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CHINA-US President Donald Trump says he tried to persuade China's leader last week to pressure North Korea to stop its nuclear program in exchange for a good trade deal with the U.S. Trump tweeted yesterday, "I explained to the President of China that a trade deal with the U.S. will be far better for them if they solve the North Korean problem!" More on p12

PHILIPPINES At least nine people were killed yesterday in a gunbattle between Philippine forces and suspected Abu Sanyaf militants on a central resort island, far from the extremists' southern jungle bases and in a region where the U.S. government has warned that the gunmen may be plotting kidnappings, officials said. More on p13



THAILAND Trained elephants sprayed motorists and passers-by with water in Thailand's old capital city of Ayutthaya yesterday to welcome in the Buddhist New Year, known as "Songkran."

INDIA-PAKISTAN India yesterday warned Pakistan of serious consequences for their bilateral relationship if it executes a retired Indian naval officer convicted of espionage and sabotage.

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Watchdog Jason Chao risks government ire - again

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HKZMB Gongbei tunnel completed

The Gongbei tunnel in the Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge (HKZMB) has been completed. A ceremony was organized on Monday to celebrate the event. The tunnel is the only channel that connects Zhuhai to the bridge's main body. It is 2,741 meters long and is designed with six lanes. In order to construct the tunnel, the workers dug 255 meters underground, which took five years and cost RMB400 million, which is 40 times the price of producing a normal tunnel. The upper side of the tunnel is for vehicles driving from Hong Kong to Zhuhai, and the lower part is for vehicles traveling from Zhuhai to Hong Kong.

Guangdong sees high rate of product quality failure

In 2016, Guangdong detained more than 5,500 people and arrested 3,757 (of which 2,578 were charged), for getting involved in the production or selling of counterfeit products. The province discovered over 60 locations that were producing counterfeit products. Children's clothing has been listed as one of the primary inspection points, with 189 violations found from 2,800 inspections. Children's clothing produced in Guangdong and sold via online platforms has a 57.5 percent failure rate.

Casino dealer arrested for domestic violence

A 38-year-old male Macau resident has been arrested for nine years of domestic violence, the Judiciary Police said yesterday. The suspect married his 32-year-old wife in 2008. The wife said that the man has a gambling habit, and would ask her for money every month after losing it to gambling. According to the wife, if she refused to give him money, her husband would physically abuse her, mainly over her head, hands and feet. On March 20, the suspect asked his wife for money, which she did not give. Afterwards, the man grabbed a knife from the kitchen to threaten his wife and their three-year-old daughter. The woman reported the abuse to the police five days later.



Chao calls for public to be 'guardians of election fairness'

Daniel Beitler

As reported yesterday by the Times, former New Macau Association (ANM) leader Jason Chao announced this week the launch of his new election monitoring project, titled "Project Just Macau".

The purpose of the project, hosted at JustMacau.net, is to serve as a secure communication channel for residents to submit information and complaints on the Legislative Assembly (AL) elections due to be held in September.

It aims to complement – or substitute – official channels that lack transparency, according to the social activist, while at the same time monitor Macau authorities such as the Electoral Affairs Commission.

Speaking to the Times last night, Chao said that another of the project's major aims is to compile a public record of complaints, their nature and against whom they are directed.

"This is key because in the past we could not see how many complaints were actually investigated," he said. "I was deeply concerned with the reporting by the authorities during previous elections [...] there were a lot of things that just should not have happened."

He said that while he has his own private expectations for the nature of the complaints, this was not the time to disclose them.

"I am hoping for wide public participation [instead]," said Chao. "It is time for all citizens to join hands and be the guardians of election fairness."

Asked what the organization will do after receiving and handling the complaints, Chao said that it would forward some of them to the relevant authorities, taking note of requests for privacy and anonymity.

However, in taking up the role of watchdog, Chao risks the ire of the government that has on

previous occasions clamped down on similar political activism.

A referendum on the chief executive election in 2014 provoked security forces in Macau to arrest organizers on the basis of personal privacy violations.

“There is no law prohibiting citizens [from] monitoring the election.”

JASON CHAO

“The law provides no justification for me to intervene in election fairness, but there is [also] no law prohibiting citizens [from] monitoring the election,” Chao told the Times. “This [the monitoring] will allow us to check that the authorities are doing their job.”

He said that the authorities have not contacted him about the project, but admitted that it was possible they might do so in the future.

“If it poses a threat to their [the government's] credibility... well, then I don't know,” he said. “But we have to defend our freedom to the greatest extent under the current political circumstances.”

According to the organization's webpage, a “Webinar on Election Monitoring” will be held on April 19 between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m., where Chao will answer questions from the media and the public on a live video link.

The former ANM leader said that he was uncertain about the future of his new organization beyond the AL election's conclusion in September. He also said he could not comment at this time on his own future political ambitions, but one way or another, he plans to stay involved in social activism.

Pearl Horizon buyers seek help from Social Welfare Bureau

A group of residents affected by the Pearl Horizon case went to the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) yesterday morning to voice their

problems and request assistance.

Workers from the bureau have received and heard their requests and provided them with in-

formation on the kind of assistance and support that the IAS can provide, a statement from the bureau informed.

The IAS appealed to

people within Macau who feel that their mental health is suffering to the point where it is preventing them from approaching life's pro-

blems “in a rational manner,” to seek help.

The IAS also informed that, “if necessary, IAS staff will be able to meet with their representatives in the hope to provide support services in a timely manner through an in-depth dialogue and an overall assessment of the real needs of the applicants. RM

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Resident home loans down 26.1 percent

ACCORDING to statistics released by the Monetary Authority of Macau (AMCM) today, new approvals of residential mortgage loans (RMLs) decreased by approximately 26 percent in February this year, when compared to the previous month.

There was a decrease (26.1 percent) in the RMLs attributed to Macau residents, which accounts for 96.3 percent of the total, dropping to MOP2.5 billion.

Those attributed to non-residents also decreased by 15.3 percent to MOP96.7 million. Still, the figures released by AMCM show an increase of 14.9 percent on the total number of RMLs approved when compared year-on-year with the same period of 2016.

The new RMLs, collateralized by uncompleted units, also decreased significantly when compared year-on-year, registering a drop of 75 percent; although, figures also show an increase of

6.9 percent when compared with the previous month this year.

On the other hand, the loans conceded to commercial real estate projects (CRELs) increased in February 2017, registering a jump of six percent month-to-month to MOP2.8 billion and a slightly lower annual growth of 5.3 percent.

The growth registered by AMCM was mostly due to the loans granted to non-residents since the commercial loans taken by residents only registered a growth of 1.6 percent.

With regards to the delinquency ratios, RMLs registered a ratio of 0.19 percent, virtually unchanged from a month ago and only up by 0.09 percent from a year earlier.

The ratio for CRELs followed a similar tendency, registering 0.13 percent, unchanged from the preceding month and slightly up by 0.11 percent from the end of February 2016. **RM**



MOP1 BILLION IN 2016

Secretary Rosário says light rail budget is as forecast

IN 2016, the government spent MOP1 billion on the Macau Light Rail Transit (LRT) project bringing the bill to a total of MOP9.2 billion, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, said yesterday at a meeting of the Legislative Assembly Follow-up Committee on Land and Public Concession Affairs.


After the meeting, the president of the Committee, lawmaker Ho Ion Sang, informed the

media that "the government told us that the cost [of the LRT project] is according to the forecast." Back in 2011, Rosário estimated the budget for the first phase of the project, which includes the Taipa line and the connection to

the transport hub in Barra, to amount to MOP11 billion.

Rosário reassured that the Taipa section will be running in 2019 and reported that the Transportation Infrastructure Office will be extinct in 2018. **RM**

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AL PLENARY

New rules on tax information exchange to be applied

Julie Zhu

THE amendment of the current Law on Exchange of Information on Tax Matters was passed at the Legislative Assembly (AL), yesterday, with the support of 24 members.

The amendment establishes new rules for the financial transparency of Macau-based persons and companies that have tax residency abroad.

The amendment will comply with the Common Reporting Standard and Due Diligence on Financial Account Information (CRS) from the United Nations Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

CRS demands that all countries need to share this tax information in an automated system and that these automated systems are to be operational by 2018.

Mak Soi Kun asked who would be responsible for the information's confidential transfer, and questioned whether the government can assure that the law will be applied in 2018, as the government needs to purchase equipment for implementation of the law and also needs to apply for ISO certification for the equipment it will purchase.

Lam Heong Sang questioned what the differences are



between this new law and the current version, and whether there were any violations regarding the current law.

Chan Iek Lap noted that the new law mainly refers to U.S. residents, and has questioned what the authority would do regarding people who hold dual citizenship with Macau and the U.S.

In addition, Chan wants to know how many Macau residents possess U.S. citizenship.

The Financial Services Bureau's (DSF) director Iong Kong Leong explained that to oblige by international agreements on providing tax information from 2018, the financial institutions will need to start collecting data from July 1.

Iong added this law is not only related to the U.S., but is related to all countries which

have signed agreements with Macau.

Macau residents are not involved in this exchange agreement, according to the DSF's spokesperson, who reaffirmed that those who do not have an overseas identity will not be included into the system.

"Macau residents' information is not needed for exchange," said Iong, noting that his bureau does not possess any documents regarding Macau residents who are also U.S. residents, because the law has not yet come into effect.

Regarding violations of the current version of the law, Iong said that everything has been happening smoothly for all these years.

During the implementation of the current law, the authority received around 20 requests for information exchange.

Answering a query by José Pereira Coutinho, Iong mentioned that records of such information should be kept for a period of five years.

Chui Sai Peng noted that when a third country asks Macau to send them tax information regarding their residents, the country might be abusing their power.

Chui has doubts on how the Macau authority ensures that taxpayer rights are protected under these situations.

Iong said that not only will Macau keep it confidential if a third country requests it to do so, but the third country will also apply the same rule when requested by Macau.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, added that this exchange agreement is equal and reciprocal.

Leong said that the Macau authority only delivered the bill now because Hong Kong passed a related bill last June, which Macau has to acknowledge.

The amended law will also establish administrative penalties regarding the responsibilities of the entities, personal data protection and the principle of confidentiality as well as empowering the DSF with the ability to undertake and manage the exchanges and supervise the financial institutions that would perform automated exchanges.

