

@@31553641 <p> The government last July called the energy sector debt situation a " state of emergency . " <p> This was during the mid-year budget review during which the Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta castigated the previous NDC government for entering into " obnoxious take-or-pay contracts signed by the NDC , which obligate us to pay for capacity we do not need . " <p> The government pays over GH ? 2.5 billion annually for some 2,300MW in installed capacity which the country does not consume . <p> He sounded alarmed that " from 2020 if nothing is done , we will be facing annual excess gas capacity charges of between \$550 and \$850 million every year . <p> JoyNews ' Business editor George Wiafe said the latest IMF Staff report expressing fears over a possible classification is " more of a warning " to government . <p> He said the latest assessment raises concerns about the purpose of government borrowings , whether it goes into consumption or into projects capable of generating revenue to pay back the loan . <p> The move could increase the country 's risk profile and ability to borrow on the international market . <p> @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ issue another Eurobond in 2020 . <p> The Finance Minister Ken Ofori-Atta wants to return to the Eurobond market to raise \$3bn to pay for expenditure items the country can not fund from domestic sources . <p> The government wants to spend GH ? 86m in 2020 but is projecting to raise only GH ? 67bn . It leaves a deficit of GH ? 19bn , monies that the Eurobond could make available . <p> The planned return to the Eurobond market is the seventh time in the past eight years . <p> Ghana is already among 10 low-income countries ( LICs ) in Africa that were at high risk of debt distress . <p> The country in April 2019 , successfully completion an Extended Credit Facility ( ECF ) programme , or bailout , of the International Monetary fund ( IMF ) .

@@31563641 <p> Urban Revival Project has been inaugurated for providing the housing requirements of the people living in the colonies with the least facilities in the Colombo city . Steps are being taken to obtain US\$ 200 million from Asian Infrastructure Facility Investment Bank for this project . Accordingly , the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal tabled by the ... <p> The global fashion industry is one of the most vital and rapidly-growing industries that dates back to our evolution . Behind the glamorous catwalks , there exists sourcing and manufacturing processes , working tirelessly to bring clothing to the masses . With civilization arrived fashion , and it has been evolving ever since . The Fashion industry is sustained by infographics ... <p> Sri Lanka Telecom ( SLT ) , the ultra-high speed broadband services provider in Sri Lanka , in collaboration with the Southern Motor Sports Club ( SMSC ) was proud to announce that the 24th edition of the SLT Speedup Southern Eliyakanda Hill Climb has been scheduled for the 22nd and 23rd February 2020 at Browns Hill , Matara . SLT will be ... <p> Conceptualized and designed by Antyr Solutions , Tales of Ceylon @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ to showcase the history and culture of Sri Lanka , is steadily establishing itself as the ultimate travel guide to the country . With multi-media content that delves into the tales and legends of the island 's past , as well as a ... <p> Seylan Bank , the market leader for innovative customer solutions , introduces Seylan Mega Rewards , the Biggest Rewards Scheme for customers in the market . Mega Rewards builds on Definite Rewards launched in 2020 , to reward all the precious moments of a customer 's life and will replace the ' Seylan Sure ' and ' Seylan Thilina Sayura ' loyalty scheme . The rewards ... <p> The first race in Sri Lanka 's off-road bike and 4 ? 4 racing season will officially flag off on 29th of February , with the Thunder Valley Off Road Cross , in Kaluaggala , Hanwella . Organized for the second consecutive year by the Four Wheel Drive Club ( FWDC ) of Sri Lanka and the Two Wheel Motor Racing Club ( TWMRC ) , the ... <p> Following its establishment in 2008 , Arinma Holdings @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ post-war era in Sri Lanka . With a gamut of projects including the redevelopment of critical water supply initiatives that serve populations in arid areas of the nation , Arinma Holdings has developed global partnerships with stakeholders , both locally and ... <p> On 29th February , Saturday , Colombo 's popular jazz singer Gananath Dasanayaka with his band En Route will set the mood for an evening of good jazz at the OWSC in an atmosphere set for wining and dining . ' Cheers to Jazz ' will provide jazz lovers a Saturday evening of quality music that will include some popular numbers ... <p> International Institute of Health Science ( IIHS ) , Sri Lanka 's premier and leading healthcare education institute renowned for the high quality education provided for nurses in Sri Lanka recently entered into a collaborative partnership with James Cook University of Australia . The partnership was one of key highlights as IIHS celebrated the " Year of the Nurse and Midwife " ... <p> LAUGFS International ( Pvt ) Ltd , the trading arm of LAUGFS Holdings , recently relocated to a brand new @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Sunethradevi Mawatha , Kohuwala , the new showroom provides a spacious and easy-to-access venue to better serve their loyal customers . As the authorized distributor for Yamaha and Airman Generators and power products in ... <p> A mood of optimism and expectation pervades life in Sri Lanka in the year 2020 as positive moves by the new government to streamline the nation 's tax structure , professionalize state-owned institutions , streamline ease-of-doing business standings and other business-friendly measures serve to provide economic stimulus . With the International Monetary Fund ( IMF ) projecting a growth of 3.7% ... <p> The Government of Sri Lanka has decided to award a Rs.35 billion contract to Japan 's Taisei Corporation for the expansion of the Bandaranaike International Airport ( BIA ) . Accordingly , the proposal submitted by the Minister of Tourism and Aviation was approved by the Ca

binet of Ministers to award the contract related to the package ' A ' of step ... <p> SriLankan Airlines will be transformed into a profitable entity in the future that can contribute to the overall development of the country said the Chairman of SriLankan @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ committee meeting held on Wednesday ( 19 ) under the Chairmanship of MP Sunil Handunnettthi at the Parliament Complex . " Our main ... <p> SriLankan Airlines , the National Carrier of Sri Lanka and a member of the prestigious oneworld alliance , in the wake of its launch of the brand video ' Serendipity Next Door ' appealing to its largest foreign market , India , set a record of five million views within 19 hours on social media platforms . This is the first time ... <p> The Monetary Board , with the concurrence of the Hon. Minister of Finance , Economy and Policy Development has appointed Assistant Governor , Mr. K M Mahinda Siriwardana as a Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka ( CBSL ) with effect from 12th February 2020 . Mr. Siriwardana has a service of more than 28 years in the ... <p> Actions have already been taken to develop the Jaffna International Airport in Palaly and Regional international flights have also begun from Jaffna International Airport . The Government of India has agreed to provide a grant of 300 million @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ expected to be used to improve facilities in the ... <p> The government has identified the re -- inauguration of the state enterprises that have been closed without carrying out production activities while the Ministry of Industries and Supply Management has decided to re -- start all the public enterprises with the potential for restructuring although not in operation by now . Accordingly , plans have been drawn ... <p> By the Economic Intelligence Unit of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce The outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus ( COVID-19 ) is having its toll on the global economy with many economists now expecting a larger impact than the SARS outbreak in 2002-03 . The outbreak is lowering China 's GDP growth expectations in the first quarter to 4.5% , a ... <p> Post -- election economic positivity erodes as corporates adopt a wait and see mindset The economy according to the latest LMD- Nielsen Business confidence index ( BCI ) survey , the share of respondents who say the economy will improve in the coming 12-months has fallen to 62% in January from 74% in the previous month . Commenting @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , a group company of Moody 's Investors Service urges CBSL and Sri Lankan companies , including some of the biggest SOEs to get ready for the London Interbank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) transition which is scheduled for 2021 . " Central Bank of Sri Lanka ( CBSL ) , Sri Lankan commercial banks and companies , including some ...

ortals , Total Recall and The Maze Runner : The Death Cure .

@@31588041 <p> The government shutdown over funding a southern border wall has largely disabled the system that processes immigration cases . Most cases in immigration courts , which are already overburdened , have been delayed indefinitely . Judge Dana Leigh Marks , former president of the National Association of Immigration Judges , describes to Amna Nawaz the shutdown 's " devastating impact . " <h> Read the Full Transcript <p> Judy Woodruff : <p> As this partial shutdown grinds on tonight , we get two more looks at its ripple effects . <p> By all accounts , the nation 's immigration courts are overburdened , approximately 800,000 cases being handled by around 400 immigration judges . <p> Now , because of the shutdown , most of those cases are on hold . <p> Amna Nawaz takes it from there . <p> Amna Nawaz : <p> In every case before them , immigration judges are the arbiter , deciding if immigrants who appear in their court have legal permission to stay in the U.S. , or if they may have to be deported . <p> For a closer look at what the shutdown means for the immigration court system , I @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ a spokeswoman and president emeritus of the National Association of Immigration Judges . <p> Judge Marks , thanks for joining me . <p> Let 's begin with the shutdown . Who 's working , who 's not , and what 's been the effect of cases that are already in the pipeline ? <p> Dana Leigh Marks : <p> It 's been a devastating impact to have our immigration courts shut down , Amna . <p> You 're well aware of the tremendous backlog . And the only judges who are working are those who are hearing cases of individuals who are held in custody by the immigration officials . All of the non-detained cases in courts , which are the vast majority of our dockets , are on hold for the indefinite future . <p> Amna Nawaz : <p> And so we know some of these cases can already take years to unfold . What does it mean for the future of those cases ? <p> Dana Leigh Marks : <p> It 's very difficult to make that assessment . <p> I know , for me in San Francisco @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ over 4,000 cases . So many of the cases that are being canceled for the shutdown have been on my docket already for two or three or four years , and now I have no time in the foreseeable future to reset them . <p> It could be another three or four years before those people can expect hearings on their cases . <p> Amna Nawaz : <p> So we heard about that backlog . That is now at a record high . And if you take a look at those numbers , those have been going up rapidly over the last 10 years . <p> I guess the basic question is , how did we get here ? <p> Dana Leigh Marks : <p> Well , it has been a long time in coming through both Democratic and Republican administrations . <p> While there has been a big focus on immigration enforcement , there has not been sufficient focus to the immigration court system . We 're housed in the Department of Justice , and , frankly , the Department of Justice has not advocated either as forcefully or @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Security 's enforcement resources has grown , what 's happened for the courts is that we have fallen behind and not received proportional increases that we would need to stay current with the cases that come into our system . <p> Amna Nawaz : <p> Judge Marks , I have n't to ask you about a issue that came under focus because of the shutdown argument and because of the focus on our southern border . <p> A number of the cases , asylum cases in particular , that originate from our southern border come from three countries , Guatemala , El Salvador , and Honduras . The government has said , the vast majority of those are n't with merit , that , ultimately , these are not granted asylum . <p> And so I guess my question is , if they can find a way to limit the number of cases coming to your court , would n't that help to alleviate the backlog ? <p> Dana Leigh Marks : <p> It 's not quite that simple , Amna . <p> It is a very complicated assessment to @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ I describe it as being like a 1,000-piece puzzle , and you have to have every piece visible . <p> So in order to determine whether or not someone is eligible , Congress has decided that these people are entitled to a hearing before an immigration judge , so that the proper legal analysis can be applied to their case . <p> That 's what our law provides and , frankly , that 's what international treatise that we are signatories of require of us . So it would require a change in the governing law , not just a change in policy , in order to try to make a big impact on those kinds of cases . <p> Amna Nawaz : <p> Judge Marks , there is an argument made by the administration that our legal process has built into it loopholes , that people coming who apply for asylum end up staying for years because of the pace and the backlog , and that makes it harder when their cases are ultimately denied to get them out of the country . <p> What do you say to @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ firmly believes that everyone is entitled to their day in court , and that it should occur in a reasonably prompt amount of time . <p> But the reason that there are delays in our system is simply because we have been underfunded and ignored for so long . The system does work , when it receives the proper funding . And it 's not a loophole . It is the appropriate due process that is what American justice provides to any individual who has their life and liberty at stake before our courts .

@@31603041 <h> Cambodia confirms first case of new coronavirus <p> Patient is a Chinese man who came with his family from Wuhan . ( Bernama pic ) <p> PHNOM PENH : Cambodia has confirmed the first case of coronavirus in the country , Health Minister Mam Bunheng said on Monday . <p> The patient is a Chinese man who came with his family from the central Chinese city of Wuhan to the coastal city of Sihanoukville earlier this month , the minister said . <p> Wuhan is the epicentre of the new flu-like virus that has killed 81 people , all in China , and infected more than 2,700 others . More than a dozen countries have reported cases , although most are in China . <p> Mam Bun



SARS Virus is generally found in bats and is believed to have transmitted to humans from an infected civet cat . Wuhan Corona Virus is reportedly traced to a major fish market in Hankou which sold illegal wild animals . China is the world 's largest market for illegal wildlife products , and the national law on wildlife trade is flouted openly . The extent of the Coronavirus epidemic might compel the Chinese authorities to have a second look at the illegal wildlife trade . <p> The economic @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . When SARS struck , it was the government that was the big spender in investment-led economic growth . However , Wuhan virus has emerged at a time as China itself is going through an economic transition from an export-led economy to one driven by consumption . If the contagion is not controlled soon , public consumption and private investment would take a beating . That would force the government to revert to the usual expensive stimulus to keep the new normal of 6 per cent growth . As much as building an industrial and engineering powerhouse , China 's state capitalism is also responsible for creating a massive factory overcapacity and quite a bit of ghost cities . China 's policymakers have strived to avoid a repetition of it . Economic consequences of an epidemic would test their nerve . <p> Perhaps , the economic impact of Coronavirus would hit harder for countries including ours , that depend on Chinese investment and tourists than China itself . Economic shocks will travel as fast as , and probably further than the virus itself . <p> That is the beauty and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ in it .

@@31604541 <p> Kiwi taxpayers in China have no one to turn to with New Zealand Embassy Officials having remained on holiday despite the Wuhan Virus turning New Zealanders lives in the province upside down . The Embassy in Beijing remains closed for Chinese New ... Wuhan Virus : New Zealanders left high and dry as Embassy staff holiday -- Kiwis told to call WHO <p> Kiwi taxpayers in China have no one to turn to with New Zealand Embassy Officials having remained on holiday despite the Wuhan Virus turning New Zealanders ' lives in the province upside down . The Embassy in Beijing remains closed for Chinese New Year . <p> The Taxpayers ' Union received a tip-off that Kiwis in China can not get a hold of any of the hundreds of New Zealand officials who work in the country . " We called the Embassy and could n't believe that at 1pm Beijing time , despite the developing situation , the Embassy is closed , " says Jordan Williams , a spokesman for the Taxpayers ' Union . <p> " What is the point of a diplomatic post , if it 's not open when New Zealanders actually @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Affairs Minister is front and centre in efforts to extricate Australians . Here , not a word from MFAT or our Minister . " <p> " If you call our Embassy in Beijing , you are told it is closed for Chinese New Year , and to contact the MFAT 's emergency line based in Wellington . We called the line asking who on the ground Kiwis stuck in Wuhan could contact . MFAT advised us that New Zealanders should contact the World Health Organisation , or the New Zealand Ministry of Health . " <p> " According to MFAT , \$50 million of taxpayers ' money was used for ' elegant and sustainable new building to be the heart of its official presence in China ' on ' a quiet leafy street in Beijing ' . But at the very time New Zealanders most need help , the doors are locked . " <p> " And it 's not just people stuck in Chinese provinces . We are hearing of widespread cancellations of orders from China for New Zealand goods and last minute cancellations of tour group bookings following @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ very officials Kiwi businesses rely on for advice . " <p> " If the sample of businesses we have spoken to is reflective of the potential economic impact , MBIE and MFAT should be hands on deck , not on holiday . " <p> " Minister Winston Peters , and the Ambassador Clare Fearnley , need to end their holiday and get back to work . Chinese New Year or not . "

@@31609141 <p> The sunset of a three-year tax break for Manchester Memorial Hospital contributed to healthy growth in the grand list of taxable property , the town 's chief tax collector and assessor said Wednesday . <p> The October 2019 list -- totaling \$4,073,579,493 -- increased by about \$46.2 million , or 1.16 percent . Assessment and Collection Director John Rainaldi said growth occurred across all three areas of taxation : real estate , motor vehicles and personal property . <p> Advertisement <p> In the real estate column , the boost in property values totaled about \$27.3 million , of which \$22 million was due to the end of a tax break for the hospital on Haynes Street , Rainaldi said . The board of directors approved the agreement in 2016 with Prospect Medical Holdings . Under the deal , which affected assessments in 2016-18 , Prospect paid taxes on 30 percent of the value of hospital real estate . In return , the Los Angeles-based , for-profit company had to invest \$10 million in capital improvements , which it has done , Rainaldi said . <p> The value of motor vehicles rose by about \$9.3 million , thanks in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ list . Also , there were 2,300 model year 2019 and 2020 vehicles on the recent list , Rainaldi said . <p> Personal property , which is business-owned property , grew by almost \$10 million , continuing a recent trend . The list was down by 50 accounts , including 29 accounts for tax-exempt solar equipment , Rainaldi said . <p> At the same time , however , new accounts with assessments over \$300,000 included BJ 's Restaurant , Eli Lilly , Go Health Urgent Care and Procare LTC Pharmacy , Rainaldi said . Also , several existing personal property accounts increased significantly , including Raymour & Flanigan and Stop & Shop , he said . <p> The ongoing crumbling concrete foundations problem also affected total assessments because affected residential property owners are eligible for property value reductions . On the 2018 grand list , assessments on 83 properties were reduced a total of \$6.1 million . The 2019 list inclu

ded 156 reduced assessments , a total reduction of \$11.75 million , Rainaldi said . <p> The current grand list will be used for budget calculations for fiscal year 2020-21 @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ corresponds to tax bills payable beginning in July .

@@31613741 <p> Ghana has tightened surveillance at various ports and borders to ensure the disease does not find its way into the country . <p> Medical Director of the Tema General Hospital Dr Richard Anthony says measures are in place to deal with the situation should it arise . <p> " Influenza surveillance has always been ongoing by the public health department so we have put in structures , emergency response team , nurses , doctors and security men and others . Nationally there is a national response team to make sure that any such case will quickly be managed " <p> However , Associate Professor of Microbiology at the University of Health and Allied Sciences Theophilus Adiku is calling for the deployment of rapid test kits and ambulances at the country 's entry points to fast track early detection and treatment of the deadly disease .

@@31615041 <h> A host 's genes likely influence the spread of antibiotic resistance <p> In the gastrointestinal tract of host animals , bacteria can exchange the genes responsible for antibiotic resistance ( AR ) via small , circular chunks of DNA called plasmids . However , the process in this complex environment is n't completely understood , and AR has become a public health menace . Every year , according to the CDC , more than 2.8 million people are diagnosed with infections resistant to antibiotic treatment , and 35,000 people die . <p> " The human gut has millions of bacteria , " said microbiologist Melha Mellata , Ph.D. , at Iowa State University in Ames , Iowa . " If an AR plasmid is introduced into our gut through contaminated food or by another means , it will quickly spread to other gut bacteria , which will generate bacteria resistant to treatments with antibiotics . " To stop that from happening , she said , researchers need to know what factors trigger or reduce the transfer of plasmids . <p> This week in mSphere , an open-access journal of the American Society for Microbiology , Mellata and her @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ host organism itself may play an underappreciated role in the sharing of resistance between bacteria , at least in mice . The researchers analyzed how AR-associated plasmids were transferred from one microbe to another in two genetically different groups of mice . Both groups started with the same population of gut microbes and were fed the same diet in the same environment . <p> The researchers found that the plasmids transferred successfully in some mice but not in others , which meant that AR did n't spread in the same way in all groups . That observation led the researchers to run further analyses , which suggested that the microbial transactions could be attributed to genetic factors in the mice themselves , as well as the complexity of the gut microbiota . <p> " There is something in the host 's genes that can amplify this transfer , " said Mellata , who led the study . <p> Mellata and her colleagues used a strain of Salmonella known to harbor large plasmids that make the bacterium resistant to treatment with streptomycin and tetracycline , two common antibiotics . Previous studies @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ to Escherichia coli . <p> But those previous experiments were conducted in bacterial cultures . For the new study , Mellata 's group studied how the plasmids spread to E. coli in the animals themselves . A better understanding of how resistance spreads requires examining what 's going on in the host gastrointestinal tract , she said . " We need to study this issue through the lens of the host 's complex environment , since in reality this is how this phenomenon happens . " <p> Mellata 's research at Iowa State focuses on understanding large plasmids -- which may contain many AR-related genes -- and developing vaccines for strains of E. coli that are resistant to antibiotic treatment . Previous work by her group showed that mouse strains with a limited set of known gut microbes are more susceptible to infections than conventional mice . That observation led them to investigate how the genetic background of the animal itself -- and not just the microbial community -- might have some influence on the transfer of plasmids . <p> Mellata 's group is now following up on the experiment @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ can trigger the plasmid transfer . She hopes those findings can lead to a new way to stop the spread of antibiotic resistance . " If we can target those specific host factors , we can reduce the plasmid transfer , which will prevent the emergence of new antibiotic-resistant strains , " she said . <p> " People are dying from bacterial infections , " she said . " They should not be dying from bacteria like E. coli . The emergence of bacteria resistant to last-resort antibiotics is happening really fast , and we want to discover what 's making that happen . " <p> Citation : A host 's genes likely influence the spread of antibiotic resistance ( 2020 , January 29 ) retrieved 26 February 2020 from <https://doi.org/10.1128/mSphere.001197.2020> ... This document is subject to copyright . Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research , no part may be reproduced without the written permission . 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@@41612941 <h> Sponge Cities -- Smart cities for the future <p> Until recently , Wuhan was one of many Chinese cities where a rapidly expanding concrete and asphalt landscape had created severe flooding risk . In 2016 , torrential rains hit the city , cutting off entire neighborhoods and claiming 14 lives . <p> Today , however , Wuhan is undergoing an urban and ecological makeover -- from permeable pavements to wetlands and artificial ponds -- designed to absorb storm water and even reuse it later . <p> Wuhan is one of China 's growing number of " sponge cities " that are using technology to mitigate the effects of extreme weather caused by global warming . But it is also an illustration of how tackling climate change is creating opportunities for companies to generate shareholder returns while doing good for the planet . <p> Arcadis , a Dutch engineering group , is behind the project to rethink and help shape policies in Wuhan . SUEZ , another European company , is working in the city of Chongqing where its state-of-the-art urban drainage system provides real-time analysis and forecasting of drainage , reuse of water and exposure to flood risk @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ opportunities in finding ways to decouple economic activity and growth from environmental impact , as part of the sustainable revolution . At present , only five percent of climate change investment is spent on adaptation activities . However , while a vast effort is required , adaptation offers a good return . The Global Commission on Adaptation suggests that investing US\$1.8 trillion in strengthening our infrastructure and other key areas of focus would avoid losses and accrue benefits of US\$7.1 trillion -- a four-to-one return . <p> Temperatures are climbing at an unprecedented rate , pollution levels are at historic highs and sea levels are on the rise . The C40 , a network of the world 's megacities committed to addressing climate change , calculates that 1.4 billion people will be living in coastal areas by 2050 . At the same time , there are 570 cities , some with populations in excess of 10 million , in areas at risk from rising sea levels . <p> Many of those cities ' natural defenses have been lost due to the use of impervious construction materials , such as concrete @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ water . Some cities are subsiding , due to the destabilizing influence of illegal underground wells and the immense weight of urban infrastructure . Jakarta , the Indonesian capital , is sinking at a rate of 20-25cm a year . <p> Investment in companies operating in the sustainable revolution is not only needed -- to drive change -- but doing so also holds out the prospect of higher returns for investors . From companies pioneering technologies in flood mitigation to those working on renewable energy projects and innovating in the field of battery storage , there are myriad possibilities . <p> Yet only a few of them are Eagles -- a term which applies to the winners of the transition to a more sustainable economic model . These companies are forward-looking and realize that adopting intelligent , responsible business practices benefits their bottom-line and can also bring a positive environmental and social impact . <p> Those without vision are Ostriches : organizations that are failing to adapt to the sustainable revolution , either oblivious to the speed and scale of the transition , or simply in denial . Perhaps surprisingly @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ today . A recent estimate suggested that 200 of the world 's largest companies already bear US\$1 trillion of risk from climate-change impacts -- with much of that impact set to strike within the next five years . <p> The sustainable revolution is creating structural trends that are already starting to reshape our economies . As the challenges of confronting global warming and finding solutions which can help return the planet to a stable footing become more acute , so many of the companies involved in developing sustainable urban systems will prosper . These will be the winners of the future : the Eagles . <p> Bank of Japan ( BoJ ) Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said on Friday that he is watching the coronavirus impact on the economy with " grave concern , " as the epidemic takes a toll on manufacturing activity and exports .... <p> China 's Hubei province reported an uptick in new cases of coronavirus on Friday , reversing three days of declines , although the numbers still confirmed a downward trend , Reuters reports . Hubei , the province at the center ... <p> The @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , with residents holed up indoors after dozens of people caught the new coronavirus in what authorities described as a " super-spreading event " at a church , ... <p> The United States expects China to honor its commitments to buy more US goods under a trade deal signed by the two sides in January , despite the coronavirus outbreak , Reuters reports , citing a senior ... <p> Airlines in the Asia-Pacific region stand to lose US\$27.8 billion of revenue this year as they slash flights due to declining demand as a result of the coronavirus , an industry body has estimated , Reuters . .. <p> China cut the benchmark lending rate on Thursday , as widely expected , in a bid to lower financing costs for businesses and support the economy amid the coronavirus crisis . The one-year loan prime rate ( LPR ) ... <p> Michael Bloomberg faced a barrage of attacks at his first Democratic presidential debate on Wednesday , as his rivals assailed the free-spending and fast-rising billionaire over his record on race , history of sexist comments and ... <p> A suspected right-wing extremist @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ overnight rampage through a German city before , police believe , returning home and killing himself . Federal prosecutors said they had taken ... <p> The coronavirus outbreak has created conflicts between central and local government officials in China . One major point of contention is the pace of resumption of work at businesses that were ordered shut earlier to ...

@@41621541 <h> More children admitted to hospital for eating disorders <h> More children admitted to hospital for eating disorders <p> There has been a 37% rise in hospital admissions for eating disorders in just two years , new



figures show . <p> NHS Digital data for England obtained by the PA news agency shows a rise across all age groups , including for teenage girls with anorexia . <p> The data shows there were 19,040 admissions for eating disorders among all age groups in 2018/19 , up from 16,558 in 2017/18 and 13,885 in 2016/17 . <p> The 2018/19 figures include 4,471 admissions for eating disorders in children aged 18 and under , up 8% from 4,158 the year before . <p> More than half of these most recent admissions in children were for anorexia , at 2,403 admissions , up 12% from 2,147 the year before . <p> This included 10 cases of anorexia among boys and six among girls aged nine and under . <p> There were a further 186 admissions for anorexia in girls aged 10 to 12 in 2018/19 , and 27 for boys aged 10 to 12 . <p> The most common age for hospital @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ admissions among girls in this age group ( up from 939 the year before ) , and a further 53 cases in boys . <p> Some 1,032 admissions were for girls aged 16 to 18 ( up from 909 the year before ) , while 33 were for boys aged 16 to 18 . <p> When looking at older ages in 2018/19 , women aged 19 and over accounted for 5,274 admissions for anorexia and 3,542 for bulimia , while men accounted for 327 admissions for anorexia and 381 for bulimia . <p> Emma Thomas , chief executive of the charity Young Minds , said the figures were " worrying " . <p> She added : " While there have been some improvements in community care for young people with eating disorders in recent years , it can still be difficult for children and young people to get the help they need before they reach crisis point . <p> " Getting early support for an eating disorder can prevent problems from escalating , meaning young people are more likely to fully recover . <p> " The Government must make prevention @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ their mental health , to ensure that they get help as soon as they need it . " <p> Dr Agnes Ayton , chairwoman of the faculty of eating disorders psychiatry at the Royal College of Psychiatrists , said : " Rising hospital admissions for eating disorders are very worrying as they are the deadliest mental health disorders . <p> " Healthcare professionals need to be better trained at spotting eating disorders as early diagnosis and treatment can reduce hospital admissions and saves lives . <p> " Patients often face long delays in accessing specialist treatment , so the Government must ensure eating disorder services are properly staffed to help bring waiting times down and reduce the need for hospitalisation . <p> " The college 's latest workforce census found that one in six eating disorders psychiatrist posts are unfilled . <p> " The Government 's ambitious plans to improve services are likely to fail if this shortage is n't addressed . " <p> Tom Quinn , director of external affairs at the eating disorders charity Beat , said : " Eating disorders are serious mental illnesses that affect people @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ there may be more young people being admitted to hospital . <p> " We know from our research and listening to the experiences of our supporters that it can often take a long while for early signs of an eating disorder to be spotted , for a referral to be made and for treatment to begin . <p> " Therefore , while this rise in the number of young people admitted to hospital for treatment could mean that the number of young people with eating disorders is increasing , it could also be due to improvement in the ability of healthcare professionals to identify eating disorders . <p> " Full recovery from an eating disorder is possible and the sooner someone gets the treatment they need , the more likely they are to make a full and sustained recovery . " <p> Claire Murdoch , national mental health director for the NHS , said : " Waiting times for NHS eating disorder services are better than ever , with nearly 100 new or improved services in the community set up in recent years backed by millions in extra funding . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ ramping up services through our Long Term Plan , the dangerous drivers of mental ill health need to be cracked down on by the rest of society . " <p> This website and associated newspapers adhere to the Independent Press Standards Organisation 's Editors ' Code of Practice . If you have a complaint about the editorial content which relates to inaccuracy or intrusion , then please contact the editor here . If you are dissatisfied with the response provided you can contact IPSO here @41623641 <h> Father of preventive medicine , Dr Jeremiah Stamler , turns 100 <p> Dr Stamler ( right ) , who was then director of heart research with the Chicago Board of Health , and lab technician Betty Humber conducting a glucose test on June 12 , 1967 , at the Civic Center in Chicago . -- TNS <p> Dr Jeremiah Stamler has a little problem at work . <p> You know the kind : that checklist item that you ca n't quite seem to check , the one part of the big project that you have n't yet nailed down . <p> You ca n't slam the door shut on the work until you get answers . <p> He knows the problem is out there , just waiting for him . And frankly , that 's just the kind of thing he thrives on . <p> Dr Stamler is a professor emeritus and active researcher at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in the United States , who recently turned 100 years old . <p> He did pioneering research into the causes of heart disease and coined the term " risk factors " to describe circumstantial and genetic @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ While working for Chicago 's Public Health Department in the 1960s , he developed the Heart Disease Control Program , aimed at educating the public and bringing focus to issues the city still grapples with , such as the availability of healthy food in poor neighbourhoods . <p> He 's an early adopter of what 's known today as the Mediterranean diet and his own best advertisement , a long-living testament to the lifestyle changes he advocates . <p> Currently , he 's one of only a tiny handful of scientists over age 90 to have an active US National Institutes of Health grant for research . <p> " We have immense amounts of things we should be grateful to Dr Stamler for , " says Dr Donald Lloyd-Jones , chair of Northwestern 's Department of Preventive Medicine , " because he 's improved our health as a nation and a wo



rld , but he 's also affected our society . " <p> He points out that Dr Stamler , who founded the Department of Preventive Medicine , " has retained 110% of his mental acuity . He 's forgotten @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ n't think he 's forgotten very much . " <p> But aside from being an obvious outlier in the \*\*31,527;TOOLONG department , the record of Dr Stamler 's life reveals another core characteristic that clearly fuels him . <p> He 's charming and smart , but he wo n't back down . <p> Not for anything . Not for big food companies or basic human intransigence , or even the US Congress . Not for the toll age takes , not even for time . <p> Dr Stamler was born in Brooklyn , New York , in 1919 , and grew up in West Orange , New Jersey , the child of Russian immigrants . <p> From an early age , he was suspicious of mass-market food . <p> " The loaf of white bread is anathema , " he says . " My father got to this country , saw the white bread and was ready to get back on the boat and go home ! " <p> Instead , he grew up with hearty rye breads and got an early start eating whole grains . <p> Other healthy @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ liked butter . I do n't know why . It must 've been something in the blood -- intuitive . " <p> After medical school , he did what most of his contemporaries were doing and entered the US Army . <p> Near the end of World War II , he was sent overseas . " To Bermuda , " he says . " So I spent a lovely year in Bermuda , my wife came with me , and it was very nice . " <p> Shortly thereafter , the war ended , and like thousands of other GIs , he headed home to launch the next phase of his life . <p> He knew he wanted that life to be in research , and in 1947 , found a place to pursue that work , taking a position at Michael Reese Hospital in Bronzeville , Chicago , under pioneering cardiology researcher Dr Louis Katz . <p> " ' You never win . When you first discover something , people will say ' I do n't believe it . ' <p> " Then you do more research and verify @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ but ... ' <p> " Then you do more research , verify it further and they 'll say , ' I knew it all the time . ' <p> " And he was right . " <p> Undeterred , Dr Stamler and his first wife Rose , who trained as a sociologist , but went on to become a major researcher in the fields of cardiovascular disease and hypertension in her own right , moved to Chicago in 1947 . <p> " They offered me a US\$200-a-month fellowship , " he says . " In those days , that was a fortune . " <p> His research involved examining the effects of cholesterol and other factors suspected as drivers of cardiovascular disease . <p> " I was always interested in the heart artery problem . Why did human beings with diabetes get more heart artery disease ? <p> " Not that we 're indifferent to the outside , but we feel a first responsibility to locals . " <p> The question of the role cheese , as seen in this filepic , plays in heart disease is what currently occupies @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ accusation <p> But it was n't steakhouses or even food lobbyists who posed Stamler 's next challenge . <p> In 1965 , he was called before the US House Un-American Activities Committee ( HUAC ) , a congressional committee aimed at ferreting out suspected communist sympathisers in America . <p> The committee was known for subpoenaing a range of people , from the entertainment industry , academia and other spheres of public life . <p> " They had informants who told them who to call , " says Tom Sullivan , an attorney who worked on Dr Stamler 's HUAC case , " and the people took the Fifth Amendment ( to the US Constitution , invoking a right against self-incrimination ) and that was the end of it . <p> " It ruined many lives and employment and wreaked havoc . " <p> The consequences for refusing to answer the committee 's questions was blacklisting , and in Dr Stamler 's case , Sullivan says , " Mayor Daley would have fired him immediately . " <p> Dr Stamler chose not to exercise a right against self-incrimination , instead @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ by challenging its constitutional right to do so . <p> Sullivan and his team filed suit against the committee on behalf of Dr Stamler and his colleague Yolanda Hall , who worked as a nutritionist in his department and was also an outspoken activist on issues such as fair housing and civil rights . <p> The committee found the pair in contempt of the US Congress . <p> " The clients were facing years in jail for contempt of Congress , " says Sullivan , " and Jerry Stamler decided he was willing to take that chance , to make this a test case . " <p> Litigation followed for eight-and-half years , during which Dr Stamler continued to champion public health , but rarely spoke publicly about the court battle . <p> In late 1973 , the case settled , with the committee , which had begun to lose steam , backing down and Dr Stamler 's side agreeing to withdraw its complaint . <p> " He knows that if you apply firm , steady pressure over time , the data will win the day . <p> " If @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ best science , the truth will out . " <p> Confronting cheese <p> In 1972 , Dr Stamler was appointed as the founding director of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine at Northwestern , where his research continued and he took on the role of mentor to a stream of new cardiologists and researchers . <p> The work has never let up , though Dr Stamler has decided where to draw the line in one arena . <p> " He sort of stopped advancing in his tech use at fax machines , " says Dr Lloyd-Jones , " so when we send him papers to read , we email them to his assistant , they print them out , he takes the hard copy , he marks them up extensively in pen , and he faxes them back . " <p> Currently , Dr Stamler 's working with a team on metabolomics , the study of products created by the body 's metabolic processes . <p> Those faxed notes , Dr Lloyd-Jones says , are sharp as ever . <p> " He 's really at his core a @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ what it is giving you , and not over-interpreting it . " <p> Dr Stamler sticks to his guns at home as well . <p> " We eat a lot of egg whites in this house , " he says . " And I 'm not saying that to make nice with the Egg Board . <p> " I like hard-boiled egg white with tomato in a good sandwich with whole wheat bread . " <p> Diet is key to good health , he says , and happiness is i

important too . <p> He shares homes in New York , Italy and Chicago with his second wife , Gloria , a childhood friend with whom he reconnected after Rose died in 1998 . <p> Though age has robbed him of mobility and he now uses a wheelchair , Dr Stamler says he has one answer for people who wonder whether he'll retire : " No . " <p> " If you think about it , " he says , " I should have retired about 30 years ago . <p> " But I've kept going , on the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ that we have n't touched very well . " <p> Like , for instance , cheese -- a supposed villain when it comes to heart health . <p> " There may be more there than meets the eye , " says Dr Stamler . " It's too early to say . <p> " People say ' Why are you still working ? ' It's intriguing questions like that . <p> " What's the bottom line with cheese ? It just keeps you intrigued and going on . " <p> For the scientist , at least , cheese has a benefit . Maybe even , at this point , a touch of symbiosis . <p> " I have n't taken the time to get that clear . It sounds simple , but doing it well is a big job . " -- Chicago Tribune/Tribune News Service <p> We're sorry , this article is unavailable at the moment . If you wish to read this article , kindly contact our Customer Service team at 1-300-88-7827 . Thank you for your patience - we're bringing you a new @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @

