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CHINA-PAKISTAN The two countries say they are investigating the Islamic State group's claim that two Chinese teachers abducted in Pakistan have been killed, after a video appearing to show the pair was sent to journalists.

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PHILIPPINES American spy planes are helping Filipino troops quell a nearly three-week siege by Muslim militants in a southern city where 13 Philippine marines were killed in the biggest single-day loss for government forces, officials said Saturday. More on p12

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Poor water quality near Macau

The latest notice from the Guangdong Marine and Fisheries Inspection Bureau indicates that the water near Macau's coastline was of poor quality in 2016. According to the report, which discusses Guangdong's marine environment last year, the poor water quality stems from sewage disposal. An expert from the Guangdong department said that the low quality water was related to excessive discharges originated from domestic and industrial sewage. The disposal exits of more than 20 out of Macau's 74 sewers discharged excessive sewage. As for wildlife in the region, the report said the chance of seeing dolphins in the Pearl River Delta decreased, with only 1,890 dolphins spotted.

90pct support e-payment services

A survey featuring the public's stance on vendors installing e-payment systems revealed that more than 90 percent of local residents (excluding vendors) support the idea. The Mutual Assistance Association of Vendor Affairs, which recently conducted this survey, interviewed 537 residents and 698 vendors in total. Approximately 75 percent of the interviewed residents have had an e-payment experience before. Around 50 percent of vendors operating inside big markets do not agree with the adoption of e-payment due to costs and to technological and safety issues regarding the payment. The same opinion is shared by nearly 60 percent of vendors not running their businesses in a big market.

Real estate industry calls for less interference

The Association of Property Agents and Realty Developers of Macau suggests the government needs to avoid excessive administrative interference over the real estate industry. The president of the association, Ung Choi Kun, declared that private housing should be driven by a free market. The association claimed that the government should work on how to balance supply and demand in the real estate industry, along with a focus on proper urban design.

Belt and Road initiative brings opportunities to Macau

Julie Zhu

ON the second day of the International Conference on the Belt and Road and Macau's Development, several participants voiced their opinions regarding the construction of the Belt and Road project in cooperation with the Portuguese-speaking countries.

Proposed by China in 2013, the Belt and Road initiative refers to the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, aiming at building a trade and infrastructure network connecting Asia with Europe and Africa along the ancient trade routes of the Silk Road.

Lai Xiaomin, Party Committee Secretary and Chairman of the China Huarong Asset Management, on Friday said, "Macau can expand the asset management cooperation [...] and greatly develop the financial leasing business." Lai noted that the latter grows the quickest among the world's financial businesses.

Fu Jianguo, Managing Director of Nam Kwong Group, talked about how his company can contribute to the construction of the Belt and Road initiative with respect to the Portuguese-speaking countries.

According to Fu, Nam Kwong has a long history of communicating and working with the Portuguese-speaking countries, culturally and economically. Furthermore, he said that as a leading Chinese company in Macau, the Nam Kwong Group has also conducted a great number of interactions with Portuguese



Participants attend the International conference on Belt and Road and Macau's development

governmental departments.

Fu believes that Macau needs to find the right door through which to build itself as a communication platform serving the countries involved in the Belt and Road project.

Lei Heong Iok, president of the Macau Polytechnic Institute, pointed out that the relations between China and eight Portuguese-speaking countries have become closer following the trend of globalization.

Lei remarked that the Portuguese-speaking countries are mainly developing countries, and like the merging market, they all hope to have a good cooperative relationship with China.

In the professor's view, the key area in which Macau should play a strategic role is in creating the necessary conditions and services for the economy and trade development between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries to prosper.

Lei suggested that the region should "coordinate well Macau's higher education institutions, [...] developing a respectable Portuguese teaching."

According to Zhang Shuguang, Rector of the City University of Macau, the city can also act as a "think tank" encouraging all Portuguese-speaking countries and regions to participate in Belt and Road cooperation.

Mok Chi Wai, the president of the Macao Youth Federation, noted that Macau has a big deve-

lopment space in terms of cultural exchange, especially in regard to human resource communication between the youth and youth associations.

Sitou Tek lam, founder of the Belt and Road Scholarship Fund of Indonesia, explained what Macau can do to contribute to the Belt and Road strategy in terms of education.

"Macau has many universities and high level education institutions. They can recruit more Asian students to study in Macau and provide job opportunities for the students when they graduate from these Macau institutions," said Sitou, adding that "Macau can settle job displacement institutes to help Asian graduate students find jobs in Macau."

Helping the MSAR to 'go global'

THE Belt and Road initiative will promote Macau's industrial diversification and help it go global," Hao Yufan, dean of Faculty of Social Sciences of University of Macau, told Xinhua.

Hao said Macau was an important stop along the ancient Maritime Silk Road and it will continue to play an important role in the development of Belt and Road: the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road in particular.

Macau has unique geographical and language advantages, and it can take advantage of the "one country, two systems" principle in the development of the Belt and Road initiative he added.

The region should assume the role as the communication center as it is a place where eastern and western cultures meet, Hao suggested.

MAINLAND, MACAU TO UPGRADE CEPA

THE CHINESE mainland and Macau are negotiating on comprehensively upgrading the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangements (CEPA), which are expected to be completed at the end of this year, a senior official confirmed during the Conference on the Belt and Road and Macau's Development. A meeting was held between representatives from China's Ministry of Commerce and the local government's Economy and

Finance officials to negotiate on the terms and content of CEPA, especially those concerning guaranteeing investment, and deepening economic and technical cooperation, according to a press release on Friday. The mainland and Macau signed CEPA in 2003 in order to forge closer ties. In both 2014 and 2015, new agreements were signed under the framework of CEPA between them with the aim of further liberalizing trade in services.

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Police arrested 74 in Friday night crackdown

In the latest round of Thunderbolt 17 raids, police arrested 74 individuals in casinos and night clubs in Macau on Friday night. Some 200 police officers took part in the casino and night club inspections across the city. According to the police, seven of those arrested had illegally overstayed their visas. The Thunderbolt 17 operation, which was launched in March by the Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong police authorities, was designed to combat illegal activities like drug trafficking, human trafficking and loan sharking. To date, the joint security forces have cracked down on approximately 70 cases of drug trafficking and 200 cases of loan sharking.

Man found dead in UM campus lake

The corpse of a local man was found in an artificial lake at the University of Macau (UM) on Friday morning, public broadcaster TDM reported. According to TDM, police representatives said that a student discovered the man, aged 55, at around 10 a.m. and alerted the relevant authorities. The man was pulled from the lake and taken to the hospital for medical treatment, but was pronounced dead shortly after. According to the Judiciary Police, the man was not carrying identification when his body was discovered, but was in possession of a motorcycle key. A helmet was also found nearby. Police authorities said that they are currently investigating his death.

Military Club celebrates 147 years

Daniel Beitler

THE Macau Military Club is celebrating its 147th anniversary, coinciding with the 19th edition of the Portugal Food and Wine Festival.

The pastel pink building, located on Avenida da Praia Grande, was originally constructed in 1870 as a private military club. Designed in Portuguese neo-classical style, like many other structures around Senado Square and Tap Seac Square, the building's façade features Chinese and Western decorations.

As part of the celebrations, the Club is organizing the Portugal Food and Wine Festival – Spring 2017, which is now in its 19th edition, having first been held in December 1999.

This year, the Festival will be held until June 19 and will be marked by the presence of two prestigious chefs from Portugal, José Júlio Vintem and Catarina Ponce Álvares, according to a statement released by the organization.

As traditional during the Festival, a buffet of more than



60 different Portuguese wines – including whites, reds, rosés, muscats, and ports – will be served, as well as snacks prepared under the chefs' supervision.

According to organizers of the Festival, the event "is an important initiative of the Club that meets the objectives of providing specialized training of Portuguese gastronomy to the Club's restaurant staff."

Also as in previous anniversary celebrations, this year's commemoration featured last week the opening of an art

exhibition. The exhibition, simply titled "Portuguese Painting Exhibition", runs until June 24 and features selected works by Alfredo Luz, Cruzeiro Seixas and João Paulo.

Both the exhibition and the Festival will be featured as part of the "Month of Portugal" program. The program, designed by several Portuguese-led institutions in the MSAR, was inaugurated last year with the aim of strengthening Portugal's cultural presence in Macau.

After decades of struggling financially, the Macau Mili-

tary Club was finally restored in 1995 and reopened as a restaurant and bar, which today hosts regular events and exhibitions.

With "the sponsorship and support of Chinese civil society, the Club was able to re-found itself," Manuel Geraudes of the Macau Military Club told *Jornal Tribuna de Macau* this week. "It has been maintained with plenty of energy and activity, being today an important place in terms of culture, meeting, and gastronomic offerings. It is without a doubt a place of reference in the MSAR."

According to a wall plaque at the Club, the financial contributors to the 1995 refurbishment included casino magnate Stanley Ho, former chief executive Edmund Ho, patriotic Chinese entrepreneur Ma Man Kei and Ng Lap Seng, who is currently standing trial in New York over allegedly bribing United Nations officials.

The Club was founded in 1870 during the tenure of António Sérgio de Sousa as the Portuguese Governor of Macau. Sousa was the immediate predecessor to the more famous Januário Correia de Almeida, who served as the local governor between 1872 and 1874, and is remembered, according to some, for defending the city of Macau from an invasion of Chinese pirates.

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Sands China's Local Supplier Support Program a noteworthy move for Macau SMEs

TRAINING and developing local micro, small and medium enterprises has always been an initiative of Sands China, aiming to assist such enterprises in growing their sales and expanding their scope of contribution to the casino operator.

To provide a platform for local SMEs to showcase their products and services to potential users and buyers, the gaming operator has gone the extra mile to support local enterprises.

A local construction and design company, Masterpieces Design, is one of the many local and Made-in-Macau companies the gaming operator has assisted and educated in matters of business.

Jess Ieng, executive director of Masterpieces Design, established the company with a business partner in 2012. The enterprise has three major businesses, namely interior design, construction design, and the supply of construction materials.

Currently, the firm provides interior design services to hotels and apartments, with some of its designers based in Macau, while others reside in mainland China and Malaysia.

