not only the use, but the mere possession of atomic weapons is "to be condemned."

Up until Francis' 2017 condemnation, the Catholic Church had held that nuclear deterrence could be morally acceptable in the interim as long as it was used toward mutual, verifiable nuclear disarmament. The Holy See, however, has seen that the deterrence doctrine has essentially resulted in a nuclear status quo, with arms control treaties collapsing.

"Many liberals applauded and conservatives criticized the 2017 statement because they saw it as abandoning the prior teaching that deterrence can be morally acceptable if used as a step toward disarmament," said Gerard Powers, director of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network at the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute. AP

G-20 Japan, South Korea meet after saving intelligence pact

JOHNSON LAI & MARI YAMAGUCHI

THE Japanese and South Korean foreign ministers met on the sidelines of a Japan-hosted G-20 meeting Saturday, a day after Seoul kept alive a 2016 military intelligence sharing pact with Tokyo, reversing its planned termination amid bilateral tensions.

Japan's Toshiimitsu Motegi and South Korea's Kang Kyung-wha discussed ways to mend their countries' troubled ties as they met in Nagoya, where Japan was hosting the foreign ministers meeting from the Group of 20 major economies.

Motegi was expected to press Kang to stick with a 1965 agreement in re-



solving their dispute over wartime Korean laborers, seen as the root cause of tensions that led to Japan's

trade curbs against South Korea and subsequent retaliatory measures that spilled into the area of na-

tional security.

"I plan to hear more about South Korea's decision," Motegi told repor-

ters before the talks.

The outcome of the talks was not immediately known.

Seoul's announcement Friday followed a strong U.S. push to save the pact, the General Security of Military Information Agreement, or GSOMIA, which is a symbol of the country's three-way security cooperation amid North Korea's nuclear threats and China's growing influence.

Just six hours before it was to expire, South Korea announced that it was aborting the process for the time being. In Tokyo, Japan's trade ministry announced a decision to resume their export controls talks, in response to Seoul's decision to drop its legal step at the World Trade Organization against Japan.

Japanese trade officials said it was not an effort to save GSOMIA, but South Korea had indicated it may reconsider if Japan showed a sign of flexibility on the export issues.

In contrast to its tensions with South Korea, Japan's often sensitive relations with another Asian neighbor, China, has dramatically improved in recent years.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who also attended the G-20 meeting, said Beijing was willing to further its relations with Japan by promoting cultural exchanges.

At the G-20 meeting, the member states agreed on the importance of free and open multilateral trade and creating global rules for the digital economy. AP

AP PHOTO



ISRAEL

PM's party support is key to his political survival

ARON HELLER

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu looked to project business as usual yesterday as he returned to work following his indictment on corruption charges, but a wall of silence from his usually loyal Cabinet ministers indicated tough times ahead for the embattled Israeli leader.

Netanyahu is determined to fight the charges from the prime minister's office in what promises to be a lengthy court battle. But long before the proceedings begin, it could be his own Likud party that decides his political future as the country appears to be heading toward new elections.

A show of support from his Cabinet would give Netanyahu a boost as he tries to rally the party and public behind him. Netanyahu's efforts so far, however, appear to be falling short.

One top Likud official, Gideon Saar, has already announced his intention to challenge Netanyahu in party primaries as other typical backers have said he should resign.

"There isn't a single person

who thinks that after a third or fourth or fifth or sixth election, Netanyahu will succeed in forming a government," Saar told Channel 12 TV on Saturday. "There is only one way that we can save the country, get it out of this crisis and maintain the rule of Likud, if today we go to a snap primary election."

The open call is a risky maneuver in a party that fiercely values loyalty and has had only four leaders in its 70-plus-year history. Netanyahu's lackeys immediately attacked Saar, with the party saying he has "shown zero loyalty and maximum subversiveness."

Netanyahu made no mention of his indictment during yesterday's meeting, talking about Iran, threats from Gaza and domestic affairs.

