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WORLD BRIEFS



USA Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort (pictured), secretly worked for a Russian billionaire to advance the interests of Russian President Vladimir Putin a decade ago and proposed an ambitious political strategy to undermine anti-Russian opposition across former Soviet republics, AP has learned. The work appears to contradict assertions by the Trump administration and Manafort himself that he never worked for Russian interests.

CHINA Two students died and more than 20 others were injured yesterday in a stampede during a morning bathroom break at an elementary school in central China, government officials said. The Puyang county government in Henan province said in a brief notice that the incident is under investigation. A county official reached by phone confirmed the deaths and injuries but declined to give other details.



CHINA-AUSTRALIA Chinese Premier Li Keqiang arrived in the Australian capital Canberra yesterday on a mission to expand bilateral ties as President Donald Trump proposes an "America First" overhaul of global trade. More on p11

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THE region's six gaming operators presented their non-gaming and entertainment facilities during the "Macau Integrated Tourism & Leisure and Corporate Social Responsibility Forum" yesterday.

To collaborate on the promotion of leisure and entertainment, the operators highlighted their offerings in sectors like food and beverage, Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) and entertainment facilities.

The event was organized by the Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM) and supported by the Liaison Office of the People's Republic of China to support economic diversification.

"Macau's gaming revenues have experienced cycles of exponential growth, followed by considerable adjustments and finally managed to achieve a steady recovery in recent months. The government, the enterprises, and the whole community are now all aspiring to further strengthen Macau's non-gambling sectors, with a view to attracting more stratified visitors, offering them more choices, so as to extend their stay and spending in Macau," said IPM's president Lei Heong Iok during the opening ceremony.

"The ultimate goal is to enhance the whole industry's resilience against the impact of all possible adverse factors and to maintain Macau's economic rigor and achieve sustained development by raking in revenues from both gaming and non-gaming businesses," he added.

Representatives of all six operators attended the event

Gaming operators highlight non-gaming offerings



to promote their non-gaming projects, which they said have been significant investments for each of them. During the presentation, they introduced their non-gaming projects and the various measures they have implemented to assist the local community.

Sands China – which currently operates five integrated resorts – reiterated that it was the first to introduce the integrated resort business model to Macau. In the last 12 years, its facilities have reportedly received more than 363 million visitors.

To promote Macau as Asia's premier exhibition destination, Sands China has introduced 700 MICE events, attracting one million attendees and forming partnerships with more

than 50 travel agencies worldwide.

The company won more than 90 customer service awards and honors in 2016.

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LEI HEONG IOK

it regularly organizes and sponsors various arts and sports activities, including the redevelopment of the Kam Pek Casino as the new Kam Pek Community Centre. SJM added that the Lisboa is the region's first com-

prehensive hotel and remains a landmark in the territory.

The Grand Lisboa Palace integrated resort – currently under construction in Cotai – was also featured in the presentation. About 95 percent of its premises will be used non-gaming purposes, according to SJM.

The operator also reiterated that the opening of the Jai Alai Hotel and Grand Lisboa Palace will create more than 10,000 jobs for Macau residents, most of which will be for non-gaming positions.

Galaxy Entertainment Group, which operates three flagship projects, also showcased non-gaming facilities such as The Grand Resort Deck. The operator said its "Broadway Food Street" serves as a model for supporting the development of local businesses. More than 60 percent of the companies it supports are local SMEs.

MGM Cotai to present a resident show

SPEAKING to media on the sidelines of the event, CEO and executive director of MGM China Grant Bowie said the upcoming MGM Cotai will host a number of entertainment activities and shows.

He did not disclose further details but said that the property will be home to a resident show.

"All of those things, a resident show, headliner opportunities, opportunities for DJ night club, we have an opportunity here to do really something very different because we've created an environment that literally transforms in front of your eyes," he said.

Bowie stated that the property's shows would have

a clear connection to China, as MGM aims to "bring the world to China and take China to the world."

"We've been in the city to know that [...] we need [...] our Western style but most importantly [we need to] give it a Chinese flavor. That's what we're working on and we're very excited about that," he continued.

Bowie said construction of the MGM Cotai is "going well" and that they are working to meet their target opening date in the second quarter of this year.

"We want to be open this year. It's important for us and it's important for Macau."

MGTO chief holds seminar on HKZMB



THE Macau European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) recently held a March luncheon meeting with keynote speaker, Maria Helena Senna de Fernandes, the director of the Macau Government Tourism Office, on the topic of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB).

The presentation, titled "The Impact of Hong Kong-Zhuhai Bridge to Macau's Tourism", was

held at MGM Macau and covered aspects such as transportation and accessibility improvements to the MSAR.

The MGTO director said that the total number of tourist arrivals in January 2017 stood at 2.8 million and that the soon-to-be-completed bridge can be used to facilitate a greater number of visitors.

The HKZMB will connect Hong Kong International Airport with Ma-

cau, allowing visitors to arrive easily in the MSAR and connect seamlessly with other nearby cities, such as Zhuhai.

According to a statement issued by the MECC, Fernandes promised that the HKZMB would serve a gateway to the Pan-Pearl River Delta regions and an "iconic tourism product."

She also said during the luncheon that the Macau public is very supportive

of the improved accessibility offered by the infrastructure project.

The luncheon was attended by members of the MECC, members of its National Chambers and prominent members of Macau's business communities and banking industries, according to the statement.

The event provides a networking opportunity for its members and for further insight on the MECC as a platform for commercial and trade activities between Macau, Europe and the Pearl River Delta area.

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Advocacy group wants shipyards to be included on cultural heritage list

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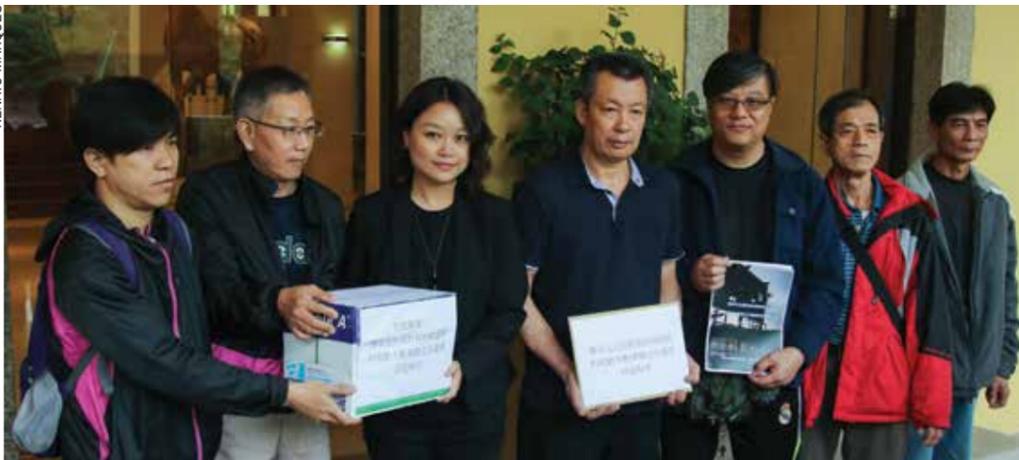
A group of concerned citizens calling themselves the "Lai Chi Vun Shipyard Concern Group" handed a petition to the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) yesterday morning.

The petition, which comprises 670 signatures from Macau residents, is part of the group's efforts to include the shipyards on the IC's list of sites of cultural heritage in Macau.

The group is calling for the IC to suspend the demolition immediately and conduct a cultural heritage assessment of the shipyards.

The group also asked the government to clarify its intentions for the area's development, said the group's spokesperson Tam Chon Ip.

Tam, whose father and grandfather were both shipbuilders at the Lai Chi Vun shipyards, was involved in



The father and grandfather of the group's spokesperson were both shipbuilders

a 2015 IC program offering tours of the sites for a short period of time (around two

weeks). The tours covered the history of shipbuilding in Macau and featured stories from Tam's family about their work in the shipyards since the early 1950s.

In a statement, the IC acknowledged its receipt of the petition, which contains signatures collected by residents to "apply the classification procedures of immovable heritage to the

Lai Chi Vun shipyards."

The IC said in the same statement that it is reviewing and analyzing the information and will address it "in accordance with the Cultural Heritage Protection Law."

The bureau added that it "will continue to carry out data collection and environmental mapping work in the Lai Chi Vun shipyards area."



CAEAL to launch campaigns on voting

The Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly election (CAEAL) gathered again yesterday to discuss electoral awareness and how to promote the importance of voting, the Government Information Bureau said in a statement. After the meeting, CAEAL president Tong Hio Fong told the media that the Commission would launch a series of campaigns via videos available on the internet and pamphlets to disseminate information on the elections. Tong added that the promotional material is intended to encourage audiences to exercise their right to vote and to inform them of the civic duty that this act constitutes. Tong stressed that the campaigns will explain the right way to vote and what issues to consider on election day, as well as ways to avoid illegal propaganda.

DICJ issues warning about fake lottery websites

The Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) said in a press statement yesterday that a website is running a fraudulent lottery business and claiming that the proceeds will go to charity. The DICJ said the government has never run, nor authorized any other person, company or institution to run, any online lottery business or related activities. The DICJ advised citizens to be aware of such scams.

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Nine injured in bridge bus collision



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José Manuel Rodrigues appointed to lead Basic Television Channels

Macanese lawyer José Manuel Rodrigues has been appointed to head Macau Basic Television Channels Limited. The government-owned company had been previously created to ensure the transmission of a basic channel television package in Macau, replacing so-called public antenna companies. Rodrigues's appointment was published yesterday in the Official Gazette.

Ho Chio Meng's Trial on 'standby'

The trial of former public prosecutor general, Ho Chio Meng – which was expected to resume yesterday to hear another witness living in mainland China – was finally cancelled after a “standby period,” a court clerk from the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) told the media. The TUI clerk said the cancellation was due to the absence of the witness and added that a similar situation will likely occur at the next scheduled session on Friday. This week's trial sessions were not expected to take place, as the trial was supposed to be on hold until March 29 in order to give Ho's new legal team – led by Oriana Pun – enough time to familiarize themselves with the case. Nevertheless, the TUI decided to proceed with this week's three sessions as originally planned. This was in order to avoid conflict with the witnesses' schedules, as they had already been notified to be present in court on the previously arranged dates.

FILM

Local director's short earns two more int'l awards

Local translator, interpreter and filmmaker Cheong Kin Man's award-winning film, “A Useless Fiction”, was this month bestowed with two further awards at two Indian film festivals.

