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Australia The highest court ruled yesterday that migrants can't be forced by law to wear electronic tracking bracelets or to comply with curfews. The ruling is a blow to the government, whose lawyers have unsuccessfully argued that laws imposing curfews and tracking technology are justified to protect the community.



North Korea A US-led statement approved by 10 of the 15 U.N. Security Council members Tuesday condemned a recent North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile launch and called on Pyongyang to return to negotiations and abandon its missile programs. The statement follows a series of recent North Korean missile launches.



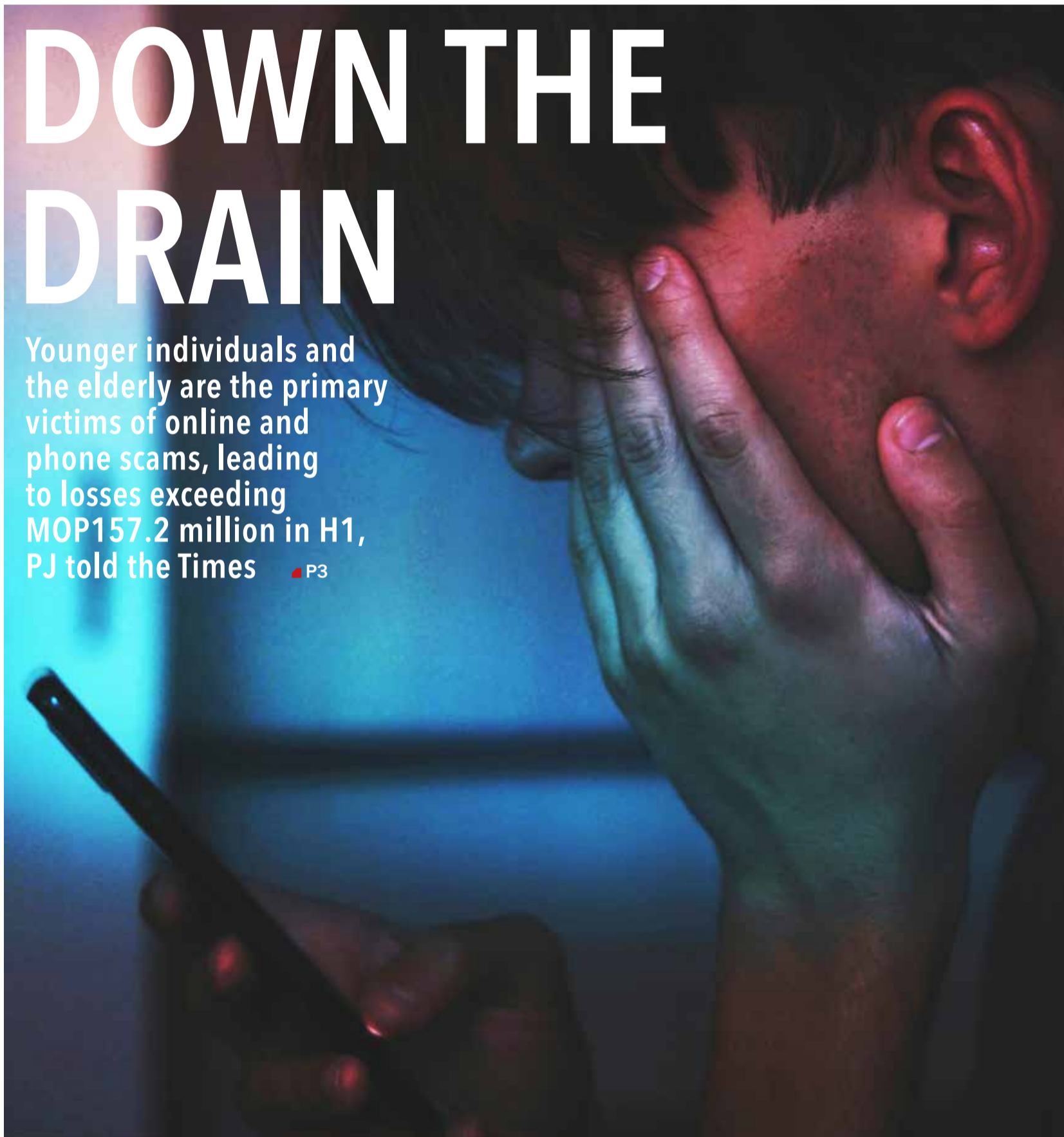
Brazilian police official Valdecy Urquiza (pictured) will be the next chief of Interpol, the global police organization announced Tuesday. Urquiza was elected secretary-general by a vote of Interpol's general assembly at its meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, and will take up the post when the gathering ends today.

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NETIZENS CRITICIZE MERIT MEDAL FOR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

RENATO MARQUES

A large number of netizens have taken to social media to express their dissatisfaction with the government's decision to attribute this year's "Medal of Merit – Sports" to the General Association of Athletics of Macau (AGAM).

The outcry follows reports that the association failed to verify and register the world half-marathon record from local athlete Hoi Long.

According to several media reports from specialized media outlets, the AGAM missed the deadline to verify and certify the record obtained by Hoi Long in the Macau International Marathon last year.

The local athlete ran the 21.1km in an official time of 1:24:34, which constitutes a new world record for athletes with hearing impairments. However, the International



Committee of Sports for the Deaf (Comité International des Sports des Sourds) could not register the record due to missing signatures from the race

officials. Netizens heavily criticized the government for granting the award to an association, given the "public proof of their

incompetence and lack of professionalism." Critics added that the oversight has damaged Hoi Long's reputation and reflects poorly on Macau.

President of the Sports Bureau (ID) Luís Gomes acknowledged the issue and said the bureau is exploring all avenues to have Hoi Long's record officially recognized.

In an interview with the public broadcaster TDM, Hoi Long expressed her disappointment with the situation, saying she had already lost all hope of seeing her record acknowledged through official channels.

There are seven types of Medals of Merit, which recognize those who have had notable or excellent performance in the education sector; those who have made active contributions towards the development of the culture and arts sector; those who have made significant contributions to the philanthropy and social service sector; and those that have obtained outstanding rankings in international, regional or national sports events, or who have made notable contributions in the area of sports.

The government did not provide their reasoning for attributing the sports merit medal to AGAM this year.

Sports Council expands support for athletes and events

VICTORIA CHAN

THE Sports Council met to discuss plans for enhancing financial support and development in the local sports sector. The meeting, chaired by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Elsie Ao Ieong, was attended by representatives from various government bureaus and Sports Council members.

The meeting presented improvements to five financial support plans for the upcoming year, including increased backing for high-potential sports, better measures to encourage coaches, and greater transparency for sports associations. The five support plans include the "Regular Financial Support Plan," "Specific Financial Support Plan," "Financial



Support Plan for training elite athletes and teams in training," "Financial Support Plan for local drivers to participate in the Macau Grand Prix and overseas events," and "High-Performance Sports Cash Prize Plan."

"The government is expanding the development of the sports industry by hosting high-level sports events in Macau, while providing the best training and development conditions for Macau athletes and sports agents in terms of

resources and facilities," the Sports Bureau said in a press statement.

