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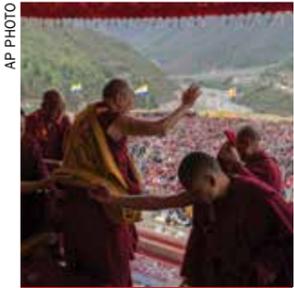
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CHINA-INDIA China lashed out at India for hosting the Dalai Lama near their disputed border, warning yesterday that the Tibetan spiritual leader's visit has touched on the political foundation of the Asian giants' relationship. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said bilateral ties will suffer after Indian officials hosted the 81-year-old monk last week in disputed territory and "indulged in provocative political statements."

MALAYSIA The six-decade rule of Prime Minister Najib Razak's ruling coalition may finally be nearing an end, according to Malaysia's longest-serving prime minister. Once a staunch Najib ally, the 91-year-old Mahathir Mohamad has spent the last two years campaigning for his removal amid corruption allegations.



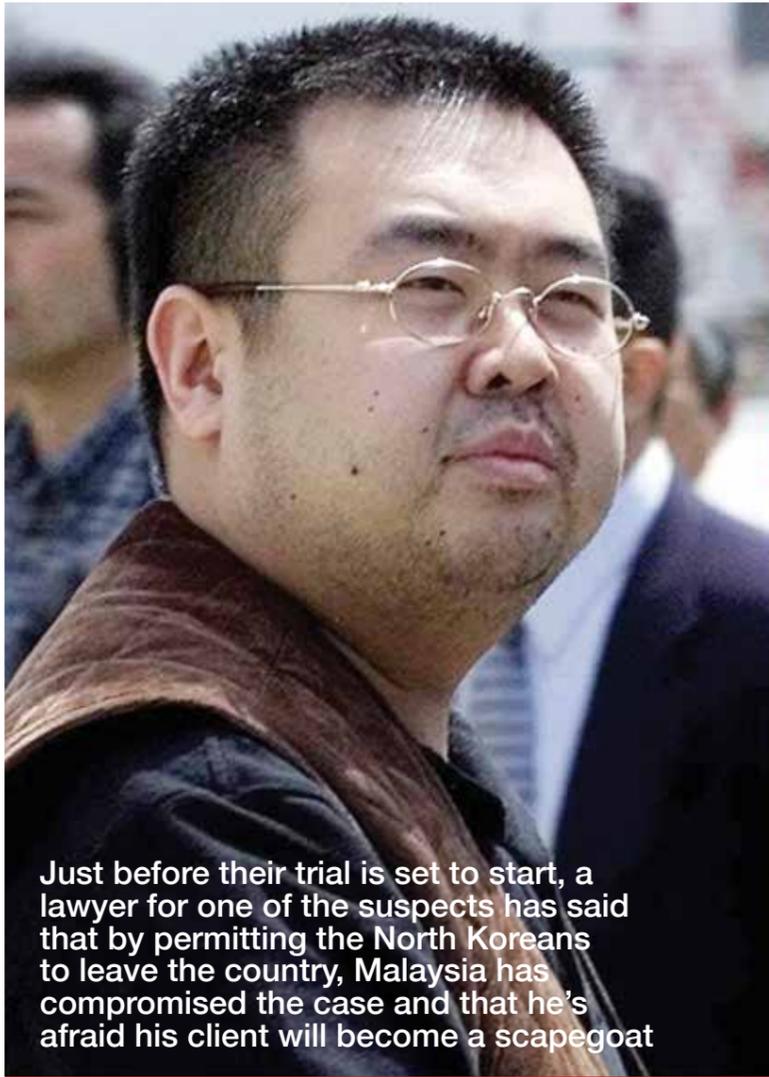
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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

THE Pearl Horizon scandal reached the absurd this week.

On one side we have hundreds of desperate pre-sale buyers who have lived in distress since the government reclaimed the land from the developer in 2015. According to recent revelations four have died and there is news of people on the verge of suicide, especially among those 400 who have paid for their flats in full but also among the purchasers who have mortgages, paying interest for something they may never see materialized.

On the other hand, there's the developer, Polytex group, that sued the government in the process but the courts rejected its claims, arguing that the authorities acted within the law, the controversial Land Law.

Among all those plots repossessed by the blind hand of the government, which in some cases is itself to be blamed for plots being left undeveloped, Pearl Horizon stands out because it affects the "little" people, mostly families that employed their savings and/or acquired debt to buy flats in the pre-sale market of what seemed to be a very appealing investment. The sales pitch of the high-rise buildings was location, location, location: close to the artificial island where the Delta Bridge ramifies into Macau.

Last weekend Chui Sai On held a "get together" event with 11 legislators representing 19, thus constituting a majority in the AL. This lawmaker's group conveyed suggestions and ideas to solve this problem "without amending the Land Law" – somewhat wishful thinking.

For the president of the PH buyers association, Kou Meng Pok, the meeting was but a political move, "without consequence" to those who bought property and who see but a bleak financial horizon. "It only serves the interests of a deep political struggle," reflecting on how divisive the matter is in our society.

Kou said the situation is deteriorating to the point of "domestic violence" [sic] within the group of homebuyers; i.e. the ominous investment is causing conflict within some affected families.

Kou was speaking to the media after he and colleagues met with officials from the Social Affairs Bureau (IAS) this week in an effort to seek emotional and psychological assistance – which, I believe, has been hardly made available to them.

In a statement later on published by the government communication channels, IAS appealed to those "individuals emotionally disturbed [by the Pearl Horizon scandal]" to face life's problems "in a rational manner" to avoid creating "emotional problems" for themselves and their families. Come again?!

Adding to the lack of sense, the government, in its own words, shows now a sheer lack of sensitivity.

Christians to remember their



Macau Cathedral

Lynzy Valles

DEVOTED Christians are set to gather together to remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The celebration is a cornerstone of the Christian tradition, recorded in the New Testament. Observances of the death of Christ began last Sunday with the commemoration of Palm Sunday, the day that Christ entered Jerusalem, the site of his crucifixion only days later.

The devotees will remember Jesus' crucifixion tomorrow, Good Friday, and will celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This event is traditionally observed in Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Methodist churches.

In Macau, numerous masses and activities will be held to commemorate the event. One of these activities will be the washing of the feet, an act that Jesus performed for His disciples.

Speaking to the Times, Filipino priest Father Andy Vergara noted that the Catholic Church also recalls the Holy Eucharist of Jesus and the Institution of Priesthood – two significant elements of the Church – in its celebration.

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice in which bread and wine symbolizing the body and blood of Christ, sacrificed for mankind, is ritualistically contained, offered, and received.

"On Good Friday, we have the stations of the cross commemorating Jesus' carrying of the cross on Calvary. We will do that at Penha Hill at 7:30 a.m.," Father Vergara said.

The resurrection is what strengthens our faith. Without it our faith is nothing.

FATHER ANDY VERGARA

Observations in the afternoon will continue, as the church will hold a veneration of the cross at the St. Joseph's Seminary Chapel, the liturgy of God's word and a holy communion.

At the Pastoral Care for Filipino

Migrants Catholic Pastoral Center, the church will hold an activity in the evening of Good Friday on the reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

The priest added that Catholic churches also acknowledge the "blessing of water and fire," in which they renew the baptismal promises made when they were christened.

When questioned on the significance of holding such activities, Father Vergara explained that the season is necessary to recall the redemption that Christ promised to humanity.

"Meaning to say Jesus redeemed humanity by suffering and [through his] death. Easter is very necessary to prove that Jesus rose from the dead and is victorious over sin and death," the priest explained.

"The resurrection is what strengthens our faith. Without it our faith is nothing. [...] This truly is a testimony of His work in the history of salvation of humanity. This is very significant to Catholic Christians because we recall how we are redeemed," Father Vergara continued, adding that this time offers the opportunity for individuals to seek repentance.

According to the priest, a total of

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redemption on Easter



Easter celebrations in Spain

eight masses will be conducted by Filipino priests throughout the three-day observation.

Whilst the Catholic churches traditionally observe lent – a period of 40 days prior to Easter – some protestants and evangelical churches do not observe lent, but simply celebrate the Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

For our church, Jesus Alive Ministry, this is the reason we are around.

BETO BEBETO
PASTOR

An Indonesian church, Jesus Alive Ministry, had its Palm Sunday celebration last week followed by an “Easter barbecue.”

According to the church’s pastor, Beto Beбето, the church will celebrate Easter this Sunday with its “Resurrection Sunday Celebration” as well as a Passover Breakfast before the service.

“This season is very important for us. While Christmas is important in reminding us how much God loves the world that He’s willing to sacrifice for us, this season actually reminds us how Jesus, our Lord and Savior, actually went through all that sacrifice,” he told the Times.

“We’d like to think Christmas is like a down payment, while this season is a celebration of us Christians having been paid in full by the blood of Jesus. Saved,” Beбето added.

According to the pastor, the

Easter season is about victory as Jesus defeated sins of the world, also “defeating people’s own shortcomings by God’s grace.”