ON THE LAWMAKERS' AGENDA

RESTAURANT

INSPECTIONS Chan Meng Kam has complained about the government's recent and frequent inspections of the city's restaurants. Chan said that the restaurant industry deemed the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau's (IACM) early morning inspections as inappropriate and a sign that the IACM is unaware of the industry's working mode.

Chan questioned the IACM's expectations, asking how the IACM could reasonably expect kitchens to be kept as new after years of usage. Chan also questioned whether the authority considers it unnecessary to inspect other public places; such as hospitals, and the state of their emergency exit signs. This particularly pointed question is a response to the IACM food safety center's requirement for restaurants to change their existing exit sign to a particular type, while hospitals use different types.

SELECTION OF CIVIL

SERVANTS Song Pek Kei said that the latest report by the Commission Against Corruption revealed brazen illegal action taken by public departments.

Song deemed that disorder within the public administration has not stopped, and that it has become a problem of not just one department or individual.

Song noted that the situation in recent years has shown that the city's public administration problems have become more and more serious and more frequent as it also involves groups.

Song has suggested that the government publicize its selection process for major and minor leadership roles.

HIDING OFFICIALS

José Pereira Coutinho has commented on a few officials who are in debt and are known for confining themselves to their offices and delegating an unfair amount of their responsibilities to their subordinates.

More precisely, he was criticizing the Housing Bureau's heads, as the department recently provided false or incomplete information to hundreds of affordable houses' applicants, and through disseminating this information they were, in essence, "cheating" the applicants.

Coutinho also said that many residents have lost their patience reading the Commission Against Corruption's yearly report, since "these reports are all the same," because the government has not investigated the people allegedly responsible for the corruption.

Procurement law and government's unruly recruitments to be discussed

THE Legislative Assembly (AL) will discuss the amendment of the city's procurement law and also the government's unruly method of recruiting workers for public departments.

Proposed by Mak Soi Kun, the discussion on the city's procurement law was passed with 24 votes in favor.

In Mak's words, Macau's procurement law has already become a sickness to the society, and "it generates corruption, and severely damages the public's interests."

To support Mak, José Pereira Coutinho commented that besides sheltering corruption,



José Pereira Coutinho



Mak Soi Kun

the procurement law also causes unfair competition.

He challenged the city's high officials to stand up and tell the public about an exact schedule for an amended procurement law.

Song Pek Kei and a few other lawmakers also voiced their support of

the discussion.

However, Tsui Wai Kwan deemed such discussion as meaningless, as the government has already admitted that the amendment should be applied to the procurement law.

Cheung Lup Kwan said that the government should have initiated

the work a long time ago and said that the amendment has been delayed for too long.

"There is an overdue every year because the government has too much money" he said.

Moreover, Cheong hopes that high officials can face these things. "I'm not blaming the

high officials, but I hope they can work it out as soon as possible.

Another motion proposed by Leong Veng Chai, is that he expects the Secretariat for Legal Affairs and Administration to supervise its related departments in their recruitment processes. Leong Veng Chai added that many of their employees were treated equally and fairly however they were hired through illegal methods.

Leong hopes that a discussion can allow the lawmakers to express their opinions and even establish clear laws on pursuing legal responsibilities over illegal recruitment. **JZ**

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30TH ANNIVERSARY

McDonald's Macau plans to add three stores this year

Lynzy Valles

MCDONALD'S Macau marked its 30th anniversary yesterday, launching a "McDonald's Macau 30th Anniversary Memories Playland" at the Science Center to celebrate with the local community.

Open to the public until May 7, the Memories Playland takes customers on a trip down memory lane via the iconic McDonald's characters on display, set amongst some of Macau's most well known backdrops.

The area also includes an exhibition of happy meal toys that were made available three decades ago.

McDonald's Macau opened its first restaurant on Rua do Campo on April 11, 1987.

Currently there are 29 restaurants in the territory.

According to the management, three more restaurants will be added this year, but they



John Ho

have yet to disclose the areas. Michelle Ho, CEO of Golden Burger (Macau) Food Company Limited and Developmental Licensee for McDonald's Macau, told the press that the addition

of restaurants is part of a bid to further expand its business.

"We will continue to grow the business [and] more [will be set up] in the subsequent years," she revealed.



Michelle Ho

Combining the Zhuhai, Zhongshan and Macau stores, the firm is currently operating 79 McDonald's restaurants.

The CEO also stressed that the firm has not seen a plunge in its

profit for a decade.

"Our business continues to grow [...] We have not seen a decline in our business for over 10 years," she said.

Also speaking on the sidelines of the event, John Ho, founder and Chairman Emeritus of McDonald's Macau, told the press that he had no regrets in launching the first McDonald's in Macau despite the pressure of bringing an American food chain to the then-insignificant territory.

"There were a lot of naysays," he recalled, adding that the concept of fast food was not popular back then as residents were used to having a three-hour lunch break.

The founder assured the customer base that McDonald's Hong Kong and Macau acquires some of the best products compared to other Asian countries.

When asked what the differences were in the management of McDonald's Macau, the chairman briefly said, "No difference, we just do it better."

The Macau company employs more than 1,200 staff. Five of them have been working from the very beginning and were awarded at the event yesterday.

Further, over one-third of the management team has a tenure of at least 20 years with McDonald's Macau.

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Albergue SCM will launch the "Design and Art Field Trip 2017 - Shenzhen" between 20 April and 22 April. To encourage exchanges between Macau and Shenzhen art and design professionals, the tour will visit culture site including Shenzhen Design Week, China Guanlan Original Printmaking Base, Dafen Oil Painting Village, OCT-LOFT OCT Creative Group, OCT Art Design Gallery, He Xiangning Art Museum and Guan Shanyue Art Museum, etc.

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Macau Artist Society's Youth Committee Exhibits at Anim'Arte

The Macau Artist Society will inaugurate an exhibition on Saturday (April 15) featuring over 50 new artworks, by 22 of its younger members. The exhibition, to be displayed at the Lakeside Gallery – S1 Room at Anim'Arte Nam Van, will run until June 25 and is open to the general public with free admission. The co-organizer, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), has stated that all the artworks in the display will be available for sale and that they will include diverse themes and styles by Macanese artists, teachers and students engaged in the fields of arts, commercial arts, design, fine arts and literature. The IC also informed that this exhibition will be the first collective exhibition held at the Lakeside Gallery this year. **RM**

Hockey in Macau to be supported by Asian top body



ASIAN National Hockey associations gathered last week in Muscat, Oman, for the Asia Hockey Federation (AHF) Congress 2017. Being a member association of the AHF, the Macau Hockey Association (AHM) attended the Congress. During the individual country meeting, the Macau delegation received support from the Chief Executive Officer of AHF, Tayyab Ikram, after he understood the extent to which field hockey is being developed in Macau and Macau's development plans set in place to popularize hockey in 2017-18. During the Country Report session, Ikram also recognized the overall work and efforts made by Macau, and he was pleased to learn of how the Macau Hockey Association has

been reactivating the sport in Macau over the past two years. Ikram added that he is looking forward to seeing Macau's participation in the upcoming International Hockey Federation (FIH) programs, such as the FIH Hockey Academy Coaching and Umpiring courses, which will be held in Ipoh, Malaysia, on May 3 to 6. David Paulo Ribeiro, Member of the AHM Hockey Development Committee, also met with the CEO of AHF to discuss Macau's Youth Development Scheme, which was well received by the Federation. The AHF will in turn extend its support where necessary to AHM in carrying out the program in Macau. The Secretary General of AHM, Geraldine Lam Mei Ka, stated that there is a strong interest among some members, including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Oman, to organize a veteran tournament towards the end of the year or early next year.

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Starbucks extends China health coverage to workers' parents

STARBUCKS Corp. will provide Chinese workers with health insurance that extends coverage to their parents, a unique offering by the coffeehouse chain that may be used by more than 10,000 people to treat cancer, heart disease and Alzheimer's.

The plan is a response to traditional values in China, the company said, as children often care for their parents and grandparents in a society that doesn't have a comprehensive safety net for the elderly. The plan, covering 30 critical illnesses and some surgeries, will be available starting in June, Executive Chairman Howard Schultz said.

"This is the first time we've done anything like this, and the reason for that is that it was clear there was an emotionally driven concern among partners about their ability to take care of their parents," Schultz said in an interview in Beijing. "I heard firsthand very emotionally driven, tragic stories about what's taking place with the parents who got sick, and many passed away."

The program addresses a critical need for an aging population that's contending with increasing rates of major diseases from cancer to heart ailments. It's also a strategic move to retain employees, many of them recent college graduates in low-skill jobs, and create goodwill toward the company at a time of increasing political tensions between the U.S and China.

"This insurance move is about recruiting and retaining talent but also about creating an image of Starbucks that is pro-China, pro-Chinese," said Shaun Rein, managing director of the China Market Research Group in Shanghai. "If there are bilateral tensions and Starbucks doesn't have

good public relations and a good image in China, they become a target for protests."

The swelling burden to pay for illnesses is stressing China's government-run health insurance programs, which provide basic coverage for 95 percent of its 1.4 billion people. Families in China can still face catastrophic medical bills for costly treatments not covered by public insurance, and the government has long sought private companies to fill that gap.

When Starbucks approached the country's insurers on the plan, they were often met with surprise, said Belinda Wong, chief executive officer for Starbucks' China business. There wasn't such a program in place and one had to be customized for Starbucks, according to the company.

The Starbucks plan complements the existing China Social Medical Insurance Program. Families are given a lump sum upon diagnosis of a covered illness, and the patient will receive subsidies for treatments for as many as three years. The program will cover a "significant percentage of total medical costs," according to the company.

Parents must be younger than 75 and reside in mainland China to qualify, the company said. Starbucks will pay the full premiums for eligible workers — those who've been employed by the company for at least two years. The company has about 40,000 employees in China, Schultz said.

The plan was devised after employee surveys found that 70 percent of workers were concerned about the health of their elderly parents, according to the company. The company also noticed an increasing number of requests for financial assistance from employees to help cover parents' health costs.



"Once we sit down and listen to those stories, we could not be a bystander," Schultz said.

The private health-insurance sector in China is expanding rapidly: premium income for commercial health insurers jumped by almost 68 percent in 2016. Policies offering a one-time payment in case of specified major illnesses, such as when the customer is diagnosed with specific types of cancer, currently dominate China's commercial health-insurance market, according to an August report by the Boston Consulting Group Inc. and Munich RE.