The government has funded the participation of several sports associations in competitions, training sessions, and conferences, resulting in Macau athletes winning numerous medals at major events such as the Asian Wushu Championships and World Junior Wushu Championships. Next year, the focus will be on preparing for the 15th National Games and other significant

competitions.

In the area of 'Sports for All,' the government organized 27 activities this year, with over 120,000 participants. Next year, the government plans to offer more diverse activities catering to different groups, including women, the elderly, and the disabled, as part of its "Healthy Macau Action Plan."

The Sports Council also discussed the optimization of sports facilities, including adding a representative when booking the facilities, bringing forward the start time of bookings, and increasing the maximum capacity of the Mong-Há Sports Center. The government will continue to monitor the planning and development of new sports facilities to support the growth of the sports industry.

IC PROMOTES LOCAL BRANDS WITH CREATIVE PAVILION AT CCCIF

STAFF REPORTER

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has organized the participation of Macau's cultural and creative entities in the 15th Cross-strait (Xiamen) Cultural Industries Fair (CCCIF) through a "Macau Creative Pavilion," the IC has said in a press statement.

According to the IC, the goal was to promote local brands and cultural and artistic products, showcasing the cultural connotation and creative achievements of Macau, and deepening regional exchanges between Fujian Province and Macau.

The IC recruited local original and design brands that offer cultural and creative products in various styles - ranging from souvenirs, daily commodities, clothing, and accessories to art toys.

To increase the visibility of these brands, a promotional session was also held at

the event.

The exhibition "Visiting the Ruins of St. Paul's in Space and Time," a virtual reality experience highlighting the iconic Ruins of St. Paul's, was presented at the Pavilion, attracting the attention of residents from the mainland.

At the event's opening ceremony, the Head of the Department for Promoting Cultural and Creative Industries of the IC, Ho Hong Pan, remarked that the purpose of establishing the Macau Creative Pavilion was to illustrate Macau's cultural image "as a city of creativity and diversity."

The IC, with the influence of the CCCIF, will advertise local brands in mainland China and create new opportunities for Macau's cultural and creative sectors.

This year, 14 brands were among the participating exhibitors in the event held from Oct. 31 to Nov. 3.

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CRIME

Online and phone scams lead to MOP157m loss in H1

RENATO MARQUES

IN the first half of this year (H1), the growing number of online and phone scams resulted in the loss of over MOP157.2 million, the Judiciary Police (PJ) has said in response to an inquiry from the Times.

"In the first half of 2024, 188 cases of phone scams and 401 cases of internet fraud were recorded, representing an increase of 21% and 18%, respectively. Losses from phone scams exceeded MOP110 million, up more than 135% from the same period last year. Internet scams caused a loss of around MOP40 million, equating to a drop of 26% compared to the same period last year," the PJ said.

The PJ also noted that in the same period, there were 26 reported cases of online extortion through "nude chat," which led to nearly MOP340,000 thousand in losses – a drop of over 38% in reported cases and 11% financial losses year-on-year.

Credit card data theft also spiked in the first half of the year. According to PJ, the 263 cases reported in H1 caused losses of more than MOP6.86 million. This marked an increase of more than 59% in the number of cases and over 200% in the amounts lost year-on-year.

Among the various types of phone scams, the two most common involve individuals posing as employees of gover-



ment entities (also known as the "Police, Prosecutor, or Court" scam) and the "Guess who am I?" scam. These two scams amount to 78% and 13% of total phone scams, respectively.

"It is worth mentioning that almost 44% of the victims of the "Police, Prosecutor and Court" scam are students, while almost 90% of the victims of the "Guess who am I?" scam are people over 60 years of age, which shows that both groups are easily targeted by scammers," the PJ's division for Community Policing and Public Relations remarked.

The PJ further warned that many online scams and other related crimes stem from phishing SMS messages, falsely claiming to be from telecom-

munications operators, banks, mobile payment platforms, and communication software, among others.

These fraudulent SMS links account for over 70% of all cases of credit card data theft.

The rise in online and phone scams has become a key concern, but was highlighted mid-last month when multiple officials, including the interim president of the Court of Final Appeal, Judge Song Man Lei, and the Public Prosecutor General, Ip Son Sang, described the topic as the most pressing matter to be resolved in their speeches at the opening of the new judiciary year.

Song described scams, particularly those carried out over the phone or the internet, as highly problematic, stressing their se-

rious consequences for society.

She added that due to the cross-border nature of most telecommunications crimes, these crimes pose numerous difficulties to criminal investigation as they are difficult to trace to the criminal associations behind them.

Ip also echoed these concerns, stating that despite several attempts to crack down on such crimes, fraud cases continue to proliferate.

The same topic was also aired on more than one occasion by the Chief Executive-elect, Sam Hou Fai, during his election campaign speeches, who noted that it is expected that the judiciary authorities and the government will present additional measures to tackle the problem.

NON-RESIDENT WORKERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR POPULATION GROWTH

Macau's population increased by 5,300 in the third quarter, primarily due to non-resident workers, the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) has noted. According to DSEC, females accounted for 53.6% of the population. In the first quarter, live births and mortality decreased by 132 and 525 respectively, while marriage registration cases dropped by 13. Neoplasms, circulatory diseases, and respiratory diseases were the top causes of death, comprising 36.8%, 24.3%, and 16.2% respectively. In Q3, live births increased by 57 compared to Q2, while mortality and marriage registration decreased. New arrivals from mainland China with one-way permits and newly granted entry increased by 29 and 118 respectively, while the number of non-resident workers rose by 1,263.

NEW COMPANY INCORPORATIONS SLOW IN Q3

The number of new companies registered in Macau has decreased by 45 quarter-on-quarter to 1,134 in the third quarter (Q3) of this year, according to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). According to the same release, the total value of capital of these new companies rose 66% to MOP255 million. Data also shows that dissolved companies decreased by 131 quarter-on-quarter to 234 in Q3. Moreover, most of new companies were operating in Wholesale & Retail Trade and Business Services. The capital of these new companies originates from Macau, the mainland, and Hong Kong. Of the new companies incorporated in Q3, 774 had a share capital under MOP50,000, while 23 had a share capital of MOP1 million or over.

GOV'T SITES AND APPS TO UNDERGO SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau has announced several government websites and mobile applications, including the Macao One account, will experience occasional disruption due to system maintenance Nov. 10. The maintenance will be conducted at the Cloud Computing Center, from midnight to 8 a.m. This will affect various services, such as the Macao One account, the Business and Associations platform, and some Public Service Department websites and e-government functionalities, including those for electronic identity cards and driving licenses. During the maintenance period, the public is advised to have their physical personal documents with them when leaving home, as these services may be temporarily unavailable.

SURVEY

Macau residents' significant gaps in health awareness

A recent study reveals a concerning gap in health awareness among residents of Macau and Hong Kong compared to their peers in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The Health Awareness Study conducted by Prudential Hong Kong Limited indicates that while GBA residents scored an average of 83.2 for health awareness, Hong Kong residents scored 79.8, with Macau residents slightly



lower at 79.4.

According to the report, one-third of Hong Kong residents struggle

to convert their health awareness into actionable steps, with 20% rating their health awareness as

medium to low.

