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Jaden Smith declara públicamente su amor a rapero

Verónica Castro revela el "lado oscuro" de Hugo López, mánager de Luis Miguel

Anahí es otra de las celebridades que se suman al ya famoso **Facial de Vampiro** –que **Kim Kardashian** viralizó– el cual consiste en sacar sangre de tu cuerpo para centrifugarla, separarla y posteriormente inyectarla en la cara, consiguiendo al instante un aspecto aparatoso y sangriento, que al final resulta en una piel libre de imperfecciones.

Tal parece que para conseguir una apariencia perfecta se necesitan hacer muchos sacrificios – e inversiones– ya que al ver a celebridades como Kim Kardashian o Anahí, pensamos que simplemente tuvieron “suerte” al conseguir una genética envidiable, cuando en realidad se someten a tratamientos altamente dolorosos a cambio de lucir una piel mucho más joven y tersa.



La ex actriz mexicana de 25 años compartió en sus historias de Instagram el **Facial de Vampiro**.

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La cobertura de ON tiene presencia en todo el país gracias a la huella del satélite, cuenta Lorenzo Orozco. (Liliana Corona)

Liliana Corona

Internet ON, un servicio que usa tres tecnologías para atender a sus clientes —satelital, fijo inalámbrico y con cables—, comenzó operar en septiembre del año pasado con la Red Compartida, el

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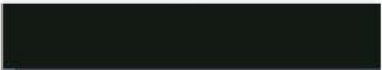
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Simone Holtznagel, la modelo que rechazó a Alfonso Cuarón. (Instagram Simone Holtznagel)


ALFREDO J. HUERTA RÍOS @feyo_14

Todo ocurrió durante una fiesta en la que **Simone Holtznagel** y **Alfonso Cuarón** coincidieron. Ahí, el mexicano, en una táctica para acercarse, utilizó sus credenciales como director y la modelo, quien no estaba familiarizada con su trabajo, lo rechazó monumentalmente.

De acuerdo a la **Revista Quién**, Cuarón se acercó con la intención de platicar. “**Soy director**”, dijo el nacido en la Ciudad de México, a lo que ella respondió: “**Y yo soy Picasso**”. Como era de esperarse, no cruzaron más palabras y Simone se alejó de nuestro compatriota.


Hoy, después del éxito de **Roma** en la edición 91 de los **Premios Oscar**, la australiana, después de ser increpada por una amiga vía Instagram, se arrepiente de lo sucedido.

LEE: Diosas que el mundo adora.



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JOSÉ NAPA GUÍA A LOS VIAJEROS Y TRABAJA EN LA CONSERVACIÓN DE ORQUÍDEAS.

JOSÉ NAPA WORKS AS A GUIDE AND AN ORCHID CONSERVATIONIST.



La mayor parte de equipo de Mashpi Lodge pertenece a la comunidad.
Most of Mashpi Lodge's staff are members of the community.

Quienes llegan hasta aquí están dispuestos a desconectarse de la tecnología, sin embargo, no tienen que renunciar a ninguna comodidad y pueden volver a ella cuando lo deseen: hay excelente wifi, tratamientos de spa, un restaurante con cocina de primer nivel y una rica propuesta de mixología inspirada en la vegetación local. Lo ideal es reservar una estancia de al menos tres noches para aprovechar todo lo que se puede hacer: hay más de 20 expediciones con diferentes grados de dificultad, aptas tanto para familias como para quienes no caminan largas distancias.

Comenzamos a familiarizarnos con Mashpi a bordo de la bici aérea, una atracción para dos personas en la que cada una puede tomar un turno para pedalear la otra contempla el paisaje a 200 metros de altura. El vértigo se pasa tan pronto uno se sienta que puede hablarle de tú a tú a las copas de los árboles y, a sus pies, miles de hojas forman un tapete de muchos tonos de verde, que lucen más bajo el resplandor dorado del atardecer.