But perhaps influenced by polls showing a majority of Israelis thinking Netanyahu should step down, the party's most senior ministers pointedly remained mum. Foreign Minister Israel Katz, Internal Security Minister Gilad Er-

dan and Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein, among others, are all straddling the sidelines as Netanyahu precariously clings to power.

With just 18 days to go to either form a new government or trigger new elections, pressure will surely be mounting on these and other officials to show their hand.

Netanyahu, the longest serving leader in Israeli history, is desperate to remain in office as he faces indictment since it affords him a preferable legal defense

"Gideon Saar yesterday salvaged the dignity of a party that was once great, stormy, free and democratic," wrote Maariv columnist Ben Caspit. "Nearly all of the top Likud officials agree with Saar. They agree, but tremble in fear. They're heroes behind closed doors."

The attorney general's decision to indict Netanyahu on fraud, breach of trust and bri-

bery charges Thursday shook up Israel's political system, which is in paralysis after inconclusive elections in April and September.

With neither Netanyahu nor his main rival, former military chief Benny Gantz, able to secure a parliamentary majority, the country seems to be barreling toward its third election in under 12 months.

Most observers believe a unity government between their parties, which together control a majority of seats in parliament, is the best way out of the crisis. But the main obstacle to that has emerged as Netanyahu himself. Gantz and his partners have ruled out a power-sharing rotation with an indicted prime minister and urged Likud to choose a different leader.

Unlike mayors or regular ministers, the prime minister is not explicitly required by Israeli law to resign if indicted and Netanyahu is steadfastly vowing to remain in office.

So the only practical way to unseat him would be if he were ousted from within, a scenario that until recently was unthinkable.

Netanyahu, the longest serving leader in Israeli history, is desperate to remain in office as he faces indictment since it affords him a preferable legal defense. He's angrily lashed out at police and prosecutors, accusing them of staging "an attempted coup," and be-

moaning a crooked system that is out to get him.

As the party's most popular politician, Netanyahu has enjoyed the unquestioning backing of both Likud's top officials and its rank-and-file members. But if he becomes an electoral liability that loyalty could begin to fray.

A poll commissioned by Channel 13 News after the attorney general's decision showed that 56% of the public thinks Netanyahu should resign and only 35% said they think he can keep serving. The poll, which surveyed 750 people and had a margin of error of 4 percentage points, also showed Gantz's Blue and White party extending its lead over Likud.

The parties don't appear to have significant ideological gaps and a leader other than Netanyahu would seemingly have a relatively easy time establishing a power-sharing agreement.

Netanyahu's supporters accuse his opponents of trying to topple their leader through undemocratic means.

"Netanyahu is now fighting for his life and personal liberty but, no less so, is voicing the cry on behalf of many members of his camp," wrote Matti Tuchfeld, in the pro-Netanyahu Israel Hayom daily. "The smugness of the journalists in the television studios [...] about to celebrate Netanyahu's downfall by means other than the ballot boxes drive Likud supporters out of their minds." AP

what's ON



RED DECEMBER - EXHIBITION OF CARLOS MARREIROS

TIME: 10am-9pm

UNTIL: February 13, 2020

VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery, Avenida Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, No 95

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

19TH MACAU FOOD FESTIVAL

TIME: 5pm-11pm (Mondays to Thursdays)

3pm-12am (Fridays to Sundays)

UNTIL: November 24, 2019

VENUE: Sai Van Lake Square

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 5765

AFA AUTUMN SALON 2019

TIME: 10am-7pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 1, 2019

VENUE: Orient Foundation, Praça Luis de Camões, No. 13

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

FASHION INTERACTION - GUANGZHOU-HONG KONG-MACAO-SHENZHEN CREATIVE FASHION EXHIBITION

TIME: 10am-8pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 31, 2019

VENUE: Macao Fashion Gallery

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 3341

A CHERISHED MEMORY FROM 1999 - ARCHIVES EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF MACAO TO THE MOTHERLAND

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

UNTIL: December 27, 2019

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

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2859 2919

Offbeat

DOG BEFRIENDS BABY GIRAFFE AFTER ABANDONED IN SOUTH AFRICA

AP PHOTO



A dog in South Africa has befriended a baby giraffe that was abandoned at birth, rescued and taken to a local orphanage.