The study highlights that across the GBA, health awareness correlates closely with a proactive attitude towards putting in effort to stay healthy. This proactive approach drives mainland GBA residents to exercise regularly (91%), while those in Hong Kong prioritize maintaining a good body shape (80%)," the report noted.

While 82% of GBA res-

pondents acknowledged the importance of social connections for mental health, only 67% of Hong Kong residents engaged in regular social gatherings.

Candy Au Yeung, Chief Customer Operations and Health Officer at Prudential, emphasized the need for tangible actions to improve health habits, noting that only 72% of respondents reported taking concrete steps towards better health.

The survey also shows that those with lower household incomes and those who are single are less health conscious, scoring just 80.5 and 79.5 respectively compared to the overall average of 83.2. LV

GAMING

MELCO ANNOUNCES 2025 PROJECT PIPELINE TO ATTRACT HIGH-VALUE PATRONS

LYNZY VALLES

MELCO Resorts & Entertainment has announced a "pipeline of projects for 2025 to attract and retain high-quality, high-value patrons as the Macau gaming market continues to grow."

The gaming operator is expecting to complete the installation of RFID tables at City of Dreams in the first quarter of 2025.

During an analyst call on the gaming operator's third quarter (Q3) results, chairman and CEO Lawrence Ho said, "The installation of RFID tables is progressing well, and we have now converted all of the Baccarat tables at Studio City to RFID tables. Installation has gone relatively smoothly, and we are just scratching the surface in terms of utilizing the data."

This announcement follows the gaming operator's recovery in Q3.

Total operating revenues for Q3 reached USD1.18 billion, marking a 16% increase from USD1.02 billion during the same period in 2023.



The company's operating income surged to USD138.6 million, marking a substantial 46.4% rise year-on-year. Additionally, adjusted property EBITDA rose by 14.9% to reach USD322.5 million, although this growth is slightly less pronounced than other reported metrics.

This revenue growth was primarily driven by enhanced performance across all gaming segments and non-gaming operations, largely fueled by the on-

going rebound in inbound tourism to Macau throughout Q3.

"Some of the projects planned include continued enhancement of accessibility and customer flow around City of Dreams, a revamp of Studio City's high limited gaming area and, of course, the much-anticipated relaunch of the House of Dancing Water, which is currently expected in the second quarter of 2025," Ho added.

The recent Golden Week in Macau has proven to be a record-

-breaking period for local gaming operators.

At City of Dreams (COD), three of the top 10 days in the company's history for mass drop revenue were achieved.

Similarly, Studio City experienced four of its top ten days during this same timeframe, marking a remarkable performance not only post-Covid but throughout the company's history.

Gaming revenue soared in October, marking a 6.6% year-on-

-year increase, attributable to a surge in visitors during China's Golden Week holiday.

The city's gross gaming revenue (GGR) reached MOP20.8 billion, the highest since the pandemic halted travel levels.

During the seven-day Golden Week holiday, Macau saw a significant influx of visitors, with average daily tourist numbers reaching nearly 142,000 — surpassing 2019 levels.

"I think everybody knows October was very strong. Golden Week was a great Golden week. At Melco, our mass drop was up more than 20% year-over-year," Ho said.

The executive also recalled that in September, a revamped loyalty program, 'the Signature Club', was launched. This loyalty program targets the premium mass customer segment and the relaunch has introduced a new tier for the highest level of premium mass players, offering exclusive benefits and personalized experiences.

Ho said the new loyalty program is already yielding positive results, enhancing efficiency in player reinvestment. Notably, a new signature premium slot area has been opened at City of Dreams, while Studio City unveiled the Dragon Zone, a highly themed slot area developed in collaboration with Aristocrat Gaming.

'Racing Legacy' exhibition launched to inspire the next generation

VICTORIA CHAN

"A Racing Legacy," a series of outreach activities celebrating Macau's rich motorsports history, has been launched to inspire the next generation of racing enthusiasts in the lead-up to the 71st Macau Grand Prix.

The series kicked off yesterday with the opening of the "A Racing Legacy – Drivers' Collection Exhibition" at the Macau Grand Prix Museum. Co-organized with the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) and SJM Resorts' (SJM) long-term partner Theodore Racing, the exhibition showcases an exclusive collection of cherished racing memorabilia, including autographed helmets, gloves, and racing suits from past outstanding racers.

"For many years, SJM has partnered with the government to pursue a 'Sports + Tourism' strategy to advance local motorsport development and promote Macau as a vibrant tourism destination on the international stage,"



said Daisy Ho, managing director of SJM.

"Through this special exhibition, we hope to strengthen the community's connection to Macau's racing heritage and inspire the next generation to carry the torch forward."

The event was attended by over 50 local students, who were treated to a sharing session with Macau's rising racing star, Charles Leong. Leong, who is enthusiastically supported by SJM and Theodore Racing, recounted his journey in motorsport and shared insights into his career success, encouraging the young enthusiasts to bravely pursue their dreams.

Leong said racing is a strategic endeavor that requires calm critical thinking and cooperation with the team. He underscored the importance of commitment and passion, reflecting on his deep love for the sport and the sacrifices required to pursue it.

"If you like something, you will not give up because of some setbacks. It depends on how big your commitment is," he said.

As a driver from Macau, Leong takes great pride in representing his home region, highlighting how the Macau Grand Prix serves as a significant cultural and sporting identity for the city. Leong

expressed a desire to continue developing as a driver while also mentoring younger racers, underscoring the collaborative spirit within the racing community.

In addition to the exhibition, SJM will host the "A Racing Legacy – Lamborghini Supercar Display" at the Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau, showcasing two Lamborghini supercars – Revuelto and Huracan Tecnica – from Nov. 11 to Dec. 1. The display will be complemented by street dance and magic performances every weekend, creating a motorsport carnival vibe in the city.

The "A Racing Legacy" outreach activities are part of SJM's ongoing efforts to celebrate Macau's rich racing heritage and inspire the next generation of motorsports enthusiasts. The exhibitions and events will run until Feb. 3, 2025, providing locals and visitors alike with an immersive experience that pays tribute to Macau's enduring legacy as a global motorsports destination.

'BELGIAN DAYS' TO KICK OFF THIS WEEKEND

STAFF REPORTER

IN collaboration with local and Belgian partners, the Consulate General of Belgium will be presenting the second edition of 'Belgian Days.'

Running from Nov. 8 to 17, the week-long celebration of Belgian culture will launch with a four-hands dinner at the Ritz Carlton, helmed by Belgian chef Alexandre Ciriello and local chef Jackie Ho.

On Nov. 9, a seminar on sports tourism and entertainment will be held at W Macau – Studio City.

Also scheduled is an exchange with the Chairman of the Spa Francorchamps Grand Prix circuit, Melchior Wathélet, as well as a presentation by Belgian innovative companies, which are world leaders in the supply of cultural and entertainment content, who will be presenting the latest trends in

the sector.

The day will culminate with a preview of an exhibition starring Belgian artists Kris Provoost, Stef., and Mathieu Flasse at Albergue SCM. This exhibition will then be formally open to the public, from Nov. 10 to 17 providing an opportunity to appreciate the trio's expressions of visual art.