The plan is a "multimillion-dollar investment" annually, the company said. Starbucks said it was designed by one of China's biggest insurance companies, though it didn't name the insurer.

The move is a strategic one for Starbucks as many multinational

companies in China are planning how to contain the fallout if President Donald Trump implements policies that affect business ties or trade with China. Trump and China President Xi Jinping met last week for the first time in Florida, and the leaders agreed to a "100-day plan" to discuss trade.

Trump previously vowed to close the trade deficit with China that reached USD347 billion last year.

Schultz reiterated that China is the most important market for the company ahead. Starbucks generated about 14 percent of last fiscal year's revenue in Asia including China, compared with about 6 percent three years earlier, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

"We are playing a long game," Schultz said. "Starbucks is here to stay. We believe that there's a very significant opportunity to build long-term growth." **Bloomberg**

Chinese auto sales weaken sharply in March after tax rise

GROWTH in China's auto sales plunged in March as demand for SUVs weakened and purchases of sedans contracted, an industry group reported yesterday.

Sales of cars, minivans and SUVs in the biggest market by number of vehicles sold rose 1.7 percent from a year earlier, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. That was down from 6.3 percent growth in the first two months of the year.

Total vehicle sales, including trucks and buses, rose 3 percent to 2.5 million.

Auto demand was forecast to cool after Beijing raised a sales tax Jan. 1, but the March decline was unexpectedly sharp. Forecasters expect sales growth in mid-single digits this year, down from last year's 15 percent.

A steady decline in sales growth is squeezing global brands that look to China's crowded market to drive revenue and newer local brands that are expanding abroad.

Sales of SUVs, which are shoring up revenue for automakers as demand in other segments plunges, rose 19.6 percent from a year earlier to 832,300. Still, that was down from 21.6 percent growth in January-February.

Sales of sedans shrank 4.9 percent to 990,000 units, down from 3.8 percent growth in January-February.

In the year to date, overall market growth slowed to 4.6 percent, down 2.1 percentage points from a year earlier, according to CAAM. It said March exports rose 23.8 percent to 70,000 units.

Chinese drivers bought a total of 24.4 million vehicles last year after a 10 percent sales tax on small-engine vehicles was cut by half. Part of that was restored in January, raising the tax from 5 percent to 7.5 percent. **AP**

corporate bits

CONRAD MACAO CELEBRATES 5TH ANNIVERSARY



Conrad Macao, Cotai Central marked its fifth anniversary yesterday by launching a limited edition of Conrad Macao's bespoke Bear and

Duck in glossy black.

Guests who stay at Conrad Macao from April 10 will receive the Celebration Glossy Black Bear as a complemen-

tary gift on the day of arrival.

Those looking for an exclusive gift can also purchase a 30-centimeter tall anniversary bear, presented in a gift box, from the hotel's gift shop, according to a press release issued by Conrad Macao.

Conrad Macao's collection of signature bears have become collectors' items since the hotel opened in April 2012.

In addition to the signature gold bear that guests receive when they stay at Conrad Macao, there is also an exclusive collection of four bears produced every year.

"Liquid metal" is the inspiration behind the 2017 Conrad Macao bespoke limited edition Bears and Ducks, where the collection is made of shimmering silver, glossy black, shining red and polished pink colors.

MGM SUPPORTS LE FRENCH MAY EXHIBITION



Le French May Art Festival will be presenting Très'Ors, an exhibition especially tailored for the festival, supported and sponso-

red by Le Musée à la Carte and MGM respectively.

French Curator, Anne Camilli, founder of Le Musée à la Car-

te, created the exhibition with the goal of assisting the public in Hong Kong and Macau to discover how the richness of gold has inspired French artists and craftsmen throughout the course of history.

The exhibition will present a unique selection of creations and artifacts, with over 150 works brought together for the first time ever.

According to a statement, among the works are religious pieces from the Musée Notre-Dame de Fourvière in Lyon, 18th and 19th century clocks and watches from the Musée de l'Horlogerie de Morteau.

A 1930s sculpture — La Jeune Fille à la Colombe — by Zadkine, jewels from the Boucheron collection and 20th century French artists, a gold embroidered clutch by Van Cleef and Arpels are amongst the items that will also be presented.

Gerry Shih, Beijing

XINJIANG

Official punished for not daring to smoke near Muslims

AUTHORITIES in China's restive Xinjiang region have punished a local official for declining to smoke in front of Muslim elders, seeing that as a sign he was insufficiently committed to the region's fight against religious extremism, according to a government report and state media yesterday.

Jelil Matniyaz, Communist Party head of a village in Hotan Prefecture, was demoted for "not daring" to smoke in front of religious figures, said the report, issued Saturday and reproduced by official newspapers and websites. Matniyaz, identified as a member of Xinjiang's indigenous Uighur ethnic minority, was cited by the report as not having a "resolute political stance."

The state-run Global Times newspaper yesterday quoted other local officials as saying that government leaders should push back against rather than comply with religious prohibitions against smoking to demonstrate their "commitment to secularization."

The punishment appears to be the latest extreme measure by the authorities to exert their will in Xinjiang, particularly its southern portion including Hotan where Uighur culture is strongest. Chinese authorities and the state-controlled media have increasingly equated religious expression

with extremism in their official rhetoric, partly in response to a bloody insurgency blamed on Uighur Islamic militants.

The government has argued that its measures, such as prohibiting women from wearing Islamic veils or men from growing beards, are part of an effort to roll back dangerous religious fundamentalism. Overseas Uighur advocate groups say the restrictions have only increased resentment over heavy-handed Chinese rule and fueled a cycle of radicalization and violence.

Although smoking is not strictly forbidden in many parts of the Muslim world, it is sometimes discouraged by the more religiously observant. Ironically, Matniyaz's punishment comes as health officials are seeking to curb a deeply ingrained smoking culture in China, where about half of all males regularly light up.

Adrian Zenz, a researcher at the European School of Culture and Theology in Germany, said Xinjiang officials were attempting "social re-engineering" by purging any hint of Islamic influence on



Delegates from Xinjiang meet in the Xinjiang Hall of the Great Hall of the People on the sideline of the National People's Congress in Beijing last month

Uighur society.

"The normal practice of religion is now being defined as extremism," Zenz said. "This is a whole new dimension."

The Hotan Daily newspaper said a total of 97 local officials were censured as part of a Communist Party investigation into the conduct of its own members. The report indicated the probe was personally directed by Chen Quanguo, the Xinjiang's regional Com-

munist Party leader and highest ranking official, who has vowed to crack down on extremism.

Chen was transferred to Xinjiang in August from Tibet, another region whose non-ethnic Chinese residents have long lived under social, political and religious restrictions far more severe than in other parts of the country.

In recent months Chen has ratcheted up security measures and sent phalanxes of armed parami-

litary police and armored tanks rumbling through Hotan's streets in large-scale displays of force.

An ancient stop on the Silk Road, Hotan and its surrounding region have seen an uptick in violence in recent years. State media reported that a car rammed into a Communist Party building in December and blew up, resulting in one dead. Months later, eight people died in a knife attack in a different part of Hotan. **AP**

China seen allowing bigger yuan declines as trade tensions ease

CHINA will probably let the yuan weaken further now that trade tensions with the U.S. are receding and capital outflow pressures are easing, according to Natixis SA and DBS Group Holdings Ltd.

Last week's meeting between the nation's presidents has reduced the chances of the U.S. labeling the Asian country a currency manipulator in the near term, said Alicia Garcia Herrero, chief Asia-Pacific economist at Natixis. Signs of a stabilizing economy are adding to the case for Chinese policy makers allowing bigger moves, according to DBS.

Expectations that the yuan will weaken are showing up in the market, with the offshore yuan headed for the longest stretch of declines since October and a gauge of onshore volatility rising to a one-month high. The exchange rate has weakened 0.5 percent so far this month, after recording its strongest quarter in a

year. China's real effective exchange rate climbed 36 percent in the past 10 years, according to a Bank for International Settlements gauge.

"China is still motivated to depreciate the yuan," said Hong Kong-based Garcia Herrero. "The U.S. is unlikely to announce China a currency manipulator right after the presidents' meeting. China has bought time - maybe one year - on the currency manipulation issue."

Presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump agreed on a "100-day plan" to address the two nations' trade imbalance during a meeting in Florida last week, with investors seeing the outcome as generally positive for bilateral relations.

This came before the U.S. Treasury Department is set to publish a semi-annual report on trading partners' foreign-exchange policy as early as this week. Trump has described China as the "grand champion" of manipula-



tion and threatened to impose punitive tariffs on the country's exports.

The onshore currency's one-month implied volatility, which is used to price options, rose to 3.97 percent on Monday, the highest since March 10. The yuan will drop 2.5 percent through the rest of this year in Shanghai, according to the median forecast in a Bloomberg survey. China's capital flows turned positive in February for the first time since January 2015, according to a Bloomberg

Intelligence estimate, and foreign-exchange reserves increased for a second straight month in March.

"Against the backdrop of stabilizing growth and a calm outflow picture, China has been more flexible on the yuan's exchange rate and comfortable to see a bit more depreciation," said Nathan Chow, an economist at DBS in Hong Kong. "The yuan's weakness in April also shows the PBOC's intention to let the yuan become more market-driven in the mid-term." **Bloomberg**

ANALYSIS

Beijing finally stems outflows. Now what?

Christopher Balding

IS China finally making headway in its battle against currency outflows? On the surface, yes: People's Bank of China foreign exchange reserves are effectively unchanged since December at USD3 trillion, and data for February released by the State Administration of Foreign Exchange showed a significant narrowing of net outflows of capital based on international bank settlements and sales.

That's a major accomplishment, given that yuan had been leaving the country at an average rate of almost \$60 billion per month in the middle of last year. But how this turnaround was achieved raises some serious long-term questions for China.

For one thing, it wasn't driven by economic strength. Officially recorded payments and receipts are both down significantly across all categories. Total foreign bank inflows are flat, while payments abroad were down by 15 percent through

the first two months of the year. With total outflow payments from banks of \$3.1 trillion in 2016, a 15 percent drop represents a large decline in absolute terms.

[...] China hasn't addressed what is pushing capital out of the country in the first place: a lack of appealing investments. Last year, private companies were responsible for only 33 percent of fixed-asset investment in China. In an economy beset by overcapacity and rising costs, it's not surprising that they want to move capital abroad.