Jazz the giraffe arrived at The Rhino Orphanage just days after birth. A farmer found him in the wild, weak and dehydrated, and called the center for help.

Resident watchdog Hunter quickly began to care for the newcomer.

Caretaker Janie Van Heerden says they bonded immediately.

She says the baby giraffe had been given IV fluids and is doing much better. He is being fed milk and is trying to eat leaves.

"Possibly soon he will be able to go home," she said Friday.

TV canal macau



07:30	Macau Grand Prix 2019 (until 15:30)
15:35	Os Ursos Boonie e o Fantástico Outono - Fim
16:00	Photo Madeira
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
21:55	Viagens Gastronómicas - Estreia
22:20	Império
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Justiça de Chicago
00:35	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:20	RTPi Directo

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23Nov



CHARLIE'S ANGELS

ROOM 1

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Elizabeth Banks

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott, Ella Balinska

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



FROZEN II

ROOM 2

5:00, 7:30pm

Director: Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee

Starring: Kristen Bell, Jonathan Groff, Idina Menzel

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 103min

21 BRIDGES

ROOM 2

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

Director: Brian Kirk

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, J.K. Simmons, Sienna Miller

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 99min

FORD V. FERRARI

ROOM 3

2:15, 8:45pm

Director: James Mangold

Starring: Roberta Sparta, Caitriona Balfe, Christian Bale

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 152min

GUILTY BY DESIGN

ROOM 3

5:00, 9:30pm

Director: Siu Kwan Lai, Wing Tai Lau

Starring: Nick Cheung, Kent Cheng, Hans Zhang

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 93min

this day in history



1973 ARMY DEPOSES 'HATED' GREEK PRESIDENT

The Greek Government has been toppled by the country's armed forces after weeks of unrest.

There appears to have been little or no resistance when tanks rolled into Athens and troops took up positions around government buildings shortly before dawn.

The coup was orchestrated by the head of the feared military police, Brigadier Demetrios Ioannidis.

It follows growing unrest in Greece, and comes eight days after student uprisings in which 13 people died and hundreds were injured.

The former Greek leader and self-appointed President, George Papadopoulos, is thought to be under heavy guard at his seaside villa 20 miles from the capital.

He himself came to power in a military coup six years ago. Since then he has headed a regime characterised by repression and brutality.

No air of tension was reported in Athens after the coup and exiled Greek publisher Helen Vlachos told the BBC in London the former president would not be missed.

"I don't think anyone was so bitterly hated - he humiliated the Greek people," she said. Lieutenant-General Phaedon Gizikis, commander of the First Army, has been sworn in as his successor.

In a broadcast to the nation this evening, he said he nursed no personal ambition and accepted the mandate of the armed forces.

"My only ambition is to contribute to the normal operation of the regime, as well as the consolidation of tranquillity and unity among the Greek people," he said.

Soon after the coup all telephone services were suspended. Athens International Airport was closed but reopened after a few hours.

A curfew was also imposed but is due to be lifted tomorrow morning.

A military communiqué announced the overthrow of the government was supported by the army, navy and air force and said it was a "continuation of the revolution of 1967", when the Greek colonels, headed by Mr Papadopoulos, seized control.

The statement went on to accuse Mr Papadopoulos of "straying from the ideals of the 1967 revolution" and "pushing the country towards parliamentary rule too quickly".

Earlier this year, Mr Papadopoulos declared Greece a republic, abolishing the monarchy and declaring himself president.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Brigadier Ioannidis partially restored civilian rule but retained a large measure of power.

His regime lasted only a few months, collapsing in 1974 after provoking an unsuccessful coup attempt in Cyprus which led to the Turkish invasion of the island.

He was charged with high treason and revolt and jailed for life. Exiled former Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis was recalled to the country to head the new government.