Junto a la bici está la torre de observación, donde hay que subir 26 metros por escaleras (unos ocho pisos) y admirar el bosque nublado que se extiende hasta donde alcanza la mirada. Es aquí donde entendemos la idea de Mashpi: un capullo entre nubes.

to renounce such comforts: there is excellent WiFi, as well as spa treatments, a restaurant with superb cuisine and innovative cocktails inspired by the local vegetation.

We recommend at least a three-night stay in order to take advantage of everything the lodge offers without feeling rushed. Guests can choose from more than 20 expeditions of varying degrees of difficulty, suitable for both families and those unwilling or unable to walk long distances.

We begin to familiarize ourselves with Mashpi while riding the sky bike, a two-person attraction in which riders take turns pedaling a bicycle that's suspended from a cable, while the other contemplates the landscape from 650 feet up. The vertigo passes as soon as you feel that you can talk to the treetops face to face, while at your feet, thousands of leaves form a carpet of many shades of green that shimmers in the soft golden light of sunset.

Next to the bike is the observation tower, where you have to climb up eight flights of stairs to admire the cloud forest, which extends as far as the eye can see. This is where we begin to grasp the idea behind Mashpi: a cocoon among the clouds.

After lunch, we get ready to hike to a waterfall in the company of José, a legend among Mashpi's guides.

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Si hombres y mujeres desempeñaran roles idénticos en el mercado laboral, se sumarían 28 billones de dólares al PIB anual mundial para 2025.*

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EL LADO OSCURO
SANTIAGO RONCAGLIOLO

LA MUÑECA

THE DOLL



Hola, soy Bea. ¿Quieres jugar conmigo?
Tenía los labios rojos y delgados. El pelo era un marlón sintético. Los ojos enormes, como un dibujo manga. Mi hija Lucia se sorprendió al verla hablar. En sus siete años, nunca había hablado con una cosa. La alzó en el aire, se la acercó a la cara y le preguntó:
-¿Qué sabes jugar?
La muñeca contestó:
-Podemos magullarnos. O jugar la cocina...
Mi esposa, Nuria, miró a la muñeca sonriendo. Estaba orgullosa de su regalo.
-¿No es un poco machista esta muñeca? - pregunté.
-Puede cambiar -respondió Nuria-. Se conecta al wifi y va aprendiendo cómo es la vida. Conforme aprende, modifica sus respuestas. Es como regalarle a Lucia una amiga de verdad.
-Una amiga que puede ser hackeada...
-No seas paranoico -hizo un gesto con la mano, desbordando los palabros en el aire. Un gesto que cada vez hacía con más frecuencia. A partir de ese día, Lucia y su muñeca se volvieron inseparables. Comían juntas. Dormían juntas. Y mi hija nunca dejaba de hablarle. Ni de escuchar sus respuestas.
-Hay un solo no he hablado con Claudia.
-No es bueno pelear. Yo quiero que todas seas amigas.
No me gustaba la adicción de Lucia a la muñeca. Pasaba mucho tiempo con ella. Por entonces, las visitas de trabajo de mi esposa se multiplicaron. Si yo protestaba, Nuria ponía cara de aburrimiento.
Una noche, Lucia no se llevó a su muñeca a la cama. Después de leerle un cuento y arroparla, le pregunté si no iba a dormir con ella.
-En cinco minutos, me despierto. Me gustaba pensar que se estaban "distanciando" un poco.
-Yo quiero dormir con Bea, pero ella no. ¿Puedes hablar con ella?
-Bea, por favor ¿Puedes ir a dormir con Lucia?
-Yo quiero mucho a Lucia...

Santiago ha publicado cinco novelas entre el thriller y el humor negro. Es autor de una trilogía de historias reales sobre el siglo XX latinoamericano. Kaoi, su nueva novela se trata de los efectos de la inteligencia artificial. Santiago has published five novels, ranging from thrillers to black humor, and a trilogy of stories about the 20th Century Latin America. Kaoi, his latest novel, deals with the effects of artificial intelligence.

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BLACK TIE

EL LUJO AHORA ES CAUTELOSO

Las ventas de autos premium cayeron por segundo año consecutivo, pero marcas como Mercedes-Benz y BMW lograron resistir.

por Juan Valentino

El difícil panorama que enfrenta la industria automotriz en ventas dentro de México ha alcanzado al sector de lujo en 2018, el segmento descendió 6.1%, su segunda caída consecutiva y la más fuerte desde la crisis financiera de 2009.