Additional highlights include a cocktail session at Albergue SCM with Belgian mixologist Sergio Pezzoli, who will be crafting cocktails, while the Consulate General will be offering Belgian beers and waffles to guests.

Prominent flautist Marc Grauwels and DJ Shyne will also perform in the patio area.

"Belgian Days" will continue with a seafood brunch at the Ritz Carlton on Nov. 10, followed by a recital where Grauwels will join local pianist Vincci Chan at Waterfront Duet.

Imagination in the Restaurant and Innovation in the Kitchen

DESIGNATED as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in 2017, despite Macao's relatively small geographical size, it commands a profound influence in the sphere of Chinese cuisine, and proudly accepts both the honor and responsibility that this privilege entails. It is, therefore, of no surprise that there are many excellent restaurants and eating establishments to tempt diners' taste buds, excite their appetites, and expand their appreciation for the depth and richness of Chinese gastronomy. In a city blessed with an abundance of talent and choice, there is now, more than ever, a greater call for innovation in the restaurant industry, and the need for applying time-honored skills, methods, and techniques in new and creative ways to create a dining experience that pays homage to a deeply cherished culinary heritage, while also providing a canvas for modern chefs to unleash their creativity on.

It is precisely for this reason that Wynn's Lakeview Palace has been making waves recently, as their newly appointed executive chef, Kevin Zhu, is injecting a unique blend of imagination and innovation into classic Jiangnan cuisine. The menu he has designed features an array of specialty dishes that many will agree has undeniably added his unique flavor to the new era of Huaiyang cuisine. Renowned for its elegant presentation, finely balanced flavors, and fresh and sweet aroma, Huaiyang cuisine is one of the four pillars of Chinese gastronomy that emerged in the "land of fish and rice" and has evolved into a global sensation and celebrated culinary culture. Chef Zhu has long been a student of a variety of Chinese and Cantonese cuisines, which he perfected while working in top-tier Michelin restaurants, the most notable being Xin Rong Ji in Shanghai. He then went on to master Huaiyang's intricate knife skills and balanced flavors while he worked under the highly esteemed Huaiyang master, Chef Hou Xinqing, at Shangri-La Qiantan, also in Shanghai. Wynn Palace has now invited Chef Zhu to Macao where he is using his skill and experience to produce new and innovative interpretations of dishes with classic and traditional ingredients, such



Lakeview Palace – a vibrant new Jiangnan dining destination at Wynn Palace



Double-boiled Jinling Style Duck Soup with Hairy Fig Root



Steamed Snow Crab with Lobster Bisque Hua Diao Egg White, Spinach Sauce with Shredded Tofu

as his signature Steamed Snow Crab that is served with lobster bisque and hua diao egg white, topped with a delicate spinach sauce and finished off with shredded tofu for texture. A dish that fully embodies Jiangnan cuisine but enhances it one step further with a dis-

tinctive modern taste. Another of Chef Zhu's signature dishes is his Braised Wagyu Beef, a dish that takes one of the most succulent and tenderest cuts of marbled red meat juxtaposed with a crispy skin for texture, and combines it with sweet and sour finger lime and a me-

dley of fresh seasonal vegetables.

The creative menu designed by Chef Zhu for the Lakeview Palace is characterized by a fusion of traditional culture with modern innovation, a defining feature that also extends to the restaurant's cutting-edge cock-

tail menu designed by Wynn's Head Mixologist Mark Llyod. Going beyond the time-honored classics that are mainstays in the repertoire of any cocktail bar, Llyod's series of innovative cocktails are inspired by Chinese tea culture and add the perfect complement to the rich cultural connotations that Lakeview Palace embodies and celebrates. Of course, no restaurant that embraces both tradition and innovation would be complete without a selection of wines that can satisfy any preference and complement any dish. Here, Lakeview Palace does not disappoint with their offering of over 100 award-winning wines from the Wynn Signature Chinese Wine Awards, a selection that has won the praise of many wine connoisseurs and aficionados.

There is a wide variety of refreshments and culinary delights on the menu at Lakeview Palace, where the savor of the food coupled with the panoply of colors emanating out of the regional ingredients and fragrant aroma cultivated by Chef Zhu's skill and patience is intimately connected to Jiangnan cultural roots by virtue of the emerald-green décor and elegant cloud motifs that adorn the interior. It is without question that the experience of fine dining is not limited to the dishes on the table, but the whole ambience of the environment in which the diners' experience takes place, and the panoramic view of Wynn Palace's vast Performance Lake offers a breathtaking backdrop. The beauty of the landscape coalesces seamlessly with the elegance of the restaurant's architecture and the innovative and award-winning cuisine to offer a unique and unforgettable dining experience.



Lakeview Palace Executive Chef Kevin Zhu



Braised Homemade Gluten Puff Mushroom, Bamboo Shoots and Vegetables



Braised Wagyu Beef with Crispy Skin and Finger Lime



ECONOMY

Growth expected to pick up after lull

CHINA'S economy showed early signs of having bottomed out across the board in October, indicating that the country's ramped-up efforts to revitalize domestic spending

against external uncertainties are starting to yield effects, analysts said on Tuesday.

They commented as data from media group Caixin pointed to the fastest expansion of services

activity in three months while manufacturing activity resumed upward momentum, matching the improvements of official indicators.

David Chao, global market strategist for the

Asia-Pacific region (excluding Japan) at Invesco, said: "China's leading economic indicators improved across the board for October, suggesting that the economy continues to regain momentum. This should translate into improving economic conditions and activity for the rest of the year."

A privately surveyed purchasing managers index for the services sector came in at 52 in October, up from 50.3 in September and marking the highest reading in three months, a Caixin report said on Tuesday. Any PMI reading above 50 indicates an expansion in activity.

The reading fared better than 50.3 which many analysts had expected as the rate of expansion in new business inflows rose for the first time in four months following the launch of a series of policies to shore up the economy since late September.

In October, the level of confidence among service providers rose to the highest since May, while selling prices stabilized after falling for two successive months. Service providers raised staffing levels for a second consecutive

month, albeit marginally, the report said.

The uptick in services activity came along with manufacturing activity resuming expansion in October, driven by renewed new business growth. The Caixin China General

prices were still subdued.

China is projected to further consolidate its policy support as the country's top legislature is expected to approve additional fiscal support this week.

Zhang Bin, deputy director of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences' Institute of World Economics and Politics, said China's current round of countercyclical adjustments is ultimately aimed at promoting a robust recovery in overall income levels, which is key to further lifting

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Composite PMI, covering both manufacturing and services activity, came in at 51.9 in October, up from 50.3 the previous month, marking the highest showing in four months.

Also indicative of momentum recovery, the official composite PMI came in at 50.8 in October, up from 50.4 a month earlier, the National Bureau of Statistics said on Thursday.

Wang Zhe, senior economist at Caixin Insight Group, said that the PMI surveys showed that market demand stabilized and optimism improved, which are early signs of the new policies' impact, though the labor market remained under pressure while

consumption.

The task of convincing consumers to spend more is deemed by analysts to be of particular importance against elevated external political and trade uncertainties and amid China's pursuit of a more consumption-oriented growth model.