The 32-minute film secured the awards for Best Editing at the Indian World Film Festival in Hyderabad and Best Documentary Film Award at Atharva Short and Documentary Film Festival in Bombay on March 19 and 10 respectively.

The awards join others bestowed on the film from festivals in Canada, Spain, the U.S., Taiwan, China and India. It was also selected at the Bogotá Film Festival (Colombia), Duisburger Filmwoche (Germany), Singapore International Film Festival, Kumu Art Film Festival (Estonia), and DocFest (Vietnam).

Cheong's film also received praise from notable filmmakers and film critics. Among these is the former artistic director of the International Film Festival and Awards – Macau, Marco



Cheong Kin Man (left)

Müller, who included Cheong's works in his description of local filmmaking movements. Müller said that he regards works such as these as an example of “the strength of new Macau cinema.”

Berlin newspaper Der Tagesspiegel described the piece as a “great success”, while Macau newspapers generally praised “A Useless Fiction”.

As for the year of 2017, the film is set to be screened at a number of festivals in countries such as France, Belgium, Germany, Portugal, Macedonia and the U.S.

The Macau filmmaker is a PhD student of Visual Anthropology at the Free University of Berlin. He describes the winning piece as an “experimental ethnographic short film.”

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Authorities questioned on the use of DNA tests to assess paternity

Lynzy Valles

A Portuguese lawyer residing in the region claimed that the Public Security Police (PSP) is requiring DNA tests for a few Portuguese parents who wish to acquire a BIR for their children who were not born in Macau.

Amélia António first mentioned the case in a broadcast interview played on TDM, claiming that she was informed of such cases, which she considered to be illegal.

Despite presenting documents issued by the Civil Registry of Portugal, stating that the minor is a child of the permanent resident, the lawyer noted that the PSP refuses to accept the official papers.

"This is an official document that is issued by the [Portuguese registry] department and [...] they don't think the document is a sufficient one so they ask for this kind of [DNA] exam," she criticized.

Explaining to the Times the illegality of the matter, Amélia António recalled that Macau and Portugal both have mutual recognition on civil registrations.

"I cannot accept [it] because this is against everything, especially against some [cooperation] between Portugal and Macau," she continued.

When asked whether the parents conformed to the bureau's demand, Amélia António explained that the parents have been forced to take such a test for an accelerated procedure of processing their children's residency in the MSAR.

The lawyer, also the president of Casa de Portugal, said that the victims have taken paternity tests, which cost, on average, around MOP3,000.

"This is something they [the parents] feel is absolutely crazy but because the kids need to go to school they accepted to do [the test]," she commented.

Amélia António lamented that government departments take decision that are not conformed to the law. According to her, the bureau in Macau demands actions that are not approved by the law, and would reason that it is an internal rule, when questioned.

"I don't accept this kind of process because there is no legal basis to do that," she criticized.

The Times contacted the PSP to ask whether the DNA paternity tests are required for BIR holders who wish



Civil registry booths

their children born elsewhere to apply for residence authorization in Macau.

The PSP explained that dependents of a Macau resident parent do not need to take a DNA test when applying for such permit.

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AMÉLIA ANTÓNIO

However, the statement added that the force, in accordance with the law, could require the applicant to provide valid documentary proof when in doubt.

"Since the confirmation of parent-child relationship is a pre-requisite for the granting of Residence Authorization, when our Force has doubts about the applicant's parent-child relationship, especially in the case of an illegitimate child or missing particulars of the father on the documentary proof, our Force will [...] require the applicant to further provide valid documentary proof in support of the parent-child relationship," the police stated. "If the applicant requests assistance in taking a DNA test to confirm the parent-child relationship, our Force will write to the Macau Judiciary Police, who will arrange a time for the DNA paternity test. Our Force will then notify the applicant to take the test with his/her family and the test report will be mailed directly to our Force."

According to the police data,

13 Residence Authorization applicants submitted a DNA paternity test in 2016.

Among these cases, one case involved a "Permit for Proceeding to Hong Kong and Macau" (One-way Permit) holder applying for Residence Authorization. The other 12 cases involved Macau's permanent residents or One-way Permit holders, who were granted residence and were applying for Residence Authorization for their children born outside the MSAR.

The PSP clarified, "There were no cases in which Portuguese [residents were] requested for referral to the Judiciary Police (PJ) for a DNA paternity test when applying for Residence Authorization."

However, when the Times re-contacted Amélia António, the lawyer stressed that she knew of several cases.

"According to the information that I hear, it's not only

one," she noted.

An applicant who was required to take a DNA paternity test refused to speak with the Times.

The Times is also aware of cases of non-married couples that try to register their children born in Macau at the Civil Registry and are asked to conduct such tests at the PJ, under the pretext that the paternity needs to be asserted (and even when there is nobody questioning the paternity). In cases like this, the child is put under a legal limbo, since the identification documents initially issued do not state the father's identity. For a period of time, which can take between a few months or even over a year, the child is not given a name (the documents will state "son of" followed by the mother's name) and the father is not allowed to name the baby with his surname. The Civil Registry is under the supervision of the Secretary for Administration and Justice. The Times questioned Sonia Chan's office about the number of cases per year (in 2015 and 2016) when the Civil Registry requested the DNA test to be done at the PJ in order to assess paternity.

■ The child is put under a legal limbo, since the identification documents initially issued don't state who the father is

The Times also submitted a query to the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP), where the Civil Registry operates, to confirm whether it recognizes Portuguese civil registry documents. However, a spokesperson from SAFP said, "inquiries about civil registry documents are beyond the competence of SAFP to answer."

The government department added that it is the Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ) who "is responsible for all the registration about births, deaths and marriages for Macau citizens and residents." The Times also contacted the DSAJ, but received no answer by press time.

Local institutions team up to promote autism awareness

A signing ceremony was held yesterday at the Macau Cable headquarters to officiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Macau Autism Association (MAA) and the Macau Design Center for the "Charity-Affiliated Products Incubator Project".

The signing ceremony took place during a press conference announcing a series of events to be held across Macau for this year's World Autism Awareness Day on April 2. The ceremony was officiated by the Director General of MAA, Nicole Chan, and the CEO of the Macau Design Center, Dirco Fong.

Under the agreement, the Macau Design Center will be able to use the copyrights of the artworks created and donated by autistic children to cooperate with local and international designers to make products for fundraising purposes.

The proceeds will be used to run workshops for autistic children and their families, as well as provide professional training for teachers and therapists.

The events will kick off on April 1 with an opening ceremony in the Studio City Celebrity Tower; featuring a unicycle show from Tsai Jey, an autistic child from Taiwan, and a performance by the Macau Cultural



Director General of MAA, Nicole Chan (right), and the CEO of the Macau Design Center, Dirco Fong

Center Children's Choir, which will be attended by autistic children and their families.

On April 2, the Macau Tower, the Macau Cultural Center and the Macau Science Center will join hands with other institutions worldwide to "light it up blue". Organizers said the blue lighting will "last for a few days or weeks" for each venue.

The blue lighting initiative is the signature campaign of Autism Speaks, a leading non-profit autism advocacy organization in the United States. Iconic landmarks around the world have previously signed up for the blue lighting campaign, including the Empire State Building in New York, the Oriental Pearl TV Tower of Shanghai and the Tokyo Tower.

Separately, the Macau International Airport and the Macau Science

Center will host an exhibition of artworks by autistic children aged between three and 15 years old. The exhibition will be on display all throughout the month of April.

A training course for teachers and professionals who work with autistic children will also be held at the DSEJ on April 1, led by guest speaker Zora Cho of Taiwan; followed by a Taiwan-Macau "Parents Experience Sharing Symposium" at the Macau Science Center on April 2. The symposium will tackle pressing topics for parents of autistic children, such as their higher propensity for depression.

World Autism Awareness Day began in 2008 when international autism organizations, backed by the UN, held events to raise awareness and deepen understanding of children with autism. **DB**

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Former Portuguese President's biographic revelations on Macau

THE second volume of the memoirs of Jorge Sampaio, the 18th President of Portugal who led the country for a decade between 1996 and 2006, arrive at the bookstands this week.

In the biographic book written by José Pedro Castanheira, one chapter of 45 pages is dedicated to Macau and to the way Sampaio, the president during the Macau handover period, saw many of the aspects and events occurring during those years. It is also considered to be a reply to the last Portuguese governor of Macau, Rocha Vieira.

Titled "The goodbye to Macau or the end of the empire" the chapter focuses on the state of mind of the former president and on his views.

"I liked a lot to know the Macanese but I didn't like Macau," said Sampaio in the book, explaining that "in 500 years we didn't even manage to teach the Portuguese language and only created the reputation of people going there to get rich," according to an article by João Paulo Menezes in Ponto



Jorge Sampaio pictured in Macau in 2008

Final newspaper.

The chapter continues with the former President expressing a feeling of unfulfilled duty; "[I] always had the feeling that we have failed completely our mission."

In the book Sampaio puts the blame on Rocha Vieira, the last Portuguese governor of the terri-

tory.

"In the first years he [the governor] did whatever he felt like doing, made use of it [his position] to make a huge self-promotion and - everybody says - [with] the goal of reaching Belém [a reference to the official residence of the Portuguese President]."

Sampaio accuses Vieira of populism and self-promotion in all his actions that included the "lowering of the flag" at the Praia Grande Palace, which the former President claims to have been intentionally done at a specific time that other Portuguese officials, including him, could not be present.

Another of the interesting notes concerns the topic of the "Portuguese School", which although he appears deeply dissatisfied with it, Sampaio clears the responsibility of Vieira.

"I wanted a serious International School, not a school for minorities which it eventually become," Sampaio says, pointing this time the finger at premier António Guterres's government that "paid little attention to Macau."

I liked a lot to know the Macanese but I didn't like Macau.

JORGE SAMPAIO
FORMER PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT

In one of his last narratives, Sampaio addresses the creation of the Jorge Álvares Foundation. The writer of the book notes only that the comments of the former president are so harsh that they could not even be transcribed.

The book contains many condemnations and revelations of political life in Macau, but it also addresses other issues, like relations with China and fighting of crime. **RM**

EDUCATION

IPM's nursing program certified by UK's QAA

THE UK's Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA) announced that the Macau Polytechnic Institute's (IPM) Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program has met the standards for QAA's International Subject Review.

The QAA, which began reviewing institutions in Macau in 2014, when IPM

received a rating of "confidence" from the QAA.

During the evaluation in December 2016, the review team met members of IPM's senior management staff, including the Head of School, teachers and academic support staff. The team also met students and alumni, clinical placement providers and employers.

The QAA review team

identified six applied research, teaching and learning practices of the nursing program which meet international standards.

