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## *The World's Longest Sea Bridge*



On October 23, 2018, China celebrated the opening of the world's largest sea-crossing bridge. 55 kilometres long, it connects the cities of Hong Kong, Macau and Zhuhai, across the vast Pearl river delta.

Authorities declared that it's designed to withstand earthquakes and typhoons, and that it's meant to boost the local economy. But it's not without controversy.

Over the nine years it took to be built, it has faced numerous safety issues. Eighteen workers died and hundreds more were injured.

It cost \$20 bn and some critics say it's a political symbol aimed at bringing Hong Kong closer to mainland China.

The environmental aspect is also alarming because the project may have caused serious harm to marine life.

Furthermore, the bridge is not served by public transport: there is no railway and those who want to cross the bridge must obtain special permits.

But it's reflecting the political and economic ambitions of Beijing and will, hopefully, accelerate trade in the region.

*LEPREUX Bastien*

## *What game is Saudi Arabia playing?*

On 2 October 2018, journalist Jamal Khashoggi disappeared at a Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

He was working for the newspaper The Washington Post in the USA and was a major opponent of the prince of Saudi Arabia: Mohammed ben Salmane.

After investigations led by the Turkish services, it appears that Jamal has been tortured and killed by a Saudi Arabian hit squad.

Despite all the proofs, Prince Mohammed ben Salmane and his government continue to deny the implication of their country.

Saudi Arabia, which seemed to be a modern and friendly country since the prince came into power, has shown a scary and alarming face.

For now, the real question is: "Can this country, which has economic and political relations with so many powerful countries, be trusted?"

*LEFIZELIER Edouard*



*journalist Jamal Khashoggi*

## *Trinidad under water... Again*

"Luckily, I was not directly affected by the flood," says Jeron Thompson, a Trinidadian athlete. All the Trinidadians were not that lucky. Nearly 80% of the Soca Kingdom was affected by flooding.

18 October 2018 was the beginning of hell for Trinidad and its population.

For three days, the Trinidadians tried to survive of the flooding initiated by the torrential rains that swept the island. Impassable roads, swamped districts and a lot of deaths: Trinidad went through a real natural disaster. Unfortunately, it's not the first and it will not be the last.

The towns in the north of Trinidad, like Arima, Curepe or Trincity, suffered serious flooding. But now pollution play a role as well. One can see that the rivers and drains were full of garbage that the citizens throw away everywhere.

Moreover, the government is not helping the population.

Will the inaction of the government incite migration of population who wants to feel safe?

*BELLON Louisa*



## *Recreational cannabis in Canada*

Ian Power and Nikki Rose were the first people to legally buy cannabis in Canada (see photo).

It was at midnight, just after the official announcement of the legalization of recreational cannabis on 17 October 2018.

If for now there are only a few stores, their number will undoubtedly increase by next spring. However, this legalization comes with some rules in order to regulate the consumption.

The main aims of this legalization are to keep drugs out of the hands of minors and profits out of the hands of criminals.



*Ian Power and Nikki Rose buying cannabis*

Yet, the legalization of marijuana raises several issues, notably in the US, where 9 states have already allowed recreational pot. Is it wise for America to follow Canadian footsteps?

*HERMIN Youri*

## *Is everything allowed on Halloween?*

On October 31, young and old people put on their best costumes to go on a hunt for sweets. This is an opportunity for fans to dress up to show creativity, but also for others to show bad taste.

Blackface for example stirs up controversy. This disguise consists of a thick coat of dark foundation and making the lips thicker by using red lipstick to caricature the appearance of black people.

It is largely frowned upon as a racist disguise, which demonstrates, once again, the persistent disparities in the United States.

Which leads us to wonder if every costume for Halloween can be tolerated. Can we really disguise ourselves as everything and anything? Some costumes can shock the sensibilities of some people or minorities.

However, forbidding a disguise would strike a blow to the freedom of expression. Would forbidding racist disguises or self-censorship affect the magic of Halloween, the second most popular celebration in the United States?

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