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The cover photo referencing "The Godfather of Mexican Manufacturing Couldn't Care Less About Donald Trump" (Features, Oct. 16, 2017) was incorrectly labeled Juárez, Mexico. Photographs for the story were shot from El Paso south into Mexico, as well as north into Texas; the photo we used shows El Paso.



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Chairman Steve Squeri.  Hedge fund titan
 George Soros turned the bulk of his wealth,

\$18b

over to Open Society
Foundations, a philanthropy
he started that focuses
on refugees, public health,
and fighting hate crimes,
among other things.



 Canada and Mexico rejected hard-line U.S. trade proposals on cars and dairy products. Nafta negotiations have now been extended into 2018. Asia

South Korean police raided the offices of Samsung, investigating whether the group's patriarch used company funds to renovate his home. The company declined to comment on the raid, but it had disputed previous allegations.

 Worried about shortfalls and blackouts, Australian lawmakers scrapped a plan to require utilities to generate a share of electricity from renewable sources by 2020.



 Crews finally tamed fires that ripped across Northern California's wine country, killing 42 people and leaving more than 100,000 temporarily or permanently displaced.
 Visit bloomberg.com/businessweek for our full photo series.  Private equity investor Thomas Barrack started talks to buy the Weinstein Co., which has seen an exodus of projects and board members as sexual harassment allegations against Harvey Weinstein mount. The company's co-founder has denied any instances of "non-consensual sex." Meanwhile, Bob, his brother and co-founder. has also been accused of sexual harassment, a claim he rejects.

 Airbus bought half of Bombardier's struggling C Series midsize commercial jet business.

Boeing had lobbied for U.S. tariffs against Canada's Bombardier. But any fees on the C Series will become null and void once the business is folded into Airbus's global supply chain.  U.S.-backed forces seized control of Raqqa, the last Islamic State stronghold in Syria. Although the city was still full of booby traps, celebrations flowed into the streets. ▷ 37



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## China's financial markets swooned in advance of the Communist Party Congress.



The quinquennial meeting, which began on Oct. 18, is a key barometer of President Xi Jinping's power. The Shanghai Composite Index has dropped by an average of 3.3 percent over the past three such summits.

● Fallout from
Kobe Steel's fakedata scandal
spread, as the
U.S. Department
of Justice began
investigating the
company. ▷ 18

## **Europe**

"The scale at which we are operating is greater than ever before."

In an unusual public speech, U.K. intelligence chief Andrew Parker said MI5 has foiled seven plots by Islamic extremists since March.

The SEC sued London-based Rio Tinto and two of its former executives for fraud involving a Mozambique coal mine. The suit alleges the company concealed evidence that the \$3.7 billion project was going to be a bust. Rio Tinto says the claims are "unwarranted."

 Finland is considering selling shares of Altia, a state-owned distiller, to the public. Last year the brand behind Chill Out wines and Blossa glogg had sales of

\$420m

Daphne Caruana Galizia, a Maltese investigative journalist who helped expose the Panama Papers, was killed when a bomb exploded in her car. She was 53.

 London home prices fell for a sixth consecutive month, hitting their fastest declining pace since the financial crisis, as Brexit pushes a tide of bankers across the Channel. ≥ 34

Year-over-year change 20% 0 -20 9/2008 9/2017

## **Africa**

● Zimbabwe banned fruit and vegetable imports in an effort to keep U.S. dollars, the nation's de facto currency, in the country. ▷ 33



 Rescuers around the world rushed to Mogadishu after two bombs killed more than 300 people. In Nairobi, hundreds lined up to give blood; in the U.S., officials said the attack would reinvigorate its efforts to fight terrorism in Somalia.