@@41623941 <h> Follow the author of this article <h> Follow the topics within this article <p> Dom Sibley was the stand-out player for England on a composed , old fashioned day of Test cricket as the tourists built a 264-run lead by the close of day three in Cape Town . <p> James Anderson polished off the South African tail first thing in the morning to finish with five wickets and leave the hosts 46 in arrears on first innings . <p> Then it was over to the batsmen . England have expressed a desire to play in a tighter way over the last few months and Sibley , who scored 85\* from 222 balls , batted all day to demonstrate that the message is getting through . <p> He was well supported by Joe Denly , who scored a 111-ball 31 , and Joe Root , who made a more fluent 98-ball 61 . <p> England lost two wickets late on , those of Root and the nightwatchman Dom Bess , to close on 218-4 . <h> Jimmy Anderson <p> " Really good day . We wanted to be ruthless with the ball and we were . We have @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ they did . <p> " I am so grateful for all the help I have had getting back with my injury rehab . It gives you a real buzz to get out there and do that in Tests . <p> " I think Dom has all the makings of a Test opener . Technique is a bit unusual but it works for him . If you look at every successful Test team throughout history they have had ... I'm not going to say a blocker , but someone who can occupy the crease ! They have had someone who can stay in there and then let the flair players like Stokes and Buttler come in and take all the glory . " <h> Less good news off the field though <p> Rory Burns likely to need surgery on the ankle he injured playing football -- will probably miss England's tour of Sri Lanka , putting Keaton Jennings in line for a recall @timwrighthttps : //t.co/zp2itaOmoF <h> Close of play : England 218/4 ( Sibley 85\* ) over 79 <p> That came off the last ball of the over @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . An excellent day of work for England . They have batted themselves into a position of real strength here . They lead by 264 <h> WICKET ! Bess c de Kock b Nortje 0 <p> So England lose one just before the new ball , and Dom Bess is the lucky man who gets to face a few minutes of Anrich Nortje trying to smack him in the head as he bowls around the wicket . The fast man has a bat pad and a short leg and various slips , but Dom plays this skilfully and with some heart , until ... <p> Nortje digs a ball in , Bess fences at it and there is a touch of something . Paul Reiffel gives it not out , the bowler does not look sure , but the brains' trust behind the stumps calls for the review and that has flicked the glove . FOW 218/4 <h> OVER 76 : ENG 212/2 ( Sibley 85\* Root 57\* ) <p> Maharaj is replaced by Pretorius . Root prods towards point , then carves away to backward point for two @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ is well known for often failing to convert his half-centuries into three figures . How he would love to push on here . <h> OVER 74 : ENG 204/2 ( Sibley 82\* Root 52\* ) <p> Low rumbles of Roooooooooooooooooot go around the historic ground as the England captain glides to his half-century with a controlled sweep . This has been a very impressive knock for him , and the shake of the bat shows how much it means . Seven for the over for Root . And for England . <h> OVER 71 : ENG 186/2 ( Sibley 76\* Root 44\* ) <p> My colleague Al took over for a period after lunch but I can not remember any contentious issues today or reason for South Africa to appeal upstairs for a decision . Hardly any edges , barely any lbw claims , minimal things for South Africa to cheer . If you were going to sum up a day in a colour , it would be beige for South Africa . Or perhaps duck-egg blue . <h> OVER 70 : ENG 184/2 ( Sibley 75\* Root 43\* ) @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 43\* ) <p> Maybe be FdP heard me as on comes Nortje to replace Philander . South Africa need something quick here otherwise their proud , long unbeaten Test record against England at Newlands is seriously under threat . <p> Honing in on off stump but nothing doing . Two from the over and the Barmy Army are starting to rouse themselves for a final end of day singalong . <h> OVER 66 : ENG 176/2 ( Sibley 70\* Root 40\* ) <h> Burns expected to undergo surgery <p> Earlier I brought you an injury update on Rory Burns who is expected to undergo surgery on his injured ankle . The full story is available to read here . It could mean a delayed start to the domestic season as well as an absence from the tour to Sri Lanka . Stick to the cricket boys , not football . <h> OVER 56 : ENG 141/2 ( Sibley 63\* Root 16\* ) <h> OVER 55 : ENG 140/2 ( Sibley 62\* Root 16\* ) <p> When the luck's not going your way ... South Africa concede four leg byes @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the leg and should n't have counted as runs as the batsman was not playing a shot . <p> Sibley works it into the leg side , Root into the covers . Seven from the over . England l

ead by 186 runs . <h> OVER 54 : ENG 133/2 ( Sibley 60\* Root 14\* ) <p> The ease with which England are currently occupying the crease is shown in the fact the Sky commentators are spending plenty of time currently reflecting on the bowling achievements of a certain James Anderson . Despite the fact he 's had his feet up in the changing room s since the early stages of this morning . <h> OVER 49 : ENG 114/2 ( Sibley 44\* Root 12\* ) <p> Root trying to be busy here but he almost guides Maharaj 's first delivery first to slip . That 's better a few balls later when he sweeps out of the rough for a boundary . It 's the only real action of the over but another four runs to the tally . <h> TEA : England 109/2 ( Sibley 44\* Root 7\* ) lead @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ afternoon 's work . 57 runs scored in the 28-over session , for the loss of just Joe Denly . Okay , they have n't exactly ripped the game from South Africa 's grasp , but it was quietly encouraging in its way : the lead grows to 155 and I do n't think many in the South African dressing room would back their batting to score 280 batting fourth . So England are well on their way to setting up a winning position . <p> In the broader sense , something of a vindication for England 's new Test cricket caution policy : they 've seen off the new ball and some dangerous bowlers have been blunted . Sibley has faced 130 balls , Denly faced 111 . It should all mean , hopefully , that England 's shot-makers in the middle order could maybe , for once , face bowlers who have n't got their tails up . We shall see ... <h> OVER 47 : ENG 109/2 ( Sibley 44\* Root 7\* ) <p> Maharaj , bowling his left-armers over the wicket , is brilliantly reverse-swept by @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Tries the same shot the next ball though but does not play it as well . It rips out of the rough and hits QdK in the chest . de Kock got a sore one on the heel of the heel/base of the hand a couple of overs ago . <h> OVER 46 : ENG 104/2 ( Sibley 44\* Root 2\* ) <p> Nortje . Root swivel-pulls the first ball away for one . Nortje wholehearted , quick and pretty accurate , this is a decent over.A couple more singles , though , take England 's lead to 150 . <p> England have one more over to get through before they can mark this up as very encouraging session , not just in and of itself but I think in the context of how they are trying to develop the Test team . <h> OVER 45 : ENG 101/2 ( Sibley 43\* Root 0\* ) <h> OVER 44 : ENG 101/2 ( Sibley 43\* Root 0\* ) <p> Denly is angry with himself as he stomps off but he has played a good hand for his team there . In @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ in Tests from hit-and-giggle to digging in , he and the coaching staff are entitled to view that 111-ball stay as something of a proof of concept . <p> Joe Denly falls for 31 , his Test average . He constantly feels one innings away from a breakthrough . Has reached 10 in 20 of his 23 Test innings , 20 in 14 of them , 30 in 11 , 50 in 6 , and 100 in 0 . A strike-rate of just under 40 is a factor . <p> Here comes Joe Root . Nortje , who strikes me as a direct , uncomplicated sort of a guy , greets the opposition captain with a quick hostile bouncer . Standard . Root does not play that especially convincingly . <h> WICKET ! Denly c Pretorius b Nortje 31 <p> That 's it ! That is the breakthrough . A short ball from Anrich , Denly has a go at it . Pretorius has done his fellow pacer a favour in the deep with a really good running catch , tumbling forward to pluck that a few inches off @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 86/1 ( Denly 24\* Sibley 36\* ) <p> Time for a bit of a change , and Nortje is certainly that . He 's impressed so far in his neophyte Test career . Quick and wholehearted with the ball , and has batted gamely down the order . Denly pulls him , there are a couple of men back for that . Four off the over . <h> OVER 35 : ENG 81/1 ( Denly 21\* Sibley 35\* ) <h> OVER 34 : ENG 79/1 ( Denly 20\* Sibley 34\* ) <p> Sibley drives Rabada handsomely through the off side ! Shot sir . Four runs for that , and I 'd award a spotter 's badge for the rarity as well , DS not being a noted cover player . Nearly a mix up with the running later in the over , mind you . They get home just about . <h> OVER 33 : ENG 74/1 ( Denly 20\* Sibley 29\* ) <p> Maharaj to Denly , starting to see a bit of turn now , maybe the effects of the heavy roller - used twice this morning @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ does not seem to much between " block " and " WALLOP " . But still there , which is the thing . <p> Bit disrespectful of Nasser Hussain and Mark Nicholas to refer to Vernon Philander as the heavy roller #SAvENG <h> OVER 30 : ENG 74/1 ( Denly 20\* Sibley 29\* ) <p> It 's Kagiso Rabada . The extra paces wakes Joe No Pants Denly up , he 's chipped the ball through the covers , not sure he was in control of that . Rabada finds , and hits , a crack in the pitch ! That one misbehaves . <h> OVER 28 : ENG 71/1 ( Denly 17\* Sibley 29\* ) <p> Vernon , floaty , good line , but not doing a lot with the ball . England taking no chances . It 's yet another maiden for Vern . Fine by me . Keep the South Africans out there , that has to be the policy . England have plenty of time to build this lead . <h> OVER 24 : ENG 58/1 ( Denly 13\* Sibley 20\* ) <h> OVER 23 : @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Africa were becalmed against the spinner yesterday , Bess was really allowed to bowl 27 overs without doing much with the ball . England do n't want to fall into that trap , perhaps - because here comes Joe Denly ! He 's blatted the ball over mid off for four ! There was a man back there in that region but he hit it well enough . <p> Kevin Pietersen thought it was a bit risky - he tells Talksport listeners that Denly is always playing Maharaj off the front foot , meaning that he can not rotate the strike , so he has to take on the big shot . " It is a technical flaw . He does not have the ability to rotate the strike so he has to play the release shot . And any slight miscalculation and that is out . There 's only one boundary fielder on - and he is in that area . " <p> England lead is 104 <p> Joe Denly is looking to get on the front footCredit : AP Photo/Halden Krog <h> OVER 22 : ENG 53/1 ( @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 53/1 ( Denly 9\* Sibley 19\* ) <p> Maharaj , who was given the mandatory token over before lunch , continues . No turn to speak of . He 's got a slip and a short leg more of a silly mid on really , Si

bley allows Maharaj to bowl that over . Neither the bowler nor the batsman putting much pressure on the other . Maiden . <h> Lunch interval <p> Pippa Field takes her cap after a spell of sustained , hostile blogging and goes off for a lunch she describes as " depressingly healthy . " Alan Tyers here for the afternoon session . I 've had a croissant . And another croissant . So something to build on there . <p> England meanwhile will , I think , be enjoying their luncheon : a decent morning 's work . They got through the remaining South African batting pretty efficiently and have reached 52 for the loss of just one wicket . For a Test side who have made 50/3 very much their signature score over the last couple of years , that is pleasing . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Sibley 18\* ) <p> Keshav Maharaj on for a quick twirl of the arm before lunch . Denly 's defence holds firm though and that 's lunch . <p> 60 runs from the session , mainly for England after they knocked off those two South African wickets early courtesy of a certain evergreen James Anderson . Zak Crawley looked promising but he fell for 25 . A learning curve for him . <h> OVER 16 : 48/1 ( Denly 5\* Sibley 18\* ) <p> It 's a bit flat here as we meander to lunch . South Africa have been unable to turn the screw after that wicket as England gradually rebuild . The complexities of Test cricket and why it is so intriguing . <p> Oh that 's a bit of excitement as a shorter one from Nortje bounces past the ducking Denly 's chin . A couple of singles before Sibley confidently finds the gap in the field backward of square to notch up a further four runs . <h> OVER 15 : 43/1 ( Denly 4\* Sibley 14\* ) <p> Rabada is done bowling for now , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Pretorius for lbw , especially as Sibley is rubbing his elbow and replays clearly show the ball hitting his funny bone . <p> Sibley responds with a lovely boundary through mid-wicket off a fuller delivery . <h> State of play <h> OVER 10 : 27/0 ( Crawley 25\* Sibley 2\* ) <p> Anrich Nortje into the attack for South Africa , replacing Philander . <p> Nortje finds a crack straight away , with an edge from Crawley flying over the vacant gully for a boundary . That 's more controlled from Crawley a few balls later , getting the levers working to crack it out towards forward of square leg . Superb fielding from Pretorius stops the boundary and keeps it to two runs . <p> A swing and a miss and then a solid drive straight to mid off finishes off the over and brings up drinks . <h> OVER 8 : 21/0 ( Crawley 19\* Sibley 2\* ) <p> Philander , into his fourth over , tries to entice Crawley into a shot but he is not tempted . The South African drew the opener into an outside @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ <p> Again he shoulders arms and does n't give anything away on the next couple either . Philander chucks a few words down to the England batsman after failing to find a crack on the crease . The last delivery is too straight and Crawley works it away for a boundary . <h> OVER 7 : 17/0 ( Crawley 15\* Sibley 2\* ) <p> Short leg is in for Crawley as South Africa aim to keep the pressure on the England opener . That would not have been part of the plan though as Crawley flicks it fine for a boundary . And then another through backward square leg . A good response from the Kent man . <h> OVER 5 : 12/0 ( Crawley 10\* Sibley 2\* ) <p> Ouch ! Crawley attempts the pull shot but the ball hits his arm and then ricochets right up into his grille . A quick check of the helmet and play continues . <p> Rabada giving him some lip , verbally , too as Crawley 's feet hardly move on the next couple . He then ducks into another short one @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Suddenly that opening smooth over from Crawley seems a long time ago . <h> OVER 1 : 8/0 ( Crawley 8\* Sibley 0\* ) <p> Rabada takes the new ball in hand from the Kelvin Grove End . Thunders in towards Crawley who leaves it confidently and then strokes it through the leg-side for four . Talk about nerve-settler . And back to sensibly leaving on the next . Another confidence-booster for the newbie opener as he drives straight back down the ground for another boundary . <p> Eeeek ! All that good work nearly undone as he looks to drive again but is a touch early and the ball squirts under his bat , narrowly missing the stumps . <h> South Africa 223 all out ( trail England by 46 runs ) <p> Whatever England ate for breakfast clearly did the trick , with South Africa dismissed in under half an hour . He may not even have played this Test had everyone been fit but James Anderson finishes with 5-40 from 19 overs to put England right in the driving seat in this Test . <p> Every thing @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Test with Ben Stokes the slip-catcher extraordinaire . He becomes the first England fielder to take five catches in a single Test innings . <p> Disappointment for South Africa but with inexperienced England openers and a brand new cherry in hand , there is still hope . Game on . <h> OVER 88 : 222/9 ( Philander 16\* Nortje 4\* ) <h> OVER 87 : 221/9 ( Philander 15\* Nortje 4\* ) <p> Run out chance ! Groans from the England players . They could have had the innings wrapped up there . <p> Philander , eager to get the runs , goes for a single that is really not on after slicing to gully . Nortje is stranded but Pope 's effort fails to hit the wickets . Anderson then sends a jaffa down , seaming away off a good length , which nearly catches out Nortje . <p> After holding firm off the next two , the tailender then clips down to the boundary to relieve the pressure and blocks the last . <h> OVER 86 : 216/9 ( Philander 14\* Nortje 0\* ) <p> Barmy Army understandably @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Broad gets his first action of the day from the Wynberg End . <p> Pressure on Philander certainly now to try and eek out some crucial runs for South Africa after that first over . That 's not the way to do it though as he wafts at one outside off and fails to connect . Ugly . He does manage to punch one through the off side to leave Nortje to face the final delivery which he shoulders arms to . <h> Nearly time for play to start <p> Vernon Philander would love to sign off his Newlands swansong on a winning note . He will be called upon with the ball later but first there are matters to attend to with the bat , with the South African 13 not out . The all-rounder is moving to Somerset this year . <p> J

joining him at the crease today though is Kagiso Rabada . What can the hosts add to their overnight tally ? Jimmy Anderson warming up for the first over . <h> Early cloud cover <p> Even with one of the stands under construction , it really @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ very much to tick off the bucket list I 'd say . The England fans will be in fine voice again , hopeful of a few early wickets . I 'm told no rain forecast for today , despite the early cloud . <h> Good morning <p> And welcome to day three of the second Test in Cape Town . <p> As our cricket correspondent in Cape Town , Scyld Berry , wrote at the close of play yesterday , there 's ' life in the old dogs yet ' . He was , of course , referring to England 's top two Test wicket-takers James Anderson and Stuart Broad who helped England turn a wicket-less second session into a highly profitable third one to help the tourists forge a path back into the series . Together they took five wickets for only 70 runs to give England every chance of yet winning this match - and series . Not bad for players who were at the risk of being dropped if a certain Jofra Archer had been fit . <p> In plain numbers , South Africa reached 215-8 at @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ of 269 all out . As well as the contributions of veteran fast bowlers Anderson and Broad , 21-year-old seamer Sam Curran and 22-year-old spinner Dom Bess both made important breakthroughs into the South Africa attack . It also represented a day to cheer finally for Joe Root who has seen his captaincy come under serious scrutiny lately during a difficult tour full of illness and injury . " We reaped the rewards towards the end of the day , " Curran said afterwards . " No wickets in the middle session but we knew the rewards would come if we stuck at it ... I think all in all a good day . Hopefully we can bat big and try and win this game . " <p> The first task this morning for England , however , will be snaffling those final two wickets , preferably nice and quickly before South Africa gain parity . But even if the hosts do nudge ahead , with a pitch starting to show variable bounce and some sideways movement off widening cracks , batting last here will be a tough task , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ their second innings . Although with England 's batting patterns of late , that is always a big if . A match-deciding day ahead .

@@41636041 <h> Are over-insulated homes causing more heatwave deaths ? <h> Share <p> As we know , carbon emissions are going to have to be eliminated in the coming decades to prevent us suffering from fire , flood , tempest and plagues of locusts . But in one important respect is the cure actually worse than the disease ? That 's the surprising implication of a statement on deaths from last year 's heatwave by Bob Ward , the Director of the Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change at the London School of Economics . In response to figures suggesting that there were 892 excess deaths between last June and August , a period which saw the highest temperature ever recorded in Britain , he said : ' Tragically , many of these deaths are likely to have been preventable . Previous research has shown that many of the people who are killed by heatwave conditions die in their own homes or in care homes that overheat . ' <p> But why are homes overheating ? In a rush to build more energy-efficient homes , and to retrofit existing homes with insulation , we are forcing people to live in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ more pleasant -- and cut heating bills -- in the winter , but come summer it is creating a hothouse nightmare . In 2015 , Emily Hill wrote in these pages of her own nightmare living in an ' eco home ' in Central London . <p> This was no slum , but a brand new mixed development incorporating everything from plush penthouses to social housing close to the River Thames . It was built to the very latest building regulations which are supposed to take account of climate change and the need to slash emissions . Indeed , it did cut occupants ' bills and , presumably , use less fossil fuel than a traditionally-built block . Trouble is , for its occupants it was also bringing forward the day when we are told that our cities will become unpleasantly warm . For three months , Emily reported , temperatures in her flat hovered between 28 and 32 Celsius . Residents were becoming dehydrated and had resorted to running \*\*33;91;TOOLONG mobile air conditioning units for 24 hours a day . It is not an isolated case : other social @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . <p> There is no reason why we should n't be able to build homes which are both energy-efficient as well as cool in summer . It means putting up buildings which have good thermal mass -- meaning the walls , floors or both can absorb and release large amounts of heat to smooth out temperature differences between night and day . It means stopping building glass-fronted flats which generate their own miniature greenhouse effect . And it means fitting well-sealed homes with mechanical ventilation systems to ensure a good amount of air exchange with the outside . Such ventilation is standard in Scandinavian homes but is rarely seen in Britain . <p> But as with so many things where climate change is involved , government and its agencies are being panicked into making quick-fixes . We have subsidised schemes to stuff homes with insulation and to seal windows and doors against drafts , but we do n't have effective regulations to ensure that buildings can be kept cool in hot weather nor that air quality inside buildings remains high . If summer temperatures continue to rise it will turn @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the rise in outside temperature .

@@41657741 <h> Can Dr. Terry Dubrow Revive New Patient Judy 's " Zombie " Boobs ? <p> There 's no denying that Judy has had a nightmare plastic surgery experience . <p> On Monday 's all-new Botched , the mother of four turned to doctors Terry Dubrow and Paul Nassif after her mommy makeover abroad turned into a massacre . According to the new patient , she first went to Colombia to have " a tummy tuck , a BBL and a breast augmentation . " <p> However , two and a half years after the initial surgery , Judy was unhappy with her heavy implants . Thus , the now 3

7-year-old went to the Dominican Republic to decrease her implant size . <p> " It was a terrible experience . I went to the recovery house , I was so sick , " Judy detailed to the doctors . " I came back to the United States , immediately went to the hospital , ' cause I was running a fever . " <p> Yet , Judy was facing far more than a fever . Not only did Judy get wounds on her incisions , but her implant fell out @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ surgeon 's physician assistant . <h> Watch <p> " She was hysterical . She 's like , ' I 've never seen this before , ' " Judy continued . <p> " Neither have I , " Dr. Dubrow responded . <p> To make matters worse , Judy 's other implant also fell out the day of her corrective surgery . Upon conferring with her doctor in the States , Judy learned she " had contracted two antibiotic resistant bacterias . " <p> Thus , Judy required wound VAC therapy and a two week stay in the hospital . <p> While the procedure killed the bacteria , she was left with mess on her chest . Without even looking at her breasts , Dr. Dubrow knew what went wrong in her second surgery . <p> " You know what the problem is ? That second surgeon in the Dominican Republic cut out the blood supply to the breast tissue , " Heather Dubrow 's husband explained . " It slowly started to die and turn into , basically , a zombie breast . " <p> In the exam room , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ on her breasts . This complicated matters as it made her natural crease extremely close to her areola . <h> Photos <p> " The fact that Judy no longer has a lower pole makes it really difficult to conceptually figure out how to make her a normal breast , " Dubrow stated in a confessional . <p> Although Judy 's breast tissue was not " friendly " to implants , Dubrow agreed to take on the Rhode Island resident 's case . In order to give Judy normal looking breasts , Dubrow decided to do the corrective surgery without implants . <p> E ! <p> " My first move with Judy today is to try to give her a good shape without using implants . If I 'm unable to get a good shape , then I may have to resort to implants , " the surgeon told the Botched camera . " But , I really do n't want to . Because , if you do n't have breasts implants , you ca n't have a breast implant complication . " <p> After working some medical magic , Dubrow @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ " Thanks to Dr. Dubrow , my scars are gone and now I have two full , perky and implant-free breasts , " Judy gushed post-surgery . <p> For all of this and more , including Dr. Nassif 's work on Agi 's nose , be sure to watch the full episode HERE ! <p> We and our partners use cookies on this site to improve our service , perform analytics , personalize advertising , measure advertising performance , and remember website preferences . By using the site , you consent to these cookies . For more information on cookies including how to manage your consent visit our Cookie Policy . <h> U.S. <h> CA <h> U.K. <h> AU <h> Asia <h> DE <h> FR <h> E ! Is Everywhere <p> This content is available customized for our international audience . Would you like to view this in our US edition ? <h> E ! Is Everywhere <p> This content is available customized for our international audience . Would you like to view this in our Canadian edition ? <h> E ! Is Everywhere <p> This content is available customized @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ this in our UK edition ? <h> E ! Is Everywhere <p> This content is available customized for our international audience . Would you like to view this in our Australian edition ? <h> E ! Is Everywhere <p> This content is available customized for our international audience . Would you like to view this in our Asia edition ?

@@41667041 <p> It 's the last Davos Playbook for 2020 , and what a week it 's been . Playbook 's Rym Momtaz and Ryan Heath share their Davos takeaways below . But first , what everyone 's talking about this morning : U.S. financier George Soros ' bombshells . <h> DRIVING THE DAY <p> SHOTS ACROSS THE BOW : " Facebook will work to reelect U.S. President Donald Trump and Trump will protect Facebook , " said Soros in prepared remarks at a dinner Thursday night . He described Trump as " a conman and the ultimate narcissist ... whose politics are a malignant disease , " and Xi Jinping , as a " dictator . " Greta Thunberg got praise . Playbook 's Ryan Heath and Stephen Brown have more . <p> CRITICAL THINKING : Soros ' concern for the 2020 U.S. presidential election and the Western liberal order are seeing him double down on his philanthropic work : He announced he 's investing \$1 billion in funding " critical thinking " via a new network of colleges in Europe , which will expand on his Central European University . It is the " most important project " of his life , as Soros put it . <p> SOROS VERBATIM : The U.S. , China and Russia are in the hands of " actual or would-be dictators , " Soros said . And also : " It is now easier to influence than to understand events . " <p> UK NOT A RULE TAKER : Sajid Javid , the only member of Boris Johnson 's Cabinet authorized to break the U.K. government ban on sipping " Champagne with billionaires " in Davos , caught up with Playbook Thursday . Drinking coffee rather than bubbly , the chancellor stuck to his guns on a tight year-end schedule for a post-Brexit trade deal with the EU , and elaborated on his comments last week that companies should get used to the idea that the U.K. will not align with the EU 's single market or customs union . " We wo n't diverge for its own sake -- but we wo n't be a rule taker , " Javid said . <p> STILL AT IT : Still in Davos , Greta Thunberg is leading another one of her regular protests at 11 a.m . <p> DRIVING NEXT WEEK : Forget Davos , it 's Alfalfa time , baby . " That 's an annual black-tie gathering where current and past players in the nation 's capital invite corporate titans to join them for a dinner and satirical roasts , " writes POLITICO 's John Harris . " The Davos-Alfalfa pairing serves as a kind of unofficial launch of what is now a yearlong season of corporate and political networking among a certain set of the world 's most influential people . " <h> DAVOS TAKEAWAYS <p> THE ROOKIE TAKE , FROM A FIRST-TIMER : Via Playbook 's Rym Momtaz ... <p> 1 . Speaking truth to power is not the brief . Between W

EF Chairman Klaus Schwab 's saccharine remarks after Trump 's speech , and a CEO telling us that Greta Thunberg was needed in Davos to balance out the conversation , Playbook got the distinct impression that the WEF this year was as a gathering of rich white dudes hiding behind a 17-year-old girl holding the U.S. president to account . <p> 2 . Continental Europe is a bit player . Sure , Ursula von der Leyen drew a big crowd for her inaugural Davos appearance as the European Commission president , but European Parliament chief David Sassoli was an also-ran , and German Chancellor Angela Merkel 's keynote barely registered in conversations . American and British corporations dominated , but their Continental fellows were far less visible . " It 's a cultural difference issue , " one WEF official reckoned . <p> 3 . Lack of diversity is a glaring problem . Aside from official political delegations , you 'd be hard-pressed to find a non-Western , non-male participant . And initiatives like the Female Quotient Equality Lounge , while improving the female presence , also highlight just how outside the nucleus of power ( embodied by the Congress Center ) they remain . <p> 4 . Why are we here again ? Sure , the world 's big-hitters in one place at the same time is a big deal . But this high school reunion for CEOs still feels like a relic from a different time : no audience participation , an exclusionary pecking order , and people networking , yes , but largely in their own circles . <p> THE VETERAN TAKE , FROM AN 8-TIMER : Here 's how Ryan Heath saw things ... <p> 1 . The global elite has priced in President Trump -- they now shrug rather than gasp . Most galling for the U.S. president : a 17-year-old is better at driving the day . <p> 2 . The WEF channeled nearly every conversation toward climate action and sustainability . That was made easier because going green is now profitable a lot of the time . <p> 3 . The future U.K. king is no mere ribbon-cutter : Prince Charles had more political impact here than the whole U.K. government -- and also more than former PM Theresa May , who did n't let her brutal opinion of Davos-goers being " citizens of nowhere " stop her from taking their money ( to speak at a private dinner ) . <p> 4 . Real debate and real inclusion make for better panels ; fake consensus bores . WEF will need to apply that to its official stages if it wants the Congress Center to get its mojo back in 2021 . <p> Channel the fig leaf : Also on the podcast , Stephen Brown discusses Trump and Twitter with Mary Beard , professor of classics at the University of Cambridge . She tells Stephen she was criticized on Twitter for being a token participant in Davos . But even " if you are the fig leaf , " you can " fight back , " she said . " Fig leaves do change things . " She continued : " A little bit of cynicism about Davos is definitely called for , but being too cynical I think misses the way that institutions are made to change by outsiders . " <h> BRINGING IN THE HRYVNIA <p> THE NEW NANNY STATE : Ukraine 's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy pitched investors in Davos Thursday -- via video -- with an innovative offer : a government nanny of one 's own . " For those who invest more than \$100 million , we will conclude a direct investment agreement with the state , based on the English law . These investors will receive a personal tutor -- a nanny -- from the government , speaking five languages and available on a 24/7 basis to take care of all your issues . " <p> Tax holiday : Zelenskiy 's second proposal is to " provide investors who privatize state-owned enterprises worth \$10 million or more in the next two years with a five-year tax holiday . " <p> A threat or a promise ? " Not investing in Ukraine is akin to being George Bell who refused to buy Google for \$1 million in 1999 ! So , do not miss out Ukraine , " Zelenskiy concluded . Let it rain hryvnia ! <h> IT AIN'T LOOKIN ' GOOD <p> FALLING SHORT : For all the Davos talk on climate change , corporate commitments and social pressure , the rhetoric still fell far short of the action needed , Columbia University 's Jason Bordoff tweeted . And he told Bloomberg : " Policy is nowhere near the level of rhetoric and ambition -- that was the theme last year , and it 's even more so this year . " <p> WOKING UP : The question is whether all the do-good pledges and globo-speak are actually just globo-bull . It 's not clear that corporations are ready to meet the high expectations they have set among governments and advocates alike , write Stephen Brown and John Harris . <p> HEAD-DESK MOMENT : Asked by the male moderator on a panel on gender balance how a governing coalition with five female leaders works , Finland 's 34-year-old Prime Minister Sanna Marin shot back , " It works like any other government . We do n't need a special meeting room or something . " <p> -- Which illustrates just how far the world still is from gender parity . And it 's not just a feeling : We 're 257 years away , according to a WEF prediction . Check out POLITICO 's Women Rule podcast here for more . <p> BUT BUT BUT : Areije al Shakar , who heads the Bahrain Al Waha Fund of Funds , sees an upside from the lack of women . She told Playbook : " At least I 'm here ... Sometimes it helps because you stand out , you 're able to manoeuvre because there are n't as many blue suits . The novelty comes when you 're a female that 's leading a fund-of-funds -- we 're a rarity . " <p> SDG TROUBLE : " The business community is not moving at the speed or scale needed to deliver the sustainable development goals , " warned Lise Kingo , CEO and executive director of the U.N . Global Compact , on Thursday . To counter that , U.N . Secretary-General António Guterres launched " SDG Ambition " in Davos , supported by SAP and Accenture , to help companies and other organizations incorporate sustainability and the SDGs into their business operations and to measure and manage their performance . <p> \*\*With the odds of a recession in the US rising , geopolitical shifts and trade wars changing the economic landscape and more , economic uncertainty has become the backdrop for European business . Join POLITICO 's experts and industry peers on February 5 in Paris for the Executive Workshop Navigating economic turmoil -- Europe 's plan . \*\* <h> UNOFF



ICIAL DAVOS <p> TOP POLITICOS , FLAT JOKES : Star-studded cast at the Washington Post Foreign Policy luncheon on Thursday , featuring U.S. First Daughter Ivanka Trump , U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin , Iraqi President Barham Salih , Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong . But : " The only one who was articulate was the prime minister of Singapore -- the others made lame jokes , like how great it would be for Trump to be on the dollar , " an attendee told Playbook . <p> DAVOS GROUCH : David Blaine was not one too pleased to be asked to take a picture of Lenny Kravitz with a fan at the Salesforce lunch Thursday . <p> SPOTTED III : American " Dancing with the Stars " personality Julianne Hough having what looked like an exorcism at the Equality Lounge on Wednesday . There 's video . <p> RAIDED : Police tried to shut down the Cloudflare party featuring Jason Derulo -- in the middle of his set . David Solomon , the CEO of Goldman Sachs , then DJ-ed the rest of the evening ( in a Moncler jacket -- and he was good ) . <p> SPIED : At the Cloudflare party Thursday night , a P A texting her boss a list of the journalists present , to tell him whom he should meet . <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : At Goldman Sachs , sustainability is a firmwide mandate with a focus on the interconnected themes of climate transition and inclusive growth . The firm is committed to helping its clients position themselves for a future in which sustainability is core to all industries and integrated across markets . They will achieve this vision by doing what they do best -- invest , finance , advise , and innovate -- to drive global climate transition and inclusive growth strategies that accelerate positive change . That 's why Goldman Sachs is targeting \$750 billion in sustainable finance growth themes by 2030 . Explore the firm 's newly announced sustainable finance goal . \*\* <h> DRIVING THE DAY <p> GET OUT YOUR CHECKBOOKS ( OR MAYBE JUST YOUR SHOVELS ? ) : The 1 Trillion Trees initiative launches today -- with American support , after U.S. President Donald Trump announced he 's on board on Tuesday . The WEF initiative is being set up with initial financial support from Marc and Lynne Benioff ( of Salesforce ) . But Playbook can't help but wonder , how effective will the program be , when major banks continue investing in fossil fuels ? <p> SNAP ! One tweep shared this description of Davos : " Billionaires telling millionaires how the middle class should live . " ( h/t Mariana Mazzucato ) <p> GET YOUR CHECKBOOKS 2 : Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis caught up with Playbook ahead of his panel appearance . It 's not his first WEF , but it 's been a while : Last time he was here , he was still a venture capitalist . Now , he 's just after capital . Davos " is an opportunity to engage with the business community , to talk about what I consider a very successful first six months in terms of changing the perception of the country abroad , " Mitsotakis said . " The economy is growing rapidly ... under the new government , Greece is open for business and a very attractive destination for foreign capital to invest . " <p> MORE TECH TAX TALK : After a meeting between French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire , U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurr ? a on Wednesday , Le Maire confirmed key elements of a provisional tech tax truce , but said the basis for international talks at the OECD level -- which is the heart of the matter and will determine whether an international or a national tax will have to be levied -- still had to be ironed out . They are meeting again today to do so . <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : Goldman Sachs believes sustainable finance is where the world is going -- it 's no longer on the sidelines , but increasingly core to a company 's business . That 's why sustainability has become a firmwide mandate with a focus on climate transition and inclusive growth . Learn more about the firm 's sustainable finance efforts . \*\* <p> EUROPE GETS DEFENSIVE : Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told the WEF on Wednesday that Europe needs credible military capabilities . Former NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen fully agrees : " If you do not have a military strength , then people will not listen to you . It is as simple as that , " he told Davos Confidential 's Cristina Gonzalez . <p> CASH AI-GHT , EUROPE SO TIGHT : This afternoon at the TechPark Davos conference , German artificial intelligence business incubator Merantix will announce it has raised ? 25 million to found up to eight new AI startups in Berlin over the coming four years , Janosch Delcker reports for POLITICO Technology Pros . Merantix 's co-founder Adrian Locher told Janosch his company had tried to collect investment from private institutional investors in Europe such as pension funds , but " to this day , this proves to be very difficult , particularly when it comes to early-stage investment . " <h> HE CAME , HE SPOKE , THEY SHRUGGED <p> MEH FEST : " Two years ago U.S. President Donald Trump flew here and took the gathering of elites at the World Economic Forum by storm , " POLITICO 's co-founder John Harris , Florian Eder and Ryan Heath write this morning . " Every conversation seemed to revolve around the American leader and his signature brand of political disruption . Trump came back this year , and was greeted with a shrug . " <p> TALK OF THE TOWN ? In his closing press conference on Wednesday , Trump said everyone around Davos was talking about how well the U.S. economy was doing . That 's not exactly what Playbook has been hearing . One Eastern European white-badge-holder asks : " Did I miss something , or did Trump not mention the EU in his speech ? Was he really only talking about European cathedrals ? " <p> VOTING WITH THEIR HANDSHAKES : The U.K. may be angling for a doubly special relationship with the U.S. post Brexit , but at least two major British figures are publicly defying Trump by showing support for his teenage arch nemesis Greta Thunberg . <p> And the guv : Bank of England Governor Mark Carney also backed Thunberg in her clash with Trump , contrasting her contributio

n to tackling the climate emergency with the White House 's less helpful approach . Read it at the Guardian . <p> TRUMP CONCEDES ... that Greta has done ( at least ) one thing better than him : " She beat me out on Time magazine , " he said at his press conference , after being told she was only 17 years old . <h> DISCONNECTED DAVOS <p> CURIOUS : Who 's best placed to speak about the 90-plus-day protests in Lebanon ? Must be the politician Lebanese protesters loathe the most , caretaker Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil , who is on a panel later this afternoon . To protestors , Bassil embodies the height of nepotism and corruption in an already crowded field of Lebanese politicians . <p> Remember me ? Bassil is the guy who bragged at last year 's WEF about giving lessons to the U.S. and U.K. about " running a country without a budget . " Playbook wonders where exactly Bassil was running his country into ... <p> COME AGAIN ? Big Davos day for Brazil Wednesday , with Economy Minister Paulo Guedes vaunting its " stable democracy " and " complete environment of good opportunities to investors around the world , " as the EU Ambassador to Brasilia put it . He can count on one big supporter , at least : the U.S. <p> Reality check : How does Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro 's flouting of his climate commitments on the Amazon jive with all the talk about climate action and sustainability we have been hearing from the WEF and CEOs all week ? <p> COME AGAIN 2 ? At times laughing and smiling , the Beijing-backed Chief Executive of Hong Kong Carrie Lam said on Wednesday that she had to stay on as leader to tackle an economic crisis and the coronavirus , which has killed 17 people in mainland China . Reuters has the write-up . <h> OH WHAT A NIGHT <p> If you decided to stay in on Wednesday , you really missed out . Fear not , Playbook 's spies fanned out across town and the night delivered some pretty ... uncensored ... moments . <p> RESISTANCE : A drunk and obstinate party-goer at the FT/CNBC bash was seen being physically ejected from the venue . But he so adamantly wanted to stay , he put his feet up against the closed door . <p> TOP DRAWCARD: Jane Goodall wins the Rockstar Cach ? Award , and we have a feeling she will be hard to dethrone . Playbook spotted many white-badge-holders lining up for selfies at the Hard Rock Hotel , where Goodall was Wednesday . <p> SPOTTED 1 : Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai at Davos House until 1:30 a.m. -- we hope he did n't have an early breakfast meeting ! <p> ANGLING FOR THAT DAMEHOOD : Theresa May told her audience at a PwC dinner Wednesday night that the most interesting person she met as British prime minister was the queen . One British Davos-goer exclaimed to Playbook : " She is so vanilla ! " <p> SALT ON SORE WOUNDS : Apparently it is n't enough to wrangle Apple chief Tim ( or Timothy , as his badge reads ) Cook for a selfie on the promenade - someone actually asked him for one and whipped out their Samsung Galaxy phone to take it . <p> OVERHEARD 1 : At the Journal House from one proud white badge to another : " I 've already slept with half of my consultants . Time to go home . " <p> OVERHEARD 2 : A Brit surveying the scene at a party : " Wow , it 's like the dying embers of multilateral liberalism in here . " <p> HIGHLIGHTING HEALTH WORKERS : Johnson & Johnson 's Paul Stoffels , GAVI CEO Seth Berkley and International Rescue Committee 's David Miliband hosted a press conference at 11.45 a.m. at the WEF media center on the key role of health workers in the fight against global epidemics in light of an ongoing Ebola outbreak in Africa and the emerging threat of coronavirus in China and around the world . <h> INSIDE DAVOS <p> SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY : The WEF shuttle buses are a great way of getting to know people , as we 've previously pointed out . The forced proximity in crawling peak-hour traffic has produced some fascinating chance encounters this week , improving our familiarity with subjects ranging from AI to street art and Indian politics . Favorite comments so far : " My CEO is speaking -- I have to be there ! " and " He 's not my president ! " <p> THUMBS DOWN ... to the rude people who have taken to literally pushing others on the sidewalks of Davos in order to get past them -- which has happened twice in two days for Playbook . And to those crowding others at security lines , pretending not to see them -- twice in one day for Playbook as well . These people clearly did n't get the memo that at Davos , everyone with a badge is supposed to be equal . ( Of course , no badge , no care . ) <p> THE PRICE IS RIGHT : If you want to create your own lounge space in the Belvedere Hotel , you can expect to pay \$3 million and up for the week . The bare minimum for a Promenade shopfront is \$150,000 , excluding the cost of any renovations . <p> BY THE NUMBERS : One Belvedere Hotel corporate occupant said they 'd experienced a 20-percent drop in attendance at their events in 2020 . That 's the good news : Fewer hangers-on via the hotel badge system means our source is happier with the quality of their guest list . <h> WHAT YOU ( MAY HAVE ) MISSED <p> Peek inside the mind of Jamie Dimon , the world 's most powerful banker , who told folks at the Equality Lounge Wednesday evening : " My mom was a women 's libber " ... " More than half of my direct reports are women " ... " Leaders should say ' hi ' to everyone at the table . " <p> The Mooch : " I am 100 percent traumatized " by being fired from the White House , Anthony Scaramucci admitted to Playbook 's own Rym Momtaz during a panel she was moderating Wednesday afternoon . <p> SPOTTED : The Mooch getting raked over the coals by WEF security for having so many hair products in his bag as he went through screening . <p> YOUR TIRED BONES : Palantir is n't satisfied with amazing free coffee -- it also had a masseuse at its Wednesday cocktail session . Best way to soothe that ski soreness . <h> DO N'T MISS TODAY <p> SIDE EVENT : Blockchain conference at the Intercontinental , called CV Summit . <p> MIND AND BODY : The Consciousness Retreat at 2:30 p.m. , which promises to arm you with nothing less than " t

he right tools to fix personal , professional or planetary challenges . " <p> HOT TICKETS:Lenny Kravitz at Salesforce ... Jason Derulo at Cloudflare ... Yo-Yo Ma at an LGBTQ dinner by GLAAD and the Ariadne Getty Foundation .. . There 's also the mysterious prospect of a Lady Gaga appearance at an undisclosed party . <p> SKI REPORT : The subzero chill overnight is helping maintain the powder on the slopes despite the sunshine and warmer temps during the day . High of 6C today . <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : Over the next 10 years , Goldman Sachs will target \$750 billion of financing , investing and advisory activity to nine areas that focus on climate transition and inclusive growth . Because , at Goldman Sachs , they believe sustainable finance is where the world is going -- it is no longer on the sidelines , but increasingly core to a company 's business . As part of this push , Goldman Sachs is committed to helping clients position themselves for a future in which sustainability is core to all industries and integrated across markets -- making sustainable finance a firmwide mandate , to achieve an inclusive , low-carbon economy . Learn more about Goldman Sachs ' newly announced sustainable finance goal . \*\* <p> It 's Day 4 of POLITICO 's Davos Playbook . European leaders get prime billing today . If you 're a meat lover , you may want to pack your ham sandwich ( more on that a bit further down ) . <h> DRIVING THE DAY <p> MORE TRUMP : The U.S. president is holding a press conference . Watch here . <p> VDL TAKES THE STAGE : European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen had her big Davos moment this morning , and she used it to send the message that the " geopolitical " focus for her new EU Commission means a new emphasis on hard power . " Europe needs credible military capabilities and we have set up the building blocks of a European defense mechanism -- it is complementary to NATO and it is different , " she said . <p> Playbook reality check : It 's unclear how von der Leyen plans on bringing her home country along for the NATO/defense ride : Germany ( where she was defense minister ! ) constantly refuses to flex its muscle . <p> Stepping up : " To be more assertive in the world , we know we must step up in some fields , " von der Leyen said . She acknowledged the EU had at times been caught flat-footed in responding to geo-political conflicts - - and conceded that EU countries have at times been too divided on foreign policy , particularly on the conflict in Libya . " Libya shows the cost of division and hesitation , " she said , calling last weekend 's ceasefire talks in Berlin " an important step in the right direction , " and saying the " Commission will strongly support reconciliation and reconstruction . " <p> Quotable : " It takes very little power to break a fragile balance , but the true power lies in putting the pieces back together again , " the Commission president said . <p> Message to Brexit Britain : Von der Leyen also used the opportunity to send a pointed message to the U.K. government of Boris Johnson , who instructed his ministers ( with the exception of Chancellor Sajid Javid ) to skip Davos : On the coming negotiations on the Political Declaration which will define the U.K. 's future relationship with the EU , von der Leyen said that while " shared values " will continue to unite the two , London should remember that " there is a difference whether you are a member state or not a member state where access to the single market is concerned . " <p> The money quote : " If it is the U.K. 's choice to be more distant to the EU , then there will be more distance where the single market is concerned , " VDL said . Mic drop . <p> NO JUSTICE LIKE TAX JUSTICE : In his Davos speech this morning , Spanish PM Pedro Sanchez identified reestablishing social justice as a key challenge for Spain and Europe . " We live in prosperous societies which nevertheless have alarming levels of poverty , " he said , adding that tax avoidance is mentioned too rarely . " Let us not fool ourselves , " he continued , " there can not be social justice without tax justice . " <p> Echoing that message : Spain 's Deputy PM Nadia Calviño , in an interview with CNBC . <p> GREEN PRINCE : Look out for the keynote speech from Prince Charles this afternoon at 2:40 p.m . The prince of Wales is a lifelong environmentalist , a philosophy he has put into practice throughout his Duchy of Cornwall ( which also happens to fund part of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle 's lives , but we do n't expect he will touch on that today ) . <h> THAT 'S AWKWARD <p> GROWING PAINS : It 's not every day that one gets to witness an intense exchange between the head honcho of the European Commission and their White House counterpart , but that 's the beauty of Davos , is n't it ? On Tuesday , Ursula von der Leyen had her first bilateral meeting with Trump since becoming Commission president -- an important moment for the new , geopolitical European Commission . But alas , there were no EU-side journalists there to see it . <p> He said , she said : The White House accused Commission staffers of failing to send the names of the journalists they wanted in the room to the U.S. team in advance ; Team VDL said they 'd never been asked to do so . But despite the fact WEF journalists undergo multiple levels of security screening , the White House would n't budge on its protocol . <h> TAXING TECH <p> TRUMP HUDDLES WITH TECH EXECS : Donald Trump had breakfast today with business leaders and tech executives including Apple CEO Tim Cook , Microsoft boss Satya Nadella and Salesforce chief Marc Benioff . Also in attendance : White House adviser and first daughter Ivanka Trump , Director of the National Economic Council Larry Kudlow , and the U.S. secretaries of labor , transportation , commerce and treasury . <p> THE BACKDROP : The tech industry has a lot to celebrate after the Trump administration reached an agreement with France to pause plans for a digital services tax on U.S. giants including Facebook and Google , while the two sides and the OECD try to hammer out a longer term deal . ( The deal underscores how the industry continues to rack up major policy victories in Washington on trade , taxes and more . Bjarke Smith-Meyer has more

on this . ) <p> QUOTABLE : " Trade truce is not the same as trade peace -- trade peace is what we should be aiming for , " said IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva on a panel this morning . <p> WHAT ABOUT THE BRITS ? Mnuchin was on a panel alongside U.K. Chancellor Sajid Javid this morning . Asked about Britain 's own planned digital tax , he said : " We will be having some private conversations ... and I am sure the president Trump and Boris Johnson will be talking on it as well , as the president did with President Macron . " He added ominously : " We think the digital tax is discriminatory in nature . If people want to just arbitrarily put taxes on our digital companies , we will consider arbitrarily putting taxes on car companies . " <p> The Saj unrattled : " We plan to go ahead with our digital services tax in April , " Javid said , adding that it would be " proportionate " and " temporary , " and " it will fall away once there is an international solution . " <p> In conclusion : " We all agree that something needs to happen and it should be done in an international way , " Mnuchin said . " This year could be that year of change . " <h> MORE TECH ( BECAUSE IN DAVOS YOU CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH ) <p> DID MBS HACK BEZOS ? A bombshell revelation overnight from the Guardian , and it 's a Davos trifecta : Saudi Arabia ( which will host the G20 this year and is out in force in Davos ) , Big Tech and a billionaire . " The Amazon billionaire Jeff Bezos had his mobile phone ' hacked ' in 2018 after receiving a WhatsApp message that had apparently been sent from the personal account of the crown prince of Saudi Arabia , " according to the Guardian . " The encrypted message from the number used by Mohammed bin Salman is believed to have included a malicious file that infiltrated the phone of the world 's richest man , according to the results of a digital forensic analysis ... Large amounts of data were exfiltrated from Bezos ' phone within hours . " Yikes . Perhaps a good conversation-starter over at the Saudi caf ? ? <p> 5G DINNER : Playbook 's Ryan Heath hosted a 5G-themed dinner Tuesday night ( under Chatham House rules ) , which generated passionate views on the way forward for the transformative technology . There 's lots of work ahead to beat a possible urban/rural divide , and to communicate that 5G is likely to be about much more than faster networks , but a way to connect all things , with big security and privacy implications . People want 5G networks built by domestic or allied manufacturers -- a way forward on their trust concerns could be the virtualization of some parts of these networks . A POLITICO-Qualcomm survey across 12 markets will be published in the coming days . <p> PROTOCOL PREVIEW : Protocol , a new media company that will exclusively cover tech from POLITICO publisher Robert Allbritton , is hosting a pre-launch VIP breakfast on Thursday at Nasdaq 's space . The event features Protocol Editor-at-Large David Pierce , who 'll be chatting with analyst Benedict Evans on his tech predictions for 2020 . Registrations are closed and the guest list is packed with tech execs , so get there early to get a good seat . <h> WIDENING THE SCOPE <p> MINISTRY OF TRUTH UPDATES : WEF has launched a Davos Friends of Africa Growth Platform . The founding members are the presidents of Botswana and Ghana and the chairman of AngloGold Ashanti . The platform 's goal is to create 1 million jobs . <p> ON LGBTI RIGHTS : " I 'm the prime minister and I 'm also gay , " Luxembourg Prime Minister Xavier Bettel told Playbook . " I think if people are here , they are here because of their profession -- it 's not the gay prime minister who is going to meet with the gay CEO of Apple , but Tim Cook is going to meet Xavier Bettel , and both are gay . And that 's cool . " For more sign up to our Davos Confidential podcast . <p> LISTEN TO THE BIG D : There is much talk about diversity , and how to make the corporate world more inclusive . CEO of Solvay Ilham Kadri shared her vision with Playbook via this morning 's Davos Confidential podcast : " Diversity for us is not only gender , it 's nationalities , it 's ethnicity , background , orientation , it 's diversity of thoughts , it 's the big D and when you have it in the room , you need to listen to it . " <h> FIGHTING THE MAN ? <p> BATTLE FOR . ORG : Some of the world 's biggest NGOs gathered at 11:45 a.m. this morning at the WEF Congress Center to protest the proposed sale of the top-level . org domain to a private equity firm . They say the non-commercial part of the internet -- the digital home of NGOs , nonprofits and civil society -- must remain in the hands of a nonprofit . Internet Society owns . org and wants to sell it to create a billion-dollar endowment for itself and its mission to protect the open internet . Global internet governance body ICANN is mulling whether to intervene to stop the sale . <p> OVERHEARD : A Playbooker hears there may have been a Burning Man party in Davos last night . We 're confused -- is n't Burning Man supposed to be anti-The Man , and is n't Davos as The Man as can be ? If you were there , get in touch -- we promise not to out you . <h> DAVOS INSIDER <p> VEGGIE DAY : It 's vegetarian and \*\*27;250;TOOLONG menu day in the Congress Hall today -- for those who have been quick and lucky enough to identify both when and where the elusive food gets served . It 's part of the WEF 's sustainability push . Ninety percent of the food served during the forum is seasonal . <p> FORGET WHAT SHE SAID : Playbook can confirm that Theresa May will be joining the " citizens of nowhere " ( as she famously described globalists ) in Davos this week , and has been booked ( for goodness knows how much cash ) to speak at a dinner PWC is hosting tonight for business people and their clients . " The earnings will be declared in the normal way , " a May aide said . As POLITICO London Playbook 's Jack Blanchard points out , the former British PM did always enjoy a good mountain walk . <p> PEAK DAVOS : Who said Davos was just about lining one 's pockets -- or growing one 's rolodex to line one 's pockets ? There were two sessions this morning to mend your tired , burned-out souls . If you had three hours to spare , the first , held atop a nearby mount

ain , promised to help you " learn how to add more joy to your life . " If you were pressed for time , there was a more manageable 30-minute meditation session led by Davos regular Sadhguru . Playbook could n't get to either because we were getting in place to attend panels on geopolitics and climate policy -- no rest for the wicked . But if you are so inclined , Sadhguru is leading another morning meditation session at 8:15 a.m . Thursday morning .