While services providers polled by Caixin reported a solid increase in exports in October, export orders in the manufacturing sector remained in decline, though the rate of reduction eased. The official PMI survey showed that manufacturers' new export orders contracted at a faster rate in October. **MDT/CHINADAILY**

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US ELECTIONS

Trump wins the White House in political comeback rooted in appeals to frustrated voters

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DONALD Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States yesterday, an extraordinary comeback for a former president who refused to accept defeat four years ago, sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts.

With a win in Wisconsin, Trump cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency.

The victory validates his bare-knuckle approach to politics. He attacked his Democratic rival, Kamala Harris, in deeply personal – often misogynistic and racist – terms as he pushed an apocalyptic picture of a country overrun by violent migrants. The coarse rhetoric, paired with an image of hypermasculinity, resonated with angry voters – particularly men – in a deeply polarized nation.

As president, he's vowed to pursue an agenda centered on dramatically reshaping the federal government and pursuing retribution against his perceived enemies. Speaking to his supporters yesterday, Trump claimed he had won "an unprecedented and powerful mandate."

The results cap a historically tumultuous and competitive election season that included two assassination attempts targeting Trump and a shift to a new Democratic nominee just a month before the party's convention. Trump will inherit a range of challenges when he assumes office on Jan. 20, including heightened political polarization and global crises that are testing America's influence abroad.

His win against Harris, the first woman of color to lead a major party ticket, marks the second time he has defeated a female rival in a general election. Harris, the current vice president, rose to the top of the ticket after President Joe Biden exited the race amid alarm about his advanced age. Despite an initial surge of energy around her campaign, she struggled during a compressed timeline to convince disillusioned voters that she



represented a break from an unpopular administration.

Trump is the first former president to return to power since Grover Cleveland regained the White House in the 1892 election. He is the first person convicted of a felony to be elected president and, at 78, is the oldest person elected to the office. His vice president, 40-year-old Ohio Sen. JD Vance, will become the highest-ranking member of the millennial generation in the U.S. government.

There will be far fewer checks on Trump when he returns to the White House. He has plans to swiftly enact a sweeping agenda that would transform nearly every aspect of American government. His GOP critics in Congress have largely been defeated or retired. Federal courts are now filled with judges he appointed. The U.S. Supreme Court, which includes three Trump-appointed justices, issued a ruling earlier this year affording presidents broad immunity from prosecution.

Trump's language and behavior during the campaign sparked growing warnings from Democrats and some Republicans about shocks to democracy that his return to power would bring. He repeatedly praised strongman leaders, warned that he would deploy the military to target

political opponents he labeled the "enemy from within," threatened to take action against news organizations for unfavorable coverage and suggested suspending the Constitution.

Some who served in his first White House, including Vice President Mike Pence and John Kelly, Trump's longest-serving chief of staff, either declined to endorse him or issued dire public warnings about his return to the presidency.

While Harris focused much of her initial message around themes of joy, Trump channeled a powerful sense of anger and resentment among voters.

He seized on frustrations over high prices and fears about crime and migrants who illegally entered the country on Biden's watch. He also highlighted wars in the Middle East and Russia's invasion of Ukraine to cast Democrats as presiding over – and encouraging – a world in chaos.

It was a formula Trump perfected in 2016, when he cast himself as the only person who could fix the country's problems, often borrowing language from dictators.

"In 2016, I declared I am your voice. Today I add: I am your warrior. I am your justice. And for those who have been wronged and betrayed, I am your retribution," he said

in March 2023.

This campaign often veered into the absurd, with Trump amplifying bizarre and disproven rumors that migrants were stealing and eating pet cats and dogs in an Ohio town. At one point, he kicked off a rally with a detailed story about the legendary golfer Arnold Palmer in which he praised his genitalia.

But perhaps the defining moment came in July when a gunman opened fire at a Trump rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. A bullet grazed Trump's ear and killed one of his supporters. His face streaked with blood, Trump stood and raised his fist in the air, shouting "Fight! Fight! Fight!" Weeks later, a second assassination attempt was thwarted after a Secret Service agent spotted the barrel of a gun poking through the greenery while Trump was playing golf.

Trump's return to the White House seemed unlikely when he left Washington in early 2021 as a diminished figure whose lies about his defeat sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. He was so isolated at the time that few outside of his family bothered to attend the send-off he organized for himself at Andrews Air Force Base, complete with a 21-gun salute.

Democrats who controlled the U.S. House quickly

impeached him for his role in the insurrection, making him the only president to be impeached twice. He was acquitted by the U.S. Senate, where many Republicans argued that he no longer posed a threat because he had left office.

But from his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, Trump – aided by some elected Republicans – worked to maintain his political relevance. Rep. Kevin McCarthy, the California Republican who at the time led his party in the U.S. House, visited Trump soon after he left office, essentially validating his continued role in the party.

As the 2022 midterm election approached, Trump used the power of his endorsement to assert himself as the unquestioned leader of the party. His preferred candidates almost always won their primaries, but some went on to defeat in elections that Republicans viewed as within their grasp. Those disappointing results were driven in part by a backlash to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that revoked a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, a decision that was aided by Trump-appointed justices. The midterm election prompted questions within the GOP about whether Trump should remain the party's leader. **MDT/AP**

US ELECTIONS

Trump's decisive victory in a deeply divided nation

STEVE PEOPLES
& BILL BARROW,
WASHINGTON

THE Republican president-elect, Donald Trump, exposed a fundamental weakness within the Democratic base and beat back concerns about his moral failings, becoming the first U.S. president with a felony conviction.

The Republican former president won over frustrated voters with bold promises that his fiery brand of America-first economic populism and conservative culture would make their lives better. He will be tested immediately, however, and there are reasons to believe his plans for mass deportations and huge tariffs may hurt the very people who enabled his victory.

Still, he is set to enter the White House on Jan. 20, 2025, from an undisputed position of strength. With votes still being counted, he could become the first Republican in two decades to win the popular vote.

The results left Democrats facing an urgent and immediate reckoning, with no obvious leader to unite the anti-Trump coalition and no clear plan to rebuild as an emboldened Trump prepares to re-take Washington.

TRUMP UNDERMINES THE DEMOCRATS' COALITION

Black voters — men and women — have been the bedrock of the Democratic Party, and in recent years, Latinos and young voters have joined them.

All three groups still preferred Democrat Kamala Harris. But preliminary data from AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 115,000 voters nationwide, suggested that Trump made significant gains.

Voters under age 30 represent a fraction of the total electorate, but about half of them su-



ported Harris. That's compared to the roughly 6 in 10 who backed Biden in 2020. Slightly more than 4 in 10 young voters went for Trump, up from about one-third in 2020.

At the same time, Black and Latino voters appeared slightly less likely to support Harris than they were to back Biden four years ago, according to AP VoteCast.

About 8 in 10 Black voters backed Harris, down from the roughly 9 in 10 who backed Biden. More than half of Hispanic voters supported Harris, but that was down slightly from the roughly 6 in 10 who backed Biden in 2020. Trump's support among those groups appeared to rise slightly compared to 2020. Collectively, those small gains yielded an outside outcome.