[...] More fundamentally, though, the government seems to be losing its influence over an increasingly affluent and business-savvy population. If people feel their interests are better served by moving money abroad, they'll do so, and companies will find ways to help them. China may have stopped the outflows for now. Until it addresses the reasons money is leaving, that will be a Pyrrhic victory. **Bloomberg**

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Executions in China said to outpace world despite decline

Matthew Brown, Beijing

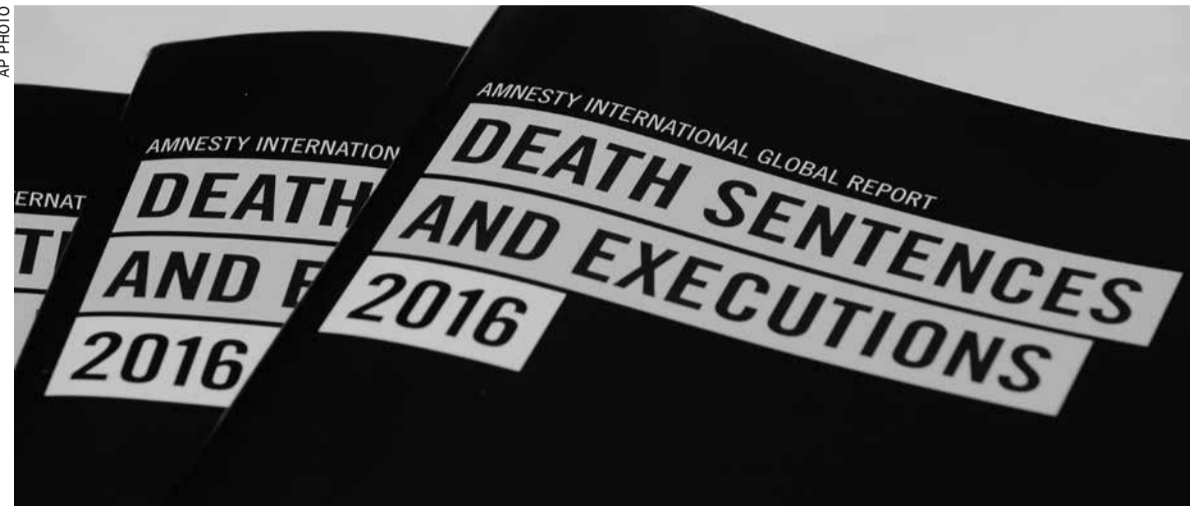
CHINA'S use of the death penalty remains shrouded in secrecy and still outpaces the rest of the world combined, even after the nation's execution rate fell sharply over the past decade, human rights activists said yesterday.

Amnesty International reported 1,032 state-sponsored executions worldwide in 2016, excluding China, where the true number is unknown because the government considers it a state secret. The group said it believes China executed thousands, but it didn't offer a more precise estimate due to a lack of accurate information.

The human rights group Dui Hua estimates about 2,000 executions took place in China last year, down from a 6,500 a decade ago, said the group's executive director, John Kamm. The tally was based on research into lower-level court cases and contacts with government officials and Chinese and Western legal scholars, Kamm said.

Amnesty said its figure for worldwide executions excluding China represents a 37 percent drop from 2015. The United States recorded 20 executions, its fewest in 25 years, in part because of court rulings and shortages of chemicals used in lethal injections.

Yet as other countries shift away from capital punishment,



Copies of reports on the death penalty are displayed during a press conference of Amnesty International in Hong Kong

China increasingly is seen as an outlier, said Amnesty International East Asia Director Nicholas Bequelin.

Government officials did not immediately comment on Amnesty's report. But China's chief justice, Zhou Qiang, told the national legislature last month that over the past decade executions were limited to "an extremely small number of criminals for extremely serious offenses."

China has faced longstanding pressure from the international community to curb its use of the death penalty, which reached a frenzy in 1983 with 24,000 executions after provincial courts were given powers to mete out capital punishment, according to Dui Hua.

The nation also has faced criticism for harvesting organs from

executed inmates, including for sale to patients from overseas. China banned the practice in 2015 but Bequelin said it's impossible to know whether organ harvesting for profit has ceased because the legal system operates within a "black box" with little transparency.

Human rights group Dui Hua said the number of executions in China remains a national embarrassment

"China is trying to have it both ways, both getting credit and allaying international pressure over the death penalty in the county, while maintain and enforcing an elaborate system of secrecy," Bequelin said.

Oversight of death sentence cases was returned to China's highest court, the Supreme People's Court, in 2007. Since that time, the government has narrowed which crimes can bring capital punishment but still lists more than three dozen eligible offenses, including treason, separatism, spying, arson, murder, rape, robbery and human trafficking.

Chinese legal scholar Hong Daode contended that 90 percent of executions last year were for homicide cases.

"There has been a long tradition

in China that the one that has taken people's lives should pay with his own life," said Hong, a professor of criminal law at China University of Political Science and Law.

However, Susan Trevaskes of Australia's Griffith University, concluded in a recent study that close to half of all death sentences were handed down for drug crimes.

Efforts to reform how such cases are handled by the courts have been frustrated by the government's attitude that all drug crimes constitute a threat to society, according to Trevaskes, author of the 2012 book "The Death Penalty in Contemporary China."

That's despite the fact that many perpetrators are low-level "mules" — typically poor, rural residents hired by traffickers to transport their illicit contraband but who reap minimal profit from the work, Trevaskes said.

Whatever the breakdown, Dui Hua's Kamm said the number of executions in China remains a national embarrassment.

"Pushing for the Chinese government to release the number is perhaps the most effective way to drive it down," he said.

Hong and others faulted Amnesty for claiming in its report that verdicts on only 85 executions between 2014 and 2016 showed up on a supreme court website, out of at least 931 that the human rights group tallied through public news reports.

Among the cases omitted were the executions of foreigners for drug crimes and people accused of terrorism in China's in Xinjiang Uyghur autonomous region, the group said.

But Hong said the website was never intended to provide a comprehensive database of executions and likely only includes verdicts intended to influence society or guide future trials. **AP**

ONE BELT, ONE ROAD

China opens delayed Myanmar pipeline for faster Mideast oil

As crude pipeline to southwestern China through its neighbor Myanmar began operations after years of delays, allowing the world's second-biggest oil user to receive supplies faster from the Middle East and Africa.

A Suezmax-sized tanker, which can hold 140,000 metric tons (about 1 million barrels) of crude, began offloading oil for the pipeline on Monday at Myanmar's Made Island, according to China's official Xinhua News Agency. Operations on the line, which was completed in

2014 and originally scheduled to start the same year, are beginning after the government of Myanmar agreed to lower transit fees, Wang Dongjin, president of PetroChina Co., said last month.

The link, which allows China to import crude from the Middle East and Africa without having to ship through the Straits of Malacca and into the South China Sea, is part of President Xi Jinping's "One Belt, One Road" infrastructure and trade development plan stretching across Asia to Africa and

Europe.

"It may send a message to those countries that are still hesitating about whether to participate that the initiative is China's top national strategy and can bring economic benefits to participants," said Fan Hongwei, an international relations professor at Xiamen University who specializes in Myanmar.

For Myanmar, the initial benefits are probably minimal, said Suresh Sivanandam, a senior research manager for Asia refining at Wood Mackenzie Ltd. The country may get a small

amount of oil and some revenue from oil storage and pipeline tariff fees, while experience from China in building energy infrastructure will be a boon for the country later, he said.

"Myanmar is growing very fast, and sooner rather than later they might need more oil refineries," Sivanandam said. "The process of building energy infrastructure should help them in the long run to meet growing domestic demand."

China and Myanmar on Monday signed an agreement on the pipeli-



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ne, as well as eight other cooperation documents, after talks between Xi and Myanmar President Htin Kyaw, state-run China Daily reported. The pipeline ends in China's Yunnan province, where PetroChina has built an oil refinery with the capacity to process 13 million tons a year (about 261,000

barrels a day) of crude.

PetroChina finished building the refinery in the provincial capital Kunming about six months ago and has been waiting for pipeline deliveries to start, according to Sivanandam. It will take about 12 million barrels of crude to fill the pipeline before deliveries can start, he said. **MDT/Bloomberg**

KOREA

Pyongyang calls US aircraft carrier dispatch outrageous

KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (center, foreground)

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

NORTH Korea is vowing tough counteraction to any military moves that might follow the U.S. decision to send the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier and its battle group to waters off the Korean Peninsula.

The statement from Pyongyang comes as tensions on the divided peninsula are high because of U.S.-South Korea war games now underway and recent ballistic missile launches by the North. Pyongyang sees the annual maneuvers as a dress rehearsal for invasion, while the North's missile launches violate U.N. resolutions.

"We will hold the U.S. wholly accountable for the catastrophic consequences to be entailed by its outrageous actions," a spokesman for its Foreign Ministry was quoted as saying by the state-run Korean Central News Agency late Monday.

The statement comes just after

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said U.S. missile strikes against a Syrian air base in retaliation for a chemical weapon attack carry a message for any nation operating outside of international norms.

He didn't specify North Korea, but the context was clear enough.

Kim Jong Un's regime "has made significant advancements in delivery systems, and that is what concerns us the most," Tillerson said. When asked what message North Korea should take from the U.S. strike on Syria last week, he said: "If you become a threat to others, at some point a response is likely to be undertaken."

Tillerson said the U.S. wasn't interested in "regime change" in North Korea.

While the U.S. wants a denuclearized Korean peninsula, it has "no objective to change the regime in North Korea," he said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program. The country must stop all weapons testing before further diplomatic

talks can take place, the senior U.S. official added.

"If you violate international agreements, if you fail to live up to commitments, if you become a threat to others, at some point a response is likely to be undertaken," Tillerson told ABC's "This Week."

"This goes to prove that the U.S. reckless moves for invading the DPRK have reached a serious phase of its scenario," the North's statement said. "If the U.S. dares opt for a military action, crying out for 'preemptive attack' and 'removal of the headquarters,' the DPRK is

ready to react to any mode of war desired by the U.S."

North Korea's formal name is the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pyongyang has long claimed the U.S. is preparing some kind of assault against it and justifies its nuclear weapons as defensive in nature.

North Korea conducted another ballistic missile test last week, shortly before U.S. President Donald Trump and China's Xi Jinping met at a summit in Florida.

Kim has said previously his regime was close to developing a ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead to North America, and has threatened to conduct preemptive strikes on the U.S. and its allies if it believed an attack was imminent.