<p> OVERHEAD : " One of the questions on the entrance test my 10-year-old had to take was whether his father has ? 48,000 for yearly tuition . " Unclear which is more mind boggling , that a 10-year-old 's boarding school should cost this much , or that a 10-year-old should know how much his father makes . Playbook did n't ask whether there was a question about the offspring 's mother 's earnings .

<p> \$34,000 : Speaking of expensive offspring , that 's how much vehicles rented by the U.S. Secret Service to shuttle Ivanka Trump around Davos for two days is costing taxpayers . The total price tag for the entire presidential delegation is over \$4 million , according to Quartz , twice as expensive as Donald Trump 's first visit to Davos in 2018 . Playbook spotted the first daughter walking in the Congress Hall , and very few VIPs have elicited a similar commotion . Chinese journalists armed with phone-cameras tailed her , while CNN 's Jim Acosta attempted a question about her father 's impeachment . She remained unflappably mute .

<p> OH MAMA : To be fair to the Trumps , Davos is a pricey place . Playbook , for instance , had a schnitzel at the Hotel Schatzalp that cost an eye-watering 56 Swiss francs ( around ? 52 or \$57 ) , with undercooked and over-cucumbered potatoes . We 've had better schnitzel for a quarter of the price in a neighborhood caf ? in Vienna .

<p> BIG FASHION DOES DAVOS : It had to happen : The Vogue Nightcap at Davos House was hosted by supermodel ( and philanthropist and angel investor ) Natalia Vodianova and Conde Nast Publishing Director Vanessa Kingori . The weirdest part ? Wesley Snipes requested salsa music only during the nightcap .

<p> SKI REPORT : The last snowfall was Sunday and the temperatures are climbing , but Playbook ran into some lucky early risers hitting the slopes as we made our way to the Conference Hall . Today expect a high of 6C and sunny skies .

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\*\* <p> Welcome back to the Davos Playbook , arriving a little later than expected today , just like U.S. President Donald Trump did .

<h> DRIVING THE DAY <p> It 's top billing day in Davos -- just in case the constant stream of landing helicopters had n't clued you in already . And the special brand of WEF schizophrenia continues today : Youth climate activists are headlining panels while the world leader who occasionally mocks them gets the opening address . And it 's not the only contradiction of this forum , but more on that further below .

<p> WHAT TRUMP HAD TO SAY : The U.S. president 's long-awaited Davos speech ( so long awaited , the WEF folks had to rope in some Swiss tenors in traditional dress to sing for the grumbling crowd ) was practically a love-letter to his Chinese counterpart , Xi Jinping . " He 's for China , I 'm for the U.S. , but other than that , we love each other , " Trump said when he took to the stage , 20 minutes behind schedule . ( Playbook side note : Before you pop your corks , let 's wait for the rest of the U.S.-China trade deal to be hammered out . )

<p> Trump 's two Davos messages ...

<p> 1 . Got trade nerves ? Get used to it . Trump reckons his war-strategy is on the money , describing the deals he 's been making with China , Mexico , Canada and Greenland as " a new model for the 21st century . "

<p> 2 . Chill out on climate change : Addressing the Greta of it all , Trump cheerfully said : " This is not a time for pessimism , " adding that " fear and doubt is not a good process , " and calling on folks to " reject the perennial prophets of doom . " But the U.S. president did indicate he wants to protect nature -- or in his words , " the majesty of God " -- his way , by committing to joining the initiative to plant 1 trillion trees .

<p> Speaking of which : Before Trump 's speech , teen climate activist Greta Thunberg kicked the day off with a reality check . " The climate and the environment are hot topics right now , " Thunberg said on a morning panel , " but pretty much nothing has been done . " ( It was such a hot ticket , a woman was overheard listening to the panel livestream while using the ladies ' room , our colleague Cristina Gonzales writes in to report . )

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\*\* <p> Trump will be in town until Wednesday , and has a series of bilateral meetings scheduled , including with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen this afternoon . Also in that meeting : European Trade Commissioner Phil Hogan and Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton . What could they possibly all be talking about ?

<h> TECH CENTRAL <p> TAX TRUCE ? A European alliance is trying to get Trump on board with a joint approach for taxing digital giants . If that fails , Europe 's mountain musketeers are seeking to at least settle Trump 's current tax spat with France . Those efforts appear to be off to a good start , with French President Emmanuel Macron tweeting late M

onday that he had an " excellent discussion " with Trump on the digital tax , and Trump echoing that sentiment . <p> After that pleasant exchange , reports of a truce : Macron has agreed to postpone France 's tech tax until the end of t he year , Elisa Braun reports for POLITICO 's Technology , Financial Services and Trade Pros . The Wall Street Jou rnal reports that Trump pledged to postpone retaliatory tariffs in return . French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire is expected to meet with his U.S. counterpart Steve Mnuchin in Davos on Wednesday . Stay tuned for more . <p> AI 'S NOT AS SCARY AS THE BOMB : Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei tried to sound reassuring on a panel this mornin g ominously titled " Technology Arms Race , " ( though he asked for trouble by opening with comments about an " e xplosion " in artificial intelligence ) . It was touted by the Economist 's Zanny Minton Beddoes as " one of the hottest tickets in Davos " -- not to mention one of the most controversial . <p> The Huawei CEO recalled that when he was a child , " the biggest fear people had was atom bombs . But if we look at history from a distance , we see enormous benefits from atomic energy and radiation , for example in medicine . Today we see fears about artificial intelligenc e , but we should not exaggerate : AI is not as damaging as atom bombs . " That did n't convince fellow panelist Yuv al Noah Harari , a historian from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem . " The problem with AI in comparison with at omic weapons is that the danger is not so obvious , " he responded . " Everyone knows you ca n't win a nuclear war , but people do think you can win an AI arms race . That 's dangerous . " <p> POLITICO INTERVIEW : En route to Davos , Microsoft President Brad Smith swung by POLITICO 's office in Brussels . He said his company was prepar ed to help Europe control where and how its data is processed , amid intensifying debate over whether data should b e stored in the bloc . " The default is rapidly becoming that European data should stay in Europe and be subject to Eu ropean rules . We will adapt to that , " said Smith . " The real question is what 's the model for the use of data that wi ll insure that value of the data accrues to these countries . " <h> WALKING THE WALK ... KINDA <p> GEOGRA PHY DOES N'T LIE : Climate and sustainability may be the talk of the town , but Playbook took a stroll along the P romenade and spotted the SDG tent quite a hike away -- an afterthought ? -- from the center of the action , where co mpanies like Google , Facebook and Philip Morris International have set up shop . Not exactly the best way to convi nce people that sustainable change is at the heart of the discussions . <p> AND INVITATIONS DO N'T EITHER : Was historian Rutger Bregman not invited back to the WEF this year because he offended the rich and powerful last year ? That 's his take . At the 2019 forum , Bregman called out the hypocrisy of tax-minimizing billionaires flying i nto Davos aboard their private jets to decry climate change and inequality . <p> TROUVEZ LES FEMMES : We gri lled the WEF Monday about the slow progress of increasing women 's participation at Davos . The forum responded by pledging to double female involvement by 2030 . <p> ' DOUBTS WELCOME ' : Philip Morris International is tr ansitioning to " delivering a smoke-free future . " If that makes you raise an eyebrow , you are not the only one . The cigarette titan has a pop-up shop on the promenade where it 's pushing its " unsmoked " concept and inviting doubte rs to come inside and debate . Overheard at its party last night ( where attendees were serenaded by Sheryl Crow ) : " Nicotine is n't the problem , burning it is . " <p> SLEEPING IN THE SNOW -- DAVOS STYLE : Playbook 's Ryan Heath joined campaigners seeking to end homelessness in the snow last night , bunking down in a sleeping bag with some hay bales as a wind barrier against the -- 17-degree-centigrade weather . Having enjoyed the Davos high life , Ryan wanted to experience the rough end of extreme housing , inequality and weather . His takeaway : wind is the re al enemy . <p> There 's a permanent risk of being discovered and told to move , and every footfall , car light or sudd en movement is liable to wake you . Leaving the sleeping camp just before 6 a.m. also presented a whole new side of Davos : the supplier class made up of e-car drivers , safety officers , food vendors and others who are all up well bef ore dawn making the WEF work for the 0.1 percent . <p> RAINBOW WAVE : Jin Xing , one of Monday night 's Cr ystal Award winners , is known as the Chinese Oprah , but most interestingly she gained fame and a devoted followi ng by detailing her journey from male army colonel to female TV personality . That prominence is n't quite matched in the rest of the program , but this year there are three official WEF sessions on LGBTQ themes , including " Free t o Be ( LGBTI ) " from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Swiss Alpine High School Auditorium . GLAAD a nd the Ariadne Getty Foundation are going big on Thursday , including a dinner with Yo-Yo Ma . The goal : LGBT Q advocates want to send the message that WEF 's biggest partners want these issues elevated up Davos ' agenda . < p> DAVOS GOGGLES ? " Davos is the place where conflicts are averted , business is started , disputes are finished " -- so said Ursula von der Leyen in her Monday address . If you are scratching your head to come up with which co nflicts were averted in Davos , you are not the only one . <h> REPORTS CORNER <p> SLUGGISH GROWTH : T hat 's the 2020 forecast by IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva , and one big underlying culprit is none other than trade w ars . " Global growth remains sluggish ... adjusting to live with the new normal of higher uncertainty read : Trump ... the underlying causes for trade tension are still with us , " she said . But it 's not just trade : " Geopolitical tensions i n the Middle East " and " the dramatic impact that climate shocks can have as seen recently in Australia and parts of Africa " are also factors . <p> Side note : Is n't it interesting how Australia gets a name-check , but African countries are lumped together ? <p> OH THE HYPOCRISY : A report by Greenpeace highlights that 24 banks which regular

y attend the WEF have provided \$1.4 trillion of financial support for the fossil fuel industry since the Paris agreement set new emissions reduction goals in 2015 . More in this write-up by the Guardian . <p> A PESSIMISTIC GLOBAL ELITE -- PWC GLOBAL CEO SURVEY : CEOs worldwide recorded a record level of pessimism in this year 's PWC survey of some 1,500 chief execs in 83 countries . That 's despite the fact that only two years ago , the 2018 CEO survey recorded a level of optimism never seen before when it comes to worldwide economic growth . <p> TOUGH TIMES FOR DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM : According to the Edelman Trust Barometer , 56 percent of respondents to a survey across 28 countries worldwide agreed that " capitalism as it exists today does more harm than good in the world . " At Tuesday morning 's launch event , former Danish PM Helle Thorning Schmidt said " I am worried business will not do enough to support democracy . We need all the help we can get . " Microsoft president Brad Smith added : " Fix democracy first . We 'll find a way to do our business after that . " <h> DAVOS INSIDER <p> LUNCH MATTERS : Word to the wise : If you are not staying in one of the ( very few ) hotels do n't have a reservation , your chances of getting a proper warm meal are nil . Head to the nearest supermarket -- their canteens serve warm food all day . <p> BADGE HIERARCHY : This year , there are two levels of hotel badges ( and a very long line to pick them up , if you have n't already ) : " Strategic Partner Hotel Badges " -- all hotels , all days -- and " Regular , " which are for one day only . <p> GROW-HO-HO : Facebook 's own promotional magazine , Grow , is being stocked next to the Harvard Business Review , Arab News , FT and NY Times in the Belvedere Hotel lobby . Its cover is a " 50 over 50 " list of entrepreneurs ... they really have given up on the kids ! <p> RESPONSIBLE SWAG : Zurich at Promenade 84 has the usual blue beanies , plus coffee , tea and soup . New this year : For every beanie given away , Zurich will plant a tree . As of Monday night , they 'd given away 3,759 of them . <p> OTT : Some chalets are as tall as six storeys and come with teams of drivers , chefs and yoga instructors . A full-time Davos driver will set you back \$10,000 for the week , if the amount one large consulting firm has paid up is any indication . Corporations are taking over not only shopfronts ( hence the dearth of lunch options ) but whole apartments above them and converting them into meeting and event spaces . Some , like Facebook , have erected temporary buildings that will disappear the week after Davos . <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : Over the next 10 years , Goldman Sachs will target \$750 billion of financing , investing and advisory activity to nine areas that focus on climate transition and inclusive growth . Because , at Goldman Sachs , they believe sustainable finance is where the world is going -- it is no longer on the sidelines , but increasingly core to a company 's business . As part of this push , Goldman Sachs is committed to helping clients position themselves for a future in which sustainability is core to all industries and integrated across markets -- making sustainable finance a firmwide mandate , to achieve an inclusive , low-carbon economy . Learn more about Goldman Sachs ' newly announced sustainable finance goal . \*\* <p> Good day and welcome to Day 2 of POLITICO 's Davos Playbook . Today 's the soft launch ; on Tuesday , the serious business starts . Catch up on Sunday 's preview newsletter here . <h> DRIVING THE DAY <p> IN CASE YOU HAVE N'T NOTICED -- DAVOS IS GOING GREEN : It 's wall-to-wall sustainability this year ( private jets aside , cough cough ) . You can't escape climate exhortations on stage , on billboards , or even at the buffet line . Wednesday will be a meat-free day at the WEF . <p> SLUMMING IT : More photographic evidence that not everyone at Davos is living it up in the lap of luxury . Playbook is starting to wonder if there is n't some subliminal messaging going on with all these Twitter posts . <p> NOT SLALOMING IT : And even if you 've managed to get some more luxurious digs , there 's no rest up the mountain this year . Mondays at past WEFs might have included a leisurely day skiing or a late arrival for many participants , since not much happened before the official WEF opening on Monday evening . This year , agendas started filling up with a round of Sunday night welcome drinks , while this afternoon you can find side events on everything from cryptocurrencies to cannabis and CEOs . Then the Monday welcome drinks begin . <p> But Davos is not monopolizing summitry today ... <p> BRITISH PM BORIS JOHNSON IS BUSY with the inaugural U.K.-Africa Investment Summit , which will feature more than 20 of Africa 's 54 leaders , who are in London today . While that 's more than the African leadership contingent in Davos , it 's only around half the number of African leaders who turned up to Beijing and Moscow in recent months for similar summits . <p> SOME EUROPEAN POLITICS : European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen will have to ponder a tempting offer : Local paper Tages-Anzeiger reports that during a bilateral meeting today , Swiss President Simonetta Sommaruga will offer additional financial help for the EU 's migration and climate change policies -- in exchange for more favorable conditions when it comes to the EU-Switzerland framework agreement , which has been in the works for ages . <p> MACRON IS CHOOSING FRANCE and gathering 200 French and foreign CEOs , for the third year in a row , in Versailles . Sunday evening , Macron announced ? 4 billion in new investments from companies like MSC , Coca-Cola and AstraZeneca . JPMorgan Chase announced plans to double its staff in Paris in coming years as it relocates some of its services from London after Brexit , though the U.K. capital will remain far ahead of Paris in terms of headcount . <p> MEANWHILE , Google and Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai is in Brussels today . He will meet with digital and competition chief Margrethe Vestager and Europe 's Green Deal Vice President Frans Timmermans . <p> Davos twofers : These CEO meets have o



ne thing in common : They 're piggybacking on Davos , with more and more corporate and government leaders gathering in the fourth week of January . They either use Davos as the anchor for a meeting-packed Europe trip , or they use it as the hook to get people to their own events -- a kind of two-for-one deal behind the WEF 's back . <p> ' MAKE THE WORLD COOL AGAIN ' : If you see flowers and koala bears trekking through the snow en route from Landquart to Davos , do n't be alarmed ( unless you 're a climate offender ) : Climate activists dressed in costumes , holding banners that call for people to " ignore the Donalds and listen to the Gretas , " set off Sunday on the three-day , 40-kilometer ( 25 mile ) , frigid hike . <p> And they 've already left some traces along the way : You might see " NO PLANET B " in the snow on your way in today , as RTE 's Will Goodbody did . <h> THINGS TO PONDER <p> HAVE WE PEAKED ? Apparently some think we have reached the turning point on a host of the most important characteristics of the post-World War II Western world : globalization and capitalism . And as a result , we will be seeing more corporate responsibility given to stakeholders , with more concrete work to fight climate change and inequality . If it sounds a little familiar , that 's because we 've heard it before , but Playbook will keep an open mind throughout this week and look for signs of this momentous change . Bloomberg has a rundown of a few other areas in which the world has reportedly peaked . <p> THE NEW POWER-BROKERS : Most people did n't know what a CSO was several years ago ( it 's the chief security officer , for the record ) , but their rapid ascent continues . Ask around and you will soon realize they can have more power at their fingertips than CEOs , including the ability to shut down a company 's website or operations when under attack , without waiting for the CEO 's approval . Stay tuned for more over the coming days . <p> QUOTABLE : " Every company is now a tech company , it does n't matter what they sell , " says Brett Solomon , head of digital rights NGO Access Now . <p> WHY WEF IS LIKE HIGH SCHOOL : Do n't worry about fitting in , because everyone is as insecure as the next person in Davos . The truly important people feel weird because here they are just averagely important . The CEOs feel weird because officially they are below the national leaders in the pecking order , and can't escape that fact the way they do the other 51 weeks of the year . Ministers feel weird because no one recognizes them and they 're often separated from their minders . And everyone else feels like the plain person at Fashion Week . It 's perverted egalitarianism but it is , well , equalizing . <p> ... AND WHY EVERYONE COMES ANYWAY\* : David Gelles for the New York Times writes that the forum has " become a punchline " but quotes Eurasia Group 's Ian Bremmer , saying " Six days of work at Davos is easily six months of work in other places " because of the intensity of private meetings among powerful people . <p> \*Bill Gates is a notable absentee this year . " Bill 's schedule has shifted and he 's unable to attend Davos as planned , " his foundation said via email . <p> WHERE THERE 'S NO SMOKE , THERE 'S FIRE : Philip Morris , straining to pitch itself as more than a tobacco company ( an especially sensitive element in Davos , in light of the WEF 's ban on tobacco sponsorship ) , will be hosting a " Grand Opening " to rival the WEF 's official one , featuring a live performance by nine-time Grammy winner Sheryl Crow tonight at 6 p.m. at Promenade 63 . British artist Beverley Knight will close out the week with a live performance Thursday evening . <p> AUTO-SCHWAB -- AIRING TODAY : Filmmaker Marcus Vetter followed WEF founder Klaus Schwab for a whole year , and got very much behind the scenes . ARD airs the long-form documentary tonight ; here 's a link , and here 's where to find other language versions . <p> SUCCESSION ? Schwab sat down with CNBC for a rather odd , softball interview about his succession plans for WEF . Spoiler alert : He 's not planning on stepping down any time soon , he jokes about coming to the office with " more ideas than they can digest , " and he 's open to his son playing a large role after he 's gone ( Olivier Schwab is WEF 's head of business engagement . ) <p> -- Women and girls put in 12.5 billion hours of unpaid care work each and every day -- a contribution to the global economy of at least \$10.8 trillion a year , which is more than three times the size of the global tech industry . <p> -- Getting the richest 1 percent to pay just 0.5 percent extra tax on their wealth over the next 10 years would equal the investment needed to create 117 million jobs in sectors such as elderly and childcare , education and health . <p> WEF 'S INAUGURAL SOCIAL MOBILITY REPORT : Top findings are that increasing social mobility , a key driver of income equality , by 10 percent would boost economic growth by nearly 5 percent over the next decade . The Top 10 countries in the Global Social Mobility Index are all European , the Top 5 all Scandinavian , while the five economies with the most to gain from boosting social mobility are China , the United States , India , Japan and Germany . Report here . <h> SWAG ALERT <p> -- Davos ' bottom feeders -- those with " hotel badges " -- have been excited to find a free one-day ski pass in their welcome kit . <p> -- Coffee wars : It 's not just Palantir and its sleek pavilion trying to swap coffee for your data this year . Facing off against the data giant are the Saudis , who are trying to woo your love and tourism interest in exchange for caffeine . Tata Consultancy is offering both coffee and tea in a literal face-off with the Saudis mid-Promenade . <p> Keep your eyes open and send your swag tips to [davos@politico.eu](mailto:davos@politico.eu) . Last year 's best included free cashmere scarves from an American online university called WorldQuant . <h> TRUMP WATCH <p> MILESTONE : Today marks three years of Donald Trump 's U.S. presidency . His impeachment trial starts on Tuesday , along with his return ( diversion ? ) to Davos . For more on that , tune in to tomorrow 's edition . <h> APR ? S <p> I DAVOS , THEREFORE I WILL.I.AM : It seems rappers never

die , they just go to Davos . The town 's perpetual celebrity will be speaking on inspiring young people and his AI company I.A.M+ . <p> SKI REPORT : Today 's the coldest day of the week , so break out all your warmest gear : the high today will be -- 4C ( it 's a bitter -- 9 as Playbook hits your inboxes ) . There was a light snow dusting Sunday evening , but ski conditions are good . <p> TUNES : If any of this year 's attendees need a little encouragement on their transformational paths , David Bowie 's got some words for you . Go on , get those Changes in place . <p> SECURITY ! If you took the train up to Davos on Sunday , you probably saw groups of Swiss military coming in too . Do n't be alarmed , one young soldier told Playbook , they were just folks returning from their weekends away and deployments to secure the forum for the coming week . <p> TECH SNAFU : WEF participants were lining up round the corner for their badges at 11 p.m . Sunday night after first the registration center security scanners broke down , and then the computer network was blocked . <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : At Goldman Sachs , sustainability is a firmwide mandate with a focus on the interconnected themes of climate transition and inclusive growth . The firm is committed to helping its clients position themselves for a future in which sustainability is core to all industries and integrated across markets . They will achieve this vision by doing what they do best -- invest , finance , advise , and innovate -- to drive global climate transition and inclusive growth strategies that accelerate positive change . That 's why Goldman Sachs is targeting \$750 billion in sustainable finance growth themes by 2030 . Explore the firm 's newly announced sustainable finance goal . \*\* <p> Good day and welcome to the 50th edition of the World Economic Forum -- and another year of POLITICO 's Davos Playbook , the essential daily guide to life on the world 's most elite mountain . <p> Here is the WEF center stage program , with notes on which sessions are livestreamed ( 224 will be online ) . <p> This month is also the centenary of the Treaty of Versailles going into effect , and entirely timely , as Great Power competition seems to be making a big comeback . Will this year 's forum help foster a regrouping of liberal democracies away from trade wars and toward more diplomatic cooperation on issues like Iran , proliferation , etc ? ( U.S. President Donald Trump and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen are expected to meet here to talk tariffs . ) And will the fires in Australia finally light a fire under the bums of the powers that be to take meaningful climate action ? <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : Goldman Sachs believes sustainable finance is where the world is going -- it 's no longer on the sidelines , but increasingly core to a company 's business . That 's why sustainability has become a firmwide mandate with a focus on climate transition and inclusive growth . Learn more about the firm 's sustainable finance efforts . \*\* <h> TOP TOPIC -- CLIMATE CHANGE <p> GET ON THE GREEN TEAM OR GO HOME : Or that 's the stated goal at least . WEF is going all-in against climate change this year . With Australia reeling from catastrophic bushfires that have ravaged a huge chunk of its biodiversity , the theme could not be more relevant . Barely an hour will pass without a climate or broader sustainability session in the official program , never mind the extensive unofficial events and billboards that overtake the town . <p> WEF is also on its way to becoming climate activist Greta Thunberg 's amplifier-in-chief . The forum presents her ahead of Donald Trump and Angela Merkel in its list of high-profile speakers and reposts her articles , for example , including this Davos preview article in the Guardian , where Thunberg says : " Anything less than immediately ceasing these investments in the fossil fuel industry would be a betrayal of life itself . " <p> WEF 's alignment with Thunberg reflects many things , including the increasing concerns of WEF employees when it comes to the climate plans of companies and governments that WEF brings together year-round . " Heightened impatience " is how one polite Davos veteran staffer described the atmosphere to Playbook . Will peer pressure from all the discussions help CEOs and leaders put their money where their mouths are ? Stay tuned . <p> CONTEXT OUTSIDE THE SNOW GLOBE : Geopolitical crises are never too far in the background , though . There 's a highly anticipated conference on Libya underway in Berlin as this Playbook hits your inboxes . Protests over corruption and demanding more self-determination are still raging in Lebanon , Iraq and Iran . And the Iran nuclear deal standoff , with the triggering of the dispute resolution mechanism , casts an ever-longer shadow over any discussions about peace and security , even though Iran 's Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif pulled out of the forum this year . <p> Expect a more heated tone in some forum sessions this year : Some CEOs as well as WEF staffers are losing their patience . Ibrahim AlHusseini , an early Tesla and Uber investor who now heads investment firm FullCycle , told Playbook 's Ryan Heath that businesses need to be guided by " ecosystem supremacy . " His view is that while it 's progress for the U.S. Business Roundtable to join WEF in advocating stakeholder interests alongside shareholder interests , it 's not enough . <p> " Even financial winners have to breathe the air . They 'll have to drink water , " he said . " They still live in this closed sphere but there is nowhere else to go . So everything has to be factored in from now on . We have the science , we have the data . We have the proof . Technologies are ready . There is more than enough money sloshing around to fix this . There is no excuse to keep kicking the can forward . " <p> Look out for more " climate heroes " ( WEF 's words ) this week who are n't Greta . The teen category includes : Fionn Ferreira , who 's working to extract microplastics from water ; Melati Wijsen , who led a ban on plastic bags , straws and styrofoam in Bali ; and Autumn Peltier , the Anishinabek Nation 's 15-year-old chief water commissioner , in Canada . Adults include : Neel Tamhane , who leads a citizen tree-planting drive that 's put

9 billion trees in the ground in 27 cities in South Asia , and Jane Goodall , the primatologist who redefined the relationship between humans and animals <p> Half of economy dependent on nature : A new WEF analysis examining 163 industry sectors and their supply chains suggests " \$44 trillion of economic value generation -- over half the world's total GDP -- is moderately or highly dependent on nature and its services and , as a result , exposed to risks from nature loss . Construction ( \$4 trillion ) , agriculture ( \$2.5 trillion ) and food and beverages ( \$1.4 trillion ) are the three largest industries that depend most on nature . " <h> GUEST GUIDE <p> DAVOS A VICTIM OF ITS OWN SUCCESS ? With every global conference now looking and feeling like Davos ( think Halifax Security Forum , Munich Security Forum , German Marshall Fund conferences , NATO Engages , Doha Forum ) : What is Davos anymore ? Decision-makers and experts seem to travel around a conference circuit tearing their hair out over populism on big white sofas arranged in semi-circles against blue backdrops . Then there are competitors who borrow liberally from the WEF format , such as Concordia Summit . And to top it off : there 's more programming outside the Congress Center than inside it , putting pressure on the WEF business model . The WEF 's success is making it a victim of global elite hyperinflation . <p> Cherchez les femmes : Gender parity has n't reached the Davos summit yet . There are 2,800 participants from more than 118 countries , according to the WEF , and yet only 24 percent are women . Some might say that 's progress ( the WEF has been stuck at around 20 percent female participation for many years ) , but still not enough . WEF points out that this is more than the 21 percent share of ministerial posts women hold worldwide , and well above the ratio of female CEOs globally . <p> The radical new choice : Just stay home . More often than not , WEF press releases herald a record number of leaders and CEOs and ministers heading to Davos . This year the numbers are impressive -- but flat : around 280 senior public leaders , including more than 50 national leaders . For corporate denizens of Davos , quite a few among Playbook 's contacts are skipping this year 's event with a shrug . <p> A more radical choice ? A co-creator of Occupy Wall Street attending . " Rejecting Davos is easy when one has not been invited to attend , " Micah White writes . So he 's coming and committing " reputational suicide " -- it 's all very dramatic , but in a constructive way . " What I discovered is that Davos is not one thing . There are many Davoses at Davos . And it is possible to reject one or more sides of the gathering while still finding revolutionary potential in another aspect of it , " White said . We 'll have to check in with him at the end to see how many of his goals he managed to achieve . <p> WHO 'S NOT : French President Emmanuel Macron , ever the disrupter , is still staying away -- but not without having his own mini French Davos , called Choose France ( cheekily taking advantage of CEOs coming to Davos to make a stop in Paris first and discover all the ways Macron says his reforms have improved the investment environment . At least that 's the Elysée 's pitch ) . Macron also heads on Tuesday to Israel and the Palestinian territories . He 'll be attending the 75th commemoration of the liberation of Auschwitz . <p> This year Boris Johnson has gone as far as to ban his ministers from attending -- except for Chancellor of the Exchequer Sajid Javid . The U.S. Congress delegation will be relatively small , thanks to the Democratic primary and impeachment process . <p> EU chief diplomat Josep Borrell was vocal about his non-attendance : " In Europe , everybody is rushing to Davos , but I think it is more important to be here , " Borrell said at the Raisina Dialogue on global governance in New Delhi . ( A good handful of his fellow EU commissioners are actually going to Davos . ) <p> It 's a kind of " Back to the Future " exercise , given that Klaus Schwab -- the Founder and Executive Chairman of the WEF -- has always advocated long-term sustainable capitalism ( see his original 1973 Davos Manifesto ) . And yet , it 's inescapable that in providing a platform for engagement with all manner of CEOs and controversial regimes , Davos is n't just a place of consensus and dialogue -- it 's also a platform used by those leaders for reputational airbrushing . That leads Playbook to ask : Is Davos one of the reasons we need a new type of capitalism ? <p> ' CEO disease ' : Perhaps another incentive for a new type of capitalism might be selfish ? The coterie of the world 's most powerful and wealthiest will be told this week , by Dr. Marta Ra of Paracelsus Recovery , a leading psychiatric treatment center in London , that the very traits that make exceptional senior executives -- tenacity , resilience , risk-taking -- are also linked to addiction , depression and anxiety . The clinic has identified a 500 percent increase in referrals of CEOs in the last seven years , with bipolar disorder becoming increasingly prevalent , according to the Telegraph . And the WEF is devoting several sessions this year to mental health . After all , the clinics in Davos that a century ago treated tuberculosis , as made famous in a certain Thomas Mann novel , are now treating burnout and depression . <h> DAVOS ESSENTIALS <p> CHECK YOUR RESERVATION ... if you 're booked at Hotel B ? nda : The establishment changed management in November . But the previous one had already sold rooms for WEF week , Blick newspaper reported . And many of those affected will first find out when trying to check in : " When we first came to the hotel , the servers were empty , " the new manager told the paper . " We could not find out who had already booked and paid for rooms . That 's why we could n't get in touch with the people concerned . " Seems you 're safe and will get a room if you 've made a reservation via the WEF 's own service provider . <p> Street sleeping in Davos : If Hotel B ? nda guests find themselves homeless , they won't be the only ones sleeping on the streets . Despite the below-freezing temperatures ( more like -15 Celsius or 0 degrees Fahrenheit ) , Homeless Entrepreneur , an NGO that campaigns to help the homeless

s use and gain skills to build new lives , will have its activists sleeping out on the streets starting Monday . The contrast between the private jets of the WEF set and those in their sleeping bags will be stark . Playbook 's Ryan Heath will be joining them , more in Tuesday 's Playbook . <p> Somewhere in between : Not everyone stays in hotels when attending Davos , or on the street . In fact , many stay in apartments in town or a trek away . And it 's not exactly fancy-ville . Behold WEF Managing Director Adrian Monck 's " glamorous " digs . <p> PRO TIP -- DRESS CODE : You 're spending a week on a mountain . Besides the obvious need for sensible snow shoes , make sure you wear layers and make at least one other concession to your setting . Maybe it 's a sweater , a jacket with a faux-fur-lined hood , or some statement boots . Whatever you do , do n't storm around the mountain in a suit alone . It does n't impress anyone : it makes you look like a tone-deaf first-timer . <p> SKI REPORT : It 's expected to be sunny and chilly Monday . Higher up , on the ski slopes , expect a frigid -15 Celsius . It snowed all morning Sunday , with low visibility at times . The pavements are slushy rather than icy across Davos town . <p> STUCK IN KLOSTERS ? If you 're not staying in Davos itself , you 're either VVIP and paying for privacy , or you booked late or are on a budget . Never fear : try the Chesa Grischuna , an old haunt of Hollywood stars and royals . If a 25-minute train ride schedule is n't convenient , the WEF shuttle leaves from Piz Buin and opposite the train station from 6 a.m. each morning , and runs until midnight ( 2.5 hours longer than the trains run ) . <h> ACTIVITY GUIDE <p> HOTTEST TICKETS : We 'll keep you up to date each morning , but we 're willing to bet Priyanka Chopra Jonas will have an edge in grabbing attention when she urges leaders to end extreme poverty . If you want to join her Tuesday , you can sign up for the " Reimagining the World 's Biggest Challenges " lunch ( hosted by Global Citizen and Teneo ) here . <p> THE PARTY WARS : Cloudflare saw the gap left by Google giving up on their annual Davos party and zoomed right into it last year . They were determined to win the crown of best Davos closing party from Salesforce ( many say they succeeded ) , and this year they 've co-opted Hotel Europe 's karaoke piano bar legend Barry , and set him up as the social sub-brand of Cloudflare Haus , at Promenade 37 . On Thursday night , Jason Derulo will top the Cloudflare party bill . <p> Freuds ' Davos House will once again be the nightcap venue of choice each night . The PR agency runs Sustainable Development Goals-themed programming until the bubbles and cocktails flow . The question on everyone 's lips : After bringing over five-star sushi chefs from London in 2019 , what will they do to whet appetites this year ? <p> If you can't make it across the river to Davos House , try Davos Cannabis House -- for market research only , of course . This important emerging market can be found at Promenade 69 . <p> TUNES : Davos veterans know there 's never a shortage of records spinning . So this year we 'll have Playbook Songs for the Day . Send us the song that 'll be playing between your ears this week . In the spirit of this year 's theme , let 's kick it off with two songs , one for the stakeholders , all of them , including the Salt of The Earth , and one for the climate -- because what is a Green Davos without snow ? Special thanks to Bruno Tertrais , deputy director of the Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique , for the suggestions . <p> \*\*A message from Goldman Sachs : Over the next 10 years , Goldman Sachs will target \$750 billion of financing , investing and advisory activity to nine areas that focus on climate transition and inclusive growth . Because , at Goldman Sachs , they believe sustainable finance is where the world is going -- it is no longer on the sidelines , but increasingly core to a company 's business . As part of this push , Goldman Sachs is committed to helping clients position themselves for a future in which sustainability is core to all industries and integrated across markets -- making sustainable finance a firmwide mandate , to achieve an inclusive , low-carbon economy . Learn more about Goldman Sachs ' newly announced sustainable finance goal . \*\* <p> GOOD MORNING . It 's our last Davos newsletter today . Safe travels back home everybody , and see you all up on the mountain again next year . If you liked what you read and heard here this week , subscribe to Florian 's Brussels Playbook and tune in to Ryan 's EU Confidential podcast for more . <p> " Foreboding about the future was a prevailing theme at this year 's Davos , sometimes even with a dash of dystopian prophecy , " according to John . " This brooding was accompanied often , in speeches and interviews , by a rueful acknowledgment that government leaders are desperately improvising -- often with bleak results -- to meet the political crises of the moment , much less the long-term technological and climatological challenges of the age . " <p> The big challenges ? " In key Western capitals , governance is failing . China is exploiting . Global temperatures are rising . Tech titans are groveling . Prospects for economic downturn are rumbling . Little wonder that , instead of triumphant optimism about the forces of globalization sometimes associated with Davos , some voices here made it sound like modern life is on a toboggan ride to hell . " Read on here . <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : We are delivering a smoke-free future , but we can't do it alone . We ask the world 's leaders to join us in a conversation : 1.1 billion cigarette smokers deserve better options . Support the vision for a smoke-free future . Learn more here . \*\* <p> THURSDAY 'S PARTY WARS REPORT : Cloudflare lit up the Strip -- um , Promenade -- with Ellie Goulding , in acoustic , a bold challenge to other companies either afraid to host lavish parties in Davos these days or stuck hiring stars from past eras ( a dig at Salesforce who brought Sting to Davos , but forgot to invite Playbook , though we crossed Sting 's path at Davos House in the wee hours ) . Cloudflare CEO Matthew Prince made a point of saying the company wants to highlight a new generation of leaders . Case in point : They broug