“Particularly for our church, Jesus Alive Ministry, this is the reason we are around, to declare that our God’s not dead, Jesus is alive. So we are obviously always excited about this Jesus Alive season,” the pastor added.

Some believers shared their belief that the suffering of Christ is what strengthens them to pursue Christianity.

An evangelical devotee Joana Lambina noted that the death and resurrection of Christ is one of the fundamental reasons why she acquired such faith.

“It’s important for me because this is one of the reasons why I’m a follower of Him. It’s because of

what He did on the cross for us. It reminds me of his love and it inspires and gives me courage to face troubles,” she explained.

Fidel Belo, a Catholic devotee, also shared that the observance of Easter is an act of embracing his religion.

As Catholics observe lent, Belo is amongst the many Catholics in the territory who had been avoiding meat, spices and other luxuries since Ash Wednesday.

The devotee noted that he is one of many who have been undergoing a fast by eliminating bad habits and certain types of food.

“For me I have to celebrate Easter because that’s a fundamental way for me to strengthen my faith and also to seal my identity as someone who belongs to the church,” Belo explained.



Easter FAQ

Why is Easter called Easter?

The naming of the celebration as “Easter” seems to go back to the name of a pre-Christian goddess in England, Eostre, who was celebrated at beginning of spring. The only reference to this goddess comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, a British monk who lived in the late seventh and early eighth century.

Bede was so influential for later Christians that the name stuck when the Christian celebration was incorporated into the pagan equinox festival, and hence Easter remains the name by which the English, Germans and Americans refer to the festival of Jesus’ resurrection.

Why does the date of Easter’s celebration change from year to year?

Easter always falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. So, in 2018, Easter will be celebrated on April 1, but on April 21 in 2019.

Why is Easter held in spring?

Most major holidays have some connection to the changing of seasons when pagan or non-Christian festivals were amalgamated into the Christian calendar.

Easter falls in close proximity to another key point in the solar year: the vernal equinox (around March 20), when there are equal periods of light and darkness during a single day. For those in northern latitudes, the coming of spring is often met with excitement, as it means an end to the cold days of winter.

Spring also means the coming back to life of plants and trees that have been dormant for winter, as well as the birth of new life in the animal world. Given the symbolism of new life and rebirth, it was only natural to celebrate the resurrection of Christ at this time of the year.

What is the connection of Easter with Jewish Passover?

While the name “Easter” is used in the English-speaking world, many more cultures refer to it by terms best translated as “Passover” (for instance, “Pascha” in Greek) – a reference to the Jewish festival of Passover.

In the Hebrew Bible, Passover is a festival that commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt, as narrated in the Book of Exodus.

It was and continues to be the most important Jewish seasonal festival, celebrated on the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

Some of Christ’s followers believed that they saw him alive after his crucifixion, an experience that gave birth to the Christian religion. As Jesus died during the Passover festival and his followers believed he was resurrected from the dead three days later, it was logical to commemorate these events in close proximity.

When did Easter become a festivity for children?

The celebrations of Easter and Christmas changed in the 19th century, when they became occasions to be spent with family. This was done partly out of a desire to make the celebration of these holidays less rowdy.

However, Easter and Christmas primarily became reshaped as domestic holidays because understandings of children were changing. Prior to the 17th century, children were rarely the center of attention.

From the 17th century onward, there was an increasing recognition of childhood as time of life that should be joyous, not simply as preparation for adulthood, and celebrations such as Easter and Christmas offered the opportunity for children in particular to be given presents and enjoy themselves.

Who came up with the Easter bunny and Easter eggs?

In the holiday’s development, Easter eggs and the Easter bunny become especially important. Decorated eggs had been part of the Easter festival at least since medieval times, given the obvious symbolism of new life.

Several Eastern European legends describe eggs turning red (a favorite color for Easter eggs) in connection with the events surrounding Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Yet it was only in the 17th century that a German tradition of an “Easter hare” bringing eggs to good children came to be widespread. Hares and rabbits had a long association with spring seasonal rituals because of their amazing fertility.

As Christians celebrate the festival this spring in commemoration of Christ’s resurrection, the familiar sights of the Easter bunny and Easter eggs serve as a reminder of the holiday’s ancient origins outside the Christian tradition.

THE Mutual Assistance Association of Vendor Affairs (AAMVM), the Choi In Tong Sam Association, and the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM), will initiate a survey on April 17 to determine local vendors' willingness to install electronic payment systems in their shops.

AAMVM President O Cheong Wong hopes to improve operations of local vendors, as well as to encourage local traditional food markets to install electronic payment systems to avoid cash purchases.

The survey, the results of which will be announced in May, is targeted at local residents and all vendors at traditional markets. According to O, the AAMVM "hopes that a trial period for implementation of electronic payment services can be organized in the second half of this year."

He also noted that "many in the young generation, the middle class, and civilians prefer to shop in supermarkets, which hits on the traditional market."

Currently, there are around 1,000 vendors operating inside local traditional markets in addition to 1,000 other types of vendors.

Vendors encouraged to install electronic payment systems



According to O, two vendors in local traditional markets have already installed electronic payment systems.

The association expects not only to encourage the implementation of physical elec-

tronic payments at vendor sites, but also online payments.

Huang Wei, a member of the Community Consultative Service, said that approximately 1,000 electronic pay-

ment installments are expected to be implemented in the first batch.

Leong Sun Iok, a member of FAOM, commented that there are difficulties in promoting electronic payment me-

thods to local vendors. "The vendors do not have enough knowledge of electronic payments," said Leong, adding that the associated costs may also be considered a disadvantage.

Another difficulty is related to the internet, which is necessary for electronic payments. Leong considered that when Internet stability is far from satisfying, vendors might be concerned about reliability.

Leong noted that the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau also encourages vendors to introduce electronic payment.

"I hope that the government can improve the environment of markets, and provide free internet service to the vendors," said Leong. He also expects payment system providers to offer promotions to vendors, in order to push forward the implementation of electronic payment services in the city. **JZ**

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KIM JONG NAM ASSASSINATION

Trial of migrant worker suspects to commence today

Daniel Beitler

TWO women who allegedly smeared the face of North Korean exile Kim Jong Nam with a banned VX nerve agent are due to make their first court appearance today as their trial begins in Malaysia.

Siti Aisyah and Doan Thi Huong, migrant workers from Indonesia and Vietnam respectively, were caught on camera wiping a substance on the face of the half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, at the Kuala Lumpur airport on February 13.

The two are being held responsible by prosecutors for Jong Nam's murder, though it is widely believed that the North Korean state played a hand in the assassination.

That accusation has been re-

peatedly denied by Pyongyang, though several diplomatic officials from the reclusive country returned home from Kuala Lumpur airport shortly after the incident.

In prosecuting the two migrant workers who were employed in the entertainment industry, Malaysian authorities have effectively dropped their accusation against North Korean officials.

That implicit decision was made clear a few weeks ago when the body of Jong Nam was released to North Korea, ending a diplomatic spat between the two countries and allowing their respective citizens and diplomats - until then effectively held hostage - to return home.

Just before their trial is set to start, a lawyer for Aisyah has said that by permitting the North Koreans to leave the country, Malay-

sia has potentially compromised the case and that he's afraid his client will become a scapegoat.

Speaking to The Associated Press, the lawyer said the man who he believes recruited his client was allowed to leave Malaysia late last month, after the country struck a surprise deal with North Korea.

"[He] may not be implicated in the actual event of the murder, but his evidence is so important, central to our defense because it clearly shows how this naive girl was duped into doing things outside her knowledge," Gooi Soon Seng said at his office in the suburbs of Kuala Lumpur.

Aisyah and Huong, both young women in their 20s, say they thought they were participating in a television prank organized by the North Koreans who fled shortly after Nam's death. Aisyah

said she received USD90 for participating.

They have been held in detention awaiting the trial that commences today.

Lawyers for the two women said in an interview with media website Quartz that the suspects are being treated well and are in good health. They are being held separately, the lawyers said, and have their own prison cells.

Those following the story appear to be split between the sympathizers who believe Aisyah and Huong's account, and skeptics.

The latter group point to the manner in which the suspects hurried to the bathroom to wash their hands after the incident and the fact that their hands were deliberately held apart from their body. The behavior, skeptics hold, is inconsistent with what might be expected if the two thought they were simply smearing baby oil to Nam's face.

These same people point to the fact that the travel arrangements of the two don't match that of typical migrant workers, as they often travelled to nearby countries in Southeast Asia.

"There are some who say... [North Korea] used them," Aegile Fernandez, director of Malaysian rights group Tenaganita, told Quartz. "Then there are others who say no, they are intelligent enough to know the difference. So there is a mixed reaction from the public."

However, the women's lawyers say that their stories are consistent and the biggest challenge ahead will be the fact that other suspects in the case have already fled the country.

"Our biggest problem is that the main culprit has escaped," Aisyah's lawyer told the media outlet.

There is a possibility that Aisyah and Huong will be found guilty of murder, which carries a mandatory death sentence in Malaysia. Alternatively, they may be found guilty of culpable homicide (manslaughter), which typically entails a lesser punishment of a prison sentence and a fine.

