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CHINA is compiling a free online encyclopedia to rival Wikipedia, but it will likely only give Beijing’s official version of sensitive historical events, and the public won’t be able to write or edit it. **More on p12**



CHINA A sandstorm blown by gusting winds enveloped a huge area of central and northern China in thick pollution hazardous to people venturing outdoors. The Beijing Meteorological Observatory advised people to minimize time spent outdoors and forecast that the murky conditions would linger into today morning. Beijing’s air quality index topped 800, on a scale ranking anything above 150 as unhealthy.

PHILIPPINES A Supreme Court justice launched a book that questions China’s historic claims to most of the South China Sea and said he will distribute it online to try to overcome Beijing’s censorship and reach its people. Justice Antonio Carpio said his e-book can be downloaded for free in English now and will be made available online later in Mandarin, Vietnamese, Bahasa, Japanese and Spanish.

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Residential price index up 4.7pct in Q1

The residential price index in the first quarter of 2017 grew by 4.7 percent quarter-to-quarter to 244.0, the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) said yesterday. The indices for the Macau Peninsula (245.0) and Taipa & Coloane (239.5) rose by 4.8 percent and 4.1 percent respectively. The index for existing residential units (248.7) went up by 5.1 percent, with the indices for the Macau Peninsula (236.0) and Taipa & Coloane (305.9) increasing by 4.6 percent and 6.5 percent respectively. The index for pre-sale residential units in the first quarter (233.3) increased by 1.7 percent quarter-to-quarter, a slowdown from the 10.7 percent growth in the fourth quarter of 2016. The indices for all groups of existing residential units in terms of year of completion registered growth. The data also indicated a higher increase in the indices for residential units built more than 20 years ago (248.1) and for those completed between six and 10 years ago (243.6), up by 6.6 percent and 3.7 percent respectively.

New Central Library website launched

The Cultural Affairs Bureau launched the New Macao Central Library website. This new website provides an introduction of the Library and information about the revitalization of the old buildings, promotional activities and mentions by news publications. The content of the website will be updated according to the project progress, in order to allow residents to obtain the latest information about the New Central Library.

Seminar on illegal fishing to be presented

The EUAP-M (European Union Academic Programme- Macau) will hold a seminar on "Liability of international organizations for illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing" at the University of Macau on May 8. The event will take place in the Faculty of Law at 3 p.m. and it will be conducted in English. Invited guest speaker Prof. Helmut Türk is a Professor of International Law from Austria. From 2005 to 2015, he was a Judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany, also serving a term as Vice President. Subsequently, he was elected president of the Assembly of the International Seabed Authority in Kingston, Jamaica, where he currently holds the position of chairman of the Review Committee.

Lawyer advocates termination of gaming sub-concessions

Renato Marques

LAWYER Sérgio de Almeida Correia has addressed the issue of gaming sub-concessions in Macau, and suggested that the government should put an end to the system as it is the basis of various problems.

"It is important to put an end to the present sub-concession system, which creates conflicts of interest and other corrupt practices," wrote Correia in a paper published in this month's edition of Asian Gaming Lawyer revived by MDT.

"It is therefore appropriate to plan for the future and to review the existing legal regime, if necessary by extending the span of concessions to allow direct allocation," Correia added.

He further remarked that such a solution "is balanced, respects the interests of the present sub-concessionaires, and is in line with the actions of the PRC and President Xi Jinping to fight undesirable situations that undermine the power of the State and the ethical and moral authority of those that govern vis-à-vis the governed."

In his paper, Correia pens a historical review starting from the origin of the gaming concessions in the territory, explaining that according to the customary practice for the gaming industry after the Macau handover, the concessions were bound by the legal-administrative institution. This institution is a formal contract for the operation of games of fortune and chance, and was previously defined by others as "the administrative contract by which the administration allows a private person to operate, or maintain and operate, a casino gaming premise by remunerating himself from gaming revenues and providing financial compensation to the grantor."

This concession tool sets strict rules according to the Law 16/2001, of which Article 7 clearly states that there is a maximum of only three allowable concessions.

Correia notes that, despite the law above, casino gaming operation is undertaken by six distinct entities, out of which "three are without concession



Sérgio de Almeida Correia

agreements with the MSAR, operating under sub-concessions but behaving as if they were true license holders."

The lawyer remarks that the legal regime for the concessions comes directly from the general law - Law 3/90/M - and that according to the general basis of concessions, sub-concessions should be used only "for public works and public services." He concludes that there is no legal basis for sub-concessions in the gaming industry.

As the discussion arises when the concessions and their conditions are due for renewal, with current concessions ending between 2020 and 2022, the lawyer believes that now is the right time to change the law or system that allows for these exceptions "with no legal basis".

As explained by Correia, the sub-concessions raise three fundamental problems: One derives from the particular contractual instrument used

that allows for the extension of certain obligations beyond the date of termination of the concession contracts on which they depend, a situation he considers to be "contrary to what is common practice and is not a result of the classic administrative legal framework applicable to sub-concessions."

On the other hand, clause 94 of the sub-concession contracts state that the termination of the concessions does not imply the termination of the sub-concessions, a situation that the lawyer considers a "genuine legal aberration" that is only understandable given the circumstances at the time (2002-2006).

The legal expert says that the "continuity clauses for sub-concessions beyond the final deadlines set in the gaming concession regime are no longer acceptable", adding that it "should be corrected as soon as possible so that

this situation does not recur." The most "acute problem", Correia argues, is that the government should be asking "whether the current regime of sub-concessions is in the interests of the MSAR" at all.

His response is unequivocally negative: "the current regime of sub-concessions is clearly detrimental to Macau's interests because the proceeds from the agreement to establish the sub-concession, which should go directly into the MSAR treasury strongboxes, will eventually end up in the pockets of brokers and intermediaries who use the licenses granted by MSAR to negotiate the terms of the sub-concessions."

In other words, "the grantor [of the contract], who is the MSAR government, is marginalized from these negotiations and takes no advantage from the income generated by an agreement prior to the commencement of casino operations of the sub-concession; and which terms it does not control."

The lawyer concluded by noting that it is in the hands of the MSAR government to determine whether or not to maintain, or even increase, the existing concessionaires and sub-concessionaires.

He advises that the issue should be handled as soon as possible as "the future will depend on it."

'Total smoking ban is far from being a global trend'

THE total smoking ban is far from being a global trend - most (if not all) regional competitors and potential newcomers are clearly allowing smoking in designated areas," says local gaming industry law specialist Francisco Gaivão, in an article published in the May edition of Asian Gaming Lawyer.

In the article, Gaivão addressed the implemented changes to Macau's smoking policy, as well as the government's future intended policies in the pursuit of the "total [smoking] ban."

While he said that "no one knows for sure" how the implementation of a full smoking ban would affect the local gaming industry - and the exceedingly gaming-dependent Macau economy - he also suggested a possible scenario.

He noted that on one hand, "it is widely known

that a large portion of casino patrons (namely those coming to Macau) take great pleasure in smoking while gambling."

On the other hand, "if the total ban policy is adopted, Macau will have the most aggressive anti-casino smoking policy in the world" with restrictions that exceed those of other regions, namely in competing gaming hubs such as Australia, Singapore and even Japan.

In light of this, Gaivão further noted that "such thoughtful consideration should resonate with the Macau policy makers, especially taking into account the fact that the importance of the gaming activity to the overall economy of [markets such as] Australia or Singapore is (by a long shot!) much lower than the overwhelming importance in the non-diversified Macau economy."

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Gov't announces debt ratio curbs for property loans

Renato Marques

THE government announced measures to “cool down” the real estate market yesterday. Such measures, enforceable from today, will result in an adjustment of approximately 10 percent of the ratio ceilings for housing loans for non-residents and residents acquiring a second house or more.

The measures were introduced by deputy director of the Banking Supervision Department of the Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM), Henrietta Lau, in a press conference organized by the Government’s Spokesperson Office at the government’s headquarters.

Local residents acquiring their first house will not be affected by the changes. Lau explained that the measures aim to “control the excess of investment activity, promote the stable development of the housing market in Macau, and help banks improve their risk management.” The measures are based on government figures regarding the granting of credit for housing during 2016.

The measures include a reduction of the ratio ceilings for housing loans for non-residents and residents of 10 percent on the first three steps (houses valued in more than MOP3.3 million to



Henrietta Lau

more than MOP8 million) and by 20 percent on the last step of the table (house valued under MOP3.3 million) in the case of the local residents acquiring an additional house beyond their first.

The same applies for loans to acquire housing units still under construction. For such units, the ratios for non-residents or residents with more than one house

will be reduced by 10 percent.

Lau explained that the criteria of “first housing unit” includes residents who do not own more than 50 percent of one housing unit, and excludes housing units granted by donation or inheritance. Couples are usually entitled to shared ownership, or 50 percent each.

An exception is also made for residents acquiring a new hou-

sing unit who intend to change their residence. Such residents have 12 months to sell their previous housing unit, commencing from the date of the new loan.

The real estate market has registered “adjustments from the fourth quarter of 2014 having started to grow from the second quarter of 2016,” adding that, “in the first quarter of this year the value of housing units, in gene-

ral, has grown 20 percent when compared with the same term of last year and 4.7 percent when compared with the last quarter of last year.” According to Lau, these figures justify the implementation of the measures.

Lau also noted that in 2016, residents were accountable for 98.9 percent of all transactions in the market, and in 50.7 percent of cases, those residents already possessed one or more housing units.

“There is a small number of [bad] debts and the market is healthy but we still need to act preventively.”

HENRIETTA LAU
MONETARY AUTHORITY OF MACAO

The representative of the Financial Services Bureau (DSF), Chu Iek Chong, took the opportunity to explain that the application to request an exemption from stamp duty tax over a property transfer can be done via a specific form from DSF, provided that the bureau is prepared to provide the document within 15 working days.

Questioned by the media about the need to support to banks in their risk management, Lau said, “There is a small number of [bad] debts and the market is healthy but still we need to act preventively.”

Residents deposits increased 1.3 percent

ACCORDING to statistics released by the Monetary Authority of Macao, money supply sustained growth in March with a stable share of patacas. Currency in circulation dropped 1.9 percent whereas demand deposits rose 1.7 percent.