The assessment took into consideration subject contents, self-evaluation documents and other supporting evidence.

Students were also asked to provide the review team with written submissions

to explain the learning experience from their perspectives.

IPM's School of Health Science has taught nursing for more than 50 years, educating and training graduates that now serve in several of the region's healthcare institutions.

According to IPM, the performances of these professionals have been highly



commended.

The tertiary institution said it will continue to work closely with the MSAR government and professional

peers in future, adding that the institution will face a great challenge in meeting the region's growing demand for trained nurses.

corporate bits

MELCO CROWN TO INCREASE EMPLOYEES' SALARIES



Melco Crown Entertainment Limited (MCE) has announced a pay raise ranging from 2.5 percent to 7 percent for eligible non-management employees, effective from April 1, 2017.

The gaming operator said eligible full-time non-management employees earning up to MOP16,000 per month will receive a pay

increase of MOP500 per month, representing an increase of 3 percent to 7 percent.

Eligible full-time non-management employees earning more than MOP16,000 per month will receive a pay increase of 2.5 percent.

Since 2014, MCE has offered an MCE Employee Loyalty Program that allows eligible employees to choose either a summer-time payment equivalent to an additional monthly salary, or a "Golden Nest Egg", which offers six months of pay after three years of continuous service with MCE.

CTM TO OFFER RED IPHONES



CTM will be selling Apple's latest iPhone 7 and iPhone 7 Plus in a Product (RED) Special Edition, which comes in a vibrant red aluminum finish.

The telecommunications company will also be selling the new iPad, which features a brighter 9.7-inch Retina

display and offers top of the range performance.

Proceeds from the purchase of the special edition iPhone will go to the Global Fund, which is dedicated to bringing the world a step closer to an AIDS-free generation.

HOTEL ROYAL LAUNCHES EASTER MENU

Hotel Royal Macau will launch a special Easter a-la-carte menu at its Portuguese restaurant, Fado, from April 9 to April 17.

Created by executive chef Luís Américo, the menu will feature pan-fried scallops with mushrooms, a crispy puff shell and lobster creamy sauce.

The menu will also feature suckling pig pie with apple, rocket and honey mustard sauce, combining traditional Portuguese ingredients with modern recipes.

Fado's selection of main courses includes charcoal grilled octopus leg, red bell pepper and homemade black garlic mayonnaise with lightly smoked artichokes.



The smoked seasonal artichokes bring out the sweet tenderness of the octopus leg, which is served together with the homemade black garlic mayonnaise.

Desserts on offer will include a Portuguese Easter sponge with Serra cheese, cinnamon and pumpkin jam, as well as a light chocolate and coffee mousse with mascarpone and Grand Marnier.

Bayern Munich heads for China in search of sponsors, support

GERMAN soccer champion Bayern Munich has become the first foreign club to open an office in mainland China as it seeks new sponsorship and merchandising deals in a nation where the sport has become a national priority.

"It's the right time to come to China," the team's Chief Executive Officer Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said in an interview in Shanghai, where the office was officially opened yesterday. "We will come here constantly."

Bayern, headed for a fifth straight German soccer championship, says it has 136 million fans in China, more than Germany's entire population. The club isn't alone in targeting Asia's soccer-loving public: rivals like Manchester United and Barcelona have a presence in Hong Kong, where they're looking to leverage their global popularity to secure sponsorships.

Rummenigge, who cut the ribbons for the new office along side Shen Lei, secretary-general of the Shanghai Football Association and Peter Rothen, Germany's



Arjen Robben (right) of Bayern Munich vies with another player during a quarterfinal football match of the German Cup in Munich

consul-general in Shanghai, recalled his first interaction with Chinese fans five years ago. About 5,000 people clad in Bayern's red-and-white colors serenaded the team in German when it arrived at the airport on its first Chinese tour in 2012. "I was very impressed," Rummenigge said.

In recent years, China has emerged from being a relative backwa-

ter to one of the biggest players in the global soccer economy. Spurred by President Xi Jinping's wish for the nation to become a soccer super power, leading companies and some of China's wealthiest individuals are plowing billions into the sport, paying record fees to lure top talent to clubs, building training complexes and buying foreign teams. Media rights for

the domestic league and foreign competition are now some of the richest in soccer.

Rummenigge, a former striker on Germany's national team, said the reason for focusing on China was twofold: to create an additional audience for existing sponsors such as Adidas AG and Audi, while hunting for new local sponsors and helping the country develop its own stock of talented players. China's national team hasn't qualified for the World Cup since 2006 and is 86th in FIFA's rankings.

Spending vast sums on foreign imports has been one of the most-eye catching aspects of China's soccer renaissance. Last year, China Super League teams spent USD451.3 million to import players, up from USD168 million in 2015. Rummenigge described the spending as "completely exaggerated" and unlikely to help fuel Xi's dream of having a successful national team.

"I personally don't believe what they are doing is the right way," he said. "I believe they should invest much more in talent, instead

of second-class, or older stars. In the long-term, the investment in talent in the youth will be more fruitful."

Bayern plans to open a second soccer school in China later in the year, after the first one in the northeastern port city of Qingdao began operating earlier in 2017.

It's the right time to come to China.

RUMMENIGGE
TEAM'S CEO

Counting Adidas, Audi and Allianz SE as backers at home, Bayern is also on the lookout for sponsorships in China. "What we look for is long-term, sustainable and exclusive partnerships," Rummenigge said, without elaborating.

Bayern has been selling merchandise such as sportswear and mugs on Tmall.com, a popular e-commerce site owned by Alibaba Group Holding, since May 2015.

Office outposts like the one in Shanghai also serve as operational bases for increasingly regular tours to Asia. Bayern is playing two off-season games in China before moving on to Singapore. It is also planning trips for its women's and youth teams. **Bloomberg**

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Goldman, Morgan Stanley signal EU job moves as Brexit looms

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Morgan Stanley office in London

Gavin Finch, Dakin Campbell

SENIOR Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Morgan Stanley executives said they're preparing to shift staff and operations from London to elsewhere in the European Union as Prime Minister Theresa May sets up the U.K.'s exit from the bloc.

A day after May's office announced she will open two years of divorce talks with the EU on March 29, Richard Gnodde, co-head of investment banking at Goldman Sachs, told CNBC on Tuesday that his bank will initially relocate hundreds of London-based employees to expand other offices after the split.

"We'll hire people inside of Europe itself, and there will be some movement," he said. Brexit may disrupt the financial industry more than others if the U.K.'s separation from the EU costs banks their ability to easily serve consumers and companies across the region. U.S. banks currently work throughout the bloc from bases in London, but

Goldman is considering making Frankfurt its hub inside the EU and could move as many as 1,000 employees

the so-called passporting rights enabling that are unlikely to be extended once the U.K. has pulled out.

Goldman Sachs is considering making Frankfurt its hub inside the EU and could move as many as 1,000 employees, including traders and senior managers, a person familiar with the matter has said.

Morgan Stanley President Colm Kelleher told a conference in London that he would "certainly" have to move some people, though the bank will avoid

making "grand statements."

"It's not going to be the end of London," he said. "But clearly we will have to adjust."

Morgan Stanley is scouting for office space in Frankfurt and Dublin for an enlarged EU hub, people with knowledge the matter said in February. The bank may initially move about 300 workers to one of the cities.

The tide of jobs moving out of London may even affect the lender that's still majority-owned by U.K. taxpayers. Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc Chairman Howard Davies said the bank planned to strengthen existing offices in Frankfurt, Paris and elsewhere in the region. The number of jobs leaving London after Article 50 was triggered would initially be relatively modest, he said yesterday at a conference in Frankfurt.

"People will move the client-facing people in market, I think that will happen, I think that's started to happen already," Davies said. "Any major moves of trading operations will wait for a while to see what kind of deal eventually is done."

RBS Chief Executive Officer Ross McEwan said that it wasn't a massive move for them to establish a new hub in the EU.

"Like all other banks we're probably planning for the worst, hoping for the best," McEwan said Tuesday at a conference in London. "But there's no point in hoping." **Bloomberg**

Vegas gambler's pal recounts innocent start to insider plot

Patricia Hurtado

THEY were friends for more than 20 years, bonding over sports, golf, gambling and business. But now, former Dean Foods Co. chairman Tom C. Davis is telling a Manhattan jury a story that could send his former pal, Las Vegas gambler Billy Walters, to prison for almost a decade.

Davis, 68, took the stand Tuesday and testified in Walters's insider-trading trial that he passed him Dean Foods boardroom secrets in exchange for almost USD1 million in loans. Davis said he used the money for gambling debts and to pay for a bitter divorce.

Walters, 70, made about \$43 million trading Dean Foods securities as a result, according to prosecutors. He could be sentenced to eight to 10 years in prison if convicted, U.S. Attorney Brooke Cucinella had said in court.

"It started out pretty in-

nocently," Davis told the jury. He said he provided Walters with public and nonpublic information and "it grew until I became a virtual conduit of nonpublic information to him."

Davis was an investment banker for more than 20 years before being appointed Dean Foods chairman. He was also a central figure in the insider-trading scheme, prosecutors said. A Harvard MBA, Davis owed \$178,000 to a private jet business venture and \$100,000 to a Dallas charity he managed. Regulators said he used charity money to cover a casino debt.

He pleaded guilty last year to passing inside information to Walters and agreed to cooperate with the government in the gambler's prosecution.

On Tuesday, in response to questions from Cucinella, Davis told his story, from his initial meeting with Walters at the Del Mar Country Club, north of San Diego, in the mid-1990s,

through seven years of feeding Walters inside information to his decision, following a mild stroke in 2015, to come clean and confess to his crimes.

"I think we became friends relatively quickly," Davis told the jury. He said he owned a vacation home in La Jolla, California, not far from one of Walters's homes in Rancho Santa Fe. Walters also owned property in Las Vegas, Florida and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Davis said.

Walters's lawyer, Barry Berke, told jurors last week that Davis is a liar who implicated his former friend because he was trying to avoid prison after embezzling money.

Davis admitted to lying to FBI agents when they first visited his Dallas home on May 28, 2014 during his guilty plea in May. Throughout the federal probe, he said he lied repeatedly from 2014 to 2015, including perjuring himself before the SEC.

"I was scared to death," Davis said. "I'd made some horrible mistakes and was just trying to cover it up." U.S. District Judge P. Kevin Castel interrupted and pressed Davis for an explanation for his lies. "I hoped this would all go away, frankly," Davis responded. "I lied to everybody at the time."

Davis also admitted to destroying a burner phone - which Walters called the "Bat Phone" - by throwing it into a creek near his home, following the FBI visit.