ht two survivors of the Parkland school shooting on stage . <p> Meanwhile , Jack Ma and Alibaba CEO Daniel Zhan g hosted an art gallery dinner Wednesday with performers from all over China ( including Jack who did a magic sho w ) and Ma 's chefs from Hangzhou . Among the guests : Jordan 's Queen Rania and her son Crown Prince Hussein ; Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz ; the king and queen of Belgium ; Paul Kagame of Rwanda ; Xavier Bettel of L uxembourg ; IMF chief Christine Lagarde ; and CEOs James Quincey of Coca Cola , Carlos Brito of AB InBev , Ste ve Schwarzman of Blackstone and David Taylor of P&G . <p> THE FACTS ABOUT FACEBOOK : Mark Zuc kerberg penned a defense of his company , published in the Wall Street Journal , in which he insists users are in cont rol of how their data is used . <h> MOUNTAIN ORACLE <p> GEORGE SOROS ATTACKS CHINA : Artificial I ntelligence can do a great deal of harm to societies when in the wrong hands , the Hungarian-American philanthropis t slash investor said over dinner Thursday . And by wrong , he meant Chinese . " China is not the only authoritarian r egime in the world but it is the wealthiest , strongest and technologically most advanced , " said Soros . " This makes Xi Jinping the most dangerous opponent of open societies . " <p> Soros , as always , had strong opinions and harsh words for the enemies of open societies , his erstwhile opponents . And , as every so often , he was the one on Thurs day to encapsulate the general consensus on the biggest issue at Davos week . And yet , there was no word on Hunga ry , or its prime minister , Viktor Orb ? n -- perhaps , at 88 , he 's come to think there are bigger fish to fry . <p> Call to action : " Instead of letting ZTE and Huawei off lightly , the U.S. needs to crack down on them . If these compani es came to dominate the 5G market , they would present an unacceptable security risk for the rest of the world . " <h> DAVOS PLAYBOOK INTERVIEW <p> HUGE THREAT , CREDIBLE ANSWERS : NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the Alliance will come up with " credible deterrence and defense " should Russia continue to b reach the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces ( INF ) Treaty , the agreement that since 1988 has banned all land-base d missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers . " We have asked all our military authorities , our commanders to look into different options and consequences , " Stoltenberg told Playbook in an interview in Davos Thursday , addi ng that NATO " will make a measured , proportionate and defensive decision . " <p> IT 'S SERIOUS ... " The INF tr eaty has been for 30 years the cornerstone of arms control . The treaty not only reduced the number of missiles but a ctually banned a whole category , " Stoltenberg said , referring to intermediate-range weapons . <p> Russia , he went on , " has developed and is deploying new missiles " that are " mobile , hard to detect , nuclear capable " and can rea ch European cities " with little warning time . " That also means the threshold for any use of nuclear weapons in a co nflict is " reduced , " he said . <p> ... AND DANGEROUS FOR EUROPE : The collapse of the INF treaty most im mediately creates grave new risks for Europe , especially because Russia already has its new missiles in place and an y response by the West would likely hinge on the U.S. deploying new weapons on the Continent . Given transatlanti c tensions , it 's far from clear that protecting Europe is high on U.S. President Donald Trump 's list of priorities . <p> DIPLOMACY FIRST : NATO ambassadors will meet with Russia today in a special NATO-Russia council , the main purpose of which , according to Stoltenberg , " is to discuss the INF treaty and for NATO allies to be able to ca ll on Russia to come back into compliance of the treaty in a verifiable and transparent way . " Stoltenberg said Russi an Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov will attend . <p> Reminder : Russia insists its new missile is not in brea ch of the obligations stemming from the treaty . The U.S. , dismissing those claims , has threatened to pull out of the treaty starting February 2 if Russia does not back down . <p> The bottom line : NATO has to prepare for " a world without the INF treaty , " according to Stoltenberg . Playbook 's translation : At the moment , there 's still no Plan B. <h> BREXIT ENTERTAINMENT <p> AKK ON FIRST FOREIGN MISSION : Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer , th e new leader of Germany 's Christian Democratic Union , may have been in Chancellor Angela Merkel 's shadow on her trip to Davos -- and was not to be found on the official program -- but , well , Merkel did leave her a few issues t o tackle , including Brexit . <p> " It is not clear what the U.K. wants , " Kramp-Karrenbauer told Bloomberg . " Onc e we have Brexit , there will be a European border between Ireland and Northern Ireland and we will need to have an agreement which has some kind of backstop . " <p> VARADKAR 'S ALLEGIANCES : " Ireland has obligations to protect the single market , " Irish Taoiseach Leo Varadkar said during a Davos panel debate . " The United Kingdom would have a responsibility to abide by World Trade Organization rules , and both the United Kingdom and Ireland would have responsibilities to honor the Good Friday Agreement and the peace process . " <p> What would happen i n case of no deal ? " So I think we 'd end up in a situation whereby the EU and Ireland and the U.K. would have to c ome together and in order to honor our commitment to the people of Ireland that there would be no hard border , we would have to agree on full alignment on customs and regulations . " <p> Is there a Brit in the room ? The audience would have loved to hear U.K. Chancellor Philip Hammond 's view -- alas , he pulled out of the panel discussion at t he last minute . <p> ' No deal wo n't work ' : In the coatroom line outside the British business lunch at Davos ' Belve dere Hotel , Ryan overheard a senior British finance executive say to another U.K. executive : " I just saw Liam Fox and I lost the plot completely . I said you 've got to get out of your fact-free fantasy world . You know no deal wo n't work . We all know no deal wo n't work . " <h> QUEER DAVOS PEEKS THROUGH <p> Given the number of pa

rticipating governments that , let 's face it , have little interest in promoting LGBT rights , it 's perhaps not surprising that LGBT issues have never really become part of the mainstream conversation here . <p> That 's shifted a little in recent years , thanks to organizations like Open for Business , GLAAD , HubCulture Pavilion , and the Ariadne Getty Foundation , which host unofficial events in hotels around town . But " there 's a lot more work to be done here , " s aid GLAAD director Sarah Kate Ellis . <p> In the spotlight : Tim Cook , the world 's most prominent openly gay CE O , joined the Davos event this year . And not without controversy . While Apple is usually invisible here , Cook chose to surface for dinner with Jair Bolsonaro , Brazil 's homophobic far-right president . <p> Where to next ? At this year 's LGBTQ lunch panel , the focus was " global acceptance . " " It 's about how we treat each other , " said Jim Fetterling , CEO of Dow . " It 's about staying the room " not simply protesting problem laws , leaders and company policies , he said . <p> Did you know ? Deutsche Bank has a self-described " head gay . " <h> THE GOOD LIFE <p> REVELATION OF 2019 : Brown is the new white . Some of the cooler ( or more unusual -- shout out to you , hat girl ) people , events and parties take place beyond the official WEF space and its supposedly status-conferring white badges . To live the Davos experience these days , all you need is brown-colored plastic -- the so-called hotel badge -- and the kind of entrepreneurialism and energy sometimes harder to find behind the security check . <p> PLAY DATE : When was the last time you played ? At the Real Play Coalition luncheon Thursday , guests played games with the CEOs of IKEA and Lego Foundation , both founding members of the Coalition , alongside Unilever and National Geographic . UNICEF also announced it will be joining the coalition as a co-chair . The group , which included private sector leaders , NGOs , philanthropists and heads of international organizations , discussed the so-called " play gap " and the significance of the erosion of playtime for children around the world . <p> FRIDAY TRADITION REVIVED : The WEF 's Farewell Party at Schatzalp , canceled for years , is now back on the agenda in the form of a mountain lunch today at 1 p.m . <p> FAVORITE QUIP : WEF 's most fashionable attendee -- British fashion designer Ozward Boateng -- was overhead at Davos House saying he was going to " have a quick Snoop Dogg around . " <p> DAVOS ON THE DNIPRO : Kiev 's rambunctious political scene moved to the Alps . Barely two months before the Ukrainian presidential election , three of the leading candidates -- President Petro Poroshenko ; the unpopular incumbent , opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko ; and Anatoly Hrytsenko , a former defense minister -- traded potshots in separate appearances across Davos Thursday . Poroshenko compared Tymoshenko to the current Venezuelan populist strongman , and she returned the insult . Speaking to Playbook , Hrytsenko said the incumbent needed to hold on to power to stay out of jail , accusing him of corruption . The trio were here , officially , to engage with the world 's politics and business elites and build support for Ukraine , which is entering a sixth year of a hot conflict with Russia . <p> SARDINE CITY : Dutch taxpayers should be proud : The Dutch government is squeezing in up to eight staffers to a room at their hotel in the town of Klosters , itself a cheaper alternative close to Davos . <p> POLITICO PODCAST : In our final daily Davos Confidential , Ryan talks to Dutch Finance Minister Wopke Hoekstra about Brexit , what worries him about the EU and why people should vote in May 's European Parliament election . Ryan also speaks to GLAAD chief Sarah Kate Ellis . Listen in here . <p> THE NEXT BIG THING : The value of electronic waste produced each year is \$62 billion -- three times the value of all silver produced each year . Check out the WEF report here . Will e-waste be the next big thing ? After all , Davos was key to creating momentum for the ban of single-use plastics , by now one of the EU 's cornerstone policies . Stick with us and we 'll get back to you on that . See you next year ! <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : Philip Morris International is delivering a smoke-free future . We have invested more than \$4.5 billion in research and development to provide adult smokers with better options to continued smoking . Behind this investment , and behind every advancement at Philip Morris International , is robust science . We are harnessing recent breakthroughs in technology to develop smoke-free alternatives to cigarettes that are much less harmful than continued smoking . 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If , on the other hand , you think Facebook has made a few mistakes that can be fixed with reforms here and there , Sandberg laid out a decent case Wednesday of how the company is changing ( without explaining how internal culture change is being implemented ) , and that Facebook does more good than bad . That Sandberg felt the need to address the idea of a government banning the tech giant 's business model and business practices , illustrates how rattled Facebook is by recent scandals . That said , Facebook and Sandberg show no sign of going anywhere . <p> SANDBERG 'S LIVE DIE ZEIT INTERVIEW : Sandberg was introduced as a role model and fighter and got a hug from her interviewer , Die Zeit 's Uwe Heuser , when the session ended . The Facebook COO

moved quickly into gentle confession mode , saying the tech giant had n't " anticipated all the risks " of its monumental growth , nor " done a good job of explaining " how it handles user data . A recurring theme in Sandberg 's remarks was that the good outweighs the bad at the company , and that the current leadership is best placed to correct its own mistakes . In a move designed to re-orient Facebook to a more regulation-friendly stance , Sandberg said " we 're in a fundamental phase of rewriting the rules about tech . " <p> When Heuser asked why Instagram and WhatsApp chiefs had left the broader Facebook empire , all Sandberg could manage in reply was that she 's proud of how well the company is " sticking together " after a year of scandal . Can Mark Zuckerberg stay on as CEO/chairman supremo ? " I think he should , " she said . <p> Asked why so much data tracking is necessary , Sandberg said Facebook will roll out a " clear history " function on the site to help users minimize it . She rejected the idea of a subscription model though , because it would mean " most people ca n't afford to use it . " <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : We are delivering a smoke-free future , but we ca n't do it alone . We ask the world 's leaders to join us in a conversation : 1.1 billion cigarette smokers deserve better options . Support the vision for a smoke-free future . Learn more here. \*\* <p> RATING SANDBERG 'S SPEECH : out of five pandas . Sandberg took pointed questions on the chin , issued some soft mea culpas the audience wanted to hear , but successfully defended the core Facebook vision . After her remarks , and after initially leaving the stage , Sandberg bounced back up to literally lean in and strike up a conversation with a female audience member who was wearing a daring blue fur hat . The cameras went wild . It was a deft but slightly too perfect political moment . <p> SANDBERG PART II -- INSIDE HER OFF-RECORD RECEPTION FOR MEDIA : Playboy was invited but unable to attend the off-the-record session . Perhaps the most noteworthy observation from those who did attend : It mirrored the comments Sandberg had given on the record just 90 minutes earlier . <h> TODAY 'S HOT TICKETS <p> IT 'S GEORGE SOROS DAY . The billionaire slammed Facebook at his 2018 annual dinner . Who 'll be the punching bag this year ? Rumor has it he may go after China . <p> HIGH POLITICS : Anthony Scaramucci and Ehud Barak will be in conversation at 3.30 p.m. up the mountain at Canada Cannabis House . ( Israel is a huge medical cannabis center . ) <p> ALSO REST OF THE WORLD DAY : It says something about the lack of newsworthiness of many Davos speeches that we 're as excited about Soros and cannabis as the combined list of Asia , Middle East and African leaders speaking today . Still , here are the other highlights ... <p> At 5:30 p.m . President of South Africa Cyril M. Ramaphosa and President of Rwanda Paul Kagame will discuss African leadership . <p> Today the pro-LGBT forces of Davos ( generally sparse and low-key ) are gathering for lunch with GLAAD . The most interesting prominent gay Davos-goer is Apple CEO Tim Cook . The company is usually invisible here at WEF , so it 's interesting that Cook has chosen to surface this year , including for these dinner photos with Jair Bolsonaro , Brazil 's homophobic far-right president . <p> TONIGHT IS BANKERS ' NIGHT : JP Morgan ( Kirchner Museum ) and Citi ( Belvedere ) hold their receptions with their CEOs tonight , in the dinner window . Bank of America hosts its CEO nightcap at the Belvedere from 10:30 p.m . Ellie Goulding may steal the show , however , at the Cloudflare nightcap . <h> HIGHLIGHTS TOUR <p> MIRACLE ON THE MOUNTAIN : At a dinner hosted by AARP , the first six speakers were women . <p> SPOTLIGHT ON AGEING : At the AARP dinner , which looked at how to achieve more age diversity within organizations and across the workforce , someone noted there were 17 gender sessions at the WEF , but only two on age . Guests at the dinner urged a reframing of workers as " experienced " rather than old . The clear call to action : Interested organizations should work on writing the business case for hiring experienced/older workers . <p> RAJ SHAH OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION : The Rockefeller Foundation and Mastercard announced a \$50-million investment to accelerate the use of data science by non-profit , civic and government organizations -- the kind of " collaborative philanthropy platforms " the foundation considers its hallmark . Full details here . In a similar vein Co-Impact , a global collaborative of Rockefeller , the Gates Foundation , Skoll , Chandler and the Nilekani family that is focused on improving health , education and economic opportunity , announced \$80 million in grants aimed at improving the lives of 9 million people in Africa , South Asia and Latin America . <p> " We really believe in science-based , partner-based efforts that can lift up the lives of millions . Science is how we solve problems , partners is how we get scale , " foundation chief Raj Shah told POLITICO . " That marriage of capabilities is why we get so excited about partnerships . " And that 's more needed now than ever : " Populist energy has caused people to pull back their commitments to help each other out , " -- but private philanthropy is " not a substitute for real American , global , and public leadership , " Shah said . <p> PERSPECTIVE FROM A DAVOS VETERAN : Anna Tunkel , APCO Worldwide 's head of strategic initiatives , started coming to Davos 12 years ago -- before the age of Promenade pop-ups and when daily events outside the Congress Center could be counted on two hands . She told Playboy that this year there are over 100 corporate lounges and pop-ups , and they 're looking quite representative of the changing global order . In other words , the conversation is spilling outside of the Congress Center , it 's much bigger than the WEF can control ( to its dismay ) , and the brands doing the best in their positioning tend to come from China , emerging markets and tech . This year there 's " a Chinese perspective almost on every panel : from future to consumption to trade , techno nationalism and future of global leadership ,



" Tunkel said . <h> SPEECHES RATED <p> ANGELA MERKEL : . The German chancellor gave the standard multilateral pep talk and said populism leads to misery . Not much charisma or surprise , but that 's very on-brand for Merkel . She went on to join a WEF-organized dinner . <p> SHINZO ABE : and a half pandas . It was all optimism and success and structural reform in the Japanese PM 's speech , despite the country 's ageing and shrinking population . What a reliable multilateralist . The WEF almost peed its pants in excitement , proclaiming : " PM Shinzo Abe Heralds New Era for Japan as Policies Bear Fruit . " Abe ticked the gender box with " womenomics , " said he was narrowing economic gaps ( equality-ish ! ) , and now we 've got another damn catchphrase to throw in the bin in disgust : " Society 5.0 " -- one premised on borderless data . <p> CONTE , EXPLAINING HIMSELF : Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte , in his address , defended his government 's plans from presumed criticism by saying that everyone else has got it wrong . " For too many years , Italian and European politicians have got the sequencing wrong ... in the past they have asked people to make sacrifices in the name of a more sparkling future ... fearing state failure , they have asked people to tolerate market failures . Citizens are now aware that sacrifices have resulted in a much worse society , " Conte said . Italians believed the EU was the solution to their problems , Conte said , but " reality turned out to be very different instead . " And so , " everyone with a few exceptions senses that tomorrow will be worse than today . " <p> Here 's the kicker : " My government is the institutional answer to the wish of the Italian people of finding a way forward , " Conte said . <p> EUROPE 'S GOT TALENT : Davos Playbook 's Florian Eder had lunch with a very interesting high-level bunch of people ( under Chatham House rules ) Wednesday . They 're thinking hard about how to make Europe more than a self-appraised champion in privacy and data protection -- but at the same time , to make sure the next big thing in tech is European . ( Here 's an accompanying WEF report on the matter . ) The mood at lunch was upbeat , the consensus : Europe is a great place to live and work . <p> It 's a European affair : " We just need to get a few things right , " Portuguese Economy Minister Pedro Siza Vieira told Playbook , citing " collaboration across countries , making sure that funding is appropriate to process that -- and in that way we 'll do another favor to Europe , making sure that every citizen around Europe has an opportunity to thrive in the new economy . " <p> Make the beauties of Europe known : " If I had to make my decision today , I would n't move to the U.S . , " said one participant , calling for the EU to make it known to masters and PhD students from India that they 're welcome on the Continent ( and to change immigration laws accordingly ) . <p> Small can be beautiful : " Europe is n't made for scale , " said another lunch-mate . But that does n't have to be a disadvantage , should the next tech wave not produce consumer-based platforms but solutions for businesses . French-American entrepreneur Hicham Sabir , who was at the lunch , said afterwards : " I think Europe 's strength is in the small and medium enterprises , it 's in the innovation position it already has . " What 's missing ? " A framework to help those companies . " <h> THE GOOD LIFE <p> PUTTING HEART INTO DAVOS : Kiwi PM Jacinda Ardern 's top message : " Be kind " to people . Elisha London , CEO of United for Global Mental Health , gave her a " Be Kind " Badge from Cynthia Germanotta , Lady Gaga 's mother and co-founder of the Born This Way Foundation . <p> MCKINSEY NEWS DESERT : Journalists were not welcome at the McKinsey party Wednesday . <p> SPOTTED : Belgium 's Queen Matilde walking the Promenade after lunch Wednesday . The Netherlands ' Queen Maxima at Davos House , along with the Crown Prince Haakon of Norway . " House of Cards " actress Robin Wright and Bono deep in conversation in Davos House . Likewise , Britain 's former Foreign Secretary David Miliband with Former Chancellor George Osborne . Matt Damon at a Co-impact collaborative fund breakfast on United Nations sustainable development goals . <p> NO THANKS ! For Swisscom 's terrible mobile Wi-Fi routers and network . Playbook has two and they 're both useless . <p> DAVOS ' BLACK TIE ARABIAN NIGHTS PARTY REVIEW : Let 's start with the positive : It was the most diverse , large crowd Playbook has seen at seven WEFs . On the other hand , the place felt like a wooden chalet version of a sardine can . Plenty of people wore sweaters rather than black tie . The place was lit red , and many in the audience seemed to have gone with red outfits too . Queen Diambi of the Democratic Republic of Congo had to beg the crowd to shut up during her remarks . <p> ACCESS + ABILITY : Steep slopes and ice do n't make Davos the most accessible place , but the Smithsonian 's ACCESS + ABILITY exhibit is raising awareness about the benefits of universal design , even in towns like this one . From the Nike FLYEASE shoes -- designed in collaboration with a teenager with cerebral palsy -- to the " soundshirt " that enables the hearing-impaired to appreciate an orchestra . Spotted : Will.i.am modeling the soundshirt . <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : Philip Morris International is delivering a smoke-free future . We have invested more than \$4.5 billion USD in research and development to provide adult smokers with better options to continued smoking . Behind this investment , and behind every advancement at Philip Morris International , is robust science . 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11 points of view , including those who disagree . 1.1 billion cigarette smokers deserve better options . Support the vision for a smoke-free future . Learn more here. \*\* <p> TODAY 'S DAVOS CONFIDENTIAL PODCAST features Helle Thorning-Schmidt , the Save the Children CEO and potential future European Council president , and Tim Berners-Lee , the man who brought us the World Wide Web . Thorning-Schmidt headlined POLITICO 's cocktail party at Schatzalp last night ( see a 360-degree photo here from Twiplomacy 's Matthias Lefkens ) , where 100 or so folks put their status-envy aside to mix across the badge classes and drink , debate and slide headfirst down the mountain .

<p> GOOD MORNING from a chilly Davos . Pro Tip : Few activities will produce the pure joy of Schatzalp . We look forward to welcoming you to next year 's POLITICO Sled Run . Pics from last night here , here and here . <p> Fireworks : Our interview with Thorning-Schmidt is worth a listen -- she tears strips off Theresa May and her approach to Brexit , explains the critical value of supporting children raised in conflict and its aftermath , and says it 's time for a woman to hold one of the EU 's presidential positions . She 's also a fan of Michel Barnier , the EU Brexit negotiator , who many consider a top contender for European Commission president . It 's not hard to see the pair working well together . <h> TRENDING IN DAVOS <p> WHAT WE 'RE HEARING : It 's a fool 's game to predict a single mood or top issue across the entire WEF . But there seems to be a gap between loud public criticism of WEF participants and the event itself ( Bill Browder piles on here ) , and how those folks are behaving up the mountain . This year there 's less self-congratulatory guff and a more serious level of engagement among conference participants . The corporate speed dating of previous years is on the wane , and executives who previously did n't care about issues like refugee education or a functioning free press are actually listening to the consultancies and NGOs that insist that only leadership based on inclusion , diversity and sustainability can work in the future . The challenge : Can those leaders catch up with an increasingly angry public , and also tackle issues like tax ? <p> HAIR-RAISING MOMENTS : Did you know the crew at Kopp 's Coiffure is in action from 5:30 a.m. each morning this week , visiting hotel rooms and chalets to get the hair of the great , the good and the very , very rich ready for show ? The team expands from eight to 12 for WEF week , carting gear around in waterproof backpacks . They also have a huge new salon next to Congress Center open from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for those who can't bear the thought of an early morning hotel visit . Playbook can vouch for their in-salon skill . <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : We are delivering a smoke-free future , but we can't do it alone . We ask the world 's leaders to join us in a conversation : 1.1 billion cigarette smokers deserve better options . Support the vision for a smoke-free future . Learn more here. \*\* <p> BOLSONARO SPEECH RATED : Playbook gives the speech one out of five pandas . ( is the rating we gave Chinese President Xi Jinping for his glorious 2017 paean to globalization , sucking up to every pore of every being in the WEF realm ) . <p> OVERHEARD : A different type of ( be ) rating , at Anthony Scaramucci 's Skybridge wine tasting event Tuesday . One prominent editor criticized the WEF for choosing forum founder Klaus Schwab to interview Bolsonaro and WEF President Børge Brende for U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo , rather than journalists . " Blowjob " was the key word . Schwab resorted to the harshest form of criticism possible in Davos : An invitation to the audience to admire the natural beauties of Brazil . <p> THE MOOCH IS ON FIRE : Say what you will about Anthony Scaramucci 's notoriously loose mouth and flirtation with reality TV , but the Mooch knows how to be Donald Trump 's unchallenged main man in Davos , shutdown be damned . Last night 's Skybridge wine tasting was no exception : packed to the rafters , white-badge-holders galore being turned down for entry , and full of 97-point wines . The one point of backlash : the sip-sized servings . No one was there to learn to be a connoisseur ! <p> GREAT IDEA : Budweiser is to power all of Atlanta with green energy when it hosts the Super Bowl February 3 . <h> NOT TRENDING IN DAVOS <p> SAUDI MINISTER SET TO PULL OUT : He would n't be particularly welcome , but one upside to Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih 's attendance could be some actual diplomacy between him and his Russian counterpart Alexander Novak -- their first face-to-face meeting since they orchestrated a new OPEC+ output agreement in Vienna in December . ( Though that conversation might further cement the idea that Davos is more welcoming to nasty governments than it should be . ) Bloomberg reports Khalid Al-Falih 's " travel plans are still in flux , so it 's still possible , albeit unlikely , he makes a flying visit to Davos on Friday . " <p> REFUNDS PLEASE ! Our Stateside colleague Daniel Lippman reports that a White House official told POLITICO the Trump administration is hard at work trying to get back the taxpayer dollars dropped on Davos hotels , before the Americans ' trip was canceled due to the U.S. government shutdown . The official said they hope to get the vast majority of the money back in the next few weeks . It 's a lot of cash : Quartz reported in December that the hotel tab for Donald Trump , a number of Cabinet members and other officials ( including Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner ) had already hit about \$2.9 million . <p> WHO NEEDS FEEDBACK ? ' JUST KEEP GOING : ' DHL chief Frank Appel has a message for his fellow globalizers : " Just keep going . " He told CNBC Tuesday morning that his company 's annual connectedness survey shows 2017 was globalization 's best year ever , with 2018 a close second . " Globalization is not on the retreat , it 's continued , despite all the noise . So , sometimes I say , better do n't open the newspapers , just keep going , " he said . Appel expanded on the comments on Tuesday 's POLITICO WEF panel with our Global Editor Matt Kaminski . Also

on the panel : UBS ' Sabine Keller-Busse , WEF 's Richard Samans , and Lippo Group 's James Riady . <p> CATCH PHRASE CAR CRASH : Are we living in a " 5G World , " " Globalization 4.0 " or the " Fourth Industrial Revolution ? " WEF needs to decide . At this rate it 's destined to be the public-private partnership version of the European Commission : so chock-full of people who feel entitled to be heard , the message often gets lost . <p> SLOW DOWN , IT 'S ONLY A SLOWDOWN NOT A COLLAPSE : The WEF really wants you to know that slower growth does n't equal recession . The forum predicts central banks are likely to moderate monetary policy to keep economic " soft spots " from turning into sharp declines , and says it hopes the opening up of China 's market will soften the blows . " Slowing down in China is not a collapse , " noted Fang Xinghai , the vice chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission , in Davos . Economic experts predict 6-percent growth in China for 2019 , which seems strong , but is often regarded as the tipping point into social chaos in China if it goes any lower . <h> TODAY 'S BUSINESS <p> EUROPE DAY -- IN SAFE WATERS AGAIN : It 's Europe Day in Davos , with leaders of three out of the five biggest economies speaking today . German Chancellor Angela Merkel gets the special 45-minute treatment ( plus her session is chaired by WEF founder Klaus Schwab ) . Italy 's Giuseppe Conte and Spain 's Pedro Sanchez follow later in the afternoon , with half an hour each . <p> European self-evaluation : . " It 's a fact that in the past two years , Europe has provided much-needed ' life-support ' to the global multilateral order , and that 's despite all the internal challenges we faced , especially Brexit , " Ann Mettler told Playbook . She 's the head of EPSC , the European Commission 's in-house think tank . " I do n't know where the climate agenda would be if the COP24 had failed without our help in brokering a deal , or how much stronger protectionism would be had we not tried to counter it with an active trade policy . " Read the latest EPSC paper , pegged to the WEF . <p> HAPPENING TODAY -- EU-JAPAN DATA DOUBLE ACT : The European Commission will today certify that data transferred from the EU to Japan enjoys protection standards in line with European ones . And with that , the two can lay claim to having created the world 's largest area of data flows reciprocally considered safe . <p> Why are we telling you ? First , because unless you read Brussels Playbook ( BTW : you really should ! ) , you would n't have known about it . Second , Japan 's PM Abe , speaking in Davos today , is expected to announce that his government will take the same decision today , diplomats told us. The EU and Japan are putting yet another piece in place for the biggest trade and economic partnership agreement ever concluded by the EU , which is yet another occasion for the so-far endless series of their joint efforts to demonstrate that rule-based trade is alive and kicking . <p> ON THAT NOTE , FREE TRADE IS GREAT , SAYS LEADERLESS BRITISH DELEGATION ... on one of the most expensive billboards in Davos . Ministerial back-up will arrive today -- up to seven members of the U.K. Cabinet will be in Davos . <p> FACEBOOK WATCH : The company 's engagement ramps up today , to include a media reception and an in-demand speech session featuring COO Sheryl Sandberg and hosted by German newspaper Die Zeit . <h> TUESDAY WRAP <p> MIKE POMPEO 'S ' BEAUTIFUL COALITIONS : ' U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo gave a boiler-plate recitation of the Trump administration 's claimed achievements and its " unleashing of animal spirits " to help the economy grow . He praised " beautiful coalitions " and repeated the claim that ISIS has been defeated . He rejected the idea that conflict with China is inevitable , but said transparency and fairness is needed from Beijing to avoid trade and other clashes . He likewise said the U.S. and Russia are not " destined to be antagonists but it will take a Russian change " to keep the peace . <p> On reforms he wants to see in NATO , the UN and EU : " I do n't have time today to go into each of them ... but it 's not about taking these institutions down , " Pompeo said . He added that " voters have tuned out politics " and are revolting around the world . " People are asking questions that have n't been asked , or have n't been taken seriously for a very long time , " Pompeo said , characterizing Donald Trump 's election as a fightback against " low expectations . " <p> Pompeo rated: Playbook gives his speech . His prepared text was n't memorable , but he talked soft and angled hard on the WEF 's weak point : That its elite audiences avoid hard questions about how they got to be so successful . <p> BRAZILIAN OFFER YOU CAN'T RESIST : Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro gave the WEF crowd another opportunity to choose between their collective sense of responsibility as citizens of everywhere and the business opportunities that a strict -- or should we say brutal -- anti-corruption agenda might bring . " Our measures will certainly provide you with incentives to do business , " said Bolsonaro , presenting the " new Brazil that we 're building " as a place open to trading with the world and to investment . His plans include pouring cash into safety and security , he said , " so you all can come visit with your families . " <p> Bolsonaro ( who strangely wore an overcoat on stage -- is that a new thing ? ) argued environmental issues " need to go hand-in-hand " with economic development , meaning " one must not emphasize one over the other , and insisted only 9 percent of Brazil 's soil was used by farmers today . <p> WHERE WERE THE WOMEN ? At Tina Brown 's annual Women of Impact dinner , hosted with Credit Suisse for the eighth time . The key speeches were from Michelle Bachelet , who was recently appointed as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and was Chile 's first female president , and Lina Khalifeh , the Jordanian founder of SheFighter , a self-defense studio . Other guests included IMF chief Christine Lagarde , Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and Queen Rania of Jordan , who turned up for dessert . Brown kicked on at Davos House . <h> N

EW DEAL FOR NATURE <p> WHOSE PLANET IS IT ANYWAY ? Naturalist David Attenborough has a new Netflix series to promote , which will debut at the WEF . It 's called " Our Planet " and looks spectacular , judging from a clip the audience previewed Tuesday . Not bad work for a 92-year-old icon . He offered the Davos crown an 11th commandment to observe : " Care for the natural world , and treat it with a deal of respect , " he told an admiring Duke of Cambridge , who got to interview him on stage . <p> So what 's it all about ? A " New Deal for Nature , " as a follow-up and extension of the Paris Climate Agreement . Playbook 's Florian Eder sat down for a chat with WWF International 's Director-General Marco Lambertini , whose organization is pushing for the new deal . <p> Lambertini 's challenge to WEF attendees : " This is the group of people that accounts for most of the carbon footprint today , so it goes without saying that it must be also the group of people that must start to design the solution , " he told Playbook . " And business is beginning to get it . " His evidence for that ? " In Davos , we 've been always confronting this sector . Today , we 're working together . It 's amazing that that happened only in a decade , " Lambertini said . <p> What is that new deal ? " We need to produce more food with less of everything . Less water , less land , less energy , fertilizers , less pesticides . Today , the food system is broken , is clearly not sustainable , we 're heading towards a collapse of the food system . We need to green that system , with clear targets . " <p> Lambertini says we are not doing enough on the climate , but should n't stop there anyway : " If climate is dangerous enough for business , do n't think that a collapse of the ocean or the forest system , will be less dangerous . " <p> Lambertini on Bolsonaro : Brazil 's strongman president started his term by making it easier to deforest the Amazon . " Bolsonaro is not the first , " said Lambertini . " And look what happened when Trump announced the U.S. withdrawal from Paris : A wave of companies , states and mayors , stepped up and said ' we 're still in , we want to contribute even if the government does n't . ' Sometimes , these kind of radical views trigger and accelerate reaction from society , but of course they are also a concern . " <p> What would Lambertini tell Bolsonaro if he ran into him in Davos ? " I would like to say that people like Trump , Bolsonaro -- sovereignists , unilateralists , populists -- were not elected on anti-environmental agendas . The majority in America are concerned about climate change . They experience it three or four times a year now . That 's what we are trying to convey to these leaders : Do n't embrace an anti-environmental agenda , because you 're failing a large part of your electorate . " <p> THANKS to Natasha Bernard , Giulia Chiatante and Dari Gessner for making last night 's POLITICO party possible . And to Jake Evans for being an all-round Davos superman . <p> DAVOS PLAYBOOK COULD N'T HAPPEN WITHOUT : Our editor Zoya Sheftalovich . <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : Philip Morris International is delivering a smoke-free future . We have invested more than \$4.5 billion USD in research and development to provide adult smokers with better options to continued smoking . Behind this investment , and behind every advancement at Philip Morris International , is robust science . 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Created by Freuds and set in a cozy , low-ceilinged golf club , Davos House instantly set itself apart from other crammed venues in town , not least because it afforded Blaine the chance to wow a crowd that included Queen Rania of Jordan and former U.K. Chancellor George Osborne with a series of stunning card illusions . <p> The takeaway : The Davos audience may be in the land of 24/7 make-believe ( where the cards are always stacked ) , but Blaine provided the first illusion that actually impressed everyone . <p> PLAN B : If you 're not on the door list at Davos House , do n't worry . Indonesia 's WIR Group is offering you the chance to test its " Location-Based Augmented Reality Game Platform " from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. today at the Indonesia Pavillion . It sounds rather like Brexit . And if you 'd rather find out what it 's like to be a tree ( yes , really ) , then visit the Tree VR exhibition inside the Congress Center . We 'd give you a preview , but the organizers said WEF had n't told them if journalists were allowed in . <p> DAVOS PRO TIP -- MAKE A DINNER EFFORT : The thing everyone hates ( but insists on having ) in Davos is an invite to a private dinner . They 're annoying because getting around Davos is complicated , but they 're also a good chance to pick apart whatever has happened on the main stage that day . Nearly every big company runs one , as do consultancies , including Brunswick and Finsbury 's tonight . <p> Playbook -- along with HuffPost 's Louise Roug -- kicked off the International Hotel Group dinner Monday at the InterContinental , where Prince William and many of the big leaders stay . It was a refreshingly grounded discussion . Listen to the first episode of our Davos Confidential podcast , featuring Roug and former Formula One driver Nico Rosberg , to find out more . What made the IHG dinner work is that everyone debated on an equal footing . More please ! <p>

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That might be unfair but manageable if the wages and opportunities of the global middle and working classes were n't stagnating in many countries . A new worldwide UNICEF survey of 10,000 youth demonstrated staggeringly simple asks : more jobs and better education . Something 's got to give to fund those demands -- perhaps higher tax . If not , the response to exponential wealth might be exponential populism . <h> OH THE HUMANITY <p> NO MORE DAVOS MAN : " Human " is the word popping up everywhere this year . " Humans of Davos " is how the sub-30-year-old Global Shapers are framing their perspectives . Check out Hicham Sabir 's Davos diary . <p> BETTER PEOPLE : " We Are All Human " wants to harness the " unrealized potential of U.S. Hispanics , the under-appreciated heart of the American economy , " said Claudia Romo Edelman , a Swiss-Mexican diplomat who founded the organization . Another Edelman -- Margot -- is moderating " Magic at the edge of menace : How tech makes us human " from 12.30 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tradeshift Sanctuary . <h> TREND WATCH <p> TECH 'S TRUST PROBLEM IS NOW A CEO PROBLEM : IBM CEO Ginni Rometty is on a trust campaign this week : It 's not just lack of faith in an aspect of tech ( such as AI or data ) that 's got her worried , but trust in technology as a whole . Responsibility and transparency will be the keywords during a panel at 5.45 p.m. today called " Business Leadership in the Fourth Industrial Revolution . " Rometty 's also part of the wave of tech leaders prepared to say that " carefully targeted " government regulation is a good thing , not the devil . <p> CLIMATE CHANGE BANKRUPTCIES : The Wall Street Journal 's Russell Gold writes that California 's largest utility PG&E Corp was overwhelmed by rapid climatic change as a prolonged drought dried out much of the state and decimated forests . On Monday the company , which was recently valued at \$25 billion , said it planned to file for Chapter 11 protection by month 's end , citing an estimated \$30 billion in liabilities and 750 lawsuits from wildfires potentially caused by its power lines . Its value has sunk to \$4 billion . <p> WHAT DO CEOS THINK ? PwC asked Davos Man ( and occasional woman ) in its 22nd annual survey of the world 's bosses . Almost one in three CEOs globally said they thought economic growth will decline over the course of this year . That 's about six times as many as last year , " a record jump in pessimism , " as the annual survey of 1,300 CEOs around the world notes . " CEOs also reported a noteworthy dip in confidence in their own organizations ' revenue prospects over the short ( 12-month ) and medium ( three-year ) term . " More of them think AI will destroy more jobs than it creates . <p> Corporate oracles : The report , published Monday evening , has been a good indicator of the mood of the globe 's economic elite in the past -- and of how the real economy 's doing . The silver lining : 42 percent of the respondents still foresee an improved economic outlook ( down from 57 percent last year ) . <p> A DAVOS RECORD ? CNBC is interviewing 33 CEOs , chairmen or ministers today . That 's got to be some kind of record . Tell us if we 're wrong . <p> Playbook 's question for Publicis Groupe 's Maurice Levy , one of the CNBC interviewees : How much money do you make running the hotel-room system in Davos during the WEF ? <h> TODAY 'S TOP LINE-UPS <p> WHO 'S ON FIRST : Brazil 's far-right leader Jair Bolsonaro makes his d ? but on the international stage at 2:30 p.m . His speech will be the first by a global big wig at this year 's forum . Critics call Bolsonaro a homophobe , racist , a denier of climate change , among other things . But the WEF 's an inclusive place . <h> WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT DAVOS <p> Rob Cox for Reuters brands Davos " a liability in the populist era " to explain why Donald Trump , Emmanuel Macron , Theresa May , Narendra Modi and Justin Trudeau are skipping this year 's summit . But that leaves room for the leaders of Ethiopia , Vietnam and South Africa , for example . <p> David A. Andelman for CNN says Trump is smart to skip Davos , though he still ca n't distinguish between useful and expendable international events . <p> Jorge Valero for Euractiv compliments the WEF on raising tough issues but concludes : " The sense of urgency is short-lived , as fairer salaries and more inclusive societies are n't part of CEOs ' speed-dating chats or the fancy Russian parties in the Swiss resort . " <h> THE GOOD LIFE <p> OOPS ... Which hotel and restaurant sent its inflated price list to a prospective client with the file name : " SpecialWEFprices.pdf " ? <p> PRIVACY PLEASE , NO PHOTOS : Hotel Schatzalp -- the venue for tonight 's most fun appointment , for POLITICO 's own podcast-recording slash drinks slash sled-run event -- has banned staff from using smartphones during their shifts throughout the WEF week , according to a note spotted by Playbook at the hotel 's piano bar . <p> CELEB SPOTTING:Wyclef Jean will grace the Wall Street Journal party tonight , and Sting is set to appear at the Salesforce nightcap Thursday . Will.i.am , a Davos commodity these days , performed at the TIME reception Monday night . <p> MEET REAL DAVOSIANS : For t

he first time this year , Davos residents were invited to take part in a lottery -- with the big prize being a WEF badge . There are five lucky winners ( out of the 87 who took part ) , local paper Davoser Zeitung reported in its hard copy edition . <p> PROTEST DU JOUR : Hanging on two balconies , right around the corner from the Hotel Belvedere , a hand-written sign : " Klaus Schwab fucked up our town . " Then below it : " His friends fucked up the world . " <p> > BEST MONDAY PARTY VIEW : Quartz 's welcome drinks at the Berghaus Jschalp , a gondola ride up from Davos Platz . The cashmere-y scarves , courtesy of WorldQuant , were a nice touch . <h> ICYMI <p> A DAVOS COLD SHOWER : The International Monetary Fund revised ( downwards ) its outlook for the world economy , with the expectation for expansion now 3.5 percent for 2019 and 3.6 percent for next year , 0.2 and 0.1 percentage points below October 's projections respectively . The " global expansion is weakening and at a rate that is somewhat faster than expected , " the IMF 's new chief economist , Gita Gopinath , wrote on her blog . <p> The queen of the mountain , Christine Lagarde , said at a press conference Monday that the IMF would " now announce a further downgrade of our forecast . The bottom line is , after two years of solid expansion , the world economy is growing more slowly than expected and risks are rising , " especially because free trade is becoming a toxic cause and old models of multilateralism are falling apart . Expect a " serious slowdown " if policymakers do n't change course by keeping trade open , reducing public debt , shutting down tax avoidance and making sure the digital revolution is inclusive . <p> DAVID CAMERON 'S ' STUPID ' REFERENDUM : Unlike most of the British government , which is stuck at home managing the mess of Brexit , David Cameron is back in Davos . The former British PM is sticking to private events like dinners rather than the main stage , which might be just as well , given the revelations from an explosive new BBC 2 series out January 28 called " Inside Europe : 10 Years of Turmoil . " Donald Tusk tells the BBC about conversations he had with Cameron back in 2016 , in which the European Council president said he told the then-British PM to " get real " as he was trying to negotiate a deal with the EU ahead of the " stupid " Brexit referendum . " I told him bluntly , ' come on David , get real . I know that all prime ministers are promising to help you , but believe me the truth is that no one has an appetite for revolution in Europe only because of your stupid referendum . ' " <p> DAVOS GOT TALENT : INSEAD , Tata Communications and the Adecco Group 's Global Talent Competitiveness Index ( GTCI ) ranks 125 countries and 114 cities across all groups of income and levels of development . Talent is still drawn to small , high-income economies and the United States . Switzerland tops the index , followed by Singapore , the United States , Norway and Denmark <p> THE SECURITY BILL : It 's costing 9 million Swiss francs ( close to ? 8 million ) to protect the 3,000 WEF-goers . That 's 3,000 francs of security per person . Of course there are many more folks outside the secure zone who enjoy the spillover benefits ( and delays ) of the security service . The costs are shared among the Davos partners : The canton of Graubünden chipped in 2.25 million francs , Davos city 1.125 million , the Swiss government 3.375 million and the WEF itself 2.25 million . A true public-private partnership on costs . <p> CORRECTION : We sent you the wrong way Monday when we wrote about the latest Edelman Trust Barometer . Here 's the correct link . Main findings : " My employer " emerged as the most trusted institution followed by NGOs ( 57 percent ) , business ( 56 percent ) , government ( 48 percent ) and media ( 47 percent ) . <p> \*\*A message from Philip Morris International : Philip Morris International is delivering a smoke-free future . We have invested more than \$4.5 billion USD in research and development to provide adult smokers with better options to continued smoking . Behind this investment , and behind every advancement at Philip Morris International , is robust science . We are harnessing recent breakthroughs in technology to develop smoke-free alternatives to cigarettes that are much less harmful than continued smoking . But innovative products and solutions do nothing if people do n't know about them . That 's why we 're calling upon the world 's leaders to join in a global conversation . It 's time for governments , regulators , NGOs and scientists to study the scientific assessments and evidence for alternative products . Philip Morris International is ready and willing to talk with people across all sectors and all points of view , including those who disagree . 1.1 billion cigarette smokers deserve better options . Support the vision for a smoke-free future . Learn more here. \*\*

@41673741 <h> An 89-year old man lost his life on Tuesday after being infected by the coronavirus , making him fourth such fatality in China . <p> A fourth fatality due to the mysterious coronavirus has been confirmed in China . More than 200 people have been infected since the disease 's outbreak in December last year . On Monday , the Chinese authorities confirmed the virus 's human-to-human transmission . The virus has traveled beyond China and has infected four persons . <p> Image for Representational purpose only <h> Fourth fatality confirmed <p> An 89-year old man is the fourth person in China to lose his life due to the coronavirus infection . The octogenarian is said to have suffered from other health problems including coronary heart disease . He developed symptoms on January 13 and was admitted to hospital four days later on January 17 . He succumbed to the infection on January 19 . As of Monday night , the total number of confirmed infection cases in China stood at 218 , with 198 people infected in Wuhan alone . <h> Human-to-Human transmission <p> On Monday , the Chinese authorities confirmed that the virus can be transmitted @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ head of the National Health Commission , said that at least two patients in th

e southern province of Canton had contracted the virus through human contact . " Patients became infected after their relatives traveled to Wuhan ( the epicenter of the outbreak ) and became infected , " Zhong said . Also , infections among 14 health workers , confirmed the same , Al Jazeera reported . <p> Despite the large numbers of those infected , Zhong said that the situation is n't as dire as in 2003 , when the viral outbreak led to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ( SARS ) epidemic , which took 813 lives worldwide , 646 of which were in China . <h> Cases beyond Wuhan <p> The virus has spread beyond Wuhan , including in cities such as Beijing and Shanghai . Five cases have been reported in Beijing , 14 in Guangdong , and one in Shanghai . Four cases have been confirmed outside China : two in Thailand , one in Japan and another in South Korea . The recent disease outbreak comes ahead of China 's Lunar New Year @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ millions of Chinese are expected to travel domestically and abroad . <p> On Wednesday , the World Health Organization ( WHO ) will hold a meeting to determine whether the current coronavirus outbreak in China constitutes an international emergency . It had earlier said that an animal source is most likely the primary origin of the Wuhan outbreak .