A referendum rejected the restoration of the monarchy and instead a parliamentary republic was formed.

Karamanlis was prime minister for six years and was then elected president.

He is credited with guiding the country's return to democracy and engineering its entry into the European Economic Community in 1980.

Following the restoration of democracy, George Papadopoulos was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by firing squad. This was later commuted to life in prison.

A decision by the government to free him on humanitarian grounds in December 1990 was dropped after a public outcry.

He spent the last three years of his sentence in a prison hospital before dying in June 1999.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

The amount of romance you have in your life is directly proportionate to the amount of romance you add to other people's lives. So if you want more you need to give more.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

You are one popular person today, and folks might try to pull you in several different directions at once—it seems as though everyone needs your help!



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

You don't have to deal with opinionated people today—just because someone has something to say does not guarantee that he or she is worth listening to.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Be prepared to have your regular routine turned on its ear today. If you can stay flexible, you'll have fun—but you'll also gain a new appreciation for some of life's boring, dependable things.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You can make amazing things happen in a group situation right now, so go for it! Don't wait for people to ask what your opinion is—you may end up waiting forever.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Authority figures who think they know everything don't have the answers today—and you see this clearly. So how do you voice your opposition without stepping on anyone's toes?



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Group dynamics are going to be tricky for you today. Sure, there is strength in numbers. But there is also the chance that you will lose your individual identity.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Someone who lives a very glamorous-sounding lifestyle will be coming onto the scene soon - pay attention when they arrive because they can teach you something that you need to learn.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

They say that honesty is the best policy, but they don't know the sensitive personalities you're dealing with right now. White lies can be very useful, so use them.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

A flighty friend is coming extremely close to driving you up a wall right now. They are once again testing your limits by putting their own whims ahead of commitments they've made to you.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Keep in mind that while many people are cheering you on right now, there is one person who feels more deserving of this support and praise. She or he may not make this fact known to you.