Pyongyang resident Kim Sung Chol told Associated Press Television, "We love peace, but we are never going to beg for it. If anyone tries to provoke us, we will defend ourselves in the strongest way with our own power, and we will keep

on doing things our way."

South Korea has warned that its northern neighbor may conduct a nuclear test or another missile launch in the coming days to mark symbolic dates in the country's history. Yesterday marked five years since Kim assumed the post of Workers' Party leader, and Saturday is the 105th anniversary of the birth of his grandfather, North Korea's founder Kim Il Sung.

We will hold the U.S. wholly accountable for the catastrophic consequences.

NORTH KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY

U.S. Navy ships are a common presence in the Korean region and are in part a show of force. On Saturday night, the Pentagon said a Navy carrier strike group was moving toward the western Pacific Ocean to provide more of a physical presence in the region.

President Donald Trump's national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, described the decision to send the carrier group as "prudent." **MDT/Agencies**



The USS Carl Vinson at Busan port, South Korea, last month

South's election candidate open to talks with Kim Jong Un

SOUTH Korean presidential hopeful Moon Jae-in told a local newspaper that he would deal with North Korea's nuclear ambitions through direct talks with dictator Kim Jong Un.

Moon - one of two top candidates for the May 9 election - told the Korea Herald newspaper that South Korea must negotiate with Kim to resolve the nuclear issue. South Korea should play a greater role since it has the most at stake, the newspaper reported him as saying.

"I feel that we should take the lead," Moon said in the interview. "At present, we are spectators who hope for the U.S.-China talks to go well," he said. He expressed regret that U.S. President Donald Trump and China's Xi Jinping didn't reach an agreement on North Korea at last week's summit.

South Korea's Acting President Hwang Kyo-ahn has asked military and diplomatic officials to strengthen monitoring for signs of any pro-

vocations by North Korea, he said yesterday at a cabinet meeting.

Moon is the nominee for the left-leaning Democratic Party of Korea, which has traditionally favored a softer approach toward North Korea. His rivals in the vote to choose a successor to ousted former President Park Geun-hye have taken more hard-line stances toward Kim's regime.

Moon has said that he would review a decision to allow the U.S. to deploy a missile shield in South Korea over China's objections. His main rival, Ahn Cheol-soo of the People's Party, has expressed support for the deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system, or Thaad.

In the interview, Moon said he would address Thaad first if he took power. "I will concentrate on resolving the North Korean nuclear issue, which is the root of matters surrounding Thaad," he said. **MDT/Bloomberg**

ASIAN SHARES MOSTLY LOWER

SHARES WERE mostly lower yesterday in Asia amid growing wariness over tensions with North Korea. A stronger yen pulled Japanese shares lower. Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index slipped 0.5 percent to 18,708.49 as Toshiba and other big manufacturers lost ground. Meanwhile, Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 0.8 percent to 24,063.28, the Shanghai Composite index lost 0.5 percent to 3,252.67 and South

Korea's Kospi fell 0.6 percent to 2,119.86. Shares in Southeast Asia were mixed. "The markedly unusual move had been explained as a reaction towards North Korea's provocations and has fueled concerns that further tensions may emerge," Jingyi Pan of analyst IG said in a commentary. "Certainly with the hardening of the stance by the new U.S. leader, the concern could very much be justified."

Jim Gomez, Manila

PHILIPPINES

Troops and suspected militants clash; 9 dead

AT least nine people were killed yesterday in a gunbattle between Philippine forces and suspected Abu Sayyaf militants on a central resort island, far from the extremists' southern jungle bases and in a region where the U.S. government has warned that the gunmen may be plotting kidnappings, officials said.

Military officials said at least five gunmen, three soldiers and a policeman had died in the ongoing gunbattle in a village in the coastal town of Inabanga in Bohol province. The island province is known for its beach resorts and wildlife and lies near Cebu province, a regional commercial and tourism center.

National police chief Director General Ronald dela Rosa said troops and policemen attacked the gunmen early yesterday in Inabanga, where the gunmen had arrived aboard three boats. The gunmen took cover in three houses as the firefight broke out.

Government forces seized control of two of the houses, and the rest of the gunmen either were in the third house or had fled the area, dela Rosa told reporters.

If it is proven that the gunmen were from the Abu Sayyaf, it may be the group's first known attempt to carry out ransom kidnappings deep in the heartland of the central Philippines, far from its jungle lairs in the southern provinces of Sulu and Basilan.

Bohol island, where one of

AP PHOTO



Philippine National Police Chief Ronald dela Rosa walks after an anti-terror simulation exercise at a bus terminal in Quezon city yesterday

the world's smallest primates, called tarsiers, are found, drawing many tourists, lies about 640 kilometers (400 miles) southeast of Manila. Bohol is about an hour away by boat from Cebu province, a bustling commercial and tourism hub in the region.

Abu Sayyaf militants have crossed the sea border with Malaysia on powerful spee-

dboats and kidnapped scores of foreign tourists in the past.

"If we were not able to monitor this and engage them with our government forces, it's a cause for alarm if they were able to carry out kidnappings," dela Rosa said.

Military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano told The Associated Press that military intelligence operatives had been

trying to track down the movements of the suspected militants, who first traveled from Sulu to southern Zamboanga peninsula. Intelligence later indicated the gunmen landed ashore in Inabanga, prompting military and police officials to deploy their forces, he said.

The gunmen traveled on board motor boats along a river to Inabanga's Napo village,

where government forces assaulted them, military spokesman Col. Edgard Arevalo said, adding that troops recovered four rifles and a homemade bomb from the slain gunmen.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila recently advised Americans to take precautions amid "unsubstantiated yet credible information" of possible kidnappings by terrorists in Bohol, nearby Cebu province and other central areas.

The United States and the Philippines have separately blacklisted the Abu Sayyaf as a terrorist organization for bombings, kidnappings for ransom and beheadings. Some Abu Sayyaf commanders have pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered troops to destroy the extremists in Sulu and in outlying island provinces, and has threatened to declare martial law in the country's south if the threat posed by the Abu Sayyaf and other extremist groups aligned with the Islamic State group gets out of control.

Although the Abu Sayyaf militants have been weakened by years of battle setbacks, they came back to international attention when they separately beheaded two Canadians last year and a German hostage earlier this year after ransom deadlines lapsed. The militants are still holding at least 29 captives in Sulu's jungles, many of them foreign tugboat and cargo ship crewmen seized at the sea border between the southern Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. **AP**

VIETNAM

Exports threatened by Trump trade talk

FROM a possible border tax to higher tariffs, America's push to reset trade relations is putting Vietnam's small economy at risk.

Vietnam sells a fifth of its exports to the U.S., making it one of the few Asian nations counting America as a bigger market for their goods than China. Yet Vietnam's USD32 billion trade surplus with the U.S. puts it in the crosshairs of the White House after Trump ordered a study to identify any "trade abuse" fueling American deficits.

Trump also professed support for a border adjustment tariff to encourage production of goods in the U.S. and reduce incentives for companies to move overseas.

Higher taxes on U.S. importers would reduce Vietnam's gross domestic product by almost 0.9 percent, the most negative effect on any Asian country, Credit Suisse Group AG economists Santitarn Sathirathai and Michael Wan said in a January report.

"If the U.S. creates a new wave of protectionism, Vietnam will be very vulnerable," said Alexander Vuving, a Vietnam political analyst at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii.

The U.S. will investigate countries running the biggest bilateral trade deficits to assess the extent they're caused by "cheating or inappropriate behavior," U.S. Commerce Secretary

Wilbur Ross said.

That tone is triggering alarm in Hanoi. Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc told his cabinet that U.S. protectionist policies could hurt the economy and lead to a slowdown in exports and foreign investment.

But Hanoi may explore ways to keep TPP alive even without U.S. participation, said Michael Michalak, regional managing director of the U.S.-Asean Business Council and former U.S. ambassador to Vietnam.

One alternative would be bilateral or small-group deals with neighbors or Latin American countries on the basis of the earlier negotiations, he said. **MDT/Bloomberg**

INDONESIA

Corruption investigator attacked with chemical

POLICE said an anti-corruption commission investigator leading a probe into a scandal that threatens to implicate high-profile Indonesian politicians was attacked yesterday with a chemical as he returned from dawn prayers.

Jakarta police spokesman Argo Yuwono said Novel Baswedan was attacked by two assailants on a motorcycle after leaving a neighborhood mosque. He said police are still investigating.

Local media described the incident as an acid attack. Images that circulated online showed Baswedan's eyes and forehead swollen and discolored.

red.

The anti-corruption commission is currently prosecuting a case in which it alleges about 80 conspirators and several companies stole more than a third of the funds provided for a USD440 million electronic identity card system in 2011 and 2012.

Some of those allegedly implicated have key roles in President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo's governing coalition. They include the justice minister, a former interior minister, the current speaker of parliament and two provincial governors. The names were revealed in an indictment presented to a special

corruption court last month at the start of a trial of two Interior Ministry officials.

Jokowi said he has ordered police to investigate the "barbaric" attack on Baswedan and capture the assailants.

Baswedan was arrested by the national police in May 2015 when he was accused of fatally shooting a detainee while serving as a police officer in Bengkulu province in 2004.

A public uproar resulted in police dropping the case. Many activists believed police were seeking revenge for Baswedan's role in investigating corruption among senior officers. **AP**

Jill Lawless &
Colleen Barry, Lucca

THE Group of Seven industrialized nations yesterday urged Russia to pressure the Syrian government to end the six-year civil war, but rejected a British call to impose new sanctions on Moscow over its support of President Bashar Assad.

Foreign ministers from the seven countries said Moscow must change its attitude to Assad if there is to be hope of ending the brutal conflict that has destabilized the Middle East, driven millions to escape Syria and further frayed relations between the West and Russia.

“Russia can be a part of that future and play an important role,” U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said.

Or, he added, it could maintain its alliance with Syria, Iran and militant group Hezbollah, “which we believe is not going to serve Russia’s interests’ longer term.”

Tillerson flew straight from the summit in Italy to Moscow, carrying the G-7’s strong desire for a new start in Syria, but few concrete proposals to make it happen.

The G-7 blames Assad’s military for a deadly chemical attack last week that killed more than 80 people. Ministers meeting in the walled Tuscan city of Lucca strongly supported U.S. missile strikes that targeted a Syrian air base believed to have been used to launch the attack. But they were divided about how to deal with Syria, and Moscow.