El cambio de gobierno ha frenado a los consumidores, afirma Manuel Valencia, analista del sector automotriz del Tec de Monterrey. Otro factor es el tipo de cambio, pues los costos de los autos de lujo están indirectamente relacionados con el dólar, aunque su precio se exprese en pesos, debido a que muchas marcas son importadas. Según el reporte Assessment of the Global Luxury Car Market, de 2018, el costo promedio de un coche de lujo va desde 28,790 hasta 121,750 dólares para versiones de categoría premium.

Pese a todo, el segmento de lujo a nivel mundial se prevé positivo en 2019, con China liderando las tendencias más



Con el freno puesto

La industria vivió en 2018 el segundo año de caída consecutiva, y el más fuerte desde 2009.



Fuente: ANEP

Los híbridos más vendidos

Al pesar de la desmotivación del sector, varios autos híbridos lograron aumentar sus ventas en México.

6,023 Prius	4,001 Acción 4 puertas	2,744 Crossover
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Incluye ventas en 2018.

promotoras. De acuerdo con el estudio mencionado, la colocación de vehículos creció entre 3 y 5% al año, y la proporción de personas con ingresos superiores a 3,000 dólares se triplicará, hasta alcanzar 23 millones de individuos en 2020 sólo en China. Incluso en México, no todo son malas noticias para el segmento. Marcas como Mercedes-Benz y BMW -que, junto con Audi, tienen 80% del mercado- aumentaron sus ventas 16 y 15.1% durante 2018, respectivamente.

AUMENTAN LOS HÍBRIDOS

Entre los vehículos de lujo más vendidos en México, destaca el mayor posicionamiento de los autos alternativos, especialmente, de los híbridos.

El modelo híbrido Prius, de Toyota, fue el más vendido de su tipo durante 2018, con 6,029 unidades. Sin embargo, esta cifra fue 16.1% menor que en 2017. Por su parte, el modelo Caym, de la misma compañía, fue el tercer modelo más vendido del país, con 2,744 unidades, un alza de 10.6% respecto del año previo. Asimismo, el modelo Accord de cuatro puertas, de Honda, se posicionó como el segundo vehículo más vendido del segmento. El Charger, de Fiat Chrysler, y el modelo Q7, de la alemana VW, también figuran en este ranking.

Y el segmento tiene mucho potencial para seguir creciendo, afirma Alejandro Viveros, subdirector de Ventas de Infiniti México Latinoamérica. "Pocas personas saben las capacidades que puede tener un deportivo híbrido, requiere de un importante trabajo de marketing y relaciones públicas", añade.

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Thousands of women go abroad every year without incident. Many women experience cataclysmic and myriad other forms of harassment while traveling; women of color have written about being dismissed or ignored abroad because of their race. And while violence against male tourists is just as devastating, the harrowing experiences of female solo travelers can still shock the senses.

In December, the bodies of Louisa Vestager Jespersen, 24, of Denmark and Maren Ueland, 28, of Norway, were found with knife wounds in their necks in the High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. Danish officials called the murders an act of terror. That same month, the Briton Grace Millane disappeared in Auckland, New Zealand, on the night before her 22nd birthday; she was found slain days later. In 2015, a 19-year-old British backpacker was gang-raped by bikers in Thailand. In March, an Australian man was convicted of kidnapping and raping a Belgian traveler seeking work after keeping her locked up in his pig shed for two days.

There's no question that women face unique risks when traveling solo, experts say.

"We have evidence that shows that women face risks that men don't face in public spaces, at home, wherever they may be," said Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, executive director of UN Women, an organization that promotes female equality. Increasingly, "wherever they may be" includes alone in foreign countries.

But she said that violence against female tourists was a threat in the broader fabric of violence against women around the world. And violent episodes are just as likely to occur, experts note, in rich Western nations such as France, Italy and Germany as in the developing world.