Ieng seized the opportunity to establish the firm as there was a demand back then for interior designers and construction supplies, as several residential houses were being built.

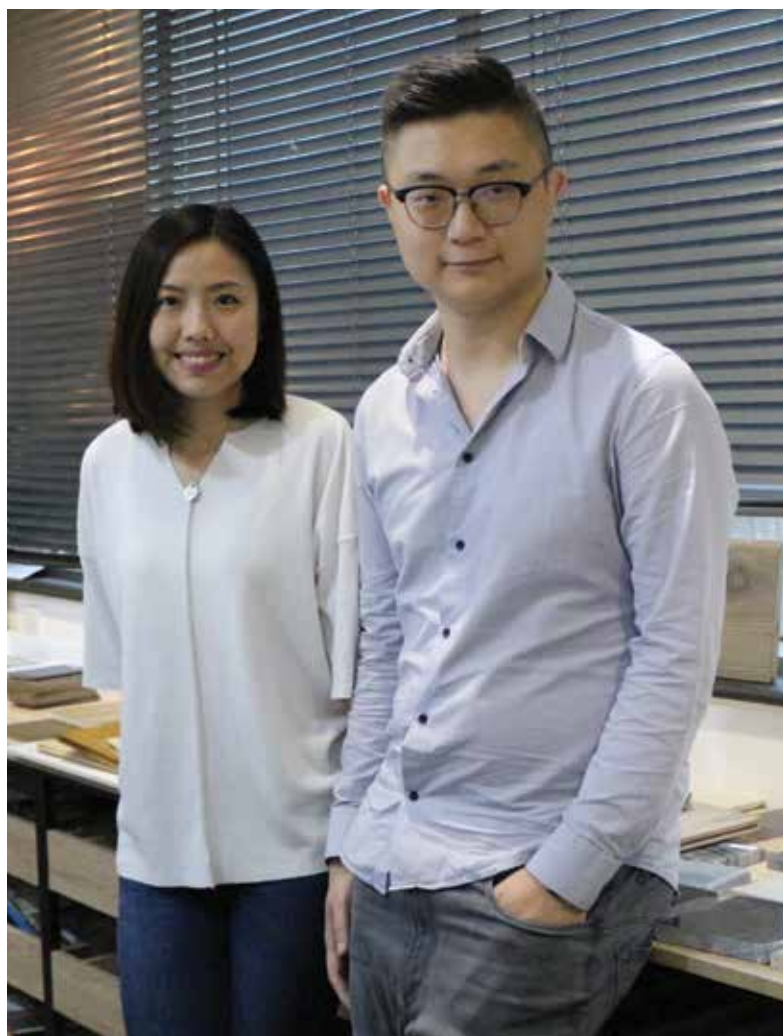
Upon entering the market, the company faced several challenges such as a lack of human resources, as according to Ieng, there are few professional designers in Macau. To meet the company's needs, Ieng was required to import labor.

One of Masterpieces Design's goals is to continually import more materials and expand its construction services offering. As the construction projects are labor-intensive, the entrepreneur hinted that they mainly focus on construction, interior, and architectural design.

However, managing the firm was not as easy as it seemed, as there were challenges in cost control, he said.

The executive director shared how the firm's partnership with Sands China began and how it has impacted the company in acquiring needed knowledge and support.

Masterpieces Design has been supplying marble to Sands Cotai Central for nearly a year, with assistance from the gaming operator along every step of the procurement process.



Jess Ieng (right)

"I would like to thank Sands China because not only have I had the opportunity to work with Sands China but the procurement team explained to the firm how to do each procedure and each step," said the executive director.

With the supportive feedback and assistance from the gaming operator, the entrepreneur firmly holds that Sands China has contributed to the overall growth of his company.

According to Ieng, as Sands China mandates particular requirements and standards in

their procurement process, Masterpieces Design has sought to learn some of these operating procedures from the more established enterprise.

"We can learn from each opportunity because our company is too young for each [procurement] step," the entrepreneur added.

The construction and design company is still facing challenges with the lack of human resources in its construction team.

"Professional construction labor in Macau is lacking and ageing; not many young guys

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JESS IENG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

would like to do this job. So, the only way is to import some labor from overseas or in China; so the cost will go down for the clients as well," the entrepreneur explained.

Yet the executive director added that the government has always been supportive of local enterprises by easing and facilitating the terms of loans to such firms. This might include providing them access to interest-free loans of MOP600,000 for up to eight years.

With the continuous support of Sands China to local SMEs, Masterpieces Design is only one of the many companies who have benefited from the gaming operators' programs for young entrepreneurs and micro-enterprises.

The gaming operator is offering more business opportuni-

ties to SMEs, micro-enterprises, young entrepreneurs, and "Made-in-Macau" enterprises, through its preferential treatment of local firms.

One of Masterpieces Design's goal is to continually import more materials and to expand its construction services offering. As the construction projects are labor intensive, the entrepreneur hinted that they mainly focus on construction, interior, and architectural design.

Further, Ieng added that the Sands China Supplier Awards is inspiring local enterprises to pursue excellence in the services they provide, which enhances the company's credibility.

"That's a very good initiative and it's a good encouragement for the suppliers," she said.

"It shows the significance of Sands China on how they work with the suppliers, and also during the dinner or the event, any problems or any issues they can raise and also exchange thoughts," he continued.

Just last month, the gaming operator conducted back-of-house roadshows for local SME suppliers.

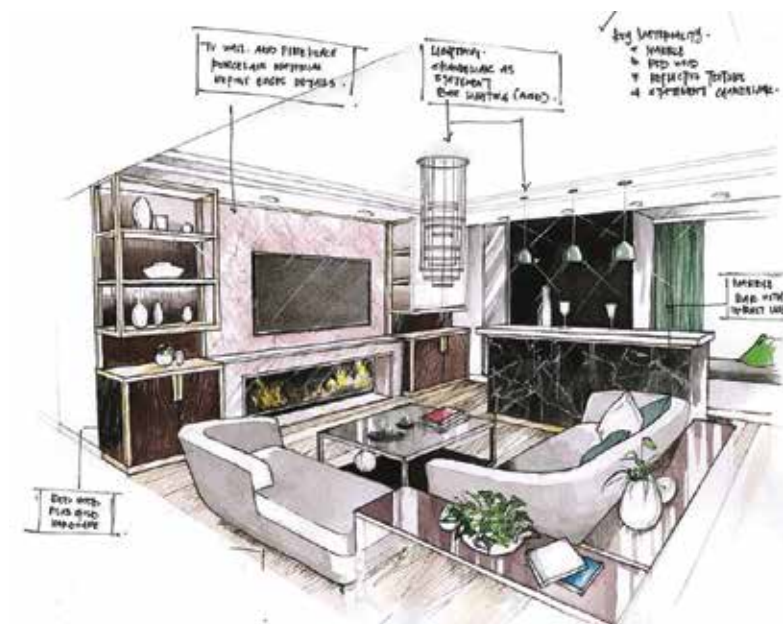
Held at Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao, Sands Cotai Central and The Parisian Macao, the roadshows, organized by two local enterprises, sold over MOP1.1 million in products to Sands China team members.

Since 2011, roadshows like these have been held regularly for Sands China team members, averaging one roadshow every three months. They benefit SMEs by giving them access to direct business opportunities with customers while giving Sands China's nearly 30,000 team members a chance to enjoy discounted offers.

According to Sands China, the scheme demonstrates its commitment to supporting local enterprises as part of the company's corporate social responsibility efforts.

It is part of Sands China's supplier relationship management strategy, under which the gaming operator views its suppliers as its strategic partners.

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Group photo of some of the participating children and young adults



António Trindade (right) awards a trophy

CESL ASIA AND FRIENDS SPORT FUN DAY

Trindade: Companies that avoid social investment are in danger

Daniel Beittler

LOCAL companies ought to abandon the corporate social responsibility model as a justification for community engagement projects and instead embrace the idea of “sustainable, social investment,” remarked CESL Asia president António Trindade on the sidelines of the company’s Sport Fun Day event on Saturday.

The difference, according to Trindade, is that only through social investment can a company connect with its consumers on such a scale as to ensure its own survival. Corporations that fail to invest, he said, risk perishing.

CESL Asia, a solutions company specializing in environmental infrastructure, energy, facilities management and urban planning, hosted a fundraising and community engagement event on Saturday at the Macau Federation of Trade Unions Workers Stadium.

Drawing together representatives and sporting teams from

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ANTÓNIO TRINDADE
CESL ASIA CEO

more than 20 local companies, organizers claim that over 300 people attended the six-hour program, which included a five-a-side football tournament, a bocce competition and an inflatable “bouncy castle” for children.

The day raised a total of MOP80,000 for Macau Special Olympics (MSO), the beneficiary of the charity event, presented as

an oversized cheque on Saturday afternoon by Trindade.

Speaking on the sidelines of the event as he prepared to present the funds, Trindade told the Times that corporate entities owe their local community much more than just employment opportunities.

“The life of a company, and its role in society, has to go beyond its direct economic impact,” he said as he walked across the football pitch of the Workers Stadium. “For an event like this, it’s not only about the fundraising. [...] It is as much about bonding and social community work as it is about fundraising. The focus is really not on the charity, but on the integration of all people.”

“What we are doing here is beyond corporate social responsibility,” continued Trindade. “We are making a social investment, which is a profit-orientated business concept.”

“Although we are not generating revenue from this activity,

we are investing in sustainability and leadership [...] and we are becoming closer to our consumers - the users of our products and services. Without this sort of investment... companies are endangering themselves.”

As in previous years, Sport Fun Day 2017 invited MSO athletes to take part in the two sporting events.

The Special Olympics differs from the Paralympics in that the two organizations cater to athletes with different categories of disabilities. Athletes with cognitive delays, intellectual or development disabilities may participate under the Special Olympics, while the Paralympics are reserved for those with physical handicaps.

Macau does not have its own International Olympic Committee, meaning it cannot compete in the global Olympic competition held every four years, but it is permitted to field its own team for both the Special Olympics and the Paralympics.