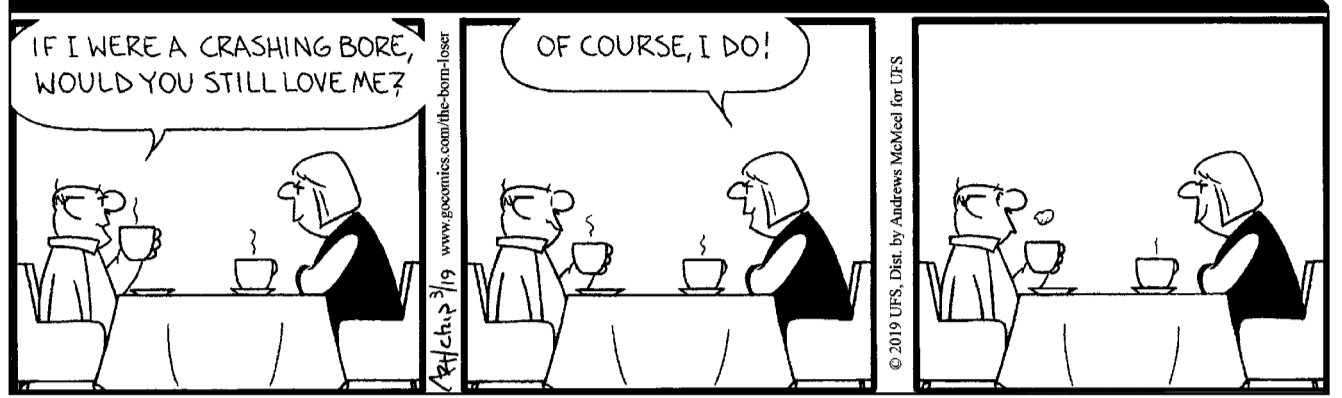


PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

In a negotiation today, you could be asked to compromise your moral values. If you feel pushed to choose something that you think is wrong, find a way to stall for time.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA			
Beijing	7	17	cloudy
Harbin	-3	6	drizzle
Tianjin	8	15	overcast
Urumqi	0	6	clear
Xi'an	4	18	clear
Lhasa	2	17	cloudy
Chengdu	14	19	cloudy
Chongqing	15	18	overcast
Kunming	12	18	shower
Nanjing	10	22	cloudy
Shanghai	12	21	cloudy
Wuhan	12	24	cloudy
Hangzhou	9	23	cloudy
Taipei	16	22	cloudy
Guangzhou	15	28	clear
Hong Kong	21	26	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	3	6	drizzle
Frankfurt	-1	9	clear
Paris	4	10	drizzle
London	3	7	drizzle
New York	0	4	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Cesspool; 5- Santa's helper; 8- Sound effect; 12- Plains native; 13- Bedeck; 15- It may be floated; 16- Engrossed; 17- Mother of Perseus; 18- Against; 19- Temperature measuring instrument; 22- Cozy room; 23- Sculling need; 24- Prescription info; 26- Lassie, for one; 29- Donny or Marie; 31- Dada co-founder Jean; 32- Relative by marriage; 34- Slackened; 36- "Stay" singer Lisa; 38- Breathing organs of fish; 40- Butts; 41- Pierced with horns; 43- "Lovely" singer ___ Marie; 45- Small child; 46- Indigenous; 48- Flings; 50- Mata ___; 51- Legendary Giant; 52- Pasture sound; 54- Pass through; 61- Rain in Spain?; 63- Sam, e.g.; 64- Cries of discovery; 65- Besides; 66- Flight unit; 67- Meadows; 68- Overly submissive; 69- Absorb, as a cost; 70- All there;

DOWN: 1- Category; 2- Provo's state; 3- Sulk; 4- Gasoline; 5- Mild cheese; 6- Single; 7- "Animal House" house; 8- Guido's high note; 9- Product of condensation; 10- Abhor; 11- Getting ___ years (aging); 13- Loving; 14- Has to have; 20- French Sudan, today; 21- Capital of Italy; 25- Take flight; 26- Sing like Bing; 27- Sydney has a famous one; 28- Best of the best; 29- Young hooter; 30- Audition tapes; 31- Math subj.; 33- Malt beverage; 35- Summer hrs.; 37- Second letter of the Greek alphabet; 39- Meddling person; 42- Grime; 44- ___ Spumante; 47- Infectious agent; 49- Takes by theft; 52- Polite address; 53- Gawkat; 55- Poker stake; 56- March Madness org.; 57- Skirt feature; 58- Perlman of "Cheers"; 59- James of "The Godfather"; 60- ___ quam videri (North Carolina's motto); 62- Just fine;

Friday's solution

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K-POP STAR GOO HARA FOUND DEAD AT HER SEOUL HOME

K-POP star and TV celebrity Goo Hara was found dead at her home in Seoul on Sunday, police said.

Police said an acquaintance found the 28-year-old dead at her home in southern Seoul and reported it to authorities.

The cause of death wasn't immediately known. Police refused to provide further details.

Goo made her debut in 2008 as a member of the girl group Kara, which had big followings in South Korea, Japan and other Asian countries. She later worked as a solo artist and appeared on many TV shows.

In May, Goo was reportedly found unconscious at her home and was hospitalized.

She was embroiled last year in public disputes with an ex-boyfriend who claimed to be assaulted by her. Goo accused the man of having threatened to circulate a sex video of her. The case made her the subject of tabloid



fodder and malicious online messages.

In October, another K-pop star and actress, Sulli, was found dead at her home near Seoul. The 25-year-old was known for her feminist voice and outspokenness that was rare among female entertainers in deeply conservative South Korea. Before her death, she appeared in a TV show and spoke out against online backlash she received over her lifestyle.

IGGY AZALEA, PLAYBOY CARTI REPORT \$366K IN STOLEN JEWELRY



RAPPERS Iggy Azalea and Playboi Carti have told Atlanta police that \$366,000 worth of jewelry was stolen from their rental home.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports a police report filed Nov. 17 lists 19 pieces of jewelry including diamond rings, platinum bracelets and luxury watches.