Resident deposits increased 1.3 percent from the preceding month to MOP533.2 billion, while non-resident deposits rose even faster by 7 percent to MOP273.2 billion. At the same time, public sector deposits in the banking sector increased 1.7 percent to MOP183.6 billion.

Total deposits with the banking sector increased 2.9 percent from a month earlier to MOP989.9 billion. The shares of MOP, HKD, RMB and USD in total de-



posits were 20.9 percent, 49.4 percent, 3.7 percent and 23.8 percent respectively.

Domestic loans to the private sector increased 0.5 percent from last month to MOP420.2 billion. Of this, MOP125.2 billion was MOP, MOP272.2 billion was HKD, MOP1.3 billion was RMB and MOP18.9 billion was USD, representing 29.8 percent, 64.8 percent, 0.3

percent and 4.5 percent of the total respectively.

External loans rose 3.0 percent to MOP392.6 billion.

At the end of March, the loan-to-deposit ratio for the resident sector dropped from 59.1 percent at the end of February to 58.6 percent. The ratio for both the resident and non-resident sectors also fell from 83.1 percent to 82.1 percent respectively.

ONE SHOT NEWS



A dance is performed during Wednesday’s Drunken Dragon Festival in Macau.

Public housing development under tender

THE public housing development at the Rua Central de Toi San has been reopened for public tender after a four-year halt. The 34-story building will comprise 510 units for the elderly, 60 fewer than originally planned.

Last week, the government received 11 bids offering MOP503 million to MOP678 million to construct the project.

The housing development will occupy an area of 3,000 square meter and will include social housing for the elderly, as well as public parking lots and other facilities.

The development was previously designed with a three-story underground parking lot. The design has since been revised to include approximately 220 private parking spaces for vehicles and motorbikes.

The housing units will consist of 280 studios and 230 one-bedroom apartments.

According to the Infrastructure Development Office (GDI), the development's maximum construction period is 125 working days, and construction will commence by the end of this year.

Construction was supposed to begin in 2012.

Contractor to blame for deadly HKZM bridge construction accident

THE Hong Kong Economic Journal (HKE) has reported that the deadly accident that occurred during the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) was avoidable and due to contractor mistakes. A construction platform collapsed, claiming the lives of two workers and left three others injured on March 29.

Following the collapse, three workers at the construction site plunged into the sea and went missing. The submerged platform sunk 10 meters below the water's surface.

An investigative report on the incident has concluded that the accident occurred because the contractor had rushed the removal of a 40-tonne work platform before the tide had subsided, as mentioned by Labor party chair Suzanne Wu, citing reports from witnesses.

Both the Hong Kong Con-



Builders use asphalt to surface the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge

ederation of Trade Unions and Hong Kong Labour Party have publicly criticized the Hong Kong Labour Department and the contractor at fault for the accident, saying that they failed to address proper safety issues at the site.

According to Wu, the three lost workers were not properly secured with individual harnesses, causing

them to be dragged into the sea when the bridge collapsed. Another worker informed HKEJ that the workers had not been notified by the contractor that they were removing the platform, which had been unsteady before they removed it.

Chan Kam Hong, a representative from the Association for the Rights of In-

dustrial Accident Victims said, "The incident showed that labor laws are no longer effective in protecting workers. [...] Last year, the contractor was penalized in HKD30,000 per incident, much lower than the penalties elsewhere." Hong urged the government to "raise the bar," and adopt criteria like the mainland's in which companies are penalized up to 80 percent of their income for safety breaches, remarking that "there is no ceiling for penalties in the UK."

During the ongoing HKZM Bridge project, which started in 2011, at least ten accidents resulting in several deaths and one hundred and seventy injuries have reportedly occurred.

The Highways Department, responsible for the final incident report, has set up a task force to investigate the case, promising to deliver a full report in three months' time.

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Ung Vai Meng to cooperate with IC investigation

FOLLOWING the order by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture to initiate disciplinary procedures against the former president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Ung Vai Meng, along with its two vice presidents, Ung vowed to cooperate with the ongoing investigation.

Ung also acknowledged that a third-party body is investigating the bureau's unlawful recruitment practices.

"I will cooperate with the government's decision," he said, speaking on the sidelines of the Wednesday's Drunken Dragon Festival.

"It's a good thing that the public will be able to see reality from an objective perspective as a result of the investigations," Ung added.

However, Ung defended his actions, saying "justice should



Ung Vai Meng

ld be done for our friends," after noting that they worked towards a better Macau.

The Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) revealed in March breaches of established recruitment rules that involved one-sixth of the IC's personnel.

The report was issued just weeks after a leadership change at IC when the former president quit unexpectedly and was replaced by Leung Hio Ming, one of the bureau's former vice presidents.

Just last week, the Secretary for Social Affairs and

Culture, Alexis Tam, revealed that legal advisers analyzed the report produced by CCAC, which criticized the recruitment system that has been in use for the past few years by IC.

"Bearing in mind that there are signs of breach of duty by members of the board, [Alexis Tam] decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the Cultural Affairs Bureau board members at the time of the report, namely: Ung Vai Meng, Leung Hio Ming and Chan Peng Fai," a statement issued by Alexis Tam office reads.

The secretary said that he will seek legal advice from the Public Administration and Civil Service Bureau (SAFP) to ensure that this solution complies with legal requirements.



The delegation's visit started at the Macau University of Science and Technology

Peruvian university discusses cooperation with local counterparts

THE Macao Association for the Promotion of Exchange between Asia-Pacific and Latin America (MAPEAL) organized a visit of the delegation from the Peruvian University, San Ignacio University (USIL) to two universities in Macau yesterday.

The delegation was accompanied by Gonzalo Talavera-Alvarez, deputy Consul-General of Peru in Hong Kong and Macau for this first "promotion of academic exchange" visit.

The delegation's visit started at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST), during which time the two universities discussed issues for future cooperation and student exchange, according to a statement issued by MAPEAL.

Ramiro Salas Bravo of USIL stated that they were seeking suitable partners around the world for cooperation on different levels.

The delegation was also given a special tour of the MUST's State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicine.

According to the statement, the Peruvian delegation showed interest in the lab's research and courses of Chinese Medicine.

The delegates also proceeded to the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) campus in Taipa for a guided campus tour. The tour showcased different teaching facilities such as mock hotel rooms, restaurant simulation classrooms for Western and Chinese restaurants, training rooms for creative art and make-up art.

During the visit, the delegation conducted discussions with Fanny Vong, president of IFT, about student exchange programs and long-term cooperation between the two institutes.

USIL is a part of the San Ignacio de Loyola Education Corporation.

The corporation also has operations in the United States, Paraguay and China, as well as agreements with more than 220 strategic partners in the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania.

Alexis Tam asks youth to cherish life

THE Secretary for Culture and Social Affairs, Alexis Tam, appealed to youth and students to not do "silly things", because all issues have a way of being solved.

Tam's statement came out Wednesday, after a 16-year-old middle school girl committed suicide last week.

Alexis Tam extended his condolences and sorrow to the family, adding that he had appointed a government department to help the student's family as much as possible.

The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) also extended its condolences and deep sympathy to the late student's family. DSEJ contacted a counselling organization and the girl's school, where it sent members of its staff to assist the school and to conduct therapist consultations for the school's teachers and students.

DSEJ appealed to youth to cherish their lives. It also urged students going through difficulties and complications to discuss them with their fami-

lies, teachers, consultants, or other trusted people, and to face problems with a positive attitude.

DSEJ also suggested that students seek help from professionals if necessary.

Last Monday, a 16-year-old middle school girl was found dead in her home, located at the Avenida do Conselheiro Borja. That night, at 7 p.m., the girl was left home alone when her parents went out, who did not regard anything as being unusual.

About four hours afterwards, when



the parents returned home, they found out that their daughter had hanged herself in her bedroom.

After checking the corpse, the police announced that no suspicious injuries or suicide note was found.

The Judiciary Police (PJ) has stated that the incident is currently not regarded as suspicious.

The case has been forwarded to PJ's investigation division for further follow-up.

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2.5 million border crossings during May holidays

Immigration authorities recorded almost 2.487 million border crossings across the seven Macau checkpoints over the Labor Day holiday, according to data released by the Government Information Bureau yesterday. The total number of tourist arrivals in that period amounted to 533,398, representing a year-on-year increase of 10.89 percent over the holiday period from 2016. Over the extended weekend between April 29 and May 3, immigration services logged 1,256,887 entries, with the vast majority entering via the Border Gate (922,897). A further 130,158 entered via the Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal, 73,177 through the Lotus Bridge and 71,481 via the Taipa Temporary Ferry Terminal. Crossings administered by immigration services at the Macau International Airport totaled 44,075.

Dentist suggests teeth whitening regulations

The President of Macau Dental Association, Jerry Wong, has recommended that the local government establish regulations for teeth whitening services. According to a report by Macao Daily News, some cosmetic clinics are providing teeth whitening services that are not performed by professional dentists. Wong said that such services need to be conducted by a licensed dentist. Moreover, Wong noted that treatment doses that use more than 45 percent density should be performed by professional dentists to control the dosage and timing. Poorly performed teeth whitening can cause permanent damage to the teeth and gums.

School milk gone bad

The Head of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ)'s education department, Leong Vai Kei, said that the bureau received reports from five schools complaining that milk offered within the city's milk plan had gone bad. According to a report released by TDM yesterday, the schools communicated the problem to the bureau in the middle of last March. In Leong's understanding, part of the milk's packaging broke during transportation, which caused the milk to expire. After receiving the schools' reports, DSEJ instructed milk suppliers to change to new batches of milk. The milk supplier also condemned the transportation company.

Q&A ADRIAN GRANT
THEATER PRODUCER

Thriller Live keeps performance fresh for returning audiences

Lynzy Valles

THRILLER Live, the theatrical concert that commemorates one of the world's greatest entertainers, Michael Jackson, is back in Macau to entertain spectators with the legendary performer's hits from 1983 onwards. The show returned to The Parisian Theater last week after its successful run in September 2016.

Acclaimed theater producer and creator of Thriller Live, Adrian Grant, said that the team's new cast members includes singers and dancers. The show will be performed in town until September 3.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - Thriller Live is slated to once again perform in Macau due to its popular demand. Was the group expecting to have such an early return?