"The root cause of this kind of violence against women in communities and in public and private spaces has a lot to do with the underlying gender stereotypes, social norms, entitlement and patriarchy," Ms. Mlambo-Ngcuka said.

WHAT THE NUMBERS TELL

Solo travel by women has grown in popularity year after year, according to travel industry studies.

Hostelworld, an online-hostel-booking platform, found in a 2018 study that bookings by solo female travelers increased by 45 percent from 2015 to 2017, compared with a 40 percent increase for men.

The online travel company 101 Singles Holidays found in a study of more than 60,000 British travelers that the number of people booking solo holidays rose by 14 percent in 2017 from 2016, and that tour operators were predicting a further increase of 11 percent in 2018. Solo female travelers also outnumbered their male counterparts by almost two to one, the study showed.

But even as more women explore the world, there is no clear global picture of the scale of violence against female solo

travelers, making it hard to pin down whether attacks are on the rise or people have wider access to the grim news.

The reason: Most countries do not comprehensively track violence against female travelers.

Global agencies like the United Nations have traditionally collected data on gender violence as a whole. The United States State Department offers tips for women but does not break down data on violence against travelers by gender, a spokesman said. A British Foreign Office spokesman said the agency no longer compiled the Helping Britons Abroad report, making 2015 the last year for which figures were available, when they showed a 4 percent increase in sexual assaults against Britons abroad from 2010. But the statistics are not gender-specific.



SCOTT BAISER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES
"They have a responsibility to tell tourists of all the risks, and they are not doing it," said Laura Jaime, left, whose best friend, Carla Stefaniak, was murdered while on vacation in Costa Rica.

THE LURE OF TRAVELING ALONE

Women have always been explorers on a scale both grand and personal — long before the British trailblazer Freya Stark visited inhospitable areas in Turkey and the Middle East and before the Irish travel writer Dervla Murphy saw the world on a bicycle.

Today, women's increased spending power has given them the means to travel more for leisure and adventure. Shifting attitudes in the West about who can travel alone have also added to a growing industry.

Social media plays a big part, offering intimate glimpses of far-off lands. A scroll through Instagram hashtags like #LadiesGoneGlobal, #WeAreTravelGirls and #TheTravelWomen offer millions of photos of women posing on glitzy beaches, trekking up mountains and exploring cobblestone streets — a collective and aspirational lure.

But some women, like Hannah Gavios, 26, of Queens, discover horror away from home.

Ms. Gavios found her passion for traveling solo while studying abroad in college.

"I feel like it gives me the luxury of seeing the culture in the way I want to and being able to paint my own experience," she said.

After college, she traveled to Southeast Asia on her own, visiting Thailand in 2016 on a break from teaching English in Vietnam.

One evening, she was walking alone after dinner in Krabi, known for its beaches and as a popular hangout for young tourists, when a local man offered to guide her back to her hotel.

She said she was afraid of getting lost, so she followed him. But just as she grew increasingly uneasy, he attacked. Fleeting for her life, Ms. Gavios tumbled from a cliff and fractured her spine. The man sexually assaulted her while she lay helpless for 11 hours.

In the morning light, he left — but, surprisingly, returned with help.

Ms. Gavios was hospitalized for months, first in Thailand and then New York, and had to learn to walk again using crutches and custom leg braces. Her attacker was eventually arrested and sentenced to five years in prison.

A SHATTERED FAMILY

The week Ms. Stefaniak vanished, her friends and family scrambled to alert Costa Rican authorities. They organized a campaign through a Facebook page, "Finding Carla." The State Department quickly became involved, and the F.B.I. pressed local officials.

When her body was discovered near her villa, her relatives were shattered.

Ms. Jaime, her best friend, said the local authorities should have done more to publicize the risks to women in the country. "They have a responsibility to tell tourists of all the risks, and they are not doing it," she said.

Ms. Stefaniak was the third foreign woman killed in Costa Rica in three months. But the country was also grappling with a deeper, more systemic problem of brutality against local women, ones who did not have the power of an American passport to help galvanize agencies like the State Department or the F.B.I. on their behalf.

At least 14 women were killed in gender-based violence in the country from January to August 2018. In September, the government declared violence against women a national problem.