Amethyst Kelly, who performs as Iggy Azalea, told police the theft occurred Nov. 14, when the back door was unlocked

so Jordan Carter, known as Playboi Carti, could get in.

The report says that at some point, they realized a designer bag in which they keep jewelry was missing from the second-floor dining room of their 6,500-square-foot (600-square-meter) home.

It says surveillance video shows a masked gunman wearing gloves coming in the back door just after 9:50 p.m. and leaving within 10 minutes.

UK'S DISGRACED PRINCE ANDREW FACES UNCERTAIN ROLE IN FUTURE

PRINCE Andrew is scaling back travel and facing an uncertain future as he steps away from the royal role he has embraced for his entire adult life.

The latest blow came Friday afternoon when the board of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra announced that it was cutting ties to Andrew, who had been its patron, and Barclays said it would no longer be involved with Andrew's prized Pit-

ch@Palace enterprise.

The 59-year-old prince has suffered numerous setbacks in the six days since the broadcast of a disastrous TV interview from Buckingham Palace during which he defended his friendship with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Epstein, who was facing new sex crimes charges, died in a New York prison in August in what the New York City medical examiner ruled was a suicide.



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FIGURE SKATING

Russian teenager Kostornaia wins NHK Trophy for 2nd GP title

TEENAGER Alena Kostornaia captured her second title of the season Saturday at the NHK Trophy to complete a sweep of the Grand Prix series by Russian women.

Two-time Olympic champion Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan breezed to victory in the men's event, landing four quadruple jumps.

"For now, I'm happy that I was able to get through ... stayed healthy, had no pain and no injuries," he said.

Olympic silver medalists Wenjing Sui and Cong Han of China won the pairs, and four-time world champions Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron of France took the ice dance.

Kostornaia opened her free skate with a triple axel-double toeloop combination but stumbled on the landing of her next jump, another triple axel. The 16-year-old added six more triple jumps to finish with 154.96



points for a total of 240.00.

"I was satisfied with all my performances here," said Kos-

tornaia, who set a record score of 85.04 in the short program Friday. "It was an honor to set

a record score in the short program and I was pleased with my result today. I'm looking forward to performing well at the Grand Prix Final where my goal is as always to skate clean and improve my technical score."

Japan's Rika Kihira landed two triple axels and finished second with 231.84 points while Olympic champion Alina Zagitova of Russia was third with 217.99.

Zagitova, fourth after the short program, opened with a triple lutz-triple loop combination and scored high points for a triple flip and another triple lutz later in her routine.

"After the short program I was upset of course," Zagitova said. "But I pulled myself together thanks to my coaches ... In the program, I was just thinking from one element to the next what I need to do."

Adding to her win in France, Kostornaia also qualified for the Dec. 5-8 Grand Prix Final in Tu-

rin, Italy. Russian women have now won all six of the ISU's GP series titles. Kihira and Zagitova also qualified, joining Russians Alexandra Trusova and Anna Shcherbakova.

Qualifying for Turin from the U.S. were Bradie Tennell in women's singles and Madison Chock and Evan Bates in ice dance.

In the men's event, Hanyu finished with 305.05 points. He had a solid 18-point lead after the short program and didn't falter in the free skate. His only mistake was underrotating a triple toeloop as part of a combination jump.

Kevin Aymoz of France was second with 250.02 points, followed by Canada's Roman Sadovsky with 247.50.

In pairs, Wenjing and Cong won with 226.96 points, their second victory on the Grand Prix circuit this season. Canadian champions Kirsten Moore-Towers and Michael Marinaro were second (208.49 points) while Russians Anastasia Mishina and Aleksandr Galliamov were third (203.35).