Adrian Grant (AD) - We thought the show would be popular in Macau because there are so many Michael Jackson fans in China, but it is definitely a surprise to be back so soon. However, it is also a privilege to be returning to The Parisian Macao, which has a wonderful theatre, and we were honored to be their first big production.

MDT - What are the main factors that the show has that make the audience want to see more of it?

AD - Thriller Live is the ultimate celebration of Michael Jackson's music. We don't tell



the story of Michael's life, but we celebrate the King of Pop via 90 minutes of song and dance. It's a feel-good show that the whole family can enjoy. I'd say we have one of the hardest working casts out there, and the audience certainly gets their money's worth with a high-tempo, high-energy production.

MDT - Are there differences between Macau audiences and Western audiences? If so, does the group have a different approach/setting for these audiences?

AD - When it comes to Michael Jackson fans there is no difference! His music is universal - whether it is a song about love and peace, or a fast-paced dance song, it all has the same effect on audiences around the world. However, it is true to say that Michael loved

China very much, and our cast certainly felt a lot of passion from the audiences in Macau the first time we were here.

Michael Jackson was a perfectionist and always strived to do his best.

MDT - Thriller Live is named after the best-selling album of all time. What were the opportunities and challenges it faced as it demanded high expectations from spectators?

AD - From day one it has always been important to cast the best talent we could find.

Michael Jackson was a perfectionist and always strived to do his best. I have had this instilled in me, and the whole production team realize that in creating this celebration of Michael's work, we have to deliver a first-class show.

MDT - Are there plans to hold future tours in Asia?

AD - We have played in 32 different countries around the world to over 4 million people, but yes, there are still many places that we would still like to tour, including parts of Asia - where Michael Jackson had such a loyal following.

MDT - Thriller Live is in its 9th year. What can the audience - who have and haven't seen earlier versions of the the musical - expect this year? Will there be changes in its dance moves, audio-visual and such?

AD - We are lucky that we have a great team of lead singers, dancers, band and crew, led by our fabulous director and choreographer, Gary Lloyd, and musical director, John Maher. The creative team has kept close to my original vision, but the show has changed a lot from its first tour in 2007 as we constantly look to improve the production. There are many aspects of the show that are updated each year, as we aim to keep it fresh for returning audiences and look to maintain the high standards that Michael Jackson delivered.

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The ceremony took place at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong on April 27.

The Judging Committee was made up of eleven experts from relevant fields, and representatives from corporations from four regions across the China Strait.

The Committee judged candidates on nu-

merous criteria, taking into consideration candidates' corporate social responsibility strategy in terms of their obligations towards shareholders, caring of employees, environmental protection, and commitment to customers, community and societal relations, as well as leadership practices.

Grant Bowie, CEO and executive director of MGM China Holdings Limited, said, "We are very honored to receive this prestigious regional award for our corporate social responsibility scheme, as it highlights our dedication to the community, our employees and the environment."

CEM TO CO-ORGANIZE ENERGY SAVING CONTEST

CEM and the Office for the Development of Energy Sector of Macau SAR again jointly organized the "Macau Energy Saving Contest" this year to encourage the public to save energy in line with the MSAR's vision of "Building a Low Carbon Macau, Creating Green Living Together."

CEM has held the annual Macau Energy Saving Contest since 2009 with the support of the General Residents Association of Macau, Macau Property Management Business Association, and Macau Hoteliers & Innkeepers Association, achieving incredible savings of 154

million kWh of electricity across the eight years that the event has been held.

According to the firm's release, the contest is divided into two categories this year: the Residential Building Public Facilities Group, and the Hotel Group. The contest will compare electricity consumption during the six consecutive billing months from May to October 2017 with the same period in 2016.

Participating residential buildings and hotels that save the highest percentage of energy will win the contest.

The contest is open for enrollment from now until 30 June.

Fewer buses to Hac Sa and Cheoc Van as of Saturday

FROM this coming Saturday, the bus trips in and out of the Hac Sa and Cheoc Van areas will be more difficult as route 25 will see its course adjusted, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) announced in a statement.

The announced adjustments will see all bus stops from Coloane Village to Hac Sa Beach cancelled.

The other stops will remain the same until the "Estrada do Campo/PSP-1" stop, at which point the route will move to a new terminal stop located at Largo do Presidente António Ramalho Eanes in Coloane Village, named "Vila de Coloane." Upon reaching this stop, the return route will commence.

As such, the only remaining options for people wishing to travel to and from Hac Sa and Cheoc Van areas will be via routes 15, 21A and 26A.

According to the same DSAT statement, the adjustments to route 25 will also allow the frequency of



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the route to be adjusted to between 4 to 18 minutes, with intervals between buses becoming shorter during peak hours and reduced frequency of services during weekends.

The DSAT also informed that the new stop "Vila de Coloane" will also be used

as a new stopping point for route 50 which connects Praça Ferreira do Amaral to the village of Coloane. Such changes aim to meet passenger demand and to respond to an increase of passengers in Border Gate, Central, Seac Pai Van and Coloane Village areas. **RM**

ENVIRONMENT

Most of Hong Kong air pollution comes from PRD

HONG Kong's Environmental Protection Department (EPD) announced the results of a research which concluded that nearly 70 percent of the city's suspended particles stem from emissions coming from the Pearl River Delta region, according to a report by Hong Kong Apple Daily.

Driven by these results, and having considered regional aspects, the EPD, when establishing the air quality standards, altered the upper limits regarding air quality, setting them by WHO's medium-term goal, rather than by the ultimate goal.

The EPD notes that WHO suggests that different governments, when establishing their own standards, should comply with practical situations and with "political and social" aspects to reduce air quality "gradually" towards meeting the ultimate goal.

Hong Kong authorities remarked that the HKSAR

allows the air quality to reach a maximum of nine times the upper limit.

Hong Kong EPD explained that the European Union and UK have established WHO's PM10 as the highest standards, although they allow the index to exceed the standard 35 times. In turn, Hong Kong, having a lower highest standard of air quality, only allows the maximum to reach nine times the limit.

Hong Kong EPD says that, in its understanding, currently, there is not a single government in the world capable of meeting WHO's ultimate goal in terms of air quality standards.

It also emphasized that Hong Kong's standards are similar to those of the European Union and the US.

Previously, the director of Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau, Fong Soi Kun, said that Macau's air pollution mainly comes from the city's car emissions.

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The Best Places to Live in Macau - 2017 - Part II

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Welcome back to the second installment in this article on the most popular places to live in Macau.

We are often asked by people new to Macau and hunting for a home "Where is the best place to live?", so every year for the past four years we have published and updated this guide.

Last week we highlighted Manhattan in Taipa, Helle-ne Gardens in Coloane and One Central in Macau.

This week we will take a look at property in Macau, Taipa and Cotai.

Of course there will always be pros and cons in any property and location, so its good to know what is essential and what is desirable to make it a good choice for you.

Macau - Vila de Mer, Residencia, The Praia

Area: Residential area on Macau side near to the China border and bridge to Taipa / the Hong Kong - Macau - Zhuhai bridge landing area.

Amenities: Increasing number of restaurants, supermarkets, and coffee shops. Bus Stops are walking distance as are taxis.

Building facilities: These

are usually very good including gym, pool, entertainment rooms, gardens and concierge.

Property Features: New, modern and good value money.

Rental Prices: Mid-range Advantages: Great value for money

Drawbacks: Getting across the bridge to Taipa

One Grantai, Cotai

Area: Edge of Old Taipa and the closest residential building to Cotai.

Amenities: Walking distance to Old Taipa, Cotai casinos and hotels. Shops at the Venetian are on hand as are the restaurants and bars of Old Taipa. Bus Stops and taxis are a short walk. There is also a shuttle bus service.

Building facilities: This is a newly opened spacious high rise building with modern facilities including a gym and swimming pool.

Property Features: Good ceiling heights give a feeling of space and provide good views to Taipa hill or Cotai.

Rental Prices: High End Advantages: Location half way between Taipa & Cotai

Drawbacks: Dark floors make the apartments feel

quiet dark, no built-in oven

Pearl on the Lough, Taipa

Area: Outskirts of Taipa, residential.

Amenities: 10 minute walk to Taipa also close to the airport.

Building facilities: Play area for children, gym, dance studio and swimming pool.

Property Features: Good floor plan, bright and airy with excellent views across to Macau.

Rental Prices: High End Advantages: Great living spaces, Balcony

Drawbacks: Location can be difficult to get in/out of, construction going on in that area, proximity to shops

In the remaining articles we cover the historic areas Coloane Old Village, Old Taipa and St Paul's Ruins as well as developments in Taipa and Cotai.

If you would like further information on these properties or a copy of the information mailed to you in pdf format, please e mail me at Juliet@JMLProperty.com and we will be happy to send you the information.

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Razon sees Trump as biggest risk to trade

Norman P. Aquino, Ian Sayson

U.S. President Donald Trump's unpredictability and nationalist policies have become the biggest risk to global trade, Philippine billionaire and port operator Enrique Razon said.

"There are dark clouds gathering," Razon, chairman and president of International Container Terminal Services Inc., said in an interview this week with Bloomberg Television's Haslinda Amin in Los Angeles.

"The U.S. has created the largest part of the uncertainty in an already uncertain future," he said, referring to the U.S. leader's protectionist moves including a proposed border-adjustment tax and his earlier threats to pull out of the World Trade Organization and North American Free Trade Agreement.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has been pushing to replace corporate income tax with a tax on businesses' domestic sales and imports, exemp-



Enrique Razon

ting exports. The border-adjustment tax proposal raised alarm bells among importers in the U.S., as well as government officials in Mexico as they feared it would reduce shipments north of the border.

Trump in April signed an executive order that threatens to review and "renegotiate or terminate" America's trade agreements - including its participation in the WTO - if they are found to harm U.S. interests. Last week, he also threatened to withdraw from Nafta, but later said, after speaking with the leaders of Canada and Mexico, he would

seek to renegotiate.

While Trump has backtracked on some positions "he keeps changing what he is saying," Razon, 57, said. "I don't even know if his people know exactly what he's really going to do."