FOCUS ON IMMIGRATION, ECONOMY AND CULTURE WORKED

For all of the showmanship, profanity and name-calling, Trump ultimately won over voters with grand promises to improve the economy, block the flow of immigrants on the Southern border and his siren call to "make America great again."

He also appealed to religious voters in both parties by seizing on the

Democrats' support for the transgender community.

Overall, about half of Trump voters said inflation was the biggest issue factoring into their election decisions. About as many said that of the situation at the U.S.-Mexico border, according to AP VoteCast.

He paped over the fact that the economy by many conventional metrics is robust — inflation is largely in check and wages are up — while border crossings have dropped dramatically. He talked right past the facts and through relentless repetition convinced voters.

He also sold them on the promise of the largest mass deportation effort in U.S. history, although he has not explained how such an operation would work. And he is threatening to impose massive tariffs on key products from China and other American adversaries, which economists warn could dramatically boost prices for average Americans.

Ultimately, Trump's victory may have had as much to do with the fundamental challenges Harris faced all along. Facing deep voter frustration over the direction of the country — with Biden's approval rating dismal — she never did distance herself from her

party's sitting president. Though Trump has now been the central figure in American politics for nine years, he convinced voters he represented change.

TRUMP WILL TAKE CHARGE OF A NATION WITH DEEP FISSURES

Trump is poised to inherit a nation with deepening political and cultural fissures and a worried electorate.

When asked what most influenced their vote, about half of voters cited the future of democracy. That was higher than the share who answered the same way about inflation, immigration or abortion policy. And it crosses over the two major parties: About two-thirds of Harris voters and about a third of Trump voters said the future of democracy was the most important factor in their votes.

That's not surprising given the realities of the Trump era and the rhetoric of the campaign.

Trump refused to acknowledge his 2020 defeat and watched his supporters ransack the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as Congress convened to certify Democrat Joe Biden's victory. Trump even mused two days before Election Day that he "shouldn't have left" the White House af-

ter repeatedly promising retribution to his political enemies.

Harris, by the end of the campaign, joined other critics — including some of Trump's former White House chief of staff — in describing the former president as a "fascist." Trump, meanwhile, labeled Harris a "fascist" and a "communist."

CRIMINAL BAGGAGE NOT AN ISSUE FOR MANY VOTERS

Incomplete returns show that Donald Trump's criminal convictions, additional pending indictments and any concerns over his most incendiary rhetoric simply were not a sufficient concern to keep tens of millions of Americans from voting for him.

According to AP VoteCast, slightly more than half of voters said Harris has the moral character to be president, compared to about 4 in 10 who said that about Trump. It's quite possible, as Trump has said many times on the campaign trail, that his legal peril actually helped him.

As it stands, Trump may never actually face sentencing in a New York business fraud case in which he was convicted of 34 felonies. For now, his sentencing is scheduled for later this month. **MDT/AP**

this day in history

1972 NIXON TAKES SECOND TERM BY LANDSLIDE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

President Nixon's first achievement of his second term was to sign a ceasefire agreement in Vietnam, announcing "peace with honour" on 23 January 1973.

But Mr Nixon himself was quickly embroiled in the domestic political scandal which became known as Watergate.

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

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

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

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

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

YOUR STARS

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Provide leadership at work. Focused, persistent efforts pay off. Someone important is paying attention. Gain support for your project. Share inspiration and motivation.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

A dreamy trip or exploration can be realized with coordination. Do the homework. Research the background and history. Assemble the puzzle piece by piece.

GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Review financial plans. Handle duties and obligations. Sign contracts and agreements. Clarify questionable budget items. Together, contribute for a shared dream.

CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Provide a stabilizing influence for your partner. It's time, not money, that your sweetheart needs. Listen for what's wanted and needed. Lend your strength.

LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Maintain your fitness and health routines faithfully. You're building energy, strength and stamina. Consider new treatments or therapies.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

A romantic dream can come true with a collaborative effort. Share a vision and contribute your talents and creativity. Passion grows once kindled.

LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Handle chores and repairs at home. Domestic duties provide satisfying results. Clean, organize and beautify your spaces. Treat your family with something delicious.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

It's easy to get help building a dream. Express the possibility that you envision. Share and invite others to participate. Get the word out.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Persistent action can get profitable. Discipline and experience contribute toward realizing a financial goal. Make an important connection.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You're a powerful force. A personal dream is within reach, with the revelation of an unexpected opportunity. Your past work speaks well for you.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

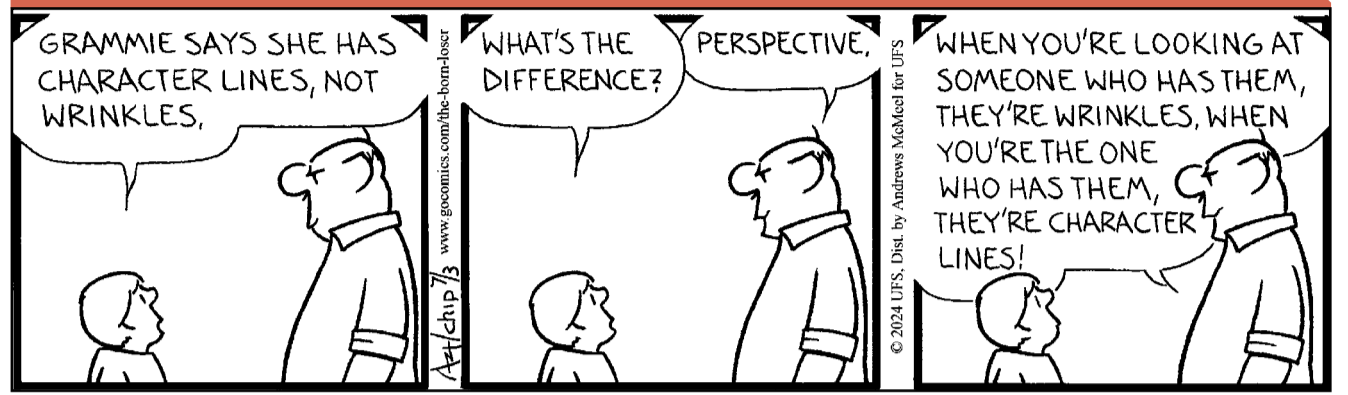
The action is backstage. Organize plans in detail. Follow rules closely. Create a mission statement and vision. Declare the results you want. Chart the steps.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Advance for a shared dream. Keep your bargains and promises. Inspire others through your actions. Show up and do your part. Teamwork allows victory.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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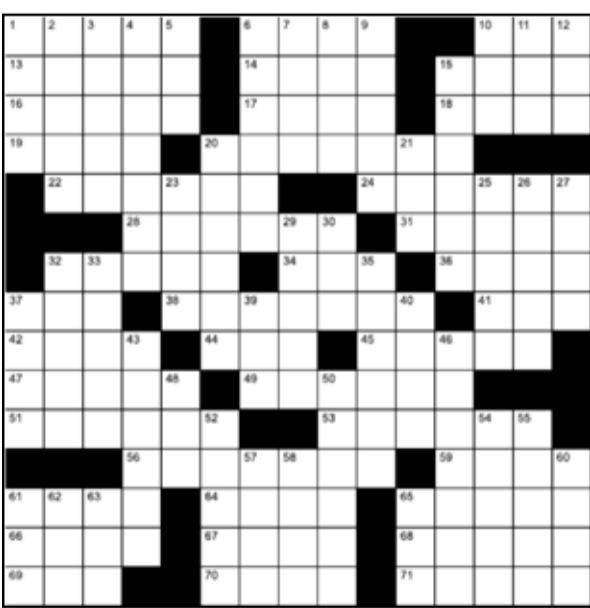
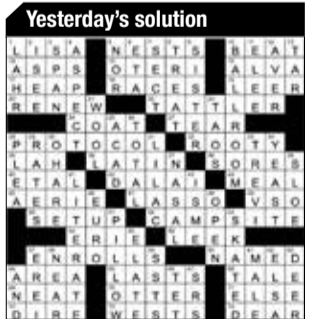
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| Chongqing | 17 | 20 | rain |
| Fuzhou | 15 | 22 | cloudy |
| Guangzhou | 17 | 27 | fine |
| Guiyang | 11 | 19 | overcast |
| Haikou | 23 | 25 | cloudy |
| Hangzhou | 10 | 18 | cloudy |
| Harbin | -8 | 3 | fine |
| Hefei | 6 | 17 | fine |
| Nanjing | 8 | 19 | fine |
| Shanghai | 12 | 17 | fine |
| Taipei | 19 | 22 | rain |
| Wuhan | 9 | 21 | fine |
| Hong Kong | 20 | 26 | fine |
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| London | 7 | 12 | cloudy |
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CROSSWORDS