@41677741 <h> You are here <h> Frasers Hospitality Trust posts Q1 DPS of 1.3301 S cents <p> FRASERS Hospitality Trust on Thursday posted a first-quarter distribution per stapled security ( DPS ) of 1.3301 Singapore cents , up from 1.2542 cents a year ago , as it recorded better performance across its portfolio . <p> Distributable income increased 7.4 per cent for the three-month period ended Dec 31 , 2019 . <p> Gross revenue rose 4.3 per cent to S\$42.4 million , while net property income climbed 6.8 per cent to S\$33.2 million . <p> The Australia portfolio 's gross operating revenue increased 1.9 per cent due to higher food and beverage revenue . Its gross operating profit rose 5.4 per cent due to better cost control on operating expenses . Portfolio occupancy rose to 90.3 per cent from 88.7 per cent a year ago , mitigating the decline in revenue per available room ( RevPAR ) . <p> The Singapore portfolio saw a 2.6 per cent increase in gross operating revenue and a 2 per cent increase in gross operating profit compared with the year before . A better average daily rate ( ADR ) and occupancy drove RevPAR @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ BT newsletters <p> The UK portfolio 's gross operating revenue rose 5.5 per cent and its gross operating profit increased 7.3 per cent as it continued to benefit from the weak pound . RevPAR was 4.9 per cent higher due to higher ADR and occupancy . <p> ANA Crowne Plaza Kobe 's gross operating profit rose 13.1 per cent despite a dip in gross operating revenue , due to the streamlining of operations . The Westin Kuala Lumpur performed better due to higher room revenue and a reduction in operating costs . <p> Total borrowings were S\$870 million , with gearing at 35.5 per cent and the weighted average debt to maturity at 4.38 years as at Dec 31 , 2019 .

@41678641 <h> MOH confirms two more cases of the Wuhan virus in Singapore <p> The Ministry of Health ( MOH ) has just confirmed two more imported cases of the Wuhan virus into Singapore . <p> The second case , announced yesterday that it had tested preliminarily positive , has now been confirmed positive for the novel coronavirus . The 53-year-old female Chinese national from Wuhan arrived in Singapore with her family on 21 January . <p> She is currently warded in an isolation room at the National Centre for Infectious Diseases ( NCID ) and her condition is stable , said MOM in a press release . <p> The third case is that of a 37-year-old male Chinese national , also from Wuhan . He is the son of the first confirmed case that MOH announced yesterday . <p> The 53-year old woman presented at Tan Tock Seng Hospital on 22 January with a fever and cough . She was classified as a suspected case and immediately isolated . <p> The woman reportedly said she was not presenting symptoms during the flight to Singapore on 21 January but later developed a fever and cough . She went to Raffles @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ emergency department and later admitted to NCID for further assessment . She was diagnosed as having pneumonia and has been isolated since arriving at TTSH . <p> MOH noted that before being admitted , the woman stayed at J8 Hotel at 8 Townshend Road and has visited Orchard Road , Marina Bay Sands , and Gardens by the Bay . She had also used public transport , including MRT and taxis . <p> MOH has begun to track down anyone she might have had contact with . <p> The Ministry also noted that the risk of infection from transient contact , such as on public transport or in public places , is assessed to be low . <p> As for the 37-year-old man , he was identified as a close contact of the first confirmed case in Singapore . He was isolated as a suspected case on 23 January as he was showing symptoms . He tested positive for the coronavirus today around 1 pm . <h> Contact tracing and precautionary measures <p> MOH says it has also initiated epidemiological investigations and contact tracing to identify those who have had @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ of 23 January , MOH says it has identified 46 close contacts of the first confirmed case including the man mentioned above , though 24 have left Singapore . Another 16 are being quarantined while MOH makes effort to contact the remaining five . <p> MOH is closely monitoring the health of these contacts and will be placing them under quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure to the patient as a precautionary measure . <p> Additionally , all those identified to have a low risk of being infected will be under active surveillance and contacted daily to monitor their health status , said MOH . <p> The ministry is also placing measures in public hospitals to screen and manage suspected and confirmed cases . <p> Given the high volume of international travel to Singapore , MOH says it expects to see more suspect cases and imported cases . It urged the public to remain calm and vigilant , and to adopt



good personal hygiene practices . <p> A total of 44 suspected cases have been notified to the MOH as of 12pm today , with 13 of them @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ above ) testing positive . Results for the remaining 28 cases are pending . <h> Democracy is best served by having an informed and involved citizenry that has access to a wide range of sources of news and views and an open and vibrant environment in which to share and to debate ideas and opinions .

@@41689741 <h> Corona virus : China extends outbound travel ban on seven more cities <p> KUALA LUMPUR ( Jan 24 ) : After Wuhan , the authorities in the People 's Republic of China have extended the suspension of outbound travel on seven other cities since yesterday due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus , also known as Wuhan Virus . <p> " We have been closely communicating with the Malaysian diplomatic missions in China in monitoring the developments , and ensuring appropriate consular assistance reach Malaysians in need of such assistance . <p> " In this regard , the Embassy of Malaysia in Beijing has established an Emergency Response Team to reach out to Malaysians in the affected areas , " said the statement . <p> It is also stated that , similar efforts are also being undertaken by Malaysian consulates in China - Guangzhou , Hong Kong , Kunming , Nanning , Shanghai and Xi'an , and the Malaysian Friendship and Trade Centre in Taiwan . <p> " Malaysians residing or travelling in the affected areas are advised to give utmost priority to their personal health and safety by taking precautionary measures and adhere to instructions issued by @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ immediate medical care if they suffer symptoms such as fever , cough or breathing difficulties within 14 days of returning from the affected areas , " the statement said . <p> Meanwhile , Malaysians who require consular assistance and services may contact the nearest Malaysian diplomatic missions in China via the following links : <h> Property News <h> EdgeProp.my <p> EdgeProp.my is Malaysia 's most useful property website for home buyers and investors . At EdgeProp.my , you can find daily breaking news on property , and hundreds of thousands of properties for sale and rent with detailed information such as past transacted prices , maps and photos . We offer a full collection of the most popular property types in the market - condominiums and apartments , landed properties , residential land and commercial properties . <p> Whether you are looking to buy or rent properties , we have the most comprehensive property listings in Malaysia . <p> Interested in new property launches in Malaysia . Check out our featured new launches by the top property developers in Malaysia .

@@41694141 <h> Can Apple sustain strong momentum amid coronavirus fears ? <p> Apple has reported record results for the three months to December , beating Wall Street estimates . <p> Its newly launched iPhone 11 series brought sales of the iconic smartphone back to the growth path while other new businesses such as wearables and subscription services achieved double-digit growth . <p> As Apple is set to launch its 5G products later this year , such strong results demonstrated that the technology giant can still grow its iPhone business even though the global smartphone market is slowing down . <p> The iPhone business contributed US\$56 billion in revenue for the quarter , up 8 percent from a year earlier . The strong growth was mainly due to the strong demand for the iPhone 11 series . Apple said iPhone 11 , the cheapest model of the series , was the top-selling model for every week in December . The three models of the series also proved the most popular iPhones . <p> Apple has been shifting its business strategy for the iPhone in view of the global smartphone market slowdown . It decided not to raise iPhone prices for the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ its predecessor , the iPhone XR , and this attracted many smartphone users to give the iPhone a try -- even if the latest models did not offer 5G mobile network connectivity . <p> Many Chinese customers , who have been using Android smartphones for a long period of time , decided to switch to iPhone 11 because of the lower price . <p> Actually , Apple tested the market with a much wider price band for its iPhone products . The iPhone is no longer a product just for the high-end market , but it can also serve the mid-range segment . <p> As the company sought to capture the mid-range clientele and even the entry-level market , it has been rumored that Apple would launch an iPhone with a smaller screen size in the first quarter this year . <p> It is said that the new iPhone , dubbed iPhone SE2 , could come with a 4.7-inch screen and the latest A13 processor , and the price could be as low as US\$39 . <p> Some media outlets reported that Apple was aiming to ship 15 million units @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ urged its partners to ship a total of 80 million units of iPhones in the first half amid a stronger than expected demand . <p> Unfortunately , Apple 's ambitious plan could be affected by the outbreak of the new coronavirus in Wuhan , the capital of central China 's Hubei province . <p> The epicenter of the outbreak is near the iPhone manufacturing bases . So far , business activities in the city have ground to a halt and employees have been told not to report back to work until February . <p> Contingency plan <p> That could pose a negative impact on the supply of iPhones in the near term . However , Foxconn , an iPhone contract maker , said that the company has a contingency plan to maintain its iPhone business . <p> While no details have been provided , it can be assumed that Foxconn will make the latest model in India and Taiwan , where it also has iPhone manufacturing plants . <p> The strong iPhone demand led to an increase in the number of active users within Apple ecosystem . Apple said its @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , up by over 100 million in the last 12 months . <p> The active installed base is a key indicator of Apple users ' stickiness to its ecosystem . Such a huge user base serves as a solid foundation for Apple to expand its service business , especially its subscrip

tion-based services . <p> Apple said it had over 480 million paid subscriptions across the services , up 120 million from a year ago . It expects to surpass the 500 million mark during the March quarter . <p> The company has set a new target of 600 million paid subscriptions before the end of this year , and this means 40 percent of Apple installed bases are paying for services . <p> Unique service offerings <p> During the reporting period , revenue for services reached US\$12.7 billion , up around 18 percent from a year earlier . <p> The company was able to attract users to try its unique service offerings such as payment , news , music and cloud storage . <p> For example , Apple Pay 's revenue and transactions more than doubled year-over-year with a run @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ payment system was accepted in more public transport systems such as trains and buses in London , Shenzhen and Guangzhou . <p> Apple News , on the other hand , attracted over 100 million monthly active users in the United States , Australia and Canada , and provided a curated and personalized experience using on-device intelligence to recommend stories . <p> Such services did help to lock users to the iPhone as it provided some exclusive content for them . <p> The coronavirus may eventually hit hardware sales in China as shops are closed . <p> But Apple 's overall growth momentum should not be affected as its users continue to spend more on service subscriptions , and the rising penetration of Apple Pay will also help boost service revenue . <p> SpaceX , the private rocket company of high-tech entrepreneur Elon Musk , won final approval to build a research and manufacturing plant for its deep-space Starship project on a tract of vacant land at the Port ... <p> California power producer PG&E Corp said on Tuesday that it plans to raise up to US\$25.68 billion by selling securities @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ process , Reuters reports . The company ... <p> Travel restrictions to China because of the coronavirus have come just as Apple Inc. ' s engineers usually jet off to Asia to perfect the production of this fall 's new iPhones , former employees and supply chain ... <p> Robert Iger will step down as chief executive officer of Walt Disney Co , handing the reins to Disney Parks head Bob Chapek , Reuters reports , citing a company announcement . Iger will assume the post of ... <p> The National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday sharply criticized Tesla Inc. ' s lack of system safeguards in a fatal 2018 Autopilot crash in California and called US regulators ' approach in overseeing the driver assistance systems ... <p> Britain 's biggest retailer Tesco has sold its 20 percent share of a joint venture in China to a unit of its partner China Resources Holdings ( CRH ) , raising 275 million pounds ( US\$357 million ) and completing ... <p> 2019 was a watershed year for Hong Kong 's banking sector , with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ushering in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ banking licenses . Since then , there has ... <p> Southeast Asian ride hailer Grab is raising US\$706 million from Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc . ( MUFG ) and US\$150 million from Japanese IT services firm T IS Inc. as it seeks to expand aggressively into financial ...

@@41697141 <h> Read More <h> Related Articles <h> Read More <h> Related Articles <p> Number 10 refused to confirm where the Britons would be taken following the civilian charter flight to airlift them from the region . <p> The move comes after Britons returning to the UK expressed fury after being told they must " self-isolate " - while also making their own way home from the airport . <p> Previous advice from Public Health England ( PHE ) was for those returning to stay at home for 14 days . <p> But Britons due to board the flight back from Wuhan said they had been told by authorities to make their own way through the city to Wuhan airport , and once they land on British soil they are expected to make their own way home , potentially coming into contact with hundreds of people on the way . <p> Experts in China have said there is evidence that people could transmit the virus without showing any symptoms , although UK experts think the risk is low . <p> Kharn Lambert , whose grandmother Veronica Theobald , 81 , from Lancaster , is booked on a flight leaving Wuhan @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ We are not sure what time the flight will leave yet . She got a seat almost straight away because of her condition . <p> " She is relieved , so am I , but she 's frustrated with the restrictions being put in place . She can only take 15kg of hand luggage and she came here with about 30kg of stuff . " <p> The family have not been given exact timings for the flight or details of which London airport Mrs Theobald will arrive at .

@@41699141 <h> Two members of the same family have tested positive for coronavirus , Chief Medical Officer for England , Professor Chris Whitty announced on Friday <p> As Britain is planning to evacuate 83 Britons stranded in the Chinese city Wuhan , the country has reported its first case of coronavirus infection . The statement came from the Chief Medical Officer for England , Professor Chris Whitty , on Friday . <p> The UK is the fifth European nation to confirm the disease , after France , Germany , Finland and Italy . The only case of human-to-human transmission was reported in Germany , earlier this week . <h> Britain confirms coronavirus infection <p> Image for Representational purpose only <p> Britain is the latest country to confirm a coronavirus infection . Two members of the same family have been tested positive for the novel coronavirus ( 2019-nCoV ) , that has led to 213 deaths and infected about 10,000 persons globally , independent.coreported . <p> " We can confirm that two patients in England , who are members of the same family , have tested positive for coronavirus " , Professor Chris Witty said in a statement . " The @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ we are already working rapidly to identify any contacts the patients had , to prevent further spread " , he added . <p> Commenting on Britain 's preparedness to deal with the situation , he said , " We hav

e been preparing for UK cases of novel coronavirus and we have robust infection control measures in place to respond immediately . We are continuing to work closely with the World Health Organisation and the international community as the outbreak in China develops to ensure we are ready for all eventualities . " <h> 83 Britons to fly from Wuhan <p> Flight carrying 83 Britons and 27 other nationals will land in Britain today . A number of medics will be present in the flight to provide medical care . Upon landing in Britain , the passengers will be taken to Arrowe Park hospital in the Wirral where they will spend 14 days in quarantine . <p> On Friday , South Korea evacuated 367 of its citizens from Wuhan . India is in the process to fly its citizens out of the city . Japan has airlifted 400 of its citizens @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ a fourth one to evacuate the remaining of the 650 Japanese nationals from Wuhan . United States and France have evacuated their citizens , while New Zealand and Australia are in the process to do the same . <p> Wuhan is the capital of China 's Hubei province , which has emerged as the epicentre of the novel coronavirus ( 2019-nCoV ) outbreak that has claimed 213 lives-all in China and infected about 10,000 people from around the world . On January 23 , Wuhan along with several other cities was put on a complete lock-down , with widespread travel restrictions and curbs on public assembly , in order to prevent the disease from spreading .

@@41699441 <p> As Malaysia is one of the top countries with professional capabilities to handle the current epidemic outbreak , we thought we 'd share with you how the doctors from the Sungai Buloh Hospital have been treating the infected patients . <p> Dr Suresh told Astro Awani that the patients are background-checked before the treatments begin as the patients ' travel histories are one of the most crucial information the doctors need to know before proceeding with any treatment . <p> Samples of phlegm are also taken to the Medical Research Institute for tests and " if the result of the test comes back positive , we isolate the patients and keep a close monitor on them . " <p> Additionally , Dr Suresh says that safety precautions are crucial for the hospital staff . They have to wear special protective clothing while the isolation ward is located further away from the other wards . <p> Dr Suresh also added that the doctors handling the patients in the hospital are experienced specialists who have been active in dealing with previous virus outbreaks like SARS and Mers-Cov , which at least gives them the experience in handling Wuhan virus cases @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Sungai Buloh Hospital include four China nationals -- two adults and two kids , aged 11 and two years old . The four patients are family-related and their condition has been reported to be stable .

@@41699641 <p> Police gather evidence at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point building where a bomb was discovered on Tuesday . Superintendent Steve Li ( inset ) of the OCTB said suspects have yet to be identified . Photo : RTHK <h> Bomb found at Shenzhen Bay control point , third in two days <p> An unexploded home-made bomb was found in a rubbish bin at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point on Tuesday morning . <p> It was the third case of suspected explosives reported in the past two days , although none of them had resulted in casualties . <p> A security guard stationed at a building inside the border checkpoint heard a loud noise resembling an explosion at around 10:30 a.m. before the police were called , the Hong Kong Economic Journal reports . <p> Responding police officers , including members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Bureau , and firefighters arrived soon and cordoned off the scene before launching a search . <p> An object believed to be a home-made bomb and a device that could be remotely controlled by a mobile phone to set it off were later found inside a trash bin in a men 's toilet @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ other explosive devices in the building and surrounding areas , and ended the search at around 4 p.m . <p> Senior Superintendent Steve Li Kwai-wah of the Organized Crime and Triad Bureau ( OCTB ) told media that it had been the third discovery of an explosive device since Monday . <p> At around 2:30 a.m. on Monday , an explosion occurred inside a men 's toilet at the Accident and Emergency Department of Caritas Medical Centre . There were no injuries . <p> Then at 10:20 p.m. , a public toilet for the disabled on Jordan Road was seriously damaged after an explosion triggered a big fire . No one was hurt in the incident . <p> Senior bomb disposal officer Alick McWhirter said the bombs set off on Monday were similar : they burned first before exploding . <p> The third bomb found at the control point on Monday was remote-controlled and more highly explosive , McWhirter said , noting that it could have caused serious injuries or even death had it exploded . <p> Meanwhile , a message on one of instant messenger service Telegram 's channels @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Shenzhen Bay border control point on Tuesday afternoon . <p> Calling the incident only the beginning , the message demanded that the government close the city 's borders to prevent the spread of the coronavirus from the mainland , otherwise , there will be more actions of destruction , including those aimed at railway and roads linking with the mainland . <p> Li said the OCTB will investigate all of the three bomb cases . So far , the culprits are yet unknown , and it is not clear if a single group is responsible for the three incidents , he added . <p> Four more people tested positive for the novel coronavirus ( Covid-19 ) on Tuesday , bringing the total number of infection cases in Hong Kong to 85 , the Centre for Health Protection ( CHP ) under the Department of ... <p> As the coronavirus outbreak continues to spread beyond China , several countries around the world are taking a hit , with Japan , South Korea , Italy and Iran among the biggest victims . With fears mounting over the ... <p> Hong Kong has @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 20 to contain the spread of the coronavirus . Secretary for Education Kevin Yeung Yun-hung said classes would be suspended until after ... <p> As Hong Kong frets about the coronavirus outbreak

ak and its potential fallout on the economy , the city 's finance chief is preparing to unveil the government 's annual budget proposals on Wednesday . Unlike with his previous ... <p> The government on Monday unveiled plans to evacuate the more than 2,700 Hongkongers stuck in central China 's Hubei province , the epicenter of the deadly novel coronavirus ( Covid-19 ) outbreak , after receiving several requests for assistance ... <p> Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po is set to unveil his annual budget this Wednesday . As a long-standing practice , the government will arrange for the media to attend a closed-door " preview " session at 9 a.m .... <p> Hong Kong 's health authorities said on Monday that seven more people have tested positive for the novel coronavirus ( Covid-19 ) , taking the total number of confirmed cases in the city to 81 . Among the newly-added ... <p> After shutting down several @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ announced that starting from Feb. 8 all people entering Hong Kong from mainland China must undergo 14 days of mandatory quarantine ....

@@51325341 <h> Hundreds of homeless people shifted to shelter homes in KP <p> by Staff Report , ( Last Updated December 31 , 2019 ) <p> PESHAWAR : Following the special directives of Prime Minister Imran Khan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa ( KP ) Chief Minister Mahmood Khan , the provincial government has shifted hundreds of homeless people to shelter homes established by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf ( PTI ) government in different areas of the province . <p> The initiative has been taken in the backdrop of the chilly weather that gripped KP for the last couple of days to keep them safe of severe cold . <p> An official of the provincial government said on Tuesday that shifting of poor to shelter homes continued in different districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where around 911 persons were shifted to 61 permanent and temporarily shelter homes in the province . <p> As many as 21 persons were shifted to shelter homes in Abbottabad , 35 in Bajaur , four in Bannu , 30 in Batagram , 60 in Buner , 53 in Charsadda , 30 in Dera Ismail Khan , 21 in Hangu , three in Haripur , five in Karak , 23 in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , 51 in Lower Dir , 20 in Lower Orakzai , six in Malakand , 30 in Mardan , 30 in Malakand , 22 in Orakzai , 394 in Peshawar , seven in Swabi and 16 in Upper Kohistan . <p> The Deputy Commissioners and officials of the Social Welfare Department are looking after the process of shifting of homeless people to these shelter homes besides the distribution of food and other basic services . <p> In this connection , Deputy Commissioner Lakki Marwat , Jahangir Azam Wazir visited a shelter home established at Norang and met with people stayed there . <p> He also inquired about food , blankets , sweater , water and other necessary items . The Deputy Commissioner appreciated the food and other necessary services being provided to the homeless people . He directed the management of the shelter home to take extra care of people and provide them with better services . He directed for making special care of children and women . <p> Meanwhile , on orders of Deputy Commissioner Kohistan Arif Khan Youafzai , Assistant Commissioner Dauso headquarters and additional commissioner visited shelter @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ water and blankets for homeless people there . He directed the administration to provide best facilities to shelterless people . <p> Similarly , Deputy Commissioner Dir Upper , Khalid Khattak also visited shelter home on Dir-Chitral road and inspected arrangements made for comforts of the passengers . He distributed blankets , sweaters and food items among poor people on this occasion . <p> The Deputy Commissioner Shangla has established three temporary shelter homes at district headquarters Alpuri , Transport Stand Alpuri and tehsil headquarters Besham where shelterless are being looked after . <p> The district administration and social welfare department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are looking after poor people at shelters homes besides providing the much-needed relief including blankets and sweater to protect them from the severe cold that gripped Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the last couple of days forcing people to

@@51337041 <h> What sets the Comox Valley apart as a vacation destination in B.C. is its wealth of quality food and drink options - especially if you love craft beer <p> British Columbia is a many splendored place -- that 's why we live here after all ! We 're spoiled with snowcapped mountains , beautiful beaches , verdant forests , crystal-clear lakes and rivers , bountiful oceans , amazing food and drink , warm summers and mild winters . Yeah , it rains a bit , but that 's what the Gore-Tex is for . <p> In some lucky corners of the province -- like the pocket of paradise that is the Comox Valley -- you can even experience it all within a 30-minute drive . Kayaking , snowboarding and mountain biking , all in the same day , if you 're so inclined . But what truly sets the Comox Valley apart as a vacation destination is the wealth of quality food and drink options . <p> Three distinct communities make up the Comox Valley -- Comox , Courtenay and Cumberland -- each with their own personality and offerings . The valley 's shared agricultural history has given @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ drinking local is a way of life here -- whether its wine from local wineries like 40 Knots or Beaufort , award-winning cheeses from local dairies like Natural Pastures , fresh produce from the many roadside farm stalls like Sieffert 's Farm Market , or beer from any of the many local craft breweries . <p> Speaking of beer , the past year has seen three new craft breweries open in the Comox Valley , along with new craft beer-focused taprooms and restaurants , creating a craft beer mecca almost overnight . It 's just another reason to put this part of Vancouver Island on the top of your B.C. craft beer road trip list . <h> Cumberland <p> Cumberland Brewing Co. has helped revitalize the once sleepy village it calls home . Photo by Rob Mangelsdorf <p> Once a thre adbare mining town with more boarded up shops than open businesses along its main stretch , Cumberland has seen

a remarkable resurgence in the past 30 years . Lured by cheap housing prices and a stunning location nestled next to the Comox Lake and the Beaufort Mountains , newcomers to @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ into an oasis of awesomeness . <p> The brick buildings have been lovingly restored , as have many of the historic wooden Victorian homes that line the town 's quaint , quiet streets . Where there were once empty storefronts there are now taco shops , artisan ice creameries and handmade local clothing stores . <p> With Mount Washington Alpine Resort just 30 minutes away , and more than 80 km of single track mountain bike trails within the city limits , Cumberland has become a destination in its own right -- making it the perfect place to start your Comox Valley journey . <p> Your first stop in Cumberland should naturally be the Cumberland Brewing Co. and its spacious heated patio . Recent renovations have added seating space both inside and out , and have allowed the brewery to add a full kitchen . <p> If you spent the morning shredding up Mount Washington , a pint of the flavourful yet light bodied Dancing Linebacker oatmeal stout is probably just the thing you need . Likewise , if you spent the morning bombing down trails in Cumberland Forest , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ with big juicy notes of tropical fruit , is just the thing to revive you . <p> Physical exertion demands sustenance , so listen to your body and walk it across the street to Rider 's Pizza , a must-visit apr ? s stop for a massive , well-earned pizza . As great as the pizza is , the beer list is just as , if not more impressive , with close to 15 taps of local craft beer -- including everything from CBC ( same owners ) -- with tasting flights available , as well . <h> Courtenay <p> Gladstone Brewing in Courtenay is an ideal place to fill your tank with delicious craft beer . Photo by Rob Mangelsdorf <p> The Comox Valley 's heart , both geographically and demographically , Courtenay is home to close to half of the valley 's residents . Located along the Courtenay River estuary -- a popular kayaking destination -- the cute-as-a-button downtown area of Fifth Street has also seen significant rejuvenation in recent years , with an increasing number of restaurants and bars opening up . One of the catalysts has @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Street . The brewery opened up in an old mechanic shop in 2015 and leaned into the vintage automotive theme , with antique oilcans , tools and hubcaps adorning the bright and airy tasting room . When the sun 's out -- regardless of the season -- Gladstone 's massive covered and heated patio comes alive . Grab a pint of Gladstone 's refreshing Belgian Single and tuck into one of the delicious gourmet burgers . <p> A short bike ride down the waterfront Courtenay Riverway trail brings you to the Comox Valley 's newest brewery , Ace Brewing Co . This aviation-themed brewery is right next to the Courtenay Airpark and pays homage to the area 's military history with beers like Spitfire Lager and Drop Tank India Blonde Ale . Brussels-born brewer Louis Hage is bringing some of his Belgian flair to the beer list with beers like Fruit Bomb , a raspberry mango sour that explodes with fruit flavour while finishing tart and dry . <p> Ace Brewing Co. in Courtenay pays homage to the Comox Valley 's aviation and military history . Photo by Rob Mangelsdorf @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ food and drink options , including the Cornerstone Caf ? , which features 20 taps of local craft beer , live music and even poetry slams . Just a few shops up the street , Nikkei Ramen-Ya has the best ramen on Vancouver Island , and an extensive sake list to pair it with . For a truly unique craft beer experience , make sure to pay a visit to the White Whale on the opposite side of the Courtenay River . This faux-Tudor style pub sits right on a tidal slough with its own dock , making it an ideal spot to pull up your kayak or stand-up paddleboard and have a pint . A patio seat is a must , providing a front row seat for the action on the river , where bald eagles and chubby harbour seals sun themselves on the dock . With 16 rotating craft beer taps , there 's always something fresh being tapped . <h> Comox <p> For the longest time Comox was home to only two demographic groups : Canadian Air Force personnel from nearby CFB Comox , and octogenarian retirees @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ has had a well-earned reputation as being the sleepy backwater of the three valley burghs . <p> That , however , has recently changed : the past year has seen two new craft breweries open up , as well the craft beer focused Church Street Taphouse . And the demographics are changing . <p> " Comox was a sleepy town for a lot of years , but now it 's a destination , " says Church Street 's head bartender Brian Chapman . " A lot of people are moving up from Victoria and Vancouver . A lot of people who left the valley when they graduated high school are now coming back to start families . And they like craft beer . " <p> The tap list at Church Street features a wide array of B.C. brewers , with an emphasis on IPAs and craft lagers . <p> " We try and offer the broadest spectrum possible so that no matter who walks in the door , we 'll have something for them , " he says . " We still get Lucky drinkers coming in here , and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ I always make sure we have one tap that 's just for the hardcore beer geeks . " <p> On the day I visit , that tap is pouring Boneyard Beer 's Suge Knite imperial stout , clocking in at a smooth 14.0% ABV . This hardcore beer geek was mightily impressed . <p> Everything at New Tradition Brewing is handmade in-house , from the beers to the chairs , to the beer paddles . Photo by Rob Mangelsdorf <p> One block east at the Comox Centre Mall , New Tradition Brewing opened earlier this summer and brewer Pat Savard has been winning over locals with his approachable , accomplished brews . The tasting room itself is bright and welcoming , with rustic handmade touches throughout the space . In fact , everything in the brewery was hand built by the couple , from the bar , to the tables , to the chairs . For lager-lovers , Cure For The Common K ? lsch is Savard 's take on the traditional lagered ale of his mother 's hometown of Cologne , Germany . However , the deeper you delve @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ you 'll find . Like

the Juice Caboose Wild Session Ale : this fruity , funky little number utilizes multiple strains of wild yeast for plenty of flavour despite the modest 3.0% ABV . <p> Land & Sea Brewing Co. on Guthrie Road has quickly become one of Comox 's favourite meeting places , thanks to a winning combination of great beer , great food and a great atmosphere . Brewer Tessa Gabiniewicz 's beer list emphasizes approachable , sessionable styles , perfect for hours of casual hangs in the hip tasting room . The Comexico Pale Ale is a great choice for when the brewery throws open its big bay doors and lets that Comox Valley sunshine stream in . Fruit-forward and hazy , with just enough hop bitterness to dry out the finish , it 's a West Coast twist on a classic East Coast pale ale . Grab a growler to-go for your Comox Valley adventures , whether it 's snowshoeing , skiing , windsurfing or just curling up with a blanket next to a beach fire at Goose Spit .

@51364641 <h> SUV Review : Testing a Nissan Kicks on Route 66 <h> We test Nissan 's smallest ute along a massive road trip <p> Getting my kicks , by taking a Kicks , on Route 66 . Too much ? Sorry . Could n't resist . Though it 's generally frowned upon to work marketing slogans into car reviews , like writing " zoom zoom " about a Mazda or just blithely saying , " it 's a Jeep thing , " Route 66 was there first . The first time I travelled this way with Nissan was over five years ago , and the Kicks crossover SUV/hatchback/subcompact -- pick one ; it 's all of these things -- was n't in production yet . <p> Seven back-to-back , 10-hour drive days is a fair test of many things about a vehicle . Though we had the opportunity to switch out between the 2020 Murano and Altima , it was the trendy little Kicks that had me most intrigued . I 'd driven the 2018 , and we had the 2019 because the 2020 was still a few weeks in the offing . No matter . The 2019 offers @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ vehicle if you 're shopping in this segment . <p> Oh , this segment . Crowded and noisy , all yelling , " over here ! " to stand out . With sales of sedans wilting and car sales overall dropping , manufacturers know they have to define their target with increasing accuracy . Safety , space , fuel economy , price , reliability . Consumers want , and can have , it all . Nissan knows this , and has placed the Kicks at a sweet spot in its lineup . <p> First , the safety . Seven airbags , automatic emergency braking and auto high beams are standard on all Kicks . The SV and SR trims -- the latter of which we drove -- have blind-spot monitoring and rear cross-traffic alert . It also sports Nissan 's Intelligent Around View Monitor with Moving Object Detection ( MOD ) , four cameras positioned to deliver a 360-degree bird 's eye view of the vehicle , the monitor offering split-screen closeups . For 2020 , Safety Shield 360 will be standard on all trim levels , which includes six @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , rear emergency braking , front emergency braking with pedestrian detection , and rear cross-traffic alert . <p> Got to hand it to the Kicks , it has the space . Lots of it . Great headroom , and we were also chucking full sized suitcases into the back , along with a lot of other gear , with ease . I 'm a hardcore hatchback fan , and getting a subcompact crossover with this much space and clearance was a nice surprise . The backseats are okay for a couple of kids , but nothing you 'd want to cover 4,000 kilometres in as an adult . <p> The fronts , however , are Nissan 's Zero Gravity seats . Created using technology perfected by NASA and available through open patents , the idea is to create a seat that removes pressure points . If astronauts have to be in space for weeks or months , how do you keep them the most comfortable ? Anyone who has unfolded themselves from a car on a road trip knows the stretching and un-crunching has to happen at regular intervals . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , and the proof was in the forgetting : I forgot about the seats . I have back issues , I 'd signed up for a seven day grueling trek across eight states , and I had no issues . <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> 2019 Nissan Kicks <p> The styling is adorable , which it would totally mind me saying . But it is . It 's darling , especially the two-toned SR version I was driving . The interior does n't live up to the outer promise , but the Bose sound system is good and the speakers built into the driver 's headrest are fun . The console is a little pedestrian , though not much different than everything else in this segment at this price point . Oh , and those seats ... <p> It 's a vehicle that does better in town than on places like Route 66 , as it struggles to hold its place on the 120 km/h speeds on the interstate . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ surefooted as it is turning on a dime in tight urban cores . It 's certainly got the nimbleness it needs from the 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine with 122 horsepower , if not the juice to let you put your boot into it at high speeds . Unlike others in the segment , the Kicks is front-wheel-drive-only , but there 's no denying it 's fuel economy is a winner because of it . It 's relatively light weight of 1,200 kilograms helps the Kicks earn an impressive rating of 7.2 L/100 kilometres combined . <p> Why should you throw the Kicks onto your shopping list ? Bang for the buck . The loaded up 2019 SR trim we tested comes in at \$23,398 . The base S starts at \$18,298 , with the SV coming up the middle at \$21,298 .

@51375841 <p> This copy is for your personal non-commercial use only . To order presentation-ready copies of Toronto Star content for distribution to colleagues , clients or customers , or inquire about permissions/licensing , please go to : \*\*27;700;TOOLONG <h> ' Tip of the iceberg ' : With lessons of SARS in mind , experts watching new virus closely <p> Experts are concerned the world could see another global outbreak of a new respiratory illness related to SARS -- but there are still too many unknown factors to know how serious it is just yet . <p> As the situation unfolds , the lessons learned from dealing with SARS are top of mind for some . <p> The new strain of a virus called





e . <p> Babich emphasized : <p> " As part of this study , a team of scientists developed the capsule shell composition for @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ carrageenan and hydroxypropyl methylcellulose . The effect of different storage temperatures of the enzyme in encapsulated form on its activity was also studied . We found that for all of the proposed capsule formulations , the most suitable storage temperature for the drug is 25 ° C. At capsule storage temperatures of 4 ° C and 30 ° C after 6 months , a significant decrease in enzyme activity was noted , up to 90% . The next stage of research will be devoted to studying the mechanisms of destruction of capsules with L-phenylalanine-ammonium lyase under model conditions close to the conditions of the human gastrointestinal tract , since in the future the developed capsules will be used for replacement therapy of phenylketonuria " . Reference Babich et al . ( 2020 ) The effectiveness of plant hydrocolloids at maintaining the quality characteristics of the encapsulated form of \*\*29;65;TOO LONG . Heliyon . DOI : https : \*\*39;96;TOO LONG ... This article has been republished from the following materials . Note : material may have been edited for length and content . For further information , please contact the cited source . <h> @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ evaluate the safety and efficacy of the investigational antiviral remdesivir in hospitalized adults diagnosed with coronavirus disease 2019 ( COVID-19 ) has begun at the University of Nebraska Medical Center ( UNMC ) in Omaha .

@@51386841 <h> No Confirmed case of Lassa Fever in Ogun , says Commissioner <p> The Ogun State government has said that there is no confirmed case of Lassa Fever in the state . <p> The Commissioner for Health , Dr Tomi Coker in a release disclosed that the Nigeria Center for Disease Control ( NCDC ) had erroneously listed Ogun as one of the affected states , adding that government had , however , put its health officials on red alert in the event of a suspected case . <p> Coker allayed the fear of state residents , advising them to avoid contact with rodents and ensure personal as well as environmental hygiene . <p> Describing Lassa Fever as an endemic acute viral haemorrhage illness that is transmitted from rodents to humans , and from human to human , the Commissioner advised health workers across the state to maintain a high index of suspicion for Lassa and treat all cases of fever symptoms with caution . <p> She added that all suspected cases of Lassa Fever should be reported to the Local Government Area Disease Surveillance Notification Officer ( DSNO ) or call 09099140121 and 09099140122.

@@51388241 <h> Snake might be animal reservoir of novel coronavirus : Study <p> Washington , Jan 23 ( IANS ) A study published on Wednesday in the Journal of Medical Virology showed that snake is the most probable wildlife animal reservoir for the novel coronavirus that had caused 17 deaths in central China 's Hubei Province . <p> Scientists from Peking University Health Science Center School of Basic Medical Sciences , the First affiliated Hospital of Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine , Ruikang Hospital Affiliated to Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine , Ningbo University 's School of Medicine , and Wuhan University of Bioengineering carried out a comprehensive analysis on the existing sequences of the newly identified coronavirus , the Xinhua news agency reported . <p> They used a method called " relative synonymous codon usage " ( RSCU ) bias to compare RNA sequences of different animal species . <p> Snake was one of the animals being sold in Wuhan 's Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market before its closure . The market is believed to be related to most of the infected cases . <p> Results obtained from the analyses suggested that the new virus 2019-nCoV appeared to be a @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . <p> The recombination occurred within the viral spike glycoprotein , which recognizes cell surface receptor . Additionally , their findings suggested that snake is the most probable wildlife animal reservoir for the 2019-nCoV based on its RSCU bias resembling snake compared to other animals . <p> Taken together , the research results suggested that homologous recombination within the spike glycoprotein may contribute to cross-species transmission from snake to humans . <p> Glycoprotein is a group of conjugated proteins containing small amounts of carbohydrates . <p> Chinese health authorities have posted the full genome of 2019-nCoV in the genetic sequence database of U.S. National Institutes of Health and the Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data , according to U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ( CDC ) .

@@51389341 <p> A new strain of coronavirus that emerged in China may have originated in bats or snakes , according to genetic analysis of the virus that has so far killed 17 people . <p> Facebook <p> Twitter <p> Pinterest <p> + <p> LinkedIn <p> WhatsApp <p> Email <p> SHARE THIS <p> Facebook <p> Twitter <p> Pinterest <p> LinkedIn <p> WhatsApp <p> Email <p> A new strain of coronavirus that emerged in China may have originated in bats or snakes , according to genetic analysis of the virus that has so far killed 17 people . <p> The theories are based on examination of the genome sequence of the virus released by authorities in the wake of the outbreak , with two studies pointing to the likely role of bats in the outbreak . <p> One study , published Tuesday in the journal Science China Life Sciences , which is sponsored by Beijing 's Chinese Academy of Sciences , looked at the relations between the new strain and other viruses . <p> It found the coronavirus that emerged from China 's Wuhan was closely related to a strain that exists in bats . <p> " Bats being the native host @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ logical and convenient reasoning , though it remains likely there was intermediate host(s) in the transmission cascade from bats to humans , " the researchers from several institutions in China wrote in the paper . <p> " To search for ( a ) potential virus reservoir ,

we have carried out a comprehensive sequence analysis and comparison . Results from our analysis suggest that snake is the most probable wildlife animal reservoir , " the paper says . <p> The researchers caution that their conclusions require " further validation by experimental studies in animal models " . <p> Neither study explained how the virus may have been transmitted from animals to humans . <p> But they could offer clues to Chinese authorities as they hunt for the source of the outbreak that has sickened hundreds of people in the country and has been confirmed as far afield as the United States . <p> The food market where the deadly virus surfaced offered a range of exotic wildlife for sale , including live foxes , crocodiles , wolf puppies , giant salamanders , snakes , rats , peacocks , porcupines , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ director of the Chinese centre for disease control and prevention , said in Beijing on Wednesday that authorities believe the virus likely came from " wild animals at the seafood market " though the exact source remains undetermined . <p> Many exotic species are still widely consumed in China or other Asian countries where they are considered a delicacy -- like the civet or some rats or bats -- or for purported health benefits unproven by science .