Still, Razon said his company is willing to invest \$500 million to \$1 billion to build a terminal in every country in western and eastern Africa, a continent he considers the most immune to any globalization shifts. "Barriers to entry are very high there but once you are in, it has the best margins in our industry," he said.

Rising anti-globalization hasn't affected International Container's port operations in the first quarter, with trade growing in almost every region where it has a presence, Razon said. The company operates in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Australia.

Razon, who also chairs Bloomerry Resorts Corp., said Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's Beijing trip, which yielded \$24 billion in investment pledges in October, has paid off with Chinese tourists more than doubling and feeding growth in the Philippine casino industry.

"The market has been growing tremendously in the last two, three years so the bet is paying off," Razon said. "We are making more money. We are seeing huge growth from visitations in China," he said, adding he expects to sustain growth of as much as 40 percent in VIP volume at its Solaire Resort and Casino on Manila Bay.

One of the risks to his gambling business is if the Chinese government succeeds in curtailing the movement of VIP funds, which could slow the sector, something that Macau's casino industry had to endure during an anti-corruption crackdown, Razon said. **Bloomberg**



Ferrari profit jumps

Ferrari NV's first-quarter profit jumped 36 percent as the Italian supercar maker benefited from demand for its priciest models, including the \$2.1 million LaFerrari Aperta convertible and special editions created for its 70th anniversary. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization surged to USD265 million, Ferrari said in a statement yesterday. To drive growth, the company in March unveiled its new flagship 812 Superfast, the speediest production car in its history.

Belt-Road plan may top USD500 billion

China could pour more than half a trillion dollars into its Belt and Road Initiative, and the push for greater global influence looks even more promising with U.S. President Donald Trump pulling back from engagement, according to Credit Suisse Group AG. The plan could funnel investments worth \$313 billion to \$502 billion into 62 Belt-Road countries over the next five years, Hong Kong-based analyst Shen Hu wrote in a report Tuesday. In Africa, China may make additional investments of as much as \$79 billion in 13 countries, she said.

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THRILLER LIVE, a stunning theatrical concert that commemorates one of the world's greatest ever entertainers Michael Jackson, made a triumphant return at The Parisian Theatre from April 28 - September 3, 2017. The show is the 15th longest running musical in West End history and will perform at a limited season. Theatrical producer and THRILLER LIVE creator Adrian Grant said that he and his team were excited to be back after the great response the show received back in 2016. "It's wonderful the show was so successful here first time around, and that the love for Michael Jackson means we can come back to Macao. We are honoured to be able to perform at The Parisian Theatre again, this time with a show that focuses on Michael's hits from 1983



onwards. "The cast still perform the medley of Jackson 5 hits which is important as we tell the story of Michael's career through his music. And while there are no song changes, we do have some new cast members, including singers and dancers, who I know the audiences will just love." THRILLER LIVE features Jackson's timeless songs and signature dance moves, has been performed close to 5,500 times and seen by more than four million people in over 30 countries. Direct from London's West End where it is now in its eighth year, it is a 90-minute, high-energy explosion of pop, rock, soul and disco that takes the audience on a magical audio-visual journey through Michael Jackson's astonishing 45-year musical legacy. As well as experiencing his

legendary live performance and innovative dance routines, fans can expect to hear their favourite Jackson songs perfectly rendered by the exceptionally talented cast, including I Want You Back, ABC, Man in the Mirror, Black Or White, The Way You Make Me Feel, Smooth Criminal, Beat It, Billie Jean, Dirty Diana, Bad, They Don't Care About Us, Dangerous, Thriller and many more. Leading the talented team are theatrical producer and THRILLER LIVE creator Adrian Grant, performers Rory Taylor, Britt Quentin, Sean Christopher and Shaquille Hemmans.

Tickets for THRILLER LIVE, which runs from April 28 - September 3, 2017 at The Parisian Theatre, are still available via Cotai Ticketing. Tickets are priced from HKD/MOP 180-480, and can be booked online now at www.cotaiticketing.com or by phone at +853 2882 8818 (Macao) / +852 6333 6880 (Hong Kong) / 4001 206 618 (mainland China).

Remote betting lifts money laundering risk at Manila casinos

Daniela Wei, Bruce Einhorn

IN a VIP room reserved for high-spending gamblers at City of Dreams Manila casino in the Philippine capital, many of the players are nowhere to be seen. They're not even in the country.

Instead, they're placing bets by telephone, a practice banned in other gaming centers such as Singapore, Australia and Macau, but legal in the Philippines. Young men and women sitting at tables at the casino, many from China and dressed in smart black uniforms, chat in Chinese over mobile-phone headsets, placing wagers on behalf of their long-distance clients. Video cameras on the ceiling broadcast the action on the tables for gamblers who are watching, mostly from China.

Philippine casinos reported as much as 110 percent increases in VIP revenue from high-rollers - from USD27 billion in bets placed last year, and possibly far more if off-books betting were tallied. Phone betting, also known as betting by proxy, has grown to account for as much as 85 percent of the business at some VIP rooms used by big spenders, according to people familiar with the operations who asked not to be identified as they're not authorized to speak publicly.

"There's been a huge upswing in players using proxy betting," said Shaun McCamley, Bangkok-based partner at gaming consultancy Global Market Advisors, who said it's especially popular among gamblers in China. "A customer can sit in an office in downtown Shanghai, call associates of a casino, tell them to place bets and watch it in real time."

The casinos' operations are raising the risks of money laundering, according to a U.S. government report in March. And Philippine gambling operations are causing concern in China, where authorities have sought to halt billions of dollars worth of outflows that have pushed down the value of the currency and drained capital reserves. Philippine authorities in late April arrested 55 Chinese nationals wanted in Beijing for alleged involvement in an online gambling syndicate north of Manila.

"Proxy betting has always been a huge risk because you can't possibly know your customer, and you can't perform any normal due diligence," said David Green, a principal with Newpage Consulting and a former gaming regulator in Australia. "If there are tainted funds, they can be cleaned and issued back to the proxy or the player."

Criminal groups already take



The main entry at Solaire Resort and Casino in Manila

advantage of Philippine casinos to transfer "illicit proceeds from the Philippines to offshore accounts," the U.S. State Department said in its International Narcotics Control Strategy Report in March, citing the country's gaming palaces "high risk for money laundering." Last year, in one of the largest bank thefts in history, a ring of hackers stole \$81 million from Bangladesh's foreign reserves that were routed through a Philippine casino, a junket operator and a gaming-room promoter.

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DAVID GREEN

Subsequently, a Senate Blue Ribbon Committee recommended that casinos be included among institutions monitored for money laundering and that regulators be empowered to look into bank accounts of casino operators suspected of unlawful activity.

While the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., the ca-

sino regulator also known as Pagcor, permits phone betting, many other gambling centers ban it because of money-laundering concerns. Macau eliminated betting by proxy last year citing the risk. Not all Philippine casinos engage in proxy betting.

Unlike banks, insurance companies and other finance-related firms that must comply with the Philippines' anti-money laundering law, casinos are exempt from such reporting requirements -- an issue the U.S. State Department called "an especially critical concern."

Philippine casinos such as City of Dreams Manila and Solaire Resort and Casino don't run proxy betting operations themselves and instead rely on so-called junket operators - companies that offer credit to players in China and other countries, as well as employ staff who communicate with them by phone.

When gamblers in other countries place bets by phone with junket operators in the Philippines, their identities are hidden to the casino operators that allow proxy betting, said Global Market Advisors' McCamley. While Philippine law requires proxies to submit to the regulator the passport information of the people placing bets, there's no verification process nor information about where the money they're betting originated, he said.

"There's no vetting, there's no know-your-customer requirements," he said. "It's very high risk."

Bets in VIP rooms accounted for almost half of total 2016 gaming revenue for Bloomberry Resorts Corp., which operates the largest casino resort in the Philippines,

Solaire in Manila, according to its annual statement. The contribution of VIP bets will exceed 50 percent this year, Morgan Stanley forecasts.

Phone gamblers from China, Korea and beyond are contributing to the company's increased revenue, along with growing numbers of Chinese tourists to the Philippines, Bloomberry Resorts Chairman Enrique Razon said in an interview on April 20. Bloomberry didn't otherwise respond to questions about its anti-money-laundering and know-your-customer practices.

VIP volume may grow as much as 40 percent at the Solaire resort, Razon said in an interview Monday with Bloomberg Television's Haslinda Amin in Los Angeles. One risk the industry faces, he said, is a crackdown by the Chinese government.

"Now if China is able or successful in curtailing the sending out of funds by VIP players, that should slow the sector," Razon said. At City of Dreams Manila, operated by the local unit of Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd., the volume of bets by high-stakes players more than doubled last year to 327 billion pesos (\$6.6 billion), compared with 31 percent growth for mass tables that attract casual gamblers.

Melco said in an emailed statement that it complies with the country's anti-money-laundering rules and works closely with the regulator, Pagcor, as well as the local government on matters that affect the Philippine gaming industry.

The actual amount of bets placed using proxies is even higher than the official data from casino operators, according to several

people familiar with the Philippine industry. That's because proxy betting makes it easier for gamblers to place side bets with junket operators and agents that are unrecorded. The total amount of side bets may be five or six times the size of reported proxy bets, according to the people.

"The agent and the player may agree that while play against the house is denominated and recorded in Hong Kong dollars, they will side bet as if that play had been in U.S. dollars," according to a Global Market Advisors report published in August. "The agent assumes the operational risk or expense of the house in case the player wins, and collects the money in case he or she loses."

Phone betting isn't the only way the Philippines is trying to attract long-distance gamblers. The regulator issued 35 licenses for on-line betting operations restricted to foreigners outside the country, Andrea Domingo, chairman and chief executive officer of Pagcor, told a Senate hearing in February. The government expects to "make a lot of money" from these licenses, Domingo said. After taking office last June, President Rodrigo Duterte launched a campaign against operators of illegal online gambling to deter Filipinos from betting.

In the past, China's long-distance VIPs would have placed their bets closer to home, in Macau. Now that proxy betting is illegal in the world's largest casino hub, the Philippines has become the new destination, according to Alex Poon, an analyst in Hong Kong with Morgan Stanley.