In ice dance, Papadakis and Cizeron led the way with 226.61 points. They were followed by Russia's Alexandra Stepanova and Ivan Bukin (208.81) and Italy's Charlene Guignard and Marco Fabbri (198.06). AP

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SQUARING THE CIRCLE

Hong Kong is apparently at its direst crossroads, stranded between Beijing's resolve to restore order in the SAR and the symbolic strength Hongkonger foot protesters still manage to put up to defend the legitimacy of the demands brought up by the - allow us the simplification - 2 million.

Given the last standing Beijing took to square the Hong Kong situation, one could be tempted not to vouch, rather not bet, for an unhappy ending to Hong Kong. Discredited or not, the police will do the sweeping job.

People's Daily was adamant to summarize the situation: no room for compromise with protesters. We do take note...with the "protesters".

Moreover, the Communist Party reference paper states that the ongoing situation is a struggle between (those) safeguarding the "One country, Two systems" and (those) destroying it by means of unlawful behavior. Formally, just formally, the 2 million are claiming that the root of the situation is precisely the betrayal they call erosion of the "One country, Two systems".

This is the crux of the matter. From which Hong Kong government has been deaf to a point that Hongkongers feeling threatened had to resort to public demonstrations. Obviously, the leitmotiv picked up to go down to the streets was one of present and current affairs, as it was the famous extradition bill - the last drop, the tipping point, the 2 million accuse, on a long-lasting challenge to the rule of law granted by the Basic Law. Hongkongers kept their grievances as closed game, so that a dialogue over other issues than the extradition bill of the day might occur with Carrie Lam and her government.

What did the Chief Executive do? Nothing...kept her cool, patiently waited the demonstrations to fade away, and even had the phlegm to be delighted with 2 million protesters enjoying the right to protest. Carrie Lam played a wicked game of now that you have relieved your worries go home or else. From then on it has been a roller-coaster of events and challenges to the high degree of autonomy and the rule of law. Just to illustrate, we highlight the anti-mask imbroglio, and the apparent call to convey the Judiciary to the task of containing the social unrest. Despite the gloomy tone, it is appropriate to quote NYTimes: "Once the city's pride, the rule of law cannot survive under the pressure of a government that does not respect fair play, freedom and democracy".

It is no use shedding crocodile tears about the disturbance and havoc brought about by protesters. This is a secondary issue, being used as a demagogic and divisive tool to split people around violence, so by-passing the real issue: is there or not erosion of the Basic Law and the high degree of autonomy?

Nevertheless, we believe there is room for a kind of accommodation between the China clout and the Hong Kong way of life. A kind of accommodation between the continental law and the rule law. We foot this optimism on the size of the Hong Kong financial sector and services and the glue only the rule of law can provide to its health and wealth.

The accommodation is difficult but not impossible.

Final notes to a book by Paulo Cardinal, a Macau constitutional law expert: "Lessons on Legislative Procedure in Macau Parliamentary Law". An insider view on the erosion of the Legislative Assembly role. To the 8th International Forum on Clean Energy - the supply of nuclear energy accounts for 90% of Macau electricity.

And time for trivia. Women's General Association of Macau is organizing a mock election event to elect a symbolic "child Chief Executive". Speechless.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has fired the vice president from a lead role in his anti-drug crackdown just weeks after she accepted the post and vowed to make a campaign that has left thousands of suspects dead less bloody.

Presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo raised several reasons in a news conference Sunday night for Duterte's decision to remove Vice President Leni Robredo from the chairmanship

of a government anti-drug committee, including what he says was her failure to present any new anti-drug program more than two weeks after she accepted the post.

There was no immediate reaction from Robredo but one of her backers in the political opposition says Duterte's offer to the vice president to join the fight against illegal drugs was an "insincere sham."

MICHAEL BLOOMBERG LAUNCHES DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL BID

BILLIONAIRE and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, one of the world's richest men, has formally launched a Democratic bid for president.

Ending weeks of speculation, the 77-year-old former Republican announced his candidacy Sunday in a written statement posted on a campaign website describing himself as uniquely positioned to defeat President Donald Trump. He will quickly follow with a massive advertising campaign blanketing airways in key primary states across the U.S.