@@51398941 <h> All You Need To Know About The Coronavirus <p> You have probably heard of the virus that broke out in China called the Coronavirus -- the epidemic has also spread to other countries . More than 2,700 people have been infected in more than a dozen countries , including five confirmed cases in the United States , according to Aljazeera . <h> What is Coronavirus ? <p> According to the World Health Organization ( WHO ) , the coronavirus belongs to a family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome ( MERS ) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ( SARS ) . <p> These viruses were originally transmitted between animals and people . SARS , for instance , was believed to have been transmitted from civet cats to humans while MERS travelled from a type of camel to humans . <p> Several known coronaviruses are circulating in animals that have not yet infected humans . <p> The name coronavirus comes from the Latin word corona , meaning crown or halo . Under an electron microscope , the image of the virus is reminiscent of a @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Chinese authorities on January 7 and named 2019-nCoV , is a new strain that had not been previously identified in humans . <p> Little is known about it , although human-to-human transmission has been confirmed . <p> The first cases of coronavirus were reported in Wuhan , China , on December 31 , 2019 . Since then , the virus has spread to various other countries , including Thailand , Japan , United States , Australia , France , Vietnam , Singapore , South Korea , Nepal , Malaysia , Japan , Cambodia and Taiwan . <h> What are the symptoms ? <p> According to the WHO , signs of infection include fever , cough , shortness of breath and breathing difficulties . <p> In more severe cases , it can lead to pneumonia , severe acute respiratory syndrome , kidney failure and even death . <p> The incubation period of the coronavirus remains unknown . Some sources say it could be between 10 to 14 days . <p> Reports say China has put major cities on lockdown , coupled with drastic travel restrictions for citizens and a ban on @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ e-commerce . Other countries like Taiwan are barring entry of people from infected cities , and the US is screening people for infections at major airports . <p> Hopefully these measures will help curb the spread of the virus and ultimately put an end to the epidemic .

@@51399441 <p> Montreal-based acrobatic troupe Cirque du Soleil has also cancelled all performances in Hangzhou , China as a precaution . <p> It says it made the decision to cancel performances of " The Land of Fantasy " show after Chinese officials requested the temporary closing of all indoor activities with 100 or more people to stem the outbreak . <p> Some countries such as the Philippines have installed thermal scanners at airports to detect potential carriers of the disease when they arrive from China as those infected have displayed flu-like symptoms such as fevers . <p> Tam says Canada has no plans to follow suit . <p> " In our experience during SARS , we scanned millions of people and did n't pick up a single case , " she said . <p> " What we know is if you get infected , there could be many days between being infected and being symptomatic or having a fever . "

@@51401241 <h> Real number of Wuhan coronavirus cases is 25,000 -- expert <p> A senior public health expert in Hong Kong , on Monday said that the real number of people affected by the new coronavirus was close to 25,000 higher than the 2,744 cases confirmed by China 's National Health Commission . <p> Gabriel Leung , Head of the Li Ka Shing , Faculty of Medicine of the University of Hong Kong , disclosed this while briefing a newsmen in Hong Kong . <p> Gabriel said that his team 's research indicated that there were likely around 44,000 cases in the incubation stage . <p> According to Hong Kong National Health Commission , eighty people had already died and 2,744 were confirmed infected across China as of Monday , marking a rise in the death toll by 24 since Sunday . <p> Gabriel , who urged the Hong Kong Government on preparedness in response to disease , said his team expected the case count to continue to double every six days in the absence of any public health intervention . <p> He estimated that the Chinese city of Chongqing would encounter the largest epidemic as the city of over @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the city at the centre of the disease . <p> He said research indicated the peak of the outbreak would hit Chongqing approximately two weeks before outbreaks in other major cities like Beijing and Shanghai hit their peak in April and May before dying down in June and July . <p> Hong Kong has confirmed eight cases of the deadly coronavirus that resea

rchers believe originated in a wet market in Wuhan where wild game including snakes , civet cats , and bats were sold for consumption . <p> Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced that residents of Hubei province and non-Hong Kong citizens found to have visited the province after Jan. 12 , would not be allowed entry into Hong Kong as of Jan. 27 . <p> The campaign against sexual harassment and abuse in Ekiti has claimed its first casualties as three teachers of two secondary schools were arrested by the officers of the Ekiti State Police Command on Tuesday . <p> Minister of Youth and Sports Development , Mr. Sunday Dare , has applauded Elizabeth Anyanacho , who is the first Nigerian female to qualify for Taekwondo in 16 @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ as well as table tennis player , Cicilia Edem Efiang . <p> The House of Representatives Committee on Public Accounts has summoned the management of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency ( NIMASA ) to appear before it on Feb. 25 , to give reasons for its unaudited accounts . <p> Ogun is one of the six states approved by the world financial institution to support development priorities in the country , including improving immunisation , enabling a stronger business environment for the private sector , expanding the digital economy to promote job creation and increasing public and private sector capacity on governance and social and environmental safeguards . <p> The Supreme Court has scheduled hearing for this Wednesday ( February 26 ) in the application by the All Progressives Congress ( APC ) seeking among others , a review of its February 13 , 2020 judgment disqualifying the party 's candidate in the last governorship election in Bayelsa State , Lyon David Pereworimin.

@@51401641 <h> St. John 's man describes mood shift in China as coronavirus persists <p> Just a few days ago , Richard White could freely enter and leave the International Grand Bazaar , a major tourist attraction in the Chinese city of Urumqi . <p> The last time he went , armed police officers took his temperature before letting him in . <p> That 's the reality of the swiftly changing situation in China , even in Xinjiang province . It 's about far away as you can get from the epicentre of a novel form of coronavirus that , as of Friday , had killed 26 and sickened nearly 1,000 . <p> " You can hear out the window people are still setting off firecrackers . Even though a lot of people are nervous , there 's still a desire to celebrate . " <p> - Richard White <p> White spoke to SaltWire just moments after the Chinese Lunar New Year . He said even returning to his hotel after stepping out to watch fireworks resulted in questioning and a temperature check from police . <h> It 's getting serious <p> White is originally from St. John 's but @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ He teaches English at an elementary school in the city 's southern Fengxian district . <p> As of Friday , however , White was staying at a hotel in the far northwestern city of Urumqi , the capital of Xinjiang province . <p> Urumqi is situated about 3,500 kilometres away from the more central Hubei province , where 35 million people are locked down in the capital city of Wuhan -- reportedly ground zero for the virus -- and surrounding cities . <p> White had to travel through Wuhan via train about a week ago to get to Urumqi , where he had made plans to visit during the holiday . <p> " Wuhan is . . . very centrally located in China and it 's a major transportation hub , " White said . <p> " At that point ( last week ) none of these measures had been put in place to restrict travel and control the outbreak because I do n't think it was taken quite as seriously at that stage . " <p> It 's clear that has changed . <h> Public gatherings cancelled <p> Visitors wearing @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ closed during the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday following the outbreak of a new coronavirus , in Shanghai , China on Friday . - Aly Song/Reuters <p> " Within the last three days , I 've noticed all the hotel staff , they are all wearing masks . All of the police officers you see on the street and in Xinjiang -- and there are a lot of them -- they are all wearing masks , " he said . <p> White , too , has begun wearing one , though he questions the effectiveness . <p> Even celebrations for the Lunar New Year have been scaled back with many public gatherings across the country being cancelled . <p> " I 've been talking to people in the city and they say , ' We were supposed to have a big dinner with all of our family members but we do n't feel safe to do that now , ' " White said . <p> " You do n't know if you 're going to be transmitting the virus unintentionally because it has an incubation period . " <p> With @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the New Year , the school White works for , which was supposed to resume classes early next month , is suspending them until mid-February . <p> " They want to give a chance for anyone that 's travelling to sort of show symptoms , " he said . <p> While White had planned to return to Shanghai much sooner , he has decided to stay in Urumqi for the time being as he feels safer being so far away from the outbreak . <p> " On social media , I have noticed , compared to my Chinese friends , I think that Westerners have been maybe overreacting a little bit . " <p> - Richard White <p> Shanghai is less than 1,000 kilometres from Wuhan and is much more densely populated . <p> White also said there have only been two confirmed cases in all of Xinjiang , and both individuals had travelled to Wuhan . <p> " The equivalent that all the media has been talking about is the SARS outbreak of 2003 , but in the last 15 years , China has become so much more connected @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ travel within the country and without , " he said . <p> " That 's the reason why the government is acting in such a harsh way to try and control this because there 's a really strong chance that it could spread quickly . " <p> Despite the measures being undertaken by authorities and a widespread feeling of nervousness among Chinese citizens , White said there 's no mass panic , and that he does n't feel overly concerned for his safety . <p> " On social media , I have noticed , compared to my Chinese friends , I think that Westerners have been m

aybe overreacting a little bit , " he said . <p> " For the most part people are still trying to go about their daily lives , and I think maybe that 's because it 's the holiday season and they still want to enjoy family time and everything , " he said . <p> " You can hear out the window people are still setting off firecrackers . Even though a lot of people are nervous , there 's still a desire to @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ keep monitoring the situation closely in the coming days and weeks to see when and how he will be able to return to Shanghai to begin work again . <p> " We live in that 24-hour news cycle so I do n't know if when I wake up in the morning there will be another update from the government , " he said .

@@61511841 <h> Related Stories <p> The mix-up also raises questions about pre-surgery procedures in Kenyan hospitals , especially on how to ensure the right patient is operated on the right place . <p> It also calls to question doctors ' lack of commitment to their patients to ensure they receive the care they need to get well . <p> The Daily Nation , which investigated the scandal since Wednesday , will not publish details of the patients out of respect for their privacy and because it was not clear on Thursday if their families had been informed of the operation . <p> Last evening , hospital management threw out this reporter by dramatically having security guards escort her out of the premises for making enquiries about the incident . <p> MEDICS SUSPENDEDIn an effort to limit the damage following our enquiries , the hospital 's chief operating officer Lily Koros issued a statement announcing the suspension of four medics who were at work on the fateful night . <p> They included the neurosurgeon , the ward nurse , theatre receiving nurse , and the anaesthetist . <p> " The management has suspended the admission rights of a neurosurgery registrar and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the wrong patient , " Ms Koros said . <p> The fact that Ms Koros was referring to the operation as " apparent " is probably an indication that the hospital was unwilling to publicly admit the error , and also that some of its procedures may have put the welfare of patients at risk . <p> IDENTIFICATIONShe did not disclose the identity of the patients , only saying that the hospital will " advise on the cause of action to be taken " . The doctor 's suspension ends Friday . <p> The patients were received and both admitted in the hospital 's Ward 5A , which houses general surgery and trauma patients without fractures . <p> Patients wear name tags on their hospital gowns in this ward and investigations will look into how the two were given the wrong tags . <p> The tags are the patient 's only method of identification . <p> It appears in this system , the surgeon will have no contact with the patient , waits in the theatre , and follows the information in the files to carry out critical surgery . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ telling they were operating on the wrong patient because he was unconscious , " a source , who requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter , said . <p> " Besides , the file details and patient label tallied . " <p> SURGERY STOPPEDThe team only realised the mistake more than two hours into the operation after opening the head of the wrong patient , only to find a swollen brain but no blood clot . <p> After consulting a senior neurosurgeon on call , the operating doctor was instructed to proceed no further , clean up the area and close the head . <p> The doctor examined a CT scan of the patient and his file before recommending surgery . <p> Both showed that there , indeed , was a blood clot in his head . <p> However , the scan was from the wrong patient and the team did not discover the mistake until after the surgeon was halfway into the operation . <p> RECOVERYIn a miracle of some sort , the Nation was informed that both patients were in good condition , and that the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ he had improved significantly . <p> Few medical errors are as vivid and terrifying as those that involve patients who have undergone surgery on the wrong body part , undergone the incorrect procedure , or had a procedure intended for another patient . <p> Wrong-site surgery may involve operating on the wrong side , as in the case of a patient who had the right side of her vulva removed when the cancerous lesion was on the left , or the incorrect body site .

@@61525941 <h> Slurry spreading season : When can you start ? <p> Fertiliser and slurry spreading will once again be allowed over the coming days and weeks as the closed period comes to an end in some parts of the country from as early as next week . <p> The date from which you can begin to spread slurry , artificial fertiliser and farmyard manure from will depend on the part of the country you are located in , according to the Department of Agriculture , Food and the Marine . <p> Broken down into three separate zones -- A , B and C -- going from the south-east and east to the north and north-west , the three regions range from opening on Monday , January 13 , to Saturday , February 1 . <p> A further breakdown of spreading open dates and county zones is as follows : <p> Ahead of these dates , Teagasc has issued a number of tips for farmers chomping at the bit to get spreading . <p> Advertisement <p> Farmers are advised to make sure they have fertiliser in the yard and slurry agitated in time to be able to avail of a @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ spreading period reopens . <p> It must be noted , however , that all should be mindful of the weather forecast . Farmers should make the most of a dry spell when it comes , but watch out for heavy rainfall and poor ground conditions . <p> Slurry is the cheapest form of nitrogen ( N ) , phosphorous ( P ) and potassium ( K ) on farms . Slurry should be spread where grass covers are low and on soils deficient in P and K . <p> Farmers can spread slurry on heavier covers -- up to 1,200kg DM/ha -- using applicators such as the trailing shoe in dry weather . <p> Finally , farmers are reminded to make sure to use a protected urea or urea product when spreading chemical fertiliser this is spring ; this will minimise the risk of N leaching on farms . <h> Safety first <p> Most importantly , farmers should

d take care when spreading slurry and stop taking risks . <p> Agitate on a windy day , open all shed doors and work upwind at all times ; <p> Remove all livestock and control @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ ; <p> Keep tank openings secure and do not enter the tank at any stage ; <p> Avoid working alone . <p> Further safety guidelines will be brought to you on AgriLand over the coming days , so watch this space .

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@@61556341 <h> The time-release night mask that 's loved by the skin queen of the internet <p> A time-release mask that is both packed with actives and also got the seal of approval from the most trusted source for skin online ? I 'll take ten , please ... <p> You know you 're onto a winner when beauty expert and famous straight-talker Caroline Hiron says she rates it . And that 's what I found out recently about new-to-Ireland brand Allies of Skin . Caroline is all for their science-based , results-driven and " no bullsh\*t stories " way of approaching skincare . <p> A firm favourite of Caroline 's , it launched into Space NK and I was dying to try some of their hero products . They 've a mandelic acid pigmentation corrector which is supposed to be incredible for the complexion , but the first thing I put on my ' must-try ' list was the overnight mask . <h> Advertisement <h> Allies of Skin 1A Retinal and Peptides Overnight Mask <h> Packed with time-release goodness <p> It has so many actives it 's hard to keep them all straight . It contains encapsulated retinol , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . <p> Yes , you read that right . Nine antioxidants . It 's jam-packed with them . My skin after only one night using it felt so refreshed and soft , like it had been resurfaced overnight . Which , essentially , it had been . I use it on my face and neck every second night , and it should be applied to clean skin after cleansing and toning and should only be used overnight . <h> Benefits <p> The reason I found it so good is that it does all it 's great hydrating , brightening and anti-ageing work overnight , but does n't irritate at all . A small miracle based on all of the powerful ingredients . It was enjoyable to use , smelled good but not too overpowering

or scented and I did n't feel sticky for the night ( nor did half of it end up on my pillow ) . <h> Advertisement <p> Some more of its perks : <p> Protects against environmental aggressors <p> Works to reduce acne breakouts <p> Diminishes the appearance of blemishes and wrinkles <p> Helps to reduce @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ <p> It's also v  
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@ @ @ body of a Palestinian man on the Gaza border . A disturbing video of the bulldozer making several attempts  
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highlight the former New York mayor 's controversial mass surveillance of Muslims and stop-and-frisk policies . @  
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@@61557841 <h> News feed <p> Hong Kong will turn two holiday camps , including a former military barracks , i  
nto quarantine zones for people who may have come into contact with carriers of the Wuhan virus , officials announ  
ced Thursday . <p> The international financial hub has been on high alert for the virus , which has killed 17 people s  
ince the outbreak started in central China . <p> The same sites were used as quarantine facilities during the deadly S  
evere Acute Respiratory Syndrome ( SARS ) outbreak 17 years ago . <p> Nearly 300 people in Hong Kong were kill  
ed by SARS , a tragedy that left a profound psychological impact on one of the most densely populated places on ear  
th . <p> So far two people in the city have tested positive for the new coronavirus -- which is similar to the SARS pa  
thogen . Both had visited Wuhan in recent days . They are being treated on isolation wards in hospital . <p> The gam  
bling hub of Macau , which is hugely popular with mainland tourists , also confirmed two cases this week . On Thur  
sday , Macau 's tourism bureau announced it was cancelling all official @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Kong , officials  
announced they would convert two holiday parks to isolate any potential cases while they await test results . <p> "  
We will have a full team of staff to operate the quarantine camps , " Wong Ka-hing , the director of the Centre for H  
ealth Protection , told reporters . <p> Wong said three people who had come into close contact with the two confir  
med cases would be taken to a camp in rural Sai Kung district later Thursday . <p> Another holiday camp , a former B  
ritish military barracks on Hong Kong island , was being prepared to serve as a quarantine facility . <p> -- Scarred b  
y the past -- <p> The three people are the wife of one of the confirmed cases and two medical staff , health officials s  
aid . <p> Those who test positive for the Wuhan virus will then be treated in isolation wards at the city 's hospitals ,  
but the holiday camp quarantine zones will lower the risk of the virus spreading while people await results . <p> The  
same system was used during the SARS outbreak , which @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ is now far more conscious of

contagion and hygiene standards . <p> Door handles , elevator buttons and escalator handles in the city 's myriad skyscrapers and metro stations are routinely sterilised multiple times a day , while an unguarded sneeze on the crowded subway can cause neighbouring commuters to scramble for distance . <p> Surgical face masks are ubiquitous , not just in the winter flu season , with many shops selling out in recent days . <p> Hong Kong 's difficulties in battling SARS were compounded by the veil of secrecy that surrounded the outbreak on the authoritarian mainland . <p> But officials insist they are more prepared than 2003 and say Chinese authorities are being much more transparent with data . <p> Nonetheless , suspicion of the mainland remains high in Hong Kong , especially as it convulses with anti-government protests sparked by fears Beijing is eroding the city 's unique freedoms . <p> On Thursday , health officials were questioned by reporters as to why they were n't advising all arrivals at the city 's high-speed train link with the mainland to fill out health declaration @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ extend the compulsory health declaration to cover the high-speed rail link , " Wong said . <p> He added that any decision to cancel Lunar New Year celebrations like Macau has would need to be taken by the government . <p> Officials have also been criticised by opposition lawmakers for allowing relatives of the first confirmed case to travel on to Manila . <p> Hong Kong 's train operator MTR Corporation said it was no longer selling tickets to and from Wuhan . <p> Local media reported long queues at the high-speed terminus on Thursday as passengers sought refunds .

@@61560141 <p> Fianna Fail leader Micheal Martin and Leo Varadkar have agreed to meet again following preliminary talks . Fianna Fail leader Micheal martin speculated that there would be no government by St. Patrick 's Day and that the ... <p> Minister for Health Simon Harris has called for the Six Nations clash between Ireland and Italy to be postponed due to the coronavirus crisis . The outbreak has reached a number of nations in Europe with ... <p> As the Democratic primary race gathers pace ahead of November 's US presidential election , Extra.ie has everything you need to know about the frontrunning candidates to challenge the incumbent US President Donald Trump , continuing with ... <p> A number of Irish people in Tenerife have contacted the Department of Foreign Affairs after a hotel was put on lockdown when a guest was diagnosed with the coronavirus . Up to 1,000 people are currently ...

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 Athletics has postponed the 2020 World Indoor Championships that were scheduled for Nanjing , China due to the C  
 oronavirus that has hit the country . <p> The biannual event that was slated for March 13-15 , 2020 will now be held

March 2021 . <p> " We know that China is doing all it can to contain the new Coronavirus and we support them in all their efforts but it is necessary to provide our athletes , Member Federations and partners with a clear way forward in what is a complex and fast-moving set of circumstances , " World Athletics said in a press release . <p> " The advice from our medical team , who are in contact with the World Health Organisation , is that the spread of the Coronavirus both within China and outside the country is still at a concerning level and no one should be going ahead with any major gathering that can be postponed . " <p> " We have considered the possibility of relocating the event to another country and would like to thank the cities that have volunteered @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ exist regarding the spread of the virus outside China , we have decided not to go with this option , as it may lead to further postponement at a later date . " <p> " The indoor season for athletics falls within a narrow calendar window ( up to the end of March ) and we believe we will be able to find a suitable date in 2021 to host this event . We would like Nanjing to be the host given the extensive planning and preparation they have put into this event . " <p> " We have chosen not to cancel the championships as many of our athletes would like this event to take place so we will now work with our athletes , our partners , and the Nanjing organizing committee to secure a date in 2021 to stage this event . " <p> The Chinese Football Association ( CFA ) has announced the postponement of all domestic games in 2020 because of the coronavirus . <p> According to various news outlets , the death toll in China from the new coronavirus has risen to 170 . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the infection , which has spread from Wuhan 's Hubei province to every one of China 's 31 provinces . <p> The Sauce is an interactive youth-powered website tailor-made for youth to express and share what happens in their lives We strive to offer content on all things urban with stories on entertainment , academics , career and entrepreneurship.

@@61576341 <h> No cases of coronavirus in SA yet , 14 samples tested are negative <p> Health minister Zweli Mkhize on Friday reassured South Africans that no confirmed cases of the coronavirus have been reported in the country . <p> He said all precautions were being taken to mitigate the risks , including the referral of air passengers to nurses on their arrival in the country if they had elevated temperatures . <p> " At this stage there are no reports of South Africans who contracted the virus . <p> " We have remained vigilant on developments regarding the movement and behaviour of the viral infection across the world and continue to engage the international fraternity to better understand how the virus behaves and its health effects , " Mkhize said at the National Institute for Communicable Diseases ( NICD ) in Johannesburg . <p> On Thursday , 170 deaths and thousands of cases were reported in various parts of the world . The World Health Organisation ( WHO ) has declared the coronavirus outbreak an international public health emergency . <p> He said special measures had been implemented at Johannesburg 's OR Tambo International Airport , where travellers on @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the epicentre of the outbreak , Wuhan , in the past 14 days , were required to complete a questionnaire for possible tracing . <p> Mkhize said 55 travellers were found to have an elevated temperature and were referred to nurses for further assessment . <p> He said 14 were from China , one from Thailand and 40 were from non-endemic countries . <p> " No travellers were found to have symptoms consistent with the coronavirus and none required isolation . <p> " Even ordinary flu is treated ( with ) suspicion , it is always better to over-suspect than to under diagnose , " he said . <p> In the past 24 hours , 14 samples had been submitted to the NICD for investigation and all tested negative for the virus . <p> Mkhize said he was also aware of two South Africans who were currently under a 14-day quarantine in Tianjin after being moved from Wuhan . <p> He said the department of international relations & cooperation ( Dirco ) has established a 24-hour hotline for South Africans living in Wuhan to contact the SA embassy in China @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @

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@@71568041 <h> Bloomberg <p> Bloomberg Quint is a multiplatform , Indian business and financial news company . We combine Bloomberg's global leadership in business and financial news and data , with Quintillion Media's deep expertise in the Indian market and digital news delivery , to provide high quality business news , insights and trends for India's sophisticated audiences . <p> The Supreme Court on Friday ruled that the freedom of speech and expression and the right to carry on any trade or business using the internet , is constitutionally protected . The apex court also directed the Jammu & Kashmir authorities to immediately restore internet services in all institutions providing essential services , including hospitals and banks . <p> The freedom of speech and expression and the freedom to practice any profession or carry on any trade , business or occupation over the medium of internet enjoys Constitutional protection under Article 19(1) ( a ) and Article 19(1) ( g ) respectively , ruled the three-judge bench headed by Justice NV Ramana . " The restriction upon such fundamental rights should be in consonance with the mandate under Article 19 ( 2 ) and ( 6 ) @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ , " the court said . <p> The verdict came on a batch of pleas which had challenged curbs imposed in Jammu & Kashmir after the Narendra Modi government's abrogation of provisions of Article 370 on Aug. 5 , 2019 . These batch of pleas were different from another set of petitions which challenge constitutional validity of abrogation of Article 370 , being heard by a five-judge Constitution bench . <p> The apex court also ruled that repetitive orders under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code amount to an abuse of power . <p> The power under Section 144 , CrPC can not be used to suppress legitimate expression of opinion or grievance or exercise of any democratic rights . <p> Supreme Court Order <p> The Supreme Court in its judgment dealt with the process that governs internet shutdowns and restrictions imposed under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure . <p> On internet shutdowns , the court made it clear that all the orders which lead to an internet shutdown must be put out in public domain . The top court also made it clear that @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ or orders . <p> " The degree of restriction and the scope of the same , both territorially and temporally , must stand in relation to what's actually necessary to combat an emergent situation , " said the judgement by the top court bench headed by Justice Ramana . <p> The bench has also asked the administration in Jammu and Kashmir to review all shutdown orders within seven days as mandated under the rules . <p> It's clear from the reading of the judgment that the court has found the current shutdown imposed in Kashmir to be unconstitutional , Raman Cheema , an advocate practising cyber law , told BloombergQuint . <p> Agreed Vrinda Bhandari , an advocate specialising in technology and privacy . The court's direction for making public all orders imposing internet shutdown is a leap forward as it makes such orders easier to be challenged in court by those who are aggrieved by them , she told BloombergQuint . <p> The court has made it clear that the constitutional principles of necessity , proportionality and the need to first look for alternate means will @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ For people in places where the shutdown is still in effect , the judgment now enables them to approach the government seeking a copy of the order and then they can challenge these shutdowns in the High Courts . <p> Raman Cheema , Advocate Practising Cyber Law <p> The bench also noted that this was a case where the two sides presented two pictures " which are diametrically opposite and factually irreconcilable " and the court has tried to balance the question of restrictions on grounds of national security and the freedom and rights of citizens . <p> There's merit in the argument of security concerns , the bench said , while mandating that the citizens must be provided access to essential services , including access to government websites , hospital services and banking services through the internet . <p> But the judgment makes it clear that even shutdowns imposed on grounds of national security will be subject to judicial review , Bhandari said . <p> The restrictions imposed under Section 144 of the CrPC -- which grants powers to magistrates to issue orders to maintain law and order @@ @@ @@ @@ @@ @@

@ @ @ @ law and order , it said . The magistrate can issue orders to take preventive measures to disallow unlawful assembly -- which can refer to any gathering of more than five people who have a common object to use criminal force against the central or state governments . <p> The court also explained the process that must be followed before issuing orders under the section . <p> " In a situation where fundamental rights of the citizens are being curtailed , the same can not be done through an arbitrary exercise of power ; rather it should be based on objective facts . The preventive/remedial measures under Section 144 , CrPC should be based on the type of exigency , extent of territoriality , nature of restriction and duration of the same , " the top court judgment said . <p> Vrinda said the judgment will give cautious optimism to those who have challenged these orders in the courts . <p> Currently , high courts in India are hearing petitions challenging internet shutdown orders and restrictions imposed under Section 144 CrPC in the context of recent protests witnessed across the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ to Section 144 orders issued in the southern state during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act . The Allahabad High Court is also hearing a suo motu petition challenging internet restrictions imposed during the anti-CAA protests in the state . <p> " The court 's ruling on Section 144 is even more progressive , " Bhandari said . " The court here has made it clear that before issuing orders under the section , there has to be an assessment on whether any other less intrusive measures can be taken to control law and order . The judgment is a huge step forward in ensuring more accountability and transparency to deal with these issues . "

@@71568441 <h> Maruti XL5 hatchback based on new WagonR SPIED testing Video <p> By Ajeesh Kuttan - January 10 , 2020 <p> India 's largest car manufacturer Maruti Suzuki last year launched XL6 MPV which was basically the premium version of the Ertiga . The manufacturer is now working on another model which is based on Maruti 's famous WagonR hatchback . The WagonR got a facelift earlier last year and became quite popular in the country . Just like any other new-gen Maruti Suzuki vehicle , WagonR is also based on HEARTECT platform which makes it bigger and spacious than the earlier version . The upcoming WagonR based vehicle will probably be known as XL5 and was recently spotted testing on Indian roads under heavy camouflage . <p> The video has been uploaded by IAB on their youtube channel and shows a heavily camouflaged hatchback being tested on road . From the rear it is quite evident that the car is based on WagonR . Coming to the side the car is now riding on new alloy wheels which are similar to the one that we have seen on Ignis . That is the only noticeable change in the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the front , you 'll start noticing more changes . The upcoming XL5 is likely to get a different design from the WagonR . From the video it looks like the car will have a bigger grille and split headlamp set up . It will get a LED DRL like many other modern day premium cars get in the country . The headlamp will be placed below the DRL like the one we have seen in Harrier and other cars . <p> Lower part of the bumper gets a silver skid plate and fog lamps are also positioned on both sides of the bumper . Changes will not only be seen on the outside but inside as well . The cabin is likely to receive an all black treatment with premium interiors like leather seats . The engine , however , will remain the same . We can expect a higher power-generating 1.2-litre engine that is available with the WagonR to power the premium version of the car too . However , we may also get to see the 1.0-litre engine option to keep the price competitive . As mentioned @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ just like XL6 , XL5 will also be sold via Nexa dealerships . It is expected that Maruti will launch the XL5 later this year . <h> ABOUT US <p> Cartoq is India 's largest auto content company with more than 20 million users accessing the latest automobile news , new launches , reviews & other trending stories every month . Empowered by a strong team of auto journalists & content specialists , Cartoq has become a one-stop destination for auto buyers , owners & enthusiasts across the country. See More ...

@@71584241 <h> Raising HIV-AIDS awareness needed to check disease spread <p> DAVAO CITY ( PIA ) -- One of the main challenges of the Philippine government is to address the spread of HIV-AIDS while raising public awareness for the said virus . <p> Previously , the spread of HIV/AIDS was only largely prevalent with Men who have sex with Men ( MSM ) but now the Department of Health ( DOH XI ) has recorded new cases within the region with women and children who have been infected with said virus . <p> The Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit for the DOH XI Dr. Cleo Fe Tabada is worried that the spread of HIV/AIDS will now be also prevalent with females and children . <p> " The sad part is that HIV/AIDS is already starting to affect females and children because some of the MSMs are married or have female partners , " Dr. Tabada mentioned . <p> Dr. Cleo Fe Tabada of the Department of Health XI discussing updates on the development of HIV/AIDS case-handling facilities in local health centers and public hospitals . <p> Dr. Tabada is looking forward to how the Enhanced Service Delivery is going to positively @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ HIV-AIDS in the Philippines . <p> " As of today , we have more service areas because hospitals who were previously not equipped with HIV/AIDS management services have received upgrades to their capacity like the hospitals in the provinces have been oriented on what to do if they encounter a new case , " Dr. Tabada said . <p> Part of the solution to curtailing the spread of HIV/AIDS in the country is being able to document the scope of infection in the population that is why the government has made huge strides in identification and diagnosis of patients affected by the said disease . <p> " Several years ago , if there 's a case outside Davao City it 's hard to ha

ndle because there are no available services but , at present , the Department of Health and Local Government Units have enhanced its capacity to serve even to the extent of community health centers being able to cater to individuals who wish to be tested for HIV/AIDS , " Dr. Tabada said . ( PIA-XI/ Kevin Caro ) <p> Sign up for the monthly news , bulletins @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Philippine Information Agency is the official public information arm of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines . It is an attached unit of the Presidential Communications Operations Office ( PCOO ) . The PIA works with the Office of the President through PCOO , national government agencies , a nd other public sector entities in communicating their programs , projects , and services to the Filipino people . The agency has a regional office in all 15 regions and has an information center in 79 provinces across the Philippines .

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Australian Associated Press <h> France confirms two cases of coronavirus <p> French Health Minister Agnes Buzyn has the first confirmed two cases of coronavirus in the country . <p>

> France has confirmed its first two cases of the Wuhan coronavirus , with one patient being hospitalised in Paris and the other in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Buzyn told a news conference on Friday these were the first two confirmed cases in Europe and that more cases were likely to occur in France . <p> Earlier , the charity SOS Medecins said it had treated a patient of Chinese origin who was showing symptoms of a fever and who said he had been in contact with people from Wuhan province in China , epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak . <p> Buzyn said this patient was 48 years old and had returned two days ago from a trip to China which included a stop in Wuhan . <p> " He 's been put in an insulated room so as to avoid any contact with the outside world . He 's fine " , she said . <p> Buzyn said she had no information yet on the second case , in Paris , which had just been confirmed . <p> The newly discovered virus has killed 26 people and infected more than 800 . Most of the cases and all of the deaths so far have been in China , where officials have imposed severe restrictions on travel and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ but there are still many unknowns surrounding it , such as just how dangerous it is and how easily it spreads between people . It can lead to pneumonia , which has been deadly in some cases . <p> The World Health Organization on Thursday declared the virus an " emergency in China " , but stopped short of declaring it a global health emergency . <p> Buzyn said the official advice to those suspecting they might have caught the virus was not to go to hospital - to avoid spreading it - but to call a special number where they would be told what to do . <p> The minister said she planned to hold daily press conferences on the issue .

@@71607141 <h> China coronavirus death toll climbs to 9 , number of cases rise to 440 <p> Kashmir Times . Date d : 1/23/2020 12:56:15 PM <p> BEIJING , Jan 22 ( Agencies ) : China 's National Health Commission said on Wednesday 440 people in 13 Chinese provinces were confirmed to be infected with a new coronavirus as of Tuesday , with nine deaths , and that there was evidence of respiratory transmission from patient to patient. The number of cases compares with the total of over 300 reported earlier as of Tuesday . Li Bin , vice minister of the commission , also told a media briefing that live animals were not allowed to enter Wuhan , the central Chinese city where the outbreak originated. A Chinese physician who was investigating the outbreak of the new coronavirus in central China says he has himself been infected . Wang Guangfa , who heads the Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Beijings Peking University First Hospital , was part of a team of experts that earlier this month visited Wuhan , where the virus emerged . " I was diagnosed and my condition is fine , " Wang told Kongs Cable TV on Tuesday @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ conducted research on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ( SARS ) in 2003 , said he was receiving treatment and would receive an injection soon . He did not give details on how he may have been infected . " I do nt want everyone to put too much attention on my condition , " he told the channel . Wang told state media on January 10 that the outbreak appeared to be under control , with most patients showing mild symptoms and some having been discharged .

He could not be reached by Reuters on Tuesday .

@@71608341 <p> MAASIN CITY , Jan. 22 ( PIA ) -- Southern Leyte through its Provincial African Swine Fever ( ASF ) Task Force will extend the installation of checkpoints in identified border-municipalities in the province to avoid the entry of ASF-related products . <p> In a meeting held with the provincial task force on ASF , Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Francisco Cabarrubias Jr said that " the province should be prepared and implement preventive measures to avoid the entry of hogs and processed meats , particularly coming from Luzon , " <p> It was learned that last October 2019 , the provincial ASF committee established check points on critical areas that serve as entry points from Luzon and Mindanao such as in the municipalities of Bontoc , Sogod , San Ricardo , Silago and in Maasin City . <p> " The installation of check points on said areas was only good for 100 days starting by the third week of October 2019 yet , " Cabarrubias disclosed . <p> " We shall extend the installation of checkpoints in the same critical areas , " he said . <p> He added that the Provincial Task Force recommended for the extension of @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ free . <p> He said during the ASF task force meeting held at the Governor 's Boardroom , January 21 , 2020 that in the early part of January this year , another 21 pigs were culled in Pangasinan and two barangays each in Bataan and in Quezon City were added that are hit by ASF cases . " <p> Previously , Cavite was not yet hit by the ASF but it is now included in the ASF-hit areas , Cabarrubias added. ( e/rgc/PIA8-SoLeyte ) <h> Philippine Information Agency <p> The Philippine Information Agency is the official public information arm of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines . It is an attached unit of the Presidential Communications Operations Office ( PCOO ) . The PIA works with the Office of the President through PCOO , national government agencies , and other public sector entities in communicating their programs , projects , and services to the Filipino people . The agency has a regional office in all 15 regions and has an information center in 79 provinces across the Philippines .

@@71613141 <p> Over 2 million Americans with heart disease have used marijuana at one point <h> Study reveals ill effects of marijuana for heart patients <p> ANI Updated : Jan 25 , 2020 18:11 IST <p> Washington D.C. USA , Jan 25 ( ANI ) : Physicians are worried after they found traces of Marijuana in a number of heart patients . While smoking tobacco leads to one in every four cardiovascular disease-related deaths , the cause of similar effects from using marijuana is still not entirely known . Various studies suggest that Marijuana can be the inducer for triggering heart attacks and strokes. The report got published in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology. Ersilia DeFilippis , MD , a second-year cardiology fellow at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and New York-Presbyterian , delved into marijuana 's effect on the heart a few years ago while studying heart attacks in people under 50 . She said , " We noted that 10 percent of patients in a registry of young heart attack patients had used marijuana and/or cocaine . " Ersilia and her colleagues recently went through the medical literature to find out about the facts about the substance and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey from 2016 , that over 2 Million People with heart disease have used marijuana . It is a common drug to be abused . Approximately 90 million American adults use it at least once in their life , and over 39 million have used marijuana in the past year . " In addition to the 2 million marijuana users with diagnosed cardiovascular disease , many more may be at risk , " DeFilippis says . " With many adolescents and young adults turning to marijuana , it is important to understand the cardiovascular implications they may face years down the line . " Researchers believe that cannabinoids may increase the activity of some prescribed drugs in the body . But limited data are available to guide physicians in adjusting the dose to compensate for marijuana use. THC is the most psychoactive chemical in marijuana , but marijuana also contains more than 100 compounds , called cannabinoids , that are chemically related to THC . The percentage of THC contained in marijuana plant has steadily increased over the past 30 years . " Higher @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , the vasculature , and the muscle of the heart , " DeFilippis says . " It also highlights the need for real-world data given the variety of marijuana products and formulations available for purchase . " Receptors for cannabinoids are highly concentrated in the nervous system but also can be found in blood cells , muscle cells , and other tissues and organs . A small experimental study found that smoking marijuana can bring on angina ( chest pain ) more quickly in patients with coronary heart disease compared with smoking a placebo. Though current evidence for a link between marijuana and heart attacks is modest , it 's thought that smoking marijuana may increase cellular stress and inflammation , which are known to be precipitating factors for coronary artery disease and heart attacks. Cerebrovascular events , including strokes , also have been associated with marijuana use . It 's thought that marijuana may induce changes in the lining of blood vessels or alter blood flow . " Although we need more data , the evidence we do have indicates that marijuana use has been associated with coronary artery disease @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ says . " Therefore , asking patients about marijuana use may help in risk assessment . In addition , we know that marijuana use affects the metabolism of many common cardiac drugs . In order to make sure patients are getting therapeutic doses without untoward side effects , it is important for cardiologists to talk to their patients about marijuana use , " Ersilia concludes . ( ANI )

@@71615641 <p> A Chinese man in his 50s was the first person to test positive for the virus in Australia , and he re

mains in quarantine at the Monash Medical Centre in Melbourne . <p> Advertisement <p> Loading <p> In Sydney , three men aged 35 , 43 and 53 with confirmed cases of coronavirus remained in hospital , NSW Health Minister Brad Hazzard said . <p> " Their conditions are stable in hospital and they are progressing reasonably well at this time , " he said . <p> Health authorities were also in regular contact with people who had been in close contact with all four confirmed coronavirus carriers . <p> NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant said each of the men in Sydney had been in close contact with only a few family members , colleagues or health workers , and all those close contacts were free from illness at this stage . <p> " There are a couple of contacts we're continuing to follow up , but that is pleasing and as I indicated the risk to those contacts is still low , " she said . <p> She said NSW Health would also directly @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ MU749 , which arrived in Sydney on January 20 when they receive that contact information from the Commonwealth . <p> In Melbourne , four family members who had been in close contact with the Monash patient remain at home in isolation and have been receiving daily health checks to monitor for symptoms . <p> Queensland 's Chief Health Officer , Jeannette Young , said staff were contacting four people in Queensland who were on the same China Southern Airlines flight CZ321 from Guanzhou as the Victorian patient who tested positive . <p> " If these people are unwell , we will assess them for coronavirus , " Dr Young said . <p> Australia 's Chief Medical Officer , Brendan Murphy , said there were " several tests done every day " as Australia works to contain the virus . <p> " We believe it is aerosol spread , so coughing on someone would present a risk , but we do n't really have good data on the infectivity or how high the risk of human-to-human transmission is , " Professor Murphy said . <p> " There is no available , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ looking after people and making sure they're isolated . " <p> The virus , which originated in Wuhan , the capital city of China 's Hubei province , has killed 56 people and infected nearly two thousand . <p> Loading <p> Travel advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has been upgraded to " do not travel " for Hubei province , and passengers disembarking all flights from other parts of China will be met with information about the new coronavirus , its symptoms , and where to seek help if symptoms develop . <p> Chinese authorities also shut down all travel around Hubei and the city of Wuhan in particular . <p> The US said it was chartering a plane to fly out its consulate staff and some civilians from the city . France said it was preparing a similar evacuation , possibly by bus . Japan said it too was arranging an evacuation flight . <p> Foreign Minister Marise Payne said the department was working closely with Chinese authorities to consider possible assistance for Australians affected by Chinese travel restrictions .