"Proxy betting keeps gaining popularity after Macau's ban of phone usage," he said. The Okada Manila, a \$2.4 billion new resort that opened in late March, finds the Macau ban "gives us additional opportunities," Steve Wolstenholme, managing director of the casino resort's operator, said in an interview.

"We diligently adhere to nationally and internationally established practices to ensure that we meet or exceed the required financial monitoring practices in all areas of our business," said the company, which has just started operating a VIP room.

The Philippine government is aware of the money-laundering risk posed by proxy betting, according to Pagcor's Domingo. It approves licenses to proxies who can legally help customers bet by phone, and junket operators also need to get licenses to operate legitimately in the country.

"Our people are there. They are watching. We have our monitors, the closed-circuit TVs," said Domingo. Players "are being watched 24 hours a day."

Back at the City of Dreams casino, several VIP-room staff said they're eager to field the phone calls, as well as go online, to facilitate the betting. One employee summarizes the philosophy: The casino provides whatever betting method the client wants.

Bloomberg

N. Korea issues direct criticism of China amid nuke dispute

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

NORTH Korea has issued a rare direct criticism of China through a commentary saying its “reckless remarks” on the North’s nuclear program are testing its patience and could trigger unspecified “grave” consequences.

China, North Korea’s largest trading partner and main benefactor, suspended imports of North Korean coal in line with U.N. sanctions earlier this year and has recently been urging its traditional ally to stop nuclear and missile activities amid U.S. pressure to use its leverage to resolve the nuclear standoff. Chinese state media have also unleashed regular and harsh criticisms on North Korea.

The commentary released Wednesday by the state-run Korean Central News Agency said that “a string of absurd and reckless remarks are now heard from China every day only to render the present bad situation tenser.”

Asked about the KCNA commentary during a regular briefing yesterday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Beijing’s position on “developing good neighborly and friendly



Missiles are paraded across Kim Il Sung Square during a military parade in Pyongyang, marking the 105th birth anniversary of “supreme leader”

cooperation with North Korea is also consistent and clear.”

The North Korean article cited recent commentaries by Chinese state media that it said shifted the blame for deteriorating bilateral relations onto the North and raised “lame excuses for the base acts of dancing to the tune of the U.S.”

“China should no longer try to test the limits of the DPRK’s patience,” the North Korean commentary said, using the acronym

for its official name, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. “China had better ponder over the grave consequences to be entailed by its reckless act of chopping down the pillar of the DPRK-China relations.”

The article was not attributed to any government agency or official; the writer was identified only as Kim Chol. Still, it’s unusual for the North to directly criticize China. Previously it has couched such

criticism by referring to China only as “a neighboring country.”

Analyst Cheong Seong-chang at South Korea’s private Sejong Institute said the North’s discontent at China appears to be on the “verge of exploding.” He said North Korea will likely ignore China from now on while trying to strengthen ties with Russia and improve relations with a new South Korean government to be inaugurated next week.

The Global Times, an outspoken nationalist tabloid published by China’s ruling Communist Party’s flagship People’s Daily, warned yesterday, in an editorial, that the North’s actions threatened a 1961 treaty of non-aggression between the two countries. It called on the North to end its nuclear tests.

“China will not allow its northeastern region to be contaminated by North Korea’s nuclear activities,” the Global Times declared.

A string of absurd and reckless remarks are now heard from China every day...

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In recent days, the paper also warned that China was able to strike back “at any side that crosses the red line” and would impose an oil embargo against the North in response to any more tests. The North Korean commentary said it’s China that crossed “the red line.”

The People’s Daily declared Sunday — and again on Tuesday — that the North’s nuclear ambitions “put itself and the whole region into dire peril.” **AP**

PHONE CALL DIPLOMACY

Xi urges restraint on N. Korea in chat with Duterte

CHINESE President Xi Jinping discussed North Korea during a phone call with Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who referred to Beijing’s important role in promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

China’s state-run Xinhua News Agency quoted Xi as urging all parties to exercise restraint and return to dialogue and negotiations in realizing a denuclearized peninsula.

In Manila, Duterte told reporters he referred to China’s important role in promoting peace on the Korean Peninsula during this week’s call in a bid to encourage China to broker peace in the region.

The U.S. has been



Xi Jinping, center, waves to teachers and students as he visits the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing

pressuring China to do more to stop Pyongyang from further missile and nuclear tests.

Despite having competing territorial claims in the South China Sea, Duterte has said he prefers to forge closer ties with Beijing.

Xinhua quoted Xi as saying the Philippines and China are deepening political mutual trust, carrying out cooperation in various fields, and have set up a channel of dialogue and consultation on the South China Sea.

Xi’s call came after President Donald Trump called Duterte on Saturday at the close of a summit of Southeast Asian leaders hosted by Duterte, and expressed Washington’s commitment to their treaty alliance.



US Navy Lt. Edward Lin, a native of Taiwan (2008)

Espionage trial for Taiwan-born Navy officer set to begin

A military trial is set to begin for a Taiwan-born Navy officer accused of passing military secrets to China or Taiwan.

Lt. Cmdr. Stephanie Turo, a Navy spokeswoman, confirmed yesterday [Macau time] the espionage trial in Norfolk will begin Thursday.

Lt. Cmdr. Edward C. Lin is accused of failing to report foreign contacts and passing along secret national defense information. He is

being held in a Navy brig in Virginia.

Court documents do not reveal whom Lin is accused of spying for. But officials told The Associated Press last year that the country involved is China or Taiwan, and possibly both.

Civilian defense attorney Larry Younger declined to comment. Lin’s sister, Jenny Lin, wrote to members of Congress last year and said the Navy lacks evidence to support the charges.

China compiles own Wikipedia: public can't edit it

Louise Watt, Beijing

CHINA is compiling a free online encyclopedia to rival Wikipedia, but it will likely only give Beijing's official version of sensitive historical events, and the public won't be able to write or edit it.

Instead, scholars and experts hand-picked by Beijing say only they will be able to make entries — the latest example of the Chinese government's efforts to control information available on the internet.

The scholars say truth is their guiding light, and their editing and review process is a rigorous one. If there is a difference of opinion, a committee should figure it out, said Zhang Baichun, chief editor of the history of science and technology section.

"Of course, science does not come from democratic votes, to convince others you will have to present the most convincing proof," he told The Associated Press.

The effort to compile 300,000 entries that span science, literature, politics and history is being led by the ruling Communist Party's central propaganda department, which guides public opinion through instructions to China's media, internet companies and publishing industry as well as overseeing the education sector. They have instructed the Encyclopedia of China Publishing House, known for its offline Chinese Encyclopedia, to produce it.

The ruling party has struggled to manage public opinion in the internet age, when citizens can comment on news and topics of outrage and post photos of protests on social media — at least until such messages are scrubbed away or rendered unsearchable by censors. China also regularly blocks overseas sites including Facebook and Twitter, and has periodically blocked Wikipedia's English and Chi-



Chinese encyclopedias at a book store in Beijing

nese versions. Currently, the Chinese Wikipedia is inaccessible in the mainland.

Jiang Lijun, senior editor at the Encyclopedia of China Publishing House, said they plan to have entries on political leaders, the history of the Communist Party, and subjects including virtual reality,

artificial intelligence and the European Union.

The online Chinese Encyclopedia will focus primarily on entries that are less likely to change as opposed to recent events, and with academic value. She declined to comment on how events that are politically sensitive in China,

like the Cultural Revolution and the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, would be treated.

Qiao Mu, an independent media analyst in Beijing, said the Chinese Encyclopedia would be "quite different" from Wikipedia because of the need to toe the line on political taboos.

He said the encyclopedia would likely present a single, official version of sensitive historical events, and exclude items like the Tiananmen crackdown and the outlawed Falun Gong spiritual group, which "never exist on the internet."

The publishing house behind the Chinese Encyclopedia is paying 20,000 scholars and experts from universities and research institutes to write entries and it is slated to go online next year. Jiang said initially the encyclopedia will just be in Chinese, but they are also doing research to see how viable an English version would be.

Jiang said they met with a team from San Francisco-based Wikipedia to learn from their experience.

"There is Chinese content on Wikipedia too, but sometimes it is not as accurate as it could be," said Jiang. AP

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Trump to meet Turnbull on first presidential trip to NYC

Darlene Superville, Washington

PRESIDENT Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will aim to move past the rocky start to their working relationship when they meet for the first time and commemorate the 75th anniversary of an important World War II naval battle.

Trump and Turnbull were meeting today [Macau time] in New York City, a trip that will also mark Trump's first visit home since he left in January to be sworn in as president. Trump's homecoming was expected to be unfriendly, however, with multiple protests planned against the Republican president in the heavily Democratic metropolis.

North Korea's aggressive testing of ballistic missiles, security and economic issues are expected to be on the agenda for the leaders' talks, as well as an agreement Turnbull struck with then-President Barack Obama to take up to 1,250 mostly Muslim refugees off of Australia's hands and resettle them in the United States.

The agreement was a source of friction when Trump and Turnbull spoke by telephone shortly after Trump took office. The conversation made headlines around the world and Trump later tweeted about the "dumb deal." But Vice President Mike Pence assured Turnbull during a visit



U.S. President Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

to Australia last month that the Trump administration will reluctantly honor the agreement.

"President Trump has made it clear that we'll honor the agreement — that doesn't mean we admire the agreement," Pence said when he appeared with Turnbull in Sydney.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Trump was looking forward to the meeting and "showcasing the enduring bonds, deep friendship and close alliance the United States has with Australia."

The bonds of friendship between the U.S. and Australia were reinforced during the Battle of the Coral Sea, when both countries' warships and fighter planes battled the Japanese from May 4-8, 1942, forcing the Japanese navy to retreat for the first time in World War II.

Trump and Turnbull were commemorating the 75th anniversary of that battle with speeches at a gala dinner aboard the USS Intrepid, a decommissioned aircraft carrier that fought in World War II and is a floating museum

on the Hudson River on the west side of Manhattan. The event is hosted by the American Australian Association.

Manhattan is where Trump made a name by transforming himself from a local real-estate developer into a celebrity businessman and now president. He hasn't set foot in the city since leaving on Jan. 19 to head to Washington to be inaugurated into office the following day.