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DOWN 1- Get together; 2- Sea eagles; 3- Rubbish; 4- Reconsider; 5- Poem of praise; 6- Take guns from; 7- Activist; 8- Kitty starter; 9- Type of question; 10- ___Mart; 11- Adam's madam; 12- Blink of an eye; 15- Small wheel; 20- Individual; 21- Cigarette ingredient; 23- Christmas song; 25- Perrier rival; 26- Ignited again; 27- Hill toy; 29- Summed; 30- Bleaching agent; 32- Sleight of hand; 33- ___ Is Born; 35- Regard; 37- Horned vipers; 39- Abu Dhabi's fed.; 40- After-bath powder; 43- Whine; 46- City in S Argentina; 48- ___-Wan Kenobi was a character in "Star Wars"; 50- Go hungry; 52- Conger catcher; 54- Dot in the ocean; 55- ___ nous; 57- Prefix with conference; 58- Nair competitor; 60- Org.; 61- CBS logo; 62- Fall back; 63- "Xanadu" grp.; 65- Fr. holy woman;



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RELIGION

IN AMHARIC, KAREN AND SPANISH, WORSHIP IS LIKE HOME FOR MIGRANTS IN HEARTLAND TOWN

GIOVANNA DELL'ORTO & JESSIE WARDARSKI, WORTHINGTON

AP PHOTO



COME noon on Sundays, overlapping worship options reflect how much Worthington has changed from a typical Midwestern farming community to a majority-minority hub with migrants from around the world.

An overflow crowd is still swaying to thumping praise music from one of 10 Latino choirs at St. Mary's second Spanish-language Catholic Mass of the weekend. Half a mile away, Ethiopian Orthodox Christians are wrapping up their six-hour service in what used to be the offices of the local newspaper.

And in the cornfields just beyond the town's edge, refugees from Southeast Asia gather to pray and sing in Karen at a Baptist church founded by Swedish farmers in 1873, many of whose descendants attend the morning English-language service.

These and other churches are trying to preserve widely diverse cultures in ways that feel like home, while also offering a chance at integration for communities that tend to self-segregate.

"My job, at least in the two

congregations, is to unite them," said the Rev. Lucio Berumen, the Mexican pastor at Indian Lake Baptist Church. "You've been here 150 years, you've been here 15 years, you know the problems that you have. The only thing that I want to know is that you can work together."

Berumen has been learning Swedish traditions like julotta (Christmas morning prayers), but also regularly sits through the two-hour Karen service, not understanding a word but praying silently for all his church members.

For Karen volunteer pastor Eh

Ler Plaw Saw, who recently led the community in celebrating 15 years at Indian Lake, helping children practice Karen is as big a concern as the older generation's struggles with English.

At St. Mary's, the Rev. Tim Biren hopes to bridge the disconnect between Latino and mostly white

communities with different pastoral needs and worship styles, down to the volume of choir music.

Some parishioners would like to try bilingual Masses -- "So we can learn some Spanish, and help them to build relationships outside their community," said Pat Morphew, who has attended St. Mary's since the 1980s.

For many members of the Spanish choirs, however, it's been a relief to belong to something so familiar in a foreign land, said Dagoberito Mendez, who moved to Worthington in 2000 and directs the Nueva Inspiración group.

Three of his children and several fellow Guatemalans recently shook the rafters at Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship with the backing of trumpets, saxophone, an electric piano and the distinctive güira, a percussion instrument that resembles a giant cheese grater.

Big drums and tall sticks feature in Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahe-do liturgy, which raised some eyebrows among the Lutherans who hosted the worshippers in their church for years until they built their own sanctuary.

"They don't have a clue what we do, but they give us room for our worship," Abebe Abetew recalled. "They're God people."

Today, most of the community's 500 members gather before dawn in the sanctuary adorned with Ethiopian-made icons and start the afternoon with prayers over lunch in the basement.

"Church is basic for us, like eating the food. If you don't eat you die," Abetew said. MDT/AP

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BASKETBALL

Bears win second match at home

RENATO MARQUES

THE Macau Black Bears have won (111-97) against Busan KCC Egis in their second home game in East Asia Super League (EASL) group B.

After the 3-point defeat to the Golden Kings (93-96) last week, the Bears have regrouped and presented a strengthened team with a 7-player roster.

As in the first match, when Macau beat the New Taipei Kings (109-97), team captain Jeantal Cylla again stood out, playing over 38 minutes and scoring 34 points.

However, the Player of the Match honor went to another of the Bears players, Damian Chongqui, who played over 39 minutes and scored 22 points on top of 12 assists.

In a post-game interview, Chongqui explained that he owed the result of the match yesterday to the team's effort and training.

"I was just trying to be aggressive. I want to win, and if that is what I need to do all day to win, that's what I am going to do," Chongqui said, adding that the team owed the final result to "being resilient and aggressive and being able to perform a lot of things that we have been doing in practice and execute them [in the match]."

The match, played at the Bears' home ground at Studio City Macau, got off to a challenging start for the Bears, with Busan finishing the first quarter up by two points (32-34). However, that was the only time that the Korean Basketball League winners had the advantage. From then on, the Bears went on to lead by five points at halftime (61-56).

Both teams maintained high scores with minimal turnovers through the third quarter, with the Macau team holding an advantage of seven points (81-74).

On Busan's side, star players Deonte Burton and Leon Williams carried much of the load, with Williams showing signs of fatigue in the last quarter after playing all 40 minutes of the match.

Burton achieved the score-high of the match with 35 points, one more than Cylla from the Bears, while Williams scored 21 from the Busan side.