"He was very specific the day he gave me the Bat Phone and said that he would prefer that I use the Bat Phone when we talked about Dean Foods," Davis said. Walters also told him that whenever he had information to pass on to call him on his home phone and ask "to get a cup of coffee," Davis testified.

"He then asked me to refer to Dean Foods as the Dallas Cowboys," Davis said.

FBI divers searched Turt-



Billy Walters, professional gambler and owner of Walters Golf (center) enters federal court with his attorneys in New York

le Creek in Dallas but never found the phone.

Walters arranged a \$625,000 loan for Davis and later a line of credit, from which Davis borrowed \$350,000. Davis never fully repaid either debt. True to their secret bargain, Walters never attempted to collect "even a penny," according to the SEC.

But Davis said Walters's attitude changed after he arranged the \$625,000 loan.

"I became indebted to him," Davis said. "He became more demanding of me for information."

Davis said his day of reckoning came after he had a minor stroke in November 2015 that required sur-

gery.

"I sat down and had a lot of time to think about who I was, what I'd done," Davis told the jury. "I really thought I couldn't do this any more. I couldn't continue to lie."

Early in 2016, he said he met with federal prosecutors and investigators and confessed all during their first session.

When the FBI first approached Davis in 2014, agents asked him to wear a wire during a meeting with Walters and to record the conversation, he said. He said he refused.

On advice from his lawyer, "I decided it wasn't something I should be doing," Davis said. **Bloomberg**

Joe McDonald &
Katy Daigle, Beijing

LED by cutbacks in China and India, construction of new coal-fired power plants is falling worldwide, improving chances climate goals can be met despite earlier pessimism, three environmental groups said yesterday.

A joint report by the groups CoalSwarm, the Sierra Club and Greenpeace follows a warning this week by two international agencies that the world needs to shift quickly away from fossil fuels to curb global warming. Environmentalists were dismayed by President Donald Trump's U.S. government budget proposal last week that would cut spending on renewable energy.

Construction starts for coal-fired plants in China and India were down by 62 percent in January from a year earlier while new facilities starting operations declined 29 percent, according to the report. It said older plants in the United States and Europe are being retired at a record pace.

The latest developments "appear to have brought global climate goals within feasible reach, raising the prospect that the worst levels of climate change might be avoided," said the report.

It acknowledged "the margin for error is tight." Sustained progress will require China and India to scrap more than 100 coal plants on which construction has been suspended. And the report warned that some countries, including South Korea and Indonesia, are failing to develop renewables, which could increase their need for coal power.

In a separate report, the U.S.-based Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis said falling power demand in Japan means most of the 45 new coal plants the country has planned will likely never be built.

The reports mark a shift in sentiment from six months ago, when environmentalists warned governments were doing too little to carry out the Paris climate accord. Signed by 170 countries, it calls for holding global temperature increases to no more than 2 degrees centigrade (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) in hopes of preventing sea level rise and other drastic change.

China, the biggest greenhouse gas emitter, said then that its coal use would rise until 2030. But later data showed the peak passed in 2013 and consumption is falling.

Countries including China, Germany, India and Japan are moving away from coal as alternatives get cheaper, said Tim Buckley, the IEEFA's director of energy finance studies.

"I don't think Trump can stop that," he said.

Despite such changes, the amount of heat-trapping car-

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REPORT

Climate outlook improves as fewer coal plants built

bon dioxide in the atmosphere rose to a new high last year and is increasing, according to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Asia alone is expected to account for 70 to 80 percent of the global growth in coal-fired power capacity over the next two decades.

Industry experts cautioned that countries including India, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Vietnam need to keep adding coal power because it is the only affordable option in a region where 500 million people lack access to electricity. The cost of solar and wind have fallen by up to 80 percent in some markets, but in places such as Bangladesh or parts of China it can still be double that of coal.

"We have to meet the basic needs of people while pushing for energy transition at the same time," said Yongping Zhai, an adviser on energy to the Asian Development Bank. "You will need a mixture of different fuels. Coal will be there. You cannot avoid it."

China canceled half its planned additional coal-fired generating capacity over the past year but will still add 100 gigawatts by 2020, according to Xizhou Zhou, who heads the Asian gas and power practice for IHS Markit, a research firm. He said Asian countries are due to add 180 gigawatts out of a global total of 210 gigawatts.

"It's true that we are seeing a slowdown in coal plant additions, but that doesn't mean that demand will stop increasing or that they won't need to build coal plants," said Zhou.

In China, construction of power plants totaling more

than 300 gigawatts was suspended following last year's release of the latest five-year economic development plan, according to the CoalSwarm report.

On Saturday, Beijing's last major coal-fired power plant was shut down under plans to switch the Chinese capital to gas and other power sources.

China's power demand is cooling as the government seeks to reduce reliance on heavy industry and encourage services and technology, Zhou said. That might lead to higher demand in India or Southeast Asia, however, if manufacturing of products such as smartphones that require glass, metal and other

energy-intensive components migrates there.

"You have a lot of countries that could become a new manufacturing hub but still rely on coal-fired power," he said.

India's government said in December it needed no new coal-fired capacity until at least 2027. But industry leaders expect work to resume on power projects that have been suspended.

Analysts also warn India is just setting out on a vast and energy-hungry process of building highways and other infrastructure, while China has completed that cycle.

"What happens in India is still an open question," said Navroz

Dubash of the Centre for Policy Research, a New Delhi think tank. "It's important not to switch from the point of view that coal is inevitable to coal is unnecessary. I don't think we're there yet."

In Japan, the amount of power generated from coal should fall by 40 percent from 2015 levels by 2030 due to lower demand and use of alternative sources, the IEEFA report said.

"The economic arguments will win out," said Paul Fisher, an economist at Cambridge University's Institute for Sustainable Leadership. "Once the financial sector sees that it's not in their interest to finance fossil fuels, we'll get there." AP

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■ Sustained progress will require China and India to scrap more than 100 coal plants on which construction has been suspended

Chinese premier visits Australia to expand bilateral ties

CHINESE Premier Li Keqiang arrived in the Australian capital Canberra yesterday on a mission to expand bilateral ties as President Donald Trump proposes an "America First" overhaul of global trade.

Li's visit to Australia and New Zealand is the first by a Chinese premier in 11 years. He is also the most senior Chinese official to visit Australia since 2014 when President Xi Jinping finalized a bilateral free trade deal with Australia which started in 2015.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said he and Li would announce the next stage of the pact during the four-day Australian visit.

"Both our economies are in the midst of important transitions, creating new opportunities for collaboration in services, innovation and investment," Turnbull said in a statement.

China is Australia's biggest trading partner, with bilateral trade exceeding USD107 billion and bilateral investment exceeding \$100 billion. Trump's election promises to change the dynamics of global trade.

Australia is an enthusiastic advocate of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership, an ambitious trading bloc of Pacific Rim coun-

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Li Keqiang

tries that the Obama administration had committed the United States to joining. China never intended to join.

As well as pulling the United States out of that pact, Trump — who campaigned on an "America First" platform — has also said he will renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada. Australia's 12-year-old free trade deal with the United States could also be reviewed.

Trump's election has raised con-

cerns of a new era of protectionism in international trade.

Damien Kingsbury, a Deakin University expert on international politics, said he did not expect the two leaders would discuss how to deal with the United States, Australia's most important strategic partner, under the Trump administration.

"It may be raised by China, but Australia would be much too circumspect to discuss its own relationship with the United States," Kingsbury said.

"It would be profoundly irresponsible to talk about the problems that our key strategic partner is having with a country which is arguably their key strategic opponent," he added.

Chinese industrial demand has created a resurgence in prices of Australia's biggest exports: iron ore and coal.

But the rapidly changing bilateral relationship has raised concerns in China, Australia and the United States.

Beijing criticized Australia last

year after it blocked Chinese bidders from a Sydney electricity network, Ausgrid, and from buying an enormous cattle empire, S. Kidman & Co. Ltd. The government decided the sales would not be in Australia's national interests.

Former President Barack Obama raised questions with Turnbull in 2015 after Australia allowed a Chinese company, Landbridge, to secure a 99-year lease over the strategically important Port of Darwin, which has become a U.S. Marines training hub in northern Australia. Turnbull said Australian defense and security officials determined the 506 million Australian dollar (\$390 million) deal did not threaten national interests.

An Australian parliamentary committee this month recommended a ban on political donations from foreign companies and individuals as concerns grow over Chinese political influence in Australia. The Obama administration had called for reform.

Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop raised eyebrows in Beijing during a speech in Singapore this month when she said China can only reach its full economic potential if it embraces democracy.

China's Vice Foreign Minister Zheng Zeguang told reporters on Beijing on Tuesday his government hoped Australia will continue to look beyond the countries' ideological differences and focus on bilateral business ties and other forms of cooperation.

China wishes to "make China-Australia business cooperation more diverse and more sustainable," Zheng said. **AP**

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Beijing says no monitoring station on disputed island

CHINA is not building an environmental monitoring station on a disputed South China Sea shoal, the foreign ministry said yesterday, apparently denying remarks made by a local official last week that prompted a request for clarification from rival claimant the Philippines.

Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said reports about the facility on Scarborough Shoal had been checked and were found to be false.

"That does not exist at all," Hua told reporters at a regularly scheduled news briefing.

The official Hainan Daily newspaper had quoted the top official in Sansha City, which administers China's island claims, as saying that preparatory work on the station was among the government's top priorities for 2017.

Such a move would likely renew concerns among Beijing's neighbors over its assertive territorial claims in the sea. Calls to Sansha government offices rang unanswered.

Beijing seized tiny, uninhabited Scarborough in 2012 after a tense standoff with Philippine vessels. Manila said yesterday it had asked for a clarification of the earlier remarks by Shansha Communist Party head Xiao Jie.

Acting Philippine Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo told Filipino reporters in the Thai capital, Bangkok, where President Rodrigo Duterte is visiting, that his department asked for clarification of the reported planned construction on Scarborough Shoal.

"I think the president has been very clear — we want to have a peaceful, diplomatic settlement of

disputes but we will not fail to protect our national interests if necessary," Manalo said.

Asked if a diplomatic protest would be filed, he said Manila will wait for China's reply.

But Manalo said he considered it a good sign that China was interested in concluding a framework for a "code of conduct" with 10 Southeast Asian nations that aims to peacefully manage disputes in the South China Sea. He said there could be progress on the framework when China hosts a meeting in May.