But Trump's homecoming is expected to be less than welcoming. He received 18 percent of the vote in the liberal city, and protests are planned near the USS Intrepid and Trump Tower, the president's longtime Fifth Avenue home.

During the campaign, Trump would fly thousands of miles back to New York City to sleep in his own bed, leaving the impression

that he would make frequent trips home after he became president. But Trump said in an interview last week that he so far has avoided returning to the city of his birth because the trips are expensive for the government and would inconvenience New Yorkers.

"I hate to see the New Yorkers with streets closed," Trump told Fox News. He has received some criticism for spending about half of his weekends as president at his waterfront estate in Palm Beach, Florida.

Hundreds of New York City police officers will secure Trump's appearance aboard the Intrepid, with more standing guard on surrounding streets. A show of force is already a fixture at Trump Tower, where the Secret Service and heavily armed NYPD officers use barricades, checkpoints and street closings to secure the skyscraper where the president has a penthouse apartment.

Trump's wife, Melania, and son Barron, live at the Tower most of the time while the 11-year-old finishes the school year.

The president is not expected to spend the night at Trump Tower, but he could drop in before he heads to his private golf club an hour away in Bedminster, New Jersey.

Under the Obama-era refugee resettlement agreement with Australia, the U.S. agreed to take up to 1,250 refugees — mostly Muslims from Africa, the Middle East and Asia — that Australia houses in immigration camps on the Pacific island nations of Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

Trump campaigned against immigration, including by Muslims, and was enraged by the agreement. **AP**

North Korea's aggressive testing of missiles, security and economic issues are expected to be on the agenda for the leaders' talks

A top Philippine official is set to be questioned next week at the U.N. Human Rights Council on issues such as extrajudicial killings and vigilante justice alleged to be occurring in President Rodrigo Duterte's deadly fight against illegal drugs.

The Philippines is one of 14 countries whose records are being examined in the latest session of the Universal Periodic Review, which examines issues in all 193 U.N. member states. Britain is on tap today [Macau time] and the Philippines' anti-drug campaign and moves to restore the death penalty are among the issues set for discussion on Monday.

Menardo Guevarra, a senior deputy executive secretary in Duterte's office, is leading the delegation. Also participating is senator and staunch Duterte supporter Alan Peter Cayetano, who told reporters "our strategy is simple: The facts being said about the campaign

UNITED NATIONS

Top Philippine official to face questions at rights body

against drugs are wrong."

Human Rights Watch yesterday called on the U.N. to denounce the Philippines' "war on drugs" that it said has left more than 7,000 suspected drug dealers and users dead since Duterte took office on June 30 and to urge the country to support an international investigation into the killings.

"The UN review of the Philippines is critical because of the sheer magnitude of the human rights calamity since President Duterte took office last year," said Phelim Kine, Human Rights Watch's deputy Asia director. "Duterte's 'war on drugs' has been nothing less than a murderous war on the poor."

Amnesty International Philippines says the review should highlight persisting problems, including the high number of extrajudi-

cial executions and moves to reinstate the death penalty.

The government is also releasing new data in an attempt to refute death tolls ranging from more than 7,000 to 9,000 cited by human rights groups and the media that were based on previous numbers released by police.

Numbers released by the presidential palace, the Philippine National Police and other government agencies this week showed nearly 4,600 people have been killed in drug-related crime since July 1 and over 1.2 million drug suspects have surrendered.

The death toll includes more than 2,700 suspected drug dealers and users killed in police operations and 1,847 homicides investigated and found to be drug-related.



The shadow of a Filipino activist is cast on a slogan banner during a rally near the Malacanang Presidential Palace in Manila, in March

Police said 19.6 percent of the country's 9,432 recorded homicides from July 1 to March 31 were drug-related. About 20 percent of homicides were unrelated to drugs, while the rest are still under investigation.

The higher figures released by police earlier and cited by media and human rights groups included dea-

ths still under investigation, which officials now clarify were not all drug-related.

"The fact that the new PNP figures are inconsistent with the numbers released by the media or human rights organizations on extrajudicial executions, or even their own previous numbers, means that there may be more unreported

cases, not less," said Amnesty International Philippines head Ritz Lee Santos, III.

He said the police should "send a clear message that the state-sponsored unlawful killings of alleged offenders are never justified and are equivalent to extrajudicial executions which they should vow to end." **AP**

John Leicester, Paris

THE only face-to-face televised debate between France's presidential candidates turned into an uncivil, no-holds-barred head-on clash of styles, politics and personalities yesterday [Macau time].

Emmanuel Macron called his far-right opponent Marine Le Pen a "parasite" who would lead the country into civil war. She painted the former banker as a lackey of big business who is soft on Islamic extremism.

Neither landed a knockout blow in the 2½-hour prime-time slugfest — but not for lack of trying. The tone was ill-tempered from the get-go, with no common ground or love lost between the two candidates and their polar opposite plans and visions for France. Both sought to destabilize each other and neither really succeeded.

For the large cohort of voters who remain undecided, the debate at least had the merit of making abundantly clear the stark choice facing them at the ballot box Sunday.

Neither candidate announced major shifts in their policy platforms. They instead spent much of their carefully monitored allotments of time attacking each other — often personally.

Le Pen's choicest barb came as she argued that Macron, if elected, would be in the pocket of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. "Either way France will be led by a woman; either me or Madame Merkel," she said derisively.

Macron gave as good as he got and, at times, got the upper hand with his pithy slights. In the closing minutes, he used a sharp-tongued monologue to target one of Le Pen's biggest vulnerabilities: her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the extreme-right former presidential candidate repeatedly convicted for hate speech and who founded her party, the National Front.

Throughout, Macron portrayed Marine Le Pen as an empty shell, shaky on details and facts, seeking to profit politically by stirring up hatred and the anger of French voters — a dominant theme of the campaign — without feasible proposals. He called her "the high priestess of fear."

"Your project consists of telling the French people, 'This person is horrible.' It's to cast dirt. It's to lead a campaign of lies and falsifications. Your project lives off fear and lies. That's what sustains you. That's what sustained your father for decades. That's what nourished the extreme right and that is what created you," Macron said. "You are its parasite."

"What class!" Le Pen retorted. One of the most heated exchanges was on terrorism — a top concern for Le Pen's voters and many French in the wake

FRANCE ELECTS PRESIDENT SUNDAY

Le Pen and Macron clash in no holds-barred TV debate

of repeated attacks since 2015. Saying that Islamic extremists must be "eradicated," Le Pen said Macron wouldn't be up to the task.

"You won't do that," she charged.

Saying France's fight against terror would be his priority if elected, Macron countered that Le Pen's anti-terror plans would play into extremists' hands and divide France.

Either way France will be led by a woman; either me or Madame Merkel.

MARINE LE PEN

"The trap they're setting for us, the one that you're proposing, is civil war. What the terrorists expect is division among ourselves. What the terrorists expect is heinous speech," Macron said.

Sitting opposite one another at a round table, the debate quickly became a shouting match. She had piles of notes in colored folders, and referred to them occasionally. His side of the table was sparser, with just a few sheets of paper. He at times rested his chin on his hands as she spoke, fixing her in his gaze and smiling wryly at her barbs.

They clashed over France's finances, its future and their respective proposals for tackling its ills. He scoffed at her monetary plans, saying reintroducing a franc for purchases within France but allowing big firms to continue using the shared euro currency that Le Pen wants to abandon made no sense.

She dismissed his economic proposals with sweeping critiques and bristled at his suggestions that she didn't understand how finance and business work.

"You're trying to play with me like a professor with a pupil," she said.

They also clashed over foreign policy. Macron said he wants to work with U.S. President Donald Trump on intelligence-sharing, at the United Nations and on climate change. He spoke less favorably of Russian President Vladimir Putin, saying on many subjects "we don't have the same values and priorities."



"We have no reason to be in a cold war with Russia," Le Pen said. He said that her election would harm France's image abroad, charging: "The world won't look favorably on us."

While Macron was borderline patronizing at times, she sought — but failed — to make it seem like he has trouble con-

trolling his temper, which stayed fairly even throughout.

"You're interrupting me about every 10 seconds. I sense you're a bit exasperated," she said.

The debate offered risk and reward for both.

Trailing in polls, Le Pen needed but failed to land a knock-

out blow in the debate to erode the seemingly comfortable lead of Macron, the front-runner who topped round one, nearly three points ahead of Le Pen.

For Macron, the priority was to prevent Le Pen from making up ground in the race's final days. Mission accomplished. **AP**

MACRON

The political newbie who may become French president



French centrist presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron and his wife Brigitte

FRENCH centrist Emmanuel Macron has already achieved an immense task: a former outsider with little political experience, he is now the front-runner in France's presidential race, banking on the promise to reform the country through radical pro-business measures and pro-European policies.

The 39-year-old independent candidate faces far-right National Front leader Marine Le Pen in Sunday's presidential runoff.

A former investment banker and economy minister, Macron has never held elected office.

The strong advocate of a free market and entrepreneurial spirit has called for France to focus on getting benefits from globalization rather than the protectionist policies advocated by the far right.

In his political rallies, Macron encourages supporters to wave both the French tricolor and the European Union flags.

Le Pen this week called him the face of "the world of finance," the candidate of "the caviar left".

"I'm not under control of the banks. If that was the case, I would have kept working for them", Macron answered.

Macron had an unexpected test of his political skills last week during "the battle of Whirlpool," when Le Pen upstaged him at a Whirlpool factory in Amiens that is threatened with closure.

Le Pen's surprise appearance put him on the defensive and prompted him to meet with angry Whirlpool workers later the same day. He was whistled and booed when he first arrived. But he stood his ground, patiently debating workers in often heated exchanges about how to stop French jobs from moving abroad.

Macron promised to shake up the political landscape by appointing a government including new figures from business and civil society.

In a country shaken by recent terror attacks, he pledged to boost the police and military as well as the intelligence services and to put pressure on internet giants to better monitor extremism online.

Macron doesn't run his campaign alone: his wife is never far away. Brigitte Macron, 24 years his senior, is his closest adviser. She has been by his side during the campaign, supporting him and helping prepare his speeches.