As the Bears coach Garrett Kelly said both at the start of the match and at halftime, this was a decisive match for the local team, and the Bears delivered, keeping their hopes up for the EASL. In their next match on Dec. 11, the Macau Black Bear will again face the New Taipei Kings, this time at the Bears' home ground. The match is scheduled for 9:10 p.m. local time.



Damian Chongqui



Jeantal Cylla

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CHANCE OF A NEW BEGINNING FOR WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP

Republican Donald Trump won the US presidential election on Wednesday to become the country's 47th president after winning more than 270 electoral votes that are needed to enter the White House.

Yet following celebrations given his stunning political comeback, the 78-year-old former US president does not have much time to waste before he pitches in to get the real work done.

The election has exposed the depths of division the country has never before seen, and the healing process could take years. Trump made the first step in that direction by saying it was "time to unite" as a country during his election victory speech in Florida.

Once in office, Trump will be facing more pressing challenges, ranging from the economy to jobs and to immigration. That voters whose top issue was the economy voted overwhelmingly for him serves as a testament to the political mantra "it's the economy, stupid". High price rises over the past four years that have caused financial difficulties for many, especially low-income households, were considered one of the main reasons behind Democratic candidate Kamala Harris' defeat.

A solution that Trump has offered to end the US' economic woes is higher tariffs, which he said would "launch an economic boom". He even proposed to impose 60 percent tariffs on Chinese imports, which many economists warn could only lead to inflation, thus even higher prices for US consumers.

That issue alone raises enough worries about huge uncertainties for future China-US relations. Other differences that could potentially pit the two countries against each other range from the Taiwan question to the South China Sea issue.

It is natural for China and the US, the world's two largest economies, to have differences. How to responsibly manage them will determine the future of Sino-US ties.

China insists that the principle of "mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation" is the guarantee for the smooth development of Sino-US relations and therefore, must be the direction for joint efforts by the two countries on the way ahead.

That the two countries have broad common interests not only in traditional areas such as the economy, trade and agriculture, but also in emerging areas such as climate change and artificial intelligence makes cooperation "the only correct choice" for them. The two countries must work to ensure that the common interests they share transcend the differences that exist between them.

Economic and trade cooperation has always served as a ballast of Sino-US relations, and how to make larger the "cake of economic cooperation" between the two countries, rather than high tariffs or other restrictive measures such as "de-risking" or "decoupling", would help solve the economic problems.

The Taiwan question is the most important and most sensitive issue at the core of Sino-US ties. It is the political foundation of bilateral relations. It is a redline that should never be crossed. The new US administration must stick to the "one-China" principle so as to navigate Sino-US ties through any disturbances that would arise.

China has made it clear that it is a friend and partner of the US, not a threat or an adversary to the country as some US politicians claim. The two countries stand to gain from cooperation, and lose from conflict, as history proves.

Now that the US presidential race has come to an end, new opportunities have emerged for the two countries to push forward the mutually beneficial Sino-US cooperation, which not only serves the interests of the two countries, but also will inject greater certainty and stability into a world that is gripped by unprecedented changes and chaos.

[Abridged]

Iran's currency, the rial, fell yesterday to an all-time low as president-elect Donald Trump clinches the U.S. presidency again.

The rial traded at 703,000 rials to the dollar.

In 2015, at the time of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers, it was at 32,000 to \$1. On July 30, the day that Iran's reformist President Masoud Pezeshkian was sworn in and started his term, the rate was 584,000 to \$1.

Trump unilaterally withdrew America from the accord in

2018, sparking years of tensions between the countries that persist today.

The slide comes as Iran's economy has struggled for years under crippling international sanctions over its rapidly advancing nuclear program, which now enriches uranium at near weapons-grade levels.

Pezeshkian, elected after a helicopter crash killed hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi in May, came to power on a promise to reach a deal to ease Western sanctions.

AP PHOTO



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán

EUROPEAN SUMMIT

LEADERS WILL FOCUS ON COMMON CHALLENGES AND IMPLICATIONS OF TRUMP'S WIN FOR THE CONTINENT

BRAF CASERT & JUSTIN SPIKE, BUDAPEST

Dozens of European leaders will be assessing a new global outlook during a one-day summit in Hungary's capital today, with the knowledge that the election of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president could have far-reaching consequences for the continent.

Despite myriad economic problems and two wars in the neighborhood, all eyes will be glued on Washington to see whether Trump's return will cause political strife throughout the continent, much like his first presidency did.

It was already beyond doubt that the trans-Atlantic relationship would change after Tuesday's vote. But the question is whether that change might be seismic under Trump's second presidency.

For summit host and ardent Trump fan, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, things were already crystal clear even as votes were still being counted. "Good morning, Hungary! On the way to a beautiful victory. It's already

in the bag," Orbán said yesterday.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen congratulated Trump once his victory became clear, and said that the European Union and the United States "are more than just allies. We are bound by a true partnership between our people, uniting 800 million citizens."

"Let us work together on a transatlantic partnership that continues to deliver for our citizens. Millions of jobs and billions in trade and investment on each side of the Atlantic depend on the dynamism and stability of our economic relationship," she said.

During Trump's last presidency, trans-Atlantic economic relations were anything but stable and are expected to be equally tough during his new term in the Oval Office.

His administration slapped taxes on EU steel and aluminum in 2018, based on the claim that foreign products produced by American allies were a threat to U.S. national security. Europeans

and other allies reacted with duties on U.S.-made motorcycles, bourbon, peanut butter and jeans, among other items.

The impact of the U.S. election result could be felt in Europe for years to come, on issues including the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, as well as migration or climate change.

The string of geopolitical conflicts "is putting peace, stability and prosperity at risk in our region," said the invitation letter to the leaders of the European Political Community, which unites almost 50 nations across Europe, barring Russia and Belarus.

Among the leaders likely to attend today is Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is expected to make another plea for more aid as his country fends off Moscow's invasion. The timing is laden with significance as Trump has vowed to end the war "within 24 hours" of being elected — something leaders in Kyiv interpret as an impending evaporation of U.S. support should Trump win. **MDT/AP**

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Cuba Hurricane Rafael swirled past the Cayman Islands and was expected to rapidly intensify until making landfall yesterday in western Cuba, where it's forecast to hit as a Category 2 hurricane. It was another stroke of bad news for Cuba, which has been struggling with blackouts while recovering from another hurricane two weeks ago.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday dismissed his popular defense minister, Yoav Gallant, in a surprise announcement that came as the country is embroiled in wars on multiple fronts across the region. The move sparked protests across the country, including a mass gathering that paralyzed central Tel Aviv.

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US A series of bomb threats across multiple battleground states and baseless claims of wrongdoing by former President Donald Trump disrupted an otherwise smooth Election Day that capped a tumultuous presidential campaign. The bomb threats in parts of Arizona, Georgia and Pennsylvania turned out to be hoaxes, but they forced some polling places to evacuate and extend hours.

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Poland Western security officials suspect Russian intelligence was behind a plot to put incendiary devices in packages on cargo planes headed to North America, including one that caught fire at a courier hub in Germany and another that ignited in a warehouse in England.