China's construction and land reclamation work in the South China Sea have drawn strong criticism from the U.S. and others, who accuse Beijing of further militarizing the region and altering geography to bolster its claims. China says the seven

man-made islands in the disputed Spratly group, which it has equipped with airstrips and military installations, are mainly for civilian purposes and to boost safety for fishing and maritime trade.

Prior to the announcement, South China Sea tensions had eased somewhat after Beijing erupted in fury last year following an international arbitration tribunal ruling on a case filed by the Philippines. The verdict invalidated China's sweeping territorial claims and determined that China had violated the rights of Filipinos to fish at Scarborough Shoal.

China has since allowed Filipino fishermen to return to the shoal following Duterte's calls for closer ties between the countries, but it does not recognize the tribunal's ruling as valid.

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Acting Philippine Foreign Secretary Enrique Manalo

In her remarks, Hua reiterated Beijing's desire for good relations with the Philippines, a U.S. treaty partner that has been drawing closer to China since Duterte's inauguration last year.

China will "cherish the good momentum of the bilateral relationship and will be committed to pushing forward the sound, steady and rapid growth of the relationship," Hua said. **AP**

Australia couple are first foreigners to own US radio stations

Becky Bohrer, Juneau

AN Australian couple with roots in Alaska has bought more than two dozen radio stations in three states, marking the first time federal regulators have allowed full foreign ownership of U.S. radio stations.

The Federal Communications Commission recently approved a request by Richard and Sharon Burns through their company Frontier Media to increase their interest in 29 radio stations in Alaska, Texas and Arkansas from 20 percent to 100 percent.

The agency long took what some viewed as a hard line in limiting foreign ownership under a 1930s law that harkened to war-time propaganda fears. But in 2013, it acknowledged a willingness to ease up after broadcasters complained the rules were too restrictive of outside investment.

The Burnses are citizens of Australia but have lived and worked in the U.S. since 2006, on special visas offered for Australians.

A family who owned six of the Alaska stations provided the opportunity that brought the couple to the U.S. The family wanted someone with international experience to operate the stations and help move the company forward, Richard Burns said. The stations in the Lower 48 were purchased later.

The Burnses' request to acquire



full ownership was unopposed. The acquisition includes AM and FM stations and relay stations known as translators that help provide reception.

Richard Burns said he and his wife consider Alaska home and are pursuing U.S. citizenship.

"Our life is here in Juneau, Alaska, every single day," said Burns, who serves on the board of the Juneau Chamber of Com-

merce and in 2010 was named its citizen of the year.

Sharon Burns co-hosts a morning show on a Juneau country station the couple owns, and does on-air work for two of their other stations in southeast Alaska and one in Texas, her husband said. Richard Burn is the stations' CEO and a host on their Juneau classic hits station.

The federal law restricting fo-

reign ownership dates to the 1930s and initially was seen as a way to thwart the airing of foreign propaganda during war-time, according to the FCC. It restricts to 25 percent foreign ownership or voting interests in a company that holds a broadcast license when the commission finds that limit is in the public interest.

In 2013, in response to broadcasters, interest groups and others who considered the commission's application of the law too rigid, the FCC clarified it has the authority to review on a case-by-case basis requests exceeding that threshold, and it is open to doing so.

The commission last year adopted rules for publicly traded companies following a case involving Pandora Media and questions about its level of foreign ownership as it pursued acquisition of a South Dakota radio station. Then-FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler said the case underscored the need for more clarity for broadcasters and investors in the review process.

It's unclear how many other foreign citizens have a stake in U.S. radio stations. The FCC said it does not keep a comprehensive accounting because stations generally don't have to disclose smaller or nonvoting interest holders.

Lisa Scanlan, deputy chief of

the FCC's audio division, said that as part of its public interest analysis, the commission consults with executive branch agencies that do independent reviews on issues including trade and foreign policy, national security and law enforcement.

Jessica Gonzalez is deputy director and senior counsel for the group Free Press, which has concerns about media consolidation. She said she's not opposed to the Burnses' case. But she said the larger the company, the more skeptical she becomes.

"I'm not fond at all of the idea of giant foreign companies or giant domestic companies buying up a bunch of radio stations," she said. "It's problematic."

She said an owner's nationality doesn't make a difference to her. "It's just a matter of whether or not they are actually going to serve their community," she said.

Richard Burns agreed. He said it's critical for radio station owners to be invested in the communities they serve.

He cited his wife, who does her show from Texas when she's there. Around Christmas last year, Sharon Burns delivered cookies to and spent time with first responders.

"If you're a good radio operator, I don't think it matters if you're foreign or not, as long as you engage in the community and you understand it," he said. **AP**

US, South Korea say North Korea's latest missile test fails

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

NORTH Korea's latest missile launch ended in failure yesterday as the United States sent a supersonic bomber streaking over ally South Korea in a show of force against the North, officials said.

The reported launch failure comes as the North angrily reacts to ongoing annual U.S.-South Korean military drills that it views as an invasion rehearsal. Earlier this month, North Korea fired four ballistic missiles that landed in waters off Japan, triggering strong protests from Seoul and Tokyo.

The American military detected what it assessed as a failed North Korean missile launch yesterday morning, the U.S. Pacific Command said in a statement. It said the missile

"appears to have exploded within seconds of launch."

South Korea's Defense Ministry said it also believes the launch from the eastern coastal town of Wonsan ended in failure. It said it was analyzing what type of missile was launched.

The failure might mean that the missile is a newly developed one the North has not deployed, according to South Korean media. Last year, the country suffered a series of embarrassing failed launches of its new medium-range Musudan missile before it successfully test-fired one.

Also yesterday, a U.S. Air Force B-1B bomber and South Korean fighter jets conducted joint training exercises that displayed "strong deterrence against North Korean nuclear and missile threats," South

Korea's Defense Ministry said. The U.S. military said the training was held after the bomber staged a similar exercise with Japanese fighter jets.

The United States often sends powerful warplanes in times of heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, which remains in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. About 28,500 U.S. soldiers are deployed in South Korea.

North Korea is pushing hard to upgrade its weapons systems to cope with what it calls U.S. hostility. Many weapons experts say the North could have a functioning nuclear-tipped missile capable of reaching the continental U.S. within a few years. North Korea carried out two nuclear tests last year.



A U.S. Air Force B-1B bomber (right) and South Korean fighter jets conduct a joint training exercises over the Korean Peninsula yesterday

American defense officials had said Tuesday that the U.S. military was expecting another North Korean missile launch in the next several days. The officials said the U.S. had increased its surveillance over the North and had

detected a North Korean missile launcher being moved, as well as the construction of VIP seating in Wonsan.

On Sunday, the North claimed a major breakthrough in its rocket development program, saying

it had conducted a ground test of a new type of high-thrust rocket engine. Washington, Seoul and others view the North's space program as a cover for its banned long-range missile development program. **AP**



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Chef Mohammed-Faizul Haque uses lemon juice to make flames as he demonstrates how to give a smokey flavour to dishes such as Kuchi Chilli Chicken at the Taste of India curry restaurant in London

NAAN STARTER

UK curry restaurants feel betrayed by Brexit

Danica Kirka, London

MOHAMMED-FAIZUL Haque makes it all look so easy.

To a pan full of sizzling chicken he adds a ladle of orangey base sauce and then lemon, sending flames shooting up. He reaches to a line of vessels for pinches of cumin, coriander, salt, chili and garlic, the feel of the ingredients between his fingers as his only measure. After the demonstration, he sends a plate of Balti kuchi chili chicken upstairs to the dining room at the Taste of India in London.

Haque's deft touch isn't easy to replicate — and that's a problem for Britain's curry houses, which are shutting down at a rate of two a week, in part

because there aren't enough chefs and kitchen staff.

Curry restaurant owners, who as an industry backed the campaign to leave the European Union after assurances it would lead to more visas for South Asian cooks, feel betrayed. They're angry that they helped deliver the vote to Leave only to have the government fail to deliver on promises to help save their industry. Rather than easing the shortage, Brexit is likely to make the situation worse by cutting off the flow of East European workers who have increasingly filled the gaps in recent years.

"What's happening since Brexit is even more restaurants are closing; we can't get people from anywhere," said

Oli Khan, the senior vice president of the Bangladesh Caterers Association UK and a celebrity chef. "Curry houses are in danger."

Brexit is just the latest problem to hit the South Asian restaurant industry in a country where chicken tikka masala is as much the national dish as fish and chips. In addition to a chef shortage, Britain's 12,000 curry restaurants are struggling with competition from prepared supermarket meals, high delivery costs, and rising food prices from a lower pound.

Though casually called Indian food, most curry houses are run by Bangladeshi immigrants and their offspring who fused South Asian flavors with British tastes to create a new

cuisine worth an estimated 4.5 billion pounds (USD5.6 billion) to the economy annually.

For example, the humble papadum isn't traditionally served as a starter, said Enam Ali, owner of Le Raj in Epsom. It became an appetizer when restaurants tried to accommodate Britons accustomed to being served bread when they sat down. The onion bhaji was adapted from onion rings.

What is at stake, Ali says, is not the heritage of Bangladesh, but the heritage of Britain.

"I've given my life in the curry industry and I can see with my own eyes that it is disappearing," Ali said. "I really feel the government should intervene before it is too late."

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OLI KHAN
CELEBRITY CHEF

The unease of the curry houses is replicated in ways large and small across Britain, as Prime Minister Theresa May prepares to start the legal process of leaving the EU next week. High-tech companies in search of engineers, farmers in need of fruit pickers and builders looking for construction workers have all raised concerns about possible staff shortages.

The hospitality industry is particularly worried. An analysis from the Oxford Migration Observatory shows some 89,000 people from many of the EU's new entrant countries in the east are working in food and beverage services.

May has taken a tough stance on immigration after anger about high arrival numbers fueled last year's vote to leave the EU. While exiting the bloc will allow Britain to eventually limit European immigration, the government has so far refused to relax the rules for migrants from non-EU countries.

"Leaving the European Union allows Britain to take control of our immigration system," the Home office said in a statement. "We are working across government to identify and develop options to shape our future system to

ensure the best possible outcome for the British people."

The rules now require migrants from outside the EU to have a job paying some 35,000 pounds (\$43,600) a year — more than many nurses make in Britain. Curry houses, which mostly sell food at reasonable prices, can't meet that standard.

The curry owners have in recent years filled the gap by hiring Eastern Europeans, particularly Poles and Romanians. Between 5,000 and 6,000 curry house workers are East Europeans out of a total 150,000.

These workers sometimes have had trouble communicating with chefs, who found themselves learning the Romanian words for green pepper and onion. And many of the workers had never even seen a curry, unlike earlier migrants from South Asia who often aspired to open curry houses of their own.