The National Institute for Women, a government ministry, pointed to a statement to illustrate the issue: "We are faced with the fact that, beyond the damage it may cause to the image of the country, they are clear examples of the serious situation of violence against women, which has its most brutal expression in femicide."

Still, Costa Rica is considered one of the safest countries in Central America, particularly for tourists, with a lower homicide rate than many neighboring nations. Officials say they have made strides to combat gender-based violence.

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BUSINESS NEWS

Casino Boom in Asia Pressures Vegas Operators

Region's new venues aim to draw gamblers beyond Macau, U.S. giants' longtime hub

By ESI ESKENAZI

American gambling companies that have won big in Macau in recent years are facing increased competition from casinos popping up across Asia to lure away Chinese high rollers and tourists.

Macau's gambling revenue was \$37 billion in 2018, six times that of Las Vegas and more than double that of the rest of Asia combined, based on Fitch Ratings estimates. But industry earnings in the Chinese autonomous region fell to their lowest level in three years last month, led by a continued decline in big-spending gamblers.

Macau's 2018 revenue growth of 13% from a year earlier lagged behind growth of other emerging Asian casino markets, with combined revenue growing 41% last year across Singapore, South Korea, the Philippines and Australia, according to Fitch. Las Vegas grew around 2%. Analysts said the potential for growth outside Macau in Asia is high.

To tap Chinese demand, some \$10 billion of projects are set to open across the region outside Macau from this year through 2021, including in Vietnam and Russia's Far East, according to data from Union Gaming, an investment bank focused on the gambling industry. A further \$22.5 billion is estimated to be spent in Japan by 2025.

That is increasing pressure on big U.S. operators Las Vegas Sands Corp., Wynn Resorts Ltd. and MGM Internation-

al, none of which know whether Macau will renew their licenses when they expire in 2022. Wynn and MGM had been absent from Asia-Pacific markets outside Macau; Sands has a casino in Singapore. All have recently sharpened their focus on Japan in hopes of each winning a license to operate there after the country legalized casino gambling last July.

Sands, one of the first foreign operators to win a license in Macau, in 2002, said in its 2018 annual report that its Macau operations were facing competition from elsewhere in the region.

"The proliferation of gaming venues, especially in Southeast Asia, could have a significant and adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows," the company said. Sands also has a property in Singapore.

Wynn, which operates two resorts in Macau, was in talks last month to make a \$71 billion offer for Australian casino operator Crown Resorts Ltd. but pulled the plug. Australia would have been the Las Vegas company's second international market, and analysts have seen the bid as an effort to diversify away from Macau.

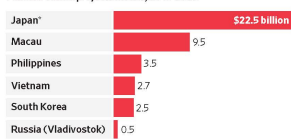
MGM said it was committed to long-term growth across Asia and that it saw Japan as an additional opportunity. Sands and Wynn couldn't be reached for comment.

Macau is the only part of China where gambling is legal. Revenue from big gamblers there has been falling and is forecast to decline again this year, by as much as 10% according to some analysts. While economic uncertainty is keeping some Chinese high rollers at home, industry ob-



A dealer at the Japan Casino School in Osaka in August 2018, the month after the country made casino gambling legal nationwide.

Planned casino projects in Asia, 2019-2025



*Estimate
Source: Union Gaming

ervers agree that some have been flocking to other Asian destinations instead.

Although there are no official breakdowns of casino visits by Chinese nationals, industry experts typically look to tourism figures in countries that have casinos as a proxy for gambling—and such visits are on the rise. Chinese visi-

resorts in the South Asian country—including the new Tiger Palace, which helped double its gambling revenue there to \$5.2 million in the six months through June 2018 from a year earlier.

Silver Heritage Chief Executive Mike Bolsover said he hopes to increase Chinese visitors to 30% of customers from less than 5%. Mr. Bolsover expects a boost from the opening of an airport near Tiger Palace, located close to the country's southern border with India, that will have direct flights from Chinese cities including Chengdu, Guangzhou and Kunming.

Japan could prove the main challenger to Macau.