“CESL’s [program] is a good model for how businesses can do so many things; not just give money to our association, but play with the children. It’s not only about the money,” said Siu Yu Hong, chief executive officer of MSO.

“The inclusion of disabled people in society means we need to work with them. If we want our society to accept people with disabilities, then they need to learn how to interact with them,” he said. “Fundraising is important, but I think that raising public awareness is more important.”

This was the purpose behind introducing the bocce tournament for the first time this year. According to a statement issued by organizers, the activity “fostered face-to-face interactions [between] the participating teams and MSO athletes, [...] as well as cultivated mutual understanding.”

Meanwhile, the football teams in this year’s tournament were comprised of representatives from organizations such as SJM, Galaxy Entertainment Group, Melco Resorts and Entertainment, PWC, McDonald’s, and many others. Several teams were awarded with cups and medals during the day’s closing ceremony.

Macau Daily Times is a media partner of CESL Asia and Friends Sport Fun Day.

Missing Kung fu stuntman turns up in Macau hospital

A Hong Kong-based martial arts stunt performer, who had been missing for four days, was found over the weekend in a coma at a Macau hospital.

Thirty-one-year-old kung fu stuntman Li Bo Lun, who worked at Ngong Ping 360 cable

car company on Lantau Island, had not been contacted since June 4, the last time he was seen by his colleagues.

The South China Morning Post, citing Li’s employer, reported on Saturday that he had been found hospitalized in Macau. “Li was found at a Ma-

cau hospital and is now in a coma,” a spokesperson for the company told the SCMP. “His employer, the Hong Kong Professional Performing Arts Center, has reached out to his family to provide assistance.”

The Arts Center, a production company that

holds and produces kung fu-related shows and feature films, initially contacted Li’s family to alert them after he had failed to show up for work.

His family then appealed to the public through social media for information on Li’s whereabouts and filed a police report

after he missed a second consecutive day of work.

Although Li’s passport was not with him when the 31-year-old went missing, he would not have required it to enter Macau or mainland China, providing that he had his identity card or China travel permit.

Members of Li’s family had requested entry and exit records from the police to try to determine whether he had left Hong Kong.

“My son is safe now and we have lots of issues to deal with at the moment,” Li’s father said, as cited by the SCMP on Saturday.

New loan approvals down in April

ACCORDING to statistics released on Friday by the Monetary Authority of Macau, new approvals of residential mortgage loans (RMLs) and commercial real estate loans (CRELs) were both down in April 2017, compared with the previous month.

At the same time, with regard to outstanding balances, RMLs posted a slight monthly increase, whereas CRELs remained virtually unchanged.

New RMLs approved by Macau banks decreased by 18.8 percent month-to-month in April to MOP3.4 billion, with those granted to Macau residents accounting for 97.3 percent of the total. The non-resident component decreased by 11.8 percent to MOP89.5 million.

Meanwhile, new CRELs fell by 26.6 percent month-to-month to MOP4 billion, of which the resident component accounted for 98.7 percent of the total and had decreased by 18.5 percent. Those extended to non-residents shrank considerably by 91.7 percent, due to a higher comparison base in the previous month.

However, compared to a year ago, new approvals of RMLs increased by 19 percent, while CRELs grew by more than 76 percent.

At the end of April 2017, the outstanding value of RMLs was MOP183.3 billion, up slightly by 0.3 percent from the previous month or 4.8 percent from a year ago. Meanwhile the balance of CRELs stood at MOP169.5 billion, virtually unchanged from a month ago, but up 1.7 percent year-on-year.

Sports Bureau accused of neglecting disabled athletes

Daniel Beitler

THE chief executive officer of Macau Special Olympics has claimed that the city's Sports Bureau (ID) is neglecting to support disabled athletes, allocating the bulk of their resources to investing in what he described as Macau's "sporting elites."

Siu Yu Hong, who is also a veteran social worker in the territory, made the accusation on Saturday on the sidelines of the CESL Asia and Friends Sport Fun Day, held at the Macau Federation of Trade Unions Workers Stadium.

"The Sports Bureau's policy is to support the elite sports, but these [sports] are not suitable for the disabled people," Siu told the Times. "They [ID] only focus on the sporting elites, but they don't care about the underprivileged [sporting competitors]. They think that this is not their duty; that disabled sport is not their duty."

He said that the ability to enjoy sport should be a right extended to all and that government departments ought to do their part to facilitate the uptake of the physical activities among those who are intellectually disabled.

"Playing sport is a human right for people with intellectual disabilities, not just [abled] people, or teenagers, or some athletes that come from China," he said. "It is [also] for Macau citizens and that includes Macau people with disabilities. [...] I think this is very important."

In a statement provided yesterday to the Times, the ID maintained that to those Special Olympic athletes "who have achieved specific results in designated high-level competitions, [...] the Sports Bureau would provide extra resources [...] for full participation in professional training and competition."

The statement said that the ID would provide re-

sources "for different types of sports for disabled people" provided that the athletes in question "possess potential for sustainable development in Macau."

Despite his accusation, Siu remains optimistic that the government's sport promotion policies will be extended in the future to those with intellectual and physical handicaps.

"I think in the future, our government will reconsider our sports policy," he said. "We need to make a policy that can support the people with intellectual disabilities to play sport [as well]."


The Sport Fun Day was intended to raise awareness of people with intellectual disabilities and to raise money to support them. According to CESL Asia, the main organizer behind the event, the government played an important role this year in helping to procure the use of the Stadium for the event. Organizers did not



Siu Yu Hong

specify whether the ID had been involved with this effort.

In previous years, the event has been held at smaller sporting facilities. This year, assistance from the government has helped CESL Asia to scale the event to over 300 participants, organizers told the Times on Saturday.



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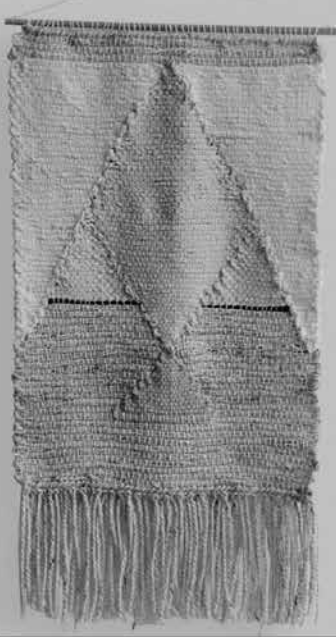
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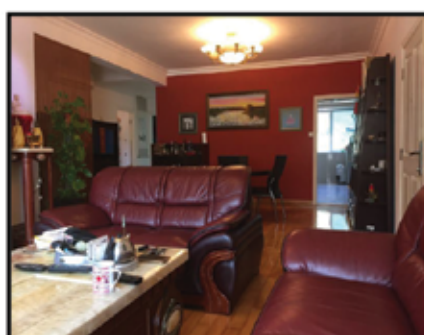
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Tokyo night may soon be powered by Mongolia, 2,700km away

Michael Kohn,
Stephen Stacpzyński

THE lights of the high-end boutiques and bars of Tokyo's Ginza neighborhood may someday be powered by coal burned more than 2,700 kilometers away in Mongolia, electricity zipping over ultra-high voltage lines across deserts and under seas.

That's the idea behind plans in Asia for so-called super grids, sending power from countries with relatively few people but lots of wind, sun and fossil fuels to distant electricity-hungry population centers trying to keep up with demand. Mongolia, desperate to make more of its abundant resources as it seeks to revive its flailing economy, aims to make that vision a reality through one of the world's most ambitious power projects.

The landlocked nation is considering a USD7 billion plan to build coal, wind and solar plants that could send electricity across China, Russia, South Korea and Japan, according to Tamir Batsaikhan, a project director with the Shivee Energy Complex. It's just one concept of how to connect power markets across Asia, where demand is forecast by BMI Research to grow 3.5 percent annually through 2026.

"At a 30,000-foot level you'd be hard-pressed to argue against it," said Simon Powell, head of Asian utilities research at UBS Group AG in Hong Kong. "It's not technically impossible to build an Asian power grid, but there are difficulties."

While the region's biggest economies, led by China, throw their support behind the projects, the challenge of moving electricity from one country to another - from the differences in voltages and price to worries about relying on neighbors for power - may mean Mongolia's vision remains just a dream.

A feasibility study on Mongolia's proposed 5,280-megawatt Shivee project, which is backed by state-run investor Erdenes Mongol LLC and the country's energy ministry, is expected by the end of



Countries may become cautious about taking Chinese technology, worrying this could endanger their own power system security.

FRANK YU
CONSULTANT AT WOOD MACKENZIE

this month, said Tamir. State Grid Corp. of China is carrying out the study and talks with potential buyers would only start after its completion, he said.

State Grid, one of the world's biggest power distributors, and Japan's SoftBank Group Corp., as well as partners in South Korea and Russia, are a few of the main drivers behind the latest ideas to develop a power grid spanning northeast Asia. State Grid's former chairman, Liu Zhenya, floated an even grander plan almost two years ago for a global network to transmit electricity from continent to continent by 2050 at a cost of \$50 trillion.

"The energy demands of the next three decades will be astronomical," Liu, now chairman of the Beijing-based Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization, wrote in a Bloomberg View column in April. "We will need to power - mainly cleanly - at a scale and for a range of uses we cannot yet fully imagine."

While Liu has moved on to GEIDCO, where SoftBank's chief Masayoshi Son is vice-chairman, State Grid continues to promote super grid proposals. The company's chief engineer, Zhang Qiping, said in November that China can export surplus power to India and Southeast Asia. A global network also dovetails with China's One Belt, One Road program, President Xi Jinping's cornerstone trade initiative to connect Europe, Asia and Africa through infrastructure and investment.

"State Grid is definitely trying to think big with global energy interconnection," said Justin Wu, the Asia head of Bloomberg New Energy Finance. "But in the meantime, we're likely to see projects that will take this on incrementally, building smaller pieces of the puzzle that will fit into this bigger picture of interconnection."

While State Grid has built 10 transnational power transmission lines that include links to Russia,

Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan, those interconnects are less about transmitting large amounts of power and more about stabilizing the network, according to UBS' Powell.