But the Eastern Europeans didn't balk at long hours chopping vegetables and washing dishes.

Take Aga Pozniak, a qualified teacher from Lodz in central Poland. Though she now serves customers in front of house at Taste of India, she started out as a kitchen assistant.

"I had never been in an Indian restaurant in Poland so I had no idea about the Indian kitchen," she said. "So I learned everything here. ... When you are a kitchen assistant, you do some cleaning, you prepare food, you cut food. It doesn't matter when you cut pepper if you cut pepper for Indian food or Polish food. You cut pepper."

The lack of prospects for advancement, however, often means that the Eastern Europeans soon move on to other jobs.

And the restaurants, some of which have been in the family for decades, can no longer look to the next generation to fill the gaps. As mothers and fathers have prospered and become part of British society, many of their children have moved into professions such as law and medicine rather than cooking. And with no new influx of onion choppers in the pipeline, even those that want to stay in the business are having a tough time.

Sayem Ahmed, for example, wants to transform the Taste of India into a Michelin-starred eatery, and he's studying business at Middlesex University to make that dream come true.

But the 19-year-old finds himself increasingly pulling shifts at the family restaurant — time that takes him away from his studies.

"I'd say the whole industry is in danger," he said. "They really need to think of something for us." AP

AIRPLANE SECURITY

New measure could cause travelers to reroute trips

David Koenig, Dallas

A new security measure banning many electronic devices on flights from 10 mostly Muslim countries is leading travelers to reconsider their plans to fly through some airports in the Middle East and Africa.

Paula Berger, an energy-company manager, and a co-worker have tickets to fly from the U.S. through Dubai to Hyderabad, India, where her company has an office.

The new rules would require Berger to surrender the laptop she carries and put it in checked baggage on the return trip next month. She is worried the device could be stolen.

"I've been spending hours this morning trying to find a way to reroute us without it costing USD5,000, but I haven't found anything," Berger said. "We might have to suck it up and go through Dubai."

The U.S. and British governments, citing unspecified threats and attacks against airliners and airports over the past two years, announced yesterday they are barring passengers from airports in 10 countries from bringing laptops, tablets, cameras and other devices on board in carry-on bags. Only cellphones and medical devices will be allowed in the passenger cabins.

The orders are a concern for business travelers, journalists and



An EgyptAir plane flies past minarets of a mosque as it approaches Cairo International Airport

other professionals who work on the devices and use them to store sensitive information. Tourism officials worry that the orders could heighten people's fears of an attack and discourage them from traveling.

Jonathan Grella, an executive vice president for the U.S. Travel Association, said he hopes that the government is trying to make travel more secure, not to suppress it, and that the U.S. still welcomes business and leisure visitors.

Analysts said some travelers who want to keep their devices with them will switch to flights that reach the U.S. from Europe or Asia, even if it means an extra connection.

For business travelers, the ban on laptops in the cabin "is a poten-

tial productivity killer," said Robert Mann, an aviation consultant in Port Washington, New York. "If you were planning to work on the flight, you've just burned 14 hours of your day."

Henry Hartevelde, a travel analyst in San Francisco, said some companies forbid employees from putting expensive company property such as laptops in checked bags, where theft is always a risk.

Making matters worse for passengers, most airlines say in their policies that they don't cover or they limit compensation for expensive items such as electronics that are placed in checked bags.

Naureen Shah, Senior Director of Campaigns at Amnesty International USA, warned that the or-

ders pose risks to journalists and human rights advocates, "who will be forced to hand over laptops and devices containing sensitive information, potentially compromising their sources."

A senior administration official said the U.S. would not go after data on passengers' devices.

If U.S. the security measure causes passengers to fly home through Europe, the beneficiaries are likely to be U.S. airlines or their European partners, who operate many flights to the U.S. from London, Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and other transportation hubs.

U.S. government officials say their order will affect about 50 flights a day — there are about 2,100 airline flights to the U.S. each day, according to the Department of

Transportation. More than half of the affected flights are operated by three Middle Eastern carriers: Emirates, Qatar Airways and Etihad Airways. They are growing rapidly and adding new destinations in the U.S. from the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, two of the countries covered by the electronics measure.

All three have built their business on routing long-haul international traffic through their desert hubs rather than relying on the smaller local markets. And they are big buyers of Boeing and Airbus planes.

Etihad passengers at Abu Dhabi International Airport in the United Arab Emirates go through a passport-inspection facility staffed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents — the only one of its kind in the Middle East — allowing them to arrive in the U.S. as if they were on a domestic flight. That arrangement, however, was not enough to spare the airport from being covered by the new security measure.

The security order comes as the biggest three U.S. airlines — American, Delta and United — lobby the Trump administration to crack down on those Middle Eastern rivals, whom the U.S. carriers accuse of getting unfair subsidies from their governments that let them undercut U.S. airlines on fares.

A senior U.S. government official told reporters the security order was not related to the dispute.

"It may not have been directed at the three Gulf airlines, but there will be collateral damage to those carriers," Hartevelde said. "The question is how much."

For now, the Gulf airlines are not protesting publicly. But if the security measure drives customers away, Hartevelde said they could retaliate by canceling orders to buy U.S.-made planes from Boeing Co. **AP**

MIDDLE EAST

Dozens dead or missing from airstrike in IS-held north Syria

Philip Issa, Beirut

SYRIAN activists said yesterday that dozens of people were killed or missing after an airstrike the day before leveled a school near the Islamic State-held city of Raqqa where displaced families had sought refuge.

The activist-run group Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently said some 50 families had been sheltering at the school in the northern Syrian village of Mansoura and that their fate was still unknown. Mansoura is 26 kilometers west of Raqqa, the de facto

capital of the extremists' self-described caliphate, and is under their control.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 33 bodies had been pulled from the rubble. The two organizations rely on local contacts to smuggle news out of Islamic State-held territory.

It was not immediately clear who carried out the airstrike. Syrian Kurdish forces have been advancing on Raqqa under the cover of U.S.-led coalition airstrikes and are now 8 kilometers north of the city. Syrian and Russian aircraft have also carried

out strikes against the IS group.

Elsewhere in Syria, insurgents advanced on government-held towns and positions north of the central city of Hama. An al-Qaida-linked group spearheaded the assault, launched Tuesday, by detonating a car bomb in the nearby town of Souran.

The activist-run Hama Media Center said the rebels had reached the village of Khatab, 10 kilometers northwest of government-held Hama. State media reported fighting on the outskirts of the village and Souran.

The offensive coincides with a concentrated effort by opposition forces to breach government lines in the eastern neighborhoods of the capital, Damascus. That operation is also spearheaded by the al-Qaida-linked Levant Liberation Committee.

In Damascus, the insurgents were pinned down in industrial zones in the city's east. Government airstrikes and artillery fire echoed through the capital, and smoke could be seen rising above the opposition-held Jobar neighborhood. Residents close to the front lines on the government



This frame grab from video provided by Ahrar al-Sham shows fighters from this Syrian militant group entering a trench during a battle against regular forces, in an eastern neighborhood of Damascus

side were seen leaving their buildings with whatever belongings they could pack in their suitcases.

The uptick in fighting precedes the resumption of U.N.-mediated talks between the government and the opposition in Geneva, slated for today.

U.N. Special Envoy to Syria Staffan De Mistura called the developments "alarming," but said the invited delegations would be in attendance "with, I

hope, serious intentions to follow up the political process."

He spoke to reporters in Moscow, following a meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Lavrov accused militants of carrying out more "terrorist attacks," which he said were "aimed at disrupting or complicating the Geneva talks."

Russia is a steadfast ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad. **AP**

what's ON

THREE PHANTOMS

TIME: 8pm (Tuesdays to Fridays)
2pm & 8pm (Saturdays)
2pm & 6pm (Sundays)

UNTIL: March 26, 2017

VENUE: The Parisian Theatre, The Parisian Macao Hotel

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AD LIB- RECENT WORKS BY KONSTANTIN BESSMERTNY

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: May 28, 2017

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

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TIME: 9am-5:30pm (no admission after 5pm, closed on public holidays)

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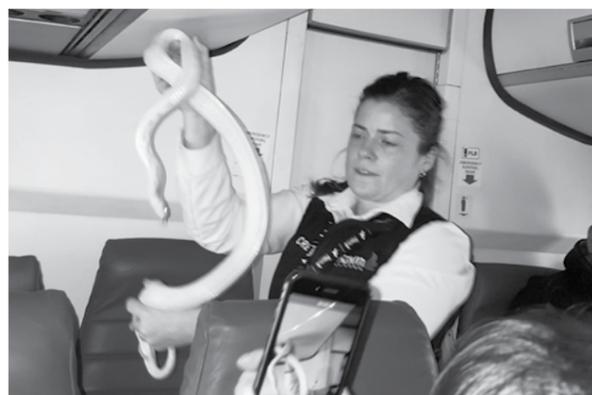
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UNTIL: April 23, 2017

VENUE: Navy Yard No.1, Rua de S. Tiago da Barra

Offbeat

THAT'S NOT CARRY-ON: LOOSE SNAKE SLUMBERS ON ALASKA FLIGHT



Anna McConaughy was flying to Alaska's largest city when the announcement came over the intercom: a passenger on a previous flight had brought a pet snake on board.

The passenger had gotten off the plane. The snake had not.

"The pilot came, and said, 'Guys, we have some loose snake on the plane, but we don't know where it is,'" McConaughy said yesterday.

Unlike the movie "Snakes On A Plane," this one wasn't venomous. Mostly, it was sleepy.

A little boy, one of seven passengers on the Ravn Alaska commuter flight Sunday from the Alaska village of Aniak to Anchorage, was climbing on his seat when he spotted the slumbering snake. It was lying partially covered by a duffel bag near the back of the plane.

"He said, 'Oh, Mom, look at this. What's that?'" McConaughy said. "That's how we figured out there was a snake sleeping in the corner."

There was no panic, McConaughy said. Mostly people wanted to see the snake.

A pilot came back to help, she said, leading to a short discussion with a flight attendant on how best to capture it.

"He said, 'I'll hold the bag, and you grab the snake,'" McConaughy said. "Quite a gentleman."

The flight attendant grabbed the snake by the belly and dropped it into a plastic trash bag. It spent the rest of the flight in an overhead storage bin, and the plane reached Anchorage on schedule.

Anchorage television station KTVA first reported the incident.

McConaughy's photos show a pale snake about 4 to 5 feet long. She said it appeared to want only to go back to sleep.