Luso Bank marks first branch of Macau bank in Guangzhou

The Luso Bank opened its first branch in Guangzhou yesterday, becoming the first Macau bank to operate in Guangzhou. According to a report by TDM, the General Manager of Luso International Banking Ltd., Jiao Yundi, believes that the branch will provide opportunities for the bank's growth. In turn, the chairman of the Monetary Authority of Macau (AMCM), Teng Lin Seng, reminded Macau's banking industry that banks which intend to operate in the mainland need to get approval from AMCM first before they are eligible to apply for a license.

Prison employee enters bar pretending to be a police officer

A local Portuguese civilian employee from the Correctional Service Bureau (EPM) named Manuel, pretended to be a police officer in order to get into a bar for free. According to the Public Security Police Force (PSP), the man, who is in his 50s, claimed to be a policeman on duty while inside the bar. He also showed the bar's receptionist a document with a PSP logo on it, telling the receptionist that he was on-duty and would require the MOP400 entry fee to be waived. The bar's employees found the situation suspicious and reported it to the police. The case has already been forwarded to the Prosecutions Office.

188 illegal boats destroyed in Zhuhai

Zhuhai destroyed 188 boats earlier this week. The boats were involved in the smuggling and transporting of drugs and other criminal activities. According to a report by Macao Daily News, the majority of the boats were made from wood and plastic. The Zhuhai police force took nearly two hours to complete the activity. All boats were seized by Zhuhai police from April of 2015, with 85 percent of them related to smuggling operations. From the beginning of 2016 until the present, Zhuhai has shut down 156 smuggling cases and arrested 1,052 people, including 896 smugglers and 156 who assisted in the smuggling.

Law drafted to regulate veterinary industry

UNG Sau Hong, member of the Civil and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) administration committee, said during a TDM radio show that Macau currently has six to seven veterinary centers that meet the city's requirements. Currently, there are more than 20 veterinary centers in Macau.

When talking to the Times, veterinarian Ruan Du Toit Bester expressed surprise at

the number of qualified veterinary centers in Macau.

The city recently launched a consultation of animal epidemic prevention and veterinary laws, to which Dr. Ruan also contributed in drafting. The draft bill suggests that a vet must be registered and must meet certain educational criteria. It also suggests the city establish a list of universities with approved veterinary majors.

"I am very happy with the law, but I think it should be more strict than it is now," said Dr. Ruan.

"I think that maybe the qualification of the doctors should be more restricted."

He explained that some universities are offering the education degree despite not actually being allowed to do so. The vet deemed that if Macau's veterinary regulations were similar to Hong

Kong's, then he "would be happy."

"In Macau, anybody can be a vet," noted Dr. Ruan.

Dr. Ruan advised that customers should go for quality, and to know "which doctors are actually doctors."

The bill's consultation draft suggests Macau set up a qualification reviewing committee and also a discipline inspection committee to oversee the veterinary industry.



Ruan Du Toit Bester



Beijing, April 13, 1987

JOINT DECLARATION

30 years after, still 'a lot to do'

Renato Marques

THIRTY years have passed today since the signing of the Joint Declaration of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Portuguese Republic on the question of Macau. Although the treaty that set the rules and initiated the process for the handover of Macau from the Portuguese to the Chinese administration is well into maturity there is still "a lot to do" towards complete fulfillment, experts say.

Gary Ngai, president of the Macau Association for the Promotion of Exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America (MAPEAL) is one such commentator who has experienced the process that led to the signing of the treaty from the inside as he was directly involved in the negotiations. Answering the question as to whether the Joint Declaration has been fulfilled, Ngai says, "Not really! At least not completely! There are a lot of problems."

Gary Ngai believes that such problems cannot be attributed to either party to the agreement; both are to blame.

"Both sides need to think about it [the Joint Declaration] and increase cooperation in the future to work on the most essential - the Macau identity - and how it is perceived by the outside world."

As Ngai told the Times, "In the declaration the topic was 'touched' but it is not clear on how to do it," adding, "we have our own identity that is Sino-Latin. It involves many other nationalities besides Portuguese; it is much broader."

When looking back to the past 30 years, Ngai says he is

happy to see that the declaration was not forgotten and that it is still being worked on but acknowledges that the results achieved are still far from the objectives established.

"I'm glad that we are still working on it and we didn't forget. Both sides are still working on it but we are still far from the goal," he said naming two areas where work has missed the target, "first, is the language issue that is very important and in need of preservation."

Once more Ngai "points the finger" to both administrations claiming, "Private schools in Macau have been neglecting the teaching of the Portuguese language. We need to start from a young age to master the language," something that was understood in the early years but failed to materialize. "That was only a dream that was never put into action," he stressed, "the resistance was very [strong] inside Chinese schools."

Rights and freedoms that are stated [in the Joint Declaration] are not being respected.

SÉRGIO DE ALMEIDA CORREIA

On the same topic, Ngai also mentioned a mistake made by the Portuguese administration that "took too long to recognize Chinese as an official language. It was too late and that created a big problem, in particular for

the administration since there were very few bilingual civil servants at the time."

Besides the language but also related to it, Ngai suggests as another flaw the development of the legal system.

"A lot of mistakes have been made due to a wrong interpretation of the law. It's a laughing stock the mistakes that keep happening."

Sérgio de Almeida Correia, lawyer and expert in political science agrees to some extent with Ngai although noted, "in terms of the responsibilities of Portugal, the duties have been fulfilled regarding the preparation towards the creation of the Macau Special Administrative Region [MSAR]," noting that the People's Republic of China (PRC) has a lot more responsibilities, especially in the choice of the MSAR's officials which had to be validated by them.

Correia voiced additional

concerns mostly relating to the policies being put into place, saying, "China, when verifying that local authorities aren't respecting the agreement, should be the first to record that and act in order to ensure compliance," highlighting, "I'm not saying that they should influence the choices Macau makes but instead advance the autonomy that was envisaged in the declaration and that is also reflected in the basic law."

Sérgio Correia notes that the "rights and freedoms" that are stated in both documents are not being respected and that extends also to the protection of the Portuguese language, "especially in the administration and judiciary bodies."

"I see a bigger concern for the protection of the Portuguese language from China than from Macau authorities," he noted, recalling that only after last year's visit of Premier Li

Keqiang that the government decided to implement measures.

The same expert also remarked on the need to "maintain the social and economic systems" which are embedded in the declaration such as the "high inflation, the out of control real estate market and the flood of tourists that do not seem to be adding anything of value, and the cases of corruption which together seem to be undermining the declaration."

The currency is an example of another flaw, according to the seasoned lawyer.

"We need more determination on the protection of the pataca. People earn salaries in MOP but pay rent and other expenses in HKD. The pataca is a symbol of our autonomy," Correia said. Also, he added, the political responsibility of the leaders and high-ranked officials needs to be raised: "They can't keep hiding behind China so not to do what should be done."

Both sides need to think about the Joint Declaration and increase cooperation to work on the most essential - the Macau identity.

GARY NGAI

"What was foreseen in the Joint Declaration is that the executive power be subjected to the legislative power but this has been diminishing. This should be safeguarded so the declaration can continue to be a benchmark document."



Sérgio de Almeida Correia



Gary Ngai

AL ELECTION

Mandatory declarations top concerns of lawmaker candidates

Renato Marques

THE Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly election (CAEAL) met yesterday with lawmakers for a briefing on election guidelines.

Questions on the mandatory declarations of events held by associations with the participation of candidates in the Legislative Assembly (AL) election topped the concerns of lawmakers, who sought to have a few points clarified.

Several lawmakers took the opportunity to express concern over the mandatory declaration of events that are considered to be "campaign actions."

According to the statement yesterday, any event or public activity organized by an organization linked to a lawmaker candidate, during the two-week electoral period, must be declared.



Andre Cheong (left) and Tong Hio Fong

As noted the assistant commissioner of the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), Lam Chi Long, during his presentation, "the duty of declaration for legal entities is only necessary in case the candidate [in the AL election] was a member of administration or other board member in the previous year and until August 31 2017."

While the case of private companies did not initially raise

concerns for the lawmakers, the fact that members of association and foundations - "even if [the lawmaker is] an honorary member" - are included in the declaration, raised doubts with several lawmakers. They remarked that it is impossible to know if a candidate is or is not an honorary member of an association, since such positions are not stated in the bylaws.

On the topic, Mak Soi Kun

asked if candidates could resort to newspaper's advertisements to state their affiliations, instead of making the official declaration.

However, Commissioner André Cheong clarified, "such adverts are useless as they do not have any juridical value."

Lam also noted that legal entities only need to declare the activities to the CAEAL in case such activities are not clearly stated as campaign actions and involve the attribution of benefits to the participants such as food and beverage, trips, entertainment, subsidies and gifts of any kind.

"In the case that the candidate participates in such events, he should also declare that to the CAEAL," Lam added.