State Grid didn't reply to emails seeking comment, while Korea Electric Power Co. declined to comment. Russia's Rosseti PJSC is in discussions with partners from China, South Korea and Japan about "establishing bilateral energy ties and developing major Asian energy ring," said Konstantin Petukhov, deputy director general for development. The company is also in talks with the Mongolian government about building a new power grid, which could be linked internationally, he said.

"SoftBank places importance on renewable ener-

gy, and a super grid that extends from Mongolia to Japan fixes the problem of security of supply, as the sun is always shining and the wind is always blowing somewhere," Spokesman Kenichi Yuasa said by email, adding that the company isn't involved in the Shivee Energy Complex.

Such a network faces multiple obstacles, including the challenge of linking different grids and infrastructure and deciding how the power would be priced, according to analysts at UBS and Wood Mackenzie Ltd. Some countries may also worry about becoming too reliant on imported power or technology from China, which has faced resistance in Australia and the U.K. over investments in their

electricity infrastructure. "Countries may become cautious about taking Chinese technology, worrying this could endanger their own power system security or even national security," said Frank Yu, principal consultant on China and North East Asia power at Wood Mackenzie.

GEIDCO's chief Liu has voiced support for moving electricity from Mongolia and northeast China to Japan and South Korea, according to a January statement sent by the organization in response to a request for comment.

Other potential transmission projects cited by GEIDCO include sending hydropower from China's Yunnan province and thermal power from the country's north to Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and Bangladesh; hydropower from Tibet to India and Bangladesh; coal, wind and solar power from western China's Xinjiang region and coal-fired electricity from Kazakhstan to Pakistan.

While these projects help China solidify its relationships with neighbors, as well as other Belt and Road countries, the Shivee project in Mongolia is one way to aid an economy that's forecast by the World Bank to contract 0.2 percent this year. Constructing Shivee would create 25,000 jobs over five years and may increase gross domestic product by 4 percentage points annually during that period, according to an August GEIDCO statement.

"With abundant resources of cheap energy coal, which is not so much profitable to transport, it makes sense to export the final product, electricity," said Khashchuluun Chuluundorj, an economist at the National University of Mongolia. **Bloomberg**

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Public morality pondered after video of gruesome death

Gerry Shih, Beijing

A speeding taxi knocks the pedestrian off her feet, sending her hurtling through the air. Dozens of people stand gawking or walk past, as if the young woman sprawled in the busy intersection simply doesn't exist. A full minute passes, and another speeding vehicle, this time an SUV, tramples the prone woman. Her unconscious body churns under its large wheels like a lumpen sack.

After a grainy video of a traffic accident in the city of Zhumadian surfaced on Chinese social media this past week, the initial reaction was one of outrage directed at the more than 40 pedestrians and drivers who passed within meters of the woman, all failing to offer help.

But for many Chinese, the video was something more: a 94-second reminder of their society's deep rot.

Even as China presents itself outwardly as a prosperous rising power, around kitchen tables and in private WeChat groups, Chinese citizens routinely grumble about a nation that's gone bankrupt when it comes to two qualities: "suzhi," or "personal character," and "dixian," literally "bottom line" — or a basic, inviolable sense of right and wrong.

Here, the common refrain goes, is an unmoored country where manufacturers knowingly sell toxic baby formula and fraudulent children's vaccines. Restaurants cook with recycled "gutter oil" and grocery stores peddle fake eggs, fake fruit, even fake rice. Many Chinese say they avoid helping people on the street because of widespread stories about extortionists who seek help from passers-by and then feign injuries and demand compensation — perhaps explaining the Zhumadian incident.

"It's a problem with the entire



country: our moral bottom line has fallen so low," Tian You, a novelist based in the southeastern city of Shenzhen, said by phone. "If I'm truly honest, I wonder, would I myself have dared to help the woman?"

The video surfaced this week, garnering more than 5 million views in its first 24 hours before being censored

After the Zhumadian video surfaced this week, garnering more than 5 million views in its first 24 hours before being censored, local police were forced to disclose that the accident took place weeks earlier, on April 21. The woman, surnamed Ma, died, while the two drivers who hit her were held under investigation, police said, without giving further details.

The news swept through social media and even state media outlets. The Communist Youth League, an influential party or-

ganization, circulated the video on its Weibo account, urging its 5 million followers to "reject indifference." An opinion column on china.com, a state media organ, asked citizens to "reflect" on the tragedy. Others used the episode as a starting point to vent about social ills.

"Like the polluted haze facing our country, we see boundless corruption, left-behind children, medical disputes and so forth," a columnist in the Chengdu Economic Daily wrote. "Have our society's morals gotten better or worse in the last 10 years? What about our future, are you confident about that? Don't ask me, because I'm not."

Public concern about China's morals has reached back decades and across age groups. Ever since China began its free market reforms in the 1980s, older citizens have frequently griped about its moral decay and profess nostalgia about a more innocent socialist era, while younger, worldly Chinese wonder why fraud and fake products aren't as rampant in other countries.

Chinese scholars say that many issues that leave the middle class disillusioned are a result of lagging government regulation and the dislocating forces of swift development.

"In the West, law, faith and morality are a three-legged stool," said Ma Ai, a sociologist at the China University of Political Science and Law. "Our legal system is catching up, but we don't have religion and a new moral system has not established after China transformed away from a traditional, collectivist society."

A national debate flared up following a similar case in 2011, when an unattended 2-year old was hit by a truck on a busy street in Guangdong province and laid in a pool of blood without any help from bystanders for seven minutes. She died later. In the following years, several cities, including Beijing and Shanghai, enacted Good Samaritan laws.

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ZHANG WEN
COMMENTATOR

To be sure, examples of bystander apathy are ubiquitous, from the case of Kitty Genovese, the woman stabbed to death in daylight in a Queens apartment complex in 1964, to last year in Chicago, where a man who was knocked unconscious in an assault was run over and killed by a taxi after a group of bystanders walked away from him.

In India, a video showed a man unsuccessfully pleading for help following a road accident that killed his wife and child in 2013. That same year, passers-by refused to stop to help a naked, bleeding gang-rape victim after she

was dumped from a bus onto a New Delhi street. The 23-year-old student died of her injuries.

But the Chinese have been particularly self-critical on the matter.

In 2009, the People's Daily, the Communist Party's official mouthpiece, ran a provocative story with a picture of a dog standing by another injured dog in a busy street and pondered whether humans would do the same. The report was headlined, "Do Chinese people lack compassion?"

A 2014 state media poll found that Chinese thought "lacking faith and ethics" was the No. 1 social problem, followed by "being a bystander or being selfish."

Many in China's intelligentsia reject the idea that an ancient strain of Chinese culture that focuses on the immediate family explains modern tragedies like Zhumadian. Confucius, after all, taught the Golden Rule. And Mencius, another revered philosopher, urged his disciples to love others' children and respect others' parents as one would their own.

More frequently heard are indictments of the Communist regime that has suppressed religion and traditional values and emphasized stability over justice.

Tian, the Shenzhen writer, cited the Cultural Revolution unleashed by Mao Zedong in the 1960s, which turned families and neighbors against each other in a battle for survival. Hyper-capitalistic, no-holds-barred competition consumed the reform era that followed Mao's death.

"Our political system doesn't regulate the things it should and it manages things it shouldn't," said Zhang Wen, a well-known Beijing commentator who pointed out that many charitable organizations have disbanded due to government pressure, resulting in a decline of "charity spirit."

In his own middle-class circle, Zhang said, many friends speak about feeling "emotionally withdrawn" in the pressure-cooker economy.

"We've become individuals, alienated and doing whatever we can to get ahead," he said. "There is no space left to care for others."

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Jack Ma sees net worth soar USD2.8b in a day

JACK Ma's net worth surged USD2.8 billion overnight as Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. forecast sales growth that topped every analyst's estimate, despite China's decelerating economy.

Ma, 52, is now the richest person in Asia and 14th wealthiest in the world, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. His net worth has climbed \$8.5 billion this year to \$41.8 billion.

The latest surge came after China's largest e-commerce company forecast 45 to 49 percent revenue growth in the year ending March, demonstrating how investments beyond online shopping are paying off. Shares in Alibaba, where Ma is chairman, rose 13 percent to a record high.

Alibaba and Tencent Holdings Ltd. - which dominate online shopping and social media, respectively - have ventured dee-

per into new areas from cloud computing services to streaming music and video as the country's economy slows. Alibaba is capturing more digital advertising spending by incorporating social elements such as video in its shopping sites.

On Friday, Ma said he wasn't going to discuss corporate forecasts. He took the stage instead to describe how his company had become effectively

the world's 22nd largest economy - just after Argentina - in terms of transactions by never fearing to think big. The former English teacher, who said Alibaba revises 10-year plans annually, foresaw the company becoming the fifth-largest eventually by 2036 by serving a burgeoning Chinese middle classes, taking advantage of global trade and making use of its valuable trove of data. MDT/Bloomberg



Japan's forgotten gambling addicts stand in way of first casino

Isabel Reynolds, Yuki Hagiwara and Grace Huang

A childhood New Year's holiday spent playing cards with his family planted the seeds of a gambling compulsion that ravaged decades of one man's life. Now 67, the former salesman from western Japan fell into debt time and time again as his addiction drew him to pachinko parlors, then illegal mahjong and dice games.

"Gambling permeated my life," said the man, who asked not to be identified for fear of embarrassing loved ones. "My fingers just don't do as they're told. I can't count the number of times my family have had to clear up the mess by paying off my debts."

The man is among thousands in Japan whose gambling compulsion had gone largely unnoticed until a plan to introduce casino resorts forced policy makers to address the problem of addiction. Speaking to Bloomberg News at an event hosted by lawyers who oppose the government's casino plan, he said he only kicked his habit after joining Gamblers Anonymous about a decade ago.

Lawmakers are putting together an anti-addiction bill that must be passed before the first casinos can open their doors. In doing so, they must balance between safeguarding economic benefits from gambling establishments - including the \$200 billion pachinko industry - while addressing the concerns of casino opponents who fear they will spawn a new generation of addicts.

The bill doesn't specify rules that businesses must follow and penalties for non-compliance, according to a draft distributed to reporters. It broadly mandates the government to form a plan to stop gambling addiction, and says businesses must cooperate.