"It's going to be a huge opportunity," said Ayako Nakayama, chief operating officer of Japan's Integrated Resort Association, which rep-

resents gambling tourism interests. A total of three resort casinos will be permitted in the first five to seven years, she said, but that could later increase to as many as 10.

Gambling's expansion in Asia outside Macau is likely to continue at a brisk pace, said Eric Landheer, executive director at Summit Ascent, a Hong Kong-listed casino operator that has a property in Vladivostok, Russia.

However, the market could reach saturation after casinos are developed in Japan, when, Mr. Landheer said, supply could start outpacing demand.

Macau operator Melco Resorts & Entertainment has plans to bet big on Asia, with an existing property in the Philippines, and Chief Executive Lawrence Ho has targeted winning a license to operate in Japan.

Sysco Leans on Cost Cutting After Sales Miss Estimates

By MICHAEL MADDENBERG

Sysco Corp. said cost cutting helped its results in the latest quarter after sales at the food distributor were softer than expected.

Like other distributors, Sysco has been pushing to take out expenses as it grapples with higher wages and freight costs. The company said in February that it would cut about 10% of employees in salaried, corporate support positions. It has closed facilities in Canada and Europe.

For its fiscal third quarter that ended March 30, Sysco said adjusted operating expenses fell 0.4% compared with the year-earlier period. That figure excludes costs related to its technology strategy, as well as restructuring charges.

The Houston-based company also said Monday that sales rose \$2.23 billion from the comparable quarter last year to \$14.66 billion. Analysts predicted \$14.77 billion in sales, according to FactSet.

Sysco Chief Executive

Thomas Bené characterized sales trends among restaurants in the U.S. as mixed in the quarter, telling analysts on a conference call that difficult weather in certain parts of the country hurt demand in February.

"I think we have seen certainly some chopiness this quarter," Mr. Bené said.

Overall, the company reported earnings rose by one-third from the year earlier to \$440.1 million, or 85 cents a share.

The company also reported a profit of 79 cents a share, after excluding restructuring expenses like severance pay and certain other costs, a figure that surpassed expectations.

Shares of Sysco gained 3.5% Monday to close at \$72.95 on the better-than-predicted adjusted profit as equity markets fell.

While Sysco depends on the U.S. for most of its revenue, Mr. Bené also warned analysts about challenges in Europe. Brexit has hurt consumer confidence in the U.K. while social unrest in France weighed on tourism and dining out, he said.

International sales fell 1.5% in the latest quarter to \$2.76 billion, driven lower in part by currency fluctuations.



Difficult weather hurt demand in February, the company's CEO said.

Ruth Madoff Reaches Trustee Deal

By ANDREW SCURIA

Ruth Madoff agreed to pay nearly \$600,000 and pledged to surrender her remaining assets when she dies under a settlement with the liquidating trustee cleaning up after the Ponzi scheme perpetuated by her husband, Bernard Madoff.

Mrs. Madoff, who was never charged with any crime pertaining to her husband's \$20 billion fraud, will pay \$250,000 in cash and hand over two New York trusts for her grandchildren that are valued at \$344,000, according to settlement documents filed Friday in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan.

She also will transfer her remaining assets at the time of her death to liquidating trustee Irving Picard, who has spent the past decade suing people and institutions linked to Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC to dig up money for its investors.

After the forfeiture of her and her husband's properties, the U.S. government agreed in 2009 to let her keep \$2.5 million, but that didn't resolve Mr. Picard's claims against her. Until her death, Mrs. Madoff, 77 years old, can spend her money on "reasonable living and medical-care payments," according to the settlement. The deal requires approval

from U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stuart Bernstein to become effective. Mr. Picard had sought more than \$44 million from Mrs. Madoff, who had raised various defenses to the trustee's claims.

The money she turns over will be distributed to BLMIS customers, adding to the \$13.4 billion recovered by Mr. Picard on their behalf. Of that amount, \$11.8 billion has been distributed.

Peter Chavkin, an attorney for Mrs. Madoff, declined to comment. Mr. Madoff is serving a 150-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to 11 felony charges in 2009.

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