Also made clear yesterday was that all declarations for activities to be held within 16 days before the election - that is from September 2 to 17 - must

be made before the deadline on August 30.

If the entities and candidates involved fail to comply with the declarations, they may be subject to a fine that can range from MOP10,000 to MOP100,000.

The concept of 'electoral corruption' was also explored during yesterday's meeting. It was announced that actions such as offering or promising employment, or some form of advantage to incentivize voters to favor a particular candidate, or actions that result in the discouragement of a voter to vote, will constitute electoral corruption. Such actions will face a penalty of imprisonment with duration from one to eight years.

Previously, the president of CAEAL, Tong Hio Fong, presented the guidelines for the elections in a document summarizing the law and explaining several parts of the election and its rules.

Moreover, the document set rules for the candidates' headquarters, the means of propaganda as well as what should be done regarding campaign expenses and voting methods.

The document closes with the remark that qualified disobedience of the CAEAL rulings will represent a contravention of the law.

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Clarifying costs for buyers - Part II

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JULIET RISDON

Investing in a property involves not only the purchase price of the property itself, but also the associated costs of the purchase.

In this three-part series, we break the cost of purchasing a property into three categories, and have outlined the details in each one.

The categories are;

- Purchase Costs - The cost of the property itself
• Legal & Administration Costs - Taxes, notary, registration fees etc
• Property Costs - Renovation, improvements and furnishing
• Last week we looked at Purchase costs, and this week we are going to look at Legal and Administration Costs.
• Property prices in Macau are in HKD, so for the sake of consistency please assume that all prices here are in HKD.

For the purpose of this article, we are going to look at a property that is purchased for HKD 6,000,000.

However, be warned that these costs do fluctuate, and whilst the figures themselves may change, you will at least know what you are looking for.

1) Legal & Administrative Costs - \$277,000

These costs are the ones directly associated with the purchase of the property, and include such things as Government Taxes and agency fees.

2) Stamp Duty - \$126,000

The government charges a stamp duty on all property transactions on a sliding scale payable within 30 days of the signing of the Promissory Sales & Purchase Agreement.

For the purpose of this example, we have kept the price in HKD. It should be noted that the government will convert the price in MOP to make the calculation.

Stamp duty consists of four parts;

- 1% Up to \$2,000,000
• 2% over \$2,000,000 and up to \$4,000,000
• 3% over \$4,000,000
• 0.5% of the total amount
In our case, the breakdown is;
• 1% x \$2,000,000 = \$20,000
• 2% x \$2,000,000 = \$40,000
• 3% x \$2,000,000 = \$60,000
• 0.5% x \$120,000 total = \$6,000
Stamp Duty payable = \$126,000

The stamp duty example given here applies to everybody. There is also a special stamp duty of an additional 10% of the purchase price for non-residents of Macau or when the property is purchased under a company name.

3) Agency Fee - \$60,000

The property agency will usually charge a fee equal to 1% of the purchase price, normally payable as the deal executes. However, some agents request 50% of the fee upon signing the Provisional Agreement and 50% upon completion of the purchase.

4) Notary & Registration Fees - \$80,000

It is our experience that different law offices use different ways to break down the Notary and registration charges. We will list the various items individually, but don't be surprised if you get a blank stare if you ask for a breakdown of charges from a legal office.

The charge includes;

- Notary Fees - Deed Transfer
• Notary Fees - Mortgage Loan
• Stamp Duty & Registration Fees - Deed Transfer

- Stamp Duty & Registration Fees - Mortgage Loan
• Land Registry / Registration Fees
Law offices will not be able to tell you the exact amount payable until the day of the transaction.

Why?

Because the calculation of the fees depends on the interest rate on the day of the transaction, and can only be calculated once this is confirmed. Brilliant!

5) Lawyers / Law Office Fees - \$9,000

There are normally charges issued by the lawyers office for the work conducted.

Naturally, there are Lawyers Fees for drafting the various agreements, conducting background checks on the property etc. These fees usually vary between \$3,000 and \$10,000 dependent on the number of contracts and difficulty of the transaction, but essentially the fee is time based. There are also witness fees as the bank usually require a lawyer to witness the signing of the document that gives the bank the power to re-possess a property should you fail to pay back the loan.

Finally there are fees for certificates and document copies that can vary from \$800 to \$2,000.

6) Bank Fees - \$2,000

Many banks now charge a loan application fee regardless of whether the purchase goes ahead or not.

Another popular fee introduced by banks is the 'loan arrangement fee', which is typically \$2,000 - \$4,000.

For the purpose of this example, we have not included the interest on mortgage loans, which is of course payable over the term of the mortgage and will vary according to the interest rate being charged.

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Brazil may lose up to USD1.5 billion in meat exports on probe

Gerson Freitas Jr., David Biller and Julia Leite

BRAZILIAN meat companies may lose as much as USD1.5 billion in exports this year after a corruption scandal that raised concerns on product quality led several nations to restrict purchases last month, Brazil's agriculture minister said.

"It wouldn't surprise me" if Brazil immediately lost five percent to 10 percent of its share in global meat exports, Blairo Maggi said in an interview in Sao Paulo, adding that the estimate is still preliminary. The impact could be softened as bird flu outbreaks in other countries including the U.S. curb supplies, he said.

Maggi, who's been on a diplomatic offensive since allegations that meat companies bribed sanitary inspectors to clear meat sales and exports were made public last month, said that the first phase of the meat



Blairo Maggi, Brazilian agriculture minister

crisis is finally over as most of the export bans that followed the scandal were lifted. Still, regaining consumers' confidence is "work in progress," he said.

"The next step is the most

complicated one," Maggi said. "It involves the consumer who, at the point of sale, chooses between one product or another."

Federal police in Curitiba in Brazil's Parana state announced their so-called Carne Fraca

("Weak Flesh") investigation on March 17. They said 21 companies including top producers JBS SA and BRF SA were involved in the bribing of federal meat inspectors, and provided lurid details of contaminated

and adulterated meat. The intense domestic attention garnered by the revelations was soon followed by a massive media campaign mounted by Brazil's meat sector and a government push to reassure the public.

The South American nation's meat exports are facing stricter inspections in importing nations, a move that Maggi sees eventually demonstrating that safety procedures held by Brazilian authorities and companies are appropriate.

Saudi Arabia is finishing its audit of Brazil meat plants, and representatives met Maggi to discuss their findings. Maggi and agriculture ministry representatives are also going to travel to Europe and countries including China, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia in the coming weeks and months to reassure importers of the quality of Brazilian meat.

Brazil accounts for 20 percent of global beef exports and almost 40 percent of chicken exports. Beef, poultry and pork accounted for almost 10 percent of Brazil's export revenues last year, and BRF and JBS are among the largest companies in the country.

JBS's shares have tumbled 13 percent since March 17, when news on the probe broke. BRF shares fell 3.8 percent in the same period. **Bloomberg**

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CHINA-US RELATIONS

Xi urges North Korea talks in Trump call as tensions mount

CHINESE President Xi Jinping told Donald Trump that talks were the only way to ease concerns over North Korea, after the U.S. leader sent warships to the region and warned he was ready to act without Beijing.

All nations involved “should settle their disputes peacefully through dialogue and consultation to be jointly committed to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula,” state broadcaster China Central Television quoted Xi as saying yesterday. He reiterated his commitment to removing nuclear weapons from the Peninsula during the call, which China’s foreign ministry later said had been initiated by Trump.

Reports of the phone call came after Trump tweeted that North Korea was “looking for trouble” and that the U.S. was prepared to resolve the matter without China, the major backer of Kim Jong Un’s regime. Fears of conflict have risen after the U.S. diverted an aircraft carrier strike group to nearby waters as North Korea showed preparations for a nuclear test or ballistic missile launch.

Trump told the Fox Business Network that the U.S. was “sending an armada, very powerful” to North Korea. In a series of tweets Tuesday, he said he told



People in Seoul, South Korea, watch a TV news program showing a file image of the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier

Xi that any efforts by China to rein in North Korea would help improve the conditions of a two-way trade deal. The two leaders met face-to-face last week at Trump’s Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida.

South Korea’s government sought to quell any anxiety about potential military action. Unification Ministry spokesman Lee Duk-haeng said yesterday that there was no need to worry about regional security. He added that the government was closely cooperating with other nations, including

the U.S., to manage escalating tensions.

South Korea was on alert for any provocations to mark symbolic dates in North Korea’s history, such as the Saturday anniversary of its late founder Kim Il Sung’s birth. North Korea was hosting foreign journalists in Pyongyang before the commemoration.

“It is irresponsible and even dangerous to take any actions that may escalate tension,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a regular briefing in Beijing yesterday.

“All parties should exercise restraint instead of provoking each other and adding fuel to the fire.”

Xi reiterated his commitment to removing nuclear weapons from the [Korean] Peninsula

The Global Times, a nationalist newspaper affiliated with China’s Communist Party, warned that a nuclear test now would represent a “slap in the face” of the U.S. government. Such action might prompt China to restrict oil sales to North Korea, the paper said in an editorial.