When it passes, officials will start drafting regulations that could outline specific duties of gambling businesses, including restricting access to venues and providing funds to boost counseling. That's



raising concerns in Japan's 11,000 pachinko parlors, which have operated their pinball-like games in a legal gray area for decades.

"People in the pachinko industry are involved with the causes of addiction," said Takeshi Shina, a lawmaker with the opposition Democratic Party, which drafted its own bill. "So we will have them cooperate to eliminate it. They can't stay out of it completely."

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GAMBLING ADDICT

The bill could pass before the current parliamentary session ends on June 18. While Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling coalition holds a majority in both houses of parliament, the opposition could still delay a vote.

Gambling in Japan turns over more than 27 trillion yen (USD244 billion) annually, replenishes local government coffers and employs about 300,000 people - many of them in regions where jobs are relatively scarce. It's legal to bet on publicly run horse, boat, motorbike and bicycle races, plus lotteries and football pools. Horse racing alone generated 283

billion yen (\$2.6 billion) for the central government in fiscal 2015.

Pachinko operators, which rake in more than five times the revenue of the publicly-managed gambling industry, have skirted a ban on private-sector gambling by having winners swap their loot, in the form of ball-bearings, for a token prize that can later be exchanged off the premises for cash. The government doesn't break down the amount of taxes the industry contributes.

The threat of regulation is casting a shadow over a wider betting industry already in a downward spiral, as younger people spend more of their leisure time online, and tired race tracks provide little to appeal to new customers, according to Masatoshi Yamamoto, an analyst at Mitsubishi UFJ Research & Consulting Co., who researches publicly funded gambling.

Industry turnover at pachinko parlors has shrunk by a third from a 2005 peak, and the number of venues is in a two-decade decline. While they introduced slot machines to attract younger customers, fans under 30 remain a rarity.

Shingo Ito of Nichiyukyo, a pachinko industry association, said prize values and opening times are already regulated. It also set up a phone counseling center that received 2,500 calls last year.

"It's not like casinos, where people can spend as much as they want and stay as long as they like," Ito said. His group is running newspaper and poster advertisements describing pachinko as "a

healthy pastime to be enjoyed in moderation."

Little reliable data exists on the social costs of gambling in Japan. The results of the first comprehensive survey on addiction are due sometime in the next few months.

In general, compulsive gamblers make up 1 percent to 2 percent of any given population, according to James Whelan, a Uni-

versity of Memphis professor who briefed Japan's ruling party on gambling addiction earlier this year. That could work out to one or two million Japanese. Whelan said the addition of casinos in Japan - which may be as soon as 2023 - probably won't make the issue worse, given that gambling is already widespread.

Noriko Tanaka, a coun-

selor and campaigner on problem gambling, said she's concerned that the new law won't be ambitious enough to help addicts. One cause for worry is that the draft bill refers to respect for the pachinko industry's own anti-dependency initiatives.

"It could turn out to be just a fig leaf to help them pass the casino bill," Tanaka said. **Bloomberg**

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Law allows Emperor Akihito to abdicate

Japan's parliament on Friday passed a law allowing Emperor Akihito to become the country's first monarch to abdicate in 200 years, but put off a debate over how to tackle the shrinking royal population and whether to allow women to ascend the throne. In veiled language, the 83-year-old emperor expressed his wish to abdicate last August, citing his old age and health. Under the law enacted Friday, his abdication must take place within three years.

Australia decides to toughen parole laws

Australian government leaders on Friday agreed to toughen parole laws in response to a siege this week in which a gunman who once trained with Muslim extremists killed an apartment building receptionist and wounded three police officers months after being released early from prison. Federal and state government leaders agreed at a summit to change Australia's laws so that extremists were less likely to be freed on bail when charged or on parole after serving a minimum prison sentence.

Key rebel leader reportedly dies in Myanmar

The leader of a key insurgent group in India's remote northeast has died in a hospital in Myanmar nearly two years after he called off peace talks with the Indian government, an official said Saturday. Nagaland state police chief L.L. Doungel said S.S. Khaplang, head of a faction of the separatist National Socialist Council of Nagaland, died of renal failure Friday in Taga region, his outfit's headquarters. He was 77. Doungel said his information was based on intelligence reports. Khaplang called off peace talks with India in 2015 after 14 years of futile negotiations and resumed his fight for an independent Naga homeland.

Todd Pitman, Marawi

FROM the third-story window of a barren government office building he now squats in as a refugee, Nasir Abdul is watching his city being destroyed.

Nearly every day for the past three weeks, the Philippine military has pounded the lakeside town of Marawi with rockets and bombs as it tries to wipe out militants linked to the Islamic State group in some of the fiercest urban combat this volatile region has seen in decades.

And on nearly every one of those days, Abdul has stood at the window and watched, unable to turn away from the deadly spectacle unfolding just a mile (a kilometer and a half) away.

As plumes of thick black smoke wafted above the city's minarets again Friday — a day of intense skirmishes in which the army lost 13 marines — Abdul stood transfixed with dozens of other displaced residents. Two helicopter gunships had just finished strafing the city, and now people were pointing toward a Vietnam-era attack aircraft circling overhead.

The plane, an OV-10 Bronco, turned and dove straight down on the city center, firing off two bombs before suddenly pulling up its nose and spiraling away. Moments later, blasts shook the city and more smoke billowed skyward.

"It feels impossible that this is happening," the 45-year-old Abdul said, as the sound of gunfire cracked in the distance. When "I see the bombings, I can't help but cry. I can't help but think what's happening to my relatives, my family, my business, my house."

Three weeks after a new alliance of Islamic militants tried to seize this town in their boldest attack yet, large chunks of downtown have been reduced to ruins. Militants remain holed up in several pockets scattered around the city center, along with at least 100 civilians, including hostages the army says are being used as human shields. There is no electricity, and most of the town's 200,000 inhabitants have fled.

The military says the death toll includes at least 138 militants, 58 government troops and 29 civilians — among them a teenager shot Friday as he sheltered inside a Marawi mosque.

But the fighting is so intense, it's impossible to fully recover bodies to get an accurate casualty toll.

"It hurts to watch because we know people are dying with every bomb," Abdul said. "We know a lot of people are buried under that rubble."

The conflict in Marawi has raised fears that the Islamic State group's violent ideology is gaining a foothold in this country's restive southern islands, where Muslim separatists have fought for greater autonomy for decades.

PHILIPPINES

In fight for Marawi, a painful window on war



Black smoke from continuing military air strikes rises above a mosque in Marawi city

The military says militants are trying to establish a caliphate here, similar to one IS has attempted to create in the Middle East that stretches from the Syrian city of Raqqa to embattled Mosul, in Iraq. They believe 40 foreign fighters have participated in the fighting in Marawi, including Malaysians and Indonesians.

The government has asked the U.S. to provide intelligence and other technical support, and at least one American surveillance plane has flown in support of Philippine forces.

Abdul said that while people in Marawi support autonomy, few back the extremist militant groups who have grown notorious for carrying out kidnappings and beheadings.

However, Lt. Col. Jo-ar Herrera, spokesman for the army's 1st Infantry Division, said the insurgents likely have "a lot of sympathizers, a lot of supporters in this area."

The main group leading the siege, the Maute, has deep roots in the city — "in terms of relatives, in terms of connections, in terms of culture, heritage," he said.

The Maute, named after three militant brothers, staged a similar attack in November on nearby Butig, on the opposite side of Lake Lanao, which lasted six days. But the intensity of the latest assault, and the ability of the militants to hold out for so

long, appears to have caught the government off guard. Herrera said insurgents had prepared for as much as a year, stocking secret caches in basements with food, weapons and ammunition.

Rexson Tamano, who is sleeping on the floor of an outdoor hallway in the same provincial government building as Abdul, said he saw no suspicious activity and no sign an attack was imminent.

When gunfire heralded the start of the siege on May 23, he called his pregnant wife on the other side of town to check in on her and their four children.

"She said, 'Stay where you are, please don't come for us, it's too dangerous,'" Tamano recalled. He ran home anyway, but was stopped at a checkpoint manned by militants. They wore black ski masks, and each held a machine-gun.

"I tried to walk away but they called me over and asked whether I was Muslim or Christian," Tamano said. He told them the truth — he was Muslim, and they waved him through.

The city's minority Christians have been singled out for execution. Mikee Rakim, a humanitarian volunteer, said one group of 10 Christians told him they had been taken hostage when the fighting started. Militants beheaded two of them and were preparing to kill the rest when an airstrike hit a neighboring house, enabling them to escape.

While most of the displaced have sheltered inland, Abdul and Tamano are among about 200 people who have chosen to remain close to the city, anxious to return when the fighting ends to homes they fear were either looted or destroyed.

The government has distributed food, water and sleeping mats to the families camped out here, who gather in small groups at the windows every time the fighting intensifies.

While explosions shook Marawi on Friday and fighter jets buzzed overhead, one boy pushed a baby on a stroller through a hallway. In a corner, several other children sat making toy tanks out of paper.

"ISIS! ISIS!" cried one boy, laughing as he pointed to a tiny black flag on one of the tanks.

Fahadda Camim, who was conducting an assessment for Community Family Services International, a Filipino humanitarian organization, said the children were "copying what they see outside" and were in need of counseling.

The adults, too, are traumatized, she said, and "some are still very afraid." The clashes are a constant reminder that their lives have been upended, and their fates remain uncertain.

Abdul said he did not want to watch the fighting. But he could not resist, either. "It's our city," he said. "It's so painful. It's impossible to turn away." AP



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BRAZIL

With court victory, hand of president strengthened

Peter Prengaman,
Mauricio Savarese

FIGHTING to save his job, Brazilian President Michel Temer has received a huge boost from a decision by the country's top electoral court to reject allegations of illegal campaign finance and keep him in office.

The Superior Electoral Tribunal's 4-3 vote late Friday gave Temer a lifeline amid widespread calls that he resign in the face of a corruption scandal.

Last month, a recording emerged that apparently captured Temer endorsing hush money to ex-House Speaker Eduardo Cunha, a former Temer ally serving 15 years in prison for corruption and money laundering. Soon after, details of another bombshell emerged: that Temer was being investigated for taking bribes.