@ @ 71620841 <h> ' In the next 48 hours ' : WA government to release coronavirus guidelines ahead of school return <p> As the school year looms , West Australian authorities are scrambling to finalise guidelines for schools about managing the risk of the deadly coronavirus , while some principals are advising parents to keep their children home if they've potentially been exposed . <p> On Monday , just days before WA schools return for the year , Australia 's chief medical officer Brendan Murphy advised one of the people being investigated for coronavirus in Perth looked likely to test positive . <p> Western Australia 's chief health officer had earlier on Monday revealed four people who had symptoms and had travelled recently were being tested in the state . <p> Education Minister Sue Ellery said she was not able to give advice on what schools should do just yet because the Education Department was still working with the Health Department in developing guidelines . <p> Advertisement <p> " I expect we will have some guidelines to issue about the return to school ... in the next 48 hours , " she said . <p> " We are following the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ those guidelines are ready I will release them to the public . " <p> Meanwhile at least one Perth private school principal has warned parents to keep their children home for at least 10 days if they were at risk of being exposed . Scotch College headmaster Alec O'Connell to 6PR sent a letter to parents saying if students had visited China they should wait 10 days after their arrival back in Perth before coming to school to ensure children did not develop symptoms of the virus . <p> He said it was a sensible move designed to try to protect his school community . <p> Wesley College headmaster Ross Barron contacted parents on Sunday saying the school had to act on managing the potential risk , with Year 12 students and new boarders due on campus on Tuesday . <p> " The Australian Government is closely monitoring this outbreak and have already put in place well-established procedures to ensure people with illnesses travelling into the country are detected , " he wrote in an email to parents and guardians . <p> " Nevertheless , it is clear that our @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ such the College needs to take further steps to manage any potential risk to our community . We have consulted with health professionals and will continue to liaise with them as the situation evolves . <p> " If you have recently visited the Wuhan district of China , we ask that you do n't send your children to school until they have been back in Australia for at least 10 days . " <p> Loading <p> Students returning to school tomorrow who may have been at risk of exposure would need to have returned from Wuhan , China by January 17 , according to Mr Barron . <p> " Wesley does have some students from China and given our wider community is diverse , I do understand that there will have been people travelling to various places around the world , " he said . " If you have travelled through China during this holiday period I ask that you contact our Health Centre so that we are aware . " <p> At least 10 Victorian schools have also put parents on urgent alert over the deadly coronavirus



, instructing @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ virus away from school for at least 10 days . <p> When asked how comfortable she was still having direct flights from Perth to Shanghai every week , Minister Ellery said as long as the public health systems were in place and dealing with things appropriately , West Australians should feel confident . <p> " All of the steps have been put in place to assess people as they arrive , " she said . <p> Many WA private schools begin the school year this week , with public schools not starting until next week . <p> Curtin University has also said it was monitoring the situation and implemented a travel ban to all of Hubei province , including Wuhan . <p> A Curtin spokeswoman said the university currently had about 30 students from Wuhan enrolled to study at its Perth campuses , commencing at the start of Semester One . <p> " These new students are subject to the current Chinese Government travel restrictions , " she said . <p> " Curtin has contacted our students in China to provide advice and to ensure they are not disadvantaged by @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @

@@71622741 <h> Goa hospital sets up coronavirus isolation ward <p> Panaji : Goa 's top government-run medical facility , the Goa Medical College , has set up a special corona isolation ward to treat any suspects showing symptoms of the deadly virus , even though not a single suspected case of coronavirus has been reported in the state . <p> The health facility on Tuesday also tweeted , urging people not to panic and said that the pharmacy at the Goa Medical College had been stocked up with adequate medicine to deal with any patients suspected to have symptoms related to coronavirus . <p> " We will be constantly checking on the health and well-being of our citizens and if any cases flare up , patients will be transferred to the corona isolation ward for further treatment . Additionally , the hospital pharmacy has been stocked up with the necessary materials , " the health facility tweeted . <p> Hospital sources said the woman was admitted to the hospital at 11 p.m. on January 21 and transferred to the ICU with stomach problem , nausea and fever . <p> " It is our humble request to not create panic and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ fever , cough and breathing difficulties , " it also said . Not a single suspected case of coronavirus has been identified in Goa yet . <p> Health Minister Vishwajit Rane has already set up a task force to monitor cases of coronavirus if they surface in Goa . <p> " I have given instructions to form a task force with immediate effect to monitor any cases of coronavirus in the state of GOA . All these activities will be closely monitored and reported to the Chief Secretary , " Rane had said on Monday . <p> Sri Lankan authorities have confirmed the first case of novel coronavirus after a Chinese woman was diagnosed with the disease , making the island nation the second South Asian country after Nepal to report a confirmed case . <h> Recent Messages ( ) <h> Please rate before posting your Review <h> OR PROCEED WITHOUT REGISTRATION <p> Share on Twitter <h> SIGN IN WITH <p> Refrain from posting comments that are obscene , defamatory or inflammatory , and do not indulge in personal attacks , name calling or inciting hatred against any community . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ by marking them offensive . Let 's work together to keep the conversation civil .

@@71632541 <h> Story Highlights <p> Minister of Health and Wellness , Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton , says the Government 's decision to issue an advisory against travelling to and from the People 's Republic of China , consequent on the Coronavirus outbreak in that country , is " the right thing to do at this time " . <p> He noted that the nature and impact of the virus and the extent to which it has been spreading across China and to other countries , which he said , totalled 15 up to Monday , " does suggest that there is a risk to Jamaica and helped us to conclude on the the travel advisory ... until further notice " . <p> He noted that a number of Chinese nationals in Jamaica have gone back to their homeland to celebrate the Lunar New Year holiday period . <p> Minister of Health and Wellness , Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton , says the Government 's decision to issue an advisory against travelling to and from the People 's Republic of China , consequent on the Coronavirus outbreak in that country , is " the right thing to do at this @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ impact of the virus and the extent to which it has been spreading across China and to other countries , which he said , totalled 15 up to Monday , " does suggest that there is a risk to Jamaica and helped us to conclude on the the travel advisory ... until further notice " . <p> He noted that a number of Chinese nationals in Jamaica have gone back to their homeland to celebrate the Lunar New Year holiday period . <p> " We think coming from and going into China should be avoided . So persons in China who are planning to travel to the island will be asked to remain there ... and where persons are planning trips to China , whether Jamaicans or Chinese , we are asking them to postpone those travel arrangements that they would have made or are planning to make , " he said . <p> Dr. Tufton was speaking during a media briefing at the Ministry 's offices in New Kingston on Tuesday ( January 28 ) . <p> He maintained that the Administration 's first priority " is the protection @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ is necessary and extend whatever resources are necessary or take whatever decision is necessary to ensure that the protection of our citizens is maintained " . <p> Dr. Tufton said that the travel advisory does not apply to other countries , such as the United States and Canada , where the virus has reportedly surfaced on a smaller scale . <p> He said that based on information , those countries " have identified a few cases and they have taken measures to isolate and deal with them , " noting that the " assessment of the risk associated with those jurisdictions are nowhere as great as in China " . <p> Dr. Tufton advised that the Government will be having discussions with representatives of those countries regarding

ng any possible travel coordination that may be required . <p> He is urging locals to refrain from actions that could be interpreted as unfriendly or discriminatory towards Chinese nationals in Jamaica , in light of the travel advisory . <p> " I do n't want this to be interpreted in any way , shape or form as a hostile position . The risk @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ and what we are trying to do is cauterise and manage that risk , " he pointed out . <p> Dr. Tufton said the decision to issue the advisory , which evolved from a Cabinet consideration , was discussed with China 's Ambassador to Jamaica , His Excellency Tian Qi , during a meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on Tuesday ( January 28 ) , which also involved Portfolio Minister , Senator the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith . <p> The Health Minister noted that the discussion was " mutually respectful , open and transparent " and " explored all the possibilities " in treating with the virus . <p> " It recognised the friendship that Jamaica shares with China in a number of areas such as business , culture , and education where we have students there studying and we have Chinese here teaching our locals . So the decisions taken around the travel advisory were based on the recognition of that friendship , " he stressed . <p> Additionally , Dr. Tufton said Ambassador Qi asked that his appreciation for the discussions and positions @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the relevant parties . <p> The Minister further indicated that based on discussions with the Foreign Affairs Ministry , plans are in place to ensure that the concerns of Jamaicans in China are addressed . Meanwhile , Dr. Tufton said the Government continues to be vigilant . <p> He said that surveillance protocols at all ports of entry will be maintained and the requisite resources and personnel bolstered where required . <p> He said that the Ministry has been monitoring the information being put out by other countries , including China , and is taking advice from the multilateral partners , in particular , the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization ( PAHO/WHO ) . <p> Reports of a suspected case of the virus in the island surfaced on Tuesday ; however , those fears were allayed after tests and assessments concluded that the individual 's symptoms were not consistent with those of the Coronavirus , which is characterised by , among other things , a fever exceeding 30 degrees Celsius . <p> In addition , the individual 's respiratory ailment fell outside the one to 14-day incubation timeline for the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @

@@71633041 <h> Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday issued a statement after the first case of Coronavirus in India has been detected in the state . <p> Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday issued a statement after the first case of Coronavirus in India has been detected in the state . Taking to Twitter , the Chief Minister stated that the health network is closely monitoring the situation . He further stated the measures taken by the government to tackle the situation . CM Vijayan further advised people to not spread any rumours about the situation . <p> The Minister for Health ( @shailajateacher ) has briefed me about the situation . We are closely monitoring the situation . While we need to be cautious , it is no cause for panic . Our health network is capable of handling any emergencies. #coronavirus <p> We have initiated a series of measures to tackle the emergency ; contact tracing , case isolation , quality care & community engagement are being done diligently . Care must be taken to not spread rumours over social media. #coronavirus <h> First Coronavirus case detected in India <p> In a first in India , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ University , has been tested positive of deadly coronavirus that has taken over 100 lives in China . The patient has been kept in the isolation ward at a hospital and is closely being monitored . According to reports , the patient is currently stable . <p> Meanwhile , four people in Mumbai have been kept under observation , with suspicion of the infection . As per reports , over 2000 passengers have undergone thermal screening at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport since January 19 . However , no cases of the virus have been reported in Maharashtra yet . <h> Indian Embassy issues health advisory <p> The Indian Embassy released a list of directives to be followed by the passengers travelling from China to India in the wake of an outbreak of the Coronavirus . The advisory stated simple health measures to maintain personal hygiene , measures to restrict outbreak and measures to be taken if visible symptoms of the affliction . <h> Wuhan on lockdown <p> In the wake of the Coronavirus outbreak , China has put Wuhan and Huanggang under a lockdown , suspending public transport @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . The virus which was first reported to the World Health Organization on December 31 is currently under investigation by scientists to understand the destructive potential of the new virus , known as 2019-nCoV , as per reports . Currently , the virus has claimed at least 170 lives with more than 7,700 cases reported in China .

@@83004141 <p> Pittsburgh police 's comfort dog , " Zane " , even came along for the visit . <p> Share <p> Shares <p> Copy Link <p> copyShortcut to copy Link copied ! <p> Updated : 11:45 AM EST Jan 1 , 2020 <p> Pittsburgh Police Chief Scott Schubert and fellow officers made a special visit to a boy at UPMC Children 's Hospital of Pittsburgh on New Year 's Eve . Watch video of the visit , including an epic Nerf gun battle in the video player above . There was an epic Nerf gun battle inside the hospital room and some songs were even performed . Pittsburgh police 's comfort dog , Zane , even came along for the visit . Police said Zane wanted nothing to do with the Nerf battle , so he was able to meet a number of other kids in the hospital . This is not the first time Pittsburgh police visited Josh Bourassa , who was born with Krabbe disease , a severe neurological condition . In June , officers brought him cake and balloons after he underwent surgery . Pittsburgh police also swore Joshua in as a commander at the hospital @ @ @



p> According to Idaho State Police , the crash happened at a little after 10:30 a.m. on northbound US 93 at the Pole Line Road intersection . <p> Kelly Galvan , 34 , of Twin Falls was headed east in a GMC pickup on the on-ramp from Pole Line onto US 93 when , according to ISP , and failed to yield to a Pontiac Bonneville driven by Patrick Romans , 61 , of Filer who was headed north on the highway . <p> Romans had to be taken to St. Luke 's Magic Valley and ISP said one lane in each direction of US93 was blocked for about an hour .

@@83097441 <p> Crystal fell prey to an unfortunate event when she was bitten by a pitbull who ripped off a portion of her skin from her face when she was just nine years old . While she was rushed to the hospital , the ER physician advised her to undergo surgery . However , she was left surprised when the plastic surgeon suggested using " groin " tissue to replace the missing flesh . <p> The ' Botched ' doctors were also left surprised as to why the doctor made that decision . " It 's interesting why they chose it from the groin , " Dr Terry Dubrow said . " Because there 's so many places from which to extract tissue . They could 've done the back , the abdomen ... you obviously would n't do the armpit . " <p> Crystal did not expect the hair to grow out of the skin graft and was surprised to find out that the hair started growing soon after she got the surgery . " So , you 're getting pubic hair on your face , " asked Dr Dubrow to which Crystal replied , " Yes . Literal @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ long time she did not care about what others would think but now that she was a mother to a beautiful daughter she had concerns about what her daughter might have to face because of this . <p> Crystal did not want people bullying her daughter for the way she looked and for her sake she decided to get the graft fixed . Dr Paul Nassif knew he had to help her and decided to take Crystal up for surgery . He removed her skin graft and decided to stitch the remaining portion to make sure that there would n't be any more hair growing on her face . <p> He thought it would be better to have a small scar than to have a pubic hair growing on the face . To make sure that the surgery is successful , he created a pocket and filled it with fluid that would allow the healing of the skin to take place easily . While Crystal had to go on with her everyday life having a lump on her face because of the fluid , she was happy with the end @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ off her beautiful face as the patch on her face was gone and she was left with a small scar . She revealed she felt confident and beautiful after the surgery . <p> ' Botched ' airs on Mondays at 9 pm ET on E ! <p> If you have an entertainment scoop or a story for us , please reach out to us on ( 323 ) 421-7515 <p> Copy to Clipboard <p> SORT BY <p> RELEVANCEDATE <p> MEAWW is an initialism for Media Entertainment Arts WorldWide . We are one of the world 's fastest growing media-tech companies with hubs around the world . MEAWW brings you the best content from its global team of reporters on a platform technologically tailored to meet the needs of the modern reader . <h> SUBSCRIBE <p> MEAWW is an initialism for Media Entertainment Arts WorldWide . We are one of the world 's fastest growing media-tech companies with hubs around the world . MEAWW brings you the best content from its global team of reporters on a platform technologically tailored to meet the needs of the modern reader .

@@83102641 <h> Posted ! <h> Join the Conversation <h> Comments <p> Welcome to our new and improved comments , which are for subscribers only . This is a test to see whether we can improve the experience for you . You do not need a Facebook profile to participate . <p> You will need to register before adding a comment . Typed comments will be lost if you are not logged in . <p> Please be polite . It 's OK to disagree with someone 's ideas , but personal attacks , insults , threats , hate speech , advocating violence and other violations can result in a ban . If you see comments in violation of our community guidelines , please report them . <h> Police & Fire : Husband stabbed ; patient found with heroin <p> HUSBAND STABBED : A Battle Creek man was stabbed and his wife arrested during an argument about her using drugs . Battle Creek police were called to the first block of North LaVista Boulevard at 5:16 p.m . Sunday and found the man , 47 , with a stab wound to his left leg just above the knee . The man told @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , because she had been smoking crack cocaine . He said during the argument she went upstairs and returned with a knife and she swung the knife , cutting his leg . He said she also stabbed her purse several times . The woman said she was arguing with her husband and he went upstairs and returned to the basement bedroom with a knife and he began cutting her purse and stabbed himself in the leg . Both people were intoxicated , police said . The woman was arrested but the man told officers he did not want to pursue charges against her and declined to have police photograph his injuries . He was treated at the scene by paramedics from LifeCare Ambulance . The woman was taken to the Calhoun County Jail on charges of felonious assault . Child Protective Services was notified because four children 16-years-old and younger were in the house at the time . <p> PATIENT WITH HEROIN : A woman , 30 , from Plainwell , was arrested after Battle Creek police said she had syringes and suspected illegal drugs in her room at Bronson @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 's hospital room at 10:19 p.m. after a nurse said a visitor had just left the room and that the female patient had a syringe and the nurse suspected the woman had used heroin . The woman denied using the drug and began screaming and crying but would not allow officers to look inside a small bag she was holding . Police took the bag and did not find anything inside but found a syringe with a brown liquid in the blankets of her bed . Officers also said 10 other syringes were in a makeup bag shaped like a unicorn head and small pieces of tin foil containing a brown substance were in a pill organizer . Police said the substance tested positive for fent

anyl . The woman was arrested on several unrelated warrants and for resisting officers . The investigation is continuing . <p> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE : Battle Creek police have reported the following cases : <p> \* A warrant is being sought for a man , 37 , after his girlfriend , 40 , said she was assaulted in the first block of Gladys Court in Bedford . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ warrant is being sought for a man , 50 , after his girlfriend , 27 , said she was assaulted in the 100 block of West Goodale Avenue at 3:16 p.m . Friday . <p> \* A woman , 29 , was arrested after her boyfriend , 54 , said he was assaulted in the first block of Ferndale Court at 2:01 p.m . Tuesday . <p> \* A man , 29 , was arrested after his child 's mother , 27 , said she was assaulted in the first block of Greentree Boulevard at 9:06 a.m . Thursday . <p> BURGLARY : Michigan State Police at Marshall are investigating a burglary in Homer Township . Troopers said building materials , construction tools , air compressors and generators were taken from a location in the 25000 block of P Drive south between the evening of Dec. 29 and early morning hours of Dec. 30 . A dark pickup with a loud exhaust was in the area . Anyone with information is asked to call state police at 269-558-0500 . <p> DRUGS : Battle Creek police arrested a man , 42 @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ stopped in the first block of Richards Place at 3:30

uences . " <p> The analysis is said to provide a framework for communities and industries to more thoroughly and accurately assess the costs and benefits of local investments in energy infrastructure . <p> We use cookies to improve your experience on our site and to show you relevant advertising . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ <p> This website uses cookies to improve your experience while you navigate through the website . Out of these cookies , the cookies that are categorized as necessary are stored on your browser as they are as essential for the working of basic functionalities of the website . We also use third-party cookies that help us analyze and understand how you use this website . These cookies will be stored in your browser only with your consent . You also have the option to opt-out of these cookies . But opting out of some of these cookies may have an effect on your browsing experience . <p> Necessary cookies are absolutely essential for the website to function properly . This category only includes cookies that ensures basic functionalities and security features of the website . These cookies do not store any personal information . @@83128541 <p> The state of Michigan has allocated \$17.5 million to help fight the opioid epidemic . <p> The money is coming from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ' State Opioid Response Grant . <p> Gov . Gretchen Whitmer previously announced a goal of cutting overdose deaths in half within five years . <p> " This epidemic is hurting families in every community in our state and we need to use every tool in the toolbox to address it , " Whitmer said . " These efforts will help move us closer to our goal of cutting the number of opioid deaths in half in five years . " <p> The money will be used to support services for individuals at high risk of overdose , including offering medications to treat opioid use disorder , the state said . <p> Of the money allocated , \$4.5 million will be used for naloxone distribution to high-risk areas and populations . <p> The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services will also invest in programs to help expand community-based treatment opportunities . <p> " We can not tackle this epidemic alone , " said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun , MDHHS @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ " Providing communities and medical providers with tools and resources to fight this crisis is critical to our efforts to end this public health crisis . " <p> The breakdown of the \$17.5 million is listed below : <p> Naloxone distribution to high-risk areas and populations - \$4.5 million <p> Medications to treat opioid use disorder in emergency departments - \$4 million <h> Watch this discussion.Stop watching this discussion . <h> ( 0 ) comments <h> Welcome to the discussion . <p> Keep it Clean . Please avoid obscene , vulgar , lewd , racist or sexually-oriented language.PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CAPS LOCK.Do n't Threaten . Threats of harming another person will not be tolerated.Be Truthful . Do n't knowingly lie about anyone or anything.Be Nice . No racism , sexism or any sort of -ism that is degrading to another person.Be Proactive . Use the ' Report ' link on each comment to let us know of abusive posts.Share with Us . We 'd love to hear eyewitness accounts , the history behind an article .

@@83140441 <p> The novel coronavirus was genetically sequenced from a sample from one patient and subsequently found in some of the others affected in the city of Wuhan , people familiar with the findings said . Chinese authorities have n't concluded that the strain is the underlying cause of sickness in all the patients who have been isolated in Wuhan since the infection first broke out in early December , the people said . <p> Chinese state media reported Thursday that the unidentified pneumonia " is believed to be a new type of coronavirus , " citing experts . State media reported that the results were preliminary and more research was needed to understand the virus . <p> There are many known coronaviruses -- some can cause ailments like common colds in humans , while others do n't affect humans at all . Some -- such as severe acute respiratory syndrome , or SARS-coronavirus , identified in 2003 -- have led to deadly outbreaks , lending urgency to efforts to contain the current situation . <p> The number of reported cases of viral pneumonia in Wuhan , the capital of Hubei province , was 59 on Sunday , rising from @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Health Commission , with seven people in critical condition . No deaths have been reported . <p> The disease afflicting patients in Wuhan has n't been transmitted from human to human , and health-care workers have remained uninfected , according to city health officials as of Sunday , suggesting that what is sickening them is for now less virulent than SARS . Those ill in Wuhan are believed to have become sick through exposure to animals linked to a live seafood and animal market . <p> Health experts say one risk is that the disease could become a bigger threat as tens of millions of Chinese travel around the country during the Lunar New Year holidays that begin in just over two weeks . <p> Health authorities in Singapore and Hong Kong , cities that have direct flights from Wuhan , have issued alerts and quarantined patients traveling from the region who show signs of fever or breathing difficulties . <p> The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asked health-care providers and state and local health departments on Wednesday to screen patients with severe respiratory illnesses about whether they @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ should be reported immediately to public health authorities , the U.S. public health agency said in a health advisory . No cases have been reported in the U.S. , the CDC said , adding that it is prepared to respond " if additional public health actions are required . " <p> In Hong Kong on Tuesday , the government said it was taking precautions against a " severe respiratory disease associated with a novel infectious agent . " that it is seeking to make a statutory notifiable infectious disease , meaning doctors would need to report any suspected cases , and patients evading quarantine could be fined or jailed . <h> A visitor walked past a large photo depicting the 2003 SARS epidemic at an exhibition , ' 40 Yea

rs Through the Lens , ' at the National Museum of China , in Beijing , September 2018 . <p> Photo : wu hong/EPA/S  
hutterstock <p> China was criticized for initially covering up SARS , which was first detected in late 2002 but was d  
isclosed only after it began spreading widely , eventually killing 774 people globally , according to the World @ @  
@ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ after reviews found that initial failures to contain and isolate patients with SARS allowed it t  
o proliferate across densely populated southern China . <p> The Wuhan outbreak will test how much has changed .  
<p> " We learned a bitter lesson in 2003 , and we do not want that to happen again , " said Alex Lam , chairman of a  
dvocacy group Hong Kong Patients ' Voices . " China should immediately release their findings so doctors across th  
e world can better know how to tackle this illness . " <p> Hong Kong 's department of health , citing information fro  
m China 's National Health Commission , said the cause of the cluster of pneumonia cases detected in Wuhan was sti  
ll under investigation , but other known respiratory pathogens had been ruled out . <p> The main clinical symptoms  
of those affected by the Wuhan outbreak are fever -- with a few patients having difficulty breathing -- and invasive l  
esions of both lungs , which show up on chest radiographs , the WHO said Sunday . <h> A mourner wearing a mask  
to ward off SARS under an umbrella @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ in 2003 . <p> Photo : bobby yip/Reuters <p> It is  
unclear what the underlying source of the disease is , though the reported link to a wholesale fish and live-animal ma  
rket could indicate an exposure link to animals , the WHO said . Bats , for example , are known reservoirs for corona  
viruses , and have been found to transmit the disease to humans through a third vector such as a civet cat , as scientis  
ts found in the case of SARS . <p> The pattern of the unexplained pneumonia cases linked to the market selling seaf  
ood and live game strongly suggests that this is a novel microbe jumping from animal to human , said K.Y. Yuen , c  
hair professor of infectious diseases at the University of Hong Kong 's Faculty of Medicine . <p> Researchers have d  
etermined that a large proportion of new infectious diseases in humans are transmitted via animals . Such illnesses ar  
e referred to as zoonoses . Two newer human coronaviruses , MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV , have been known to cau  
se severe illness and death , according to the U.S. CDC . <p> The Wuhan @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ to SARS , a p  
erson familiar with the new findings said . <p> Given the marked advances in hospital isolation facilities , infection-  
control training and laboratory diagnostic capabilities in the past two decades , it is unlikely that this outbreak will le  
ad to a major 2003-like epidemic , Mr. Yuen said . <p> In Wuhan , which has China 's first Biosafety Level 4 laborat  
ory -- a specialized research laboratory that deals with potentially deadly infectious agents like Ebola -- the market at  
the center of investigations has been shut since Jan 1 . <p> In Hong Kong , badly hit by the SARS virus , which clai  
med 299 lives locally in 2003 , residents have donned surgical masks on the streets and public transport in recent day  
s , despite no local cases of the Wuhan infection being confirmed .

@@83144441 <p> Gov . Phil Murphy yesterday highlighted some of his administration 's anti-opioid plans for 2020  
 . <p> Providing local police and libraries with the opioid overdose reversal agent naloxone . A fresh outreach campa  
ign , tied to a more effective treatment hotline . Another attempt to tax opiate manufacturers to help offset New Jerse  
y 's costs in battling addiction . <p> These are among the concepts New Jersey officials have in place -- or in mind --  
for 2020 as they continue to address the state 's opioid epidemic , according to Gov . Phil Murphy and members of h  
is Cabinet who participated in a public meeting on addiction Wednesday . <p> While last year saw a 3% decline in t  
he number of drug-related deaths in the state -- the first decrease in nearly a decade -- some 3,021 people still lost th  
eir life to illegal substances . <p> " There 's no celebration , let me say that upfront , " Murphy told administration of  
ficials , treatment providers , law enforcement and individuals in recovery who joined him at the Family Guidance C  
enter , a nonprofit in Warren County that provides substance abuse and mental health services @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @  
@ @ @ a blessed human being , each of them gone , each representing families around the state who will grieve thei  
r loss forevermore . " <p> Judith Persichilli , acting commissioner of the state Department of Health , added : " We n  
eed everyone to be cognizant that this is affecting families every day , with eight overdose deaths every day in New J  
ersey . " <h> Planning for \$100M in upcoming budget <p> The governor and his team reviewed their efforts in 2019  
and highlighted some of their plans for the year to come ; Murphy noted he has included \$100 million in each of the  
past two state budgets to address opioid addiction and would likely do so again next month when he introduces his s  
pending plan for fiscal year 2021 , which starts in July . <p> Murphy said ongoing and new programs will continue t  
o build on four existing areas of focus : improving data collection , expanding access to effective treatment , investin  
g in social programs to address the underlying causes of addiction , and continuing to diversify the work of law enfor  
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n prevention . We 're focusing on treatment . And we 're focusing on enforcement as well , " state Attorney General  
Gurbir Grewal said . <p> Among the initiatives on the administration 's agenda is a plan to distribute free naloxone ,  
or Narcan , to municipal police departments and libraries , which -- as public spaces -- are now the site of overdoses  
and play an important role in New Jersey 's efforts to address addiction , officials note . Department of Human Servi  
ces Commissioner Carole Johnson said she and Grewal sent letters with this offer to police officials on Tuesday and  
by Wednesday morning 80 departments had contacted her to express interest . <p> In February , DHS plans to launc



h new public outreach for the state 's Reach NJ hotline , which has counselors available 24/7 to connect individuals with treatment . Officials said the \$4 million campaign will include billboards , internet and cable commercials with messages developed through input from people in recovery and family members . One version includes a @ @ @ @ @ @ @ hug him twice , in case it 's the last time . " <h> Renewed outreach <p> DHS had previously overhauled the Reach NJ system to make it more effective for callers seeking help . " What we found when we inherited the line was that people were having to go through multiple layers to get to actual help , " Johnson said , " so we redesigned the system so people can connect to a live counselor . " <p> The outreach campaign and other elements of the Murphy administration opioid response contrast with measures introduced under former Gov . Chris Christie , who focused significant attention on addiction and created the Reach NJ hotline . But Christie faced criticism for launching a costly advertising campaign that featured him prominently in promoting the hotline on TV . <p> Murphy also said that he has not abandoned an idea he first announced as part of his budget proposal last year , for the state to impose a per-pill tax on companies that manufacture or distribute opioids ; the purpose would be to raise funds to offset the taxpayer tab for @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ have cost some companies as much as \$5 million a year -- was designed to raise \$21.5 million annually but failed to attract legislative sponsors in either the Assembly or Senate . <p> " I want to go to the board rooms ' ( of opioid makers ) financially to ask for a per-pill charge that we would then take and help us defray some of the \$100 million we spend in this arena , " Murphy said Wednesday . <h> By the numbers <p> The administration also released a wealth of opioid-related data from 2019 , including : <p> 97 : the number of fewer drug-related deaths recorded in 2019 , versus 2018 ; <p> 6% : the percentage decline in opioid prescriptions in 2019 ; prescription numbers have fallen by double digits over the last few years thanks to changes in state law and federal guidelines , and growing awareness among doctors and patients of the potential dangers ; <p> 33,200 : the number of free naloxone doses DHS distributed to the public during a one-day , statewide effort in June , and to homeless shelters later in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ responders trained to date through the DOH 's 5 Minutes to Help initiative , designed to help them communicate with individuals who are experiencing an overdose and , hopefully , connect them with treatment ; <p> 30% : the percentage increase in Garden State pharmacies that offer naloxone to the public without a prescription ; <p> 11 : the number of " heroin mills " destroyed in 2019 by State Police ; four of these facilities were connected with 358 overdoses , 133 of which were fatal ; <p> 80% : the percentage of heroin that included fentanyl , a more lethal synthetic opioid , based on samples submitted for testing by law enforcement ; <p> 700 : the number of nonviolent offenders charged with minor drug crimes and diverted into treatment or recovery programs , instead of jail , through the attorney general 's Operation Helping Hand initiative ; <p> 26 : the number of doctors , pharmacists or other professionals who faced the loss of their license in 2019 because of prescribing violations involving opioids ; <p> 16,000 ; the number of student athletes and parents who watched @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ them understand the addiction potential of prescription opioids ; <p> \$7.8 million : grant funding made available in October to help county jails create or expand effective treatment programs ; 20 of the 21 counties have accepted funds ; <p> 2,516 : the number of prisoners in state custody who are on medicated assisted treatment , considered the gold standard in addressing opioid addiction ; <p> 953 : the number of prisoners who have agreed to serve as peer navigators to help other addicts negotiate treatment and recovery behind bars ; nearly half have been trained by experts at Rutgers University .

@@83186541 <p> Today , Apple has posted a battery replacement program for its iPhone XR , XS Max , and XS Smart Battery Cases . In the program , Apple has outlined that some may have charging issues such as ones that provide intermittent or non-charges , and intermittent or non-charges while plugged in . <p> Since its launch , consumers have reported complaints about the smart battery case not charging . The Cupertino-based company has mentioned that battery cases made between dates January to October 2019 are eligible for the replacement program . <p> Furthermore , Apple says that it 's not a safety issue and affected users can go to an Apple Authorized Service Provider or Apple to have their case replaced . The case will be examined and verified before continuing on the service . <p> The cases that are found to have issues will be disposed of in an environmental friendly method . The new battery case replacement program will cover the product for 2 years after it 's sold .

@@83207841 <p> Each of the tornadoes caused damage , ranging from tree and power pole damage to structural damage to some barns , homes and businesses . The structural damage with both tornadoes came primarily in the form of roof , shingle and soffit damage . <p> Statistics on each tornado.NWS <p> As seen in the video above , some of the structural damage seen with the tornado that went through downtown Troy was rather impressive . Several businesses in the city lost all or portions of their roofs with debris littered throughout the city . <p> While Troy is n't the biggest city out there , and Fletcher is a small town , this event provides a great example of how tornadoes can and do impact populated areas and downtown city centers . <p> A look at the tornado paths in Miami County with a less zoomed in look . <p> This also serves as a reminder that severe weather does n't care what the forecast calls for . When these two tornadoes touched down , the severe threat for Ohio was dropped to zero percent , according to the Storm P

rediction Center . <p> More often than not @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ This particular situation was certainly more unexpected than expected .

@@83211441 <h> Breadcrumb <h> From Oberoi to Oyo : A compelling account of India 's burgeoning hospitality industry <h> ' Democratic process should not be short-circuited in Kashmir ' <h> Trump ignorance of India-China border shocked Modi : Book <h> About Us <p> In order to create a more credible and empathetic knowledge bank on the South Asian region , SPS curates the South Asia Monitor ( www.southasiamonitor.org ) , an independent web journal and online resource dealing with strategic , political , security , cultural and economic issues about , pertaining to and of consequence to South Asia and the Indo-Pacific region . Developed for South Asia watchers across the globe or those looking for in-depth knowledge , reliable resource and documentation on this region , the site features exclusive commentaries , insightful analyses , interviews and reviews contributed by strategic experts , diplomats , journalists , analysts , researchers and students from not only this region but all over the world . It also aggregates news , views commentary content related to the region and the extended neighbourhood .

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@@83244441 <p> The incident happened about 12:30 a.m . Tuesday while the 55-year-old man waited for a bus to take him home from work at a bus stop on West 3rd Street and West Superior Avenue . No arrests have been made in the case . <p> The man told police he was sitting at one of the bus shelters when the two robbers walked up to him and demanded his cellphone , police said . <p> The 55-year-old man refused and one of the robbers punched him in the face four times , according to police . The duo took the man 's phone and backpack , police said . <p> The duo ran west through a parking lot on Frankfort Avenue . The man suffered a swollen left eye and bloodied ear . He was treated at St. Vincent Charity Hospital .

@@83282341 <h> One taken to hospital after crash in front of Parkersburg YMCA <p> PARKERSBURG , W.Va . ( WTAP ) - A car crash happened near the entrance of the Parkersburg YMCA earlier this morning , Thursday January 16 . <p> Parkersburg Police and Fire responded to the call at 1:21 a.m. this morning . One four-door car was next to the YMCA entrance , damaged and with its driver-side airbag deployed . Another four-door car was off the opposite end of the road with front-end damage . <p> According to the Wood County 9-1-1 Center , one person was transported to the hospital , although they were unsure to what extent the person was injured . <p> In addition to Parkersburg Police and Fire , an ambulance from WVU Medicine Camden Clark was also on the scene . <p> While details are scarce at this time , stay tuned to WTAP and WTAP.com as we continue to update this story . <h> Online Public Information File <p> Viewers with disabilities can get assistance accessing this station 's FCC Public Inspection File by contacting the station with the information listed below . Questions or concerns relating to the accessibility @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ directed to the FCC at 888-225-5322 , 888-835-5322 ( TTY ) , or fccinfo@fcc.gov.



ammunition won't take up separate slots and that you can put a lot more of it in storage at once . <p> Of course , considering this is 4chan and nothing about a Fallout 76 Wastelanders DLC has been shown announced by Bethesda at all , it might be best for you to take it with a grain of salt even if you do play the game . <p> Since Bethesda already made one big Fallout 76 announcement at their E3 conference last year , we might be getting another one at E3 this year or at some other gaming event that will announce it for real . However , until then , take anything you hear about it with a grain of salt .

@@83388341 <p> Brownwood News -- The National Junior Honor Society at Brownwood Middle School will be coordinating a service learning program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society called Pennies for Patients . The program will run from January 22 through February 7 and each advisory class will be involved in a competition to see which class can bring in the most spare change during the event . The winning advisory class will be awarded a Chick-fil-A nugget platter , in addition to other small individual prizes . <p> " The members of NJHS will be performing odd jobs and individually collecting donations for the project , " stated BMS teacher and NJHS Chapter Advisor , Terry Cantwell . " We will also be present at the middle school basketball games for the next two weeks . " <p> In addition , for the next three Thursdays , NJHS members will be at the parent pickup locations at BMS . " They will have posters and collection bins for donations , " added Cantwell . " So be prepared to chunk your change for a great cause ! "

@@83394941 <h> Formerly known as Commonwealth Corporate Suites , Mainsail Corporate Housing will be part of Tampa-based Mainsail Lodging & Development . <p> TAMPA -- With the acquisition and rebranding of Commonwealth Corporate Suites , Mainsail Lodging & Development has launched Mainsail Corporate Housing , the firm 's first foray into the corporate housing market . <p> Melissa Hoban will be Mainsail Corporate Housing 's general manager in Virginia . Courtesy photo . <p> The new brand will initially operate in Virginia , South Carolina and North Carolina , according to a press release . Commonwealth Corporate Suites has offered premium fully furnished apartments throughout Virginia since 2004 . <p> " This is a great opportunity and natural progression for Mainsail Housing , allowing us to build on nearly two decades of success in the Southeast , " Mainsail Housing Managing Partner Jana Collier states in the release . " With the acquisition of Commonwealth Corporate Suites , we 've gained a well-established team with tremendous market knowledge and experience to help introduce the Mainsail Corporate Housing brand in the region . " <p> Renee Baker will transition to an account coordinator role with Mainsail Corporate Housing . Courtesy photo @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the release states , will remain vice president of Mainsail Corporate Housing and lead efforts to establish the new brand in Virginia and the Carolinas . Commonwealth executives Melissa Hoban and Renee Baker are also transitioning to Mainsail as part of the deal . <p> " This is an exciting start to the new year , working with my trusted colleagues to ensure a successful market entry , " Everhart states in the release . " We have strong synergy within the team , which will be a huge advantage as we introduce the new Mainsail brand . "

@@83412741 <h> Minnesota reports first child death of flu season <p> Minnesota health officials on Thursday reported the first child death of the flu season . <p> According to the Minnesota Department of Health 's weekly influenza and respiratory illness report , a total of 31 people in the state have died of the flu so far this season . A total of 95 people , including one child , died of the flu in Minnesota last season . <p> The number of people hospitalized due to the flu has topped 1,200 this season , with 187 hospitalizations reported last week . <p> With schools back in session after the holiday break , flu outbreaks in Minnesota schools continue to pick up , with 113 new school outbreaks reported last week compared with 32 new school outbreaks the previous week . <p> Confirmed outbreaks of flu in Minnesota long-term care facilities continue to be low this season , with four new outbreaks recorded last week for a total of 25 outbreaks so

@@83422141 <h> South Africa mine deaths fall to record low in 2019 <p> 1 Min Read <p> JOHANNESBURG ( Reuters ) - South Africa saw the lowest number of mine deaths on record last year , with 51 people killed compared to 81 the previous year , the mines ministry said on Friday . <p> " The lowest recorded fatalities in 2019 at 51 shows that there 's a possibility of a fatality-free mining industry and that 's what we are striving for , " the ministry cited Minister Gwede Mantashe as saying in comments posted on Twitter . <p> A poor safety record has contributed to slower investment at some South African mines in recent years , along with depressed commodities prices and rising labor and power costs . <p> Nineteen people died in gold mines last year , 19 in platinum mines , seven in coal mines and six in other types of mine , the ministry said . <p> Reporting by Alexander Winning ; Editing by Kevin Liffey , William Maclean

@@83428941 <p> The NNK said it sources its information on the virus from the World Health Organisation ( WHO ) and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ( ECDC ) . <p> Foreign Minister Peter Szijjártó has asked Hungarians planning to visit Hubei province in China to delay their journey and those travelling to other Chinese cities to consult the Hungarian consulate 's website and register for consular protection . <h> One victim of ca

psized Hable ? ny still missing -- reward offered ! <h> Daily News Hungary <p> We and our partners use technologies , such as cookies , and collect browsing data to give you the best online experience and to personalise the content and advertising shown to you . I accept <p> Privacy & Cookies Policy <h> Privacy Overview <p> This website uses cookies to improve your experience while you navigate through the website . Out of these cookies , the cookies that are categorized as necessary are stored on your browser as they are as essential for the working of basic functionalities of the website . We also use third-party cookies that help us analyze and understand how you @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ your browser only with your consent . You also have the option to opt-out of these cookies . But opting out of some of these cookies may have an effect on your browsing experience . <p> Necessary cookies are absolutely essential for the website to function properly . This category only includes cookies that ensures basic functionalities and security features of the website . These cookies do not store any personal information .

@@83431041 <h> What 's new in the China virus outbreak <p> A security officer wears a hazardous materials suit at a subway station in Beijing , Friday , Jan. 24 , 2020 . China moved to lock down at least three cities with a combined population of more than 18 million in an unprecedented effort to contain the deadly new virus that has sickened hundreds of people and spread to other parts of the world during the busy Lunar New Year holiday . ( AP Photo/Yanan Wang ) <p> More than 1,200 cases of a new viral respiratory illness have been confirmed in China and elsewhere since an outbreak began last month in the Chinese city of Wuhan . Scientists have identified the illness as a new kind of coronavirus . Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses , some of which cause the common cold . Others have evolved into more severe illnesses , such as SARS and MERS , although so far the new virus does not appear to be nearly as deadly or contagious . <p> WHAT 'S NEW TODAY <p> -- The number of confirmed cases rose to 1,287 . Forty-one people have died , all @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ flights , trains , buses and ferries on Thursday , 12 other cities in the central province of Hubei followed suit with a combined population of more than 36 million now under lockdown . <p> -- Wuhan is swiftly building a 1,000-bed hospital dedicated to the disease . The prefabricated structure , slated for completion Feb. 3 , is modeled after a Beijing hospital built in 2003 for the SARS outbreak . <p> -- The new virus claimed its youngest victim . A 36-year-old man in Hubei was admitted to the hospital earlier this month after suffering from fever for three days . He died Thursday . <p> -- Additional cases cropped up outside China . Australia reported its first case on Saturday and France announced two cases , the disease 's first appearance in Europe . The U.S. , South Korea , Japan and Singapore also added cases to their tallies . The new U.S. case , the nation 's second , is a Chicago woman in her 60s who returned from China on Jan. 13 . Nepal also confirmed its first case . <p> - Hospitals in Wuhan @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ of supplies . At least eight hospitals in Wuhan issued public calls for donations of masks , goggles , gowns and other protective medical gear , according to notices online . <p> Copyright 2020 The Associated Press . All rights reserved . This material may not be published , broadcast , rewritten or redistributed.