“The Korean Peninsula has never been so close to a military clash since the North conducted its first nuclear test in 2006,” it said. “Pyongyang’s nuclear weapons program is intended for securing the regime, however, it is reaching a tipping point.”

“Pyongyang should avoid making mistakes at this time,” the paper said.

In a sign of China’s waning patience, the country earlier this year banned coal imports from North Korea. China has repeatedly called for a resumption of six-nation talks that collapsed in 2009, while the Trump administration has said it wouldn’t entertain discussions with Kim’s regime until it abandoned its nuclear ambitions.

North Korea is dominating South Korea’s presidential campaign, less than four weeks before voting on a successor to the ousted Park Geun-hye.

Moon Jae-in, the candidate for the left-leaning Democratic Party of Korea, said he would fight against North Korea himself to defend his country, while calling for a bipartisan meeting to discuss national security.

The special forces veteran also eased his reservations over the U.S.’s move to install a missile shield on South Korean soil over China’s objections. **MDT/Bloomberg**

HONG Kong’s government tightened property rules for the second time since November to shut a loophole that allowed investors to snap up multiple units in one shot to qualify for lower tax rates.

Under the new rules, first-time home buyers acquiring more than one property in a single contract will be charged the same 15 percent stamp duty that applies to purchases of a second property, rather than the 4.25 percent duty for first-time buyers. The change, announced late Tuesday by Hong Kong’s Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, took effect at midnight.

“Though buying multiple flats in one contract accounts for a small proportion of residential apartment transactions, there’s a noticeable increasing trend,” Leung said at a briefing on Tuesday. “This doesn’t only go against

HONG KONG

Property tax loophole plugged amid home-buying spree

the government’s goal to clamp down investor demand through the new stamp duty, it also fuels the property market sentiment.”

Hong Kong’s leaders are seeking to address a gap that allowed the richest buyers to take advantage of rules intended to help first-time home buyers, as they face rising discontent over wealth inequality and skyrocketing housing costs. The previous attempt to rein in the market in November did little to cool demand, with prices setting new records this year in the world’s least affordable market. People have also been able to find legal ways around the restrictions, with some purchasing several units at the same time so they could still qualify for lower tax

rates.

“The new measure will make it fairer for buyers of a single property,” Willy Liu, a director at Ricacorp Properties Ltd., said in an email.

However, Liu and other analysts say the latest move will do little to cool prices in the housing market.

“The measure’s real impact on the housing market will likely be mild, if not negligible,” Alan Jin, Asia ex-Japan property analyst at Mizuho Securities Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong, wrote in a note. While the practice of buying multiple homes on one contract accounted for about 25 percent of sales in mid-March, the drop in demand from investors “can be easily made up for by real buyers,” he said.

The Hang Seng Property Index was mostly unchanged in Wednesday trading, edging up 0.2 percent at 10:30 a.m. in Hong Kong as investors have gotten used to the futility of such moves. Existing home prices have surged since the previous measures in November.

Housing prices in Hong Kong are close to their peak and economically “unsustainable,” according to Cusson Leung, managing director at JP-Morgan Chase & Co.’s Asia Pacific equity research unit.

Price increases in the city have outpaced economic growth “significantly” since 2009 and any external shocks could trigger tighter liquidity in the banking system, he said. **MDT/Bloomberg**



Beijing warns against intervention over detained Taiwanese man



Lee Ching-yu (second from right) wife of Taiwanese pro-democracy activist Lee Ming-che detained in China

BEIJING yesterday warned outside groups against seeking to intervene in the case of a Taiwanese pro-democracy activist detained in China, saying that would complicate matters and harm already tense relations between Taiwan and the mainland.

Taiwan Affairs Office spokesman An Fengshan said that China had passed on letters from Lee Ming-che, who is under investigation for endangering China's national security, to his wife and parents.

On Monday, Lee's wife was prevented from flying to Beijing to seek a meeting with her husband because China canceled her travel permit. China, which claims Taiwan as its own territory, doesn't recognize Taiwanese passports and requires islanders to use to a Beijing-issued document called a Taiwan Compatriots Pass to visit the mainland.

Although Beijing cut off its already limited contacts with the island's government in June, An said it had commissioned a third-party in Taiwan to "relate the relevant situation" to Lee's wife and pass letters from Lee to her and his parents. Lee's wife, Lee Ching-yu, says he has hypertension and has attempted to have his medication shipped to him.

An told reporters at a biweekly news conference that authorities were protecting the legal rights of Lee, who was taken into custody on March 19, but

that he had no other information about his case.

However, he said outside interference would "only render the issue even more complicated and harm the interests of the person concerned."

"A few Taiwanese people and groups with ulterior motives who are seizing this opportunity to attack the mainland are doomed to failure. They will not achieve their goal of interfering in the work of relevant mainland departments in handling the case by law," An said.

An warned also against "attempts by the Taiwan authorities to use the incident to attack the mainland," saying that "can only make the current, already extremely grim cross-strait relationship even worse."

On Tuesday, the head of Taiwan's Cabinet-level Mainland Affairs Council Chang Hsiao-yueh said China's refusal to respond to requests for information about Lee would "surely harm the feelings of the Taiwanese people."

"We are expressing our utmost disagreement toward China for refusing to respond to our inquiries and requests since the issue began," Chang said at a news conference.

China demands Taiwan's independence-leaning President Tsai Ing-wen endorse its view that the island and mainland are part of a single Chinese nation before it will restore contacts. The sides separated amid civil war in 1949. **AP**

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Militant chief involved in beheadings is killed

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Abu Sayyaf commander Moammar Askali

PHILIPPINE troops battling militants on a central resort island killed a young Abu Sayyaf commander who was involved in the beheadings of two Canadians and a German and who had sailed far from the extremists' southern jungle hideouts to capture more hostages, the military chief said yesterday.

Military chief of staff Gen. Eduardo Ano said that troops recovered and identified the remains of Moammar Askali at the scene of the battle in a coastal village on Bohol island. Five other Abu Sayyaf gunmen, three soldiers and a policeman also were killed in Tuesday's clashes.

Ano said captured Abu Sayyaf militants identified Askali from a photo troops took of the young militant leader after death, which confirmed that the gunmen who quietly cruised into Bohol on three motorboats Mon-

day night then clashed with troops belonged to the Islamic extremist group. Askali, who used the nom de guerre Abu Rami, had partly served as an Abu Sayyaf spokesman in recent years.

"This is a major blow to the Abu Sayyaf," Ano told The Associated Press. "If they have further plans to kidnap innocent people somewhere, they will now have to think twice."

Askali was an emerging hard-line leader of Abu Sayyaf and had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group. He had received bomb-making training from Malaysian Zulkifli bin Hir, or Marwan, a top Southeast Asia militant leader who was killed in 2015, according to a police profile.

It was Abu Sayyaf's first known attempt to carry out ransom kidnappings deep in the central Philippine heartland, far from the group's jungle lairs in the southern provinces of Sulu and Basilan. Ano said the troops were still hunting at least five Abu Sayyaf gunmen, though fighting had eased Wednesday.

While the bold kidnapping attempt appears to have been foiled, the militants' success

in penetrating the bustling region of beach resorts and other popular attractions could raise concern among tourists and businessmen.

Bohol island lies about 640 kilometers (397 miles) southeast of Manila and is about an hour by boat from Cebu province, a trade and tourism center which has hosted some of the meetings of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the regional bloc the Philippines is leading this year.

The United States and the Philippines both list Abu Sayyaf as a terrorist organization for bombings, kidnappings for ransom and beheadings.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte has ordered troops to destroy the extremists 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.

The militants are still holding at least 29 captives in Sulu's jungles, many of them foreign tugboat and cargo ship crewmen seized in the seas surrounded by southern Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia. **MDT/AP**

MYANMAR

Official says UN probe of Rohingya rights abuses unwanted

Esther Htusan, Yangon

A top Myanmar official has said that a U.N. agency's resolution to have an international mission probe alleged human rights abuses by government security forces in troubled Rakhine state is unwanted and unconstructive.

National Security Adviser Thaug Tun said in a briefing to foreign diplomats and representatives of U.N. agencies that the U.N. Human Rights Council's recent decision failed to recognize Myanmar's efforts to deal with the situation and address its root causes.

Soldiers and police launched aggressive counterinsurgency operations in Rakhine in October after shadowy insurgents killed nine border guards. Government forces were accused of perpetrating rape, torture and other abuses against residents of the Muslim Rohingya minority during their

AP PHOTO



Thaug Tun, Myanmar's National Security Adviser

sweeps.

The Rohingya have faced widespread discrimination in Buddhist-dominated Myanmar, which led to deadly intercommunal violence in 2012 that forced more than 100,000 Rohingya from their homes into squalid displacement camps, where many still remain.

Rights group said the recent army crackdown included the burning down of more than 1,000 homes,

according to high-resolution satellite images, and the killing of an unknown number of civilians, perhaps in the hundreds. More than 70,000 Rohingya villagers fled across the border to Bangladesh and another 20,000 were internally displaced.