Temer has denied wrongdoing and vowed to stay in office. However, the fallout from the scandals was so great that many observers expected that the electoral court judges would be swayed to remove Temer from office over unrelated campaign finance allegations. While in theory Brazilian justices are impartial, in reality they are often highly political. Indeed, two of judges who voted in Temer's favor were his appointees.

"While Temer is hard for many people to digest, he will likely re-



AP PHOTO
Michel Temer

main in office," said Alexandre Barros, a political risk consultant with the Brasilia-based firm Early Warning. "Instability is bad for everybody. So many will say at this point, 'If we have to pay the price for sticking with Temer, let's do it.'"

While Temer has crossed a huge hurdle to staying in power, he is still facing threats on many fronts. The attorney general is considering pressing charges against him for allegedly receiving bribes, over the audio recording and for allegedly trying to obstruct a colossal investigation into billions of dollars in inflated contracts and kickbacks to politicians. Temer's approval rating is hovering around 9 percent and he has a tenuous hold on his ruling coalition.

The campaign finance case was filed shortly after the 2014 presidential election by one of the losing parties. It alleged that the ticket of President Dilma Rousseff and running mate Temer, then the vice presidential candidate, gained an unfair advantage through illegal campaign contributions. Temer took over the presidency last year after Rousseff was impeached and removed for illegally managing the federal budget.

The campaign finance allegations were bolstered in recent months by stunning testimony from plea bargains signed by current and former executives at the construction giant Odebrecht, a company at the center of a colossal investigation into billions of

dollars in inflated contracts and kickbacks to politicians. The executives described tens of millions of dollars in bribes and illegal campaign contributions, including to the Rousseff-Temer ticket.

Over four days of deliberations, the judges argued about whether those plea bargains should be considered in their decision. They also clashed over the strength of the original evidence and whether punishments should be doled out when illegal campaign finance was widespread.

Temer's approval rating is hovering around 9 percent

A guilty verdict would have annulled the 2014 victory, thus stripping Temer of the rest of his mandate. It could also have also made both Temer and Rousseff ineligible to take office for eight years. While Temer had vowed to appeal any conviction, it would have weakened his hand in a climate of corruption scandals and a public furious at politicians.

"Even the rocks know that the political environment is contaminated. Now is the time for the rescue," said Judge Luiz Fux, voting to remove Temer.

Napoleao Nunes Maia argued the court should not have an activist role.

"Electoral justice can't be used as a third round of elections without violating the electoral order," said Maia, adding that a lack of moderation would "risk annihilating the sovereign will of the people."

Claudio Couto, a political science professor at Fundacao Getulio Vargas, a Sao Paulo-based university and think tank, called the court decision "demoralizing" for ignoring evidence against Temer. Couto also said that more scandals are likely to hit the administration, which has lurched from one crisis to another over the last year.

"But for now, the trend seems to be a weak Temer administration going forward, with little chance of passing any meaningful measures," said Couto.

While Temer has survived another day, the future will be difficult.

His already very low popularity has plunged further amid the corruptions allegations. A Temer ally and former congressman, captured on video by federal police carrying a suitcase full of bribe money, was recently jailed — and any testimony he provides could further implicate Temer.

The main parties in Temer's coalition have stuck with him so far, but there are reports of worry in the ranks that being associated with his government could be detrimental to re-election campaigns next year.

Temer's strongest claim to stay in power is the argument that he can deliver major reforms to labor laws and the country's pension system. While deeply unpopular among Brazilians, many economists say they are necessary to help pull Latin America's largest nation from recession.

"Temer will argue, 'I'm the guy who is going to give the country the bitter remedy that will cure it,'" said Carlos Manhanelli, political marketing specialist and chairman of the Brazilian Association of Political Consultants. **AP**

UNITED KINGDOM

Boris Johnson denies plot to topple tottering Theresa May

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has denied plotting to topple Prime Minister Theresa May, whose hold on power remained tenuous yesterday as she tried to finalize a deal with a small Northern Irish party to prop up her minority government after a disastrous election.

Former Treasury chief George Osborne — who was fired by May last year — called her a "dead woman walking," and opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn said he was ready to contest another election at any time.

Johnson, one of the Conservatives' most popular politicians, tweeted that an article in the Mail on Sun-

day newspaper headlined "Boris set to launch bid to be PM as May clings on" was "tripe."

"I am backing Theresa May. Let's get on with the job," he said.

The Conservatives lost their parliamentary majority in Thursday's election. May called the snap vote in a bid to strengthen her mandate ahead of exit talks with the European Union. Instead, she has left Britain's government ranks in disarray, days before the divorce negotiations are due to start on June 19.

May's party won 318 seats, 12 fewer than it had before the snap election, and eight short of the 326 needed for an outright majori-

ty. Labour surpassed expectations by winning 262.

Many senior Conservatives say May should stay, for now, to provide stability. But few believe she can hang on for more than a few months.

"I think her position is, in the long term, untenable," Conservative lawmaker Anna Soubry told Sky News. "I just don't see how she can continue in any long-term way."

May called the election to win explicit backing for her stance on Brexit, which involves leaving the EU's single market and imposing restrictions on immigration while trying to negotiate free trade deal with the bloc. Some say her failure means the go-

vernment must now take a more flexible approach to the divorce, potentially softening the exit terms.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson, who took the party from one Scottish seat to 13, said there would now have to be "consensus within the country about what it means and what we seek to achieve as we leave."

To stay in power, the Conservatives are seeking support from Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party. May's office said Saturday principles of an agreement had been reached, but the two sides later clarified that they are still talking.

"We have made good progress but the discus-



AP PHOTO
People demonstrate in Parliament Square against the Conservative and DUP coalition government following the Britain's general election result

sions continue," said DUP leader Arlene Foster.

Downing Street said it hopes to finalize the deal next week, after Parliament resumes sitting.

The two sides are looking to form a "confidence and supply" arrangement. That means the DUP would back the government on confidence motions and budget votes, but it's not a coalition government or a broader pact.

The alliance makes some

modernizing Conservatives uneasy. The DUP is a socially conservative group that opposes abortion and same-sex marriage and had links to Protestant paramilitary groups during Ireland's sectarian "Troubles."

Conservative lawmaker Nicky Morgan told ITV that she could support a confidence and supply arrangement with the DUP, but any closer deal would be "a step too far." **AP**

FRANCE

Macron faces test in parliamentary elections

Sylvie Corbet, Paris

FRENCH voters were choosing lawmakers in the lower house of parliament yesterday in a vote that is crucial for newly-elected president Emmanuel Macron.

A total of 7,882 candidates are running for 577 seats in the National Assembly in Yesterday's first round of the two-stage legislative elections. Top vote-getters advance to the decisive second round June 18.

Polls suggest the elections will strongly favor Macron's party and dramatically shake up French politics, punishing the traditional left and right parties and leaving no single strong opposition force.

Macron's year-old centrist movement, Republic on the Move, is seeking an absolute majority to be able to implement his campaign promises, which include simplifying labor rules and making it easier to lay off workers in hopes of boosting hiring.

The government outlined the main themes of a major labor reform that has already angered French unions and is likely to prompt tensions over the summer.

Macron also plans to quickly pass a law to strengthen security measures — effectively making the state of emergency permanent, after multiple Islamic extremist attacks in France — and another one that he says will put more ethics into French politics.

The government needs a new Assembly in place to vote on the bills.

Macron called on French voters to give him a "majority to make changes" on the night of his victory May 7. "That's what the country wants and that's what it deserves," he said.

A minimum of 289 seats is required to secure an absolute majority.

According to the latest polls, Macron's movement appears in a position to win potentially as many as 400 seats.

The candidates of Republic on the Move include many newco-

mers in politics, like a retired bullfighter, a fighter pilot and a mathematical genius. Half of the candidates are women.

Candidates from the conservative Republicans party are expected to arrive in second position, and other parties with possibly more than 100 seats. The Socialists, who dominated the last Assembly, are expected to suffer a stinging defeat and win just a few dozen seats.

In the wake of far-right Marine Le Pen's qualification for the presidential runoff, the National Front party is expected to get its highest-ever score - but does not appear able to become the major opposition force Le Pen had hoped for. Polls project it could win about a dozen seats, in part because of a voting system that favors the biggest parties.

Le Pen herself is running for a seat in Henin-Beaumont in northern France.

Far-left leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon, who came in a strong fourth place in the presidential vote with nearly 20 percent support, is running for a parlia-



Macron and his wife Brigitte pick up ballots before voting in the first round of the two-stage legislative elections

mentary seat in the southern city of Marseille. His movement could obtain between 10 and 20 seats.

Parisian voter Thibault Gouache says he's keen to see fresh faces in the parliament.

"The most important thing is changing the people that do politics," he told The Associated Press. Many candidates have already served multiple terms and "are disconnected to the reality of what we live on a day by day basis."

The turnout rate was 41 percent by late afternoon, according to the Interior Ministry. That was down from 48 percent in the first round of the last par-

liamentary elections in 2012.

To win in the first round, candidates need an absolute majority and support from at least a quarter of the district's registered voters.

Otherwise, all contenders who get at least 12.5 percent of the votes of registered voters advance to the second round.

The French Parliament is made up of two houses, the National Assembly and the Senate. The legislative elections don't concern the Senate, which is currently run by a conservative majority.

The National Assembly always has the final say in the voting process of a law. AP

US

Trump slams 'cowardly' Comey as Sessions offers to testify

PRESIDENT Donald Trump slammed James Comey, days after the fired FBI director's testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee and as Attorney General Jeff Sessions offered to speak to the same panel to answer questions about alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.



Jeff Sessions

"I believe the James Comey leaks will be far more prevalent than anyone ever thought possible. Totally illegal? Very 'cowardly!'" Trump told his 32 million Twitter followers yesterday.

On Friday, Trump said during a news conference at the White House that Comey's Senate testimony a day earlier showed that the president hadn't colluded with the Russian government to rig the 2016 election and hadn't obstructed a federal investigation into the meddling. Trump also said he would "100 percent

be willing to testify under oath that he didn't demand a pledge of personal loyalty from Comey.