Italian Foreign Minister Angelino Alfano, who hosted the G-7 gathering, said “there is no consensus for further new sanctions.”

“We must have a dialogue with Russia,” he said. “We must not push Russia into a corner.”

Instead of sanctions, the meeting’s final communique called for an investigation by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons to determine who was responsible for the “war crime.” The U.S. and Britain say there is little doubt Assad’s forces are culpable.

The group’s stance was a rebuff to British Foreign Secre-



Italian Foreign Minister Angelino Alfano speaks at the end of the meeting of Foreign Ministers of the G7 in Lucca yesterday

G-7 ministers appeal to Russia on Syria but reject sanctions

tary Boris Johnson, who said Monday the G-7 was considering new sanctions on Russian military figures to press Moscow to end military support for the “toxic” Assad government. U.S. officials in Washington have also raised that prospect.

Others argued for a more conciliatory approach. German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel said Russia, and Assad ally Iran, must be involved in any peace process to end Syria’s six-year civil war.

“Not everyone may like it, but without Moscow and without Tehran there will be no solution for Syria,” he said.

Johnson put a positive spin on the outcome, saying there could still be sanctions on Russian military officers if an independent investigation into the chemical attack identifies perpetrators.

The G-7 members — Germany, France, Britain, Canada, Japan and current presi-

dent Italy, as well as the U.S. — are also trying to grasp what the U.S. administration’s foreign policy is, amid conflicting signals from Washington.

Tillerson’s trip comes after an American official said the U.S. has drawn a preliminary conclusion that Russia knew in advance of the chemical attack — an allegation that heightens already acute tensions between Washington and Moscow.

“We must have a dialogue [...] We must not push Russia into a corner.”

ANGELINO ALFANO
ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

Until Trump ordered U.S. missile strikes in response to the April 4 nerve gas attack, the president had focused on defeating the Islamic State group and had shown no appetite for challenging Assad — and, by extension, his Russian supporter President Vladimir Putin.

After the chemical attack, Trump said his attitude toward Assad “has changed very much” and Tillerson said “steps are underway” to organize a coalition to remove him from power. But Tillerson also said that the top U.S. priority

in the region remains the defeat of Islamic State militants.

On Monday Tillerson raised fresh expectations for aggressive U.S. action — and not only in Syria — as he visited the site of a World War II Nazi massacre in central Italy, saying the U.S. would hold to account “all who commit crimes against the innocents anywhere in the world.”

Though such comments hint at a more activist U.S. foreign policy focused on preventing humanitarian atrocities, Trump’s administration has generally downplayed human rights concerns while promoting an “America First” strategy de-emphasizing the concerns of foreign nations.

Uncertainty about objectives persisted as Tillerson met yesterday on the sidelines of the Lucca meeting with diplomats from “like-minded” countries on Syria, including Turkey, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the

United Arab Emirates as well as G-7 members.

The U.S. hopes the regional countries can help ensure security and stability in Syria after the Islamic State group is defeated.

The G-7 members broadly agree that Assad should go — but not necessarily when, or how. European leaders are especially conscious of the disaster in Libya, where an internationally backed ouster of dictator Moammar Gadhafi was followed by a descent into chaos and factional fighting.

Tillerson said yesterday that “It is clear to all of us that the reign of the Assad family is coming to an end.”

“But the question of how that ends and the transition itself could be very important in our view to the durability, the stability inside of a unified Syria.

“That’s why we are not presupposing how that occurs,” Tillerson added. **AP**

NO CONSENSUS ON ENERGY STATEMENT

TOP ENERGY officials from the Group of Seven industrial nations failed to agree on language for a joint declaration on Monday because of the U.S. administration’s review of policies related to climate change and the reduction of greenhouse gases. Italy’s economic development minister, Carlo Calenda, told a news conference that those areas remained “key priorities for other G-7 countries and the EU” but that the United States “reserves its posi-

tion” while the review is underway. “Therefore it was not possible to sign a final joint declaration, since it would not cover the whole range of topics in the agenda,” he said. Energy Secretary Rick Perry led the U.S. delegation to the talks that were being closely watched by climate change activists after President Donald Trump signed an executive order that was part of his pledge to undo much of his predecessor’s efforts against global warming.



Foreign ministers and their staff sit at the table during a meeting of foreign ministers of the G7 in Lucca

PULITZER PRIZES

Whitehead wins fiction, Chinese composer takes music award

COLSON Whitehead's "The Underground Railroad," his celebrated novel about an escaped slave that combined liberating imagination and brutal reality, has won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

The announcement confirmed the book as the literary event of 2016, an Oprah Winfrey book club pick and critical favorite which last fall received the National Book Award, the first time in more than 20 years that the same work won the Pulitzer and National Book Award for fiction. Whitehead, known for such explorations of American myth and history as "John Henry Days," conceived his novel with what he calls a "goofy idea." Take the so-called Underground Railroad of history, the network of escape routes to freedom, and make it an actual train. He wove his fantasy together with a too-believable story of a young girl's flight from a plantation.

Whitehead finished "The Un-



This undated photo released by The Pulitzer Prizes shows Du Yun, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for music

derground Railroad" well before Donald Trump's election but now finds parallels with the present.

"I think the book deals with white supremacy as a foundational error in the country's history

and that foundational error is being played out now in the White House," he told The Associated Press. "When I was writing the book I wasn't thinking about current events, but I think you have to look at it differently now."

The Pulitzer board gave the music award to Chinese composer Du Yun's "Angel's Bone" and called it a "bold" work which "integrates vocal and instrumental elements and a wide range of styles into a harrowing allegory for human trafficking in the modern world."

Yun had just returned from a day of panels at The Culture Summit in Abu Dhabi, and her librettist Royce Vavrek texted her the good news, which arrived close to midnight for Yun. She said that it was great to hear after a day of learning "how to use art and make art [...] to advance cultural change" at The Culture Summit.

"I met a lot of people who work intensively with refugees and human trafficking, which was the top of my work," Yun said. "We just had this intense conversation about how to really use art to affect policies."

Other winners announced Monday also touched upon race and class, in the present and in

the past.

Lynn Nottage's "Sweat," which won for drama, explores how the shutdown of a Pennsylvania factory leads to the breakdown of friendship and family, and a devastating cycle of violence, prejudice, poverty and drugs. The play marks Nottage's Broadway debut and her second Pulitzer Prize.

The history winner, Heather Ann Thompson's "Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy," examines the events that unfolded starting Sept. 9, 1971, when nearly 1,300 prisoners took over the Attica Correctional Facility in upstate New York to protest years of mistreatment. The work reveals the crimes committed during the uprising and its aftermath, who committed them, and how they were covered up.

The general nonfiction winner was Matthew Desmond's "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," set in Milwaukee and praised by the Pulitzer board as "a deeply researched expose that showed how mass evictions after the 2008 economic crash were less a consequence than a cause of poverty."

"You look at a public housing tower and a mortgaged suburban home," he told the AP. "Both are government subsidized, but they don't look anything alike. We seem a lot more willing to spend money on tax write-offs than on direct assistance." MDT/AP

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THE VOICE OF DESIGN – WORKS EXHIBITION BY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN DESIGN OF MACAU POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

TIME: 11am-10pm

UNTIL: April 15, 2017

VENUE: IFT Café, Anim'Arte NAM VAN

ADMISSION: Free

MACAO ARTS WINDOW 2017: UNTITLED TRAVEL – WORKS OF LIN GE

TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: May 14, 2017

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

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LOVE OF MACAU – PHOTOGRAPHS BY LEE KUNG KIM

TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: July 9, 2017

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CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, LOCAL AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES ARTIST

TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)

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Offbeat

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT NIXED BECAUSE OF UNRULY PARENTS

A Pennsylvania volunteer fire company says it has canceled this year's Easter egg hunt for children because of "unruly" parents in past years.

The Norco Fire Company in North Coventry Township says on its Facebook page the annual children's event won't be held this year.

Deputy Chief Chuck Hipple says there has been a recurring problem of some parents running onto the field despite having been told not to and posing a danger to children. He says it's not the majority of people but a few people "just can't seem to let the kids have fun."

Officials say they hope to try again later to hold the event in the township near Pottstown, 64 kilometers northwest of Philadelphia.

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
17:00	Criminal Minds S.9
17:40	Once Upon A Time Sr.2 (Repeated)
18:20	Now Generation (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Interview (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Documentary Series
21:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:40	Drama
22:20	Now Generation
23:10	TDM News
23:40	Champions League Highlights
23:55	Miscellaneous
00:45	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:20	RTPi Live

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10 APR - 12 APR

A SILENT VOICE: THE MOVIE

ROOM 1

2:15, 7:15pm

Director: Naoko Yamada

Starring: Miyu Irino, Saori Hayami, Aoi Yuki

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 129min

SWORD ART ONLINE THE MOVIE: ORDINAL SCALE

ROOM 1

4:45, 9:45pm

Director: Tomohiko Ito

Starring: Ryan Bartley, Christine Marie Cabanos

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 119min

GHOST IN THE SHELL

ROOM 1

(2D) 2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm

(3D) 7:30pm

Director: Rupert Sanders

Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Takeshi Kitano

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 106min



BYE BYE MAN

ROOM 3

2:00, 3:45, 5:30, 9:45pm

Director: Stacy Title

Starring: Douglas Smith, Lucien Laviscount

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 96min

IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

ROOM 3

7:15pm

Director: Sunao Katabuchi

Starring: Megumi Han, Yoshimasa Hosoya

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 118min

MACAU TOWER

30 MAR - 12 APR



GHOST IN THE SHELL (3D)

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

Director: Rupert Sanders

Starring: Scarlett Johansson, Takeshi Kitano

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 106min

this day in history



1975 US PULLS OUT OF CAMBODIA

The US has admitted defeat in Cambodia and removed its remaining embassy personnel from the capital, Phnom Penh.

Early this morning 276 people were airlifted from a football field near the embassy by a fleet of 30 helicopters.

Those on the airlift included 159 Cambodians who had worked with the Americans.

Foreign journalists who had been covering the civil war between the communist Khmer Rouge and the Cambodian government were also airlifted out of the country.

It was feared "Operation Eagle Pull", as the evacuation was dubbed, would come under Khmer Rouge fire and more than 300 armed Marines guarded the field.

However, the operation passed off uneventfully.