"I'm running for president to defeat Donald Trump and rebuild America," Bloomberg wrote.

"We cannot afford four more years of President Trump's reckless and unethical actions," he continued. "He represents an existential threat to our country and our values. If he wins another term in office, we may never recover from the damage."

Bloomberg's entrance comes just 10 weeks before primary voting begins, an unorthodox move that reflects anxiety within the Democratic Party about the strength of its current candidates.

As a centrist with deep ties to Wall Street, Bloomberg is expected to struggle among the party's energized progressive base. He became a Democrat only last year. Yet his tremendous resources and moderate profile could be appealing in a primary contest that has become, above all, a quest to find the person best-positioned to deny Trump a second term next November.

Forbes ranked Bloomberg as the 11th-richest person in the world last year with a net worth of roughly \$50 billion. Trump, by contrast, was ranked 259th with a net worth of just over \$3 billion.

Already, Bloomberg has vowed to spend at least



\$150 million of his fortune on various pieces of a 2020 campaign, including more than \$100 million for internet ads attacking Trump, between \$15 million and \$20 million on a voter registration drive

He would spend 'whatever it takes to defeat Donald Trump'

largely targeting minority voters, and more than \$30 million on an initial round of television ads.

He did not say how much he would be willing to spend overall on his presidential ambitions, but senior adviser Howard Wolfson did: "Whatever it takes to defeat Donald Trump."

Wolfson also said that Bloomberg would not accept a single political donation for his campaign or take a salary should he become president.

Even before the announcement was final, Democratic rivals like Bernie Sanders pounced on Bloomberg's plans to rely on his personal fortune.

"I'm disgusted by the idea that Michael Bloomberg or any billionaire thinks they can circumvent the political process and spend tens of millions of dollars to buy elections," Sanders tweeted on Friday.

Elizabeth Warren, another leading progressive candidate, also slammed

Bloomberg on Saturday for trying to buy the presidency.

"I understand that rich people are going to have more shoes than the rest of us, they're going to have more cars than the rest

of us, they're going to have more houses," she said after a campaign stop in Manchester, New Hampshire. "But they don't get a bigger share of democracy, especially in a Democratic primary. We need to be doing the face-to-face work that lifts every voice."

Bloomberg does not speak in his announcement video, which casts him as a successful businessman who came from humble roots and ultimately "put his money where his heart is" to effect change on the top policy issues of the day — gun violence, climate change, immigration and equality, among them.

Bloomberg plans to bypass the first four states on the primary calendar — Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina — and focus instead on the crush of states that vote on Super Tuesday and beyond. It's a strategy that acknowledges the limitations of entering the race at this late stage and the opportunities afforded by his vast personal wealth.

The campaign will be headquartered in Manhattan and managed by longtime adviser Kevin Sheekey. Wolfson will also play a senior role. MDT/AP

Lebanon A few dozen people have demonstrated near the U.S. Embassy outside Beirut against what they are calling America's intervention in Lebanon's affairs. Lebanese troops and riot police employed tight security measures yesterday near the embassy northeast of the city. The protesters later dispersed without any reports of violence.

Guinea-Bissau Voters went to the polls yesterday in Guinea-Bissau for a presidential election they hope will bring calm amid a backdrop of continued political tensions and unrest on the streets in the West African country. Twelve candidates are running for head of state, including incumbent Jose Mario Vaz, who has been in power since 2014.



UK British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is using the launch of his Conservative Party platform to claim that his is the only party in next month's election that will complete the Brexit process. "Unlike any other party standing in this election, we are going to get Brexit done," he told supporters while waving his party's printed platform, which was unveiled yesterday.



Vatican City The Vatican's Caritas Internationalis charity says it learned in 2017 of pedophilia concerns involving its Central African Republic director, but left it for his superiors to investigate and he remained in place and in ministry until this year.

US The secretary of the U.S. Navy said he doesn't consider a tweet by President Donald Trump an order and would need a formal order to stop a review of a sailor who could lose his status as a Navy SEAL.