Sessions late Saturday canceled planned appearances at a pair of appropriations panels on Tuesday, and instead said he would appear before the intelligence committee.

That panel hasn't announced the timing of a hearing with Sessions, though, or said whether he will appear in an open or closed format.

Senator James Lankford, Republican of Oklahoma,

said on CBS's "Face the Nation" yesterday that the committee is still in a "final conversation" with Sessions but assumes the hearing would be public.

Two leading Democrats, Senator Dianne Feinstein of California and Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont, called on Sessions to appear before the Judiciary Committee, which has oversight responsibility for the Department of Justice. "You can't run forever," Leahy said in a Twitter message to Sessions. Bloomberg



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UNTIL: June 25, 2017

ADMISSION: Free

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CITY BREAKS SAND ANGEL WORLD RECORD

A western Michigan city has broken a mark set by the Guinness World Records for the most people simultaneously making sand angels at a beach.

The Ludington Daily News and The Muskegon Chronicle report 1,387 people angelically assembled on a Lake Michigan beachfront in Ludington on Saturday and worked their magic for 30 seconds. That far surpasses the roughly 350 who made sand angels for 15 seconds two years ago in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

A Guinness judge verified the record.

The Spectrum Health Ludington Hospital Foundation organized what’s been dubbed “Be Someone’s Angel.” The event, which had a USD\$20 suggested donation, raised money for the hospital’s cancer service center.

The effort was part of “Love Ludington” weekend, which also features the opening of the Port of Ludington Maritime Museum.

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this day in history

1964 NELSON MANDELA
JAILED FOR LIFE

The leader of the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa, Nelson Mandela, has been jailed for life for sabotage.

Seven other defendants, including the former secretary-general of the banned African National Congress (ANC), Walter Sisulu, were also given life prison sentences.

Crowds gathered silently outside the court building in Pretoria’s Church Square waiting for the verdict to be handed down. Hundreds of police patrolled the area.

The Rivonia trial - named after the suburb of Johannesburg where several of the defendants were arrested - began eight months ago, with Mandela, 46, and his co-defendants proudly confessing their guilt to plotting to destroy the South African state by sabotage.

As members of the ANC - the main African nationalist movement - they have campaigned for an end to the oppression of black South Africans.

But the movement was banned in 1960 following the Sharpeville massacre and campaigners decided they had no choice but to resort to violent means.

Mandela - a lawyer by training - told the court earlier: “I do not deny that I planned sabotage. I did not plan it in a spirit of recklessness nor because I have any love of violence. I planned it as a result of a calm and sober assessment of the political situation that had arisen after many years of tyranny, exploitation and oppression of my people by the whites.”

His co-accused included: Walter Sisulu, Dennis Goldberg, Govan Mbeki, Raymond Mhlaba, Elias Moseledi, Andrew Mlangeni - all ANC officials and Ahmed Kathrada, the former leader of the South African Indian Congress.

Lawyer for the defendants, Harold Hansen QC said: “These accused represent the struggle of their people for equal rights. Their views represent the struggle of the African people for the attainment of equal rights for all races in this country.”

But the judge, President Quartus de Wet, said he was not convinced by their claim to have been motivated by a desire to alleviate the grievances of the African people in this country.

Judge de Wet said: “People who organise revolution usually plan to take over the government as well through personal ambition.” However, he stopped short of the imposing the supreme penalty of death.

The convicted men were cheered as they left court in a police lorry. The crowd was dispersed without any serious incident.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

This was the second time Nelson Mandela had been tried for high treason - in 1956 he was charged but after a four year trial the case was dropped.

There were demonstrations in Britain following the 1964 sentencing. A world petition calling for the prisoners’ release was handed to the United Nations Secretary General.

Nelson Mandela spent most of his 27 years behind bars serving hard labour in Robben Island prison off Cape Town.

He was released in 1990, jointly awarded the Nobel peace prize with President FW de Klerk in 1993 and elected South Africa’s president in the country’s first multi-racial elections held in 1994.

He stepped down in favour of Govan Mbeki’s son Thabo in 1999 but continues to travel the world campaigning for peace.

Walter Sisulu died at the age of 90 in May 2003.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
The stars are sidling seductively through your house of intimate matters, which means you're sending out all kinds of wonderful signals. Of course, this energy isn't picky.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You have one more day of passion and intensity to muddle through -- which for your sensual little self definitely won't be much of a problem. Get ready to focus on one-on-one relationships.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Late this evening, the stars will turn their attention to your one-on-one relationships, with an emphasis on fun and friskiness. That means the next two days definitely won't be boring.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
The stars shift their focus from sexiness to extravagance. Does this mean the passionate roll you've been on is about to end? Hardly. It may mean you and the companion of your choice will be missing in action.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Okay, that's it. You've done all you can do for that particular family member or dear friend who insists on seeking you out for everything from an overdrawn checkbook to a hangnail. Enough.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Here's the deal: it's all about seductive conversation right now for you. Talk about selling ice cubes to polar bears! That's the very least of what you'll be able to pull off now, and you'll make it look easy.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
Trying to talk you into or out of anything you are remotely focused on just won't work. You'll get mad, you'll become more determined than you already were, and you won't appreciate it.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You're a magnet, pure and simple, and you know it. You always have. So when that magnetism pulls someone toward you who isn't quite what you had in mind, back off and be direct.

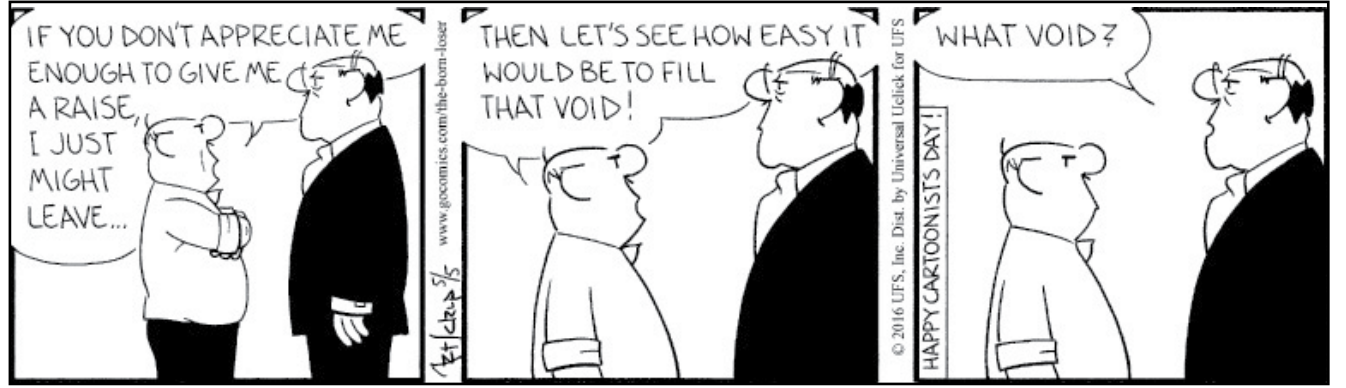
Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
One more day of secrecy (which has to be making you crazy, at this point) and you'll be ready to let it all hang out. Fortunately, so will the rest of the world. In the meantime, don't say one single word about you.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Your friendships are ordinarily fun and easy. At the moment, however, the stars are itching for a bit of passion, drama or intrigue-- or better still, all three. Does this mean a friend is about to make a romantic overture?

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
When the urge to do something totally unusual and extremely unexpected strikes, your last thought will definitely not be, "What will the neighbors say?" Good for you.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You're a sweetheart, plain and simple: compassionate, tender and you see the best in everyone. That said, you're also not in the mood for anything less than 100 percent of a loved one's attention.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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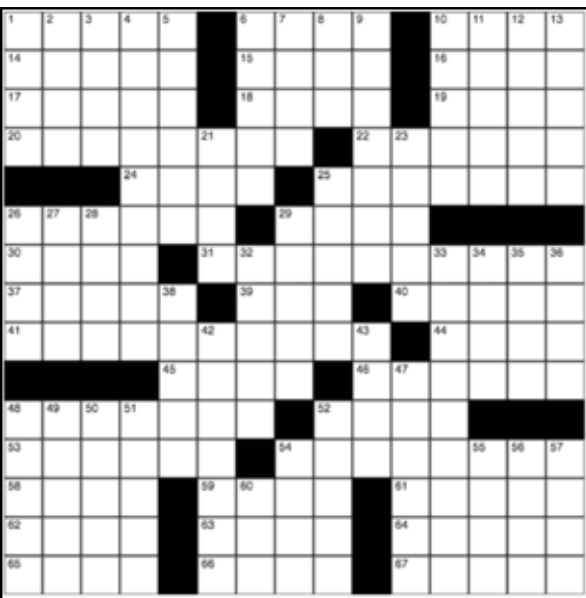
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Harbin	11	23	cloudy
Tianjin	18	24	thundershower
Urumqi	16	26	shower/cloudy
Xi'an	19	31	overcast/cloudy
Lhasa	11	24	cloudy/shower
Chengdu	21	28	overcast
Chongqing	22	28	moderate rain/shower
Kunming	18	27	cloudy/shower
Nanjing	21	27	cloudy
Shanghai	21	25	shower
Wuhan	22	27	shower/drizzle
Hangzhou	20	23	heavy rain
Taipei	26	33	overcast/thundershower
Guangzhou	28	35	cloudy/thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy/thundershower
WORLD			
Moscow	14	24	drizzle
Frankfurt	19	27	drizzle
Paris	9	26	clear
London	7	20	drizzle
New York	22	28	clear

CROSSWORDS

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England defeats Venezuela to win U20 World Cup

A first-half goal from Dominic Calvert-Lewin gave England a 1-0 win over Venezuela in the 2017 Under-20 World Cup final at Suwon World Cup Stadium yesterday and a first global title since 1966.

The Everton striker made the difference, though goalkeeper Freddie Woodman saved a second-half penalty from Adalberto Penaranda as the South Americans piled on the pressure in an open and entertaining clash in which both teams hit the woodwork.

England made most of the running in the first half though Venezuela looked dangerous in attacking areas.