The situation has led advocates for the Rohingya to accuse the government of ethnic cleansing.

Thaug Tun said the government has disassocia-

ted from the U.N. agency's decision because it did not take into consideration Myanmar's efforts "to stabilize the situation and address root causes," adding that the country "needs help, not obstacles."

"We look forward to the understanding and constructive support of the international community in our endeavor to build peace, justice and development for all in Rakhine," he said.

Myanmar's government has appointed several teams to look into Rakhine's problems, but rights groups say they are not credible because their members are not independent.

Thaug Tun, however, said the government's efforts were adequate. "Where there is clear evidence of wrongdoing, we will take firm action in accordance with the law," he said.

Myanmar's de facto prime minister, State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, defended her government's policy toward the Rohingya during an interview with foreign media last week. Her seeming inaction on the issue has come under particular criticism because her long fight for democracy and against military repression won her a Nobel Peace Prize and made her a heroine in human rights circles. **AP**

Cambodian-American charged with molesting village boys

PROSECUTORS in Cambodia have charged a Cambodian-American man with sexually abusing 11 boys aged 10 to 15 years old.

Phan Sopheap, a court spokesman in Takeo province south of Phnom Penh, said Tan Saravuth was charged Tuesday with procuring children for prostitution, a crime punishable by seven to 15 years in prison. He was arrested Friday in Phnom Penh.

Police said Tan Saravuth was born in Cambodia but went to the United States as a refugee in the early 1980s. His personal documents give conflicting ages for him of 47 and 57.

Action Pour Les Enfants, a nongovernmental organization that combats child sex abuse, said he told police he was arrested in the United States for sexually molesting boys and returned to Cambodia around 1997. He moved to Takeo in 2002, where he was accused of molesting the boys after winning poor village families' trust with gifts to them and their children.

Police began investigating Tan Saravuth last year after the community began hearing stories of his activities.

Action Pour Les Enfants said in a statement that it had assisted police in their investigation and would provide psychological counseling and social support to the victims. **AP**



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The guided-missile destroyer USS Porter, one vessel that fired Tomahawk missiles used to strike a Syrian airbase

SYRIA

Trump seems to rule out deeper US intervention

Vivian Salama, Washington

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is appearing to rule out deeper American military intervention in Syria beyond retaliatory strikes if Syrian President Bashar Assad continues his assault on civilians with chemical weapons. "Are we going to get involved with Syria? No," Trump told Fox Business News in an interview that aired yesterday. Trump's comments come less than a week after he ordered

missile strikes on a Syrian airfield after U.S. evidence indicated that Assad killed civilians using the nerve agent sarin. White House spokesman Sean Spicer yesterday said that the president was not ruling out another attack on Syrian government installations if Assad continued to use chemical weapons against civilians. But Spicer said "going in and occupying Syria for the express purpose of regime change is something the president has been very clear

on." Trump also warned Russian President Vladimir Putin that in backing Assad, Putin was supporting someone who is "truly an evil person." "I think it's very bad for Russia. I think it's very bad for mankind. It's very bad for this world," Trump told Fox Business News. Later, Trump planned to hold talks at the White House with Jens Stoltenberg, NATO's secretary-general, while Trump's secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, was scheduled to meet with Russian Foreign

Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow. Since Trump took office in January, he has been confronted by European allies who have fear his administration will go easy on Russia. During his 2016 campaign, Trump said he would decide whether to honor the commitment to protect the Baltic republics against Russian aggression, based on whether those countries "have fulfilled their obligations to us." He has since made his support of NATO allies clear, but has reiterated his stance that European members need to meet their end of the bargain if they are to continue benefiting from the military alliance. The Trump administration says it is spending a disproportionate share on defense compared with its 27 partners, and that it expects action by the time Trump meets

with other alliance leaders on May 25. NATO leaders pledged in 2014 to halt defense spending cuts and move toward a guideline target of 2 percent of gross domestic product within a decade. Only four other nations currently meet the target: Britain, Estonia, Greece and Poland. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a military alliance of European and North American democracies created after World War II to strengthen international cooperation as a counter the rise of the Soviet Union. The United States, NATO's most powerful member, spends more on defense than all the others combined — 3.61 percent of GDP in 2016, according to NATO estimates. U.S. spending, too, has tapered off in recent years. Trump on Tuesday signed off on Montenegro's upcoming accession into NATO, helping pave the way for the alliance's expansion in the Balkans. Russia strongly opposes the move in a region it considers part of its strategic sphere of interest. White House officials said yesterday that there is credible evidence pointing to Russian interference in Montenegro's election last October. Putin told state-run Mir television that relations between Moscow and Washington have deteriorated in the early months of Trump's presidency. "It can be said that the level of trust at the working level, especially at the military level, has not become better but most likely has degraded," Putin said in an interview broadcast yesterday. Putin's spokesman said Putin may meet with Tillerson "if it is decided" that Putin needs to be briefed on the Tillerson-Lavrov talks. **AP**

US senator blasts Russia for interference in Balkans

Predrag Milic, Montenegro

U.S. Senator John McCain congratulated Montenegro on Wednesday for its upcoming NATO membership and blasted Russia for its alleged attempts to interfere in the Balkans and more widely in Europe. McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is on a tour of the western Balkans, the war-weary region where Russia has been vying for increased

military, political and economic influence. "The behavior on the part of Russians, throughout the region and the world, is not acceptable," McCain, one of the strongest supporters of NATO expansion in Europe, said in Montenegro. The Senate backed Montenegro's accession to NATO last month, a message that the U.S. will push back against Russian efforts to increase its influence in Europe. President Donald

Trump signed the ratification on Tuesday. NATO invited tiny Montenegro — a traditional Russian ally — to join the military alliance as its 29th member in December 2015. "I believe the Russian behavior requires our solidarity and our strength in order to preserve principles and fundamentals of democracy," McCain, who was a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War as an American airman, said.

Montenegrin authorities say they thwarted an October attempt by Serb and Russian nationalists to assassinate then-prime minister Milo Djukanovic to stop Montenegro from joining NATO. In an interview with The Associated Press, Djukanovic has accused the Kremlin's secret services of standing behind the alleged coup attempt on election day. McCain drew a parallel between the events in Montenegro and the alleged Russian interference in the U.S. presidential election. "There's no evidence that they succeeded," McCain said, referring to the election that put Trump into office. "But



U.S. Sen. John McCain (right) shakes hand with Montenegrin army officers in Podgorica yesterday

there is also evidence that Russians are trying to undermine the democratic process in other parts of the world." At a joint press conference with McCain, Montenegro Defense Minister Predrag Boskovic said a Euro-Atlantic partnership "is the only way for this region to preserve security and stability." "This region will need special attention in the years after we enter NATO," he said. **AP**

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THURSDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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17:40	Criminal Minds S.9
18:20	Now Generation (Repeated)
19:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Documentary Series
21:10	TDM Talk Show
21:40	Castle S6
22:20	Now Generation
23:10	TDM News
23:40	Champions League Highlights
00:40	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
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FRIDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	Planes 2: Fire & Rescue
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17:00	Criminal Minds S.9
17:40	Castle S6 (Repeated)
18:20	Now Generation (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Documentary Series
21:30	Miscellaneous
22:20	Now Generation
23:10	TDM News
23:40	Europa League Highlights
23:55	Portuguese Movie
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10:35	Comedy
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13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
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18:35	Miscellaneous
19:15	Miscellaneous
19:50	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Documentary Series
21:20	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:30	Drama
22:15	Revenge S.4
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:55	RTPi Live

Offbeat

'BRITAIN' BANNED IN SLOVAKIA; CALL IT UK OR FACE FINE

Great Britain doesn't exist in Slovakia. There's an institution with a power to issue fines of up to 6,600 euros (USD7,000) for those who would disagree. The state Geodesy, Cartography and Cadaster Authority has warned Slovakian media that a 1995 law says the country that comprises England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Island man only be called the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or United Kingdom for short. Using Britain and Great Britain are illegal. The authority says it plans to organize trainings on the proper terms before imposing fines. The British embassy in Bratislava and Slovakia's own Foreign Ministry could run afoul of the law. Spokesman Peter Susko says the Foreign Ministry uses United Kingdom in official documents, and terms "understandable to people" in common communication.

cinema



CINETEATRO

13 APR - 19 APR



THE BOSS BABY

ROOM 1

(2D) 2:15, 4:00, 7:30pm

(3D) 5:45pm

Director: Tom McGrath

Starring: Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel

Language: Cantonese (English)

Duration: 97min



SWORD ART ONLINE THE MOVIE: ORDINAL SCALE

ROOM 1

9:30pm

Director: Tomohiko Ito

Starring: Ryan Bartley, Christine Marie Cabanos

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 119min

FAST & FURIOUS 8

ROOM 2

(2D) 2:15, 4:45, 9:45pm

(3D) 7:15pm

Director: F. Gary Gray

Starring: Vin Diesel, Jason Statham, Dwayne Johnson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 136min



THE SMURFS: THE LOST VILLAGE

ROOM 3

2:15, 4:00, 5:45, 7:30pm

Director: Kelly Asbury

Starring: Demi Lovato, Rainn Wilson, Joe Manganiello

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 90min

A SILENT VOICE: THE MOVIE

ROOM 3

2:15, 7:15pm

Director: Naoko Yamada

Starring: Miyu Irino, Saori Hayami, Aoi Yuki

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 129min

MACAU TOWER

13 APR - 26 APR



FAST & FURIOUS 8

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

Director: F. Gary Gray

Starring: Vin Diesel, Jason Statham, Dwayne Johnson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 136min

this day in history



Tiger Woods

1997 TIGER WOODS WINS MASTERS AT 21

The 21-year-old golfing sensation Eldrick "Tiger" Woods has become the youngest-ever player to win the US Masters Championships.