Macron and his wife have publicly described how their unusual romance started — when he was a student at the high school where she teaching in Amiens in northern France. A married mother of three at the time, she was supervising the drama club. Macron, a literature lover, was a member.

Macron moved to Paris for his last year of high school. "We called each other all the time, we spent hours on the phone, hours and hours on the phone," Brigitte Macron recalled in a televised documentary. "Little by little, he overcame all my resistances in an unbelievable way, with patience."

She eventually moved to the French capital to join him, and divorced. They married in 2007. **AP**

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19:10	TDM Talk Show (Repeated) (PT)
19:40	Soap Opera (PT)
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
22:10	Now Generation
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Europa League Highlights
01:50	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:40	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:40	Comedy
11:15	Blaze Riders
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast (PT)
14:50	Sopa Opera (PT / EN subtitles)
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20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
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00:50	RTPi Live

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23:50	Miscellaneous
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01:20	RTPi Live

Offbeat

WHAT ARE THE ODDS? TWO CAUGHT TRYING TO STEAL STATISTICS EXAM

Call it a statistical error: Police say two University of Kentucky students crawled through an air duct to steal a statistics exam from their professor's office but were caught because he was working late. The Lexington Herald-Leader reports university police cited Henry Lynch II and Troy Kiphuth, both 21, for third-degree burglary and referred the case to Fayette County Circuit Court. University spokesman Jay Blanton told the newspaper the instructor left his office about midnight Tuesday to get something to eat. When he returned, two men ran from the office. One of them later returned and confessed. Police said Lynch told officers he tried stealing the exam earlier in the night but couldn't find it. He also confessed to stealing an exam from the office earlier in the semester.

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Director: Stuart Hazeldine

Starring: Sam Worthington, Octavia Spencer, Radha Mitchell

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 132min



THE BOSS BABY

ROOM 2

9:30pm

Director: Tom McGrath

Starring: Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, Jimmy Kimmel

Language: Cantonese (English)

Duration: 97min



THIS IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED

ROOM 3

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

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Language: Putonghua (Chinese & English)

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Director: James Gun

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 136min

this day in history



1980 SAS RESCUE ENDS IRAN EMBASSY SIEGE

The siege of the Iranian embassy in London has ended after a dramatic raid by SAS commandos.

Five Iranian gunmen were killed and one was arrested. Nineteen hostages were set free but one died and two were injured in the cross-fire.

Millions of people watched the rescue live on television as bank holiday entertainment on all three channels was interrupted to show the real-life drama unfold.

More than 30 masked troops stormed the embassy building from the balcony and front and back doors throwing grenades through the windows.

Screams were heard from inside the building and some 15 minutes later the hostages emerged and were escorted by Scotland Yard police to waiting ambulances.

The siege began five days ago when six gunmen took over the Iranian embassy in Kensington.

Most of their hostages were fellow Iranians but also included embassy police guard PC Trevor Lock, BBC sound man Sim Harris, BBC news organiser Chris Cramer and tourists who had stopped by to collect visas.

Four of the captives - including Mr Cramer - were released over the last week for medical reasons.

The gunmen belonged to a dissident Iranian group opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini, the religious leader who came to power last year.

They wanted the release of 91 political prisoners held in Iran as well as an aircraft to take them and the hostages out of the UK.

The Home Secretary William Whitelaw ordered the attack on the sixth day of the siege after the gunmen shot dead Iranian press attaché Abbas Lavasani and dumped his body outside the building.

Speaking through PC Lock who relayed the demands from an embassy window to police officers on the ground, they then threatened to kill the rest of the hostages and blow up the embassy if their demands were not met.

The Iranian government approved the use of force and President Bani-Sadr announced the SAS raid as a victory. In a broadcast he said "We did not surrender, we became victorious."

The Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has visited the SAS barracks in Kensington to congratulate the troops on a successful mission, codenamed Operation Nimrod.

Courtesy of BBC

IN CONTEXT

It later emerged that during the SAS raid PC Trevor Lock had tackled the leader of the gunmen known as Salim and saved the life of an SAS soldier. He was awarded the George Medal for his actions.

The excellent publicity provided by unprecedented live TV coverage of the event ensured the future of the SAS regiment was guaranteed. It had previously been under threat of disbandment.

The one surviving gunman, Fowzi Nejad, was sentenced to life imprisonment nine months later.

His fellow hostage-takers had opposed Ayatollah Khomeini and demanded freedom for the southern Iranian province of Khuzestan. But their cause was soon forgotten when war broke out between Iran and Iraq in late 1980 - a conflict that was to last eight years.

Although Iran had supported the SAS raid, it took about 13 years for a mutual compensation package to be agreed whereby the British government paid for the damage done to the Iranian embassy and Iran repaired the British embassy in Tehran damaged during the 1979 revolution. Chris Cramer went on to become managing editor of CNN International.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Having lots of charm is nothing new for you, especially today. You're bubbling over with it. All of this magnetism is flowing back to you and helping you keep a positive attitude.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

In a troubled relationship, your smallest efforts can help you both overcome whatever big obstacles are standing in your way. It all starts with honesty - say what you really feel and don't be afraid to get vulnerable with this person.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

The people you encounter today are going to love loving you. Everyone who thinks you're cool is ready and raring to let you know it. Accept compliments graciously, because you'll get lots of them.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Play it cool and don't let them know you are counting on them to add some excitement to your life, because they are counting on you to add more excitement to theirs! You'll both win in this situation.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

This is a day for bargaining, so be prepared to give up something. Are you still trying to persuade someone to agree with you? You cannot oblige people to go along with your demands.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

At an upcoming family event, you should spend less time with the new relatives and more time with the old relatives. You'll find great value in relationships like these.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Cutting back on your shopping list of 'must haves' is never a fun thing to do. Depriving yourself of the things you really want feels uncomfortable, but you do need to restrict yourself.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You've been telling everyone about the new projects you want to start, and everyone has been wonderfully supportive. But today, they might start to get impatient.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Now might be the time to use up those frequent-flyer miles you've been saving. Why not upgrade first class? You deserve it! After all those years of doing without and saving your pennies.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

The relationship you've been building with one of your newest friends is getting so intense you're starting to look Siamese twins joined at the hip! Before you lose all sense of your own identity, step away from them.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

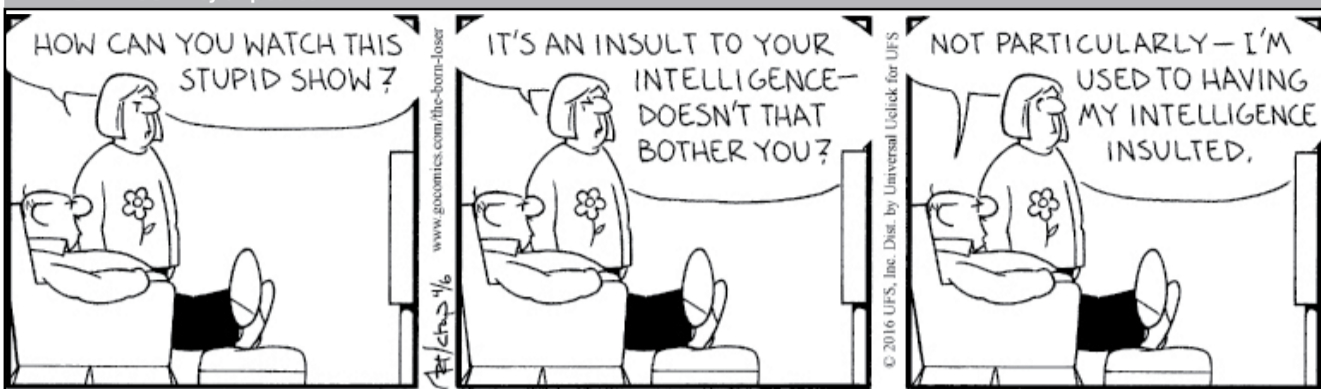
Instead of being annoyed by the day's eccentric energy, it will inspire you. Not knowing exactly what's going to happen next will spark your creativity and help you start up a few new social endeavors.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Your growing feelings for someone are helping you overlook their imperfections, which is good - no one is perfect, and it's totally appropriate to focus on their good points.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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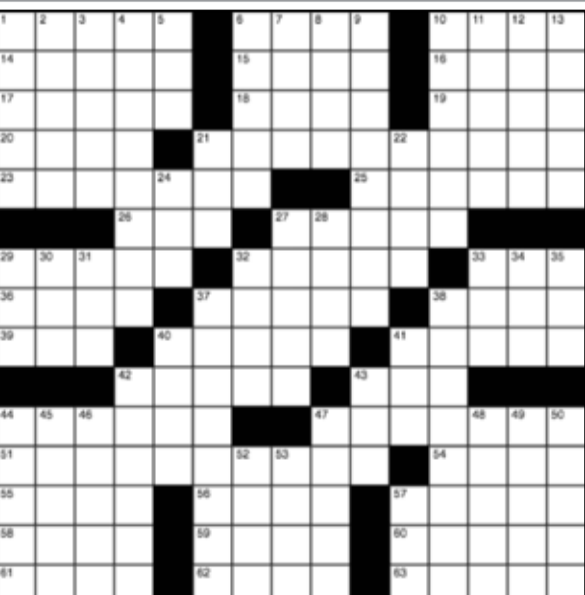
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London	8	15	drizzle
New York	11	16	clear/drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Gaucho's rope; 6- Stout relatives; 10- Gal Fri.; 14- Conger catcher; 15- Acting part; 16- Bell; 17- we all?; 18- Drop of water expelled by the eye; 19- Make weary; 20- Hayworth or Moreno; 21- Member of the crew of a submarine; 23- Ramble; 25- Device for holding up a stocking; 26- Dead heat; 27- Find the answer; 29- Flaming; 32- Borden cow; 33- Intent; 36- Full of streaks; 37- Author Calvino; 38- National symbol; 39- Poetica; 40- Note taker; 41- Kids toys; 42- Way to cook; 43- Sign of summer; 44- Moving around; 47- Tank; 51- Mulct; 54- Gusto; 55- Like Nash's lama; 56- Dynamic start?; 57- Painter Uccello; 58- Get up; 59- Henpecks; 60- Ancient; 61- Breaks bread; 62- Fr. holy women; 63- France;

DOWN: 1- Give guns again; 2- Haunting; 3- Prince Valiant's wife; 4- Group of renters; 5- Singer Garfunkel; 6- Pianist Rubinstein; 7- "Stay" singer Lisa; 8- Jack of "Rio Lobo"; 9- Harem; 10- Clothes; 11- Person of exceptional holiness; 12- Rocky debris; 13- is human...; 21- Get the picture; 22- Four-star review; 24- Conk out; 27- Bias; 28- 1952 Winter Olympics site; 29- Menu phrase; 30- Evergreen tree; 31- Officeholders; 32- Hot times abroad; 33- Competitor of Tide and Cheer; 34- Proverb ending?; 35- Classic two-seaters; 37- Sicilians, e.g.; 38- Soccer; 40- Achy; 41- Paris's Pont Arts; 42- Plunders; 43- Fail to tell the truth; 44- Preceding, poetically; 45- Actress Braga; 46- Take away by force; 47- Crucifix; 48- Eat away; 49- Irritated; 50- Nary a soul; 52- Nipple; 53- Impulse; 57- Luau chow; perhaps; 61- Use a surgical beam; 62- 911 respondents; 64- Posed;



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- PSP 28 573 333
- Customs 28 559 944
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- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
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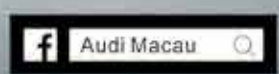
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FOOTBALL

Racism scars European football with sanctions still often weak

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Rob Harris

AS monkey chants boomed around the Italian football stadium, Sulley Muntari became more incensed.