The European team had the first chance as Dominic Solanke took advantage of a defensive slip to enter the penalty area, but with just the goalkeeper to beat, the Liverpool striker did not make clean contact and shot against Wuilker Farinez's legs.

Ten minutes later, Ademola Lookman forced an acrobatic save from Farinez with a fierce drive from outside the area.

Venezuela came even closer moments later. Ronaldo Lucena's swerving free kick from more than 30 meters out swer-



England goalkeeper Freddie Woodman (second left) saves a penalty during the final against Venezuela

ved and beat a surprised Woodman, but bounced off the post.

Calvert-Lewin broke the deadlock 10 minutes before the break. The forward beat a defender to a free kick from Lewis Cook, had his first shot saved by Farinez and reacted quickly to put the rebound over the line from close range.

England, which arrived in South Korea without winning a game in this competition since 1997, was composed in possession in the first half but guilty of giving the ball away in the second.

Six minutes into the second

half, Venezuela, a country that has never appeared at the senior World Cup, should have drawn level. Sergio Cordova looked certain to score a fifth goal of the tournament with the ball at his feet and just Woodman to beat but the goalkeeper came out quickly to block.

England then almost extended its lead out of nowhere. Josh Onomah's shot from well outside the area hit the crossbar before bouncing onto the goal line and away to safety.

With 17 minutes remaining and Venezuela increasingly pushing forward, referee Bjorn

Kuipers from the Netherlands pointed to the spot after Jake Clarke-Salter took down Penaranda in the area despite English protests.

Woodman, of Newcastle United, made a fine save from Penaranda, one of the stars of the tournament, sticking out a hand to palm the ball away though he was diving in the opposite direction.

Venezuela had equalized in the final moments of a semifinal victory over Uruguay but was unable to repeat that feat. It was England celebrating a rare taste of global glory on the final whistle. **AP**



TENNIS Nadal wins, Ostapenko claims first Grand Slam title

His clay-court prowess as unassailable as ever, Rafael Nadal won his record 10th French Open title by dominating 2015 champion Stan Wawrinka 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 in the final yesterday. No other man or woman has won 10 championships at the same major in the Open era, which began in 1968. On the women's tournament, Simona Halep looked to be on the verge of claiming her first Grand Slam title as well as the No. 1 spot in the rankings. Then it all fell apart. Facing the unseeded Latvian Jelena Ostapenko in the French Open final, Halep took the first set and led 3-0 in the second. She then had three break points to move to 4-0. She eventually lost the match 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in her second final at Roland Garros.

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MISINFORMED CITIZENS ARE A PERIL TO DEMOCRACY

The term “fake news” has been a trending expression since the new US president was elected.

Former Agence France-Presse editor-in-chief Eric Wishart, who now works on special projects for the agency’s global news management, was in Macau last month to attend a conference organized by the Macau Portuguese and English Press Association. He tried to answer a pertinent question: Why is fake news such a big issue now?

Wishart, who is also a scholar based in Hong Kong, defined fake news as “fabricated content presented as legitimate news with an intent to deceive” and noted that social media has been the driving force behind the phenomenon.

As he illustrated, the “fake news” emergence got to a point where Time magazine made the “Is Truth Dead?” cover, replicating a famous Time cover: “Is God Dead?” issued in 1966.

During the conference held at the Military Club, the veteran journalist proceeded by exhibiting the headlines of several US tabloids that claimed, for example, that then-presidential candidate Hilary Clinton was fighting cancer or that she had suffered two strokes.

Explaining that “in its purest form fake news is fabricated,” Wishart said that it could also take subtler forms by providing false context, manipulated content or even “impostor content” (when genuine sources are impersonated).

Many argue that governments should legislate against fake news or even censor the Internet (which is already being done in several jurisdictions). I disagree because such an attempt inevitably ends up by limiting freedom of speech and, thus, democracy.

There are libel laws for those who feel defamed. Politicians and public figures must not be oversensitive about this new reality. They should learn to cope with unfair criticism as part of their job. What they shouldn’t do is turn journalists into public enemy number one and rebuke legitimate reports that they dislike as fake news. That’s reckless.

Fake news and “alternative facts” are here to stay. What needs to be done to limit their impact is to educate the youth to use social media and to value reliable sources of information, such as editorial contents produced by professional journalists and trustworthy media organizations.

The crucial questions are: Where will the younger generations (and, by the way, the US president) gather their information from? Facebook? Dishonest cable TV channels and tabloids? Government mouthpieces? There is a multitude of sources available, but they are not worth the same. Well-informed people know that to be an indisputable fact.

The point, Wishart said, is that there are people who “will believe what they want to believe,” presenting revisionist views and always believing hoaxes: The earth is square, dinosaurs didn’t exist, the Holocaust is a fabrication, the destruction of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, was executed by the US government, vaccines are a way to sterilize poor people and keep the global population down. The absurd list could go on endlessly.

Education is key. The decline of public education systems in developed countries and the failure to raise educational standards in less developed ones is generating a population of misinformed citizens.

Those misinformed citizens are always a peril to democracies, wherever they still exist. As Wishart put it, “fake news is real and can be dangerous.”

THE JUDICIARY POLICE: FAKE SCHEME TRAPS MORE THAN 400 INVESTORS

The Judiciary Police have reported that a woman claiming to be from the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) has conned more than 400 people in an investment scam. The amount transferred to the fraudster is around RMB2.7 million (almost MOP3.2 million), according to the police.

The scheme is believed to have been disguised as a special project for handicapped individuals. Public broadcaster TDM reported yesterday that some disabled people might have been tricked into investing in the fraudulent scheme.

The woman told investors that they could earn a return on their investment as high as 300 per-

cent. One victim that she conned allegedly spread news about the investment to his friends in Macau, which led to more people depositing their money within the scheme.

The fraud was uncovered when more than 20 people from mainland China arrived in Macau on Saturday. They were told that IPIM would host a talk about the investment.

However, upon realizing that the institute was closed and that the con artist was unreachable, the concerned investors reported their case to the police.

IPIM warned residents to be vigilant against schemes such as these, reported TDM.

Q&A ROGER WATERS MUSICIAN

‘I am fundamentally opposed to people being subjugated’

John Carucci

Roger Waters isn’t sure how much longer he will tour, or if his current one will be his last. But there’s one thing the former Pink Floyd co-founder is sure of — if you’re a veteran, there’s a place for you at his shows.

Waters, whose father was killed in World War II, holds a special place in his heart for those who served. That’s why for every performance, he allocates a block of tickets for vets.

“When I started touring with ‘The Wall,’ I just started inviting veterans in every town we go to, and I’ll do that on this tour, as well. We’ll reserve a certain number of places in the auditorium for veterans if they want to come,” Waters said.

Veterans can grab a ticket to his shows through a variety of veteran’s groups, including the Wounded Warrior Project, VetTix and MusiCorps.

Recently, the outspoken 73-year old rocker sat down with The Associated Press to talk about veterans, his latest solo album — titled “Is This the Life We Really Want?” — and his political leanings.

- Your support for veterans has been relentless. Why?

Roger Waters (RW) - Maybe it has something to do with my father. It has partly to do with Bob and Lee Woodruff. They have a foundation because he was a journalist who got half of his head blown off and survived. They have a thing called Stand Up for Heroes every year to raise money for veterans, and they asked if I would perform.

- But it didn’t stop there.

RW - I had an idea, which was to put together a band of wounded men. So I went to Walter Reed (National Military Medical Center), and



I met a guy there called Arthur Bloom, who ran a program, and we made a band. We performed for a couple of years doing that and these men became my brothers, and I’m close friends still with a lot of them. And so the connections that I made through playing music with them informed my desire to get to know more of them.

- The album seems inspired by the dire overtones of our current world. Is it about fear?

RW - Yeah, it’s fear of the fact that everything is running away from us and nobody is the child who says, “But the emperor is not wearing any clothes.”

- Tell us about the tour?

RW - The show is called “Us and Them,” which is the title of a song from “Dark Side of the Moon,” which is from 1973, or ‘74, but it’s extremely appropriate and apposite today. That song means just as much today as it did in 1973. And these new songs off this album are essentially about our dilemma as human beings as to whether we can find ways to accommodate each other’s needs, and to discover our potential for empathy for others, including refugees.

- You have always been outspoken when it comes to politics, and have been attacked on your support of a boycott of Israel. Some have called you anti-Semitic because of it. Are you?

RW - I’ve got nothing against Israel, and I’ve certainly not got anything against Jewish people or Judaism. But I am fundamentally opposed to people being subjugated and not having rights under the law. So I’ve finished my little speech, but people have suggested that I’m anti-Semitic, which I am clearly not... I will go to my grave defending the rights of ordinary people, under a law, under a common law.

- How much longer can you do tour?

RW - Probably, not much longer. This might well be the last one. If it goes on for a couple of years I may well be done. We’ll see. You never say never. I try and stay fit. I am fit, otherwise I couldn’t do it. So we’ll see.

- Is it possible that any time before you call it quits, you and former Floyd guitarist David Gilmour will do a set of shows?

RW - I think it’s very unlikely.

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WORLD BRIEFS

SYRIA The Russian military on Friday accused the U.S.-led coalition in Syria of providing safe corridors for the Islamic State group to leave the area around its stronghold of Raqqa.

QATAR State-run Qatar Petroleum sought to reassure the public on Saturday, saying its production of oil and gas has not been impacted by tensions in the Gulf that saw several Arab states block their airspace, ports and shipping lanes to Qatar.



LIBYA Seif al-Islam, the son and one-time heir apparent of late Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi, has been released after more than five years in detention, his captors said on Saturday. They said his release was decided as part of a recent pardon issued by the Libyan parliament based in the country’s eastern region.

ETHIOPIA’s government is warning it will run out of emergency food aid starting next month as the number of drought victims in the East African country has reached 7.8 million.

FRANCE One month after President Emmanuel Macron’s arrival in power, French voters must now choose lawmakers in parliamentary elections that began yesterday and may dramatically reshape the political landscape. [More on p15](#)



GERMANY-MEXICO German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said during a state visit to Mexico that countries should focus on improving life for people fleeing their homes rather than building walls.