He put in a virtuoso performance that left his opponents far behind and smashed almost every record in the book. His winning margin was 12 strokes - three more than the previous record, held by Jack Nicklaus.

His final four-round score was 270 strokes, 18 under par - the tournament record.

He is also the first black player to win a major golf championship, and has said he intends to use his success to encourage minorities to play golf.

His challenge started slowly, but quickly gathered pace until by the end of the second day he had taken the lead.

By the end of day three, he had increased his lead to nine shots, and his nearest rival, Colin Montgomerie, was telling journalists that there was "no chance Tiger Woods is just going to lose this tournament."

The only question was by what margin this golfing phenomenon would trounce his rivals.

"I never thought I would have a lead like I did," said Woods after the tournament, dressed in the coveted green jacket awarded to winners of the Masters.

"You envision duelling it out with Nicklaus or Watson or Faldo, but never to do it in the fashion I did."

His rivals had nothing but admiration for his decisive victory.

"This seems to be the next generation, said Tom Kite, competing in his 24th Masters. "He seems to have leapfrogged the rest of the field."

Woods, a child prodigy who won his first public competition at the age of three, had already astonished golfing fans by winning an unprecedented three consecutive US Amateur championships from 1994 to 1996.

He turned professional just eight months ago, his profile already so high that he was immediately signed up for endorsement deals worth \$60 million.

There was immediate speculation over Woods's chances of winning the Grand Slam - the Masters, the US Open, and the US PGA Championship. Woods refused to rule it out.

"It's only a matter of getting hot four times and having a lot of luck at the right time," he told journalists

Courtesy of BBC

IN CONTEXT

By the end of the 1997 PGA season, Tiger Woods had broken the single-season record earnings with more than \$2 million. He won four tournaments, and finished in the top 10 nine times. He continued to break records, winning four tournaments in a row in 1999, and taking the US Open in June 2000 by a 15-stroke margin - the largest in the history of major championship golf. He completed his Grand Slam in July 2000, winning the Open Championship at St Andrews, Scotland, by eight shots at the age of 24 - two years younger than the previous record-holder, Jack Nicklaus.

The 2000 season also saw him put in the most successful performance in golf history in terms of tournament earnings, winning him nearly \$10 million in prize money.

Woods lost his world number one spot in 2004 after a record 264 straight weeks, to Vijay Singh.

He regained the number one place after clinching his fourth US Masters win - his ninth major title - in April 2005.

YOUR STARS

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Taurus April 20-May 20 Take yourself out tonight! Show yourself off to the world and you are sure to have a good time.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your friends are going to be your greatest source of comfort and energy today, but that's nothing new.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You're going to get along really well with people left and right today - like-minded folks will be everywhere you look!

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You can (and should) shut out pressures from the outside world right now. Too many people are demanding too many unreasonable things of you.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 If a friend or family member asks you to sacrifice some of your free time in the coming weeks, try to do what you can for them.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 By initiating a lot of new things at once, you can make your life a lot more interesting without getting too overwhelmed.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your creativity is leading you to act in unexpected ways, but the people you meet today will find your unpredictability charming and unique.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 At work or school, you need to be honest and understand your limitations - the people who have authority over you will appreciate and respect it.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 No matter what you are debating doing right now, you aren't going to come to any conclusions today - so don't push yourself too hard.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 No matter how well-intentioned people may be, they still have a different agenda than you do. It's time to reassert yourself.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Someone needs your advice or your time, and you should juggle your schedule to give them what they need.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 5x5 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

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Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. It lists weather for various cities in CHINA and the WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- March honoree, briefly; 6- Queue after Q; 9- Clique; 14- Butler's love; 15- Weed whacker; 16- Coeur d'... ID; 17- Abandonment; 19- Devilfish; 20- Warmed the bench; 21- Bed-and-breakfasts; 22- Sea eagles; 23- Extinct bird; 25- Equipped; 26- Fix, as a shoe; 29- Boxer Oscar ... Hoya; 31- Names; 32- Erin; 36- Hydroxyl compound; 37- Seed of a legume; 38- Digits of the foot; 40- Least difficult; 43- Be that as it may; 45- Cpls.' superiors; 46- Go ballistic; 47- Disguised, briefly; 50- Salamander; 51- Staggering; 52- Colorful Apple; 54- Half a fly; 57- Queen of Spain; 58- Lustiness; 61- Emo anxiety; 62- Call ... day; 63- Label anew; 64- Little laugh; 65- Long fish; 66- Got out of bed;

DOWN: 1- Lays down the lawn; 2- Take ... Train; 3- Gone by; 4- Live and breathe; 5- It paves the way; 6- Thick-skinned charger; 7- Before long; 8- Change for a fifty; 9- Pert. to a judge's chamber; 10- Waker; 11- Sesamum indicum; 12- Chipped in; 13- Meadows; 18- They get high twice a day; 23- Kids toys; 24- Corrida cheer; 25- Pub order; 26- Road with a no.; 27- ... kleine Nachtmusik; 28- Greek portico; 29- Eats to a plan; 30- Period; 33- This is only ...; 34- What the fourth little piggy had; 35- He loved Lucy; 37- L.A. clock setting; 39- Drunkard; 41- Quarantine; 42- Silly Putty holder; 43- Choose; 44- Pledge; 47- Goodnight girl of song; 48- Sound of a horse; 49- Perfume the air; 50- Like Fran Drescher's voice; 51- Smell ...; 52- Would ... to you?; 53- Silent; 54- Dorothy's dog; 55- In order (to); 56- Rim; 59- 401(k) alternative; 60- That ship;

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Main crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions.

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FOOTBALL

Dybala nets 2 as Juve beats Barca 3-0 in Champs League

PAULO Dybala said last week he doesn't want to be known as the new Lionel Messi. Yesterday, the Argentine proved he can be just as good as his more famous compatriot, scoring two goals as Juventus beat Barcelona 3-0 in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal.

Dybala, who was given a standing ovation when he was substituted nine minutes from time, broke the deadlock in the seventh minute and doubled his tally in the 22nd. Giorgio Chiellini added the third, 10 minutes after the break.

"I'm really happy because since I was a kid I wanted to experience these moments," the 23-year-old Dybala said. "It's one of my best nights, but we mustn't ruin it next Wednesday."

The result will give Juventus plenty of confidence heading into the second leg on April 19, but it will be wary of another fantastic comeback from Messi's Barcelona, which beat Paris Saint-Germain 6-1 in its last match to become the first team to overturn a 4-0 first-leg loss in the history of the competition.

"The sensation is that we are living through another nightmare," Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said. "We gave away two goals in the first half and against a team like Juventus you pay for

it. As a coach it's very difficult to explain, Juventus was superior to us in every way. I'm responsible 101 percent [... and] I don't want to talk about a comeback."

But he added: "Certainly, if we get back to our level we can score four goals against anyone."

The other first-leg match between Borussia Dortmund and Monaco was called off and rescheduled for early today [Macau time] after three explosions went off near the German team's bus as it set off for the match, injuring defender Marc Bartra.

Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri again used his daring 4-2-3-1 formation, which has seen his team play some of its best soccer of the season as it utilizes all five of its star attackers.

"We need to be happy with all we have done, but we need to keep our feet on the ground because we still haven't achieved anything," Allegri said. "It's not over, we'll need to play with bravery again [...] but we know the weaknesses of Barcelona and also our strengths."