The Ghanaian player sought out the referee and asked for intervention to silence the fans hurling racist abuse. Referees have the power to stop games and have warning messages amplified around stadiums. Nothing like that happened, though, during Sunday's Serie A game on the island of Sardinia.

Instead Muntari, exacerbated by the referee's indifference, repeatedly pointed at his skin color.

The veteran Pescara midfielder's protests were apparently ignored, and it further complaints from Muntari in the second half

for the referee finally to act at Cagliari.

But what happened next has enraged players and anti-discrimination campaigners. Far from being protected by the referee, Muntari was booked for dissent. Aghast, Muntari walked off and was booked again for leaving the field without following procedures — his two yellow cards amounting to a red, and ejection from the game.

Even when the incident was reviewed in the following days, Italian soccer authorities sided with Cagliari against Muntari. The 32-year-old former Inter and AC Milan midfielder was handed a one-match ban for receiving two yellow cards. Cagliari escaped punishment because Serie A's disciplinary body

said only 10 fans were to blame.

"Only a callous commission disciplinary would ignore the full picture of what went on here," Piara Powar, executive director of the anti-discrimination Fare Network, told The Associated Press. "It's set a very dangerous precedent. There are recurring incidents and the Italian football authorities are not dealing with them in the right way."

Muntari's case hasn't been the only one in recent days. Both Inter Milan and Lazio were found guilty by Serie A's disciplinary division after fans bellowed racist abuse during games. The punishment for both teams was having parts of their stadiums closed — but only if there is a repeat of the conduct.

For Powar, who advises

European football's governing body on discrimination, these cases demonstrate a complete "failure of the regulatory processes."

It's not a problem confined to one or two countries.

"It's endemic across Europe at the moment," Powar said.

The disciplinary department at European soccer's governing body has also been clamping down on racist chanting in continental fixtures. Serbia was warned in March by UEFA that its teams could be kicked out of European competitions for further infractions by fans. Croatia has also been targeted in the UEFA crackdown, along with teams from Italy, Hungary Poland and Ukraine.

The pressing concern is Russia, host of the 2018 World Cup where there have been persistent reports of discriminatory displays and chants. Former Chelsea midfielder Alexei Smertin was put in charge of investigating soccer racism in Russia in February despite previously declaring: "There's no racism in Russia." AP

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TAXED FOR STANDING STILL

Picture the queue of cars on a typical weekend heading into the carpark under the Workers' Stadium at the Border Gate. It is tedious at the best of times. The slow crawl around from under the Portas do Cerco overpass in the left-hand lane, taking your turn ever so patiently to sit with hand brake on up that little ramp waiting for one more car to exit before another can enter. You hope the motorbikes dodging the bumper don't scratch the Duco.

Today, it seems worse than ever; even worse than the years when those 200 or so dust-covered drowned carcasses damaged by typhoon Hagupit in September 2008 lay idle underground taking up valuable car-park real estate while the parties argued over culpability. Was it really only in 2016 that they finally cleaned up that mess? Imagine, a couple of weeks after your jaunt across to Zhuhai you get slapped with a MOP300 fine, a traffic infringement, by the Macau authorities. Apparently you'll not be the only one. What for? You may well ask. Stopping on a road with a continuous yellow line for more than 9 minutes.

For just over 10 years I've been doing that run, parking in that carpark, sometimes twice or thrice of a weekend depending upon sporting activities and the direction of arbitrage between the Macau and Zhuhai markets. It is not as if there are a great deal of options around for parking. This however, was the first time that someone had been watching; someone counted the minutes passing by and determined that these cars were standing still for too long.

Granting the technicalities of the infringement, the reason behind the fines is not entirely the fault of the drivers. In the last 10 years the number of licensed motor vehicles has increased from 72,534 to 248,812, an over 3.4-fold increase. Back then, on a 6 am drive over the Friendship Bridge (in those days, a time considered an early morning up rather than a late night out) you might even be the solo car for most of the way.

There are simply too many cars, too few parking spots, and other transportation options are inadequate. The lack of parking space here is caused by a growing population with growing wealth not planned for or managed, leading to an overburdened infrastructure. Car-parking has gone up in price but people with means simply adjust to new norms – the price of convenience – and it has not seemed to have dampened demand.

The market mechanisms of higher costs in terms of time, money (petrol, parking, wear and tear), difficulty of conveyance, frustration, and lost productivity do not seem to have done much to turn the tide.

The government is reluctant to take a decisive move on Macau's traffic congestion. We have no new taxes, no restrictions on car numbers and any updates to our transport infrastructure will be 15 years too late.

The laissez-faire approach taken by Macau is certainly one strategy. Like any over-populated colony, at some point it will start to implode, but Macau drivers have proven to be more resilient, more patient, more forbearing than most. With this latest imposition of traffic fines, as Macau grinds to a gridlock, we'll be taxed for standing still. What an idea! It might just force the less wealthy of us off the roads, or maybe back onto scooters.

Who needs new policies anyway? There appears to be tools enough in the regulatory kitbag to nudge market mechanisms along - an additional MOP300 at a time.

THE TRUMP TO VISIT ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA, VATICAN, MEET THE POPE

President Donald Trump says his first foreign trip as president will include stops in Saudi Arabia, Israel and the Vatican, where he will meet with Pope Francis. Then he'll move on for visits to NATO and a summit in Italy.

Trump said yesterday in a White House ceremony with faith leaders that his first trip will start in Saudi Arabia and include meetings with leaders across the Muslim world.

He says they will seek new cooperation to "combat extremism, terrorism and violence" and promote a more hopeful future for young Muslims.

The announcement follows Trump's meeting with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Trump's pledge to mediate peace efforts. He also met yesterday with Roman Catholic cardinals.

Britain's Prince Philip, 95, to retire from royal duties

PRINCE Philip, the consort known for his constant support of his wife Queen Elizabeth II as well as for his occasional gaffes, will retire from royal duties this fall, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

Philip, 95, made the decision himself with the full support of the queen, the palace said in a statement. The royal, known as the Duke of Edinburgh, has suffered from heart disease and other ailments in recent years but has nonetheless maintained a vigorous public schedule.

He seemed to be in good health and a fine mood Wednesday during an appearance at a London cricket club. He joked about being the world's most experienced person when it comes to unveiling plaques.

That may be true: Official figures indicate he has made more than 22,000 solo royal appearances and thousands more at the queen's side.

Philip, a member of the Greek royal family in exile, has been at Elizabeth's side in countless public appearance since their marriage in 1947. He gave up a successful naval career to support her when she became queen in 1952.

He became the longest-serving consort in British history in 2009 – much as Elizabeth has become the longest reigning monarch



Queen Elizabeth II, right, and Prince Philip

in British history.

Prime Minister Theresa May expressed gratitude "on behalf of the whole country" to Philip for his decades of service.

"From his steadfast support for Her Majesty the Queen to his inspirational Duke of Edinburgh Awards and his patronage of hundreds of charities and good causes, his contribution to our United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and the wider world will be of huge benefit to us all for years to come," she said.

Officials said the queen, who turned 91 last month, will keep carrying out royal engagements with the support of the royal family. She has indicated that she does not plan to retire.

Elizabeth has, however, reduced her workload considerably in recent years as her children and grandchildren have moved to the fore. She

has stopped making long-haul air flights to other Commonwealth countries.

Attention has been increasingly focused on her son Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, and on her grandson Prince William and his wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge.

The palace said Philip will continue his role with more than 780 charitable organizations but will not attend engagements.

He is not expected to disappear completely from the public stage – the palace said he may still choose to attend some events from time to time.

The palace did not offer any new details about his health and there were no indications of any new problems. The statement indicated Philip will carry out previously scheduled engagements between now and August. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	35-55 Good	
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate	
Ambient	35-55 Good	

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WORLD BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA A mother who stabbed to death her seven children and a niece in northern Australia in 2014 will not stand trial for murder because she was suffering cannabis-induced schizophrenia when she lost control, a court said.



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AUSTRALIA-US President Donald Trump and Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will aim to move past the rocky start to their working relationship when they meet to commemorate the 75th anniversary of an important World War II naval battle. More on p14



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BREXIT EU chief appealed for calm as tensions soar between Brussels and London over negotiations on Britain's departure from the bloc. "These negotiations are difficult enough as they are. If we start arguing before they even begin, they will become impossible," said EU Council President Tusk. He was speaking a day after Theresa May accused some EU officials of actions that "have been deliberately timed to affect the result of the general election" on June 8.

INTERNET Google said it shut down an email spam campaign that impersonated its online file service, Google Docs. According to online reports, clicking on an emailed share link, purportedly from a known source, was taking users to a site that asked permission for a fake app calling itself "Google Docs" to access their accounts. If they agreed, the app would then send additional copies of the original email to the users' contacts.

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