Some of Cambodia's most senior government ministers, including the Acting President, Saukham Khoy, were among the evacuees.

The country's Prime Minister, Long Boret, has remained in Phnom Penh.

Long Boret's decision not to leave came as a surprise as he has been condemned to death by the advancing Khmer Rouge.

The evacuees were flown to American war ships, the Okinawa and the Hancock, in the Gulf of Thailand.

In Washington, President Ford explained the reasons why the US had pulled out of Cambodia.

Mr Ford said he had taken the decision with "a heavy heart" but had done so to ensure the safety of Americans who had "served valiantly".

The American withdrawal is an inglorious end to five years of involvement in Cambodia's civil war.

Its presence in the country was closely linked to the war it is conducting in neighbouring Vietnam.

Between 1970 and 1973 the US bombed Cambodia in order to stop its North Vietnamese enemies using the country as a base.

If Phnom Penh does fall, Cambodia will become the first country since Cuba 16 years ago to pass into Communist hands.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

After the Khmer Rouge entered Phnom Penh on 17 April its leader, Pol Pot, immediately set about realising his vision of an agrarian utopia. He forced hundreds of thousands of people to leave urban areas and become farmers.

Pol Pot's reforms led to the deaths of an estimated 1.7 million people - some were executed but many died of disease and starvation. In 1979 Cambodia's old enemy, Vietnam, invaded and the Khmer Rouge fled.

In 1991 a United Nations-brokered peace agreement was signed which ended the country's civil war.

In 1997 Pol Pot was convicted of treason by a "people's tribunal" and was sentenced to life under house arrest. He died in April 1998.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You're as bubbly as a can full of soda pop, and with good reason. Some recent changes you've made have really started to pay off, and you're able to see just how many choices you have in your life.

Taurus April 20-May 20 It becomes pretty clear that for a certain suspicious someone, your word may not be enough. If that's the case, you may need to back up your ideas or claims with solid evidence.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 As you get older (and, with any luck, wiser) the aim should be to reduce stress and complications. While lots of drama and action are certainly entertaining, it's not necessarily the best way to live.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Intriguing new ideas are introduced into your usual way of thinking, and these developments point the way to plenty of renewal. This comes as no surprise to you

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Isn't it romantic? Well, it definitely could be - you have the stars on your side and in your eyes. Set your sights on a cutie you feel a definite connection with, and just start talking.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 How hot is your ambition burning right now? Hmm - that answer sounds close, but try multiplying that by a factor of 10. The stars stoke your drive for success in a big way.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Take a chance on love. Speculation in the romantic realm can work out with surprisingly good results, especially since the stars currently favor bold moves and big risks.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 If you go looking for drama, you're sure to find it - but will you like it once you do? There's the rub. Wouldn't it be easier to figure out what it is you need from the party in question and then have a discussion about it?

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Cast aside any self-doubts - or better yet, recast them as positive statements. So instead of beating yourself up by saying, 'I make terrible choices,' tell yourself, 'I remain open-minded to all possibilities.'

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 It may be difficult at first, speaking honestly to one another and putting aside any impulse to wound or hurt is the only thing that can help heal this rift. Otherwise it may worsen, and that would be a shame.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Feeling like this relationship is a struggle for control? Well, maybe that's a big part of the problem. Drop the battle for supremacy and figure out a way to have a partnership.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You're caught in a relationship triangle, but it's not with two lovers. A third person is present who's definitely interfering with a current love interest or a potential one.



SUDOKU

Two Sudoku puzzles: 'Easy' and 'Easy+'. Each is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled. The 'Easy' puzzle has numbers like 2, 1, 8, 4, 3, 6, 4, 1, 2, 6, 8, 1, 4, 9, 9, 7, 3, 1, 8, 9, 3, 6, 3, 9, 7, 1. The 'Easy+' puzzle has numbers like 9, 1, 3, 7, 6, 1, 8, 6, 5, 2, 1, 4, 8, 3, 8, 2, 1, 4, 6, 4, 7, 8, 8, 3, 7, 6, 6, 2.

Two Sudoku puzzles: 'Medium' and 'Hard'. Each is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled. The 'Medium' puzzle has numbers like 3, 8, 7, 6, 9, 2, 1, 5, 2, 3, 5, 7, 4, 8, 3, 4, 5, 1, 3, 5, 1, 2, 1, 9, 5, 3, 2, 6, 9. The 'Hard' puzzle has numbers like 7, 8, 1, 5, 2, 1, 8, 2, 3, 4, 2, 6, 3, 8, 4, 7.

WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows include CHINA (Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, Urumqi, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Nanjing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Hangzhou, Taipei, Guangzhou, Hong Kong) and WORLD (Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York).

CROSSWORDS

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1- "Our Gang" girl; 6- Army attack helicopter; 11- Summer hrs.; 14- Dined at home; 15- Rigel's constellation; 16- GI's address; 17- French port; 18- College sports stand-out; 20- Melancholic; 21- Panama and bowler; 23- Way to go; 24- Consumers; 26- Meddling person; 28- Pitch tents; 30- Now you ...; 31- Lion sounds; 32- Satisfied; 33- Leg, slangily; 36- Italian wine city; 37- March honoree, briefly; 38- ___ want for Christmas...; 39- Golf gadget; 40- Run away with a lover; 41- Category; 42- Lachrymose; 43- Black magic; 44- Entrails; 47- Oohed and ___; 48- New Zealand native; 49- Ballerina Pavlova; 50- Trauma ctrs.; 53- Entertainment; 56- Commonplace; 58- ___-X; 59- Conductor Georg; 60- ___ Kick Out of You; 61- Double curve; 62- Roofing items; 63- Now; DOWN: 1- Small amounts; 2- Big name in razors; 3- Educate again; 4- Fleur-de-___; 5- National songs; 6- Young male horses; 7- Mined materials; 8- Mouthpiece of a bridle; 9- Decay; 10- Using no fluid; 11- Block; 12- Sudden outpouring; 13- Office solution; 19- Dig like a pig; 22- Dada pioneer; 25- Madras dress; 26- Stiff bristles; 27- Nair competitor; 28- Part of QED; 29- Sniffer; 30- Mawkish; 32- Halts; 33- Made cheerful; 34- As well as; 35- Soup with sushi; 37- Hill toy; 38- Lotion ingredient; 40- Most strange; 41- Live together; 42- Bloody conflicts; 43- Moving vehicle; 44- Icon; 45- Titles; 46- People and places, e.g.; 47- The opposition; 49- Get in a hand; 51- Pro follower; 52- Kill; 54- Miss Piggy's query; 55- Building add-on; 57- In the past;

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-63. Includes a 'Yesterday's solution' grid with words like SAAB, ROYAL, VANS, ETTA, UNITE, VIDEO, WORKPEOPLE, NEAP, SPIES, ARRESTS, TIDY, ERST, MAMAS, AND, SNAI, MARINA, MANMADE, MUDDLED, PLEADS, ATRA, NRA, ALENE, NCAA, SEAT, MANAGUA, BOOST, AHAT, BROWNSUGAR, SANE, LEVEE, SLUE, TSAR, GRODE, FELY.

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FOOTBALL

Zidane meets mentor Ancelotti in Champions League quarters



Real Madrid's head coach Zinedine Zidane shouts during a La Liga soccer match between Real Madrid and Alaves at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid

Thursday, 2:45 a.m.
Bayern M v R Madrid
H 1.83, D 4, A 4.75

As if a combined 16 European Cups weren't enough, the Champions League quarterfinal between Real Madrid and Bayern Munich will also offer an intriguing duel between master and pupil.

Zinedine Zidane's transition from retired player to successful coach at Madrid owes a lot to his time at the club under current Bayern boss Carlo Ancelotti.

Today [Thursday, 02:45am], the former colleagues will face off in the first of two contests to determine which will guide his team to Europe's final four.

"We're ready for Real," said Ancelotti, who led Madrid to the 2014 title with Zidane as his assistant, a run which included defeating Bayern 5-0 on aggregate in the semifinals.

Two years later, it was Zidane's turn to lift the European Cup as

Madrid's manager, just four months after taking the job over from Ancelotti's short-lived replacement, Rafa Benitez.

Toni Kroos, who left Bayern for Madrid when Ancelotti was still in charge, gives credit to Zidane for taking Madrid back to the top.

"He has had a huge impact here. He brought positivity when he arrived and took us in a new direction," Kroos said. "We are playing better football than before and that was rewarded when we won the Champions League last season."

The powerhouses' meeting will be their 23rd, a record for UEFA club competition.

"They will be two fantastic games. This tie could easily be the Champions League final," Kroos said.

Besides relying on its own potent attack, Bayern will also hope that Cristiano Ronaldo continues to struggle in front of goal this season in Europe.

The Champions League's all-time scorer with 95 career goals has only struck twice this campaign. That has allowed Barcelona rival Lionel Messi to close the gap after scoring 11 goals to take his total to 94.

Bayern arrives in fine form, enjoying a 10-point lead in the Bundesliga.

The German side will be without defender Mats Hummels (ankle), while Madrid will likely be missing defenders Pepe (ribs) and Raphael Varane (leg). [AP/Oddschecker.com](#)

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FOOTBALL

Leicester to meet Atletico Champions League quarterfinals

Thursday, 2:45 a.m.
Atletico M v Leicester
H 1.31, D 5.8, A 13

ATLETICO Madrid and Leicester have a lot in common these days.

Relying on gritty defense and quick counterattacking, the teams meet at the Vicente Calderon Stadium on Wednesday in the first leg of the Champions League quarterfinals.

"They remind us of the best Atleti," Atletico left back Filipe Luis said. "They have very good players. It's a solid team that defends very well."

Atletico made it to two Champions League finals in the last three seasons thanks to Diego Simeone's stout defense, one that allowed the team to successfully challenge the powerful attacks of teams such as Barcelona and Bayern Munich.

Effective offense the other way secured Atletico the victories it needed to remain contending.

Atletico is playing in the Champions League quarterfinals for the fourth straight season. It lost the final to Real Madrid both in 2014 and 2016, the last one in a penalty shootout.

Leicester showed a lot of the same qualities when it stunned



Atletico Madrid's Caio, left stretches next to Diego Godin during a training session in Madrid, Spain

the soccer world by winning the Premier League title last season. Fierce defending, quick breakaways and precise finishes also kept it alive in its first Champions League campaign this season despite a struggling start.