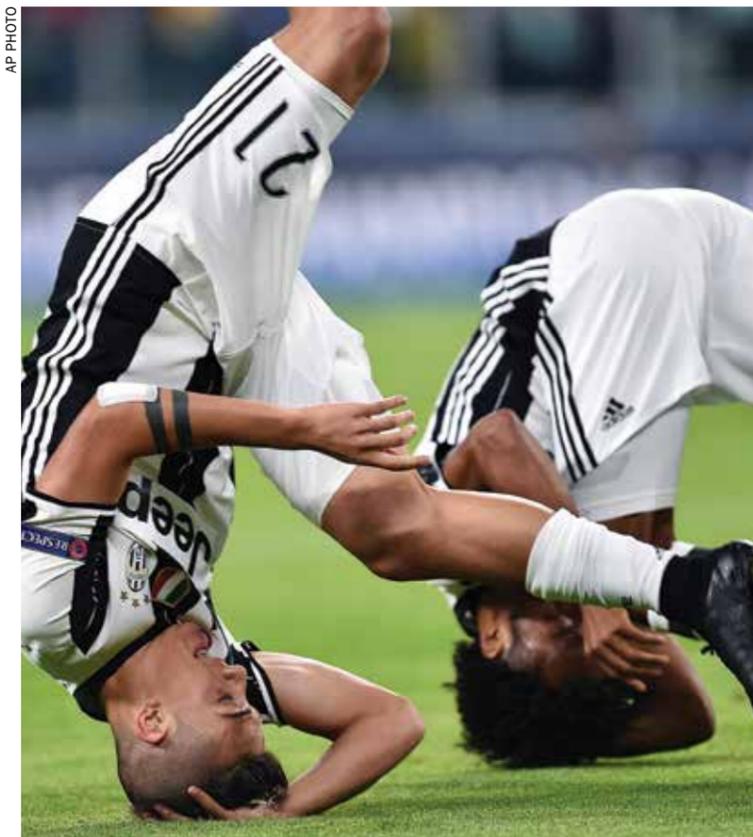
Juventus was aggressive from the start and almost scored in the third minute when Gonzalo Higuain's header from a free kick taken by Miralem Pjanic was dropped by Marc-Andre Stegen, but the Barcelona goalkeeper recovered in time.

However, the hosts did take the lead four minutes later when Juan Cuadrado pulled a cross back from the right flank for Dybala to curl the ball into the bottom left corner.

Messi was largely kept quiet all night, but he provided a superb ball over the top for Andres Iniesta, whose effort was turned around the right post by Juventus goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

That save proved pivotal as Juventus doubled its lead moments later when Mario Mandzukic's cross was deflected to Dybala, who drove a first-time shot into the left of the goal.

Juventus had several chances to extend its lead and finally did so when Chiellini headed in a corner off the inside of the left post. AP



Juventus' Paulo Dybala (left) celebrates with his teammate Juan Cuadrado after scoring during the match against Barcelona. AP

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RUCKSACK ATTACK

It's daylight, on a tram in the busiest part of Hong Kong. The risk of assault is high. Eh?

We all know the usual tram risks. Tram tush, if it's raining, because no one closes the windows to protect the seats.

Or a mouthful of urban mistral, if it's dry outside but the window is still down. And dented ego - when you try to put the window up and learn you aren't tough enough.

But another danger lurks these days. Rucksack attack. There you are, sitting quietly. The tram gets busier. People stand alongside. Some have rucksacks. You clock the hazard and angle away. You check your phone. You then glance up to see where you are on the journey - what, still not past Admiralty? - and thwack! Someone trying to leave the tram is pushing past. Their rucksack hits you in the face. They do not notice, because they forgot their extra trailing dimensions.

Rucksacks in Hong Kong are generally not filled with cottonwool. They tend to be carried by men and women, heading for the gym. Or worse, combining office and gym. Straps fly. The inevitable water bottle in the side pocket trails its sports dispensing cap. The corner of a laptop forms an angular jut inside the fabric. When a nose meets a rucksack travelling at speed, there is only one winner and it's not the nose.

From the impact, I wonder if my assailant's rucksack is a bag-cum-barbell. Why so heavy? Does a backpack build muscle? Is it a way of working out as he goes from the office to the gym via the protein bar shop?

At the recent fair, Art Basel Hong Kong, there was a prominent artwork which consisted of 180 replicas of a handbag owned by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The piece was called 'Not a Shield But a Weapon' and was created by Filipino artist Pio Abad. Dear @pioabadartist, how about updating to include 180 rucksacks? 'Definitely Weapons'.

I sit, dazed. But not so much I don't see my assailant's rucksack bashing someone else in the face nearer the front. Rucksack recidivism is a big issue - rucksack wearers take on a new shape yet not a new psychology, failing to make spatial judgments that include the additional five inches protruding rearwards. My rucksack attacker doesn't even notice the damage he has done. Which means next journey, new victims. I can even see him alighting from the tram, and consider knocking the window to weakly shake my fist, but then realise the window, of course, is down.

What's the solution? A rucksack with sensors that parp with increasing intensity when the rucksack is near to someone? Like a car parking? But that increases the noise pollution in Hong Kong.

Lobbying the incoming Lam administration for a 'Taskforce on Tote Trauma'? That wouldn't even be politically risky, because rucksack attackers are usually locals. Mainlanders prefer their baggage to have wheels.

The introduction of a new concept - a cabin bag limit on the tram or the bus or the train?

Recognition of this as a modern assault? TV adverts: 'Have you been hit in the face by a rucksack? Sue your assailant by calling this number. We specialize in backpack inflicted pain.'

Rucksack Awareness classes? Anyone convicted of rucksack assault has to do these?

Community rucksack service? Standing on transport and pointing out the dangers.

At least I stop myself shouting: 'hey you, muscle bloke, your big sack just hit me in the face' because anyone who wasn't felled by impact would die laughing or from shock.

Dangerous things, rucksacks.

THE BUZZ FERNANDO ALONSO TO MISS MONACO GP TO RACE AT INDY 500

Two-time Formula One champion Fernando Alonso will race for McLaren at the Indianapolis 500 on May 28 in a surprise switch that will see the Spanish driver miss the Monaco Grand Prix on the same day.

It will be Alonso's first drive in the biggest car race in the United States as he steps up his bid to win what he regards as the "Triple Crown" of motor sport: the Monaco GP, the Indianapolis 500

and the Le Mans 24 Hours race.

"It's a tough challenge," said the 35-year-old Alonso, who has twice won in Monaco and hasn't competed at Le Mans. "But I'm up for it."

McLaren made the announcement yesterday, saying the Monaco GP will be the only Formula One race that Alonso will miss. The British-based team hasn't announced who will replace Alonso for the glitziest race on the F1 calendar.

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SOURCE: DSI/MG

David Letterman's mom, who became unlikely star, dies at 95

David Letterman's mother Dorothy Mengerling, a Midwestern homemaker who became an unlikely celebrity in her 70s as she baked mystery pies and covered the Olympics for her son's late-night show, has died. She was 95.

Letterman's publicist Tom Keaney confirmed Mengerling's death yesterday [Macau time] for The Associated Press.

Letterman had been on the air for years, and had made ironic celebrities out of dozens of nobodies, before he thought to bring on his mom.

But the moment he did, she became a hit, with a cheerful "Hi, David!" in her Indiana accent starting every appearance.

The two had great on-air chemistry, her homespun sincerity proving the perfect foil for her son's urban acerbity.

Her first appearances came via satellite from her Carmel, Indiana, kitchen for a segment called "Guess Mom's Pies," which became a Thanksgiving tradition. Letterman would make a huge production of the bit before finally declaring, usually correctly, "chocolate chiffon!" or "rhubarb!" When he was wrong, she would take on a comforting tone like he was a boy



David Letterman (right) the host of "The Late Show" on CBS, and his mother Dorothy Mengerling share a laugh (2007)

who had lost a little-league game.

She soon started making annual Mother's Day appearances too.

She really became a star when the show took her out of the kitchen.

Mengerling was a correspondent for the Letterman's Late Show on CBS at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer Norway, a role she reprised for the next two winter games, wearing bulky snow gear that made her tiny self almost invisible, and oozing pure sincerity even in absurd bits Letterman's writers had her perform.

"After Lillehammer, I cou-

ldn't believe how it all took off," Mengerling told The New York Times in 1996. "I think it's about the idea of mom and of a family."

Mengerling lived all her life in Indiana. She married Letterman's father, a florist named Harry Letterman, in 1942. He died in 1973, and she married structural engineer Hans P. Mengerling, who died in 2013.

Once famous, she put out a cookbook, 1996's "Home Cookin' With Dave's Mom," that included recipes such as "Dave's Fried Baloney Sandwich" and the secrets behind many of the pies she had baked for the show. AP

WORLD BRIEFS



IRAN Former Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has defied the advice of the Islamic Republic's supreme leader and registered to run again for the nation's presidency.

SERBIA Police have rounded up more than 200 migrants in the country's north following reports of alleged attacks against the local population.

FRANCE With a bleed-the-rich video game and suggestions of a "Frexit," French far-left candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon is rattling financial markets by rising in polls just 11 days before the country's presidential vote.

BRITAIN-EU European Union states are unlikely to ratify a post-Brexit trade deal with the British government should the U.K. seek to recast itself as a regulation-light "Singapore-on-Thames," according to the World Trade Organization. U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May has said she would rather have no deal than a bad deal with the EU.



BRAZIL President Michel Temer is vowing to keep the government running following a bombshell announcement that several of his ministers, both leaders of Congress and numerous allies are under investigation for corruption.

VENEZUELA's opposition yesterday cheered videos of the country's president apparently being heckled at a public event amid a second week of daily protests. Nicolas Maduro was touring the poor eastern state of Bolivar when a crowd appeared to turn on him.

HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the Easter holidays. The Times will be back on the stands on Tuesday April 18. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.

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