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POWER RANGERS

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Dean Israel

Starring: Bryan Cranston, Elizabeth Banks, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 124min

LIFE

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Daniel Espinosa

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Rebecca Ferguson, Ryan Reynolds

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 103min



KONG: SKULL ISLAND

ROOM 3

2:15, 4:30, 9:30pm

Director: Jordan Vogt-Roberts

Starring: Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min

SILENCE

ROOM 3

6:45pm

Director: Martin Scorsese

Starring: Andrew Garfield, Adam Driver, Liam Neeson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30pm

Director: Bill Condon

Starring: Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 129min

this day in history



President Reagan

1983 REAGAN LAUNCHES COLD WAR INTO SPACE

President Reagan has unveiled plans to combat nuclear war in space.

The Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) proposes a defensive shield, using laser or particle beam technology to "intercept and destroy" incoming missiles as they travel through the stars.

Defense analysts have described it as the first major attempt to move away from the 30 year-old Cold War strategy of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) - where the threat of nuclear attack acts as a deterrent.

In a televised address from the White House the US leader said: "We seek neither military superiority nor political advantage. Our only purpose - one all people share - is to search for ways to avert the danger of nuclear war."

Speaking just half an hour after the House of Representatives (HoR) had rejected the Republican Party's demands for 10% increases in defence spending, President Reagan attempted to justify his \$2 trillion, five-year military spending plans.

In the first major congressional revolt against Mr Reagan's economic policies the HoR have voted in Democrat proposals to reduce the Republican budget by more than half.

The President said: "They're the same kind that led the democracies to neglect their defences in the 1930s and invited the tragedy of World War II."

Senior White House aide Michael Deaver reported a positive reaction to Mr Reagan's scheme: "He has had the most favorable response to any speech since he was elected President."

Critics argue SDI contravenes the Soviet-American Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty of 1972.

Article V of the treaty states: "Each party undertakes not to develop, test or deploy anti-ballistic missile systems or components."

President Reagan has stressed SDI does not entail the actual development of a defensive shield, but is a programme for research and development.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Reagan's SDI became known as "Star Wars" - after the George Lucas film. President Andropov of the USSR was highly critical of the plan, saying it violated the 1972 ABM Treaty and there was little difference between building up weapons for purportedly defensive or offensive purposes.

The Democrats in the US - and even some Republicans - claimed Reagan's initiative was an expensive and unfeasible diversion from his administration's domestic failures.

SDI signalled a new round in the Arms Race and a worsening of the relationship between the US and the USSR.

The increasing financial strain it placed the Soviet Union under contributed to the break up of the regime.

SDI was abandoned in 1993 and the department was renamed the Ballistic Missile Defence Organisation.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Right now, you are craving substance over style - gossiping about the latest celebrity news and shopping for new shoes at the mall are simply not interesting activities for a brain like yours.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Someone you work with is all excited about their latest idea, but after taking a closer look at what they want to do, you are going to see big holes in their plan.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 With a strong, bright energy driving the next 24 hours, you're bound to attract more attention than usual today - so don't you dare be shy! Share what you think and who you really are with people.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You always behave well around your boss, but how well do you act when you are around your coworkers? Spies among them is a possibility, so make sure you are being good today.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Today is all about taking time to establish things - you can't be in a hurry if you want to get anywhere. So go slowly and take your time to explore what other people are looking for in life.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Today you might want to go out and buy a bigger address book, because you are going to be meeting a lot of new acquaintances today. New names and faces will be filling your day with excitement and possibility.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Valuable things can be found in some surprising places, so be very careful that you don't throw out the good with the bad today. Sort through the things that are making you unhappy.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 It is about time you took a larger role in leading your circle, and your attitude will be the perfect thing to motivate people who aren't usually team players or cheerful participants. You will be able to motivate some important people.

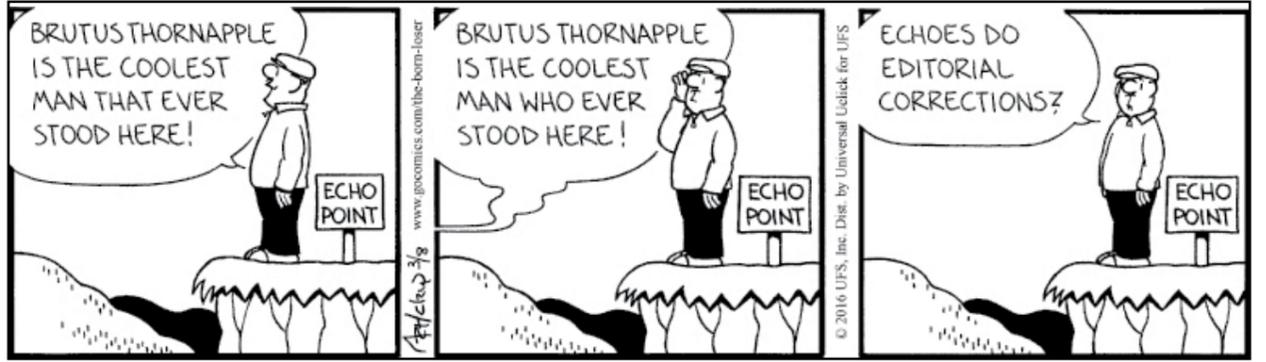
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your dull routine won't seem so dull today - the universe has a few surprises in store for you, and you are going to enjoy every single one of them! So reach out and embrace all the chaos as it comes.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Few things in life are more exciting than gossip, and you are going to get some of the juiciest news today! The information you get could be more incendiary than you realize, so make sure you don't share it too quickly.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You can't be all serious all the time - and you need to start having more fun. It's okay, you know! Luckily, there should be many opportunities for fun today, so don't turn off your sense of humor or your curiosity.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Open your mind, accept that you don't know it all, and learn something new today! Equip yourself with facts, and you'll always be able to state your case and back up your argument.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle.

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CHINA

Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

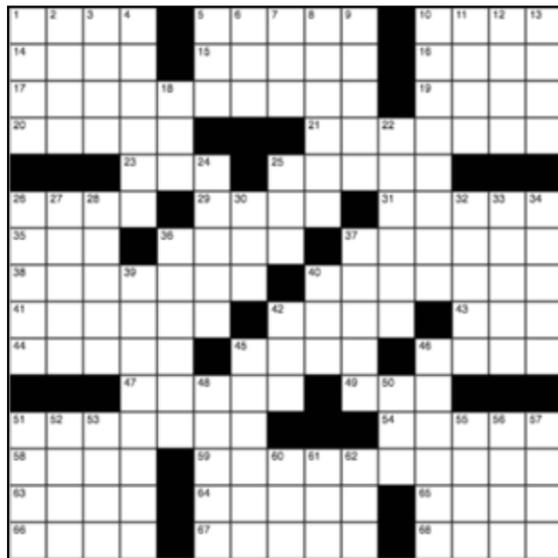
WORLD

Table listing weather conditions for various world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Pulls; 5- Potala Palace site; 10- Wait ___; 14- Suffix with buck; 15- Annie of "Designing Women"; 16- Prescription info; 17- Next largest scoop after tea; 19- Double; 20- Inventor Howe; 21- Legendary king of Thebes; 23- Geom. point; 25- "Snowy" bird; 26- French cleric; 29- Meanie; 31- Lute of India; 35- Cinque follower; 36- Run smoothly; 37- Smelting residue; 38- Stipulation; 40- Sincere; 41- Lure; 42- ___-bitty; 43- Beer; 44- Gaucho's rope; 45- Drug-yielding plant; 46- AAA suggestions; 47- "___ by any other name!"; 49- HST's successor; 51- Detachable lock; 54- All thumbs; 58- "The Time Machine" people; 59- Within one's financial means; 63- Liquid measure; 64- Silt deposit; 65- Animated character; 66- Hang around; 67- Give it ___; 68- Aardvark's prey;

DOWN: 1- London art gallery; 2- Russian range; 3- Mongolian desert; 4- Comfort in misfortune; 5- CD forerunners; 6- Short flight; 7- From ___ Z; 8- Straight man; 9- "Lou Grant" star; 10- Opposite of subtraction; 11- Liquid food; 12- Son of Isaac and Rebekah; 13- Collectible frames; 18- Repair shop fig.; 22- Discover; 24- Shake awake; 25- Go wrong; 26- According to; 27- European capital; 28- Flora and fauna; 30- Miracle- (plant food); 32- Pay for; 33- Brides walk down it; 34- Gives a 9.8, say; 36- Rogue; 37- Satisfied; 39- Vigor; 40- Ike's WWII command; 42- Land in la mer; 45- Request; 46- Soprano Scotto; 48- Central Florida city; 50- Accomplished; 51- Enlivens, with "up"; 52- Came down to earth; 53- Lisbon lady; 55- Black, to Blake; 56- Story line; 57- Sawbucks; 60- Service charge; 61- CIA predecessor; 62- Queue after Q;



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FOOTBALL

China must beat South Korea to keep World Cup hopes alive

MARCELLO Lippi faces his biggest challenge as China coach, needing a win against South Korea to keep alive any hopes of qualifying for Russia 2018.

China has appeared at the World Cup just once — in 2002 when South Korea co-hosted the quadrennial event and reached the semifinals — and is in last place in Group A with just two points from the five games in the third round of Asian qualifying.

Lippi guided Italy to the World Cup title in 2006 and took on the China post last October, facing the improbable task of qualifying. He needs goals from a team that has failed to score in all four games since losing 3-2 to South Korea in Seoul in September.

“We know that the game will be a tough one and we hope that the fans will get behind us,” Lippi said of the match at Changsa, China. “We are working hard to compete with South Korea.”

A defeat for China would end already-slim hopes of finishing in the top two spots of the six-team group that offer automatic qualification for Russia.

Between 2012 and 2014, Lippi led Guangzhou Evergrande to three Chinese Super League titles as well as the 2013 Asian Champions League crown. He has called up seven players from the club to help him out at the international level.

“Lippi told us that we still have hope,” Guangzhou midfielder Huang Bowen said. “We have to win this match to keep our hopes alive.”

A win for South Korea, which sits in second spot on 10 points, one behind leader Iran, would



China's national team coach Marcello Lippi

help the team in its quest for a ninth successive World Cup appearance and maintain its dominant record in head-to-head meetings with China. In 31 past meetings, China has won just one.

The South Korean team will play in China without key forward Son Heung-min of Tottenham Hotspur, although another English Premier League star, Swansea City's Ki Seung-yeung, has recovered from injury and is available.

“China will obviously move forward aggressively,” Ki said.

“If we start to move backwards, they will gain confidence.”