@@83438241 <h> Huang Xiaoming and Angelababy Donate Essential Items to Wuhan <p> Celebrity couple Huang Xiaoming ( ? ? ? ) and Angelababy have donated 200,000 yuan-worth of surgical masks to Wuhan medical personnel and front-liners who are battling the Wuhan coronavirus , which has now spread to over 1,300 people across China and the world . <p> Citizens of Wuhan and neighboring cities are taking extra precautions to counter the coronavirus , which causes the infected to develop pneumonia-like symptoms similar to that of SARS . Universal hygienic precautions include wearing surgical masks while being outdoors , and the availability for such essentials are at an all-time low in China . <p> Many Chinese celebrities have donated money , including Huang Xiaoming and Angelababy , to charity efforts . On January 24th , the China Siyuan Foundation publicly thanked the couple on social media for donating 200,000-yuan worth of surgical masks to the medical personnel and front-liners who are currently fighting the virus in Wuhan . <p> Huang Xiaoming reblogged the post and said , " The health professionals are all of our heroes . " <p> JayneStars Media LLC reserves all copyrights . Reproduction in whole or in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ JayneStars website , you accept and agree to our Terms and Conditions of Use .

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@@83448141 <p> UPDATE : It is now being reported that Robert Zemeckis has closed his deal to direct and co-wr

ite the live-action Pinocchio for Walt Disney Pictures , with the studio hoping to begin production at the end of the y ear . Original story follows ... <p> It looks like Walt Disney Pictures has found a new director for the live-action Pin occhio remake , with Variety reporting that Back to the Future and Forrest Gump helmer Robert Zemeckis is in talks to direct the remake of the 1940 animated classic . <p> Paddington director Paul King was previously attached to th e movie , but dropped out earlier this year . Zemeckis meanwhile is said to have been interested in picking up the rei ns since the summer , but was busy shooting his remake of The Witches , which is now in post-production . <p> Acc ording to Variety 's report , producers Andrew Miano and Chris Weitz ( The Farewell ) will now work with Zemecki s to gear up the casting process on the project , which has been scripted by Weitz along with King and his Paddingto n 2 co-writer Simon Farnaby . <p> Zemeckis last directed to 2018 drama Welcome @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Roa ld Dahl 's The Witches is set for release in October .

@@@83455541 <h> Coronavirus ' has become rampant , ' but shows no signs of mutating into deadlier form <p> China 's central government announced Sunday that it 's taking the reins in response to the outbreak of the coronavirus from local officials in Hubei province , home to the virus ' city of origin , Wuhan . <p> Ma Xiaowei , the head of the country 's National Health Commission , said " we are now in a critical period of prevention and control . " It appears the coronavirus is becoming more contagious -- Zhou Xianwang , the mayor of Wuhan , said experts will likely soon confirm another 1,000 infection cases . Meanwhile , the death toll resulting from the disease rose to 56 , including the first fatality in Shanghai . <p> " The virus has become rampant , " said Gao Fu , the director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention . <p> But despite the severity of the situation , Gao also doled out some optimism . He said the virus has n't shown any signs of mutating into a more deadly form , and revealed that a vaccine may soon be @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ China , but a third case was confirmed in the United States , after a person in Orange County , California , tested positive . The patient is being treated and is reportedly in " good condition . " Read more at The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times .

@@83460641 <h> Health officials confirm case of new virus in California <p> SANTA ANA , Calif . ( AP ) -- On the heels of confirmed cases in Chicago and Washington state , a patient in Southern California was diagnosed with the new pneumonia-like virus from China , health officials said . <p> Just before midnight Saturday , the Orange County Health Care Agency announced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed a traveler from the Chinese city of Wuhan -- the epicenter of the outbreak -- tested positive for the virus . The patient is in isolation at a hospital and in good condition , a release from the agency said . <p> That patient had been in contact with the local health agency was provided guidance to reduce exposure to others while health officials awaited laboratory confirmation . After consulting with the CDC and the California Department of Public Health , the Orange County agency will follow up with people who have had close contact with the patient . <p> Guidance from the CDC advises that people who have had casual contact with the patient are at " minimal risk " for developing infection . There 's @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ and the risk of local transmission remains low , the release said . Further details about the case were n 't released . <p> The virus can cause fever , coughing , wheezing and pneumonia . It is a member of the coronavirus family that 's a close cousin to the deadly SARS and MERS viruses that have caused outbreaks in the past . <p> Copyright 2020 The Associated Press . All rights reserved . This material may not be published , broadcast , rewritten or redistributed.

@@@83464841 <p> Rogers Media uses cookies for personalization , to customize its online advertisements , and for other purposes . Learn more or change your cookie preferences . Rogers Media supports the Digital Advertising Alliance principles . By continuing to use our service , you agree to our use of cookies . <h> Health officials in Los Angeles County confirm another U.S. case of new virus from China <p> by The Associated Press <p> Posted Jan 26 , 2020 11:08 am PST <p> Last Updated Jan 26 , 2020 at 11:57 am PST <p> FILE - In this Friday , Jan. 24 , 2020 , file photo , heavy equipment works at a construction site for a field hospital in Wuhan in central China 's Hubei Province . ( Chinatopix via AP , File ) <p> LOS ANGELES -- Health officials in Los Angeles County have confirmed a fourth U.S. case of the new pneumonia-like virus from China . <p> The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said Sunday the infected person presented themselves for care once they noticed that they were not feeling well and is currently receiving medical attention . <p> The person is a returning traveler @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the heels of confirmed cases in Orange County , California , Washington state and Chicago .

@@83472141 <p> We use a range of cookies to give you the best possible browsing experience . By continuing to use this website , you agree to our use of cookies.You can learn more about our cookie policy here , or by following the link at the bottom of any page on our site . <h> Japanese Yen Gains on Coronavirus Fears as Euro Weakens After ECB <p> The anti-risk Japanese Yen and haven-linked US Dollar were the best-performing major currencies on Friday and may gap higher as the new week begins . The S&P 500 closed 0.90 percent to the downside in its worst week since the middle of August . Sentiment-linked WTI crude oil prices followed , plunging about 2.5% as worries about the coronavirus spread into financial markets . <p> A third report of a person from the United States being di

agnosed of the Wuhan virus fueled contagion fears . Europe 's first case was also reported in France . The concern for financial markets is that should citizens opt to stay home , particularly in China during the Lunar New Year holiday , it can dent revenue and hurt productivity . US Treasury prices generally rose @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ prices rallied , though a stronger Greenback likely depressed some of the precious metal 's full potential . There was a cautious pullback from the " pro-risk " Australian Dollar and New Zealand Dollar . Better-than-expected UK Markit Manufacturing PMI data temporarily lifted the British Pound , but it ultimately aimed lower against the US Dollar as the session prolonged . <p> With that in mind , Asia Pacific benchmark stock indexes may follow Wall Street lower at the onset of Monday trade . Chinese markets are offline for the Lunar New Year until the end of this week , exacerbating illiquidity . That could spell trouble if virus contagion fears pick up pace , likely pushing the Yen and US Dollar higher . China confirmed an additional 444 cases of the coronavirus after U.S. markets closed for the weekend . <h> Japanese Yen Technical Analysis <p> My majors-based Japanese Yen index closed at its highest in over 2 weeks on Friday , taking out a medium-term falling trend line from August . This index is an average value of the Yen against its most-liquid major counterparts . Upside follow-through @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the JPY , perhaps sending AUD/JPY , GBP/JPY and EUR/JPY further to the downside . <p> Leveraged trading in foreign currency or off-exchange products on margin carries significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors . We advise you to carefully consider whether trading is appropriate for you based on your personal circumstances . Forex trading involves risk . Losses can exceed deposits . We recommend that you seek independent advice and ensure you fully understand the risks involved before trading . <p> FX Publications Inc ( dba DailyFX ) is registered with the Commodities Futures Trading Commission as a Guaranteed Introducing Broker and is a member of the National Futures Association ( ID# 0517400 ) . Registered Address : 32 Old Slip , Suite 803 ; New York , NY 10005 . FX Publications Inc is a subsidiary of IG US Holdings , Inc ( a company registered in Delaware under number 4456365 )

@@83486241 <h> China death toll spikes to 80 , over 2,700 cases confirmed <p> Credit : CC0 Public Domain <p> China said on Monday that the death toll from a deadly viral outbreak spiked to 80 as the hard-hit epicentre province of Hubei suffered 24 new fatalities , while total confirmed cases nationwide rose sharply to 2,744 . <p> While there were no new deaths confirmed outside of Hubei , the national tally of verified infections rose by 769 , around half of them in Hubei , the National Health Commission said . It said 461 of those infected were in serious condition . <p> China has locked down Hubei in the country 's centre , an unprecedented operation affecting tens of millions of people and intended to slow transmission of the respiratory virus . <p> The previously unknown contagion has caused global concern because of its similarity to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome ( SARS ) pathogen , which killed hundreds across mainland China and Hong Kong in 2002-2003 . <p> Drastic travel restrictions have been imposed outside the epicentre , with Shandong province and four cities -- Beijing , Shanghai , Xi'an and Tianjin -- announcing bans on @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ affect millions of people travelling over the Lunar New Year holiday , which authorities said would be extended while the government works to contain the virus . <p> The populous southern province of Guangdong , Jiangxi in central China , and three cities made it mandatory for residents to wear face masks in public . <p> Originating in Hubei 's capital of Wuhan , the virus has spread throughout China and across the world -- with cases confirmed in around a dozen countries including as far away as the United States . <p> Citation : China death toll spikes to 80 , over 2,700 cases confirmed ( 2020 , January 27 ) retrieved 26 February 2020 from https : \*\*39;1590;TOOLONG ... This document is subject to copyright . Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research , no part may be reproduced without the written permission . The content is provided for information purposes only . <h> E-mail the story <h> China death toll spikes to 80 , over 2,700 cases confirmed <h> Note <p> Your email address is used only to let the recipient @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ the recipient 's address will be used for any other purpose . The information you enter will appear in your e-mail message and is not retained by Medical Xpress in any form . <p> Your message <h> Newsletter sign up <p> Get weekly and/or daily updates delivered to your inbox . You can unsubscribe at any time and we 'll never share your details to third parties . <h> Your Privacy <p> This site uses cookies to assist with navigation , analyse your use of our services , and provide content from third parties . By using our site , you acknowledge that you have read and understand our Privacy Policy and Terms of Use . @@83488741 <p> Monday 's losses followed a sharp rise in confirmed diagnoses of the lethal coronavirus , a respiratory illness that originated in central China and has spread to more than 2,700 cases in China , killing 81 . <p> ADVERTISEMENT <p> The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ( CDC ) confirmed five cases of coronavirus in the U.S. by Sunday , and announced Monday that it was monitoring 110 people in 26 states for potentially contracting the illness . <p> Chinese officials have taken extensive measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus , disrupting the country 's Lunar New Year celebration with quarantines and travel restrictions . The CDC and State Department have also warned Americans not to travel to China unless necessary . <p> The economic disruption in China triggered losses across several sectors that depend on steady international travel or sales in the rapidly expanding Chinese consumer market . Stocks for airlines , travel companies , cruises , resorts and casinos all fell between 2 percent



and 8 percent . <p> A prolonged outbreak in China could dampen the country 's already slowing economy , a key driver of global growth , as the world @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ cases reported beyond China could drive even broader declines in economic activity , according to experts . <p> " If the epidemic spreads globally , or if the number of deaths rises sharply , the knock-on impact on the global economy could be high , especially if international air travel is severely disrupted as a result of the epidemic , " wrote Agathe Demarais , global forecasting director at The Economist Intelligence Unit , in a Monday research note . <p> " If Chinese growth drops by 1 percentage point , an initial assessment shows that global growth in 2020 will be reduced by at least 0.1-0.2 percentage points , to 2.1-2.2% ( from a forecast 2.3% currently ) , " she added .

@@83497041 <p> FILE PHOTO : British entertainers Nicholas Parsons and Gyles Brandreth leave the funeral of Clement Freud at St Bride 's church in London <p> LONDON ( Reuters ) - British broadcaster Nicholas Parsons , who hosted BBC radio 4 's " Just A Minute " game show for more than 50 years , has died at the age of 96 after a short illness , his agent said on Tuesday . <p> He was also an actor , performer and entertainer , appearing in films and on stage . <p> " No one deserves to be called a broadcasting legend more than Nicholas Parsons , " BBC Director General Tony Hall said in a statement . <p> Bernie Sanders , who has been mostly spared attacks by his rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination , paid the price of being the frontrunner Tuesday night in the debate in South Carolina , which holds its primary election on Saturday . Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg kicked off the flurry of attacks by referencing a finding from U.S. intelligence agencies that Russia was seeking to aid Sanders 's candidacy in the primary election . " Vladimir Putin thinks @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ and that 's why Russia is helping you , so you 'll lose to him , " Bloomberg said . <p> Top officials in the Trump administration struggled on Tuesday morning to justify their response to the growing threat of the coronavirus , which has sickened at least 80,423 people around the world and killed at least 2,712 . Although there have been no recorded fatalities in the United States yet , skeptical members of the U.S. Senate made clear to administration officials that they did not have confidence in their response . At one point during their back-and-forth , which promptly went viral on social media , Kennedy insisted that Wolf tell him the number of coronavirus cases that the United States could expect . <p> Associated Press Criticism of Iran 's handling of the crisis has been extremely strong , with some accusing the government of a cover-up . US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Tuesday said he was " deeply concerned " that Iran " may have suppressed vital details about the outbreak . " " All nations , including Iran , should tell the truth @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ " Pompeo said . <p> Billionaire Tom Steyer is facing some criticism over his spending in South Carolina , a state where his Democratic presidential campaign is making some legitimate headway . Some people have even accused him of trying to buy votes from the state 's African-American voters , which Steyer and many others have adamantly denied , The New York Times reports . One thing that 's been particularly scrutinized is the Steyer campaign 's rental agreement with a company owned by Jennifer Clyburn Reed , the daughter of Rep. Jim Clyburn ( D-S.C. ) , the highest-ranking African American in Congress whose endorsement is considered key in South Carolina . <p> A mother arrested in Hawaii over the disappearance of her two Idaho children wants a judge to reconsider her \$5 million bail . A court hearing for her request is scheduled Wednesday on Kauai , where Lori Vallow was arrested last week on an Idaho warrant . Seven-year-old Joshua " JJ " Vallow and 17-year-old Tylee Ryan have not been seen since September . <p> GREENVILLE , S.C. -- In last week 's debate in @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ to attack former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg over sexism accusations . She brought it up again in Tuesday 's debate in Charleston . Bloomberg was asked to contend with allegations of crude remarks toward women , specifically whether he allegedly told a pregnant employee to " kill it . " <p> China 's embassy in Russia has demanded authorities in Moscow end what it said are discriminatory anti-coronavirus measures against Chinese nationals , saying they are damaging relations and alarming Chinese residents of the Russian capital . The complaint , detailed in an embassy letter to the city 's authorities and published by Russian newspaper Novaya Gazeta late on Tuesday , deplored what it called " ubiquitous monitoring " of Chinese nationals , including on public transport in Moscow . Russia , which enjoys strong political and military ties with Beijing , does not currently have any confirmed cases of coronavirus , but has temporarily barred many categories of Chinese nationals from entering the country . <p> A volatile double star system appears to change its behavior rapidly and unpredictably like a cosmic story of Dr. Jekyll and @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ -- an extremely dense remnant of a supernova explosion -- and a smaller , sunlike star . Using NASA 's Chandra X-ray Observatory and the National Science Foundation 's Karl F. Jansky Very Large Array ( VLA ) , astronomers found that this binary star system switches between two alter egos every few years . <p> Donald Trump 's White House is facing criticism for its " insane and depressing " decision to hire 23-year-old college James Bacon for a post in its powerful Presidential Personnel Office under new director John McEntee . The president has just returned from his two-day visit to India where he set in place a lucrative arms deal with Narendra Modi and toured the country 's beauty spots while being shielded from the outbreak of anti-Muslim riots , which left at least 20 people dead in New Dehli . <p> Representative Lauren Underwood ( D. , Ill. ) said at an event on Monday that " no one " running for the Democratic presi

dential nomination would be helpful to her in the 2020 general elections . " Some people are neutral and some people are @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ on the Democratic ticket is helpful to me in my race , " Underwood told an audience at the City Club of Chicago , responding to a question about whether the rise of Senator Bernie Sanders ( I . , Vt . ) would hurt down-ticket Democrats in November . " I guess that 's controversial , " Underwood said when she perceived the audience 's reaction . <p> NOEL CELIS/AFP via Getty Images China 's wildlife-farming industry , valued at \$74 billion , has been permanently shut down . On Monday , the nation 's legislature banned the buying , selling , and eating of wild animals in an effort to prevent zoonotic diseases from jumping from animals to people . The novel coronavirus , which has killed at least 2,700 people , is thought to have been transmitted to humans by pigs , civets , or pangolins at the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in Wuhan , China . <p> A Kansas man who spent over two decades in prison for a double murder he did n't commit will be awarded \$1.5 million for his wrongful conviction , according to the @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ convicted and sentenced to two terms of life in prison for the murders of Donald Ewing and Doniel Quinn back in 1994 . According to the Associated Press , documents made public during the 8-year fight to free McIntyre allege that the prosecutor in the case intimidated witnesses who told her that McIntyre did not look like the shooter after they saw him in person . <p> An Italian man suffering from frostbite and four other tourists were rescued in the Alaska wilderness after visiting an abandoned bus that has become a lure for adventurers since it was featured in the " Into the Wild " book and movie . Alaska State Troopers say the five Italians were rescued Saturday from a camp they set up after visiting the dilapidated bus on the Stampede Trail near the interior town of Healy . <p> In a state constantly dealing with animals it wants gone -- like pythons and green iguanas -- some one found something rare . A Florida hiker discovered a rainbow snake ( Farancia erytrogramma ) last week in Ocala National Forest , according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ first time a rainbow snake has been spotted in Florida 's Marion County since 1969 , according to the Florida Museum of Natural History . <p> Lee Boyd Malvo , who was 17 when he took part in the deadly 2002 " D.C. Sniper " shooting spree in the Washington area , will get a chance to seek parole in Virginia following a change in state law enacted on Monday , preempting a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the matter . The change , signed by Democratic Governor Ralph Northam , allows people like Malvo , now 35 , who were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for offenses committed before age 18 to ask for release after 20 years . Malvo , who is incarcerated in a supermax state prison in Virginia 's Wise County , and an older accomplice , John Allen Muhammad , were convicted in the shootings in which 10 people were killed . <p> Billionaire Democratic presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg 's girlfriend , Diana Taylor , has a message for those bothered by remarks the former New York City mayor is @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ his company : " Get over it . " In an interview with CBS on Monday , Taylor dismissed concerns over the NDAs with former employees , saying , " It was 30 years ago , get over it . " " In none of them was he accused of doing anything , saying something nasty to a woman , " she said after a " Women for Mike " rally in Texas . <p> Hong Kong 's government said Wednesday it will give a HK\$10,000 ( \$1,280 ) handout to every permanent resident in a bid to jump-start an economy in recession after months of protests and hit further by the coronavirus outbreak . Financial Secretary Paul Chan unveiled the cash gift in the annual budget , committing a colossal HK\$120 billion to help alleviate the worst economic downturn the international financial hub has faced in a decade . Hong Kong boasts significant fiscal reserves of more than HK\$1 trillion built up over the boom years , a stockpile that the government is now tapping into . <p> Presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg has been accused of plagiarising Barack Obama @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ side-by-side comparisons of the two men 's speeches , Mr Buttigieg is shown using almost the exact same words as Mr Obama on multiple occasions . The embarrassing video comes as Mr Buttigieg faces mockery for a tweet in which he seemed to borrow from one of the speeches in question . <p> Senator John Kennedy on Tuesday demanded answers from acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf regarding the likely extent of the domestic coronavirus outbreak , saying the American people deserve " straight answers " about the deadly virus . During a hearing of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security , Kennedy asked Wolf how many cases of people infected with the coronavirus the U.S. anticipates having . You 're head of Homeland Security , and your job is to keep us safe . <p> Getty Images Trump tweeted that the " stock market is starting to look very good to me " on a day the Dow plunged over 1,000 points . " The Coronavirus is very much under control in the USA , " Trump said on Twitter . The comments come as the Trump administration @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ combat the spread of the coronavirus . <p> The British Army in late February 2020 handed over , to German authorities , its last remaining headquarters in Germany . The handover of the headquarters at Bielefeld in northwest Germany signalled the final dismantling of what once was a powerful ground force . " Today I think , not only for me but for the British forces as a whole , means the end of an era , " Lt. Col. Tony Maw , commander of the British Army 's Germany Enabling Office , said in an official statement . <p> With new rules taking effect on Monday that disqualify more people from green cards if they use government benefits , droves of immigrants , including citizens and legal residents , have dropped social services they or their children may be entitled to out of fear they will be kicked out of the United States . <p> New Mexico Gov

. Michelle Lujan Grisham signed a red-flag gun bill Tuesday that will allow state district courts to order the temporary surrender of firearms , and she urged sheriffs to resign if @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ for stricter gun control and supportive law enforcement officials at a signing ceremony , Lujan Grisham said the legislation provides law enforcement authorities with an urgently needed tool to deter deadly violence by temporarily removing firearms from people who pose a threat to themselves or others . " If they really intend to do that , they should resign as a law enforcement officer and leader in that community , " she said .

@@83502441 <h> Chinese family in UAE diagnosed as first virus cases in Middle East <p> DUBAI ( Reuters ) - Four members of a Chinese family who arrived in the United Arab Emirates from Wuhan have been diagnosed with the new coronavirus , the first known cases in the Middle East , the UAE health ministry said on Wednesday . <p> A visitor wears a mask during the Arab Health Exhibition in Dubai , United Arab Emirates January 29 , 2020 . REUTERS/Christopher Pike <p> The virus originated in the city , capital of Hubei province , and has killed more than 130 people in China . The UAE is a major international air transport hub and its airport in Dubai is one of the world 's busiest . <p> The four were visitors and arrived in the country on Jan 16 , health ministry official Hussein al-Rand told Reuters . One family member , feeling unwell , attended a clinic on Jan 23 where they were diagnosed with the coronavirus . <p> The other three members were subsequently tested and also diagnosed with the virus . The family comprises a wife and husband , both 36 , a child @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ said . <p> All four are in a stable condition and under medical observation , the ministry said in an earlier statement carried by the state news agency . <p> Rand said the government had traced those the family had come into contact with since arriving , and all had tested negative for the virus . <p> He declined to say which of the UAE 's seven emirates the family were being treated in or had visited , or at which airport they arrived . <p> Nearly 60 cases have been reported in 15 countries outside China , including the United States , France and Singapore . <p> Fears of the spreading virus have pushed airlines to reduce flights to China . Emirates , the UAE 's biggest airline , said on Wednesday its flights were operating normally , and Rand said there were no plans to suspend flights between the UAE and China . <p> The Gulf Cooperation Council 's ( GCC ) health committee met on Wednesday in the Saudi capital Riyadh to discuss the virus and to unify Gulf efforts to prevent its spread , Bahrain 's @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @

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@@83507341 <p> We use a range of cookies to give you the best possible browsing experience . By continuing to use this website , you agree to our use of cookies.You can learn more about our cookie policy here , or by following the link at the bottom of any page on our site . <p> Certain drivers carry innate bias in their underlying scenarios , but first and foremost traders should keep tabs on the underlying bias <h> Averting a Sentiment Reversal or Breather Before the Dive <p> Following Monday 's broad tumble in risk-leaning assets , it grew difficult to ignore the threat that sentiment could be systemically shaken from its useful complacency . With a host of benchmarks on the ' risk on ' side of the spectrum posting notable -- albeit short-term -- technical breakdowns , the ranks were on high alert for signs of follow through deleveraging . Beyond the simple high levels of favorite milestones like top global equity indices , there are various measures for exposure which paint a troubling picture for a market that comes under any severe stress . Below is the NYSE 's brokerage leverage between credit and debit balances @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ , recognition of risk alone is not enough to pitch the market into a tailspin . The question is when this tipping point is met which in turn leads many to obsess ( myself included ) of the ' how ' it will be prompted . <p> Chart of S&P 500 and NYSE Broker-Level ' Leverage ' ( Monthly ) <p> Chart made by John Kicklighter with data from Bloomberg Platform <p> If your preference is not to lead with fundamentals and evaluating the difficult-to-register priorities of a crowd , there are technical milestones that are important as well . The correlation , direction and pace of risk-sensitive assets is my preferred measure of speculative conviction . That said , there are certain individual benchmarks that can offer interesting insight on a more timely basis . The S&P 500 for example is perhaps one of the most frequently referenced and heavily traded ( through derivatives ) such market leader , but its interaction with the prominent channel of the past three months leaves open greater interpretation . That is n't so for the Dow ( and Nasdaq ) . T

his @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ new resistance . Looking to some of the other risk measures I like to follow , their ability to close their bearish gaps to start the week was far less remarkable , leaving broader conviction more likely more attuned to concern . <h> What Are the Top Fundamental Themes to Watch Ahead ? <p> With the question of the bearing in global sentiment as seemingly contentious as it has been in three months , the natural next step is to start looking for the practical catalysts that can tip the scales one way or the other . Yet , before you consider what will dominate the headlines , consider the underlying bias of the markets . I 've highlighted many times before that there have been periods where good news has gone unnoticed by the market while the bad triggers an avalanche of fear , and visa versa . That is the inherent bias that can shape the influence of not just event risk , but broader fundamental themes as well . Against this backdrop , it is also worth noting that certain themes can also hold greater potential through @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ poll I conducted in Twitter asking traders what they thought the most important theme would be over the next session . A thin margin voted the coronavirus headlines . This is not a theme that can really charge optimism and even relief could be difficult to muster given the nature of the situation . Consider that should the headlines and relative China market performance metrics ( Dow to FXI rather than USDCNH ) start to command headlines . <p> Poll from @JohnKicklighter Handle in Twitter.com <p> A marginal difference to the second place most market-moving threat find the FOMC decision due Wednesday afternoon in Washington DC stirring considerable interest . From a risk perspective , this particular topic has prompted much more speculative relief and risk build up based in complacency speculative reach over the past years . Monetary policy 's general effectiveness is a latent concern among some ( myself a big proponent of this monitoring ) , but that is the exception to the rule . Most still see central banks as ready-serving backstops to any disruption in the market . That makes it more prone to spur @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ probability of change at this meeting is low , but the market is pricing in anticipation throughout 2020 . In fact , there is chance of both cuts and hikes looking ahead . <h> Growth Interests Will Be Waiting to Take the Reins After the Fed Passes <p> While the focus will be on the Fed when it comes to the broad and targeted influence of monetary policy , it is worth mentioning the Bank of England ( BOE ) is on deck for its own policy assessment on Thursday . This is particularly important for the Sterling and GBPUSD in particular , though it may not rise to the occasion of a global sentiment catalyst . The interest is based in the contentious 50 percent probability of a rate cut at the gathering according to swaps . That means that at least half of the market will be surprised one way or the other . That degree of volatility potential will give pause to any traders tempted to take significant exposure with that uncertainty just around the corner . <p> Chart of GBPUSD with 200-Day Moving Average <p> Chart @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ gain greater traction as the week wears on is the health of the global economy . The most prominent listings are the US and Euro-area 4Q GDP updates due Thursday and Friday respectively . However , there is other data that will draw attention to the general theme -- and recession fears if the data prints poorly -- in the interim session . This past session offered up a mixed view from the world 's largest economy with a US consumer confidence vaulting to 131.6 ( from 128.2 ) for the Conference Board 's January update but non-defense durable goods orders excluding transportation ( one of the more popular proxies for GDP ) dropped unexpectedly by -0.9 percent . The US 10-year to 2-year yield curve bounced alongside risk trends , but the pressure is still clearly present . For Wednesday , earnings will take center stage . Apple reported robust earnings after hours Tuesday night . For the upcoming session , we are due blue chips and sentiment leaders in General Electric , Boeing , Microsoft and Facebook . <p> If you want to download my Manic-Crisis calendar , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ <p> DailyFX provides forex news and technical analysis on the trends that influence the global currency markets . <p> Leveraged trading in foreign currency or off-exchange products on margin carries significant risk and may not be suitable for all investors . We advise you to carefully consider whether trading is appropriate for you based on your personal circumstances . Forex trading involves risk . Losses can exceed deposits . We recommend that you seek independent advice and ensure you fully understand the risks involved before trading . <p> FX Publications Inc ( dba DailyFX ) is registered with the Commodities Futures Trading Commission as a Guaranteed Introducing Broker and is a member of the National Futures Association ( ID# 0517400 ) . 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@@83519341 <h> Scientific Games Showcases Its New Games , Systems And Technology At ICE London 2020 <h> Scientific Games Showcases Its New Games , Systems And Technology At ICE London 2020 <h> Company reimagines the player experience with content and advanced solutions across gaming , iGaming and sports betting <p> PR Newswire <p> LAS VEGAS , Jan. 29 , 2020 <p> LAS VEGAS , Jan. 29 , 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Scientific Games Corporation ( NASDAQ : SGMS ) ( " Scientific Games " or the " Company " ) will Reimagine Play ? as a global leader in gaming and entertainment with an impressive showing of the industry 's broadest portfolio at ICE London from February 4 to 6 in booth N1-560 at the ExCeL London . <p> " Our gaming , iGaming and sports betting experiences will be on full display at ICE London , highlighting our best-in-class content and our innovative and reimagined portfolio , " said Barry Cottle , President and CEO of Scientific Games . " The passion from our team members around

nd the globe has resulted in amazing games and solutions that our players and partners will love . " <p> Scientific Games will offer @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ games and the industry 's leading iGaming and sports betting platforms . All of the Company 's great games , products and platforms are powered by the cutting-edge technology and innovations that are reimagining the player experience and improving partner operations . <p> Great Games , Content and ProductsWhen it comes to land-based gaming , Scientific Games creates dynamic player experiences supported by a dvanced systems and seamless technology . At ICE London , Scientific Games will build on its long history of introducing great games that take proven , player-favorite game mechanics to the next level of excitement . This includes the introduction of exciting links such as Hot Hot Jackpots ? , Penny Pier ? and Ultra Hot Mega Link ? . Each of these games is complemented by cutting-edge hardware , which is designed to immerse players in the game , creating a richer experience . The Company will also display the full range of Equinox ? UK hardware showcasing great new titles including Heidi 's Bier Haus ? , 7s To Burn ? Free Spins Community and 5 Treasures ? . <p> At ICE London , Scientific @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ ) to the innovative TwinStar ? platform with the TwinStar 5RM . The Company is launching its first new 5RM games in seven years with top performing titles like Dancing Drums ? and Lock it Link ? , bringing innovation to a beloved category of games . <p> Scientific Games continues to bring some of the most beloved branded themes to players across the globe . At ICE London , the Company will showcase new versions of popular licensed themes across the entertainment ecosystem including : <p> Continuing its tradition of bringing intrigue to the casino floor , the Company will bring the latest titles from the JAMES BOND ? series of games including GOLDFINGER ? , TOMORROW NEVER DIES ? and LIVE AND LET DIE ? . <p> As the classic game celebrates its 85th anniversary , Scientific Games is bringing new MONOPOLY game themes across its ecosystem including MONOPOLY Hotel Tycoon ? and MONOPOLY Hot Shot ? . <p> Scientific Games is also bringing to life the 1980 's classic film BEETLEJUICE ? across slots and iGaming experiences . This game will delight players who are nostalgic for @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ Arcade , Bingo , LBO and Casino sectors . BEETLEJUICE will also be available for iGaming partners . <p> Quartz ? , a dramatically redesigned ETG cabinet with an immersive play experience will offer players a dynamic stadium gaming experience . <p> GM Atlas ? , a next-level progressive operating system with new bonus and jackpot options . <p> MDX ? , a new multi-deck shuffler with the capacity to shuffle and sort up to ten decks of cards . <p> A relaunch of the MCC ? system further optimizes operations and improves productivity thanks to its intuitive design and a new user interface . <p> The Company will also launch the next phase of CUBE , its all-encompassing UK customer portal . Designed to provide UK partners readily accessible support and resources , this new phase of CUBE includes a brand-new user interface , intuitive navigation and added functionality . The CUBE automated systems offer additional support for business intelligence , products , marketing and promotions and is just one of the ways the Company is strengthening its services for its partners . <p> Best-in-Class iGaming ExperiencesScientific Games develops @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ immersive casino games and dynamic player experience features in one integration . Through OpenGaming ? , player management experience and world-class content aggregation come together in one platform . In-house and third-party development studios are creating great games with new rich features such as : <p> The Mega Drop ? Jackpot System , a must-drop and multi-level jackpot system offering three-tiers accessible to all players at any stake level . <p> Mega Drop Quest , a syndicated community jackpot which allows players to join together to win a percentage of a larger jackpot . <p> Jackpot Wars ? , a completely new concept for iGaming , allows players to compete for a share of a jackpot . This new way of marketing and selling casino jackpots keeps players engaged with the game . <p> The Industry 's Most Trusted Sportsbook <p> Scientific Games ' OpenSports ? is the most reliable , modular and fast-to-market sports platform delivering all the services a player wants and a partner needs . Reimagined from the ground up in 2019 , the OpenSports fully modularized solutions will showcase new features , including : <p> OpenMarket @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ partners through a single point of integration . The two-sided network aggregates data , pricing and value added content services . <p> OpenTrade ? , Scientific Games manages the entire trading and pricing aspect of a sportsbook , including customer profiling , full risk and liability management services . <p> Builder , provides the operators the ability to create their own betting combinations for a single sporting event . <p> In sports betting hardware the Company is evolving its offer with the customizable SB-2 cabinet with dual 24 " screens that deliver a modern , flexible and futureproof solution for global markets . <p> Enhancing Play with Cutting-Edge Technology Scientific Games is reimagining the player experience by complementing gaming experiences with cutting-edge solutions , systems and technology across its entire entertainment ecosystem . The Company 's innovative use of groundbreaking technology evolves the player experience , enhances partners ' operations and provides responsible gaming technology to ensure player safety . <p> SG Game Service allows players to enjoy proven slots , keno , poker , electronic table games and sports wagering on a single device like a bar top , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ sports wagering across an entire casino floor is provided through SG Unified Wagering . Cashless solutions utilizing SG Unified Wallet power not only the SG Game Service suite of new devices , but also the rest of the entertainment ecosystem ranging from electronic game machines to tables . <p>

> SG Vision ? technology brings together object recognition , computer vision and biometrics technology to simplify operations and enhance player experience . Available across the entire ecosystem , SG Vision technology has the power to revolutionize operations and player loyalty programs through patron identification , accurate real-time table ratings and chip tracking . <p> A new telemetry solution available across the ecosystem SG Connect ? , provides insights into machine health and player preferences to allow better content to be created while reducing operating costs for casino operators . <p> Forward-Looking Statements In this press release , Scientific Games makes " forward-looking statements " within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 . Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as " will , " " may , " and " should . " These statements @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ estimates and are not guarantees of timing , future results or performance . Therefore , you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events . Actual results may differ materially from those contemplated in these statements due to a variety of risks and uncertainties and other factors , including those factors described in our filings with the SEC , including the Company 's current reports on Form 8-K , quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and its latest annual report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 28 , 2019 ( including under the headings " Forward-Looking Statements " and " Risk Factors " ) . Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and , except for Scientific Games ' ongoing obligations under the U.S. federal securities laws , Scientific Games undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information , future events or otherwise .

@@83526041 <h> Homeland Security <h> Further Reading <h> China postpones school semester amid novel coronavirus outbreak <p> BEIJING , Jan. 28 -- China 's Ministry of Education ( MOE ) announced that the 2020 spring semester for schools will be postponed due to the novel coronavirus outbreak . <p> The MOE did not give the exact opening dates of the new semester for colleges and universities under the ministry but indicated that the decisions should be made depending on their localities , according to a circular released by the ministry late Monday . <p> The MOE suggested that colleges and universities under the central government 's other ministries or departments also postpone school semester accordingly . <p> The new semester opening dates for universities and colleges under local authorities ' administration , middle and primary schools , as well as kindergartens , should be decided by local education authorities . <p> The ministry warned that students who had left campuses for the Spring Festival holiday should not return without approval before the new semester . <p> All schools should guide students to stay at home , avoid gatherings and mass activities during the winter break , the ministry said , @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ away from infections . <p> The ministry also urged schools to draw up epidemic prevention and control plans and overhaul campuses to prepare for the new semester . <p> In China , most schools have two breaks in a year . The winter break , roughly one month , usually comes around the time of the Spring Festival , or the Chinese Lunar New Year , allowing students to return home for this most important festival for the Chinese . <p> To control the novel coronavirus outbreak , the Chinese government had extended the seven-day Spring Festival holiday , scheduled to end on Jan. 30 , to Feb. 2.

@@83528941 <h> Follow today <h> Coronavirus spreads for first time in US , CDC says <p> A person living with the patient diagnosed in Chicago has tested positive for the new coronavirus . <p> People wear medical face masks on the streets of Chinatown on Jan. 29 in New York . Sales of medical face masks have seen a sharp increase as fears of coronavirus grow and many retailers have sold out. Spencer Platt / Getty Images <h> Get the latest from TODAY <p> The husband of one of the patients in the U.S. with coronavirus has also been diagnosed with the illness -- the first evidence that the new virus has spread person-to-person in this country , the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday . <p> " We understand that this may be concerning , but based on what we know now , our assessment remains that the immediate risk to the American public is low , " Dr. Robert Redfield , director of the CDC , said during a call with reporters . <p> The couple lives in Chicago . The wife had been caring for her father in Wuhan , China , earlier this month . @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 's now sickened upward of 8,000 people . At least 170 people have died , all in China . The woman 's husband had not traveled to China . <p> Six people have now been diagnosed with the new coronavirus in the U.S. , two each in Illinois and California , and one each in Arizona and Washington state . <p> Infectious disease experts said that news of the spread in the U.S. was not unexpected . <p> " This is nothing to be either surprised or concerned about , " said Dr. Tom Frieden , former CDC director and current president of Resolve to Save Lives , a global public health initiative . But , Frieden told NBC News , " we do need to continue to look intensively to understand both how it is spreading in China and what can be done to reduce the spread . " <p> Both of the Chicago patients are in their 60s , and the husband has underlying medical conditions , health officials said . It 's believed the husband was exposed when the wife was experiencing symptoms , which include fever @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ been to any large public gatherings before becoming ill . <p> " We are not recommending people in the general public take precautions , such as canceling activities or avoiding going out , " Dr. Ngozi Ezike , director of the Illinois Department of Public Health , said during the briefing with reporters . " Be assured t

hat we are actively monitoring all close contacts for symptoms . " <p> Overall , 165 samples of suspected cases have been sent to the CDC for testing . Six have been positive , and 68 have been negative for the coronavirus . Test results on the

@@83554541 <p> A contractor for Mount Calvary Cemetery spread plastic sheeting today as an interim measure to help stabilize the West Burnside landslide . PBOT crews removed more than 140 cubic yards of soil and debris , built a catchment wall ( in foreground ) made of Jersey barriers with strips of reflective material , improved drainage in the area , and swept the street in preparation for reopening . Photo : Portland Bureau of Transportation . <h> West Burnside reopens early after crews clear landslide debris , stabilize slide area <p> A contractor for Mount Calvary Cemetery spread plastic sheeting today as an interim measure to help stabilize the West Burnside landslide . PBOT crews removed more than 140 cubic yards of soil and debris , built a catchment wall ( in foreground ) made of Jersey barriers with strips of reflective material , improved drainage in the area , and swept the street in preparation for reopening . Photo : Portland Bureau of Transportation . <p> PORTLAND , OR ( KPTV ) - West Burnside reopened to drivers several days earlier than expected after a landslide . <p> The Portland Bureau of Transportation announced Friday that West Burnside @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ . <p> The landslide occurred the morning of Jan. 24 . More than 80 cubic yards of debris was cleared in the hours after the slide was reported . Crews removed around another 60 cubic yards Thursday . <p> Lane closures and full closures had been utilized between Barnes Road and Skyline Boulevard for crews to work on clearing the slide area . <p> PBOT announced earlier this week that full daytime closures would be needed through at least Sunday to clear and stabilize the area . <p> On Friday , PBOT reported that a new 80-foot catchment wall -- comprised of Jersey barriers with strips of reflective material for visibility -- had been installed to replace a prior structure put in place on the day of the slide . <p> Crews also placed more rock in the area to help keep the soil in place , cleared ditches to prevent flooding and used rock to enhance safety on roadside closures . <p> As a result , it was determined the road was safe to reopen early on Friday . <p> " Road closures had initially been expected to continue @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ @ 3 , but the work proceeded faster than expected and City engineers have determined the slide appears to be stabilized , " according to PBOT. <h> ( 1 ) comment <h> Welcome to the discussion . <p> Keep it Clean . Please avoid obscene , vulgar , lewd , racist or sexually-oriented language.PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR CAPS LOCK.Do n't Threaten . Threats of harming another person will not be tolerated.Be Truthful . Do n't knowingly lie about anyone or anything.Be Nice . No racism , sexism or any sort of -ism that is degrading to another person.Be Proactive . Use the ' Report ' link on each comment to let us know of abusive posts.Share with Us . We 'd love to hear eyewitness accounts , the history behind an article .

@@83554841 <h> Coronavirus Testing For 2 Oklahomans Comes Back Negative <p> After testing two people in Oklahoma for the Coronavirus , the tests came back negative , according to the Oklahoma State Department of Health . <p> The OSDH confirmed that the two Oklahomans did not have the virus through laboratory testing conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention . <p> Originating in Wuhan , China , the virus has spread to multiple countries . Local , state , and federal partners are working with public health officials at the OSDH as they attempt to control the quickly spreading epidemic . <p> There are now no other people who meet the criteria for testing in Oklahoma . <p> The chances of contracting the Coronavirus are low , but the flu is still very active . <p> Some tips to help keep you healthy include : <p> Get a flu shot <p> Wash your hands with soap and water <p> Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze <p> Stay home from work until you 've gone one day