"Leicester's team is very similar to ours. It defends very well in the back and relies on coun-

terattacks a lot," Luis said. "We know it's going to be very complicated. We are also a team that plays better against opponents that holds possession and tries to control the game. It will be an even matchup."

Both teams head into the game enjoying their best run of the season after lackluster starts.

Atletico struggled with inconsistency early on but Simeone was able to get the team back on track entering the final stretch. Atletico is unbeaten in eight games in all competitions and is coming off a draw against Spanish league leader Madrid in the city derby at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Saturday. Atletico has conceded only two

goals in its last seven games.

"It's our best moment to take on this challenge," Luis said of Atletico, which has won 28 of its last 34 games in European competitions at the Vicente Calderon.

Leicester has been on a roll since manager Claudio Ranieri was fired after guiding Leicester to the Premier League title. The team won six straight games under replacement coach Craig Shakespeare until a 4-2 loss at Everton on Sunday, when several regular starters were rested.

"We're kind of thriving at the minute," Leicester midfielder Danny Drinkwater said. As the only side in the quarterfinals that had to play a domestic fixture as late as Sunday, Leicester comes into the match having lost its unbeaten record under new manager Craig Shakespeare after falling 4-2 at Everton.

The Premier League champions had won six consecutive games, including its Round-of-16 victory over Sevilla, after sacking Claudio Ranieri.

However, with Shakespeare making five changes to his starting lineup, Leicester should be at full strength in Madrid.

"We're all excited for Wednesday night and it's going to be a great occasion, but we have to improve on that performance today," winger Marc Albrington said.

Atletico is playing its best football of the season and got a big boost Saturday from Antoine Griezmann, whose late equalizer earned a 1-1 draw at Real Madrid. **AP/Oddschecker.com**

ATHLETICS

IAAF clears 2 Russian world champions, 5 others to compete

THE IAAF has approved seven Russian athletes, including two world champions, to compete internationally while their country is banned for doping.

The IAAF says it has approved 10 Russians this year to compete as neutrals who were banned from the Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

They include 110-meter hurdler Sergei Shubenkov and high jumper Maria Kuchina.

They won 2015 worlds gold medals in Beijing and could defend their titles in London in August.

To be approved, athletes must show they have been adequately tested for drugs over a lengthy period by non-Russian agencies.

The IAAF says the athletes are still "subject to acceptance of their entries by individual meeting organizers" such as the Diamond League series. The 14-meet May-to-September circuit opens on May 5 at Doha, Qatar.

Shubenkov is set to be in demand as the world champion, worlds bronze medalist in 2013 and two-time European champion.

Shubenkov and Kuchina, a past world and European indoor champion, were unable to compete at the European indoors in Serbia last month while their cases were under review.

"There can be no time constraints on a process which has been established to safeguard the rights and aspirations of the world's clean athletes and is about rebuilding confidence in competition," IAAF President Sebastian Coe said in a statement.

"I'm as pleased as it's possible to be in this situation," she

told Russian agency R-Sport. "This was always our legal right. This should not have had to happen."

The IAAF said the other approved athletes were: high jumper Daniil Tsyplakov, who placed fifth at the 2015 worlds, pole vaulter Illia Mudrov and Olga Mullina, and race walkers Sergey Shirobokov and Yana Smerdova.

The 18-year-old Shirobokov, who won the Russian title in February, comes from Russia's main race-walk training center in the city of Saransk, which has been linked to more than 25 doping cases.

The IAAF previously cleared three Russians to compete as neutrals last month — pole vaulter Anzhelika Sidorova, sprinter Kristina Sivakova and hammer thrower Alexei Sokirsky. **AP**



Sergey Shubenkov



Maria Kuchina

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Macau Matters

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THE MAGIC OF WIRELESS POWER TRANSFER

Electricity and electrical power is a crucial technology underpinning nearly all aspects of modern life. The whole planet is strung with copper wires to move electricity around so it can be used for myriad purposes. And we use huge numbers of batteries to temporarily store electrical power for portable devices where it is impractical or inconvenient to have a power cord.

Preferably, batteries need periodic recharging - simply discarding used batteries and replacing them is very wasteful. We are all very familiar with periodically plugging our mobile phones, tablet and laptop computers, cordless power tools and other equipment into power sockets to recharge them. As they become more popular, we are also starting to get accustomed to plugging in our electric cars and other vehicles. All this plugging and unplugging can be quite inconvenient, and luckily the technology exists to avoid it.

Humanity's understanding of electricity evolved over centuries, and Faraday and Henry independently discovered and experimentally quantified electromagnetic induction in the 1830's. A wire carrying an electric current creates a magnetic field around the wire. If a second wire is placed near the first one, the magnetic field induces a current in the second wire, even when they are not in contact. This effect is amplified if the wires are coiled and if a permanent magnet is present. This effect gives us a way of passing an electric current between two points wirelessly, but it only works over relatively short distances.

The electromagnetic effect has been known about and used for many years. Electrical interference - "snow" on TV screens, radio static and so on - arises from undesired induced couplings between wires. Many power transformers also rely on electromagnetic induction for their operation, as do many electrical isolation safety switches. Electric motors also rely on the electromagnetic effect, and could not exist without it. Electrical engineers and others are always concerned about electromagnetic interference and when laying out the routes and locations of wiring, motors, transformers and other electrical devices in buildings and vehicles and other equipment.

We are also starting to see inductive recharging in devices for convenience. My electric toothbrush, for example, sits in a stand and is inductively recharged without me having to plug it in. By contrast, my electric shaver has to be plugged into its stand - I find it much easier to pick up and use my toothbrush than my shaver.

The Wireless Power Consortium (wirelesspowerconsortium.com) has developed the Qi (pronounced "Chee") standard for inductively recharging devices. A recharging pad contains the primary induction loop - the power "transmitter" - and the complaint device contains the secondary loop - the power "receiver". Simply placing a complaint device on the pad initiates recharging, which continues until the device is full, or it is removed from the pad. The low power Qi specification can transmit 5W up to 40mm, which is enough to recharge a mobile phone or tablet computer. The medium power Qi specification can transmit up to 120W.

Several new mobile phones and tablet computers like the Google Nexus 7 Tablet are advertised as being Qi compliant, and so putting them on any Qi recharging pad will recharge them. "Qi hotspots" are also starting to be seen in cafes, airports and other public places. I also expect to start seeing them in schools and on people's desks soon.

Life would be much easier for me, if I could simply put my phone and tablet computer down on my desk to recharge them while I am working. I look forward to seeing Qi hotspots all round Macau in the future, and hopefully relatively soon.

THE CHURCHES IN SOUTHERN EGYPT WILL NOT CELEBRATE EASTER

Egyptian churches, in the southern city of Minya, said yesterday that they will not hold Easter celebrations next Saturday in mourning for 45 Coptic Christians killed this week in twin bombings of churches in two cities during Palm Sunday ceremonies.

The Minya Coptic Orthodox Diocese said that celebrations will only be limited to the liturgical

prayers "without any festive manifestations." Minya province has the highest Coptic Christian population in the country.

Parliament approved yesterday President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi's decision to declare a three-month state of emergency following the attacks, an action seen as a foregone conclusion since the legislature is packed with el-Sissi supporters.

United passenger's removal sparks outrage in China

AP PHOTO



Matthew Brown, Beijing

IMAGES of a bloodied man being forcibly removed from a United Airlines flight in Chicago drew widespread condemnation in China, where state media fueled the public's anger with reports that noted the unidentified victim was an "Asian passenger."

Video of the violent incident posted on China's popular Twitter-like microblogging service Weibo had been viewed more than 210 million times by late yesterday. Many responded with outrage over perceived bias against the passenger and some called for a boycott of the U.S.-based airline.

"Rubbish!" writer Su Danqing posted on Weibo. "When they were treating this Asian man, they never thought of

human rights, otherwise they wouldn't have done it that way."

"Damn it! This airline must be boycotted!" said a posting from Liu Bing, a telecommunications company worker.

United does considerable business with Chinese passengers and a consumer boycott could cause it serious pain. United says it operates more nonstop U.S.-China flights to more cities in China than any other airline.

Rowdiness has long been associated with air travel in China, including passengers getting into fights with crew members and a vicious assault last year in which an enraged customer smashed an airline check-in clerk in the head with a brass plaque.

The United incident appeared to feed into such custo-

mer frustrations - only this time the tables were turned and the passenger was cast as the victim.

United executives struggled to control the public relations damage.

Airline CEO Oscar Munoz said the unidentified man removed from the Chicago-to-Kentucky flight had become "disruptive and belligerent" after he was asked to leave the plane to make room for several employees of a partner airline who wanted on the flight.

When the man refused, officers from the Chicago Aviation Department came in and first tried to reason with him before pulling him from his seat by force and dragging him away, according to a passenger, Tyler Bridges, whose wife later posted a video of the altercation on Facebook. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Maine State Police via AP



Gayley landing. A plane stands on its nose after striking a guardrail after it landed yesterday in the southbound lane of Interstate 295 in Bowdoinham, Maine. The pilot, John Gayley, made the emergency landing but walked away without serious injuries to himself or a passenger. No cars were struck during the landing.

Station	Air quality	Icon
Roadside	50-70 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	65-95 Moderate	☹️
Ambient	65-95 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



IRAQ A member of Qatar's ruling family has paid USD2 million to a Greek shoe salesman's firm to secure "proof of life" and ultimately free relatives and others kidnapped in Iraq over a year ago, presumably by Shiite militiamen.

TURKEY's health minister said yesterday that test results confirm sarin gas was used in an attack on a northern Syrian town earlier this month and the Russian military said the Syrian government is willing to let international experts examine its military base for signs of chemical weapons.

SOUTH SUDAN Targeted ethnic killings and killings of civilians by government soldiers spread panic throughout the western town of Wau on Monday, residents told The Associated Press. A government spokesman could not confirm the violence but the U.N. mission confirmed killings in Wau.

MONTENEGRO President Donald Trump has signed off on Montenegro's upcoming accession into NATO, helping pave the way for the military alliance's expansion in the Balkans.



SWEDEN A 39-year-old old Uzbek man has pleaded guilty to a terrorist crime after ramming a truck into a crowd in Stockholm, killing four people and wounding 15, his lawyer said yesterday.

MEXICO The death toll in the collapse of a parking garage under construction in Mexico City has risen to seven, and 10 other construction workers are being treated for injuries.