There are other issues, too. Diplomatic relations between Beijing and Seoul have become strained since South Korea agreed to the deployment of an advanced U.S. anti-missile system. China describes the system as a threat to its national security and has retaliated with a number of measures designed to target its neighbor economically.

“The match against China will probably be our second most pressure-packed match in this qualifying round after Iran,”

South Korea coach Uli Stielike said. “I will try to make sure our players won't be influenced by the stadium atmosphere or other off-the-field factors.”

China has rejected a request by the Korea Football Association (KFA) to allow it to charter a flight from Changsa back to Seoul in order to cut down on travel time ahead of its match against Syria five days later. The KFA has also asked the Asian Football Confederation to protect its players and fans in what will be a 55,000 sold-out stadium.

Elsewhere today, Iran can maintain top spot of Group A with a win in Qatar while Uzbekistan, in third place, faces Syria.

In Group B, just one point separates the top four teams as each prepares for two matches in six days.

Australia is aiming to return to winning ways against Iraq after three successive draws dropped the Socceroos to third place behind leader Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Coach Ange Postecoglou is trusting Australia's record goal scorer Tim Cahill to make a difference when called upon.

“With Timmy, there's no expectations on him to play two 90 minutes of football,” Postecoglou said. “It's more about the impact he can make in the two games. He's proved that in the past.”

Japan, in second, lost the opening game at home to United Arab Emirates and faces a tricky trip to Al Ain for a return game against the team that sits in fourth, just a point behind.

Coach Vahid Halilhodzic has continued to select Keisuke Honda, one of Japan's biggest stars, despite the fact that the attacker has made few appearances this season for AC Milan.

“Even if Honda isn't playing for his club, the national team needs him,” Halilhodzic said. “He is our top striker. Obviously, I would like him to be playing more at Milan but he is not being used because competition for places is so fierce.”

Leader Saudi Arabia travels to Bangkok to play last-place Thailand. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

FOOTBALL

AFC says East Timor passports for nine Brazilians are invalid



East Timor football national team (Oct 2015)

THE East Timor passports of nine Brazilian soccer players who represented the tiny Pacific island nation have been declared invalid, the Asian Football Confederation said yesterday.

FIFA has been investigating the East Timor federation for suspected involvement in wrongly naturalizing Brazilians players for

selection in 2018 World Cup qualifying and other matches. East Timor has already been eliminated from World Cup Asian qualifying, which will resume this week halfway through the third round. The country has also been banned from qualifying for the Asian Cup.

The AFC released a statement yesterday saying it had received confirmation from East Timor's Ministry of Justice, via the country's embassy in Malaysia, that the East Timor passports of the nine Brazilian players have been declared “null and void.”

The sport's Asian governing body said it had informed its member associations and advised that further investigations were ongoing.

The stripping of the passports is likely to lead to further sanctions.

The AFC listed the players as Diogo Rangel, Felipe Bertoldo, Jairo Neto, Junior Aparecido Guimora de Souza, Patrick Fabiano, Paulo Martins, Paulo Helber, Ramon Saro and Rodrigo Silva, who all played in World Cup Asian qualifying matches in 2015.

All players have been or are registered with Asian clubs. **AP**

opinion

Made in Macao
Jenny Lao-Phillips



ADDICTED TO SLEEP OR STAYING UP LATE?

These days, I seem to hear more young people saying that their hobby is sleeping. For some, sleeping is not just a hobby, but a 'talent'. Could it be that some of them have mixed up 'hobby' and 'talent'?

But my doubts were often quickly cleared when they went on to explain how they can sleep for 14 hours straight on weekends, or that they can sleep standing in the bus. I can't say if that constitutes a talent, but it seems pretty amazing.

So when a colleague of mine mentioned something about a World Sleep Day, I was at once reminded of those talented "sleepers". That started some discussions about sleep deprivation and sleeping disorders, which got me interested in exploring the topic of "sleep" – or the lack of it – among students and young professionals these days.

Last Friday, March 17, was World Sleep Day, which is an annual event to celebrate sleep. Of course, it was not a call for everyone to sleep all day, though that would be quite the celebration. The idea of having a World Sleep Day was to remind people of the importance of sleep and to show the extent to which people are sleep-deprived nowadays.

A quick informal survey on people's sleeping habits showed that the majority of young people I interviewed sleep only around five to six hours per night. Binge-sleeping on weekends seem to be a luxury that happens only once in a blue moon. Most young people go to sleep only around 2 a.m., waking up between 7 and 8 in the morning. These are just figures, but what do they tell us?

When inquiring about the reasons, I was ready to hear excuses such as work, reports, homework or an honest reply such as binge-watching TV or playing computer games. But the most common answer I received was "I don't want to sleep!" Some of my interviewees even think that sleeping is a waste of time. Now that seems a bit of a contradiction. Are young people divided into two groups, with one side not wanting to sleep, and the other considering sleep as their hobby?

Perhaps the two sides are a cause and an effect: because these people are sleep-deprived during the week, they can sleep standing or straight for 14 hours during weekends. The funny thing is that most of them claim they go to bed early on weekends. So why not go to bed early on weekdays when they have to work early in the morning?

It seems that the people who stay up late are those who work more than 10 hours a day. Although they are usually exhausted at the end of the day and are conscious that they need to sleep, something more powerful stops them – the enjoyment of some me-time. To most, midnight is the time they can read, watch TV, play video games or jigsaw puzzles, or even enjoy a solo game of chess. So why would they give up such enjoyment for a few more hours of shut-eye?

Another reason for staying up late comes from the fear that once we shut our eyes, time flies. The moment we open them again, it is time for work. And so the cycle begins again. All day long, we crave sleep, dragging our tired body through another day. Then when the time comes for sleep, we cling to our non-working hours and enjoy them as long as we can. So perhaps it is the addiction to staying up late that makes sleep disorders so common.

THE BUZZ UKRAINE: DOCUMENTS READY TO BAN RUSSIA'S EUROVISION ENTRY

Ukraine's security service says it has prepared documents to ban Russia's contestant from this year's Eurovision song contest, but that a final decision has not been made.

Russia chose Yulia Samoylova to represent the country in the May 11-13 contest in Kiev.

But Samoylova has toured in Russia-annexed Crimea, without entering it by going through the de-facto border with the Ukrainian mainland. Under Ukrainian law, that allows authorities to block her entry into Ukraine.

Westminster attacks bring chaos to London

An attacker stabbed a police officer and was shot by police on the grounds outside Britain's Parliament, sending the compound into lockdown yesterday. Around the same time, a vehicle mowed down pedestrians on nearby Westminster Bridge. Authorities said they were treating the attack as a "terrorist incident until we know otherwise."

It was not clear how many people were injured or whether more than one attacker was involved. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The threat level for international terrorism in the UK was listed at severe. Wednesday was the anniversary of suicide bombings in the Brussels airport and subway that killed 32 people.

The incident in London unfolded within sight of some of the city's most famous tourist sites, including the London Eye, a large Ferris wheel with pods that have views over the capital. It stopped rotating and footage showed the pods full as viewers watched police and medical crews on the bridge, which has Big Ben at its north end.

Labour Party lawmaker Mary Creagh said it was her understanding that between five and seven people were mowed down on the bridge. Rick Longley told the Press Association that he heard a bang and saw a car mow down pedestrians and come to a crashing stop. Images from the scene showed pedestrians sprawled on the ground, with blood streaming from a woman surrounded by a scattering of postcards.

"They were just laying the-



Police officers gather around a car adjacent to Houses of Parliament in London

re and then the whole crowd just surged around the corner by the gates just opposite Big Ben," he said. "A guy came past my right shoulder with a big knife and just started plunging it into the policeman. I have never seen anything like that. I just can't believe what I just saw."

Dennis Burns, who was just entering Parliament for a meeting, told the Press Association he heard a radio message saying an officer had been stabbed. Police and security rushed outside as he was going in.

"When I got inside I was wondering what the hell was going on and I saw dozens of panicked people running down the street," he said. "The first stream was around 30 people and the second stream was 70 people. It looked like they were running for their lives."

Daily Mail journalist Quentin Letts said he saw a man in black attack a police officer outside Parliament before being shot two or three times as he tried to storm into the House of Commons.

"He had something in his hand, it looked like a stick of some sort, and he was challenged by a couple of policemen in yellow jackets," Letts told the BBC. "And one of the yellow-jacketed policemen fell down and we could see the man in black moving his arm in a way that suggested he was stabbing or striking the yellow-jacketed policeman."

Letts said the other officer ran to get help and the man in black ran toward the entrance.

"As this attacker was running towards the entrance two plain-clothed guys with guns shouted at him what sounded like a warning, he ignored it and they shot two or three times and he fell," he said.

As lawmakers were voting inside Parliament, they reported hearing the sound of gunshots.

Journalists there said they were told to stay in their offices. Press Association news agency reported that two people were seen lying within the grounds of Parliament.

Prime Minister Theresa May was at Parliament when the incident began, but her office says she is safe. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Didier Lebrun/Pool via AP



No words. Belgium's Queen Mathilde attends a one year anniversary service at Maelbeek metro station in Brussels, yesterday. The suicide bomb attacks on the Brussels airport and subway killed 32 people and wounded more than 300 others.

Station	Air quality	Icon
Roadside	40-60 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Moderate	☹️
Ambient	45-65 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

VIETNAM Vietnamese state media say a court has sentenced nine men to death for trafficking more than 1,000 pounds of heroin. The Tuoi Tre newspaper reported that the court in Hoa Binh province also sentenced nine others to life imprisonment and four others from 17 to 20 years in jail at the end of the 23-day trial this week. The ring was convicted of trafficking 495 kilograms of heroin from Laos through Vietnam for sale in China from 2012 until to 2015.

VIETNAM's aviation authority has suspended three air traffic controllers, including one who fell asleep while on duty, for causing delays for two flights. The Civil Aviation Authority said in a statement that it had recommended that the sleeping controller and one other controller also be fined.



KOREAS A latest missile launch by North Korea appeared to have ended in a failure, South Korean defense officials said, three days after the North claimed a major breakthrough in its rocket development program. More on p12



SOUTH KOREA's just-ousted president returned home early yesterday after being grilled by prosecutors in a long-awaited investigation of corruption allegations that ended her rule and now threaten to put her in jail.

GERMANY The government says pensions will rise by up to 3.6 percent this year as a result of higher wages in Europe's biggest economy. The Labor Ministry said that pensions will increase by 1.9 percent in the former West Germany on July 1 and 3.6 percent in the formerly communist east. That will narrow the gap between the two regions, with easterners' pensions rising to 95.7 percent of westerners' from the current 94.1 percent. Rises in German pensions are linked to wage developments.